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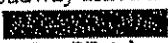
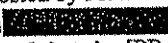


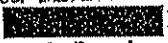
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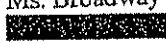
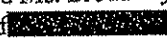
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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-170  
From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator   
Re: Bennett, Rev. Joseph [Temporarily Withdrawn]   
Date: May 3, 2006

PRA received a phone call today from Ms. Brigitte Broadway of the Department of Children and Family Services [DCFS] regarding Mr.  allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against Rev. Joseph Bennett.

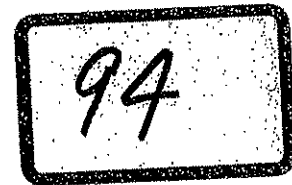
Ms. Broadway asked if PRA had any knowledge of Mr.  statement that his brother  children were molested by Fr. Bennett. Ms. Broadway was informed that PRA has never spoken with  directly. PRA again informed Ms. Broadway of the past information shared that she [PRA] has only spoken with   sister regarding the alleged abuse. Ms. Broadway was reminded of the verbal information shared with PRA that  had informed a DCFS investigator that he did not wish to speak with PRA. Ms. Broadway acknowledged the information shared.

Ms. Broadway stated that she was calling to clarify if PRA had or had not spoken with  and/or knew of his claim that Fr. Bennett had molested his children. PRA informed Ms. Broadway that this was the first information received regarding the alleged abuse of  children by Fr. Bennett.

Ms. Broadway thanked PRA for the clarifications. She also remarked of her intent to close the DCFS investigation concerning Fr. Bennett in the near future.

Ms. Broadway may be reached at [312] 492-3770.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
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