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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

As the Promoter of Justice *in causa poenale* for the Archdiocese of Chicago and as the Delegate of the Cardinal to the Professional Responsibility Review Board, with this letter I submit for formal consideration two allegations of sexual abuse against the Rev. Daniel J. McCormack, a priest ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1994 and still incardinated into the same. I do this with the express verbal consent of the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Most Rev. George Rassas, and with the agreement of the Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests.

The allegations involve two minors: [REDACTED]

With regard to [REDACTED] information that has been received that alleges that he was abused sexually by Fr. McCormack. Rather than delay the submission of the [REDACTED] allegation to the Board until a parent formalizes it in the customary manner, I now submit it to the Board for their assessment in accord with Norm 4a of the *Essential Norms Dealing With Allegations Of Sexual Abuse Of Minors* (USCCB).

With regard to [REDACTED] information has recently come to the attention of the Archdiocesan authorities that alleges that he was abused sexually by Fr. McCormack. The information has led the civil authorities to bring criminal charges against Fr. McCormack; such legal action provides a basis for a canonical investigation. Rather than delay the submission of the [REDACTED] allegation to the Board until a parent formalizes it in the customary manner, I now submit it to the Board for their assessment in accord with Norm 4a of the *Essential Norms Dealing With Allegations Of Sexual Abuse Of Minors* (USCCB).

In accordance with *The Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Sexual Abuse of Minors*, §1104.8, I request that these be scheduled for the immediate consideration of the Board as Initial Reviews.

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