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From: Ed Grace *EG*
Re: Joe Bennett
Date: November 9, 2005

This A.M. I spoke with Joe

- He intends to be at the 11/19/05 Board Meeting
- Father Emmett Gavin declined to act as canonical advisor (Joe's friend).
- I then spoke with Msgr. Easton of Indianapolis who expressed great reluctance due to workload. In crisis he would assist. *et*
- At Dan Smilanic's suggestion I contacted Msgr. Rich Bass of Detroit to request he act for Joe.
 - left message
 - awaiting attorney's call
 - Msgr. Bass's telephone number: 248-681-9424 (He apparently does not have an office at the Tribunal.)

Concerning Joe's 11/19/05 appointment with the Review Board:

1. He has seen the dermatologist.
2. He has a typewritten report from the dermatologist.
3. I suggested points I thought he should make with the Board:
 - a) Accuser spoke of birthmark.
There is no birthmark
 - b) Accuser spoke of freckles
Even a child knows that "freckles" are not purplish-blue – they are brown.
 - c) Dermatologist characterized "purplish-blue marks as age spots – not likely there at the time of the allegation.
4. Joe shared with me that his civil attorney felt the Review Board, or more accurately, some members of the Board were hostile to priests.

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