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**Decree Initiating Investigation of Allegations of Sexual Misconduct  
and Solicitation in the Confessional by The Reverend Lawrence Murphy**

I, the undersigned Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, have received convincing information regarding the possible criminal infraction of canons 1395.2 and 1387, namely the sexual abuse of a minor and the solicitation in the confessional for sexual favors, by the Reverend Lawrence Murphy, a priest incardinated in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

In accordance with canon 1717, I hereby appoint the Reverend James Connell, to investigate the facts and circumstances of the allegations and imputability of Father Murphy with regards to these allegations. I instruct that care must be taken lest anyone's good name be endangered by this investigation (cc. 1717.2, 220).

After the investigation is completed, the Reverend Connell is to report to me, or to Bishop Skiba, the findings of his investigation. I would request that this investigation be completed by July 1, 1996.

The Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.  
Archbishop of Milwaukee  
December 21, 1995

Rev. John D. Aiello  
Notary

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