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MEMORANDUM

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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: McCormack, Rev. Daniel J. [Active] [REDACTED]

Date: January 19, 2006

A meeting was held this afternoon in John O'Malley's office regarding the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] against Rev. Daniel J. McCormack. The following were present for the meeting: John O'Malley, Director of Legal Services; Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests; Diane Dunnagan, Office of Communications; Dan Fitzgerald, Vicariate Assistant Superintendent [III]; Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry; Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board; and PRA.

[REDACTED]

As per Mr. Fitzgerald, there is nothing in Fr. McCormack's school files regarding any incidents involving minors.

Those present at today's meeting were informed that Ms. Barbara Westrick, Principal of Presentation Campus and Ms. Kathleen Walton, Assistant Principal of Presentation Campus have a meeting scheduled with detectives from the Chicago Police Department [CPD] at 4:00pm this afternoon. The CPD requested the meeting with Ms. Westrick and Ms. Walton as a part of their investigation into the alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Fr. McCormack. The meeting is scheduled to take place at Presentation Campus. Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. O'Malley will be present as representatives from the Office of Catholic Schools and the Department of Legal Services respectively.

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Mr. Fitzgerald determined from officials at Presentation Campus that Fr. McCormack has been teaching a math class four days per week at the school since September 2005. A parent named [REDACTED] sat in Fr. McCormack's classes for "the first few weeks." Mr. Fitzgerald stated that Fr. McCormack was also coaching the boys' basketball team at the school [until yesterday when Fr. Grace directed Fr. McCormack to cease his contact with the team].

Mr. Fitzgerald also learned from officials at Presentation Campus that Fr. McCormack took three boys [approximately grades fifth through seventh] out of class early one day prior to Christmas vacation [December 2005]. It was reported to Mr. Fitzgerald that Fr. McCormack took the boys to Dave and Busters [an arcade, restaurant, and bar] and then returned them home at the end of the day.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry