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**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

The Reverend Richard E. McQuade  
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Dear Father McQuade:

This letter is in regard to the allegation of sexual misconduct which was brought forward concerning you. As you are aware, I have requested my Delegate for these matters to look into such allegations in a thorough manner. Once the Delegate has accomplished this evaluation, he makes a recommendation which is reviewed by the appropriate Review Board, before being sent to me for my decision. I write now to notify you of my decision concerning your ministry.

In your situation the Review Board and the Delegate have decided that there is no reasonable probability that sexual misconduct occurred. The recommendation which has come to me with the Review Board's endorsement is that you remain in the Emergency Response Team and that you remain in therapy as long as you and the therapist deem this to be therapeutically appropriate. I hereby approve the recommendation. Please inform Reverend Brian M. Flatley in writing that you have received this letter.

These have been difficult days for you, Richard. You have been most cooperative in this process and I thank you for that. You have been and continue to be remembered in my prayers. With warm personal regards, and asking God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston