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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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Dear Mike:

Thank you for your December 2, 2008 letter and the report developed by the Review Board following its audit of the Office for Ministerial Conduct's compliance with the *Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal* Policy. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to discuss the findings and recommendations at the December 18, 2008, Review Board meeting.

As I mentioned at the meeting, I am pleased that you have found additional progress in our child protection efforts as well as sustainability in our program, and I have accepted all three of the Board's recommendations. In accordance with these recommendations, we have made the suggested enhancements to the Safe Environment Database and have retained a consultant to periodically analyze the Safe Environment Database to ensure that the controls established are working effectively. I will support an audit by the Diocesan Review Board in 2009 in any way that I can.

I remain grateful to you and the other members of the Review Board for their generous service to our local church. If there is anything that I can do to be helpful to you in your work, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely in our Lord,

Bishop of Manchester

cc: Review Board Members