



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
MEMORANDUM

TO: Diocesan Review Board
FROM: Mary Ellen D'Intino
RE: Diocesan Review Board 2015 Audit Report
DATE: April 5, 2016

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I write to thank you for your thorough review of the Office for Ministerial Conduct's compliance with diocesan policy in respect to the oversight of restricted priests, and to update you on the progress that this office has made in addressing the recommendations in your recent 2015 Audit Report.

1. The Board recommended that the Office for Ministerial Conduct "establish an internal, written protocol that sets forth the steps that are taken to monitor and support priests who are serving a life of prayer and penance."

The Office for Ministerial Conduct, in cooperation with the Co-Vicars for Clergy and the Social Worker for Restricted Priests, has developed a protocol to be used for any clerics who may be assigned to a life of prayer and penance in the future. The protocol addresses the individual needs of the cleric and takes into account various factors so that an individualized monitoring plan can be established for each restricted priest.

2. The Board recommended the standardization of quarterly reports.

The Visitation Form, which is the basis of the quarterly reports, has been revised to include the points that were raised in the audit.

As you know, the new protocol and the revised visitation report form were presented to you during our March 2016 meeting. I thank you for your questions and comments. I also would like to thank you for your continued support and guidance as we work together to ensure the safety of minors and the healing of those affected by abuse within our Church.