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Dear Father Ouellette,

Since October, 1996, I have held the position of Delegate for Matters Pertaining to Sexual Misconduct by Clergy. In that capacity I am writing regarding the current status of Fr. Real Bourque, O.M.I..

Not long ago Bishop John McCormack was given a copy of the enclosed flyer, generated by Fr. Bourque. Does this represent some renewed ministerial activity on the part of Fr. Ray? Could you give me some sense of the situation? As you know, as someone who has admitted to an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor, Fr. Bourque's ministry would be of concern to the Archdiocese.

I trust that nothing risky is happening, but I would appreciate it if I could learn of Fr. Bourque's current activity. It would help me so that I may respond to questions such as this flyer raises.

Thank you very much for your help. I hope that this Advent season is one in which you experience the coming of Christ in a powerful way.

Sincerely,

Fr. Bill Murphy
Reverend William F. Murphy
Delegate of the Archbishop

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