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**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Deacon Mark C. Doherty  
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Dear Deacon Doherty:

This is in response to your letter of July 15, 1996 in which you informed me that The Very Reverend Mauricio W. West, Vicar General of the Diocese of Charlotte, has asked for a statement that I am aware that you have requested to begin the process that would lead to your incardination into the Diocese of Charlotte. In that letter you also requested that I release you to the Diocese of Charlotte.

Mark, as you are aware, in 1993 Reverend John B. McCormack who at that time was the Delegate for these matters determined that there was reasonable probability that sexual misconduct occurred in the allegation brought forward concerning you. When such a determination is made the policy of the Archdiocese of Boston precludes parish ministry and ministry with minors for the cleric involved. After receiving the recommendation of the Delegate and the Sexual Misconduct Review Board I decided not to ordain you to priesthood.

In May of 1994 Father McCormack told you that I would not endorse your seeking to be ordained elsewhere.

However, I have informed Bishop Curlin that I will not oppose your excardination if he decides to accept you for incardination. With your release, I have forwarded to Bishop Curlin copies of relevant data including the report from the Institute of Living dated June, 1993.

Asking God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

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