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PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. John Sullivan
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Dear Father Sullivan:

Subsequent to our recent appointment and discussion, it has come to my attention that a recurrence of your long standing problem has taken place in the Laconia area. You are aware of this situation due to your recent discussion about the matter with Father Francis J. Christian, the Chancellor of the Diocese.

Because of this fact and out of concern for you, the Church, and any other parties who might be harmed, I am hereby withdrawing all priestly faculties from you for the Diocese of Manchester. As of the moment of your conversation with Father Christian, you may no longer serve the people of the Diocese in any sort of priestly ministry.

I would urge you to receive whatever medical attention may be appropriate so that you might endeavor to overcome this difficult problem. I assure you of my prayers as you make that attempt. If I can be of any service to you in this regard please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

cc: Most Reverend Thomas J. O'Brien