



Diocesan Committee for Allegations of Sexual Misconduct

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Bishop Roger Herft
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Dear Bishop Roger,

After much consideration, I wish to advise you that I am resigning from the position of Chairperson of the Diocesan Committee for Sexual Misconduct, effective from July 31, 2004.

As you are aware, I have been involved with the Committee since 1995, firstly as a Contact Person, then as Chairperson from November 2001. I feel it is time for me to step-aside from involvement with the Committee, so that you will have the opportunity to appoint another individual to the position until the national policy is implemented in the diocese in the latter-half of 2005.

Hopefully, the newly appointed Chairperson, whoever that may be, will continue with education programs that are in progress, e.g. a program for ordinands; preparation of contact persons for licensing in November 2004; and programs relating to protection of children in parishes from child abuse. These programs have been extremely successful and remain of interest to laity, e.g. Windale parishioners wish the Committee to organise a workshop and assist with development of child protection policies specific to the needs of that parish.

I would like to thank you for your personal support and the opportunity to serve in this sensitive and important ministry.

Sincerely

JEAN SANDERS
CHAIRPERSON – C.A.S.M.