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Mr E W Exell
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Dear Mr Exell

Re **Melbourne Archdiocese at** REDACTED

I refer to the above matter.

Mr Richard Leder of Corrs Chambers Westgarth reported that Mr REDA has made allegations of sexual abuse against Fr Wilfred Baker, which are said to have occurred circa 1979. Mr RED has now lodged a claim in the County Court of Melbourne choosing not to avail himself of the Panel Process operated by the Archdiocese.

This matter is now awaiting mediation to be set down with the view to settlement being effected and therefore no need to continue with the court process.

CCI now must consider the matter of indemnity for the Archdiocese. CCI holds the view that complaints were received by the Archdiocese in regard to the inappropriate behaviour of Fr Baker as early as 1978. These events concerning Mr REDA are alleged to have occurred after this date. It is therefore with much regret that CCI will not be able to grant indemnity to the Archdiocese in this matter.

However, if you believe that there is information to hand that has not been considered I will be happy to review this. If I can be of further assistance in the meantime please contact me on my direct dial 9934 3085.

Yours sincerely

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