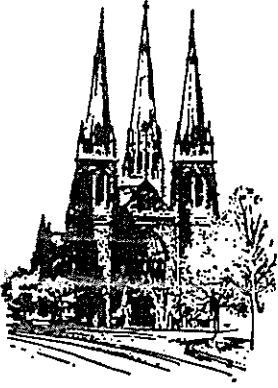


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Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

In accordance with Canon 1717 of the Code of Canon Law, and in addition to the delegation granted by Archbishop Pell on October 29th, 1996, by virtue of this letter I appoint you as my delegate to investigate matters pertaining to professional misconduct and sexual abuse alleged on the part of priests, religious and lay workers who at the time of the alleged offence were under the control of the Archbishop of Melbourne.

With many thanks for your readiness to undertake this onerous task and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Denis J Hart DD
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