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Most Rev Kevin Manning
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Dear Bishop Manning,

I am writing regarding Br Kostka Chute who is moving into the Diocese of Parramatta. I am not in a position to say that there is no likelihood of a complaint being raised against him.

As a result of accusations made against him in the past Br Kostka has completed the full therapy program at Encompass. At the completion of this program a professional supervision group was set up to meet regularly with him. He continues to meet with this group and has been faithful to all of his commitments to the Encompass program.

Recently the ACT Police made inquiries regarding personal details of Br Kostka and there is a possibility of criminal charges being laid against him from the 1970s. There have been settlements negotiated with complainants against Brother through the Towards Healing process.

The Marist Brothers are confident that given his commitment and supervision of his professional group that he is unlikely to be a danger to young people. The Brothers' residence at Blacktown is not connected to any school or young persons' activity. His ministry will be domestic duties within his community. The Director of Professional Standards for the Brothers is also a resident in the same house.

The Marist Brothers are fully committed to the Towards Healing protocol and the principles of Integrity in Ministry. We can assure you that we will take every step to ensure that Br Kostka is adequately accompanied and supervised in his time at Blacktown.

Yours sincerely,

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