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Dear Tom

In 1998 we issued for use in all our Good Samaritan schools an *Interim Code of Practice for Responsible Intervention in relation to the Care and Protection of Students*. This was a first attempt to provide some guidance and support to assist and encourage the schools in developing appropriate protocols and procedures for handling this very important issue.

Over several months this year Maria Kirkwood of your office has generously collaborated with Mary Ronayne sgs in the process of reviewing this original document, and I am most appreciative of the valuable assistance given by Maria.

I am pleased to advise you that on 11 October a revised document entitled *Care and Protection of Students – Guidelines*, was approved by my Council and me, and I attach a copy for your information. These *Guidelines* do not address specific procedures for handling issues related to the care and protection of students, but rather provide a framework for approaching these issues at a range of levels.

For details of procedures in handling these issues both Santa Maria and Mater Christi Colleges have been guided by policies issued by your office. I confirm that, from a congregation perspective, this is our preferred option.

I take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your ongoing collaborative approach in education issues, Tom, and for your contribution in assisting all of us to grapple with the challenge of acting responsibly in this whole area of the care and protection of students.

With renewed thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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 Superior

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