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TO: Metropolitan Archbishops.

Your Grace,

Re: Regional Special Issues Advisory Committee

In the Protocol, which has been accepted by those Dioceses which wish to avail themselves of the Special Issues Liability Insurance provided by Catholic Church Insurances Limited, mention is made in article 5.2 of the recommendation of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Special Issues Committee (ACBCSIC) that "there should be established by regional bishops,an advisory committee consisting of personnel who are skilled in dealing with allegations of criminal behaviour."

It is the wish of the ACBCSIC to offer assistance and support to these regional committees. Hence, if your Ecclesiastical Province has established such a committee, I should be grateful if you would inform me of the name and the address of an appropriate contact person for the committee. It is the view of the ACBCSIC that some of the members of the regional committees may not wish to give publicity to their membership. We should wish to respect that confidence.

My purpose in making this request is that it will enable the ACBCSIC to pass on the appropriate names and addresses to other Residential Bishops and to the Major Superiors of Religious Institutes who have taken out Special Issues Liability Insurance with Catholic Church Insurances Limited.

You might also care to inform your regional committee that the present Protocol is under review and will be discussed at the next meeting of the ACBCSIC, which is to be held on Tuesday, 4th February, 1992. Any comments or advice which your committee might care to make will be gratefully received by the ACBCSIC.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Peter J. Connors

AUXILIARY BISHOP.