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Your Grace,

After the recent case of Archbishop Pell, the Congregation for Bishops has made a couple of general observations, which I duly communicate to you.

The case has made it evident that some defects do exist in the procedure contained in the document "Towards Healing". An appropriate revision would appear convenient and even necessary.

In particular, the Congregation is keen on the enforcement of Can. 1405 of the Code of Canon Law, according to which only the Holy See and the Holy Father have the authority to judge a bishop.

The Roman Dicastery has made also a passing remark related to the delay in informing Archbishop Pell of the accusations against him

With kind regards, I remain

Yours fraternally in Our Lord

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