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Mr J Ellis

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Dear John,

Re: Towards Healing

Just a short note to confirm the following:

- 1 The Archdiocese of Sydney has received formal advice from a psychiatrist, Dr Robert Burns, that Father Aiden Duggan is suffering from a combination of Dementia and Alzheimers disease. Consequently, the psychiatrist has formed the opinion that Fr Duggan's mental state does render him totally incapable of managing his affairs. Consequently, Fr Duggan will not be interviewed relative to any assessment process conducted pursuant to the *Towards Healing* protocol.
- 2 That Mr Bill Johnson (telephone number 9283 3099) has agreed to assume the role of support person in your matter.
- 3 That the Professional Standards Office has today engaged Mr Michael Eccleston as assessor. You can expect that Mr Eccleston will contact you in the near future so as to progress the case.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Salmon
Director of Professional Standards

cc: Mon Rayner