

# Professional Standards Office

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Mr John Ellis

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Dear John,

**RE: *Towards Healing***

I refer to your correspondence of 7 September 2004.

You refer to my decision "To formally terminate the *Towards Healing* process".

John, this is an erroneous interpretation as my letter was a formal and non judgmental acknowledgement that the process had been effectively terminated by the instigation of legal proceedings.

Therefore, consistent with the usual practice and procedure the purpose of my letter was to advise that in light of that development and pending the finalisation of litigation the Professional Standards Office can effectively play no further active role.

With regard to Monsignor Rayner's commitment to generally provide assistance in the area of spiritual direction I would believe that in the spirit of *Towards Healing* he will attempt to follow through and that he will in due course advise you of the outcome of his inquiries.

For your information I will copy Monsignor Rayner into your latest correspondence.

Finally, I can report that appertaining to your case all of the material held by the Professional Standards Office has been inspected by the person engaged by the National Professional Standards Committee to assess your application for a review of process.

The National Professional Standards Office will communicate with you with information germane to your review of process application.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael Salmon**

**Director - Professional Standards Office**