

John Cleary

From: John Cleary
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2012 8:56 AM
To: Bishop Brian
Subject: RE: Monday meeting with Bishop

Dear Bishop Brian,

Confidential

This is undoubtedly the most difficult email I have had to send you in almost 6 years as the business manager.

At the risk of exposing myself to disciplinary action, I find myself compelled to refuse to participate in the process of announcing and informing the Diocese of your decisions.

I am, for reasons appearing below, essentially concerned with my own personal position.

If your decisions depart from Board recommendations -taking account of my role as secretary to each of the various Boards, it is wholly inappropriate to include me in any process of 'announcing/informing'.

My inclusion would also only reflect poorly upon yourself.

Having sat through five separate board hearings and attended the Supreme Court's review of the disciplinary process, I am absolutely persuaded that both the factual findings and the recommendations are sound. If I have not earlier made this clear, I apologise.

I must confess, Bishop, to, at times feeling awkward when functioning as the Diocesan Business Manager and also having an insight into the machinations of the Boards. When discharging the role of secretary to such a body, perhaps this is inevitable.

I think that I have successfully negotiated these dual roles up to now. However, to be part of the quite separate process of communicating decisions to decline to depose from holy orders, is something that I cannot and should not do. My involvement would add weight to any perception that the Boards got their recommendations wrong. I believe that the Boards got their recommendations right and I and many people then assisted you to defend the professional standards actions in the Supreme Court.

I remain very troubled by all of this and have alerted you of my concern on more than one occasion.

Regards

John

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From: Bishop Brian
Sent: Saturday, 25 August 2012 4:45 PM
To: John Cleary; Bishop Peter
Subject: Monday meeting with Bishop
Importance: High

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Dear +Peter and John,

I would like to meet with you on Monday to discuss the process of announcing and informing of my decisions consequent upon the recommendations to me from the Professional Standards Board.

This will have to be a tightly coordinated procedure given the media interest and the potential for leaks to the media. It will require a high degree of confidentiality. It will involve written materials –letters to the respondents, letters to the principal parishes, letters to the President of the PSB and the Chair of the PSC as well as to the PSD as well as pastoring arrangements for the parishes concerned and their clergy.

I should also wish to meet with the complainant and his family at an arranged time and place if this were possible.

We will need to include Chris Day of Enigma in the finalization of these arrangements.

Grace and peace,

+Brian

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