

October 18, 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Recently we were prevented from gathering together so as to personally inform you concerning the ministerial situation of Reverend William F. Scanlan.

Following lengthy, serious and prayerful discussions concerning the matter that was presented to us, and with the appropriate consultation and evaluation of the material that was at our disposal, we cannot conclude that the alleged incident(s) more likely than not occurred. Accordingly, there will be no restrictions implemented with respect to Fr. Scanlan's ministry.

This decision of the Archdiocesan Review Board is in accord with the Archdiocese of Boston's Policy on Handling Clergy Sexual Misconduct. As a result, Father Scanlan has been allowed to return to his former ministry.

Know of our continued support and prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Charles J. Higgins
Delegate of the Archbishop

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