



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

January 24, 2014

Mr. Mark Collopy and Ms. Susan Stone  
Diocesan Review Board  
153 Ash Street  
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Dear Mr. Collopy and Ms. Stone:

Thank you for your January 2, 2014 letter and the report developed by the Diocesan Review Board following its audit of the Office for Ministerial Conduct in accordance with the *Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal* Policy. I can appreciate the attention that you gave in your audit to compliance with the diocesan safe environment requirements by extern priests.

I am pleased that the Review Board found that the Office for Ministerial Conduct is committed to and is in compliance with policy requirements with respect to extern priests. I am grateful for your recommendation, and I understand that we are in the process of obtaining letters of suitability from the Abbot at Saint Anselm Abbey for all Benedictine priests who minister in the Diocese of Manchester.

The Diocesan Review Board's audits and recommendations are very helpful to the Office for Ministerial Conduct and to me personally as we continually assess the effectiveness of our work to ensure a safe environment in our Church. I am deeply grateful to you and to the other members of the Diocesan Review Board for your generous service to the Church. If there is anything that I can do to be helpful to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Yours in the All-Holy Trinity  
And the Mother of God,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci  
Bishop of Manchester

cc: Diocesan Review Board Members  
Very Reverend Richard B. Thompson  
Deacon Gregory R. McGinn