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Dear Abbot Martin,

Re: David Pearce OSB

I have now had an opportunity to read the report prepared by David Tregaskis, and I have discussed the contents of the report with Mgr. Harry Turner. If Fr. David has not been shown a copy of the report from David Tregaskis, this should be done at the earliest opportunity.

Fr. David has been the subject of four separate allegations over a period of about four years. All of these allegations relate back to when he was a Teacher at St. Benedict's School in the late 1980's/early 1990's, and are all of a similar nature. I am aware that you know about all of these matters, and in any event they are detailed in the report prepared by David Tregaskis. I do not intent to reiterate the details of these allegations in this letter.

As can be seen in the report from David Tregaskis, in paragraphs 7.1 – 7.4 he makes certain recommendations as to the future Ministry of Fr. David. It is the recommendation of this Commission that in order to protect Children and Young Persons, and to protect Fr. David from any unfounded allegations, certain conditions should be imposed upon Fr. David.

It is therefore the recommendations of this Commission that the following conditions apply:

1. That Fr. David has no public Ministry with the Parish setting.
2. That Fr. David is only allowed to say Mass in private, or within the Monastery setting, with no members of the public present.
3. That Fr. David is allowed to continue in a non-executive role within the Monastery, as long as this does not bring him into contact with Children and Young Persons.

4. That Fr. David continues to serve as a Chaplain to other Religious Communities, as long as this does not bring him into contact with Children and Young Persons, and provided that the person in charge of such Communities is made aware of these conditions.
5. That if Fr. David visits families within the Parish, he does so only on condition that he does not wear clerical dress and that the families are bonafide families/friends.

The Commission wishes to make the point that all these recommendations are part of a whole, and should not be regarded as individual items. Once the points above have been put in place, the Commission will review Fr. David's progress.

Could I ask that the recommendations be formally recognised in a formal letter to me.

Yours sincerely

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