



Diocese of Westminster

CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

25th June 2007

Our ref: **DPA** please quote in all communication

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To be opened by Addressee Only

Dear Abbot Martin,

Re: Fr. **RC-F41**

May I first of all apologise for the delay in replying to your letter of the 4th June.

The case of Fr. **RC-F41** was discussed at some length at the recent Diocesan Child Protection Commission Meeting, and members of the Commission had copies of your letter.

Having considered all the matters appertaining to Fr. **RC-F41** and in particular his admission concerning the matter in **DPA** and the recommendations of David Tregaskis's Risk Assessment. The Commission did not have copies of the medical testimony that you referred to in your letter; even if this was so, it was felt that in view of Mr. Tregaskis's conclusions, the Commission would be recommending to you that Fr. **RC-F41** have no Ministry that brings him into contact in any way with the public. Should Fr. **RC-F41** be querying Mr. Tregaskis's conclusions, it is always open for him to undergo a further Risk Assessment by another expert.

Regarding the question of Fr. **RC-F41** celebrating a community mass, it was felt by the Commission that it would be inappropriate for him to do so if members of the public were allowed to attend such a function.

In view of all the circumstances, the Commission's recommendations remain as before, and should not be affected by Fr. **RC-F41** subsequent acquittal on the one charge of Indecent Assault. We recommend that there should be no relaxing of the restrictions placed on Fr. **RC-F41**

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