

Joseph Thompson

From: Dom Richard <[DPA]>
Sent: 26 August 2012 20:55
To: Bhp John Arnold
Subject: RE: Ealing

Dear John,

I think there are some other points to be made:-

- the recommendation that there should be a liturgy of reconciliation in the parish
- the statement that we are ready to meet victims who want to see us.

I think it might also be good if you were to say that I will come and visit Ealing soon after the Congress of Abbots and should like to talk to the Abbot and Council about the Visitation next year. There are two or three reasons for this. First, we need to discuss how we are going to manage the inspection of Ealing's finances (which the EBC is responsible for checking up on); secondly, with the Apostolic Visitation, the system of regular three-monthly reports I was getting from the Council lapsed, and we need to discuss whether it should be revived; thirdly, I should like their views about who should be Assistant Visitor.

I was told orally by John Paul Kimes that my resignation was accepted and that a letter was sent to the Nunciature, but the letter never reached me. I suggest simply saying that I resigned; no real need to tell them just how incompetence there is around.

As regards the press release, just remember that the one thing you are not allowed to say is that Rome endorsed Carlile! A year ago, we took the view that we needed, to keep the press vultures happy, to release some sort of report -- and you have authority to do that. Should you do it or not? I feel incompetent to judge -- and would very much prefer if you consulted the media specialists. If you issue a press release with it, surely it should simply be to say that this is what Rome has decided, and you feel it is right, and that the issue is now closed.

Incidentally (and not for publication!) Martin told me the other day that David Pearce is out of prison. He is laicised, of course, which helps.

My movements:

30 August-1 September: Kylemore

2-9 September: holiday

14-26 September: Rome

Best wishes,

Richard

From: Bhp John Arnold [DPA]
Sent: 22 August 2012 10:26
To: Dom Richard
Subject: RE: Ealing

Richard

You are quite right to protect your holiday. I think I can manage but not sure what to say beyond:

1. Visitation closed
2. Report accepted
3. Need to follow Carlile recommendations
4. Constant scrutiny of safeguarding – cannot be complacent
5. There will be another Visitation within a year to see all is well

And to martin

1. That we recommended he continue and this was accepted