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Very Reverend Joseph C. Hindelang, S.M.
Provincial Superior, Marist Fathers and Brothers
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Dear Father Hindelang:

This letter is in regard to the request you made on January 8, 1995 concerning the residence and ministry of Reverend Armand Thibault, S.M., about whom there have been allegations of sexual misconduct. As you are aware, Cardinal Law has appointed me his Delegate for these matters. Once the Delegate has looked into these allegations in a thorough manner, he makes a recommendation which is reviewed by the appropriate Review Board, before being sent to the Cardinal for his decision. I write now to notify you of the Cardinal's decision concerning Father Thibault's ministry.

The recommendation which I made, and which the Review Board endorsed is "that the priest be allowed to live in the Archdiocese with provisions made for supervision; that he be involved in psychotherapy as indicated therapeutically; that he be involved in spiritual direction; that there be no parish ministry; that he not be allowed to work in the shrine staffed by the religious community; that a specific ministry plan be submitted to the Delegate; that the recommendations of the New Life Center be adhered to rigorously."

The Cardinal has approved the recommendation. In accord with our procedures, could I ask that you inform me in writing that you have received this letter, and that you be in conversation with me about the implementation of this decision.

These matters are always difficult for everyone involved. I hope that this resolution will bring some healing and peace to Father Thibault. May I say a word of gratitude to you for your help and cooperation in this and other matters. You and your work are in my prayers. I ask for a remembrance in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Brian M. Flatley
Assistant to the Secretary
for Ministerial Personnel

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