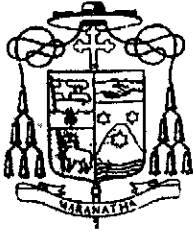


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September 18, 1995

His Eminence
Bernard Cardinal Law
Archdiocese of Boston
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Cardinal Law:

Father John Picardi sent you a copy of his letter of September 8, 1995, requesting that I conduct an internal Church investigation of the allegation of sexual abuse made by a parishioner of Holy Spirit Parish, Pequannock, New Jersey, where Father Picardi had been serving. I am willing to conduct such an investigation if I have your authorization inasmuch as he is a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. My plan would be to appoint a three-person panel to conduct the process. I have warned John that this may stir up some problems since the mother of the alleged victim would have to be interrogated once again.

With best wishes for the Lord's blessings, I remain

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Frank J. Rodimer
Bishop of Paterson

Fr. Flattery -

Please

review, discuss w.

Fr. Lennon, and draft

response for me. I

have no problem. +BJ.

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