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Mr John Davoren
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Dear John,

I write to express my gratitude to you for your letter of 7th January, 2000 regarding *AE* and Fr Denis McAlinden.

I have since learnt, after receiving your letter, that *AE* has, in fact, withdrawn her complaint to the police regarding Fr Denis McAlinden and that the matter can therefore proceed no further. I also understand that *AE* is receiving regular counselling from Sr Evelyn Woodward and that, at present, she is in a rather delicate state. Sr Evelyn is doing her best to provide adequate counselling to *AE* which could proceed for quite some time.

I am happy to take cognisance of your suggestion that we might set up some process of either assessment and/or facilitated meeting between *AE* and somebody from the Diocese, perhaps even myself, and would be very happy to take this matter further after I have discussed it with Sr Evelyn. I think, perhaps, that as her counsellor Sr Evelyn might be able to shed considerable light on this matter. I would be prepared to speak with Sr Evelyn after my return from a Pilgrimage to the Holy Places towards the end of March.

With grateful thanks for your interventions.

I remain,

Yours sincerely

+ Michael Malone

Most Reverend M Malone
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