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CHANCERY OFFICE

March 25, 2003

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
via certified mail

M. Kenneth Long, Jr.
State's Attorney for Washington County
33 West Washington St., Room 302
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Re: Allegation Of Child Sexual Abuse

Dear Mr. Long:

Pursuant to the State Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Statute, Md. Code Ann., Family Law §§ 5-701 *et seq.*, I write to you in confidence concerning possible child abuse by a deceased priest, Monsignor Joseph Davies. Last week, an individual by the name of [REDACTED] came to see Rev. Christopher Moore, who is currently the pastor of St. Joseph Church, 17630 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had been sexually abused by Monsignor Davies some 30 years ago when Monsignor Davies was the Pastor of St. Joseph Church. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the abuse occurred in the rectory of the church.

It appears that [REDACTED] was born in 1954 or 1955 and as a child he lived at [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] did not leave any other personal information with Father Moore.


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Monsignor Davies died on February 3, 1992. After his death the Archdiocese has received a number of allegations of child sexual abuse against him that have been reported to various jurisdictions.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any further information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Rev. Msgr. Richard W. Woy
Chancellor, Archdiocese of Baltimore

cc: Donna Hill Staton, Deputy Attorney General
(by certified mail)