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DECREE
Constituting the Review Board
Regarding the Sexual Abuse of Minors
by Clergy and Religious Clerics

CONSIDERING canon 1717 of the Code of Canon Law which enjoins the Ordinary, when he has knowledge, which at least seems true, of a delict, to proceed to a careful investigation of the facts, circumstances, and imputability regarding the delict;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the creation of a committee which is to advise the Diocesan Bishop on the steps to follow when an allegation involving the sexual abuse of a minor is brought to the attention of the Ordinary (*From Pain to Hope*, Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Child Sexual Abuse, 1992, p. 46);

CONSIDERING that the Archdiocese of Ottawa adopted in 1993, a protocol governing the treatment of the situations mentioned above and that the then Archbishop Marcel Gervais established an Advisory Committee to verify the substance of allegations involving sexual abuse committed by members of the clergy;

CONSIDERING the Apostolic Letter *Motu proprio* of Pope John Paul II *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, dated April 30, 2001, and the *Normae substantiales* which followed;

CONSIDERING that a diocesan protocol regarding the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and religious clerics was updated in 2011;

CONSIDERING that the moment has come to re-evaluate the composition of this advisory committee and improve its functioning in the light of recent documents;

Accordingly, in virtue of my ordinary authority, and after having heard the Archbishop's Council, I constitute an advisory committee (henceforth known as the Review Board) to investigate sexual delicts committed by members of the clergy, and I appoint the following persons as members of the Review Board:

Msgr. Gilles Lavergne, P.H., retired member of the clergy of Ottawa and my Delegate to carry out the preliminary investigation of cases brought to my attention;
 Dr. Anne Asselin, JCD, Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law, St. Paul University;
 Ms. Franca DiDiomete, Executive Director of Catholic Family Service Ottawa (CFSO);
 Dr. John Dorner, Liaison, Environmental Stewardship, Office of Social Justice, Archdiocese of Ottawa;
 Ms. Nicole Scheidl, entrepreneur.

These members begin their term effective September 1, 2013.

Given at Ottawa, at the Metropolitan Curia, under my sign and seal and the countersign of my Chancellor, this 15th day of August in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen.



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 +Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
 Archbishop of Ottawa

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 Fr. Christian Riesbeck, CC, E.V.
 Chancellor

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