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Most Reverend John B. McCormack
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Dear Jack,

Early last month you sent me a flyer generated by Fr. Real Bourque, OMI encouraging readers to speak more frequently and openly about Christ. In answer to your question, *this is* the same priest who had admitted to an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor in 1994.

While in itself the flyer seems benign, it may be a sign that Fr. Bourque is rebuilding a ministry within the Archdiocese. The last record of his whereabouts indicates that he was working for EWTN in Alabama, in a non-ministerial position. Obviously, he's back.

I have sent Fr. Bourque a letter, a copy of which I am enclosing. I have also sent a copy to Fr. Paul Ouellette, the man who holds the Delegate's position for the Oblates. I trust they will see that Fr. Bourque is not put into any situations which could cause problems.

Sincerely,

Reverend William F. Murphy
Delegate of the Archbishop

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