October 24, 2005 - Archdiocese of Boston Announces that Reverend John Flynn will be Returned to Public Ministry

(Brighton, Massachusetts) October 25, 2005 ... The Archdiocese of Boston today announced that the Reverend John Flynn, a retired Archdiocesan priest, will be able to exercise public ministry.

In 2002, Father Flynn was placed on administrative leave following the receipt of a complaint of sexual abuse of a minor nearly thirty years ago. After careful review of the information available regarding the complaint, the Review Board determined that the allegation was unsubstantiated. In light of this finding, Archbishop O’Malley has lifted all restrictions on Father Flynn’s exercise of public ministry.

The Archbishop reiterates his concern for all persons impacted by the tragedy of sexual abuse, as well as his firm intention to resolve cases of this type as expeditiously as possible, in a manner that is just for all parties concerned.

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