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Reverend Denis McAlinden, C/- Reverend Patrick Hallinan, Gort Mhuire Ballinamult, Co Tipperary, Ireland.

Dear Denis,

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My understanding is that you are still in Ireland, using Pat Hallinan's address, so I got in touch with the chancery office at the archbishop's house in Dublin. A Monsignor Alex Stinson has agreed to put you in touch with a Canon Lawyer, to advise you of your rights, and so on. He can be contacted by phone, on (01) 837 3732.

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With every best wish,

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