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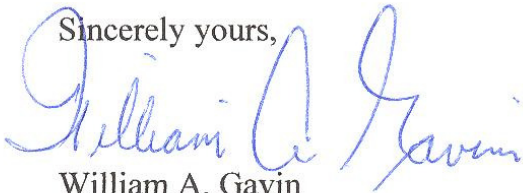
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Bishop James V Johnston, Jr.,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the information requested of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau for the recent data collection audit has been received by the Gavin Group, Inc. We have reviewed the documents and forwarded them to the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection for utilization in the 2009 Audit Report.

Based on the fact that your Diocese was found to be compliant with *The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* as the result of 2007 Full Audit, this finding of compliance will be continued for 2009. The next time your Diocese receives a full on-site audit, the issue of compliance with the *Charter* will be addressed in detail.

Sincerely yours,



William A. Gavin
The Gavin Group, Inc.

CC: Monsignor Thomas E. Reidy