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Reverend Michael Dobbins
Saint John Bosco Catholic Church
315 N. Main Street
Woodstock, Virginia 22664

Dear Father Dobbins:

As you know, the Office of Risk Management regularly conducts site visits to all of our parishes and schools to conduct safety evaluations. During the recent visit to Saint John Bosco, several issues were noted concerning the playground.

The safety issues in this report are serious matters. Due to the number and severity of the issues, we believe the best course of action is to discontinue use of the playground until it can be brought into compliance with the standards and guidelines issued by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). While it may be difficult for parishioners to accept the lack of a playground on the property, we must consider the safety of the children using it. It is our responsibility to minimize the severity of the injuries. Even with the items removed after the visit, the current condition of the playground has too many issues to allow continued use.

Given the cost to make these modifications, the Office of Risk Management is able to supplement the expense by funding a three-year advance of funds. You would prepare a short letter indicating the type of work to be covered, estimates of the cost, and the time frame to be completed at your location. Your request would be promptly considered by the Office of Finance and the Office of Risk Management.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mary L. Stewart, ARM, CPCU
Director, Office of Risk Management

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