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care and management of the respondent guidance for indicator 4.3



4.3B Template 1: Example Closing Decree When Preliminary Investigation Finds there is No Case to Answer (Clerics)

On [INSERT DATE OF INITATION DECREE] I directed that a preliminary investigation be undertaken to examine the allegation against [INSET NAME OF RESPONDENT].

Having received a report from the auditor which outlines the facts circumstances and imputability of the allegation in line with Canon 1717.1 , it is my opinion that there is no case to answer.

As required under canon 1719 I therefore decree that the preliminary investigation be closed; and that having established that there is no case to answer, all necessary steps to restore the good name of [INSERT NAME OF RESPONDENT] are taken.

This decree is effective on [INSERT DATE]

INSERT SIGNATURE OF CHURCH AUTHORITY AND SEAL

INSERT SIGNATURE OF VICAR GENERAL/CHANCELLOR