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Press Release

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PLEA AND SENTENCING OF WILLIAM POWER

This afternoon, in Provincial Court, Mr. William Power entered a guilty plea relating to the charges brought against him by the Crown. He was subsequently sentenced to two years less a day in a correctional facility.

On behalf of the people of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's, Archbishop Currie is relieved that this matter has come to a conclusion. He thanks the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, the Office of the Crown Prosecutor and all who have led the process of investigation and bringing the matter to a close.

Archbishop Currie acknowledges that the past fourteen months have constituted a tragic and painful period of our history. This whole situation has brought sadness to the people of the parishes and the Archdiocese as a whole. This is also a difficult day for Mr. Power's family and friends, and also for those who have worked with him over the years.

While we are called by Christ to forgiveness, we are mindful of the many lessons learned as we have walked this road over the past months. Our hearts are with other not-for-profit agencies and charitable organizations who have experienced similar trauma. It is our hope that by bringing this matter out into the light, we can help others to deal with such abuses of public trust.

With this chapter behind the Archdiocese, Archbishop Currie looks forward to moving on and rebuilding hope and trust.

About The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's – The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's was incorporated on May 12, 1897. Archbishop Martin William Currie was installed as the twelfth Bishop and Seventh Archbishop of St. John's on November 30, 2007. Previously he had served as the Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Falls since December 12, 2000. The Archdiocese of St. John's services 72 churches in 36 parishes from St. John's to Burin and Placentia. As of 2004, the Catholic population of the Archdiocese exists at 111,000 or 52.1% of the population of the geographic area. For more information go to: <http://www.rcsj.org>

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