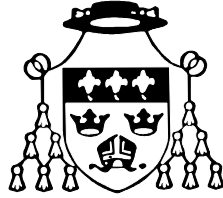


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PRESS STATEMENT – SENTENCE OF REV. ANTHONY MCSWEENEY

Statement by Bishop Alan Hopes

Supplementary Statement

Questions have been raised about the way in which the Catholic Church dealt with Fr McSweeney's moving from the Diocese of Brentwood to the Diocese of East Anglia in 1999. This was provoked by incidents involving videotapes in Fr McSweeney's possession at that time. This incident was, at the time, referred to the police who decided not to investigate. It was, therefore, regarded by the Church as a matter of clergy discipline and dealt with accordingly. At that time no allegations of child abuse had been made against Fr McSweeney, and no concerns had been raised in that regard.

In light of the judge's comments today, this matter will now be reviewed.

Bishop Alan Hopes, Bishop of East Anglia

27th March 2015

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