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I have received your letter dated June 14, 2021 in which you brought a complaint against Most Reverend Steven Raica for his actions while serving as the Bishop of Gaylord. Please excuse me for not replying sooner but I wished to obtain sound canonical advice before responding.

As you mentioned in your letter, under normal circumstances your complaint would need to be submitted to the Metropolitan Archbishop of Detroit since the Diocese of Gaylord is within the Province of Detroit. I understand your desire to refer the matter to me. At the same time, the canonical advice which I have received is that I have no authority to address a matter from another Province unless specifically delegated to do so by the Holy See.

For this reason, I am unable to address the complaint you have sent to me.

I have remembered you in prayer. May God bless you and protect you.

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ Thomas J. Rodi

Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi
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