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Dear Mrs REDACTED

It was a delight to meet you yesterday. As I said, I am sorry it was because of the abuse you suffered, that should never have happened.

I am glad you were able to share your unfortunate experience with me.

I repeat what I said yesterday, I am deeply saddened that you suffered such physical, emotional and spiritual abuse by one of the then diocesan clergy. As I have said before, it is a breach of trust and should not have happened. Also, I believe your parent's trust was betrayed as well.

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$20,000, which is not compensation, but an acknowledgement of the abuse which you endured in 1958. No amount of money could compensate.

Also, I enclose three copies of a Deed of Release which I have signed. I invite you to peruse the document and if you are able to sign it, I invite you to keep one copy and forward the other two back to my office. One will be kept in my office and I will forward the other one to Mr Rod McLary, as he has been involved in bringing this unfortunate incident to my attention.

I am very pleased that Mr Rod McLary has been so helpful and supportive. He is a very caring man.

You are in my prayers daily. I pray your meeting today with your son goes smoothly. I will be praying for you with the wedding as well. I understand where you are coming from on this one.

Mrs REDA I came away yesterday knowing that you are a woman of strong and deep faith. You are a courageous and strong person who continues to share God's love. Your love of God and love of others, including the Shevill family is a wonderful example of living out the Gospel.

Once again, please be assured of my constant prayers.

Yours sincerely

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Bishop of North Queensland

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