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BROTHER BERNARD MURPHY,
 MARIST BROTHERS,
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Dear Bernie,

I am writing in an attempt to try to sort out a few problems that occurred during 1981.

ADC was a student of Br. Gregory Sutton in 5th grade in 1981, when aged 10 years.

When Br. Gregory was extradited to Australia to face Paedophilia charges from America, RE and I were watching the news and of course, I got a terrible shock, as I had known him so well and had entrusted him with ADC's care, especially since I had to have a major operation in May, 1981. ADC used to often go over to the classroom to play trains. Br. Gregory also took him to Queensland for a holiday for ten days on his own. ADC was also confirmed during that year. I phoned ADC the next day and asked him whether he knew about it and he said no.

ADC revealed to RED and I in July, 1996 that Br. Gregory had violated him sexually. This was after my having received a telephone call from a Detective Steve Milic of Australian Federal Police, Canberra. The Detective was trying to track ADC at that stage and at that time, he was living at home with us. I gave the Detective his mobile number (thinking the Detective was one of his clients). ADC is a Real Estate agent. When the ADC phoned back an hour or so later on a Sunday evening, I enquired and asked him his name. When he told me he was a Detective, I asked whether there was anything wrong and he asked me who I was. I told him that I was ADC's mother and he then asked whether ADC had attended Marist College. I replied that he had and then I asked him whether it was in respect of paedophilia matters. I then asked ADC the next morning, whether he had been involved with him and ADC denied it at first and then came to us, when I had just been discharged from hospital in July, 1996. I hugged ADC and we cried and told him that he must not feel guilty that he was only ten years old and that it was not his fault. Up until that time, I had had terrible trouble with ADC with his anger and violence and had sought the services of a Psychologist whilst he was in fifth grade in 1981 for this. To my knowledge, he never ever told anybody about Br. Gregory's behaviour and was angry and violent for fifteen years towards me and towards RED (his sister). As soon as he had told me, he was a changed person and has been a delight to me since. Despite the anger and resentment he still has, he did not tell me any details. His relationship with RE is now good, having been disastrous prior to that. He had tried to drive a wedge between us and we have suffered very badly. He still does not have a good relationship with RE's daughters, nor his sons, none of whom know of the above and none of whom now live with us, but from the time that ADC was aged 14/15 (we were married in April, 1986), we had four teenagers and life was tough with his anger and violence.

What puzzles me and I would really like to know is whether or not, you knew of Br. Gregory's activities and if so, why wasn't I warned of the danger in allowing ADC to go to his classroom and play trains after school and at week-ends. Another matter that is concerning me, is, remember I gave you a tape that ADC had recorded with filthy language and sexual overtones and you had dismissed it by saying that you had heard "better than that in the play-ground" and when I had asked you where the tape was, you had said that I didn't need it and that you kept it.

I do hope you can throw some light on the above and help us all to resolve some of the pain and suffering which has been caused to us. I do hope this finds you well and happy.

Yours sincerely,

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