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To The Vicar General,

Dear Father I am writting to tell you how worried I am about our parish priest Father J. O. Searson. I believe he is harmful to the prisoners of Doveon or anywhere else he may go.

I have a 10 year old daughter that no longer attends reconciliation, for the fear she has of this man. Her best girlfriend has left our school and went to this man. I believe he has done things that should not have been done. I was told about these things by my ten year old. She says that there is no proof, it is fathers word against thiers. Well I believe my daughter. I have an eight year old daughter as well and I will not allow her to go to father for reconciliation for fear of what may happen to her. How do I as a parent explain to my children the stories that go around about this man?

I no longer attend church at Holy Family anymore. Father puts the fear of God on me, I no longer feel warm, clean and the love of God. I am an adult and I keep

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wondering what my children must think about God. I was taught he was caring, loving and forgiving, yet I do not believe father teaches the same belief. He makes you think God is mean and out to punish anyone for the smallest of things.

I have spoken to two mothers from our school. One being my daughter's girlfriend's mother. They say that they have seen into higher places about the problem we have and they were told 'nothing could be done until a criminal offence had been committed'. I don't believe we can just sit back and wait for such a thing to happen. We have beautiful children and I don't think they should have to suffer any more than they already have.

There is also talk about a new church. The church we have is fine. Father can not fill this church on Sundays anymore, so why do we need another church. We are proud of our church and as parishioners surely we have say in these matters.

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I have decided that my children will not attend this school next year, unless this man is removed. I will not stand by and watch him destroy my children or myself. Many other parents I have spoken to feel the same way.

I feel I can no longer enter the church while this man is there as I do not believe that he is morally responsible. I have totally lost respect for him and my children and other children I have spoken to go in fear of him.

I believe it is time for the church to do something about this man. It can no longer be swept under the carpet. If this man is allowed to continue as is, I will hold the church responsible for any damage done to my children be it physical or mental.

Yours Faithfully

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