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Dear Rom,

Greetings from Drummoyne.

Sincere apologies for the delay in this reply to your letter of 21 March. The last couple of months have been unbelievably hectic although largely enjoyable. I was in Rome for the canonisation in April and much of my time in recent weeks has been spent in organising and attending various celebrations of that event in many places in Australia. While it has been a joy to be doing all of that it also means that many other matters have gone unattended for a regrettably long period. This of course includes your own request of three months ago.

I have already described to you our policy in these legal matters and also the reasons for making an exception to yourself earlier this year. I have recently put forward your case again to the Executive Team of the Provincial Council. It is important to let you know, Rom, that there are several people in a situation similar to your own who have asked for assistance. None of this of course would be covered by our insurance. Once again I pleaded your case on the basis of a combination of your current situation as a pensioner and also the fact that you have been confronted by a false allegation.

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$2,000.00 as a further contribution towards your costs. I have been assured by independent advisers (they certainly do not know your identity even though I have explained to them the basic outline of your case) that your solicitors will not go bankrupt as a result of not receiving full payment. In a situation such as this, working "pro bono" is not at all unusual. They will simply write it off. I do not want to put us (or yourself) in a situation of either of us being given factual grounds for saying that we "covered" you totally.

With every best wish.

Yours sincerely in JMJ,

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