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Dear AYB,

I have received the copy of your letter to Reg Dunham and, respecting your intention in writing ~~the~~, I have no suggestion as to ~~the~~ allowing it. May your Christmas bring you ~~from~~ peace and strength through the presence of the Incarnate God.

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Dear Bishop Brian

I have written several letters to Reg over the past few days and I believe this is the best one so far but I would appreciate any help you can give. The first few were full of anger and accusations but this one is from my heart. I hope you don't mind me faxing it to you but I know we are running out of time.

If you could fax back any changes I will retype and get it in a overnight bag this afternoon after I attend my dear friend's funeral. Carmel has left 5 children and 5 grandchildren. She died on the weekend from breast cancer and was only 58.

I have just spent a few days with RE and she really does appreciate all you have done for Mum. Thank you. I hope Mum's letter to Reg is okay. She needed to do it so hopefully now she can go in peace.

God Bless you.

Yours sincerely,

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20th December 2000**Dear Reg**

As we come to the end of the Jubilee Year and prepare to celebrate the miracle of one small Baby's birth, I sit quietly before my God and pray for you and ask for His guidance

I look back on all that has happened, the pain, the misery, the anger, resentment, the suicide attempts and my heart aches for all that could have been. The past four years have been such a waste and I long for a better future. I certainly haven't enjoyed all that has transpired since September 1996 and I am sure I speak for the other people involved too.

Now that the secret document from the Forde Inquiry regarding St. Joseph's Home at Neerkol has been made public, would you please consider admitting the wrong you have done to the people who have brought charges against you. I am sure no one wants to see an old man go back to prison but for their own peace of mind they want and need to hear you say sorry to them.

I do understand that it is very hard to apologise when you think that you have done nothing wrong but how can so many people be so wrong. Soon you will have to face your God as your time on this earth is now limited. Why not be reconciled with those you have hurt so that you can stand before your God and say, "Here I am Lord".

I beg you, please don't drag this out any longer. There has been enough pain and misery. Let us all start 2001 afresh.

As you consider my request, I will ask Jesus to hold you gently and may His blessed Mother wrap her arms around you and cuddle you as she did on that first Christmas morn to her newborn son.

I wish you Peace and Joy.

Sincerely,

AYB