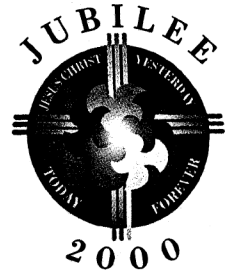


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Dear AYB

Thank you for your recent letter, I hope you are feeling well at the moment. You will have seen a copy of my apology letter and the various media responses that were forthcoming. The important message is for the former Merced residents and I believe they accept it as a help towards the ongoing healing process.

I find myself unable to comment on some of the other issues you raise in your letter. Only time will find a way forward in the painful journey. I am pleased to hear that your faith in God is still a great support to you, though living it in the reality of the Church is often unsatisfying. With all the struggles I face personally and in this role, I could not continue for one day without a firm banking up with God and knowing He is there in the mass as in the joy.

I will continue to pray for you, REDACTE, your children and all of your family. Please pray for me.

Yours sincerely  
+ Sean Keenan