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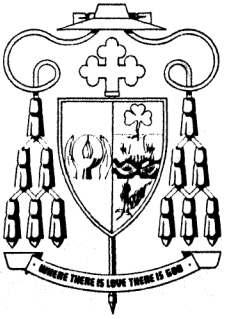
6th July 99

Dear AYB

Thank you for your recent letter and your honesty in sharing your reactions to our meeting. I admired your courage in going through the pain again and I had hoped that there might have been a greater outcome of relief. I am sorry to hear that the memories were worsened immediately after the long sharing.

I have heard nothing further from the facilitator and I was not sure whether you would be contacting her or Mylene, to pursue a further outcome to a healing process. From what you have shared, that may not be realistic to expect but I would be happy to speak again if you choose. You mentioned support or counselling towards helping you cope for the future and I renew the offer to provide the cost that are entailed. It would be an immense relief for you to move on beyond these awful memories and I am sure that is what you want. I will continue to pray that you will be free from the burden that those memories impose on you.

I have sent the letters on without reading them, trusting in your judgment



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in what you wrote. It will be up to
 Martin or Bob as to whether they respond.
 I am sorry to hear your mother's birthday
 celebration was not the happiest one,
 I can understand in the circumstances.
 I will call and see them as soon as I
 can. I guess you considered it not
 the time for me to speak with your
 sisters or perhaps it was their choice.

Thank you for the text of the meeting
 you enclosed and the letters. I will
 not be sharing them but rather keeping
 them on my private file.

AYB, I do hope you can find the
 support to take up your life again
 without the agency of the priest. Your
 faith has been sorely tested but I
 think it is stronger than ever, finding
 God in your way. It is not the faith
 of those who have hurt you, it is
 yours and in a God who alone knows
 the pain. Let it be a God who says let's
 move on together in your way at your
 pace and will offer you unconditional love
 and strength.

May this God carry you, REDACTED and you family
 Yours sincerely
 Owen Sheehan