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Bishop Brian Heenan,
 Bishop's House,
 P.O. Box 6101
 Ruckhampton, 4700, Qld.

Dear Bishop Heenan,

I write
 to you as an ex-child inmate
 of St Joseph's Home (Neskeal)
 from the years 1952 to 1960.

My reason for writing, to you,
 is to ask for your personal
 Apology (as current head of
 the Ruckhampton Diocese for the
 way in which my trust was
 betrayed by Father Anderson, a
 Priest of your diocese, during my
 time in St Joseph's.

As an innocent 16 year old I
 attended Confession with Father
 Anderson, at St Joseph's and
 as I had been taught, by the
 church, spoke to him truth-
 fully and in all innocence
 of the way the simulated sexual
 acts and touching of an older
 boy towards the younger children

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and on occasion, my self, had caused me to have "bad thoughts". Shortly after this Confession I was transported to Westbrook, a place for convicted criminals, yet I had committed no offenses and been convicted by no courts. I was sent to Westbrook solely because of my truthful and unadorned confession, of my feelings, to Father Anderson. What is said between Priest and confessor in the sanctity of the Confession is supposed to go no further yet what I told Father Anderson was used against me to wrongfully imprison me in Westbrook despite the fact that I'd done nothing wrong at St. Joseph's as often as my personal needs from the time gone.

Because of my wrongful imprisonment in Westbrook, a disgusting Hell-hole of cruelty and abuse, I suffered extreme physical, sexual and emotional abuse and my life was wrecked and I still suffer the ongoing effects today, 40 years later, all because of Father Anderson's breaking of

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the sanctity of the Confessional.
Nothing will ever repair the
damage done to me as a result
of Father Anderson's betrayal
of my trust but I am aware
that other children who suffered
at St Joseph's have sought
from you and received personal
apologies from you concerning this
and I strongly believe that I
am also entitled to an Apology
for what I suffered, as a
result of Father Anderson's
actions, whilst a Priest of your
Diocese.

Yours faithfully,

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