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Bishop Brain Heenan
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Dear Bishop Heenan,

I write to you as an ex-child inmate of St Joseph's Home (Neerkol) from the years 1952 to 1960. My reason for writing, to you, is to ask for your personal apology I as current head of the Rockhampton 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 conferences with Father Anderson at St Joseph and as I had been taught by the church, spoke to him truthfully and in all innocence of the way the imitated sexual actions and touching of an altar boy towards the younger children

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and on occasion, myself, had caused me to have 'bad thoughts' shortly after this confession I was transferred to Westbrook, a place for convicted criminals, yet I had committed no offences and been convicted by no courts. I was sent to Westbrook solely because of my truthful and innocent confession, of my feelings, to Father Anderson. What is said between Priest and the confession in the sanctity of the confessional is suppressed to go me Father yet what I told Father Anderson was used against me to wrongfully impression me in Westbrook despite the fact that I'd done nothing wrong at St Joseph's as my personal records the time frame.

Because of my wrongful imprisonment in Westbrook, a disgusting Hell-hole of cruelty and abuse, I suffered extreme physical, sexual and mental 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 you Diocese.

Yours faithfully

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