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Dear Brian,

I am sorry that you have been troubled by past incidents at an Orphanage in your Diocese and even sorer that my letter to Dave has added to your woes. Even when I wrote that letter back in May, I felt a little uneasy about sending it. However, Dave was a real mess and I knew an apology to him was an appropriate course of action, so I sent it.

In retrospect, I know I did the right thing. The lawyers may not like it but it needed to be done for his sake. If we are serious about helping the victims of sexual abuse then we must follow through on our intent even if it damages our own image in the process.

Hope you can work through the issue with your usual calm wisdom. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Warm regards,  
Michael