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Dear Mrs Eather

During my absence on a recent holiday, you sent a letter of thanks for my support of the Apology offered by the Sisters of Mercy Rockhampton to the former residents of Neerkol orphanage, harmed in any way by their treatment while at the orphanage. I am aware that Fr John Grace has acknowledged receipt of your letter, but I wish to personally thank you. Like you, I have appreciated the genuine efforts of the Sisters to address the concerns of the past and it was most generous of you to write and express thanks for my support.

I am also aware of a complaint lodged by you regarding a relieving priest at Neerkol and another priest in Mackay. Those matters were raised at the last meeting of our Professional Standards Committee and I assure you they are of deep concern to myself and they are being seriously considered.

Yours sincerely

Brian Heenan
Bishop of Rockhampton