

Francis Moore

From: Richard Leder <Richard.Leder@corrs.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 29 June 2011 6:40 PM
To: Francis Moore
Subject: FW: Compensation offer from Catholic Archdiocese

Dear Francis

See email below. Mr AFA is a victim of Glennon. The offer was \$50,000.

The abuse was in 1977-78 when Glennon was assistant priest at Reservoir, and then at Glennon's camp, but all occurred before Glennon's arrest. The threatened legal action should be viewed in that light.

Dr Brann notes some serious issues including PTSD, social phobia, major depressive disorder, alcohol abuse and a guarded prognosis. He has held some good jobs but then had long periods where he was unable to work. He had resumed employment when she saw him.

My sense is that if the matter proceeded to verdict, he would recover significant damages and that the \$250,000 claim for lost wages is quite possibly in a realistic ballpark.

However there is nothing in the material before the compensation panel to indicate that there is any prospect of a legal action by Mr AFA succeeding. There is no suggestion of knowledge and failure to act.

On that basis I propose the following response:

"Without prejudice

I acknowledge receipt of your email of 28 June 2011.

I regret that you do not wish to accept the offer of compensation. I wish to emphasise that the offer has been made on the recommendation of the compensation panel, which forms part of the Archdiocese's Melbourne Response. The Archbishop has committed himself to follow the recommendation of the compensation panel and the offer made is therefore put on the basis that it can be accepted or rejected. However it is not a starting point for negotiations.

You have every right to pursue legal action if you wish.

Despite you having rejected the offer, it remains on the table and is open for acceptance, but I am not in a position to make any higher offer.

If you do elect to take legal action, your solicitors are welcome to contact me, as the Archbishop's legal representative, in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Etc"

Francis do you have any comment?

Regards

Richard

-----Original Message-----

From: AFA [mailto:REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 28 June 2011 7:25 PM

To: Richard Leder

Subject: Compensation offer from Catholic Archdiocese

Dear Richard,

In response to the offer of compensation outlined in your letter to me dated July 16th 2011, I regret that I have to reject the offer of compensation as inadequate, given the impact that sexual abuse by Catholic clergy has had on my life.

In summary the impacts are ongoing physical, emotional, and mental suffering that I have endured since the offences occurred, as well as the financial loss of approximately \$250,000 in lost wages due to major depressive disorder precluding me for undertaking employment.

While it is not my preference to commence legal proceedings that will involve the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Catholic Archdiocese the lack of a satisfactory offer of compensation now makes legal action probable.

Please advise if a revised offer of compensation will be forthcoming or if the Archbishop and Archdiocese prefer the matter to be settled in court.

Yours faithfully

AFA

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