

Francis Moore

From: Richard Leder <Richard.Leder@corrs.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 July 2011 11:13 AM
To: AFA
Subject: RE: Compensation offer from Catholic Archdiocese

Thankyou for your email. I will await the signed release and then arrange for payment as soon as possible.

Regards

Richard

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

From: AFA [mailto:REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 July 2011 10:58 AM
To: Richard Leder
Subject: Re: Compensation offer from Catholic Archdiocese

Dear Richard,
Thank-you for your reply.
After considering your reply and taking legal advice, I have now decided to accept the offer of \$50,000 made by the Archbishop of Melbourne on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
A signed and witnessed Deed of Release will be mailed to you shortly.

Yours faithfully

AFA

Richard Leder wrote:

- > Without prejudice
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- > Dear Mr AFA
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- > I acknowledge receipt of your email of 28 June 2011.
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- > 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.
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- > You have every right to pursue legal action if you wish.
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- > 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.
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- > 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.
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- > Yours sincerely
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> Richard Leder

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: AFA [mailto:REDACTED]

> Sent: Tuesday, 28 June 2011 7:25 PM

> To: Richard Leder

> Subject: Compensation offer from Catholic Archdiocese

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> 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.

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> Yours faithfully

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> AFA

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