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WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Sir

Please do not insult my intelligence by making statements that the Archbishop has great sympathy for my predicament, when he cannot show a little pastoral care and grant me a personal interview. Instead he hides behind a faceless legal system. Not the one of gospel values which the Melbourne Archdiocese demanded me to uphold, when employed as a Catholic School Primary Principal.

You leave me with no other course of action but to except your offer which I hope will enable my wife and I to pay the rent for a few more years.

If my understanding of your deed of release is correct and that by accepting this offer I forfeit all my legal claims on the Catholic Church. I would have thought a more realistic offer, would be forthcoming to compensate for such action on my part.

One serious matter that you need to address is the matter of future involvement in investigations that will involve my time as an employee of Catholic Education. Where do I stand, if for instance a Royal Commission was called to investigate the way the Catholic Church administered Government Funds allocated for Education. It is a well known fact, and I gave concrete evidence to the CEO, of Father Searson, blatantly using this money for his own personal use. I said then, and I still hold the same belief that this along with his other actions was criminal and he should have been removed from his position.

What happens to me in these instances? Will the Archbishop have great sympathy and I will be still hung out to dry. While he hides behind the faceless legal system.

The one consolation I have is, that come judgment day I may fair better in the sight of the Lord than the leaders of the Melbourne Archdiocese.

I await a copy and an explanation of the deed of release and answers to my concerns listed above.

Yours in Christ

Graeme Sleeman