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From: Ellis, John
Sent: Monday, 17 June, 2002 10:56 AM
To: 'jfd@pso.catholic.org.au'
Subject: Your letter of 5 June 2002

John,

Thank you for your letter of 5 June 2002, acknowledging receipt of my complaint and offering support through the process. Thank you also for meeting with me earlier this year to discuss this issue. This was another step in my healing, and meeting with you helped me to sort through what it is I needed to do. As you said, making a complaint is not necessarily an adjunct to healing, and it was not the right time then to do that - there were other things I needed to do before I even knew if a formal complaint would be part of the process.

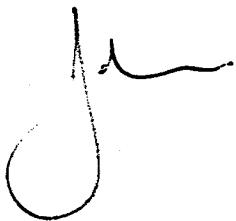
I do have some sense of requesting support through this process, but no clear sense of what that may involve. I have talked about this with one priest whom I have known for over 20 years since my time in the Seminary, but I do not feel that this is the support I need. I have a clear sense of the complaint process involving a formal recognition by "the Church" of the wrong that has been done, and the enormous harm that has resulted.

Perhaps it would help to clarify things for me if you could indicate the type of support that is possible - what you had in mind in offering a "support person".

I am sure that, as part of the process towards healing, not only will the need become clear, but God will provide what is required to answer that need.

Yours in faith

John Ellis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Ellis', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.