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REDACTED

December, 31st 2010

The Pope

Benedict XVI

00120 Via del Pellegrino

Citta del Vaticano

Copy to:-

The Archbishop of Perth.

Recently I was paid \$45,000.00 by the State Government of Western Australia. The Money Was paid as a way of saying sorry for The abuse I suffered as a child in the Care of The Christian Brothers. In my oppinion their mistake was small, insofar as they assumed (like so many others) That the Catholic Church was a highly respected institution and the Children would be well cared for. Boy,,,, where they wrong? I am however grateful to the State of Western Australia Who some years ago apologised and now backed up that appology with something a bit more tangible than hollow words.

The Sin however was so much more greater on your part. Because High ranking officials in the Catholic Church, knew or suspected, child abuse was taking place and turned a blind eye to it and even helped cover it up. The Holy See has made a number of (hollow) apologies and I would be more convinced you are sorry if you, like the Western Australian Government made an offer of Money to pay for the abuse suffered by me.

I was taught by the Catholics that if someone is truly sorry for stealing, They should not only say sorry but also make restitution. You stole my childhood and it is impossible for you to restore that. So I think an ammount of money would be a tangible way of paying restitution.

Your Truly

Cliff Walsh

Please find enclosed my submission to the REDRESS scheme of Western Australia. Also I have Sent a Copy of the Letter Of the Settlement.