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14.10.

Your letter arrived yesterday & by the time you receive these few lines I will be in Sydney under the specialist. I have prayed over & thought about what you asked of me.

I am now in the twilight of my life only a few years younger than your Dad.

I felt that I could not go through all that happened so long ago again. I know both of us have suffered a great deal & agonised over the past. But our Blessed Lord has shown us how wonderful & kind & merciful he is especially as he knows I am so sincerely sorry for what had happened.

I can't speak of anything before that so nothing had happened - nor since.

I can appreciate how you feel & I'm sure you understand why I am not anxious to go through all that happened so many years ago.

I have promised & still promise you that I have & will keep you in my daily prayers

Mary has helped me so much & I'm sure she has your thoughts & feelings at heart. So please, if you would, try to understand how I feel at this time of life.

Re the matter concerning your R.P. - That appears here too. It is between the Lesson, Canon Law & the Powers that be what happens when retirement comes around

God bless

Me.