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Dated: 23 OCTOBER 2013*JK Isaacs*

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February 12, 1999

DR. Ken Robertson,
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Dear Ken,

I am writing to inform you of my intention to enter the "TOWARDS HEALING" process. In December 1998 I was the complainant in a trial against FRANCIS EDWARD DERRIMAN and he was subsequently convicted and jailed for "indecent dealings" against me. At the time of these offences I was a fifteen year old school girl and he was a Priest attached to the Sacred Heart Parish of Sandgate.

Derriman's abuse was of a sexual, psychological and emotional nature. He spent a great deal of time and effort "grooming" me for sexual activity and he was deliberate and premeditated in his actions. His abuse has had "serious and continuing effect" on my life.

In spite of being informed about Derriman's activities at the time, the Catholic Church made no attempt to help me as a victim. Archbishop Battersby in a media statement released on 19 October 1998 stated that the needs of victims are "a priority". No attempt has been made by the current Church hierarchy to either contact me or to assist me since my trial in December. I am therefore making a formal approach to enter into the "Towards Healing" process so that my needs as a victim of a Catholic Priest's psychological, emotional and sexual abuse can now be formally recognised and dealt with.

I seek an apology from the Church which failed to protect me from this abuse. I seek an apology from the Church which abandoned me in spite of having knowledge of my circumstances at the time. At my trial, Judge, Fred McGuire made significant comment about the effects of Derriman's indecent dealings on me and my life during the ensuing period of thirty years. I formally seek compensation for the abuse and the subsequent effects that this had had on my life. As I require ongoing counselling, I seek support from the Church to enable this to continue.

Please be advised that I have authorised my Solicitor, Peter Deed to act on my behalf. I anticipate that the principles of the "TOWARDS HEALING" process will be followed and my situation will be dealt with both with expediency and compassion. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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