

This is Exhibit "F" to the Statement of  
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19th March, 1999

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Dear Joan,

I, Bishop John Gerry, the Archdiocesan "Church authority" identified in the *Towards Healing Protocol*, have received copies of the papers that you had provided to Dr Ken Robertson.

I believe that it is very important that you have an opportunity of meeting someone representing the Archdiocese as soon as possible to begin the much delayed process of healing of the abuse that you have suffered at the hands of a priest. I acknowledge that your earlier experience, when you turned to those from whom you might have expected support, was totally disappointing and distressing. I would like to think that our understanding of the anguish that you have suffered is better today, and is enshrined in the *Towards Healing Protocol*.

I would like to be available immediately to sit down with you to enter into a genuine process towards healing – but I have a problem. At present, I am house-bound as a result of major surgery and do not foresee an opportunity of any public meetings until the end of May at the earliest.

May I suggest that, if you, too, believe that such a delay is too long, that arrangements could be made for you to meet with Dr Adrian Farrelly, Judicial Vicar, who has been identified by the Archbishop as the Church authority when I am not available. I have spoken with Dr. Robertson about my concern with regard to the delay, and he would be pleased to hear from you about how you would like to proceed.

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May I make another suggestion: with regard to an on-going personal support on your journey towards healing, I would like to recommend contact with Karen Walsh of Esther Trust. Esther Trust is a resource available in the Archdiocese to help people who are victims of abuse or violence. Karen is a most sensitive practitioner who has long experience in these areas of very personal anguish. Dr Robertson would be happy to let you know more about Esther Trust and Karen Walsh, and would be willing to help you make contact if you so desire.

I will send a copy of this letter to Dr Robertson. He will be open to hear from you at your leisure about what steps you would like to take from here.

Sincere good wishes,

*P. Kelleher*

*for*

**Bishop J.J. Gerry D.D.**  
Auxiliary Bishop / Brisbane

cc. Dr Ken Robertson