

This is Exhibit "K" to the Statement of

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Joan Isaacs

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Dear Joan,

Father Adrian Farrelly has conveyed to me the substance of the facilitated meeting held at Centrecare on April 20, 1999. As I mentioned in my previous letter, I have been appointed by the Archbishop as the "Church authority" to act in the name of the Archdiocese in *Towards Healing* processes.

I write now in this capacity to say how sorry I am for what you suffered at the hands of Frank Derriman who was a priest of the Archdiocese at the time. You were taken advantage of in a most shameful way. He abused the position he had as priest, the friendship your parents and family had with him and the trust you had placed in a priest. The response made at the time was less than you could have rightly expected. I am deeply saddened to hear what effect this abuse and lack of adequate response had on the faith of your own mother and father, and on your sons. *You have been let down badly by those from whom you had every right to expect more.*

I am very moved by the courage you have obviously shown in talking about the tragedy that has so profoundly affected your whole life. I hope you find some assurance in what you now know of the efforts that the Church is making to ensure that no other vulnerable young person suffers as you did.

Words are a limited vehicle for acknowledging the enormity of what you have undergone, and for promoting a process of healing. Still I offer you this apology as some recognition of the wrong done to you and the harm you have suffered as a result. I do hope that the positive outcome of that meeting with Father Farrelly that you have acknowledged to Dr Ken Robertson will flow into deeper and deeper healing experiences as time goes by.

With kindest regards and every best wish.

Yours sincerely,

*+ John J. Gerry*

**Bishop J.J. Gerry D.D.**

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