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Good Morning Pat

I would like to advise you Peter Scanlan was very professional patience and empathetic when doing the Contact report interview. His following communications to have the report finalised was of the same. I am very appreciative of this. Peter was very direct and also very gentle. Peter made it very clear the report was "my report".

Even though my husband and friend who was there as witness (my husband originally could not make it as he was a foreman on a new building project and could not get away at short notice.....but on the day he needed to be there for me) both knew a lot about the abuse. Hearing the extent and content of information while being interviewed devastaed them. They too are angry.

I took time to ensure the report was completed with information to the absolute best of my knowledge. It is amazing how the 'pandora box' in my memory opened with information I probably chose to forget. The most important thing that personally came from starting this process was that I secretly queried why I maintained a communication with Father Brown even after the abuse stopped. I let the penny drop for myself. It has made a big difference. I evaluated that I lived in such fear that Fr Brown would tell someone about me (and my simple parent folk finding out and being shattered) because Fr Brown told me about someone else while in the middle of a sexual act. I lived in fear of that. I was so vulnerable Pat. When that happened I soon after tried and almost succeed in a suicide attempt. That was the last time of the abuse. But understanding why he had such hold on me, has allowed me to be more forgiving of myself.

Pat I am angry.....really angry as every day since last Friday with such media exposure, I hear of such wide spread abuse at the hands of the Catholic priests. They are horror stories and it is really upsetting. I am genuinely devastated and sickened when I hear about it happening to others. It is a "cross over your head" for life. I am more ANGRY at the veil of wide spread cover up. I am glad for the Royal Commission

I have love and support from my family and close friends. This is not easy but I am so up for it. As mentioned prior my contact to you I had not ever thought to start this process. Now I am glad I have.

Pat I am keen to have my process move forward. I understand I have to be patient

I look forward to hearing from you soon

Kind regards

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