

BISHOPS LETTERHEAD

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Mr

Dear

On behalf of the Archdiocese of _____ I express my deep regret and apologise to you for the sad and painful years you have experienced at St _____ Orphanage at _____.

I want you to know that the experiences you have described in the Towards Healing process from your time at St _____ Orphanage should have never have happened to you and I would not want you to, in any way, believe that some or all of this may have been your fault.

I understand that you shared openly the difficulties you have experienced throughout your life and also your current circumstances on Friday 1 June at the Towards Healing facilitation meeting. I am saddened greatly to know that you have suffered from the effects of your time at St _____ Orphanage for so many years and to know of the negative impacts on the other areas of your life.

I am very sorry for these distressful memories which have burdened you over the years. I ask you to accept this apology, I hope that it will assist you in your healing and will help you to find some closure and provide encouragement to move forward in your life in a positive way.

I wish to tell you how much I respect your courage in coming forward and participating in the Towards Healing process. It is thanks to people like you that the Archdiocese can address these historic wrongs, earnestly and honestly.

I am pleased to know that you have some positive memories of your time at St _____ Orphanage, such as working in the bakery, an experience that has assisted you throughout your various jobs. I also wish you well in your current search for employment.

Wishing you every blessing and peace.

Yours sincerely
