

5<sup>th</sup> September, 2012

Mr.

Dear,

I want to sincerely and unreservedly apologise to you on behalf of the , for being unlawfully, sexually assaulted by , as a student at when you were a student in year 8 (1962). This was a serious breach of trust which has resulted in life long suffering for you which we deeply regret.

As I indicated to you in our meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2012, I am saddened greatly to know that you have suffered from the effects of this abuse for so many years and to know of the negative impacts on the other areas in your life.

I would like you to know that I fully accept the accounts of the abuse that you received from as you have related them in your statement. These prolonged incidents over the course of that year should 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 make this apology to you on behalf of all the members of the for what has been done to you. I am deeply sorry and ask you to accept this apology. I hope that it will assist you in your healing and through counselling and other support will help you to move forward in a positive way.

As a direct result of what happened to you we have gained a deeper understanding of the impact of all kinds of abuse on young people in Boarding Colleges. As a Religious Congregation we have established a Professional Standards Committee with suitably qualified personnel, as well as members of the Congregation to advise the Provincial on matters of policy and practice to protect those with whom we work and to educate members of the Congregation.

In the colleges which the conducts, including , we have instituted strong child protection policies which are regularly reviewed and closely monitored. The colleges make these policies widely available for the public to access and they conform to the individual state government legislation in each State or Territory. This is in addition to any Commonwealth Government legislation.

Since my appointment as \_\_\_\_\_, I, and some of my confreres, have undertaken training in all areas regarding the advancement of child protection and other related professional standards matters.

Please know that I will continue to hold you in prayer for your continued healing and I will remember you and your family at celebrations of the Eucharist which I celebrate on a regular basis.

Yours faithfully,