

Dear

I hasten to write to you to express in written form my profound apology and deepest regret for what has happened to you all over these many years of tragedy.

The facilitation gave me a fresh insight to the real pain and anguish that you have experienced at different levels over so many years.

That this should happen at the hands of a person employed in the Catholic Education System of the Diocese of _____ is the cause of great shame and humiliation not only to me but to all of us in the diocese. It is exactly the opposite to what you and I would expect from a person employed in our system.

I could see it first hand that you have responded heroically to all that has happened to you over this thirty plus years. You have survived! Not only survived but also, in an extraordinary way, have actually grown through this tragedy.

I hope, in the years ahead, to be able to keep some sort of contact with you if you wish. In doing this I want to assure you that the Church's journey with you in the future does not stop with the facilitation experience. I do want you to feel the healing and the encouragement of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of _____ either explicitly or implicitly in the years ahead. Be assured that my own prayers will often drift to your intentions and I will call down frequently the protection and healing of the Lord upon you.

Such acts of barbarity that you have endured through the hands of _____ are deplorable and I denounce them outright. But what has happened in the past we cannot undo. But in the future, with God's help, we can journey together and continually ask God's healing upon you.

May I thank you personally for the graciousness and kindness that you showed me at the facilitation. I always hoped that I would be there to give you comfort. I hope that has taken place in some measure. However, I want to assure you, that your own beautiful gestures of consolation to me will be something I will never forget. Your kindness reaches to the heavens!

Wishing you every blessing and peace.

Yours sincerely in Christ,