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Dear Bishop Herft,

I am writing to express my disappointment and dismay at the attitude of the Anglican Church toward me in relation to the recent trial involving George Parker.

My main concern is the fact that confidential conversations I had with Dean Lawrence, were transcribed (albeit inaccurately), and provided to Parkers defence counsel.

I was given to believe that the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle had a protocol which involved confidential support and counselling for affected persons. Could you please explain to me how discussions in relation to this matter, while I was obviously suffering some distress, can be provided to defence counsel. Could you also please assure me that any further approaches to the Anglican Church, by myself, in search of counselling or support, will be treated confidentially.

As you may or may not be able to imagine, the events that occurred during my childhood, while involved with the church, (regardless of what resulted from the court hearings, those assaults did occur), have created huge challenges to my faith.

A substantial void now exists in my life, and much of my time is now spent questioning and challenging the faith that was such a large part of my childhood and family life.

The breach of confidentiality completed the betrayal and abandonment of myself by the church.

I trust that perhaps, in the future, the church, or the personnel responsible for matters that have such a major impact on a victims life, will show more respect and compassion for the dignity and spiritual well being of those affected.

It is a great pity that the Church chose to expend its resources and personnel in defence of Parker, and the bloody minded attempt to destroy myself and the reputation of my family, who have contributed so much to the Anglican Church.

Yours sincerely ~

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