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Well, I am always sorry if people are upset, especially victims. I spend a lot of time talking to victims and I know that it stays with them. But, sometimes people aren’t real well informed. Sometimes people from a distance are better informed. It depends what the sources of information are. We tend to get involved in controversy. So, to some extent also I don’t take it personally because I think there would be a criticism of whoever was elected, as long as he’s a Bishop. Right now this is a time to criticize Bishops and we have to live through that, accept what’s truth in it and make changes and then go ahead and pray for everybody, especially the victims of sexually abused by priests. The fact is the fact remains that this abuse happened a generation ago for the most part, from 1973 through 1985. That’s when it all happened so we’re talking about it now but it’s not actual now except McCormack of course, which is a terribly devastating period in my life and the life of this Church. We’ve gone back over that. We’ve made it public. What didn’t we know when we knew, etc. But the fact is people will remember and that’s fine. That is their privilege and that probably is good for us and good for the soul.