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Your Eminence,

I am writing to request a personal meeting with you. Your schedule must be incredibly busy with many more important people and problems than I will bring to you. Therefore I will try to understand if you cannot find time to see me personally.

Two issues that I wish to discuss can be cleared up in a few moments - they invoke charity and forgiveness - on my part to you and your part to me. I hope the opportunity is given to me to push these things aside in my heart and soul.

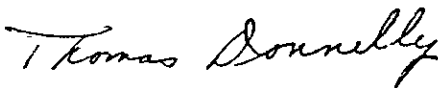
The third problem is a false accusation of sexual misconduct against me. It is absolutely and completely false. In eight years as a seminarian, in 20 years as a priest, and in 21 years since priesthood, I have never even thought of touching a child (male or female), in an improper manner. I have discussed this with *Bishop John McCormack* and also with several priest friends with whom I lived at *St. Francis Xavier* in Weymouth. Each one suggested that I contact you personally, because they believed that you would want to help a faithful, but wounded, member of the flock.

Your Eminence, the cross that you are being asked to carry must be too heavy and heartbreaking for a mere mortal. I do pray often that Our Lord will give you His strength to get through another day.

You are our spiritual father in Boston, and as such, I need to receive spiritual strength and guidance from you!

I will be available any time of the day or night if you can find a place for me in your schedule.

Sincerely,



Thomas Donnelly

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