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Dear B.J.

Greetings! Hope this finds you all weathering well the hot summer! I've been real busy answering a lot of questions and taking on a lot of projected anger - guess everyone has.

I am writing in regards to the apprehensive feedback I requested concerning the "Street Stories" interview with Ed Bradley. I have been in consultation with colleagues and have, thus far, about three pages of questions, considerations, and concerns that need addressed. In addition, I wish to still receive input from Wayne Perky (who is on our Council's Board of Directors) Judith Matheny and also Dr. Fred Berlin (Johns Hopkins) or Dr. Pat Carnes (Del Amo Hospital, Calif.) who have participated in such interviews and have experienced both the positive and negative facets. Very briefly, I have listed concerns and questions of my own and from the input I have received thus far. I will be writing Fr. Connors at Saint Luke Institute with these, noting that additional consultation regarding questions/concerns may be added for later dialogue.

1) Will the interview/program be dealing specifically with Roman Catholic Priests or will other professionals (Doctors/Attorneys) be participating in the discussion? Our Church has been bombarded by talk shows, etc., and it would appear from previous programs that priests (a small percentage at that) are the only ones suffering from pedophilia/sexual addiction.

2) What assurance will be given that the interview/program will, in fact, be positive? Will we have a say in the format

and editing? Will it be made clear to Mr. Bradley what will be discussed during the interview and what will not?

3) What protection will be given to the participants e.g. total anonymity, disguise, etc. If anonymity is not guaranteed, why would the interview be so important that it would break the Traditions of 12 step recovering programs and put the participants and our church at such high risk?

4) Although the program/interview would be intended to be positive, has the negative backlash of, once again putting the Roman Catholic Church specifically and perhaps solely in the media with this specific issue, been given consideration?

5) Would the interview/program dealing with therapeutic and recovery issues be sensitive to victims and the families of victims? How? Will victim empathy/restitution, as a part of the therapeutic, treatment and recovery agenda of offenders, be given attention?

6) Have you consulted with other professionals (Pat Carnes, Fred Berlin) who have experienced negative or hostile interviews? I ask this knowing that talk shows and investigative reporters have a very poor track record of concern for participants.

7) Although this may be a well-intentioned program to educate the public, might there be a better way of doing so rather than using this media form?

Well, this is it thus far. To be candid, I am strongly leaning against participating in this program. My good friend John Maloney is very much against it until many, many questions were answered! However, while I am still be considered as a participant, I'm hoping to at least be a part of the input in the event they go through with it anyway without me. Saint Luke's has an excellent treatment program (the best for clergy) however, I believe they need to re-evaluate their intentions here. I hope at least to be a part of that process.

Keep the faith!

Fraternally,



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