Dear Mr. and Mrs. Parents of MS-6

Your letter of April 7th has just reached me. Please do not think that I would have waited this long to reply. Let me make some points that need to be emphasized.

First of all, our discussions three years ago were not brought to a conclusion by me but rather by the decision to go the legal route. In our meeting I was present as bishop and pastor, and your subsequent legal action came as a surprise. We all did agree to the settlement, however, but moving in that direction changed the premises of our conversation.

Secondly, it is very important that you know that Father Miller was very carefully evaluated by the best professionals. He then entered treatment which has been extensive and on-going. He served briefly at Holy Name Parish, but only as temporal administrator without ever violating the restrictions he gracefully accepted on his work. For example, he never entered the school unaccompanied by someone else. Moreover, the history of his case is made clear to those for whom he works so that from the time of your bringing his case to my attention he has never been unsuperivised by someone knowledgeable of his situation. He has done very, very well in treatment. He is recovering from a difficult and painful situation and will continue his treatment as long as his health care professional deems necessary.

Finally, it is difficult for me to reconcile the request for dialogue with the broad distribution of your letter. Perhaps the preceding paragraphs will eliminate the need for further discussion. My sympathy and concern for MS-6 remain unabated.

With prayerful best wishes,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Louisville

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