

May 26, 2002

Archdioceses of Louisville- The Chancery
Attention: Archbishop Kelly
212 E. College Street
Louisville, KY. 40203

Dear Archbishop Kelly:

This letter will serve to follow up on my recent letter dated April 29, 2002 which was sent to Father Joe Rankin at St. Francis of Assisi. It will also document our subsequent telephone conversation on May 24, 2002.

I appreciated your apology for the sexual molestation which was perpetrated upon me during the summer of 1974 by the then acting pastor of St. Francis, Father Mouser. However, after digesting the remainder of our conversation, I found myself feeling like I had no closure to this incident. In fact, I left the conversation feeling that all of the wounds were more prevalent than they have been in years.

It is my understanding that you have been aware of Father Mouser's "condition," as you described it, for some time. You expressed that you were aware of several other "incidents" of this nature, which resulted in you moving him to a closely supervised environment at the retired nuns facility in Loretto, KY. In addition, he is still practicing the sacrifice of the mass in Bardstown. I think it is interesting to note that you recently made a statement on television that you had no knowledge of any priests who had been moved due to allegations of sexual misconduct. In light of our conversation, that appears to have been an inaccurate statement.

During our conversation, you had asked me if I wanted you to remove him from all of his priestly duties. At that time, I told you that I trusted your judgment and would leave that decision to you. For much of the remainder of our conversation you defended Father Mouser as "an effective pastor who had done so well in recent years" that you did not feel it would be necessary to remove him; nor did you feel he posed any additional threat to others. You described him as "an effective priest with one character flaw who had turned several troubled parishes around." I must tell you that I take great issue with that characterization, as clearly the molestation of small children and purchasing alcohol for minors is considerably more than a mere character flaw in my mind.

You further indicated that you had removed him from his pastoral duties because he was unable to be supervised and suffered from a "condition." In his current capacity everyone around him knows of his "condition," and while you do not know what he does from 12:00am on, you felt that again he posed no additional threat. I must strongly disagree with you, as it is my understanding that there is no effective cure for pedophilia. In addition, as a Catholic, I feel it is my duty to ensure that he no longer practices the sacrifice of the mass, nor should he continue to administer the sacrament of penance.

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Allowing him to continue to do so is contradictory to everything the church and her priests are supposed to stand for.

Having now had the opportunity to weigh our entire conversation, I am compelled to outline the following non-negotiable demands:

- Father Mouser is to be stripped of his ability to conduct mass and administer the sacrament of penance
- A signed, written apology is to be issued by him to me for the deplorable acts he committed during the summer of 1974
- I would like to accept your offer of financial assistance so that I can seek psychological counseling
- The Arch Diocese is to issue to me the sum of \$140,000 as compensation for the mental anguish and life altering pain that I have endured for over 27 years
- In addition the above sum, I expect to receive \$10,000 to pay for the counseling

You had also indicated that my case represented the most severe abuse of the cases that have been brought forth regarding Father Mouser. As such, I think you will agree that the above demands are both reasonable and appropriate. This has had a profoundly negative impact on my entire life including but not limited to the following: daily recurring thoughts of what transpired, confidence issues, severe anxiety and depression, nightmares, questioning of my faith for more than a decade, alcohol abuse, and questions of my own sexual orientation.

At your request, I am coming to you first rather than seeking legal counsel or speaking with the media. I expect a response from your legal department within ten days of the date of this letter. Failure to respond or to meet the above demands will result in me joining the other ninety plus lawsuits that have already been filed. In addition, I plan to discuss my victimization with the media.

This is not about the financial aspects of my demands, as I plan to utilize a significant portion to further another local catholic entity. However, I think knowing that I can effectuate some good out of this tragedy may help to finally allow me some closure.

I look forward to hearing from your legal staff in the near future.

Sincerely,

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