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Dr. Reynolds,

I'll begin this letter with a thank you! You seem sincere and genuine in your attempt to help victims. I thank you for your care and understanding.

Fr. Wood, where to begin? Let me reiterate that I am one of his victims. His style was typical of many pedophiles. He befriended me, groomed me then abused me. As soon as he was caught and transferred from St. Ignatius, he forgot me. Once he had been reassigned my family and I never heard from him again. The week that the Spalding boys came forward, he visited the homes of his victims to assure our parents and us that he had done nothing wrong. I will take his luminous memories of abuse to my grave. I can give you many details of the abuse, but there is no need. If you wish more detail, I can provide them for you. There were many instances of abuse spanning his year at St. I. He covered a lot of ground and victims in one year.

Just to provide you with a clear picture; He would let me drive his car, smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol, 'Tom Collins Mix', stop his abuse wagon in a secluded spot, or stop light and then begin. He took others and myself on overnight trips. I can tell you about his whiskers, aftershave or the nasty sores on his mouth, but this enough for now.

As I told you I would, I prayed and I know all good comes from God and all things are good in God. I do not wish to be publicly or privately embarrassed or humiliated. I wish to settle with the Archdiocese without litigation. I have struggled with addictions, divorce, damage and pain. I have risen to higher ground in my life. I am a registered and certified sexual offender counselor. I received my training from [REDACTED]. I have been involved with the GLOSHCA Organization of Louisville, SAA, I served on the Kentucky Rape Coalition Task Force, and I supervised a caseload of 40 sexual offenders for several years while employed by the Department of Corrections-Division of Mental Health. What I am trying to say is that I have experience with abuse and treatment. I received 6 months of treatment from a Local Psychologist, during my divorce.

Over the past thirty years, I have dealt with many of my issues resulting from my abuse by the Good Father Wood. I will carry the abuse in my psyche forever. I have done some healing and I have helped many others work through their issues of addictions, obsessions, dysfunctions and

criminal behaviors. I am ready to close this chapter of my life and open new doors for my family and myself. I have a new wife, of one year, and [REDACTED] children. I have moved to [REDACTED] to begin a new life. Here, God has given me the chance. I prayed, he gave me the answers and the Holy Spirit guided me through this letter. I have placed my faith in His enormous hands. I was once hurt, damaged, disappointed and disillusioned with my church and my faith. As I said, I have reached for higher ground. I came back to Catholicism and I am raising my children in the church to be good Catholics. As a young boy I was proud of my church and faith. I was the lead alter boy, athlete, youth minister, and coach. Father wood stole these precious things from me.

The Archbishops of the time were ignorant of pedophilia. Their answer was the 'shell game'. Move the Priests from parish to parish. Once caught or complaints surfaced, move them again. The Bishop's volition was that retreat; prayer and God would fix everything. There is no stronger stimulant created than the orgasm. Priests are not immune from this. The individual is the only one that can learn to control their behavior. Fr. Wood went to the grave as an untreated sexual offender. There remains many more in the ranks.

God is a good God, a just God and he is bringing me reparation for mismanagement and mistakes the Archdiocese and our Bishops made. We can speak of these things today in a different light. Just as the tragedy of 9-11-2002, I believe good comes from everything.

The Church will develop screening instruments to detect and prevent pedophiles from becoming priests and killing the souls of more children. No more shell games and denials. The Church will have Zero tolerance, in spite of the thinkers and movers rationalizations regarding inappropriate sexual behaviors. These things will make our church what it should be.

This brings me to the end of a thirty-year chapter of my life. St. Ignatius, the heirs of Father Wood and the Archdiocese of Louisville are responsible for damages to me. God is opening a new chapter for me, a second chance to focus on my family and my children, specifically my children. I will have the chance to spend more time with my children and prevent future victims. The Archdiocese of Louisville should make reparation for the wrongs and help me make it right. By settling out of court and avoiding more pain for me and by paying me **two hundred fifty thousand dollars, (\$250,000.00)**, I can open a new chapter, change my life and focus on my family and most importantly, my children. Through these means I can have burden and damage lifted and repaired. I thank God for this change in my life and the Church for accepting the responsibility for the reparation. I ask for this

settlement without anger and with hope that we can avoid litigation,
publicity, costs for attorneys who are undeserving of reparation and to avoid
further embarrassment.

Yours in Christ,

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