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Dear Marc: Some peace & hope!

Seeing Sunday's article once again reminded me of something that I feel I should share with you.

When the first news broke in 1993 re. James Vallenty. I wrote a letter to him with prayer and encouragement. He responded with gratitude but also saying; "if such a memorable event occurred (between human & youth) he would remember. He had no memory of such an action."

Sometime later, Fr. Dick Harkey and I were together. I commented upon Jim's letter. Dick said: "Dick (only he called me that) Jim is in denial!" He then paused and finally said; Dick there were 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 boys who had confided to Dick of their abuse at St. Johns.

He then told me, when Bishop Feeney  
arrived for confirmation, Dick asked  
him to walk with him on a walk.  
and told him about this. Within  
a very brief time, Jim Vallyly  
was transferred. I do not know  
the year, but such a transfer  
would indicate the time.

I write this to you so  
that if any young men from  
St. Pauls at that period were  
in touch with the Diocese,  
this conversation with Dick Harkey  
might help validate their truth-  
fulness and need.

Prayerful good wishes and  
healing for us all.

Richard P. Rice.