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Dear Mr.

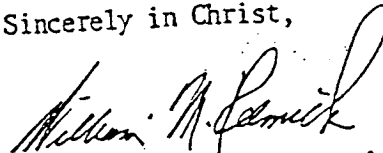
His Eminence, Cardinal Law, has asked me to respond to your letter of July 10.

Whatever might have been the truth of the T.V. show which you saw, you may be sure that any incident of sexual abuse of a child by anyone is viewed most seriously by the Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Boston, if there were to be an incident of such abuse by a priest, you can be sure that the matter would be taken most seriously with deep concern for the victim, the people, and the priest.

Thank you for expressing your concern to His Eminence.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



Reverend William M. Helmick
Secretary to the Cardinal

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