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Ms. Melissa Limcaco

Terre Haute, IN

Dear Melissa:

This is in reply to your letter on January 20. You asked whether we had submitted the names of Harry Monroe and his victims to the bishops' Office of Child and Youth Protection.

As of this date we have not be asked to submit any names of either abusers or victims to this office. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis was audited in August 2003 by the Office of Child and Youth Protection. During this audit we were required to remove all names of both abusers and victims from documents given to the auditors for their review. The Archdiocese was found to be in full compliance with the Charter for Protection of Children adopted by the United States bishops in 2002.

Also, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis participated in a national study on child abuse that was done by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The rules of this study also required that no names of either abusers or victims be revealed.

When asked by the auditors and the John Jay survey how many abusers and victims there are we did include Harry Monroe and his victims in the numbers. We will soon be publishing a report regarding our handling or abuse reports in this Archdiocese. Harry Monroe is included in this report that does not reveal names. You will be receiving a copy of this report from Archbishop Daniel.

I am sorry that each article that is published about child abuse in the church causes you new pain. Please continue to contact me if you have any questions. I want to help.

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Sincerely,

Suzanne L. Yakimchick, Chancellor

(formerly Suzanne Magnant)
Victim Assistance Coordinator