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Dear Friends,

As you may or may not know Father Donald McGuire has been accused of committing sexual abuse with young men in the late 1960's. There was an article in the Southern Cross concerning the issue. We enlisted Bishop Boland in contacting the new Jesuit Provincial, Father Edward Schmidt, concerning Father McGuire. We have had great difficulty in getting any kind of a straight story from the Jesuits since our first complaint in October 2000.

Father Edward Schmidt called us on October 1st to convey his sympathy and concern about what our family has gone through with Father McGuire. He also apologized for the treatment we received from the Jesuits. He was very gracious. As there are two cases pending against the Jesuits now, he was limited in what he could share. He did though offer any assistance that he could. He recommended that we speak with with Father James Gschwend, a psychologist in his office in charge of conduct.

We spoke with Father Gschwend at length. We told him how Father McGuire got involved with Alleluia Community. Additionally we informed him that your sons served Father McGuire in different capacities and durations.

Father Gschwend was most helpful in his counsel. He encouraged us to share the news articles (attached) with our son. He felt it only right to share these articles with you also.

We remain your brother and sister in Christ.

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