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### Our Charism Statement

The Sacred Hearts' call is to become a Eucharistic Community striving for a holiness of which one of the principle elements is devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, expressing this call in loving care and mutual support, and responding to the needs of all with selfless love.

Dear [redacted]:

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New Zealand  
Tahiti

I am writing to give personal expression to some of the ideas that Mike Brooks conveyed to you during your meeting in Phoenix. I am truly pleased to have the opportunity to do this. In fact, when I first learned of your reaction to my phone calls, back in Feb. in Rome, I immediately wrote to you. I turned the letter of love to the Superior General of the order and he subsequently decided that it should not be sent.

My main purpose in writing now is to convey to you my sincere apologies for any hurt I have ever caused you. I am deeply sorry for our becoming involved and readily accept the fact that I was the responsible one in our relationship. Clearly, I was the one in the power position. If I had not made a

above nothing would ever have happened between us. I sincerely hope there were some moments of joy for you in our relationship, but ultimately it caused you significant pain. I wish I could convey to you how deeply sorry I am for that. If there is anything I can do to alleviate any suffering or because you are now experiencing I shall be only too happy to do that.

I am aware that Blake Droob assured you that we will cover the cost of therapy for you for the next year, if that is deemed necessary. If it would serve any useful purpose for me to come to Phoenix to meet you, such as bringing closure to this part of your/our past, you only have to say the word and I will be there.

 I am aware that you asked for a summary of psychological examinations that I underwent recently. I do not have either the report or a summary of the report and I understand that one will not be sent to me. All I received was an oral report from Michael Blaney who worked with Dr. Laura Foren on the examinations. I asked my therapist, Dr. Mary Bevil, if she could send you a summary of the report when she receives it from Michael.

bloomy. She indicated that since it is his report he should be the one to do the summary. As of my last visit with her she had not received his report. The Archdiocese of L.A. and my superiors in Rome are also supposed to receive it. To my knowledge they have not received it either.

One possible reason for the delay is that after I reported to Dr. Savilla, my therapist for the past three years, what he told me about his conclusions she called him. She was rather upset that he had arrived at his conclusions and appeared ready to issue his report without having consulted her. She took issue with some of what he told me.

the truth is that I do not know why there has been such a long delay. In fact he has not even sent me a bill for his services although we talked about that too when we last met.

For what it is worth he told me the following:


1. The ~~sex~~ examinations show that I am not a paedophile.
2. I am not a sexual predator.
3. I do have a sexual addiction.

None of the above was news. I had a long struggle in accepting that I was/am

an alcohol. I found both the word and the concept repulsive, but eventually accepted that it was true. Even though I had stopped having sexual relations many years ago I was the equivalent of a dry drunk, since I had not dealt with the underlying grief problems. My therapist believes that we have been dealing with these issues for some time. I completely agree with her, as you might expect.

Mr. Florey, however, suggests that I need a more aggressive approach to therapy and he recommended that I see another therapist as well and get into group work also. He says that she has been dealing with the trauma that I experienced as a result of being sexually abused as a boy, but not with the resulting addiction. She disagrees.

I don't know if any of the foregoing is of any help to you in understanding my situation. I hope it is. If you still want a money from Mr. Florey, I will ask him to send you one, if he ever gets around to issuing the original. I am going to follow his recommendation re group work. Dr. Swithe had made a similar suggestion more than a year ago, but I did not follow through on it.

 I will mail this to Mike Brooks, since I do not have your address. I'm leaving town tomorrow to attend some meetings in Montreal, related to my role as provincial. I return July 5 and will be here the rest of the summer with the exception of one week near the end of July and a week in mid-August when I have other meetings to attend.

If you see some value in maintaining contact through further letters, telephone conversation, or an actual meeting I will do whatever you wish. If, however, you wish to have no further contact with me and want to deal only with Mike Brooks I will respect your wishes, to Kelly.

I wish you well. More than that I wish you deep peace and a contented heart.

I pray for many blessings on you and your loved ones, especially your son.

Martin S.C.C.