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Dear Archbishop Kelly,

This letter is several weeks in the making but with the recent events that have surfaced regarding Reverend Thomas Creagh I felt compelled to enlighten you with important historical facts

To be blunt, Reverend Creagh's sexual misconduct is not limited to only Mr. [REDACTED] MS-15 as reported in the Courier Journal. Over a month ago I commented to my mother that I would not be surprised if sexual misconduct allegations would emerge against Rev. Creagh. She never asked why I made these statements, but the truth be told he had an inappropriate sexual encounter with me in Our Lady of Lourdes rectory during his first year tenure there. I believe I was a sophomore at Trinity High School at the time, 15 or 16 years old. The funny thing is that while I do not remember the exact year (other than his first year at Our Lady of Lourdes) I remember every horrifying detail of the encounter and will only comment if the Rev. has lost his memory of the encounter. I was the [REDACTED] for the parish for several years and was befriended by Rev. Creagh in that capacity. He showed interest in me and often took me out to dinner at nice restaurants. I was naïve to his intentions until that horrific evening in his rectory bedroom. I never had contact with him thereafter.

I am a 1976 graduate from Trinity High School and since was named to the [REDACTED] for my achievements there. I graduated 8th grade at O.L.O.L in 1972.

I have lived with this horror suppressed and compartmentalized for many years but given the events involving sexual misconduct of priests in archdiocese throughout the nation I have been overwhelmed with guilt, humiliation, anger and grief. When my mother shared with me the recent allegations against Rev. Creagh, I could not bear to remain silent especially while a decision over his future as a pastor or involvement with children are deliberated. Obviously, my strong recommendation is to keep this man from children and to handle this according to the law.

I do not seek money, notoriety or vengeance, however, I do seek justice. I have not filed any official complaint other than the one you are reading. I want to handle this directly with you and Rev. Creagh. Twenty eight years later, justice to me is recognition of the abuse committed by the perpetrator and an apology to the victims. This apology would preferably be two-fold; personal apology to me in writing and a public apology (no names are necessary) admitting to inappropriate encounters with young men during his ministries. Finally, with the current public allegations and the facts presented herein this letter, Rev. Creagh must resign from any ministry involving children less than 18.

For me, my life is busy with a wife, [REDACTED] children and a devotion to caring for sick children. This matter only serves to steal away time and energy from what I love in my life so the sooner it goes away, the better.

My apologies for this communication per e-mail, but I felt it urgent to present this information as you consider the fate of Rev. Creagh. I pray for you in your effort to make the right decision.

Respectfully,

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