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Most Reverend Archbishop Rembert Weakland  
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Dear Reverend Weakland,

I am a 42 year old woman who has been sexually abused by a priest almost 30 years ago when I was the young age of 13. Nobody ever knew of this abuse when I was a child because this priest told me never to tell my mother. Believing that a priest would never mislead me, I told no one and swallowed the guilt and believed that I must have done something wrong to have had this happen to me. I carried this "secret" and the guilt for 26 years.

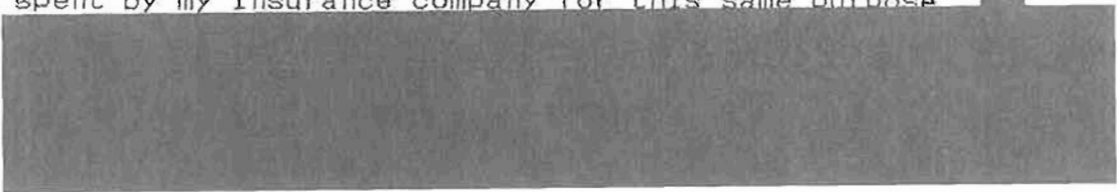
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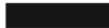

My concern today is to relate to you the impact that sexual abuse has upon a victim and to express the great need for the Catholic Church to acknowledge that abuse has taken place, listen to it's victims, and to take steps to insure that those who sexually abuse will not be protected.


In October, 1992 the story of sexual abuse by a priest in Sheboygan was told through television news and the local paper. In the October 29th issue of the Milwaukee Journal a continuing story of this issue was published. As a part of this article, there was a notice given with the words, "The Milwaukee Catholic Archdiocese asks that anyone who had been abused by a priest call Father Thomas Vinne at (414)-769-3484." When I saw this, I knew it was time for me to "break the silence" and to let "the church" know the devastating event that took place when I was a young, innocent, trusting child. I called the number and was told I would be connected with a woman by the name of Mary Kay. I told her what had happened to me. She was kind, empathetic and apologized on behalf of the church for the sexual abuse. She expressed concern for me, that I had available a support system for my well-being. She asked me the name of the priest and I did disclose this to her but asked that my name not be identified to this priest. She also asked if I would be willing to talk to either you or Father Vinne regarding my sexual abuse. I indicated to her that I would agree to this. To date, I have had no call, conversation or acknowledgement that what I told Mary Kay was validated.

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I have struggled a long time before writing this letter as I also struggled to make that phone call. Reverend Weakland, I realize that many issues regarding sexual abuse have surfaced, that you do take seriously these allegations and that the church is going through a very difficult time. But I feel as though I have once again been let down by the church. I was told that somebody would talk to me about my sexual abuse incidents. This has not happened. An apology from Mary Kay on behalf of the church is not enough. I have spent approximately \$13,000 of my own money in therapy these last four years. In addition, approximately \$8,000 has been spent by my insurance company for this same purpose.



I am once again going to name the priest who abused me but ask that I not be identified to this priest, if indeed he is still living. Father Raymond Adamsky sexually abused me when he was assigned to St. John's parish in   My request to you is to let me know if indeed Father Adamsky is alive and if any other sexual abuse allegations against him have been received.

It is time for victims to "break the silence". But the church needs to validate these individuals, not just with an apology but with continuing dialogue, especially with victims, so that other innocent children do not become the next victims. If you or your staff wish to contact me regarding the concerns that I have addressed, I can be reached at my home, 

Sincerely,

