

EXHIBIT

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August 20, 1982

Mrs. [REDACTED]
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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 1982 and your candid expression of opinion concerning the priest of the Archdiocese of Boston who has caused hardship to your family and most especially to several of the boys.

While I am and must be very sensitive to a very delicate situation and one that has caused great scandal, I must at the same time invoke the mercy of God and share in that mercy in the knowledge that God forgives sins and that sinners indeed can be forgiven. To be sure, we cannot accept sin, but we know well that we must love the sinner and pray for him. I take great comfort in noting these thoughts in your letter to me and at your compassion for Father. Please be assured that I am speaking to the priest in order to find the most Christian way to deal with the problem with him and at the same time remove any source of scandal for the sake of the faithful.

With every good wish, I am

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

Humbert Cardinal Medeiros

Archbishop of Boston