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21/04/17.

Dear RC-A711,

I write to acknowledge all that you have stated about my involvement in your life. Please accept my sincere apologies and deep regret for any harm I have caused you. I ask your forgiveness and hope this apology will help to free you from the distress you have suffered because of my actions.

You reported your concerns to the Church authorities last October and I was withdrawn from all priestly ministry immediately and have been undergoing forensic analysis which is continuing at this present time. It has been my wish to formally apologise to you and in February I did write an apology but my request to send it was overruled. I regret this especially as the delays involved in the ongoing process have caused you even more distress. This grieves me and I apologise for the delays as well as for all my inappropriate involvement in your life and its after-effects.

In particular, I want to apologise and ask forgiveness for all and any sexual activity towards you which I may have thought consensual, but which has come to be deemed non-consensual and abusive, particularly on my return from Italy in the late 1980's. You have made it clear that the whole involvement between myself and you has become the cause

of continued and great distress in your life. I regret this and ask your pardon. I sincerely hope that you will be able to put all that involvement into the past and that you will be free to live peacefully in the future.

You resented my involvement with you as an abuse of power, both by my forceful personality and as a senior person in a role of trust and responsibility. I ask your forgiveness for this and for my failure to live up to the demanding requirements of a priest's consecration and service.

It will be for others to help in the healing of memories. Nevertheless, I pray for healing for everyone involved. I am doing my best to amend my life. I repeat my sincere apology to you and my sorrow for so much hurt.

Yours sincerely,

RC-F500