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Dear Barbara,

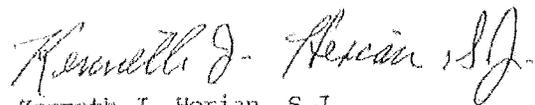
Greetings from Gesu...and a note to try to put more clearly than I did last Sunday morning the concern that I have about Project Benjamin and the clergy abuse scandal.

From reading the Journal Sentinel from the time this broke months ago, my impression is that the Journal Sentinel quite consistently did not give Project Benjamin good marks in dealing with the victims of clergy sexual abuse. My impression is that the Journal Sentinel intimated that Project Benjamin was more inclined to be on the side of Archdiocesan lawyers. Project Benjamin was not really listening to victims.

Based on this impression, the question I was asking is whether the Journal Sentinel reporting was biased or whether there is foundation for their stance.

Along this line, I pass this along. I heard this at the Sunday morning meeting. It is hearsay, but I pass it along. I was told that when a victim involved in the case against Father Marvin appeared recently before Project Benjamin, the perpetrator, Father Marvin, was present along with lawyers. I repeat, this is hearsay, but if true, doesn't sound like Project Benjamin is listening to victims, but in this case was causing more pain.

Barbara, thanks for listening, and courage, as you continue to deal with extremely difficult problems.



Kenneth J. Herian, S.J.  
Associate Pastor

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Hello Amy,

I am confused and concerned as this is not what I understood our agreement to read and what I discussed with Barbara. It was my understanding that what others received and mediated was not of any concern to my case with the Diocese. The Diocese set this precedence immediately when we went into mediation and perpetuated it throughout the process.

My main goal, as stated in mediation, was to become a healthy person as God had created me. I also wanted this for my family, as I believe God wants this for us. I want to function, as I believe others do in a healthy fashion with each other and their families. This was terribly missing for years and I was caught knowing it was not working, but not having the tools to fix it. The unhealthiness perpetuated for years and now that I have a glimmer of what can exist within families, I want to create that within mine, and eliminate it within my children so this behavior does not continued into another generation.

My second need was to get some retribution for what was done to me and to that end, I had initially requested more money. The Diocese facilitator told me that no other victims had received this kind of money and if my main concern, need and goal, was to become a healthy functioning person and for my family to be able to do the same, then therapy paid for by the Diocese was the best solution. Settle for a lot less money and therapy guaranteed, for me, my children, my husband and couples too if needed. Plus any medications required paid for by the Diocese.

I trusted the Diocese to honor my requests and also was willing to work within their constraints. The contract did not reflect this agreement and thus my conversations with Barbara began and multiple changes occurred within this document to confirm this agreement and arrangement. It was also bothersome to me that an article came out in the Milwaukee Journal shortly after my mediation ended, stating that victims negotiated settlements close to the figure I had initially requested and believe I deserved. I discussed this with Barbara and to that end we agreed to the arrangement I have been using for the past years and the contract states.

I am planning to continue with the same arrangement of payment that we have all agreed.

Thank you for your help. Please feel free to contact [REDACTED] my therapist, as stated before in my email, if you want to feel more comfortable with the nature of therapy I am diligently pursuing.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Eva Soeka [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2005 7:46 PM  
**To:** Barbara Anne Cusack  
**Cc:** 'Muth, David P.'; Rothstein, John  
**Subject:** Re: Mediation concer

Barbara Anne,

I am sorry I did not respond sooner, but I did not return until early Sunday morning due to the weather. The trip was absolutely perfect.

I am not terribly concerned about the latest news. As you know, mediation is a completely voluntary process. As we discussed, you negotiated each case based on the individual circumstances; while you may have used "ranges" as guides in your bargaining based on the amount of funding available to you (\$4M), you did not establish "classes" of victims/survivors based on the nature of the injury as the dispute resolution process did in Louisville. You have treated each case as unique--with unique facts that may have raised or lowered the amount of compensation you were willing to offer a particular victim/survivor.

With respect to the mediation agreements, I am sure that they were drafted carefully. Any victim/survivor could have terminated the process at any point prior to affixing his or her signature to the document. I am not sure what evidence would demonstrate "bad faith."

I would like to meet with you and Kathleen sometime early next week, if you are available, to review the family facilitation process. I am going to concentrate on developing more structure for that process this week. Please call if you have any questions; it would be a welcome relief from the 178 emails I found waiting for me. How does that happen? And how did we all survive without email in our earlier years? I hope you have a chance to get away at some point during the winter months. Hope all is well. Eva

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Barbara Anne Cusack  
**To:** Eva Soeka  
**Cc:** Muth, David P. ; Rothstein, John  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2005 6:41 PM  
**Subject:** Mediation concer

Eva-

I hope your time away was restful and rejuvenating!

has been in contact with Amy. He is claiming that people who went through mediation are now getting attorneys because we mediated in bad faith. They say because we claimed we couldn't go above certain amounts with some individuals but then went higher with others, they have the right to cancel the agreement and sue us. I think he is being fed some of this from Jim Smith.

If this is the case, I'm not sure I'll survive another round of all of this!!!!

Ideas??

Barbara Anne

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**From:** Barbara Anne Cusack [mailto:cusackb@archmil.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 03, 2005 1:54 PM  
**To:** 'Diane Knight'  
**Subject:** RE: Questions for You

Diane –  
I replied quickly yesterday because it was such a swamped day. Although I turned the message over to Wayne, I will be advocating that we offer some form of response. I know Wayne will have all of the liability questions at hand so if you hear from others how they are handling those matters or if CCUSA has a plan, let me know. I will forward to you what I have seen in this regard from the list serves I am on.  
Have a good weekend.

BAC

P.S. Thanks, also, for the mediation. Sorry it was such a difficult one. I spoke with Eva about the concern that Jim Smith will now start using \$200K as the new "standard" he will be claiming for clients (that's how we got to all of the \$50K "lump sum for therapy" clauses). I will prepare a cover letter to him that says this agreement is to be considered a rare exception and not constituting some new benchmark for settlements. I will run it past Dave Muth and Eva first. I hope to do so on Tuesday. I did not plan on coming in today but yesterday was such a zoo – and I couldn't stay too late because I was taking Bill Kohler out to supper at 6:30 to celebrate his pastorate. We had a great time – he is doing well. But now I want to go home!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Diane Knight [mailto:DKnight@ccmke.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 01, 2005 5:09 PM  
**To:** cusackb@archmil.org  
**Subject:** Questions for You

Barbara Anne,

Related to hurricane relief efforts, I received a message from CCUSA this afternoon about a number of things. One of them asks us to send information about church-owned buildings that might be used to temporarily house refugees. So, I have two questions for you, mostly because I don't know who else to go to first:

1. Would "we" consider offering the retreat center here for this purpose? If so, who should be asked, and what would be the decision-making process?
2. Could we send a message out to all parishes asking if they have any such facilities available?
3. Do we have e-mail addresses for the religious order owned facilities in the diocese, so that such a message could also go out to them?
4. A related question that occurs to me is, what about asking parishes to ask their parishioners if any could open their homes to a family, couple or individual?

From the message I received, it seems they are looking to "resettle" people all over the country, due to the high numbers of people who are now homeless.

Diane

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**From:** Barbara Anne Cusack [mailto:cusackb@archmil.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2006 9:35 AM  
**To:** 'John Nesseth'  
**Subject:** Mediation

John -

For the mediation on Monday, we have come up with a pretty "standard" offer in the cases. There is the usual \$50,000. Then, given the need for specialized counseling with either a counselor who can sign or an interpreter, \$10,000 per year for three years, the first annual payment to be made a year after the agreement is signed. We do not "track" their use of those funds nor do they have to submit any proof of payments. Again, none is taxable income.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Thanks!

BAC

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