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Dear Barbara,

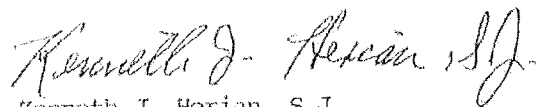
Greetings from Gesu...and a note to try to put more clearly than I did last Sunday morning the concern that I have about Project Benjamin and the clergy abuse scandal.

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.



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