June 30, 2004

Archbishop,

Here is the revised e-mail to the "some seed" group regarding the release of names. There were a few minor language and "readability" changes that I think help the overall flow and tone. However, you need to review the following, more substantial changes and advise on how you would want to proceed.

1. We've removed the sentence about how this decision was made prior to your arrival. Our consultant thought this sounded self-forgiving. It is now your decision.

2. On page 1, paragraph 4, we have changed the wording back to substantiated reports of sexual abuse of a minor. For legal reasons we may want to return to the original language, however, the counsel given was this may be seen as trying to minimize the issue. Call it what it is. I'm fine either way, but it makes it crisper to say substantiated reports of sexual abuse of a minor, and victims/survivors will be happier with that language.

3. We've reworded part and removed part of the language about the information we will not release. (See page 3, paragraph 1 of original draft). We thought this was asking for trouble from the media and/or SNAP.

4. We've removed the sentence apologizing to priests (p.3 paragraph 2). The counsel was that this was about victims, not about priests. I understand the rationale. The criticism would be that again we are worried about whether priests will be hurt, when we should be worried about what victims have already been hurt. Again, I am open to reinserting that line.

Please advise,

Jerry