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Bernard Cardinal Law
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Dear Mr. Law,

Your letter printed in the Wellesley St. John Parish calendar of events was saved for me by my mother who works at the parish. I am still not sure by your language where you stand, but never the less I have a little information, be it old news.

The letter involved priests and sexual abuse. When I was fourteen I was abused by Father Ray Bourque. We knew him in Maine and part of my family moved into the community at Oblates in South Natick.

I have always been gay and never mentioned the abuse because I thought it was only me, and even after being out I was not about to tell people that my first sexual experience was with a priest. I was molestation three times. Not until recently was I aware that he went after all the boys. But did not limit himself to us.

I am now... and my brother 32 and I talked about those times. It seems that my brother and all the boys in the community as well as Father Rays (more than 1 victim) had experiences with him. On 20/20 they said that every pedophile has as many as 250 kids that they get to in their life time. Honestly that scares me. All those children.

Even now I can not even sit through a mass without seeing so much dishonesty in the Catholic church. Or when I turn on the television and see Father Rays face telling people how to live. What about all those children? I was only one of so many.

Please respond,

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