



March 03, 2010

Bishop Denis Brennan
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Re: Catholic diocese seeks cash to pay Irish victims – article in Boston Globe, March 2, 2010

Dear Bishop Brennan,

I read in the article mentioned above that you have asked your parishioners to pitch in to pay for the bills arising from the sexual abuse of children in your parish.

Frankly I am aghast that you would even consider such an appeal considering it was the clergy in your employ who perpetrated the abuse. The cover-ups, rape, sexual molestation lie firmly in your court as do the costs. You have no business asking anyone to pay other than the church.

In asking for funding from your parishioners you are asking the abused to pay for the costs associated with their own abuse. How absurd. It reinforces the perception of contempt that you (the church) have toward these victims.

In another way you are making it appear as if the abused themselves are at fault here by putting you in a position to request such a seemingly humiliating bail-out. Who do you think your parishioners are going to be upset with when they dig into their pockets - assuming they do? You must be aware that the resentment will eventually lie at the feet of the victims.

If you are short of cash, as your Financial Officer Eugene Doyle suggests, there are other sources within the church. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin may be in a position to help or, failing that, the resources of the Vatican should be tapped.

There is more to this debt to victims than just financial. There is a moral and ethical obligation to provide recompense from within the halls of the church proper for the incomprehensible crimes committed against the innocents. There can be no other way.

Sincerely yours,

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