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Dear Emmanuelle,

As you know, our family had a conference with Bishop Daly over two weeks ago.

Since that priest is still in his parish, it appears that no action has been taken. Am I to assume now that we were patronized?

Our family is deeply rooted in the Catholic Church, our great-grandparents and parents suffered hardships and persecution for love of the Church. Our desire is to protect the dignity of Holy Orders, even in the midst of our tears and agony over the 7 boys in our family who have been violated. We cannot undo that, but we are obligated to protect others from this abuse to the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ.

It was suggested that we keep silent to protect the boys - that is absurd since minors are protected under law, and I do not wish to hear that remark again, since it is insulting to our intelligence.

I have a tremendous love and respect for you Cardinal, and regret now for not writing to

~~you believe within & have been delighted by your~~
humility and holiness, but I am very angry with
you now, and do not understand this.

While it is true that a layman in the same
situation would only be censured for observation
for a limited time - he would also be exposed -
Parents would know then not to allow children
near this type of person. In this case, not
only do they not know, but by virtue of his office,
he gains access quite easily, which compounds
our responsibility! His actions are not
only destructive to the emotional well being of
the children, but hits the very core of our
being in our love for the church - he would
not gain access to homes of fallen away Catholics.

Regardless of what he says, or the Dr. who
treated him, I do not believe he is cured, his
actions strongly suggest that he is not, and there
is no guarantee that persons with these obsessions
are ever cured.

Truly, my heart aches for him and I pray
for him, because I know this must tear him
apart too, but I cannot allow my compassion
for him cloud my judgement on actions for
the people of God, and the children in the
Church.

My own children were not directly

sensitive to my nephews and grandnephews who were involved; I am far enough removed to be slightly more objective. I have not told my sister or my niece that that priest is still functioning - I fear the consequences of telling them. I have told my brother, and he and I will take this case to the Holy Father if need be.

We did not question the Authority of the Church two years ago, but left it entirely in your hands - Now, we will not settle for this, but must insist on knowing what action is taken - where he is sent - etc - I will not allow this Temple of God to be overshadowed by a sin of omission. We, our family and all of us who look to the Authority of the Church - are the Church - and have the right to expect service from the Ordained

My two sisters and my niece never as much as received an apology from the church, much less any offer for

counseling for the boys - It seems to me
that the Church is so negligent -

Father Damien the leper went after a child
molester once and beat him up. His cause
was held up because of it - - Now the cause
of Damien is in the Vatican. I am praying
to him now to bring this cause to Jesus
Christ. Father Damien would not sit
on his hands - he would act.

My heart is broken over this whole
mess - and to address my Cardinal in
this manner has taken its toll on me
too. May Almighty God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit have mercy on
all of us.

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