

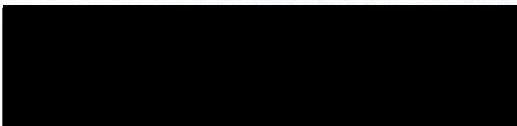
November 3, 1999

Ms. Mairead MacKennon
c/o Dr. Shane Wall



Dear Mairead,

This letter is an acknowledgment of the hurt I caused you by my actions many years ago. I acknowledge the pain that you must have experienced and the feelings that you expressed in your letter to me. I know I have been the cause of this hurt, and I do acknowledge my part in that. I am sorry.



Bernard Hartman, SM

BERNARD HEARTMAN,

When I was a child, unable to defend myself, unable to police right from wrong you abused my trust and stole my innocence by using your position of authority to obtain your own sexual gratification under the veil of the Catholic church.

Through your selfish, destructive and grotesque actions I lost trust in myself and society. I doubted my own love for my precious children, unable to show physical affection because I feared that my gentle touch was inappropriate, as yours was. The loss of close physical contact has left me with a feeling of loneliness and fear, and my lack of self respect allowed me to be manipulated by other monsters like you. My life has been full of hurt and disappointment and yet I have always felt that my feelings were worthless, just as long as every one else was happy.

Not any more! I will not tolerate my life being riddled with guilt and anguish. I will no longer take responsibility for

your actions.

I want you to acknowledge what you did to me and admit that you are a vehicle of destruction.

I don't want your apology. I have no respect for you as a human being so any deep and meaningful thoughts from you would mean nothing.

Acknowledge what you have done. Try to be a real man and face up to your actions.

I expect your acknowledgment in writing.

Mairéad McLaughlin.