



11 November 2019

Ms Jennifer Howe

Dear Jennifer,

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart are responding to your request for a Direct Personal Response (DPR) as part of the National Redress Scheme for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred heart acknowledge you were in their care at St Joseph's Foundling Hospital Broadmeadows from 28 September to 18 October 1963.

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart apologise most sincerely for the sexual abuse suffered whilst in our care and as independently determined by the National Redress Scheme. We acknowledge the harm and the impact of the trauma experienced whilst in our care. I also acknowledge you were taken to Broadmeadows without the knowledge or support of your mother. The experience that you had whilst in our care as a vulnerable young woman was unacceptable and I very much regret that it was your experience.

I have read your Redress Scheme Application and Statement. I have also read your attached Statement to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse. I note you also made a submission to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Sexual Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government Organisations.

Please accept this letter of apology on behalf of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Yours sincerely,


Monica Cavanagh rsj
Congregational Leader