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Msgr. Don McDougald, V.G..
Bishop's Delegate,
Saint-Raphael Parish,
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Dear Msgr. McDougald:

Further to my telephone conversation with you on the 9th of December, I met with Mr. David Simser at the Diocesan Centre on December 10th. His current address is 1210 St. Felix Street, Box 28, Hammond, Ontario, K0A 2A0; his telephone number is Area 613 487-3560.

He was born in Cornwall on March 24, 1954, and resided at Saint Columban Parish. He says that he was a very devoted altar server and several priests had told him that he might become a priest. Father Charles MacDonald took a great interest in him. Simser says that when he was 13, Father MacDonald would often invite him to his office to talk. He was somewhat surprised when Father MacDonald told him the fact that he occasionally masturbated in front of a window when girls were passing by. When Simser was aged 14 in the fall of that year, Father MacDonald invited him to go for a drive in the country and stopped at an isolated spot. There Father MacDonald suggested sex together. Simser claims that he ran out of the car but was caught by Father MacDonald and forcibly put to the ground and violated.

Simser goes on to say that the incident radically changed his life; his parents did not believe him, he started drinking with friends and eventually adopted a life of petty crime. As a result, he has spent a period of 10 years in and out of jail.

Things are somewhat better for him in the last few years, he married and has two children and is currently managing a trailer park. He told me he was raising the matter at this time because he wanted to lose the label of being a bad person, he said: "for starters, I would like a letter from Father MacDonald acknowledging what he did so that I could show this to my mother."

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My own knowledge of David Simser is restricted to this one meeting. He seems like a credible person. At the conclusion of the meeting, I indicated that you were the person in charge of these questions in Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese and I gave him your telephone number.

If there is anything else I can do to assist you, do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Msgr. Peter Schonenbach, P.H.,
Bishop's Delegate.

c.c. Most Reverend Eugene P. LaRocque
Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese