

AUG. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 1999

FATHER MALONEY:

SOMETHING IS TELLING ME THAT IT IS TIME, TO FINALLY SIT DOWN AND WRITE THIS LETTER.

I'VE BEEN RUNNING FROM FACING THIS FOR 25 YEARS, AND IT IS TIME THAT THE RUNNING STOPS!!!

I, TOO, WAS AN ALTER BOY DURING THE TIME THAT ABUSES WERE TAKING PLACE, AND I WAS ALSO AN UNWILLING PARTY IN THAT ABUSE. AT THE TIME I WAS A 10-11 YEAR OLD LOOKING FOR DIRECT AND BY THE AGE OF 13, I WAS ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL & DRUGS AND STAYED THAT WAY FOR THE NEXT 13 YEARS, UNTIL SEEKING TREATMENT AT MOUNT CARMEL HOUSE AT THE AGE OF 26. I'VE BEEN STRAIGHT AND SOBER SINCE SEPT. 02, 1986.

I HAVE STARTED TO WRITE THIS LETTER MANY TIMES OVER THE 9 YEARS, SINCE MY RECOVERY STARTED. ONLY TO STOP BECAUSE I DID NOT WANT TO FACE REALITY. WHEN I DID MY 5<sup>TH</sup> STEP OF THE A.A. PROGRAM WITH MY SPONSOR 8 YRS AGO, I REVEALED TO HIM THE ABUSES, HE WAS A GREAT SHOULDER TO LEAN ON MANY TIMES IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS. HENCE MY SPONSOR DIED IN THE LAST YEAR, AND I'VE FELT I'VE BEEN SET ADRIPT ON MY OWN. HE HAS ALWAYS SAID THAT GOD GIVES A TIME FOR EVERYTHING, AND RIGHT NOW HE HAS GIVEN ME THE COURAGE TO FACE THIS:

FOR THE PAST 4 YRS, I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN B.C., I DO NOT HAVE MUCH CONTACT WITH MY PARENTS OR OTHER FAMILY, SO I DID NOT REALLY KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING WITH THE STORIES THAT WERE BEING BROUGHT OUT. I MUST SAY THAT I DO KNOW WHO THE PERSON IS THAT BROUGHT THIS TO LIGHT AND I DO APPLAUD HIS COURAGE AND THANK HIM FOR HIS ANONIMITY WITH THE MEDIA.

DAVE AND I WERE FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS, AND ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT SEEN HIM IN THE LAST 6 YEARS OR SO, I OWE HIM A GREAT DEAL OF THANKS, FOR GIVING ME STRENGTH.

OVER THE YEARS, I HELPED DAVE OUT OF MANY SCRAPS, BOTH IN TOWN HERE AND IN OTTAWA. WE ALWAYS SHARED A BOND, SITTING NOW IN RETROSPECT IT MAKES IT EASY TO SEE WHAT THAT BOND WAS, BUT AT THE TIME JUST KNOWING THAT I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO TRY TO KEEP HIM OUT OF TROUBLE. I PUT DAVE UP MANY TIMES WHEN HE HAD NO PLACE TO STAY, AFTER GETTING OUT OF JAIL HE WOULD, AND HAS STOLEN FROM ME MANY TIMES, MONEY, CLOTHES ETC., BUT IT DID NOT MATTER, HE NEEDED HELP.

I RETURNED TO CORNWALL TWO MONTHS AGO, I SEEMED HAPPY AND CONTENT OUT IN B.C., AND PROMISED MY WIFE AND MY CHILDREN THAT I WOULD NEVER RETURN TO THIS CITY AGAIN. BOTH OUR FAMILIES ARE FROM CORNWALL, AND OVER THE 4 YEARS LYNN ASKED ME MANY TIMES TO COME BACK SO THAT I COULD BE WITH FAMILY AND MY ANSWER WAS ALWAYS NO. ABOUT 6 MONTHS AGO LYNN ASKED TO RETURN AGAIN, AND OF NO WHERE I SAID "YES LETS GO BACK". I OFTEN WONDER TO MYSELF WHY I SAID LETS RETURN, I KNOW NOW THAT THIS IS WHY, THAT MY HEALING IS NEEDED. THE 1ST STORY THAT I SAW ON DAVES' CASE WAS ABOUT A WEEK AFTER WE WERE BACK. I SAID TO MYSELF NO PLEASE MAKE THEM GO AWAY, THAT I DON'T WANT TO RELIVE THESE EPISODES BUT THE STORIES WOULD NOT STOP, AND I COULD NOT FORGET ANYMORE.

ALL THE MEMORIES ARE RETURNING, THE RETREAT WEEKENDS IN ST. ANDREWS, AT THE OLD NUNS RESIDENCE, THAT AT NIGHT TURNED INTO POT SMOKING AND ADVANCES AND TOUCHING DRINKING WINE IN THE VAULT AT THE RECTORY, AFTER MORNING MASSES AND BEFORE SCHOOL, AND THE WEEKENDS SPENT AT

THE BISHOPS' PLACE IN ALEXANDRIA, WITH ITS MANY HIDDEN NOOKS AND ALL OF THESE PICTURES AND INCIDENTS ARE UNFOLDING AGAIN, I KNOW THE EXACT LAY-OUT OF THESE PLACES, LIKE THEY WERE MY OWN HOUSES AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE NEAR THEM IN 25 YEARS.

I TRIED TALKING TO MY PARENTS ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON AT THAT TIME, AT ABOUT THAT TIME, THEY MADE A COMPLAINT TO THE CHURCH, (NOT EVEN A REPLY OR AN APOLOGY CAME BACK), AND WHEN NO REPLY CAME BACK, MY PARENTS STARTED BELIEVING VERY LITTLE THAT I SAID FROM THAT TIME ON. THAT WAS THE START OF MY DETACHING FROM THE REST OF MY FAMILY, AND MY FEELINGS.

I SIT TODAY THE PERFECT PICTURE OF A TROUBLED LIFE FROM THE INCIDENTS. I'VE HAD 19 JOBS IN THE LAST 20 YEARS, I LOST MY FAMILY (WIFE AND 3 CHILDREN) DUE TO THE ALCOHOL ADDICTION THAT STARTED AFTER MY SERVICE WITH THE CHURCH. I HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP WITH MY FAMILY AT ALL. I CARRY THROUGH LIFE WITH NO FEELING, AND NO EMOTION, EXCEPT ANGER. EVEN IN SOBRIETY, VERY FEW PEOPLE ENTER THE INNER CIRCLE OF MY FEELINGS.

I'VE HAD TO SHARE WITH MY WIFE, WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO ME, SHE SEE'S THE WEIGHT LOSS, THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, THE NERVE TWITCHING, IF THERE IS ANY SLEEP. I'VE BEEN WORKING MYSELF LIKE A MAN POSSESSED, BECAUSE IF I'M WORKING AT LEAST MY MIND IS OCCUPIED, BUT BY WORKING AND RUNNING SO MUCH, I'VE BEEN LOSING CONTACT WITH MY FAMILY, MY 3 CHILDREN WHO NOW HAVE, RARELY SEE ME ANYMORE. SO I'VE HAD TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING BECAUSE I CANNOT AFFORD TO LIE TO THIS FAMILY. I'VE LOST ENOUGH BECAUSE OF THE PAST

I WANT SOMETHING DONE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH WHAT I CAN IMAGINE DAVE IS GOING THROUGH. I DON'T WANT ANY OF MY FAMILY, MY WIFE, MY CHILDREN, LAWYERS, POLICE, C.A.S., NOBODY INVOLVED

OVER

I WANT AND EXPECT A REPLY FROM YOU VERY SOON. I WAS  
TO KEEP EVERYONE OUT OF THIS, BUT MY WIFE HAD TO KNOW WHAT  
HAPPENING. I WISH THAT I COULD TALK TO MY PARENTS AGAIN ABOUT  
HAPPENED TO THEIR SON, BUT I DON'T WANT MY FATHERS' FAITH  
HE IS NOT A YOUNG MAN ANYMORE, AND HE IS AT CHURCH EVERY  
BECAUSE HE FEELS THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT HE NEEDS.

PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME PUSH THIS ANY FURTHER THAN BETWEEN  
DO NOT WANT TO GO THROUGH WHAT DAVE IS. ~~AT THIS~~ FATHER C  
KNOWS WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND IT IS TIME THAT HEALING B  
FOR ALL INVOLVED. AGAIN I EXPECT A REPLY VERY SOON.

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