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June 30, 2000

Reverend James J. Foley
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Dear Father Foley:

I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 9, 2000. I very much appreciate the fact that these are very difficult times for you and I want you to know that you are in my prayers in a very special way.

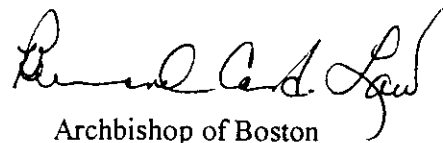
In terms of the application of the policy of the Archdiocese, I realize that there are times and situations when it can be perceived as formidable. Whenever we have concerns raised about the implementation of the policy, those who implement it regularly review its elements. This is done so we may determine if the policy continues to be relevant and wise in matters concerning the priest, alleged victim and the Church. I want to assure you that the comments about your personal experiences with the policy will be taken seriously by those entrusted with its implementation and review.

It is my hope that you will continue to work with Father Higgins in following through on each facet of the review process. As always, I will be involved following the completion of the process, which will be thoughtful and thorough. I look forward to your continued cooperation during this difficult time.

Be assured of continuing remembrances in my prayers.

With my warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston