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Cardinal Bernard Law  
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Dear Cardinal Law;

I recently saw a special on a TV series "1986". The special on Sexual Abuse of minor children by parish priests talked about how the Catholic Church did not acknowledge the problem, enforce sanctions on priests who were involved in such cases and simply transferred the priests to another unsuspecting parish.

As a former victim of sexual misuse by a number of Diocesan priests, I have witnessed first hand the pain and anguish that such an incident can occur. This pain has continued to be a part of my internal self for all of my following years. Today, I work in child protective services with the Commonwealth's Department of Social Services. In this role I have seen numbers of other children experiencing the same pains that I had.

It is my hope that "1986" showed an isolated response to a pervasive problem in society. The lack of response by the Church was distressing to say the least. As a former victim, and a professional in the area of Child Abuse and Neglect; I call upon you to develop your awareness in this area and to develop a responsible and appropriate response to cases that come to light, as well as creating the atmosphere in which victims can feel supported in coming forth before yet another victim is created.

If you are interested in hearing more about the circumstances of my past experiences as a victim, and it's continuing emotional effects; perhaps we can schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,