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Dear Ray and Edward:

Thank you for your recent letter. I hope this is not a tardy response. Your letter was sent to my office in the Pastoral Center instead of my residence here at Mercy McMahon Terrace. The Pastoral Center relays my mail only periodically.

I am now 97 years old. I am sorry that I can manage <sup>only</sup> a brief response.

I certainly agree with your remarks, "Swift and decisive action against those who abuse children is the only acceptable answer." Also the demands that you number 1 & 2.

The Dallas - Charter on the protection of young people" adopted by the dioceses of the United States is a good start, but we have a long ways to go.

The Vatican and the Conference of Bishops of the dioceses throughout the world are at the present time taking steps to change the policies and practices in seminaries and the Church in general. All this collaborating with the laity, young and old,

I want to thank you for the gentle and hopeful tone of your letter.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Francis A. Quinn

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