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Dear Ray and Ed,

Peace and all good things!

I received your letter on today when I returned to Savannah. Thank you for taking the time to write to me I certainly understand your concern. There are a number of "action" items that are being considered by the American bishops and Pope Francis in preparation for the international meeting in February. They should be available to the lay faithful in a short period of time. I wish every denomination and public school district would address this issue as well.

The Church is made up of sinners. We are all in need of God's mercy. Those who have committed crimes against minors need to be identified and punished. The bishops are working on some effective procedures that will prevent these terrible breaches of the trust of the lay faithful from happening again. We need to clean house. We are also working on a Code of Behavior for bishops. I received the draft today. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

With prayerful best wishes and a blessed Advent, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.

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