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OUR REF:
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July 25th 2016

To [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Pannone, your solicitors, contacted us last year reporting that as a young woman you had been sexually abused and assaulted by Father Terence O'Brien on a significant number of occasions between 1975 and 1984. The account states that you had gone to him for counselling, were in a vulnerable state, and that Fr O'Brien taking advantage of this required you during your subsequent sessions with him to submit to therapy, massage and other practices during which the 'treatment' included various forms of serious sexual assault.

As priests, and as Salesians of Don Bosco, we are called to respond to the needs of others, and especially young people, with genuine acceptance, compassion and care, and to do all we can to promote the total well-being of the individual. I am profoundly saddened to hear that in contrast to this your experience was of shocking sexual abuse at the hands of a Salesian priest. I offer you a heartfelt and unreserved apology for all that you experienced and I hope that you will be able to accept this.

I write on behalf of the Salesians of Don Bosco in my capacity as the incoming Provincial of the British province.

Yours sincerely



Rev Gerry Briody SDB
Provincial