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Dear Colleagues

## RL v State of New South Wales & Ors

Please find enclosed, a letter of apology addressed to Mr Leary from Dr Gerald Gleeson, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Sydney, on behalf of Sydney Catholic Schools.

We kindly request that you sign the acknowledgment of receipt below, and return it to us via email.

Yours faithfully  
**Corrs Chambers Westgarth**

  
per

**Michael do Rozario**  
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Receipt of the attached documents  
acknowledged:

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Signature



## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

5 September 2017

Mr Raymond Leary  
C/o Karp O'Neill Lawyers  
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Dear Mr Leary

I wish to convey the sincere apologies of the Church in Sydney for the abuse you suffered.

I make this apology in the name of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the chief pastor of the Catholic Church in Sydney. Archbishop Anthony regards all sexual abuse as abhorrent, above all when it concerns children.

Although you and I have not met in person, I have read your story and have received a briefing from Sydney Catholic Schools in relation to details of your suffering at various Church and State institutions, including sexual abuse perpetrated by Dennis John Twomey, who was a school teacher at De La Salle College, Ashfield in 1977.

I acknowledge that Mr Twomey took gross advantage of you, and in doing so, violated your innocence. I am truly sorry for what happened to you. It is important for you to know that you are believed and that what happened to you is not your fault.

I am sorry that you and I did not have a chance to meet so that you could receive this apology in person.

I am glad that we (along with the State of NSW and the De La Salle Brothers) have been able to make you a financial payment that recognises the suffering you have endured. I hope that this will assist you to move to the next stage of your life.

May I reiterate this apology again, and wish you all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Gleeson'.

Very Reverend Dr Gerald Gleeson  
Vicar General