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Your Grace,

I notice that the Central Commission is going to meet while I am overseas. I would like to register my apology and regret at missing the important discussion.

I would be grateful if you could share with the meeting the following thoughts about our current situation.

- 1) We should devise a strategy, that we control, to lead the current debate about child abuse and the church into a new phase.
- 2) The strategy should highlight our refinement of and commitment to *'Integrity in Ministry'* and the continued commitment to a child-safe culture in our community (A copy of a suggested process is attached).
- 3) Considering the faith dimensions of this crisis I also think we bishops need to formulate an evangelisation plan for Australia as well. Useful indications for such a model are to be found in the pastoral document of the Italian Episcopal Conference entitled: *Communicare il Vangelo in un mondo che cambia*.

Of course, I would be happy to be involved in these or any other tasks thought to be appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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