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Very Reverend Paddy O'Byrne
President
Donabate, Portrane and Balheary Parish Pastoral Council
Parish of St Patrick's
Parochial House
Donabate
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Dear Fr Paddy,

I wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the letter sent by the members of the Donabate-Portrane-Balheary Parish Pastoral Council during Lent, and the enclosed contributions of the parishioners at the meetings of December 2009 and January 2010.

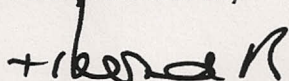
I am very grateful to the Parish Pastoral Council for your constructive comments. I have noted carefully the reactions of the parishioners to the Murphy Report, as well as their reflections and suggestions on the actions that should be taken to support abuse victims and to promote spiritual healing.

I apologise for the delay in acknowledging your correspondence due to both the large amount of post received in recent months and also to my wish to systematically look at and respond to the many letters and helpful comments and suggestions that I have received, and that I am continuing to receive, in recent months. I believe it is important to look at all of these together.

I pray God's blessing on each of you and on your on-going work as a Parish Council.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely



✠ Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin