



Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations

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Mr. Vincent J. Doyle

Dear Mr. Doyle,

Greetings to you on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

I take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations to thank you for your response to our questionnaire sent on July 5, 2019 in an effort to gain more knowledge of the work of Coping International as it relates to the issue of children of priests in the United States. The CCLV Committee was able to review your response at our last meeting. Your explanation of copinginternational.com as a self-help mental health website for children of priests and religious was most helpful.

In response to your correspondence I am happy to take this opportunity to reaffirm the previous response of this committee: "Every child born into this world deserves to be loved and cherished by a mother and a father regardless of who they are." The work of Coping International to assist children born of priests out of wedlock is appreciated.

It is always unfortunate when a priest fails in his obligation to observe chastity. The USCCB remains at the service of the local bishop, as he endeavors to treat those involved with both compassion and justice, ever mindful of the need of every child to be loved.

Thank you for your thoughtful response to the questionnaire. Be assured of my prayers for you and for your ministry.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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