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Dear Marist leader,

Greetings to you at the end of another year.

The enclosed message is for all your staff. I leave it to you to either give everyone a copy or to display it publicly.

These are not easy days to be a Marist leader. Thank you for your personal witness to Marist ideals and for your encouragement of others when their confidence is shaken.

Sadly abuse happened in a number of our Marist works that you lead today. We can presume that these tragic events will come to light through the Royal Commission. The Province and former ministry leaders are the ones accountable not you. If such matters do come up for your school or other ministry, you could make a statement from your heart as a parent, as a leader today determined to ensure the safety of kids in your care, and as a Christian struggling for hope yourself while having the responsibility of leading your local community of faith.

Let us always remember to pray for one another.

Br Jeff Crowe

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