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**To:** Joseph Branciforte <JBranciforte@BergenCatholic.org>  
**Subject:** My Last E Mail

Dear Mr. Branciforte,

I am writing to follow up on my e mail to you in which I asked you to express my concerns to Bro. Walsh. Given the fact that I worked for 35+ years in the hospital industry in the US, which is regrettably one of the most litigious environments, I can in some part understand Bro. Walsh's choice to not communicate more honestly with the incumbent parents and students. However the more I think about this the more it bothers me. As I mentioned to you in my last e mail one of the worst aspects of the entire matter of sexual abuse by Catholic priests and brothers is the failure on the Church's leadership's part to acknowledge the fact that these incidents happened. I had hoped that Bro. Walsh would at least acknowledge my E Mail out of respect for the sacrifice that my parents made over 40 years ago to send me to BC. I made a decision to send my two children to private high schools and know the impact it had on me financially and that made me appreciate even more what my parents sacrificed in sending me to BC.

I asked my friend whose son is a current sophomore at BC if there had been any communication regarding the recent demonstration in front of BC. Here is what she said:

"There is no new news from BC. They did have the small protest which turned out to be about 5 or 6 guys. The boys were not told why they were there and the event was quickly ended or this is what xxxxxxx told me. Brother Walsh is still saying on his last letter that they don't believe that there were any issues at Bergen. It seems hard to believe that this issue has not been addressed in the Record or on the news at all."

I agree with her that it is hard to believe that this matter has not received greater coverage from the media. However I have no doubt that it eventually will. It is not my position by any means to tell Bro. Walsh what or what not to do as I am sure every communication is now being directed by attorneys. However I learned that when we made mistakes at the hospital...and we made many....the best course of action was to acknowledge that an adverse event had occurred. We never gave names or the specifics of the case. But we always admitted when we were wrong. Its just baffling to me that Bro. Walsh has not communicated to the BC family given the many alumni that have come forward to say definitively that both sexual and physical abuse occurred at BC. Again I ask you to share this E Mail with Bro. Walsh.

Thank you for your consideration.

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