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Without wanting to go into specifics about what happened to me, I can say that what I experienced was far beyond 'abuse' and more adequately described as brutal assault.

The matter has been dealt with by the legal system (though unfortunately inadequately) and I have received some (inadequate) compensation from the [REDACTED] Church.

As I was under 7 years of age at that time, a template of social isolation and stigma was set up as a result of the violent attack/rape/assault. What I experienced as a child set up a pattern that disturbed the formation of friendships and other relationships for decades. Due to the fact that my creative channel was damaged, I have never been a stable part of the workforce, never created a family, and feel it very difficult to fit into any 'system'. Fear and anxiety overcame me for decades.

The categorization of \$ compensation in the same form as the legal system is unsatisfactory. I have retained my innocence, I believe I did nothing wrong, but my purity was tainted by him, as was my faith in God, religion and my peers. As some of my peers were privy to what happened to me, made it all the more humiliating, as nothing was done to help me. The violence inflicted upon me at such a tender age was completely destructive to my inner peace and confidence. I became a confused, tortured soul with physical and spiritual pain.

There are many categories of "abuse" and "assault", and I think that victims really deserve to be consulted as to how much compensation will allow them to move on in their lives and heal from the past.

Affect on annual income

Ability to establish relationships

Ability to create a family

Ability to find their place within the workforce and socially all need to be taken into account when determining the specific level of need.