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Dear Rev. Doyle,

Thank you for your kind letter of March 30, 2007. I appreciate the spirit in which you wrote the letter.

Please know that we are taking this issue seriously. We do have some serious limitations due to the polity of our Convention. However, despite what press reports may show, we are involved in reviewing how we might better encourage and inform our churches to protect precious children and young adults.

It is true that the difference is that while Catholic bishops did claim to have "no authority," Southern Baptist leaders truly have no authority over the local church. We do have influence and we are attempting to utilize that influence to the fullest extent to provide this protection.

Thank you for your letter. It is an encouragement to me.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank S. Page". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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