

Write to Pope Francis, to Bishop Burbidge, to the Bishop's Conference...

Pope Francis is the bishop of Rome and is the universal pastor of the whole Church. You can write to him to contact him and share your sadness, pain and anger with him over the clergy sexual abuse scandal and the cover up by the bishops and ask that he in his role as the Pope make meaningful and transformational change to the institutional structures to prevent this from ever happening again! And that he includes the laity, women and men, in the process and in the new structures.

The Pope's Mailing Address

His Holiness, Pope Francis
Apostolic Palace
00120 Vatican City

Since, unlike previous popes, Pope Francis is living in Casa Santa Martha instead of the papal apartment, another address you can try is this:

His Holiness, Pope Francis
Saint Martha House
00120 Città del Vaticano, Vatican City

Notice that **neither "Italy" nor "Rome" are a part of the address**, since **Vatican City is its own country**. In both cases, be sure to have the correct postage. If you're unsure of what you need, ask your local post office. If you're mailing from the United States, you can use [this online calculator https://postcalc.usps.com/](https://postcalc.usps.com/) to estimate the needed postage.

The two key principles in writing the letter are brevity and respect. This means using his official address of "Your Holiness." Brevity is important simply because he gets a lot of mail. If you want him or his workers to actually read what you have to say, make it short and to the point. If you'd like a response, be sure to include your return address, as well as your phone number!

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