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## Vicar General means

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- We need to appreciate that Denis was a nomad, like many Irish clergy. On becoming Vicar General I looked at the register of clergy and some just disappeared! So Denis would come and go!
- M first encounter with the issue
  - May 1993, Sr Paula Regrove R.S.M. brought Redacted AL and she told me that Denis.
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  - had sexually abused her but she didn't want her mother to be told. Denis had disappeared
     but AL had heard that he might be in Northern New Guinea.
  - I rang Fr Brian Lucas Law Civil Laws Common Law for advice.
  - I rang the Apostolic Nuncio (Pope's representative in Australia) if he could contact his counterpart in New Guinea.
  - He affirmed that Denis was in Northern New Guinea, that he had no diocesan faculties, and was to return to Australia.
  - Fr Brian Lucas, to my knowledge, told Denis to come and see him and report to the Police. Denis did not approach Bishop Clarke.

Bishop Clarke, was of the opinion, that the police had been informed and that it was possible he would go to Western Australia for a heart operation. This operation happened but the police, to my knowledge, didn't see him.

He then disappeared again, hence letter to San Pablo Parish June 20 1995 – in the Philippines.

Denis returned to Western Australia and died getting off the plane on 30 November 2005.