

Keevers, Helen

From: Peter Messer [psrg@highgate-perthcatholic.org.au]
Sent: Thursday, 27 October 2005 4:06 PM
To: Keevers, Helen
Cc: Angela Ryan
Subject: FW: pedophile priests

Importance: High

Dear Helen,

Michael Salmon has given me your contact details.

I received the email below from Debra Vermeer in the NSW Catholic Media Office via Angela Ryan. It was sent to me because the complainant refers to the X Priest currently living in Bunbury and working there after leaving Newcastle.

According to the Official Directory there is no priest by the name of Denis McAlinden currently working in the Bunbury Diocese. I am trying to make contact with Bishop Holohan in Bunbury to determine whether he did so in the past.

I understand from Michael Salmon that there have been at least two complaints against Denis McAlinden handled by the Professional Standards office in Sydney relating to alleged sexual abuse by Denis McAlinden whilst he was in the Maitland Newcastle diocese. I also understand that there may have been police charges laid against him but I have yet to determine whether he was convicted.

Given the complainant appears to be resident in Newcastle and the complaints related to the period Denis McLinden was in Newcastle I believe that Bishop Malone should be the one to follow up this matter and respond accordingly.

Could you please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss how we should deal with the matter.

Regards,

Peter Messer
 Director
 Professional Standards - WA

-----Original Message-----

From: URSI [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, 24 October 2005 5:52 PM
To: Debra Vermeer
Subject: pedophile priests

im a survivor of a pedophile priest i want to know why the church hides them / This X priest ran to WA Denis McAlinden i wanna know why i gave statements in newcastle and nothing was done i want to know why he went to WA and was workin as a priest i want to know why .. the catholic church does not care about it victims This pathetic excuse o: a man is dieing at St John God Hospital in Bunbary WA and i hope he suffers for many more weeks MAY HE ROT IN HELL he wil i wont the media would love this story he is a vile disgusting creature

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