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Attention: Paul Gamble

Dear Sir,

RE: 

We refer to your instructions to undertake specific enquiries with the third, fifth, sixth and seventh named Defendants in relation to their individual state of knowledge of the propensities of the first named Defendant, John Farrell, as at the 23 April, 1983, and now report as follows.

DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE

We contacted Fr. Wayne Peters in Armidale, and it was established that the Trustees for the Diocese of Armidale at the time in question were as follows.

- Bishop Henry Kennedy *retired, living in Tamworth*
- Mons. Frank Ryan *retired, living in Tamworth*
- Mons. John O'Connor *retired, living Brisbane*
- Fr. Bernie Melville *currently posted to Manilla*
- Fr. Bruce McPherson *(D'ced)*
- Fr. Stephen Brennan *(D'ced)*

As we had already interviewed Bishop Kennedy, who incidentally has recently suffered a stroke and is not well, we contacted the seventh Defendant, Mons. Frank Ryan by telephone, and discussed the matter with him.

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Mons. Ryan advised that John Farrell was taken out of the Moree Parish due to complaints, and what he termed 'school yard rumours' about Farrell providing sex lessons for Alter Boys.

He went on to advise that the sister of one of the Alter Boys concerned learned of the 'lessons' and advised her parents, who then contacted Mons. Ryan. He claimed he advised the then Bishop, Henry Kennedy, and that Farrell was taken out of the Parish, counselled, and then sent to Gary Boyle for evaluation and treatment.

Interestingly, he advised that [REDACTED] was not one of the Alter Boys concerned, and that no complaint had ever been received from [REDACTED] or his parents.

We were only provided with a Post Office address for Mons. John O'Connor, and accordingly, we had written asking for him to contact us, and were subsequently contacted by his Carer. Mons. O'Connor is blind, but his Carer read our letter to him, and he then called, and after a short discussion outlining our request, he advised that as at the given date, he had no knowledge of the propensities of Fr John Farrell.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

We contacted Fr. Brian Lucas, and it was established that the Trustees for the Body Corporate at the subject time were as follows:

- Cardinal Freeman *(D'ced)*
- Bishop David Cremin *Hurstville*
- Bishop Patrick Murphy *(retired)*
- Bishop Bede Heather *(retired)*
- Bishop John Heaps *(retired)*
- Bishop Peter Ingham *(retired)*
- Arch Bishop Carroll *(D'ced)*
- Mons. Aemon Dundon *(D'ced)*

We have contacted all those still alive and asked them personally whether they had any knowledge of the propensities of John Farrell as at 23 April, 1983, and all of them replied they had not.

ENQUIRIES OF KELVIN CANAVAN

We contacted Br. Kelvin, the sixth Defendant, and asked him whether he had any knowledge regarding the propensities of John Farrell as at 23 April, 1997, and he also replied that at that time, he too had no knowledge.

We trust this additional information is of assistance, and we now await your further instructions.

Yours faithfully



Ian Whitehead
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