

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

(for N.S.W. and A.C.T.)

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Most Rev.H.J.Kennedy D.D.,
Bishop of Armidale,
Bishop's House,
ARMIDALE. N.S.W. 2350.

My Lord Bishop,

In regard to the matter of a possible appointment of Rev.John Farrell to an appropriate Ecclesiastical Office and a suitable professional person to give a second opinion in his particular case, I am now in a position to offer you the following advice.

I have had discussions with Rev.John Usher, the Director of Centacare, Polding House, Sydney. He recommends: -

Dr.Alex Brazinski,
St.John of God Medical Centre,
3 Grantham Road,
BURWOOD, N.S.W. 2134.
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Dr.Brazinski is a psychologist who has a Ph.D. in psychology. He is an expert in dealing with people who have problems in the area of sexual deviation. In fact, he deals exclusively with people who have problems and addictions in the area of sexuality.

Dr.Brazinski has been approached by the N.S.W. Bishops to be part of a committee to deal with situations when charges of a sexual nature are made against a member of the clergy. He is willing to be part of such a committee.

Father Usher has spoken to Dr.Brazinski and given him some briefing of the case of Father Farrell. The doctor is more than willing to help in whatever way he is able to.

Dr.Brazinski also believes it may be valuable to have some briefing on the situation from someone from the Diocese of Armidale who is familiar with something of the case. Without prejudice to your own right to speak directly with the psychologist, may I suggest Rev.Gerard Hanna of Tamworth as a possible suitable person to further brief the doctor. I make this suggestion because Father Hanna was the Administrator at the time the charges were placed against Father Farrell and he seems to be quite well briefed from his involvement with solicitors etc at the time of the charges and other legal proceedings.

Dr.Brazinski is happy to meet with Father Farrell whenever it is deemed appropriate that a consultation be arranged. To set up

such a consultation, the approach should be made directly to the doctor from the Diocese of Armidale. That is, we should handle the situation directly and not work through Centacare.

The doctor is a private practitioner and will charge a fee.

I hope this information will be of assistance to you my lord.

With every best wish,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wayne Peters".

(Rev.W.J.Peters)