

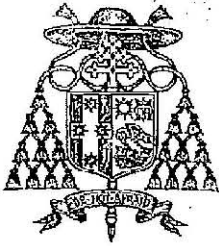


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18th June, 2002.

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Dear

Thank you for your letter of 1st June 2002, which reached me this morning. I cannot adequately express to you the sorrow and profound regret which I felt on reading your letter and my compassion for the enormous pain, anger and confusion on your part and that of your family which you recount.

I have immediately referred your letter to Mr. John Davoren of the Professional Standards Resource Group, which administers the Church policy "Towards Healing" within New South Wales. I enclose a copy of that document and would encourage you to contact Mr. John Davoren on [REDACTED]. I will ask Mr. Davoren to contact you directly in a week's time if you have not contacted him, and I sincerely hope that he will be able to assist you and your family.

As you will be aware the Catholic Church is divided into dioceses, each having an archbishop or bishop in charge of it. As I understand the position, John Farrell (who, I understand, is no longer a serving Catholic priest) was at all relevant times a priest of the Diocese of Armidale and Bishop Luc Matthys, the Bishop of Armidale, is the person with the responsibility for dealing with most of the issues which you raise. I have no jurisdiction to deal with the matters raised in your letter, but I have contacted Bishop Matthys and supplied a copy of your letter to him and he will be in direct communication with you.

I strongly encourage you to immediately report the matter to the Police, and to grant Bishop Matthys permission to himself refer the allegations contained in your letter to the Police.



You will appreciate, I am sure, that I am not in a position to make any admissions of a civil nature. That said, I wish to assure you of my deep concern for the grave harm that appears to have been inflicted upon you and to offer you the help of the Church for the future. I will pray for God's support and assistance for you and your family for what you have gone through in the past and continue to suffer.

Yours sincerely,

+ George Pell

ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY.

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Cc. Bishop Matthys, Bishop of Armidale
Cc. Professional Standards Resource Group (Mr. John Davoren)