

JOHN SWEENEY

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Dear Alex,

re: **Psychological Assessments:**
Br John Sweeney (Diocese of Parramatta)
Fr Leo Leunig (Archdiocese of Perth)

Br John Sweeney

Thank you for your report dated the 6th April 1994 regarding this former Provincial of the Brothers of St Gerard Majella.

The report will be very helpful to Bishop Bede Heather of the Diocese of Parramatta. Br Sweeney, who is also an ordained priest, has been stood down from all active roles for a period of three years. Any reinstatement to a LIMITED pastoral role will not be considered until he has undergone therapy, as you recommended, and on the condition that he carries out certain other requirements placed on him by the Bishop.

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In fact, the Religious Society that was founded by John Sweeney has now almost disbanded. It is most likely that it will not be possible for him to return to any work in the Religious Society in which he was previously involved, even if it was thought to be acceptable in three years time.

His former Religious Society (The Brothers of St Gerard Majella) has many disaffected ex-members in the community, many of whom are seeking financial compensation from the Religious Society for a variety of psychological, emotional and sexual abuses. Br John Sweeney, himself, is now being interviewed by the police in the wake of the allegations by the former member whom he discussed with you. This man was 16 years of age when he met John Sweeney. It is a very sad situation which was unknown and hidden from the rest of the Church until recently.

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