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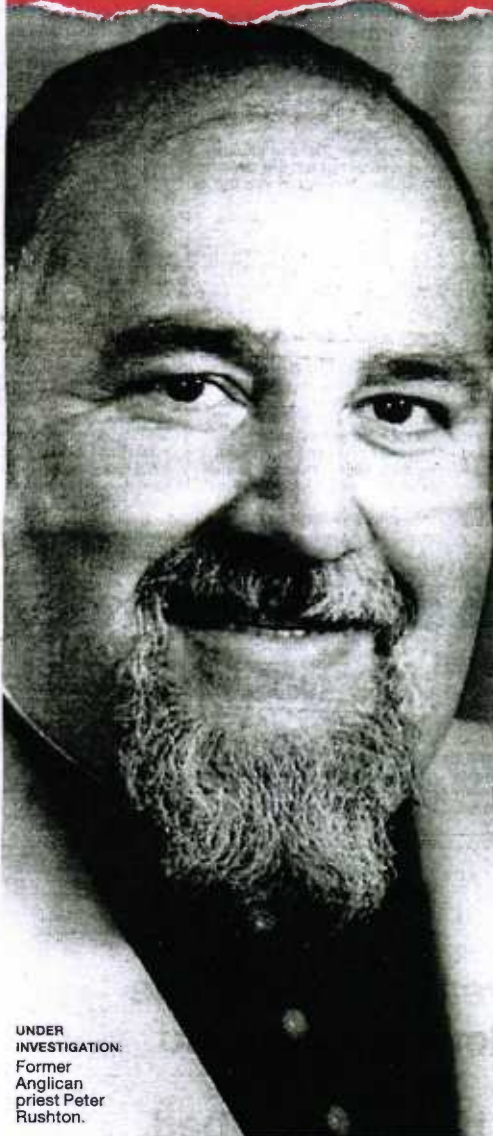
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## SEX PRIEST ALLEGATIONS ROCK ANGLICANS



**How many children did  
Father Rushton abuse**

# His evil secrets

By **JOANNE McCARTHY**

NEWCASTLE Anglican Bishop Brian Farran has revealed allegations that well-known priest Father Peter Rushton was a serial child sex abuser throughout his 40-year career in the Hunter.

Police are investigating whether Father Rushton, who

died in 2007, was part of a broader paedophile ring involving other Anglican clergy. His secrets emerged yesterday when the diocese conceded it suspected there were many more victims to come forward.

Father Rushton completed his training at St John's Theological College in Morpeth and worked at Cessnock, Wyong,

Weston, Wallsend, Lake Macquarie and Maitland.

Bishop Farran yesterday apologised publicly to Father Rushton's victims and confirmed the late priest's "involvement in the sexual abuse of minors".

He said the diocese was co-operating fully with police who

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**UNDER INVESTIGATION:**  
Former Anglican priest Peter Rushton.



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