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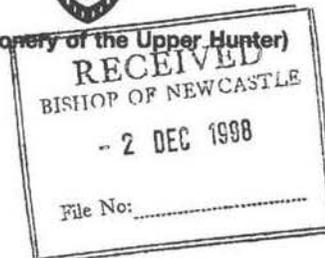


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Dear Bishop,

I am grateful for Friday and especially to see your clear way forward in a difficult scenario.

When I arrived home I found that Mr Jackson of John Farragher Removals P/L had rung. I returned his call about 9pm, and rang you straight afterwards. I reported to him that we had met with the priest concerned and presented him with the matters he and his Company had raised. I told him we had met with the Diocesan Solicitors and that Diocesan internal processes were being followed.

As per our discussion with Robert Caddies I asked if they were experienced in these matters [ie. had they dealt with such things before - No]. The Bishop would in due course meet himself and the Company Director/Owner [who at this stage had been away and was unaware of the proceedings]. I asked if the men involved would be prepared to make a written statement as what it was that they saw.. would they describe it, and would they do this independently. Mr Jackson said he would ask on Monday morning. The question of them then identifying the material was mentioned. Mr Jackson then stated that he had spoken to the men concerned that afternoon [prior to this his information had come from *the men's Work Manager* who had embellished the story by the inclusion of the item previously referred to as child pornography magazines].

The men said there was NO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.

There was 'a fair quantity of male to male sexual material, showing pictures of men engaged in oral sex.'

"They were disgusted by what they saw', didn't want to go back [a new team went back the 2nd day to complete the packing].

'there had been a fair amount of talking back in the workshop. They were disgusted and some clearly expressed they would not go to Church again [He was not sure if they ever went though]

Mr Jackson said that the Company were clearly not interested in taking the matter further. They were only alerting the Church that there may have been a 'paedophile' in their midst.

Bishop, the change in story makes this a whole new ball game I think. The aspect of possible Police charges and gaol are now out of the question [thank God]. Peter has



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been most indiscreet about having videos in his possession, and we need to decide whether he or the men are telling the truth about the graphic magazines. Clearly there is a personality problem somewhere

I wish we could give him six cuts of the cane, reprimand him, counsel counselling, see if there is repentance and then let him get on the way. But that is my heart speaking again.

I am grateful for Robert's continuing involvement and good advice.

My prayers and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Colvin