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## MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE: NORTHERN REGION

TO: BISHOP GLENN DAVIES  
ARCHDEACON OF NORTH SYDNEY

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COPY TO: ARCHBISHOP PETER JENSEN

FROM: PHILIP GERBER, DIRECTOR, PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

DATE: 14 APRIL 2004

### SCREENING OF CEBS AND OTHER BOYS-ONLY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

In **September 2003**, the Archbishop wrote to all Rectors and Ministers-In-Charge in every parish asking them to **complete** a one page Questionnaire indicating whether they had CEBS or other boys' only ministries and **return** to the Director, Professional Standards Unit (even if the parish did not have a CEBS group or boys-only ministry group). **Copy of letter and Questionnaire attached.** This initiative was strongly supported by the Sydney Council of CEBS.

**As at April 2004, 95 of the 266 parishes still have not responded to the Archbishop's letter or returned the Questionnaire.**

The high level of non-compliance with this simple request from the Archbishop would indicate that the diocese still has a significant problem with leadership in the parishes who don't seem to think that the matter is important.

So that we can be **absolutely sure** that all the CEBS and Boys' Only Leaders have been put through the Screening process with the Commission for Children & Young People, **as a matter of importance and urgency**, could you please have followed up the parishes in your Region who have not responded to this request (sheet attached).

Thank you for your assistance.

Philip Gerber  
*Per Carol*