

FILE NOTE

Interview between: Archbishop Phillip Aspinall & Mr [REDACTED] & Mrs [REDACTED]
Mrs Jacqueline Kearney present.
On Tuesday 29 July 2003 at 3.30pm.

A general discussion centred around the [REDACTED]'s reactions and the reactions/interactions of their family as a result of the original abuse of two of their sons by John Elliot; the subsequent management of this by the church; the effect of the O'Callaghan Inquiry into mismanagement of sexual abuse.

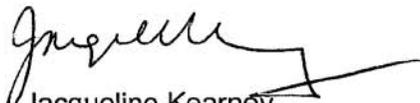
The [REDACTED] mentioned the various reactions of the sons, the continuing effects of the abuse on their maturity and personality. They said they had no idea that the Inquiry would publicly state as it did the actual documentation in such detail. They seem to have been taken aback by this at the time but coping with it now. They also said that Mr O'Callaghan was an extremely sensitive but very tenacious interviewer who really was able to determine the facts of the situation in great detail. They were satisfied with the Inquiry process and outcome.

Another area of discussion was the effect on them as individuals, as a couple, and as family of the cutting off of their involvement in the life of the church because they had been very heavily involved.

The Archbishop offered further counselling assistance to them and to their sons should they feel in need of it. They declined this offer at this time but left the way open in the future to access further assistance if necessary.

They thanked the Archbishop for the Inquiry and for all that he is doing to assist victims and their families. They felt that the whole process had been beneficial to them and to others in similar circumstances.

We briefly discussed, as I was seeing them out, the possibility of their helping other affected families in the future once they have progressed their own healing a little further.


Jacqueline Kearney