

**Ann Joseph**

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**From:** Aspinall, Archbishop Phillip  
**Sent:** Friday, 23 December 2005 9:21 AM  
**To:** REDACTED  
**Subject:** BYG

Dear REDACTED

My secretary has passed on to me your email of 22 December 2005 regarding BYG

I am certainly prepared to assist BYG and his process of healing in any way I can. If he would like to meet with me I would be pleased to do that.

I'm afraid, though, I am not as well informed about BYG story as you and apparently he may think. I don't believe I have seen 'all the paperwork' to which you refer and have not been privy to the details of 'the damaging issues from his childhood in Hobart.' Please forgive me if I am mistaken but I don't believe any of this material was shown to me during my time in Tasmania and nor do I recall any such material coming to me since.

I assume you are referring to experiences of abuse he suffered as a child.

As I say if I can be of any assistance or support to BYG then I would welcome an opportunity to do what I can. I would be pleased if BYG would like to be in touch with me and then we could arrange a time to meet.

BYG should be aware that if he reports to me any experiences of abuse as a child then I would be obliged to report those matters to the Police and to the Director of Professional Standards in this Diocese who in turn would be obliged to pass it on to the Church authorities in Tasmania. I recognize that any such matters might already have been reported to the Police and to the church authorities and the proper processes undertaken, as you refer to 'his courageous action so long ago'. I would also take advice from our Director of Professional Standards as to whether he should also be present at any meeting between BYG and me. I mention this simply so that BYG might be fully aware of my obligations should he wish to speak with me.

At the same time, as I have said, if I can assist in any way I would be very pleased to do so. If BYG would like to be in touch please encourage him to give me a call REDACTED. You and he should know that after today I will be on leave until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2006 which will be my first day back in the office.

I look forward to hearing from you or BYG

This comes with my best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas,

Yours sincerely

Phillip Aspinall