

FILE NOTE - FR RONALD PICKERING

Today I have spoken with Mr Peter O'Callaghan QC, Mr Richard Leder and Archbishop Hart regarding recent correspondence from the Priests' Retirement Foundation regarding Father Pickering.

By phone Father Beasley from the Priests' Retirement Foundation has advised me in recent weeks that monies directed towards Father Pickering will be hecefoth suspended. I checked with Archbishop Hart about this matter and he has approved such action.

I have spoken to Mr O'Callaghan and Mr Leder regarding particulars of a bank account in Sleaford, Lincolnshire UK which is the contact number where monies in the past have been channelled to Father Pickering.

Hence I have now written today to the Bishop of Nottingham, in which Sleaford is located, and indicated to him our desire to locate Father Pickering. I have also indicated to the Bishop the serious allegations of sexual impropriety with minors that cloud Father Pickering's reputation. I have indicated to the Bishop that if he knows of the whereabouts of Father Pickering, I would be grateful for the information. I have also asked him to let his bishop colleagues know of our desire to locate Father Pickering.

Both Mr O'Callaghan and Mr Leder confirm that such a response is reasonable given the situation.



25th June 2002

Monsignor Christopher Prowse
VICAR GENERAL