



St. Patrick's Cathedral,
Melbourne Vic., 3002

20th August, 1984.

Mr./Mrs. L. Mongan,
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DOVETON. 3177.

Dear Mr./Mrs. Mongan,

As a signatory of the personal letter addressed to me under date of 15th August, 1984 I ask you to act as liaison with the other signatories of that letter.

It invariably interests me that when a letter such as you have wished to write is received by me invariably there arrives letters of support for the person who is accused.

May I suggest most curteously and sincerely that the first person to whom your complaint should be made is the person whom you have accused.

On no account should a superior act unless he is sure that the accused person has had an opportunity to defend himself with his accusers.

Furthermore, you have wished to mark your letter "personal"; I understand by that qualification I may, on no account raise the issues which you have wished to share with me with the person whom you allege is guilty of them. I think this is an improper procedure.

Perhaps you may care to write to me again once you have discussed these allegations with your parish priest.

Should you wish me to take any action, I think you must know that I have to be in a position to enquire from Father Searson on the issues which presently you have not offered me the opportunity to discuss with

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him. You will understand that in my own position I must be fair to all parties. I can appreciate that a group of people wish to share with me issues such^a are alleged. However, to take definitive action, I ask you to give serious consideration to the procedure which I see required by the nature of your letter.

wishes.

With cordial greetings and best

I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Little', written over a large, loopy flourish that extends upwards and to the right.

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE.

Amelior
Christiane
Jan
Ward