

Catholic Church Diocesan Centre  
383 Albert Street East Melbourne.

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Dear Sir,

My family have been Parishioners at the Holy Family Parish for the past twelve years, I have an elder daughter now attending St. Johns Dandenong who is a past pupil of the Holy Family school, and I currently have an eight year old daughter in grade three. After careful consideration and much soul searching we have reluctantly come to the conclusion that we can no longer attend or support the parish in any way. I have seen a strong united and happy parish slowly disintegrate over the past 2½ years to become an unhappy divided parish with morale being at the lowest possible point. I have completely lost confidence in the Parish Priest Father Searson, Fathers words and actions at times, at the very best can be described as unchristian, examples are as follows.

We used to have a flourishing tuckshop operating five days a week with good parental support, due to Fathers interference and bombastic attitude our tuckshop was dealt a mortal blow with the mothers resigning, accordingly we had no tuckshop operating for approximately 12 months and even now the tuckshop only operates two days a week.

Early this year Father approached me and said "I suppose you have heard the rumors regarding the building of a new church", I said yes I have, he then told me that he too had heard this rumor and not to take any notice of this rumor because it was not true, I have since found out that this statement from Father was not true.

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At a grade three class mass approximately one month ago, Father made a statement in his homily that the children of non working mothers must feel loved and wanted and that the children of working mothers must feel unwanted, this caused great distress to my wife who is a working mother and confusion in the mind of my eight year old daughter.

These points coupled with numerous other complaints and comments from people who I trust and respect has resulted in us taking this action.

We hold fears for the welfare of our eight year old daughter and are seriously looking at her removal from the school.

Yours Faithfully

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