

*St. Thomas More's Parish*

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Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

30th April 1997.

I write in reply to your letter with specific questions concerning Fr. Wilfred Baker, the then Parish Priest of Gladstone Park.

- a) The parents are REDACTED of REDACTED Gladstone Park.  
 The teenage son's name is BTO.
- b) RED has since died but REDAC still resides at the above address, BTO is now married and living in Western Australia.  
 I do not know his address.
- c) In the five months following Mr. REDACTED making the complaint and the subsequent appointment of Fr. Baker to Eltham Parish, I had regular and open discussion with Fr. Baker on the matter.

At all times he protested his innocence and care for the boy.

I outlined to him the nature of the charges:

- that he taught BTO to drive a car with him sitting on his lap, (BTO would have being about 13 years of age at the time); and
- that he had showered with BTO.

As I mentioned in my letter of last year to Mgr. Cudmore, I decided not to continue the interview with BTO as I believed he had already communicated serious matter to me. To this day I have not asked BTO if there was anything else that could be seen as inappropriate behaviour.

I hope that this is helpful to your investigations.

Yours sincerely,



(Rev.) Philip O'Donnell.