

Corrs File Note

Date 23 June 2005
Subject **Father Salvano**

I was O'Donnell's assistant from June 91 until his retirement. Then stayed in the parish.
 I did speak to Deakin on a no of occasions 4,5.

Various matters re unhappiness:

- Way he treated children, women, me
- He was an abusive personality.

I found his behaviour around children quite inappropriate. I mentioned specific instances.

Deakin asked me if I had witnessed anything unusual. I said no.

What was your concern? He would focus on a couple of kids at a time.

I also spoke to my parents at the time.

I had a gut feeling all was not right.

He gave lots of \$. There was a teenager who seemed to control him.

I'd love to say I did suspect s/thing sexual, esp when he took a kid to Qld.

I confronted Kevin re his attitude to kids, but it didn't go down well.

I had no proof, but I felt that at the least he was putting himself in a vulnerable pos'n.

I did not believe the alleg'ns by the Fosters:

- One, they were girls;
- Kevin hated women; and
- He was a shocking misogynist.

The sort of boy he gravated twds was not quiet or effeminate.

Also too young.

Discussions with Deakin – not much happened. Eventually s/thing did b/c they sent Pell to see Kevin & confront him. Then he ret'd. My u/standing is that it was a forced retirement. I know he was not happy about retiring.

Anna *Sorensent* ? – parish sec'y.

Olga – housekeeper – living in retirement in Oakleigh.

She was [*illegible*] at Kevin's violence twds kids & the dog, but ? didn't admit what was going on.

Didn't tell Phil O'Donnell, but he cld know about it via others.

- We had the Martins from Gladstone Park as mutual friends.

I recall him ringing me to ask if it was true.

I don't recall any girls in the presbytery.

But he didn't take kids out of class, but usually older boys.

Fosters: They are best friends with the Bongiorno's. Tony was there a lot. Tony's brother, now deceased, also a way about him. Families remained friends even after Tony's troubles. Bong family v supportive when Mr F's bus was in trouble.

Tino Eboli – Oct/Nov 1991. O'Donnell took him to Qld. Around that time I decided to say s/thing ie late 91 or early 92 to Hilton.

? a beneficiary in the will. Got a car before Kevin died.

Initially Hilton fobbed me off. He was concerned initially re whether there was crim conduct.

Then he asked me if I wanted to move & I said no, I'm not walking away, I'm going to win. And I did because I stayed.

Christine was quite involved. Was in the school a fair bit. ? involved in Sunday Mass.

No discussions with Little.

Thinks Deakin didn't tell the Arch either.

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