

Corrs File Note

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1958 – 65 Lived in Dandenong together.

I was the assistant. Lived together then.

There we

Fr Fitzpatrick was there for 3 years;
 Patrick Fitzpatrick – now is Justin Villa.
 Then he - Doveton.

In 1962 – Frank McLauchlin for 1 year
 - Still alive, 91.

Fr Ken Bray

O'Donnell left in 1969. - Hastings.

Haven't lived together since. We were good friends.

1958 alleg'n. A boy from Dandenong.

Year is wrong. I came only just before X-mas.

When he was sick once, he was in bed.

I came into the office adjoining his bedroom & I said can I do anything for you. He said no. I didn't see anyone in there. The room was dark. I do remember someone coming out of the room later.

He did have a lot of kids around. He often had kids in there. We praised him for being so good with kids.

Other than that, I saw nothing.

I'd say this was in the early '60's.

Late Nov 92, that boy saw a show on TV re a paedophile priest. He said that's O'Donnell.

REDACTED

A relative, his sister in law – REDACTED married to REDACTED, told me.

RED spoke to Noel Brady, my curate. I was on hols in Qld. Noel - Deakin.

Deakin & Fr Fleming interviewed REDACTED

Brady told me about it as soon as I got back.

Then I spoke to Deakin who said - keep an eye on K O'D.

In July 92, O'D was going to retire. He was to move to Cardinal Knox retirement village in Dandenong. In Aug he went to live there.

K O'D was good friends with REDACTED

Deakin then became ill and Cudmore took over.

Attempted a reconciliation between REDACTED and K O'D in April 93.

The first time I heard anything re K O'D was when Brady told me in Nov 92.

The next day or so, K O'D came to see me as well. He denied it.

I never took kids to my b/room. We never thought about those things in those days.

He had the alter service and the scouts. I looked after YCW.

There was a small office up the front of the presbytery. And a sitting room/parlour.

Often kids knocked on the back door.

Kids were encouraged to help build the Church.

He took kids swimming. Only boys, taught them to drive.

I never saw him interfering with a child. I never saw him with a child in his bedroom.

In the 1990's, Cudmore told me about this REDACTED story re the late 1950's. Re scout master - REDACTED He lived in my parish. I went to interview him.

He told me that in 58, 59, he and REDACTED went to see Moran. He said leave it with me. That's all they ever heard.

It was not Bishop Fox.

But at the time I didn't know about it.

June/July 93 - K O'D's faculties were withdrawn. This became embarrassing in the home, so he moved to Carrum Downs in Nov 93.

April 94 - faculties withdrawn.

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