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Sr Moya Hanlen OLSH
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Dear Sr Hanlen

Ombudsman notification concerning Fr John Nestor (Priest, Parish of Fairy Meadow)

Thank you for the correspondence regarding the above matter that we received on 5 and 29 September 2008.

As you are aware, we decided to monitor the Diocese of Wollongong's (the Diocese) investigation of these allegations in accordance with section 25E of the *Ombudsman Act 1974* (the Act). Section 25F of the Act requires the head of agency to provide the Ombudsman with such information to enable him to determine whether or not the reportable allegations against Fr Nestor were properly investigated and if appropriate action was taken at the conclusion of the investigation.

After reviewing the information you have provided, I am satisfied that this matter was handled appropriately and do not require the Diocese to provide any further information in relation to this matter at this time.

I acknowledge the difficult and complex nature of this investigation which appeared to relate to the multiple historical allegations, and the Diocese's attempts to maintain procedural fairness and confidentiality for the witnesses whilst ensuring a comprehensive investigation.

I will now close this child protection file. If you have any questions about my assessment of this matter please contact me on (02) 9286 0981.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'K Simon'.

Kelvin Simon
A/Principal Investigator
for the Ombudsman