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22 April 1998

Rev J Nestor

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Dear Fr Nestor

By now Bishop Wilson will have informed you that Elizabeth Hannan and I are the assessors appointed in accordance with the "Towards Healing " guidelines to advise him in respect of a number of allegations of what appears to be inappropriate behaviour in the conduct of your priestly ministry.

Mrs Hannan and I have interviewed a number of persons and the allegations against you can be summarized as:

1. Inappropriate behaviour in the sleeping arrangements involving ABA and ABB REDACTED and yourself whilst the REDACTED boys were staying at the Dapto presbytery.
2. In 1990, whilst leading an altar servers camp, you required the boys to swim naked whilst you and other young adult leaders watched from the river-bank.
3. In December 1991, whilst leading a young persons camp, your behaviour in watching naked boys in showers, your touching of a boy on the rear of his naked thigh, your comments to a boy about some chafing to the skin on his upper thighs, and the uninvited placing of your arm around a boy's shoulder.
4. In 1992, whilst leading a group of boys on an outdoor excursion, your behaviour in swimming naked with the boys who were also naked, and your conduct of a "competition" to establish which boy had the "hairiest arse" and the "biggest dick."

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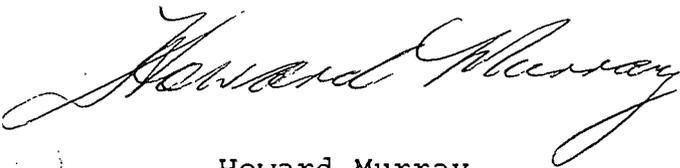
5. In 1994, concern by a school teacher about overtly sexual references in a homily you delivered during a Mass towards the end of that year for Year 7 students at Edmund Rice College.

Now that the majority of preliminary inquiries are complete, I write to give you the opportunity to participate in an interview with the assessors so that you may provide any response you wish to the allegations. Of course, you are under no obligation to participate in any interview, and I strongly suggest you seek legal advice before making any decision whether or not to agree to an interview.

Should you decide you wish to be interviewed, you may have some other person with you during the interview. This person may be a legal adviser, a support person or simply a friend. The interview would take place at a mutually agreeable location and time.

I would be grateful if you would advise me of your intentions no later than Friday 8 May 1998. Should I not hear from you by then I will assume you do not wish to participate in an interview, so Mrs Hannan and I will proceed to complete our inquiries and will provide a report to Bishop Wilson.

Yours faithfully



Howard Murray