

July 25th, 1994

Dear Alexis,

Thank you for your letter of care and concern which I received on July 22nd.

I have taught adults and I have been in administration; I have not taught young people.

I am very aware of my past. I am living the commitment which made at Southdown. I am leading a good, healthy life and am making wise decisions in my new life. I want only good for myself and others.

Happy feast day for August 15th.

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL ISSUES ALLEGATION REPORT

14 January, 1994.

Regarding AB5

- AB5 is no longer a Brother. I understand presently married and living overseas.
- 1985 in country primary school concern among staff and principal re unwise association with students. Sometimes alone in class with students, sometimes standing close. On two occasions Principal notified Provincial AD. Vice-Provincial AT spoke with Principal on both occasions. On second occasion letter of agreement with conditions of employment highlighted was signed by AB5. Strong note that should these be violated then position on the staff would no longer be tenable. Second confrontation was in 1986. Towards the end of this year the Provincial AD, at the request of AB5, transferred him to Sydney where there were a number of attempts at therapy, but none of this was ongoing.
- There were no specific allegations other than being alone with students and in a couple of cases taking students driving. An assessment by Vincent Ryan, clinical psychologist, identified the need for strong ongoing therapy which was not undertaken at the time. AB5 continued to work away from children in a library situation. Early in 1989 at least one student at DRO was speaking with the parish counsellor about concerns of her relationship with AB5.
- A parent of a lad with another Brother confronted AB5 regarding inappropriate relationship with his son many years before at LIA.
- Following this confrontation and a discussion with Provincial AT, AB5 went to Southdown for evaluation and residential therapy. This proved to be very valuable and the assessment was that he should not teach with young children.
- Over the next twelve months the counsellor at ERO became more concerned and the matter was brought to the attention of police. The matter was communicated also to Brian Lucas at the very beginning with John Usher.

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- The girl concerned and her mother were both offered therapy as a matter of compassion by the Order.
- As more information became available the police carried out an investigation, the end point of which was an intention to prosecute AB5.
- When the police were notified that AB5 was no longer a Brother and was thought to be overseas, they did not pursue the matter any further. The understanding is that AB5 would be apprehended were he to return to Australia.
- AB5 left the Brothers in 1990.
- There was also a phone call from police regarding the stay of AB5 at WODR. No detail was given but the understanding was that it was a serious matter and that there had been a police investigation.

Note: All of the schools concerned were schools under the jurisdiction of the C.E.O.



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29 June, 1994.

AB5

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In the light of the aspects of your career leading to your going to Southdown and the subsequent discussions that I had with you and the professionals at Southdown, teaching young people was clearly ruled out. My recollection is that you and I agreed that this was definitely the case. It was also the agreement that I made when speaking with Br. Sean Sammon in enabling you to continue your studies in the U.S. It was a very clear requirement to me by Southdown.

I have presumed that the teaching would not be a question for you again. If this were to be the case then I would consider myself under a serious legal and moral obligation, not only to remind you of the past, but also to contact any school where you might be teaching young people. This is particularly so in the light of investigations in Australia subsequent to your departure from this country and legal actions taken.

I have the greatest care and concern for you as I'm sure would be evident to you. It would be very difficult for me to have to contact an employer were you to engage in teaching without being fully open and frank regarding your background. I would be pleased to hear from you before making any further enquiries.

I am very sorry to be writing to you about this matter but I regard it as a matter of critical importance for the welfare of yourself and many others.

Yours sincerely,

Br. Alexis Turton,
Provincial.

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