

## FILE NOTE

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Conference on Friday 24 January 2014 between Martin Slattery and Brother Kostka Chute

1. The meeting took place at Kostka's residence.
2. Kostka appeared quite well. He was animated and lucid and happy to receive me and discuss various issues, he did tell me that he had early onset dementia though his thinking and recall did not seem impaired to me for a man of his age.
3. I showed Kostka a copy of the Provincial Council Minute from 1969 referring to his move from Lismore to Peshurst and the canonical warning and he explained a number of things in relation to it:
  - (a) The canonical warning was most definitely, in his mind, a result of inappropriate touching of children. He says that he remembers that there was a telephone conversation between Othmar Weldon who was the Provincial at the time and himself and a follow up letter from Othmar which he believed was the canonical warning. Kostka remembers words to the effect of being told that he had 'let the church and the Marist Brothers and himself down with his behaviour' by Othmar.
  - (b) The superior of the community in Lismore at the time was Patricius Quinn and Kostka remembers speaking to him and the parish priest in Lismore at the time (whose name Kostka could not remember) and one or both of them had received the complaint from the student or parent which was then passed onto Othmar.
  - (c) Kostka remembers that he was transferred to Peshurst from Lismore.

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