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Marist Brothers Australia Mail - retired Brother



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retired Brother

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To: chancery@mn.catholic.org.au

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Dear Bishop Wright,

I just read the report from the Canberra Times about a former Brother being arrested for abuse in Newcastle years ago. There was no name but I think I know the person concerned. I believe the story was on the Newcastle Herald site yesterday afternoon but I could not find it today.

Up until two weeks ago we had known of claims of physical abuse against this man but not sexual abuse. We have no knowledge of his response to the claims.

He was teaching at Hamilton 1959-60 and 1971-74 and at Maitland 1961-63. He left the Brothers at the end of 1978.

Our policy is that a former Brother must in general meet his own legal expenses in criminal cases. I am not aware of his circumstances.

The Marist Brothers will deal with civil claims against former Brothers by mediation. I presume that you agree with this even though the diocese may be listed as a defendant.

Please accept my sincere apologies for any embarrassment this causes you and the local church. Unfortunately I cannot give you any assurance that charges against other Brothers will not come forward. We just do not know.

I am attending a funeral later this morning but hope to call you mid-morning or early afternoon.

Best wishes,

Br Jeffrey Crowe
Provincial*Clarify with Emma.*

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