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## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

### Holy Spirit Province (W.A. & S.A.)

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Dear Beneficiary of the W.A. Institutions' Reconciliation Trust,

Last month you would have received from the W.A. Institutions' Reconciliation Trust a Final Information Update informing you that the Trust was to be wound up on June 30<sup>th</sup> 1999. That has now happened and the Trust has completed its work.

As you would be aware from that same Update, the Deed which set up the Trust laid down that any surplus funds left in the Trust at the end of its life were to be returned to the Founder of the Trust, the Christian Brothers, to be used for helping any former students of the Christian Brothers in Australia who claim to have been the subject of sexual and other abuse while in Christian Brothers' institutions.

The Christian Brothers have decided to accept the recommendations of the Trustees, Chaired by Mr. Barry MacKinnon, about the surplus funds in the Trust. The details of this were in the Update I have referred to. Briefly, this was as follows:

- \$85,000 has been put aside in a new trust to cover the ongoing therapy and treatment costs of a small number of men who have been identified by the Trustees as in need of continuing or long term treatment. If you are one of this group of men, you will have been contacted by the Manager of the Trust already.
- Seven men are to receive an additional payment in regard to the sexual abuse section of the Trust. These payments were recommended by Mr. Rush QC and the Chairman of the Trust.
- The remaining funds are to be divided equally between all beneficiaries of the Trust.

Accordingly, enclosed with this letter is a cheque which represents your share of the surplus funds.

The Christian Brothers believe it is appropriate that all of the money in the W.A. Institutions' Reconciliation Trust should go to the benefit of those men who participated in the settlement, and this is the reason for our decision to use the surplus funds in the way we have.

I want to record the gratitude of the Christian Brothers to the Trustees, Mr. Barry MacKinnon (Chairman), Mr. Hayden Stephens, Mr. Peter McGowan, Ms Carol Bahemia and Mr. Dalton Gooding for the way they have discharged their duties as Trustees. Their responsible and diligent attention to the work of the Trust has been crucial in ensuring that it benefited the men who participated in the 1996 settlement. I also wish to record our gratitude for the work done by the Manager of the Trust, Ms Andrea Lace, and her assistant Mr. Arpad Ollari-Hazy.

Could I take this opportunity to remind you that, even though the Trust has now been wound up, various forms of support and assistance are still available to you, particularly in the form of C-BERS Services, located in Subiaco, Freecall: 1800.621.805.

Yours sincerely,

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Province Leader of Holy Spirit Province  
On behalf of the Christian Brothers'  
Province Leaders of Australia

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