

The meeting was not a very long one I told Fr D the allegations made by [AYB]. To the best of my recollection he said little but denied that sexual intercourse with [AYB] ever took place. He said [AYB]'s mother would send her over to help (in the house presumably) and that [AYB] was the kind of person who would enlarge on things. I did not press him since he was adamant that no sexual intercourse ever took place.

I also questioned him as to whether he had ever had contact with other girls. He denied that he had

I told him of [AYB]'s request for a face to face meeting with him and he agreed to go down to Brisbane.

The meeting in Brisbane was held in early May 1994. I cannot really recall why I was present. Presumably I was asked to attend by someone, probably because I was the Dioc. Contact person.

This was the first time I had ever met or ever talked to AYB. She had prepared a Service of Healing, I think she called it. Apart from AYB, the others present were Fr. Durham, Mrs Myolene Carrick & myself. At the outset AYB was most emotional and talked quite a lot, mainly as I recall of how she felt and had felt over the years. Fr Durham said very little. I honestly cannot recall him making any specific admissions. ~~Also if I recall correctly, AYB was not as specific as she had been in the interview she had with Mrs Carrick.~~

All I do recall though was AYB asking Fr D at one stage "Why, why me?" and I seem to recall his reply as being simply "I don't know" or words to that effect.

A lot of the time was taken up with the Service.

Before we concluded it was suggested (by Myolene I think) that AYB & Fr Durham might like to be alone to talk. They agreed & Myolene and myself left the room. I can't recall exactly how long we were away from them but it was a fair while, I would hazard to say half-an-hour. What was said between them, I have no idea.

We returned to the room & concluded the service.

One thing I recall vividly was AYB me once, or even twice, before she left was that she did not want Father Durham get into any trouble, for example, like losing his Parish. She was quite firm in saying she did not want him to get into any trouble.

18. While I still cannot recall his admitting to any other forms of sexual intimacy, I do recall him saying words to the effect that "I've lived with this for years. I've already been through it with a retired priest in the past."

Myolene C. has reminded me that AYB also made the accusation that R had heard my confession privately of the alleged same acts and I [?] it would be hugely improper and [?] thing to do to AY. He denied he had done so and said she went along normally with the other kids at the school.

AYB had been curious as to whether he had ever had anything to do w/ other girls. He denied he ever had.