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Bishop Heenan

Confidential

Interview with AYB

- 9.00am 17<sup>th</sup> December 1996

1. AY began by rolling punches.

- Stated "anger, rejection + hurt" by Church which does nothing.
- 15 years lapsed since she first brought the matter to the attention of Archbishop Rush.
- Accused Church leadership of shallow practice
- Drew me in on part of a phony process over a communion distribution matter at Holy Family Church where hosts were taken (unknown to her) before mass and left on a [?] table and distributed (on her words) as unconsecrated at Communion time anything goes. 4 of 6 in family to to mass  
(Actually I had spoken to John [?] about this practice which subsequently stopped.)

2. AY spoke of her

- i. Her abuse in extremely graphic detail.
- ii. Information she had from Broken Rites about 5 priests of the Diocese
- iii. Her disgust with cover ups by
  - a. Church
  - b. Police
- iv. Complaint re above now wrote to CJC
- v. Her intention to go to a solicitor for satisfactory action
- vi. Her conviction that the Neerkol enquiry will not bring just punishment
- vii. Her dissatisfaction that the police will not include her evidence in the Neerkol enquiry
- viii. Some complaints going back to 1940's
- ix. The diocese not even offering Ray Whyne Seminar

3. AY released: display of heat

- Language
- Gesture
- Display of radically

4. I indicated that I had only brief knowledge
  - a. Initially she spoken with N Hynes
  - b. She continued confidentially with Bishop who respects the privacy of such mail  
 AYB surprised that people = priests don't talk freely
  - c. Sought freedom to discuss fully with Bishop
5. Discussed
  - a. What A wants for priest
    - Restriction = "fall from grace"
    - Sought where vindictiveness lies
    - Suggested: if abuser don't self [?]
  - b. What A wants for self
    - Needs to address GRIEF
    - Grief felt at several levels
      - Relationship with mother
      - Unsettled family
      - Own church practice
      - Catholic faith beliefs
      - Personal inner turmoil
      - Loss of respect for Church personnel
6. Considered
  - i. Mass/communion distribution change
  - ii. Confidentiality issue
  - iii. Issues of care + redress for the Priest  
 (Can he be much more restricted because of – age, - parish size, - Neerkol issues)
  - iv. Adequate care for herself
    - Counselling for a 40 yr festering, so far insufficient and disconnected
  - v. Alleged 'cover ups'
  - vi. Ray Whyne Seminar
  - vii. Her oscillating trust with the Church
7. AY left pleasantly. I indicated that I would advise Bishop. I believe he will reconsider approaching SOLICITOR. Best to have her.