
DATE: 01 October 1997

MEMO TO: Diocesan Directors
Parish Pastoral Ministers
Members of the Diocesan Professional Standards Group

MEMO FROM: Fr John Grace

RE: Sisters of Mercy – Apology

The Rockhampton Sisters of Mercy - are offering an Apology to the aggrieved former residents of St Joseph's Home, Neerkol. This apology has been accepted by the Neerkol Action Support Group Committee and was overwhelmingly endorsed by the members of the Sisters' Congregation. Both regard it as an important step in the reconciliation and healing process.

The Children's Commissioner for Queensland, Mr Norm Alford, will release it to the media on the weekend 04 / 05 October. That its publication does not cause undue concern, Sister Di-Anne has requested that the Bishop distribute it to you in advance and he readily agreed to do so. Would you please respect the embargo on the enclosed copy, until its public release.



Fr John Grace
Chancellor & Episcopal Vicar for Administration