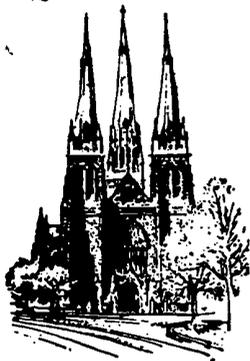


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TO: Richard Leder
FROM: Bishop-Elect Prowse
DATE: 11th April 2003
RE: **The Fosters**

Dear Richard,

I have received today a letter from Christine and Anthony Foster in regard to their daughter, Emma.

The letter is self-explanatory. Attached to it is a letter a support from the family therapist, Nicky Maheras.

I have discussed the matter with the Archbishop. He is aware that we have already assisted this family in the tragedy that has unfolded. Such assistance may be said to be more than reasonable and generous given our parameters.

The Archbishop is keen to state to them that the compensation pay-out and counselling services that we have already provided has reached its limit. The Church's response to date is to the extent to which we are able to assist. It clearly needs to be acknowledged that the whole situation is a tragic one and a very sad one. However, our practical response has now reached its limit.

I would be most grateful, Richard, if you could advise the Archbishop on the directions indicated above. You may even wish to draft him a letter if you are in agreement with such a direction.

I have written to them today a very brief acknowledgment of their letter and the promise of a further letter to be forthcoming. If we could do this sooner rather than later it would be most beneficial.

Thank you for your typical generosity in assisting us in such matters.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Christopher Prowse
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