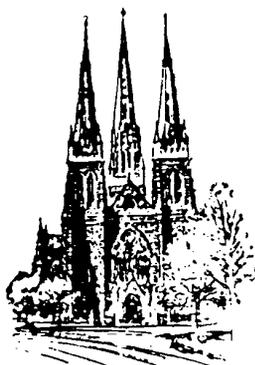


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MEMORANDUM

**Re: Meeting with Maria Kirkwood, Catholic Education Office,
Ray Adams, Principal of Holy Family School, Doveton,
Monsignor Denis Hart, held at the Vicar General's Office
on Thursday, 24th October, 1996, at 10.00 a.m.**

Maria Kirkwood had tabled a Memorandum outlining an occasion when Father Searson had struck a young boy around the head following a Mass at which the boy was an altar server.

When this came to the Principal's notice on Monday, 21st October, he felt that he should be in touch with us concerning the matter. He mentioned that there had been a formal warning previously.

Father Searson had admitted the offence to the Principal, but denied it to the victim's family. Mr. Adams says this is a reportable offence and he does not want to send children across to serve Mass because of the danger. Because of this I sent a fax to Father Searson and to Mr. Adams indicating that he was not to request young boys to come and serve Mass during the week.

25th October, 1996.