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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE:

MEMO TO : Bishop Hart
FROM : Maria Kirkwood
RE. : Reverend W Baker

July 23 1998

Bishop Hart,

Following our discussion on Wednesday July 22 regarding the laying of police charges against Fr. Baker I have spoken directly with the following people: Sr Maria Lazzaro and Fr Terry Curtain (Jordanville). (Fr Quigley is currently on leave).

Ms Margaret Pont and Fr Lou Heriot (Brighton East).

Mr Patrick Torpy (Acting Principal Mordialloc). Mr Torpy will inform Fr Browne. Monsignor Bernard O'Regan (Balaclava).

Fr Des Moloney (Gladstone Park). Fr Moloney will speak to the acting principal Ms Jan Kovak.

Mr Michael Rocca and Fr Bill Attard (Richmond North).

I was unable to reach the Principals and Parish Priests of Doveton and Eltham but have left messages for them to contact me.

In my brief discussions with those noted above, I confidentially informed them that Fr Baker will have charges laid against him in the immediate future and that the charges relate to his time in Brighton East and Balaclava. I indicated that I was informing them as a courtesy since Fr Baker had spent time in their particular parish and that they may, as a result, be approached by parishioners if the matter is widely publicised in the media. I offered my assistance if required. I left a contact number with all of the above.

Mr Rocca and Fr Attard have requested a meeting with me and this has been arranged for Friday July 24 at 11.00 a.m. I anticipate a similar request from Ms Julie O'Donnell, Principal of Eltham. I seek your advice regarding the necessity of contact with the new Parish Priest of Richmond North.

Thank you for making the information available and allowing me the opportunity to alert the appropriate personnel. This should assist in the management of any concerns that may be raised if the matter becomes public.

Maria Kirkwood.

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