

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

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## INTRA - OFFICE MEMO

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TO : REV. T. DOYLE

FROM : MARIA KIRKWOOD

RE : FR. SEARSON/DOVETON

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Attached is the memo I sent to Monsignor Hart regarding the complaint about the altar servers being hit after Mass last week.

Ray Adams and I met with Mons. Hart this morning. At that meeting it was agreed that Mons. Hart would fax a letter to Fr. Searson informing him that a complaint of physical abuse had been lodged and that pending an investigation of this complaint Fr. Searson was not to request altar servers from the school for weekday masses. Mons. Hart is also to fax a letter to Ray Adams informing him that altar servers are not to be sent to the church for mass until further notice.

Mons. Hart is to take the matter up with Archbishop Pell. He indicated that he (DH) may wish to interview Fr. Searson and would probably require either you or me to be present at the interview. I told Mons. Hart about the 1993 warning that was issued to Fr. Searson and indicated that it would be on file.

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