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**From:** Julian McDonald [julian@ncps.org.au]

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**To:** Bishop John Mone (diocesanoffice@paisleydiocese.org.uk)

Dear Bishop John,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Julian McDonald and I'm a Christian Brother (of the Irish variety!) I work with Sr. Angela Ryan as an executive officer for the National Committee for Professional Standards here in Australia. It was Angela who suggested that I contact you rather than Margaret Campbell. I am currently dealing with a serious allegation of sexual abuse which dates back a few years. The allegation is by a man now in his forties who claims that he was abused by a Fr. Aidan Duggan. It appears that Fr. Duggan was a Cistercian monk in Scotland. Apparently he left his Religious Order and migrated to Australia where he was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Sydney. He has a brother here in Australia in the diocese of Wagga Wagga - a Fr. Fabian Duggan OSB. About 18 months ago Fr. Aidan Duggan developed Alzhiemer's disease and died about three weeks ago. He was notable to be interviewed about the allegation. I am wondering if you would be in a position to check records to determine if there were any allegations of sexual misconduct against Fr. Aidan Duggan when he was in ministry in Scotland. I would appreciate any help you are able to provide. Thanks and God bless!

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