

ACBC July 1993

DRAFT:**House of Affirmation:**

At the Sixteenth National Assembly held in Adelaide July 1992, the question was raised of the need for a House of Affirmation, a respite centre for religious suffering from stress.

The executive of ACLRI appointed a committee to research the possibility of such a centre. In doing so the executive became aware of the some of the problems that religious superiors are experiences in dealing with members who are involved in:

1. Addiction:

- a. Drug, alcohol & chemical dependency
- b. Co-dependency
- c. Children of addictive families
- d. Aggressive and passive aggressive tendencies
- e. workaholics
- f. general neurotic tendencies
- g. grief counselling
- h. burn-out and possible unresolved issues at seat of trouble.

2. Sexual abuse either as victim or abuser:

The aim of the ACLRI is to make a list available to ACLRI members. Some centres for treatment are listed below, if you are aware of other centre in your state either secular or religious would you please list them on a separate sheet and return to :

Special Issues:

C/O Sr. Mary Cresp RSJ
P.O. Box 1508
North Sydney
NSW 2059

Existing Centres for treatment in Australia:**Victims of sexual abuse:**

Living Skills and Learning Centre, Sr. Megan Brock, RSJ
Ozanam Village, Lewisham
02 564 2056

Counselling and group support is available for religious women who are victims of sexual abuse.

Paraphilic Disorders (Sexual offences)

There is a proposal to set up a centre for Referral & Treatment of people involved in the distressing problem of paedophilia, as well as other forms of compulsive sexual behaviour, whether heterosexual or homosexual.

The centre would also care for clergy and religious accused of inappropriate sexual offences including the recognition of the need for counselling/treatment, both for offender and victim. The centre would be hospital based.

Contact person: Br. Vianney Welch
St. John of God
Burwood, N.S.W tel. 02 747 5611

+ beds

Similar centre exist overseas:

Guest House/ Lake Orion
 1840 West Scripps Road
 P.O. Box 68
 Lake Orion
 Michigan 48361
 Tel. 313 391 3100

Guest House / Rochester
 4800 48th street N.E.
 P.O. Box 954
 Rochester
 Minnesota 55903
 Tel 507 288 4693

Guest House is the only treatment centre in the world exclusively devoted to caring for male catholic clergy, religious and seminarians suffering from chemical dependency addictions and related problems.

The Institute of living
Retreat program for Professionals
 400 Washington St.
 Hartford, C.T. 06106
 A full-service psychiatric and addiction treatment centre.

The Jemez Program
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, NM 87025

In recent years it has become a residential centre with some specialisation in sexual disorders. It employs the full range of treatment modalities with a strong pastoral component. Length of stay up to one year.

St. Luke Institute
 2420 Brooks Drive
 Suitland MD 20746

A licensed, accredited psychiatric hospital which provides a comprehensive residential program for clergy in an environment supportive of ministerial life. Length of stay 6 - 7 months.

Southdown
 1335 St. John's Sdrd.E
 RR # 2 Aurora ,Ontario
 L4G 3G8 Canada

A residential facility providing treatment services for women and men in ministry to the church. The program is committed to a holistic approach. Length of stay 4 - 7 months.

Splendora Renewal Centre
 TR 2 Box 2285

Splendora, Texas, 77372 (713) 689 1026

Residential and outpatient Care Centre for clergy, Religious and Persons in Ministry.

St. Barnabas Centre
 34700 Valley Road
 Oconomowoc

Wisconsin, 53066 USA 1 - 800 - 767 - 1214

A healing community for those in Ministry. Ecumenical, spiritually based treatment with full range of services.

Other existing facilities in Australia:

Alcohol & Addiction:

1. **Damascus Centre**
 Holy Spirit Hospital
 259 Wickham Terrace
 Brisbane 4000

2. **Holyoake Institute NSW & WA**
 Burwood: 02 747 5317
 Mosman: 02 969 4760

Tel 07 834 6111
Fax 07 832 2056

3. **John of God Hospitals**
Burwood 02 747 5611
Richmond 045 88 5088

House of Hospitality, Sisters of St. Joseph
Adamstown, Newcastle 049 56 2484

The house offers supportive accommodation to those adults and families who find themselves homeless or in unsuitable accommodation.

Galilee House, Fr. Brain Yates
Bondi, Sydney. 02 307 068

A small 'Retreat' Centre for clergy who need time to reflect and review life choices.

Mount Kurrjong, Fr. Gerald Iverson
East Kurrjong 045 766 199

A Retreat Facility of the Parramatta diocese offering a variety of help:

Lechain Programme, Sisters of Mercy
Toronto, NSW 049 59 1025

Zaccheus Centre
Auckland N.Z.

Established to meet the needs of those engaged in ministry. It provides counselling, spiritual direction, courses in self-care and pastoral care.