

2nd May 1995

Fr Brian Lucas  
 Archdiocesan Chancery  
 Polding House, 276 Pitt St  
 SYDNEY NSW 2000

**Centacare**

Dear Brian,

**Re: Professional Standards Resource Group**

As you know, the role of our Resource Group is to advise the Bishops and the religious leaders who are now faced with difficult decisions about allegations of professional misconduct by priests and religious. Most of our advice is given on a one to one basis and, hence, we do not generally meet as a group.

Nevertheless, some of the Diocese in NSW are facing a complex array of problems in the area of professional misconduct and a meeting of our group to address some of these issues would be very helpful.



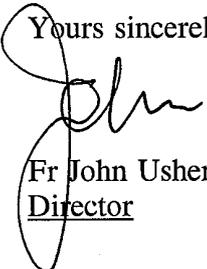
Furthermore, a number of the counsellors in Centacare, Catholic Community Services, Sydney and possibly in Parramatta and Broken Bay, are facing complex dilemmas in their dealings with victims and perpetrators of professional misconduct. They too are keen to get some advice from our group.

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With this in mind, and following discussions with Bob McGuckin in the Diocese of Parramatta, we have scheduled a meeting time for 10.00am on Wednesday 31st May 1995 at the Diocesan Offices, 10 Victoria Rd. Parramatta. Could you please let me know, at your earliest convenience, if you are unable to attend. We are suggesting a meeting that would run from about 10.00am to about 3.00pm. It is realised that some members of our group may not be able to stay for the full period but your presence during some of the time would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

  
 Fr John Usher  
 Director

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