

**Notes Detail**Complainant **John A Ellis**Case **1147**Accused **Aidan Duggan (Fr)**

<b>Note</b> Date <input type="text" value="21/07/04"/> dd/mm/yy h:min AM/PM <b>Note Type</b> <input type="text" value="Case Notes"/>	<b>To Do</b> To Do <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> To Do By Date <input type="text"/>	<b>Attached File</b> File Pathname <input type="text"/>
---	---	--

**Note Memo**

On 21.7.04 advised Mons Rayner that I did not think it appropriate to go down that track for the following reasons:

1. This is not the usual practise of the Archdiocese - Cardinal typically meets complainant when TH applications have been fully settled - this is not the case to change usual practise.
2. There are many outstanding issues which have not been settled - it would appear to be inappropriate to place the Cardinal in the middle of a potentially 'vigorous' negotiation context.
3. John Ellis has already met with Mons Rayner who is Chancellor of the Archdiocese and 2 (in command) to the Cardinal. It is believed that a person of his status is appropriate and within the spirit of TH in his role as a delegate of the Cardinal. It is believed that during the facilitation Mons Rayner did offer an apology.

One is concerned at the request for an 'apology' per se, and by it's timing given that John Ellis has stated not only that he has received legal advice (which is of course his right) but that he is seriously considering instigating legal action, and certainly the Cardinal or anybody else (other than Fr Duggan if he was mentally capable) could not offer an 'apology' for something they did not do.

The nuances around the delivery of a 'Statement of Regret' are quite different.