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Ms Karen Rogers
 Parent Advocacy Inc
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Dear Karen

Thank you for the opportunity to meet recently regarding the work you are undertaking with a group of parents who have complaints associated with St Ann's Special School during the 1990s.

I confirm our assurance that these complaints will be heard fully, in a pastoral manner, with a sincere wish that there can be a point of resolution in the lives of the families concerned.

I advise that the complaints that we have received have been formally lodged with the Child Protection Unit of the South Australian Police, which is an essential first step in our process where complaints of a criminal nature have been made. Once the police have finalised their investigation and have provided us with advice on further action, and depending on what that further action might be, the Church will then continue its process for investigation to ensure that these complaints are heard and are brought to resolution.

You will be aware that some of the parents concerned have spoken with us directly and I attach a draft copy of the letter that has been forwarded to these parents, which indicates the nature of our on-going processes, our assurances that the matters will be heard and in which we offer on-going contact and support. This may vary from family to family, according to their needs.

I am aware that you have a copy of *Towards Healing*, which details the principles and processes that we are following. Should you require further information about these processes, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank you for your continuing support to these families.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

ALLAN DOOLEY
 DIRECTOR

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