Dear Br Negus,

I am following up a matter on behalf of Archbishop Hickey. The Archbishop received a letter last week from a VK. Some years ago she had been to see Archbishop regarding the alleged abuse at Castledare and Clontarf during the 60s of her two sons, VJ and VI. VK is saying that the Archbishop referred her to the Christian Brothers at the time, but neither Archbishop nor the Christian Brothers have since contacted the two men to enquire about their wellbeing.

I have been in touch with Peter Messer to see if he has any record of a complaint either by VK if VJ and VI. He has nothing on record which would indicate that it could have been before the years of either Professional Standards or Towards Healing. I visited the Archbishop in 1996. Br Peter, is there a possibility of you checking your records to see if any complaint was made and whether any action was taken, presumably in the very early 90s. This will enable the Archbishop to respond appropriately to VK.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

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Archbishop’s Secretary

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