



CONGREGAZIONE  
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI VITA CONSACRATA  
E LE SOCIETÀ DI VITA APOSTOLICA

Vatican City, 21 February 2012

Prot. n. 52772/2012

Dear Mr. Walsh

Your letter to the Pope, His Holiness Benedict XVI, regarding the treatment you received at Boys' Town in Bindoon, Australia has been received in this Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, wherein competency in such matters lies.

Respect for the principle of subsidiarity requires that, prior to bringing the matter to the level of the Vatican you first address your concerns to the Administration of the Christian Brothers in Australia. If you are unsatisfied with their response you would then seek recourse to the Superior General of the Christian Brothers who resides in Rome.

Your concerns would be addressed by this Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life only if both the abovementioned parties failed to give due attention to your concerns.

May the Lord bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Sebastiano*  
Fr. Sebastiano Paciolla, O.Cist  
*Undersecretary*

MR. CLIFFORD WALSH

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