

THE PASTORAL RESPONSE OFFICE

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Dear Chris,

after our discussion this morning I'd like to reiterate that this office is able to obtain financial provision for therapeutic care for yourself, Anthony and your whole family, if needed. This is done in liaison with Ms Rosa Tacuone, a psychologist who administrates these provisions. We can arrange for you to speak with Rosa if you have any concerns about confidentiality, etc.

As you are aware, this provision involves the signing of a counselling form by yourselves and your therapist. Please don't hesitate to discuss this further with us.

This office is able to provide and initiate a support group for mothers with an independent professional facilitator. As discussed with Helen, there are already several mothers interested, from other parishes, so the group would need to meet in a suitable central location. Planning for this group is well under way.

Further education sessions are being formulated at present with Maria Kirkwood and Robyn Miller to specifically assist young people. This program would be held within the parish and Maria Kirkwood will approach the secondary colleges with a proposal.

② At the present time Anne Rey has clearly indicated to Maria that no further assistance to the primary school is required -

Helen is again asking your consideration to allowing Maria and herself to talk with yourself and your daughter, at a suitable place; both Helen and Maria are confident that they can bring appropriate and sensitive assistance which supports the psychiatric therapy already in place -

We realize that your energies are depleted and we are therefore not asking you to shoulder the promotion of work from this office in liaison with your parish - We are very appreciative of your support thus far and Helen will contact

Fr. Teal and Cathy Shields, the interim liaison person, in regard to further parish input.

We are very keen to amalgamate our work with any parishioners wanting to contribute to this important endeavour -

We enclose our office copy of "Beginning to Heal" which you can return to us when your own copy arrives - We send you our thoughts and hope you might be able to meet and talk to us soon -

Warmest regards

Chiara Hunter