

Mildura,  
8th, December, 1971.

Most Reverend Bishop MULKEARN,  
BALLARAT.

My Lord,

We the authors of this letter wish to bring to your notice the behaviour of Monsignor DAY the Parish Priest at Mildura. Approximately two months ago as the result of a complaint by a parent of one of the pupils at St. Joseph's College, Mildura, investigations by both the undersigned revealed widespread moral misconduct over a period of thirteen years. As a result of these investigations we interviewed the following.

- (a) BPI [REDACTED] born RED 54, of REDACTED [REDACTED] Mildura in which she alleged that she had been indecently assaulted by Monsignor DAY during 1965.
- (b) BPZ [REDACTED] born REDA 53, of REDACTED [REDACTED] in which she alleged that she had been indecently assaulted by Monsignor DAY on one occasion during 1965.
- (c) BUE [REDACTED] 25 years, formerly of REDACTED [REDACTED] Mildura, now of Melbourne, in which he alleges that acts of gross indecency had occurred on numerous occasions both in Victoria and also on South Molle Island, Queensland, approximately 10 years ago.
- (d) BUU [REDACTED] about 24 years, of Red Cliffs who alleges that acts of gross indecency had occurred between he and Monsignor DAY approximately 10 years ago.
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- (e) BUA [REDACTED] about 24 years, of Red Cliffs who alleges that acts of gross indecency and attempt buggery had occurred between he and Monsignor DAY about 10 years ago.

In relation to the persons mentioned in sub-paragraph c, d & e, they allege that these offences occurred in the home of Monsignor's DAY's sister's home in Williamstown, other than the offences on BUE [REDACTED] in Queensland.

These statements and their copies were handed to the Inspector of Police at Mildura early in November this year and as a result he was interviewed by both Inspector IRWIN and Sen. Detective BARRITT of the O.I. Branch at Mildura on approximately the 12th of November, the result of the interview is unknown,.....

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Unfortunately these copies and their originals are now unavailable for your perusal, unless a request is made by you to the Police Department. It must also be noted that in all these matters a statutory period of 12 months exist and as such no charges could be laid.

In furtherance to these investigations, so as to bring this matter to your notice, we have interviewed two other persons, as follows:-

(f) BUH [REDACTED], born REDA [REDACTED] 50, of RED [REDACTED] MILDURA in which he stated that an act of gross indecency had occurred between he and Monsignor DAY during the Queen's Birthday weekend in 1965.

(g) BUI [REDACTED] born REDA [REDACTED] 56, of RED [REDACTED] MILDURA in which an offence of indecent assault was committed upon him by Monsignor DAY in November, 1970.

Copies of statements attached.

There are numerous other statements which can be obtained, if you my lord consider it necessary.

All the person mentioned in this report have attended St. Joseph's College, MILDURA and in relations to the same mentioned all at some time or other been altar boys.

All these happenings are general knowledge among the Catholic and non Catholic community in this area, and so fear that if the existence of the Monsignor in this or any other parish continued it will no doubt do untold damage to the catholic faith.

My lord we beg a meeting between you and a delegation of menfolk from this parish at a time and place at your convenience. This matter we fear should be expedited so as to alleviate the problems that now exist.

Yours sincerely,

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