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From: Peter Connors REDACTED
Subject: Re: Strictly private and confidential to Bishop Peter Connors
- from Phil O'Donnell
Date: 28 November 2012 2:54:48 PM AEDT
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Dear Phil,

I have make a quick read of your submission which came through to me from the Bishop's Office through the Secretary to the Bishop.

As you may have expected, I have been devoting several hours if not days to reading through some of the goings on in Ballarat diocese before I came in 1997. After meeting with more than fifty victims face to face, I have a fairly good idea of the tremendous harm that has been done to them and to all related to them.

✠ Your summary of the matter of Bill Baker rings true for me. ✠ The only comment that I would wish to make is that I thought that the two qualified men from Gladstone Park came to my office as Vicar General. When they told me of the nature of their concern, I immediately referred them to the Archbishop which was my action when it concerned the actions of a priest. I do have recollections of meeting with the parents of the victim. I have always felt that the uncle of the victim who is renowned at ACK was always rather cool to me. And I cannot blame him for that.

I expect that I shall be called to comment on the administration of Frank Little. Don't quote me, but Frank found it very difficult to be strong with priests. He was aware of the experience of REDACTED his best friend, at the hands of REDACTED He did want to be likened to that style of administration. I am afraid that Ron Mulkearns come from the same stable.

ONE day I shall really be retired. In the meantime, I hope that I can make a difference.

With kind regards,

Peter

Bishop Peter Connors

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