

FILE NOTE

DATE: 13 August 2015
TIME: 1.55pm
FILE: Matter No: 140909
Trustees of the Marist Brothers ats .CNQ
NATURE OF ATTENDANCE: Telephone conversation with Les Brogan (Br Valerius)
BY: Tracy Dunford

Les Brogan indicated he was at Hamilton between 1977 and 1980 and then he was transferred to another school but decided to leave the Order shortly after that in 1980.

He confirmed he taught religion and geography and was otherwise involved in administration. He was also a Superior in 1979 and 1980.

He did not know the claimant and was not aware of the abuse.

He confirmed that he did know Br Patrick Butler but was not aware of any abuse and was "*quite surprised*" to hear about the charges when he did". He said that Br Patrick Butler was an ordinary teacher but could be overbearing and strong at times.

He confirmed that he did know a Br Richard and a Br Alfred but could not recall their surnames or their whereabouts but understood that Br Alfred was dead.

I asked him whether he knew a Br Osmon McKinney and he confirmed that he did know him and understood he taught drama and did musicals but never knew of any complaints against him.

I asked him whether he knew Br Dominic O'Sullivan and he said he didn't know him and confirmed that he only taught students from Year 10 upwards and was involved more in the seniors rather than the juniors and couldn't add any more than that, apart from saying that the current climate was a sad state of affairs.

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