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Transcript of letter written to the Editor from CA

To the Editor – Mid Coast Anglican

I am writing in response to your front page article in the North Coast Anglican May 2006. I will plead wit you to have the god given courage to publish my letter. I was one of the children in the North Coast Childrens' Home, Lismore, put aside the sexual abuse that you now know through your investigation happened, and that at least one case has led to criminal prosecution, in a place where children should have been safe, to be abused by the very people who professed to the general congregation to be one with our Lord, that in itself is destroying enough. Consider the legacy of the brutal beatings and the brutal soul destroying verbal abuse, the hunger, the demoralising acts of wrapping our bodies in bedding soiled by our own excrements, forced to eat food we had vomited in, sitting some times for hours meal to meal and into the night. The activity of picking the nits and lice from our fellow inmates hair and the burning kerosene poured over your head that was then wrapped in cloth to seep into your eyes, continual ridicule and verbal abuse and the all consuming primal emotion of fear, the constant practice of rendering us unwanted, unworthy and the lowest of the low, someone must have questioned the screams, the cries for help, I hear them still. Someone must have seen the physical results of the abuse, some one must have asked why and noticed these were not children nurtured in normal practices. For gods sake we were little children. This is a journey not taken lightly, it takes a great deal of courage, it is serious and soul destroying. It is so much easier to bury the past and not confront that which has infested in your inner being for many years and until the Senate Committee Report and the gentle guidance of CLAN, it would have remained buried but the inner child continues to nag and needs to be pacified. You the people have been asked to be involved by way of your newspaper, please ask for the submissions of these abused people to be published and then question the validity and then draw your own conclusions. No matter how you live your life the inner child will continue to scream until you address its needs and one day you will when you finally have the courage and believe, you have the right top attempt to rid yourself of the long carried pain, you know have lived the greater part of your life, the worthless person you were made to believe you are doesn't have to fear truth. It may be glossed over with eloquent legal words but it happened and because it happened in a church institution, makes no difference but those who noticed and did nothing should hang their head in shame. Rally in the end, vengeance is mine says the Lord and in the words of mother Theresa, in the final analysis its all between you and god.

Sincerely

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