

Facilitator's Report

In the matter of the Towards Healing Complaint by Ms Jennifer Clare Ingham

Facilitation held at the offices of Mullins Lawyers' Riverside Centre, Brisbane, on Friday 24 May 2013.

Present:- Deacon Chris Wallace (the church authority), Emma Fenby (solicitor, CCI), Mrs Jennifer Ingham and her husband Lindsay and her sister Margaret, Alyson Reichert (Jennifer's friend and support person), Peter Keiso (solicitor for the complainant).

Facilitator: Michael Salmon.

It is noted that there is a follow up pastoral meeting scheduled between Jennifer Ingham and Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett for Monday 24 June 2013. The meeting will also be held in Brisbane.

The outcomes of the facilitation were as follows:-

1. Jennifer Ingham was offered the opportunity to directly address Deacon Wallace. In particular she was able to speak to profound issues of concern for her namely:
 - When the church had knowledge of Fr Brown's inappropriate conduct both generally, and in relation to her own circumstances, and
 - Her sense of lack of pastoral care from the church with particular reference to a 1990 meeting at the Lismore presbytery which was attended amongst others, by Fr Frank Mulcahy.
2. Deacon Wallace was offered the opportunity to respond to Jennifer's specific questions and concerns, and more generally to her complaint. In doing so Deacon Wallace offered a verbal apology which was accepted by the complainant.
3. It was agreed that the church authority will work up a written apology which will be provided to Jennifer Ingham at the 24 June pastoral meeting with Bishop Jarrett.
4. Deacon Wallace gave an undertaking to personally follow up with Fr Frank Mulcahy as a matter of priority, certain issues of concern, and to report back on this exercise at the 24 June pastoral meeting.
5. Deacon Wallace undertook for the immediate future to be the contact point for Jennifer Ingham in terms of providing her with spiritual direction until, and if a Brisbane based person is identified for that task.

6. A financial settlement for the sum of \$265,000.00 (plus coverage for legal professional costs and disbursements of approximately \$10,000.00) was negotiated. A Deed reflecting this agreement was signed by the complainant on the day.

Michael Salmon

26 May 2013

