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Dear REDA

Thank you for your letter of 3rd March concerning the situation in the Parish of Tweed Heads.

Like yourself, I too have been concerned for some time. My problem has been a simple lack of information. Almost all the complaints I have received have been anonymous, second or third hand, or from people who do not wish to be quoted. Much of has been gossip.

I had heard of some of the things that have happened in the Church. However, to be fair, similar things have happened in several churches in the district, and unless clear proof can be found, it would be unfair to put the blame on the people from Fatcher House.

I am hoping to see Father Brown in the near future. It was to have been this week, but I understand that he is away at present. If the problem can be solved without having recourse to Canon Law, then so much the better. If not, then I may have to ask you to assemble the statutory declarations that parishioners are prepared to give.

My only other suggestion for the present is that you go and see Father Brown personally and tell him that you have written to me about the situation in the parish.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Satterthwaite

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