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From: Rogers, Bernadette
Sent: Wednesday, 7 August 2013 10:40 AM
To: 'CSCU@police.qld.gov.au'
Subject: Information Rex Paul Brown (deceased)

To: Detective Senior Sergeant
Child and Sexual Crime Unit

Dear Senior Sergeant

I write to you in my capacity as Director of Professional Standards for the Catholic Church in Queensland

The Towards Healing Process directs me to give information of any alleged offence to the Police without disclosing those details that could lead to the identification of the complainant. This report is made to you pursuant to s 22 of the Child Protection Act 1999. I am providing information to you as a police officer about alleged harm to a child.

The allegation is as follows:

The complainant states that Fr Brown commenced to sexually abuse her in about 1978 when she was 16 years old and the abuse continued until she was 19. Fr Brown was a Marist priest attached to the Diocese of Lismore. The abuse occurred at various locations: primarily at the Marist Brothers Presbytery at Lismore, NSW and at times at St Joseph's Presbytery in Tweed Heads. On the first occasion at the Presbytery the complainant states that Fr Brown asked her to sit on his knee and he began to fondle her breasts. He tried to kiss her and took his trousers down and asked her to suck his penis. She complied with this request. At no time did he get an erection. She said this behaviour continued for about three years. He did try to have intercourse with her but could never get an erection. On many occasions he was very drunk. Fr Brown died in 2005.

I confirm this information is for your information only.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this email.

Yours faithfully

Bernadette Rogers
Director Professional Standards