

Dear DK

I have your note thanks. We probably need to talk about it but I can give you a couple of these matters that might help us to move forward.

I think that it would be better for you and also for the Marist Brothers to have a professional medical psychological assessment done by a specialist. At the moment the first date I can get for you to have an appointment for a psych assessment with a man who is highly qualified and we often use is the 17 March. This man usually takes at least a week to write his report so that would present a challenge. I will search around to see if someone else qualified is available. At this stage they aren't.

The second matter is just a point of clarification to make sure you are happy with the present proposal. The mediator that is available is Michael Salmon. Michael is employed by the Church to supervise the implementation in NSW of the Towards Healing protocol. When leaders of religious orders or Bishops become involved in the mediation process he oversees that to make sure that elements of Towards Healing are conformed with. He is also a very experienced and qualified mediator. We have used him frequently and never had any concerns. I mention this though because he is paid by the Catholic Church to run the Professional Standards Office and to oversee that it is properly implemented. I did have one case where a person was concerned that this was a conflict of interest and so we did not use Michael Salmon as the mediator. If you are concerned about this then we would try to obtain another mediator who is suitably qualified but I am not sure about availability at this time. It would be good to talk on the phone just in case you have any questions about any of this.

Alexis

PS This was not sent as a long conversation was held with

DK 22nd February 2010 and above was explained.