

**STATEMENT OF RONALD McKEIRNAN**

I, **RONALD McKEIRNAN** c/- Robertson O'Gorman Solicitors, Level 19, 179 Turbot Street in the State of Queensland, make statement as follows:-

1. I refer to the statement of Joan Katherine Isaacs dated 23 October 2013 particularly at paragraph 12 thereof where it is stated:
  - Father Ron McKeirman was Deputy Director of Catholic Education who I knew had sexually abused a number of children while a resident at Sacred Heart Presbytery, including a very good friend of mine. Father McKeirman was later convicted of child sexual assault (in 1998).
2. I say that I was either Assistant Director or Deputy Director (essentially number 2) in the Catholic education administration in Brisbane from 1975 to 1996.
3. I was at the Sandgate Sacred Heart Presbytery in 1964 to 1966 in the position then referred to as Curate, now referred to as Assistant Priest.
4. In or about 1996 I was charged with various sexual offences including some relating to my period at the Sacred Heart Presbytery. At this time being almost 20 years ago I do not have a clear memory of the names of the complainants I was charged with but I do have a recollection that some did relate to the period while I was at the Sacred Heart Presbytery 1964 to 1966.
5. There was a committal hearing at which some charges were thrown out and I pleaded guilty to the balance charges in the Brisbane District Court and I instructed my barrister to publicly apologise to the victims whom I had offended against and my barrister did that during the course of the sentence proceedings.
6. I am unable to comment in relation to the phrase in Ms Isaacs statement at paragraph 12 "including a very good friend of mine".

  
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7. I was sentenced to a term of imprisonment as a result of pleading guilty in the District Court and I came out of prison in 1999.
8. Since 1996 when I was charged with the various sexual offences I voluntarily stood down according to the protocol at the time from my position at Catholic Education and I have not participated in or in any way celebrated a Parish Mass anywhere but particularly in Brisbane since 1996.

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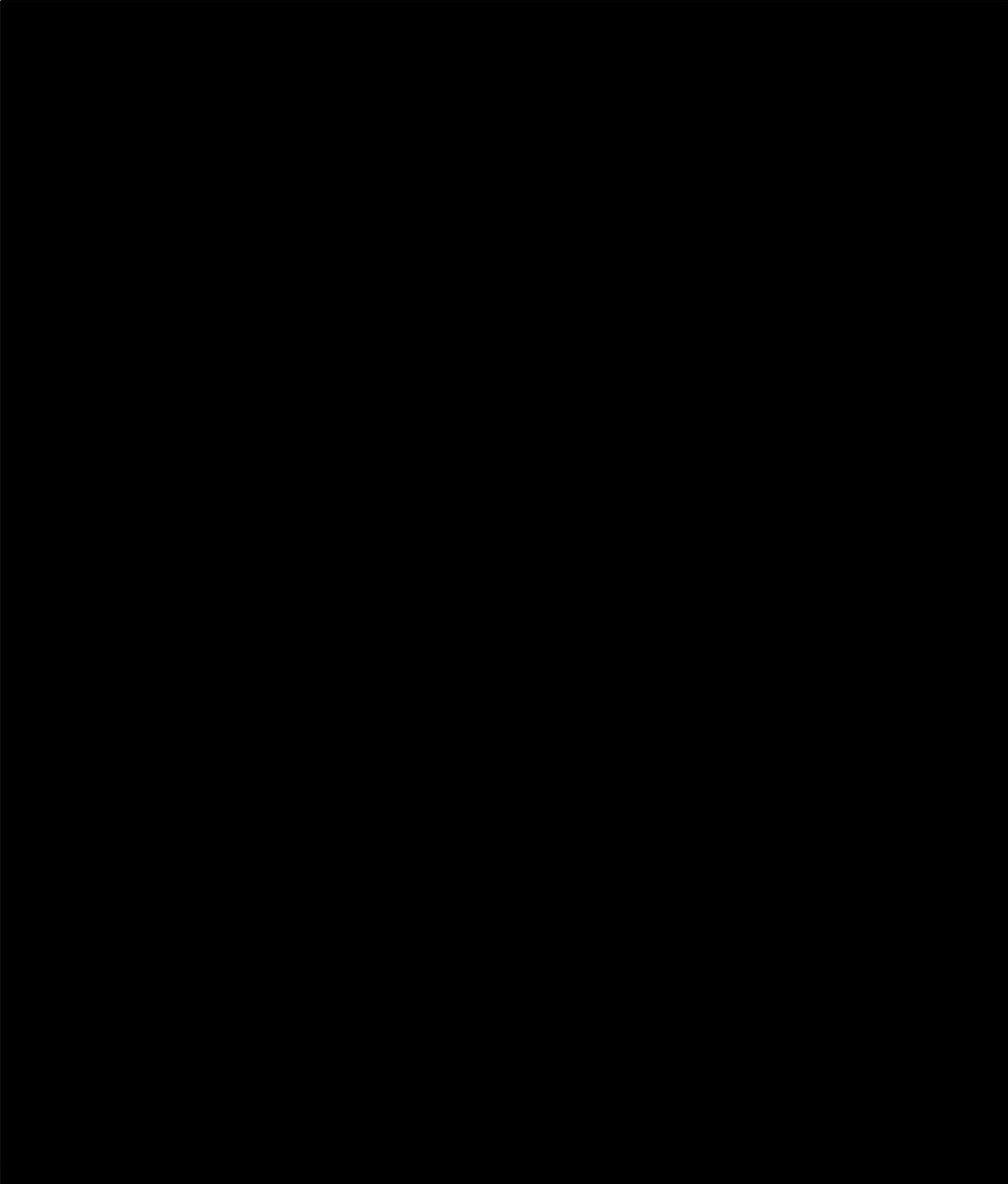
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*D. J. Keenan*



DATED this *sixth* day of *December* 2013.

*Ronald McKeirnan*  
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