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Subject: re catholic institutions sexual abuse. response to issue paper 11.

Dear commissioners,

I will try and set out what has given way to abuse within the Catholic Church institutions as I see it. I can state that as a child migrant my future for abuse was already written for abuse started long before I arrived into the catholic institution of the Christian brothers at [REDACTED]. In the words of Brother [REDACTED] those who were supposed to look after our welfare were shearers and farmers and who knows what else and were from these so-called Christian Brothers came from, certainly not from an academic background. With no knowledge of teaching, learning this some fifty years after my abuse I was disgusted.

The priority for the Christian brothers was to make money from all the land that was allocated to them. We are talking of many thousands of acres, of which most was virgin land that had to be chained, Burnt, raked, and cleared for crops.

The scheme as it was called was a premeditated way to get these lands worked with no labor costs, using innocent children; this would have attracted Pedophiles from all walks of life.

There was no such thing as checks in those days, and it would not have been hard to become a member of the clergy.

I would think that statistics would show that most abuse happened were children lived in isolation.

Most children have never been loved either because they had no parents or understanding of what love and affection is.

I know that I'm not following issue paper 11 from A to but I must priorities what I feel very strong about.

As one that have been brought up in a strict catholic family that I loved and followed each word and text of the commandments as my parents taught me all the twelve years I was with them and continued to follow their teachings when I was sent here, it now hurts me to say that the God that I knew as a child had never existed.

All the commandments and sacraments have no more meaning to me now.

The sacrament of confession is the biggest con job that the church has ever invented, the blood of Christ is all bullshit, the words of the priest are all lies or coming from brain washing in the seminary.

Chastity is against human nature, and the church should know better then to demand this from its clergy, the mere fact that one is going to join this organization without any sexual satisfaction is in it self deceiving, no one in their right mind would or could guarantee that in time they will not offend in one way or another. Children in institutions were many and very easy to manipulate and in many cases have no one to turn too this gave way to child abuse that over time became the norm among the clergy.

It become a way of clergy life, this did not start just fifty years ago but right from the inception of Christianity. Right throughout church history it is well documented that Popes have offended and in the writings of Saint Paul to the apostles that homosexuality was ripe and a way of life for so called clergy.

It has always been known to the church that these atrocities are happening, they have always-fond ways of hiding these facts because the church always was involved in governments and had control over kings and rulers.

The sacrament of confession in my opinion is one that was created to catch those who were against the authorities and passed on to the rulers for punishment.

The confessional is no secret, in my case I know for a fact what I confessed was passed on to the Christian Brothers and punishment followed.

Cannon law is in many ways a secretive constitution that has been added and changed from the time of the so called apostles to Popes, as I see it a way to protect the church from common laws of old, these laws for many years made the church immune from wrong doings in common law, I feel that this should not be recognized in todays common laws and the church should be forbidden to hide behind it.

The agenda of the church has always been about making and saving money and not saving souls if there is such a thing.

People of my parents and grandparent's generation were not bible readers nor were they educated in old mythologies they always relied on the word of the priest.

We know now that all religions are derived from mythologies the bible emulates these writings.

The extent of abuse in my opinion has to do with word of mouth from clergy to clergy, the ring of Pedophile has therefor always followed were the ripping was ripe.

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Welfare was never in existence so much so that the nearest hospital was some 60 miles away, no doctor on site, no dental treatment, no-one was qualified in medical treatment, many injuries would fester due to lack of care.

The church has to take responsibility for not only the survivor but also their families who because of the abuse caused hardship and hurt and psychological problems to family members.

When I was a child of seven or eight years of age confession for children was always done in the open, that is not in the confessional I don't know if this was a Maltese rule or not, but the priest set on a chair in view of everyone and the child knelt beside him. Hope that this helps if confession is to continue with children. The doctrine of the church is very unfair to young children, the Adam and Eve fable, the haven and hell, and most of the don'ts can cause physiological harm to the young, I know as a child I was always troubled that I may have done something wrong

By falling to sleep during the Rosary.

The dogma of the church is full of fear; it is not fit to be taught to young children. The fact the mascot of the church is the image of a crucified man is scary or the image of a women that appears in different places in different skin color is weird, her name is different in all the suppose appearances this mystical women that the church did not give a shit about until the time when women were not allowed to go to church and the church started loosing patronage they introduced her to bring back man to a dyeing church.

Oh how sorry I feel for my ancestors all the sacrifices they made in the name of a God that is born from superstition.

The individual has to be blamed for child abuse to a degree that he or she had known that it was wrong, Culture has to also be blamed for a rotten apple left in a full box will surely contaminate the rest.

The Fault must be put on the hierarchy they knew what was happening and they chose to hide it and the person who committed the crime.

You may wonder when I lost faith, well yes it was after when I was abused, but understand, this I as soon as I was able I did what my mother told me to do if I had difficulties and that was to pray to God and the Virgin Mary for help.

I would go to the chapel and kneel down in front of the statue of the virgin and from my heart with tears poring down I prayed and prayed, I was in hope of the statue would tell something relive my pain, move, or give me some sign but that stone statue stayed with the cold looking eyes that I always saw.

Even after that I still did not give up hope, so I went to confession and it was then that I knew in my heart that all that I was taught was all bullshit, hard to take when most of my teaching come from my parents.

And that was the last straw for me, and it was then I had made up my mind to do away with my life, I knew I could never tell anyone and specially my mother may she rest in peace.

I know that I have very little time left before I am six foot under, and I am at peace with myself knowing that all there is in life is now, there is no next life no haven no hell just peace.

I do hope that what I have written makes sense to you I am lucky that I learned to write a little as best as I can.

In my opinion religion should be outlawed for it has through out the ages done more harm to humanity with its lies and deceitful ways and is mostly responsible for many wars and lose of life then any other disaster the world has witness.

It continues to use doom and gloom to the so-called faithful, a religion based on fear of a God that supposes to have created them.

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When will the time come that children will enjoy their childhood without the vulnerability of adults' interference?

Who will stop those who are trying to bring down the age of consent to age twelve were children will start making children?

This is not a good time for a child laws have to be made more harsh, if a life of a child is ruined through abuse then that abuser should be locked up for life.

I would like to again thank the commission for giving me hope that all is being done to eliminate abuse from the face of this earth.

And I think there should be a noble price for what you are doing.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Please fell free to publish if you think it help.

Regards to all.

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