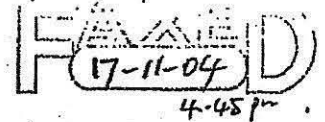




AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

General Secretariat

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17th November 2004

MEMORANDUM

Your Eminence, Your Graces, My Lords

I am writing to all of the Diocesan Bishops to bring to your attention a letter dated 8th November 2004, received from Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.

The Archbishop is seeking advice as to whether there may be priests or ex-priests from Australia who have been involved in child sexual abuse or other canonical irregularity and might now be living in Dublin.

Could I suggest that you make any reply that may be necessary directly to Archbishop Martin.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Rev Brian Lucas
General Secretary

DIARMUID MARTIN
ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN

8th November, 2004.

Reverend Brian Lucas,
General Secretary,
Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference,
GPO Box 368,
Canberra,
Australia.

Dear Father Lucas,

I am at present ensuring the effectiveness of procedures which I have in place in the area of child protection in the Diocese of Dublin, Ireland.

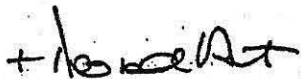
I am anxious to know whether there may be priests or ex-priests from Australia who have been involved in child sexual abuse or other canonical irregularity and who might be living in Dublin. Dublin offers a certain anonymity to such priests and it is a likely place of residence for an English speaking priest who may wish to avoid whatever monitoring procedures may have been put in place.

I ask you to draw this letter to the attention of the Bishops.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,



✠ Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin