



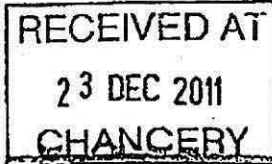
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

General Secretariat

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Your Eminence, Your Graces, My Lords, Reverend Monsignor



1. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Minutes

Enclosed are the draft minutes from the Plenary Meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference held on 21 – 25 November 2011. Please advise any amendments or corrections by 31 January 2012.

2. Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Africae Munus*

Enclosed is a copy of the Holy Father's latest Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Africae Munus*.

3. 98th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Enclosed is the Holy Father's Message for the 98th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, on the theme "Migration and the New Evangelization".

4. Pastoral care of Shrines

Enclosed is a letter and circular from Cardinal Mauro Piacenza for the attention of Rectors and Priests who have the pastoral care of Shrines.

5. Lutheran – Roman Catholic Dialogue

6. Enclosed is a copy of the booklet *Living Word Living Tradition* Lutheran – Roman Catholic Dialogue in Australia 2008-2011.

7. 70th anniversary of the institution of Pontifical Pastoral Ministry for Vocations to the Priesthood

Enclosed is a letter from Monsignor Francis Bonnici regarding the PPMVP congress held in Rome.

8. School Fundraising

Enclosed is material from Wollongong Diocese with this message:

"Please find attached a copy of the *"Faith-In-Action"* Guidelines produced by our Diocese. It is the product of lengthy research and consultation sparked by concern that our schools needed to priorities fundraising and support for Catholic agencies. Other Bishops and dioceses may find the approach useful for their purposes of ensuring Catholic Mission, Caritas and the St Vincent de Paul Society receive priority from Catholic schools".

9. Sisters of Mercy

Enclosed is correspondence from The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea with details of Congregational Leader and Councillors

10. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Archbishop Wilson has received the attached letter dated 15 October 2011 from Cardinal William Levada. This follows the discussion at the ad limina where Monsignor Scicluna raised the matter of some possible disparity between the cases notified to the Congregation and those that are mentioned on public websites.

Archbishop Wilson wishes to reply to the Congregation himself and asked me to request that you provide the information, as set out in the attached letter, to him according to the following protocol. Please prepare the report requested and seal in an envelope marked "confidential" and addressed to Archbishop Wilson and with the (arch)diocese or eparchy name as well. Please then put that sealed envelope in another envelope addressed to me at the General Secretariat and also mark that envelope "confidential". When the replies are received they will be collated by Archbishop Wilson and form part of his report.

It would be helpful if replies could be sent by 3 February 2012

Please do not hesitate to telephone me if this requires further explanation.

May I take this opportunity to extend to each of you, on behalf of all the Secretariat staff, our very warm greetings for Christmas.

The General Secretariat will close on 24th December 2011 and reopen on 3rd January 2012. I will be contactable during that time (0419 243 959) should the need arise.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely in Christ



Rev Brian Lucas
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Friday, 3rd February, 2012

Prot N. 312/2005 - 36693



Archbishop Philip Wilson
President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
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Dear Philip,

Please find enclosed the tabulated details of all Diocesan and extra Diocesan clerics who fall within the parameters set out in the correspondence from Cardinal Levada, Prot. N. 312/2005-36693, dated 15 October 2011.

If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every blessing

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend William Wright
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

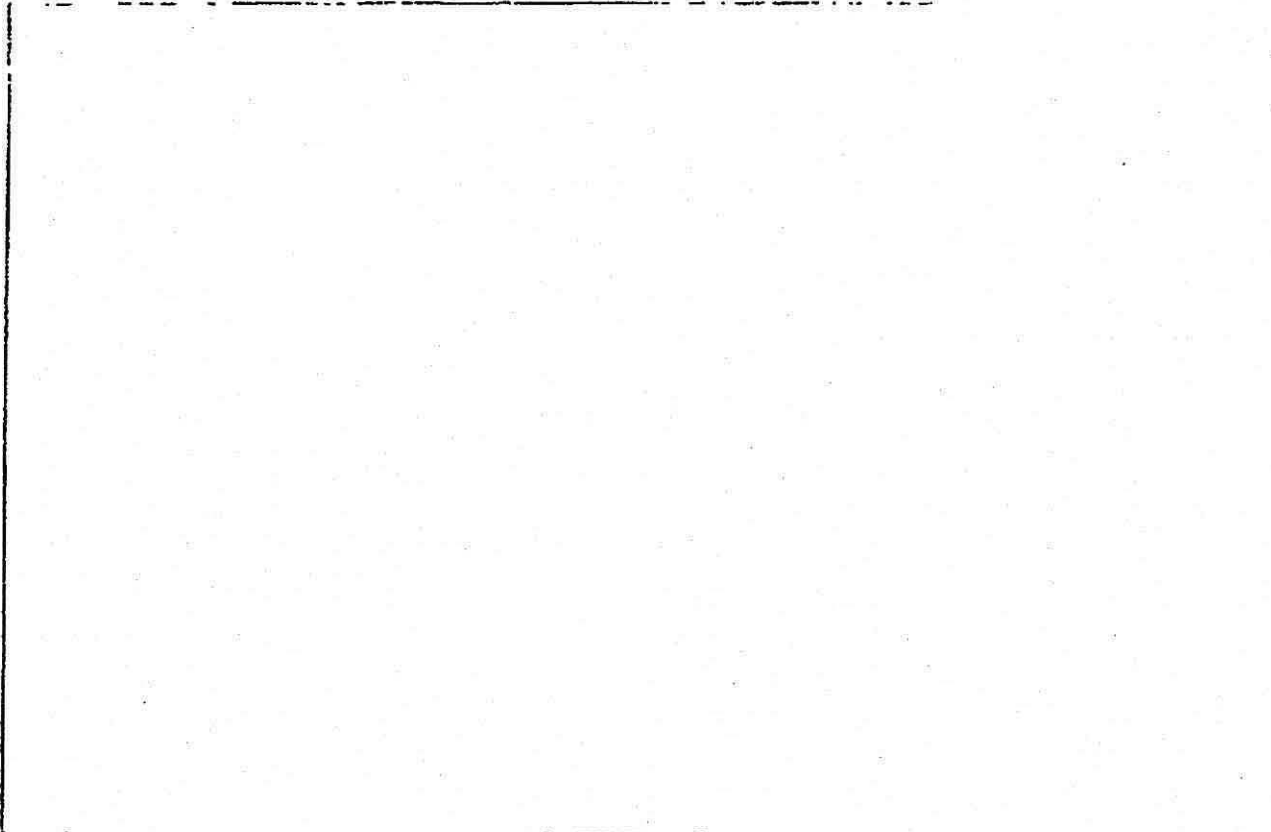
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REPORT TO THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE:

**ALL KNOWN CASES OF CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT BY CLERICS
IN THE DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE**

WHERE THERE IS A CRIMINAL CHARGE OR CONVICTION OR A CREDIBLE CIVIL CLAIM

NB: A Credible Civil Claim equates to at least one 'sustained' finding made against a cleric for an allegation of reportable conduct under Part 3A of the NSW Ombudsman Act 1974, or abusive conduct under Towards Healing.





Name:	FLETCHER, James (Jim)	Date of Birth:	20 November 1941
Date of Ordination:	7 December 1968	Date of Death (if applicable):	7 January 2006
Canonical Status:	2003 Faculties removed by Bishop Malone		
Criminal Charges & Convictions:	<p>2003: Charged with eight counts of homosexual intercourse with a boy whilst he was aged 10-18 years old, committing an act of indecency and indecent assault.</p> <p>2004: Convicted of nine offences and gaoled for a period of 10 years with a non-parole period of 7 years.</p>		
Civil Findings:	<p>2005 Reportable Conduct investigation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the basis of the abovementioned criminal convictions, the allegations that Fr Fletcher had homosexual intercourse and committed an act of indecency with a boy aged 10-18 years old were sustained, resulting in a Category 1 notification to the Commission for Children and Young People 		

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Name:	McALINDEN, Dennis	Date of Birth	24 January 1923
Date of Ordination	5 June 1949	Date of Death (if applicable)	30 November 2005
Canonical Status	1993:Fr McAlinden's faculties permanently withdrawn by Bishops Leo Clarke (Dec.) of Maitland-Newcastle and Quinn of Bunbury.		
Criminal Charges & Convictions	1994: Bunbury, Western Australia. Fr McAlinden found not guilty of sexually assaulting a female under 12 years. 1999: NSW Police issue warrant for Fr McAlinden's arrest for questioning over sexual assault of 5 females under 16 years of age.		
Civil Findings	No civil findings made.		

End Report
