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Dear Ms Sullivan

Father Denis McAlinden

Thank you for your letter of 18th February 2013 requesting information relating to child sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

I can confirm that the Diocese of Bunbury cannot find any documentation with regard to complaints, misdemeanors etc in relation to Father Denis McAlinden. Nor can it find any documentation regarding suspicions of child sexual abuse.

The Diocese of Bunbury has no documentation regarding communications between the Diocese of Geraldton, the Police, nor the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.

I am enclosing with this letter all documentation held on our files, including the 'Bishop's file', relating to Father McAlinden during the period he served in the Diocese of Bunbury.

Should you require any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Gerard J Holohan
Bishop of Bunbury

28th February 2013

Encs

Rev Denis M^cAlinden

BORN: 24.1.23

ordained: 5-6-49

St Kierans Kilkenny

next of kin: Mrs URIB (let)

New Guinea : 1968 - 1981

Lisaldon : 1982 - 1984

New Zealand : 1985 - 1986

Maitland : 1986 - 1988

Bunbury
KORORUP. : 1988 : 1991 Denis MCALINDEN

Mr Barker (proton)
Denmark

Aug 92. - Oct 92
Oct 92.

RECALLED BY HIS OWN BISHOP FEB 1993
(Maitland Diocese.)



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Bishop's File

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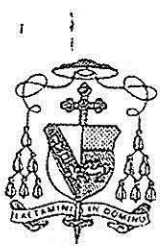
Re: Fr. Denis McBlinden

In September 1991 Father
McBlinden was accused of
indecent dealings with a 9-10-y.o
girl at Stockham in 1982 and
arrested + released on bail.

The legal process continued over
a nine month period until the
trial by jury took place on July 13-15.
The judgement - unanimous verdict of
the jury - was not guilty given on 16/7/92

+ Peter Connor

21/7/92



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Father McAlinden

replaced Father Ian
Johnson as Parish Priest
of Kojonup in February 1989
for a three year term.
+ P. Quinn



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21 July 1992

Dear Father McAlinden

Now that the dreadful legal actions have been put to a favourable conclusion I welcome you back to pastoral activity.

I have kept Bishop Clarke informed of the outcome of the case and of course he shares our relief.

Nothing to the contrary having been said I presume his permission for you to continue to work in Bunbury is included in his open permission of October 7th 1988.

I now appoint you as "locum tenens" to the Mt Barker/Denmark Parishes. When Father Michael Dziejczic returns I would like you to take care of the Parish of Denmark on a temporary basis.

Denmark is a parish (tiny though it is) in its own right and has had Priestly services from Mt Barker and pastoral care and supervision from Deacon Terry Quinn. I would ask you to work on a co-pastor basis with the Deacon. Certain local independence has been achieved and as in the long term a Priest will probably not be permanently there I wish the present structures to remain.

We can talk about this in detail but I put it here so that it will be on record.

May God bless and strengthen you.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Bishop of Bunbury

M^cAlinden
Kojonup 1968-96

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"Mary Farm"
P.O. Box 184.
Bindoon, 6502.

CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY,
KOJONUP, W.A. 6395
PHONE 098 311135

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Dear Paul, RECEIVED 22 OCT 1991
would you kindly withdraw the amount
specified on the enclosed A/c. from my D.P.F. Fund
and forward to Mother Rosarii, Little Sisters of the Poor,
Glendalough (Mt. Hawthorn, P.O. Box 200).
W.A. 6016.

Many thanks.

F. Denis.

P.S. Will be moving to Bindoon (as above) on Monday,
OCT 21st.

J.
Box 200
Mt. Hawthorn 6016
Telephone 443 3155

Little Sisters of the Poor
"Glendalough"
Rawlins Street,
Mt. Hawthorn 6016
Western Australia

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14 October 1991

To Fr Dennis McAlledin
c/- Priests Flats
Little Sisters of the Poor
Rawlins Street
GLEN DALOUGH

Board and Lodging from	9/09/91 - 22/09/91	\$250.00
" " "	from 23/09/91 - 6/10/91	<u>250.00</u>
		\$500.00
	7/10/91 - 20/10/91	<u>250.00</u>
		<u>\$ 750.00</u>

Thank you,
Sr. Rosalie
Chq No. 23975
Dated 22/10/91
Posted

RECEIVED 3 OCT 1991 →

WABUNB

St. Bernard's Catholic Parish,
Kojonup, W.A. 6395.
Phone 098 31 1135.

1/10/91

Dear Paul,

Managed to get the A/P Books
back from Accountant only last week —
but still no Audit has been carried out.

Have tried to list in Returns as well as
possible from Parish A/P Book, though it is
not itemised in the same detail as your
Paper, but at least the totals would be
correct. Unfortunately, I have not got
the Bank-Statements with me here in
Glenadaloup (though you would have copies already).

Enclosed 2 Cheques as below: —

Ch. no. 497276 — \$ 467.70	a) Co-Responsibility	237.85
	b) Peter's Pence	153.25
	c) Mass Media	40.60
	d) Ap. & Sec.	36.00
		<u>467.70</u>

EC1. 6033

Ch. No 497277 — \$ 366.62 — Sustentation Fund.

Trust this clears the decks — sorry for
the delay. Barbed 3/10/91
Sincerely in Christ
Dor M. Glendon