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## FAX MESSAGE

## FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

## MONSIGNOR A.J. HART, V.G.

The town of Skegness is situated in the diocese of Nottingham.

The name and address of the Bishop is:

The Rt. Rev. James J. McGuinness, Bishop of Nottingham, Bishop's House, 27 Cavendish Road East, The Park, Nottingham NG7 1BB.

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I hope this information will be of help to you.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

Chancellor's Secretary.

1 April 1993

The Rt. Rev James J McGuinness Bishop of Nottingham Bishop's House 27 Cavendish Road East The Park NOTTINGHAM NG7 1BB

Dear Bishop McGuinness,

I write to inform you that a priest who worked in this Diocese of Maitland for 43 years left here last week to reside with his married sister in your Diocese.

The priest is Father Denis McAlinden and the circumstances of his leaving are as follows.

After a number of complaints and allegations had been made concerning his behaviour with small children some years ago, he admitted that he had offended in this matter. However, he also claimed that he has not offended over the past 5 years.

Following the policy agreed upon by the Bishops of Australia I withdrew his faculties and obtained from him a promise that he would not dress as a priest nor carry out publicly any priestly functions. He opted to reside with his married sister in Skegness.

Out of courtesy I write to inform you about this matter.

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Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend L M Clarke, DD Bishop of Maitland



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6th April, 1993

Most Rev. L.M. Clarke D.D., Bishop of Maitland, Chancery Office, 341 High Street, Maitland. NSW 2330, PO BOX 73, AUSTRALIA.

My Dear Lord,

I thank you for your letter of 1st April informing me that a priest who has worked in your Diocese for 43 years has left to reside with a married sister living in Skegness in my Diocese. I have been in touch with the parish priest of Skegness Fr. J. Finneran, Sacred Heart Presbytery, Grosvenor Road, Skegness, Lincolnshire. PE25 2DB and have informed him of the same.

He knows UR48 quite well as an active parishioner. No doubt he will meet Fr. McIlenden when eventaully he arrives in Skegness. I note the restrictions you have placed on him, and will continue to observe these as far as is possible. Thank you for informing me. May I take this opportunity of wishing you every Easter Blessing.

Yours in the Lord,

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BISHOP OF NOTTINGHAM\*

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