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Mr John Davoren
Professional Standards Resource Group
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Dear John,

I write to notify you that one of our priests, Fr Denis McAlinden, has been accused **AL+AK** of sexual assault of children.

This information has come to us from **AL + AK**, who do not wish to be involved in any civil action in this regard. We also believe that there are other victims apart from **AL+AK**. These have not indicated at this stage any wish to take the matter to the police. There is reference in one of his letters to a court case in Perth but we have no other details of it.

However, I think this is a matter where "intelligence" could well be given to the police. We do not have an address for him in this country. At present he is in England celebrating his Golden Jubilee despite the fact that his facilities have been removed since 1993. We suspect that he will come back to Australia late in August and reside somewhere in the Bunbury Region of Western Australia. Family are unable to give an exact address.

I'm taking off on Sunday for 4 weeks leave. Ring me before then if you need to or after 16th September.

Best wishes,

Bill

Rev W Burston
Vicar General

WB/ml



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