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**From:** John Usher  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2012 11:49 AM  
**To:** Michael Casey  
**Cc:** Danny Casey; Jennifer Cook; Katrina Lee; Bishop Julian Porteous; Michael Moore  
**Subject:** RE: REDACTED

Dear Michael

Unfortunately, this speech omits many facts. I was not personally involved in this case but, having spoken to Fr Lucas, the early allegations against McAlinden were "hearsay". McAlinden made no admissions so the church authorities had nothing to go on other than rumours about him.

Nevertheless, they wanted him to seek laicisation because of the growing rumours about his behaviour. McAlinden refused to cooperate and without concrete evidence there is little the church authorities could do. It was not until the victims went to the police at a later time that the removal of McAlinden's faculties happened.

This is the story as I understand it. In any event, it seems to have nothing to do with the Archdiocese of Sydney.

*reply please*

Best wishes

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**From:** Michael Casey  
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Pls see attached. Please let me know your thoughts.

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