

1 April 1993

The Rt. Rev James J McGuinness  
Bishop of Nottingham  
Bishop's House  
27 Cavendish Road East  
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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