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SEXUAL ABUSE

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Phone call from UR55

re her son UR72 who was sexually abused, he claimed, by Fr. Denis McAlinden at ~~Stockton~~ ^{Spottland} several years ago.

UR72 is now 28 yrs of age. He claims the abuse went on for 10 years since he was about 7 yrs of age.

UR72 revealed this to his mother only last weekend (29-30 November '97) and has told no-one at all until this time.

I advised UR55 to report the matter to the Police A.S.A.P. and mentioned to her that we had received other complaints about McAlinden, but which the complainants had refused to go to the Police. Bishop Clarke and I had been investigating proceedings for laicisation of McAlinden.



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After expressing sorrow, I urged her to seek counselling through Bentacore - for her son and herself. The Diocese will pay for same.

I rang Bentacore to alert them to expect her call.

Signed