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HIA REF: 11

Witness Name HIA 11

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 11

HIA 11 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED] in Derry. I was a baby when I was placed in Nazareth House in Fahan, Donegal. When I was four years old I was moved to St Joseph's Home, Termonbacca. I had no contact with my mother and I do not know if I had any siblings or why I was placed in care.

St Joseph's Home, Termonbacca

2. In 1962 when I was four years old I was taken from Nazareth House in Fahan to St Joseph's Home in Termonbacca. I remained there until I was seventeen.
3. We were given numbers and that's how we were referred to rather than by our names. I was number [REDACTED] and as I got older I was known as number [REDACTED]. Our numbers were sewn into our clothes. I think the practice of numbers stopped in or around 1969/1970.
4. I was placed in the nursery when I first went into Termonbacca. I remember being punished because I wet myself. Sometimes I was made to wear my wet trousers over my head and I was beaten on my body with hands or straps by the

staff who were in their early sixties and a nun who was in charge of the nursery. I cannot recall the name of the nun or the names of the staff.

5. One day when I was in the nursery I remember being so hungry or thirsty that I got one of the cats to suck its' milk. I wasn't the only one to do this. There were about two or three of us who did it but I don't want to give their names. I remember being horsewhipped for it. One of the civilian staff called **SND 7** **SND 7** beat me with a strap. I was also beaten with a stick and hands by a woman named **SND 8** while I was in the nursery. She was a civilian staff member **[REDACTED]**

6. **SR 2** **[REDACTED]** a **SR 1** **[REDACTED]** were in charge of the junior and senior groups in the home. **SR 5** **[REDACTED]** replaced **SR 1** **[REDACTED]** **SR 1** **SR 5** **[REDACTED]** passed away **[REDACTED]**

7. When I was about five years old I was moved to the junior group. **SR 2** **[REDACTED]** **SR 2** was in charge of this group. One day when I was about six or seven I was taken to a bathroom by an older boy and he made me masturbate him. Then the boy got soap and he put it in my backside and he buggered me. I didn't know what was going on. I do not know the name of this older boy. This boy abused me a few times. In the dormitories older boys were in charge of us. I think this boy was about sixteen years old.

8. The older boys would have been there one week and gone the next because a lot were shipped out to Australia. I heard boys talking and saying the word 'Australia'. Other boys left the home when they turned sixteen. I saw them leave with their suitcase.

9. On one particular day I had five different boys abuse me in the same toilets. These toilets were in the senior dormitory which was on the ground level. After they abused me they escaped out the window so no one would see them leave. I was crying during the abuse and one of the boys smacked me in the face and told me to shut up. I do not know the name of these boys. There were no nuns around to tell and even if there was we didn't know what we were talking about

because we didn't know what sex was or where babies came from. We were never taught that. The sexual abuse went on for quite some time. Older boys abused me separately on other occasions. They made me masturbate them and some ejaculated over me. Some of them put their penis inside of me. The abuse continued until I was about fourteen years old.

10. Every Sunday a priest called **SND 9** came to the home to talk to the boys and take us for a walk **SND 9** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At the home he asked me to sit on his knee. He used to give me sweets. He started touching my penis over my shorts when I was on his knee. When I went for a walk with him he felt my penis and then he would take my hand and make me feel his penis over his trousers. I didn't know what he was doing because to me, as a child, he was God. I was twelve or thirteen years old. This went on for a while.

11. One day I was going into the town and **SND 9** was at the front of his home. He brought me in to the second room which was at the back of the house. He took his penis out and made me masturbate him. He pulled up my t-shirt and he ejaculated on my stomach. I remember he said 'ah so there we are now'. I think he abused a lot of boys. He has passed away.

12. At night time we would go to bed in the junior dormitory. There would have been about forty of us. We were given thirty seconds to sleep and if we didn't we would be beaten by an older boy who was between fourteen and sixteen years old. Every week an older boy stayed in our dormitory. They woke us up around 10pm to make us pee in a bucket in the middle of the floor with a mackintosh underneath. This was because the dorm was not close to the bathroom. During the night older boys came when we were sleeping and told us to go to down a long corridor to the bathroom with them. We were sexually abused. This happened a few times and I do not recall their names or numbers **SR 2** was in her cell in the corner of the dormitory when this was happening.

13. In the home we would be frequently left alone while the nuns attended prayers and duties. During this time we were abused by the older boys who resided in

the home. Other boys came from Belfast to visit boys and they sexually abused boys in Termonbacca. I was sexually abused by [REDACTED] **SND 10**

SND 10, [REDACTED] I was abused at least once every two weeks. He was about twenty one or twenty two and was the apple of [REDACTED] **SR 2**'s eye. He abused me from when I was about thirteen until I was about sixteen years old. He made me masturbate him and sometimes he would rub up and down on my stomach until he ejaculated. He abused me in the toilets.

14. I was sexually abused twice by [REDACTED] **SND 11** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He was about four or five years older than me. I was about fourteen or fifteen at the time. The first time he abused me was when an Army band were playing at the home and I had misbehaved and was sent to bed. He came to me and he made me masturbate him. He abused me for a second time in the glasshouse. I was helping [REDACTED] **SND 15** [REDACTED] **SND 15** had to go on a message and he left me there and told me not to smash or steal anything [REDACTED] **SND 11** came in and made me masturbate him.

15. I was also physically abused by ex residents. A boy called [REDACTED] **SND 6** made a point of beating me for example if he thought I was playing up or [REDACTED] **SR 2**. He was a bully. He beat me and other boys in the home. [REDACTED] **SND 6** made us make a circle and then make us fight each other outside in the field beside the home. He pretended to be the ringmaster. He did this for fun. I was physically abused by [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED] **SND 12** and [REDACTED] **SND 13**. One day me and a few others boys damaged the door of a new van they had bought. They took us into the byre and beat us with whips and water hoses. I never received medical treatment during my time in Termonbacca.

16. I was frequently physically abused by the nuns. I had brushes broke over the back of my head and my back because I did something wrong. This was the nuns' form of punishment. When we were saying our morning prayers we didn't wear underpants under our pyjamas. I was about thirteen years old and I took

an erection. I was dragged out and kicked and beaten by [SR 2] and she called me 'an animal'.

17. There were two nuns looking after one hundred boys in the group I was in – [SR 2] and [SR 1]. We were put to work, scrubbing floors and cleaning. I was beaten regularly by both [SR 2] and [SR 1] but most of the beatings came from [SR 2]. I feel that she picked on me all the time for no reason. She would use her fist or a brush handle or strap. Sister [SR 1] only ever beat me with her hand.

18. When I was younger somebody had left an iron in the laundry on and I got blamed for it. As punishment I was put into a cupboard where they kept the washing powder. I was locked in there for an hour. I was then taken out and slapped across the face and beaten with a belt by [SR 2] and put back in again. We were never taught what was right and what was wrong. That was the problem.

19. On another occasion when I was about twelve or thirteen [SR 2] accused me of doing something and she beat me on the legs with the flex of a kettle. I was left with big red marks on my legs. I had to stay in bed for two days and she wouldn't let me go to school because people would see the marks.

20. We went out to the Nazareth House School in Bishop Street. In school we were beaten by the nuns. One day I got beaten because I looked up a girl's skirt. I was ten at the time and I was probably wondering what a pair of knickers were. I was taken in front of the class and my short trousers were taken down and I was whipped by [SR 9]. She gave me twelve strokes of her belt that she wore around her waist. [SR 1] punched me in the face and called me a 'dirty beast'. I felt I was singled out and I am not sure why, maybe because I was a fighter or a rebel. I sometimes answered back.

21. After school we would return to the home. The nuns knew if we were punished in school because the nuns from the school telephoned and told them. When

this happened we were punished again, this time by the nuns in the home, usually **SR 2**.

22. One day I had wet myself with excitement and my face was rubbed into it. We were bathed in Jeyes Fluid. On another occasion I think I might have said a bad word or something and they put green carbolic soap into my mouth to wash the devil out of me and to give me a rough time.
23. Without warning I was moved to Long Tower Primary School when I was about eight years old. It was a new school and all the Termonbacca boys were moved. It was probably the happiest three years of my life. The teachers were fantastic. They looked after us and gave us some money and bought us sweets.
24. After the eleven plus I went to St Joseph's Secondary School. I didn't learn anything because I was beaten by the teachers. We were picked on because we were orphan boys. After one year I was moved to St Peter's High School which was a Christian Brothers school.
25. On my first day we were told to get in line. I didn't know which line to go to and **SND 17** hit me with one of the hardest punches I ever received. I fell to the floor and he kicked me in the stomach. As I got up he grabbed me by the ear and I got into line. I feel we were picked on because we were from Termonbacca.
26. One day on the way home from school a lorry carrying lemonade bottles was hijacked and they were giving out bottles of lemonade. I took a bottle and **SR 2** found it and made me take it back to the lorry. Afterwards she whipped me with the flex of an electric kettle. My legs were all bruised. She also kicked me and made me take the bottle back. I think I was about fourteen or fifteen years old.
27. When I was at St Peter's a Brother called **SND 18** came. I laughed at him one day and that was it, he singled me out from that time onwards. When I went to the toilet, he would come in. He would punch me and kick me but then it led

then to him making me masturbate him. He tried to bugger me on several occasions. This went on for nearly three years. The abuse always occurred in the toilets. **SND 18** is deceased.

28. One day I lost my temper and I told him to f**k off and called him a b*****d. I just lost it because he tried to put his penis inside me and then masturbate over me. I went down to the toilets and with a hurley bat I smashed ten sinks, nine toilets and I ripped all the piping out. I then threw bricks through every window. I think I was about fourteen at the time.

29. The next day I had to go to **SND 19** and I denied I broke the windows. He beat me with a strap all afternoon. He left and three teachers came in and in order to get me to confess they beat me with their fists and belts and then they threatened me with the IRA. **SND 19** came back and he saw that I had been beaten as I was bleeding and my eye had been cut open. He took me to the hospital and on the way I told him the truth. I couldn't tell him why I did it. He said he wouldn't tell the nuns and I think deep down he knew that I was being beaten at Termonbacca. I always admired **SND 19** for that. I think **SND 19** has now left the Brotherhood.

30. I was taken out during the holidays at Christmas, Easter and summer by a couple called [redacted] and [redacted]. They took me and another boy [redacted]. I didn't tell [redacted] I was abused. She was like a mother to me.

31. After I left school at sixteen I was sent to the Good Shepherd Laundry in Derry to work. I was paid five pounds a week. I was slapped a couple of times by some of the nuns for not getting the job done properly. I still lived in Termonbacca. One day I came home and **SR 2** told me that I didn't live there anymore. I didn't get to say goodbye to anybody and I was taken to a boarding house run by [redacted] on [redacted]. I had to share a bedroom with another man. That night I cried in bed because I was thinking 'this is it, this is the new world'. I fell asleep but the next thing I felt this hand going on my face and I was turned over on my stomach and I was buggered by the man sharing

the room. He was drunk. When he fell asleep I snapped and I went downstairs to the kitchen and I took a big knife and I was going to stab him. But I stopped. I was crying and holding the knife. I'd had enough of the abuse and I just couldn't take it anymore.

32. I left the boarding house and for three or four months I slept in the barn at Termonbacca. I returned to the boarding house to shower before work. When I was seventeen I joined the Irish army where I remained for five years.

Life after care

33. I've never had a childhood, I was robbed of that, I was known by a number. I was put on the streets when I was seventeen years of age. I'm still angry today because I was never given a childhood.
34. I think a lot about the abuse when I am at home on my own. Stories of abuse are on the news all the time. There's no getting away from it now. Sometimes it gets me down and I just go away and take the dog for a three or four mile walk and come back and then I'm happy. I don't take any medication as I don't think it will be of any benefit.
35. I have had some tough times where I've broken down. There were times in the army when I could have gone crazy but I controlled myself. I think everybody has different ways of dealing with the abuse. I had a breakdown about three months ago and I took time off work to be alone and get myself through it.
36. I don't like anybody invading my privacy and when I go home I switch off, I don't invite people over because I don't trust people. I haven't trusted anyone since my partner died ten years ago. My life has been ruined because of what's been done to me. I have lost my faith. I do not know if the nuns knew that we were being sexually assaulted. However I hold the nuns accountable. They should have been there to look after our welfare. I also hold them accountable for the beatings. We should have had a social worker or someone to turn to as we were in care. The nuns used to threaten that they would bring [REDACTED] from the

welfare to see us and take us away to Belfast. I never met anyone from welfare during my time in care.

37. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

38. I made a statement to the RUC but I cannot remember which station the officers were from. They interviewed me [REDACTED] approximately 10 years ago. The police have advised me that they cannot find this statement. I have been in contact with [REDACTED] Police and I am due to make a statement with them shortly.

39. I am presently taking a civil action against the Sisters of Nazareth. I think it is important that there is proper redress for those that have suffered abuse and I don't think an apology would be acceptable.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

HIA 11

Sign [REDACTED]

Dated

18/7/13

NCBA 36 / 6 / 7

HIA 11

464:

was born in

Recommended by Rev. Mr. Rooney, St. Eugene's, Derry.

Mother

HIA 11

was brought to Lahan by the mother from the Donegal Welfare Home, Derry where it had been for 8 months. The mother did not visit the child in Lahan, she did not enquire about it nor contribute to its support. She said it was not to be adopted.

NCBA36/9

SISTERS OF NAZARETH

Information received over the telephone

Tollberg his call on Friday

Date 28/11/09 Time 12 noon

Name of Caller

HIA 11

Address...

HIA 11

Telephone Landline

HIA 11

Mobile

No Landline in use

Concerns

He has wondering if someone would call back...

* Gering D. 28/12/90 - 02/2010

Went to Derry as a young Boy. Angry.

Beatings, Didn't ask for it

grateful for what the Sisters did for him

Sexual Abuse later

He is awaiting apology on Spotlight

* meeting 2/12/09. - Happy for me to pass on details

not really interested in Court case re Derry

But possible with CBS & Bishop. Re Sexual abuse.

Decision Pass on concerns. Contact him after meeting.
work with him to move on.

Signed

AP.

Date

28/11/09

Note of a meeting with [redacted] HIA 11 [redacted]
[redacted]

19 Feb 2010

[redacted] HIA 11 [redacted] had made an approach to the Sisters of Nazareth in late 2009 to make a complaint about the treatment he had received while in the care of the Sisters of Nazareth in Derry.

Sister Patricia Enright, The Generalate, Nazareth House, Hammersmith, London had asked me to meet with [redacted] HIA 11 [redacted] who would relate his story to me.

I met with [redacted] HIA 11 [redacted] at his apartment on Thursday 11th February 2010 and he related the following to me.

[redacted] HIA 11 [redacted] was born in [redacted]. He has no recollection of his parents or any other family connections. He was admitted to Nazareth House, Faughan as a baby and at approximately 4 or 5 years of age he was admitted to the Nursery Unit in Termonbacca Home, Derry. When he was about 6/7 years of age he was transferred to a unit for older boys and remembers having the Number 75 that was used to identify him and his clothing.

He said that there were two nuns who were directly in charge of the care of the boys. These were [redacted] SR 1 [redacted] and [redacted] SR 2 [redacted] there were approximately 40 boys in the senior section and 20/25 boys in the junior section.

He said that while he was in the junior section the older boys sexually abused him at nighttime and during the day. The abuse took place mainly in a bathroom at the end of the senior boys dormitory and was facilitated by the absence of supervision by the nuns.

At first he stayed in the old house but moved to temporary accommodation in the grounds while a new home was being built. It was there that [redacted] SR 2 [redacted] started to abuse him physically and emotionally. He described being beaten frequently by [redacted] SR 2 [redacted] who used a variety of implements. These included a belt; a large strap; a flex of an electric kettle that was coloured red; a mop; a deck scrubber; a hand brush and her fist. He described being black and blue on occasions after these beatings. On one occasion he was locked in a small cupboard used for storing soap powders for upwards of an hour. He said that he and [redacted] SR 2 [redacted] simply did not get on. And on one occasion when he was 14 years of age she threatened to have him sent to St Patrick's Approved School in Belfast, which was mainly used for young offenders. On another occasion when he was in his teens [redacted] SR 2 [redacted] accused him of abusing his body and denied him the opportunity of going on an outing with other residents. When he was about 14/15 years of age he received a severe beating from [redacted] SR 2 [redacted] because he had stolen a bottle of lemonade that had fallen from a hi-jacked lorry. He was also forced to undertake a series of unpleasant chores, which included cleaning and washing clothes.

Note of a meeting with **HIA 11**

He has not been able to form relationships with females and as a result he has never married and has no desire to have children of his own. He feels badly hurt and let down by the Order and the State through his experiences in care and despite feeling tearful about this on occasions he has managed to make a good life for himself and does not feel the need for any counseling or therapeutic support.

HIA 11 is seeking some redress and financial compensation for the abuse he suffered while in the care of the Sisters of Nazareth in Derry and would prefer an informal settlement arrived at between himself and the Order without the need for legal costs. He was asked if he had a figure in mind but said that he would prefer to receive an offer from the Order in the first instance.

While this is his preferred approach he did indicate that that should this approach not be acceptable he was prepared to initiate a civil claim and he has already engaged a firm of solicitors, Brendan Kearney, 4 Clarendon Street, Derry, Northern Ireland BT48 7ES Tel No 028 71269394 to act on his behalf if necessary.

During discussion of his experiences in the Termonbacca Home **HIA 11** stated that he had abused by a **SND 9** who was a regular visitor to the Home. He has been in touch with the Bishop of Derry about this matter and has been referred to the Archdiocese of Birmingham about it.

It was explained to **HIA 11** that the Sisters of Nazareth would report his complaints to the Police Service of Northern Ireland and to the Social Services in Derry and he was understanding of this approach.

Finally **HIA 11** inquired about the way forward on this on his complaint. It was explained that when his statement had been agreed it would be forwarded to Sr. Patricia Enright who would be dealing with the matter. I stated that I would arrange a meeting with Sr. Patricia to discuss the way forward.

— Kevin McCoy 19 February 2010

**MEMO OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF
HIA 11 WITH REV. PAUL MCCAFFERTY**

27 November 2009

I received a telephone call from a man who identified himself as **HIA 11**. He said that he had been in contact with the Cardinal's office and that he had been directed to Bishop Hegarty, to make a complaint regarding abuse. He also said that he had been in contact with the 'Sisters', but that they said that he should contact them in writing. He asked my name, which I gave. He asked my age, which I gave as mid-forties. He said that there was only a few years difference between us.

HIA 11 said that he had been a resident of Termonbacca and had attended Nazareth House School and St. Peter's CBS. He indicated that he had been sexually abused by older boys. He said that had been beaten by the Sisters. He also said that he had been abused by **SND 18**, a Christian Brother, at St. Peter's School. He mentioned being beaten by **SND 72** and **SND 73**. He mentioned the names of some priests in St. Columb's College – Fr. McGarrigle and Fr. Devlin, but did not state anything about them. He indicated that he had been sexually assaulted by a priest, whom he did not name, and said that he told **SND 229** about it, who, he said, invited him to talk about it in Confession.

HIA 11 said that he had been with **SND 228** about these matters about 20 years ago, but indicated that **SND 228** had considered such things impossible.

HIA 11 did not identify from where he was phoning; nor did he provide any contact details or phone number for himself.

As **HIA 11** had indicated that he might want to meet with Bishop Hegarty, I said that I would have put him through to Bishop Hegarty, except for the fact that Bishop Hegarty was in a meeting.

I told **HIA 11** that the diocese has procedures for handling complaints. I invited him to contact **SND 178**, Fr. John Farren, identifying that they had a role and providing contact details. I also invited **HIA 11** to speak with the police and Social Services about the abuse he had experienced. He said that he had previously spoken with the police but they had not proceeded with the matter.

HIA 11 said that he had engaged a solicitor and mentioned Mr. Brendan Kearney.

As the phone conversation was coming to an end, I could hear Bishop Hegarty's meeting breaking up. I informed **HIA 11** of this and asked whether he wished to speak with Bishop Hegarty. He said that he did, so I said that I would get Bishop Hegarty. **HIA 11** spoke with Bishop Hegarty.

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+ HIA 11
28.11.09.*

*Paul McCafferty
PAUL M. MCCAFFERTY
27 November 2009*

MEMO OF CONVERSATION
BISHOP HEGARTY WITH [SND 228]

8 December 2009

I met with [SND 228] day in Creggan and I referred to my previous conversation with him about the complaint received from [HIA 11] Mr. [HIA 11] alleges that he was abused by a Sister of Nazareth, a Christian Brother [SND 18] and the [] of [] School, [SND 17] He also alleges that he was molested by a [SND 9] on numerous occasions.

Today, I also informed [SND 228] that in a telephone call from [HIA 11] to this office, he had referred the matter to [SND 228] [SND 228] indicated to me today that he had no recollection of [HIA 11] complaint. Today, as during my earlier conversation with [SND 228] he recalled the presence of [SND 9] []

I indicated to [SND 228] that the complaint was now being processed according to statutory procedures.

MEMO OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
SND 228 WITH REV. PAUL MCCAFFERTY

10 December 2009

SND 228 phoned yesterday to say that he had no memory of speaking with **HIA 11** regarding abuse. He said, however, that he had checked the archive and there was one letter from a **HIA 11** dated in 1978, with a reply from the bishop. **SND 228** said that he has retained all letters which were sent to him in his episcopacy – around 30,000 in total – and that this is the only letter which might come from the same man. He based his assessment on the fact that the correspondent had the same name and, his letter revealed, had been in Termonbacca.

SND 228 said that he would supply a copy of the 1978 letter from **HIA 11** and his reply.

SND 228 phoned today, to confirm that I had received the letters in the post. I phoned back and confirmed that I had.

Re MCAFFERTY
10.12.09

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
23 June, 1978.

Dear **SND 228**

I would like to thank you for the wonderful Mass which you celebrated for the Feast of the 1st. Mother General of the Sisters of Nazareth.

As you know I was brought up by the good sisters in Termonbacca and I am writing this on behalf of the other [REDACTED] in Dublin. We had a special Mass celebrated in Termonbacca ourselves and I am having a Mass offered for your intentions.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the lovely Mass you celebrated in Nazareth House, Bishop St.

I hope to hear from you in the near future and May God Bless you:

Yours Faithfully,

HIA 11

Pte.

30th June, 1978

Dear **HIA 11**

I thank you for your kind letter of 23rd June. I greatly appreciate it.

I hope that you are keeping very well, and that you are finding life **[REDACTED]** to be stimulating and challenging.

Wishing you God's blessing,
Yours sincerely in Christ,

SND 228

LONDONDERRY COUNTY BOROUGH WELFARE COMMITTEE



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J. H. WILSON
WELFARE OFFICER

PLEASE ADDRESS
COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY

OUR REF EMS/KMCA.

YOUR REF

TELEPHONE No. 2220

Welfare Office,

1a. Hawkin Street,

Londonderry

The Rev. Mother,
Nazareth House,
Bishop Street,
LONDONDERRY.

Dear Rev. Mother,

HIA 11

Further to our telephone conversation I am enclosing details of the HIA 11 baby as promised.

I shall accompany [redacted] and the baby, on Thursday evening to St. Mura's and bring all the relevant documents.

I am most grateful to you for all your help.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Children's Officer.

HIA 11

47. I remember HIA 11 very well. I do recall an incident where he and some of his 'gay colleagues' (his words not mine) sent me £500 or so when I was in the Nazareth House [REDACTED]. He sent that to assist me with the work that I was doing. I recall him very fondly. Again, I do not understand why HIA 11 is making these allegations against me. He previously rang and spoke to me about allegations. He told me that he recalled me beating him with a flex of a kettle. I deny this absolutely. I did not beat HIA 11 and I did not hit him with the flex of a kettle. In fact my memory is that at the time when HIA 11 was in Termonbacca, we got our hot water from a large urn which was located in the children's kitchen and we did not in fact have an electric kettle. We did not have electric kettles until we moved to the temporary area where our new home in Termonbacca was been built.
48. I recall HIA 11 fondly and do not know why this allegation has been made. As I have previously said, I have no knowledge or information about the allegations of abuse between the boys. I do not know how this happened but again, I would say that it is possible that it could in fact have happened. We were understaffed and could not physically watch all of the boys for twenty-four hours a day. None of these allegations had surfaced until the very recent times and in particular in regard to the allegations made to this Inquiry.
49. I note that HIA 11 refers to SND 9. I do recall SND 9 and recall that he visited the Home on a number of occasions. I do not recall him ever coming as a Chaplain or to say Mass. I did not see or witness anything about his attendances or behaviour which I would say was inappropriate. No-one has ever raised any concerns with me about his behaviour and no-one ever suggested to me that anything had happened which was inappropriate.
50. I recall SND 10 as a very pleasant young man [REDACTED]. I recall that he took his own life and this was very sad. [REDACTED]. I would recall him as being a well behaved child when he was at Termonbacca.
51. I also recall SND 11 as a very genuine, pleasant hard working student. He [REDACTED]. He came back to Northern Ireland and went to Donegal to try to find his mother. He did find his mother and I was extremely happy for him. He would have come and kept me informed of what was going on in his life. It was during one of the visits [REDACTED] that he was killed [REDACTED]. Again I do not recall him as being a troublesome or difficult child.
52. I remember SND 6 as he had already left Termonbacca and later got married and started a family. It saddened me to hear that the marriage had failed. I think that he may have been involved with some of the paramilitary organisations during the troubles but I cannot say that I was fully informed of anything he did. He did keep in touch with us. I think that he is still alive and that he is living [REDACTED] but I cannot be certain.

53. The boys would have been asked to do chores around the house. The chores would have been the sort of chores that children in houses would have been asked to do, dusting, cleaning, mopping etc. They would not have been given any particularly difficult chore and they were definitely not beaten in the way described or at all in regard to these chores.
54. I never recall children being bathed in Jeyes fluid. I do recall Jeyes fluid being used around the home and in particular it being used in the bathroom for cleaning around the toilets. I did not at any time put Jeyes fluid in a bath and I do not in fact recall any incident when Jeyes fluid was put in a bath.
55. HIA 11 went to Derry City Council to petition to get me the Freedom of the City. He sent me a plaque of that nature which I still have. I am surprised at the allegations that HIA 11 is making as we seemed to have had a very good relationship. He kept in contact with me and it was not until very recently that these allegations have arisen.

HIA 13

56. I recall HIA 13. He was a lovely child. I remember him coming at Bishop Street when I was there. Local would have attended to see the children and this was a treat for the children particularly at Christmas. HIA 13 would always have been there. I have a limited recollection of him at the Home though. I repeat that the boys would have been called by their Christian names and not by numbers. Numbers were used, but this was more as a labelling for clothing and not as a way of naming or monitoring the boys. I deny that I would ever have beaten him with a cane or a stick. I do not believe that I have ever struck a child with a cane or a stick. It is possible, although I cannot remember, there may have been incidents where a child may have been slapped or their hand or bottom and, it may be possible that a ruler would have been used for that. I cannot specifically remember anything like that but I have to accept that it could have happened.
57. I recall HIA 13 coming to see me after Mass in Derry just before I moved to . The Sisters had a Mass for the closure of the children Home and HIA 13 came to that Mass. He came to speak to me after the Mass but there was so many people about that I did not have time to sit down and talk to him. He had said that he had a lot of things that he wanted to talk to me about. I regret to this day that I did not have the time to sit and talk with him and I have not seen him since.

Christian Name	Where Born	Date of Birth	Where Baptised	Parents' Names	Occupation	Recommended
HIA 11	County Hospital, Derry		St. Columba's, Waterside Derry.			Rev. M. Rooney, St. Eugene's, Derry

Occupation	Recommended by	Received	Died	Left	Observations	No.
	Rev. M. Rooney, St. Eugene's, Derry	6th Sept. 1960		20th June 1975		767