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THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of Fr. **SND 67**I, **SND 67** will say as follows:-

1. I was born on the [] and during my childhood resided at [] Derry. This was my family home until my mother's death in 1992. I was educated at []
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2. I regularly visited schools in the various parishes in which I served. However I was never given the responsibility or tasked to visit any residential children's institutions in a pastoral, spiritual or other capacity. This was the case even if I was serving in a particular parish in which a residential children's institution was located
3. The allegations made against me by **HIA 108** refer specifically to St. Josephs, Termonbacca and Fort James Children's Home. To the best of my knowledge, I was in Termonbacca only once when I was a student priest, and a group of us put on a pantomime for the children and staff. I had no contact with any child and on this one occasion when I did visit, I would only have had limited contact with nuns and other members of staff. As this visit took place some time before I was ordained in [] I could not have met **HIA 108** in Termonbacca as according to her statement she was placed in this institution on [] for four days. St. Joseph's, Termonbacca is located in the Creggan area of Derry and during the time she alleges I visited her, I had only just been appointed to [] parish. I know of no reason why I would have gone to a Children's Residential Home located in another parish around that time.
4. My understanding is that a Chaplain would have been appointed by the Bishop to the Nazareth Sisters in Bishops Street, Derry and the Chaplain was also responsible for Termonbacca. It is possible priests from the St. Columb's College Staff would have said morning mass there but I am unaware priests serving in other parishes would have been expected to visit Termonbacca to test children or their knowledge of the Bible or for any other purpose.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

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5. It has also been alleged by **HIA 108** visited and abused her at Fort James Children's Home, which I understand is located in Drumahoe, just outside Derry City. In her statement she alleged she was admitted to Fort James on [] and was discharged on [] into her parents' care.
6. She alleges that she first saw me when I was walking towards her in close proximity to the Fort James Home. I totally deny this. I have no connection to the Drumahoe area and there is no reason I would have been walking in that area, at that particular time.
7. According to her statement, I visited her 2-3 times per week during the [] period she was in the Home. This would mean I was in Fort James between 8-12 times during the course of []. I reject this as being completely untrue. As stated above in relation to priests visiting Termonbacca, I also know of no reason why a Parish Curate would visit children in residential care at Fort James.
8. In the course of my ministry over the years, I would of course have visited many people in diverse places and with the passage of time, it is not possible for me to recall every place and every person I would have visited in a pastoral, spiritual or other capacity. All I can say is I have no recollection of ever visiting Fort James in any capacity whatsoever and I certainly did not visit on numerous occasions in the space of [] as alleged by her.
9. I have been asked to comment on the specific allegations made by **HIA 108**. The first thing I want to state is that I have no particular recollection of her or her family. It is alleged by her that she first had contact with me during the summer of [] in the parochial house in []. I do not believe this was possible. I was not aware I was going to be transferred to [] Parish until I received my letter of appointment from Bishop Daly. This letter is dated []. A copy is attached to my statement (Appendix 1). The letter of appointment makes it clear that while I would have had some duties in the Parish from [] I would only expected to have taken up residence in the parochial house on or before []. There is therefore no reason for me to have been in the parochial house during the summer of [] as alleged by **HIA 108**. Following on from this, there would have been no reason for me to subsequently visit her at Termonbacca during the period [] as alleged by her.

Statement of Truth

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

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10. I have already stated I have no recollection of visiting Fort James or that there would be any reason for me to go there when I had recently been appointed Curate in [] parish. This was a very busy parish and I would have had plenty of pastoral and spiritual duties to keep me occupied and I did not travel to Fort James in the Drumahoe area either to go for a walk or visit **HIA 108** as many as 8-12 occasions in []
- HIA 108** as stated after she was released from care at Fort James on [] she saw me a few times in [] I would not challenge this. Whilst I have no recollection of her, it could well be the case that she saw me from time to time in [] I would also have visited the homes of parishioners in [] as part of my pastoral duties and it is not possible for me to recall the names of all the parishioners I visited. I just have no recollection of visiting **HIA 108** or her family.
11. In her statement when she describes an incident in the parochial house in [] during the summer of [] she claims she met me in the kitchen of the parochial house and that the parish priest, [] was in the kitchen alongside me. Apart from the fact, as I have already stated, my appointment to [] parish took effect in [] and not beforehand, I can also confirm the parish priest in [] then was [] The other Curate in the parish was [] I replaced a Curate called [] I do not believe there was any priest known as [] in [] parish at that time. I enclose an extract from a published book, by Daly and Devlin, entitled "The Clergy of the Diocese of Derry: An Index" which refers to the appointments of a number of priests, including myself. This also confirms [] was a Curate in [] Parish between [] A copy is attached to my statement (Appendix 2).
12. I totally reject the allegations made by **HIA 108** against me. I did not abuse her and I am certain each and every one of these allegations is without any justification whatsoever.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed:

SND 67Dated: 20 January, 2014.

APPENDIX 1

The Reverend [REDACTED] SND 67 C.C., [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Father [REDACTED] SND 67

I hereby appoint you as C.C., [REDACTED]

You should be in your new parish for Confessions on [REDACTED] and Mass on [REDACTED]. You should have taken up residence in [REDACTED] on or before [REDACTED]. Your duties in the parish will be determined by the parish priest, Father [REDACTED].

I hope that you will find your new appointment to be stimulating and satisfying. It will certainly be a much different apostolate than [REDACTED] in many ways, but no less challenging. Whilst your responsibilities will be determined by Father Farren, I feel that you should take a special interest in the secondary and grammar schools in the area, and in young people generally. There is a large young population in [REDACTED] and very high unemployment. You will live in the parochial house that is being vacated by [REDACTED]. I regret that I am unable to respond to your wish for full-time teaching at this point in time. As already explained, I have too many parish vacancies that have to be filled. [REDACTED] untimely death further complicates matters. I hope that you will be happy in [REDACTED]. I feel that you will be. I will not forget your other request as regards full-time teaching.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to you for your very excellent work in [REDACTED] over the past six years. It has been greatly admired by me.

May I wish you and your continuing work God's blessing.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Edward Daly
Bishop of Derry

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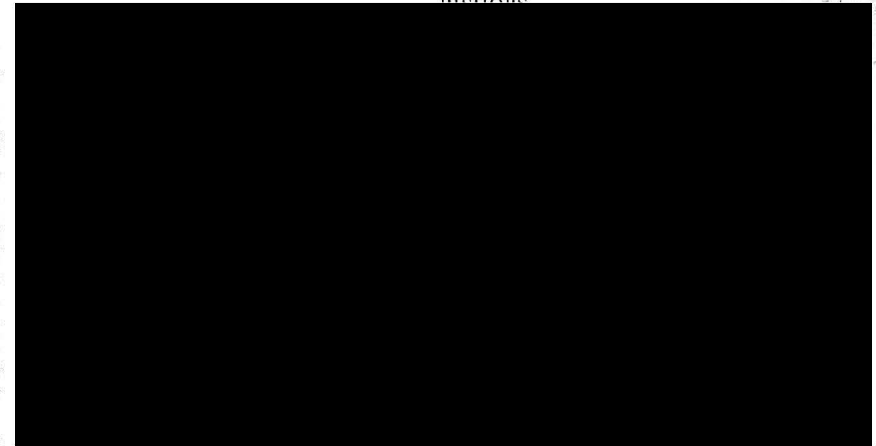
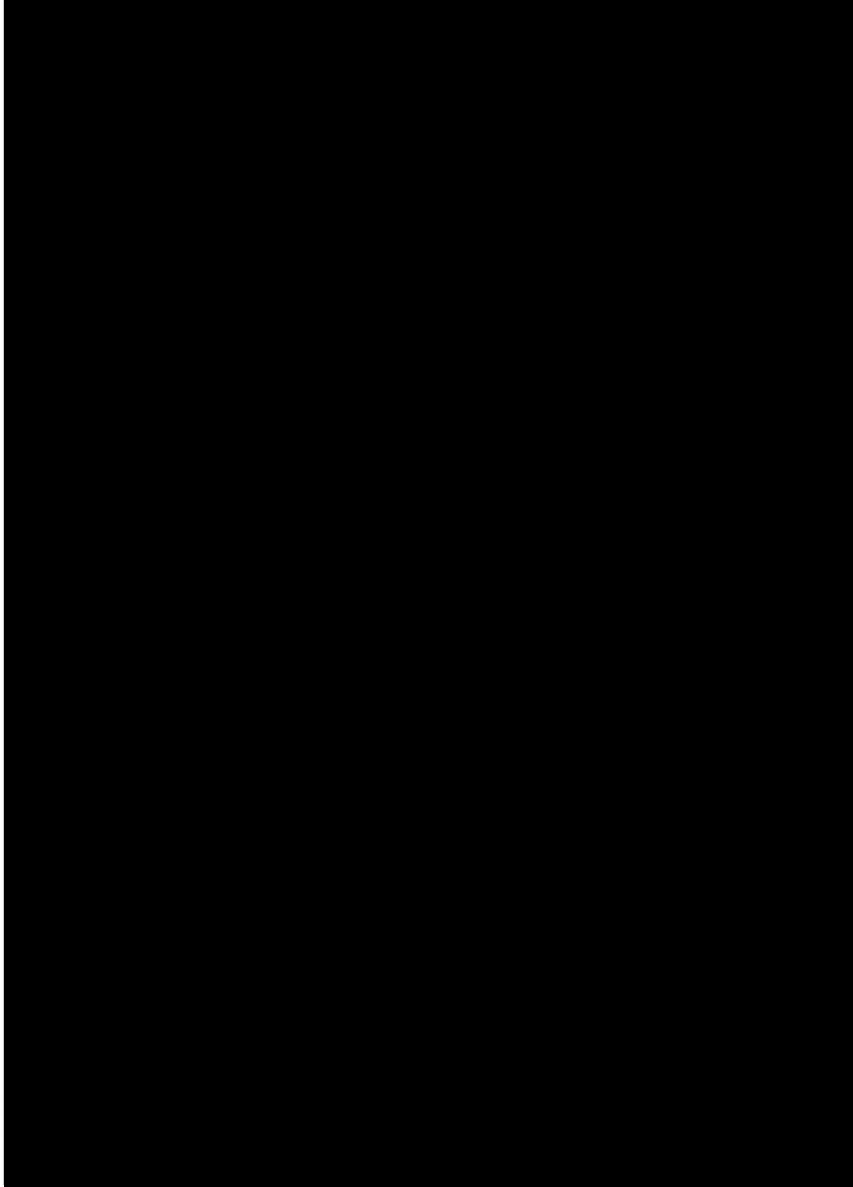
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PRIESTS, 1744-PRESENT DAY

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HIA REF: 108

Witness Name HIA 108

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 108

HIA 108 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. There were [REDACTED] girls and one boy in my family - [REDACTED] me [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. When my oldest sister [REDACTED] was ill with cancer around [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] my father increasingly lost his temper and my mother stayed in bed. My parents were alcoholics and were always upstairs. We learned to look after ourselves at a young age. My oldest sister died of cancer in [REDACTED].
2. We knew to stay out of our father's way when he was in a foul mood. My younger sister [REDACTED] and I started sleeping in the local cemetery. When it got colder we went into the Chapel because it was warmer and it had light. We slept in the confession box. One night during the summer of [REDACTED] we got caught by the caretaker and he brought us to the parochial house in [REDACTED]. We were taken into the kitchen. The parish priest, Father [REDACTED] was there along with another priest. The other priest was younger, [REDACTED] old. His name was Father [REDACTED] SND 67. Father [REDACTED] SND 67 seemed really nice and friendly.
3. We had physical marks where my father had beaten us and Father [REDACTED] SND 67 said 'I can see that hurt'. He took me into a room on my own to see if I was

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okay. He asked me what had happened. I didn't tell him as I didn't want to get my father in trouble. Father ^{SND 67} checked my face and arms and then pulled up my top. He told me not to be alarmed. He then removed my trousers and tried to remove my pants. I was standing in front of a chair looking into the wall and he was standing behind me. He groped me pretending to look for marks but his hands were over my chest and his breathing was heavy. I could smell alcohol and incense off him. He pushed me over the chair so I was bent over. I could feel the weight of his hand and I couldn't straighten up. I was crying and I could feel wet fluid on my leg. He ejaculated over my leg. After this he told me to get dressed and talked as if he had just looked at my bruises. He gave me a hanky to dry my tears. He wasn't a nice priest after that. He had me in the room for about twenty minutes. It was probably 11pm or 12am. He then took me and my sister home. My father thanked the priest for bringing us home.

4. My mother and father continued to drink and were physically abusing us. We used to have to run away from the house. We would all split up and go to different places. My older sisters would go to my aunt's house and I would go somewhere else with my younger sisters. On one occasion my father heard me talking with my sister [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] about where we were going to run away to. They asked me if I was going to go to the confession box. My father went mad. He gave us all an awful beating with my brother's belt. It was a big belt with an eagle buckle and rows of studs. He left us in a terrible way. We had marks from the eagle and studs on our bodies and we were cut and bleeding. We were crying and my brother came in and asked what had happened. We told him and my father and brother started fighting. My father fell and hit his head on the fireplace. We were all brought to our GP but I can't remember by whom. The doctor noted the bruises.
5. I can't remember how the welfare got involved with my family but it might have been through the doctor. [REDACTED] and I were put into care. We were the three eldest. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were hidden in a wardrobe with a double bed pushed against it. We were admitted into care on [REDACTED]. We were taken to Termonbacca.

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St Joseph's Home, Termonbacca [REDACTED]

6. I was [REDACTED] years old when we were placed in Termonbacca on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] The first night was lovely. There was a lovely nun and she gave us clean clothes and nice food. We helped set the table for breakfast. On our first morning we got up early and went downstairs. We couldn't sleep with the excitement of a proper breakfast. We got up when it was still dark. I think we might have only been in bed a few hours. There was sugar puffs on the table which I had never seen before. We poured out cereal and we ate breakfast and thought this was heaven. An elderly nun who seemed to be the head nun saw us and she was very cross. She was of slim build, tall, with wrinkled skin and grey hair. She grabbed us by the roots of the hair and beat us with a weapon she carried on her tunic. She classed me as the ring leader. She locked me in a broom cupboard and I spent most of the day there. We didn't know that we were supposed to go to mass in the morning before breakfast on an empty stomach. She thought we were wicked and stupid. When the nun let me out of the broom cupboard she told us to clean as a punishment.
7. The [REDACTED] that abused me, [REDACTED] SND 67 [REDACTED] visited the home. At that time priests visited homes to test children on their knowledge of the Bible. When he saw me he gave me a smile. He talked to me and my sisters and suggested that if we had any problems to let him know.
8. The following day the head nun called me and asked me to follow her and brought me to a room where [REDACTED] SND 67 [REDACTED] was waiting. The room had plush furniture and had a smell of furniture polish. I had never seen anything so plush. He asked if I remembered him. I said no and I couldn't look into his eyes. He said that my sisters and I were being delinquents at home and our parents had lost control of us and we were running wild. He said that God forgave me for being bad to my parents. He then grabbed my arm and pulled me up from the chair I was sitting in so that I was standing. I was wearing a thick wool buttoned cardigan. He pulled my clothes off in a few seconds and left me in just my vest. I crossed my legs to hide my bodily parts. He tried to place his foot

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between my calves to force my legs open. He was standing behind me and holding my right arm. I was using my left hand to pull my vest down over my vagina. He pushed me over the arm of the chair so my chest rested in the side arm. He stood behind me. He pushed his hand between my legs and pulled my right arm up to the back of my neck. I was crying hysterically and asking him to stop. He had his penis between my legs. He used his foot to force my legs open and he did not release his grip on me. He used his body weight to keep me in the same position. He placed his finger in my anus. I felt wet on my leg. When I turned around his trousers were still at waist level and his penis was exposed. He then got dressed and told me to behave and to stop crying. I couldn't stop crying. He told me to be good and said that he would show me how to be good and he told me to say an act of contrition. He left the room and then the head nun came in and grabbed me by the arm and said that I was in trouble again. She put me in the broom cupboard for a few hours. I remember the smell of disinfectant.

9. I was in Termonbacca for four days. During that time [REDACTED] **SND 67** visited three or four times and he sexually abused me on each visit. When he visited the home I was sent for. On the third time I was abused by him he was in the home for about an hour before I was sent for by the head nun. I was in the washrooms next door to the bedrooms where I was scrubbing the floor. I was wearing a shirt, jumper and checked trousers with an elasticated waist. I was lead into the room by the nun and the nun told me to sit down and then she left. [REDACTED] **SND 67** asked about my home life. He blamed our parent's drinking on us. For the first fifteen minutes he appeared genuine. He then got up and he walked behind me to the window. He asked what he was going to do with me. He asked me to stand up. I wouldn't and he grabbed my right arm. I wouldn't answer him. He seemed to get pleasure out of me crying so I didn't cry this time and that seemed to annoy him. He had me by the arm and he gave me a shake. He then lifted my arm upright and pulled my arm out of my jumper. My eyes filled with tears. He told me to take my jumper off. I looked at him and he told me again to take my jumper off. I pulled it off defiantly and threw it on the floor. He grabbed my plaits and he tried to pull my trousers off. The trousers didn't come down so he told me to take them off. The elastic at the side of the trousers

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was tied and I pretended I couldn't undo the knot. He got into a very bad mood and he tugged the trousers down and the elastic opened.

10. I was standing facing the chair and he prised my legs apart with his foot. He held my hair by my plait and then pulled my head back so I was looking at the ceiling. His penis was not exposed but he rubbed his penis against my body. He took my pants down to my knee with his right hand. He then forced me over by pushing my head forward and he prised my legs apart wider. By this time he had exposed his penis as I could feel it against my lower back region. He then bent down and placed his penis between my thighs. He did not insert his penis into my vagina. He always placed his finger into my anus. He then masturbated by placing his feet outside of mine and forcing my thighs closed. This time he did not ejaculate. He then came to the front of me and praised me for being a good girl. He still maintained his grip of my hair and he forced me to the ground on to my knees. He then told me as I had been good he would teach me the right way and started to quote the Bible. He pulled my hair towards his penis and he told me his penis was like a lollipop. He held his penis. I struggled. I remember a sweet body odour, it was a sickly sweet smell. He pushed my head into his penis and I felt as if I was being suffocated. His penis was at my mouth. He was masturbating himself and simultaneously pushing my head into his penis. He kept telling me I was doing good. I felt sick. He was smiling. He ejaculated to the side of my face. The abuse lasted about 30 minutes or so. I kept vomiting. He was in a bad mood because I did.

11. He got me dressed but didn't put on my pants. The pants were left in the room. There was vomit on the floor. I remained in the room and the priest left the room. The head nun came in and she got a mop and a bucket and was shouting at me for being sick. I had to clean up the mess and then she put me back in the cupboard. I was there for a long time while everyone else was in bed.

12. Two days later [REDACTED] SND 67 returned to Termonbacca. I think it was the weekend. He arrived about 1.30pm with another man. There was a girl in the home called [REDACTED] SND 199 [REDACTED] SND 199 was tall and we called her [REDACTED]. She was told she was wanted, I think, by either [REDACTED] SND 67 or the other man.

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When she returned she looked at me. She had a look about her. We both understood what had happened. Even though we were young we knew what was right and what was wrong. We were in this cycle and none of us had any control over ourselves. Our lives were controlled by the welfare and the priests. About half an hour later the other man left.

13. A bell rang and we were all going upstairs. When I got to the top of the first flight the head nun called me and told me that [REDACTED] SND 67 wanted me. She hit me so hard that there is still ringing in my right ear. I did go to see a doctor about it when I was younger but I have learned to accept it. I had to go back to the same room. The nun left the room and I was alone with [REDACTED] SND 67. He abused me almost in the same way as before only this time he immediately forced me to my knees for oral sex. I didn't throw up. After the abuse I met my sister [REDACTED] in the yard. I was crying and I told her I wanted to go home. She seemed to like the place and she was surprised I wanted to go home.
14. [REDACTED] SND 199 wasn't laughing and joking as much as she used to because of what was being done to her by [REDACTED] and she started cutting her wrists. She told me it made her feel better. I tried it and it didn't make me feel much better. It was quite sore.
15. Everyone had jobs to do in the home. I was frightened of the old nun who was in charge. At meal times I was last to the table because I tried to avoid her. When I was last she gave me a beating. She said I was a very wicked girl and I needed to be punished. I had long hair which was plaited and the nun grabbed me by the hair so I couldn't get away from her. She beat me harder than my father.
16. The nun had a black thing on her side, it was thick. When she beat me with it, it stung my legs and any part of my body it touched. The nuns beat me for no reason. There was nowhere to run to as I didn't know where I was and it was surrounded by fields.

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17. My sisters [REDACTED] and I tried to work out how to get out of the home. When a social worker visited us we told her everything was great at home in order to get back home.
18. We stayed in Termonbacca until [REDACTED] We were sent home to our parents. When we were at home everything was okay for a while but then things went wrong again. In school we pretended to the teachers that everything was great but the teachers knew it wasn't. They saw the marks on us. We learned to lie and to have fake smiles. I went to [REDACTED] primary school. It was a Roman Catholic school and priests would come in to visit at different times of year which frightened me. I played up in [REDACTED] so I was moved to [REDACTED] Presbyterian School. I was supposed to go to [REDACTED] School but on the day I was due to start secondary school my mother was drunk and the only uniform she had was one of my sister's from [REDACTED] so I had to go there instead.
19. One of the nuns at school [REDACTED] knew something was wrong when we didn't have dinner money. She was so nice. She brought us into the back kitchen and she gave us scones and tea because she knew we had no dinner. She gave us bags of clothes and sent us home with extra bottles of milk. The nuns who were my primary school teachers were lovely. They hugged us and were loving and caring.
20. On one occasion we got a severe beating from my father and me and two of my sisters ran away and stayed with relatives. I was placed in care on [REDACTED] because my parents were drunk and incapable of looking after us. I was admitted to Harberton House under a court order for care and protection. However the welfare decided that Fort James was a more suitable placement and I moved there.

Fort James ([REDACTED])

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21. I was admitted to Fort James from Harberton House on [REDACTED] when I was [REDACTED] years old. I was discharged from Fort James on [REDACTED] into my parent's care.
22. The home was badly run and there was a very aggressive, noisy atmosphere.
23. I was given pocket money in a small brown envelope. The key workers from Fort James brought us to the shops and we were allowed to spend our money. When I was there about week we were walking back to the home from the shops when we met [REDACTED] SND 67. He was walking towards us. I froze with fear. He put his hand on my head and gave it a shake. The key worker told me that [REDACTED] SND 67 had been asking about me and that he was a lovely man. I was very upset and angry as I thought the worker had told him where I was. I threw my sweets away. When we got to the home she reported my bad behaviour.
24. About four or five days later [REDACTED] SND 67 arrived at Fort James. I was told I had a visitor. I was lead down into a small meeting room and [REDACTED] SND 67 was sitting in the room. I don't think the door was locked. It was a room on a corridor of rooms. He didn't abuse me on this occasion. Everyone really loved [REDACTED] SND 67. He was always given tea when he visited and he prayed with the adults. He was very placid and softly spoken. He held people by the hand and knew everyone's name.
25. [REDACTED] SND 67 visited Fort James on a number of occasions. I had nowhere to run. He would be waiting for me in the front office when I arrived home from school. When I arrived back a member of staff would call me and tell me that [REDACTED] SND 67 had arrived. I kicked up a fuss a couple of times and a male staff member called [REDACTED] FJ 1 who was in his [REDACTED] grabbed me by the arms and put me in the quiet room. I think their view was that this lovely [REDACTED] was coming to see me and I was being disrespectful. I knew I had to see him so it was either kick up a fuss with [REDACTED] FJ 1 twisting my arms and putting me in the quiet room or go and see [REDACTED] SND 67. Eventually I agreed to see him. He would always see me in the same room. He inserted his fingers into my anus

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and groped my vagina. He ejaculated over my legs and into my face. He placed his penis in my mouth.

26. [REDACTED] **SND 67** [REDACTED] abused me two to three times a week while I was in Fort James. On one occasion I bled from the anus and he told me that the blood was the demons leaving my body.

27. I told my [REDACTED] **SND 501** [REDACTED] who was based in Harberton, that the [REDACTED] came to see me and she said to me that it was nice of [REDACTED] to call and see if I was okay. I nodded when she was speaking as if to agree with her because the welfare didn't understand or care and I didn't tell her what he was doing to me.

28. I was discharged from Fort James on [REDACTED] and I went home.

29. When I was released from care I saw [REDACTED] **SND 67** [REDACTED] a few times in [REDACTED] but I was never abused by him again.

Outside institutions

30. Social services were involved when I left Fort James and social workers visited my home at least once a week. I think it was around [REDACTED] when a social worker called [REDACTED] **SND 68** [REDACTED] was introduced to our family. I think he was between [REDACTED] years old. He was [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] hair. He looked untidy. He acted as a counsellor to my family. We had to sit in the living room and discuss how we felt about each other, our parents and school and things like that.

31. [REDACTED] **SND 68** [REDACTED] arrived on several occasions when my parents were drunk. I thought he would have put us into care but he didn't. He continued with the therapy. After this he arrived with a half bottle of Bushmills Whiskey which he gave to my mother and father. My parents looked forward to him coming. We all liked him.

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32. [SND 68] would arrive late in the evening and we would be wearing our night gowns ready for bed. We never wore our underwear to bed. After the fourth or fifth visit [SND 68] had one of my sisters on his knee and he was tickling her. No one felt threatened or uncomfortable. When he lifted me on to his knee he tickled me but from behind he slid his hand over my bottom and between my legs. I froze. He had one hand on my vagina and the other he was using to tickle me. I cried and said I had a head ache. My mother said that I was a 'huffy b*tch' and she sent me to bed. The others came to bed about 10 to 15 minutes later.

33. [SND 68] came to visit the following week. I said I was going to band practice to get out of the house before he arrived. I actually went behind a local shop and practiced the accordion. About three or four weeks later he arrived at the house. I wasn't expecting him to call that particular day. We were all sitting at the fire ready for bed. [SND 68] gave my mother and father whiskey. They had already been drinking. He brought a parcel and we all played 'pass the parcel'. He lifted me and placed me on his knee sideways. He then placed [redacted] between himself and the arm of the chair. He was chatting to us and my mother and father were drunk on the whiskey. He placed his hand under my bottom and under my leg into the vagina area of my body. He continued to talk to [redacted] I got up and went to the toilet. When I came back [redacted] was on his knee and he had [redacted] standing beside his right hand side. He then left. If I knew he was coming I always made sure I was out of the house. He was eventually replaced by another social worker called Mark McCrystal.

34. One evening around 10pm I was in the house with my friend [redacted] and my three sisters. At this time my parents were pretending to be separated. My father lived with us and my mother lived in the house next door. We lived between both houses. I was cooking in my mother's house when my father came and banged the door. I wouldn't let him in. He went away and came back about five minutes later with an axe. He started to chop the door. I had no key for the back door so [redacted] my sisters and I escaped through the window. Everyone was screaming. We went out the back and ran three miles to my aunt's house.

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35. I thought that the welfare would come and I would be placed back in care and be abused. I couldn't accept that so I took an overdose of over forty sleeping tablets. They belonged to my mother. I woke up in Altnagelvin on [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED] I was admitted to Gransha psychiatric hospital. The doctors wanted to place me in Fort James. I refused to go. Even though Gransha was terrible it was a lot better than Fort James. I stayed in Gransha for five weeks.

Harberton House [REDACTED]

36. On [REDACTED] I was placed in Harberton House from Gransha following my overdose.

37. Harberton was the only institution I was in which was good. However, I did hear some of the workers saying out loud 'she's only out of Gransha isn't that a mental institution'. These comments upset and annoyed me.

38. I was discharged from Harberton into my parent's care on [REDACTED] when I was [REDACTED] years old.

Life after care

39. I have never trusted social workers and never fully trusted priests. Being in these institutions made me feel like I was being punished for sin. It made me feel as though I had no control in my life.

40. I married a man who was abusive to me and my children. When he started abusing the children I got a court order and moved to Belfast. I have [REDACTED] children - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The youngest is [REDACTED] and the eldest is [REDACTED]. I have never told them about the abuse I suffered in care. We are all very close and I also have two grandchildren [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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41. I attempted suicide about 8 years ago. One morning, I saw [REDACTED] SND 67 picture in a newspaper and it brought it all back to me. There was nobody I could talk to as nobody knew about the abuse. I couldn't cope any longer. On top of that, my mother was dying at the time and I think she was trying to reach out to me but I couldn't deal with it. I waited until everyone had gone to bed, then I got up and took an overdose. All I remember is going to sleep. I woke up a few days later in hospital on life support.
42. I have attended counselling but I didn't find it very useful.
43. I have never told anyone about the abuse and I had never reported it to the police until the Inquiry.
44. I have learned from the police that [REDACTED] SND 67 is now living in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] SND 68 is dead. I believe the police brought Father [REDACTED] SND 67 over for questioning during the summer of 2013.

Statement of Truth

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

[REDACTED] HIA 108
Signature [REDACTED]

Dated 3-12-13

1 **A. Sorry.**

2 **Q. -- was that you say that the key worker told you that**

3 ██████████ had been asking about you.

4 **A. I see. Sorry. We all go out in a -- you know, like**

5 a batch of eight, six or eight of us.

6 **Q. A crocodile.**

7 **A. You know like, but there's one at the front and one at**

8 the back.

9 **Q. Yes.**

10 **A. And, see, you know, I was eating sweets. Being honest,**
11 I was too busy stuffing my face. Sorry. My words don't
12 be so great some days, but that's just -- you know,
13 eating away. I wasn't looking up the front of the
14 line like you're meant to be, but what they meant by
15 asking for me was he was already there. The line had
16 stopped and they were already chatting, and that's why
17 when he came down the line, he shook my head, and it was
18 on the way, like he had already passed past, and they
19 had just passed a comment and saying he had been asking
20 about me, but I was, you know -- it wasn't that they
21 were -- they weren't trying to be bad. They were just
22 saying --

23 **Q. No, I understand that. In this part of the world people**
24 say someone is asking about you if they just ask how you
25 are, for example. Did you get the idea that he had been

1 asking before he met you or just because he saw you
2 there --

3 A. You see, I --

4 Q. -- if you see the difference?

5 A. Oh, sorry. I didn't see him, you see.

6 Q. No, no.

7 A. As I said, I was stuffing my face.

8 Q. He seems to have seen you from what you --

9 A. It was when he shook me on the head and passed past, you
10 know, the way you are looking to see who's rubbing your
11 head, and I eyed him, but I looked away quick, but it
12 was when -- when they had said he was asking about me,
13 I thought then, "Oh, my gosh! She's just told him where
14 we live". That was probably -- I was trying to mean
15 what I was feeling and thinking.

16 Q. I understand that. So --

17 A. That's why I tried to say the key worker wasn't talking
18 bad, if you know what I mean.

19 Q. Yes. It seemed to be, in other words, it was
20 a completely accidental meeting as far as you could
21 tell.

22 A. Oh, as far as I could -- it was just every week you done
23 this, you see, and it was just chance.

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. If I had been ten minutes later, we wouldn't have -- we

1 wouldn't have crossed paths.

2 Q. Exactly. A chance meeting, but then he came to the home
3 at Fort James you said on a number of occasions.

4 A. He did, yes.

5 Q. Can you say whether or not you got any idea that he had
6 ever come to Fort James other than when he came to speak
7 to you? In other words, had he been a regular visitor
8 or was he somebody who was coming once you came there?

9 A. I'm not -- I'm not sure.

10 Q. You don't know.

11 A. I can only say that, you know, like when -- when I would
12 come in, he seemed to be just sitting catching up with
13 everyone. Whether he had known someone outside of the
14 home socially or he had been in there before I had ever
15 been there, I mean, I couldn't really say. I'm just
16 saying -- but they seemed to, you know, like be friendly
17 with him. It wasn't that they were stand-offish or --
18 but, I mean, everyone was friendly, because, I mean, we
19 would have been all friendly with all the nuns too, and
20 it was only because of what they were wearing, in

21 like the Sisters of Mercy, because you were
22 learned -- like you were learned like that, if you know
23 what I mean.

24 Q. Yes. I think we understand what you mean.

25 Just one last question about When you



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TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW

TAPE REF NO:	PERSON INTERVIEWED:	SND 67
	ADDRESS:	
Master Tape Seal Number(s):	DOB:	
T110492A	PLACE OF INTERVIEW:	STRAND ROAD POLICE STATION
	DATE OF INTERVIEW:	27/07/2013
	TIME COMMENCED: 1430 HOURS	TIME TERMINATED: 1513 HOURS
	INTERVIEWING OFFICERS:	OTHER PERSON(S) PRESENT:
	1 18927 ARNOLD HENDERSON	1 SEAMUS COLLINS, SOLICITOR
	2 20855 VINCENT GILLEN	2
	3	3
	MADE BY:	DETECTIVE SERGEANT A HENDERSON
Tape Number and Tape Times:	T110492A – 24/07/2013 – 1430 - 1513	
D/Sgt A Henderson	This interview is being tape-recorded. The interview is being conducted in an interview room at Strand Road Police Station. I'm Detective Sergeant Arnie Henderson attached to the Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Strand Road in Derry. The other police officer present is.	
D/Con V Gillen	Detective Constable Vincent Gillen, also attached to the Child, or sorry attached to Strand Road CID.	
D/Sgt A Henderson	The date of the interview is Wednesday the 24 th of July 2013 and the time is 1430 I'm interviewing, could you state for the tape your full name.	
	SND 67	SND 67

PERSON INTERVIEWED: **SND 67**

Tape Number and
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SND 67 Sure.

D/Con V Gillen Some of the questions you answered no.

SND 67 Yeah.

D/Con V Gillen Other questions you answered, I don't believe...

SND 67 Yeah.

D/Con V Gillen - that at all...

SND 67 Yeah.

D/Con V Gillen - or I don't recall.

SND 67 Yeah, but the whole incident I mean, I mean I if, if that happened I would recall it and I mean I just don't believe that any of that happened. Ah, the trouble is if, if say a girl like that came to the Parochial House with an injury and I treated her innocently, ah, and then she makes allegations later of a sexual nature which didn't happen, I wouldn't remember it anyway because the incident without the sexual side of it, is a trivial incident you know, it's some girl comes to the Parochial House and said my daddy hit me, or the care taker comes to the Parochial House and brings a girl and says this girl was in the, you know and I take her to her father and say they were hiding over in the church or whatever, you know but if, without the sexual element it's a completely unrememberable incident, so I can't say that I have never met the girl, but I can certainly say that none of that sexual stuff ever happened.

D/Sgt A Henderson Okay. The second incident that I'm going to talk to you about happened in Termonbacca Children's Home.

SND 67 Right.

D/Sgt A Henderson Do you know where Termonbacca Children's Home is.

SND 67 Yes, yeah, sure, yeah.

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SND 67

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SND 67

The only one I can think of is Termonbacca, that's the only one I would have been aware of ah, as a children's home, but ahm [inaudible fault on tape] but apart from that, no I wouldn't be aware of a children's home, it just wouldn't be part of my function.

D/Con V Gillen

And what about visiting schools, primary schools.

SND 67

That would be an every day part of my function in Derry, in Strabane yeah.

D/Con V Gillen

And what about the city here.

SND 67

Well when I kept, when I come, came to the city as a curate I would have visited the schools in the city yeah, you visit the schools in your own parish.

D/Con V Gillen

On a daily basis.

SND 67

Well sometimes daily, sometimes weekly it depended you know, first communion classes, confirmation classes that kind of thing.

D/Sgt A Henderson

Okay. Anything else.

SND 67

Not really, I mean I just want to, I don't understand why this girl has made these allegations, they're incredible and none of them are true and I don't know what contact I had with her ah, because it's [redacted] something years ago or whatever, [redacted] something years ago and ah, I may have met the family, I'm quite sure I knew who [redacted] was at the time, or [redacted] but I mean I don't know who he, you know I don't remember any individual contact with any of his children.

D/Sgt A Henderson

You mention [redacted] there.

SND 67

Well [redacted], [redacted], I don't know.

D/Sgt A Henderson

It sounds as if you do know now...

SND 67

Naw.

D/Sgt A Henderson

- who [redacted] is, do you know what I mean.

About yourself he says that he has -- he served in
 for a period of years, but he has no particular
 recollection of you or your family; that he wasn't
 aware, in fact, that he was going to go to
 until -- , when he received
 a letter from the bishop --

A. Uh-huh.

Q. -- telling him to be in the parish for _____ ,
and that he would have taken up residence in the
parochial house on _____ , and that, therefore,
there was no reason for him to be visiting prior to
that.

He also says that he -- he gives names of priests that he said would have been in the parish at that time and they are named in the statement at paragraph 11.

He essentially rejects all of the allegations that you have made against him.

A. Uh-huh.

Q. That's the statement that he has given to the Inquiry, HIA108, and I'm just asking what your comment about that is.

A. Well, the only comment I can give is that is a very tiny place. If he was -- well, first of all, . So, I mean, for him to say that he would have had no call to be in one place or

1 the other, it's a tiny -- it's a tiny amount of miles.

2 I -- I know who it was that did do what they did on
3 me. I can't pluck another name out of thin air, because
4 I know it was him, and for him to say then afterwards
5 that he wouldn't have even known the family, my father
6 is one of [REDACTED] -- my father is one of [REDACTED] sons which
7 all live in the same area. is a tiny, tiny

8 town. For him to say that he didn't know one of the
9 families in the town -- I don't know if any of you was
10 ever in No. It's like two miles and from

11 where he -- from where the parish house is it would
12 a mile and a half, but in everyone walks.

13 No-one ever got taxis or buses or -- and everyone knows
14 each other, and from that to say that he wouldn't have
15 even known the family would be complete and utter --
16 well, I don't know. Maybe he's -- maybe he's aged worse
17 than I have and maybe his memory is slightly warped in
18 some way, but it's definitely -- it's def... -- it's
19 definitely lacking in something. I don't know, and then
20 I suppose if I had done what he would have done, I am
21 not sure I would have wanted to turn round and say, "Oh,
22 yes. I remember that. That was something that happened
23 and I am sorry about that". Do you know what I mean?

24 Q. Well, HIA108, after you left care -- you left about the
25 age of [REDACTED]

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 IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Case Submission Form: National Case Management Reference Group

Case Name	SND 67
DOB	[REDACTED]
Diocese/Religious Order	[REDACTED]
Bishop/Provincial	[REDACTED] (Diocesan Administrator)
Designated Person	Mrs. Mary McCafferty
Date of Submission	25 June 2013
Date allegations received	6 th October 2011, allegations from <u>first Minor Complainant</u> 8 th March 2013, allegations from <u>second Minor Complainant</u>
Details of allegations Include details such as age of complainant at time of alleged abuse, and current age	<p><u>1st Allegation from first Minor Complainant</u> Complainant contacted Diocesan Designated Person. Alleges that he was sexually assaulted by SND 67 when he was approximately 12 / 13 years of age. Now aged 41 years. Details: complainant alleged he was asked to strip in the shower of a Youth Club, with fondling of complainant's genitalia.</p> <p><u>2nd Allegation from first Minor Complainant</u> Incident of alleged sexual abuse in SND 67 parochial house some years later to the above incident. Complainant approached priest for financial assistance and was invited in. He alleges he was offered alcohol and a bed for the night. He</p>

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	<p>alleges that SND 67 came into the complainant's bed and fondled his genitalia.</p> <p><u>Allegation from second Minor Complainant</u> Allegation of sexual abuse reported to the diocese via the complainant's solicitor. Allegation of persistent sexual abuse between 1979 and 1982. Complainant was a Minor at the time of the alleged abuse, but the precise age is unknown to the diocese; complainant is now an adult.</p>
<p>Authorities notified</p> <p>PSNI</p>	<p>FIRST MINOR COMPLAINANT: Date: 7th October 2011 (by phone) 10th October 2011 (written report)</p> <p>Location: PSNI Care Unit, Maydown, Derry</p> <p>SECOND MINOR COMPLAINANT: Date: 12th March 2013 (allegation received from complainant's solicitor and copied to PSNI)</p> <p>Location: PSNI Care Unit Maydown, Derry</p>
<p>WHSC Trust</p>	<p>FIRST MINOR COMPLAINANT: Date: 7th October 2011 (by phone) 10th October 2011 (written report)</p> <p>Location: Altnagelvin Hospital, Derry</p> <p>SECOND MINOR COMPLAINANT: Date: 12th March 2013 (allegation received from complainant's solicitor and copied)</p> <p>Location: Altnagelvin Hospital, Derry</p>

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<p>Current action by civil authorities</p>	<p>Re: Allegations from First Minor Complainant: Decision by PPS that no further action be taken in relation to criminal proceedings (23 April 2013). Civil proceedings ongoing as per letter from solicitor (12th March 2013).</p> <p>Re: Allegations from Second Minor Complainant: An active criminal investigation is ongoing. Diocese informed of this by PSNI (11th June 2013)</p>
<p>Details of alleged perpetrator</p> <p>Include current role; Current residence; previous allegations / convictions</p>	<p>SND 67 has been out of ministry since [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where he has lived for a number of years. He moved to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. He has no previous convictions arising from earlier allegations which involved adults.</p> <p><u>PREVIOUS ALLEGATIONS, ALL BUT ONE INVOLVING ADULTS</u></p> <p>1. Date: [REDACTED] A priest of this diocese alleges that he was sexually assaulted by SND 67. The complainant was a [REDACTED] at the time of the alleged assault. He alleges that alcohol had been consumed by both parties, that SND 67 came into the complainant's bedroom during the night and that the SND 67 got into the complainant's bed, where the sexual assault is alleged to have occurred.</p> <p>2. Date: 10 December 1992 Disclosure by an 18 year old male to a diocesan priest, that he was sexually assaulted by SND 67. Assault allegedly occurred when complainant sought financial assistance from Fr.</p>

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SND 67 at his parochial house. He alleges that he was invited in, given alcohol and offered accommodation for the night. He alleges he was invited to share **SND 67** bed and became aware of being touched by **SND 67** in the genital area. Authorities not notified at the time that diocese became aware of the complaint, as complainant was an adult. **[REDACTED]**

3. Date: September 1994

4. Date: August 1997 (CHILD)

An allegation of child sexual abuse reported to the diocese, in which a minor alleged abuse by a series of priests, including **SND 67** as well as a series of lay people. D.P.P. directed that there be 'no prosecution'. Complainant suffering mental health issues.

5. Date: May 2005

Report to Fr. John Farren, then Designated Person, by a named person regarding **SND 67** alleged behaviour in public toilets in **[REDACTED]** Person alleges he witnessed **SND 67** on his knees, looking under the toilet door. Man confronted **SND 67** who allegedly replied, "I'm sick". These toilets are known to the PSNI as a place frequented for homosexual activity.

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<p>Include respondents response (if known) to current allegations</p>	<p>In relation to the Child Sexual Abuse allegations:</p> <p>FIRST MINOR COMPLAINANT: SND 67 does not recall any inappropriate sexual behaviour with the complainant.</p> <p>SECOND MINOR COMPLAINANT: Response unknown to diocese – subject to current PSNI investigation.</p>
<p>Advise on any canonical precepts</p>	<p>SND 67 has been out of ministry for many years prior to the current child abuse allegations. He requested leave from ministry in [REDACTED]. In [REDACTED] a Decree was issued, restricting exercise of faculties, so that he <i>"may not hear confessions, preach, receive the consent of parties to a marriage (canon 1108), or otherwise publicly administer sacraments, except on occasions for which he has sought and obtained the express permission of the Bishop of the Diocese; he may, however, celebrate Mass privately (canon 906), but not publicly"</i>. He was also instructed to avoid meeting with minors or vulnerable adults. This remains in place. Fr. SND 67 [REDACTED]</p> <p>Following the [REDACTED] allegation in relation to [REDACTED] a Preliminary Investigation was commenced (canon 1717) on the basis of an allegation of a delict against the sixth commandment committed in public (canon 1395 §2). Following the allegation of child abuse, in 2011, a Preliminary Investigation was commenced under canon 1717; awaiting end of criminal investigation prior to completing Preliminary Investigation.</p>

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	<p>Archbishop of █████ advised of █████ SND 67 presence in the diocese, the nature of the allegation against him and that he is not in ministry, in January 2006. Later, █████ SND 67 discussed with Bishop Hegarty the possibility of ministry in █████ When in 2007, the Archdiocese of █████ sought permission for some form of ministry, this was rejected by the Bishop of Derry. When the diocese received report of alleged child sexual abuse, in 2011, the Archbishop of █████ was informed by the Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Derry. When, in 2013, the diocese was notified of the latest allegation of child sexual abuse, the Archdiocese was informed by the Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Derry.</p>
<p>Details of complainants</p> <p>Include contact arrangements, and any support already offered</p>	<p>FIRST MINOR COMPLAINANT: Initial contact from complainant was with the Diocesan Designated Person. Details of <i>Towards Healing</i> was offered. Support Person was not offered as the complainant is not resident in Ireland.</p> <p>SECOND MINOR COMPLAINANT: Diocese was contacted by complainant's solicitor. No other contact.</p>
<p>Date of most recent assessments</p> <p>Who completed by</p>	<p>1. 19 July 2005 2. 10 September 2007 3. 21 December 2007 4. 5 April 2008</p> <p>1. Marcella Leonard – assessment 2. Dr. Tim McBride 3. Dr. Tim McBride 4. Dr. Tim McBride – these latter three reports were part of ongoing counselling.</p>

HIA REF:

Witness Name: **Very Reverend Francis Bradley**

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF Very Reverend Francis Bradley, Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Derry *in Sede Vacante*

1. I, **Very Reverend Francis Bradley** will say as follows –
2. This statement is the second statement provided by Very Reverend Francis Bradley at the request of the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry and deals with a request for information about **SND 67**
3. **SND 67** is a native of [REDACTED] and was born on [REDACTED]. He was educated locally and on leaving school he entered ministry and was ordained a priest on [REDACTED]. He went on to serve in the following parishes: [REDACTED]
4. **SND 67** role was that of a curate in most of the parishes in which he served. However, he was given additional responsibilities as Administrator during his period in the parish of [REDACTED] **SND 67** requested, and was granted, leave of absence from ministry on [REDACTED]. He continues to remain out of ministry.
5. **SND 67** spent two lengthy periods in [REDACTED] where his duties were that of a curate to the faith community, involving himself in parish life. In addition to his priestly role, he had particular strengths in raising funds in parishes; hence he was given the additional responsibilities at [REDACTED]. Other than the expectant pastoral role of any priest, there is no record of him being given singular responsibility for providing such care in Institutions or Children's Homes. There is no record of him having had any role, nor of him having been in any role, as Chaplain to an Institution or a Home.
6. The Diocese of Derry first became aware of allegations against **SND 67** in August 1997 when a minor alleged abuse by a series of priests including **SND 67**, as well as a series of lay people. On 6th October 2011, the diocese received allegations of two separate incidents regarding