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HIA REF: 41 Witness Name: HIA 41

### THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

### WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 41

, HIA 41 will say as follows:-

### Life before full time placement in care

- I remember life at the age of four. 1968, I was in Nazareth Lodge. Due to the confinement of my biological mother with a baby named <u>NL 56</u> We did visit him in St. Joseph's Baby Home in the grounds of Nazareth Lodge, 516 Ravenhill Road.
- I was in and out of NazarethLodge and attended the school when not living there on the 10 acre site. SR 34 was the school principle in circa 1973. She also had been attached to the ground floor group of children under the brutal care of NL 5
- 3. Social services were aware of our plight at **a service of** on the **service** of the service of the se
- 4. A young woman looked after us at times, I have since known she was a

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daughter of my biological mother's sister called **set from set and**. I can't recall her name.

- 5. I remember the who died. She had an Alsatian that bit me and she gave me a coin 10p for that. There were bandsmen who lived there and the kids liked to see their uniforms and the Lord Mayor's show went down that road then.
- 6. My biological mother returned home with a man drunk and wrecked the house burning records and playing them all night "Shirley Bassey etc" along with fighting with him and drinking. This is how we lived running the streets, Great amusements, going up and down lifts in city centre buildings, we never had a cooked meal and stole from shops at will the 3 of us, DL 87 NL 57 and myself a year between each of us.
- 7. One day we asked people in the town how to get to the "Bangor Boats" and beach, we got direction over the bridge where the train station was off Oxford St then, we got money from stealing it in offices in the city centre and in them days you could put your arm into the street post office pillar boxes and take envelopes out and some had money in them, sometimes 5 and 10 pound notes for birthday gifts. We also took money from my biological mother when she was drunk.
- 8. As the welfare was onto my biological mother she moved a few streets down the road to **second second sec**

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were ever provided, sixpence got you a bag of yesterday's buns from the local shop and thats what we had and cornflakes and brewed tea.

- 9. As we got a little older life never changed. We rarely went to school in a year and travelled everywhere at will, along the train track to the cattle market opposite the central train station today in Belfast (beside BT house). We would get on buses and get lost and the police would bring us back to the street and leave us with neighbours
- 10. My biological mother was never at home. She did return at times play records drunk and burn them wreck the house and stay a few days and leave
- 11. A social worker called NL 186 was visiting the house, I remember she warned both women not to beat us as they did with the shovel and poker. The home was a dump with no bathroom and an outside toilet.
- 12. Life continued without change. We had spells in Nazareth Lodge and back out. My biological mother had moved us to another street a few hundred metres in all, to another house to avoid it ran along the bottom of to avoid NL 186 There were 4 siblings me, DL 87 NL 57, NL 56 and the grandmother. Life continued as street rats as we were under the control of no-one, we roamed around university area taking students' bikes, stealing food and money wherever it was not nailed down.
- 13. NL 186 had located us again due to neighbours seeing uncontrollable children living on the streets, we got up for school but rarely went. One morning DL 87 born 1963 was climbing on top of a lit gas cooker to get cornflakes, the nylon pyjama bottoms caught fire and melted into his leg. He screamed like a screeching train and I got the granny out of bed and got an ambulance,

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Our biological mother was drinking, prostituting and living in bar's in Ann St, Dubarrys and the Lifeboat bar Belfast city centre.

- 14. We were treated like vermin by my biological mother and her mother, we had no other family. Relatives etc, life continued as usual, my biological mother came home again with a man and they both drank played records and wrecked the house. He hit my grandmother they left and my grandmother phoned NL 186 to come and told her basically all I have said before was all lies covering for her daughter as truth and to take us to hell away. We were bad seed of the devil.
- 15. NL 186 kidnapped us, one at a time and when she drove she told us we were getting a holiday and drove for what seemed hours to the airport. I know the place she left us in was the girls' home The Convent of Mercy, Kilmurray St, Newry. I can remember it. NL 56 the youngest was there. I have given an account of the wicked evil people who ruled over us there to the Police etc. (we also spent some weeks in a large wooden house in O'Meath and taken to a graveyard (cross on the hill) well known site today in O'Meath knelt prayed (vain babbling) stations of the cross and all that unbiblical nonsense. I have sent HIA photos recent of the places.
- 16. I was found by the RUC at different parts of Belfast as a child. I was born in My biological mother was called DL 407 Her maiden name was My biological mother was an alcoholic and prostitute. I am aware of social services involvement with myself from when I was aged around 4 years. I believe my father was also called I have no memories of him. At that time I had three biological siblings, DL 87 who was born in ML 57 born in Maximum and NL 56 born in I remember that from a young age I was in and out of care at Nazareth Lode, Ravenhill Road, Belfast. That was between 1968 and 1973. My brothers and sister were also in care but we were separated in Nazareth Lodge. During that time we were

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looked after by the nuns and employees. I also attended Nazareth Lodge NL 186 School. In 1973 I remember a social worker, lifted me from the streets and told us that we were going on a holiday. She took us to the Convent of Mercy in Kilmurray Street in Newry under the care of SR 158 and two women, one of whom was called **SOM 1** From the minute we went in we were treated like animals and told that we were scum from Belfast and that we were reared on fish and chips and that from now on we would be eating proper food. Two female members of staff abused me physically and mentally the whole time that I was there. I was force fed. I remember being beaten by these 2 women until I ate my soup and dinners. If you were sick into the food they still made you eat it. You weren't allowed to leave the table until the plate was empty. An older girl put it in the dish water for me sometimes who washed dishes and into the plug hole it went. These were violent physical attacks on me, when I was beaten all over. I remember being forced to eat cold, salty porridge each morning. Golf ball size lumpy. Again I was beaten if I didn't eat it. I remember this was a home for girls only. One of the women had short black hair and the other had long blonde hair worn in a pony tail to her waist. I remember one of them was called **SOM 1** All of the children were subjected to the same punishments and beatings. I remember we all had our heads shaved at a local barbers. All, girls included every two weeks. I remember the 2 women combed my hair and head with a steel comb, cutting my head. Then they put white lotion on my head. This was extremely unbearable painful and the pain lasted for days. I remember crying with pain and being locked in a playroom overnight unsupervised on the ground floor sometimes alone and sometimes with my brother DL 87. We were stripped and bathed along with girls of all ages. We were put in the bath at the same time. The toilet was in the same room as the bath and you were forced to go to the toilet before going to bed. This was whilst the girls were still in the bath or vice versa. At the back of the home was a graveyard with cats in it. I remember us keeping a kitten and the nuns found out and the boiler man drowned the cat in front of everyone. I remember everyone crying hysterically. The kitten was called Topsy.

loved it. This happened quite a few times. We were in O'Meath. NL 186 picked us up from the Convent of Mercy at Newry and took us

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back to Nazareth Lodge. This was in 1973. We were in court twice at this time. We were split up again as a family and this was actually the last time we were together as a family. I was taken to the top floor and the nun was called

SR 47 She left Nazareth Lodge and was replaced by SR 153 who went to Derry. Then she was replaced by SR 30 from She was strict and very religious. I laughed at another boy DL 20 who made faces and she sent us to our bedroom and put me to bed with no food (psychological). I remember on one occasion she slapped me on the face from behind, knocking me into the wardrobe. She had slapped me from behind. This was for no reason at all a bad tempered woman. Another time she gave me a beating for swapping an alter duty with another boy called **DL 55** he told me to do it. DL 31 his brother were the two boys supposed to do it. She beat me with her hands. And cut my hair to humiliate me. I had chores to do every morning which progressed onto me doing the front door parlour. I work full time outside of school. This involved contacting the nuns when someone called at the door or someone rang. Brushing the grounds, feeding beggars, seeing to priests and much more until 10 o'clock every night when I locked the gates. I did this for around a couple of years. It was whilst doing this job that I would have met visiting priests who would sometimes have stayed over in the bedroom to the right of the door as you enter. I took over the job from NL 55 It was here that I first met Father Brendan Smyth. I was about 10 1/2 years old at this time. Within 5 minutes he abused me. I remember him coming to the door.

this time. Within 5 minutes he abused me. I remember him coming to the door. I carried some items from his car. When he opened the boot of his car I could see sweets and money, both paper and coins in a pile, stacked. I took items for him into his bedroom and he had given me a pile of sweets. As I was eating the sweets he proceeded to be affectionate to me. He stood behind me and put his hands on my backside and my bum and privates when he played with me. He had his hands inside my clothing. This type of abuse took place on several visits from Brendan Smyth. Father Brendan Smyth was like a Santa Claus figure. It was the first time I had been shown any affection from a Priest. He was not violent in any way. All the kids liked him, he gave us money and sweets. The abuse from Brendan Smyth progressed, on other occasions he took his penis out and had me fondle him. He done the same to me. This was at the front

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door and in his bedroom. When he sexually penetrated me in his bedroom. By this I mean he raped me. This happened several times until I left Nazareth Lodge. He abused me each time he came to the door at Nazareth Lodge. Stayed as a visitor. This happened many times up until I was 13 years old. He made me sit down in between his knees. Father Brendan Smyth always wore a priest's suit, with his priest's collar. I wore just ordinary clothes. The door area at Nazareth Lodge was separate to the rest of the Lodge in that you could hear people walking down the marble steps from Nazareth Lodge towards the carpeted area of the door area. Brendan Smyth made me fondle him I now understand this to be masturbation. He always ejaculated after getting me to masturbate him. When he penetrated me he would normally bend me over his bed face down. He would take his own trousers down and take my shorts down. Each time he penetrated me it was like the shock feeling you get when you walk into the sea. He would ejaculate when his penis was inside my back passage. He was never aggressive in any way towards me. He was always very pleasant. He was persuasive in a nice manner. It always ended when I sat on his knee on his bed and I would then be made to masturbate him or he would anally penetrate me. He sometimes put his fingers into my back passage. Sometimes he would make me perform oral sex on him and make me take his penis in my mouth. He would never say anything that offended me. He would tell me what a good boy I was. Sometimes I went to SR 62 is group and saw Father Brendan Smyth with his hands in children's underwear while SR 62 was knitting. I had to get her for a message at the front parlour, as arranged. DL 55 DL 55 and several of the children referred to Father Brendan Smyth as the funny priest who felt your bum and willie for sweets. I remember going to secondary school at Nazareth Lodge. SR 30 was a primary school teacher at Nazareth Lodge while I was there and care of a group of children. The nuns would sometimes send us out to stay over at peoples houses. I was sent to stay over to at least 4 different houses. On one occasion SR 30 persuaded me to go in place of one of the other boys, DL 132 to stay with another family. DL 132 had callipers on his legs. I went ot their house, I think in Belfast. I stayed the first night, then to At the house in there was a man, woman and 2 girls. I was shown upstairs to an

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upstairs bedroom with steps going up to it. The man came up behind me and I didn't know he was there. When I realised he was there I was shocked and frightened. The man came round and stood in front of me. He tried to get me to take my clothes off. I didn't do this. I was shocked and felt sick. He persisted that I take my clothes off. I couldn't because I was so frightened. He then began to talk of sexual things. He mentioned being in the water and having an erection and sexual things with his daughters, sexual talk. I felt sick and so afraid that I couldn't move. After a while he left me alone. I had to spend the weekend there and endure him. I had to go out for a walk with him at night and he would put his arm around me. I also remember him letting me drive his car on the road whilst sitting on his lap. He would put his hands on me and touched me outside of my clothes. This happened whilst I was driving his car on a public road. I remember his wife was very distant. I was either with him or his daughters. They were around my age group. The

was around 11 years of age when this happened, When I got back to Nazareth Lodge I told SR 30 that I wouldn't go back with these people again. Two of the members of staff at Nazareth Lodge were They were called NL 50 and NL 51. They were but they were certainly They looked after our group and worked with Sister SR 30 One day in the corner of sitting room. I was standing behind an Lshaped row of chairs where the TV was. NL 50 the smallest one, lay down on the floor, there were a few of us boys there, one was DL 20 NL 50 was wearing blue denim jeans and a broad brown belt. NL 50 proceeded to open the belt and her trousers and proceeded to ask me to put my hands down her trousers as she lay on the floor. I remember this as a humiliating experience. I didn't touch her. Nothing took place beyond her asking me to put my hands down her trousers. I was about 11 years old when this happened. I think NL 50 and NL 51 were paid staff to look after us. There was a member of staff at NL 52 Nazareth Lodge, I think her name was She was from

very pale. She was very violent towards us and nobody liked her. One day I called her a "country yokel" and she flipped. She ran after me along the corridor

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and I ran into one of the bedrooms where she cornered me. She bent me down over the bed and twisted my arm that I heard a wrench and she was screaming for me to apologise. The wrench was like a muscle tearing in my upper arm and it seemed like she was going to break my arm. I had no choice but to say sorry to her. To this day my left arm has been physically affected by this. I still find it painful lifting my left arm. I think I was about 11 or 12 when this happened.

- 17. When SR 30 came to Nazareth Lodge. She was one of the youngest nuns there approx 35 years old. We got on well. So did a few other girls in my group on the top floor. Her word was law. She was like Julie Andrews in the Sound of Music except she had a vicious temper and punished menial things with prolonged punishment.
- 18. She had me looking after to front parlour door from I was around just over 10 years old. I was smart and practical and full of life.
- 19. This trusted job included anyone came to Nazareth Lodge they went through me by phone or ringing the bell at the front door. Anyone.
- 20. There were 4 parlour rooms there and a kitchen. It was boring at times but I did everything to please her. She installed an intercom system which went to the top floor this was particularly to see that when a priest phoned "her brother" she could be contacted ASAP. I went for meals in hotels when he came with both of them. There was the Nazareth Lodge phone it had an exchange button to buzz the nuns eating quarters on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. I contacted **NL 5** who had a group of children she abused on the ground floor and she was very friendly with Father Brendan Smyth who abused some of the kids. Two I've come to know were the **sector** in her group.
- 21. This is how I met Father Brendan Smyth. He slept in the bedroom to the right as

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you enter Nazareth Lodge.

- 22. My duties included brushing the front grotto garden and the nuns graveyard, as the wet leaves stuck to the tarmac. SR 154 was around at times. I made tea for beggars who rang the bell and went round the side to a hut. I served them through a hatch with meat sandwiches. I had my own meals there as the trolley passed with the kids from my group getting the dinner from the main kitchen to take in the lift to our group. SR 155 cooked and was a kind nun.
- 23. There were committee meetings that went on to 11 o'clock at night. I was there to that time. I showed social workers to a parlour and got the family they came to see.
- 24. People came to leave toys etc at the front hall. I did my homework there. I took over this job from **NL 55** who was in my group with a sister called **NL 58**
- 25. I locked the main gates at 10 o'clock every night on my own 300 metres away and put the key in a drawer to the right inside the door. The register of who were in the home was in that drawer.
- 26. I was allowed by SR 30 to stay after school to judo classes, go to the shops, go to 10 parties at Christmas, Army, clubs, events etc. I had no limit to toys, presents and was her assistant. A few of the other girls in the group got on well with her. NL 54 NL 53 but she was like Michael Corleone in the Godfather temper wise, no mercy. I stayed behind when the group went for 3 weeks to Ballyhornan and went for one week just us

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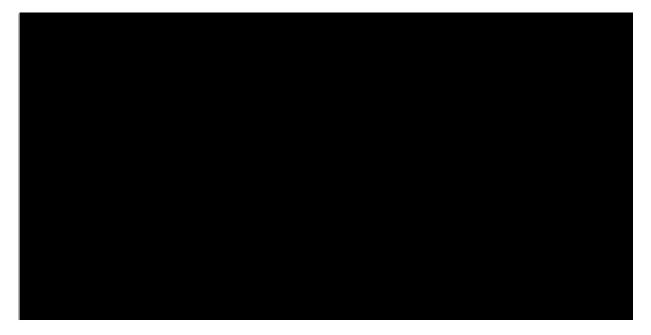
two lived in the group. I was her personal secretary in Nazareth Lodge. **NL 53** was smoking and she was in the bedroom next to me. Sister **SR 30** made her smoke the whole packet. I could hear it all "dreadful". When she first came there were 2 large dorms. One for boys and one for girls and she had a 3 door room between the two. If the boys were talking she came in said turn over and take your pyjamas down and scalped our backsides one by one.

- 27. I got a few beatings for absolutely nothing. I have described them, yet I felt bad I had disappointed her. I was 100% innocent on these 2 occasions. She left the group and was a school teacher who wanted the principal's job. She went to and got that when I left. She dumped her group of children and two bad nuns who came tortured and beat me until I was conned into going to De La Salle Boys Home.
- 28. I ran away twice once to Bangor, and the other with DL 31 and DL 20 DL 20 When SR 30 moved downstairs out of the group, life was hell then with SR 156 and SR 46 DL 20 suggested we could go to a relative who was a policeman and lived in Warrenpoint, we got there by thumbing lifts and stayed with each other in an old flat he knew and went round to his relatives who gave us a meal then phoned her husband who came round took us to the police station and beat the crap out of me and threatened us never to run away again. The social services took us back to the home and SR 30 SR 156 and SR 46 gave us another hiding in the front parlour.
- 29. SR 156 and SR 46 were there names (horrible). Hell awaited me in De La Salle Boys Home.
- 30. SR 30 contacted me a couple of years ago. I know she lied to the police but did know of the abuse of Father Brendan Smyth, as she told the staff never to allow anyone into our group. She told me she disliked him. She sent children

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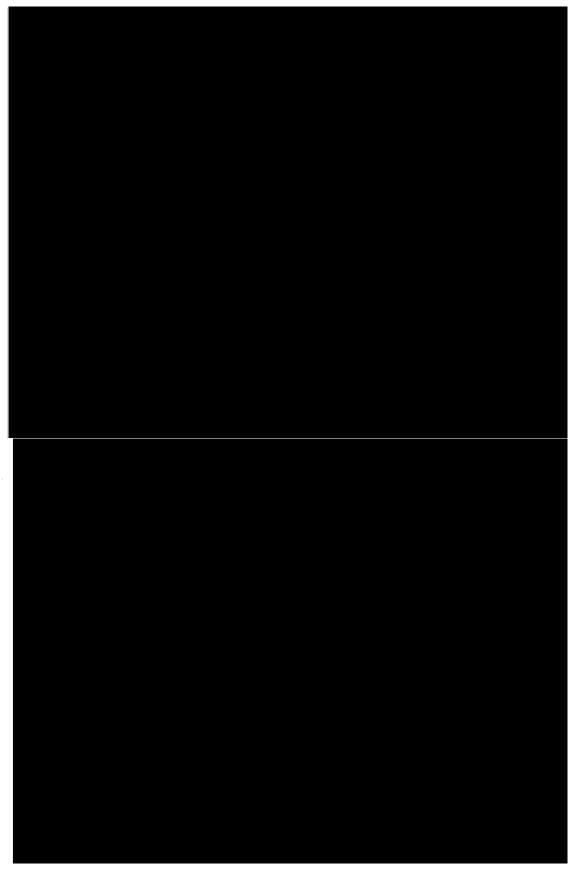
out to anyone's homes who wanted them for any reason unvetted and was warned by social services never to do that, most of what I speak of are on my social services record which I had a mountain to climb to get them. Sister SR 30 flogged a boy naked. DL 55 for pulling his pyjamas down, with a stick. (I saw it) and all the boys in the bedroom. It was witnessed by NL 54

31. The sisters had an endless supply of wealth and the food and clothing were excellent in our group. Same food in all other groups. Some of the nuns were quite good. SR 29 SR 157 SR 149 SR 71 SR 155 SR 154 SR 30 and a blind nun. Our group was renovated to hotel standard. 3 beds, and single bed en suite bedrooms. Top class. I had total freedom because of my relationship with SR 30 I went anywhere I wanted and did what I liked, Ormo scouts, camping in Dublin, stayed in school friend's house. In my social services record it is recorded how SR 46 was pressurising my social worker to get rid of me. She was jealous of my relationship with Sister SR 30 and the life I had and was determined to put an end to it and she did. Anything I wanted SR 30 gave to me, money, budgies, canaries, mice, goldfish. ANYTHING!!



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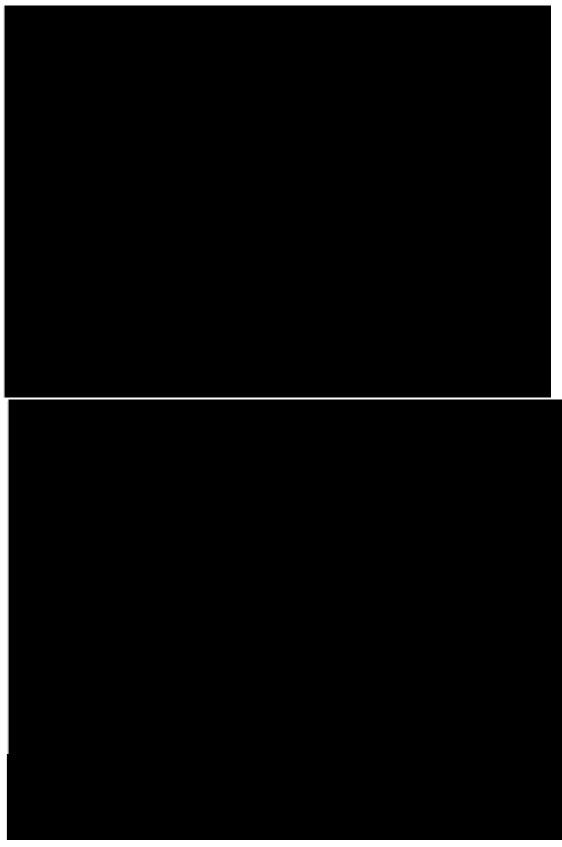
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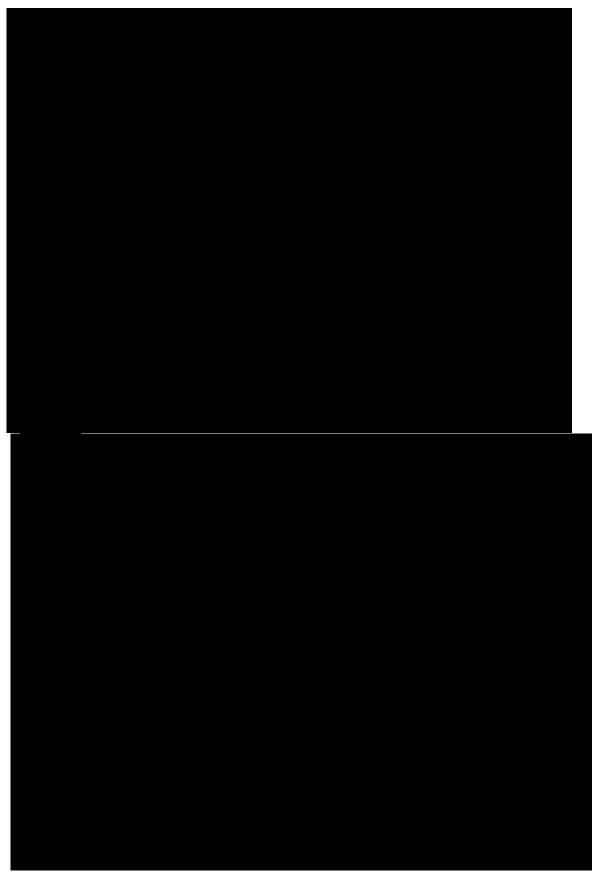
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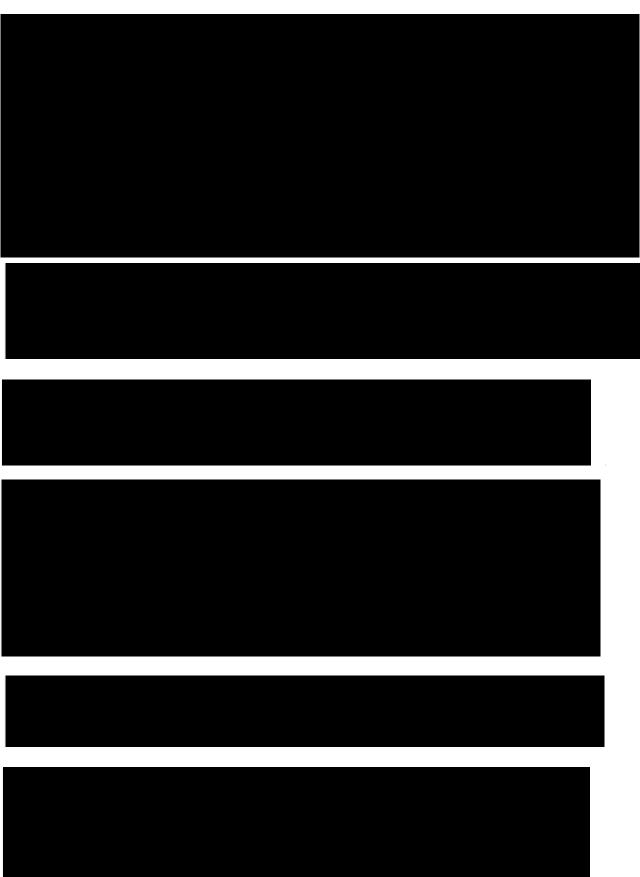
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### Life out of Rubane House De La Salle Boys Home

- 43. DL 503, senior social worker, was then put on my case 6 months before I left. Obviously from the social service records to place me where he saw fit. He was a senior, the previous social worker was a numbnoid idiot who spoke of what do you want to do when you grow up. Pathetic and useless.
- DL 503 was a cunning, skilled man at his job not for my benefit but to clear 44. up another case. He operated like a headless chicken. He set about getting my biological mother to get a flat/house but she got a one bedroom bedsit, Rent 65 pounds and month. She only wanted one child, **DL 87** as he was of a swarthy appearance and the other reasons only she knows. The rest of her 5 children meant nothing to her. I only knew of us 4 DL 87 NL 57 NL 56 and me. She did have a girl child called which she gave to the family and of born 1974 when born. I had heard of her and met her once as a child. DL 87 and went to Portaferry school with a housemasters kids DL 406 was in l and DL 101 who all lived in He took no part in the home and did as he liked going home to his mother at weekends and monthly and holiday DL 503 started arranging me to go out to times. on a Saturday now and again and return on the bus at 4-5pm. I was left to walk miles to get the bus from the home and walk in the dark on my own it was very frightening. My biological mother met me at Oxford St Bus Station and instead of getting to know me at her bedsit took me to a pub on Ann St with a man she was kissing and drinking vodka and coke called I stood at the bar until 4 and got the bus back to the home. This happened often and sometime to a bar called the lifeboat beside Dubarrys it was on the corner next to the boats. Upstairs people in the bar would say here's DL 407 is kid that how she's known. When DL 87 had left he'd meet me and take me to a prostitute's house in Whiteabbey for the weekend. She was called where there was a bridge at the end of the street, the womans 2 daughters had boyfriends who

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slept there and they were eating food and spitting into each other's mouth and swallowing it. I was disgusted.

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- 44. Anyhow I stayed two weeks at Christmas and was supposed to go to and bond etc. Young had 3 girls and it was not the place for a young boy to develop and play etc they were a lovely family, you won't find better, father called **box**. Lovely home, instead of going to **box** to stay at weekends before I left, I never spent one night there before I was dropped off at the door in May 1980.
- 45. With my dog I had in the home farm. My biological mother started shouting when DL 503 left and told me the dog had to go, it was all I ever loved. He didn't tell her about it. Anyhow the dog stayed for a while. I kept quiet about everything as my biological mother had threatened me along with DL 87 to do so. And I wanted to escape the Aushcvitz home.
- 46. I was only 16 and was in care of the state until 18. So I had 2 years of DL 503 regime to get through.
- 47. Since the early 1970's my biological mother had been going out with a man called **sectors**, he had and owned his own home at **sectors** but lived with us he had a job as a plumber and was well off.
- 48. The bedsit had a slanted roof, the front room was tiny and had a small bedroom. A sink on top of the stairs, no heat, hot water that was the cooking area which was 4ft x 2ft. The bathroom was downstairs, shared with a larger flat of students, they had a landing area, large sitting room and kitchen, you had to pay to have a bath. I swear by almighty God that nothing had changed since 1968 with this evil woman and social services.
- 49. She ate in the best restaurants and hotels, the

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Chinese etc. and drank from Friday to Sunday every single weekend.

- 50. The front sitting room had two beds in it one for **DL 87** and one for me. An electric 2 bar fire. The place was freezing. My biological mother took herself off every morning and took nothing whatsoever in the whole wide world to do with me. I got 12 pounds per week on the dole. She took 10 pounds and the dog was put in **DL 503** vets dog home on the **DL 503** took the Jack Russell dog called "Tigger" home to his home in **DL 503** I was grateful as it was like giving a child away.
- 51. There was an outstanding bill of £170. 503 wrote a plea begging letter and gave it to **503** wrote a plea begging letter and gave
- came home every Friday and Saturday 52. My biological mother and night drank, fought and smashed the place up. She punched the face of me as I slept, screaming about the bastard I'd come from, I suffered terrible abuse of this kind every weekend. DL 87 was like a prince and attacked and spat on attacked me violently also. The police were called twice. I me. DL 503 and asked to be moved somewhere safe. He reported this to spoke to her, and nothing changed. The students suffered the riots she caused below us and eventually fled the flat on the middle floor, she then got the DL 503 landlady to give it to her. I then stayed in the bedsit which agreed. I thanked God I got rid of all three of them.
- 53. I moved onto the **second and was hanging out with boys and girls I** grew up from the home Nazareth Lodge, in **second and worked also from 8-1am in the second ary school**. The club had an unemployment and worked also from 8-1am in the **second ary school** to pay the rent in the bedsit on
- 54. I was only getting 17 per week and the bus was £5 or £6 rent living etc. I had to give it up. I walked everywhere I went. I also was going to where lads were thrown from the second sec

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from social services yet I was still in care until 18.

- 55. DL 503 made appointments for me at lower crescent but rarely was there. Life was pretty grim. He never told me that my biological mother had 8-9 kids or any info about my life. When I asked him, I wanted my Social Services records and he said there were none, by law I was entitled to them when I was 18. More cover up of the State's failure.
- 56. When I was 18 I was told by other lads at the hostel you can get records etc. I went and saw him in University St and he told me there were none and gave me the 3 pages I gave the Inquiry. I never read it as it starts off with what I knew, if I had of read it all I might have known she, biological mother had all these children, but I don't think the penny would have dropped as it's not the sort of thing you'd think of. I had to steal food and clothes until I was 18 to survive. DL 503 wrote of my thinness and rags I wore in his reports and how he lent me £50 to get the electric on in the bedsit and how hard it was to get it from his bosses. He ended up in Trust management.
- 57. I spent a few years finding and meeting my other adopted siblings after one who went to live in New York at 6 months old turned up on my door step in 1997. The Catholic Church told me that because I came from the same womb I had no rights to their identity. I made social services and the Roman Catholic Church eat their words. I made social services and the Roman Catholic Church where my sibling was adopted, and then told the social services adoption agency in the same wome in there and they did as I had opened his adoption file, and they didn't want me to walk into his house as they have a one way process where the adopted person is giving all your details and you get nothing. The Roman Catholic Church, the North Korean State of Northern Ireland and social services all worked hand in glove in all of the child abuse committed on the child citizens of this country.
- 58. I received a statement by SR 30 . It is a clear attempt to deceive the police and social services, she did not want them to know that she used me as her personal secretary from the age of 10-13.
- 59. She was obsessed with keeping children's bodies from developing into normal

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children's functions. She brainwashed them with unbiblical manmade nonsense that even as a child I debated it with her, I've given an example such as the whipping of **DL 55** for dropping his pyjamas aged 10.

- 60. She was in Nazareth Lodge after May 1977 when I was conned into leaving. If she did leave it was a few hundred yards up the road to Nazareth House.
- 61. The flat she refers to was the entire top floor of Nazareth Lodge. "Our group". I was in a 3 bed bedroom with 2 other boys DL 55 and DL 20 before I got a single room. I fitted an alarm bell torch with a stick to the door it went off when you opened it. I didn't want Father Brendan to come in that's why I did this. No other children were ever at the front door other than NL 55 NL 55 when I took over the job. If anyone came to the front door, King or Queen, I dealt with them. NL 55 covered for me if I went to football etc. SR 30 was warned about giving me out to people by social services and her statement is a tissue of lies.
- 62. The poor men were also poor women who urinated and other in the wooden hut provided for them as they had no toilet. I had to clean it every day. **SR 30** knew what Father Brendan was doing as most nuns. She said she didn't like him and had glass panels and a locked door fitted to the top floor and instructed the staff never to allow anyone in, she knew what Father Brendan was doing, other children were abused by him from her group. **NL 59** was one boy, his evidence was used in the Court case of Father Brendan.
- 63. I met her in 1982 on the second and she had me carry bags of coins into the bank. I think SR 149 was with her. She offered me a job in Nazareth House, odd job and gardening. I never went as she dumped me in 1977 and I went to the second Rubane House, De La Salle Boys home, Kircubbin, Co. Down along with Co. Donegal the two major counties of child sex abuse in Europe committed by the Roman Catholic Church.

### Statement of Truth

#### PRIVATE

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

HIA 41 Signed Dated

SNB-32556  $\bigcirc$ his Sister, It was great to see and hear you, I know I ment from A-2. but I have so much to say to you, its probably hard for you to understand where im comming from but you know my background and youre the 1st human being I loved, and you know how it ment but as I haid the time thats passed means Said the time that's passed means no less to me no change or memory. ( Everyone I know Spake of you with great Joy at the unique fun person you are as a teacher and ces yourself, from and the ormo Kel 1 Really mean that, and 1 love you as a mother - Son Relationship. Theres nothing I can do to change that that's Just the truth we tried lots of things to get over your leaving the ( group and it has Just grown into what it is my wife \_\_\_\_\_ Says the and She was in group, only one other this I wanto Say about the past is that the person who you had a gat feeling about when I usplad on the clock attempted the thigs I talked to you about the the house and he pursued me to the place I went to when I left but I never had anything happen to me in that Regard I think you had bought

SNB-32557 SNB-32557 me more than I realised, but please forget about anything ar arbet you that you couldre changed; as Jeous christ is my where of that's the truth, you er know the story the been shown how telking and dealing with they is the way to bleed with them I hope we can talk more away thes heally all I wanted to could about me i and you can be star in touch into please do lot love the idyness my the other subject is Jeous christ" Who descended from the line of David his of JSReal had in the old tesforment the is was and is to come the one spaten of in the bible. The one spaten of in the bible. The one spaten of the come of her obset about the come the one spaten of the come of the come of the come the one spaten of the bible. The of parts about any you received had in the old tesforment the is seed to grow therefore I will tell you must be fertile soril for the Seed to grow therefore I will tell you must be for the sories and you is stary to said the former the of come of the former the how is seed to grow therefore I will tell you the form softhe this issue with "the Lord Jesus christ" Komenser and you in

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SNB-32566 Matt. ch 6 V 32 forget everythis else? Matt ch 16 v 26 marke ch 8 V36., Acto ch 16 v30 acto ch 8 v37 John ch 6231 acts 8027 acts ch 15 Ull acts ECA 16 U31 acts ch1914 Romans ch3132 galations ch 3v 32, believing etc you will always know where the ormo Rd is no natter what any says on does to you that (the believing, knowing that is Required Matt ch 7 v22 Matt ch7 V13+14. It is finished !! It is finished!! 7 cor ChSVIT I wait to hear from you May god bless and Same your for time e eterning. from 1 HIA 41 P.S. if you have any platos of me or you in the past id love to get a copy. 60% of courselli ng was and is about you and What stemmed from that whole Sciencino, ell tell courseller about you and hope we can talk more. bye for nour,

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HIA Ref - NL5 Name NL 5 Date

### <u>THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995</u> Witness Statement of **NL 5** – NL5

- 1. My full name is **NL 5** and I have just recently celebrated my birthday and until recently my health was excellent. Since hearing of the allegations made by a number of former residents I have been very stressed and my blood pressure is very high. I also feel unsteady on my feet a lot of the time.
- 2. My health has deteriorated requiring medical attention since the start of this and hearing all the lies that have been told about me and I have found it so stressful to hear that additional allegations were made orally. I do not feel this is fair unless I have an opportunity to reply and I am not even sure now if I will be fit to attend the hearing to defend myself and my reputation in person
- 3. I have provided a statement dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January to this Inquiry and have been asked to comment on the allegations made against me by two additional boys
- 4. My Solicitor has indicated that this is hopefully going to be over soon and that I can provide a final statement once all the evidence is over because I also wish to comment on the evidence given orally to the Inquiry by the boys I mentioned in my original statement but I understand that this statement is required urgently to address allegations made by that will be heard on the afternoon of Monday 26<sup>th</sup>,

#### HIA 41 HIA 41

- 5. This boy was not in my group and by his statement he indicates that he was in Sr Vincent's group. I would have had very little to do with him
- 6. I have not met **HIA 41** since he left Nazareth.
- 7. In my opinion his description of his time is pure fantasy. No child ever answered the phone or the door or was in charge of the Parlour. This was my job.

SNB-2134



### THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of SR 46

SR 46 will say as follows: -

- 1. I am aware of a number of allegations against me by HIA 41
- 2. I deny that I ever beat a child in my care. I specifically deny that I and two other Sisters beat HIA 41 in the parlour of Nazareth Lodge as described by him in paragraph 28 of his statement. SR 30 and I did not work together in the Unit at all. When I replaced SR 30 in the Unit she continued in her role as a teacher only. She did continue to live in the community but she did not work in the Unit.
- 3. I have no comment on the suggestion that I was somehow jealous or annoyed about a relationship that existed between SR 30 and I was never aware of any relationship as it would have happened before I arrived. SR 30 would not have been involved in the Unit once I took it over. SR 30 would have been full time teaching with no responsibility with the children in Unit.
- 4. I also deny that I pressurised HIA 41 social worker to take him away. I am aware of an entry in the records at SNB 30662 which records that the Sisters were having difficulty controlling him. I have no recollection of that at all. It is unfortunate that some of the children we cared for were more boisterous than others and some were more difficult to cope with. We would have had a regular contact with social services at this time who would have been involved in any decision making about the children. There would have been regular case reviews on the family by social services. Social Services were the final decision makers in any decision like this.
- 5. I have a vague recollection, but cannot be totally sure, that HIA 41 wanted to go to Rubane. I think he had heard stories that the older boys had a great time there and

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# SNB-30620

Date	REPORT	Initials of Officer
29/4/24	Visited - bituation inchanged all children and well but SR 62 paid she had arranged for to be seen by an educational psychologist as his behavroir in school was so disimplive.	
6/5/74	Visited all four are well. Took HIA 41 & DL 87 to Jolk Museum Cultrer. They suggid This a lor.	
6/6/714.	All four are doing quite wellar present	

# SNB-30621

Date	REPORT	Initials of Officer
23/7/24	. UnitedDL 87 & HIA 41 are well. NL 57 & NL 56 are or pols. this month	
-1/8/24.	NL 57 + NL 56 + HIA 41 + DL 87 are away this month.	
21/8/74	Visited all four with all well except NL 56 who had a "cheaty" cold. Visited Kingeblem - BR2 said	
4/1/ 74	DL 87 is doing V. well & is and School in Portaferry Acc. Sch. at present. Called with elle headmaster & DL 87 DL 87	
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9/9/71e	Histed 3 other children i Nazareth NL 57 she missis DL 87 HIA 41 appears to be missing Sk. R 153 when how here i King K.	
	Drenny All four children appear well + the NL 56 shorty cold has got better	
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# SNB-30622

Date	REPORT	of Officer
25/9/74	Visited HIA 41 NL 57 NL 56 in Nozareth bodge - they were naturally shy of me at first - it was apparent however that they related to each other very well. HIA 41 said they related to Each other very well. HIA 41 said they related SR 153 - all the children said they were missing DL 87 who is now in Kircupbin and said they would like to see him sometime.	•
28/10/74	Vartes HA 41 NL 57 & NL 56 in Borowith doine - NL 56 host his arm in a string - he had jumped off a table and experimes but suger arm - NL 56 did net relate will be me - he seemed to need as the extension but is a two - he seemed to need as the extension but is a two - he seemed to need as the extension but is a two - he seemed to need as the extension but is a two - he seemed to need as the extension but is as two - he seemed to need as the extension but is as two is a is as purg - hensever after talking to him, in particular for a while he charsed up HIA 41 was in good form and related to me marke neure lasily then an my last visit and initiated quite a bit of the conserver site able to portubule to the out of two set and was able to portubule to the new playing descer NL 57 also selected mere easily to me and was able to portubule to the new playing descer is back from manthester and visited the constraint down and selecter and visited the children fast wheelers are separated as a part of the children fast wheelers are particular performed to be the play of the manthester and visited the children fast wheelers are apparently affect of the playert and fuguent.	

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	CSIDENTIAL CARE
3 - MONTHLY	REVIEW
Name of Child: HIA 41	Date of Birth:
Home Address:	Care Address: Nazareth Lodge.
Division: South School attende	d/Employment St. Augustine's Sec. S.
Date of Admission to Care: 6.6.73	Section under which admitted 95
Reason for admission(be specific): _	Home conditions were very unsatisfactory
and Belfast Juvenile Court granted a F.P.O.	on 5.7.73 following an application by Belfast
Welfare Department for same.	
How accommodated during period in ca	are:

Place	Period
Convent of Mercy, Newry.	6.6.73 - 30.8.73
Nazareth Lodge	30.8.73 - present.

Report

Dates of visits to child: 27.8.76 4.10.76

Dates of Interviews with Parents: 6.7.76 4.8.76 17.8.76 27.8.76

HIA 41 who is in a different group at Mazareth than his brother and sister, spent the month of August at Ballyhornan, he also enjoyed this holiday.

It was suggested to HIA 41 at he could spend some weekends at Kircubbin with his

brother DL 87 but the two boys do not have a close relationship and HIA 41es not

keen to do this.

HIA 41 is still rather reluctant to go home on Sundays to his mother, but prefers to

stay at Nazareth, where he receives a small amount of pocket money for acting as

'doorman' and answering the telephone.

Social Worker:	^.P.S.W.: _	
Principal Social Worke	Date:	7.10.76
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# SNB-30660

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CHILDREN - IN RESIDENTIAL CARE
3 - MONTHLY REVIEW
Name of Child: Date of birth:
Home Address: Care Address: Nazareth Lodge
Division: South School attended/Employment: * Nazareth Lodge P.S.
Date of admission to care: 15.11.72 Section under which admitted: 103 (L.T.)
Reason for admission (be specific): was very ill following an emergency
appendicestomy. No other family member was available to look after the children. Added to this the home condition was most unsatisfactory.

How accommodated during period in care



Place	Period
Nazareth Lodge	15.11.72 - present .

SNB-41761

#### Report

Dates of visits to child: 19.12.72
Dates of Interviews with Parents: 14.11.72 (unable to contact in Becember)
These children are all very demanding and boisterous, and the sisters felt it
was necessary to put them into separate groups, in order to exercise some control
over them. They have now settled wuite well and appear intelligent in school,
despite grequent previous non-attendance. HIA 41 has been well healthwise since
he was admitted to care.
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Children's Officer: ate:
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