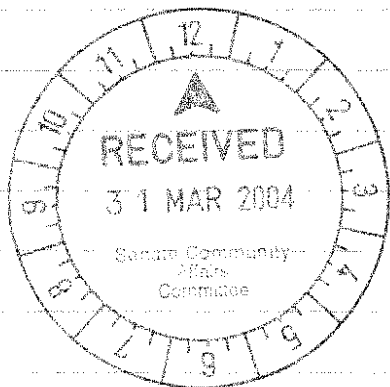


To Whom It May Concern,

Please find enclosed the correspondence that has gone back and forth over a period of time between me and "The Towards Healing" - The Sisters of Charity of Australia. Also statements made by me to them in relation to what happened to me at St. Anne's Orphanage in Liverpool N.S.W. in 1966. I still feel very angry and hurt over the whole matter. I only recently found out about this inquiry and I do hope you note my letter about these issues and that I do get some sort of an outcome so I can get on with my life.

Yours Truly,

MAUREEN GREEN



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Name : Maureen Cathryn Green

States :

This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in a court as a witness.

The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have willfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

My full name is Maureen Cathryn Green. I am 51 years of age and was born on the 19th May 1951. I currently reside at _____ with my husband and youngest daughter.

In late 1965 my mother had a breakdown, she had separated from my father in about 1964. There was a lot of domestic violence in our life and this is the reason my mother left my father. There were four children in my family, Michael was the eldest child, Julie was my younger sister and Timothy was my youngest brother. We lived with my mother when my parents separated.

In 1966, when my mother became ill I was placed at St Anne's at Liverpool with my youngest sister Julie. I remember Mother Phillipa she was the head nun at St Anne's, Sister Herman was in charge of cooking and sewing and Sister Pauletta would often come at nighttime usually about twice a week. I remember my father visiting us and asking us what we had done with the pocket money he had given to Mother Phillipa. I told my Father we had not received this money. After that he gave the pocket money to us directly. My Dad would visit frequently usually three times a month it seemed like he had more to do with us in the home than before. He would often take us to Luna Park with Timothy and we also visited family. I very rarely saw my older brother Michael he was living at Petersham with a friend of my mothers.

My sister and I went to school at St Mary's I remember being quite segregated from the children at St Mary's and I'm sure it was because we were from St Anne's.

The food at St Anne's was absolutely terrible I remember one dish in particular was this dry macaroni with a few bits of cheese on it. I hated it but Sister Herman made me eat some of it. It took me about two hours and the blowflies were landing on it. After eating half of the meal she was totally furious by then. She pulled me up and then belt me with this cane. She hit me with the cane over my legs and when I fell to the ground she then hit me over my back. All the other children had returned to class. All the children were there initially when I told Sister that I didn't want to eat it. But they had all returned to class before she started to hit me. I remember another occasion when I had an argument with this other girl, Helena Jasiniski, about washing up, Sister Herman had come in during the argument and then started beating me with the cane in the same way as I previously described. I am not certain who was there. I remember another occasion a girl called Sue and I had left the orphanage and went to the shops. When we returned Sister Herman beat us with the cane over our feet and told us that we wouldn't be walking anywhere for a while. I remember another occasion involving Sister Herman when she was bathing the younger girls. When they had finished their baths Sister Herman lined them up in the nude and then one by one put them over her knee and spanked them on the bottom. I remember distinctly the look on her face was as if she was obtaining pleasure out of spanking the girls.

When we were showering Sister Pauletta and Sister Herman would insist we left the doors open to the bathroom. Both nuns would walk past and look at us in the shower or if we were getting dressed. There was no privacy, we couldn't bath, we couldn't dress there was no where to go to be on your own.

I remember a time when I was in bed one night Sister Pauletta asked me to pull down my pyjama pants. She wanted me to open my legs up and she looked at my vagina. Approximately four –six weeks later she again came to me when I was in bed and asked me to remove my pants. His time she put her fingers inside my vagina and felt around my vagina for a few minutes. I was feeling pain whilst she was doing this, I was angry and ashamed and was bewildered as to why this was happening. I was questioning whether what she was doing was right, was it normal behaviour? I did not know anything about the birds and bees. There was no one else in the room. After each occasion she hit me with a stick, similar to a long ruler. On the last occasion she came into the room and again asked me to take off my pants but this time I became hysterical and the other girls

came into the area. The other girls inquired what had happened because I was crying, but I didn't tell them. She again hit me with this stick. I didn't tell anyone what Sister Pauletta had done. A few weeks after the last occasion she come up to me and asked me whether had told anyone what had happened. I told her that I hadn't and she then told me not tell anyone or I would get a lot of beatings and be made a spectacle of. I wouldn't tell anyone I felt ashamed. I also thought I wouldn't be believed, this was a nun a respected member in the community who would believe that some one like her would do this to me.

The nuns would take the stamps off my private mail from my mother. The letters were open and the stamps were gone. They didn't do anything or care when we were sick. I often complained about back pain and nothing was done and it turned out that I had scoliosis. I found this out when I had my first child. There were not enough blankets or clothes I was absolutely freezing in winter. When I first went to St Anne's I didn't have very many clothes. I didn't have a bra and the time we went up the street I actually bought a bra with the money Dad gave me. It was very embarrassing not having a bra. Amongst hospital papers I received about my mother there was a social workers report stating I was strange. (Attachment A)

St Anne's was a very sad time for me, I felt so alone. It was my last year of high school and felt no sense of family or love.

I left St Anne's in the Christmas holidays of 1966 my mother was still ill, I stayed with the Hunt's a foster family. My mother took her life in June 1967, with my brother Timothy.

I heard about the Towards Healing process through my sister and she gave me number to ring. I decided to make my complaint. Meredith Crowe attended my residence and took a brief outline of what my complaint was. My husband was home at the time and I was unable to give the detailed information about the sexual abuse by Sister Pauletta. I had never told anyone before about this in full detail until this statement.

I believe what happened at St Anne's has changed my life, I find it hard to trust people, and it was difficult to bond with my first two children. After I received some counseling from a good friend I was able to establish a better relationship with my youngest daughter. I think counseling helped with some issues. Unfortunately my friend died and I have not received any further counseling.

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I have lost my faith in Catholicism and would like an apology from the Church for what has happened. I would really like some help with dealing with these issues.

I now know Sister Pauletta to be _____ and she teaches at a Cabramatta school. I found this out from the convent of the Sisters of Charity at Liverpool.

Maureen Green

Statement taken and signature

W M TUCKERMAN

Statement of Complaint.

Maureen Green

date of Birth 19.5.51

wish to make a complaint to the appropriate Church Authority against:

Mother Philipa, Sister Pauletta, Sister Herman who at the time in question ~~were~~ working in an official capacity for the church as:

Nuns for the Sisters of Charity on 1966 at St Annes, Liverpool, NSW.

Nature of Complaint:

Please see attached document "Issue 2".

I wish to include the following additional comments in my statement:

when I had my first two children it was hard to relate to them because of what happened to me. looking back I would have been a better mother, but in those days there was no counselling (the combination of my mother and brother's death and the abuse) I think in some ways I was trying to replace a family because I had lost a family.

As a result of this complaint, I expect that my complaint is heard and recognised, that I get counselling, and that it doesn't happen again.

have been advised that if my complaint involves criminal behaviour I retain the right to make my complaint to the police at any time.

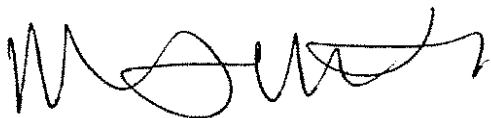
Have you notified the police? NO.

Do you intend to notify the police? I don't really know.

This formal statement of complaint is made by me the undersigned on this 24th day of the month of September in the year 2002

(Signature of Complainant)

Before me



(Signature of duly appointed contact person as witness)

Meredith Crowe

(Please print name of contact person)

Issue 2

While we were at St Anne's Home in Liverpool NSW, Mother Philipa had kept our pocket money from our father each week. I was also subjected to physical abuse with a sexual connotation. As far as our sleeping arrangements went, there was a large distance between us. Around bedtime, Sister Pauletta, who was in charge of putting us to bed, made me lie on my bed with my pyjama bottoms down while she looked between my legs. After she did this, she made me roll over on my stomach and hit me with a stick. On the second occasion, she went to touch my vagina, that's when I said no and wouldn't let her do it again. Sister Pauletta would also make me leave the door open while I was in the shower or the bath. On occasion, Sister Herman broke canes on my body several times when she hit me. Amongst these beltings were times where she would belt me until I was in the fetal position and nearly passed out. I was forced to eat dry macaroni, making me sit there for two hours while blowflies were landing in my food, while the nuns ate meals like steak and vegetables.

The nuns at St Anne's also opened and read my private mail and even taking the stamps off them. They didn't care nor do anything when we were sick e.g. constipated and severe period pain. There were not enough blankets or clothes and we were often cold. I also complained to the sisters that I had terrible back pain. Nothing was done about this and as it turned out I now have scoliosis. Sometimes we were made to go without a bra because we didn't have any and they weren't going to give us any. It was very embarrassing. Amongst mum's hospital papers, one of the nuns said that I was a strange girl.

There was a long separation of our family where we didn't see our mother or our brothers. When our mother had a breakdown in Christmas 1966, we were told very abruptly and put into a foster home for six weeks. I wasn't treated normally at St Mary's, which was the school that I attended at the time. While my youngest brother was in a home at St Anthony's in Croyden, he told me that he wanted to do a b.o. I didn't understand what he was saying, so I asked one of the nuns. A b.o. means bowel's open. I thought this was rather strange.

This was a very sad time for me. You had people around you but felt so alone at St Anne's.

I have written a letter to Fay Lo Po concerning the adoption. Fay Lo Po is the minister for women. These issues are currently under investigation and the issues I speak of are still quite disturbing to me. I hope an inquiry will result from this and to please notify me of any outcome.

Yours Sincerely

Maureen Green

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

PATIENT'S No.: _____

NAME: DOYLE, Dorothy M: _____
 AGE: _____ WARD: 12
 MEDICAL OFFICER: Dr. Rec F: _____
 DATE: 17/2/66

REPORT: Mrs. Doyle's daughters are living at St. Annes' Convent, Liverpool, and are attending secondary school there. One of the nuns contacted me about them as they are not settling in and refused to mix with girls their own age. She felt that they were both rather strange.

On the 10th February, 1966 I interviewed the two girls. They believe their mother's paranoid delusions and strongly backed up her story about the shadows on the wall. They believe that their father was trying to send their mother mad and caused shadows to play on the wall. The shadows depicted rats, the sign of the cross, the sign of death and other filthy things that they didn't want to mention. Both girls said that they had seen the shadows themselves and were not just repeating the story of their mother's.

Miss Bailey, a Social Worker from the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau contacted me concerning Mrs. Doyle who has been known to her for some time. She said that although Mr. Doyle has terrorised his wife in the past he is perfectly amiable when visiting the children. She thought that both parents were competing strongly for their childrens love and that this was upsetting the two girls and so preventing them from settling in at school.

(Miss) E. Harwood.
 Social Worker.

DATE: 17/2/66 (signed) SOCIAL WORKER: _____

Mrs M Green

Dear Wendy,

In regards to our meeting on the 28th Nov 2002, I have made the decision to start the proceedings with Towards Healing. I had a discussion with Detective Mitch Croak from Charlestown Police on Friday 29th Nov 2002. Det. Croak made a record of what we discussed and the outcomes that might be achieved and what might be the best way to go. The reference number for this is |

As for the social workers report I am sending you, it was mainly Miss Bailey and not Miss Harwood to my knowledge that handled the situation while we were at Saint Anne's. How could anyone settle in a place like this in two weeks? This was not a normal family environment. There was absolutely no family unity. I rather think this place was strange and not us. I am quite upset that Miss Harwood said this.

The second paragraph in the social workers report is very true. Of course my father was amiable. If he wasn't, he would not be allowed to see his children. That stands to reason. As for the last sentence about competing for his children's love from both parents, I do not agree. He was just a father wanting to see his children.

Could you please pass on this information on to whom ever it may concern.

Yours Sincerely

M Green

Enc. Social Workers Report

24\10\02

Maureen Green

Dear Sister Annette,

I am writing this letter to you as I am disturbed about your correspondence to me over the past few weeks.

The first letter from you, 10th Oct. 2002, only mentions two nuns. In my first correspondence to you I mentioned three nuns. I was wondering if the third nun was being investigated, as I was very distraught that she was not in your letter.

The second letter, dated the 21st Oct. 2002, I never actually got to talk to any of the nuns except one and she just gave me a small list of names of the girls that were at St Anne's. I felt from the wording of the letter that this might be considered a threat but I feel I have not over stepped my boundaries at all and I did not appreciate this letter.

I am sure you understand this and to look into these matters.

Yours Sincerely

Maureen Green



Sisters of Charity of Australia Congregational Office

21st October 2002

Mrs Maureen Green

Dear Mrs Green,

I have been informed that you have been trying to contact Sisters who were at St. Anne's, when you were there, including those against whom you have made a complaint. The process of assessment of complaints requires that those against whom a complaint has been made do not contact the complainant (in this case you). It is therefore important that you do not continue to try to make contact.

I gave this message to your husband, but indicated that I would prefer to speak to you. As you have not returned my phone calls I needed to put this in writing.

I need to inform you that it will not be possible to proceed with any assessment if you continue to try to make such contact. It would not possible to have a fair process. I am sure you will understand this.

Yours sincerely,

SR ANNETTE CUNLIFFE RSC
Congregational Leader

AC/M Green- Doyle contact



Sisters of Charity of Australia Congregational Office

10th October 2002

Mrs Maureen Green

Dear Mrs Green,

I have received your Statement of Complaint and I am sorry that you have such bad feelings about your time at St. Anne's Orphanage. I will ensure that the matter is investigated.

Sadly one of the Sisters you mention left the Order many years ago and another is in a nursing home and suffers from dementia.

You will hear again when it is possible to investigate this matter

Yours sincerely,

SR ANNETTE CUNLIFFE RSC
Congregational Leader

AC/M Green- Doyle complaint



Sisters of Charity of Australia Congregational Office

16th April 2003

Mrs Maureen Green

Dear Mrs Green,

I am writing to you to let you know about the concluding assessment of your complaints.

I am sorry that there has been some delay since your meeting with Wendy Tuckerman, an independent assessor in the matter of your complaints. I have recently been appointed as Congregational Leader, and I wanted to be personally briefed on your complaint before writing to you.

As you will appreciate, an assessment under the Church's *Towards Healing* guidelines is similar to any other investigation. It involves a search for the facts as far as they can be discovered. As many of the people as possible likely to know about the matters in question are approached for an interview and asked in detail about them, and the relevant records are examined. The persons named in your complaint are approached towards the end of the process, when all other information has been gathered, and each is given an opportunity to respond to the complaint. In this case Sr Pauletta was interviewed. Sr Herman is frail and aged and has dementia. Sr Phillipa left the convent in 1968 and could not be located.

Once all the available information has been gathered, the assessor analyses it and presents her report to the responsible person in the Church, in this case to me, as Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Charity. It is then my responsibility to make a determination on the facts as presented.

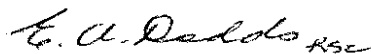
Mrs Tuckerman was unable to find any evidence about the physical abuse you described. Although some corporal punishment may have been administered at times, she was unable to find any evidence that the discipline at St Anne's took a form that would not be considered acceptable at that time.

Mrs Tuckerman was unable to find any other evidence indicating that children had been sexually abused as you described. Finally the assessor examined your complaint about the quality of food, attention to childhood needs and monies stolen, but was unable to substantiate these matters.

As a result of the assessor's findings, I am sorry to advise you that I am not able to conclude that the matters you complained about have been substantiated.

I very much regret any hurt that you feel, but for the reasons I have set down here, it is not possible for the Sisters of Charity or any Church agency to take the matters of your complaint any further.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. A. Dodds RSC".

Sr Elizabeth Dodds rsc
Congregational Leader

To Whom It May Concern:

Timothy was born on October 9th 1961. My name is Maureen Green. Timothy was my brother. He is now deceased. This is about my memories I have of him in the 5 years that he was alive.

He was a beautiful, out-going child, exceptionally bright for his age. I was very close to him, maybe the closest person in his life. When mum had to work through the day I stayed off school to look after him on occasions. I remember I was so scared I dropped him once when I was bathing him as a baby. I must have only been 10 yrs old.

I remember the day he went to St Anthony's. I was 12 years old then. I will never forget his screams as we said good-bye. It was an exceedingly sad time for all of us. He became extremely institutionalised. When he wanted to go to the toilet when he was 3-4 yrs, he called it a B.O. meaning bowels open. St Anthony's certainly changed his life. I hated him being in that place. He should have not been there. All those babies and children crying. It was a dreadfully hard place to visit.

I remember they were exceptionally strict there. There was nothing there for the children. They were very alone. Life for him on the outside was awfully scary. He was very dependable on the homes he was in. What a life for a child!

When he eventually came out of the home, it was a real pleasure those last 2 months of his life. Each morning I took him to school before I went to work. When we were finally reunited as a family, he went to school at St Aloysius at Cronulla for the last 2 months of his short life. I think it was the only "normal" life I can remember him having outside the orphanage.

I know very little of what happened to him at St Anthony's, Croydon and St Michael's at Baulkham Hills. I tried to find out where he went to school for those few short months but with no success. Also some photographs of him. He started school at St Michael's. This is not very much information to know about your own brother!

Yours truly,
Maureen Green

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Vicki Green and I am the daughter of Maureen Green. I am writing this letter to express my feelings about how my mother and I both communicate and our over all closeness as a mother and daughter relationship.

In my childhood growing up, it was hard for both my sister Shelley and I as I remember my mother having breakdowns because of her childhood experiences. It wasn't until many years later that we found out about our Grandma and mum's time at the orphanage. I can see it was such a sad time for her. It had been very difficult for me to understand my mother's feelings and about how differently she treated us over my younger sister Belinda. Before Belinda was born, mum had a baby boy, Tony, who died a week old. She had a good friend, Penny, which helped mum through this difficult time. This helped mum with Belinda a great deal.

Mum could never show us any affection. She was always a great provider meaning clothing, food, etc. but never really emotional. We hardly got any hugs or just to say I love you were very scarce. I now understand, in my early 30's why this is. My mother was never shown and affection of support in the home at St Anne's. My younger sister was more fortunate than us, as she is 10 years younger than me, mum was also much older, so she understood what we missed out on and my sister really benefited. Belinda is much closer to mum than us because of this. I am not able to talk about personal things to mum when I was growing up. My older sister and I missed out on a lot because of what happened to her.

There is no information out there for the kids of the people who were institutionalised, except for what's coming out in this inquiry. It is hard for us to understand why we are not close to our parents. I watch other people and I am envious of their relationship. This is like a vicious cycle. Mum is showing us the same things as she was shown. The only things she was shown and passing it onto us. No intimacy. Nothing emotionally. When is it going to end? We are left to show our kids the way we grew up because we know no different and it keeps going. I'm sure there are lots of us that are trying to understand why we find it hard to communicate our feelings to others, not only to our children but to our partners.

There needs to be support out there not only for the people who were in the homes but for the kids that they have as well so we have the opportunity to try to understand why we grew up the way we did.

Yours truly,
Vicki Green