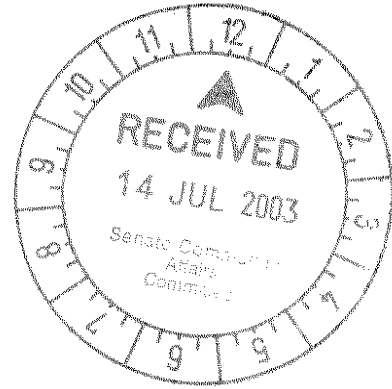


The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs References Committee
Suite S1 59
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT 2600



Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to record that during my childhood, I spent time in a church run institution (*ST JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE (COWPER N.S.W.)*)

My experience of this institutional life was terrible and I was subjected to extreme cruelty, deprivation and abuse. Also I was not provided with the appropriate care, protection and education that I should have been entitled to.

Signature: *K. G. Donnelly*

Name (print): *K. G. DONNELLY*

Address (print):

My time at St Joseph's Orphanage at Cowper NSW during 194~~5~~ - 46 was the most traumatic and depressing and fearful time endured my lifetime.

I was repeatedly beaten with a can[€] and received several "hidings" from the Head Nun. A sister De Pazzi.

This "nun" also sexually molested me.

Being locked in cupboards for some minor infringement was also regular treatment.

I also witnessed several terrible episodes of extreme cruelty handed out to other inmates.

Yes!! I would like to be part of the Hearings, even though it WILL bring back to me, very intimate and traumatic memories of my time at this orphanage.

I also would like to tell of my experience of the "Toward Healing" process of trying to obtain a reasonable form of compensation from the Sisters of Mercy at Grafton NSW