

# Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trust



## THE NEXT STEP

AN INITIATIVE OF THE MALE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

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To whom it may concern

I hope this letter arrives in time for your inquiry.

I am currently working with fifty men who claim they were sexually and physically abused while at a Catholic boarding school in Christchurch New Zealand. The school was called Maryland's and was situated in Halswell. The Catholic Order, St John of God, ran the school. The Head Office is in Sydney Australia.

To my knowledge 110 men in New Zealand are currently taking action against the Church. The allegations are from 1959 through to 1980.

These men in childhood were subject to physical, sexual and emotional trauma at a time in their lives they needed love, nurturing and support.

There is a belief, that when some of the Brothers (in Christchurch) were accused of sexual abuse, no investigation or charges were laid, and they were sent back to Australia.

There is a large Police enquiry in Christchurch at present in regard to Maryland's and I believe four Brothers are being sent back from Australia to face charges here in October.

Yours sincerely

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