

Born at Nazareth House in ChristChurch New Zealand

Raised in the suburb of Beckenham in ChristChurch New Zealand thinking my name was Peter White who enjoyed twice yearly visits made by an, Aunty Dora Carmine who would take me to town for Photos, which were taken at Green and Hahn's Studios Mrs White the woman whom I though was my mother, would sometimes accompany us.

Aunty Dora's visits ceased when I was about seven years of age though I constantly expected her return it never happened and my questions as to when she would be returning fell on deaf ears. By virtue of nature it seemed there was a special bond between Aunty Dora and I about whom while selling raffle tickets door to door for the Convent a lady who purchased a ticket asked my name? Upon replying Peter White she said your not a White you're one of us you're a Carmine she told me Dora was my mother and I was born at Nazareth House.

I stored this information and never ever mentioned a word to the White's who had never ever discussed my position in their family.

At the age of fifteen I began seeking information from Nazareth House asking if they could help me find Dora Carmine the Nuns said they didn't know where Dora Carmine was, my sporadic communication seeking information from Nazareth House as at 2003 spanned forty - seven years.

It seems definite the nature surrounding my mother Dora's pregnancy and my birth occurring at Nazareth House in my view had a strong bearing on the silence I experienced regarding this matter.

Persons closely related to my mother claimed no knowledge even the lady who brought the raffle ticket opted from helping me find my mother she may well have been silenced by those associated with the Catholic section of the Carmine family.

Chances of finding my mother seemed quite slim but my determination to do so continued asking anyone who knew anything about Nazareth House old girls then in the early 1970's through a general conversation with a Priest I learnt he knew a married sister of my mother's who was living in ChristChurch the Priest mentioned she had been a Novice Nun who opted from making her vows just the lady to help me? not so far from it she had been resident at Nazareth House with my mother but she chose to be silent regarding mums pregnancy and my birth occurring at Nazareth House.

It was through this lady I learnt of a Carmine death in another South Island town and immediately viewed that death notice in the relevant paper at the Library I procured my mothers marital details and the North Island town in which she lived initiating communications with her the following morning.

Mum was pleased I had found her she was ecstatic to learn she had four grand daughters.

Following this one evening I fielded a Phone Call from a male who requested I cease communications with his wife (my mother's sister) I had only spoken with her three times.

Next I learn mum's coming to visit the duration was extremely short communications continued then an invitation to spend a week with her and her two daughters in the North Island town of Fielding her two girls lived and worked there mum resided further North in Patea the times spent with mum and her girls was good at mum's request we returned her to her home in Patea spent three hours with her and with four tired young daughters we had to make tracks on the long drive back to Fielding from where we were returning to the South Island the following day.

Communications with mum and her daughters remained strong as did Cards and Notes for my daughter's then suddenly during a Phone conversation one Saturday morning mum asked if "I had sent the Lawyer's letter"? I hadn't consulted any Lawyer regarding this matter mum wouldn't believe this and wouldn't divulge the contents of the alleged Lawyers letter and therefore chose to permanently terminate our cherished communications.

Myself a District Nurse at that specific time who had liased across many boundaries though my sporadic attempts to rekindle communications with my mother were fruitless.

Initially it was difficult to comprehend why this had occurred? I contacted mum's husband who denied any knowledge and claimed to not know any person who would bestow devastation and hurt on my four young daughters.

It was then in my view powerful intervention may have come through the Catholic church to perhaps ensure mum had not divulged the identity of my birth father whom I think was a Catholic Priest.

Former residents of Nazareth House have ratified there were no boy's residing at Nazareth House in 1940, my birth took place there on the 20th September 1941 my mother had been in the trusted care of the Sisters at Nazareth House since 5th January 1935 her date of birth was 5th January 1925. Unfortunately her mum had died in June 1935 she was therefore parentless upon the death of her father on the 15th September 1940.

It seems certain that approximately three months to the date of her father's death someone somehow subjected my parentless young mother to the unlawful act of Carnal Knowledge a matter about which the Police don't seem to have been informed in the interest of my mother and in fact myself.

It is incomprehensible the then Sisters at Nazareth House seemed to have ignored doing anything about my young mother's state of pregnancy in yet it has been mentioned they worked her extremely long hours in the kitchen there.

Persons have said that upon making her weary way up the stairs to her bed Dora would often be heard to say "ghee I don't know what's wrong with me but I seem to putting on a lot of weight.

It has to be absurd to even think that the Sisters at Nazareth House were oblivious to my mother's pregnancy and it was not monitored by, the General Medical Practitioner who must have been associated with the Orphanage.

Nazareth House was, bound by the Child Welfare Departments Legislation. Catholic Orphanages are mentioned in that then Legislation therefore the person in charge at Nazareth House had the same powers as the then Superintendent of the then Child Welfare had over children in State care it is therefore fair to think Child Welfare Officers visited Nazareth House with the interest of the residents at heart.

The Health Department Officers would have also visited performing general Health checks as they did amongst the Schools a Lady Doctor Needham performed full examinations on us children at the Convent during the 1940's so why would Orphanages be any different?

The Child Welfare were obviously involved in this matter and aware of where my birth took place for the C.W. – 20 "Ink Pen" document clearly states I was born at Nazareth House it has to be obvious my mother and I were whisked from there according to the C.W. – 20.

Twelve days later mum and I parted company mum was incarcerated into Mt Magdala where she was known as Frances Theres the C.W. – 20 classifies mum as an inmate it seems she was to remain there until 21 years of age though she was released the week she turned twenty years of age due to the year of her birth being recorded as 1924.

Personally I assume I remained at the Louisham Hospital until Fostering arrangements were made I understand those arrangements were organized by the Sister in Charge at Nazareth House a member of the White family attests to being present during visiting Mr White's mother who was receiving respite care at Nazareth House following a Stroke.

Their family member has said her mother was asked by the Nuns to take this baby boy who belonged to one of their residents otherwise the baby would have to placed into St Josephs Orphanage.

Mrs White obviously weakened and was subsequently issued with a Foster License dated 10th November 1941 her family say their mother took receipt of me from the Sisters at Nazareth House whom it seems must have introduced my mother Dora to the White's because family members state my mother Dora and her sister Fay from Nazareth House came to visit me in their home each week end.

Nazareth House and Mt Magdala obviously entered into arrangements for these visits to the White's home "to and fro" transport must have been arranged for my mother and Fay residents were not unsupervised on outings.

This leads to what in my view is a fabricated "Trip to Lyttelton" there was no such trip residents of Nazareth House never had a free reign and went no where without supervision. The contents of the signed undated letter received in 2002 are, stone walling Lies, fabricated by fools, attached to the Catholic Church hoping most "Joe Bloggs" will accept what these Priests or Nuns say is Gospel and will go away!

Nazareth House have, had fair chance to produce "Ink Pen" ratification of any unsupervised trips.

It seems I may have been trapped in a two fold cover up Catholic – Child Welfare Department 1941 about which it is inconceivable that following my birth no Child Welfare Officer spent time observing Nazareth House "Ink Pen Records Books" (the type of books built to last) of course they were as astute then as people are today therefore it seems neither party involved the Police therefore they must have breached the legislation by which they were both bound.

The passing of the adult Adoption Bill occurred in 1985 I duly applied for my original birth certificate in 1987, eventually I was required to uplift same from the then Department of Social Welfare Adoption Office in ChristChurch on doing so the person with whom I met at that office indeed indicated there was very little information available for me, he duly furnished (2) two pieces of paper each containing no identifying information. "The Health Note" tendered is one of those pieces of paper and despite sporadic attempts to ascertain if any further information was available? Always, receiving denials, then in 2002 someone perhaps new in that Adoption Service furnished me with a most crucial piece of information the C.W. – 20 which in my view may have knowingly been withheld in 1987 this seemed to have conveniently deprived me of fifteen years chances of discussing the information contained on that document with persons whom are now dead including my birth mother.

The 1985 Adult Adoption legislation does not provide a license of impunity for the withholding of any information to which an Adoptee is legally entitled.

In June 2003 I initiated written communications with Sister Bernard Mary who promptly responded answering two of my written communication but has opted from acknowledging or providing answers to my questions contained in my letter of 22 June 2003.

I was hopeful my e – mail communications with Sister Clare Breen would have brought closure to what I view as these serious matters, about which I had engaged a Lawyer who was acting for a number of Nazareth House claimants the Lawyer does not reside in ChristChurch at my request Sister Clare Breen organized to meet with me during the 2003 Nazareth House mediations being held in ChristChurch we met on the 7th November 2003 the duration of that meeting was comparatively short.

Personally I have never received acknowledgement from Sister Clare Breen clarifying we met or what her further intentions are regarding her initial offer to help me.

Earlier this year 2004 I believed I had an obligation to advise Sister Clare Breen I was referring this matter of mine to the Right Honorable Helen Clark Prime Minister of New Zealand whom I have requested consideration for a Public Inquiry into wrongs alleged to have occurred in all past Orphanages.

I am not alone in these matters, I am merely amongst a class of persons some of whom I believe have and are communicating with Prime Minister Helen Clark for the same or similar reasons that I have.

Should the domestic lines become exhausted I understand us class of persons are then able to initiate a 1503 with the United Nations. It is anticipated this will not be necessary.

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