

Witness Name: Tina Cleary

Statement No.: WITN0113001

Exhibits: WITN0113002-WITN0113004

Dated: 16/09/2020

ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ABUSE IN CARE

WITNESS STATEMENT OF TINA CLEARY

I, Tina Cleary, state: -

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. My full name is Tina Cleary.

1.2. I am the daughter of Patrick Cleary. My father was born in 1938.

1.3. I am providing this statement on behalf of my father who recently passed away on 19 July 2020, aged 82.

1.4. On 17 April 2019, I attended my father's private session with the Commission as his support person when he gave his account of the abuse he suffered.

2. THE ABUSE

- 2.1. My father suffered abuse when he was age 13 in 1951 as a third form boarding student attending Saint Patrick's Secondary School located at Silverstream, Upper Hutt.
- 2.2. The abuse was perpetrated over four years by Father Francis Durning and Father Patrick Minto. My father set out detail of the abuse he suffered in a written statement he has previously provided to the Commission.
- 2.3. My father's written statement to the Commission is dated 1 August 2018. My father's wish was that I read his statement at the hearing. I will read his statement.

Refer Exhibit WITN0113002 – Two-page written statement dated 1 August 2018

- 2.4. My father provided an additional statement dated 25 March 2019 which he titled "Shame". This statement explains why it took him 68 years until he was able to speak about the abuse. I will read this statement.

Refer Exhibit WITN0113003 – Two-page written statement dated 25 March 2019

- 2.5. My father provided additional information to the Commission in a document dated 11 April 2019 which he titled "More about Durning".

Refer Exhibit WITN0113004 – One-page written statement dated 11 April 2019

Statement of Truth

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and was made by me knowing that it may be used as evidence by the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care.

Signed: **GRO-C** —

Dated: 19 Aug 2020