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Shame

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I have heard my children wondering why I took so long to make this unsavoury history of mine known.

"Shame" is the easy answer.

Shame at my inability to grasp the nettle and tell these two queer priests where to go. Shame for everything even for being me.

Once I had matured a little all I wanted for Minto was to be pushing up daisies by any of the means this warped 14 year old could conjure up – drown him in the school pool; slice the top off his head with a mixed-up swing by the discus thrower at school sports; poison him with arsenic stolen from the sheep dip preparation lying discarded in the school stores shed.

There was a farm nearby.

Shame for a youngster to be thinking this murderous way.

A major reason for my 68 year delay was that there was no one to confide in.

I tried to tell fellow student GRO-B when the abuse was still going on.

After 30 years the homosexual climate worldwide had changed. My complaint to the police was given the shove by the Police discovery that a ninety year old relation of Minto was in a rest home, remembering her dear Pat daily in her prayers. I may have wanted Pat dead but that didn't extend to aunty's agony of heart and possible demise at her hearing bad things about her accomplished Pat Minto.

I complained twice to the Society of Mary, the outfit which controls the priests. It was not beyond them telling lies, falsifying records, destroying records, debauching ideals that democracy stands for. And to compound the hurt the Society hung pictures of the two priests in the schools' halls of honour! Its insults continue every time you look. As well as every time you look at your body parts, yours as well as theirs.

Lies; saying they knew nothing about Durning's transgressions is not something supported by the obvious.

Falsifying and destroying records; what else happened to complaints, minute books, personal files, truth and remembrance.

So much for shame.

Durning in his prayerful moments had let it be known that he was next in line to be appointed/anointed to the post of 'Provincial' (the leader) to the Society of Mary, as high as he could get in the present set-up.

To our knowledge ("our" being youngsters at the school from 1954) were stopped from the threat of attack by Durning by the actions of GRO-B-1.

GRO-B-1.

GRO-C

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He and one other student (your 2nd cousin [GRO-B]) were [GRO-B] students receiving special tuition and help. Whether either student was subject to defilement by Durning I do not know, but something caused [GRO-B-1] to complain, blow the whistle, report bad doings to someone with sufficient clout to act. The next we know is that Durning gets the job as 'water boy' in a catholic college down south, to heck with the Provincial's job.

I know you lawyers will cry "Hearsay!" It was from [GRO-B-1] mouth the initial complaint was heard, and it was his mouth again, about 70 years later, that he boasted that it was he who blew the whistle on Durning. He made this claim to Jim Keeball who passed it onto me.

I do not know whether The Commission can help us. It would be a mighty help if [GRO-B-1] were persuaded to reveal who it was he complained to in the Society Of Mary. This complaint was instrumental in getting Durning banned. And we should not close our hearts to the long suffering people 'down south'. I fail to see where a geological difference can be the reason a pervert is cured. At this stage [GRO-B-1] hasn't answered the two letters I have sent to him. His home address is;

[GRO-B-1] phone no. [GRO-B-1]. Tim is on record saying Tim is able to discover his email.

Another person who might help immensely is Kitty McKinley. She was the 'helper' present at the meeting twixt Society of Mary and us, and which is now disputed by them as never having taken place. (That's them accusing us of being the liars - a complete reversal of roles). She spoke to Tina first, to me secondly. She twice asserted the SM knew about Durning from about thirty complaints over the years. It was great comfort to us to hear her repeat this because it meant the SM *knew*. It is testament to our naïveté that we did not get it in writing. It is my assumption that after the meeting with us (which is denied by SM took place, yet again) she was told to obliterate my complaint. Her whereabouts are available via number [GRO-C] [GRO-C]. Or Google her. If she were asked to give a sworn statement you could be sure her answer was the truth.

I feel the Commission would be easily able to address these problems.

Paddy Cleary for his three children, Tina, Tim and Dan.

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