

Revealing the Catholic cover-up:

A submission from the Broken Rites victim support group, 21 September 2012

This submission cites some Victorian articles from the Broken Rites website to demonstrate the church's concealment of child-sex crimes. Too often, by protecting the criminals, the church authorities have aided and abetted these crimes.

These are not "ancient" cases. The victims and their families are still feeling the effects in 2012.

The church covered-up for Fr. Gerald RIDSDALE:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page116-ridsdale.html>

The church protected (and praised) Fr. Kevin O'DONNELL:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page124-odonnell.html>

The church kept giving Fr. Paul David RYAN new victims:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page117-ryan.html>

The church helped Fr. Ronald PICKERING to flee, avoiding prosecution:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page118-pickering.html>

The church covered up (but now admits) the crimes of Monsignor John DAY

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page129-john-day.html>

Church leaders tolerated Fr. Terry PIDOTO for 25 years:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page136-pidoto.html>

The Christian Brothers defended (and accepted) Br. Edward DOWLAN:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page122-dowlan.html>

Church harboured Fr. Victor RUBEO for three decades:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page269-victor-rubeo.html>

SUICIDE: Two victims from Assumption College, Kilmore:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page268-marist-victims-suicide.html>

The church harboured Fr. Desmond GANNON during his countless crimes:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page128-gannon.html>

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Brother John DYSON was re-cycled to a new position of trust:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page142-dyson.html>

The archbishop covered up for Fr. Wilfred BAKER:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page137-baker.html>

The church kept child-abuser Fr David DANIEL in the ministry:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page139-daniel.html>

Church leaders protected the abusive Fr Gerard MULVALE:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page123-mulvale.html>

Church leaders celebrated the child-abuser Fr. Nazareno FASCIALE:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page121-fasciale.html>

Child abuser Greg COFFEY was appointed as a Catholic school principal:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page16.html>

The church protected the child-abuser Fr. John STOCKDALE for 30 years:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page131-stockdale.html>

The church knowingly inflicted Fr. John HOWARTH on further victims:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page140-howarth.html>

The church protected Fr. Frank KLEP, despite his criminal conviction:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page100-klep.html>

The church harboured Brother BERTINUS throughout his long, abusive career:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page210-bertinus.html>

Church is forced to apologise to victims of Fr. Thomas O'KEEFFE:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page270-thomas-okeeffe.html>

The church hid the crimes of Br. William IRWIN, filed as 'strictly confidential':
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page214-william-stanley-irwin.html>

The church merely moved Fr Bryan COFFEY to new parishes and new victims:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page22.html>

The church harboured child-abuser Brother Malcolm HALL during a long career:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page9.html>

Church authorities tolerated the crimes of Brother Ibar KEATING:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page29.html>

The church gave Fr Michael GLENNON easy access to children:
<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page157-glennon.html>

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The Christian Brothers defended Br. Robert BEST and fought his victims:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page27.html>

The church is finally forced to admit that Monsignor Penn JONES was an abuser:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page155-penn-jones.html>

Ronald CONWAY — the “celibate” psychologist who "screened" trainees for the priesthood:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/index.html>

His priestly status helped Fr Vincent KISS to commit his crimes:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page153-kiss.html>

The church harboured Fr Daniel HOURIGAN until police finally caught up with him:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page174-hourigan.html>

The Christian Brothers ignored Br. Peter Toomey’s crimes, committed openly:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page158-toomey.html>

The long-term impact on families, as shown in the Brother Norbert MATHIESON case:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page154-norbert.html>

The Christian Brothers ignored Br. Maurice HOWARD during his abusive career:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page165-howard.html>

This bishop covered up for Fr Leonard MONK:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page6.html>

The Christian Brothers defended Br. Keith WESTON and opposed the victims:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page104-weston.html>

This archbishop gave Fr. Raymond DEAL a glowing character-reference in court:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page141-deal.html>

The church harboured Brother Gerard McNAMARA but he finally pleaded guilty:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page103-mcnamara.html>

Church authorities helped Fr. Peter CHALK to stay overseas, avoiding Australian police:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page191-chalk.html>

The church gives Fr Julian FOX a job in Rome, away from the Victoria Police:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page194-fox.html>

Monsignor James MURRAY pleaded guilty but the church re-instated him:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page149-murray.html>

The church allowed child-abuser Fr. Bernard DAY to live in a girls’ orphanage

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page133-st-catherines.html>

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St John of God Brothers abused the disabled:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page119-st-john-of-god.html>

Fr Paul PAVLOU, ordained in 2006, admits crimes in 2006:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page179-pavlou.html>

The church kept Fr Peter SEARSON, putting more victims at risk:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page19.html>

The church transferred Fr. Jack GUBBELS to Queensland, after his Melbourne offences:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page200-gubbels.html>

Church leaders covered up for a priest after he had sex with a 16-year-old boy:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page224-barry-robinson.html>

How Jane was left holding a priest's baby:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page252-part-time-celibacy.html>

Zelda had two children fathered by a Catholic priest:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page253-blessed-sacrament.fathers.html>

Some young men have been sexually abused in seminaries by older priests:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page262-abuse-in-seminaries.html>

The "Towards Healing" system is really designed to limit the church's liability for compensation:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/page185-towards-healing.html>

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This submission is based on some of the Victorian articles on our website:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/>

For some of the court cases (and out-of-court civil cases) in which Broken Rites has helped Catholic Church victims, see our "Black-Collar Crime" page:

<http://brokenrites.alphalink.com.au/nletter/bccrime.html>

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