

# Parliamentary Inquiry into the handling of abuse allegations by religious and other organizations

## *Submission from Gary Norman Doyle*

My name is Gary Norman Doyle. I am 61 years old. I am writing about the criminal assault that was inflicted on me during my time at St Augustines, Geelong. St Augustine's was run by the Christian Brothers.

I was sent to St Augustines in 1959-60 when I was 12. I was there for four years.

From 1960 to 1961, I was physically and sexually assaulted repeatedly by Brother Rowbottom; too many times to count. Another boy [REDACTED] my age, was also regularly assaulted.

No action was ever taken by the Christian Brothers or by the Catholic Church to prevent this happening. As far as I know Brother [REDACTED] actions were never questioned by the authorities during his time at St. Augustines.

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The Church has paid me \$15,000 for so called compensation. This is a joke.

I want to make sure that what happened to me and others can never happen to any child again and that authorities such as the Christian Brothers and the Catholic Church are brought to justice. During a conversation, I had with Archbishop Pell two years ago he stated that the Christian Brothers were not part of the Catholic Church.

The abuse I suffered at the hands of the Christian Brothers has caused:

- Loss of memory
- Continuing psychological trauma
- Damage to my back and spine from being regularly beaten by Bro. Rowbottom with a piece of wood (4 inches by 1 inch) with a handle. He would take a run up and hit me as I was lying on the bed naked from the waist down.
- Damage to my internal bowel organs from sexual assault.

I have evidence to support these allegations should the Inquiry wish to pursue these matters.

Gary Doyle

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