

SUPPLIMENTARY SUBMISSION 2

Hello, another form of abuse and degradation was the attempt by those running the orphanage to decide to call us by numbers rather than names – such a system would make the children feel even more isolated or of little value. Same thing – we were told that this was for our own good and was made out to be some sort of nice gesture. Well strangely I said no and went to each boy around me and told him his name and that is what I was going to call him. The numbers were on our clothing and possibly for a short time on the front of the clothing similar to how the Nazis identified Jews. Every attempt was made to undermine our sense of worth – we were constantly told we were no good and we were lucky to be in the orphanage and that we were a drain on the funds of the church- these things demoralised us so we were more vulnerable to any so called form of attention is easy targets for any sort of sexual enjoyment they wanted.

No hugs were given, no affection. Stony faces from the “monsters”. Again this made us vulnerable and it worked to the advantage of the predators who wanted boys. [REDACTED]