

Addendum to Submission lodged with the Committee on 21 September 2012

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Responsible Church Authority	Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne
Time of Assaults (Approximate year)	1964 -1970, Numerous sexual assaults by Parish Priest Fr Victor Rubeo. The assaults began when I was aged 11 and continued until I was 17. Even after the assaults ceased I was completely controlled by Fr Rubeo (including my marriage and family life) and was unable to disclose the abuse for 30 years. I was 41 when I was finally able to speak about these experiences. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Time of Report to Church Authority	1994 - to Monsignor Cudmore 1997 - to Peter O'Callaghan
Time Taken to Resolve Complaint	First complaint - 3 Years Second Complaint- pending
Outcome	Ex-gratia payment for 1st Complaint 2nd Complaint - as yet unresolved

I am grateful to the Committee for allowing me to make this Addendum to my submission.

I wish to draw the Committee's attention to some information which I have recently gathered regarding the history of the priest who offended against me, Fr Victor Rubeo. I have summarised this information in the attached document "Rubeo's Movements".

I was prompted to start compiling a history when I recently learned of Rubeo's criminal behaviour in the parish of Doveton after reading Graham Sleeman's article in the Age this year.

In my opinion this information is relevant to my submission as it demonstrates the offending 'career' of this priest which spans decades.

It also demonstrates the ineffective response of the church hierarchy in managing this priest's criminal behaviour.

I was first assaulted in 1964 and Rubeo was still assaulting children in 1987.

It is crucial that the Committee investigate how much the church hierarchy knew about Rubeo's offending behaviour during this period and why they continued to place him in parishes.

As a consequence of putting this history together I have formed the opinion that the church may have known about Rubeo's criminal behaviour as early as his time in Laverton.

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Supporting Documents

Please refer to my first submission
"Rubeo's Movements" - Summary compiled by Tony Hersbach

Witnesses:

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I would welcome the opportunity to speak in person to the Committee and if so, I would like to bring at least two support people with me.

Signature

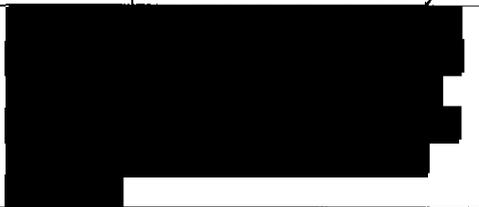
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Rubeo's placements

Date	Location	Comments
Ordained in 1959 (Age 26)	Corpus Christi Seminary in Werribee	
1959-1961	St Gabriel's - Reservoir	He was the curate (assistant priest) there.
1962 - 1973	Queen of Peace - Altona St Martin de Porres - Laverton absorbed the church at Queen of Peace at Altona parish	He started as assistant priest at Queen of Peace, then become administrator and parish priest at St Martin de Porres Laverton.
1974- 1977	Nhulunbuy (Gove) - NT. This is on the opposite peninsula to Darwin. This parish also took in Groote Eylandt.	Highly unusual and remote placement for a Melbourne diocesan priest; why was he moved there?
1978 - 1980	Holy Spirit - East Thornbury	
1981 - mid 1984	Holy Family - Doveton	Holy Family Catholic Primary School Principal Graham Sleeman began at Doveton in 1982, sent in by the Catholic Education Office as a trouble shooter "because the Presentation nuns had walked out that morning after upheavals with the parish priest". In mid '84, Rubeo is suddenly moved from Doveton when an affair with a female parishioner was exposed.
Mid 1984 - end 1984	St Finbar's East Brighton	Was this parish told of his history?
1985 - 1993	Holy Name - East Preston	
1994 - 1996	St Joseph's - Boronia	I reported Rubeo to the church in August 1984. He remained here for a further 2.5 years. A complaint   is made to Police and during the police interview he admits to minor offences against my brother and I. He then resigns from the Boronia parish.
1997	In retirement at Portarlinton.	His faculties are removed. He is never laicised.
2011		As he is about to face 30 new charges relating to crimes against my brother and I, he dies on the day of his committal hearing.

Rubeo had access to many children throughout his placements and had a large contingent of altar boys.

How much did the church know? One could reasonably infer that there are many other victims that are yet to come forward.

