

### 13. Fr Diarmuid Ó Péicín SJ: 1916-2008

<b>Born</b>	October 16, 1916
<b>Entered the Society</b>	September 7, 1934
<b>Ordained</b>	July 31, 1949
<b>Died</b>	March 4, 2008

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
▪ Emo, Co. Laois	Noviceship
▪ Rathfarnham Dublin	Studies at UCD
▪ St Stanislaus College, Tullamore	Studies Philosophy
▪ Clongowes Wood College	Teacher
▪ Mungret College, Limerick	Teacher
▪ Milltown Park Dublin	Studies Theology
▪ Sacred Heart College, Limerick	Teacher
▪ Rathfarnham, Dublin	Final Year of Training; Teacher of Religion at College of Commerce, Rathmines
▪ St Stanislaus College, Tullamore	Home Mission staff
▪ Birmingham & London	Parish ministry
▪ Raphoe Diocese/Milltown Park Dublin	Pastoral ministry
▪ Milltown Park, Dublin	Studies cooperation between Irish islands; Ministers the Island Trust; Research and writing
▪ Cherryfield Lodge, Dublin	

#### **Complaints**

There are two complaints of child sexual abuse against Fr Diarmuid Ó Péicín SJ. There is one third-party complaint of child sexual abuse against him.

## **What happened in consequence of the complaints?**

In 1964 the Superior of a religious congregation raised a complaint with the Jesuit Provincial about Fr Ó Pécín's conduct with schoolgirls during a school retreat. The conduct she described would be considered child sexual abuse. It is recorded that Fr Ó Pécín was to be withdrawn from school retreat work. However, there is no information showing that any follow up in this regard happened with him.

Fr Ó Pécín subsequently had a complaint of child sexual abuse made against him in 2004 and another complaint in 2005. In 2004 he was required to step aside from public ministry, and the Order reported the allegations to the Gardaí and the HSE. Following a Garda investigation, the DPP issued a direction not to prosecute.

## **Acknowledgement and apology**

We acknowledge how painful it must be for a survivor of abuse by Fr Diarmuid Ó Pécín SJ to read this. We are truly sorry for the pain inflicted on you, the abuse you suffered, and the fact that you were not protected by the Order. We know that words of sorrow from us, no matter how sincerely meant, will ring hollow if they are not accompanied by action. One of the key factors for the Order in naming deceased Jesuits accused of child sexual abuse is to try and reach out to those who have been abused by such Jesuits and encourage them to contact our safeguarding office and/or the relevant authorities. We want to assist you in whatever ways we can, and we have services on offer that you might want to avail of. So once again, we ask you or anyone who has suffered abuse or has any concerns relating to any Jesuit to contact our safeguarding office (email: [safeguarding@jesuit.ie](mailto:safeguarding@jesuit.ie); mobile: 083-0874254) and/or the relevant authorities.