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Dear + Peter

The Reverend Ian Hughes

We had noted the press coverage of Ian Hughes' imprisonment at the end of January 2014 (see attached) and also note from Crockfords that he has resigned as Priest-in-Charge of Poulton and Seacombe in your Diocese.

We assume that you will be taking further disciplinary action against Mr Hughes through the Clergy Discipline Measure and look forward to receiving the information in due course.

I attach for your assistance a checklist of the information the Archbishop will require when the stage of placing him on the Archbishops' List is reached, although I appreciate not all the items will be applicable as I assume you will be acting under Section 30.

With best wishes.

DPA

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Phone conversation with
Daphne 21/3/14
1. Please let her know that formal CDM action is in process

2. Await response from the President of Tribunal.



Ian Hughes: Vicar had '8,200 child sex abuse images'



Ian Hughes told police he was relieved they had caught him

An Anglican vicar was caught with more than 8,000 images of child sexual abuse, including 800 of the "worst kind", Liverpool Crown Court heard.

Ian Hughes, 46, was a successful priest by day but by night was downloading thousands of indecent internet images of children, the court was told.

Hughes admitted 17 offences and was jailed for a year.

The Bishop of Chester said he was "deeply shocked" at Hughes' "unacceptable" actions.

'Like an addiction'

Hughes has resigned from the priesthood.

Expressing his "profound regret", the Rt Rev Dr Peter Forster apologised to Hughes' former parishioners in Poulton and Seacombe in Wallasey.

He added: "They have been badly let down."

"Ian Hughes' court appearances and sentencing have come as a deep shock to all who know him. His actions have been totally unacceptable for a Christian minister, and his case will now be considered by the disciplinary procedures of the church," the bishop said.

Hughes told police he was relieved when they raided his vicarage in Wallasey last year. They found 8,200 images he had downloaded, including 800 that are categorised as the worst kind legally.

He told officers it was "like an addiction" and he had been attracted to young boys since he was a teenager and had "struggled" with his sexuality throughout his life.

Det Insp David Rich, of Merseyside Police's cyber investigations unit, said the sentence should "send out a very clear message to paedophiles that they cannot hide behind the anonymity of the internet to commit crimes against children and they will eventually be caught."

He added: "All the images represent children, in some way, being abused, and every time a picture is downloaded by a paedophile it creates a vicious circle of misery which eventually leads to more abuse and more victims."

CHECKLIST OF INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM BISHOPS
WHEN SENDING CASE NOTES TO THE ARCHBISHOP

CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003 -
BISHOP'S REPORT TO THE ARCHBISHOP

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York compile and maintain the Archbishops' List.

When any penalty or resignation is imposed under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003, it would be very helpful if the Diocesan Bishop or his Diocesan Registrar would send promptly to the Archbishop the following information:

- Full name of Respondent
- Current address of Respondent
- Date of birth
- Date of Ordination as Deacon
- Date of Ordination as Priest (if applicable)
- Copy of the original complaint (or Form 1)
- Respondent's answer (Form 2)
- Notice of Penalty (signed and dated by the Diocesan Bishop)
- Consent to penalty – if applicable (Form 7)
- Penalty issued by a Tribunal – if applicable
- A brief description of the misconduct admitted by the Respondent or found by a Tribunal.
It is for the Archbishops to decide what particulars are recorded on the Register.

It would be helpful if a copy of the above documents is also sent to the Provincial Registrar.

NOTE

The Archbishops will send the Respondent a copy of the particulars recorded in the List. A copy of the Archbishop's letter and entry is sent to the Diocesan Bishop and the Provincial Registrar (and may also be sent to Diocesan Bishop's Registrar). (The Respondent may request the President of Tribunals to review the entry.)