



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

1. On 17 May 2016, the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a core participant in the Roman Catholic Church investigation to make an application to the solicitor to the Inquiry by 24 June 2016.
2. On 25 August 2018 an application was made by Peter Murray for core participant status. This notice sets out my determination of the application.
3. Applications for core participant status are considered under Rule 5 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 which provide:
 - (1) *The Chairman may designate a person as a core participant at any time during the course of the inquiry, provided that person consents to being so designated.*
 - (2) *In deciding whether to designate a person as a core participant, the chairman must in particular consider whether*
 - (a) *The person played, or may have played, a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the inquiry relate;*
 - (b) *The person has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the inquiry relates; or*
 - (c) *The person may be subject to explicit or significant criticism during the Inquiry proceedings or in the report, or in any interim report.*
 - (3) *A person ceases to be a core participant on*
 - (a) *The date specified by the chairman in writing, or*
 - (b) *The end of the inquiry.*
4. In determining each person's application, the matters listed in Rule 5(2) must be considered, but the list is not exhaustive, and I may also take into account other matters.
5. This application has been lodged approximately 27 months after the deadline for core participant applications in this investigation. Notwithstanding the delay, I have a



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discretion pursuant to Rule 5(1) to designate a core participant “at any time” during the course of the Inquiry.

6. Mr Murray has indicated that the delay resulted from his pursuit of related civil litigation, which was resolved only in July 2018 and which he states not only took up a great deal of his time but caused him considerable stress.
7. I accept this reason for the delay in making an application and am satisfied that the delay should not stand in the way of my considering Mr Murray’s application.
8. Having regard to the provisions of Rule 5(2), I am satisfied that Mr Murray should be designated as a core participant.
9. Mr Murray says that he was sexually abused by a member of the Comboni Missionary Order, a Catholic order which operated educational institutions and seminaries in England between the 1940s and the 1990s. Recently he pursued a claim against the Comboni Missionary Order in the High Court relating to this claim. He has also corresponded with a number of individuals in the Catholic Church regarding his claim that he was sexually abused.
10. As part of this investigation, the Inquiry will consider the nature and extent of any failure by the Roman Catholic Church and other institutions to protect children from sexual abuse. The Inquiry will also consider the experience of victims and survivors of child sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. In light of the information provided in the application, and bearing in my mind my broad discretion in designating core participants, I consider that Mr Murray has a significant interest in the matters under investigation within the Roman Catholic Church investigation, and that his designation as a core participant is justified within the meaning of 5(2).
11. I should emphasise that the Inquiry is obliged to take a proportionate approach to this investigations and will not be in a position to investigate fully the circumstances of every core participant’s experience. Designation as a core participant will give the individual access to documentary material obtained by the Inquiry but it is likely that

the Inquiry will limit such disclosure to material that relates to their specific interest in this investigation.

12. I understand that at this time Mr Murray does not wish to be legally represented and therefore make no direction in relation to his recognised legal representative.

8 October 2018

Professor Alexis Jay

Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse