

Whilst there I met David PEARCE who was another Priest at the Abbey and also worked within the school. I would say that he was about 5 years older than me and would describe him as a very controlling person and I was suspicious of him. It was David who invited me to work at the school. He said to me "See all this, all this could be yours", I took that mean that I would have control of the school and presumably, control of the children. Because of what had happened to me in Buckinghamshire I had become very vigilant and aware of abusive and manipulative behaviour and his comment to me made me feel very uncomfortable. I found him to be very unpleasant and there was, at the time, gossip about him touching children in the showers and photographing them. I had a natural recoiling from him.

In 1989 I went to St Anselmo College in Rome to study. Whilst there I obtained my Doctorate in the Study of the Worship of the Church. I enjoyed my time in Rome and I was there until 1992 when I returned to the Abbey and on my return Laurence had been appointed the Abbot. I went to teach at the school; I think I taught Religious studies and Biology but my teaching career at the school did not last too long. At some point there was a school inspection and during the lesson that I was teaching one of the students had drawn a picture of a penis on the board in an indelible pen and this could not be removed prior to the inspection; it was clear that I was not able to control the children so that was the end of my teaching career at the school.

Around this time I had a number of personal issues that I was trying to deal with and Laurence was a person that I confided in. I was very unsettled at this time and it was Laurence that allowed me to attend Psychotherapy once a week and this is something that I did for a number of years.

During this time David PEARCE was still working at the school but I was aware that something happened, although not aware of what it was because David was moved from the school to become the Bursar and also the Novice Master. The Novice Master is the person that is in charge of the people joining the Abbey. I was very surprised that he was given this role and was glad that he was not my Novice Master.

Whilst I was at the school and the Abbey I heard a number of things about people at the school and Abbey and about people that I did not know; people that had been there before my time there. The older Priests seemed to know things but again it was not generally talked about. John MAESTRI, he was a

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