

Initial Survivor Supplementary Statement**Date Completed:** 04/08/2026**Survivor Full Name:** William Foley**Other known name:** None**DOB:** 10/08/1961**Redress Priority:** Low**Serious Criminal Convictions:** None**Mother's Name:** Ann Higgins**Father's Name:** William O'Brien Foley**Name of Care Home(s):** St John Bosco's**Age in care:** 12 - 13**Reason for going into care:** Truancy**1. Introduction**

My name is William Foley. I am making this statement to share my experiences of being in care as a child and the impact these experiences have had on my life. Some of the details are difficult for me to talk about, and some memories are clearer than others, but I will describe what I remember to the best of my ability. I understand that my records from the time are limited or incomplete, and I want to explain my experiences in my own words.

2. My time in Care – Overview**St John Bosco's**

The abuse started at around three months. I was training to be an altar boy, and the priest would come along and force my hand on his penis when I was getting changed. He would tell me that if I said anything, I would be in there even longer and no one would believe me anyway because he was a priest.

This happened about five or six times, and I tried to quit altar serving because of this.

The other staff member, called the brother, would try and get me to give him oral sex. He grabbed me in the dormitory one day when I was making my bed. He pulled his trousers down and tried to put his penis in my mouth. He kept saying to me, "I will see you later." I was terrified to tell my parents in case they didn't believe me, and I would have been punished further. The brother would also be physically abusive. I was walking by him, and he would kick me forcefully for no reason on the leg or the bum. He would verbally abuse me calling me "fatty" and never referred to me by my name, and he would do this in front of the other kids.

There was only communal showering, we had to line up naked, and the brother would walk up and down when I was showering and observe us when we were naked showering. I felt so uncomfortable. I really wasn't the same boy when I came out of care.

It was a horrible place, I buried my feelings so deep as I felt very ashamed of what happened and I blamed myself for it, I still do.

3.Emotional and Long-Term Impact

I suspect I have PTSD, I cannot watch priests, or sexual abuse on TV without getting into a panic. I have constant interrupted sleep, due to night terrors. I even moved out of the area 20 years ago to get away, but the feelings remain.

4.Closing Statement

I am making this statement to help Redress Scotland understand what happened to me and how it has affected me. I am doing this in the hope that my experiences will be acknowledged and that I can continue to move forward in my life.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

Signed: William Foley

Date: 04/08/1961