



Vincent Doyle

Response

Joseph McGuinness

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To: Vincent Doyle

Dear Vincent,

Below is a note of the response of the Bishops to the matter which you raised.

As you have noted, the Council of Toledo was a local Council which had no authority in the wider world. Of more concern than the edicts of the Council of Toledo, which are consigned to history, is the very idea that children should be punished or disadvantaged because of the actions of their parents. This has, unfortunately, appeared in many cultural settings, even predating Christianity.

You will be very well aware of the support of the Irish Bishops for the kind of response you advocate to the needs of the children of priests. The Bishops welcome the work you do, which is a witness to the fact that the Church is always called to conversion. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family and for all those on whose behalf you work.

I hope this is helpful.

With all good wishes,

Joe

Monsignor Joseph McGuinness