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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA  
MELBOURNE REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

**Bishop Paul Bernard Bird**

Appellant

and

**DP (a Pseudonym)**

Respondent

**APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY**

**Part I: Certification**

This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

**Part II: Chronology**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<b>24 July 1960</b>	Bryan Desmond Coffey ordained.	CAB 8; PJ[12]; CAB 157; CA[8]
<b>16 Feb 1966</b>	Respondent is born in Port Fairy.	CAB 7; PJ[7]; CAB 157; CA[8]
<b>1966</b>	Coffey appointed as Assistant Priest to St Patrick's Church.	CAB 8; PJ[12]; CAB 157; CA[8]
<b>Mar / Apr 1971</b>	Respondent assaulted by Coffey at social gathering at the respondent's family home ( <i>first assault</i> ).	CAB 22, 29; PJ [83]-[87], [104]-[109]; CAB 160-161; CA[25]-[36]
<b>26 Dec 1971</b>	Respondent assaulted by Coffey on Boxing Day 1971 at the respondent's family home ( <i>second assault</i> ).	CAB 23; 30 PJ [88]-[89], [114]; CAB 160, 161; CA[26]-[36]

Date	Event	Reference
Feb 1999	Coffey convicted in the Ballarat County Court on charges not relating to the Respondent; assault on a male person under the age of 16 years, one count of indecent assault on a girl under the age of 16 years and one count of false imprisonment.	CAB 10; PJ[29]; CAB 161; CA[35]
27 Mar 2020	Respondent commenced proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria.	CAB 12; PJ[52]; CAB 159; CA[22]
27 July 2021	Respondent filed Second Further Amended Statement of Claim.	
27 Jul 2021 - 30 Sep 2021	Trial heard before Primary Judge (J Forrest J).	CAB 5
22 Dec 2021	Primary Judge (J Forrest J) delivers reasons for judgment.	CAB 5
3 Apr 2023	Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria (Beach, Niall and Kaye JJA) deliver reasons and orders, in respect of proceeding S EAPCI 2022 0023, granting the application for leave to appeal and dismissing the appeal.	CAB 154

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