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Appeal for witnesses

The FOCOLARE Movement, an ecclesial movement, has appointed an independent body after the revelation of criminal acts committed by one of its members, Mr Jean-Michel Merlin.

The latter was accused of sexual abuse of children and adults, committed over the years within this religious movement. Numerous victims came forward and denounced the acts committed against them.

The Nanterre Judicial Court, on the strength of these facts, has mandated the Hauts de Seine Territorial Family Protection and Security Bureau to continue the investigation and, in particular, the search for witnesses and victims who have not yet been identified.

Anyone who is able to provide information of relevance to the investigation or who wishes to report facts of which they may have been a victim in connection with this case may contact the Family Protection Territorial Bureau by e-mail at the following address

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(7 days a week, 24 hours a day)