

Pebble under the spotlight

THE Little Pebble, William Kamm, leader of Cambewarra's Marian Work of Atonement Society compared the Shoalhaven to "Lourdes, Fatima and Medjagory" following the announcement of an ecclesiastical investigation into his claims.

Mr Kamm's comments followed advice from the Bishop of Wollongong, Most Rev. Philip Wilson that an investigation would be carried out by the Diocese of Wollongong into the Little Pebble's claims of "visitations by the Holy Mother."

In a written statement Mr Kamm said this was very important news for the people of Nowra "as it will bring many people to this region."

In a separate newsletter to his followers Mr Kamm said the investigation was one "which Our Holy Mother has been requesting since 1984".

"As you are aware, an investigation has many ramifications on me, as well as all the members who have been faithfully following the mission, which means no Bishop, or Priest, or layman, or Religious can make a public statement against me or the Apparition Place, for it is only in the jurisdiction of his Grace, Bishop Philip Wilson," Mr Kamm wrote to his followers.

"The investigation can take from six months to 20 years. However, because the Bishop has ordered an investigation - this means he is open to the possibility that Our Holy Mother's visitations could be true, and now places a new light on the mission and the

'Little Pebble'."

Mr Kamm asked that all "Saint Charbel Houses of Prayer who have kept records of cures, conversions and miracles send this information - copy only - to the Bishop and the Commission, or send it to us".

He also asked that testimonials and letters, even from those separated from his organisation, be sent to the Bishop.

"Lastly, I wish to thank everyone who has been praying for this to occur. A major prophecy has now happened, for Our Lady said it would occur in spite of all odds against it happening."

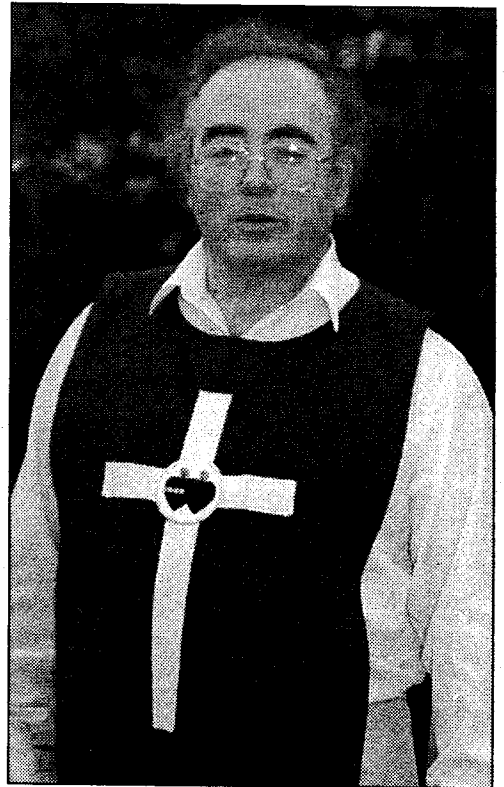
The investigation of the Marian Work of Atonement and Mr William Kamm will begin soon, a spokesperson for the Diocese of Wollongong said.

Bishop Wilson is to set up a commission for this purpose. The commission will be made up of experts in theology and canon law.

According to the Bishop's office the purpose of the investigation is to give clear guidance to people about the claims Mr Kamm has made.

The investigation will be conducted by procedures that have been established by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, and are used throughout the world in these situations.

The process is detailed and designed in a manner that will give Mr Kamm and any others who have relevant information, the opportunity to put forward their case.



INVESTIGATION: William Kamm, also known as the "Little Pebble," welcomed news the Catholic church will investigate his claims of holy visitations.