

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. William F. Murphy ✓
FROM: Sister Rita McCarthy, CSJ *RM*
DATE: July 26, 1998
RE: [REDACTED] (Rev. Dennis Keefe)

I met with [REDACTED] for the second time on Sunday, July 26, 1998, at 10 a.m. in his new home at [REDACTED] is now 18 (over three years older than when I first interviewed him) and better able to express himself. He talked to me about school and that he does well. He hopes to transfer to [REDACTED] in January to try a few college courses. By then he will have ample credits for his high school diploma. [REDACTED] is a leader in soccer and was the only junior to play in the All-Star game last year and to make the athletic honor roll. He hopes to get a scholarship to Boston College.

[REDACTED] family is very close knit. They all attend church regularly; it is very important to them. [REDACTED] expresses a fondness for Fr. Charles J. Higgins (Haverhill) whom he has known for several years.

[REDACTED] still thinks about the incidents with Fr. Keefe. The experience keeps surfacing at odd times, so he knows that it still bothers him. I reminded him that he only went a few times for counseling and asked if he thought that was sufficient. [REDACTED] mentioned that he sometimes talks to his girlfriend, [REDACTED], about it, but he knows that is not the same as talking to a professional. Although he will have a very busy schedule with school, sports, and work, he would like to see Pat Moran again for therapy. I told him I would contact her and make the arrangements.

During this visit with [REDACTED] he referred back to the incidents with Fr. Keefe as spelled out in my memorandum dated March 6, 1995. He recoiled at the mention of the actions and said, "There was always something about him. I just couldn't name it."

Eventually [REDACTED] hopes he can put this all behind him. He would be glad to oblige us and meet with Fr. Keefe. [REDACTED] would like to ask him why he did it, why he upset him. He wants to forgive Fr. Keefe. [REDACTED] would like Fr. Charles Higgins to be with him if he does meet with Fr. Keefe and his lawyer. He believes that both you and his father would want to be present at any such meeting.

I spoke with [REDACTED] (father) before and after my visit with [REDACTED]. He shared his concerns, which one would expect from a parent. [REDACTED] was not present as she is visiting relatives in [REDACTED] with her two youngest [REDACTED]. The family will be waiting to hear about any follow-up.

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[REDACTED] stands by his original account

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