

Rev. John J. Geoghan '62

7/24/82

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
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Jamaica Plain [REDACTED]  
and baby of 4 months

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Came to see me at 1:00 P.M. at the request of Father John Thomas, Pastor of Saint Thomas, Jamaica Plain. They left at 2:25 P.M.

They were all very upset at the beginning - especially Mrs. who emotionally was very agitated - etc. Mr. [REDACTED] a Baptist, threatened verbally Father Geoghan to me - prison - violence, etc. [REDACTED] spoke - Fran spoke - all were very involved with their parishes - prayer groups, etc. - even Mr. [REDACTED] helping priests, etc. in Jamaica Plain. They know many priests and are close to them - although none seemed to counsel them or offer consolation during recent 2 years.

Father Geoghan (cf. folder) was involved at least to some extent with both [REDACTED] families and on one occasion specifically Father Geoghan was helped - cf. folder - psychiatrist, etc. - pronounced okay to work after approximately one year on sick leave. He is now assigned as associate at Saint Brendan's in Dorchester.

Father Geoghan was approached by one of Mr. [REDACTED] children (boys) at an ice cream parlor in Jamaica Plain one evening - was seen there with another youngster - within last 2 weeks. The families are devastated as to the "approach" (S?) and what circumstances (seeing him, etc.) might portend. They cannot understand how the Church could reassign him to a post where he has contact with young boys, etc. Emotionally they would like to see him out of the community (even locked up) but in reality they pray for him - feel he is sick - needs help - but should not be around children (boys) where he uses (at least in past with the [REDACTED]) his collar and religion to become ingratiated with families toward ultimate possible abuse.

I explained that in the past I have acted responsibly - Father Geoghan sick leave - psychiatrist-psychologist's approval in writing before reassignment - admitted possible imprudence in allowing assignment in Dorchester - not that far from Jamaica Plain and Forest Hills. I believe eventually they understood I must deal with the priest - can't turn clock back and "undo" and also be above all concerned with God's people - them! and others - their sons, other people's sons - and God's people in general.

I told them I would act responsibly now in light of above to help priest and people, cf. public perception.

\* I also said the Cardinal has been informed from the beginning 2 years ago and will be informed of this - to ask his direction.

The family left apologizing for emotion. I thanked them for coming - no need to apologize - understand their feelings and position, etc., and will deal with it.

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3 P.M. Called Saint Brendan's - "on vacation" - left message  
Called Msgr. Mark Keohane - "on vacation" - left message  
Called his home - tape - left message to call me as soon as possible.

