

169, 2 172. Cardinal Law responded by simply stating that at the time he was unable to comment on the situation, and that Father Morrissette was on a “health leave.” See Morrissette-2 169, 2 172.

In November of 1995, Father Morrissette reported to Father Flatley that he would be applying for a position at the Boston Harbor Hotel as a room service waiter, but still had high hopes that he would be able to be assigned back within the ministry. See Morrissette-2 262-263. Within one month Father Morrissette was working at the Boston Harbor Hotel. See Morrissette-2 269.

In the winter of 1998, Father Morrissette became the part time concierge at the Boston Harbor Hotel and an agreement was made between Reverend William Murphy and him that his status would be changed to “Unassigned” and later to be placed on “Sick Leave” status with a Leave of Absence permitted by Cardinal Law for January 1, 1999. See Morrissette-2 300, 2 304, 2 310. Father Morrissette remained on “Leave of Absence” status until January of 2000. See Morrissette-2 006.

15. DAVID C. MURPHY

David C. Murphy was ordained in February of 1963. See Murphy, 2-385. He served as an assistant pastor in three parishes after his ordainment before being assigned in 1966 to serve at St. Monica’s Parish in South Boston, Massachusetts. See Murphy, 2-385. In 1967, Reverend Francis Sexton,

Chancellor, RCAB, sent a letter to Pastor Herbert Phinney at St. Monica's Parish enclosing a letter that Cardinal Medeiros received. See Murphy, 2-016. In particular, the letter states "if it is a typical crank letter, you can ignore it. If you think the matter should be called to Father Murphy's attention, I will leave it to your judgment." See Murphy, 2-016 (The RCAB failed to produce the underlying letter). The event referred in the letter proved to be a precursor of a pattern of sexually inappropriate behavior which would span the next three (3) decades.

By 1974, Father Murphy was serving as Technical Assistant at the St. Peter & Paul Parish in South Boston, MA. See Murphy, 2-385. On December 26, 1974, Bishop Daily corresponded with John J. Gartland, Esq., in which he reported that several South Shore area women had lodged complaints that Father Murphy called them on the pretext of conducting a survey and posed "questions . . . of a personal nature and requests [were] made that were not proper." See Murphy, 2-069. The letter goes on to relate that Father Murphy denied the allegations that he placed the call and to question Attorney Gartland as to "what protection can we afford to Father Murphy's reputation." See Murphy, 2-069.

On July 9, 1975, it was reported, again, that a woman received an obscene call from Father Murphy, as documented by Bishop Daily. See Murphy, 2-082. Father Murphy remained in active ministry despite these reports of obscene calls.

See Murphy, 2-385. However, on or about November 13, 1982, Bishop Daily questioned Father Murphy about what he termed “Murphy’s Whore House” being operated out of the basement of St. Peter & Paul’s Parish. See Murphy, 2-167-168. Father Murphy again denied that anything untoward happened there. See Murphy, 2-167-168.

On January 16, 1986, Bishop Banks was informed that Father Murphy offered and paid a thirty-year-old man money to engaged in sado-masochistic activity and that the sexual acts occurred in Father Murphy’s room in the Rectory. See Murphy, 2-195. The victim complained because he did not want to participate in the acts, but did so because of Father Murphy’s offer of money. See Murphy, 2-195. There is no evidence in the RCAB file that Bishop Daily or any other RCAB representative took action regarding the report and, in fact, Father Murphy remained in active ministry. See Murphy, 2-385. Indeed, Father Murphy sought, with the approval of Cardinal Law, a transfer as a priest to the Diocese of Orange California in 1989 as part of “lend lease” program, but the area Bishop denied the request. See Murphy, 2-204-206. There is no indication in the records that the Orange County Bishop was advised of Father Murphy’s prior allegations of sexual impropriety. See Murphy, 2-204-206. Following Father Murphy’s return from an academic leave in 1991, Cardinal Law appointed Father Murphy as parochial vicar of our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Boston. See

Murphy, 2-227. In fact, Cardinal Law wrote: "It is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome upon your return. . . ." See Murphy, 2-227.

In 1992, another allegation of sexual impropriety was made against Father Murphy, this time by a minor, ■■■, regarding abuse in the 1978-80 time frame. See Murphy, 2-229; 2-246-248. Despite that report, there is no indication that any action was taken against Father Murphy and he remained in active ministry until 1996 when, at last, the RCAB addressed the allegations and placed him on Administrative Leave. See Murphy, 2-238-242; 2-385. Despite the fact that Father Murphy failed a polygraph examination relating to his conduct with ■■■, see Murphy, 2-315, and was issued a canonical warning regarding contact with minors, see Murphy, 2-330, Father Murphy was assigned in 1998 to ministry by Cardinal law as Chaplain to Good Samaritan Hospital and Brockton Hospital. See Murphy 2-346. Father Murphy held those ministry positions until 2002, when he was placed on unassigned status, see Murphy 2-358, in connection with yet another report of sexual abuse of a minor. See Murphy, 2-355-360.

16. RONALD H. PAQUIN

Father Ronald H. Paquin was ordained on April 11, 1973 and from the time Father Paquin was assigned to Saint Monica's Parish in Methuen, in May of the same year, he began sexually molesting children there. In this regard, the RCAB's own Review Board records reveal complaints from more than seventeen