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Cardinal Bernard Law  
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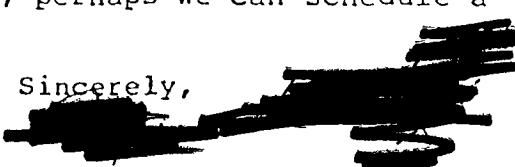
Dear Cardinal Law;

I recently saw a special on a TV series "1986". The special on Sexual Abuse of minor children by parish priests talked about how the Catholic Church did not acknowledge the problem, enforce sanctions on priests who were involved in such cases and simply transferred the priests to another unsuspecting parish.

As a former victim of sexual misuse by a number of Diocesan priests, I have witnessed first hand the pain and anguish that such an incident can occur. This pain has continued to be a part of my internal self for all of my following years. Today, I work in child protective services with the Commonwealth's Department of Social Services. In this role I have seen numbers of other children experiencing the same pains that I had.

It is my hope that "1986" showed an isolated response to a pervasive problem in society. The lack of response by the Church was distressing to say the least. As a former victim, and a professional in the area of Child Abuse and Neglect; I call upon you to develop your awareness in this area and to develop a responsible and appropriate response to cases that come to light, as well as creating the atmosphere in which victims can feel supported in coming forth before yet another victim is created.

If you are interested in hearing more about the circumstances of my past experiences as a victim, and it's continuing emotional effects; perhaps we can schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,  


DG-0002



memo from the desk of

Bishop Banks

4/28/88

Don Goulane:

- [redacted] did not want to see me.
- Paul Shanley has acted as a mediator. He explained to [redacted] that I have turned my life around. I sent him [redacted] a list of things. I had a speaker in to speak about abuse.

~~GELMONT~~

Reverend Daniel M Graham  
St John's Rectory  
25 Gay Street  
Quincy, MA.

Reverend Daniel Graham:

Twenty years ago you sexually assaulted me over a course of a couple of years on numerous occasions. As you are fully aware, this abuse took place while I was under the age of 18 and attending High School. You were a seminarian at St John's Seminary, later a deacon and finally a priest. It all began when I was 14 years old.

As you know, these repeated incidents of sexual assault occurred in many places including: your car, your parent's home, your vacation home in Hull, Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory in Stoughton, St Patrick's Rectory in Stoneham, and others. It involved the use of alcohol and pornographic material as well as the sexual assault itself.

For the negative impact that this has had on me, over the years, I can never forgive you. For using something that is suppose to be as sacred of the priestly vestments, the Church may find it possible to forgive you. But it is very disturbing to have learned recently that your pattern of abuse has continued.

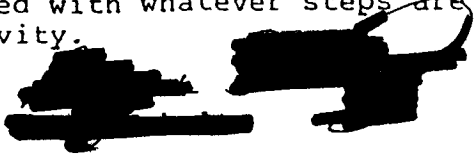
I have recently learned that you continue to befriend young boys, taking them away on overnights, and no doubt abusing them as well, getting upset when they grow older and terminate their relationship with you. I can only imagine how many victims you have had over the years. I cannot allow this to continue on while I keep quiet.

I can, however, give you the opportunity to make things right. I request that you do the following: 1) inform your pastor of what has been taking place; 2) remove yourself from all child-related activities; 3) develop a program within your parish, by a Respected Social Service Community Agency, which will address the youth of the parish and schools addressing sexual victimization - providing them the opportunity to come forward for disclosure and treatment; 4) enroll yourself in a Sexual Abuse Perpetrator's Self-Help Group, run by any known therapist in the field.

I will, of course, require documentation that these things have occurred.

Should you fail to provide such documentation, I will have no choice to contact my legal representative with regards to the best means by which to initiate community outreach in this area.

I will need the requested documentation prior to June 1, 1988. If it is not forthcoming by that date, I will find it necessary to proceed with whatever steps are necessary to put an end to this activity.



cc: Cardinal Bernard Law, Archbishop of Boston

P.S. You can contact me through my work address, but this action is in no way an official act of the Department of Social Services. I am making this request as a private citizen and victim of your sexual assault.

In April, it was reported to His Eminence that a young man had written concerning misbehavior of Father Daniel Graham some 20 years ago.

I met with Father Graham, and he confessed that as a seminarian and a young priest he had been involved with a young man and ~~that this involvement involved sexual activity.~~

A short time after his ordination, Fr. Graham realized that the activity was incompatible with his priesthood, and cut off the relationship. He also took other steps to address the problem, such as entering into better friendships with priests.

There has been no difficult since then and this good behavior has lasted for some 20 years. Father Graham has also taken steps in the parish to assure that other youngsters would be alerted to the dangers of sexual abuse by adults.

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After meeting with Fatehr Graham, I said that he should do something about the young man. Father Graham reports that he tried to meet the young man, but the young man refused. Father then asked Father Paul Shaley to meet with the young man and to explain that Father Graham was in good condition now. The concern of the young man was not for himself but for other young people whom Father Graham might be abusing.

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I also asked Father Graham to meet with Dr. O'Hanley, and I have received from Dr. O'Hanley a report which allows us to continue to assign Fathe Graham to priestly ministry.

I myself have no doubt that Father Graham has been honest in admitting his guilt and in denying that any improper activity has ta-en place in the past 20 years.

*My/2/88*  
5/9/88

Interview with Dan Graham  
8/88

There were four things that ██████ asked me to do:

- 1) seminar for kids in parish on abuse . I did this
- 2) join some help group. I did. S.L.A.A.
3. Refrain from youth oriented activities. I did. I worked with adults in CYO
4. inform pastor. I did not do that

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RJB: Your letter to Paul Shanley sounds as if you sill have problem.  
DG: I don't. I just wanted to describe the group I was in and to show him I was complying with ██████s requests.

RJB: I wonder if it is a good idea to go to SLAA.

DG: I just want ██████ to knwo I am not ignoring request

RJB: ██████'s letter indicates that he has information that you were recently in parish befriending youngsters, goving away on overnights with them, and takinkg them upstairs in rectory, and getting upset when relationship terminated.

DG: Not ture-

8/17/88

Today I spoke to Father James Lane, pastor of St. Brendan's, Dorchester to say that a charge had been made that Dan Graham had acted improperly with teen-age boys at Quincy. I indicated that there seemed to be no foundation to the charge, but that I had to assure the complainant that I had spoken to the pastor and alerted him to be on the lookout for any improper familiarity with teenagers on the part of Dan. Father Lane agreed to this. We both agreed that Dan Graham would be a plus to the parish.

+ KJB/ank

8/17/88

I called [redacted] and told him about the above. He seemed to be satisfied and said he would call me if ~~there was~~ any further information turned up.

KJB



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August 10, 1988

Reverend Paul R Shanley  
St Jean's Rectory  
253 Watertwon Street  
Newton, MA. 02158

Dear Father Paul:

Some time ago the case of Reverend Daniel Graham was referred to you by the Archdiocese. As you know this case is in reference to the sexual victimization that I experienced as a child, with him as a perpetrator.

I am now writing you with regards to this matter, because you are the only person from the Church, the Archdiocese that has responded to this in what could be considered an appropriate and responsible manner. It is clear that the Archdiocesan response was set up to look politically sound, but had little substance to it. This became ever more clear when I met with Bishop Banks and he informed me 1) that my initial information was not taken seriously because they could not be sure that I was not just someone who wanted to talk sex with the Cardinal; and 2) that they could not be accepting my word for what took place, because it could be only a vindictive response to what took place.

I was not aware that talking sex with the Cardinal was a favorite past time of anyone. I can assure you that it certainly is not mine, and that I do not intend to share what the actual victimization consists of. It is not the sex that needs to be shared and responded to but the potential of further victimization of other children and to insure that any other victims and Graham, himself, are helped. I can also assure you that I have not gotten any positive results out of coming out with this information. I have only received a reexperiencing of residual feelings that I have not yet completely worked through in therapeutic treatment. I am not attempting to be vindictive, but rather to be helpful.

While I can understand them not taking my word for it, and to check out that which I have stated - I had hoped that they would, at least. do that.

DG-0017



Having known me personally for approximately 25 years, I believe that you know these statements (with regards to intent) are substantively true. I also believe that though I have considered you to be a friend for this many years, that you are able to separate our friendship from the need to take care of all of those that are in need of your pastoral care. I respect you for this, and it is for that reason that I am writing to you now.

Bringing this information forward, initially, I had no interest or intent in hurting anyone, to in some way make up for my own years of pain as a result of this history. Instead, my intent - as I have stated - was to help - to protect other children from becoming victimized by Graham and to insure that Graham received the help that he needs in order to change his aberrant behavior.

It is clear that I have come up against a systemic bureaucracy whose only intent is to protect itself - at the expense of it's parishioners and staff - if need be. I have received no indication from the head of the Archdiocese, in the person of Bishop Banks, that this is anything but true. I have received information which certainly supports this tenet.

It is out of recent distressing information that I have received regarding Graham that is of note in this letter. It was brought to my attention recently that Graham has exhibited serious deterioration of his persona. People who have had recent interaction with him report that his hygiene was noted, at a public function, to be poor. His clothes were described as dissheveled, and he was further described as having an odor about him. I find this to be distressing, as did the people who reported it to me, because Graham has always been known as having pride in his appearance and to be well groomed. (I must note that the people who had this interaction with him have no idea of my prior history with him).

I am concerned that the Archdiocesan form of response, and it's protective agenda, is precluding itself from being able to take appropriate steps to take care of Graham's needs as he has exhibited signs of depression. Not only is it important to insure that no further sexual victims are created but that all involved parties are taken care of and not further victimized by this disclosure. It is not responsible for the Archdiocese to sacrifice Graham in it's efforts to protect it's own name. Surely Christianity means more than saving the system at the expense of the people.

It is my hope that this letter will initiate actions to take steps to care for at least one of the individuals involved in this situation. Any efforts that you can expend in order to respond to these concerns would be appreciated.

I would appreciate hearing from you with regards to any developments that you may be aware of. I also very much appreciate all the efforts and interest that you have with regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

DG-0018

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Rev. Brian M. Flatley

DATE: January 25, 1995

RE: Rev. Daniel M. Graham

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In April of 1988, [REDACTED] wrote to Father Graham, with a copy to Cardinal Law, charging that Father Graham had sexually assaulted him, beginning when [REDACTED] was 14 years old. [REDACTED] states that the abuse began when Father Graham was a seminarian, and continued while he was a deacon and finally as a priest. It involved the use of alcohol and pornographic material as well as the sexual assault itself. The assaults are alleged to have happened in Father Graham's car, his parents' home, his vacation home in Hull, Our Lady of Lourdes (sic) Rectory in Stoughton, St Patrick's Rectory in Stoneham and other places. Bryan says in 1988 "I have recently learned that you continue to befriend young boys, taking them away on overnights. . ."

Bishop Banks talked with Father Graham on April 28, 1988 and asked him to see Dr. O'Hanley, which he did. Dr. O'Hanley and Father Graham acknowledge the behavior, but say that it has long since ended, and Dr. O'Hanley recommended that there was nothing that would preclude Father Graham from holding any position in the Archdiocese. On May 9, 1988 Father Graham met with Bishop Banks, acknowledging the past behavior, and it was decided that Doctor O'Hanley's report allowed him to continue in priestly ministry.

August 10, 1988 - [REDACTED] wrote a letter to Father Paul Shanley, detailing his reasons for believing that Father Graham was still acting out, and indicating signs that Father Graham was at that time deteriorating. August 23, 1988, Bishop Banks responded to Father Shanley.

Bishop Banks' notes indicate that Father Graham denied recent activity such as taking young people away. "I haven't taken boys overnight for five or six years."

On January 8, 1990 Father Graham and Bishop Banks discussed the possibility of Father Graham becoming a Pastor. Bishop Banks said that "it sounded to me as if the problem was not an innate one but more related to stress at the time and the maturing process." On August 24, 1990 Father Graham asked if there were any problem in accepting Saint Joseph Parish in Quincy. Bishop Banks said, "no problem"

September 10, 1992: Father Tim Harrison called to say that A woman named [REDACTED] - leader of a physical therapy group said that a man named [REDACTED] reported that he was abused by Dan about 10 years ago. Attempts to get more information have not been successful.

The Sexual Misconduct policy states: "The assignment of one who has engaged in sexual abuse with a minor will exclude parish ministry and other ministry that involves minors." (page 3, "Follow-up:", Paragraph 2.)

**Intervention:**

This situation has been discussed and reviewed regularly since I arrived here. All those involved in the delegate's work agree that this was the course I had to follow. I called Bishop Banks, and he said that 1990 was pre-Porter and a more forgiving time. He is not familiar with our Policy, but would have had to reassess his decision in light of that policy. Monsignor Murphy said that you would not like to see Father Graham resign until we have another assignment. We are hoping to pursue something with senior priests once Father Geoghan's situation is resolved.

I called Father Graham on Wednesday, January 25. I asked him to come in, alerted him that this would not be a pleasant meeting, and invited him to bring an advisor. He suggested Friday, but I urged him to come sooner. He asked if he could come right away and he did.

I told Father Graham how greatly I respected him, and that this has been a very difficult decision to make.

I reviewed the Policy with Father Graham, reminded him of the allegations of [REDACTED] and of his responses, and read him the part of the policy quoted above. I told him that I will have to recommend that he resign from the Parish. I told him that you were aware of the situation, and that you would like us to come up with an assignment for him before he resigns. He asked what kind of assignments we had in mind. I did not mention senior priests. I told him that even though he has been assessed by Dr. O'Hanley in 1988, I would like him to go for an in-patient assessment at St. Luke's. I have a place open for him on February 20-24, which would get him home before Lent begins. I did not ask him to respond to that today.

I outlined for him the allegation in 1992, and explained why we did not pursue it at the time. He says he has no idea what that is about.

Father Graham reacted with shock. He thought this was all behind him. He mentioned that he was a seminarian and a deacon when this took place (the allegations says after ordination as well). He said he would like to see you. I called and made an appointment. He asked if he could stay in the Parish for his father's birthday party in March and for his twenty-fifth in May. I told him that I did not feel that would be a problem.

I told him that I would be happy to recommend a therapist if he needs help dealing with this process,

REVIEW BOARD MEETING

June 5, 1995

Chancery - 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Case #62

The Board recommends that the priest not be involved in parish ministry or ministry that involves minors; that he engage in therapy as recommended; that another ministry be sought where this priest's talents may be used.

REVIEW BOARD  
June 5, 1995  
CONFIDENTIAL

CASE # 62

1. **Allegations:** In 1988 a young man accused this priest of sexually assaulting him in the late sixties, when the priest was a seminarian, a deacon and a priest. The assault involved sexual activity, alcohol and pornography.  
In 1992 the leader of a physical therapy group reported that a man in the group indicated that he was abused by this priest ten years earlier.
2. **Complainants:** The 1988 accuser was a supervisor for the Department of Social Services in the Commonwealth with a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study and a Masters in Education.  
The second accuser was about 18 when the alleged abuse took place. Attempts to find him or to get more information have not been successful.
3. **Response:** The priest acknowledged the first allegation. The complainant made four demands: that he inform his pastor; that he remove himself from programs involving youth; that he develop programs for victims of abuse; and that he enter a recognized self-help program. The priest fulfilled these demands.  
The priest only recently heard of the second allegation. He denies it.
4. **Background of Priest:** He is 50 years old, and is respected as a hard-working, successful pastor.
  - 4a. **Impressions:** This has been a struggle for the Office of the Delegate. This priest did all that he was asked to do. He came to the diocese before he was made a pastor to make sure that this would not be a hindrance, and was assured it would not. However, after the Policy was adopted, his case was reviewed. Our policy says that "The assignment of one who has engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor will exclude parish ministry and other ministry that involves minors."
5. **Action to date:** The priest has been asked to participate in another psychological assessment. The assessment found that "there were no substantial indications of active psychiatric illness. As well, there were no signs of uncontrolled or inappropriate sexual impulses and no signs of primitive character psychopathology. His personality organization is described as moderately narcissistic and he is somewhat dependent on the attention and admiration of others." Outpatient therapy was recommended. The priest has been informed that he will have to leave parish ministry. He was shocked that this was all coming back. He has been cooperative.
6. **Future Plans:** It is hoped that another ministry will be found for him, so that there can be a natural transition. Once the Review Board process is completed, this case will be handled by the appropriate people involved with clergy personnel.
7. **Delegate's Recommendation:** That the priest not be involved in parish ministry or ministry that involves minors; that he engage in therapy as recommended; that another ministry be sought where this priest's talents may be used.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Most Rev. William Murphy  
FROM: Rev. Brian M. Flatter *Bmf*  
DATE: February 1, 1996  
RE: Rev. Daniel M. Graham

Father Graham's case is one which needs to be looked at. In his statement of June 25, 1992, Cardinal Law said, "the Archdiocese is systematically reviewing its files to ascertain if there are indications that further assessment is warranted."

In Father Graham's case:

- the behavior took place in the late 60's-early seventies;
- he acknowledged the behavior in 1988 when the victim came forward;
- he offered to meet with the victim; the victim declined; he wrote to the victim;
- the victim made 4 demands:
  - a seminar for kids in parish on abuse
  - join a self-help group
  - refrain from youth activities
  - inform pastor
- Father Graham agreed to all four. He paid the victim's counseling fees, and has a letter releasing him from further financial responsibility
- he was sent to Doctor O'Hanley for an assessment, which concluded that there was nothing "that would preclude him, psychologically, from holding any position.
- in January and August of 1990 Father Graham approached the Archdiocese to ascertain if he could seek a pastورشip; he was assured that there was not a problem.

It seems to me that this case was assessed and adjudicated before the present Policy was instituted. Father Graham and the Archdiocese responded appropriately to the allegation. The victim "seemed to be satisfied" and has not made any further claims. It would seem to me that it can be concluded that there are no "indications that further assessment is warranted" in this situation.

In September of 1992 there was a vague second-hand complaint about "the present pastor of St. Joseph's" in Quincy. This report, from a reportedly mentally limited individual, concerned sexual abuse approximately ten years earlier (1982). Our attempts to pursue this allegation were not successful. Father Graham has undergone another psychological assessment, this time by Doctors Purcell and Blais. The assessment found no substantial indications of active psychiatric illness.

I would like to bring this case back before the Review Board and recommend that it be determined to be a case treated appropriately before the present Policy was in place, one that does not require "further assessment" and therefore one to which the Policy does not apply.

REVIEW BOARD MEETING

February 5, 1996

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The Board recommends that this be determined to be a case reported and handled appropriately before the present Policy was in place, and thus one to which the policy does not apply. Father ( ) does not require further assessment and there should be no limits or restrictions on his ministry.

REVIEW BOARD  
February 5, 1996  
CONFIDENTIAL

CASE # 62

This case was originally before the Board on June 5, 1995. At that time the recommendation was that the priest not be involved in parish ministry or ministry that involves minors; that he engage in therapy as recommended; that another ministry be sought where this priest's talents may be used. In light of the ongoing review of the Policy, it was decided not to act on the recommendation at this time.

This case has continued to be a source of uneasiness for all those involved in the Office of the Delegate. It was felt that this case was thoroughly dealt with by the priest, the complainant and the Archdiocese prior to the existence of the Archdiocesan Policy. Recently, the disposition of the case has been completely reviewed by the Delegate and staff, including legal counsel. The following is an edited version of a memo recently sent to Bishop Murphy:

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[REDACTED]

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Delegate's Recommendation: That this be determined to be a case reported and handled appropriately before the present Policy was in place, and thus one to which the Policy does not apply. Father [ ] does not require further assessment and there should be no limits or restrictions on his ministry.

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CONFIDENTIAL  
MEMORANDUM

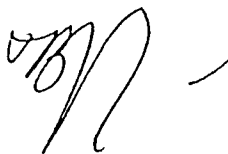
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RE: Reverend Daniel M. Graham  
Review Board Case # 62

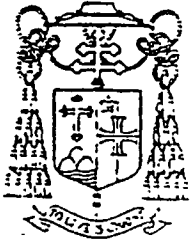
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I have reviewed the report and the recommendation of the Delegate and the Review Board regarding Reverend Daniel M. Graham.

I accept the recommendation of the Delegate, and direct the Office of the Delegate to implement the recommendation.

Date: Feb. 7, 1986





CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135-3192

February 9, 1996

The Reverend Daniel M. Graham  
Saint Joseph Rectory  
556 Washington Street  
Quincy, Massachusetts 02169

Dear Father Graham:

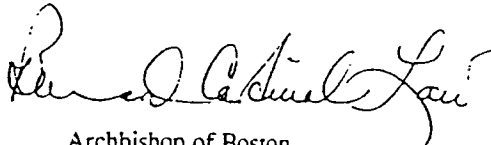
This letter is in regard to the allegation of sexual misconduct which was brought forward concerning you. As you are aware, I have requested my Delegate for these matters to look into these allegations in a thorough manner. Once the Delegate has accomplished this evaluation, he makes a recommendation which is reviewed by the appropriate Review Board, before being sent to me for my decision. I write now to notify you of my decision concerning your ministry.

The Review Board and the Delegate have recommended that your case be determined to be a case reported and handled appropriately before the present Policy was in place, and thus one to which the Policy does not apply. They recommended that you do not require further assessment and there should be no limits or restrictions on your ministry. I hereby approve the recommendation. Please inform Reverend Brian M. Flatley in writing that you have received this letter.

These have been difficult days for you, Dan. You have been most cooperative in this process and I thank you for that. You have been and continue to be remembered in my prayers.

With warm personal regards, and asking God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Boston

DG-0036

I. D. #7019

Name Graham, Daniel M.

Date of Birth August 1, 1944

Place of Birth Cambridge, Mass.

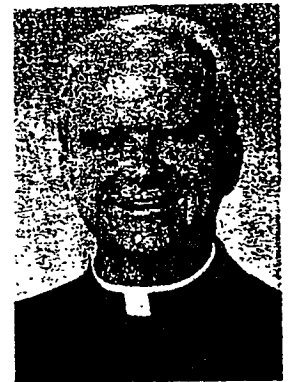
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Date Assigned	Office	Place Assigned	Date Detached
6/9/70	Asst.	Our Lady of the Rosary, Stoughton	6/3/75
6/3/75	Assoc, Pastor	St. John the Baptist, Quincy	6/28/88
6/28/88	Par. Vicar	St. Brendan, Dorchester	9/28/90
9/28/90	Pastor	St. Joseph Parish, Quincy, MA	1/26/2002
9/28/96	Re-appointed Pastor	St. Joseph Parish, Quincy, MA	2T
1/26/2002	Unassigned		



Rev. Daniel M. Graham

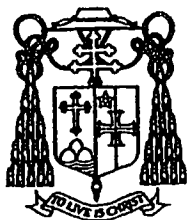
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 1/10/99 Re-appointed Vicar of the Quincy Vicariate/SOUTH Region  
 1/10/2002 Re-appointed Vicar of the Quincy Vicariate/SOUTH Region  
 1/26/2002

**ATTENDED LEADERSHIP  
 TRAINING PROGRAM  
 SPRING '96**

DG-0059

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CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135

August 25, 1990

Reverend Daniel M. Graham  
Saint Brendan Parish Rectory  
15 Rita Road  
Dorchester, MA 02124

Dear Father Graham:

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Board of the Archdiocese, I am ending your assignment as Parochial Vicar at Saint Brendan Parish in Dorchester, and I am appointing you Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Quincy for a period of six years. The effective date of this course of action is September 28, 1990.

Saint Joseph Parish is vacant due to the resignation of Reverend Joseph J. Downey.

I will communicate with Most Reverend Daniel A. Hart, D.D., Regional Bishop of the South Region, in which Saint Joseph Parish is located, in order to make arrangements for your formal installation as Pastor.

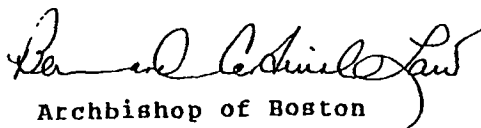
In accordance with the Canonical Procedure for the Appointment of Pastors dated September 4, 1985, your jurisdiction in Saint Joseph Parish begins on September 28, 1990. You should contact the Regional Bishop, or in his absence the Vicar of that area, to make arrangements for the required profession of faith as soon as possible after the effective date of your appointment as Pastor.

Please send written notification to Most Reverend Robert J. Banks, Vicar for Administration and Reverend James J. McCarthy, Clergy Personnel Director, indicating that you have received this letter.

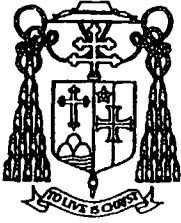
It is a pleasure for me to give you this new appointment as Pastor in the Archdiocese. I am confident that you will have a zealous and fruitful ministry in your new appointment. May God bless you in all your endeavors. If I can be of assistance to you at any time please do not hesitate to call on me.

With my warm personal regards and best wishes for you and all whom you serve so well, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Boston

DG-0106



CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135-3192

November 13, 1998

Very Reverend Daniel M. Graham, V.F.  
Saint Joseph Parish Rectory  
556 Washington Street  
Quincy, MA 02169-7216

Dear Father Graham:

Having reviewed the results of the consultation among priests of your Vicariate, and having received the recommendation of the Interim Regional Vicar, I am happy to re-appoint you as Vicar Forane of the Quincy Vicariate of the South Region for a period of three years, effective January 10, 1999.

The responsibilities of the office of Vicar are those described in the accompanying pages, dated September 15, 1992.

Please be in touch with the Reverend Monsignor Peter T. Martocchio, V.E., your Interim Regional Vicar and send written notification to Most Reverend William F. Murphy, D.D., Vicar for Administration and Reverend James J. McCarthy, Clergy Personnel Director, indicating that you have received this letter and accept this assignment.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in these coming three years.

Asking God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

Enclosure

cc: Most Reverend William F. Murphy, D.D.  
Reverend Monsignor Peter T. Martocchio, V.E.  
Reverend Paul O'Brien

DG-0137

**Mailing List**  
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**Requestors Name:** Joan Weiss - X3685  
**Date of Request:** February 12, 2002  
**Desired Effective Date:** February 12, 2002  
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9/10/92

328-8666

in: Tim Harrison re. Dan Graham (not mentioned by name)

report from [redacted] - ① Physical Therapy Group (leader or facilitator)

She reports that [redacted] - alleges was sexually abused @ age 18 (now 33)

member of the group - priest in Quincy 10 years ago - not but not retarded - mentally limited

- priest presently pastor @ St Joseph's - approached police on it; they took no action (beyond state of Tennessee)

② 2 months later - November - called twice

yellow pages - Physical Therapists

\* Gym Setup - Randolph - 963- [redacted]

5th call Natfi - 2 women - spoke w/ [redacted]

Will give my # & message to [redacted] ( [redacted] )  
may not be same person - most likely not.

Quincy } 773-6100 - (20855)

Carney } 296-4000

Milton } 696-4600

92

~~Handwritten scribble~~

Information: SSMH - Bay View Associates  
Special needs adults - 30's

SSMH - Parkway -  
847-1950 -

Behavioral Therapy  
770-4000 x262

GT REDACTION

Braintree Rehab. Center 848-5353 x2410

[Redacted]

Rehab., Brockton 508-584-7111

√ Rehab. Spec., Quincy 479-0200 }  
√ Rehab. Specialists, Wey. 340-5787 }

986-6703 Randolph - Deer Crossing

√ 770-4167 Willard - Quincy - Furnace Brook

\* Cym Setup - Randolph - 2 women } [Redacted]  
963- [Redacted] Natfi. } [Redacted]

(10 calls)

617- [Redacted]  
other office

Richmond



July 12, 1993. Tel. contact with Fr. Harrison by CEM

Name - none

Second party - no name

Names, addresses, tel. no.

Father Harrison - had given names, numbers - Chancery  
if person wished to contact Archdiocese

12/23/94 Called Fr. Harrison - not in.

328-8666



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SECRETARY FOR MINISTERIAL PERSONNEL

May 24, 1995

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Rev. Daniel M. Graham  
Saint Joseph Rectory  
556 Washington Street  
Quincy, Massachusetts 02169

Dear Dan,


Doctor Mark Blais sent a bill to me for your recent assessment. Because Doctor Blais is not a Tufts Total Health Plan provider, I am forwarding his bill to you, so that you may submit it to Tufts with the enclosed form.

A patient being served by an 'out-of-plan provider' is now responsible for an annual deductible of \$250 and a 20% co-payment up to \$2,500 per year. When Tufts sends you an Explanation of Benefits, you may submit it to me and I will request payment through the Clergy Fund.

This process is specific to the services rendered by 'out-of-plan' providers such as Doctor Blais. All other services by Tufts providers are covered 100% without the need of the above process. I know that this is a somewhat cumbersome process, but one that is part of the Archdiocesan efforts to manage its medical benefits. Please call me if you have any questions.

With personal good wishes and prayers, and asking for a remembrance in yours, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Rev. Brian M. Flaherty  
Assistant to the Secretary  
for Ministerial Personnel

BMF:tt  
Encl. 3

DG-0196

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
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August 19, 1986

GT REDACTION

████████████████████  
Department of Social Services  
Harbor Area (40)  
115 Gove Street  
East Boston, MA 02128

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AUG 22 1986

DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
REGION VI - AREA 40

Dear ██████████:

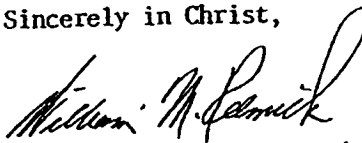
His Eminence, Cardinal Law, has asked me to respond to your letter of July 10.

Whatever might have been the truth of the T.V. show which you saw, you may be sure that any incident of sexual abuse of a child by anyone is viewed most seriously by the Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Boston, if there were to be an incident of such abuse by a priest, you can be sure that the matter would be taken most seriously with deep concern for the victim, the people, and the priest.

Thank you for expressing your concern to His Eminence.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



Reverend William M. Helmick  
Secretary to the Cardinal

WMH/ac

DG-0201

Dear Father Paul --

This has been a very difficult letter for me to pull together and write. As a result, it has taken me much longer than I had wanted to get it out to you. It has been so difficult because it raises and causes me to address some very painful memories thoughts and feelings which continue to have an impact on me even now. It is because of my trust in you and the desire to ~~put~~<sup>use</sup> this all to prevent any other children/adolescents to be victimized before letting it all rest, that I write this letter to you.

While I have been pulling this letter together and doing the necessary research to address the issues within this letter, I have learned some distressing information. This includes, but is not limited to, the fact that Graham is now looking for a transfer to another parish. After approximately 13 years in the same parish is it coincidental that he has now decided that he needs to move, relocate. I think not. Instead, perhaps it is that he has a need to get away from my unidentified source, to continue on his previous escapades. While I recognize that this sounds a little paranoid on my part, consider that for so many yeras he has remained in this parish with no thoughts on transferring. Contrarily, he has voiced that he wanted to stay there because it was close to the home in which his parents live. In addition he has had it pretty good in this parish in that he has been able to keep the pastor off his back "due to (the pastor's) own problems".

Perhaps it is the Cardinal's response to my recent disclosures. I hope not, as it is clear that it is better to contain germs in the infected areathan to expand them to yet uninfected areas until they can be eliminated or at least controlled. In this light, my concern is that I do not believe that he has had only two victims, I believe that it is still going on. and that to allow a transfer at this time does not address the problem, but only serves to allow it to continue.

In preparing to write this letter, I have gathered some information. Information which I believe indicates that the victimization continues.

DG-0208

One piece of information is of course the desire to transfer, but there is more than this.

You tell me that he portrayed himself as being <sup>very</sup> ~~very~~ involved in getting services for victims. Programs which he states that he set up include: Adult Children of Alcoholics, Al-A-Teen, Al-A-Non, etc. I have since learned that although he has a reputation for developing these programs, he is not responsible for having done so. In reality it is the pastor - an alcoholic himself - that is responsible for having done so.

He has been described as being a person who always manages to take the "Center Stage" - getting involved in programs that can further his position, but require little effort on his part. "He will give - if he can get something back" has been repeatedly said of him. Once an individual or a program starts to go sour, he has been seen to turn away from them, divesting himself of them.

Perhaps it is this attribute which has made it possible for him to inherit from parishioners he has befriended a house in which his parents live, and two cars. He has also, as we have seen recently been given expensive vacation trips to places like Italy. It has done him well, but what of his parishioners, what of the "priesthood".

So we know that he has an innate ability to come out "smelling like a rose", to make himself look good and to get credit for things he is not responsible for. We also know that it is the individual who is looked upon with favor by the community who is often the perpetrator for sexual abuse of non-family members. This is the way in which they are able to gain access to their victims.

Someone like him, who befriends young adolescent boys, very seldom girls, and engages in supportive friend-like behavior gains the inside track to children. An inside track from which it is much easier to manipulate these children into victimization. He has many young boys and adolescents (general age 12-17) in and out of the rectory at all hours of the day and night - visiting him in his chambers, staying overnight, borrowing his car, accompanying him on extended day trips (of which no mention is made to anyone outside of the "inner circle" upon return). "It's almost as if you were intruding if you were to ask where they spent the day". They have been known to visit his vacation home in Hull<sup>m</sup> Mass.

*Don says he has no idea*

He will go with these boys to buy them cars and do other activities which indicate a close trusting relationship. When they grow up and begin to develop their own independence and begin to extend or sever their ties with him; he will engage himself in self-effacing behavior and not being able to accept this as a normal right of passage into adulthood.

None of these are in, and of themselves, indicative that a problem continues to exist. In other circumstances these might be quite innocent and appropriate interactions with the youth of the parish. But together with his being known to be a perpetrator of inappropriate sexual activity against youth that he met in the same manner, raises all kinds of concern.

It is interesting to note that he states that the only child/adolescent oriented activity that he has admitted to was his activity as Spiritual Director of the CCD program. It is interesting to note, because one of his favorite times to sexually violate me was after CCD classes which he used to "innocently" hold in his chambers. I also remind you that he continues to engage in the very activities which occurred around my own victimization. Day trips, over-night visits to the rectory, etc.

This time of the year is also a time when he makes himself even more available to the youth of the parish. His yearly Carnival takes place during two weeks in June. Although it is questionable if he raises the amounts of money he claims to (as insiders say that he does not), this is not of importance here. What is of importance is that for half of the month of May and the entire month of June three over-sized trailers are parked in the parking lot. These reportedly are used for storage. But it is interesting to note that while they are parked there, he moves himself right in to them. A strange place to live, when you could hire someone to guard them, if necessary. But he spends day and night in his "office" into which he has moved his desk, couch and other conveniences. He sleeps there as well as spending his days and nights there.

My reports state these activities have continued to occur even most recently.

I therefore see it as imperative that he become involved in treatment for these issues. Literature points out that rarely is an incidence of this type of sexual abuse isolated, as he would want us to believe. We also know, from my own experience working in this area of specilaization as well as from the literature, that rarely will the first disclosure from a perpetrator involve the total admission of what he has engaged in. This is true of the content as well as the incidence. We can be sure there are others, to assume others does a disservice to all potential victims with whom he associtaes. In recognizing that the behaviors outlined here have continued, we know, at the very least, that he puts himself at risk of further incidents of abuse through the very behavior he engages in.

Realizing that I can obtain information about what is going on in the parish, it is not acceptable that the Church states they have no such access. It is further unacceptable that they do not want Father McCarthy informed of what is going on, because he "has his own issues". At this time, as long as Graham is involved in the community he must be observed and prevented from further incidents of abuse, or opportunities to abuse. For the Church to not accept this responsibility must be interpreted as negligent on their part. Indeed if the name of a present victim were disclosed, both the Department of Social Services and the District Attorney's office would become involved. I am sure that it would be very interesting to them that the Church has not responded appropriately to my requests.

It is for these reasons that I must stand by my original requests. I request that the Church require him to go into in-patient treatment for this behavior, that he be prevented from all activities that in any way provide him access to the youth of the Parish, that Fr McCarthy or some other individual be informed of the situation and be given the responsibility to oversee his activity to insure that additional children not be placed at risk.

I am further concerned that despite my previous letters, no one from the Chancery (particularly Cardinal Law) has thought to be in touch with me. I question how to interpret this lack of involvement on their part.

Since I have delayed this long in writing you, after our conversation, I will extend the amount of time that these requests can be put in place until July 1, 1988. I assure the Church that I am prepared to go public with this information, if I continue to believe that other children are at risk, and the Church has not responded appropriately. My main goal is to prevent or at least minimize further incidents of abuse by at least one perpetrator.

While preparing this letter, I have learned that Gene Sullivan has - some time in the past - been placed in treatment for this very behavior. I hope that this treatment took place some time ago, as the abuse that I know of that he was involved in occurred some 16 years ago. Of course, there are others also that I am quite familiar with that under their vestments sits an individual that due to his own issues has acted out this type of depravity. One might go off on a tangent of how celibacy brings such abeherent behaviors to the forefront. But that is a separate issue entirely.

What is of importance here, is that the Church is being given an opportunity to respond to this behavior in a very responsible manner. I would hope that they choose to respond appropriately, before the matter needs to be brought before the public.

I would look forward to hearing from you at your convenience. But I would also appreciate hearing from Cardinal Law's office.

With regards,

**GT REDACTION**



GT REDACTION

Dear [REDACTED]

It is difficult for me to adequately express in words the feeling I have in my heart as I write this letter but as limited as my words are, I will try - please be patient with

If I could live my life again there would be many changes. Unfortunately I have to live with the past and all the mistakes I made, the poor choices and the pain that I have caused. I am ashamed of myself for my past behavior and I am truly sorry for the negative impact my influence has caused and I ask for forgiveness.

The priesthood is a high-stress job living and working in the same environment being on duty sometimes 24 hours a day, when covering our 350 Bed hospital and 5 Nursing homes. I have had many days when I have been up night and day round the clock due to parish work.

I have struggled with celibacy during my 18 years of ordination and this in no way mitigates my past negative behavior or my guilt.

There are many turning points in one's life and I had an opportunity to have a sabbatical 3 years ago in Rome where I lived a 30 day retreat for spiritual renewal and an opportunity to do a great deal of soul-searching.

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During this time I did a lot of self-examination of my vocation. This experience was a great re-novel for me and my priestly life. I now belong to a support group for priests for prayer, spiritual renewal and for vacation time spent together. I try my best to keep very busy. This parish has 3,500 families as members so there are many responsibilities here: last year 245 Baptisms, 200 funerals, and over 100 weddings to keep us very busy. I now live a very structured life-style and for me that is good.

I also have the <sup>sole</sup> responsibility of caring for my elderly parents. My dad is now 83 yrs old and has been hospitalized a few times during the past year. My mother has severe diabetes and doesn't get around much anymore due to an ulcerated foot. I do their shopping and doctors visits etc because my <sup>only</sup> sister Peg is now living in Virginia with her 6 children

Concerning my transfer from St. John's; I have been here 13 years. The normal term is limited to 10 years with one year extensions given only with good pastoral reason. I was able to get 2 extensions due to the fact that another priest from this parish was also up for transfer, and they


usually will not transfer 2 priests at one time, so I ~~of~~ was able to extend a couple years extra.

last year

However, the personnel dept told me that I could not get another <sup>in</sup> extension and asked me to transfer I am scheduled to report to St. Brendan's in Dorchester as of June 28th. My responsibilities will be working with the elderly from the Keystone apartments, Liturgy and adult education.

I expect that this will be a short term assignment due to the fact that in a few years I could be a co-pastor as I am now on a waiting list with another priest from Quincy - Fr. Charles Collins. We have applied for a team ministry assignment in a parish somewhere on the South Shore (due to my parents)

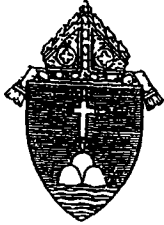
GT REDACTION

 I want to co-operate with you in the best possible way to let you know that I have turned my life around and that this behavior is behind me. I have conducted a special service in our parish on child abuse. I have withdrawn from all youth-oriented programs, our Cyo and athletics are run by lay people and Fr. Sullivan is their spiritual director. The Cardinal has sent me to a psych-therapist.

I also spoke to Fr. Paul Shanley about a support group called New Directions - to which I am trying to get more information. I will enroll in either this program or one run by Family Services - I will forward the information to you as soon as I am enrolled.

In closing I would like to say how sorry I am for my past sins and for the pain and hurt I have caused. I am truly ashamed of my past behavior. I ask for God's forgiveness and mercy and I ask you with all my heart for compassion and understanding.

Sincerely,  
Dan



ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON  
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BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135  
(617) 254-0100

VICAR FOR ADMINISTRATION

August 23, 1988

Reverend Paul R. Shanley  
St. James Rectory  
253 Watertown Street  
Newton, MA 02158

GT REDACTION

Dear Paul:

Thank you for sending along [REDACTED]'s letter. I don't know what he wants. I have listened to his charges; I have spoken to Dan; and I have reported back to [REDACTED] on the conversation. Obviously he is not going to be satisfied.

From the way he reports the conversation I had with him, I fear he adjusts things to fit his already established way of thinking. It is unfortunate.

Thanks for your help in this matter. If you have any new insights, don't hesitate to pass them along.

I did spend a week on the beach, but it was not with synod notes.

Take good care of yourself.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Banks  
Vicar for Administration

DG-0227

GT REDACTION

I met with Father Graham on January 8, 1990. We discussed the fact that he soon might be up for pastor and I wanted it to be clear that he has no problems that would keep him from being pastor.

One problem could be the location of [REDACTED]. But it seems that he lives in [REDACTED], so Fr. Graham could be appointed any place.

I asked if there had been any difficulty with the previous problem during the past months that he has been at St. Brendan's and he said no.

I asked him again if there had been any problems since the case referred to that took place twenty years ago. He said no.

I said that it sounded to me as if the problem was not an innate one but more related to stress at the time and the maturing process.

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9/10/92

Re: Tim Harrison re. Dan Graham

report from [redacted] - Physical Therapy Group (leader or facilitator)

She reports that [redacted] - alleges was sexually abused @ age 18  
by priest in Dunaj 10 years ago  
- plea but not retraced

member of the group - priest presently partner @ St Joseph  
- approached police on it; they took  
no action (beyond state of limitations)

November 14, 1994

Most Reverend Robert J. Banks, D.D.  
Diocese of Green Bay  
P.O. Box 23066  
Green Bay, WI 54305-3066

Dear Bishop Banks:

Greetings from Brighton! As you know, the Cardinal has appointed me Delegate for cases of clergy misconduct. It is a daunting ministry.

On a routine review of cases, we surfaced Dan Graham's <sup>file</sup> file. At your convenience, I would like to speak with you about your recollection of the events surrounding Dan's assessment in 1990. Your insight would be helpful.

I ask for your prayers. You are in mine. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Brian M. Flatley  
Assistant to the Secretary  
for Ministerial Personnel

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DG-0231



**REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

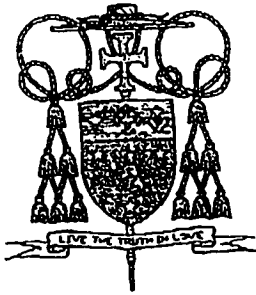
**June 5, 1995**

**Chancery - 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

**Case #62**

**The Board recommends that the priest not be involved in parish ministry or ministry that involves minors; that he engage in therapy as recommended; that another ministry be sought where this priest's talents may be used.**


Brown  
- Yes to all  
of this  
Let's get  
Don Graham  
off my back



ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON  
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL BISHOP

M E M O R A N D U M

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Father Higgins  
FROM: Bishop Malone +   
DATE: January 26, 2002  
SUBJECT: Father Daniel Graham; Father Robert Monagle

I. Father Daniel Graham

I met this morning with Father Daniel Graham and informed him that, because of the new policy of the Archdiocese with regard to past instances of clergy sexual abuse of minors, Cardinal Law was asking him to resign as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Quincy, effective immediately.

I assured Father Graham that we are very aware that he has been giving excellent service as pastor of St. Joseph Parish and as vicar forane, and that absolutely no one is questioning the integrity of his behavior at this time. I told him that we know that he had received very good psychological assessments and that the archdiocesan review board, under the former policy, had in the past agreed that he could appropriately serve in active ministry. I reiterated the recent change in the policy, and reminded him that the Cardinal has been giving the assurance that as far as we know, no priest with a past history of sexual abuse of a minor is currently serving in ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston.

While he was shocked with the suddenness of this decision, he seemed to understand the reason for it. He did not fight it in any way, but accepted it in a very sad but manly fashion.

I told Dan that he was not to appear at any Masses in the parish from this weekend on, despite the fact that it is Father Bob Monagle's good bye weekend.

I offered him the opportunity of being admitted to St. Elizabeth Medical Center this afternoon for a full health and psychological workup. I told him that the Cardinal had arranged for this with Dr. McDonald. Dan declined this option. He would prefer simply to go on health leave and move home with his elderly and ailing father. He did say that one good thing about this miserable situation is that he will now be able to attend better to his own health challenges, and also be able to spend more time with his father, whom he does not expect to live much longer. He expressed the hope that he might be able to celebrate his father's funeral Mass. After consultation with you, Father Higgins, I told him that I did not have an answer to that question at this time.

I also told Dan that it is important that he arrange right away with his own physicians to have a full examination, including the psychological dimensions. He nodded in agreement. He told me that only one priest, a close friend, Father John Malloy, knows of his past abuse allegation. He will be in contact with John about this recent development right away. I also assured him of the Cardinal's and my own care and esteem for him, and that we both find this to be a very painful thing. He appreciated that, and knows that we are willing to help him in any way that we can.

I told Dan that I would be talking with Fr. Bob Monagle about this situation right away. Dan did not have a problem with that.

This was the most difficult thing I have had to do as a bishop and, perhaps, in 30 years as a priest. But, with God's grace, it is done.

## II. Father Robert Monagle

After some difficulty, I was able to contact Father Robert Monagle. Because he was preparing to go to a burial, and I to a parish visitation, we had to speak on the phone in a confidential manner. I informed him of my meeting with Dan Graham, and outlined for him what I had communicated to Dan. Bob had no knowledge whatsoever of Dan's past abuse allegation. I explained that he and Dan should talk as soon as Bob returned from the burial, and determine what will be said to the parish during the weekend Masses. I recommended that they announce that because of some health problems, Dan has taken a health leave, effective immediately. That will later turn to retirement, but that should not be mentioned at this time.

Bob said there is no problem covering the weekend Masses, since there are several priests who assist at St. Joseph's. He needs no help at this time.

1 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
2 COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX  
3 GREGORY FORD, et al.,  
4 Plaintiff,  
5 vs. Superior Court  
Civil Action  
No. 02-0626

6 BERNARD CARDINAL LAW, a/k/a,  
7 CARDINAL BERNARD F. LAW,  
8 Defendants.

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10 PAUL W. BUSA,  
11 Plaintiff,  
12 vs. Civil Action  
13 No. 02-0822

14 BERNARD CARDINAL LAW, a/k/a,  
15 CARDINAL BERNARD F. LAW, et al.  
16 Defendants.

17 -----  
18 ANTHONY DRISCOLL,  
19 Plaintiff,  
20 vs. Civil Action  
21 No. 02-1737

22 BERNARD CARDINAL LAW, a/k/a,  
23 CARDINAL BERNARD F. LAW, et al.  
24 Defendants.

25 THE SECOND DAY OF THE DEPOSITION OF  
26 MONSIGNOR WILLIAM H. HELMICK, a witness called by  
27 the Plaintiffs, taken pursuant to the applicable  
28 provisions of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil  
29 Procedure, before Kathleen L. Good, (CSR  
30 #112593), Registered Professional Reporter and  
31 Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of  
32 Massachusetts, at the offices of Greenberg  
33 Traurig, One International Place, Boston,  
34 Massachusetts 02110, on Wednesday, October 9,  
35 2002, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

36 K. L. GOOD & ASSOCIATES  
37 P. O. BOX 6094  
38 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02209  
39 TEL. (781) 598-6405

1 and confidential?  
2 A That's correct.  
3 Q If you received this in 1986 at the Cardinal's  
4 Residence, you would have opened this, correct?  
5 A What we don't know is whether the envelope was  
6 marked personal and confidential.  
7 Q Okay. Assuming that this letter came in in the  
8 form that it is here, without any indication of  
9 personal and confidential, would this be a letter  
10 that you would open?  
11 A Yes.  
12 Q And your testimony is you do not remember opening  
13 this letter?  
14 A I do not.  
15 Q Do you remember what you did with this letter?  
16 A No.  
17 Q Do you remember what you would have done if you  
18 had opened this letter in 1986?  
19 MR. O'CONNOR: Objection.  
20 A I would have -- I think I would have sent it to  
21 the Chancery.  
22 Q What would you have expected the Chancery to do?  
23 MR. O'CONNOR: Objection.  
24 A To talk about it to the Cardinal.

1 Q You would not talk to the Cardinal about this?  
2 A No.  
3 Q Did the Cardinal ever ask you to respond to this  
4 letter?  
5 A Well, I don't remember this so I cannot answer  
6 that question.  
7 Q Do you remember if the Cardinal ever asked you to  
8 respond to this letter?  
9 A I don't.  
10 (Recess.)  
11 Q Now that we've looked at Exhibits 32, 33, 34 and  
12 35, you would agree that in 1986, you responded  
13 to this gentleman's letter of July 10, 1986 --  
14 A Yes.  
15 Q -- Exhibit 34?  
16 A Yes.  
17 Q And you did this on behalf of the Cardinal,  
18 correct?  
19 A Yes.  
20 Q And you did this after speaking with the Cardinal  
21 about this letter?  
22 A I don't have any recollection of speaking to him  
23 about this letter.  
24 Q You said that you didn't remember speaking to

1 him, but your letter dated August 19, 1986,  
2 states that "Cardinal Law has asked me to respond  
3 to your letter."  
4 A Yes.  
5 Q You'd agree at some point Cardinal Law asked you  
6 to respond to this July 10, 1986, letter?  
7 A Yes.  
8 Q And to be clear, on Exhibit 33, the unredacted  
9 portion does state that the author of the letter  
10 of July 10, 1986, at the top of the letter, that  
11 this author works for Department of Social  
12 Services?  
13 A Yes.  
14 Q And you understand that the Department of Social  
15 Services is the child protective agency in  
16 Massachusetts?  
17 A Yes.  
18 Q You would agree that at no time do you remember  
19 asking that this gentleman come in for a meeting?  
20 A Again, I don't remember the letter so I have no  
21 recollection of asking him.  
22 Q And you have no recollection of the Cardinal  
23 asking you to have this gentleman come in for a  
24 meeting?

1 A I have no recollection.  
2 Q You have no recollection that Cardinal Law asked  
3 you to get the details of this July 10, 1986,  
4 letter?  
5 A No.  
6 Q Do you have any explanation for that?  
7 A The only explanation -- I have no memory of it.  
8 So I don't have -- I can't have an explanation if  
9 I don't have a memory.  
10 Q Do you have any explanation as to why you did not  
11 put in your August 19, 1986, letter, an  
12 invitation for this gentleman to come in and  
13 speak with the Cardinal?  
14 A No.  
15 Q Do you have any explanation for why you did not  
16 ask for the identities of these perpetrators of  
17 abuse?  
18 A That would not be my area of duty.  
19 Q Do you have any explanation as to why Cardinal  
20 Law did not ask you to get the names of these  
21 perpetrators?  
22 A I do not.  
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9 CARDINAL BERNARD F. LAW,  
10 Defendants.

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13 Plaintiff,  
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21 Plaintiff,  
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THE FIFTH DAY OF THE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION  
OF CARDINAL BERNARD F. LAW, a witness called by  
the Plaintiffs, taken pursuant to the applicable  
provisions of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil  
Procedure, before Kathleen L. Good, Registered  
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1 It doesn't make the charge any less 11:17:49  
 2 egregious, but I just, as a matter of record, it 11:17:53  
 3 does not say that. 11:17:56  
 4 Q Doesn't use the word -- go ahead. 11:17:57  
 5 A And to infer that, I think, there would be no 11:17:59  
 6 reason to infer that from this letter. 11:18:04  
 7 Q How would you know either way, Cardinal Law, 11:18:06  
 8 whether it was referring to priests of the 11:18:10  
 9 Archdiocese of Boston or priests of other 11:18:12  
 10 dioceses? Wouldn't you want to know whether it 11:18:14  
 11 was a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston? 11:18:16  
 12 MR. CRAWFORD: Objection to the form. 11:18:18  
 13 You may answer. 11:18:19  
 14 A You asked two questions there. First is: How 11:18:19  
 15 would you know? And that's exactly the point I'm 11:18:23  
 16 making, that you wouldn't know. 11:18:26  
 17 And the second question is: Wouldn't you 11:18:29  
 18 want to know? Of course I would want to know. 11:18:30  
 19 But the letter itself does not imply or does not 11:18:33  
 20 suggest that these are priests of the Archdiocese 11:18:39  
 21 of Boston. 11:18:41  
 22 Q It says either way. I mean, you don't know 11:18:41  
 23 either way, Cardinal Law? 11:18:42  
 24 A But one would want to follow-up with the person, 11:18:43

1 A --"sexual misuse by a number of" -- "by a number 11:19:45  
 2 of diocesan priests." 11:19:50  
 3 All I'm saying is -- 11:19:51  
 4 Q Why don't you read the full sentence. 11:19:52  
 5 A "I have witnessed firsthand the pain and anguish 11:19:54  
 6 that such an incident can occur." 11:19:57  
 7 All I'm saying is that that letter in and of 11:19:59  
 8 itself does not say that these are diocesan 11:20:01  
 9 priests in the Archdiocese of Boston. It doesn't 11:20:05  
 10 say that they're in Manchester, New Hampshire. 11:20:08  
 11 They could be anywhere. 11:20:12  
 12 So my only point is that this letter, of 11:20:14  
 13 itself, does not suggest that these priests are 11:20:17  
 14 of the Archdiocese of Boston. 11:20:21  
 15 However, as I said, Mr. MacLeish, it doesn't 11:20:23  
 16 change the egregious nature of the act nor does 11:20:28  
 17 it -- nor does it argue for not meeting with this 11:20:34  
 18 person. All I'm saying is that the letter of 11:20:38  
 19 itself does not make a charge against priests of 11:20:41  
 20 this Archdiocese. 11:20:45  
 21 Q You don't know from reading the letter, Cardinal, 11:20:46  
 22 whether it's the Archdiocese or some other 11:20:48  
 23 diocese, do you? 11:20:50  
 24 A The letter does not make a charge against priests 11:20:51

1 which I think is to the point. 11:18:47  
 2 Q Are you testifying that Exhibit 65, this letter 11:18:48  
 3 from an individual working at the Department of 11:18:53  
 4 Social Services, are you testifying that you can 11:18:56  
 5 read the second paragraph as meaning that it does 11:18:58  
 6 not include -- that this man was not a victim of 11:19:01  
 7 sexual misuse by Archdiocesan priests? Is that 11:19:06  
 8 what your testimony is? Or is it your testimony 11:19:09  
 9 that you can't tell either way? 11:19:11  
 10 A If you got that out of what I just said, then 11:19:13  
 11 either I don't know how to speak English or 11:19:16  
 12 you're not hearing me. 11:19:19  
 13 Q Probably I'm not hearing you correctly. 11:19:20  
 14 A Absolutely not. What I am saying is that -- 11:19:21  
 15 well, let me read what the person says. 11:19:25  
 16 Q Right. 11:19:26  
 17 A And my presumption is that the person is working 11:19:27  
 18 for the agency -- 11:19:31  
 19 Q Sure. 11:19:32  
 20 A -- that is carried on the letterhead, but I have 11:19:33  
 21 no knowledge of that. 11:19:35  
 22 "As a former victim of sexual misuse by" -- 11:19:37  
 23 and it's "misuse" here. 11:19:42  
 24 Q Right. I used those words earlier. 11:19:43

1 of this Archdiocese. That's all I'm saying, 11:20:55  
 2 Mr. MacLeish. 11:20:58  
 3 Q How do you know that, Cardinal Law? How do you 11:20:58  
 4 know that? How do you know that, respectfully? 11:21:00  
 5 It says: 11:21:02  
 6 "As a former victim of sexual misuse by a 11:21:03  
 7 number of diocesan priests, I have witnessed 11:21:06  
 8 firsthand the pain and anguish that such an 11:21:08  
 9 incident can occur." 11:21:11  
 10 Letter is addressed to you. How can you 11:21:12  
 11 exclude that this man was victimized by priests 11:21:15  
 12 of the Archdiocese as opposed to some other 11:21:18  
 13 diocese? 11:21:21  
 14 A I'm not excluding anything, Mr. MacLeish. 11:21:21  
 15 MR. CRAWFORD: Objection to the form of 11:21:24  
 16 the question. 11:21:25  
 17 A I'm not excluding anything. I'm just trying to 11:21:25  
 18 be specific about what this letter contains. 11:21:29  
 19 Q Cardinal Law, let me show you the original 11:21:31  
 20 unredacted letter, if I could, please. 11:21:34  
 21 I'm not going to mark it as an exhibit 11:21:37  
 22 because it contains a victim's name. 11:21:39  
 23 You'll see up in the upper left-hand corner, 11:21:41  
 24 you see a telephone number, handwritten telephone 11:21:44