

Phil Gu
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693-8917
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[Redacted]
[Redacted]
October 1, 1964

confront

Dear Cardinal Cushing:

We are taking the liberty of reporting directly to you the following serious events which took place a few weeks ago in Saint Ann's parish at Ocean Bluff, Marshfield, trusting that you in your wisdom will know how best to handle the matter.

On Friday August 14th Father O'Sullivan of Saint Ann's Picked up our son [Redacted] (who is an altar boy aged 12) near our summer cottage ([Redacted]) and drove him to the sacristy of the church on the pretense of checking the altar boy assignments for Saturday August 15th. About 1/2 hour later he drove him back and dropped him off in the vicinity of the cottage.

[Redacted] seemed very upset and after much painfull questioning he related the following story: While in the sacristy of Saint Ann's, Father O'Sullivan had reached under his ([Redacted] bathing trunks and touched him repeatedly in the private area for several minutes; when he drove him back to the cottage he told him "not to tell anyone that I touched you " While [Redacted] was loath to talk further about it, he finally admitted that Father O'Sullivan had touched him there on previous occasions but that this was the first time that he had been wearing only trunks.

The next day (Saturday August 15th) we visited the rectory and reported the incident to the pastor, Father Finn. He told us to return that evening which we did. (we thought he would at that time confront Father O'Sullivan) Upon our return that evening Father Finn said he had rather hoped we would not return but would forget the incident. We told him once again the story which he wrote down. He said not to discuss the matter with a soul; that he would report the matter to the proper authorities in Boston; we would be contacted after our return to Milton.

Several days after the August 15th date, one of the other altar boys (age 12) asked [Redacted] if Father O'Sullivan had been "touching you down there" and admitted that he had done so with him, his 13 year old brother and several other boys. (Their parents are aware that we have reported the matter and we told them the situation will be dealt with by the authorities in Boston)

After waiting 6 weeks, we telephoned Father Finn and were shocked to hear him say he had not reported the matter because he had received no further complaints. When asked if he had attempted to question any altar boys or Father O'Sullivan he replied "Oh no I couldn't do that"

We have been greatly upset by these tragic events and discouraged by the deception which occured after we reported the situation to the proper authority. (Father Finn) Our home phone is 026 2979

Very truly yours
Mrs and Mrs. [Redacted]

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VICAR FOR ADMINISTRATION

November 10, 1984

Rev. Michael R. Peterson, M.D.
Saint Luke Institute, Inc.
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Doctor Peterson:

I am writing in regard to our most recent case which we have been discussing by telephone.

It seems that there were incidents with several altar boys at an assignment a couple of years after ordination. He was transferred and within a few months there were reports of incidents with a couple of altar boys.

He was then, evidently, interviewed by a psychiatrist who recommended treatment at Father Hayden's Institute. There is no record here, but from his self-report he did take such treatment for a period of a few months.

That is the only information I have.

It is my understanding that he will be with you from Monday, November 12 until the end of the following week. At that time you will make a recommendation to him and to me concerning an in-house rehabilitation program. Please check with me if you are thinking of a program other than New Mexico. I might have to clear it with the Probation Office.

It will be necessary that we have some kind of report from you for the Probation Office. As you know better than I, the report would not have to be in any detail, but just a kind of final report as to what has happened and what kind of program would be beneficial.

Any question, just give me a call.

Thanks for all your help during this past week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Robert J. Banks

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B.C.R. - July 23/95

McLarrick
Lau } ought to speak

- no real possibility
- no accusations in Metzchen

⊕ { why yank him out - allegations?
 } procedures? -

By Hughes
 207-284-5671

- letter to pastors of churches
 - no real possi

⊕ permission to quote report

Charles Cannon
 908-356-8936 ext
 560-8619 pers

③ quote letter

PHONE CALL

John
 Terry
 Eugene
 Thomas

FOR	4 th 7 th C	DATE	908-283-2800
BY	Michael Hurle	SEND COPY TO	Charles Cannon
PHONE	201 596	AREA CODE	NUMBER
MESSAGE	on behalf of	503 2012 FAX	att-
regarding Dr. Gene			
SIGNED		TOPS FORM 4003	

Dr. Phil Quinn -

re. Ev. O'Sullivan - big problem -- 8 times ??

- 1) Very little guilt - he has reason why!
- 2) Very bitter - about local situation
- 3) Miscast in life, after dedicated worker. Materialistic in thinking
- 4) Witting to take help - just to get rid of a problem. Cold outlook on priesthood.

① ~~Therapy~~ Psych-analysis 2/wkly ??
↓ Medication
↓ not psych or neurotic.

Fred Rosenheim
or 2 Hayden.

② ↓ long out-patient therapy
Request transfer in February.
Spot - on material side of things
Went to business school - than
thought - priesthood better business

NOV. 13, 1984

FATHER PETER V. CONILLY
OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

DEAR FR. CONILLY,

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN WITH THE HANDLING OF THE CASE OF FATHER O'SULLIVAN. I FEEL THE CHURCH'S CONCERN FOR HIS REHABILITATION IS ABOUT 20 YEARS TOO LATE. FR O'SULLIVAN HAS BEEN A SEXUAL DEVIATE FOR AT LEAST THAT LONG AND THE CHURCH HAS KNOWN SINCE HE WAS REMOVED FROM OUR LADY'S PARISH IN WALTHAM. I WAS ONE OF A GROUP OF ALTAR BOYS THAT WAS MOLESTED BY THIS DEVIATE.

IT WAS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT REHABILITATION OR DISCIPLINE WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSED. WE WERE ALL MADE FOOLS OF, NOTHING WAS DONE. THE DIOCESE MADE NO EFFORT TO CORRECT THE SITUATION. THIS NEGLIGENCE HAS RESULTED IN GRAVE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS FOR ONE YOUNG MAN AND NO TELLING HOW MANY OTHER BOYS HAVE BEEN MOLESTED BUT HAVE BEEN TOO SCARED TO COME FORWARD.

YOUR CONCERN FOR FATHER O'SULLIVAN IS WONDERFUL. BUT YOUR LACK OF CONCERN FOR THE YOUNG BOYS OF THE DIOCESE IS APPALLING. I FIND THE ACTIONS TO BE NEGLIGENT AND HYPOCRITICAL. BASED ON FR O'SULLIVAN'S DEVIATE ATTITUDES AND DISREGARD

FOR THE SANCTITY OF THE PRIESTHOOD THE ONLY LOGICAL SOLUTION IS EXPULSION FROM THE PRIESTHOOD.

IT IS NO WONDER HE IS "AMENABLE TO REHABILITATION", HE WAS FINALLY CAUGHT. ANYONE WHO ABUSES A POSITION OF AUTHORITY AND HIDES BEHIND A BADGE OR A COLLAR DESERVES TO BE LOCKED UP. TWENTY YEARS OF ABUSING THE CHURCH AND THE YOUNG BOYS OF THE DIOCESE IS ENOUGH.

[REDACTED]

13 Nov 84

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ASST. DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE MURPHY
MIDDLESEX SUPERIOR COURT

Cir. 1978
of ...
12 ...
of Fr. ...

DEAR SIR,

IT HAS BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE I HAVE HEARD THE
NAME FATHER O'SULLIVAN. IT IS NO SURPRISE TO HEAR IT
AGAIN IN THE CONTEXT OF A SEXUAL ABUSE CASE. IT IS
INDEED TOUCHING (IF I MAY USE THE WORD) THAT HE IS "SO
AMENABLE TO REHABILITATION". APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS AGO,
MAYBE EARLIER, WOULD HAVE BEEN THE TIME FOR REHABILITATION

I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT A PERSON WHO ABUSES
AND HIDES BEHIND A COLLAR OR A BADGE OR IN SOME OTHER
WAY DEMEANS A POSITION OF HONOR SHOULD BE PUNISHED.

WHILE AN ALTAR BOY AT OUR LADY'S PARISH IN WALTHAM
I WAS ONE OF A GROUP OF BOYS THAT WERE MOLESTED
BY FR. O'SULLIVAN. WHEN WE ADVISED THE PASTOR, FR.
HARRINGTON, OF THE PROBLEM FR. O'SULLIVAN WAS IMMEDIATE
TRANSFERRED AND WAS NEVER SEEN OR HEARD FROM AGAIN.
I WAS UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE DIOCESE WAS TAKING
CARE OF THE MATTER AND EITHER REHABILITATION OR EXPULSION
HAD OCCURED. WHAT I SEE NOW IS A COVER UP. LOOK
BACK I'AM SURE WE WERE NOT THE FIRST GROUP,

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I AM ALSO SURE THAT UNTIL THE INCIDENT IN ARLINGTON WE WERE NOT THE LAST GROUP.

OLD FEELINGS AND INSULTS HAVE AGAIN SURFACED BY THIS DEVIATE NOT BEING PUNISHED AS HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN. THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR HIS ACTIONS OR THE ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH. I REFUSE TO LET SOMETHING LIKE THIS EFFECT ME. I DO STRONGLY SYMPATHIZE WITH THE KID WHO FINALLY BLEW THE WHISTLE. THE GILLOUS NATURE OF THIS CRIME IS APPALLING.

ASST. DISTRICT ATTY. MURPHY I WAS MADE A FOOL OF BY FR O'SULLIVAN AND THE CHURCH 20 YEARS AGO. I WILL NOT BE MADE ONE AGAIN. I AM SURE THERE IS LITTLE TO BE DONE NOW BUT I MUST AT LEAST EXPRESS MY CONCERN. ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY TWO SONS I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO BATTLE TO GET THESE CRIMINALS OFF THE STREETS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT.

RECEIVED

12 1985

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 12, 1985

Dear Archbishop Law,

I am the mother of
[REDACTED] of St. Agnes Parish
in Arlington, I am told you
are aware of the situation.

In the beginning I
thought the anguish, pain
and suffering resulting from
E. O. Sullivan's actions toward
my son was insurmountable. But
hoped with the help of God,
therapy and time they would
subside. I find to my surprise
that it has not begun
to hurt any less, if
anything it seems to
be hurting more and
more as days, weeks
and months go by.



The emptiness in the pit of
my stomach, the piece that
has been torn out of my heart
the nothingness in my soul.
How can I help my other
children to understand and
cope with this atrocity when
I myself do not understand
and am finding it hard to
cope.

I was really disappointed
that no one from the church
came or called to offer guidance
or assistance back in October
when this all came to light.
With reluctance I had to engage
an attorney. Now in the
third month with the help
so desperately needed, all
I hear is lawyers are
not available because
they are out of town
and calls to my attorney are not

returned. A desperate need
for my son and our family
is not being met. I hope
and pray that in part you
are not responsible.

The hardest thing for
me to believe is that this
has gone on for so many years.
My understanding is when he
was exposed for molesting a
group of boys at Our Lady's
Parish in Waltham, twenty
years ago all the church
did at that time was trans-
fer him. Please tell me how
could this be? Had something
been done when my son I
would not have been a victim
and would not have to
be suffering the agony,
Confusion, self doubts,
the feeling of hopelessness
to the point where he



Re: St. Eugene M. O'Sullivan
East. Our Lady's Waltham

June 12: Call from Dr. Shinnick
that Fr O'Sullivan was molesting
several boys (alter boys) in parish,
among whom was his [redacted]
also [redacted] boy, & [redacted] boy.

June 13: I saw Fr O'Sullivan
who denied anything serious,
just fooling with the boys,
putting hand in their pockets
sent him to Bishop Riley, who
advised waiting a bit.

June 13 P.M. Fr Ed. Harrington,
his pastor came in. Parents of
[redacted] boys called him to their
homes and the boys told him
of Fr O'Sullivan's actions.

June 14 I saw Fr O'Sullivan
again and arranged that
he start his 3 wks vacation
beginning June 16 to July 6.

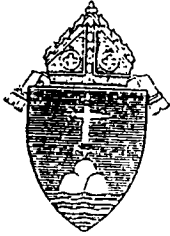
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Informed him that we
would transfer him,
effectuated approx July 9.

We should write to him
at home

47 Banks St.

Cambridge Ma 4-3464



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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Starting with the top document...

April, 1991: discussion about transfer to Metuchen
noted he is nervous...has moved many times...near a breakdown etc.
advice: see a psychiatrist...arrange a clean break with Metuchen...meeting
with Springfield???

1) I have had no problem for ten years...overworked in Arlington)
date of Feb. 28, 1991...meeting with ACH: told to make appt with Institute for
Living...and then to Springfield...

he wanted to return to Boston in June of 91...

March 16, 1991 ACH reports he is high strung...serious difficulties in Metuchen..
wants out...maybe Springfield???

A Fr. Cardillo is the counsellor in New Jersey...
newspaper account of his case in November 9, 1984.

Progress report from Southdown...May 30, 1985...positive.

Final report...July 23, 1985: from Southdown...positive..

October 3, 1985...first assignment to Metuchen...

Notice of keeping in touch with probation officer...

Letters from Fr. Michael Peterson...about when he is ready... to go to Southdown

Nov 13, 1984 letter to [REDACTED] from man who claims he was an altar boy in
Waltham parish and was sexually assaulted by Fr. O'Sullivan at that time (1964?)

The Arlington case was involved with the name of a [REDACTED], distinct case from
above.

Another incident in Marshfield in 1964, this time with a boy from Milton, named
[REDACTED]

Letter from Dr. Quin...refers to eight times, ^{in mind} says he is real sick...no date on
this letter...

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

September 19, 1993

The Most Reverend Bernard Cardinal Law
Archbishop of Boston
2101 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, MA 02135

Dear Cardinal Law:

I am writing to you today because of an incident that happened to me over twenty five years ago. The memory of this incident was buried away until a story that was aired on local news in July brought back the memories. The story that was told was about a priest by the name of Fr. Eugene O'Sullivan and his two [REDACTED] which were claiming to have been sexually molested as youngsters by Fr. O'Sullivan and went on to say that another youngster from Arlington was also sexually molested but was paid to be silent about the molestation.

The memories that came back to me also are of Fr. O'Sullivan at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish of East Boston back in and around the middle 1960's. He was there when I attended the Parish grammar school, graduating in 1969. The particulars of my contact with Fr. O'Sullivan will not be discussed in this letter, but I was sexually assaulted by him.

At first I thought that it was just someone with the same name and that Fr. O'Sullivan was long gone, but as I investigated further I did indeed find out that this was the Fr. O'Sullivan of my memories. I contacted the office of Mr. George Murphy, Middlesex County Assistant D.A. which prosecuted Fr. O'Sullivan in the Arlington case and he positively identified him as the same person.

I do realize that something that happened to me so many years ago, possibly would not have happened to someone else if I had come forward, but I just did not know what to do as a boy of 12 years old. Nobody would ever question the Priest, especially being educated by the Sisters of Notre Dame. I did not even tell my parents because I really did not know if this was right or wrong. The only person that knows about this incident is my wife and after much prayer and discussion with her I have decided to write to you.

I have always been a faithful follower, because of my upbringing and 12 years of parochial education. I do my best

to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays. My wife and I are active in our Parish in various ministries.

I do know that the Archdiocese does not want or need any publicity of this kind and I do not want my story to be told but I will tell it if it has to be done. I'm torn between my Christian lifestyle of today and what happened to me twenty five plus years ago. I just do not know what to do! I simply cannot understand how you (The Church) can allow this type of behavior to continue in the Priesthood while there are so many good Priests having to deal with the bad reputations of a few. There are so many good things Priests can be doing, fighting off someones stereotypical idea of a Priest should not be one of them. At a time in history where people are searching for answers, looking to faith for guidance, this is the time to take a stand and get rid of the Fr. O'Sullivan types publicly not quietly behind closed doors where the followers will never know. If a Priest cannot be trusted with the children of today, where will the Priests of tomorrow come from?

I am against abortion as the Church defines it, however, is it not a form of abortion when a child is sexually molested? Don't you feel something in that child is killed? I certainly do feel something is destroyed.

Please, Cardinal Law, do what has to be done with these sick men who hide behind the collar of a Priest. Let the law of the land handle each and every case publicly so no others will be able to hide in our Religion. Let all children be safe at conception and throughout there lives. Do not allow another child to be molested because of the media pressure and remain silent and out of the limelight.

In closing, I do hope you are able to respond to me quickly. I also hope that you realize that this letter is not from a rebellious person with an ax to grind, but from someone who cares for our Christian life as Christ would want us to live.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Personal and Confidential

[Redacted text]

Received 9/27/93 by Sect. of Ministerial Personnel.

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ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

March 5, 1994

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Wilson D. Rogers, Jr., Esquire
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MAR 07 1994

Re: Sexual Abuse of [REDACTED] by Father Eugene O'Sullivan

Dear Mr. Rogers:

This firm represents [REDACTED] ("Mr. [REDACTED]"), a former resident of Arlington, Massachusetts. Mr. [REDACTED] informs us that he was sexually abused by Father Eugene O'Sullivan ("Fr. O'Sullivan"), a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston ("Archdiocese"). Mr. [REDACTED] has suffered extraordinary emotional, psychological and physical anguish in the years since the commencement of the abuse, which form the basis for his legal claims against the Archdiocese and Fr. O'Sullivan, as the facts below will demonstrate. The abuse and the resulting damage to Mr. [REDACTED] are described in the demand to Warren A. Blair, III, Esquire, counsel for Fr. O'Sullivan dated March 5, 1994 (copy enclosed), the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

There are considerable grounds to establish the fact that the Archdiocese knew or should have known that Fr. O'Sullivan's propensity towards sexual abuse of minors but failed to take any significant action to protect his many victims from these habits. Fr. O'Sullivan was routinely transferred from parish to parish throughout the Archdiocese in the 1960s and 1970s, including transfers to Point of Pines Parish in Revere, Massachusetts. Further, Mr. [REDACTED] reports that Fr. O'Sullivan's nickname among the children of St. Agnes' parish was "Fr. HomO'Sullivan," because of his sexually abusive actions. The Archdiocese failed to take reasonable steps to train and supervise Fr. O'Sullivan.

In conclusion, Mr. [REDACTED] makes several demands upon the Archdiocese. First, Mr. [REDACTED] insists that Fr. O'Sullivan refrain from having any contact with children until he has sought the appropriate medical attention for his predilections. Second, Mr. [REDACTED] demands compensation for his injuries which are causally related to the abuse of him by Fr. O'Sullivan. To this end, Mr. [REDACTED] is willing to resolve all his claims for the sum of \$500,000.00, an amount which is well within the range of settlement in these types of cases.

- Boston
- Pittsburgh
- Harrisburg
- Allentown
- Philadelphia
- Buffalo
- Fort Lauderdale
- Boca Raton
- Miami
- Tallahassee
- Washington, D.C.

RODERICK MACLEISH, JR.
617/ 342-6826

EO-0041

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

To: the file of Reverend Eugene M. O'Sullivan
From: Reverend William F. Murphy *WFM*
Date: April 28, 1999
Re: police inquiry

I received an unexpected visit today from Boston Police Detective John Donovan of the Sexual Assault Unit (617-343-4400). He had received a report from a man named [REDACTED], who claimed that Fr. O'Sullivan had sexually molested him. The dates of molestation were between 1964 and 1973. The places where this occurred were at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in East Boston (the rectory and parish hall), and the home of the priest's mother (in Arlington?)

Mr. [REDACTED] says he was a boy at the time. He claims to have been forced to perform oral sex on the priest, and to allow the priest to reciprocate.

The Detective noted that too many years have passed for the case to be prosecuted criminally. He says the Archdiocese will probably be hearing from Mr. [REDACTED]

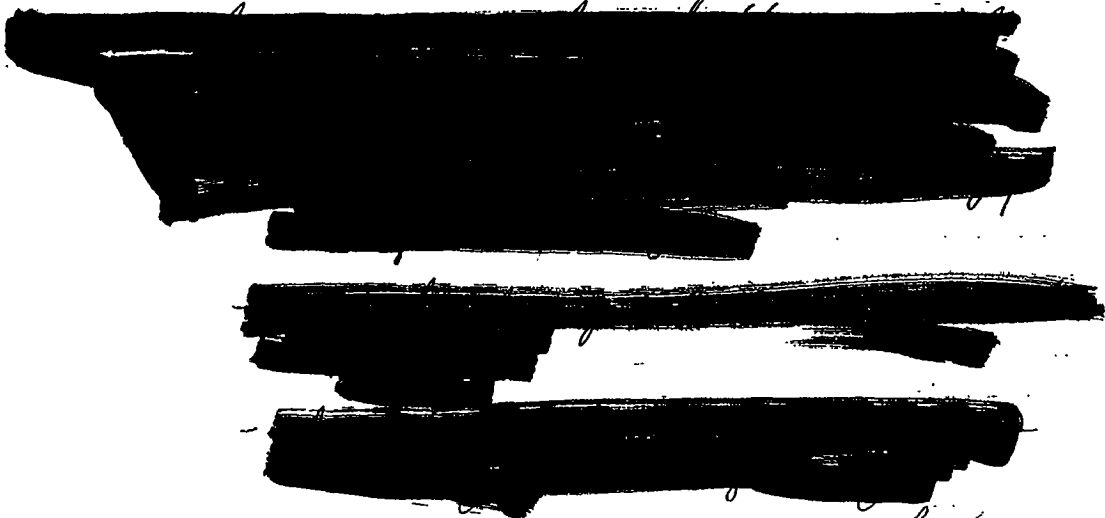
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Gene has a lot of strengths

- intelligent
- a strong faith
- a good heart

Also: he has some weaknesses - significant ones

- he bottles up his feelings
- he has a short fuse - difficult to converse with
around a touchy issue
- he can be rigid, stubborn, adamant, etc
- he can be a lone ranger - no close friends (p)
- his psychosomatic issues



Learning French - could be a "geographic" cure -
which won't work

I suggest you not consent to his learning until
there is agreement on all sides that
this is best

↓
Dr. Ancker
Doctor/patient
Boston/Springfield

EO-0168

Gene O'Sullivan

6/26/92

1. Not sure whether the pastor knew, but think so

2. Conversation = By McCoub + By Hughes

3.

320 Waring Ln SE
Arlington 02174
Tel: 646-~~8844~~4488

[REDACTED]

4. Call at in the evening &

- meeting & "[REDACTED]" ([REDACTED])
- sister went to DA
- did not want to press charges
- wanted apology
- wants to meet in a couple of weeks

5 By Ed Hughes (908) 283-4059

September 15, 1992 1:50

College + working

Wanted whereabouts of Eugene O'Sullivan glad to hear that
to contact him directly = told him SOS off duty O'Sullivan had done
that

Gave him address 320 Washington St.

Washington, MA 02174

"What can I do about contacting him?" - Suggested he
write him a letter and if he would like - to send
us a copy of the letter % JCM - Said he would
do this

For some consideration - that if he is still a priest -
why would we not have his phone number - told
him that I thought he might be living with a
family member and her family.

Encouraged contact with us - here or elsewhere - not really
friendship. My impression: he wants to get something
out of his system - which happened a long time ago
in East Boston Very nice manner - longer just below

Eugene O'Sullivan

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 16, 1993

"STATEMENT REGARDING FR. EUGENE O'SULLIVAN"

Based on information from the Archdiocese of Boston and assurances from a recognized treatment center which evaluated and treated Fr. O'Sullivan, Archbishop McCarrick agreed to accept the rehabilitated Fr. O'Sullivan for ministry in Metuchen in good faith and to allow Fr. O'Sullivan to re-establish a ministry for Jesus Christ. The Archbishop was further assured that there were no restrictions on where the ministry could take place.

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July 16, 1993

91-

Some thoughts on the O'Sullivan case.

Telephone interviews? (specific questions about the conduct of the church; any other)

Would it not be wise for Jack (and Sr. Catherine?) to go immediately to McFadden to interview (w. permission of Ep. Hopkins) the pastors involved?

Hopefully, what would be obtained is the assurance of no complaints. If there were knowledge of his visiting counselor, all the better.

Telephone interviews?

Secondly, w. O'Sullivan's permission, we (Jack & Sr. Catherine) need to meet w. his counselor (s) during this period.

This, it seems to me, is in reasonable pursuit of our responsibility.

We may well be at the point here where pastoral considerations outweigh legal.

If this could be done this weekend, I would propose for Monday a newsconference (precurring the story in its print by then) which would make the following pts:

Certain? - There were previous reports

1. In 1985 Sr. O'Sullivan came to me to report an allegation and to acknowledge substance to them.
2. This was my first knowledge of this. No previous reports had been rec'd.
3. He was placed on Admin leave (immediately).
4. He was sent for assessment (and treatment).
5. On the strength of results, it was decided he could function without risk, with the support of counselling and spiritual direction. (No mention of pedophile; might mean church - bank treated as moral failure; also in regard to other little things)

> Can afford report

6. (Boston was not acceptable because ^{Even though he} was rehabilitated + supported by profound help, the notoriety surrounding his possible scandal.) ^{fact made Boston an appropriate place for} ^{family}
7. The New Jersey area was his choice because of proximity to family.
8. I contacted the Bp. of Metuchen, reviewed the case, and asked if he would consider allowing him to serve.

RJB says he never checked with McC. You did the counseling with Bp. McC

First pastor was approved. He was wanted in early '86 by a representative of the Diocese. He interviewed about 60's. The former stayed over for the night.

9. Bp. Banks held a more extensive interview w. the Bp.
10. I should say that my presumption was that any pastor he would assist would be apprised of the situation.

Absent a written record of my having stated that, I would be loath to state categorically that I explicitly referred to this in my conversation with the Bishop.

The letter of Bp. Banks to the parole office certainly reflects ^{my} intent.

7 July 1992

11. In ^{March} ~~December~~ 1992, Fr. O'Sullivan was again placed on Administrative Leave. Even though his assignment was in the light of professional assessment, it was nevertheless not in keeping with what would appear in the policy of ~~January~~ 1993.

12. Having seen news stories about this case, I asked Fr. McCormack ^{on call} and Sr. Catherine to go to New Jersey and to interview the pastors in question.

13. Bp. Hughes has had discussion w. ^{the} Bp. of Metuchen

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March 7, 1994

MAR 08 1994

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Further, Mr. [REDACTED] reports that Fr. O'Sullivan's pedophilia was well known. He attempted to bribe children to engage in sexual acts at the Arlington Catholic High School and other schools. He was constantly asking children to clean out locker rooms or to go to deserted areas so that he would have the opportunity to molest them. In fact, he fondled Mr. [REDACTED] in a locker room at Arlington Catholic High School, whereupon Mr. [REDACTED] became so angry that he took a chair and threw it at Fr. O'Sullivan.

In conclusion, Mr. [REDACTED] makes several demands upon the Archdiocese. First, Mr. [REDACTED] insists that Fr. O'Sullivan refrain from having any contact with children until he has sought the appropriate medical attention for his predilections. Second, Mr. [REDACTED] demands compensation for his injuries which are causally related to the sexual abuse of him by Fr. O'Sullivan. To this end, Mr. [REDACTED] is willing to resolve all his claims for the sum of \$500,000.00, an amount which is well within the range of settlement in these types of cases. The Archdiocese's offer to pay for Mr. [REDACTED]'s current psychiatric counseling is a step in the right direction, but does not go far enough in addressing the damage caused by Fr. O'Sullivan and the Church.

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617/342-6826

11/27/84 to Priests' Personnel - copy to Fr. Banks

St. Agnes Church
24 Medford Street
Arlington, Massachusetts 02174

November 1, 1984

Archbishop Bernard F. Law
2100 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts

Your Excellency:

I wish to notify you that I resign my position as
pastoral assistant at Saint Agnes Parish, Arlington
as of today, November 1st, the Feast of All Saints.

I agree to take this action based on the recent cir-
cumstances which I have discussed with you, Father
Banks, and my Pastor, Monsignor Linnehan.

I await your further instructions.

With sincere best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

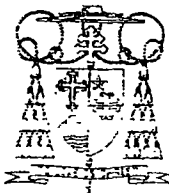
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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

CHANCERY
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON
2121 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135

November 9, 1984

Rev. Eugene M. O'Sullivan
St. Agnes Rectory
24 Medford Street
Arlington, Massachusetts 02174

Dear Father O'Sullivan:

I am writing to inform you that I have received your resignation as Parochial Vicar of St. Agnes Parish, Arlington. Because of the painful and regrettable facts which have come to light these past days, I am accepting your resignation. Further, it is my intention to refrain from appointing you to any new position of pastoral responsibility in the Archdiocese until it is evident from professional evaluation and a successfully completed program of rehabilitation that you are able to undertake such responsibilities without possible harm to others or to yourself.

For the reasons given above, it is also my decision to withdraw your ecclesiastical faculties for the Archdiocese of Boston. Until these faculties have been restored, you should abstain from preaching and from administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

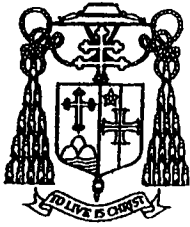
You should be in contact with Father Banks concerning arrangements for a thorough professional evaluation and for a suitable program of rehabilitation.

I am confident that you will understand that these actions have been taken for your own good and that of the Church. I appreciate the cooperation which you have already given to me and to the civil authorities. I am also confident that you share my deep sorrow for what has happened to the young man involved, to the parish and to the Church.

You have my prayers and fraternal support as you now turn to the important and necessary work of rehabilitation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston



CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135

February 10, 1986

The Reverend Pat McKelvie, CR
Southdown
RR Number 2
Aurora, Ontario L4G 3G8
Canada

Dear Father McKelvie:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 17.

I appreciate very much your kindness in writing about your follow-up visit with Father Eugene O'Sullivan, and I am very much encouraged by your report.

I will keep Father O'Sullivan in my prayers with the hope that a combination of God's Grace and therapy will have the desired effect in his life.

I saw him myself just before Christmas, and he seemed to be doing well.

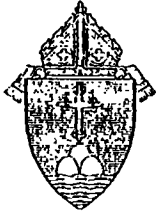
With renewed thanks for your kindness and with best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

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VICAR FOR ADMINISTRATION

February 20, 1986

Rev. Eugene O'Sullivan
St. Joseph's Parish
41 Manning Avenue
North Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

Dear Gene:

I just finished reading the very favorable report from Pat McKelvie. It certainly sounds encouraging, and you must have been glad to receive a copy of the report.

I trust that all goes well, and that you are gradually making the adjustment to New Jersey. I am sorry that I have not been available when you have been in Boston. I shall have to do better on trying to keep in touch.

I just returned from attending the annual meeting of the St. James Society in Peru. I must say that I was very impressed by the men and by the work that they do. I think I am beyond that kind of missionary work.

Let us pray that this Season of Lent will be a time of grace for both of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Robert J. Banks

Most Rev. Robert J. Banks
Vicar for Administration

RJB:jt

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Saint Joseph Church



Saint Joseph
Patron of the Universal Church

Most Rev. Robert Banks
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts

Dear Bishop,

When I talked with you on the phone about a month ago, I mentioned that my niece was getting married on October 25th at St. James Church, Arlington. You suggested that perhaps it would not be a good idea for me to perform the marriage in case the local newspaper were to get wind of it and create some publicity. I will admit that I did not give this a thought before your mentioning it and believe that it is possible.

I was home last week for my monthly overnight and brought the subject up with my sister and niece. They became very disturbed because I would not be doing the wedding. In the course of our conversation we discussed the possibility of my doing the wedding someplace else such as St. Paul's, Cambridge where my sister was married and where I celebrated my first Mass. I was back there in December to celebrate my uncle's funeral Mass with Cardinal Law. At that time I met all the old neighbors and there was no publicity or adverse reaction.

Do you think that this is a possibility? Only family and close friends would be attending the wedding. There will be no publicity. Also, the Arlington town paper has changed ownership this past year.

I would like to hear from you as soon as possible so that we can reserve St. Paul's Church. According to my niece, the date is open at the present time.

With sincere best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Rev. Eugene M. O'Sullivan

41 Manning Avenue • North Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

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VICAR FOR ADMINISTRATION

June 5, 1986

Rev. ~~Msr.~~ Eugene M. O'Sullivan
St. Joseph's Rectory
41 Manning Street
North Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

Dear Gene:

I am writing in answer to your most recent letter.

As long as there is no great publicity, then I think it would be all right to perform the marriage of your niece at St. Paul's, Cambridge.

I am sorry that we have to be so circumspect, but we do not want to get ourselves in any difficulty.

I hope that all goes well with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

to Bob

Most Rev. Robert J. Banks
Vicar for Administration

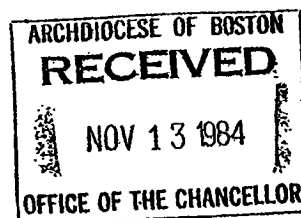
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ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE

2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135

November 5, 1985



Reverend Eugene M. O'Sullivan '60
Saint Agnes Parish Rectory
24 Medford Street
Arlington, MA. 02174

Dear Father O'Sullivan:

In view of our conversation and the decision we have reached together I am ending your assignment as Associate Pastor at Saint Agnes Parish in Arlington and I am placing you on Sick Leave. The effective date of this course of action was November 1, 1984.

I shall remember you in my prayers and Masses that your recovery may be swift and complete.

Please notify Reverend Robert J. Banks, Archdiocesan Vicar for Administration, and Reverend Thomas F. Oates, Personnel Director that you have received this letter.

With my warm personal regards and best wishes for you, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Richard T. Spivak
Archbishop of Boston

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Charles Higgins
FROM: Sister Rita McCarthy, CSJ
DATE: February 12, 2002
RE: [REDACTED] (Rev. Eugene O'Sullivan)

[REDACTED] called from his car asking if I was at the office and could he stop in to see me about an allegation. I was present and available. He thanked me for seeing him on such a short notice. He is the [REDACTED] of Msgr. Robert Barry, whom he described as a mentor. He brought me a picture of his [REDACTED]. His [REDACTED] was a real estate agent. He has one younger sister.

[REDACTED] is his wife's name. They have one daughter whom they adopted from [REDACTED] when she was 3 months old. He proudly showed me a picture of her. She went to [REDACTED] Day School for 8 years. She is a straight A student and plans to attend [REDACTED] College next year.

[REDACTED] attended St. Joseph School in Belmont, Grades 1 through 4. They moved to St. Ann's Parish in Marshfield. Later he went two years to Boston College. While at St. Ann's Church, he was an altar boy, which was how he came to know Father O'Sullivan. He used to go to the rectory for practice. One time Father asked him to go over to the parish hall after a weekday session and wait for him. Father came over shortly, took him up on the stage, put his hands down [REDACTED] pants and started to grope him. He told him to "be quiet." Then he sat him on a chair and removed his pants. That was [REDACTED] first ejaculation. He did not know what to think. Possibly that is how a man comes into manhood?

The same scenario happened one week later. He recalls staring off into space and distancing himself from the action. He knew he had to stop it. He was so embarrassed that he kept his distance from father from then on.

He never told anyone about it. He could not tell his parents nor could he tell the pastor Father Scully. However, it continues to haunt him. He wanted to know if Father O'Sullivan is still in ministry. If so, he could be hurting others. I assured him that he is not.

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NAME: O'Sullivan, Rev. Eugene Mortimer I.D. #6040 A.B. - Economics
 BIRTH: 6/8/33 PLACE OF BIRTH: Cambridge, Massachusetts
 ORIGIN: 2/2/60 PLACE OF ORIGIN: Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston
 HOME: ~~47 Bank Street~~ 320 Washington Street HOME TEL. #617-646-4484
 ADDRESS: ~~Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138~~ Arlington, MA 02174 NO. 617-646-4488

DATE ASSIGNED	OFFICE	ASSIGNMENTS PLACE ASSIGNED	DATE DETACHED	REMARKS
2/16/60	Asst.	St. John Vianney, Revere	8/4/62	
9/4/62	Asst.	Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted, Waltham	7/16/63	
7/16/63	Asst.	St. Ann's Parish, Marshfield	2/23/65	
2/23/65	Asst.	Assumption, E. Boston	6/9/70	
6/9/70	Asst.	St. Agnes, Arlington	11/1/84	
11/1/84		Sick Leave	9/27/85	
9/27/85		LEND LEASE to Diocese of Metuchen, N.J.	7/1/92	
7/1/92		Unassigned - Special	6/8/97	
6/8/97		Senior Priest/Retirement Status		

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Reverend Eugene M. O'Sullivan
 [Senior Priest/Retirment Status]

RESIDENCE

320 Washington Street
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 Tel. # (617) 646-4488 [NON-PUB]
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May 28, 1970

Rev. Eugene M. O'Sullivan
Our Lady of the Assumption Rectory
404 Summer Street
East Boston, Massachusetts 02128

Dear Father O'Sullivan:

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I am transferring you from Assistant Priest at Our Lady of the Assumption parish in East Boston to Assistant Priest at St. Agnes parish in Arlington. The effective date of this transfer is June 9, 1970.

I am confident that you will continue your exemplary priestly work in this new assignment, and may I assure you that I will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Please notify Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Finnegan, Jr., Chancellor, and Reverend John J. Jennings, Personnel Director, that you have received this letter of transfer.

Invoking God's blessings upon you and your work, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
GREGORY FORD, et al.,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

Superior Court
Civil Action
No. 02-0626

BERNARD CARDINAL LAW, a/k/a
CARDINAL BERNARD F. LAW,
Defendant.

PAUL W. BUSA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Civil Action
No. 02-0822

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

ANTHONY DRISCOLL,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Civil Action
No. 02-1737

BERNARD CARDINAL LAW, a /a
CARDINAL BERNARD F. LAW, et al.
Defendants.

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 M. Silva, Registered
Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and
for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at the
offices of Greenberg Traurig, One International
Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, on
Wednesday, June 5, 2002, commencing at 10:06
a.m.

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1 I have come -- and I know you don't like 14:39:54
 2 me to reference another time frame -- but I 14:39:56
 3 have come in 2002 to see that as -- that zero 14:39:58
 4 toleration policy is the only adequate way to 14:40:04
 5 protect children. 14:40:08
 6 Q All right. Well, let's, if we can, if it's 14:40:08
 7 possible, Cardinal, focus on 1984 to 1993 for 14:40:11
 8 the time being. 14:40:16
 9 Can we agree upon that? 14:40:16
 10 A Yes. 14:40:19
 11 Q I understand your present position, and you're 14:40:19
 12 absolutely right, I think it's the correct 14:40:19
 13 position. You've articulated my views well. 14:40:22
 14 But can we just focus on 1984 to 1993? You 14:40:24
 15 testified that in these cases, you received 14:40:29
 16 assurances that there was a reasonable 14:40:33
 17 probability that a reoffense would not occur; 14:40:35
 18 is that correct? 14:40:39
 19 A I think that's an accurate way to phrase it, 14:40:40
 20 absent seeing the evaluations themselves. 14:40:45
 21 Q Yet, in making the decision on whether to put 14:40:48
 22 the interests of reassignment ahead of the 14:40:53
 23 potential for reoffense against children, that 14:40:56
 24 was your decision; that was not the decision of 14:40:59

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1 St. Luke's, Southdown or the Institute for 14:41:02
 2 Living. Is that correct? 14:41:04
 3 MR. TODD: Objection to the form. 14:41:05
 4 Q Do you understand the question, Cardinal? 14:41:07
 5 A I do the assignments; St. Luke's does not. 14:41:08
 6 That's correct. 14:41:12
 7 Q So in looking at whether or not to reassign a 14:41:12
 8 priest -- let's start with Father O'Sullivan, 14:41:15
 9 if we could. Father O'Sullivan was convicted 14:41:19
 10 of rape, sent for an evaluation and then he was 14:41:23
 11 reassigned, I believe, as an Archdiocesan 14:41:26
 12 priest to the Diocese of Matuchen, New Jersey; 14:41:29
 13 is that correct? 14:41:34
 14 A The finding was that he could be assigned 14:41:35
 15 without risk; that he had responded well to 14:41:41
 16 treatment; and the decision was that it would 14:41:44
 17 not be good for him to remain locally because 14:41:49
 18 of the publicity attendant to the case and the 14:41:53
 19 possible scandal that that can cause. 14:41:57
 20 So he had family in New Jersey, which is 14:42:01
 21 important in terms of support to the priest 14:42:04
 22 himself, and with the concurrence of the bishop 14:42:07
 23 there, he received an assignment in that 14:42:11
 24 diocese. 14:42:13

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1 Q He was still an Archdiocesan priest? 14:42:13
 2 A He was still a priest of the Archdiocese of 14:42:16
 3 Boston. 14:42:19
 4 Q And you said -- 14:42:19
 5 A With the concurrence -- 14:42:21
 6 Q With the concurrence? 14:42:23
 7 A The assignment was not made by me. I couldn't 14:42:24
 8 assign him to work in that diocese. That would 14:42:28
 9 have to be done by the bishop there. 14:42:29
 10 Q And the concurrence, that would be Bishop 14:42:31
 11 McCarrick; is that correct? 14:42:34
 12 A I believe it was Bishop McCarrick at the time. 14:42:36
 13 Q He had full disclosures about the facts 14:42:38
 14 concerning Eugene O'Sullivan concerning the 14:42:41
 15 conditions of his probation, Cardinal Law? 14:42:43
 16 A My understanding is he had full knowledge. 14:42:46
 17 Q What is that understanding based on? 14:42:48
 18 A Well, it would be based on the way that cases 14:42:50
 19 like this should be handled, and I would have 14:42:57
 20 wanted them to have been handled. I wouldn't 14:43:00
 21 send someone like this to another diocese 14:43:07
 22 without letting the bishop know what the 14:43:09
 23 situation was. 14:43:15
 24 Q Could you point to any piece of paper in Father 14:43:17

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1 O'Sullivan's file in which it is stated that 14:43:22
 2 Bishop McCarrick was informed that Eugene 14:43:25
 3 O'Sullivan had been convicted of rape, and as a 14:43:29
 4 condition of his probation could not be in any 14:43:31
 5 parish assignment where he would have access to 14:43:35
 6 minors? Is there a piece of paper that says 14:43:38
 7 that, Cardinal Law? 14:43:40
 8 A First of all, I have not reviewed his file. So 14:43:41
 9 I don't know what is or is not in his file. It 14:43:44
 10 may very well be that such explicit reference 14:43:50
 11 to what was communicated isn't there, but there 14:43:54
 12 may be a reference to a communication of the 14:43:56
 13 situation or of the case to the bishop, and 14:44:01
 14 that would imply that. 14:44:03
 15 Q But this is simply at this point conjecture on 14:44:05
 16 your part; you don't know what was said to 14:44:08
 17 Bishop McCarrick? 14:44:10
 18 A I don't have the file before me. I have not 14:44:10
 19 reviewed the file prior to our meeting here, so 14:44:12
 20 I can't say what's in there or not in there, 14:44:17
 21 but I can tell you that it would be, in this 14:44:18
 22 kind of a case, my intent that the bishop would 14:44:21
 23 be informed of all pertinent information. 14:44:25
 24 Q I'm asking you specifically at this point 14:44:28

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1 direction." 15:03:03

2 Q And this was something that could be done, as 15:03:03

3 you put it at the time, without risk. 15:03:05

4 Do you see that? 15:03:08

5 A That's what I said. 15:03:09

6 Q And that wasn't based upon any statement that 15:03:10

7 was made by a clinician concerning Father 15:03:15

8 O'Sullivan, was it, Cardinal Law? That was 15:03:19

9 your assessment that he could function without 15:03:22

10 risk? 15:03:28

11 A I'd have to see what the assessment says, which 15:03:31

12 you may have there. 15:03:34

13 Q I don't. 15:03:35

14 A But the previous line, No. 4, it says: 15:03:36

15 "He was sent for assessment and 11:04:37

16 treatment." 15:03:40

17 And then 5 says: 15:03:41

18 "On the strength of results, it was 11:04:40

19 decided he could function without risk." 15:03:45

20 Now, whether or not the assessment 15:03:47

21 specifically said he may function without risk, 15:03:51

22 I don't know, but -- 15:03:54

23 Q Do you see Bishop -- I'm sorry. 15:03:57

24 A But the idea that I had, as I wrote this memo, 15:03:59

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1 was that the idea was there in the assessment. 15:04:05

2 Q Well, didn't we just go over this earlier, and 15:04:13

3 it was your recollection that you never had a 15:04:16

4 guarantee from any of the assessment facilities 15:04:18

5 that the priest would not reoffend? Didn't we 15:04:21

6 just go over that several minutes ago, Cardinal 15:04:25

7 Law? 15:04:27

8 A Yes. That they would not give you an assurance 15:04:29

9 that never, a hundred percent foolproof. But 15:04:33

10 on -- at the same time, as the policy in our 15:04:39

11 diocese, and in many other dioceses was at that 15:04:43

12 time, there was the possibility of 15:04:47

13 reassignment, and a prudent judgment was made 15:04:50

14 that this could be done prudently without risk, 15:04:58

15 without likely risk, and this perhaps is not as 15:05:08

16 accurate and full as a statement as it might 15:05:14

17 be. And, again, that's to the point of the 15:05:18

18 change in our policy. 15:05:22

19 Q I understand. 15:05:23

20 A And the reason that we've changed it -- 15:05:25

21 Q I really understand the reasons why you've 15:05:26

22 changed it, and I'm talking now about what you 15:05:28

23 were thinking in 1993. 15:05:31

24 You see Bishop Hughes' notes, "Can't find 15:05:33

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1 report." 15:05:35

2 Do you see that? 15:05:36

3 A I do. 15:05:36

4 Q And you agreed with me earlier that psychiatric 15:05:37

5 facilities such as Southdown, St. Luke's or the 15:05:41

6 Institute for Living don't make the ultimate 15:05:45

7 decision on assignment of a priest. 15:05:47

8 A That's correct. 15:05:49

9 Q It's you who makes that decision? 15:05:50

10 A That's correct. 15:05:52

11 Q And so it was you who decided that Father 15:05:53

12 O'Sullivan could function without risk, 15:05:56

13 correct? 15:05:58

14 A That's correct. 15:05:59

15 Q It was not any psychiatric facility? 15:06:00

16 A That's correct. 15:06:03

17 Q And in making that decision, you had to balance 15:06:03

18 the interest of returning the priest to 15:06:05

19 ministry against the risk that he might 15:06:07

20 reoffend and victimize another child, correct? 15:06:10

21 A That's correct. 15:06:13

22 Q And in this case, you were dealing with someone 15:06:13

23 who had been convicted of rape, correct? 15:06:15

24 A That's correct. 15:06:18

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1 Q Now, you then go on, and if we could turn to 15:06:20

2 the next page, please, Cardinal Law, these are 15:06:24

3 the continuation of the points that you thought 15:06:30

4 should be made, possibly at a news conference, 15:06:33

5 as you have said on the other page. You say in 15:06:37

6 Point No. 9: 15:06:40

7 "Bishop Banks held a more extensive" -- 11:06:47

8 I'm sorry. Let's go to No. 8. "I contacted 15:06:45

9 the Bishop of Matuchen, reviewed the case and 15:06:48

10 asked if he would consider allowing him to 15:06:51

11 serve." Is that correct? 15:06:54

12 A That's correct. 15:06:57

13 Q Did you look at the case file before you had 15:07:00

14 this conversation with the Bishop of Matuchen? 15:07:05

15 A I did not look at the case file. I would have 15:07:11

16 had the substance of it reviewed with me by 15:07:14

17 Bishop Hughes or by Bishop Banks. 15:07:18

18 Q Would that have included, can you state with 15:07:21

19 certainty, the confidential file which might 15:07:24

20 contain allegations of prior sexual abuse? 15:07:27

21 A The 1966 -- no. 15:07:29

22 Q 1964. No. I'm talking about the confidential 15:07:32

23 file. When you reviewed the file, reviewed 15:07:35

24 the -- reviewed the case, as you put it, with 15:07:37

1 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
2 SUFFOLK, ss SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
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4 JAMES M. HOGAN, et al.,
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6 vs.

7 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
8 ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON,
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Defendants.

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Plaintiff,

11 vs.

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22 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF BISHOP ROBERT J. BANKS
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1 a minor. 11:14:36
 2 Q Sexual abuse of a minor? 11:14:37
 3 A Sexual abuse of a minor. 11:14:38
 4 Q And you were aware that Eugene O'Sullivan was 11:14:40
 5 sent down to work in the Diocese of Matuchen, is 11:14:43
 6 that correct, reassigned to the Diocese of 11:14:46
 7 Matuchen? 11:14:49
 8 MR. ROGERS: Objection to the form of 11:14:49
 9 the question. 11:14:50
 10 MR. MacLEISH: Go ahead. You can 11:14:50
 11 answer the question. 11:14:51
 12 A Yes, I was aware 11:14:51
 13 Q And there were no restrictions that were placed 11:14:53
 14 upon him by you as Vicar for Administration in 11:14:55
 15 terms of what he could do in the Diocese of 11:14:58
 16 Matuchen, correct? 11:15:01
 17 A No. 11:15:02
 18 Q That's incorrect? 11:15:02
 19 A Well, at least it gives the impression that we 11:15:05
 20 didn't care about what was going on. As a matter 11:15:09
 21 of fact, he was -- the pastor was notified and 11:15:11
 22 the pastor was to monitor him very closely so 11:15:14
 23 that there would not be any repetition of what 11:15:17
 24 had happened before. 11:15:20

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1 Q The question is what restrictions were placed 11:15:21
 2 upon him by you, if any, in terms of Eugene 11:15:23
 3 O'Sullivan's access to children when he was 11:15:28
 4 reassigned to the Diocese of Matuchen? 11:15:29
 5 A I forget if we put any specific restriction. As 11:15:31
 6 I say, the main thing was that the pastor was 11:15:34
 7 made aware of the problem and he and I were in 11:15:36
 8 contact to make sure that this did not happen 11:15:40
 9 again. 11:15:42
 10 Q So you talked to the pastor after Eugene 11:15:43
 11 O'Sullivan was sent down to the Diocese of 11:15:46
 12 Matuchen after he pled guilty for a sex crime 11:15:48
 13 involving a minor; is that correct? 11:15:51
 14 A As I remember. This was, of course, was after 11:15:52
 15 six months at Southdown. And at Southdown, said 11:15:55
 16 that he was not -- he was not a pedophilic, that 11:15:59
 17 he was not an ephebophilic, but that the sexual 11:16:04
 18 abuse that had taken place was a result of sexual 11:16:07
 19 immaturity. 11:16:11
 20 MR. ROGERS: Is it time for a break? 11:16:12
 21 We're about an hour into it.
 22 MR. MacLEISH: Sure, absolutely. 11:16:14
 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Time is 11:16. 11:16:16
 24 We're off the record. 11:16:18

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1 (Recess.) 11:16:19
 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 11:29 11:29:40
 3 We're on the record. 11:29:45
 4 Q Okay. Now, Bishop Banks, in the course of 11:29:47
 5 dealing with what you've described as this very 11:29:51
 6 serious problem involving priests having sexual 11:29:54
 7 misconduct with minors, did you ever make a 11:29:57
 8 determination as to the number of victims that 11:30:00
 9 these priests might have had? 11:30:03
 10 A No, I didn't. 11:30:05
 11 Q But you knew that in some cases, there was more 11:30:07
 12 than one victim; is that correct? 11:30:09
 13 A Yes. 11:30:11
 14 Q And you knew that these priests who had had 11:30:11
 15 credible allegations of sexual misconduct 11:30:16
 16 involving minors against them, that many of them 11:30:17
 17 had served in different parishes; is that 11:30:20
 18 correct? 11:30:22
 19 A It might be correct. I'd have to see the 11:30:25
 20 records. 11:30:27
 21 Q Let's take a look at Father Birmingham, for 11:30:27
 22 example You knew that Father Birmingham had 11:30:30
 23 served in various parishes since his ordination 11:30:32
 24 in 1960, correct? 11:30:35

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1 A I really haven't looked at the record of Father 11:30:36
 2 Birmingham. I have very little recollection of 11:30:39
 3 having dealt with that case. So any questions 11:30:41
 4 you ask me about the Father Birmingham case, 11:30:44
 5 you'll have to have records here to refresh my 11:30:47
 6 memory. 11:30:50
 7 Q I will. We do have records. We'll get to those. 11:30:50
 8 Father Geoghan, you knew served in a number 11:30:54
 9 of different parishes? 11:30:55
 10 A Yes. 11:30:56
 11 Q Father Tourigny had served in a number of 11:30:56
 12 different parishes? 11:30:59
 13 A I couldn't say that. 11:30:59
 14 Q Wasn't it generally the practice within the 11:31:00
 15 Archdiocese that priests served for a term of 11:31:06
 16 six, seven or eight years, and then are 11:31:06
 17 transferred to another parish? Was that a 11:31:08
 18 general practice in the Archdiocese? 11:31:10
 19 A Not really. 11:31:11
 20 Q Well, you knew that priests would be reassigned 11:31:13
 21 from time to time -- 11:31:16
 22 A That's right. 11:31:16
 23 Q -- to other parishes? 11:31:17
 24 A Yes. 11:31:18

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1	been now the fifth child that you would have been	15:07:25	1	Matuchen that Father O'Sullivan was not to have	15:09:58
2	aware of where there had been inappropriate	15:07:27	2	any contact with children?	15:10:02
3	activity involving Father O'Sullivan and minors;	15:07:31	3	A I forget that.	15:10:03
4	is that correct?	15:07:33	4	Q Okay. And why was it that Father O'Sullivan was	15:10:05
5	A Yes.	15:07:34	5	fit to serve in the Diocese of Matuchen but could	15:10:10
6	Q After this conviction, Father O'Sullivan was sent	15:07:36	6	not remain in the Archdiocese of Boston on an	15:10:14
7	down to the Diocese of Matuchen; is that correct?	15:07:41	7	assignment here?	15:10:17
8	MR. ROGERS: Objection to form of the	15:07:45	8	A I don't know.	15:10:22
9	question	15:07:46	9	Q Scandal?	15:10:23
10	MR. PERRY: Objection.	15:07:47	10	A Could have been.	15:10:27
11	Q He was reassigned to the Diocese of Matuchen?	15:07:47	11	Q But he was fit to serve in Matuchen, but it was	15:10:30
12	MR. ROGERS: Objection to the form of	15:07:50	12	not appropriate for him to remain in the	15:10:34
13	that question.	15:07:52	13	Archdiocese of Boston, correct?	15:10:36
14	Q Go ahead. Is that correct?	15:07:52	14	MR. ROGERS: Objection to the form of	15:10:37
15	A What is correct?	15:07:53	15	the question.	15:10:39
16	Q Father Eugene O'Sullivan, following the time that	15:07:54	16	MR. PERRY: Objection.	15:10:39
17	he pled guilty to this sex crime with a child, he	15:07:58	17	A I wasn't making any judgments along those lines.	15:10:40
18	was reassigned to the Diocese of Matuchen, was he	15:08:02	18	Q You knew that he was working in a parish in the	15:10:42
19	not?	15:08:05	19	Diocese of Matuchen; is that correct?	15:10:44
20	MR. ROGERS: Objection to the form of	15:08:05	20	A I did. I did.	15:10:45
21	that question.	15:08:06	21	Q Because you were in touch with the pastor?	15:10:46
22	A He went to Matuchen. I don't know that he was	15:08:06	22	A That's right.	15:10:47
23	reassigned to Matuchen.	15:08:09	23	Q And so --	15:10:49
24	Q He went to Matuchen following the time that he	15:08:10	24	A My purpose of being in contact with the pastor	15:10:50
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1	pled guilty to some type of crime involving	15:08:13	1	down there was to make sure that the closest	15:10:52
2	sexual contact with a minor; is that correct?	15:08:15	2	possible supervision was given to this priest.	15:10:55
3	A If he pled guilty, yes. I forget what his plea	15:08:17	3	Q Okay. But you don't have a recollection of	15:10:58
4	was.	15:08:20	4	informing the pastor down there, notwithstanding	15:11:00
5	Q But there was a criminal prosecution of Father	15:08:21	5	the fact that you knew there had been incidents	15:11:04
6	O'Sullivan --	15:08:24	6	with five children, you don't recall telling the	15:11:07
7	A Yes.	15:08:24	7	pastor that Father O'Sullivan should not have	15:11:09
8	Q -- that you remember; is that correct?	15:08:25	8	unsupervised contact with minors, do you?	15:11:12
9	A Yes.	15:08:26	9	A I forget if I told him that, but I did tell him	15:11:14
10	Q And the disposition was, was that he either pled	15:08:26	10	why he was down there. It was because of	15:11:16
11	guilty or was found guilty; is that correct?	15:08:30	11	inappropriate contact with youngsters.	15:11:20
12	A I'm not sure.	15:08:33	12	MR. ROGERS: May I suggest a brief	15:11:23
13	Q He wasn't acquitted, was he?	15:08:35	13	break and then go to four?	15:11:25
14	A No.	15:08:37	14	MR. MacLEISH: Brief.	15:11:27
15	(Banks Exhibit No. 35, Document,		15	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 3:11.	15:11:33
16	7/16/93, marked for identification.)		16	This is the end of Cassette 2 in today's volume	15:11:36
17	Q Okay. And when he went down to the Diocese of	15:09:33	17	in the deposition of Bishop Banks.	15:11:40
18	Matuchen, is it or is it not the case that you	15:09:33	18	We're off the record.	15:11:41
19	were the person who was in contact with the	15:09:38	19	(Recess.)	
20	Diocese of Matuchen concerning Father O'Sullivan?	15:09:41	20	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is now 3:26	15:25:32
21	A I know I was in contact with the parish. I	15:09:48	21	p.m. This the beginning Cassette No. 3 in	15:25:51
22	forget if I was in contact with the diocesan	15:09:52	22	today's volume in the deposition of Bishop Banks.	15:25:55
23	offices.	15:09:55	23	We're back on the record.	15:25:57
24	Q Did you inform the pastor in the Diocese of	15:09:56	24		

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p> <p>1 Q The bishop down in New Jersey was looking -- 2 A Yes. 3 Q So it was Bishop Banks's suggestion that you go 4 to New Jersey; is that correct? 5 A Yes. See, they would be aware of what's going on 6 around the country. 7 Q When you say "what's going around the country," 8 what do you mean? 9 A In other words, the needs. 10 Q For a priest? 11 A Exactly. 12 Q Bishop Banks suggested that you go to New Jersey; 13 is that correct? 14 A Yes. 15 Q Because he knew that they had a need for priests 16 in New Jersey; is that correct? 17 A That's correct. 18 Q So at any time, did Bishop Banks tell you that 19 you could return to work in a parish in the 20 Archdiocese of Boston? 21 A We never discussed that. I mean, he never 22 discussed it with me. I initiated saying that I 23 did not want to be reassigned. 24 Q Because of the problem that might be created?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 Q And Cardinal Law makes -- you're aware that 2 Cardinal Law makes all assignments for priests of 3 the Archdiocese. Are you aware of that? 4 A Right. 5 Q Did Bishop Banks indicate to you that Cardinal 6 Law was aware that you were being sent down to 7 New Jersey? 8 A I have no idea. He never mentioned that. 9 Q And you never spoke to Cardinal Law in 1985 10 before -- 11 A I have no recollection. 12 Q -- before you were sent down. 13 Now, do you know who the bishop was down in 14 Metuchen? That would have been Theodore 15 McCarrick; is that correct? 16 A Right. 17 Q Did you ever talk to Bishop McCarrick about your 18 pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse 19 with a child? 20 A Yes. 21 Q When did you talk to him? 22 A When I went down there. Well, I went down first 23 to see if they would accept me and I talked with 24 his vocation director.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 A Correct. And he agreed with me. 2 Q He agreed that would be a problem if you were 3 here in Massachusetts? 4 A It's a possible problem. 5 Q Possible problem. Because of the publicity? 6 A Possible publicity. 7 Q And scandal that would be created by possible 8 publicity? 9 A Possibly, yes. 10 Q So arrangements were made for you to go down to 11 Metuchen, New Jersey? 12 A Correct. 13 Q Do you have any family in New Jersey? 14 A No. 15 Q Do you have any family in Metuchen, New Jersey? 16 A No. 17 Q Have any family in that general area? 18 A No. 19 Q How long was it after you returned from Southdown 20 that you were assigned to the parish in New 21 Jersey? 22 A September. 23 Q Of '85? 24 A Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 Q I'm not talking about his vocation director. 2 A I'm explaining to you what transpired. 3 Q Go ahead. 4 A Then I talked with the bishop afterwards at a 5 meeting of, a general meeting of all the priests 6 of Metuchen. I was already assigned there. So 7 that was all worked through his delegates. 8 Q You were already there? 9 A Exactly. 10 Q Let's break this down. 11 Before you were assigned to Metuchen, before 12 you started your work there, did you speak with 13 Bishop McCarrick of the Metuchen diocese? 14 A No. I spoke with his delegate. 15 Q This is before the assignment? 16 A Yes. 17 Q What was the name of his delegate? 18 A Oh, gosh. He's dead. I forget. 19 Q Did you tell his delegate that you had been 20 convicted of unlawful sexual intercourse -- 21 A He was aware of everything. 22 Q Let me finish the question. Okay? 23 Did you tell the delegate that you had a 24 criminal conviction of unlawful sexual</p>

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Some who settled now feel betrayed

By Michael Rezendes, Globe Staff, 2/9/2002

While Catholic Church officials continue to search through personnel records for more accusations of clergy sexual abuse, victims and their advocates yesterday lashed out at the Archdiocese of Boston for placing priests in parish settings even though they had settled sexual abuse claims against them.

Moreover, two attorneys who represented victims of clergy sex abuse said that when claims were settled, the victims received specific assurances that the accused priests would be isolated from children for the remainder of their careers.

On Thursday the archdiocese removed six priests from their positions because of past allegations of sex abuse. The Globe reported that the church had previously settled sex abuse claims against four of the six.

"The victims wanted to be assured that no other children would ever be out in the situation they were in with these priests," said attorney Robert A. Sherman, who represented numerous victims of clergy sex abuse in the 1990s.

For victims to learn now that the archdiocese reassigned many of those priests to parish work, Sherman said, "is a breach of faith by the archdiocese and opens old wounds for the victims."

In the case of the Rev. Eugene O'Sullivan, who pleaded guilty to raping an Arlington altar boy in 1984, victims and their families said they were "revictimized" at least twice: Once, when they learned O'Sullivan had been reassigned to parish work in New Jersey less than a year after admitting his guilt, and in 1999, when the mother of a victim ran into O'Sullivan wearing his priestly collar in Dorchester at Carney Hospital, a Catholic-affiliated institution.

In a 1993 Globe interview, the late Sean O'Sullivan, a nephew of the priest and a victim who settled his sexual molestation claim out of court, said, "We were told he would no longer be involved with the church, that he would no longer be able to practice as a priest."

Kathleen, Sean's sister, said in a Globe interview yesterday that old wounds were reopened when her mother encountered O'Sullivan at Carney Hospital three years ago.

"I was just blown away," said Kathleen, who asked that her last name not be used.

The Rev. O'Sullivan was recalled to Boston in 1992, during a review of personnel records by the archdiocese, and banned from priestly activities.

The current edition of the Boston Catholic Directory lists O'Sullivan as a "senior priest" with

an address at the Brighton chancery.

David Clohessy, national director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said it's not uncommon for victims to discover that settlements with provisions restricting the activities of the accused priests are violated.

"In reaching a settlement, survivors typically feel like they have done the responsible thing," said Clohessy. "They haven't trashed anyone in public and they've protected kids from the priest. Then they go into a different parish to attend a wedding and suddenly see that same priest with the altar boys and get a sickening feeling in their stomach."

Victims and their advocates also said church policies written to restrict the activities of priests accused of sexually molesting children are often ignored because the church is accountable only to itself.

Said Clohessy: "It doesn't matter what the policy is if there is no one there to enforce it."

Walter V. Robinson of the Globe Staff contributed to this report.

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