

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Review Board  
December 6, 1993

Case #33:

1. Allegations:

Two men around forty years of age and the mother of a young man who died of [REDACTED] reported that the priest had sexually abused them in their early teenage years. The allegations basically involved his masturbating them.

2. Complainant:

One lives out of state and appears very fragile. The second has engaged a lawyer and has made a legal claim. The mother of the young man appeared to be a fine, gentle and thoughtful person who was concerned that the Church know about this involvement with her son.

3. Response:

The priest came with his lawyer. The lawyer reported that he did not dispute the substance of the allegations. He reported that one young man has been in a mental hospital and he learned that the second young man had put an ad in the local newspaper wondering if anybody knew about him. The second man is the one who has engaged the lawyer.

4. Background of Priest:

He has not enjoyed good health the past few years. He had been helping out in a parish on weekends and a couple days a week when the allegations were reported to him. He was removed from the parish and the pastor was informed. He is an honest, straightforward person who identifies with various causes.

5. Impressions:

From conversations with the priest, it seemed that he stopped this behavior in 1967. My understanding is though, that he probably has been sexually active with other older males since that time. He claims he has not been active for many years.

6. Action to Date:

The priest was involved in a residential assessment program. The delegate has received a verbal report by way of his lawyer. The following is a summary of the report:

[REDACTED]

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7. Future Plans:

Currently, the priest is living in a religious house in the Boston area. He would like to return to his residence out of state rather than sit here and do nothing until there is a final recommendation about his future disposition. He will return whenever he is asked (he has been most cooperative).

His reasons for wanting to return to his out of state residence are the following:

He needs to arrange [REDACTED]; he is anxious to [REDACTED] and would like to do it where he hopes to eventually reside, his support people are not in Boston but out of state; he minds being 'warehoused' for several weeks; his allergies are acting up here in Boston; his [REDACTED] can be monitored by a priest in the out of state area and he has [REDACTED]

8. Delegates:

Would the Review Board support his being out there for several weeks until a final disposition is made about his future residence and activity?

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