

OFFICE FOR CLERGY

FROM THE DESK OF: Reverend Michael T. McCulken *MM*

TO: File

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ITEM: Telephone Call from Sister Lucy Vazquez, OP, JCD,  
Chancellor, Diocese of Orlando

RE: Reverend Stanley Gana

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Sister Lucy Vazquez, OP, Chancellor of the Diocese of Orlando, Florida telephoned the Office for Clergy today to report some information that she received about Father Stanley Gana. A pastor of the diocese, Reverend Andrew O'Reilly called her about Father Gana who has a home in Father O'Reilly's parish.

Evidently some of the parishioners have told Father O'Reilly that there are a number of young people from Slovakia at the house. The ages appear to the people to be late teens and early twenties. The parishioners have expressed their concerns about what might be happening at the house. The pastor reported the information, simply to let the officials know the concerns of the people in the event that anything should be wrong or go wrong.

Sister Lucy noted that the diocese has recently experienced some cases of sexual abuse that were highly publicized and they are very sensitive about such issues. They do not want any adverse publicity. She wanted to let us know that they do not look favorably on such situations and in fact have a policy that no priest can have a minor child stay in the rectory or in the priest house. Sister also noted that a parishioner stated that they are aware that Father Gana left his parish abruptly and wonder what that might be about.

I told Sister Lucy that Father Gana had resigned his parish, went to the hospital and left the hospital against medical advice. I also noted that over the years Father Gana has sponsored young people from Slovakia for studies in American colleges.

I said that Father Gana was going to return to the Philadelphia area and telephone the Secretary for Clergy. I told her I was aware that he called and left a message for Father Lynn with a Florida return phone number but that I was not sure if Father Lynn had spoken to him as of yet. I told her that I would consult with Father Lynn and if I had any other information I would call her back.

Sister Lucy offered her help in any way if it is necessary. Her phone number is 407-246-4826.

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Memo from Secretary for Clergy Lynn's assistant, recording a phone call from the Chancellor of the Orlando Diocese. The Chancellor warns that Fr. Gana, after he fled treatment, had a group of young males living with him in his house in Florida. GJ-39