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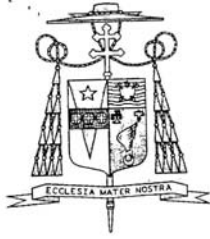
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Office of the Archbishop
222 N. 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

Memorandum

From: Archbishop Bevilacqua
To: Bishop Lohmuller
Date: May 4, 1988
Re: Father Edward M. DePaoli

I spoke to Father DePaoli today of my desire that he be reinstated in the active ministry in another diocese for the present time. I gave him the names of the possible dioceses of Metuchen, Scranton and Harrisburg.

Father DePaoli is willing to do anything that I ask him to and therefore is favorably disposed to accepting an assignment in any one of the three dioceses.

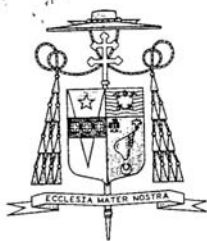
I asked him if he had any other diocese that he wanted us to contact. He told me that he did not have any suggestions and was satisfied with any one of these three dioceses.

May I kindly ask you to be in touch with the Bishops of these three dioceses to see if they would be willing to accept Father DePaoli for a reasonable amount of time.

AR1S001529

A memo written by Archbishop Bevilacqua to an aide, Bishop Lohmuller. The memo requests that the aide try to place Fr. DePaoli in another diocese following his conviction for possessing child pornography. GJ-2622

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Memorandum

From: Archbishop Bevilacqua *AB*
To: The File of Father Edward M. DePaoli
Date: May 4, 1988
Re: Interview with Father DePaoli

Today Father DePaoli came in to see me at my request. The purpose of the interview was to discuss with him return to the active ministry. He is presently living with his parents.

In view of the publicity that ensued upon the incident involving Father DePaoli, I told Father DePaoli that for the present time it might be more advisable for him to return to the active ministry in another diocese. I told him that by going to another diocese we could put a sufficient period between the publicity and reinstatement in the active ministry of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I told him that three dioceses that we were considering to contact were Harrisburg, Scranton and Metuchen.

Father DePaoli spoke very frankly that he felt sad but was most willing to accept this approach. During the many months of his inactivity, working in another diocese always was part of the options that he reflected on. Father DePaoli impressed me with his deep spirituality. He told me that since the very painful episode in his life, he has learned to be more sensitive to the pains and weaknesses of others, especially of his brother priests. He feels that he has grown in appreciation of his priesthood and of the need for prayer and the spiritual life. He has reached the point where he surrenders himself completely to the Providence of God. For this reason, while he feels a certain disappointment in not being able to return to the Archdiocese at the present time, he feels joy in that he is doing what he considers is the Will of God transmitted through his superior.

I told him that after we contacted the three dioceses, we would be in touch with him. I also told him that the process of contacting these dioceses would begin immediately though I could not project how much time it would take before a final decision was made.

AR1S001530

A memo by Archbishop Bevilacqua describing a meeting with Fr. DePaoli. The Archbishop says that "by going to another diocese we could put a sufficient period between the publicity and reinstatement" in Philadelphia. (Attached to GJ-2622)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Office of: CHANCERY

TO: Archbishop Bevilacqua
FROM: Monsignor Shoemaker
DATE: May 3, 1988
RE: Reverend Edward M. DePaoli (1970)

In our last Personnel Meeting, following much discussion, you decided that you would speak to Father DePaoli who will be seeing you on Wednesday, May 4, 1988 at 4:00 p.m.

You noted that after you have spoken to Father DePaoli, informing him of your decision that another Diocese would be more appropriate for his priestly ministry, Bishop Lohmuller will then contact the Bishops of Metuchen, Scranton, and Harrisburg relative to their disposition of possibly accepting Father on an experimental basis.

BACKGROUND

In early Summer 1985, I was summoned to the U.S. Attorney's office in Philadelphia to accompany federal marshalls to one of our rectories in order for them to conduct a search of the room of the Reverend Edward M. DePaoli. A federal search warrant has been issued for this purpose. Before federal marshalls and myself and the pastor of the parish, we discovered extensive pornographic material in this priest's quarters. Some of these materials had been purchased by him and delivered through the U.S. mail. Several months later he was indicted on one count of knowingly receiving in the mails visual depiction of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. After a three day trial here in Philadelphia he was convicted of knowingly receiving these materials and placed on probation for one year.

During this time the Chancery office suspended Father DePaoli's faculties and he resided at Villa Saint John Vianney Hospital, Downingtown and was evaluated at Saint Luke Institute, Suitland, Maryland. The experts at Saint Lukes's recommended that Father DePaoli undergo extensive therapy at the House of Affirmation in Hopedale, Mass.

Father began this therapy in Massachusetts in May, 1987 and concluded the sessions in January, 1988. Following the recommendations of the House of Affirmation, Father was then sent to the Golden Valley Health Center, Minnesota for a 5 week intensified inpatient therapy in a sexual dependency unit (Report 2-26-88 enclosed). Father DePaoli returned to the Archdiocese and is residing with his parents in Royersford, Pa.

I directed him to undertake a two week retreat, which he has done. His Eminence restored his faculties several months ago following the recommendation of the House of Affirmation.

AR1S001531

A memo to Archbishop Bevilacqua from Chancellor Samuel Shoemaker, describing the case of Fr. DePaoli. The Archbishop had just restored the priest's unrestricted faculties despite a child pornography conviction. (Attached to GJ-2622)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Office of: _____

TO:
FROM:
DATE:
RE:

Rev. DePaoli

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Father DePaoli will continue to attend Sexual Addicts Anonymus sessions and consult with Dr. Martha Turner, a psychiatrist in Philadelphia for the foreseeable future.

Prior to this very sad development in his life Father taught high school for 6 years and obtained a Doctor of Ministry degree at Princeton University.

*Thanks good report
A JB
5/4/88*

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Memorandum

From: Archbishop Bevilacqua *AB*
To: The File of Monsignor David E. Walls
Date: May 4, 1988
Re: Interview with Monsignor Walls

Today I interviewed Monsignor Walls concerning his future ministry. Monsignor Walls had written to me and indicated that he had received clearance from St. Luke's Institute and also had received from them a report indicating that he could return to his previous position as Vicar for the Office of Catholic Education.

Today I told Monsignor Walls that returning him to the Office of Vicar for Catholic Education would not be possible. I explained various reasons why this would not be prudent.

Among the more immediate reasons was the fear that the parents of recent victims were not likely to take any action of a legal nature as long as the Archdiocese has acted strongly. Since he would not be away on an inpatient basis and if he is restored to his previous position as Vicar, it would appear that the Archdiocese had not considered this a serious matter and had taken no reasonable action. This perception of inaction could very well trigger the parents to resort to some kind of further procedure through court action. I told him that I had to be concerned for the victims, for the Church and for him. The victims seem to be at present adequately cared for. He himself was in proper therapeutic care. The concern for possible scandal and the welfare of the Church remains. It is to avoid any further action or publicity which would be harmful to the Church that it was not possible to return him to his original office.

Monsignor Walls understood this though he obviously was disappointed.

ADM 000936

A memo from Archbishop Bevilacqua recording a meeting with Msgr. Walls, accused of attempted sexual assault. The Cardinal explains he asked Msgr. Walls to resign as Vicar for Catholic Education in order to avert legal action by the victims' parents. GJ-670

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To: The file of Monsignor David E. Walls

I suggested to him that it would be more prudent if he would submit a letter of resignation requesting a leave of absence for health reasons. During this leave of absence he should pursue his intensive therapy and also reflect on what type of ministry he would be willing to consider. I strongly suggested to him that I did not think it would be possible for him to go back into any kind of parochial ministry. He himself said that he had been reflecting on this and thought as a possibility some kind of ministry to assist other priests suffering from alcoholism or other weaknesses. He felt that he could identify with them and therefore could possibly be of assistance to them.

I also suggested to him that he should reflect on other types of ministries such as chaplaincies in hospitals, etc. He seemed to be disposed to any such type of priestly activity.

I told him he could remain at St. John Neumann and continue to assist Monsignor Meehan while he is on his leave of absence. After a reasonable amount of time, he should get in touch with the Chancery to indicate that he is ready to return to active ministry and also provide any fruits of reflection on the type of ministry he would like to carry out. We discussed the period of time and I told him that I had no definite limits to him. I did tell him that the amount of time should be worked out between himself and his therapist. I did also indicate that it would probably last several months and even go for six months.

I told him that he should send his letter of resignation in at his earliest convenience. He said that he would.

Monsignor Walls seemed to be very repentant of his improprieties. He seemed to be well-disposed to doing anything he is asked to do.

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THE CHANCERY

MEMORANDUM IN RE: REVEREND FRANCIS P. ROGERS, ordained May 30, 1946.

Father Rogers has been assistant rector at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Norristown, since May 22, 1959. The pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Church is the Reverend Charles J. McGovern (ordained May 25, 1929), who was incarcerated briefly in Atlantic City during the past winter. The second assistant at Saint Francis is the Reverend Charles V. Devlin, ordained May 19, 1955.

Some information about the bizarre conduct on the part of Father Rogers reached the Chancery during Holy Week.

Last week Doctor Hoffman, psychiatrist, came to the Chancery to report that Father McGovern, whom he had been treating, consulted with him concerning the complaints he was receiving about Father Rogers's familiarity with boys from the eighth grade and first year high school.

After listening to the doctor's story and after two sessions with Father Devlin, the first of which was in the presence of Monsignor McNally, I sent for Father Rogers. He has taken boys out of school for trips to the seashore, occasionally overnight ones; frequently takes boys in his automobile and to drive-ins. He provides opportunities for them to smoke in his car or the parish garage; has allowed them to drink; taken obscene pictures of them, and showed them indecent magazines.

Complaints made are from some of the boys' mothers, one who quotes her son, "I never want to go with Father Rogers again"; wrestling with the boys in public, lifting them above his head--this he also has done with adult women; an offhand way of speech that is sometimes vulgar and startling.

Father is not in any way contumacious. He very abjectly revealed the history of his weakness: victimized by a boarder in his own home from the time of his earliest recollection until this man died when he was in the sixth grade; habit of masturbation; weak character, inferiority complex; victimized during seminary career by older student who has since left the priesthood.

Familiar with boys in at least two other assignments: St. Rose of Lima, Eddystone (1953-1959); St. Patrick, Pottsville (first assignment, 1946-1949).

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Noone

May 5, 1961

May 5-61 - Fr. Rogers - seen & advised -
1 - 2 week retreat
2 - change -
3. Caution! must avoid slightest suspicion - any further complaint, will provoke effective action
* include scandal - un. civil

1) Immediate retreat, with
2) Some warning, that any further
complaint will result for summary
destruction!
Transfer to another post

A memo to Cardinal Krol from Chancellor John Noone recording reports of Fr. Rogers' "familiarity" with boys and his admission to "his weakness." Cardinal Krol's handwritten note at the bottom directs, among other things: "Transfer to another post." GJ-544

Communication - Memo #3 Dept. of Manpower Mobilization
Bureau of Slaves

General Proclamation - To All

**We
don't
ransom
captives.**



WE
ENSLAVE
THEM.
For the Service
of the mighty
Prince

Most infamous and notorious of all captives taken in the War Between
THE Emperor and the Sadistic Duke the property
having been permanently entrusted to the care of Serf Sadistic Prince
Man of Steel, is about to be subjected to a two week torture
treatment to purge him of all resistance and break him into complete
nothingness, thereby rendering him a perfect slave.

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**WHY
ARE WE
PURSUING,
TORTURING**

Because he deserves it. At no time
as Dungeon Master to the
Emperor subsequently people to Apeizing
torture & these same people have
occasionally been...
him pay with... EARS
Thru the agency of the... Prince

A letter, describing sadomasochistic rituals, written by Fr. Mulholland in July 1968 to a St. Joseph parish teenager while the boy is at summer camp. Several other boys from the parish also are named in the letter, which discusses an upcoming outing as a "two week torture treatment." GJ-1359

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In the service
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treatment to purge him of all resistance and break him into complete
nothingness, thereby rendering him a perfect slave.

**WHY
ARE WE
BURNING,
TORTURING,
KILLING**

Because he deserves it. At one time
as dangerous as the Emperor
Empire, which has people to specializing
torture, and these same people have
been... TEARS
than the dignity of the Prince

The last two times I saw you I was not
able to discuss with you certain details
of the trip that would in a year
enrichment and guarantee that... could finish paying
off the debt to date... must be by conditions
for both... and... must of course in trial
before... in October and if conditions have been fulfilled
will not see much more - OVER

ADD 002388

Duke is now most interested in the money he will get and has agreed to as Judge can award money to or more torture to is interested in finishing but with (two weeks of torture should do this). At trial will ask Prince how much suffered from it

Sadistic suffer + especially punishment of humiliation which he himself once grievously suffered from may ago. WANTS REVENGE AND will be a strict Judge.

Therefore assumes that you accept the agreement put in earlier letter - for 1. no public humiliation - shave + lock wear 2- list of tortures or routine punishments to be drawn up by both so that when make concession in torture on list is also given so will not give in to enemy + Judge will be satisfied.

This was explained Before

will receive of actual rewards to offset costs of trip + also promise for future aid like go allowance for school (or play) if is forced from lack of torture or is not shaved or tied at night



Prince may also become prisoner at night

since to jump or defect Prince, as long as daily punishment remains EXCEPT - A PROMISE - NEVER LET I sleep UN TORTURED - UN TIED - OR UN CHAINED OR PRINCE will die AT Night As Above

ADD 002389

Seriously - wishes to get out of original obligations to

war. He honor + some money are as stark. 2: for say, is free from - Not from but who ok at trial how

MAKING suffer + especially punishment of humiliation
which he himself once grievously suffered from has age
wants REVENGE AND will be a strict Judge.

Therefore assumes that you accept the agreement put in
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2- list of tortures or routine punishments to be drawn up by both de
that when makes concession - a torture on list is also given
so will not give in to easy + Judge will be satisfied.

This was explained before

in return is at [unclear]
it will receive financial rewards to defray
costs of trip + also promise for future
aid like go allowance for school (or pay)
If is bored from lack of torture
or is not chained or tied at night



Prince may also become PRISONER AS shown
Promises never to Jump or molest Prince as long as
Daily punishments continue EXCEPT - A PROMISE - NEVER LET
SERVE UNFETTERED - UNTIED - OR UNCHAINED OR
PRINCE will die AT NIGHT AS ABOVE -

Seriously wishes to get out of original obligations to
WAR. Now honor + some money are AT STAKE. If says
OK at trial then is free from - Not from but who
will keep a slave for years until revenge satisfied - so if Prince
is Sadistic, Cruel + Strict, will do well in getting free from
and satisfying revenge for punishment of Also a challenge - the bet
was originally meant to make know what slavery was like - that is
complete dependence on another and fear of torture. ever had
so Broken from constant punishment that would kiss
or signal had nearly succeeded challenges Prince to succeed
and outdo - Also out of curiosity to see what it is like
Not to be able to do what you want but only SERVE + suffer
Don't it on - Barney will write soon to explain

PURPLE JELLY BEANS, ANYONE?

ADD 002390

Department of Manpower Mobilization
BUREAU OF SLAVES

MEMO #4 To His Supreme High Magnificent
Princeliness - Big Man of Steel.

To: ¹Trickless communication is the last sent before the agony of the death trip.



When questioned about
Next week's trip west Magnificent
Prince - Man of Steel Mr. Steel
insisted he was in full control

In fact STEEL insists that proceeding at
the trip will be a sublime agony the hanging
- who has been unsubordinate
- in fact it is threatened that
the trip will be very much to
Tough S--t.



going west
→
for slave
safety - in fact it is threatened that
the trip will be very much to
like the Even of a Cherry Red Branding Iron

It is reported from the illustration opposite that
is expert at hanging and STEEL is expert at
hanging him. A witness (pitiful soul) to a STEEL
hanging has stated that The hanging was the best show in town.
Especially the cigarette perched precariously in the ass - or was that the witness's technique?
Many would like to witness the ensuing ordeal of torment but the mentality
will be such that the GREAT PRINCE - STEEL
Torture of is NECESSARY says
Many say to STEEL because RACE IN THE

More massive than a PRINCE and more material than a slave
- To which Lowly, weak-steeled Prince
defiantly says BRUTE

Dear Prince - I was saving clippings for you about the camp in Delaware
Counselors like you (brute) and D R + 12

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Many would like to witness the upcoming ordeal of torment but the brutality will be such that the GREAT PRINCE - STEEL says

Texture of is NECESSARY

Many say to STEEL

ADULTS ONLY

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MORE MAJESTIC THAN A PRINCE - and more material than a structure - To which leads, weak-steel'd - Prince definitely says → BRUTE

Dear Prince - I was saving clippings for you about the camp in Delaware where Counselors like you (Brute) ruled but I lost them. Three out of eighteen teenagers were fired. It seems they ran one big barracks with younger kids and used tough techniques. One savvy 15 year old was taken naked to the woods and tied spreadeagle on the ground and used as a toilet from supper til noon next day + any kid in the barracks that did not go on him was to be treated likewise - all went. The kids were forced to prostrate to the Big Boys at Barrack assemblies + those who gave trouble did not sleep that night - they were strung up by their thumbs with light cord until they were up on the cables of the feet. Another 16 year old was hung up by ONE cable - A good one - two kids who were fighting were hung up by their wrists but the rope was tied from one up over two rafters and then down to the other - and so short that both were on their toes; so if one pulled down for relief - the other went up. - Mostly though they just beat the kids - pillows were piled and the kid tied naked - over the counselor bed shortcuts - the belt applied - The idea was to make sure that the kids gave no trouble.

- I met some kids I know from this week - three brothers 18, 17 + 15 years old - the 15 year old is strong and can lick either of the bigger brothers separately - but not together - and he did at times win when wrestling; so they went on a four day camping trip and little brother was jumped →

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and tied with his arms stretched out on a pole and all equipment tied on his back and the pole. He was led by one with a long rope around his neck with the other prodding behind with a short switch. Poor Boy!! He was stopped by the loving brothers, hung by his ankles with his hands tied up tight with a light rope or heavy cord going from his wrists + under his crotch + ending in a loop around his well-known privets (struggling could be painful). He was pulled up high and a low charcoal fire was shoveled under him, then not leaves put on the fire - heat and smoke right up his body - an old Apache torture. He spent several more hours racked spread eagle on the ground with dug and ~~into~~ ~~an~~ ~~him~~. You called our names ~~but~~ they dared me to relate to you the Mike Masher - a ~~shit~~ no liquids all day unless absolutely necessary. no breakfast but about 10 AM a few dry saltines or package of peanut butter crackers; then in mid afternoon a candy bar or apple or equivalent. Their stomachs growls greatly and men beg or else nothing before bed but oatmeal without sugar or the like. Little brother now obeys.

Since you have accepted the terms of the challenge I will appear neat in public and suffer no public humiliation but in private I expect you to break me: that is prove my complete and willing submission by performing the fraternizing ~~rituals~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~tribe~~. Remember that really prove submission are: kneeling next to toilet when master craps then wiping ass with paper then with tongue. Also being forced to lick master's ass and kiss it frequently. These are the ~~terms~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~challenge~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~rules~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~game~~.



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Since you have accepted the terms of the challenge
I will appear neat in public and suffer no public humiliation
but in private I expect you to break me: that is prove
my complete and willing submission by performing the fraternity

remember that really prove submission are: kneeling next to toilet when
master craps then wiping ass with paper then with tongue. Also
being forced to lick master's ass and kiss it frequently.
These are tough, I know, and therefore I would strongly resist
if something like this is the punishment. Also cream puff
with shaving cream, water torture with enema bag overfilling
slaves bowels, being tied and sealed inside plastic bag
to sweat but worst of all? THE PURPLE JELLY BEANS

Sometimes at fraternity initiation (I saw this) slave is stripped
and hands tied behind then he is forced to pick up jelly beans or
chocolate covered candy with ass cheeks and carry to a bottle and
place in bottle, if dropped - beaten and begin again. Then dice rolled
or cards cut and slave must eat that number of beans when held
by master between his own ass cheeks. Beans can be held tight and high.
This is a true ordeal of humiliations.

may give in temporarily but will never break. I defy the
Prince - get to say "Please magnificent one let me lick
your ass - or beat me again" NEVER

Atlantic Keep your
CAR ON THE GO.



NO COMMENT

ADD 002394

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MEMORANDUM

Re: Reverend John H. Mulholland

A group of adult advisers of the CYO called me last evening asking if they could come to the Chancery. They came this morning. They stated that in all there are about 15 adult advisers; 8 of them were here today. They stated they had come in order to put things in proper perspective because they feel that the picture at Saint Anastasia's has been put out of perspective by the group that had previously come to the Chancery.

They had gone to Father Kane concerning this problem and Father told them to come to the Chancery. It was the feeling of the group that a small handful of people were vindictive and tried to level charges against Father Mulholland; they feel he is upright in every respect.

1. stated that he has a son 16 years old who took a summer trip with Father for 21 days. He said Father did an exceptional job of showing the boys a good time. He did not ask for any money from the parents or the kids. He claims Father's character is above board. There was Mass every morning and much was taught about the Catholic religion. He claimed there was defamation of character concerning Father and sex.
2. has been chief adult adviser for the past 2½ years. He stated that he would never have given any thought to Father's actions; that he noticed nothing out of order and the accusations came as a surprise. He states that he has been working close to Father for two years.
3. A has a son who two years ago took a trip to the west with Father. When he came back he spoke highly of Father, who was instrumental in getting him into the priory. Father does spend a lot of time at the home.
4. has three girls in CYO. All of them are very active. He states that these three have been crushed by the news. He states that Father Mulholland gives his whole time to the parish and to the youth.
5. states that his wife took over as chief adviser. His son is the president.
6. Next a girl spoke whose name I did not get. She outlined the many activities of the CYO. It included community action, recreation programs, religious discussions, and other activities during the year. There is a paper drive each month to defray the expenses of the CYO. At this Father spent much of his time.

The group stated that there are about 73 members of the CYO; about 50 are active. They used some names of people whom they thought were here. They claimed that is easily swayed and is used as a pawn, and that there is an adult behind this.

Next there is a 19 years old, and currently in the priory. Also a The group feels that is the backbone of this movement.

ADD 002418

A November 5, 1970 memo by Assistant Chancellor Vincent Walsh recording a meeting with CYO advisers from St. Anastasia. Fr. Walsh does not share his knowledge of Fr. Mulholland's history with parents of possible victims when they ask that the priest be allowed to stay in their parish. GJ-1366

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They did not feel that Father was a dictator but that he left many of the decisions to the group. Another man spoke up who stated that he had only been with the CYO since the summer but it did not take him long to feel that was trying to exercise control over the CYO. She attempted to dip her fingers into the pie. He felt that there was great disrespect from and therefore the adults got together and removed him. There was a special adult meeting because had been on a telephone campaign, whipping up agitation against Father.

Finally, there was a young man named a sophomore at Drexel. He stated that this summer the boys who were going along with Father were being harassed by phone by those boys who came to us.

Vincent M. Walsh
Assistant Chancellor

November 3, 1970

ADD 002419

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Background on the Reverend John H. Mulholland

Dear Doctor:

The following is the background on the testimony which is enclosed in the folder. Father Mulholland has had three appointments--June 1965 to June 1966 at Saint Patrick Church, Kennett Square; June 1966 to June 1968 at Saint Joseph Church, Hatboro; and June 1968 until the present at Saint Anastasia, Newtown Square.

The first series of problems was terminated in September 1968 when Father Mulholland was called to the Chancery to speak with Bishop McDevitt. The memorandum of that interview is enclosed. It concerned certain boys from the Hatboro parish and the discovery of certain letters by Although the date of the interview was September 1968, and by this time Father Mulholland was serving in Saint Anastasia, Newtown Square, he was still returning to the Hatboro parish for meetings with these boys. Part of the interview with Bishop McDevitt was a promise that he would stop going back to the parish. We had some reports later on that he was still returning to Hatboro. In Hatboro, besides the activity with boys, there is also the phenomenon of his attempting to split the parish into factions.

The second group of problems takes place in Saint Anastasia parish, Newtown Square. It centers around a totally new group of boys; in fact, a different group of boys in the second year than in the first year in the parish.

Enclosed is the testimony of Father Joseph Kane, pastor of Saint Anastasia parish, who was called in concerning the credibility of the people whom we had interviewed. Father Kane stated that his mother, and his sister were very credible people. He also stated the same for the other boys involved in the CYO who would offer testimony.

Concerning my interview with Father Mulholland

On Monday, October 26, after having finished all of the interviews, I called Father Mulholland and asked him to come to the office. He came at two o'clock that afternoon. Over the telephone he himself mentioned that I probably wanted to see him about the CYO. When he came to the office I let him speak for the first ten minutes. He was explaining the problem that he thought I was going to bring up--namely, the different personality clashes that had taken place in the CYO and the arguments which ensued. After about ten minutes I explained to Father Mulholland that that was not the chief problem I wanted to discuss with him. I mentioned his previous interview in the office with Bishop McDevitt and the promises he had made. He claimed he had kept all of the promises and had had no problems since then. He felt he had matured much since that time.

ADD 002409

An October 27, 1970 letter from Assistant Chancellor Walsh to Dr. Anthony Zanni. The letter states that Fr. Mulholland would have to be transferred from St. Anastasia because of a "certain amount of scandal." GJ-1365

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I then questioned him about wrestling with boys and he eventually did admit that there were some occasions when he did that. I then told him that we had the testimony which amounted to bizarre behavior. I mentioned to him that this behavior caused us to have real doubts concerning the problem of homosexuality. He asked what the behavior was. I mentioned the trips that he took with boys, the change in the relationship when they returned from these trips, the wrestling matches at CYO meetings, running his hand up and down the leg of one of his favorite boys, the incident of having one of these boys with his head in Father's lap with Father stroking his hair, the intimate names that he uses for his friends, having boys in his room, picking up and taking home the president of the CYO who was one of the boys on the trip, and the saying of Mass in the basement at a strange hour when only his few friends are present. At no time did Father deny any of the things which were brought up to him. He merely stayed silent and accepted them as true.

I then told him, as an accomplished fact, that we wanted him to go to you for an evaluation with the distinct possibility that after talking to him you would want him to go to Downingtown. It was only after awhile that it got through to Father what I was trying to say. He then turned to me and said, "I guess you mean you want me to be a patient for a period of time." I explained that that was exactly what we wanted.

All of this consumed only about twenty minutes since I knew that Father would never admit anything on his own but sort of had to be confronted with the facts. After this twenty minutes, when it came home to him what was going to be expected of him, he sat back and asked if I had a few minutes. I told him I did. He then began to talk about his feelings. He stated that he felt bitter at the whole human race and had difficulty accepting different people in authority, although he felt differently toward this office especially after the very nice interview he had with Bishop McDevitt. He said that he felt often that no one thought of him. I told him that our whole concern was his happiness and the fact that he would work through this problem. It is for this reason that we are asking him to accept professional help. I told him that we did not expect him to be totally open with us, who were his superiors, but hoped that he would be able to open up to someone whose only task was to help him with his problem. I told him that all that we could see was very strange behavior which brought about a certain amount of scandal in the parish which caused us to have to move on him. Just what the problems are, how deeply they are rooted, or in what way they will be cured or at least treated, is beyond our competence. This is why we are helping him to seek professional help.

At the end of the interview I explained to him that all of the records which we have concerning his behavior would have to be forwarded to you before he would see you so that you would understand some of the background, Father Mulholland, "surely the doctor cannot be working in the dark, he has to know what happened."

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I also made it clear to Father that there was no possibility of his remaining in the parish. I mentioned to him that in a couple of weeks there would be a series of changes and that this difficulty would be taken care of at that time. Just what we do with him in a couple of weeks would be very much determined by your evaluation of him and the degree of his co-operation.

I tried to make it clear to him that the purpose of this evaluation was to see if he would have to go to Downingtown or not. I explained that we would have to be guided by your evaluation.

Reverend Vincent M. Walsh
Assistant Chancellor

October 27, 1970

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MEMORANDUM

Re: Reverend John H. Mulholland, Assistant Pastor
St. Anastasia, Newtown Square, Pa.

Father Mulholland came to the Chancery today to discuss his case. He explained some of the ramifications which had not been brought to light. However, these were very minor. In light of the group of people that came to the Chancery on November 3, I told him that we would have no difficulty allowing him to stay at St. Anastasia, since the amount of scandal given seemed to lie only with a very small minority. I further told him that, as far as we were concerned, it was merely a matter between himself and Dr. Zanni as to what the future will hold. Father seemed very grateful for the support and stated that he might want to leave the parish in May, anyway, but that it meant a whole lot to him not to be changed at an odd time in the year.

I then called Dr. Zanni to state what had happened and to fill him in on the information received by the group which came to the Chancery. Dr. Zanni, with this new information, decided that he would probably not ask Father Mulholland to go to Downingtown. Father Mulholland's final appointment with Dr. Zanni is Thursday, November 12.

Vincent M. Walsh
Assistant Chancellor

November 5, 1970


ADD 002417

A November 5, 1970 memo by Assistant Chancellor Walsh after he learns that the parents of possible victims are ignorant of Fr. Mulholland's sadomasochistic history. The memo says Fr. Mulholland can stay at St. Anastasia because the "scandal" is limited to "a very small minority." GJ-1367

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Vicar for Administration

Office of: _____

TO: Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua
FROM: Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Cistone 
DATE: March 21, 2000
RE: Office for Communications - Writer
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The Office for Communications has been trying to identify a "writer" for their office with little success. You will recall that last year they hired Larry Doherty; however, he lasted only 6 weeks. They have one possible candidate; however, he is a laicized priest. Although in good standing with the Church and with a favorable letter from Monsignor Flood, his Pastor, Monsignor Palmieri (who is on the search committee) and I prefer not to go this route.

On several occasions, the Office for Communications has inquired about the availability of Father Delli Carpini for this position. Presently, Father Delli Carpini works under the supervision of Monsignor Palmieri. However, he has been doing a great deal of writing for Cathy Rossi, e.g. your Millennium Minutes and miscellaneous articles, in addition to the many homilies and talks he prepares for your use. He only comes into the office building on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Monsignors Lynn and Palmieri believe that even though Father Delli Carpini does a great deal of work, he could be doing much more. He continues to do well at the Cabrini Home as chaplain. Monsignor Lynn is concerned that it will not be healthy for him and could create problems if he has too much time on his hands.

We would like to assign Father Delli Carpini to work in the Office for Communications as a writer. There is office space available for him there and the Office for Communications would assume his salary. We envision that he would continue to be under the supervision of Monsignor Palmieri for purposes of his "personal" issues and continue to assist him on a few Chancery projects. However, he would be accountable the remainder of the time to writing projects for you and for the Office for Communications. For public information, Father Delli Carpini would still be assisting Monsignor Palmieri. There would be no need to publicize the assignment as "writer." (Regarding your previous concern about his mentioning that he writes for you, we were able to address this matter with Father Delli Carpini discreetly, without any reference to your having raised the issue.)

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A memo to Cardinal Bevilacqua regarding Fr. Delli Carpini. In a handwritten note at the end, the Cardinal approves hiring the admitted child molester to write sermons and speeches for the Cardinal and work in the Archdiocese office of communications. The memo describes how the priest's role will be hidden from the public. GJ-2490

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Vicar for Administration

Office of: _____

TO: Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua
FROM: Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Cistone
DATE: March 21, 2000
RE: Office for Communications - Writer
Reverend John Delli Carpini (Page 2 of 2)

Cathy Rossi understands that for "priest personnel" reasons, Monsignor Palmieri would remain his supervisor. She has no difficulty with this arrangement.

We have made no mention of this possible assignment to Father Delli Carpini. We wished to present it to you first for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That Father Delli Carpini be assigned part time to the Office for Communications as writer, under the conditions outlined by Monsignors Lynn and Palmieri and that Monsignor Palmieri remain his supervisor for clergy personnel reasons.

Approved
AP
3/22/00

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OFFICE FOR CLERGY

FROM THE DESK OF: Reverend Michael T. McCulken ^{DJ7M}

TO: File

DATE: October 27, 1994

ITEM: Interview

RE: Reverend Thomas F. Shea [1964]

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Father Shea [TFS] was interviewed at the Office for Clergy by Reverend William J. Lynn [WJL] and Reverend Michael T. McCulken. The reason for the interview was to review with Father Shea allegations that had been received through the Archdiocesan attorney, Mr. John O'Dea.

WJL clarified with TFS that he was assigned to Saint Helena from 1969-75.

WJL stated that the claims included genital abuse at the Rectory and Cape May. He asked TFS if he had a home in Cape May. TJS stated that parents were in Stone Harbor and he was staying in a motel at Cape May. TFS picked up and a friend and they spent the weekend with him. After which time he drove them back home. WJL stated that another man was also making allegations and was going to put everything into writing to Mr. O'Dea. As soon as the letter is given to WJL, he will apprise TFS about what is alleged.

WJL then asked TFS if he knows and if it is true. TFS replied that he did know the man as a youngster and that "maybe it might be true, I don't know. What does it mean?" WJL asked again if anything did happen, saying that he had to know. TFS stated yes, it did happen. WJL asked how many times and if there was genital contact. TFS stated yes sometimes there was genital contact and that he did not know how many times. TFS admitted that

AD 003696

A memo recording an interview of Fr. Shea by Secretary for Clergy Lynn and his assistant, Fr. Michael McCulken. Fr. Shea admits abusing at least two boys. Monsignor Lynn suggests the priest may have been "seduced into it" by an altar-boy victim. GJ-476

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it did occur in the motel and in the rectory.

WJL asked if he was involved with others and TFS stated that he was similarly involved with a but does not know if that is the other person is referring to. TFS stated that he does not remember any other kids. WJL asked if there was genital activity and TFS said that there was touching and that it happened twenty years ago.

TFS was rather emotional and his color changed quite a bit. WJL asked if he was alright and TFS said that he was. WJL asked TFS to leave the parish. TFS said that he takes care of his mother, who lives in Saint Barnabas. He asked if he should resign and that he was ready to resign. WJL told him that we are here to help and that we know it is overwhelming. TFS asked if was suing the Diocese and WJL said he did not yet know.

WJL explained that the policy is to have the priest immediately leave the parish setting if he has admitted guilt and go to Immaculate Conception parish until Cardinal Bevilacqua can review the situation. Usually there is treatment required. TFS asked what is he to do with his mother, since his sister works and he said that this will kill her. Then he asked if he needs to leave tonight and WJL explained that he should to protect himself and the parish. He will go to Immaculate Conception for a residence and that he can continue to take care of his mother.

TFS was very emotional. He asked about resigning or taking a leave of absence. WJL explained that normally treatment is requested and is he willing to do so? TFS asked if this will hit the papers. To which WJL replied that he hoped not but that there is cause for concern since this law firm is known for that.

TFS asked if he should tell Father John Cox, his pastor? He has been there six years with no problems. WJL asked TFS if anything else happened besides during his stay at Saint Helena. TFS replied that his father had lost a leg and that was about fifth or sixth grade and an altar boy. WJL asked how much TFS trusted Father Cox concerning the possibility of sharing the allegations with him. At first TFS seemed hesitant to share anything with Father Cox but later stated that he would share that allegations had been brought but did not involve Saint Clement parish.

TFS asked about staying at his mother's home tonight. WJL said that he could while arrangements are made at Immaculate Conception with the pastor. TFS wondered aloud why now, after twenty years. WJL indicated that sometimes it is for money but

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that the Archdiocese does not settle with claimants; although, the Archdiocese does pay for therapy for claimants if the priest has been guilty. He stated that usually claimants come into the office, but this one went to the lawyer. He indicated that Mr. O'Dea did not think, this was going to be a lawsuit.

TFS asked how long does treatment at Downingtown take. WJL explained anywhere from three months to one year. TFS inquired of the treatment offered. WJL explained that it involved group and individual therapy, going over the situations of life in order to help resolve issues, to see if risks are still present. The need for treatment right away rather than a leave of absence is to show responsibility by Father Shea and by the Church in this situation.

TFS continued by saying what will he tell his mother concerning Downingtown. WJL said that if he told her now that he was taking time off for personal problems such as depression then it would not be unreasonable to his mother to hear that he was going to Downingtown. WJL again stated that we were here to help and to affirm to TFS that he is supported. TFS said that he understood that. WJL told TFS not to do anything foolish, to which TFS replied that he doesn't have the guts to do something like that. TFS asked if he could take some things out of the rectory later in the evening and talk with Father Cox. WJL agreed and told him that Father Cox could call WJL if he had concerns.

TFS asked regarding the statute of limitations which is past and then about a civil suit which is still a possibility. TFS said that he has no money that they could get out of a civil suit. WJL told TFS that the Archdiocese does not make cash settlements but does pay for therapy, especially when the priest has admitted guilt as TFS has. He continued by saying that sometimes the claimant only wants an opportunity to meet with the priest and talk; although others do sue.

TFS asked when will he would know a course of action and WJL said that he would inform Cardinal Bevilacqua today. TFS was concerned about saying Mass, finances, directions to Front and Allen, how he was to get to Downingtown, and representation by an attorney if needed. WJL offered explanations to his questions and affirmed for TFS again that we are here to help and support him through this. In regards to other persons to help take care of his mother, TFS did say there were a few nephews besides his sister.

TFS wondered who within the Office for Clergy sees this information. He was told that within the Office for Clergy only the priests see it. He asked if he had a good record otherwise and was told yes. He stated that when he was changed from Saint Helena

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this situation stopped and that was it. He did not seek any help, he did not need it. He stated that was fooling around with other kids his own age and that TFS did not start him into anything like this. WJL said that it is possible TFS was seduced into it.

TFS said that he is not very outgoing, not a great conversationalist, and that he never had money to travel like many of his contemporaries in the priesthood. The kids were fun to be with, they looked up to you. TFS said that he kept a lot of things to himself, and has been taking care of his mother. When his father was dying he told TFS to take care of his mother and for ten years he has been doing that on his days off. He said that his sister has her problems, that she does visit, but the burden is on him. He said that at Saint Clement he was the priest who did most of the work and filled in for Father Cox. When at Saint Helena he was also always busy, taking on whatever needed to be done, not really knowing how to say no.

WJL said that maybe these are some of the issues to be addressed in treatment. WJL said that we would call TFS tomorrow with further direction.

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St. Monica's Rectory
2422 S. 17TH STREET
PHILADELPHIA 45, PA.

Solicited by Father Cannon in the summer of 1962.

Sinned once but was solicited about 15 times. It occurred about 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

He first noticed this in Father Cannon in 1961. He did not report it out of fear of consequences.

Solicited once during his one week at camp in 1959 and sinned.

Solicited once during his one week at camp in 1960 and sinned.

The same in 1961.

In 1962, served as a Junior Counsellor and stayed a month at the camp. Solicited and sinned with him twice a week for this period of a month.

Father Cannon took groups of boys to the camp on Fridays and would return on Saturdays. sinned with him twice in 1959; twice in 1960, and twice in 1961.

The reason he did not report the misconduct that he lacked courage.

Solicited in 1960 during his two weeks at camp. He stopped his advances. This boy told a friend and the latter told mother. feels that it is known to many.

AD 000664

A letter sent to the Archdiocese on July 5, 1964 by Fr. John Murphy. The letter notifies the Chancellor of reports that Fr. Cannon is abusing several boys at St. Monica's summer camp. GJ-1960

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St. Monica's Rectory
2422 S. 17TH STREET
PHILADELPHIA 45, PA.

Served as a Junior Counsellor during the summer of 1960.
I was told by several boys of the misconduct.

He told of a recording made by Father Cannon describing
a boy masturbating.

I knew he had the problem. He said that
another Counsellor and all the Junior Counsellors know
about the misconduct.

He spoke of a Father Bennet, an order priest, who taught
at Reading Central High School but who has since been
transferred. Father Cannon brought him to the camp and
believes that he also has the same problem.

John Murphy

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Office of: Secretary for Clergy

TO: Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua
FROM: Monsignor William J. Lynn
DATE: September 4, 2002
RE: Reverend John A. Cannon (1948)
Chaplain, Saint Joseph Home for Aged

Attached is a copy of my December 4, 1992 memorandum to you summarizing allegations of sexual abuse brought against Father John Cannon by [redacted]. Father Cannon denied the allegations but was cooperative with a psychological evaluation. Attached also is a copy of my February 8, 1993 memorandum summarizing the results of the evaluation. Father Cannon was 70 years old at the time. You did approve inpatient hospitalization at the time. The inpatient hospitalization never took place and I am at a loss as to why this never happened. No further complaints have been brought against Father Cannon. At the time [redacted] wanted a cash settlement which we refused.

Excerpts from these memos may be blocked out for attorney client privilege. I only have copies in our file. The Grand Jury has the original file.

On July 23, 2002, Bishop Dattilo called me to inform me that [redacted] who lives in Lancaster, had approached the Harrisburg Diocese. He went to Harrisburg because Saint Monica's Camp, the place where the alleged abuse took place, is in the Harrisburg Diocese. He told Bishop Dattilo that I had told him at the time that his allegations were not credible. Bishop Dattilo said that states he has a lawyer and all he wants is to be believed. I filled Bishop Dattilo in on previous demands.

[redacted] told Bishop Dattilo that Father John McCole could verify what he alleges. [redacted] had provided a different priest name before, who did not back up his allegations. I spoke to Father McCole. Father McCole took Father Cannon's place at the camp. Father McCole stated there were vague stories about Father Cannon but nothing specific. He stated that no one ever came to him and made specific allegations, but that there was talk that "Father Cannon was strange."

I told Bishop Dattilo I would review the file and make recommendations regarding the situation.

I met with Father Cannon on August 2, 2002 to inform him that these allegations have resurfaced. Father Cannon denied the allegations again. He stated that there was a problem at the camp with a group of Benedictines trying to start an agricultural school nearby. He said one of them had problems and came to say Mass for a time until he was let go. Father Cannon feels he may have been confused with this priest.

Father Cannon is 80 years of age and is assigned as Chaplain at Saint Joseph Home for Aged. He is willing to retire but would prefer to stay where he is. Even if he retires, I do not know if there is enough evidence to keep him from exercising his priestly ministry. He taught high school for 35 years and there are no allegations other than

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A 2002 memo in which Secretary for Clergy Lynn suggests there is insufficient evidence to restrict Fr. Cannon's faculties, even though he had previously admitted molesting boys. The victim referred to in the memo (whose name is whited out) was one of the boys listed in Fr. Murphy's 1964 letter to the Archdiocese. GJ-1980

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Office of: Secretary for Clergy

TO: Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua
FROM: Monsignor William J. Lynn *WJL*
DATE: September 4, 2002
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Chaplain, Saint Joseph Home for Aged

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I have consulted with legal counsel and there is no legal liability in this situation.

Since Father Cannon is open to retirement if suggested, I think it best to go that route. He is the oldest priest in active ministry at this time. However, I do not believe there is enough evidence to restrict his priestly service in retirement at this time. This might be a case that could be presented to the Review Board when it is established.

Recommendation:

That Father Cannon be asked to request retirement.

Approved
WJL
9/7/02

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