

A local decision

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If school boards are, as Andy Volinsky claims, not able to determine whether a principal should continue to serve a school district, then who is? The state Board of Education? The Public Employee Labor Relations Board? An arbitrator?

If local control is to be meaningful, it must include the ability to decide locally who will and will not teach, who will and will not be an administrator in a school district.

By state statute, our schools are governed locally. That may indeed mean that a school board may actually know something about the employee or even the student whose case is being considered.

School board members know that in those situations they must above all else maintain their impartiality and pay close

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- David S. Pince

attention to the standard for a finding. They know they are accountable to the local community for their behavior and their actions.

To what local citizen are the appointed members of the state Board of Education, the Public Employee Labor Relations Board or an arbitrator accountable?

Before we start to consider a system inherently “unfair,” let’s look at what the alternatives are. If anything, the alternatives are unfair to school district citizens, parents, students and taxpayers because it is only the local school board that is really accountable to them.

LISA BRAITERMAN
Concord

(The writer is a former member of the Concord School Board.)

Father Boisselle was dedicated, effective

Cm 5/24/02

Your May 20 story concerning Father Aime Boisselle, longtime pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Concord, failed utterly to provide the slightest insight to a man whom many love and respect, despite the allegations leveled against him in recent days.

I have known Father Boisselle since 1988, when he welcomed our family into his parish when we moved to Concord. I have come to appreciate the special qualities of kindness and compassion that he brought to his ministry.

Father Boisselle is a dedicated, effective and intelligent priest, knowledgeable of his Christian profession, thoughtful in his homilies and reverent in his celebration of the Sacrament of the Mass. The best evidence of his outstanding service is the large number of young families that have been attracted to worship at Sacred Heart. The parish enjoys a vibrant spiritual life, which would not have been possible without Father Boisselle.

Five of my six children were baptized by Father Boisselle, and two of my sons served on the altar until his departure. There was no hint of impropriety at any time. Father loved the many children of the parish, and the children loved their gentle priest in return.

Father Boisselle is 69. His health has not been good for the past few years. He has endured painful operations recently, one of which was life-threatening. He is blind in one eye. He suffers near-constant pain in his feet and legs. He had been considering retirement, particularly after the fire at the rectory, but stayed on because of his love for his parishioners and the priesthood.

But these allegations have proven too much for him to bear, and he elected to retire - not resign - after over 40 years of priestly service. Nonetheless, the diocese required him to leave his home of 21 years in roughly 24 hours. He had no opportunity to say farewell to his parishioners, his friends. This has disturbed many of us greatly.

Your summary of his history at Sacred Heart as consisting of a robbery and a fire are superficial at best and tawdry at worst.

DAVID S. PINCE
Concord

Diocese official talked to judge about her priest

■ Attorney outraged chancellor called judge, but doesn't want her to step aside.

By PAT GROSSMITH
Union Leader Staff

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5/24/02

The chancellor of the Diocese of Manchester contacted a Superior Court judge, who is presiding in a civil suit against the diocese, to tell her of allegations raised against her parish priest, according to court documents.

The Rev. Edward Arseneault, chancellor of the Diocese of Manchester, said he called Hillsborough County Superior Court Judge Carol Ann Conboy on May 15 to tell her that allegations were being raised against the Rev. Aime Boisselle, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Concord.

Two days later, Boisselle resigned after it became public that three men alleged he sexually molested them in the 1960s.

Conboy is a lector at Sacred Heart Church where Boisselle was the pastor.

Father Arseneault said he was not aware at the time he telephoned Judge Conboy that she was the presiding judge in the civil suit of Daniel Whitehouse vs. the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester.

He said he called Conboy because she is a lector at Sacred Heart and because last year he talked with her about altar servers.

Attorney Mark Abramson of Manchester, who represents Whitehouse in his lawsuit alleging a priest molested him, said he found it "outrageous" that Arseneault would contact a sitting judge.

"I thought him contacting her was outrageous and really dangerous in putting the judge in a very uncompromising position that then required her to disclose it," he said.

Abramson said Arseneault "knew the suits were filed."

At the same time, however, Abramson said he has no problem with Conboy continuing to handle the Whitehouse case.

"I really have a lot of faith in her being willing to give both sides a very fair shake, which is all we ask," he said.

Attorney James E. Higgins, who represents Bishop John B. McCormack, said yesterday that his client does not object to Conboy continuing to preside in the case.

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— Hillsborough County Superior Court Judge Carol Ann Conboy

that an announcement to the parish would be forthcoming.

"Neither I nor my husband are currently members of the Sacred Heart parish council and neither of us will be involved in any meetings between the diocese and the lay leadership of the parish. To the extent that allegations against Aime Boisselle are connected to any litigation, it is my intent to recuse myself from such litigation," she wrote.

The judge concluded that the information she disclosed did not require her recusal from the Whitehouse litigation.

However, she asked that the parties address the disclosures in their written responses to a previous disclosure she wrote on May 8.

In that document titled, "Court's Notification," she disclosed that she is a Roman Catholic, that she and her husband are members of Sacred Heart Church and that she had been a regular lector there.

Several years ago, she said, her husband, Bernard J. Conboy, was a member of and vice president of the church's parish council. And in the fall of 2001, she wrote, she contacted the diocese requesting general information regarding female altar servers.

In the past, she said, she had participated as a reader at the 10:4 Mass conducted at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester and is a member of the Catholic

Conboy disclosed the telephone conversation in a court document dated May 16 and titled, "Addendum to Court's Notification."

In it, she said that Father Arseneault had called her "as a courtesy" to advise her that allegations had been made against Father Boisselle. Father Arseneault, she wrote, did not describe the nature of the allegations.

Conboy wrote that he said there was to be a meeting with the lay leadership of the parish concerning the allegations and

Lawyers Guild of New Hampshire.

In 1996, Conboy presided over another civil suit filed against the church and the Rev. Gordon MacRae. He was sentenced to up to 67 years in prison on a 1994 rape conviction.

Abramson represented three Keene brothers who alleged MacRae molested them. Higgins was the attorney defending the diocese.

The diocese settled the lawsuit, but only after Judge Conboy ruled that the six-year statute of limitations hadn't begun to run until the victims became emotionally aware of the harm that was done to them.

"She did a superb job in the Grover case," Abramson said. The settlement is confidential.

Whitehouse, who resides in Rochester, filed his lawsuit against the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester Inc. in Hillsborough County Superior Court in Manchester on April 22.

He alleges the church failed to protect him from abuse by the Rev. Paul J. Aube when the priest was assigned to the Holy Rosary Church in Rochester from 1979 to 1986.

Abramson said when Whitehouse was a child he was repeatedly sexually assaulted in the rectory.

Whitehouse alleges that Aube first befriended him as a child, did favors for him, gave him alcohol and then sexually assaulted him.

Priest's parish assignments detailed

Boisselle served in Manchester at time of alleged abuse

The Associated Press Manchester

A Roman Catholic priest who resigned last week from a Concord parish served at St. Marie Church in Manchester during the period he is accused of sexually molesting three teenage boys, according to church directories.

The Rev. Arme Boisselle, who resigned from Sacred Heart Church last Friday, is accused of molesting the boys during the early 1960s. Boisselle had been minister at Sacred Heart for 21 years.

No criminal charges have been filed, and officials at the Diocese of Manchester said no civil lawsuits have

been filed that name Boisselle.

Bishop John McCormack came to Sacred Heart on Sunday to tell parishioners Boisselle had resigned after the alleged victims spoke with officials at the diocese.

McCormack said he did not know where Boisselle had served during the time of the alleged abuse.

According to *The Union Leader* of Manchester, Boisselle was ordained in 1959. His first assignment in New Hampshire was at St. John the Baptist in Suncook in 1962.

In 1963 and 1964, Boisselle is listed on the pastoral staff at St. Marie and as a resident at the Suncook church, according to church directories. From 1965 through 1967,

he was assigned to St. Marie, which had co-ed elementary and high schools, both run by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary.

In 1968 and 1969, he was assigned to St. Joseph Church in Berlin. In 1970 he was director of St. Kathryn Church in Hudson, and in 1971 he spent a year at St. Edmund in Manchester.

From 1972 to 1980, he was at St. Augustine parish in Manchester. In 1981, he went to Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart and St. Kathryn were the only parishes where he served that did not have schools. All the rest had co-ed schools.

Boisselle is one of nearly 50 New Hampshire priests accused of molesting children since the attorney general's office began investigating clergy abuse in February.

Accused priest served at Ste. M

■ Three allege Rev. Boisselle sexually abused them when they were teens. ULS/21027A

By KATHARINE McQUAID
Union Leader Staff

Church directories show Concord priest Aime Boisselle was on the pastoral staff at Ste. Marie Church in Manchester during the early 1960s when three men claim they were sexually abused by the Roman Catholic priest at a Manchester parish.

Patrick McGee, spokesman for the Catholic Diocese of Manchester could not confirm yesterday whether the abuse occurred at Ste. Marie Church.

Boisselle, 71, resigned from his position at Sacred Heart Church in Concord on Friday

after the three men came forward to the diocese the previous Tuesday and accused Boisselle of sexually molesting them while they were in their early teens.

Yesterday, McGee said no civil charges had been filed by Boisselle's accusers and none are anticipated. He said this is the first sexual abuse complaint the diocese ever received about Boisselle, who has served at Sacred Heart for 21 years.

"I believe that the people who brought forth their complaint, it was not their intention to pursue any civil charges," McGee said.

McGee said he could not comment on whether Boisselle had admitted to the complaints.

He said because Boisselle's accusers are adults, state statutes do not require the diocese to go to authorities with the charges. But a review board at the diocese will conduct its own investigation into the complaints.

If Boisselle hadn't opted to resign, said McGee, he would have been placed on administrative leave while the investigation was conducted.

"He has no permission to function as a priest at this time," McGee said.

According to church directories, Boisselle was ordained in 1959 and his first assignment within the diocese was in 1962 at St. John the Baptist in Suncook. That church had a co-ed school run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

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Boisselle is listed as the director of St. Kathryn Church in Hudson in 1970 and is listed at St. Edmund parish in Manchester in 1971. The latter parish had a co-ed school run by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary.

From 1972 through 1980, Boisselle was listed at St. Augustine parish in Manchester. That church had a co-ed school run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

And from 1981 until his resignation, Boisselle served at Sacred Heart Parish in Concord. The church has no school, only religious education classes.

In 1996, Boisselle told police he had a drinking problem after he had his wallet, jewelry, church keys and car stolen by a man he met in Terrill Park in Concord.

Police at the time said Boisselle met the stranger while he was drinking heavily at the park, and later brought the man back to the Sacred Heart rectory at 52 Pleasant St. The priest later passed out and discovered the robbery when he woke the next morning.

McGee said he does not know where Boisselle has gone since his resignation from Sacred Heart, but said the diocese remains responsible for his financial support.

"He's eligible for retirement anyway," McGee said.

McCormack spoke to Sacred Heart parish at its Saturday evening and Sunday morning

Masses this weekend, where he explained Boisselle's departure and asked parish members to pray for him and the men making the allegations.

"I am mindful that this is shocking and difficult news to bear. And he (Boisselle) asked me to thank you for all that you . . . have done to support him in ministry. He's deeply grateful for your love for him and the support you have given him," McCormack said during Sunday's Mass.

McCormack also told the congregation that Boisselle's accusers had written a letter to the parish that would be shared with them in the coming weeks. Yesterday, McGee said he did not know whether the names of the accusers would be listed on the letter.

Sacred Heart parishioner of 22 years Constance Tousignant said she was surprised to hear of the allegations against Boisselle.

"Frankly, I don't have a judgment on it and I don't think we can have a judgment on anything until we really know facts," she said.

She said it is important to remember that for every priest who doesn't fulfill his ministry, there are hundreds of others who are completely dedicated.

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Aime A. Boisselle
52 Pleasant St.
Concord, NH 03301

Most Rev. John McCormack
Bishop of Manchester
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Manchester, NH 03105

by hand 03/15/02
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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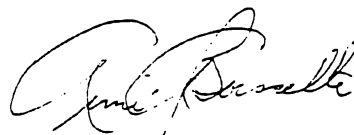
Dear Bishop:

After prayerful anger and reflection, I respectfully request you to accept my resignation as pastor of Sacred Heart Church, effective immediately.

I have been very happy as a priest serving the Diocese of Manchester. And you have contributed to this and I thank you.

Please accept my retirement.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Aime A. Boisselle

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Complaint -



On May 31st, the rectory at Sacred Heart Church, Concord was robbed by a young man in his early twenties named Kyle Perreault, originally from Franklin.

He was apprehended by the police early in the morning about 4 A.M. and when they arrived at the rectory they found the door open and Fr. Boisselle asleep in the bedroom. They reported finding many homosexual materials lying around the bedroom and noticing that the bed appeared to have been slept in on both sides, e.g. two full ashtrays, two different kinds of cigarettes. They reported all this to the Dean, Fr. William Quirk who relayed the message to Bishop Mulvee.

Fr. Boisselle stated that he had given the young man a place to stay for the night and had been unaware of the robbery until the police arrived. He was unaware of what the police saw in the bed room and stated that in conscience he could not press charges for the robbery of what was only his personal effects.

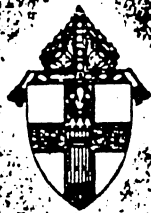
[REDACTED] later told police that he had been staying at the rectory for four days and had been engaging in homosexual relationships with Fr. Boisselle. He repeated this story a couple of days later to Fr. Quirk the dean. He also stated that prior to his coming to the rectory, another young man had been there for four weeks. He stated as well that an orgy had been planned for a few days later and a person he would provide and another priest known as Fr. Dave.

On June 5th, Fr. Christian, the Chancellor, went to see Fr. Boisselle. Fr. Boisselle was obviously under great emotional strain and broke into tears several times during the interview. He denied any homosexual involvement but agreed that he had been imprudent in placing himself in a compromising situation. Fr. Christian stated that, while he was not accusing Fr. Boisselle of anything, he simply wanted him to understand the consequences of what he had done. He indicated that if [REDACTED] or any other person made a public charge, even if it was a lie, it would make it very difficult for the Bishop not to respond publicly in some fashion perhaps even suspension. I reminded him that any sort of public scandal would make it very difficult for him to function as a priest in the Diocese. I also warned him about the possibility of a lawsuit from either a young man or his family, again even if it was based on lies.

At the conclusion of the interview he was frightened, but grateful for my pointing all these things out to him.

While it is possible that [REDACTED] story was a lie, given other similar problems in Fr. Boisselle's past, it would seem that there was some fire under all the smoke in this case. Fr. Boisselle is now at least aware of the "suspicions" of the Diocese and of the potential ramifications of his problem.

The police in Concord have listed the crime as only a robbery and have not officially recored anything else about [REDACTED] story.



CHANCERY OFFICE

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MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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June 10th, 1981

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

Rev. Aime A. Boisselle
Sacred Heart Church
52 Pleasant St.
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Aime:

I hope that you had a pleasant retreat and that it has helped you to put behind you the difficult emotional experience of the robbery. I know that, given your fatigue, it was difficult for you to bear. Perhaps the retreat has helped with the fatigue as well.

After reflecting on our conversation of June 5th, I became more and more convinced that it is most necessary for you to begin creating with Dr. Lambert again as soon as you can. I firmly believe that, given the emotional and physical strain of the last few months, it would be good for you to share everything with him so that he can assist you to sort out your feelings and get things back into the right priority.

I would request, then, that you make arrangements to see him as soon as you can. Your priestly talents and dedication are so great that you must do everything you can to make sure you can continue to use them fully and beneficially.

In closing, let me assure you of my prayers for you and my willingness to be of any further help I can now or in the future.

Fraternally in Christ,

Francis J. Christian
Chancellor



CHANCERY OFFICE
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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

June 10, 1981

Dr. Rene Lambert
388 Wilson St.
Manchester,
N.H. 03103

Dear Doctor Lambert:

Recently Father Aime A. Boisselle experienced a robbery at his rectory which has caused him severe mental and emotional strain. It was made worse by the fact that it was done by a young man to whom he had offered hospitality.

I have spoken with Father Boisselle and found him very close to the edge of his emotional limits, and, as a result, I have encouraged him to see you again as soon as he finishes the retreat he has made during the past week. I enclose, for your confidential information only, a copy of the letter I have written to him and a summary of the events leading up to the robbery.

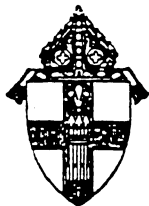
Trusting that you will be able to assist Fr. Boisselle as you have in the past, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Francis J. Christian
Chancellor

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Complaint -



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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November 8, 1983

I met today with [REDACTED]
He is a Junior at Notre Dame College and was referred to me by one of the nuns there.

He reported that on Friday, November 4, he was passing through Concord and decided to stop to go to confession. He went to Sacred Heart rectory by chance and met Fr. Aime Boisselle. He relates that Fr. Boisselle invited him in, immediately went upstairs and changed into lay clothes, and then returned to hear his confession. [REDACTED] indicates that he has a sensitive conscience and also that his faith and his respect for priests has always been great. This explains why Fr. Boisselle was able to control him in what follows.

After confession, Fr. Boisselle invited him to stay for a drink, and in the course of their conversation indicated all of his problems. He kept giving [REDACTED] alcohol (which [REDACTED] knows he shouldn't have accepted but hated to refuse because he didn't want to offend a priest), and eventually got him drunk. During this time he began showing him pictures mostly of nearly nude males.

When [REDACTED] realized he couldn't drive home, Father offered him a bed. Before long he was there undressing [REDACTED] and eventually leading him to have sex with him. [REDACTED] claims that nothing like this has ever happened to him before. He felt very manipulated and not in control because of the alcohol, but has subsequently gone to confession again. He wanted to see someone from the Diocese because he thinks that Father Boisselle needs help, and also because he doesn't want to see this happen to someone else. He agreed to let me use his name to do whatever needs to be done.

I was favorably impressed by [REDACTED] sincerity and, while leaving the door open to hear the other side of the story, can find no reason why [REDACTED] should lie or how he would gain by falsifying this story.

Rev. Francis J. Christian, Chancellor

November 15, 1983

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Rene Lambert
388 Wilson Street
Manchester, NH 03103

Dear Dr. Lambert:

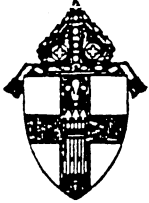
Enclosed, for your information, please find copies of the reports of my meetings with [REDACTED] and Father Aime Boisselle regarding the alleged seduction of Mr. [REDACTED] by Father Boisselle. As you can see, Father Boisselle admits some homosexual contact between them, but denies that he was directly responsible. Obviously, it is difficult to arrive at the truth of this matter. It does strike me, however, that Mr. [REDACTED] had nothing to gain by coming to the Chancery with his information, and was very concerned that we help Father Boisselle so that the same sort of thing would not occur to someone else in the future. I think it only fair to point out that Father Boisselle was robbed two years ago by a man who had been staying at the rectory and, according to police reports, sleeping in Father Boisselle's bed. This fact, along with other indications of the past, would seem to clearly point out that Father Boisselle does have a problem with his sexuality. Furthermore, it would appear that at times his lack of control leads him into blatant behavior which jeopardizes not only him but his ability to function fruitfully as a priest.

In my meeting with Father Boisselle I expressed the concern of the Diocese for him so that he can function happily and effectively as a priest since his talents and dedication are certainly outstanding. I did indicate to him that the Diocese was requiring him to deal directly with his sexual problem in therapy with you, and that he was to grant to you the permission to make known to the Bishop his progress in this area. Since Father Boisselle was in a highly emotional state when he left me, it is my hope that he will make an appointment with you in the near future. If he does not make and keep such an appointment within three weeks, will you please kindly notify this office.

Thanking you for your kind assistance in this regard, I am

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Francis J. Christian
Chancellor



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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November 15, 1983

TO: File

RE: Rev. Aime A. Boisselle

On Monday, November 14th, Father Francis J. Christian, the Chancellor, met with Father Aime Boisselle in regard to the charges brought against him by [REDACTED], which are attached.

Father Boisselle admitted that there had been some homosexual activity between them. He felt, however, in contradiction to the testimony of the young man in question, that any seduction involved had actually been initiated by the young man. He later stated that the seduction probably was "the responsibility of both of them".

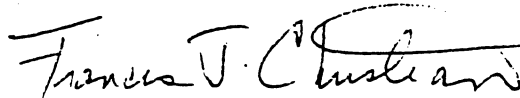
In response to Father Christian's question, Father Boisselle admitted that he had heard the young man's confession first (this allegedly was the purpose of the young man's presence at the rectory), but that he was morally sure that the subsequent sexual activity was not based on the confession and had no connection with it.

Father Christian expressed his concern for Father Boisselle and pointed out that he was jeopardizing seriously his own personal and legal safety by not being in control of this part of his life. He pointed out that the robbery which had taken place two years previously by a young man that had been in the rectory was a case in point. Father Christian also pointed out that it would appear that there is a history of this type of problem that Father Boisselle must come to grips with. Upon questioning Father Boisselle indicated that he had been trying to deal with the problem with Dr. Lambert. Father Christian indicated that this attempt at control would have to be intensified. He told Father Boisselle that in order to protect Father Boisselle himself and the Diocese he was going to take the following steps:

1. Prepare a written letter to Dr. Lambert explaining the gist of the most recent problem, and indicating to Dr. Lambert that Father Boisselle was to directly and clearly bring into therapy the whole area of his sexual problem.

2. Father Boisselle would be asked to allow Dr. Lambert, on occasion, to be in touch with Bishop Gendron to assure him that the problem continued to be properly discussed and to indicate whether or not some degree of control was resulting.

Father Boisselle's reaction to all of this varied. He was at times quite angry, at times quite emotionally overwrought. Upon leaving, he indicated that he never should have become a priest, that he has known for years that this was a wrong decision, and that it's brought him nothing but pain and difficulty. Father Christian tried to assure him of his many talents and of the good work that he in fact is doing. Upon leaving the office, however, his emotional state was not good. Father Christian encouraged him to be in touch with Dr. Lambert immediately.



Rev. Francis J. Christian, Chancellor

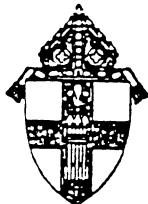
On December 15, 1983, I called Dr. Rene Lambert to inquire whether Fr. Aime Boisselle had made an appointment with him as I requested to discuss the problems surrounding his sexuality, specifically as regards the case of [REDACTED]. Dr. Lambert informed me that he had not seen Fr. Boisselle yet and had no indication of an appointment having been made.

On December 16, 1983, I spoke with Father Boisselle. I reminded him that I had asked him to see Dr. Lambert within three weeks of our meeting and that he had not yet done so. He assured me that he would set up an appointment immediately after the holidays. I told him that we considered his problem a serious one and, that out of concern for him and the difficulties he could cause himself, it was absolutely essential that he start treating in regard to it. He agreed to do so.

Francis J. Christian
Chancellor

ON January 5, 1984 I spoke with Dr. Lambert. He indicated that Fr. Boisselle had in fact met with him recently and had another appointment scheduled. He stated that the question of homosexuality was being discussed.

Francis J. Christian
Chancellor.



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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August 27, 1985

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Richard Gilmartin
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Dear Dr. Gilmartin:

I write in response to your inquiry regarding Father Aime A. Boisselle, who will be undergoing a psychological assessment with your staff from September 17 through September 20. I am pleased to offer the following comments regarding Father Boisselle, and certainly have no objection to your sharing them with him.

Father Boisselle was born in 1923 and ordained in 1959. When he has been in good health he has always proven himself to be a very capable and effective priest. He enjoys the reputation of being an excellent preacher and a sensitive counselor. He has a warm personality, and combined with his other talents, has been very successful in his ministry unless impeded by ill health.

Over the years Father Boisselle has been subject to periods of depression, some of them quite severe, requiring his hospitalization. He spent several months at Seton Institute in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1971. He was hospitalized again for a period of several weeks in the Mary Hitchcock Psychiatric Center in Hanover several years ago, and most recently was again at the Mary Hitchcock Center for a period of approximately a week and a half this past month. Since his hospitalization in 1971, he has treated off and on over the years with several psychiatrists, and has at times managed to continue to function only with difficulty and at great personal emotional cost. It would appear that at times these depressions have been brought on by simple overwork and at other times by family or personal problems. In the most recent serious episode Father Boisselle experienced a manic phase which was a source of great alarm to the Diocese, to his priest friends, and to his relatives. He lost a substantial amount of weight during this time of difficulty. It is not clear to me, but seems probable, that over the years Father Boisselle has not always followed the recommendations of his doctors regarding medication. At times it appears that he went long periods of time between seeing his doctors and being monitored for medication levels. It is probable that Father Boisselle has believed in the past that he knows as much, if not more than, the doctors about his condition.

Dr. Richard Gilmartin

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August 27, 1985

One specific problem that has continued to occur over the years is that of homosexuality. On at least two specific instances in the last several years I have personally met with Father Boisselle to discuss the serious ramifications of this problem. I include for your information the transcripts of those meetings. While it is not clear to me whether such instances are a result of or in some way the cause of Father Boisselle's depressions, I would draw your attention specifically to comments he made to me at our meeting of November 15th, 1983. In a highly emotional state, he stated that he knows he should never have become a priest and has known this for years. Given the painful nature of these discussions, it is possible that this statement was only the result of Father Boisselle's feelings at that time. I raise it for your information simply in the possibility that the choice of vocation has been part of Father Boisselle's problem over the years.

There are several priests in the diocese to whom Father Boisselle has turned for comfort and consolation during the most serious of his emotional problems. These priests have generally been very supportive in many ways, and want only what is good for Father Boisselle. I can assure you that the Diocese would like nothing better than to see Father able to isolate and control more successfully the causes for his periodic problems. Given his successes in ministry, he has much to offer the Diocese and the people of God in many ways.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Francis J. Christian
Chancellor

Enclosure

August 10, 1992

Mrs. Joan C. Thorn
Administrator
St. Michael's Community
13270 Maple Drive
St. Louis, MO 63127-1999

Dear Mrs. Thorn:

I write in response to your inquiry requesting the presenting problems of Father Aime A. Boisselle, who will be undergoing evaluation with your staff once he finishes his thirty day program at Hyland Center.

Father Boisselle was born in 1923, and ordained in 1959. When he has been in good health he has always proven himself to be a very capable and effective priest. He enjoys the reputation of being an excellent preacher and a sensitive counselor. He has a warm personality, and combined with other qualities has been very successful in his ministry unless impeded by ill health. Over the years Father Boisselle has been subject to periods of depression, some of them quite severe, requiring his hospitalization. He spent several months at Seton Institute in Baltimore, Maryland in 1971. He was hospitalized on two separate occasions separated by several years at The Mary Hitchcock Psychiatric Center in Hanover in the early and mid '80s. Subsequent to those hospitalizations he has treated off and on with several psychiatrists.

During these last years he has become more and more isolated from his priest friends, a situation which has caused him great pain. The isolation has come about because of his heavy drinking and subsequent homosexual solicitation even when he has been on vacation with these other men. He tends to blame the isolation, however, on the fact that he objected to their excessive gambling and they rejected him as a result. He blames the rejection and sense of isolation for his increased drinking and the attendant problems it brings. Whatever the cause and effect relationship, there is no doubt that in the past Father Boisselle has misused alcohol and been subject to apparently uncontrolled homosexual encounters. I personally was involved in at least two instances of his bringing young adults into the rectory in Concord for homosexual liaisons. The subsequent psychiatric counseling which the Diocese required seems to have been only partially successful.

It came to our attention within the last month that he has once again fallen into heavy drinking and anonymous sexual encounters. He is using the rectory as a base of operations. It is possible that the recent death of his mother, combined with his alienation from priest friends, has triggered these events.

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It appears to me that Father Boisselle suffers a great deal from his awareness of his shortcomings, and perhaps even defines himself in light of them. He seems very well disposed to using this time in his life to truly come to grips with who he is and how he can more effectively live the life of a priest.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian
Secretary
Chancellor

May 16, 2002

Sacred Heart Parish
Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

Dear parishioners of Sacred Heart,

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

FILE:

Boisselle - Confidential

AUTHORIZED:

[Signature]

I have known Father Boisselle for forty years. As a young boy, I was very impressed by his enthusiasm, his sense of pride and his dedication to the parish. Placed in charge of the altar boys, he raised our sense of awareness of our responsibilities during mass. He was very charismatic and we took great pride in serving mass in our new surplices, which he got for us. I really looked up to him.

There existed another side of him, a less public side, which was not so praiseworthy and I experienced that side of him too. I sensed that it was wrong but because of my age and because of his notoriety I struggled with what was happening to me alone because I could not imagine anyone believing me. Besides which, I worshipped him too. And so, I held it inside of myself for a long time, almost a lifetime.

So why do you do this now after so long a time? Why come forward and make these ugly accusations after having lived with it for forty years, you might ask. Until very recently I firmly believed that I was alone in my experience with Father Boisselle, that I was unique in my situation. As news of others coming forward began to spread I became more troubled. My memories, so long suppressed, came welling back and I worried that there might be more like me. When someone else who had been similarly affected by him contacted me, I could no longer remain silent. I had to stop it from happening again.

I pray that our actions do not harm you, the parishioners of Sacred Heart. You have had your priest removed from your parish and I am sure that for some of you, this comes as a great shock. For my part in this, I am truly sorry. I urge you not to hate the church, nor to question your faith. The clergy with whom I have spoken have shown genuine remorse for what has happened and real concern for a healthy recovery from this dark chapter in the church's history. They will listen to you. Our lives are affected by grace and sin and our struggle between the two can best be summed up by the words which you will soon recite together, "...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

May God bless you.

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September 27, 2002

TO BE PICKED UP

Will Delker, Esq. Bureau Chief
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Department of Justice
State of New Hampshire
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

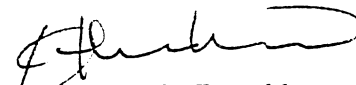
Re: Aime Boisselle file

Dear Will:

Enclosed please find a copy of Father Arsenault's file regarding Father Aime Boisselle.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

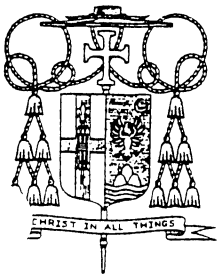
Very truly yours,



Gordon J. MacDonald

GJM:jsf
Enclosures

cc: David A. Vicinanza, Esq.
Fr. Edward Aresenault



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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May 17, 2002

Reverend Aimé A. Boisselle
52 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
FILE: Confidential + Religione
AUTHORIZED: [Signature]

Dear Father Boisselle,

I accept your resignation as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Concord, NH, effective immediately. I am mindful that the decision to resign as pastor is a difficult one and that the circumstances surrounding your resignation are significant and painful. Knowing how much your parishioners have appreciated your ministry, as do I, my hope is that this sense of gratitude is not lost by you.

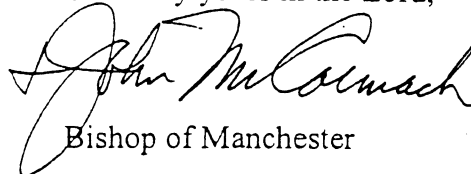
I am granting you retirement status as a priest of the Diocese of Manchester, effective immediately and I have asked Msgr. Quinn and Fr. Arsenault to work out the necessary administrative details with you regarding this status.

In light of the serious accusations of sexual misconduct with a minor that the Diocese has received about you, I am removing all your priestly faculties effective immediately. Likewise, you are not to wear clerical attire or present yourself publicly as a priest. I direct also that you refrain from any contact with minors while this matter is being investigated.

I want to be helpful to you, Aime. It is important that you remain in contact with me, Fr. Arsenault and Fr. Dumont in the days and weeks to come. I intend to notify the Bishop of Richmond, Virginia of your presence in his Diocese today.

You remain in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord grant you the gifts of His peace and consolation as you face these difficult days.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,


Bishop of Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>DATE OF ORDINATION</u>
BOISSELLE, Aime A.	4/14/33	5/23/59

COLLEGES ATTENDED: St. Mary, Baltimore
 ACADEMIC DEGREES: B.A.
 SEMINARIES ATTENDED: St. Thomas, Bloomfield, CT; St. Mary, Baltimore,
 MD
 PLACE OF ORDINATION: St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester, NH
 ORDAINING PRELATE: Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.D.

PARISH ASSIGNMENTS

Pittsfield, Our Lady of Lourdes.....	5/29/59
Suncook, St. John the Baptist.....	6/25/59
Manchester, St. Mary.....	9/18/62
Berlin, St. Joseph.....	9/20/67
Part-Time Teacher, Notre Dame High ...	10/18/67
Berlin, St. Joseph, Temp. Adm..... 3/1/68 to 3/1/68	
Hudson, St. Kathryn, Temp. Adm.....	10/ 8/69
Derry, St. Thomas Aquinas, Temp. A. P.	6/ 3/70
Manchester, St. Edmund, Temp. A. P.	12/16/70
Manchester, St. Augustine.....	11/10/71
Chaplain, Rencontre (3 yrs), residency and weekend ministry, Sacred Heart, Manchester.....	2/21/73
Resigned Chaplaincy 5/30/76	
Hudson, St. Kathryn PASTOR	3/10/76
Resigned Pastorate 6/16/76	
Nashua, St. Aloysius, Temp. A. P.	7/ 1/76
Manchester, Chaplain, La Rencontre, and weekend ministry, residency at Sacred Heart	10/15/76
Manchester, Coordinator of Relig. Activities, St. Jos. Jr. High, remainder of '77-'78 School Year, residency at St. Augustine	12/16/77
Hooksett, Holy Rosary, Adm.	10/ 3/79
Penacook, Immaculate Conception, Adm.	9/24/80
Concord, Sacred Heart, Adm.	11/12/80
PASTOR	3/ 6/81
Sick Leave	8/10/92 to 3/23/93
<i>Resigned Pastorate</i>	<i>5-15-02</i>

APPOINTMENTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS/ADDITIONAL MINISTRY

Clergy Consultant, Court St. Thomas Aquinas, CDA, Derry (3 yrs.)
 10/1/70

August 28, 2002

Reverend Aime Boisselle
18443 Robinson Avenue
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Dear Aime,

I hope that this letter finds you well and settled into a comfortable environment in Florida. Pete Dumont gave me an update after his visit with you and indicated, all things being equal, that you are faring well. Please know that I keep you in my thoughts and prayers during these difficult days.

As you will recall from our discussions at Sacred Heart Rectory in Concord, I am responsible for finalizing an investigation of the accusations which were made against you. While I can appreciate that you chose not to respond to these accusations on the day which we met, I am in the process of finalizing my investigation and a report to the Diocesan Review Board. I do want to give you another opportunity to respond to these accusations, mindful that you may choose not to do so. If you choose not to respond to the accusations, I would be grateful if you would commit this to writing.

There has not been much progress in the development of a clear standard for the canonical status of priests accused of sexual misconduct with a minor. The Bishops' Conference is still awaiting recognition from the Holy See for the norms associated with the Charter which they offered in June 2002. I am mindful that the vague status associated with your circumstances right now is also a source of consternation. Upon the conclusion of my investigation and recommendation to the Diocesan Review Board, I expect that they will make a recommendation to Bishop McCormack regarding the credibility of the accusations. At that time, it will be important for you and me to be in dialogue with Bishop McCormack about the future.

Aime, although I bear the difficult burden of administering this policy, I hope you know that I remain concerned for your welfare as well. We are doing all we can to work with the adults who have made these complaints and to be a source of support to them as well. Please know that I think of you often and pray for you each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Delegate of the Bishop

file

Joseph Naff

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From: Farrell, Patricia [PFarrell@RCBM.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2002 8:18 AM
Subject: Letter to File



EJA memorandum to
file 05.14....

Joe, here is a letter to file that I just finished on Father Boisselle. I think there is probably more on the tape, he indicates he wrote a letter to [REDACTED] I'll get to the rest this morning. <<EJA memorandum to file 05.14.02.doc>>


Joseph Naff

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From: Arsenault, Rev. Edward [EArsenault@RCBM.org]
Friday, May 24, 2002 4:45 PM
'jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org'
Subject: Victim contact

Joe,

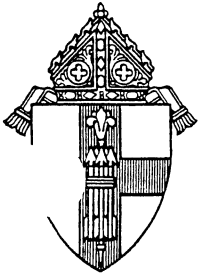
Would you contact the following gentleman who made reports regarding Fr. Boisselle about meeting with you if they would like to:


I am going to try to make arrangements for them to see Bishop McCormack the first week of June.

PS Have Pat Farrell give you a copy of my report on his report to me next week. Thanks. The other two gentlemen will be ready to talk to you soon, I hope.

EJA

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TO: File

FROM: Father Edward Arsenault
Delegate to the Bishop 

RE: Father Aime Boisselle

DATE: 24 May 2002

I received a telephone call this afternoon from Attorney David Vicinanza indicating that he had a conversation with a woman (who wishes to remain anonymous but whose identity he knows) regarding a concern that she had about a past report regarding the conduct of Father Boisselle. Specifically, this woman recalled making a report in 1995 or 1996 regarding Father Boisselle and a young visitor to his home. At my request Attorney Vicinanza asked the woman to call me herself.

Later that same afternoon I spoke to a woman who wishes to remain anonymous at this time regarding a report that she made as noted above. In this report she recalls observing a "young teenager" in the kitchen of Sacred Heart Rectory at approximately 1:00 a.m. in the morning with the house lit up and he was wearing (at least no shirt). At the time she was concerned enough about this that she chose to report the matter to a priest at Saint the Evangelist Parish in Concord. After a long discussion, it became clear to me that she had made her report to Father Dennis Broussard. She claims that Father Broussard followed up with her and indicated that Father Boisselle had been confronted with her report and insisted that the person whom she had observed was an adult. The woman also reported her concerns to DCYF at the time and they indicated to her that they could not follow through without adequate proof regarding her claim.

The woman explained that she is particularly concerned that the Diocese has represented itself as having "never received a report regarding Father Boisselle and misconduct with a minor". While she understands that the report, which she made, resulted in Father Boisselle indicating that the person was an adult, she stands by the fact that she did make a report about her concerns regarding a minor. I

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indicated to her that I would follow up with her upon my return after a brief vacation. She and I agreed that we would speak (she needs to call me to remain anonymous) the week of 10 June 2002.

After some further conversations with Father Broussard, Father Dumont, Monsignor Watson and Bishop Christian, I surmised the following. It appears that Father Broussard took this woman's report and contacted the Diocesan Administration. At the time, Bishop Leo O'Neil was away and (then) Monsignor Christian took the call and indicated to Father Broussard that he would follow-up on it. Monsignor Christian contacted Father Dumont as the Concord Dean and asked him to see Father Boisselle regarding the report. Father Dumont recalled quite specifically speaking with Father Boisselle, who was very upset by the report, and indicated that the person was an adult (approximately 27 or 28 years old) and that there was not a relationship between them. In fact, Father Boisselle indicated that the man was his cousin. Father Dumont recalls counseling Father Boisselle to be careful about the hour and the level of dress that anyone is in on the first floor of the rectory. Father Dumont reported this information back to Monsignor Christian who then reported it to Father Broussard who presumably followed up with the woman who made the complaint.

It is apparent that there may have been a verbal report in 1995 or 1996. I have made a note of this information and will follow up with the woman noted above. For the record, I have reason to believe that the person who is making this report is a print journalist in the Greater Manchester area.

Brisselle

2:30 pm (05/24/02) Thursday night

several yrs. ago 95-97 called K. John
to complain about AB spoke to
Fr. Brissaud

- young teenage in kitchen window
@ 1:00 am "house lit up"

- reported to DCYF
without proof could not
follow through

will speak
to right channels

Brissaud → +FJC/ILEO

Demont - Sumcode

NO
(and that they heard
a "liaison")

asked to see AB by +FJC, ILEO

- universal, not illegal
Fr. Brissaud unhappy
w/ this behavior too

no liaison - was an adult

warned about behavior

Brissaud

hauled verbally

- was a relative over 18
- "woman a busy body" +FJC
- no liaison she
implied "what about
the moral"

believes it
was a miracle

2/27/28

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EJA

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*ford. to Fr. Neumont
in Concord*

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

May 20, 2002

Most Reverend John McCormack
Diocese of Manchester
P.O. Box 310
Manchester, NH 03105-0310


Dear Bishop McCormack:

I enclose a letter for our former pastor Fr. Aime Boisselle. Would you please forward it to him as I don't know where he is. I hope you do! You may read it if you wish or if you feel it is necessary for his peace of mind, etc.

As far as I'm concerned, I believe that these accusations should be dealt with in private. We have all committed sins--especially in our youth--that we aren't proud of and wouldn't want aired out in public.

Well, this so-called Church scandal is a far more complicated issue than meets the eye, I know. I pray for you and for the Church. I'm sure that the Church will turn out stronger and better after this tribulation is over.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



May 20, 2002

Dear Fr. Boisselle:

We were saddened, of course, to hear about the accusations which involved you many years ago. However, like you advised me at confession once, we can't keep harping on the past. We have to live in the present.

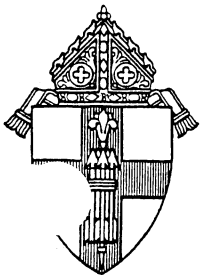
My mother has just become a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church as of Pentecost. On our way home from Mass, we were discussing the fact that each one of us has committed sins that we wouldn't want to have aired out in public.

King David and St. Peter have their sins printed in the Bible for all generations to read about. But God said that David was a man after His own heart, and we know how much Our Lord loved Peter.

Thank you for all the years of commitment and hard work that you put into our parish at Sacred Heart Church. I know that many people will have good memories of you as our pastor.

Sincerely,





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TO: File

FROM: Father Edward Arsenault *EJ*

RE: Father Aime Boisselle - Victim Update

DATE: 16 May 2002

I spoke with [REDACTED] and reported to them what the response of Father Boisselle was to their accusations. I shared with them that he had resigned as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Concord and was placed on administrative leave pending the conclusion of my investigation. Each of the men was grateful for the manner in which the Diocese handled this matter. I indicated to them that Bishop McCormack was willing to meet with them and [REDACTED] indicated that he is interested in doing so as soon as possible. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] would like to do so but were not as anxious as [REDACTED]. I also indicated to them that I would be grateful if they would consider speaking to Mr. Joe Naff in my office as I thought that his services might be helpful to them. They each indicated that they would be willing to consider doing so but were not ready to do so immediately.

[REDACTED] called back and indicated shortly thereafter and indicated that he was in fact interested in hearing from Mr. Naff. I indicated that I would have Mr. Naff contact him directly.

Aime A. Boisselle
52 Pleasant St.
Concord, NH 03301

Most Rev. John McCormack
Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, NH 03105

by hand 03/15/02
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
FILE personnel - confidential J.A.
AUTHORIZED: J.A.

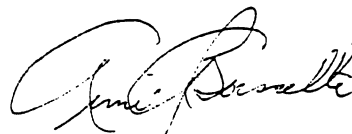
Dear Bishop:

After prayerful anger and reflection, I respectfully request you to accept my resignation as pastor of Sacred Heart Church, effective immediately.

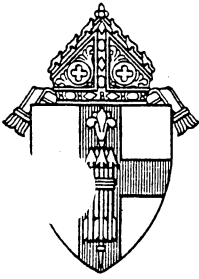
I have been very happy as a priest serving the Diocese of Manchester. And you have contributed to this and I thank you.

Please accept my retirement.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Aime A. Boisselle



Diocese of Manchester

Reverend Edward J. Arsenault
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TO: File

FROM: Father Edward Arsenault *EJA*

RE: Father Aime Boisselle

DATE: 15 May 2002

I met with Father Aime Boisselle at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Rectory in Concord, New Hampshire. I presented myself, along with Father Peter Dumont, to meet with Father Boisselle and indicated to him that I had some difficult news to share with him and that I had invited Father Dumont to join us because I understood him to be a confidant of Father Boisselle. I asked Father Boisselle whether he would want Father Dumont to remain present while I shared this news with him and he indicated that he would like him to do so.

I explained the substance of the Diocesan Policy on Sexual Misconduct in my role as the Delegate of the Bishop. I indicated to Father Boisselle that his conversations with me were part of an administrative process and that although I wished to be as supportive of him as possible that I could not hold any of our discussions in confidence. I further indicated to him that I would make a report to Bishop McCormack and that Father Boisselle ought to bear in mind during our discussions that he had the right to civil and canonical counsel and that he ought not incriminate himself in responding to my concerns. I recounted the accusations in summary form and indicated to him that he would have an opportunity to reply to these. At the conclusion of my presentation of the accusations Father Boisselle that he was not in a position to respond to the accusations at this time.

I explained to Father Boisselle that during the period of investigating these accusations the policy requests that he request administrative leave from Bishop McCormack. Father Boisselle indicated that he would like to reflect on this and talk to Father Dumont but he was inclined to resign as Pastor and request permission to retire. Father Boisselle further indicated to me that he knew he had to leave the rectory and asked when he needed to do so. I indicated that he could stay in the

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rectory through Friday, 17 May 2002. When I asked him where he intended to reside and if he needed assistance in finding a place to reside, he indicated to me that he intended to leave the area and to live with family on a temporary basis. I expressed my concern that Father Boisselle is in touch with Bishop McCormack and me so that we had a way to be in contact with him and to offer some level of support and supervision. Father Boisselle was not particularly interested in maintaining any contact with Bishop McCormack or me but indicated that he would discuss the matter with Father Dumont.

I spoke with Father Boisselle later the same day by telephone at which time he indicated that he had decided to resign as pastor and request retirement status immediately. He further indicated to me that this was a very difficult and emotional decision for him and I expressed my concern for how he was doing. He indicated that he was fine and grateful for my support and that of Father Dumont. I reiterated my hope that Father Boisselle would meet with Bishop McCormack and he indicated that he would think about doing so on Friday, 17 May 2002 prior to leaving the area.

On Wednesday, 15 May 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Father Dumont and I met with the lay leadership at Sacred Heart Parish in Concord. He and I informed them of the accusations and of Father Boisselle's response and request to resign as pastor and for permission to retire. I indicated to the people that Bishop McCormack intended to come to the parish that weekend but that we thought a consultation with them regarding how to notify the parish was important. Several details were discussed and the decision was made that the lay leaders of the parish would send a letter to the faithful of the parish announcing the information and that Bishop McCormack would be coming to the parish that weekend.

When Father Dumont and I left the meeting I asked him to see if Father Boisselle would be interested in having a cup of coffee with me the following morning to discuss how he was doing.

I met with Father Boisselle on Thursday, 16 May 2002 for approximately 30 minutes. We exchanged some pleasantries and had a quick conversation regarding his disposition in light of all of the difficult news. We did not discuss many details except to finalize the arrangements for him to see Bishop McCormack on Friday, 17 May 2002 at the Diocesan Administration Building. Father Boisselle repeated his

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gratitude to me for being so kind to him in the midst of a very difficult process.

On Friday, 17 May 2002 Father Boisselle met with Bishop McCormack in his office. Father Boisselle and I later met to discuss some details regarding his Medicare supplement insurance and retirement stipend. I indicated to him that I would need an address to be in contact with him regarding these details and he indicated that he would be in touch with Father Dumont to provide me with the same.

Crime

9:00 am

AB/CPD

*for process
for records*

for app. for reply

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- Concord, NH 03301
- 603 / 225 / 6942
- Fax 603/ 225/ 3526

to Bernice
C.C. home
774-5562

Rev. Aimé A. Boisselle
Pastor

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Weekend Masses

- Saturday 4:30 p.m. (English)
- Sunday 8:00 a.m. (French)
10:00 a.m. (English)

Holy Day Masses:

As listed inside.

Daily Masses: 8:00 a.m.

First Friday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Adoration 10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism:

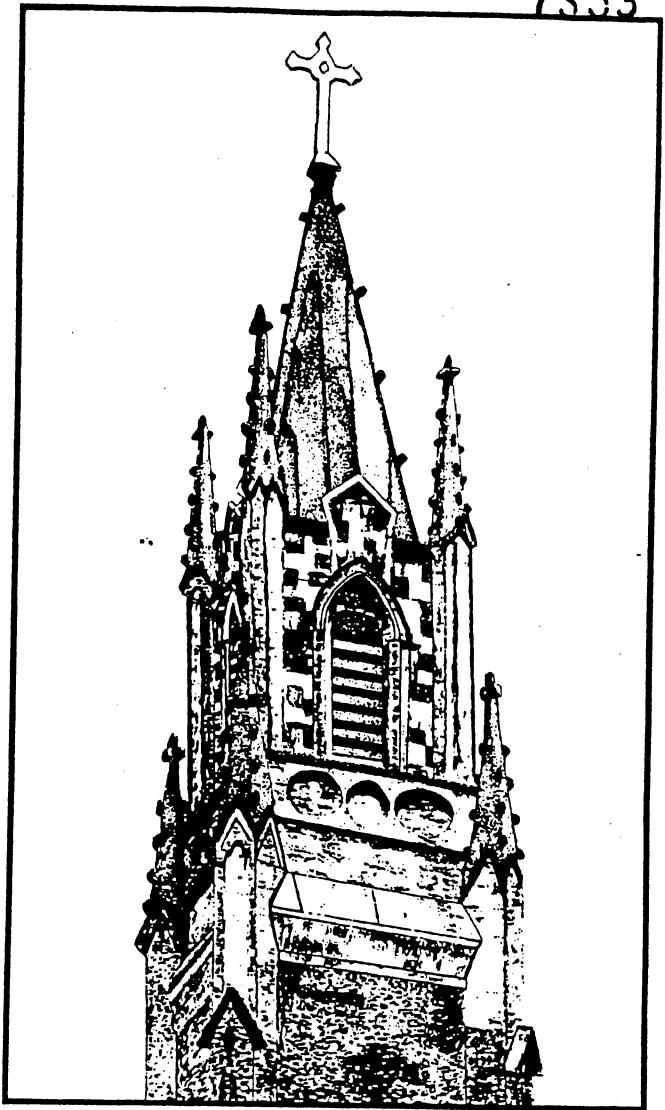
Arranged by calling the rectory for appointment.
Parents must be registered as parishioners.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Appointments must be made at least six months prior to the wedding
at least one party should be registered as a parishioner.

Communion to Shut-Ins:

Please contact the rectory if you or someone you know would like to have Communion brought to your home.



Parish Secretary Penelope Hollis - 225-7553

Director of Religious Education *David* Meg Pince- 225-3728

Liturgical Committee ✓ F. J. Milligan - 774-5514

Respect Life ✓ Alice Maltais - 225-2436

Building and Grounds Roland Boisvert - 224-1083

Organist ✓ Jeanne Gibbs - 934-3507

✓ Jim Herrick - 225-9391

R.C.I.A. Constance Tousignant - 224-2412

Eucharistic Ministers ✓ Paul Tousignant - 224-2412

Lectors ✓ Rita Breton - 225-2068

Caretaker and Maintenance ✓ Thomas Reed - 228-1287

Vinzanzo

Parish Registration:

New parishioners should register as soon as possible. If you are moving, please notify us.

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

OFFICE OF THE DELEGATE

REQUEST FOR RESPONSE

Date Issued: 5/21/02

For Response to: [REDACTED]

Source: Telephone: 210-1208

Correspondence

Document enclosed

E-mail:

Referral Initiated By: Pat Farrell

Nature of Request: [REDACTED] was an altar boy under Father Chalifour when he was at St. John Baptist in Suncook. Father Boiselle came to St. John Baptist a couple years later and and [REDACTED] told Father Boiselle about Father Chalifour. Father Boiselle is a wonderful person and he cannot believe that Father Boiselle would do anything like that. Father Boiselle always treated him with dignity and helped him work through his experience with Father Chalifour.

Respondent: Joe Naff

Secretariat: NHCC _____ Department: Diocesan Counseling & Consulting

Response required by: Would like a call back

Disposition:

Please return this form to the Office of the Delegate with detailed response.

Parish leader mtg. - Wed. 05/15/02. 7:00 pm

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20 yrs. service

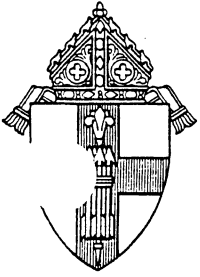
admin. leave - resignation

not depressed
to sister brother

✓✓

communication w/ Fr. Bosselle

children + parents



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TO: File

FROM: Father Edward Arsenault *EJA*

RE: Reverend Aime A. Boisselle

DATE: 14 May 2002

I met with the following gentlemen at Saint Pius X Rectory in Manchester, NH on Tuesday, 14 May 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Reverend Robert Gorski accompanied these men and was the initial pastoral contact for the issues, which they were reporting to me as Delegate of the Bishop. Our meeting lasted approximately two hours. The gentlemen's names and dates of births are as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] originally contacted Father Gorski regarding his concerns in light of the recent revelations regarding clergy sexual misconduct. He indicated that he had been assaulted by Father Aime Boisselle as a young boy at Saint Marie Parish in Manchester. He further indicated that he was in the process of making a decision about whether he wanted to do anything formally regarding his experience. He later told Father Gorski that he had contacted two other men and that he wished for Father Gorski to meet with them. Father Gorski did meet with all three men and the decision was made to meet with me this evening. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported that in 1963 or 1964 during a trip to Father Boisselle's family home in Berlin (with [REDACTED]), that [REDACTED] slept with Father Boisselle and was fondled by him. He indicated that [REDACTED] shared this with him [REDACTED] the next day. On a later camping trip in Bar Harbor, Maine, [REDACTED] recalls Father Boisselle rubbing his chest and eventually putting his hands in his pants. When [REDACTED] confronted Father Boisselle about this, Father Boisselle's excuse was that he "slipped". [REDACTED] also confronted Father Boisselle about what [REDACTED] had reported to him regarding his experience in Berlin. When [REDACTED] returned from the camping trip, he reported the matter to Father Ray Lapointe (deceased) who in turn told him that he would report this to Monsignor Chartier and "would take care of it". [REDACTED] reported that on several

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occasions while teaching him to drive, Father Boisselle would have [REDACTED] sit on his lap and would rub his back and fondle him. He indicated that on a visit to Father Boisselle's family home in Berlin that he was instructed to sleep in the same bed with Father Boisselle and not to wear his pajamas or any underwear. Father Boisselle was naked at the time. He recalls some discussion whether he was circumcised or not and recalls masturbating Father Boisselle at his direction. The next morning Father Boisselle apologized and indicated to him that he had never done anything like that before and on the way home to Manchester threatened to kill himself and [REDACTED] by crashing his automobile into an embankment. After this experience [REDACTED] seemed very disturbed to his parents and eventually Father LaPointe asked him what was wrong. When he explained to Father LaPointe what had happened, Father LaPointe apologized and told him that he would take care of the matter with Monsignor Chartier. [REDACTED] further indicated that it was not long after this that his relationship with Father Boisselle ended and that he observed Father Boisselle developing the same sort of relationship with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He felt shunned at this time by Father Boisselle. He also indicated that there was an occasion a few years later (in 1967, 1968) when [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] visited New York with Father Boisselle. He indicated that Father Boisselle got very drunk and took him and [REDACTED] to a gay bar and that they eventually had to take Father Boisselle home to the hotel because he was so drunk. [REDACTED] indicated that he had a longer relationship with Father Boisselle and what upset him most was that Father Boisselle ingratiated himself to his entire family. On the evening of Father Boisselle's father's funeral when he and his family attended the funeral mass and the meal following, his parents asked him to stay overnight with Father Boisselle and to accompany him home to Manchester the next day. He was instructed by Father Boisselle to sleep in the same bed as him and also was fondled by Father Boisselle and Father Boisselle had him masturbate him and he recalls that he ejaculated. [REDACTED] reported that he developed a relationship with Father Boisselle that was "love-hate" and that he traveled with him on several occasions. His parents developed a strong personal relationship with Father Boisselle and he would visit their family home on a regular basis. [REDACTED] recalls being put to bed after Father Boisselle's visits with his family and that Father Boisselle would spend twenty to thirty minutes when he was put to bed fondling him before leaving. [REDACTED] indicated that he has developed a warped sense of love as a result of this and that even as a young adult he was forced by his family to write cards and letters to Father Boisselle after he had been transferred from Saint Marie's Parish. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and it was Father Boisselle

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who brought him to the [REDACTED]. He indicated that the best part of going to the [REDACTED] was that he felt he was finally rid of Father Boisselle in his life.

After a great deal of discussion I explained to each of the gentlemen that I would be seeing Father Boisselle the next day and that based on their report he would be asked to take an administrative leave while these matters were investigated. They indicated that they were grateful for the way in which the Church had responded to the matter and that they were mostly preoccupied with a level of accountability and that Father Boisselle has not done this to other people. They asked that their reports be treated as confidential at this time and I indicated to them that I would respect their wishes in this regard. I further indicated that I would have to let Bishop McCormack and Father Boisselle know their identities, which they agreed to. They indicated that they did not want any contact with Father Boisselle in any manner. I indicated to them that I would communicate this to Father Boisselle.

We all discussed the involvement of the civil authorities at length. I indicated to these gentlemen that they had every right to present their concerns to the civil authorities and that I would assist them in doing so if they desired. Each of the men expressed to me that they were not interested in going to the civil authorities and in fact would prefer that their names not be associated with the complaints. I indicated that I was obliged to inform the Attorney General's office of the investigation of Father Boisselle but that I would respect their wishes and would not voluntarily turn their names over to the authorities. I also indicated that it was possible that under the force of subpoena that I may have to reveal their names to the civil authorities at some time. The men understood this.

Our meeting ended cordially and each of the gentlemen expressed their gratitude for Father Gorski's assistance and asked that he remain in the process.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Copy of [REDACTED] remembers

- meet w/ [REDACTED]

- meet w/ [REDACTED]

it can't just go away
you can't just take a shower

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] → [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

no contact - Basselle w/ others

[REDACTED] - reported to Fr. LaPointe

63-6A Berlin - [REDACTED] fuddle [REDACTED]

PEI - [REDACTED]

Company - [REDACTED]
 making chest

brand in pants - "I slipped"
 commented on [REDACTED] in Berlin

visit to Bowdoin MA
 Fall River Hospital

- saw Fr. LaPointe would
 talk to Pius Chretien
 "would take care of it"

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - making [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - Fr. [REDACTED] asked him
 what was wrong

- told him [REDACTED] apologized &
 told him he would take care
 of it

Berlin

- diving on lap w/ petting
- visits to Berlin
 - his sister, [REDACTED]
 - 2nd floor BR
 - don't wear PS or underwear
 - AB no underwear
 - circumcision; masturbation of AB by [REDACTED]
 - AB apologized - never did it before
 - ^{AB} threatened self-harm
 - seemed disturbed to parents
 - became jealous of [REDACTED]
 - felt slurred by AB

New York

gay bars w/ [REDACTED]

AB - euphoric & very drunk

[REDACTED]

Berlin - nights of AB father funeral

Inva Scotia
3 trips

parents asked to stay overnight w/ AB

sleeping - AB max. w/ [REDACTED] funeral of [REDACTED]

Manchester

"be like Anne" - put to bed after visits w/ parents

- "warped sense of love" [REDACTED]

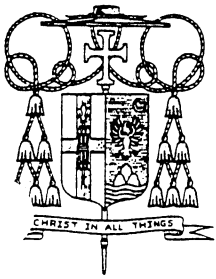
- cards + letters after transfer [REDACTED]

- AB brought him to [REDACTED]

- accountability

stay away
keep confidential from C.A.

- anonymous reporting - internet telephone
independent



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

May 17, 2002

Reverend Aime A. Boisselle
52 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
FILE: Confidential + Delegate
AUTHORIZED: [Signature]

Dear Father Boisselle,

I accept your resignation as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Concord, NH, effective immediately. I am mindful that the decision to resign as pastor is a difficult one and that the circumstances surrounding your resignation are significant and painful. Knowing how much your parishioners have appreciated your ministry, as do I, my hope is that this sense of gratitude is not lost by you.

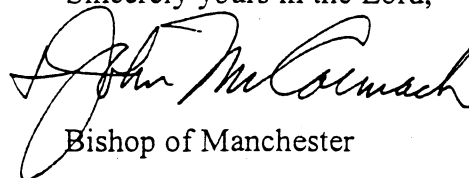
I am granting you retirement status as a priest of the Diocese of Manchester, effective immediately and I have asked Msgr. Quinn and Fr. Arsenault to work out the necessary administrative details with you regarding this status.

In light of the serious accusations of sexual misconduct with a minor that the Diocese has received about you, I am removing all your priestly faculties effective immediately. Likewise, you are not to wear clerical attire or present yourself publicly as a priest. I direct also that you refrain from any contact with minors while this matter is being investigated.

I want to be helpful to you, Aime. It is important that you remain in contact with me, Fr. Arsenault and Fr. Dumont in the days and weeks to come. I intend to notify the Bishop of Richmond, Virginia of your presence in his Diocese today.

You remain in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord grant you the gifts of His peace and consolation as you face these difficult days.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,


Bishop of Manchester

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MAY 17 2002

TO: +JBM
FROM: EJA
RE: Fr. Boisselle
DATE: 17 May 2002

Confidential
J. Boisselle

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Summary of Complaints

Confidential

[REDACTED]

Fr. Arsenault met with the 3 complainants in the presence of Fr. Gorski on Tuesday, 14 May 2002.

All 3 men allege that Fr. B fondled them and had them fondle/masturbate him. These acts occurred between 1962 and 1966 during Fr. Boisselle's tenure at Ste. Marie Parish and shortly thereafter. All of the alleged abuse occurred in automobiles, on camping excursions and at Fr. Boisselle's family home in Berlin, NH.

The case of [REDACTED] is the most egregious in that a longer term relationship with the family and [REDACTED] came out of the abuse.

The complainants have asked that their identities only be shared with Fr. Boisselle, Bishop McCormack, Joe Naff and Fr. Arsenault.

The complainants are prepared to meet with Joe Naff and would like to meet with Bishop McCormack.

The complainants were informed by Fr. Arsenault of Fr. Boisselle's response and his resignation on Thursday, 16 May 2002.

Summary of Response

Fr. Arsenault met with Fr. Boisselle in the presence of Fr. Dumont on Wednesday, 15 May 2002.

Fr. Arsenault explained his concern for Fr. Boisselle's and his rights under the policy.

Fr. Boisselle declined to respond to the allegations but did admit in the course of conversation that he was "not shocked and knew that this day would come."

Fr. Arsenault asked Fr. Boisselle to request administrative leave and to leave Sacred Heart Rectory on or before Friday, 17 May 2002.

Later the same day, Fr. Boisselle submitted his resignation as pastor and his request to be granted retirement status. Fr. Boisselle also indicated that he would be leaving NH but would remain in contact with the Diocese.

Fr. Arsenault asked Fr. Boisselle to consider the following issues:

- The need to remain in contact with Fr. Dumont
- The need for ongoing psychological care;
- The need to notify Fr. Arsenault of his whereabouts.

Parish Notification

Fr. Arsenault and Fr. Dumont met with the lay leadership and staff of Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday, 15 May 2002 in the evening to inform them of the accusation, Fr. Boisselle's response and the fact that Bishop McCormack would be at all Masses this weekend with NH Catholic Charities staff.

The lay leadership were shocked and somewhat angry at the age of the complaints. They love their pastor and are concerned for him. The leaders were grateful for being notified and consulted. They have written and distributed a letter to parishioners informing them of the news.

A First Communion, scheduled for Sunday, 19 May 2002 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass has been rescheduled to a separate celebration at 11:30 a.m.

Issues to Address with Fr. Boisselle

The following issues should

be addressed at your meeting with Fr. Boisselle.

1. Accept his resignation
2. Accept his request for retirement status - *w/out faculties or clerical clothing*
3. Address the issue of remaining in contact with the Diocese - *a condition of support*
4. Address the issue of private Mass, *and cooperate*
over his current spiritual status

Attending Decisions

The following issues need to be addressed today.

1. Finalize communication with priests ^{parish} and media. - EJA
2. Decision by +JBM on parish administrator and pastoral coverage. - FJC
3. *Letter from Aime to parish.*

BISHOP MCCORMACK VISITS SACRED HEART PARISH, CONCORD, NH

Bishop John McCormack announced to the people of Sacred Heart Parish in Concord, NH at Masses on Saturday and Sunday that Fr. Aime Boisselle has resigned as pastor effective Wednesday, May 15, 2002. The Diocese received a report of alleged sexual misconduct with minors by Fr. Boisselle dating back to the early 1960s. This was the first report of such misconduct by Fr. Boisselle received by the Diocese.

Although the diocesan policy requires that a priest request administrative leave pending the conclusion of an investigation of any allegation of sexual misconduct, Bishop McCormack announced that Fr. Boisselle resigned as pastor given his age and Fr. Boisselle's concern that Sacred Heart Parish continue to thrive as a parish family in Concord. In addition to accepting his resignation, the Bishop has restricted Fr. Boisselle from any priestly ministry pending the conclusion of the investigation. After consultation with the Diocesan Review Board, if the accusations are credible, then Fr. Boisselle will not have permission to function as a priest again.

Bishop McCormack noted that he is "deeply saddened by the news of the accusation and investigation," and indicated that "our diocesan staff has already responded to those who have made the accusations and I have asked the staff of N.H. Catholic Charities and the other priests in the city of Concord to assist me in responding to the people of Sacred Heart Parish." In a letter to the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish, the adults who have made these accusations have asked parishioners "not to hate the Church or to question their faith" and encouraged all people to focus on healing and forgiveness. As more victims of child sexual abuse step forward to begin their healing process, Bishop McCormack reiterated his resolve to care for victims of child sexual abuse and to protect children in the Church.

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May 16, 2002

Sacred Heart Parish
Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
FILE: Delgado
AUTHORIZED: [Signature]

Dear parishioners of Sacred Heart,

I have known Father Boisselle for forty years. As a young boy, I was very impressed by his enthusiasm, his sense of pride and his dedication to the parish. Placed in charge of the altar boys, he raised our sense of awareness of our responsibilities during mass. He was very charismatic and we took great pride in serving mass in our new surplices, which he got for us. I really looked up to him.

There existed another side of him, a less public side, which was not so praiseworthy and I experienced that side of him too. I sensed that it was wrong but because of my age and because of his notoriety I struggled with what was happening to me alone because I could not imagine anyone believing me. Besides which, I worshipped him too. And so, I held it inside of myself for a long time, almost a lifetime.

So why do you do this now after so long a time? Why come forward and make these ugly accusations after having lived with it for forty years, you might ask. Until very recently I firmly believed that I was alone in my experience with Father Boisselle; that I was unique in my situation. As news of others coming forward began to spread I became more troubled. My memories, so long suppressed, came welling back and I worried that there might be more like me. When someone else who had been similarly affected by him contacted me, I could no longer remain silent. I had to stop it from happening again.

I pray that our actions do not harm you, the parishioners of Sacred Heart. You have had your priest removed from your parish and I am sure that for some of you, this comes as a great shock. For my part in this, I am truly sorry. I urge you not to hate the church, nor to question your faith. The clergy with whom I have spoken have shown genuine remorse for what has happened and real concern for a healthy recovery from this dark chapter in the church's history. They will listen to you. Our lives are affected by grace and sin and our struggle between the two can best be summed up by the words which you will soon recite together, "...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

May God bless you.

October 2, 2002

█ meets w/ █
█ meets w/ █

█ calls █

- son is there but cannot speak about the matter
- son does recall being "ma utreat" w/ others at camp
- son recalls visiting camp at other times w/ other children
- family went to camp once, according to mother
- son was an altar server
- █ will call back on 10/03/02