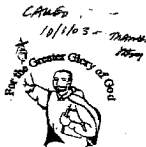


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Dear

I saw the enclosed article in the paper and thought I better give you some background, just in case lawyers bring up people with past references to the Archdiocese.

The paper states that the only information given to Archdiocese about ERLL was in 1994. My concern is that in 1986 and in 1993 I had contacted the priest's personnel office with the names of men, who stated that Fr. had sexually abused/fondled them, when they were teenagers.

In 1986 I was an associate at St. Martin's, Cheviot. I was doing marriage preparation with a couple. During the discussions the man said a friend of his had quit going to Church because a priest had sexually molested him as a teenager. I asked the guy to talk to his friend. If the friend was willing to follow up on this problem, I would take it to the Church authorities. Later on the guy, said his friend was willing to follow up on the problem. He gave me his friend's name and phone number. I called the priest's personnel office and spoke to who ever was in charge at that time, ~~who~~ (or whoever) said that they would call the guy and follow upon the problem. The priest said he would take care of everything, but in doing this he would have to use my name, as the one bringing up this complaint. I remember him specifically asking me, if I was willing to have my name listed as bringing up this complaint. I said that this was really serious and yes, it was OK to use my name. At my next meeting with the couple I told the guy that I had spoken with the priest's personnel office and his friend would be getting a call about the problem. I don't remember if I brought up the subject with the couple after that. I looked back over my records and the marriage for the couple took place in the summer, 1986 — so my conversation with the priest, who headed the priest personnel office, was probably in the ~~late~~ spring of 1986 or earlier.

In 1993 I was pastor at St. Mary (Arnhem) & St. Elizabeth (Sardinia). Once again I was doing marriage preparation with a couple. In the course of the conversations the guy said that he wasn't going to mass because when he was a teenager a priest had tried to have sex with him. I asked if he was willing to share with me what happened and I would be willing to go to the Church authorities about the matter. He said that a friend of his introduced him to Fr. One evening he was in Fr. apartment drinking alcohol and he suggested that he would give ~~me~~ a massage. So he told the guy to take off his clothes. then took off his clothes and laid on his bed in the bedroom. Fr. started giving him a massage all over his body. At that point started coming to his senses and said that he got really scared, because he knew this wasn't right. He got out of the bed, put his clothes back on and ran out of the apartment. I called

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was still stalking teenagers. said that he would follow up on my report. Later on I asked if Fr. had contacted him. said, yes he had. That he had explained to Fr. what had happened and that Fr. said that he would handle the situation. At some point ~~in 1993~~ in 1993, I called about my possible coming to St. Ignatius. I asked him about the situation with and Fr. said that during his investigation and meeting with - he discovered that the actions by occurred after had just turned 18 years of age - so the law says that was legally an adult, so there was no problem. I got somewhat upset about that. I responded that considered himself "a teenager" at that time and here was still coming on sexually to young men after I had reported him in 1986. I told that this was a serious problem with , being the chaplain at the hospital and living in an apartment, unsupervised. said he would look into it. I know this happened in 1993, since I came to St. Ignatius in October, 1993.

I bring this up because if this guy in 1986 (I don't remember his name - but the guy in marriage preparation was) or in 1993 states that they contacted me at these times; I would have to say that they did, which is prior to 1994 as listed in the newspaper article that the Archdiocese says it was notified about and that yes, I did contact the Archdiocese about in 1986 and 1993.

No one has contacted me about this & perhaps and didn't keep notes on my phone calls with them - but just in case - you have the information as I remember it. Sorry, if this causes any more difficulties to your most challenging task of the clergy abuse problems.

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