
Confidential Memorandum

To: the file of Rev. John Carroll '53

From: Reverend William F. Murphy

Date: September 11, 1997

Re: recent allegation

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At the request of Cardinal Law I met with Fr. Carroll on September 3, 1997. He had gone to see the Cardinal because of an incident which had taken place some three weeks earlier.

On August 15, 1997 a man came to Blessed Sacrament, Quincy and asked to see Fr. Carroll. The priest who informed him of the visitor mentioned the man's name and Fr. Carroll believes it was

Their meeting lasted a minute or two. [redacted] told Fr. Carroll that he had been looking for him for a long time. He asked Fr. Carroll if he remembered him. He said he didn't. He asked him if he remembered raping him when he was a child. Fr. Carroll was astonished and said the man was mistaken.

The man asked Fr. Carroll if he was at St. Michael's Church in Elizabeth, PA in the early '60's. Fr. Carroll said he was. [Fr. Carroll had been assigned in the Pittsburgh diocese because of a true allegation of sexual misconduct with an adult woman.] [redacted] then told Fr. Carroll that he would have to live with the consequences of his behavior, and he left.

The man made no threat of legal action.

Fr. Carroll said he may vaguely remember the name of [redacted] when he was in Elizabeth, PA from 8/62-6/63, but he can't be sure.

I thanked him for coming in to see me and told him I would be in touch if I heard anything further.