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Archdiocese of Boston

Confidential Memo

To: The file of Reverend James Foley
From: Reverend Charles Higgins *CH*
CC: Bishop Murphy
Reverend Paul Miceli
Date: 09/28/99
Re: Response from Reverend James Foley

Met with Fr. Foley on September 21, 1999. I communicated to him the accusation against him from [REDACTED]. Fr. Foley denied that there was any improper sexual behavior between himself and [REDACTED]. Fr Foley went on to explain that he did become involved with [REDACTED] regarding bodybuilding. This happened because Fr. Foley came to know a parishioner who was into raising rotwielers – (the pastor-Fr Ken Murphy was friendly with this man because of Fr Murphy's dog.) This parishioner was also a body builder and showed Fr. Foley how to measure progress in this sport. It was this body building measuring that Fr Foley did on the body parts of [REDACTED] (not genital), I asked him if he remembered doing the same thing to [REDACTED] brother [REDACTED]. He said that he did not. This is all that Fr. Foley remembered.

Fr Foley was not much into the youth of the parish other than the altar servers. I asked him if he was ever around the young people at dances or gatherings. He said that another priest of the parish was in charge of that ministry.

Fr Foley did admit that the measuring of [REDACTED] body parts was immature but did not seem so at the time. It was no more than an immature action. "I am only guilty of gross stupidity and indiscretion." Fr Foley said that he thinks [REDACTED] is remembering inaccurately and "If there is anything I can do to correct it, I will."

I found that Fr. Foley has a limited insight into himself and that all his "successes" come from his dedication to the Church. He cannot see others helping him in his life. The wonderful work he is doing in New Mexico in saving the parish from the fundamentalists is all his doing. "What are they going to do when he is not with them."

I told Fr. Foley of the availability of an assessment in Canada. He was willing to go in obedience to the Church and the Cardinal.