

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

TO: Rev. John B. McCormack ✓  
FROM: Sr. Catherine E. Mulkerrin  
RE: Rev. Robert Meffan  
DATE: February 3, 1993

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January 22, 1993 - Call from [REDACTED] former CSJ and currently a licensed psychologist. In September she happened to switch to the religion channel where she heard a priest being interviewed about his book, Mary Was Her Life. Her description was that it got "sicker by the minute". When the priest was thanked by name, she recalled incidents which she had heard about from young women in the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph; incidents connected to this priest, F. Muffin. As told to her, F. Muffin would attract adolescent girls, get them to enter religious order and then visit them in various novitiates. He would link spiritual stages with sexual acts, "what one had to do in order to progress" and would perform the acts. She knows of three people in the CSJ Community, two of whom are still in the Congregation. The one who left described to [REDACTED] what happened as sick, delusional stuff; she has gone for counseling.

One of the women, still a CSJ, left and then re-entered the community. (An interview she had at Chancery in January, 1986 is on file which corroborates [REDACTED]'s telephone call.) [REDACTED] mentioned no names.

CEM, after reporting this at 1-28-93 meeting, contacted [REDACTED] by taped message to see if more could be done by [REDACTED] contacts.

February 4, 1993 - Return call from [REDACTED] to CEM in the evening at Cohasset. The following was discussed:

- 1) My (CEM) request that she might want to contact the former member of the CSJ's and see if she wants to come forward. [REDACTED] has attempted contact, thinks the person might be away. She seemed to have some hesitation, is cautious about whether confidentiality will be kept and action taken. "How was this priest skipped over, when records were reviewed." CEM said that could happen if no actions had been taken, e.g. assessments.
- 2) [REDACTED] shared a CSJ name - is willing that CEM say that she called - especially after thinking about the TV show F. Muffin was on - the "sickness" of that - and her recollection of a certain period of time and events told to her about F. Muffin at Sacred Heart, Weymouth.

- 3) [REDACTED] located former member, [REDACTED] who will come for an appointment with CEM, readily.

February 17, 1993 - CEM's call to [REDACTED] (1986-file). She felt she had been listened to. "I put it in God's hand and went on with my life." She appreciated concern that she was "heard". CEM - readily accepted above, assured confidentiality. (CEM: I would not press this person.)

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