

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To: Bishop Saltarelli
From: Msgr. J. Thomas Cini
Subject: Follow up on Past Cases of Abuse
Date: March 20, 2003
CC: Msgr. John Barres

I want to summarize where we are and suggest a path forward for past cases of abuse by priests who have been removed from ministry or have dropped out of ministry on their own. I will also comment on cases we know of where abuse occurred before ordination.

Frs. DeLuca, Dempster, Sarro

1. Summarize for the Board what happened and action taken.
2. Advise either in person or by telephone with a letter for documentation that they are not to present themselves as priests or wear the Roman Collar.
 - a) In each of these cases item #2 will be difficult for them, since I would think that both Fr. DeLuca and Dempster do wear the collar on occasion. But my assumption here is that the Norms do apply. That they would not apply seems inconsistent.
3. No need, in my opinion, for a Board Hearing of the cases (other than the summary). The penalty has already been imposed.
4. In none of these three cases would I recommend any further action (laicization) because of age and sickness.

Frs. McGovern, Dudzinski

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2. Advise either in person or by telephone with a letter for documentation that they are not to present themselves as priests or wear the Roman Collar.
3. Discuss the issue of laicization with an eye that we apply/they apply for it. My reasons are: Neither has functioned for a long time. They can never function again. We need to sever relationships because of potential liability. They have been "out in the world" for 15 years or better. A "new life and style" are in place. Both are in their early 50's (Fr. McGovern is 53; Fr. Dudzinski is 52).

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Fr. Weaver

Here is a case "out there" and if it pops we are not ready. It seems to me Msgr. Lemon and Fr. McGlynn have details about the case since both were in touch with the victim and/or family members. Facts need to be gathered and written up for file. If we can get in touch with Fr. Weaver who has left the priesthood we should advise him of what we have. Given the allegation and his having left the ministry, we would want him to apply for laicization. If he will not do so voluntarily, then we pursue involuntary laicization.

Harry Walker

We need to do the same as in the [redacted] case. Whatever steps we can take, per canons, we should take.

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Obviously, I feel we need to properly dispose of all outstanding cases. I suggest we set a goal to have all issues settled or filed with the appropriate ecclesial authority by the end of this year.