

FULL NAME		Rynne, Paul Patrick	
DATE OF BIRTH	April 24, 1931	PLACE	Cambridge
COLLEGE			
SEMINARY	St. John's Seminary		A.B. Philosophy
ORDINATION	Cathedral	February 2, 1956	Archbishop Cushing
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INCARDINATION			
OTHER DEGREES			
FOREIGN LANGUAGES			
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NAME		DATE OF DEATH	
Rynne, Rev. Paul P.			

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*on March  
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January 28, 1985

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Reverend Paul P. Rynne  
Saint Bonaventure Parish  
State Road  
P. O. Box 996  
Manomet, MA. 02345

Dear Father Rynne:

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Board of the Archdiocese, I am ending your appointment as Administrator of St. Bonaventure Parish in Manomet. I am appointing you Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish for a period of six years effective February 20, 1985.

I will communicate with Most Reverend Daniel A. Hart, D.D., Regional Bishop of the Brockton Region in which St. Bonaventure Parish is located in order to make arrangements for your canonical installation as Pastor.

Your jurisdiction in Saint Bonaventure Parish will begin when you sign the necessary forms before the Regional Bishop or Vicar. Therefore, you should not wait until your formal installation but you should contact the Regional Bishop, or in his absence, the Vicar of your area to make arrangements to sign the necessary documents as soon as possible after the effective date of your appointment as Pastor.

Please notify Reverend Robert J. Banks, Vicar for Administration, and Reverend Thomas F. Oates, Personnel Director, that you have received this letter.

It is a pleasure for me to give you this appointment as Pastor in the Archdiocese. I am confident that you will have a zealous and fruitful ministry in your new appointment. May God bless you in all your endeavors. If I can be of assistance to you at any time please do not hesitate to call on me.

With my warm personal regards and best wishes for you and all whom you serve so well, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

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April 14, 1986

Most Reverend Robert J. Banks  
Chancellor, Archdiocese of Boston  
2101 Commonwealth Avenue  
Brighton, Massachusetts - 02135


Dear Bishop Banks:

Enclosed, please find a copy of my report of the interview which took place on April 10, 1986, at the home of [REDACTED] in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Also enclosed is an untyped original copy of a letter of Mr. [REDACTED] to you. I think the contents speak for themselves. I would add that I was highly impressed by the sincerity and credibility of all the members of the [REDACTED] family under such difficult circumstances. They impressed me as not being 'headhunters,' but rather sincere Christian people whose family has been greatly betrayed, and simply want to prevent any further occasions of such happenings to their children or any others.

In preparing for my visit, I had a chance to visit with Tom McDavitt for a brief visit. He had informed me that the [REDACTED] were regular Church-goers, a very close family with a good rapport with their children. [REDACTED] has been involved in Plymouth [REDACTED] for some six years now, during which time he has spent much time with his son. Tom also felt that [REDACTED] was very credible and truthful in his answers.

If I may be of further help in this matter, please feel free to call upon me.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

  
(Rev.) John W. Corcoran

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On the evening of April 10, 1986, I visited the home of [REDACTED], Plymouth, Massachusetts, in the company of Rev. Mr. Thomas McDavitt. Mr. McDavitt had called me on April 6, 1986, having been visited by [REDACTED] on that same date, to discuss a pastoral matter.

At the [REDACTED] home, I was met at the door by the younger [REDACTED], a 17 year old senior in high school who is the subject of this report. [REDACTED] and I met in the living room of the home in the presence of [REDACTED] and Tom McDavitt for about an hour. Before initiating the conversation, Mr. [REDACTED] asked if he could present an untyped letter which he had been composing (see attached letter which I later asked him to sign). He felt that this would avoid any graphic descriptions of what had happened. I read the letter. Then, I proceeded to question [REDACTED]. He said he had known Father Rynne for some four years, having met him in his Freshman year in high school during Holy Week. During the Easter season of that same year, he, [REDACTED], together with 2 other friends, whom he identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], were asked by Father to the 1620 Restaurant in Plymouth. [REDACTED] said: 'he was nice, I liked him, but after that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] never were seen with him again - whether they heard rumors about him.' (sic) Over the past four years, [REDACTED]'s contact with Father was only as he saw him at Church. But on these occasions, he was always wanting to get together to go out to supper. [REDACTED] has worked steadily for a carpenter for a few years, hence was not usually available.

'About three weeks, Father became more active in his invitations, finally agreeing on the night of April 3, 1986.' They drove to the Renaissance Restaurant in Pembroke, Massachusetts. [REDACTED] relates that they were alone in the restaurant for about a half an hour, during which time Father drank two manhattans, but nothing of importance happened. Shortly thereafter, they were joined by three black people, former parishioners

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or friends of Father's from Roxbury. Two were women, one a young man named [REDACTED], 'who looked gay during the evening.' Father had explained to [REDACTED] 'how hard it was to meet kids in Plymouth, not so in Roxbury.' During the meal, [REDACTED] said that Father patted his head several times - 'thought that weird,' He began getting touchy at the end of the night.

When they left the restaurant, ([REDACTED] said that Father had consumed 6 manhattans over a three or four hour period), Father asked [REDACTED] to drive home. Along Route 3 heading south, [REDACTED] made the comment as they passed the rest area in Kingston, 'probably all homos,' wanting to see Father's reaction. The reply was, 'have you ever been approached by a gay over the age of 18?' I think he thought I was 18.'

Father asked [REDACTED] to pull into the rest area in Plymouth, just before Route 44. There, Father went to the men's room. They arrived at the rectory about 10:30 p.m. Father asked [REDACTED] to come in so he could take a picture of him (fully clothed). [REDACTED] said, 'that got me to thinking some more.'

It was at this point in our conversation that I showed [REDACTED] the letter which his father had written. He said that what was in the letter was the content of what had happened. In asking whether he wanted to add anything to the content of the letter, [REDACTED] replied to me, 'He then tried to touch me must below my belt, asking, 'do you want me to take a picture of you from here down?'' [REDACTED] said to me, 'that got me nervous; I wanted nothing more to do with him and made every effort to get out to my car.' As Father walked him to the car, Father asked or made a statement, 'so, you're not interested in anything sexual.' Here ended [REDACTED]'s account of the April 3rd. encounter with Father.

Mr. [REDACTED] then related to me 'how glad he was that [REDACTED] had come to talk with him about it so quickly. But my mouth was open.' [REDACTED] then stated, 'there have been some rumors my father had heard about, that he had heard a lot about him.' I then pursued this with Mr. [REDACTED] who mentioned how many

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neighbors hang around the 'local watering holes' (the Sportsman Club), where much has been discussed about Father Rynne's alleged behavior.

██████████ added that she felt 'Father Rynne has a sickness, and hopes it doesn't happen to anyone else.' She concluded, 'she would have to leave the parish.'

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Dear Father,

We are sending this letter in deep duress and with a feeling of betrayal by a priest who has made a very serious mistake and a lasting impression on our son. This man is entrusted with an entire parish and for the welfare of all. This priest is Father Paul Rynne, Pastor of St. Bonaventures in Manomet, Ma. He has become friendly with our son and asked him to join him for dinner on Thursday, April 3, 1986. My son felt elated about this as we as we did - being his parents. However, upon his return home, he appraised me that Father Rynne was an obvious homosexual. In shock and disbelief, I asked what made him say this. He then proceeded on with his story.

Upon returning from the restaurant, he was asked if he would like to pose for a picture and was then asked if he would like to remove his shirt and pants and let his 'cock' hang out. There were other overtures made as to exactly what sexually excited him. In shock he just made his way to his car and came home. Upon his arrival, he told us the story.

Regardless of one's sexual preference, a priest takes a vow of celibacy. I also know that they are only human. However, this does not excuse anyone in a position of trust to exercise his preference on my son - who is a minor. Criminal charges could be lodged that would be very damaging to the Church and the entire community. I do not wish to pursue this avenue. However, we wish some action to be taken to have this priest removed and some treatment sought for his obvious sickness.

Please advise me of what action is to be taken by the diocese concerning this deplorable situation so that it doesn't happen to some other youngster in our community.

  
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Dear [Name]

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PLEASE ADVISE ME OF WHAT ACTION  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE TO  
PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING  
IT DOESN'T HAPPEN TO US  
IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mr. [REDACTED]

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Father Paul Rynne

Spoke with Fr. Slyva about Rynne today (4/14/86). He is unwilling to confront Fr. Rynne. Has his own problems as a recovering alcoholic.

-says that while he was at Manomet, a couple of parents approached Slyva . They said that Paul had taken a young man to So America. They confronted Paul about situation.

- then 2 or 3 months later, an employee of the rectory approached Slyva with the same concern. Said there was some picture taking in the basement of the rectory. Once again no clear details.

-Sr. Jeremy mentioned to him her concern about some kid at the rectory.

- also Paul had a young Oriental friend. Would see him at very late hours, or early in morning, coming out of Paul's room.

- finally found an album of pictures of priests and of kids, half-dressed.

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I spoke with Lawyer Tim Oneil. He says that there is really no criminal charge that could be lodged.  
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I spoke with Paul Rynne over the telephone. He thinks he might be willing to say in June that he is not seeking re-appointment. He also would be willing to go for intensive evaluation. I shall be getting back to him.

Paul Rynne - Interviewed 4/25/86

Said he was seeing his own psychiatrist and would be seeing psychologist this week.

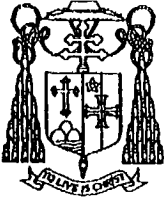
I told him of my interview with [REDACTED]. I mentioned about two rumors and he denied them or that things had happened with others (though he implicitly went along with me when I said that an incident like this usually means there have or will be and other incidents) Also denied any drinking in the aprish.

He asked that he be allowed to stay until June.

Arrangements agreed upon:

1. He will announce his resignation weekend of June 7th.
2. He will go for evaluation immediately after.
3. I will inform Jim McCarthy and I will line up evaluation.
4. He understands that we will not be able to place him again until we have assurance that there will not be another problem.
5. He agreed that ~~we~~ I could talk to [REDACTED].

cc: Most Rev. Daniel A. Hart  
Rev. James J. McCarthy



CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
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May 16, 1986

The Reverend Paul P. Rynne  
St. Bonaventure Rectory  
State Road, Box 996  
Manomet, Massachusetts 02345

Dear Father Rynne:

Thank you for your letter of May 7th.

After a thorough discussion with Bishop Banks, I am accepting your resignation as Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish, Manomet, effective June 10, 1986. I note that you are submitting your resignation for personal and medical reasons upon the advice of your physician.

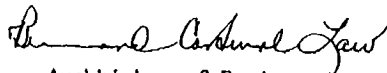
While I agree with your assessment that resignation is the appropriate course of action, I can appreciate that this must be a very difficult decision for you.

I am pleased that you will continue to be in conversation with Bishop Banks. May I also ask that you make an appointment to meet with me at a mutually convenient time so that we can review your situation together.

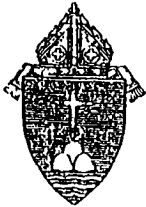
You have my complete support as you work through this time of transition. Your desire to cooperate with your doctors is a particularly good sign.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Boston

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VICAR FOR ADMINISTRATION

June 3, 1986

Rev. J. William Huber, Ph.D.  
House of Affirmation, Inc.  
4 Joy Avenue  
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Father Huber:

I am writing in response to your letter requesting further information in regard to Father Paul Rynne.

I really have not known Father Rynne personally. I was not in the seminary with him, and I never worked closely with him in the Archdiocese. My interaction with him prior to this recent incident never lasted more than five minutes.

A cloud of uncertain rumor has hung over Father Rynne for several years, but I never could figure out the reason or the content.

Now that I am in a new position in central administration, I know from reports that there has been suspicion in the past of alcoholism. Father Rynne has denied this, and his denial has been supported. My own suspicion would be that there is a problem of overuse of alcohol.

The recent incident concerning the young man is the first time that such a problem has been brought to the attention of the Archdiocese. In talking with those who had somewhat direct knowledge concerning this incident, it seems that there are rumors that this incident is not isolated. My own guess would be that the problem is deep-rooted.

Father Rynne has been completely cooperative with me concerning this incident, though he has denied any further problem of any sort. As far as his pastoral work in the Archdiocese, he was given sensitive and demanding position in interracial work some years back, and I gather he did quite well.

If you would want further details, may I suggest that you give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. Robert J. Banks  
Vicar for Administration

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# Southdown

RR Number 2  
Aurora, Ontario L4G 3G8  
Canada  
Telephone 416 727-4214

July 8, 1986

Reverend Paul Rynne  
46 Birch Way  
Mashpee, MA 02649

Box 120

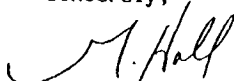
Dear Father Rynne:

At the request of Bishop Banks, your name has been placed on the waiting list for entrance into the therapeutic program at Southdown. Bishop Banks advised me that an evaluation had been conducted at the House of Affirmation. It would be most helpful to members of our clinical team if you would have a copy of the assessment forwarded to us. Also, would you please complete the enclosed pre-admission form and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Currently you are sixth on the waiting list. Since room availability is dependent upon the number of departures in a particular month, I cannot be specific at this time about an arrival date. I will contact either yourself or Bishop Banks once an opening can be confirmed. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

I am also enclosing one of our brochures for your information.

Sincerely,



Marilynn Hall  
Admin. Coordinator  
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cc - The Most Rev. Robert J. Banks

# Southdown

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August 6, 1986

The Most Reverend Robert J. Banks  
Vicar General  
Archdiocese of Boston  
2121 Commonwealth Avenue  
Brighton, MA 02135

Dear Father Banks:

Re: Reverend Paul Rynne

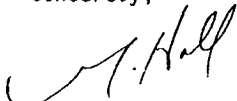
Further to our telephone conversation yesterday, I am writing to advise that Father Rynne telephoned today to confirm his arrival at Southdown on Monday, August 25.

In order that we may establish the beginning of a working file that will support the therapeutic process, we would appreciate your assistance in responding to the following questions.

- 1) How would you describe Fr. Rynne's basic need at this time?
- 2) What are his primary strengths?
- 3) What do you wish to see accomplished during the period of residency at Southdown?

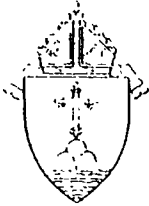
Thanking you in advance for your cooperation. This information will be most helpful to members of the clinical team who will be working most directly with Father Paul. We look forward to having him join the community at Southdown and trust that he will benefit from his involvement in the therapeutic program.

Sincerely,



Marilynn Hall  
Admin. Coordinator

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

October 29, 1986

Rev. Canice Connors, OFM Conv.  
Southdown R.R. #2  
Aurora, Ontario L4G3G8  
CANADA

Dear Father Connors:

Thank you for your very helpful report of the progress being made by Father Rynne. I am pleased that he has been willing to enter into the program and to cooperate with it.

It seems that there is still progress to be made. More and more, I am glad that Father Rynne was willing to undertake such intensive therapy in a residential setting away from Boston. It seems that he made the right decision.

I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert J. Banks  
Vicar for Administration

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July 3, 1987

Most Rev Robert J Banks D.D.  
2121 Commonwealth Ave  
BRIGHTON, MA  
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Dear Bishop Banks:

Greetings and Peace!

Six months have already passed since Paul P Rynne left the residential program at Southdown. As ~~part of continuing care~~ he is completing a Six-Month Survey, evaluating the residential program and the effects it has had on his life.

At this time we would also appreciate receiving some evaluative information from you. The Evaluation of Services form sent with this letter is a subjective assessment of the residential program at Southdown and any effects it may or may not have had on the above named person. If you feel someone else would be better suited to complete such an evaluation please pass on this form. The person should in some way be in a supervisory or authority position in relationship to the former Southdown resident.

If we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you for this and for all your efforts on behalf of the men and women who come to Southdown.

Sincerely,

*Ann Fox, O.S.F.*

Ann Fox, O.S.F.  
Coordinator of Continuing Care  
:rd  
Encl.

*Jim Thompson, O.S.A.*

Jim Thompson, O.S.A.  
Coordinator of Continuing Care

EVALUATION OF SERVICES

Please help us evaluate our program by answering some questions about the services received by Paul P Rynne. We are interested in your opinions, whether they are positive or negative. Please answer all of the questions. We also welcome your comments and suggestions. Thank you very much for your assistance.

CIRCLE THE NUMBER CORRESPONDING TO YOUR RESPONSE

1. How would you rate the quality of service received by this person?  
                    <sup>4</sup>                                    3                                    2                                    1  
                    Excellent                    Good                    Fair                    Poor
2. Did this person get the kind of service you thought was necessary for him?  
                    1                                    2                                    3                                    <sup>4</sup>  
                    No, definitely not            No, not really            Yes, generally            Yes, definitely
3. If someone else in your order or diocese were in need of similar help, would you recommend our program to him?  
                    <sup>4</sup>                                    3                                    2                                    1  
                    Yes, definitely            Yes, I think so            No, I don't think so            No, definitely not
4. How satisfied are you with the amount of help received by this individual?  
                    1                                    2                                    3                                    <sup>4</sup>  
                    Quite dissatisfied            Indifferent or            Mostly satisfied            Very satisfied  
  mildly dissatisfied
5. Have the services received by this person helped him to deal more effectively with his problems?  
                    <sup>4</sup>                                    3                                    2                                    1  
                    Yes, they helped            Yes, they helped            No, they really            No, they seemed to  
                    a great deal                    somewhat                    didn't help                    make things worse
6. Have the services received by this person helped him to deal more effectively with others? *Too soon to say.*  
                    1                                    2                                    3                                    4  
                    No, they seemed to            No, they really            Yes, they helped            Yes, they helped  
                    make things worse            didn't help                    somewhat                    a great deal
7. Have the services received by this person helped him to deal more effectively with the responsibilities of his ministry? *Too soon to say.*  
                    4                                    3                                    2                                    1  
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July 13, 1987

Reverend Paul P. Rynne  
Saint Margaret Parish Rectory  
917 Montello Street P.O. Box 3025  
Brockton, MA. 02401

Dear Father Rynne:

I am most pleased to hear that you are feeling well enough to once again assume a full-time assignment. It will be good to have the assistance and support of your ministry among God's people. Along with you I offer a prayer of gratitude to the Lord for His healing touch in your life through the efforts of those who have assisted you. To you I offer a most hearty "welcome back."

I am writing to advise that I am appointing you as Parochial Vicar at Saint Margaret Parish in Brockton. The effective date of this course of action is August 1, 1987.

I am confident that you will render fine priestly service to the people of God in Saint Margaret Parish.

Please send written notification that you have received this letter to Most Reverend Robert J. Banks, Vicar for Administration, and to Reverend James J. McCarthy, Clergy Personnel Director.

With my warmest personal regards and my blessing upon you and all whom you serve so well, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Edward Cardinal Gosselin*  
Archbishop of Boston

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