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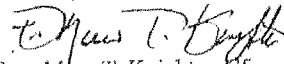
TO: Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
 ✓ Vicar for Clergy
 Barbara Reinke
 Director of Project Benjamin
 FR: Rev. Marv T. Knighton
 Re: Allegations
 Date: March 1, 2002

I wish to again thank you both for your understanding amid the needed probing that your position demands of you. I fully understand the delicate position you hold, significantly when charges come forward of such magnitude. I again wish to reiterate these allegations are false in this matter in regard to my accuser, [REDACTED]. Yesterday as you can expect, I had a great deal of time to think over all that was shared and I have come to the following conclusions on this matter.

- Before any meeting is set up with my accuser, I do see it necessary for me to speak with an attorney on this matter. I need to know legally the advantage and disadvantage of meeting with [REDACTED] and his therapist. My concern is, if [REDACTED] has been in therapy for over ten years on and off, how can we as parties have a wholesome discussion if he and maybe his father continue in dysfunction.
- I also need to know legally where I stand if [REDACTED], his father [REDACTED] continue to make these false accusations of inappropriate sexual behavior.
- I checked my notes when I returned home and [REDACTED] was in therapy at the time when he first made his false allegations with me. I also have in my notes his father coming to see me because he was so upset with one of the sessions where [REDACTED] was blaming him for everything about his life and how bad of a parent he was.
- Upon the death of [REDACTED], he was in attendance at St. Jude the Apostle. It was also during that time that [REDACTED] for the most part [REDACTED]. The attitude of his classmates from my understanding changed somewhat when [REDACTED].
- At your convenience, I would like to meet with you both to discuss further this matter in regard to these unfortunate false allegations that have been made.
- Finally, in defense of Fr. Thomas Venne and my comment about him not recording this back in the 1990's, we all waited for something to come in from his Therapist or [REDACTED] and not one thing transpired. I believe to due that, Fr. Venne and Attorney Matthew Flynn did not do anything because they never received an official complaint. I hope to make this point clear in defense of Fr. Thomas Venne who also served as Vicar and also did a fine job/ministry which is a difficult position to hold.

Once I have made contact with two attorneys, I will get back to you as soon as possible. Again, thank you for your time, your concern for [REDACTED] my accuser and for me who is being falsely accused. Like the late Cardinal Bernadine, it is simply a terrible experience to have, even more when it is so untrue.

Sincerely,


 Rev. Marv T. Knighton 75

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