

## Questions for Fr. Jeyapaul

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- 1). A sixteen-year-old girl, [REDACTED] has approached the Diocese of Crookston with allegations of sexual misconduct against you. Specifically, she has stated that on at least three occasions you kissed her on the mouth, and that one occasion involved her lying on top of you while you put your hand beneath her clothing. Do you wish to respond to these allegations? If yes, please explain.
- 2). [REDACTED] has indicated that these incidents occurred at the Rectory of the parish in which you were serving at the time. To your knowledge, has [REDACTED] ever visited the Rectory in Greenbush? If yes, when and under what circumstances? If yes, did any or all of these instances occur at your invitation?
- 3). In addition to the inappropriate sexual contact, [REDACTED] has indicated that you presented her with several gifts, including a track phone. Is this true? If yes, please explain.
- 4). The Diocese of Crookston has received copies of an extensive email correspondence, allegedly between you and [REDACTED]. Were you or are you in contact with [REDACTED] through email or telephone? If yes, please provide details about the time at which the correspondence began, and the duration of the correspondence, including dates. Are you still in contact with [REDACTED]?
- 5). Would you like to provide further explanation for the email correspondence that allegedly took place? If yes, please elaborate on the reasons for this correspondence and the contents thereof.
- 6). Are or were you aware that, at that time of your association with her, [REDACTED] was sixteen-years-old?
- 7). Are or were you aware at that time that a sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue involving a sixteen-year-old girl is considered a grave canonical delict?

## Response to the Questionnaire

1. As per the allegations raised by [REDACTED] (Ref. 1) in your questionnaire I have got the following answers:-

I met the girl [REDACTED] only on three occasions.

1. It was after my visit to Steubenville Youth Conference, I met her along with her parents in Greenbush church premises. It was for a Life Teen Programme. As per the request of her parents I dropped her at [REDACTED] house where the programme held.
2. On August 15, she came to the Rectory accompanied by her girl friend to celebrate her birthday.
3. Finally I met her in the house at Goodridge in the presence of her parents.

As per the allegations raised on me I had never kissed her or physically touched her on any of these three occasions, only on which I met her. So her allegations are false.

2. The only occasion [REDACTED] visited the Rectory in Greenbush was on Aug 15<sup>th</sup> along with her girl friend. Few days earlier on her own accord asked me over the phone, "Can I have lunch with you on my birthday at your Rectory?". I said, "yes". On 15<sup>th</sup> morning I informed to my Youth Director [REDACTED], a parishioner of Greenbush about the lunch for her and her companion. On this instance I did not extend any invitation to her.

3. I did not offer any track phone but offered \$20 only as a gift to buy anything for her birthday.

4. [REDACTED] personally requested me to counsel her over the telephone or through email for one grave reason which I am sharing as a personal information about the physical abuse on her confidentially.

One day [REDACTED] informed me over the phone that [REDACTED]. She wanted spiritual guidance, counseling and healing prayer. That was the reason why I started to guide her by email and sometimes by telephone whenever she called. The duration of the correspondence was from Aug 5<sup>th</sup> to Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 2005. During this period our conversation was only by telephone. After coming to India I only replied her emails up to 22 Oct. At present I have no contact with [REDACTED] in any way. I don't want any contact with her in future too.

5. I met the girl in Steubenville Youth Conference at St. Paul. While counseling she confidentially shared a lot of hurt feelings that happened in her past life. She suffers from the Stress of past happenings. I showed my concern. Added to that she wanted to become a religious sister. (Refer email dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct) I told her that Jesus loves you very much, He forgives you from all your past sins, He takes care of you, So trust in the Lord. My last email answered the question of the girl who asked me, "Can I have a date with my boy friend?". I answered her, "sit before the Blessed Sacrament and ask Lord Jesus, He will inspire you what to do?" This is the content and reason for my email response.

6. Yes, but because of her persistent requests through the telephone, I accepted to guide her out of good will.

7. I was well aware of a grave canonical delict.

Hereby I, Fr. Jeyapaul declare in the name of Jesus that the above mentioned responses are true to the best of my knowledge.

*Given in my presence*  
*Fr. Jeyapaul*

Sincerely yours

*Fr. Jeyapaul*  
21/11/05



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- 1). A sixteen-year-old girl, [REDACTED] has approached the Diocese of Crookston with allegations of sexual misconduct against you. Specifically, she has stated that on multiple occasions you fondled her breasts or otherwise touched her inappropriately, and on at least one occasion you exposed yourself to her and attempted to force her into sexual activity. She also alleges that one of these occasions was during the sacrament of confession. Do you wish to respond to these allegations? If yes, please explain.
- 2). [REDACTED] has indicated that these incidents occurred at the rectories and churches of the parishes in which you were serving at the time. To your knowledge, has [REDACTED] ever visited the rectory in Greenbush or Middle River? If yes, when and under what circumstances? If yes, did any or all of these instances occur at your invitation?
- 3). Are or were you aware that, at that time of your association with her, [REDACTED] was under eighteen years of age?
- 4). Are or were you aware at that time that a sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue involving a person under the age of eighteen is considered a grave canonical delict?

To the investigator,

As per the allegations raised by [REDACTED] I have the following answers.

1. First of all the sexual misconduct against me by [REDACTED] is totally a false allegation. I have never touched her and not even talked to her. It is purely a lie.

I never had any communication of phone calls or email or letters with her.

2. I never invited [REDACTED] to the rectory and she never stepped into the rectory. She did not visit the rectory in Greenbush or Middleriver not even once, I have not even talked to her once.

3. I had no association with her during all my ministry in Greenbush and middleriver.

4. Yes I am aware a sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue a grave canonical delict.

I do hereby Fr Jeyapaul declare in the name of Jesus that the facts are given by me, are true to the best of my knowledge.

Yours sincerely,

*Fr. Jeyapaul*  
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