

REV. LYNN CAFFOE

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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Lynn R. Caffoe*Current Primary Assignment*

<i>Birth Date</i>	12/12/1945	<i>Age:</i>
<i>Birth Place</i>	Jamestown, New York, USA	<i>Deanery:</i>
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>		
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	5/29/1971	
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Archdiocese of Los Angeles	
<i>Date of Incardination</i>		
<i>Religious Community</i>		
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin	
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Deceased	
<i>Canon State</i>	Diocesan Priest	<i>Incard Process</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Begin Pension Date</i>		

<i>Seminary</i>	St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
<i>Ethnicity</i>	American (USA)

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

<i>Date Background Check</i>	
<i>Virtus Training Date</i>	

Assignment History

Assignment	Beginning Date	Completion Date
Deceased, Notified in December that he had passed away in November 2009.	11/23/2009	
Dismissed from Clerical State, Rescript from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Prot. no. 867/2004. Deceased in late November 2009.	1/20/2006	11/30/2009
Inactive Leave, Absent without leave.	7/1/1992	1/20/2006
Sick Leave	8/21/1991	6/30/1992
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Long Beach Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	7/1/1991	8/20/1991
St. James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	9/22/1986	6/30/1991
St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, La Canada Flintridge Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	7/9/1982	9/21/1986
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, North Hills Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	6/16/1975	7/8/1982

St. Callistus Catholic Church, Garden Grove Associate Pastor (Parochial
Vicar), Active Service

6/14/1971

6/15/1975

CONFIDENTIAL

29 January 75

ARCHBISHOP

An accusation was made to Father [REDACTED], St Calistus, Garden Grove, that his associate, Father LYNN CAFFOE, was overly affectionate to some of the altar boys. The complaint was made by the parents of the boys. (Tuesday, 21 Jan 75)

Fathers [REDACTED] and Caffoe came to the Chancery and discussed this matter with me. Father Caffoe wanted an immediate transfer in spite of the fact that he claimed innocence of the charge. He felt it better for the well being of the parish. Father [REDACTED] seemed to agree with this.

I indicated that, in light of Fr. Caffoe's innocence, I felt they both should spend a few days in trying to evaluate the situation and possible scandal.

Father Caffoe called me , Tuesday, January 28, indicating that after consultation with the parents involved and clearing up some misunderstanding on their part, he and Fr. [REDACTED] believed that an immediate transfer was NOT called for.

Father Caffoe will be assigned there four years in May. No doubt there will be a regular change for him before the end of 1975.

[REDACTED]

MEMORANDUM**CONFIDENTIAL**

DATE: May 8, 1989
 FROM: Monsignor Curry
 TO: Archbishop Mahony
 RE: Father Lynn Caffoe

On May 4, a woman called me to say that Lynn Caffoe had a problem with child abuse and demanded to know what the Archdiocese was going to do about it. I asked her if she could give me any details and she provided me with the following information:

She observed two incidents. Once, she saw Lynn outside the sacristy holding a fourth-grade boy's face in his hands and forcing the boy to look at him. Another time, she saw him to the same with a thirteen-year-old boy and then embrace the boy hard for a prolonged time. After embracing the boy, he whacked him on the rear and embraced him again. This was at a CCD event and happened recently.

The woman would not give me her name, and I explained how difficult it is to proceed on the basis of an anonymous call. She understood that and volunteered that she might be willing to call later and give me the name of her attorney. She mentioned that, given the problems at St. James's school in the past year, surely one would think the priests and sisters there would be especially circumspect.

While she was not particularly friendly, neither was she hostile, and she betrayed no hint that she had any other grievance with Father Caffoe, or even that she knew him very well. Her attitude was: If he is doing this in public, what is he doing in private? I could not dismiss the contact as a crank call. I assured her that I would bring the matter to the proper authorities, and that we would certainly not ignore what she had said.

However, the fact that this information came by way of an anonymous call does present a problem. Having discussed the matter with [REDACTED] I propose to wait for about a week to see if she will supply the name of her lawyer. If she does not do so, I propose to ask Lynn to come in to see me and to explain to him exactly what I know and say that while we make no accusations and do not make decisions on the basis of any anonymous call, nevertheless he should be aware of the matter.

I concur - please keep me advised -

+ RMM

5-8-89

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MEMORANDUM**CONFIDENTIAL**

DATE: May 19, 1989
FROM: Monsignor Thomas Curry
TO: Archbishop Mahony
RE: Lynn Caffoe

The woman who called me some time ago about Lynn Caffoe telephoned again yesterday, asking for a report on what action I had taken. I told her that since she continued to remain anonymous, I could not discuss the matter with her and tried to explain why. She did not say she understood, but our conversation was civil.

I saw Lynn today and simply presented the information to him, stating that I was not making an accusation and not even asking for a response. He was upset by the accusation but thanked me for sharing the information with him. He said that he is affectionate with all children, but he clearly believed he has done no wrong.

*Please advise me of anything further -
Thanks!*

+ RMM

5-24-89

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All the letters in this packet
are asking the Card. to
re-consider his decision re Mr.
Coffee. All include a return
address.

The Card. has already answered
similar letters re Mr. Coffee (2
examples are in my out box now).

Would you pls give back to
[redacted] — as I think she
may have this letter on her WP
& could send out the standard
reply. Many thanks [redacted]

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March 20, 1991

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FROM: Father [REDACTED]

TO: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Father Lynn Caffoe

These are some slightly filled-out notes I took in the February 26, 1991 meeting with Father [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and yourself.

The pastor and the principal of St. James Parish came with a concern about how Father Lynn Caffoe relates to teenagers. Causes of concern include:

- 1) He runs a junior high youth group, a senior high youth group, and the R.C.I.A. Does almost nothing else. Didn't hear Confessions for about two years.
- 2) Several incidents which left [REDACTED] uncomfortable:
 - a) She walked into a darkened parish hall one afternoon, "felt" a presence, called out, no reply, and she left to get something from her car. Upon returning, she met Lynn with an eighth grader named [REDACTED] coming from a dark area behind the curtain. He talked as if everything was normal.
 - b) She noticed his car parked by the school from 3:45 to about 5:30 on a weekday. Another [REDACTED] observed him carrying a bike with a young kid in tow near the end of that time. He was apparently alone with the kid in the school for over an hour and a half.
 - c) [REDACTED] met several boys coming out of the rectory before some school event. They said they had to change their shirts in Father Lynn's room.
- 3) These less than shocking events apparently took on an ominous tone because of the way both Father [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observe how Father Lynn behaves around boys. She said, "I turn away when I see him hug teenagers." Father [REDACTED] emphatically agreed that he had the same reaction. Father [REDACTED] seems to spend an inordinate amount of time with the boys hired to work in the rectory part-time.

When I suggested we talk to Father Lynn about this, Father [REDACTED] said Father Lynn would have to move if that happened because, "when it comes to anger, we're talking Charlie Manson here." Both Sister [REDACTED] and Father [REDACTED] told stores of Father Lynn's losing his temper at staff meetings, etc. Father [REDACTED] "At a moment's notice Father Lynn becomes very loud and angry, his face changes, he just goes 'wingy.'" I asked Sister [REDACTED] what effect his anger had on her. She said, "I'm afraid of him, even of physical violence, don't trust him. People are so afraid of his anger that they'd rather let him have his way."

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MEMORANDUMMarch 22, 1991

TO: Archbishop Mahony
 FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
 RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

I have met again with Fr. [REDACTED] concerning Fr. Caffoe. Fr. [REDACTED] was present. Based on what we have heard both from Fr. [REDACTED] and the Principal of St. James School, [REDACTED] we are planning to confront Fr. Caffoe right after Easter.

At this point there is testimony concerning a lot of suspicious activity and a few things that are clearly against policy, eg. minors in his room. As you know, Fr. Caffoe has been called in to the office on two occasions (January, 1975 and May 1989) for similar activity.

Fr. [REDACTED] told me also that [REDACTED] (whose home parish is St. James) has been approached by three families who have complained about the way Fr. Caffoe is overly familiar with their teenage sons. I had [REDACTED] in to see me. One of the families claims that their son was invited to Fr. Caffoe's bedroom where they ran up \$100 in phone calls on the 900 number. None of the people who have spoken to [REDACTED] will let us use their names or testimony.

The broader problem seems to be Fr. Caffoe's explosive anger, his lack of adult friends and his unwillingness to hear confessions over the last several years. We have consulted with Dr. [REDACTED] and will ask Fr. Caffoe to begin seeing him after our intervention.

I will keep you informed.

Very serious - please keep me informed.

+ RHM

3-22-91

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REDACTED

in the near future
I will be setting up an
eggt w. Lynn Collo.
pls save these two
letters for my meeting
file — in anticipation
of that eggt

Phx,

ps. I'm going thru other letters
which, I suspect, will be
attached later to these

REDACTED



F. Lynn Caffoe

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APRIL 4, 1991

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I thank you for your considerations in this very important matter to me at this time in my priesthood.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe

Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

cc: Reverend Tim Dyer ✓
[redacted]

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Lynn R. Caffoe
Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

cc: Reverend Tim Dyer
[redacted]



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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

April 5, 1991

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

RE: REV. LYNN CAFFOE

Father Lynn Caffoe, Father Tim Dyer, and I met for about an hour Tuesday morning, April 2. Father Dyer outlined the reason for our conference: a verbal report from [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] James school, describing their concern about Father Caffoe's behavior with adolescent boys and his tendency to "blow up" in rages that intimidate staff and parishioners. Father Dyer related an incident that left Sister [REDACTED] worried and uncomfortable: She entered the stage area of the parish hall one afternoon, no lights on, and "felt" a presence of someone. She called out; no one answered. She returned to her car to fetch something she had forgotten, returned within a few minutes to meet Father Lynn coming from a darkened area behind the curtains with an eighth-grade boy behind him.

Father Dyer also mentioned [REDACTED] concern about Father Lynn's having the same eighth-grader come to see him in the rectory during class time and another occasion of observing Father Caffoe alone with a youngster for a couple of hours in an empty school.

I expanded Father [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] description of Father Caffoe's anger episodes: Father [REDACTED] "At a moment's notice, Lynn becomes very loud and angry, his face changes, he just goes 'wingy'." [REDACTED] "I'm afraid of him, even physically. I can't trust him. People are afraid of his anger so much that they'd rather let him have his way." I pointed out that reactions this severe from the staff indicate real pastoral abuse, a problem that deserves professional attention.

I failed to explicitly mention Father [REDACTED] concern that, except for the R.C.I.A., Father Caffoe seems to be interested pastorally only in the junior high and senior high youth groups, and that he seems to spend an inordinate amount of time with the youngsters employed in the rectory. I focused my remarks on the combined effect of two matters:

- 1) In 1975 in Garden Grove and in 1989-90 at St. James, complaints were made to the Chancery by parents about the way Father Caffoe hugged and touched their children. On both occasions, Father Caffoe was confronted by the Chancellor/Vicar and protested that his behavior was absolutely appropriate and non-hurtful.

Re: Rev. Lynn Caffoe

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- 2) I asked Father REDACTED and Sister REDACTED how they felt when they observed Father Caffoe with youngsters. Sister said, "I turn away when I see him hug teenagers." Father REDACTED quickly added with strong emphasis, "I feel exactly the same way. When I noticed him, seated in the rectory office, reaching up several times to tousle a young man's hair, I had to turn away, with a funny feeling in my stomach."

I told Father Caffoe that his colleagues' strongly negative reaction, taken with the previous complaints, makes it very likely that his usual way of expressing affection to teenagers is unhealthy and harmful. As a result, we asked Father Caffoe to:

- A) Restrict his physical contact with youngsters to a handshake --no hugging, touching, etc., at all. We said we would inform Father REDACTED and Sister REDACTED of this restriction.
- B) To see Dr. REDACTED for consultation and evaluation.

Father Caffoe agreed to these requests, but added that:

- 1) He resents the "moral aspersions" cast on him by Father REDACTED and Sister REDACTED the unjustified inference. He denied absolutely that he had done anything wrong or harmful. [I reminded him that we were the ones making a judgment, that our judgment is not a moral one, but simply that his behavior requires professional assessment.]
- 2) He has an affectionate way of relating to people in his ministry. Inhibited or cold people will misinterpret that.
- 3) He would find it absolutely impossible to remain at St. James with these restrictions. The negative reaction of his colleagues together with the anticipated reaction of shock to a complete change in "personality," in ministerial style, is simply too much to take.
- 4) He indicated that a lack of complaints from 1975 to 1989, especially since for a good amount of that time he served in La Canada with well-educated, demanding parishioners, meant that the complaints actually made were mistaken, not substantial, or at least isolated.
- 5) He agreed to wait until May 1 to go on sabbatical, but no longer.

I assured Father Caffoe that we are not judging his intentions or denigrating his years of ministry, that one's behavior is often perceived very differently by the majority of people than the person himself would perceive it.

I urged Father Caffoe to be openminded as he contacted Dr. REDACTED



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April 10, 1991

Rev. Lynn Caffoe
St. James Church
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Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Dear Lynn:

I received my copy of the letter you sent April 4 to the Archbishop. I want to thank you for that letter and tell you I appreciate your response in light of what was a most difficult session here in my office.

I would like to comment here on some of the proposals you made in your letter:

You had initially expressed the desire to leave St. James on May 1, and I appreciate the fact that you now want to extend that to June 1 out of consideration for Father [redacted] while Father [redacted] is on vacation.

As to your request for a sabbatical while in residence in a parish, we will need to clarify just what is meant by "sabbatical" over a year-long period; however, when we sit down to discuss the matter, the first thing in my mind will be consideration for your own health and well-being. I think you stated your intentions very well to the Archbishop when you wrote that you wanted time for rest, spiritual renewal, and learning more about yourself and your ministry.

The one matter I have to ask you to change in your proposal has to do with seeing Dr. [redacted]. I would like you to begin your sessions with him right away. He has been informed you will be contacting him this week, and he is awaiting your call.

You can reach me in my office at any time on Saturday, so that we can discuss any of the points in your letter. In the meantime, you are in my prayers as you face the difficulty and pain of making a transition from St. James parish. Again, I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely in Christ,

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(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

MEMORANDUM

April 15, 1991

TO: Archbishop Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Caffoe

I want you to be aware of the letter (attached) that I sent to Fr. Caffoe in reply to his letter to you.

I spoke with him on Saturday and, though he was quite resistant, I stressed the need to begin evaluation and counseling with Dr. [REDACTED] right away.

Thanks - I'll see him tonight at Confirmation, and will support your recommendations.

+ RMM

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April 15, 1991

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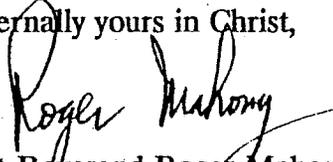
Dear Lynn:

I have received your letter of April 4, 1991, which arrived while I was in Rome.

I have noted that Father Timothy Dyer, our Vicar for the Clergy, has already written to you in response to your letter. Please be assured that we will continue to work closely with you to develop your plans in the coming weeks.

Assuring you of my very special prayers and of my constant support for you during these days, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Faternally yours in Christ,

+ 
Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Father Timothy Dyer


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APRIL 29, 1991

VICAR FOR CLERGY:
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

Dear Father Dyer;

I am writing this letter in continuance of the process we are undertaking about my efforts for the year commencing June 1st. My final weekend at St. James will be June 1st and 2nd.

To the matter of my hopes for the year ahead. I have made contact with Dr. [REDACTED] and have my first appointment with him Thursday, May 2nd. I assume these sessions will go on for awhile. It is my desire to take advantage of various courses, that I will soon check out at local Catholic universities, in updating in theology, scripture, and other related subjects pertinent to my priestly ministry. I would audit these classes, as I have no desire for acquiring a degree. I will do this throughout the year. In addition to the annual priests' retreat in June, I would also hope to avail myself of another retreat-type experience sometime during the year. Therefore, an extended sabbatical or sabbatical/educational leave, or whatever it might be called, would allow for a good opportunity of growth and transition from 20 years of priesthood, through the difficult time of the last four weeks, and the re-establishing of my own footing for the years of priesthood ahead.

Essential to me as well, will be my continuing to keep a certain amount of time available for ministry by being in residence in a parish during the year. I would strongly desire to take [REDACTED] [REDACTED] unsolicited offer of residency at St. Bede's in La Canada. This arrangement would offer me considerable opportunities of ministry, in a parish I could well do ministry of varied types. The support of [REDACTED], who is knowledged in the whole situation at hand, would be incaluable to my general condition of health of

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I hope that that the year long sabbatical plans meet with your approval. I obviously would like a resolution of my residence situation as quickly as possible so that I can make proper plans.

There are further practical questions to which I need your answers. Does the Archdiocese of Los Angeles become my "source of income" for the year? If so, does that include Medical, dental and auto insurances? What about the stipends for the year, since I have previously elected the flat \$250/month increment, does the Archdiocese or parish of residence provide that? Should I arrange for a car for the year, which I could easily do, and who picks up the tab? I plan on keeping my end of the arrangement for the sabbatical by making good, positive use of the year for study and prayer experiences, as well as ministry while in residence. I'll need answers to the above questions to know what the Archdiocese plans on doing.

Thank you for continuing to work with this process.

Sincerely,

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cc: Archbishop Roger Mahony
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cc: Archbishop Roger Mahony
 [Redacted]

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT

To Be Completed by Reporting Party
Pursuant to Penal Code Section 11166

A. CASE IDENTIFICATION	TO BE COMPLETED BY INVESTIGATING CPA
	NAME: _____
	REPORT NO./CASE NAME: _____
DATE OF REPORT: _____	

B. REPORTING PARTY	NAME/TITLE: [REDACTED] <i>clinical psychologist</i>	
	ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
PHONE: (213) 658-4330	DATE OF REPORT: May 8, 1991	STATE: [REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/> POLICE DEPARTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SHERIFF'S OFFICE <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY WELFARE <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY PROBATION		

C. REPORT SENT TO	AGENCY: <i>Child Abuse Hotline</i>	ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
	OFFICIAL CONTACTED: [REDACTED]	PHONE: (800) 540-4000 DATE/TIME: May 8, 1991 11:30AM

D. INVOLVED PARTIES	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		ADDRESS	BIRTHDATE	SEX	RACE		
	PRESENT LOCATION OF CHILD							
	PHONE							
	[REDACTED]							
	[REDACTED]							
SIBLINGS	NAME	BIRTHDATE	SEX	RACE	NAME	BIRTHDATE	SEX	RACE
	1.				4.			
	2.				5.			
	3.				6.			
PARENTS	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	BIRTHDATE	SEX	RACE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	BIRTHDATE	SEX	RACE
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5. EXPLAIN KNOWN HISTORY OF SIMILAR INCIDENT(S) FOR THIS CHILD:		

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[REDACTED]

May 9, 1991

Cont. from reporting form. (PC 11166)

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Sincerely

[REDACTED]

cc Fr. Dyer

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[REDACTED]

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

TELECOPY

DATE: 5-08-91

PLEASE DELIVER TO:

NAME: REDACTED

AGENCY: _____

TELECOPIER NUMBER: REDACTED

FROM:

NAME: CHILD ABUSE HOT LINE

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (800) 540-4000 (Press 1)

SUBJECT: Reporting form (PC11162)

NUMBER OF PAGES
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NOTE:

Please call us if the telecopy you receive is incomplete or illegible.
Our telephone number is (800) 540-4000 (Press 1)

May 8, 1991

Narrative of Report sent to Child Abuse Hot Line by [REDACTED]
re Lynn Caffoe:

I am a clinical psychologist practicing in [REDACTED], California. From time to time I am referred patients from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, California, Office of Vicar for Clergy. I was referred a Roman Catholic priest named Fr. Lynn Caffoe for assessment and possible counseling given the findings. Father Dyer, Vicar for Clergy, gave me the following information. Fr. [REDACTED] and Sister [REDACTED] the pastor and the principal for the school respectively, felt uneasy with the quality and quantity of affection Fr. Caffoe exhibited to children in the parish. They felt an uneasiness that they expressed to Fr. Dyer, Vicar for the Clergy. Sister [REDACTED] discomfort centered around two incidents, the first of which was that she had heard that some of the boys used Fr. Caffoe's room to change clothes in while attending a teenage dance, Fr. Caffoe says the boys came with inappropriate ties and he lent them appropriate neckwear. The second incident involved Sister [REDACTED] entering the school auditorium. It was dark and she felt the presence of someone, called out and no one answered. She left, returned in a few minutes and observed Fr. Caffoe and a boy come from behind the curtain. When she asked why they had not answered her before, they or Fr. Caffoe said they didn't hear her, they had headphones on and were doing something with the D.J. setup. Along with Fr. [REDACTED] and Sister [REDACTED] discomfort, Fr. Dyer received an anonymous phone call, the contents of this phone call did not include physical contact with the caller's son but gave rise in Fr. Dyer's mind to the need for my services in evaluating Fr. Caffoe. The anonymous caller refused to call me when Fr. Dyer suggested she do so. I spoke to Fr. Caffoe in a clinical interview situation and he denied any wrongdoing on May 2, 1991. I also administered the MMPI x MCMI. I met again with Fr. Caffoe on May 8, 1991, and after speaking to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Child Abuse Hote Line, I am reporting these instances of suspicion. When I spoke to both Ms. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] they informed me this is not a reportable matter but I must file this report. During my conversation with Fr. Caffoe when I asked him the names of the boys in the tie and auditorium incidents he gave me the names [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. If there are any further questions feel free to contact.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

cc: Fr. Dyer

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MEMORANDUM

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May 10, 1991

FROM: [REDACTED]

TO: FR. DYER

RE: SUMMARY OF WHAT I THINK YOU WANT TO SAY TO FR. CAFFOE

We are going on the assumption, on the judgment, that you have a problem in your relating to youngsters for these reasons:

- 1) Three distinct reports have come to this office over a long period of time from parents and teachers expressing serious concern over the way you embrace and relate to young boys. The fact that your behavior could elicit this concern after two separate warnings to "take care" from this office is significant.
- 2) The incident in the auditorium remains strongly suggestive of improper behavior.
- 3) The intensity of the reactions on the part of Sister [REDACTED] and Father [REDACTED] ("have to turn away," "had to look away with a sick feeling in my stomach") when they observed you hugging and touching boys strongly indicates improper and even harmful behavior.
- 4) Given the above observations, we are confident that most mature people would be deeply concerned in the same way we are. That you do not seem to see that our concern is reasonable is very disturbing.

For these reasons, we want you to:

- A) Abide by the handshake only restriction with kids;
- B) Continue evaluation with Dr. [REDACTED]
- C) Follow the recommendations that come out of the evaluation.

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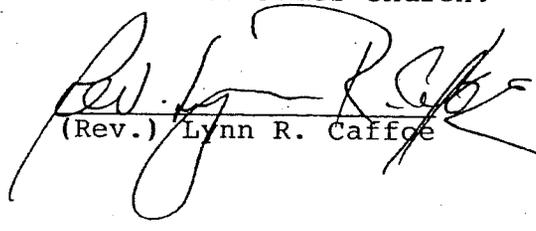
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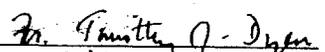
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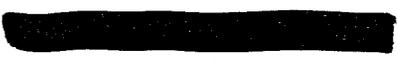
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- (5) I will abide by all regulations contained on Pages 35 to 37 inclusive of the Archdiocesan "Clergy Policies and Guidelines."

Should any of the above conditions be broken by me, I will voluntarily accept immediate reassignment from St. James Church.


 (Rev.) Lynn R. Caffoe


 Witness

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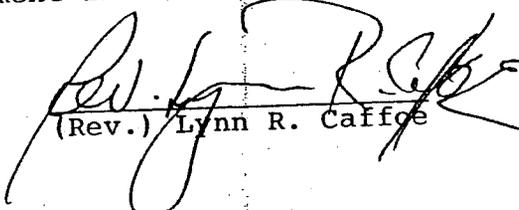
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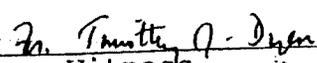
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 (Rev.) Lynn R. Caffoe


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cc: 

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MEMORANDUM

May 14, 1991

TO: Archbishop Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Caffoe

Attached are materials which will update you on the status of Fr. Caffoe: 1) The signed agreement which outline the conditions for Fr. Caffoe's continued stay at St. James; 2) summary of the points prepared by Fr. [redacted] which I covered in my 5/13/91 meeting with Fr. Caffoe; 3) the report made by Dr. [redacted] to Child Abuse Hot Line re Fr. Caffoe; 4) Fr. Caffoe's 4/29 letter of request (which you have already seen).

Dr. [redacted] will continue to se Fr. Caffoe and has one more test to administer. He will then give me a report by the time I meet with Fr. Caffoe on June 3rd at 10am.

Fr. Caffoe is insistent that he be given a residence but I have explained that cannot be done without first reviewing the report from Dr. [redacted]

Please keep me informed - steps to date seem sound.

+ RMH

5-16-91

[REDACTED]

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Psychodiagnostic Assessment

Date: May 25, 1991

Name: Lynn Caffoe

Age: 45

Sex: Male

Marital Status: Single

Tested by: [REDACTED]

Dates Tested: May 6-20, 1991

Referral Question: Assessment of subject's intellectual and cognitive functioning in the light of allegations of pedaphilia.

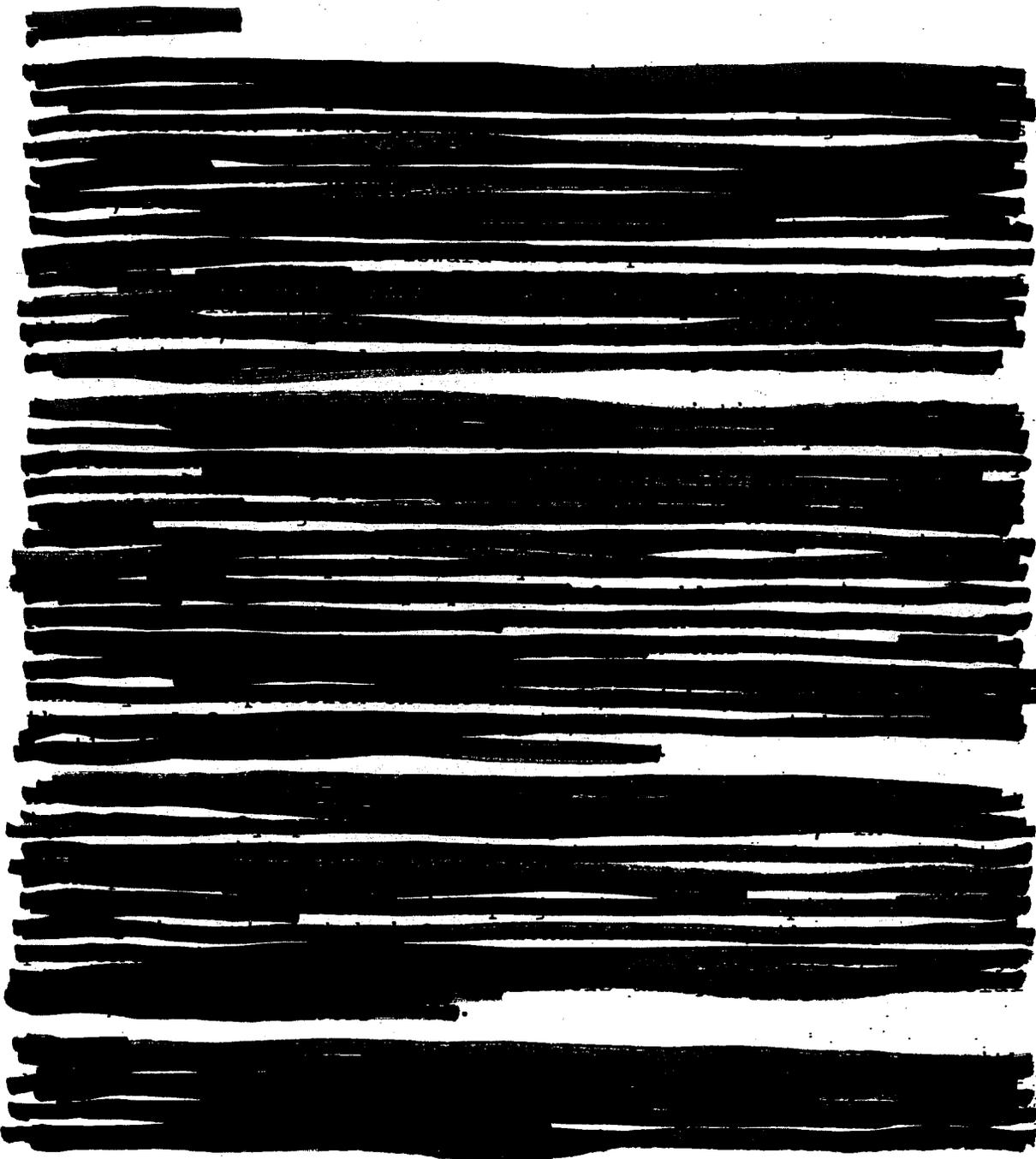
Tests Administered: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Summary:

Certainly psychological testing was not designed for the purpose of assessing the presence of pedaphilia in a subject. But if someone were guilty of a behavior as aberrant as pedaphilia, we would expect them to respond in a certain style that would include: a defended manner, a paucity of affect, and elevations on the psychopathic indexes. In each of these areas, Fr. Caffoe's data is positive. Basically the data is typical of an individual who has something to hide. Whereas my data cannot confirm pedaphilia, the data leaves me with great concern and suspicion. I would recommend a deeper and more comprehensive evaluation by experts in the field of treatment and assessment of pedaphilia. Given the seriousness of the referral question, I

am etically bound to strongly recommend assessment at St. Lukes Institute or a facility with equal expertise in the area of pedaphilia.



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I have also noticed this pattern among individuals who engage in sexual acting-out behavior, as in the case of sex addicts. This pattern is present when the sexual behavior is either syntonic or dystonic. It would be a pattern consistent with a diagnosis of pedophilia.



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May 31, 1991

Rev. Lynn Caffoe
St. James Church
415 Vincent Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Dear Father Caffoe:

The following arrangements have been made for your trip to St. Luke Institute and you will be receiving the tickets in the mail shortly:

Leave LAX on June 9 at 7:00 A.M. US Air flight 1108. Arrive Washington, D.C. at 4:17 P.M. You will be picked up upon arrival.

Leave Washington, D.C. on June 14 at 4:30 P.M. US Air flight 1157. Arrive LAX at 8:26 P.M.

Wishing you God's blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy



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June 3, 1991

Dear Dr. REDACTED and Staff,

We are sending Fr. Lynn Caffoe for evaluation and recommendations. Fr. Caffoe is 45 years of age, ordained in 1971 and has served as associate pastor in four parishes during the 20 years since his ordination. In general we are concerned about REDACTED and the possibility of ephebophilia.

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In January 1975, parents came to the pastor of his first parish and complained that Fr. Caffoe was overly affectionate with some of the altar boys. Fr. Caffoe denied any wrongdoing and wanted an immediate transfer. After meeting with some of the parents to clear up "misunderstandings", he withdrew his request for immediate transfer and stayed on four more months until the fulfillment of his four-year term.

During his second assignment ('75-'82) there is no record of any complaint. However, the pastor of his third parish ('82-'86) describes him as "charismatic" with youth and says that teenage boys from the second parish followed him to his new assignment. He recalls at least one occasion when some of these boys were in Fr. Caffoe's room -- "laughing and having a good time". (It is against our Archdiocesan policy for priests to have minors in their rooms.) He also was often in the company of one boy in particular and took him on vacations several times as his sole companion. (When I asked Fr. Caffoe about this, he angrily denied any impropriety and said that our policy was not in "written form" during the years in question. I then received a phonecall from the boy's mother -- by now, of course, he is no longer a minor -- saying that Fr. Caffoe was a "trusted friend" of the family and they had no reason to question their son's going on vacation with him.) In 1989, during Fr. Caffoe's fourth assignment ('86-6/'91), a call came to the Vicar's office -- critical and accusing -- regarding his behavior with teenage boys. The caller described prolonged embracing of a thirteen year-old boy followed by a whack on the rear and another embrace. (Being anonymous -- it was presented to Fr. Caffoe for his own information and not as an accusation.)

Beginning in March of 1991, a number of sources provided information which has led to intervention and the present need for evaluation at REDACTED Fr. REDACTED pastor (since 7/90) of the parish where Fr. Caffoe is associate, and Sister REDACTED, principal of the parish school, came to this office to report the following:

1) Fr. Caffoe runs a junior high youth group, a senior high youth group and

the R.C.I.A. Does almost nothing else. Has skipped hearing confessions -- though he makes out the schedule of confessors and assigns himself -- for nearly two years.

2) Several incidents with teenage boys which left Sr. REDACTED uncomfortable:

- a) Fr. Caffoe, without asking her permission, began taking one of the junior high boys out of the classroom during school hours in order to see him for about an hour in the rectory. This went on monthly and she was unaware of it until the secretary informed her. The boy's name is REDACTED and he was hired to work in the rectory. He is described as "bright, good looking and from a troubled home."
- b) Sister walked into a darkened parish hall one afternoon, "felt" a presence, called out, no reply, left to get something out of her car and, upon returning, met Fr. Caffoe coming out from a dark (described as "pitch black") area on the stage behind the curtain - - accompanied by REDACTED. Fr. Caffoe talked as if everything were normal.
- c) She noticed his car parked by the school from 3:45pm until about 5:30pm on a weekday. Another sister observed him leaving with a young boy near the end of that time -- apparently alone with the boy in the school for nearly two hours.
- d) She met several boys coming out of the rectory before some school event. They said they had to change shirts in Fr. Caffoe's room.

3) These less-than-shocking events apparently took on an ominous tone because of the way both Fr. REDACTED and Sister REDACTED perceive Fr. Caffoe's behavior in general around boys. She said "I have to turn away when I see him hug teenagers." Fr. REDACTED had the same reaction and described the feeling of revulsion on one occasion in the rectory where Fr. Caffoe (seated) ran his hand up a boy's side and was fondling his hair while talking to him. Fr. Caffoe seems to spend an inordinate amount of time with the boys hired to work in the rectory office.

In May of this year I received a call from REDACTED, an "intern" (6-month pastoral assignment -- 18 months prior to priesthood ordination) at the parish where Fr. Caffoe is associate. He had no knowledge of the discussions going on among pastor, principal, Fr. Caffoe and myself. After three months in the parish he went with his concerns to the pastor who then put him in touch with me:

- a) One evening as dinner was being set for REDACTED and Fr. Caffoe in the rectory dining room, REDACTED entered the room and saw one of the office boys standing next to Fr. Caffoe who was seated. Fr. Caffoe had his hand up the boy's back (under his shirt) and was "carressing" him up to the point of the shoulder blades. When the boy saw REDACTED he appeared embarrassed and Fr. Caffoe withdrew his hand as if nothing had

happened. By the end of that week the boy "disappeared" from rectory service -- sending his brother to substitute for him.

b) ^{REDACTED} names five boys (one of them --REDACTED) who are particularly close to Fr. Caffoe. When they come in for work, he greets them with a prolonged embrace (10 seconds) and often kisses them on the cheek. The boys seem to "tolerate" this -- standing with their arms at their sides while the embrace goes on. ^{REDACTED} describes the "embrace" as Fr. Caffoe's "totally wrapping himself around the kid". While they are in the rectory, Fr. Caffoe teases them, converses with them, pays a lot of attention to them. ^{REDACTED} describes the hugs and attention as "smothering" the youngsters.

c) The pastor concurs that these are the five boys about whom he is likewise concerned. They seem to fall into this pattern: bright, good looking and a problematic home (where there has either been a divorce or a father who is emotionally or physically absent).

d) ^{REDACTED} says that ^{REDACTED} seems to be struggling with his identity more than the normal teenager. He is quick to go with older males to talk (has mentioned to ^{REDACTED} that he'd be more than happy to have a talk with him). Of the five boys, it appears to ^{REDACTED} that ^{REDACTED} and the 16 year-old whose back Fr. Caffoe carressed at the dinner table are the two who are most "involved".

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Before calling Fr. Caffoe in and eventually having him see Dr. ^{REDACTED} ^{REDACTED} for evaluation (attached), I met, at the suggestion of Fr. ^{REDACTED} with a transitional deacon from the parish who knows Fr. Caffoe quite well. This deacon, ^{REDACTED} has been in the parish for years and has been approached by or been in conversation with three sets of parents who are uncomfortable with the way Fr. Caffoe has related to their boys. None of these parents would allow their names to be used. He put me in touch with one of the parents who spoke to me on four occasions without giving her name. Her son had worked at the rectory (not one of the five mentioned above) and had confided in her three incidents which she related to me under the strictest conditions. She said that her son had told her not to tell anyone and she did not want this information (the three incidents) to ever get back to Fr. Caffoe inasmuch as he would know immediately where it came from. She does not to break a confidence with her son, but said that for the sake of Fr. Lynn I could share these incidents with you at St. Luke's (as I was permitted to do also with

Dr. [redacted] provided you not divulge them -- even indirectly -- to Fr. Caffoe. While this information was given me anonymously, it seemed to me most credible. (I have spoken by phone about this matter with Dr. [redacted] :

a) This boy (15 years of age) came out from taking a shower one evening -- crying and saying that he thought he wasn't "normal". He told his mother that he had not masturbated and Fr. Caffoe told him that he should be able to do so.

b) Once, while in the rectory, Fr. Caffoe (from upstairs -- stairway? corridor?) had "mooned" him.

c) On one occasion Fr. Caffoe invited him up to his room and, using his private telephone, called the 900# (a pornographic line) and ran up a bill of over one hundred dollars.

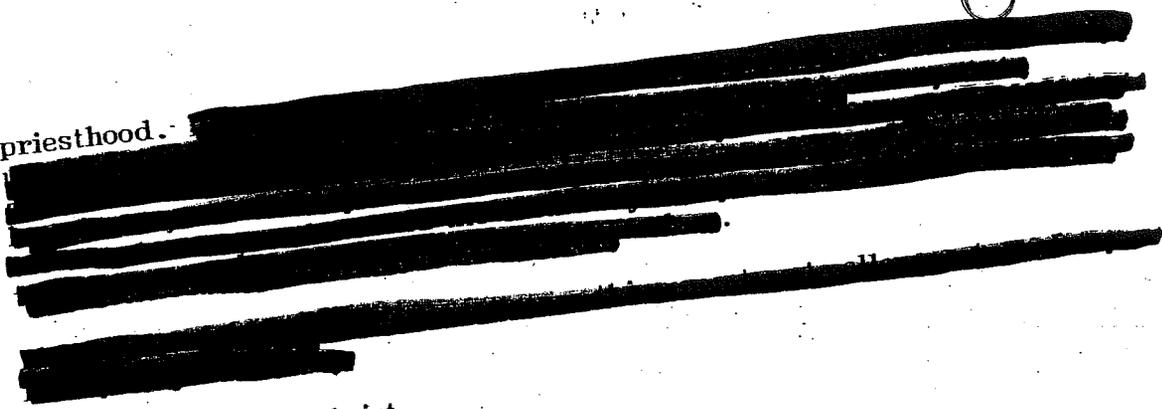
The relating of these incidents and the four conversations I had with this boy's mother took place over the phone. My number was given her by [redacted] and she placed the calls to me. Dr. [redacted] saw Fr. Caffoe four times and on the second visit felt that a report should be made to Child Abuse authorities. This was done and they asked if any of the incidents had involved "touch". Inasmuch as the testimony from the Intern, [redacted] had not yet come in and the three incidents above were given by phone with no names, the doctor reported only the initial experiences reported by Fr. [redacted] and Sr. [redacted] and no police investigation was recommended by Child Abuse.

At this point, a "resident" assignment has been given Fr. Caffoe and he has been asked to go to [redacted]. He has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing of a serious nature. We are interested in your evaluation as regards ephebophilia and the nature of his anger. We are not certain that he is a good candidate for therapy. (He has told his pastor that he will not be hospitalized.) We are wondering about your recommendations regarding a future assignment including any restrictions that should be placed on it. Until we have professional recommendations of a positive nature, we are not prepared to give him any ministerial assignment. We wonder about the advisability of residential treatment as opposed to an out-patient situation with residence in one of our parishes.

[Large redacted block of text]

As you can see, we are most concerned about Fr. Caffoe and somewhat at a loss as to how to proceed with care for him. He is very angry at present -- saying that the [redacted] report has labeled him a "pedophile" and destroyed his

priesthood.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

M. Timothy J. Dyer

Reverend Timothy Dyer
Vicar for the Clergy



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Saint Luke Institute

June 19, 1991

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Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
SLI [REDACTED]

Dear Excellency:

This letter will serve to document our evaluation of Reverend Lynn Caffoe, a 45 year old priest from your Archdiocese. The request for evaluation was stimulated by concerns voiced from a number of sources over Father Caffoe's affectionate behavior with teenage boys. There are no allegations of direct genital contact and Father Caffoe consistently denies any impropriety in his behavior. He does acknowledge a strong interest in youth and he spends a great deal of time with this age group, both ministerially and socially. As early as his first assignment in 1975, the pastor of his parish received complaints from parents that Father Caffoe was overly affectionate with some of the altar boys. He denied any wrongdoing and completed this assignment apparently without further difficulty.

Over the last two years, concerns have been expressed about Father Caffoe's behavior by several individuals. A couple of factors have made it difficult to deal with these criticisms. Some of the the comments have been anonymous, others have been expressed with reservations based on fear of Father Caffoe's anger. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Over the last couple of months, several people, who either live or work with Father Caffoe have been willing to share their observations about his affectionate displays towards teenagers. His pattern of prolonged hugging, kissing and stroking of teenage boys certainly warrants concern on the part of the Diocese about a possible sexual behavior disorder. The need for a comprehensive evaluation was fully warranted.

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Father Caffoe came to the Saint Luke Institute on June 9, 1991 and participated in a cooperative manner in our standard assessment protocol. He was angry about the circumstances of referral and felt that he had been misjudged.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Again

Father Caffoe consistently denies any improper touching of any of these children. He is not aware of sexual excitation when he is affectionate to them and they are not incorporated into any masturbation fantasies. Although he denies impropriety in his behavior Father Caffoe has made some progress in acknowledging that if his behavior recurrently generates discomfort in others he may have some responsibility for altering it.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sexual Disorder, not otherwise specified - unintegrated sexuality rule out ephebophilia

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Although we do not make a diagnosis of ephebophilia, we think that Father Caffoe's exaggerated reliance on youth to meet his affectional needs is a problem. Efforts in the past to get him to recognize the discomforting exaggerations in his rendering of affection have not yielded much change. His psychological make-up puts him at risk for recurrent mis-matches between how he sees himself and how the world sees him.

[REDACTED]

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe

[REDACTED]

6/26/91

Interview with Fr. REDACTED

--Saw Fr. Lynn Caffoe on one occasion this year -- in the dining room with REDACTED
REDACTED He was facing the youth, arms around him, hands on both the youth's
buttocks -- massaging them.

--"hundreds of times" over the years I've sen him (Lynn) take boys to his room
(one, sometimes two at a time) and he'd shut the door and bolt lock it shut from
the inside. He'd do this any time of the day and in the evening up till 8pm.
Some of these boys worked in the rectory, others did not.

--Has a terrible, violent temper.

--No scruples about spending money.

--People are afraid of him.

--He wants to control everybody and everything.

--Didn't hear confessions.

--Several times slept over at the home of the REDACTED (This was the only item
REDACTED did not give me permission to say to Lynn).

--"I can tell you right now that Lynn will accept no help -- he will tell you that
everyone else is wrong and he'll always deny what's been said about him."

6/27/91.

Conversation with Fr. REDACTED

--REDACTED and REDACTED helped Lynn move out of the rectory.
Lynn drove in the truck with them (one boy at a time) -- violating the signed
agreement he made with the Archdiocese.

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Please write the Office:

Dear Lynn,

The Cardinal will be out of town this coming week. I ~~will~~ must wait until he returns to share with him your response to his directions that you go to St. Luke's Institute for residential therapy.

I will be in touch with you, therefore, early the following week (July 15 - 19).

Sincerely yours in X



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July 8, 1991

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Church
3954 Palo Verde
Long Beach, CA 90808

Dear Lynn:

The Cardinal will be out of town this week.

I must wait until he returns to share with him your response to his direction that you go to St. Luke Institute for residential therapy.

I will be in touch with you, therefore, early the following week (July 15-19).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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MEMORANDUMJuly 15, 1991

TO: Cardinal Mahony

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

I spoke with Dr. [REDACTED] following Fr. Caffoe's evaluation. He told me he was at some risk for depression and there was even some indication that he could become suicidal -- though that was not the case at present. I did, however, make Fr. [REDACTED] aware of the situation and he has been very solicitous and caring in Fr. Caffoe's regard. Dr. [REDACTED] predicted resistance and anger (which he said was "largely self-protective") from Fr. Caffoe and that's exactly what we got.

Fr. [REDACTED] and I met with Fr. Caffoe on July 1st. I presented him with need to go to residential therapy in light of the St. Luke's report. He proceeded to tear the report apart -- making a paragraph by paragraph denial of their assessment. He said there was no way in the world he would go back there -- calling the place a "looney bin" and saying it would destroy him. He declared that although you said the therapy was a "must", it was for him a matter of conscience not to allow himself to be ruined by going to St. Luke's.

Fr. Caffoe continues to impugn everyone who has given any testimony about his behavior. Fr. [REDACTED] came to see me during the retreat to report that during their years together, Fr. Caffoe had taken boys to his room "hundreds of times" -- always bolt locking his door from the inside. He also gave an example of having seen Fr. Caffoe with his arms around a 16 year-old boy -- his hands on the boy's buttocks, massaging them. Upon my presenting this to Fr. Caffoe, he denied it and broke into a tirade about Fr. [REDACTED]. That was similar to his reaction to the testimony of [REDACTED] (intern at St. James) as well as to that of Fr. [REDACTED] and Sr. [REDACTED].

Fr. [REDACTED] reports to me that Fr. Caffoe breached the 5/13/91 "agreement" (attached) which he signed. He had a minor boy in the truck with him as he made several trips back and forth from St. James to St. Maria Goretti's while moving out. Fr. [REDACTED] further says that Fr. Caffoe upon leaving had still not come up with marriage and adult baptismal data for the parish records. During five years of directing RCIA at St. James, he failed to record any of the [REDACTED] adult baptisms and Fr. [REDACTED] estimates there are nearly [REDACTED] marriages he has not documented.

At this point Fr. Caffoe is unassignable. He does not complete the ordinary functions expected of a parish priest, his anger is intolerable,

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his treatment of minor boys -- harmful and dangerous, his attitude hostile and abusive, as Fr. [REDACTED] and I have observed. Throughout our conversations he has never admitted that anyone's testimony had any validity. He now impugns the professional reports from both Dr. [REDACTED] and St. Luke's. When I told him that his refusal to go to therapy meant he was unfit for an assignment, he retorted "Fine! then I'll just stay in residence for the next 20 years." I explained that that was not an option.

Unfortunately, I think we have reached the point where you must give him an ultimatum in writing. According to Dr. [REDACTED], Fr. Caffoe is

[REDACTED] I suspect there may be in Fr. Caffoe's mind a real questioning of his vocation and Fr. [REDACTED] thinks he prefers to remain in the present situation where he can claim that he was "kicked out". I suggest you tell him that he is making a decision which leaves us no choice but to relieve him of ministry.

*This is all intolerable and
unacceptable to me - please see
me on July 18 or 19 -*

Thanks!

+ RMM

7-17-91



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July 17, 1991

Reverend Lynn Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Parish
3954 Palo Verde
Long Beach, California 90808

Dear Father Caffoe:

I have been following closely the various interventions at my personal direction by Father Timothy Dyer dealing with the many problems associated with your priestly life and ministry.

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Having followed each and every step personally and closely, I must now conclude that there can be only one option for you at this time:

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Furthermore, I will be required to advise any other Bishop that your past conduct as a priest is such that no Bishop or Diocese should consider offering you Faculties even on a temporary basis.

I fear that you do not understand either the depth of your personal problems or the consequent actions of those problems, and that you are unwilling to allow professionals assist you in facing those problems realistically with the hope of arriving at some resolution of those personal difficulties.

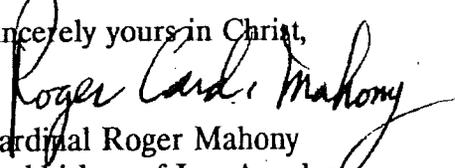
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I am hopeful that you will understand that all of us have one objective in mind: your receiving the best professional treatment possible for serious personal problems which impact very negatively upon your priestly life and ministry.

May I please ask that you respond to this letter in writing, and I hope that you now realize there is only one acceptable option open to you.

Assuring you of my prayers during these difficult days, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ 
Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ *Roger Cardinal Mahony*
Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles



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REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM ARCHBISHOP ROGER MAHONY

TO: Fr. Dyer DATE: 7-17-91

- Please REVIEW, then SEE ME
- Please REVIEW, then RETURN to me
- Please REVIEW, then SEND me your COMMENTS
- Please REVIEW, then FILE

- Please HANDLE this matter ENTIRELY
- Please ANSWER; send copy of letter to me
- Please WRITE A REPLY for my signature
- For your INFORMATION
- Please XEROX - FAX and send copy/copies to:

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- original to file
 - original back to me

REMARKS:

I mailed this tonight at Terminal Annex
+ RMM

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ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH
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JULY 23, 1991

CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
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Your Eminence:

As per your directive in your letter to me dated July 17th, I am writing this letter to respond.

I made contact by phone with Dr. [REDACTED] at Saint Luke's Institute to clear up questions I had about the Residence Program. We had a lengthy conversation.

In light of my conversation with him, significant prayer, lengthy conversations with friends and my spiritual director, I have concluded that I will avail myself of the approximately six month Residence Program after August 1st. In my conversation with Dr. [REDACTED] he informed me that they were full at the institute now, and he put me down as a reservation for a space when one becomes available around the 6th or 7th of August or thereabouts.

I would ask that you have the Office of Vicar for Clergy make the necessary arrangements for my beginning the program, and to keep me well posted as to the arrangements. It would be most helpful for Fr. Dyer to be in communication with me concerning the particulars, so that I can resolve some practical questions and needs that I have, as I strive to tie together alot of the loose ends before leaving Southern California for six months.

Thank you for your considerations,

In Christ,

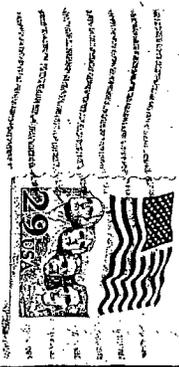
Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe



LYNN R. CAFFOE
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CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY
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July 29, 1991

Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Church
3954 Palo Verde Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90808

Dear Father Caffoe:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 23, 1991, and I was very pleased to learn that you have agreed to enter the Residence Program at St. Luke's Institute on the east coast.

I have shared this information with Father Timothy Dyer, and he will work closely with you to make the necessary arrangements for your entry into this program.

I am confident that you will find the program both challenging and fruitful for your own life and ministry, and I know that your willingness to cooperate fully in all phases of the program will be a key element to the positive outcome which we all desire.

Assuring you of my special prayers as you enter the program in early August, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Roger Card. Mahony*

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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July 30, 1991

His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahoney
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Your Eminence:

I am writing this letter concerning Father Lynn Caffoe. I have known Father Caffoe and his family for the past twenty years. Father and I worked very closely during his first assignment at Saint Callistus in Garden Grove where he was very actively involved in all aspects of parish life, including school, CCD and adult education. Many people have profited from his priestly minister during his twenty years in Orange County and Los Angeles.

I am very aware of the situation that involves Father Caffoe at this time. He has shared with me the appointments that he has had with the Vicar for Clergy, his psychological reports, and your letter.

Although I do have some reservations concerning the severity of your letter, the main objective as stated in your letter, and the second hand information you have received, I am not writing this letter in defense of Father Caffoe nor do I wish to undermine your authority.

Contrary to what was stated in your letter, however, Father Caffoe did not refuse psychological help. He made it very clear to your Vicar for Clergy several times that he would be willing to seek psychological help at a local facility on a regular basis, so that he could continue his priestly ministry.

Your Eminence, I am writing this letter to you because your brother priest is hurting. He is emotionally and psychologically damaged by the accusations made about him and by the psychological report he has received which have led him to the cessation of his priestly ministry for the next few months. I am concerned about your unwillingness to meet with Father Caffoe personally to discuss this problem. He had stated to your Vicar for Clergy at their last meeting that he presumed you would speak to him before you put forth your ultimatum. Your letter stating that you wanted a response in writing surely closed any doors to verbal communication.

As Jesus took time to comfort the sorrowing, heal the sick and speak to his followers, I do hope that you will reconsider and speak to Father Caffoe to assure him of your support and understanding during this very difficult period in his life.

Father Caffoe is a gift to the priesthood. I thank God that he has made the decision to assume residency in Maryland for the next few months and not to leave the priesthood.

May God bless you and guide you as you continue to work for our Church in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]



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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
400 S. GRIFFIN STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90017

August 1, 1991

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Church
3954 Palo Verde
Long Beach, CA 90808

Dear Lynn:

As you know from his letter to you of July 29, Cardinal Mahony has asked me to work closely with you to make the necessary preparations for your entrance into the program at St. Luke's. This does not simply entail flight arrangements, but also involves helping you to see clearly the Archdiocese's intent in recommending you to St. Luke's.

Based on the strong reactions to the prospect of residential therapy you showed here in my office, and knowing that the Cardinal has now given you no other alternative, I believe I must make it clear that time at St. Luke's in and of itself is not the ticket to your next assignment and continued active ministry. It is not time served, but observed change, verified by the staff at St. Luke's that will open ministry to you once again. This is the meaning of the Cardinal's statement that "your willingness to cooperate fully in all phases of the program will be a key element to the positive outcome which we all desire."

To my knowledge, there has never been any acceptance on your part of serious problems in your life, apart from "some anger". This is certainly at odds with our stance and inconsistent with extended residential therapy at St. Luke's. While you may not at this point agree that there is any major problem, we see you in a state of denial, and we expect you to be open to therapy which, if you allow it to do so, can help you see the very real problems of which we have ample evidence.

For you to go to St. Luke's with a closed mind, to simply tolerate the program and not truly enter into it, to never come to the point of seeing the need for serious change in your behavior, would not be worthwhile for you or the Archdiocese.

We will stand by you and support you and finance this professional treatment to the maximum; we will enter into dialogue and keep you in our constant prayers; but it must be clear from the beginning that the outcome we are looking for is a demonstration during your therapy that you have come to terms with the problems we have observed to the extent that we will have the moral certitude necessary to entrust you with another assignment.

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe

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Let me finally say that all I have written here is with the expressed approval of Cardinal Mahony.

I have spoken to Dr. [REDACTED] since your own phone conversation with him. He is looking forward to your coming and is most desirous of working with you towards a positive outcome.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 1991
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
TO: Cardinal Mahony
RE: Father Lynn Caffoe

Attached is draft of a letter I propose to send to Lynn Caffoe. As you can see, I have made it very strong and pounded away at the same theme over and over again--because my experience with Lynn in the office made me clearly see the need for that.

I would appreciate any comments or corrections you may have.

Perfect - right on!

*+ RMM
8-1-91*

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August 2, 1991

[REDACTED]

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

With regard to Father Lynn Caffoe, in addition to the 5-page introduction and report from Dr. [REDACTED] that I sent you in June 1991 in preparation for his evaluation, I would now like to send you some further information, as well as my present reading of the situation.

The additional information consists of testimony received from Father [REDACTED] who has been an Associate Pastor at St. James Church, Redondo Beach for as long as Father Caffoe has been assigned there. He came to me when he heard that Father Caffoe was leaving to report to me that Father Caffoe had taken boys aged 13 through 17 to his upstairs room "hundreds of times--always bolt locking his door from the inside." He further stated he had seen Father Caffoe with his arms around a 16-year-old boy ([REDACTED] mentioned in my earlier report)-- "his hands on the boy's buttocks, massaging them."

Apart from Father Caffoe's behavior with minors, [REDACTED]

Prior to Father [REDACTED] testimony, we had no direct knowledge of boys in Father Caffoe's room with him. Father [REDACTED] is a reliable witness, and he makes it clear that "minors in Father Caffoe's room behind a locked door" was common practice. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

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Attached is a copy of the letter sent to Father Caffoe that outlines the position of the Archdiocese in respect to his going to St. Luke's and the possibility of future ministry. I would be happy to discuss this with you at any time and to answer any questions you may have.

We are hoping for the best, and we are glad that Father Caffoe has decided to go to St. Luke's. We think it is the best plan for him. But I must be frank in saying that we see him as a very troubled and sick man, and we will have to see significant change before recommending a future assignment.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy



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August 7, 1991

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 30, 1991, and I certainly understand your point of view with respect to Father Lynn Caffoe.

Given the special confidentiality surrounding personnel matters, I know that you will understand my inability to go into detail with his situation. However, I can assure you that the reality and history are far more serious and tragic than you will ever know.

I strongly urge you to support Father Caffoe in the overall evaluation process which he will be undergoing shortly. It is imperative that all of us, especially those close to him, urge his total and open participation in the processes which lie ahead.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Cardinal Roger Mahony*

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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August 14, 1991

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Church
3954 Palo Verde
Long Beach, CA 90808

Dear Lynn:

By now you should have received from O'Callaghan Travel your ticket to Washington on August 21. We have notified St. Luke's of your flight arrival time, so they will be picking you up at the airport.

You should also have received from St. Luke's some informational material that will answer the questions you had about what you need to bring for your stay.

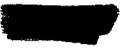
Also, as we discussed by phone, your salary (including Ordination Increment and \$250 in lieu of stipends) will be sent to you at St. Luke's at the end of each month.

We spoke on the phone also about the car. Sierra Leasing is expecting its return by August 21.

Should you have any other questions prior to leaving, please call me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy



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Saint Luke Institute

August 22, 1991

CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
Saint Luke Institute - [REDACTED]
Date of Admission: August 22, 1991

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

This letter is meant to acknowledge that the above named patient, Reverend Lynn Caffoe, was admitted on August 22, 1991, as scheduled, to the Saint Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland. During Father Caffoe's residency at the Institute, his therapist is [REDACTED], and he will be in contact with you regularly concerning Father Caffoe's progress and needs. Should you have any questions concerning Father Caffoe, please feel free to contact Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Curtis C. Bryant, SJ
Curtis C. Bryant, S.J., Ph.D.
Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe

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REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY

TO: Fr. Dyer DATE: 9-3-91

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- Please REVIEW, then RETURN to me
- Please REVIEW, then SEND me your COMMENTS
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- Please HANDLE this matter ENTIRELY
- Please ANSWER; send copy of letter to me
- Please WRITE A REPLY for my signature
- For your INFORMATION
- Please XEROX - FAX and send copy/copies to:

original to file original back to me

REMARKS: _____

_____ *Thanks!*

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Saint Luke Institute

September 27, 1991

CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
Saint Luke Institute - [REDACTED]
Date of Admission: August 22, 1991

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

This letter is in regard to the progress of Father Lynn Caffoe who is in his second month of treatment here at Saint Luke Institute. Father Caffoe is continuing to make progress in his recovery program.

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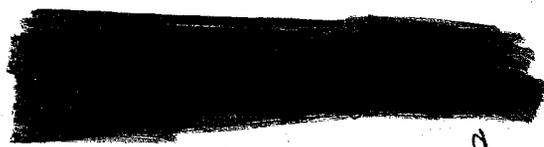
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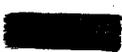
Thank you for offering this opportunity for a renewed life to Father Caffoe. We will correspond with you in the months to come regarding his continuing progress.

Our prayers for you and for your continuing ministry in the Lord.

Sincerely,



Curtis C. Bryant, S.J.
Curtis C. Bryant, S.J., Ph.D.
Director, Inpatient Clinical Services



cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe



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December 19, 1991

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Dear Mr. (REDACTED)

Since you were away at the time Father (REDACTED) and I visited (REDACTED) and met with Father Lynn Caffoe, I feel it is important to let you know where we stand with regard to Father Caffoe's future.

In the first place, the main reason that Father Caffoe was sent to St. Luke's was the issue of grossly inappropriate, affectionate behavior towards teens, observed over a period of years in several parishes. Judging from what we heard in our interview with him on November 5, it is our conclusion that Father Caffoe has not dealt well with this central issue and, consequently, we cannot in good conscience place him again in a position of trust within the priestly ministry.

When we met with Father Caffoe, he spent about 15 minutes reviewing the work he had done in the previous two months. He acknowledged his intense anger. He revealed past indiscretions with prostitutes and his tendency towards compulsive masturbation. Frankly, we did not find that to be of great significance. Not once during that 15 minutes did he mention anything about his involvement with and behavior towards minors. When I brought that to his attention, he acknowledged only that he had come to understand how others might have perceived his behavior to be improper. He became defensive and, three times, said "Well, I guess one is guilty until proven innocent."

I spoke to Dr. (REDACTED) on December 14, and he informed me that there had been something of a "breakthrough", in that Father Caffoe has acknowledged that he now sees how putting his arm around a youngster was an invasion of boundary. This is so drastically short of our appreciation of the effects of his behavior that our judgment has not changed.

Our reading on Father Caffoe dates back in our files to his first assignment 20 years ago, when a parent came in to complain about his affectionate behavior around younger boys. In subsequent assignments, his focus in ministry continued to be young people,

Mr. [REDACTED]

and we find now that his pastors did not bring to our attention at the time the fact that he was bringing minors to his room and going on vacation alone with them.

In Father Caffoe's last parish, two priests and the principal of the school described numerous occasions on which they had observed self-nurturing, exploitative behavior with minors, in which he played a quasi-father role and approached borderline sexual behavior with them. One of the priests, as you know, has testified to Father Caffoe's locking the door to his room with one or two minors inside on "hundreds of occasions".

All these observations tell us that he has been living emotionally off youngsters, and this, together with his intense temper--which can control and intimidate--makes us believe that damage has been done to these young people, and that we cannot trust him in future ministry.

It is the combination of multiple testimony and Father Caffoe's deepseated denial of such observations that brings me to the conclusion that at least to this point our plans are to help Father Caffoe adjust to life outside priestly ministry following his treatment at St. Luke's.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Timothy J. Dyer

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

cc: Dr. [REDACTED]



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Saint Luke Institute

December 19, 1991

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His Eminence Roger M. Cardinal Mahony, D.D.
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Rev. Lynn Caffoe
[REDACTED]

Dear Cardinal Mahony:

This letter is in regard to the progress of Father Lynn Caffoe who is in his fourth month of treatment here at Saint Luke Institute.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Most Rev. Roger M. Mahony, DD -2-
Re: Rev. Lynn Caffoe - [REDACTED]

December 19, 1991

We are delighted that Father Dyer will be able to visit Saint Luke Institute in February. During the course of this visit, we would hope to share with him at greater length Father Caffoe's progress and what issues face him as he enters into a new phase of his treatment process.

Our prayers for you and blessings of the Christmas season.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Curtis Bryant/mcf

Curtis C. Bryant, SJ, PhD
Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

[REDACTED]

cc: Lynn Caffoe

[REDACTED]

Mr. Lynn Office.

NOTES - REDACTED

5/17/89 Anonymous called called again. See memo to REDACTED re previous call. Wanted a report on what I had done. Told her I could not discuss . Told her I took it seriously and would do so. Would not say if I had told my superiors or the pastor. Asked her if her attorney would contact me. She said the contact would only be for the purpose of sending her a report and I told her I could not do that. She asked why I would not give a report, and I told her I did not know who she was. She said her attorney had discused her options with her, but it was not in her interest to reveal her name.

5/21/89 Earlier this year, Lynn called me to ask if he could be an administrator someplace. Does not like REDACTED has no flexibility, no sense of parish. REDACTED does not let priesthood interfere with his private life. Negativity very difficult

1/24/90 PRIVATE PHONE REDACTED

3/08/90 Talked to Lynn about the situation at St. James. REDACTED talked to REDACTED last Thu. and said, "Lynn is the one who is always away." Said to REDACTED that he was told if they went no one would come to the parish (priests that is). Atmosphere is chilly at best. On Sat. REDACTED called Lynn into his office and they had a forty minute session. REDACTED said he was hurt that Associates would not stay if he remained, Said he went off on mon night because Lynn did not schedule him on Tuesday. He considered REDACTED and Lynn friends and was hurt because of that. Said the session at the Chancery was fine and both the REDACTED and REDACTED were fine to him. He did not know Lynn and REDACTED initiated meeting. Asked if he had done anything to Lynn personally. He understood Lynn had done what he had to do. Said his life was at stake because of his health. He had a growth on prostate. He said the decision about the future was entirely up to him. He did say that since the school situation he has probably been ineffective. Lynn would find it incredible if REDACTED wer not moved.

REDACTED has begun to do things. Secretary is quitting and he has hired a new secretary. he is convinced that he is going to stay as pastor and not acting like a man who is to be moved. Got the whole thing out of his system in two days and seems to have convinced himself that he is going to stay.

3/16/90 REDACTED has ignored Lynn and they have spoken very little. Last Sat. he heard confessions for the first time in years. He went to help after a wedding. He is not going away today, Friday, and will take the Stations for the first time in eight years (according to REDACTED.

2/4/91. REDACTED mentions that he and the school principal have discussed their serious discomfort with Lynn's treatment of young teenage boys.

2/12/91. Phone conversation with Sr. REDACTED, school principal at St. James: I know Lynn has a terrible, terrible temper. / Last year I noticed one of our 8th graders, REDACTED heading toward the rectory during school time (around 11am). I asked the school secretary and she said that Fr. Lynnsends for him every once and awhile (perhaps it had averaged once/month). REDACTED would spend about an hour at the rectory and then return to school. (REDACTED has a poor family background and I thought maybe he needed counseling; but Fr. Lynn had never asked my permission or informed me that he was taking him out of school.)/ Then one day after school I went over to the hall. It was pitch black when I opened the door and I sensed that someone was inside. I called out twice "Hello" and no one answered. I went back to get something out of my car and returned, perhaps a minute later, and Lynn came out from behind the stage curtain, saw me and said "we were fixing up some music" (his sound equipment is on stage). Then out from behind the curtain came REDACTED REDACTED I felt very uneasy about it because that stage was completely dark and I sensed something had been going on./ Lynn likes to touch the boys, i.e. hugging them; of course, he gives me a kiss on the cheek too./ He's in charge of two youth groups; plays disc jockey for lots of dances; takes kids on vacation; eg. very friendly with the REDACTED boys (8th & 9th

graders) who have each worked in the rectory. REDACTED also worked in the rectory./ Last year before the graduation dance REDACTED and 3 or 4 other boys went into the rectory around 6pm. 10 minutes later they emerged and I asked where they had been. They replied "We were up in Fr. Caffoe's bedroom; we needed to change our shirts."/ Terrible temper: once when I talked to the DRE, asst. DRE and Lynn about needing to tell the kids from the youth group to clean up after eating their snacks in the hall (they'd left a real mess), Lynn came unglued -- began yelling at me and kept it up until I had to leave in order not to break into tears./ Lynn cannot take criticism/ He makes me frightened; I think he could be violent.

2/19/91. In a phone conversation with REDACTED he mentioned that REDACTED (to be ordained in '91 from the parish) had come to him not long after REDACTED arrival at St. James to say that several parents had approached him to say they didn't like the way Fr. Lynn hugged their boys. They asked, however, that REDACTED not use their names.

4/9/91. Following our intervention with Lynn on 4/2/91. Sister REDACTED made an appt. to see him. Said Lynn told her he was questioning his priesthood; that if the AD didn't let him have a year's sabbatical, he was going to leave. / Said he brought up her story of his being up on the dark stage with REDACTED Said he hadn't heard her come in and say "hello" because they both had headphones on. Sister thought it was significant that as Lynn gave this explanation, he looked down and wouldn't look at her. Said she knows he wasn't being truthful.

4/17/91. Msgr. REDACTED came in to speak up fo Lynn./ Only saw Lynn blow up seriously once during his time at St. Bede's./ Yes, there was a boy (9th or 10th grader) whom Lynn was always with. Yes, he went with this boy alone on vacations./ There were lots of kids who'd come regularly from O.L. of Peace to visit Lynn./ Yes, he remembered once when there was a group of several(3) highschool kids in his room -- all laughing./ Kids do seek him out -- he's got a charism with them; 4 years later kids from St. Bede's are still asking for him./

5/8/91. Dr. REDACTED called to say that he felt a need to make a report to Child Abuse Hot Line. He saw Lynn and told him this. He made the report and was told this would not have to go to the police for an investigation. I called Lynn to tell him there would be no police investigation but asked that he prepare to leave St. James after the weekend inasmuch as there could be more to follow (the Hot Line director suggested that the 2 boys whose names Lynn had given to REDACTED should be interviewed). Lynn strongly opposed this and I set up an appt. with him for 5/13/91.

5.13/91. Told Lynn I had changed my mind and that he could stay on at St. James until the date that had already ben announced in the parish -- June 2nd. Asked that he sign a 5-point agreement re his behavior with minors during his stay at St. James. Went over with him the things REDACTED had outlined as well as the things REDACTED (whom I'd called before this meting to say I'd be quoting him) had told me./ Lynn was upset that I would not give him a new residence assignment (preferably St. Bede's) before June 3rd. I told him I would not deal with that until REDACTED REDACTED's report was in. I explained that one of the possible outcomes could be in-residence therapy.

5/14/91. Call received from Mrs. REDACTED wanting to know if her son's name was in our file. She said she had spoken to Lynn and found that we were questioning the fact that he had taken her son (while a minor) on vacation. She spoke very positively about Lynn and said that she and her husband had had no question about sending their son w. Lynn -- who is a trusted friend of all the family and on several occasions has gone w. the entire family on vacation. (REDACTED)

7/15/91. Spoke to Dr. REDACTED for clarification over the report's saying: "rule out pedophilia". This is a technical phrase meaning "not sufficient evidence to say it's unequivocally there, but needs further examination"

or "there is some evidence of this diagnosis but not enough to state it clearly." How to therefore "rule out" the diagnosis = further evaluation./ My experience with Lynn in the office made Dr. REDACTED even more confident in the testing results -- inasmuch as he "never addresses the issue" but attacks what he perceives as a vulnerable point in someone else.

7/24/91. Call from REDACTED who says Lynn is shocked by the REDACTED letter. Says he's tending towards going to REDACTED but REDACTED adds that it's with a closed mind and only because Lynn's priesthood will be forfeited if he fails to go./ Lynn has never said "I have a major problem."/ He must be told that if he only plans to "tolerate" the program and not really enter into it -- then he shouldn't waste our time and money. If he won't admit to a serious problem -- then forget it./ There can be no sign of "waffeling" in confrontation with Lynn - he must be told clearly even bluntly and given no alternatives.// Need to tell Lynn either in person or in writing that what we're looking for in sending him to REDACTED is a clear bill of health; that we have no moral certitude about his change of behavior to trust him with another assignment and that "jumping through hoops" at REDACTED ; is not sufficient to be entrusted again with an assignment. We want a clear bill of health sufficient to say you have chnged to the point of our being able to trust you again in the everyday responsibilities and intimate nature of a priestly assignment.

11/5-6. REDACTED & REDACTED -- visitation, REDACTED. Conclusions: Lynn has decided to cooperate w. treatment acc. to his own lights; still making a case for himself; we don't have a lot of hope for recovery that would restore him to ministry./ In our interview with him, Lynn used the experience he's had at REDACTED as a way of telling us that he'd made a lot of progress. He began with his work in the area of "anger". Then revealed his problems in the past w. compulsive masturbation and visits to a massage parlor where he'd been involved w. prostitutes on a few occasions. He didn't even mention anything about his relationship with minors! I called him on this and he played the victim roll -- 3x saying "I guess I'm guilty until proven innocent."/ So our conclusions came out of this presentation on his part in which he would "give" on other things -- imbalanced personality, anger, masturba., prostitutes -- so long as he could avoid any suggestion of ephebophilia. He acted as if we should be impressed with his openness and revelations on these other matters. (11/5-6/91.)

1/8/92. Call from REDACTED (Lynn's main therapist at REDACTED): We agree totally that Lynn is a "tough cookie". Difficult getting out of him the data presented by the AD. "Obviously, he will not be far enough along by your Feb. visit to to show any significant revelations."/ "His won awareness of sexual attraction to anyone (adult or juvenile; male or female) is almost non-existent -- he blocks it."/ He has the ability to ignore, deny, detract from the most powerful issues involved... he blocks by acting as if he will get an assignment./ Deep inside he is extremely fragile -- but w. a very thick shell to defend himself."There's progress -- but, I suspect he's not even revealing things to himself."/ He avoids details when he says "yes, I was inappropriate with youth."/ "At the end of 7 months he'll be in a position to say he's ready for therapy!"/ We all agree here that his attraction to teen boys is 50-50 -- i.e. it could be genital, could be his sexual orientation; however, it could also be based on his affectational needs./ "He's one of our toughest."

1/12/92. Conference call -- Lynn, REDACTED and I: Lynn began the 40 min. conversation saying that he has continued to work with anger issues./ "Most significant area of work (in last 3 weeks) has ben in the area of affectional behavior. I've become painfully aware that I've fed my intimacy needs through touch, hugs, physical contact with teen boys. I've put my hand on their waists and just left it there. Basically, I've abused my position by not respecting boundaries -- nourishing my needs

through them. It's abusive; a misuse of my position (as a priest)... Though there has never been sexual, genital contact with teens, I did put my hand on their waists -- which, while not a sexual act, was close to their genitals and fed my need for affectionate touch. I kissed highschool boys on the cheek; sometimes I kissed them on the lips, though I didn't initiate it. I did enjoy it (kissing on the lips) and wasn't adverse to it./ I have clarified for myself that both the male and female nude body attracts me./ All this has brought pain but also relief in knowing what feeds my acting out w. masturbation.// My comments following his presentation: I think there is progress in the revelations you have shared./ At the same time, there is a need to get down to specifics -- the very things that brought about your treatment at REDACTED eg. The incident on the hall stage; your door closed and locked "hundreds of times" with teen boys in your room; three separate parishes reporting questionable behavior on your part with minors; pastor & principal at St. James -- extremely uncomfortable w. your expressions of affection to young boys; the report from REDACTED of 5 boys (by name) whom he saw you hug and kiss and hold./ In addition to the behavior w. minors there ar a number of ministerial questions: your not hearing confessions for several years and lying about the fact several times to the pastor; the report from your last pastor that ministerially "Lynn would do just what he wanted to do; if he didn't want to do something -- he wouldn't."//



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February 20, 1992

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I have spent the weeks since Father [REDACTED] and I met with Father Lynn Caffoe in reflection, consultation, and prayer. At this point, we have to recommend that Father Caffoe spend time outside active ministry following his residence at St. Luke's.

While Father Caffoe made significant strides near the end of his time at your Institute, he appears to be, as you commented to me a month ago, finally at the stage where he can begin therapy.

As to the issue of his inappropriate behavior with teen-age boys, both Father [REDACTED] and myself found it encouraging that he has reached a point of acknowledging that behavior. However, it seemed to us that there is insufficient depth to his awareness of the drastic action he has to take in order to get well. We do not believe that insight equals willingness. There must be an extended period of time during which he can offer observable evidence that his insights at St. Luke's have led to a complete change of behavior. At present, I have doubts as to his willingness to enter into such drastic change.

My sense was that Father Caffoe was willing to make marginal adjustments, but expects--in his words--"that the pendulum will finally come back into balance." I think he actually believes that he will, after a rather short period of time, be able to minister again to all age levels in a parish.

[REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED]

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Professionals find this kind of browbeating and manipulation difficult to handle; parishioners find it devastating; and 14-year olds.....

[REDACTED]

As you have told me, Father Caffoe is extremely fragile on the inside, and he will no doubt interpret our decision as a put-down and a denial of all the value in his past ministry and in his person. However, psychologists whom we trust, both at St. Luke's and here at home, and with whom I have consulted are adamant in insisting on long-term recovery if ministry is ever to take place again. We would see a minimum of three years before we would even begin to reconsider a return to active ministry.

Cardinal Mahony concurs totally in this assessment and recommendation.

Upon Father Caffoe's return to Los Angeles, I will meet with him to discuss financial and other support the Archdiocese is prepared to give him, so that he can seek new work and establish his own living quarters.

[REDACTED]

I want to thank you, as his therapist, for the many hours of competent professional counseling you have offered both Father Caffoe and myself.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

[REDACTED]
cc: [REDACTED]



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 1992

FROM: Monsignor Dyer

TO: Cardinal Mahony

RE: Rev. Lynn Caffoe and Letter Attached

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Attached is the letter I told you I would prepare for St. Luke Institute regarding Father Caffoe.

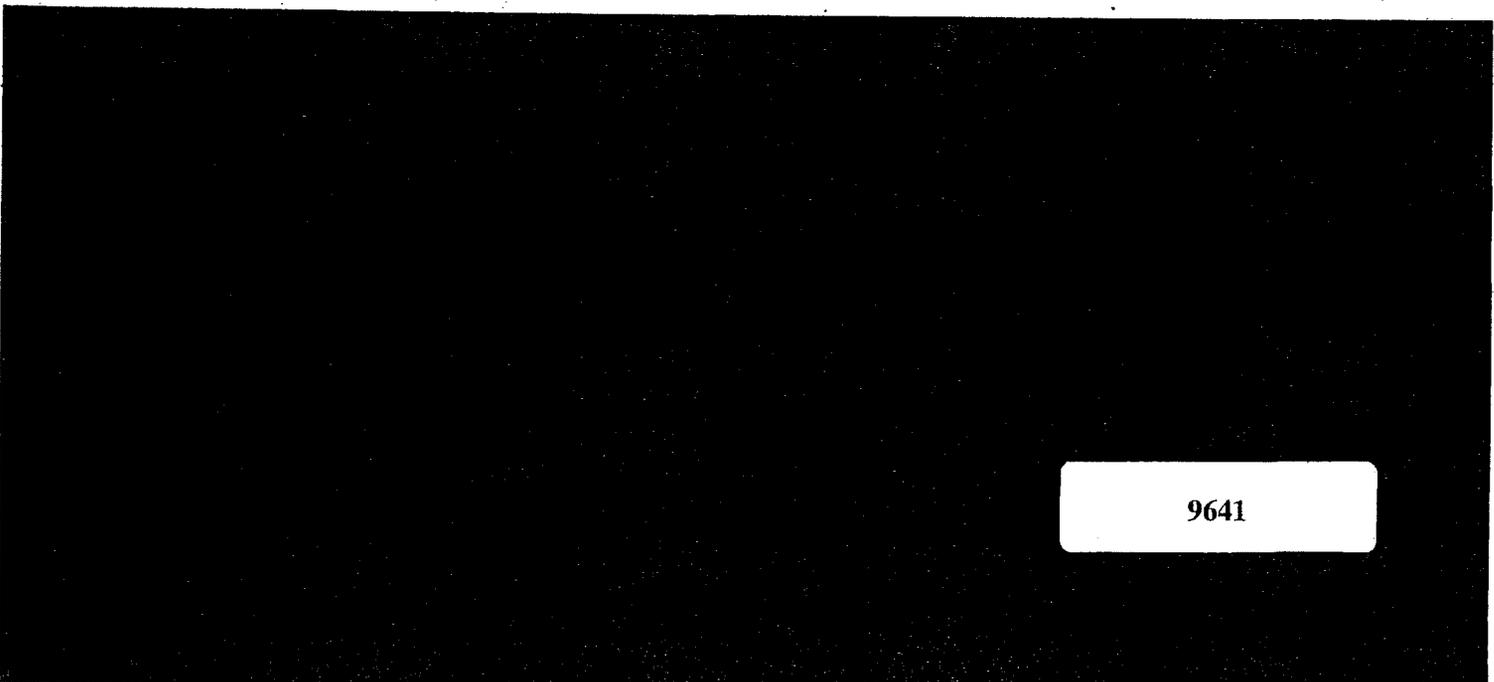
If you approve, I would like to get it in the mail today.

Very well done!

You can add that I
concur totally in the
assessment & recommendation,

+ RMM

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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 5, 1992
FROM: Monsignor Dyer
TO: Cardinal Mahony
RE: Rev. Lynn Caffoe

On March 2 I phoned St. Luke Institute for a pre-arranged conference call with Father Lynn Caffoe and his therapist, Mr. [REDACTED]. I informed Father Caffoe of our decision that he would be returning to the Archdiocese without assignment. I told him I would meet with him on his return to offer him a plan that would include support for living arrangements and beginning a job.

Father Caffoe was most upset with the news, and he was accusatory throughout our conversation. He asked that you write him immediately stating that you will not give him an assignment nor faculties at this time--nor in the near future.

I explained to him that we would have to set up an after-care program, which would include people both professional and lay who could give us an accounting of his performance in coming years, and that the Archdiocese would not review his case for a minimum of 3 to 5 years.

I will be talking to you more concerning the details of our plan for Father Caffoe, but for the time being I would appreciate it very much if you would write the letter he has requested, with copies to Dr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] at St. Luke's.

Father Caffoe's termination date there will be either March 10 or March 31. I have encouraged him to stay until March 31, so that he can use their resources to prepare for a new career.

The address is St. Luke Institute, 2420 Brooks Drive, Suitland MD 20746

With many thanks for your help.

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March 6, 1992

Reverend Lynn Caffoe
St. Luke Institute
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Dear Father Caffoe:

I am writing to confirm the telephone conversation which Monsignor Timothy Dyer, my Vicar for the Clergy, had with you recently concerning your present and future status in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Given the past difficulties which you have had here within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and based upon the wise recommendations of many who have tried to work with you, I must state that I cannot offer you a priestly assignment in this Archdiocese nor can I grant you the faculties of the Archdiocese upon your return from St. Luke Institute.

Upon your return to Los Angeles, you must enter into whatever after-care plan is set forth by St. Luke Institute, and you must spend a minimum of three to five years living outside a priestly assignment demonstrating on a regular basis that you are making progress in dealing with the very real and serious issues in your life.

During this entire time you will be classified as "Inactive" as a priest of the Archdiocese.

I know that this is not the response you were looking for, but I have a very grave and serious responsibility not only to each of our priests but to all the members of our Archdiocesan community. I must be totally and fully satisfied that every priest who ministers to our people is entirely mature, spiritually and psychologically wholesome, and that he does not present any danger or fear of danger to our people.

Please be assured that I shall continue to keep you in my prayers as you make this transition to inactive status.

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With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Roger Card. Mahony*

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Dr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Saint Luke Institute

CONTINUING CARE CONTRACT

Patient: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

Saint Luke Institute #12420

Admission Date: 8-22-91

Discharge Date: 3-31-92

Primary Therapist: REDACTED

Admitting Physician: REDACTED

This Contract is entered into freely with the undersigned, Lynn R. Caffoe, and the Saint Luke Institute for a period of six months, beginning March 31, 1992 and ending October 1, 1992. At the end of the six month period, I and my continuing care therapist shall review the terms of the Contract and make any changes/revisions deemed necessary. The terms of this Contract are confidential.

Because of the decision of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles that I will be on administrative suspension from active ministry as a priest, I begin an entirely new lifestyle at home, lasting from three to five years, as I strive in recovery to return to full-time ministry as a priest. Because of the many practical things necessary for me to accomplish upon returning home after being away for seven months, as well as the new changes, some facets of this Contract will need to be discussed between myself and the continuing care therapist for application whenever necessary. As of this date, the terms of the Contract are;

I. ONGOING RECOVERY

Aware of my need for continuously relating my feelings and issues with others, avoiding isolation and keeping things close to the vest; aware of the need to continue to deal with my unintegrated sexuality issues; aware of my continuing need to deal with negative feelings, emotions of anger, judgmental thinking, often passive, often aggressive behaviors and verbalizations; aware of my continuing need to address issues of proper boundaries of relating to others affectionally; the following accountability systems and support systems need to be in effect:

REDACTED

Continuing Care Contract - Page 2
Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe REDACTED

- 1. As soon as possible, I will secure the services of an Archdiocesan approved psychologist/therapist, well versed in the Twelve Step Program, for a minimum of twice-a-month sessions.
- 2. As soon as possible, I will assemble a core support group made up of: Msgr. REDACTED , Sr. REDACTED up to three men who have experienced REDACTED that now live in my home area, one or two couples who are close friends, who are aware of my story, my future spiritual director.
- 3. I will be in regular phone contact with others in the area who have lived the Saint Luke Institute experience.
- 4. I will visit for an extended period of time with former REDACTED REDACTED residents twice a month, for support, input and sharing.
- 5. I will be involved in three Twelve Step Programs weekly (EA, ACOA, SCA).
- 6. I will have a weekly visit with at least one supportive friend, who is aware of my situation, with whom to share: Msgr. REDACTED Sr. REDACTED REDACTED , REDACTED , REDACTED
- 7. I will have a once-a-month contact with the Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese.

II. CONTINUING CARE

- 1. I will be in contact with the Saint Luke Institute continuing care therapist monthly.
- 2. Within three months, I will schedule a Re-Entry Workshop with my continuing care therapist and my home support group.
- 3. I will attend the Continuing Care Workshops at Saint Luke Institute every six months for the first two years, and once a year for three additional years.

III. SPIRITUALITY

- 1. I will partake in one half-day or full day of prayer and reflection away from my home monthly.
- 2. I will have a daily hour of personal prayer, reflection and meditation.
- 3. I will have regular visits, approximately monthly, with a confessor and spiritual director, who are well versed in the Twelve Step Program.

IV. PHYSICAL NEEDS

1. I will take no other drugs except those prescribed by my personal doctor or a doctor of the Saint Luke Institute staff. I will take:

REDACTED

2. Understanding that alcohol is a drug that lowers inhibitions, if I drink at all, I will drink no more than my life-long pattern of one drink four times a month.

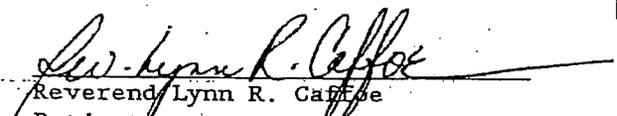
3. I will begin as soon as possible a regular spa workout of two hours three times a week.

4. I will continue with a maintenance/modified diet plan.

5. I will have regular medical checkups with my personal doctor, every three months, to monitor cholesterol, high blood pressure, and overall physical health.

6. I will set up and receive, as soon as possible, massage therapy every two weeks, for stress reduction and as a preventative for chronic neck spasms.

REDACTED


Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe
Patient

Inpatient Therapist

REDACTED

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Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

REDACTED
3-23-92

REDACTED

in case you get a comment

End of March, 1992

" A radical change in my life is taking place at this time. Out of fairness to so many who have been integral to my life, and out of fairness to myself, I send this letter to let you know of my situation.

On April 2nd of last year, I was informed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles of complaints being brought by a couple of significant people concerning some attitudes and behaviors that concerned them and discomfited them. I was required to see a local psychologist, who after four sessions, recommended that I be sent to an institute REDACTED for evaluation. I went for evaluation for five days in early June. The evaluation staff of the institute recommended that I avail myself of their full 6 to 7 month program, the Archdiocese agreed, and so I was sent to the REDACTED August 21st of last year. This was done under the guise of a sabbatical.

In truth, REDACTED is a psychiatric hospital specializing in a full therapy and treatment program for priests and religious. Over the seven months of program, I have worked very hard, often painfully, on the areas of my life psychologically and spiritually that had weaknesses, growing and moving in a positive direction with assistance of staff and fellow residents.

It has become very apparent that, since my mother died when I was thirteen years of age, I strived in so many ways to be independent, taking care of myself, doing things my way, keeping things close to the vest, using internal feelings of, and external expressions of, anger to defend and protect myself, as well as exhibiting other unacceptable thinking and behaviors. I placed the care and guidance of myself in the hands of myself, instead of in the hands of God and/or of others, who can be such an essential balance for a person. It was better to do the things of a priest, be for others, than it was to really work and do what was right and whole for me. Often this led to isolation and negativity for me, a building up of anger and rage, a lifestyle of self-sufficiency, self-protection and self-centeredness; with my "tools" being my own wits alone. This has been a very positive time in treatment, with significant insight and experiences, as well as struggles and pain.

Although my desire and intentions were to return to ministry at the conclusion of the time in REDACTED it is not to be in the near future. In a phone call on March 2nd of this year, I was informed by the Archdiocese that I would be put on an "administrative suspension from active priestly ministry and suspension from faculties (permission of local bishop to be an active priest), for from 3 TO 5 years, with review at that time, with possible reinstatement to full time priestly ministry." I will be expected to continue psychological counseling in L.A., as well as the Continuing Care Program of the Institute. The judgement by the Archdiocese is not a "formal canonical suspension"--that would mean severing its relationship with me. However, (these are my perceptions now), the situation is similar to an estrangement and divorce from my relationship with the Church and the priesthood, which has been my life for 20+ years of active ministry and 12 years of seminary preparation. Also, it means the loss of my "job", the only one that I have ever known. I will continue to be on the Archdiocesan insurance policies, apparently have a car for my use, and some funds to find and furnish a place for myself to live that is acceptable to the Archdiocese, as well as support in "retooling" me (their words) for some type of work to sustain me for a number of years ahead. For awhile I will receive my priest salary of \$700/month.

So, upon returning to L.A. on April 1st, I will begin an entirely new chapter in my life, if not a whole new book. I will depend upon your prayerful support. I trust of my putting myself in your confidence, that you will treat this matter in a discreet manner, and that the information will not be a source of major discussion among many.

As I continue to be a priest in fact, though not in practice, I will keep you and the people important to you in my daily prayer to the God of the present moment. Let us all walk with the Lord, internally and externally.

With love and respect,



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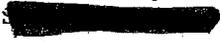
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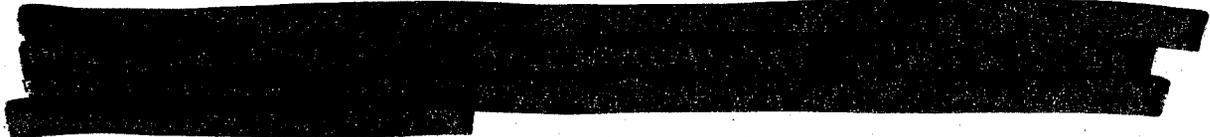
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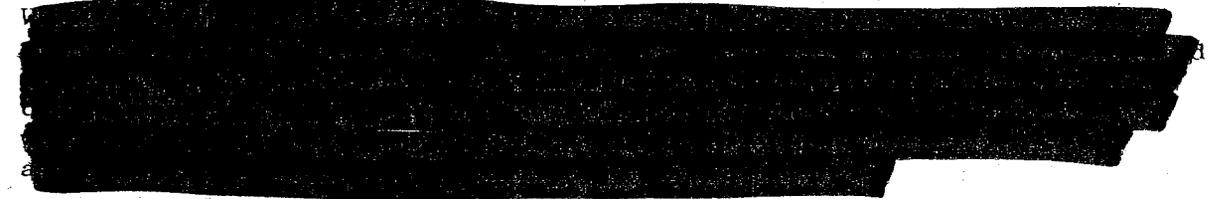
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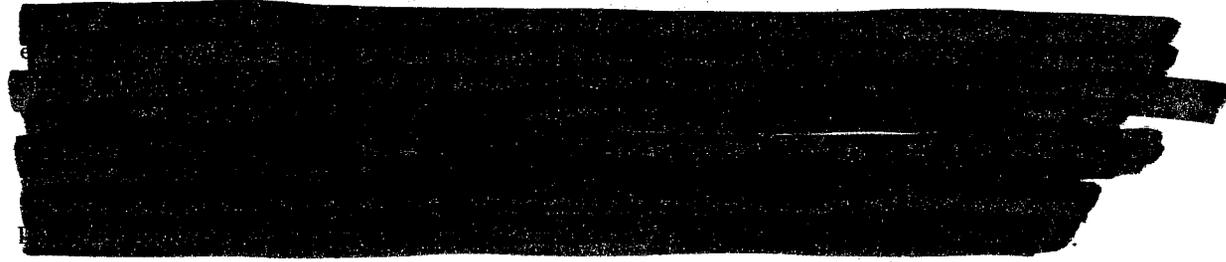
Re: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe


Dear Cardinal Mahony,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Continuing Care Contract that was agreed upon by Father Lynn Caffoe and the Saint Luke Institute. This agreement represents both a support for the recovery and health of Father Caffoe, and a challenge for continuing accountability in his pursuit of these goals. We consider the accomplishment of all aspects of this Contract and full participation in the Continuing Care program to be essential for Father Caffoe's ongoing recovery, and also a means for evaluation of progress over the three to five year extended care period. Please note that Father Caffoe has been directed that any needed modifications in the Contract are to be negotiated with our Continuing Care Services, and that the Contract will be reviewed at each workshop scheduled approximately every six months during the first two years of the Continuing Care cycle.







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His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, DD
April 20, 1992
Re: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe - [REDACTED]

Given some time of leave, which will be very difficult for Father Caffoe, and given a fidelity to rigorous honesty and continuing growth in the capacity for healthy accountability, we would hope that Father Caffoe can meet your criteria for a return to active ministry at some time in the future.

Given a faithful course of quality recovery and full participation in our Continuing Care Program, we see no therapeutic contraindications to an assignment of appropriate adult ministry.

It has been a rewarding experience to work with you and with Father Caffoe. He will be making the necessary arrangements for the re-entry workshop to be held with his local support network, and to arrange the followup services that are part of his plan. Mr. [REDACTED] Coordinator of Continuing Care Services, oversees Father Caffoe's Continuing Care program. If there is anything that we can do to be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact us. We offer our prayerful support for you, for Father Caffoe, and for all of your endeavors in the Lord's service.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

Therapist

Curtis C. Bryant, S.J. Ph.D. KP

Curtis C. Bryant, S.J., Ph.D.
Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

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cc: Reverend Timothy Dyer
Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 19, 1991

FROM: Father Dyer

TO: Archbishop Mahony

RE: Rev. Kevin Barmasse

I had a call yesterday from Dr. REDACTED at St. Luke's Institute. They have questions about Father Barmasse and are not ready to finalize an evaluation at this point.

They are reporting that he needs one further test they are not able to give him--it is available in Toronto but probably somewhere closer as well. The test is known as phallometric testing--involves a plethysmography. The doctor mentioned that some dioceses object to it. It measures sexual arousal and can show if someone is aroused by minors. It is not a totally reliable test in that some with strong concentration can force themselves not to react. Also, arousal does not prove the subject has ever acted out.... But they feel the test could help them tell if there is some kind of pedophile arousal pattern in this case.

The recommendation is that after such testing St. Luke's and Father Barmasse would "reconvene". Indication was he certainly needs psychiatric treatment around areas of sexuality. If the test suggests strong pedophilic arousal profile they recommend 6-8 months at St. Luke's. If not pedophilic they recommend still intensive therapy work of shorter duration. Father Kevin would have to sign a release of information.

They have enough information at this point to diagnose psycho-sexual disorder and personality tests showing dependent/compulsive traits. But there is a red flag up as to paraphilia. Hence their felt need for the test above.

I have not spoken to Kevin yet. Have been attempting by phone to locate possible testing sites if you wish to go ahead with their recommendation. Toronto reports it could possibly be done in Salt Lake City or in Minneapolis; Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers in Portland, Oregon is to call back with possible closer sites.

Please let me know your feelings as regards the testing in question.

With many thanks.

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Although not totally reliable, there is sufficient cause to proceed. Once all tests are completed, we will have to evaluate what to do next.

+ RMM

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CARDINAL ROGER MANNING
YOUR EMANENCE,

[REDACTED]

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT REGARDING
FATHER LYNN CAFFOE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT ST.
JAMES; REDONDO BEACH, FOR ABOUT [REDACTED]
YEARS ENDING July 1, 1991.

ABOUT A MONTH PRIOR TO FR LYNN'S LEAVING
OUR PARISH, PASTOR FR [REDACTED] GAVE
A PARISH DINNER TO THANK LOYAL MINISTERS.
ONE OF OUR KNOWLEDGABLE PARISH MEMBERS
WHO IS A USG GRAD, A CONVERT TO CATHOL-
ICISM, FATHER OF [REDACTED], WHOSE
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"UPBENT" ATTITUDE AT MASS, ON LITURGY COMMITTEE,
(THE ONLY COMMITTEE IN PARISH) IN THE PARKING
LOT, AND IN THE RECTORY.

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IT WAS EVIDENT TO PARISH THAT FR LYNN WAS OF MUCH ASSISTANCE TO NEW PASTOR, FR, REDACTED

ST. JAMES MINISTERS TO ABOUT 5 CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS NEAR "LITTLE COMPANY MARY HOSPITAL". ST JAMES' PRIEST CELEBRATES MASS MONTHLY IN EACH FACILITY. THIS WRITER HAS REDACTED YEARS EXPERIENCE REDACTED + TAKING "EUCHYRIST" WEEKLY. IN THESE YEARS, IVE OBSERVED SEVEN PRIESTS CELEBRATE THE MASSES (INCLUDING THREE PASTORS).

IVE TOLD OTHERS AND TELL YOU HERE: FR LYNN CAFFOE'S MASS IS SO SUPERIOR IN THIS SITUATION THAT ARCHDIOCESE OUGHT "VIDEO-TAPE" AND USE AS TRAINING GUIDE FOR ALL PRIESTS WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN SITUATIONS (PARISHES) WITH THESE MUSHROOMING INSTITUTIONS FOR CARE OF SICK AND DYING ELDERLY.

FR LYNN CAFFOE INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED SO MANY OF US HERE AT ST. JAMES, ESPECIALLY THE "WORKERS".

Respectfully,
MY LOVE AND PRAYERS,
REDACTED



Your Eminence,

I am a lifetime member of St. James parish, and I have seen priest come and go. I would just like to tell you what a hard working priest reverand Lynn Coffee is. Reverand Coffee was well liked by all who came in contact with him; senior citizens, young adults, and the majority of the congregation.

Sincerely Yours,



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Cardinal Mahoney,

My parents [redacted]
also at [redacted] years old also want to let
you know, Father Agnini called my
dad and prayed with him on the
phone every day before he had
[redacted] and he pulled
through. He thanks Father Agnini for all
his time, he gave my dad.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Regarding
Father Lynn Coffee

Dear Cardinal Mahony

I want to express my feelings for Father Lynn.

He's very friendly and always made a point of speaking to me whenever he saw me and always wanted to know how the family is doing. He treated me like one of the family.

He was instrumental in getting the youth group going and had it off to a great start. Youth is where we need to go to keep the church going. He was very outstanding in this area and the kids all love him, and miss ^{him} and always ask where he is.

In Religious Ed he was always so helpful to all the classes. He came for Confession, did Masses and came in just to talk to the kids.

It was nice to know he was always available.

He made everyone aware of the church, and what it

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meant to, be a good Catholic
He wasn't always so "sweet"
about the way he went
about it, but he made
people think, and he wasn't
always asking for money,
He asked for commitment,
time and go getters not
passiveness.

His religion is his life
By living and teaching his
beliefs he has made many
people realize what it
really means to be Catholic
and to follow the teachings
of the church from their heart

Please consider our plea
for this wonderful servant
of Christ

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Dear Cardinal,

[redacted] and I have been ministered to by Father Lynn Caffoe and have worked with him at St. James and in the Youth Group. In that capacity of being around Father while at youth meetings and outings, we were witness to the gifts he has in developing trust from them and involvement with them. We saw friendships that blossomed, not only among the youth but, also we hold Father among our close friends in the Church.

Father was instrumental in [redacted] involvement as [redacted] and for his continued participation in the Youth Ministry.

Father Lynn instructed and influenced the preparation of our eldest daughter's Marriage. We have heard from [redacted], [redacted], that Father's Christian example led [redacted] to investigate the Catholic Faith and to enter the RCIA program and to convert.

Father Lynn was our hope during the turmoil that our parish suffered not too long ago. He held us to the belief that somehow all things could be worked out toward a positive resolution and his own works and persistence helped achieve that goal we all held. With this knowledge and hope, [redacted] and I remained as active parishioners, this after all has been our parish for all of our twenty-eight years of marriage.

Please consider with compassion and Christian forgiveness the plight of Father Lynn. We would hope that our prayers for him and his resolve might open new consideration on his behalf.

Yours in Christ,

[redacted signature block]

May 17, 1992



Your Eminence,

I have been a practicing Catholic for years, all of which have been spent at St. James Church. I started RCIA in the fall of [redacted] and have been involved with the class since then. During the past years I have had the opportunity and the privilege of getting to know many priests, not only through St James but also through marriage encounters which my husband and I were involved [redacted] for two years. Of all the priests I've met and gotten to know, none have had a greater impact in my life or touched me as deeply spiritually as Father Lynn Caffee.

He counseled with me, my husband, and my children on many occasions and for a long he was the only person my children would listen to when they had behavioral problems. He's had a positive influence in all our lives. For me, personally, he was the supporting link to my church - my bond with St. James. It was as if all the people at St James were a family and he was the head of the family. The closeness I felt with my parish hasn't been there since he left. The priests we have now are good priests but none of them have the ability to relate to the parish like Fr. Lynn did.

I didn't feel quite as bad when I thought that another parish would be getting the benefit of his love, faith, and compassion.

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but knowing that he's being prevented from doing the work God intended him to do leaves me feeling as if there's a giant hole in my faith life and in the church.

I understand that there were complaints made about Father Lynn but what I don't understand is how the complaints of a few can outweigh the love of so many. Father's last mass at St James was standing room only, he got at least a five minute standing ovation after his homily, and the reception line in the hall lasted all day long. And you may not receive a barrage of letters for him but for every letter you receive there are at least 20 other parishioners who feel the same way but didn't write.

There is no doubt in my mind that Father Lynn should be reinstated immediately. But I'll say one thing, if he's not, when I need a good healing confession or a special blessing, I'd rather get it from Fr. Lynn than any one of the priests who are "authorized" to hear confession.

There is so much more I would like to say on his behalf but I do want to be brief. Let me close by saying that Father Lynn is one of the best priests you have and to suspend him is not only an injustice to your diocese but to God as well. Sincerely,

REDACTED

[REDACTED]

Dear Cardinal Mahoney,

We are writing to you concerning Fr. Lynn Caffoe, a former associate pastor at St. James in Redondo Beach.

We received a letter from Fr. Caffoe telling us that the L.A. Archdiocese was putting him on a "administrative suspension". He had informed us that he had been in [REDACTED] at a psychiatric hospital for priests and religious. He did not indicate exactly what the problem was, but hinted in the letter that it had something to do with his temper.

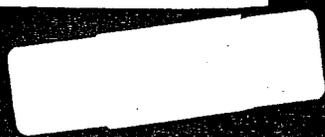
We are a couple in our fifties who have been active in St. James parish since 1967 and both were born and raised Catholic. We have known many good priests throughout our lives but feel that Fr. Caffoe is the best priest we have ever known.

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We truly feel the Church is being hurt
by keeping such a good priest from his
duties.

If it will help Fr. Caffoe's case, we
will be glad to secure for the Archdiocese
letters from the vast majority of St. James
prominent parishioners attesting to the good
offices of Fr. Lynn Caffoe and their love
for this man.

We are sincerely yours,
REDACTED



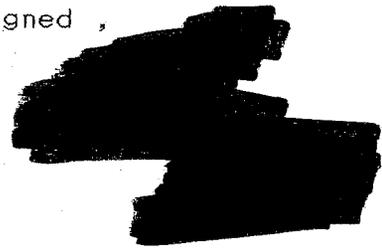
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Dear Cardinal Mahoney,

I am writing to you because I have much concern for my friend Fr.Lynn . I've heard that he isn't a priest anymore because he made a mistake . I just want to tell you that he really is a nice person and has just been under alot of stress lately and so have I, because I have no Fr. Lynn to call Fr. Lynn . So please , please give all of us back our wonderful Fr.Lynn .

Signed ,



P.S. Everybody makes mistakeseverybody .



Your Reverence,

I AM REQUESTING YOU TO REINSTATE
FATHER LYNN CARRIE TO HIS PRIESTLY DUTIES

FATHER LYNN WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN MY
COMING BACK TO THE CHURCH. I WAS AWAY FOR
ABOUT 30 YEARS. IF IT WASN'T FOR FATHER LYNN THIS
WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED. TWO OTHER PEOPLE
VERY DEAR TO ME CONVERTED BECAUSE OF HIM.

Your Reverence, I AM NOT VERY GOOD AT
THIS, BUT I FEEL DEEP IN MY SOUL TO PREVENT
A HOLY MAN OF THIS NATURE TO EXERCISE HIS
DUTIES IS A SIN.

I DO HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER REINSTATING
HIM. I PRAY FOR YOU & HIM AS WELL. PLEASE
PRAY FOR ME.

Sincerely

[Redacted signature and address]

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Your Eminence:

I hope this letter finds you well. Even though this is a time of great happiness, my heart is heavy for my good friend Father Lynn Caffoe. I think of him as a good friend, because he is a person who gave and still gives me strength in God. Ever since I've known him, I have only experienced a man of great kindness. I have watched him interact with children of all ages at school, church and at various activities. He is a very good role model for children to look up to. It leads me to tell you about a situation that I think has alot to do with Father Lynn's dismissal. We had the situation that happened at our St. James School. [REDACTED] ack then, however, I know families that were unhappy with the outcome of the situation. Father Lynn was the strength of the church durring the time of unrest, so I think he became one of their targets of revenge. On Halloween 1990, one of the unhappy people stopped me to talk. That person through a long conversation, told me "We will see that Father Lynn is removed from the Parish and never preaches again". I never thought that these people would ever succeed in their threat. At this time, I would like to pose this question with great respect. Did anyone ever ask Father Lynn or one of the many people who know Father (including Sisters and fellow priests) for his side? All he has ever expressed through his trial, is that God has a reason for this and something good is bound to come out of this. He is on earth to be a servant to God our Father and right now he reminds me of a fish out of water. Please reconsider his situation. Father Lynn touched my life and I can only imagine how many more he has touched and those whos' lives need to be touch by him. There is such a need

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for good priests and the church is at a great loss right now. Please
feel free to contact any of me if you desire. My name is [REDACTED]
My address is [REDACTED]. My phone
number is [REDACTED]

You are always in my prayers!!!
With Great Respect,

[REDACTED]

May, 1992

Your Eminence,

I am writing this in support of Fr. Lynn Coffey. I was born in St. James parish and have lived here all my life, some 72 years, so I have known many, many priests. Also, I attend Mass daily, have been a [redacted] for many years and a Eucharistic Minister currently and for the past five years. In these capacities of close association, I feel qualified to state that Fr. Lynn Coffey is unsurpassed as a priest in all facets of parish life. He is a caring, warm, gentle person, is a gifted speaker, and works well with all age groups. I can speak especially for the Senior Citizens for whom he was the spark plug, the rock. In addition, he held our parish together when many were leaving and served ably in the transition period between pastors.

I strongly urge and pray that you will reconsider your evaluation and restore him to his priesthood.

Respectfully,

[redacted signature]

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Caffoe

All the letters in this packet have been read & need no response — either bec. they gave no return address or bec. they were not actually asking for "reconsideration" by the Cardinal of the Affairs status.

All letters are complimentary — typified by the top letter in the packet
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CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

May 4, 1992

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

I know you have seen the final report and Continuing Care Contract from St. Luke's for Fr. Lynn Caffoe. I would like to set up a meeting to discuss his contract as soon as possible.

As to financial help, Fr. Caffoe has received \$5,000 "start-up" money for down payment on a car and first and last months' rent. He will not be under our car insurance but I would propose we keep him on our health plan as long as there is a chance of his returning to priesthood.

You asked that I give you a recommendation for one lump sum to be given him for living expenses and re-training. Apart from the \$5,000 already given, I would recommend \$20,000 in this case. Given the fact that he is 47 years of age, has virtually no family upon whom to rely and no training in any other field, I would suggest this amount. While this total figure of \$25,000 is a lot of money, it is equivalent to about seven weeks at St. Luke's and would give a very good start to someone who may someday be able to return to priestly service.

I will await your direction.

*Approved - somewhat reluctantly -
Please proceed,
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5-4-92

St. James Church

415 VINCENT STREET
REDONDO BEACH, CALIF. 90277
Phone: 372-5228

May 12, 1992

His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
Los Angeles, Calif. 90015

Your Eminence

I have known Father Lynn Caffoe for the last [redacted] years. I have worked for him and with him on the RCIA process, the youth groups, the liturgy committee and many other projects. He has helped many people. I have witnessed first hand the good that he has done.

My wife and I would like to add our name to the list to get him reinstated as a priest.

Your Servant in Christ

[redacted signature block]

My home address is:

[redacted address block]

May 13, 1992

Your Eminence;

Thank you for coming to St. James' centennial. We have all been very excited waiting for your arrival. I have been very fortunate in that I have seen you on many occasions and heard you speak, but many people in our Parish have never experienced your presence so this is indeed a special day for us. I feel honored to be a part of this day and St. James and my Catholic faith.

My [redacted] children went to St. James and I have been an active member for 22 years and have always been in a volunteering capacity. For [redacted] years I taught Jr. High CCD Confirmation and for 8 years I have been on the RCIA team.

I have seen many priests go through this Parish, some good, and some not so good. But, this is my Parish and for better or for worse I hang in here because the good Lord always has a way of working things out if we have faith in Him. After all this is also His parish and He cares what happens here. You also care, your Eminence, that is why I would like to bring an important matter to your attention... namely, one Fr. Lynn Caffoe.

When Fr. Lynn first came to St. James he informed us RCIA was a program of primary importance and that he wanted to become active in this program immediately. Hence, my relationship with him was immediate as we, the team, would meet for lesson planning and liturgy planning frequently. Very rapidly my relationship with Fr. developed from the "new priest on the block" attitude to a relationship of respect, admiration and love.

I watched Fr. Lynn give and give and give of himself. The youth group became a very successful program, at last, due to his devotion to the kids and creativity in keeping them interested. The special love and attention he gave to all of the RCIA was highly evident, he not only was a sharer of faith but also took the time to get involved in the personal aspects of their life, which is a great part of RCIA. He took the time to make people feel like St. James really cared about them no matter if they were a sinner or a saint, old or young, rich or poor. He gave much of his personal time to us and was available when we needed him. He did my Mother's funeral on his day off and I was not aware until much later that it was his day off. He converted many people who never would have become a catholic had it not been for his special nurturing, including my future daughter in law. Also he brought back many fallen away catholics. Fr. Lynn made us feel special. We felt loved by God and by our Church. He made us feel that if we hung in there with God... no matter what we did or what happened in our life that somehow if we loved God he would bring us back to Him.

I do not know of a man that loves his faith more than this man or the priesthood. He is a dedicated, spiritual, unselfish, generous man, and an incredibly wonderful caring priest.

[redacted] Since people have been made aware of the situation at hand I have had numerous calls from people stating how upset they are and asking what they can do. People [redacted] cry they are so upset. They want to do something for this wonderful man who has touched all of our hearts. They ask me who do I know in this world that loved the priesthood more than he and how could the Church he loves cast him out. Who could be so bad to be told they can not function in anyway as a priest? This to me is a really bad person.

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I most respectfully request that you re-evaluate this man. Talk to some of us. For sure he is not perfect, but then who of us can cast the first stone, if we do cast the stone - should we??? He was sent to St. James to try and straighten out a big mess..he didn't create the mess, Your Eminence, it was at St. James when he arrived. He did his utmost to turn an unloving parish that was deminishing slowly each day into the kind of parish we could be proud of. I believe he accomplished this goal. I wonder how others might have handled the mess he came into. It is always easy to say"why didn't he do it this way"? Or, "he should have done it that way", but, I look at him as the person who finally had the guts to do something about the terrible situation that existed at St. James. Every other priest that came to our Parish asked to get out as soon as they could, because they looked at it as a hopeless situation. This man finally did isomething about it and for this I will always be eternally grateful to him for if he hadn't of put his own priesthood in jeopardy, St. James might have completely disappeared slowly but surely and you never would have known why your Eminence.

Thank you for reading this long letter and please believe me I hope I was not disrespectful in any way. I simply wanted you to be aware of my feelings and know how much I love my St. James, its priests and the people in it that make it a community of believers. Also, thank you, your Eminence for sending Fr. Lynn to St. James. My personal family and my church family also thank you because he truly enchanced all of our lives. We pray that one day soon we may again enjoy the benefits of Fr. Lynn's priesthood, his love and his friendship. Thank you for allowing God to speak to your heart regarding this matter. Good priests are truly a gift from God.

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MAY 15, 1992

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ST. JAMES SENIOR CITIZENS
REDONDO BEACH, CA.

MAY 15, 1992

We the undersigned, wish to express our thanks
to Fr. Lyn Caffoe for his past services to the senior
citizens of St. James Parish.

Your Eminence, we express to you our appreciation
of Fr. Lyn's sensitivity, generosity, spiritual leadership,
seasonal themes for our parish, and in general, his leadership
in the four plus years at St. James. His homilies were always
inspirational, and he always had time to talk to us seniors.

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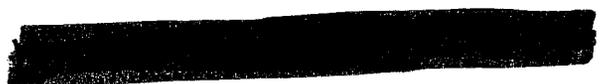
May 15, 1992

To your Eminence
Cardinal Roger Mahony

Dear Sir, This letter is written in behalf of Father L. Caffey. It came to my attention about two months ago that Father Lynn was in fact released from the church pending further review. My first thoughts were one of concern for the health of a man who quite notably has given his life & thoughts to the church, God, and above all the concern for others like no one has ever done, in my own life and experiences.

I am one of many who Father Lynn has touched and influenced my dedication and life to the teachings of God and the Catholic church.

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I was angry, confused, lost. Three years ago in Nov 1989 on Holy Thursday I came to St. James. As I was leaving the man I went to the hall and opened the door. Father Lynn was there and invited me in. That day has since become the miracle of my life. I had occasion to meet a man who I could love, understand, and feel the message of God. Today he remains the most prominent figure in my life. I am currently in my third year of R.C.I.A, 1st year in the youth groups. I owe my entire life & relationship to God to Lynn Coffey. I don't know what other have told you but I have had occasion to speak about him to the R.C.I.A.

and quite frankly I had to pause because of the tears in my eyes. Today I [REDACTED] and am quite successful in my business venture, I firmly believe that this is due to my relationship with God; my belief in others; the love of others.

I don't know the gravity of this man's offense to the church, but God knows he knows few less servants. The church is the man's life, his task and purpose. Certainly God could think no less of any one who has done as Father Lynn has. Perhaps his greatest offense is to do things a bit different but then who of us are blue prints of another. There are a lot of us who are different and require that special approach that those of you who are different can share.

Cardinal Mahony, I would ask with all

my heart and sole that the church find it
 in the kindness of its purpose to love,
 and serve the Lord, to love and serve this
 man Father Lynn Caffey. He is your
 servant and mine and it would be a
 tragedy to those he has touched and those
 who await his touch, if he were not re-
 instated. As the Lord so loves us, let
 us love & show compassion to one of his
 people and let him go on with his purpose
 to love & serve the Lord.

Sincerely
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May 15, 1992

Cardinal Roger Mahoney
c/o St. James visit

Welcome to St. James! Thank you for coming to celebrate with us our 100 year anniversary.

For me there is a strange absence with this celebration - no Father Lynn Caffoe! For me, he has been an integral part of this parish.

I came to St. James [REDACTED] months before Father Lynn arrived. My welcome from the pastor at that time felt anything but welcoming. When Father Lynn came I was drawn into this parish and felt like becoming an active participant, because of his sermons, his honesty and giving of self.

He started St. James senior and junior high youth groups - with a group of volunteers, both parents and parish young adults. He told us the group should be of the parish, not just due to one person - yet I experienced those 4 years of involvement as very special and giving to us & the teens because of the person he was.

When he was involved in preparing the church (decorating for Christmas and especially Easter) I felt a greater visual/sensual impact. The care he put into all he did was felt. In addition, he physically was a part of many parish celebrations and gave generously of himself to make the overall experience special!

St. James got introduced to a "poverty dinner" in Lent. What an experience that was - and again, there was Father Lynn!

I felt his involvement in everything. Now, in celebration of our community and our past I miss him being here even in support.

What is going on? Would you please review...

Thank you for your consideration. May God continue to bless and guide you in the work of our Church.

Sincerely,

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5-15-92

Dear Cardinal Mahoney,

I am a parishioner of St James Church in Redondo Beach.

I am writing this letter in support of Father Lynn Caffoe. It is my understanding that he is on an "Administrative suspension."

As a member of the [redacted] he held one of the most inspirational retreats I have ever attended.

I worked with Father decorating the Church for the holidays. He loves flowers and the Church bloomed with his artistic guidance.

His sermons were always interesting and "up-to-date." I really miss his beautiful voice.

Please be kind to Father Lynn. My family and I love and miss him.

God bless and keep you.

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To: Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahoney
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Your Eminence:

I have been a resident of Torrance and St. James Parish since 1969. I am a [REDACTED] where I am a [REDACTED] working with Learning Disabled Children for the past [REDACTED] years. I have been a member of the [REDACTED] as well as a [REDACTED] for the past [REDACTED] years.

I am writing to you in behalf of Fr. Lynn Caffoe, who was my assistant pastor for a number of years at St. James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach. He carried the load when Fr. [REDACTED] was waning from illness. Fr. Lynn, with the help of Fr. [REDACTED], kept the parish going all by himself.

Fr. Lynn has been a strong influence in my life. It was he who encouraged and trained me for [REDACTED]. I eventually began [REDACTED]. Fr. Lynn, as a spiritual advisor, helped me work through my fear of confession, by teaching me to keep my eye on the Cross, on Jesus, and "lay my burden down." These words come back to me frequently, and I pass them on to others as I minister to them.

As I visited the [REDACTED] Fr. Lynn, I noted he has an very loving manner with the elderly. Also, at the noon masses on one Friday per month, a Mass for the St. James School Children, he always had a sermon that involved the kids in his sermon, a teaching in a way they would never forget.

I have worked with Fr. Lynn [REDACTED] with great success and a spirit of community.

I was shocked to hear of the action taken regarding Fr. Lynn, and I beg you to reconsider--if not the suspension of faculties, the the duration of same.

Sincerely in Christ's love,

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MAY 16, 1992

DEAR CARDINAL MAHONY,

YOUR EMINENCE, IT WAS WITH GREAT REGRET AND SADNESS THAT I LEARNED OF THE SUSPENSION OF FATHER LYNN CAFFOE FORMERLY OF SAINT JAMES PARISH. I WRITE THIS LETTER TO OFFER MY THOUGHTS AND IMPRESSIONS OF FATHER LYNN WHO I HAVE KNOWN SINCE MY WIFE AND I CAME TO ST. JAMES PARISH IN 1988.

[REDACTED] AND I CAME TO KNOW FATHER LYNN THROUGH THE RCIA CLASSES THAT HE PRESIDED OVER. THESE CLASSES WERE THOUGHT PROVOKING, INTELLIGENTLY PREPARED AND PRESENTED AND FILLED WITH PASSION. [REDACTED] EXCITEMENT FOR HER FAITH GREW LARGER WITH EACH CLASS. I ATTENDED SEVERAL

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OF THE CHASSES MYSELF AND WAS VERY GRATIFIED TO SEE THE CATHOLIC FAITH PRESENTED IN SUCH A WONDERFUL ATMOSPHERE.

IN JANUARY OF 1989 OUR FAMILY WAS STRUCK WITH TRAGEDY. MY YOUNGEST SON REDACTED WAS STRICKEN WITH BONE CANCER. FOR A YEAR AND HALF OUR HOME WAS CHILDRENS HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES. FOR A YEAR AND A HALF WE WATCHED CHILDREN SUFFER AND DIE. FINALLY, REDACTED WAS UNABLE TO FIGHT OFF THIS TERRIBLE DISEASE AND ON OCTOBER THE TENTH NINETEEN NINETY HE DIED.

OUR FAMILY WAS BLESSED THROUGHOUT THIS ORDOAL WITH THE WONDERFUL LOVE AND SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS, RELATIVES, DEACON REDACTED AND FATHER LYNN AMONG OTHERS.



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THERE WAS ONE GESTURE OF LOVE, HOWEVER, THAT STICKS OUT ABOVE ALL OTHERS. ON OUR FIRST SUNDAY AT MASS AFTER [REDACTED] DEATH FATHER LYNN WAS LEADING US IN WORSHIP. WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR THE PARISHIONERS TO OFFER EACH OTHER THE "SIGN OF PEACE" FATHER LYNN LEFT THE SANCTUARY, CAME OVER TO [REDACTED] AND I AND WRAPPED HIS ARMS AROUND US. I AM UNABLE TO DESCRIBE THE FEELING OF COMPASSION AND LOVE THIS ACT OF PEACE GAVE TO US. THIS MAN TRULY UNDERSTANDS HIS ROLE AS A PRIEST IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

YOUR EMINENCE, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING THE MOST COURAGEOUS PEOPLE ON EARTH. THESE ARE THE CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF TRAGEDY WHOSE FAITH BECOMES STRONGER RATHER THAN WEAKER IN THE FACE OF INCREDIBLE

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PERSONAL LOSS. I WATCHED AND LISTENED AS PARENTS PROCLAIMED AT THEIR CHILDRENS FUNERALS THE FAITH THAT ALLOWS THEM THE STRENGTH TO BARE THEIR CROSS. THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE NEED MEN LIKE FATHER LYNN TO HELP THEM FIND THEIR WAY.

WE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY AND WITH MUCH LOVE REQUEST THAT FATHER LYNN CAFFOE BE RE-INSTATED TO HIS GOD GIVEN UOCATION AS A SERVANT OF CHRIST AND ALL HIS HOLY CHURCH.

THE LORD'S PEACE BE WITH YOU,
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Your Embrace; May 16, 1992

"Father Lynn" has been very important in my life - He offered comfort and so much understanding when my mother underwent very serious back surgery. He has always understood my feelings - In twenty five years old and from the moment I met Father Lynn Caffoe I felt he was someone I could relate to. He listened - and offered advice when I asked about studies and anything else I had on my mind.

It seems unfair that he is no longer serving as a priest - I can't

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Understand the reasoning - its a very
confusing and upsetting situation.

We are hoping you'll reconsider
your decision so he can resume the
role he greatly loves.

Thank you.

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May 16 -

Your Reverence,

I do sadden my family and myself that Fr. Lynn Coffel is no longer practicing his priestly duties.

He had touched our lives and our hearts with kindness, understanding and gentleness. Fr. Lynn "always seems to be aware of our feelings and pain."

The thought that he is no longer serving as a priest is such a sad loss to all the people who work

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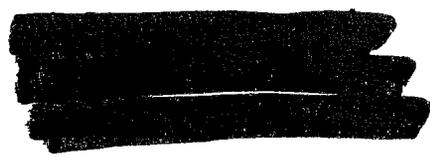
Have the joy of his
understanding, the warmth of
his smile, his compassion
and truly one who acts as
as a servant of God.

We do hope you will
reconsider — his very
special — not only
in our lives — but in
the lives of so many who
sincerely love him.

Thank you —
May God bless you
always —
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Your Eminence:

I'm sorry for this intrusion in your day, however, I feel strongly about the request I am about to make. I ask respectfully, that you might prayerfully re-consider the suspension from active priestly ministry of Father Lynn Caffee, former assistant pastor of our parish. It is so sad to think that one of the most sincere and diligent priests I have ever known has been prohibited from sharing his many priestly gifts. I'm sure you are aware that in recent years, many parishioners found it necessary to leave St. James. Father Lynn's arrival in 1986 was a breath of fresh air. Without his diligence, many more would have left. The next few years must have been difficult for Father Lynn, upon whom the burden of many pastoral duties fell, and he performed admirably. His leadership skills, courage and sense of humour were uplifting to those of us who struggled to be loyal to St. James. He was, and is - loved.

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Humbly then, Your Eminence, I ask
again on behalf of all who love
Father Lynn, that you restore him
to his priestly role, for I am sure his
heart is heavy. We pray that God
will be with you in this, and all
pastoral considerations, and that
His Will be done. Thank you for
reading this letter.

Respectfully,

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May 16, 1992

Dear Your Eminence,

As parishioners of St. James Church for 30 years, we have been privileged to have our lives enriched by many of the priests during that time. Some, like [redacted] in his time, and Father [redacted] in the present, are especially acknowledged.

Father Lynn Coffe is another of our family "favorites". Not only was Father Lynn always available, one felt comfortable talking with him. Father Lynn's sermons were relevant, usually giving one "food for thought", often interlaced with humor. While in Father Lynn's presence, whether he was baptizing your child, or greeting you after

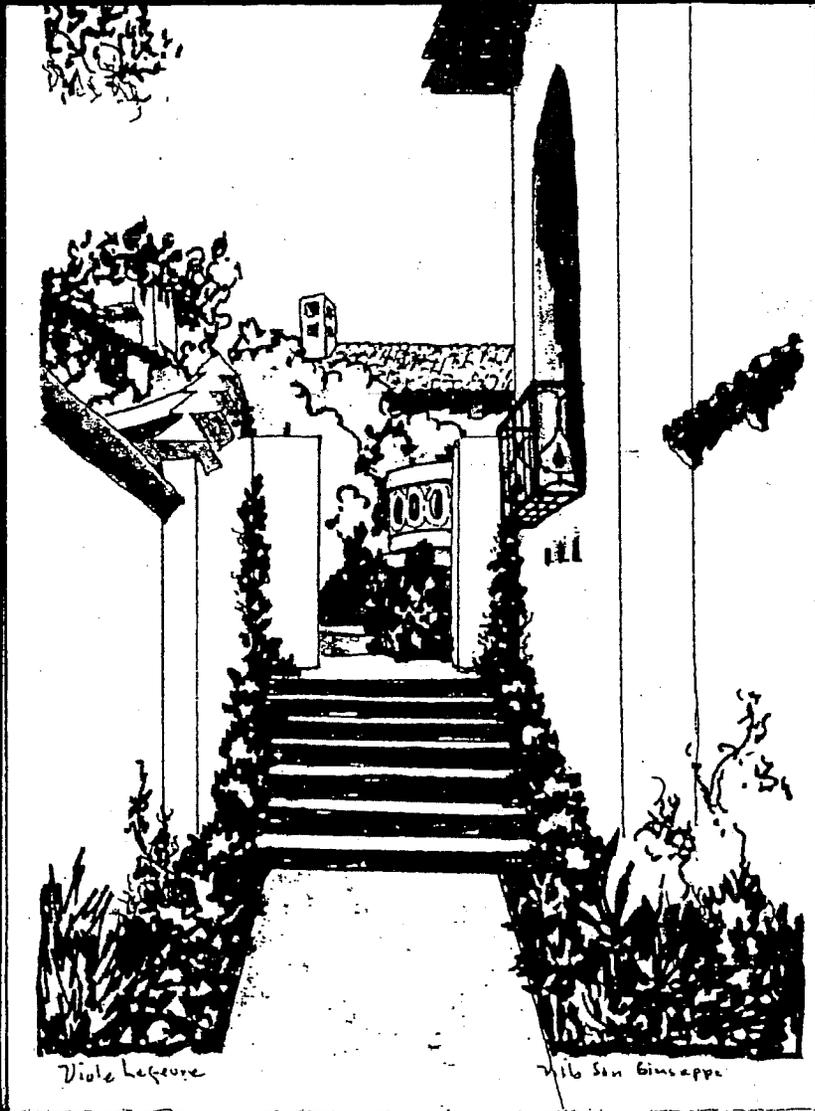
Mass, one felt he was genuinely pleased to see you and your family. Father Lynn is able to give so much to his constituents.

We respectfully ask that you return Father Lynn to his position among his parishioners who benefit from him where he can continue in the life he knows and loves best.

Sincerely,

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5-16-92

Your Excellency Cardinal Mahoney:

This is just a short note to say that my husband and I (he is not a catholic) think that Fr Lynn Caffoe is a tremendous priest.

He is extremely good with parishioners of all ages. We really miss him and actually had thought he had taken a sabbatical to study Spanish, thus helping him to become

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a pastor).

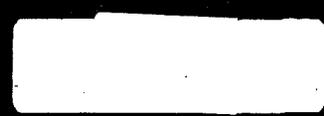
As in every case, not all parishioners like every priest, but we firmly believe he has too much to offer to be turned away from the priesthood even for a time.

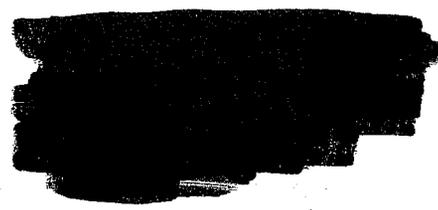
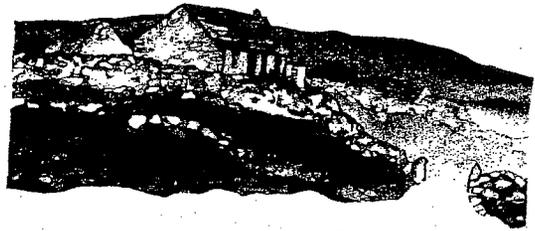
We all get angry at times but do hope to be forgiven.

Please give Fr. Caffae all the help you can.

Sincerely,

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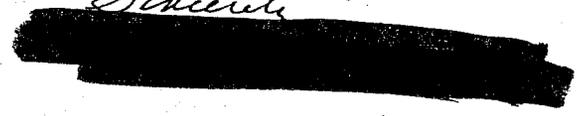
Your Excellency,
I would like to add my support for
Father Lynn Caffoe. While Fr. Lynn
was at St. James I was



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all my contact with him was most
pleasant. He was a very busy and
active priest and interested in the many
parish activities — not a superficial
man but one who cared deeply and
participated fully, a real asset to our
parish and beloved by the parishioners.

I was saddened to see him go and
he is in my prayers that he will
continue to grow in the love of the
Lord as I also pray for you.

Sincerely,



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Your Eminence,

I add my voice to the many voices of the members of St James Parish, in support of Father Lynn Caffee.

As [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for St James, I worked side by side with Father Lynn. I personally know of many alienated Catholics who, through his priestly ministrations, rejoined our Catholic Community. Be it small child through the spectrum to senior citizen, Father Lynn Caffee was a true brother in Christ to us all.

Of course he is not perfect, the only perfect member of our community died right on two thousand years ago!!!

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At no time did I witness any conduct that would result in the denial he is now enduring. I earnestly and humbly urge you to reconsider the decision.

I thank you for gracing us with your presence at Our Centenary Jubilee Celebration.

Your Sister in Christ
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May 16, 1992

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Los Angeles Archdiocese
Los Angeles, Ca.

Your Eminence,

My family and I have been in St. James parish for [Redacted] years.

Since [Redacted] left our parish, we had seemed to also lose the love and concern among parishioners and priests. There seemed to be a lack of togetherness and spiritual fulfillment that we once had.

Many parishioners left the parish for this very reason.

I stayed and prayed for help.

Then we were assigned Fr. Lynn Coffee as an Associate Pastor. He was warm, caring and seemed to be very helpful in our personal as well as spiritual needs.

I began to see some of the old feelings of togetherness return. The love and concern with a lot of hard work really began to show-

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When the little children walked up to the Altar during the 9:45 Am. Mass; you could

see the face of Fr. Lynn just glow with love and happiness.

This to me, was very touching.

I also had the privilege of working with Fr. Lynn when I was REDACTED REDACTED, and without a Chaplain.

I approached Fr. Lynn and asked him if he'd be our Chaplain.

Even with his busy schedule, he agreed to do what he could. He was always there when we needed him and we were - so grateful.

I do truly believe that Fr. Lynn would be an asset as a priest at any parish.

My experience with Fr. Lynn has always been a positive one; and I believe his absence as an active practicing priest would be a great loss to the Catholic Church.

Therefore, I'm asking if his situation could be reevaluated in the near future and a possible reinstatement of his priestly duties be reactivated.

Sincerely,
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May 16th

your Eminence,

As a member of our St. James parish family, I write to you in behalf of our former pastor, Fr. Lynn Coffoe. I think of him as a sincere, sensitive and compassionate man. Always reaching out to others. He had a special something that touched all of us. I've seen him with the little ones, (tots) always a blessing. It was not unusual to see him with a circle of young people around him, after the masses. The same with young adults, I would like to watch him reach out to them, and how they would respond.

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He knew how to put smiles on the faces of the elderly & sick. Always a new word to each, and a laying of his hands on each head, as he blessed them individually after the masses. God's light shined thru him.

Father Lynn was enthusiastic, in the projects he undertook, and a

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hard worker. He did extra little things to make things nicer.

His sermons were great. I was always motivated to do better. He wasn't afraid to offend us. One Father got up in the pulpit and scolded us because, only 12 people signed up for, Catechetical Adoration. He loved it! He don't want to be scolded. Best confessor. He'd tell people confess often etc. As I see it he was doing God's work the way, Christ, would want him to.

Last of all he was wonderful with the senior citizens. He made our lunch meeting fun. He'd get us singing and doing pannonia. He cares about us.

I have been in this parish over twenty years, never has any priest, reached out and worked so many wonders, with the people.

Sincerely,
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May 16, 1992

"
Fr. Lynn Caffoe is a great, spiritual leader and Priest. While at St. James, I had the pleasure of working very close to him in the activities about St James Church. I assisted him with the altar boy program; I worked with him on the Liturgy committee; I helped

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and all these

things were done because of Fr. Lynn's professional leadership. He is a great Priest. He was sent to St. James to try and heal our parish. That is just what he did and made St. James a family again.

Sincerely

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May 16, 1992

Your Eminence:

We wish to express our appreciation of Fr Lyn Caffae while assistant Pastor at St James Catholic Church Redondo Beach. He was generous with his time for young people and senior citizens. He showed compassion for the ill and the families of those who lost a loved one.

Fr Lyn was very spiritual and was influential in having us as well as many others become Eucharistic ministers.

To see Fr Lyn interest with the RCIA candidates at their reception into the St James Community was awe inspiring.

We pray Fr Lyn will again be given a Parish to serve as he has many gifts to give.

Sincerely

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May 17, 1992

Your Eminence:

Thank You for being part of our very special celebration at St James in Redondo Bch. We have been part of this very special parish family for over 40 yrs, having served the Church, school & community, and are very proud of all its priests, sisters & parish families.

We wish to add our support to a very long list I am sure who love & respect Fr. Lynn Coffey. As a family, both our younger & more elderly members all feel we are

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richer for Fr. Lynn having passed our way. He touched each of us in different ways. He is indeed a very special man and a gifted man of God.

We all hope he will very soon be returned to a fortunate parish to continue his ministry.

Thank You for your consideration and our prayers are always with you in your most difficult service to all the people of Los Angeles

Affectionately

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17 May 1992

Your Eminence,

It has come to my attention that Fr. Lynn Caffoe has been removed from priestly duties in our archdiocese. He was our associate pastor at St James Church from Oct 1986 to June 1991. He was well liked in our parish and I can't imagine what it is that would cause him to be suspended. He was the driving force in our parish and helped to create beautiful liturgies. I was sorry to see him leave as I thought he was irreplaceable. To learn that he will not be able to share his talents with any other parish is unconscionable. At a time when priests are so much in demand, I can't understand why he is denied his life calling. It must be most demoralizing for him after spending the better part of his life for the church and then to find out he is not "good material". Surely there is a place for him where his talents can be used. We would welcome him back at St James if we had a voice.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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May 17, 1992

Dear Cardinal Mahony,

On this wonderful occasion of St. James 100th Anniversary, I have had time to reflect on things past which have had a positive effect on me and my family.

I have been a member of the St. James family for over [redacted] years, both as a child and now as an adult with my husband and [redacted] children. I have met many people over the years and some were more special and cherished than others.

One of these special people is Father Lynn Caffee. Father Lynn has had a profound effect on my family and myself. By his example, our love for each other and our faith-life has become enriched and ever-growing. As [redacted]

program, I saw firsthand how Father Lynn was always available and willing to help with the faith formation of our youth. He is a caring and loving individual, who puts the needs of others ahead of his own. What a wonderful teacher and leader for the rest of us to follow!

I hope that we, as a Christian community, can become more like Father

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Lynn. More concerned with each other,
more willing to say "I'm sorry", more
willing to forgive, more willing to
volunteer and commit ourselves to deepening
our faith, more willing to love. As
Jesus said in today's gospel, "Love each
other as I have loved you."

Father Lynn has loved us and we
love him, too. These are my special
memories of Father Lynn.

Sincerely,
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May 17, 1992

Dear Cardinal Mahony,

During the time Father Lynn Caffor was here at St. James, he was instrumental in many projects and programs. He started many new things and helped some programs that were not doing well.

In the times of grief, he was a compassionate listener. His time at St. James is remembered by many.

Sincerely

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May 17, 1992

Dear Cardinal Roger Mahoney,

It is an honor and blessing to have you celebrate our 100th anniversary with us this weekend. It is with the utmost respect that we send this letter to let you hear from the "silent majority" at St. James Parish.

We have been active members of St. James since returning to California in [redacted]. Our older child graduated from Bishop Montgomery High School, and was active in the senior youth group. Our 4th grader has attended the parish school since kindergarten. My wife and I have been involved in many church and school functions since we joined the parish, including the senior youth group, the School Council and Cub Scouting.

During our first year at St. James we had the privilege of meeting and working with Father Lynn Caffoe. Our association with him began when he solicited for volunteers to help him organize a senior youth group. Having heard his homilies at Mass for a few months we decided to join him in his endeavors. Boy were we lucky! For five years we had the pleasure of working with a compassionate, loving, understanding and tough member of the clergy. Having a teenager of our own I can tell you that he made a profound spiritual and moral impression on not only our son, but on all of us.

Fr. Lynn has always been there for my family. From hospital visits to counseling to reconciliation he could always be counted on to give the best advice. Perhaps not the answers we wanted to hear, but always the most honest advice. Outspoken---without a doubt...but you could always count on Fr. Lynn.

This family may not have the political or financial clout that some of Fr. Lynn's detractors have, Cardinal Mahoney, but we urge you, as contributing, active members of St. James Parish family, to consider our perspectives as well.

Sincerely yours,

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May 17, 1992

Dear Evinence,

I am writing on behalf of Father Lyr Coffae.

While at our parish, he was most helpful and caring towards my mother who was ill.

I will always remember his kindness.

Sincerely,



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Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Your Eminence,

Thank you for taking the time to read these words which we are writing from our hearts.

During his almost 5 years at St. James, Father Lynn Caffoe had a profound effect on each of us. He counseled us individually and as a family when we encountered some of life's set backs-- [REDACTED] He also celebrated with us one of our happiest family times-- [REDACTED] reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, [REDACTED] Father Lynn was then the coordinator of the RCIA team and walked with each and every person on this spiritual journey. He would stay after every class no matter how late the hour in order to answer questions and clarify any confusing points. He is a good teacher--patient, challenging and extremely bright. His weekly homilies always reflected much preparation and were spoken in such a way that we came away more secure in the Christian message. More than once, our Sunday dinner conversation revolved around something Father Lynn had spoken about at Mass. The children came to know Father as an enthusiastic youth leader (he organized the Junior and Senior youth groups when he came to St. James). With the help of many supportive parents he coordinated the activities and always had more than enough willing parent chaperones present at each event because we saw how much fun the youngsters had just being together. Father Lynn was the catalyst, not the focal point. Though Father allowed the kids to be kids, he did discipline whenever necessary with his booming voice. He was always just and never inconsistent in his expectations. The youth realized early on that Father was dealing with them honestly. Young people seem to have a sixth sense about phoniness and insincerity.

As a member of the [REDACTED] for the past [REDACTED] years, [REDACTED] saw how Father worked with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on preparing liturgies for the students. His attitude was supportive of her ideas, not domineering. His relationship with her and the R.E. staff members is in our minds a good example of "collaboration" which is spoken about at many Religious Education Congress workshops.

Father Lynn's unique method of filing (messy office) was a constant source of humor for our family. We tend to echo the sentiments of the woman who wrote in response to the LA Times article on Queen of Angles seminary, "Give me a priest with kindness, prayerfulness and gentleness, and I don't give a hoot if he keeps his room clean." (Letters in View, 5/15/92)

Each time Father Lynn was able to visit our home and share a meal with us we felt privileged because he not only brought joy and much laughter but he also represented the Church with great reverence.

There may be some who might describe Father Lynn in negative terms such as "arrogant, elitist, bad tempered and intolerant." Interestingly, these very words were written recently about Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer. (L.A. Times, 5/16/92) and yet the Holy Father has moved quickly to advance his cause toward sainthood. Obviously, testimony of the supporters of Escriva far outweighs that of his critics. We feel this to be the case with Father Lynn. He was much loved by many people of all ages while at St. James.

In closing, REDACTED _____, may we share with you the greatest gift which Father Lynn has given us--his example of unwavering commitment to his vocation. Despite the shattering events and demands of the past year, his desire to continue as a priest in the service of God's people is stronger than ever. Surely, you would recognize this same dedication to priesthood if you were to meet with Father Lynn in person.

We pray unceasingly that you will take into consideration the honest desire of Father Lynn's heart--to be allowed to function as the caring, spritual priest which he was to us at St. James. Your exercise of compassion and mercy toward your brother priest can only bring you peace and will give back to the Los Angeles diocese a fine priest whom we love, respect and need.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry here in this city of Los Angeles.

Sincerely, REDACTED
REDACTED



May 17, 1992

Cardinal Roger Mahoney
Los Angeles Archdiocese

Your Eminence,

This letter concerns Father Lynn Caffee. From the weekley that Father arrived at St. James untill the needed "Renewal", Father gave insightful, well prepared, loving homilies explaining Gods love and our family and community commitment.

As an RCIA instructor, I saw Father Lynn arrive before us (the crew) to prepare the meetings and be available to anyone that wanted to TALK. His concern for others and well taught classes made newcomers welcome and comfortable.

As an [redacted] myself - I enjoyed the many personal hours that Father Lynn spent on his day off at the Farmers market buying flowers to beautify the special Liturgies. His work in his hobbies was generous, making the Rectory special for Christmas for his fellow associates. Father's special talents in music, being a "D.J" for Parish functions made many, many happy social hours for us, his parishioners.

Several times, my husband and I accompanied Father and the Confirmandi on Retreats and field trips. His camaraderie mixed with needed discipline were well taken by the teen agers and made very informative but pleasurable trips.

Since we, all people are on a journey of self improvement, I was pleased to hear that Father Lynn was given time after twenty-five years as a dedicated Priest to also have time for reflection on "his personality traits."

We need to have the time to understand ourselves and our early family life. This time is the only way we can truly mature in all aspects of adult life.

Whether by our own seeking or encouraged seeking to improve, it is always a benefit if done with an open mind and trying spirit.

It would be a terrible negligence not to rethink the reinstatement of Father Lynn Caffoe as a Priest of God and great Pastor to his flock. The Church needs caring, dedicated men and women to lead and guide and show the House of God.

Your sister and Brother in Christ,
REDACTED

May 17, 1992

Cardinal Roger Mahoney
Arch Bishop of Los Angeles

Dear Your Eminence,

We feel that our family needs to let you know how we feel about Father Ryan Paffo's dismissal. We are all very, very sad to hear this news. He had been an inspiration to our whole family.

To start with, my husband [redacted] was raised a [redacted] and wandered away from God and Church. After meeting Father Ryan my husband was touched by his genuineness and started attending church regularly with myself and the kids at St. James again. Since I, myself are ^{very active} at St. James Church for the last thirteen years, my husband saw a lot of Father Ryan at church events I worked at. Through conversations with Father Ryan, he began to have a desire to be active with me at church functions and to convert to Catholicism. Now that he is gone, my husband feels very uncomfortable and lost in going back to church again and with rumors flying around it has really turned him against the church, thinking "Is this what the church is all about?"; my husband who is a lawyer is very confused and can't figure out this case.

My [redacted] has been an altar boy at St. James Church for 6 years and was one of the history making Kinder Garten ^(1st year at St James) kids that started at St. James School. He

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graduated from St. James School and had a
 beautiful opportunity of knowing Father
 Ryan through the Junior and Senior Youth
 Groups which Father Ryan organized.
 Father Ryan also helped [REDACTED] at
 the St. James Rectory. He was a true friend.
 The Youth Group was a great program with
 many many opportunities of social
 gathering in a Christian atmosphere
 for the young adults. This program since
 last year has been discontinued and is
 missed greatly by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "this
 year. I feel very sorry for my daughter
 [REDACTED] at St.

James School and who will not have
 the "privilege" to experience these youth
 group get to gether that father Ryan
 sponsors.
 [REDACTED]

I have to say that
 I was a "paragon" at, at least 90% of
 these youth group events and Father Ryan
 interaction with the children has always
 been OUTSTANDING AND TERRIFIC!!

I saw nothing questionable about his
 behavior at these activities and inspired
 a Christian attitude with these young
 adults. Father Ryan was a pillar for
 the children to learn on. [REDACTED]
 I would like to mention I was in the
 11th grade at St. James School when all
 the biggest occurred with certain teachers
 and principals I just wanted to let you

know that my son never experience or witness
 any negative occurrences in his classes,
 my ^{REDACTED} is just fine & dandy today,
 with out any psychological effects from
 that year and I am very PROUD to say
 he will be attending ^{REDACTED}
 REDACTED

My ^{REDACTED}
 would like to say she misses Father
 Ryan very much. ^{REDACTED} still wishes
 he never left St. James Church. She cried
 for many days and so did many other
 children when they found out he was
 gone. There is a month that goes by in
 our household where something doesn't
 remind her of Father Ryan and her happy
 memories with him. She is a fifth
 grade Choir singer, fifth grade cheerleader,
 girl scout, piano player and student
 council leader at St. James School and
 church, so she is very aware of things
 that go on. She loves Father Ryan.

As for myself ^{REDACTED}
 please excuse the letter to you
 that I am hand written. I am
 taking ^{REDACTED} and
 I am willing to go at my

break time. I am very busy, I know
you understand's. But REDACTED
REDACTED

I don't even know where to
start because he touched my life
in so many ways, that I could write
a book. Father Lynn has given me ^{the} inspiration,
I could only imagine what
he could of and can do for others.

What a shame it is truly a LOST for
those that need his touch and
spiritual guidance and I truly
wish you would PLEASE ~ reevaluate
the situation and decision, because
we all REDACTED

feel Father
Lynn Cappoe has so much to offer,
the Christian Community and humanity,
since this man is such a HUMANITARIAN

himself. Thank You -
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for reading
this.

We Love St James Church and
we are very proud to be
part of its Centennial

Love & God Bless You -

REDACTED

P.S. My family
has read this
letter and is in
full agreement of

[Redacted]

May 17, 1992

Your Eminence,

This is a special day for St. James Parish as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

I have been an active member of this Parish for [Redacted] years. We have been blessed with many good priests in the years I have been here.

It came to my attention with sadness and perhaps a little anger too, that one of our former assistant Pastors has been suspended from his priestly duties for an extended period of time. You know of whom I am speaking, Fr. Lynn Caffoe.

He took the reins in this parish and led us in a devout, enthusiastic caring way when our Pastor, Fr. [Redacted] was incapable, absent or unwilling.

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It was always there for us
when we needed him. It
was such a shock to learn
that Fr. Lynn has been punished,
for that is how I perceive his
status, for such a long term.

Even Our Blessed Lord became
angry. Fr. Lynn is human.
His shortcomings are no less
than mine, yet I have not
not been separated from my
husband, nor had my children
taken away from me, nor
my license as a Registered
Nurse ^{revoked} because of inappropriate
behavior.

I am asking you to re-
consider Fr. Lynn Caffo's case
He deserves to be a Priest
and in these days of shortages
of Priests he is needed.

Sincerely yours
In Christ,
REDACTED



May 17, 1992

TO: HIS EMINENCE, ROGER CARDINAL MAHONEY

SUBJECT: FR. LYNN CAFFOE

This is a plea in behalf of Fr. Lynn Caffoe, that he might resume his Priestly duties as soon as possible. I have known Fr. Lynn for a long time, and went through the RCIA program with him, and kept going back year after year, only because he was in charge. No one has ever explained things so thoroughly or patiently, and in such an interesting & humorous manner. Many of us here, at St. James Parish miss him very much.

I cannot say enough about our Pastor, Fr. [REDACTED]. The new spirit he has brought to St. James is wonderful, and the many good things he has done are too numerous to mention here. But in spite of all of that, the youth groups have virtually vanished since Fr. Lynn has left, and the dances we used to have and other social events are not at all as much fun without Fr. Lynn. No one has the gift of working with young people like Fr. Lynn. Besides his intellegence and learning, and his gift for teaching, we all miss his compassion, in and out of the confessional, and his endless patience and listening abilities.

Please, speak to Fr. Lynn, and listen to him also. Please re-evaluate the situation. With the severe shortage of priests, it is a shame to let one as intelligent and wonderful as Fr. Lynn not be able to be a Priest. He has brought so many people to the Lord, and has strengthened the Faith of so many others, that we, who know him, are sure that one day he will be one of the brightest stars in Heaven.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I, as a proud parishioner of St. James, admire you very much. I am glad that you stick to the teachings of the Holy Father, as so many do not these days. I am very sure that one day you, also, will be one of the brightest Stars in Heaven, may you always be blessed.

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

May 17, 1992

Your Eminence
Cardinal Roger
Mahony
Los Angeles, California

Your Eminence:

I would not usually have the temerity to write you a letter, knowing how terribly important your time is for our Archdiocese. But please read on.

In [redacted] as an agnostic searching for a spiritual home, I came to St. James Church in Redondo Beach. As a catechumen I met Father Lynn Caffoe. He quickly became a beloved spiritual guide. He demonstrated such a wonderful love of God, of people and our Church that I decided to become a Catholic.

He taught us compassion, and he breathed life into our days of sorrow and celebration.

After the good Father left St. James, I started wandering into other Catholic churches in the area, looking for a priest like Father Lynn. Of course I came back to St. James, my home, and gradually began to accept my loss.

Today I humbly submit to Your Eminence that I have never ceased celebrating my joy at being in the Church. Father Lynn is responsible for leading me into this incredible place.

Whatever his present status, I hope he is sent back to us again, or, if not, sent somewhere to continue his good work in another parish.

May God bless him forever.

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

St. James Parish
Redondo Beach, California

May 17, 1992

Dear Cardinal,

[redacted] and I have been ministered to by Father Lynn Caffoe and have worked with him at St. James and in the [redacted]. In that capacity of being around Father while at youth meetings and outings, we were witness to the gifts he has in developing trust from them and involvement with them. We saw friendships that blossomed, not only among the youth but, also we hold Father among our close friends in the Church.

Father was instrumental in our son, [redacted] involvement as [redacted] and for his continued participation in the Youth Ministry.

Father Lynn instructed and influenced the preparation of our [redacted] Marriage. We have heard from our [redacted] that Father's Christian example led [redacted] to investigate the Catholic Faith and to enter the RCIA program and to convert.

Father Lynn was our hope during the turmoil that our parish suffered not too long ago. He held us to the belief that somehow all things could be worked out toward a positive resolution and his own works and persistence helped achieve that goal we all held. With this knowledge and hope, [redacted] and I determined to remain as active parishioners. This after all has been our parish for all of our twenty-eight years of marriage.

Please consider with compassion and Christian forgiveness the plight of Father Lynn. We would hope that our prayers for him and his resolve might open new consideration on his behalf.

Yours in Christ,

[redacted signature]



Cardinal Roger Michael Mahony, D. D.
Chancery Office
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015



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use the other
Fr. Caffoe
letter



May 17, 1992

Your Eminence,

I am a convert to Catholicism through the RCIA program at St. James Church. Father Lynn Caffee was our teacher and spiritual director.

Father Lynn is a warm and understanding priest who should be reinstated as an active priest. His compassion, wisdom and spiritual guidance have been helpful to me and many others. The Church can't afford to lose such a good and talented man.

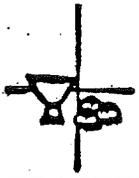
With respect,

[Redacted signature]

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REDACTED

Dear -REDACTED

Enclosed is the letter Lynn Caffoe sent to me and a number of parishes. I was also approached about a letter writing campaign that is being encouraged on Lynn's behalf. At this point, 42 letters have been written as a testimonial of Lynn's impact upon them as a priest. I was assured that there were not letters of anger, but of support in the hope of Lynn's return to the ministry before the 3-5 year proposal.

The letter writers do not, in any way, wish to jeopardize Lynn's return to the ministry. I was also assured that Lynn did not solicit or organize the letter writing.

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I hope you are well;

God Bless,

REDACTED

I'll want this in my
mtg file - once
I have a date to
see for Colloc

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May 21, 1992

Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, Ca. 90015

Dear Msgr. Dyer,

These letters are being routed to you as per the instructions of [redacted]. We spoke to him during the St. James Centenary celebration and he informed us as to the proper procedure to be followed in matters regarding clergy. The letters are meant to make a positive, loving statement regarding Fr. Lynn Caffoe's years of service at St. James. They are in no way meant to be an irritant or to put anyone on the defensive. We are stating this at the suggestion of the pastor of St. James, Fr. [redacted], who feels that when significant numbers of letters are received by your office or that of the Cardinal the tendency is to perceive them as negative and critical in nature. Sadly, Fr. [redacted] is probably correct in most cases. However, upon reading these we're sure you and Cardinal Mahony will find just the opposite to be true. These have been written by people who have a sincere respect for Fr. Lynn as a priest and who want to support him in some way during this time. We also state with the utmost honesty and integrity that Fr. Lynn had nothing to do with the writing of these letters. He did have knowledge of the possibility of something being done on his behalf because everyone who expressed a desire to write wanted to be completely sure that our actions would in no way harm his chances to eventually return to his ministry. Fr. Lynn did not feel that letters written respectfully and prayerfully could hurt him so we, the people, went ahead. He in no way orchestrated our actions and does not have knowledge of the contents of the letters unless people have freely sent him copies.

Finally, the gathering of these letters was done in a spirit of openness and honesty. Fr. [redacted] was not informed only because it was not an all-parish activity, and Fr. Lynn has been gone from St. James for almost a year. We wrote as individuals and families, not as parish representatives.

We appreciate your time and pray that these letters will be received by you and the Cardinal in the same Christian spirit in which they were written.

Respectfully Yours,

[Redacted signature block]



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June 2, 1992

[Redacted]

Dear Mr. [Redacted]:

I wish to acknowledge your recent letter with respect to the status of Father Lynn Caffoe.

I know that you will understand that it is not possible for me to discuss confidential personnel matters effecting our priests with parishioners.

I would invite your prayers and support for Father Caffoe, and we will rely upon the graces of the Holy Spirit to help form and shape his future ministry.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Cardinal Roger Mahony*
Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
+ Roger Card. Mahony

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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June 2, 1992

[Redacted address block]

Dear Ms. [Redacted name]

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 15, 1992 with respect to the status of Father Lynn Caffoe.

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June 2, 1992

[Redacted address block]

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

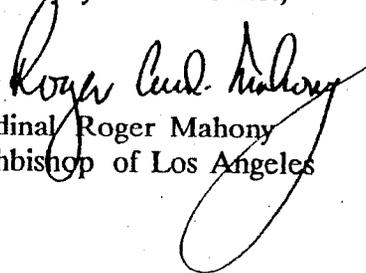
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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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While at St. Bede's one day, ^{REDACTED} asked me to get a video cassette on the "Mass" from Lynn Caffoe's room. When I put it in the VCR and we turned it on to watch, we discovered it was not the tape ^{REDACTED} had in mind but a home video: Lynn Caffoe with a camera, his voice talking to the highschool boys (three or more) whom he was photographing. He focused on their private parts -- telling them things like; "ok now, get excited" and "ok now take off your shirts" -- which a couple did, flexing their muscles. When he focused on their genitals you could see the erection taking place. The kids were laughing -- horseplay. ^{REDACTED} turned "white," shook his head and after watching for about a minute -- told me to turn it off: "get that thing out of here."

6/10/92 (Conversation with Fr. REDACTED)

Re: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

Notes:

Lynn Caffoe



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July 17, 1992

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe
[Redacted]

Dear Lynn:

I just today received a call from St. Luke Institute informing me that they will not be able to come out in August, as planned, but instead will be here between September 8 and 11.

When I have a specific date for you to meet with them and me, I will immediately send it to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Tim Dyer

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
[Redacted]

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Continuing Care Contract - Page 2
Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe REDACTED
REDACTED

- 1. As soon as possible, I will secure the services of an Archdiocesan approved psychologist/therapist, well versed in the Twelve Step Program, for a minimum of twice-a-month sessions. *non-compliance*
- 2. As soon as possible, I will assemble a core support group made up of: Msgr. REDACTED Sr. REDACTED, up to three men who have experienced Saint Luke Institute, that now live in my home area, one or two couples who are close friends, who are aware of my story, [my future spiritual director. *- non compliance*]
- 3. I will be in regular phone contact with others in the area who have lived the Saint Luke Institute experience. *- non compliance*
- 4. I will visit for an extended period of time with former Saint Luke Institute residents twice a month, for support, input and sharing. *- non compliance*
- 5. I will be involved in three Twelve Step Programs weekly (EA, ACOA, SCA). *- non compliance*
- 6. I will have a weekly visit with at least one supportive friend, who is aware of my situation, with whom to share: Msgr. REDACTED, Sr. REDACTED, REDACTED and REDACTED and REDACTED and REDACTED
- 7. I will have a once-a-month contact with the Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese.

II. CONTINUING CARE

- 1. I will be in contact with the Saint Luke Institute continuing care therapist monthly. *non compliance*
- 2. Within three months, I will schedule a Re-Entry Workshop with my continuing care therapist and my home support group.
- 3. I will attend the Continuing Care Workshops at Saint Luke Institute every six months for the first two years, and once a year for three additional years.

III. SPIRITUALITY

- 1. I will partake in one half-day or full day of prayer and reflection away from my home monthly.
- 2. I will have a daily hour of personal prayer, reflection and meditation.
- 3. I will have regular visits, approximately monthly, with a confessor and spiritual director, who are well versed in the Twelve Step Program.

IV. PHYSICAL NEEDS

- 1. I will take no other drugs except those prescribed by my personal doctor or a doctor of the REDACTED staff. I will take:
REDACTED
- 2. Understanding that alcohol is a drug that lowers inhibitions, if I drink at all, I will drink no more than my life-long pattern of one drink four times a month.
- 3. I will begin as soon as possible a regular spa workout of two hours three times a week.
- 4. I will continue with a maintenance/modified diet plan.
- 5. I will have regular medical checkups with my personal doctor, every three months, to monitor cholesterol, high blood pressure, and overall physical health.
- 6. I will set up and receive, as soon as possible, massage therapy every two weeks, for stress reduction and as a preventative for chronic neck spasms.


 Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe
 Patient

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Inpatient Therapist U

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Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

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REDACTED
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CONFIDENTIAL

Saint Luke Institute

October 5, 1992

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Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony, DD
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
SLI [REDACTED]

Dear Bishop Mahony,

Between September 28 and October 2, 1992 Father Caffoe attended a workshop with us as part of his Continuing Care program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Father Caffoe does not seem to be motivated by a desire for change or growth, but only to fulfill the letter of the law by which he hopes to gain reassignment to ministry. [REDACTED]

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Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe

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Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony
Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Unfortunately, Father Caffoe is not participating in a recovery oriented program. During this workshop, he exhibited little or no motivation toward participating in a recovery oriented program. He continues to cast himself in the role of victim and continues to project considerable hostility toward virtually all of the authoritative persons and institutions in his life. He stated that he was extremely disappointed with the experience of this workshop, and that he would have to think very seriously about continuing in this program. He presented a very sullen and withdrawn appearance during group activities, and did not attempt to use the group process for his therapeutic or recovery oriented needs. At this point, given Father Caffoe's noncompliance with his therapeutic or recovery oriented program, and his obvious lack of motivation for doing so, and his use of his time during this Continuing Care workshop only to recruit new supporters to his "cause," we wonder whether the amount of time, energy, and economic resources which are being invested in Father Caffoe can be justified. At this point we see very little reason to believe that these efforts are likely to result in positive growth or recovery. Should Father Caffoe decide to remain in this program and should it be decided that he can continue, his next Continuing Care workshop will be scheduled at the beginning of April of 1993.

[REDACTED]

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October 5, 1992
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Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe

We thank you for the support you offer to Father Caffoe. We believe that a life of sobriety can help him to reestablish his life-giving ministry with God's people if he will pursue such a life. We ask for your prayers in behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and to continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Coordinator, Continuing Care Services
and Three-Quarter Way House
Outpatient Department

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Director Outpatient Department

Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

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cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe



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November 18, 1992

Rev. Lynn Caffoe
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Father Caffoe:

According to our records, your next Workshop at St. Luke Institute is scheduled for March 8-12, 1993.

We would like to purchase your plane tickets for this as far in advance as possible, to take advantage of lower rates available when the reservation is made well ahead of the flight dates.

Accordingly, unless I hear otherwise from you, we will plan to be in touch with the travel agency soon. If for any reason you do not or cannot plan to attend on the dates given, please let [REDACTED] in my office know by November 30.

With gratitude for your consideration in this regard, I remain

Yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
[REDACTED]

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November 19, 1992

[Redacted]

Dear Dr. [Redacted]

Enclosed you will find the CONFIDENTIAL reports from the file of Rev. Lynn Caffoe.

These include the initial evaluation by Dr. [Redacted], my letter of introduction to St. Luke Institute, and the subsequent progress reports from the Institute.

Shortly after his first appointment with you, I called Father Caffoe and he gave me permission to send you these.

Please call me if you have any questions about the material.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy J. Dyer
(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

[Redacted]

Enclosures

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 1993

FROM: REDACTED

TO: _____

RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

REDACTED --REDACTED is not handling this particular workshop. REDACTED is the coordinator. Also REDACTED and REDACTED can be of assistance.

Father Caffoe should arrive Monday afternoon (before 3 P.M. if he expects to be picked up from the airport by REDACTED

THEY ARE REQUESTING THAT THIS OFFICE TELEPHONE IN THE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS--JUST IN CASE FR. CAFFOE FAILS TO NOTIFY THEM.





COPY
 F Lynn Caffoe

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

REDACTED

1531
 West Ninth
 Street

Los Angeles
 California
 90015-1194

February 11, 1993

Rev. Lynn Caffoe
 REDACTED

Dear Father Caffoe:

Just a note to let you know that we have ordered your plane tickets for the March 8-12 Aftercare session at St. Luke.

The travel agency will be sending the tickets to you directly.

Data is as follows:

Leave LAX Monday, March 8 Northwest Airlines Flight #550 at 7:20 A.M.
 Arrive National Airport, Washington at 4:50 P.M.

Leave National Airport Friday, March 12 Northwest Airlines Flight #555 at 6:30 P.M.
 Arrive LAX 10:52 P.M.

We have been notified by St. Luke that they cannot make pick-ups at the airport after 3:00 P.M. That being the case, you will need to take a taxi from the airport to the Institute. Please be sure to send me some record of the taxi fare, and we will reimburse you.

Sincerely yours,

REDACTED
 REDACTED

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Saint Luke Institute

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March 19, 1993

His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, DD
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

RE: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
[REDACTED]

Dear Cardinal Mahony:

Father Caffoe recently attended a workshop with us the week of March 8-12, 1993 as part of his Continuing Care Program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, DD
March 19, 1993

RE: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
SLI NO: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Father Caffoe states that he realizes that he made many mistakes of judgment with minors, and that these mistakes had most to do with affectional behavior and the violation of personal space and boundaries. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

REDACTED

March 19, 1993

RE: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
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A copy of this letter is being sent to Father Caffoe for his reflections. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact us.

His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, DD
March 19, 1993

RE: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
SLI NO: [REDACTED]

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We thank you for the support you offer to Father Caffoe. We believe that a life of sobriety helps him to continue in his life-giving ministry with God's people. We ask for your prayers in behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and for continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

Stephen Montana PhD

Stephen Montana, PhD
Director
Outpatient Department

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe

REFERRAL MEMORANDUM from CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY

O: Msgr. Dyer DATE: 3-26-93

- Please REVIEW, then SEE ME
- Please REVIEW, then RETURN to me
- Please REVIEW, then SEND me your COMMENTS
- Please REVIEW, then FILE

- Please HANDLE this matter ENTIRELY
- Please ANSWER; send copy of letter to me
- Please WRITE A REPLY for my signature
- For your INFORMATION
- Please XEROX - FAX and send copy/copies to:

Original to: file back to me

REMARKS: I hope some of this is true!

Thanks!

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of
Vicar for Clergy
(213) 251-3284

1531
West Ninth
Street

Los Angeles
California
90015-1194

April 6, 1993

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[REDACTED]

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

Attached is the latest progress report from St. Luke Institute for Father Lynn Caffoe. I am pleased with what appears to be real progress; I temper my pleasure with caution--remembering the history of this man, whom I have seen change from "charming" to "outraged" in a moment's time. I want to make very clear, however, that I truly want to see him get well--whether he returns to ministry or not.

I would like to know from you what role or approach on my part you would recommend. At this stage in his therapy, would it be sufficient for Lynn if I were to meet with him or show my support by taking him out to dinner? He and his support group have accused me of showing no care or concern, and in my role as Vicar for Clergy, care for individual priests is certainly part of what I do. I am not sure, however, that Lynn wants to see me at all or what kind of support might truly benefit him, and I therefore seek your advice.

As to the forming of a group, we are getting closer to sending you some new men, and I will be in touch with you my mid-April.

Call me if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

[REDACTED]

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MAY 12, 1993

ROGER CARDINAL MAHONY
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES

Your Eminence,

As you are aware, this year away from priestly ministry has been very difficult for me. I hope that you are also aware that psychologically, emotionally and spiritually, I am in a much better space than I was April 1st of last year when I returned to Los Angeles from St. Luke's. I have availed myself of the services of Dr. [REDACTED] on a weekly basis, and had a more positive experience of the Aftercare Program at St. Luke's a few months ago. I continue to grow in a healthy way towards the time of possible reinstatement to active ministry.

Your generosity of the gift of \$25,000 to get me started in my new life was greatly appreciated, as well as keeping me on the Archdiocesan medical and dental insurance program.

However, I arrive at a critical time in my practical life. I have taken classes in floral design, 25 days at 5 hours/day. I have also taken 66 hours, spread over six months, of voiceover classes, hoping to be able to support myself. I reach a crucial time. Floral is a very expensive investment, and I cannot afford to risk too much in this area. The economic situation of our society has also directly effected the advertizing and commercial business as well. I have completed my voiceover demo tape, distributed it to many agencies, and await responses. Word of mouth about my floral work also brings in occasional work.

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[REDACTED], the owner of the home in which I live, and a long time friend, has been extremely generous in allowing me to live here for no rent for nearly a year. However, it becomes financially necessary for him to desire me to reach a full room~~mate~~ status - \$500/month. If I can not do that I will have to move elsewhere. I have a home here with positive surroundings. I have use of $\frac{1}{2}$ the garage for my floral work. I could not find so much for so little if I were to move. Nor do I have the finances to do so. In addition my monthly obligations of other bills continue: car payment, car insurance, storage, phone, Visa/Mastercharge, gas, etc.

By way of accountability of my use of your gift of last year, I include the following information.

Expenses: April, 1992 - April 1993

\$1,000 -first car rental (3 months)
 \$1,600 -Car insurance, April '92 to April '93
 \$2,500 -Downpayment for car
 \$4,500 -Car payments since July '92 (10 @ \$450/month)
 \$1,300 -Car insurance April '93 to April '94 (took out a loan)
 \$1,500 -Floral Design classes
 \$2,500 -Voiceover classes and demo tape
 \$2,500 -Investment in floral (stock on hand, much is seasonal)
 \$2,400 -Mastercard/visa payments (@\$200/month)
 \$1,320 -Storage payments (@\$110/month)
 \$ 600 -Car expenses/gas expenses(@\$50/month)

\$21,320 (Remainder spent on food, clothing, necessities, medication, phone installation and monthly phone bills, etc.)

Your Eminence, I am asking then of your generosity, that you would consider another gift of \$8,000 to \$10,000 which would enable me to further establish my floral and voiceover work, without having to move from [REDACTED]'s home, at least not for the near future. I realize that this

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is a major request, and that if you would prefer, a loan, with interest, would be very agreeable to me. I would hope that you could respond to me as soon as possible, as everything is dovetailing now, and decisions have to be made very shortly on these practical issues.

I thank you in advance for your considerations. I daily pray for you and all your concerns on a daily basis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



(Rev.) Lynn R. Caffoe

Lynn R. Caffoe
REDACTED

Lynn R. Caffoe



Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Office of the Archbishop
1531 West North Street
Los Angeles, California
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REFERRAL MEMORANDUM from CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY

TO: Mrs. Dyer DATE: 5-13-93

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REMARKS: Your recommendation, please!

Thank!

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MEMORANDUMMay 15, 1993

TO: Cardinal Mahony
 FROM: Father Timothy Dyer TD.
 RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

For a number of reasons, I am positive about this request.

In the first place, St. Luke's (both in their recent aftercare report and by way of my speaking in person with the aftercare therapist) has been very clear in saying that real progress is going on in this case. Dr. [REDACTED] concurs. In addition, Fr. Caffoe has, apart from his first six months following St. Luke's, built up a good and regular aftercare program -- to which he has been faithful. For the first time, I am beginning to think that there is a chance for eventual return to ministry. I spoke at length, by phone today, with Lynn and noted that while he still hopes to return to ministry, he is not pushing as he has in the past which indicates to me that he has focused on health and his program for recovery rather than jumping hurdles to get back into ministry. I also noted that he is evidently making progress on the issue of anger and, for the first time, apologized for the way he has treated me and [REDACTED] during this whole affair. He seems to have taken seriously the need to support himself and to have dealt with the initial anger and demand that the Archdiocese support him. He gave me a number of examples of the floral and voice-over work he has done but, in fairness, I think getting established in these areas takes time and he is presently in need of more financial help. My recommendation is based on the judgment that we are really making progress in helping a man back to health and that since October (when he began seeing Dr. [REDACTED] and going to 12-step programs) he has been fully cooperating with what the Archdiocese has asked.

My suggestion is that Lynn remain on the 3-5 year track which was originally set for him and that for one year's time the Archdiocese offer him a monthly check of \$750. Beyond a year's time, I would tell him that we would expect him to be well enough established to handle his living expenses (apart from health insurance) through his own income.

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C-File Caffoe



Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of the Archbishop (213) 251-3288

1531 West Ninth Street

Los Angeles California 90015-1194

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May 19, 1993

Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

[redacted]

Dear Lynn:

Thank you so very much for your letter of May 12, 1993, and I was so pleased to listen to the new spirit which obviously is now part of your own life and your ongoing growth and development. It was a very positive and promising letter, and all of the reports which I have received continue to point to excellent progress in the overall plan which you have undertaken.

It would seem to me that we are best served by having you remain on that three to five year track which was originally agreed to. Given the specific circumstances of your case, I would be happy to offer you a monthly check in the amount of \$750 for a one year period. At the end of that year, it would be my hope that you would be well enough established to handle your own living expenses through the income which you would be receiving.

Of course, we will continue to cover you with your health insurance.

I am hopeful that you will continue to work closely with Doctor [redacted] and the follow-up care from St. Luke's Institute, since it is obvious that both of these components are contributing very positively to your ongoing growth and development.

Please continue to maintain contact with Monsignor Timothy Dyer, my Vicar for the Clergy, as you move forward on this special journey.

Assuring you of my own continuing prayers, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ Roger Carlos Mahony
Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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Please instruct
me as to when
the year begins
for the 750.
When the salary
ends. Status?

etc
June 1, '93 - May 31, '94
SAME STATUS



C-file Caffoe

7-12-93

Dear Father Dyer,

I spoke with Father [redacted] and he suggested that I might be able to get in touch with Lynn Caffoe through your office as Vicar for clergy. He used to have a P.O. Box in Long Beach but my letters have been returned. So please get this to him if you can. If not please return it to me. Thank you so much. He is a dear friend and I do not want to lose touch. He may need this more right now I just don't know.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

Letter forwarded
07/24/93



1 - Coffin

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Dear Fr. Dyer,

I am troubling you again to please pass this letter to hym Coffin I have no other way of getting in touch. If it cant be delivered please send it back to me.

He is going through a very difficult time in his life after twenty years of ministry. I want him to know I care, I pray, I love and want the very best for him now and always whatever is Gods will for him.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



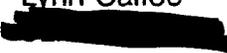


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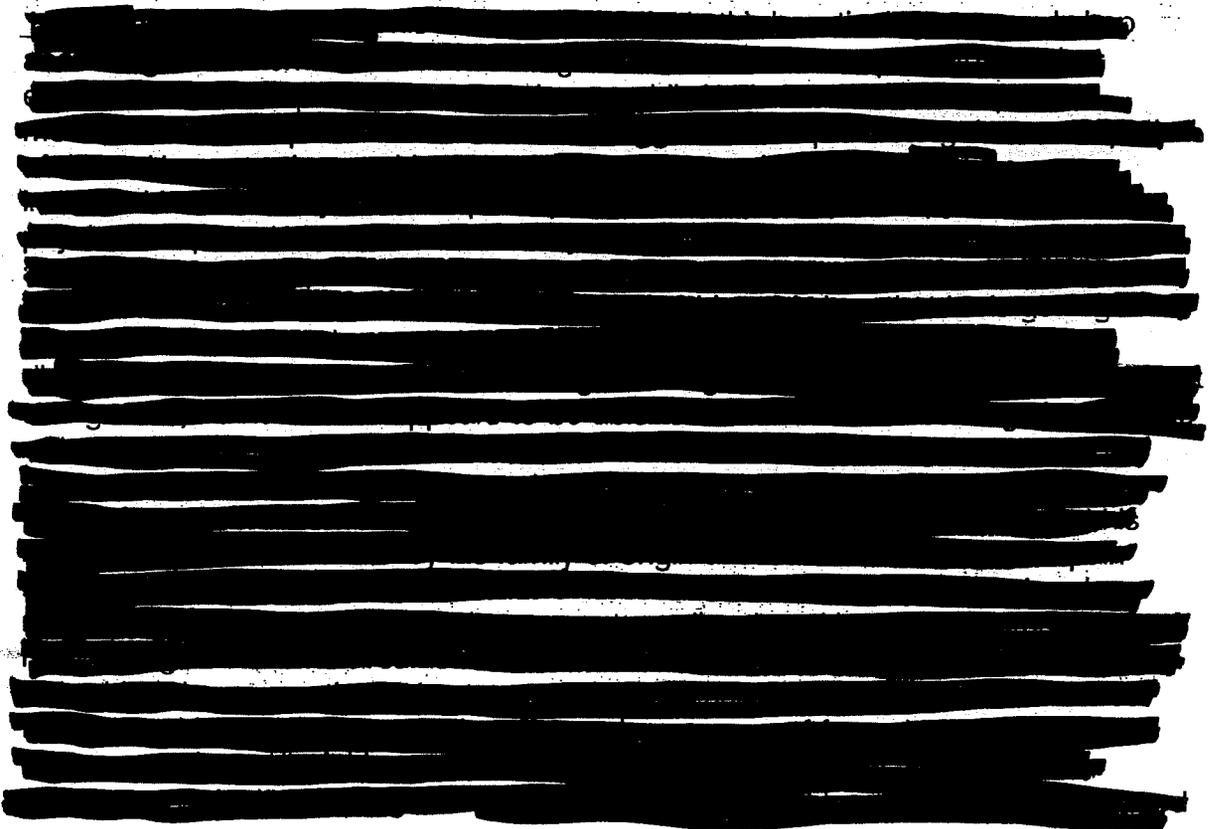
Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar General
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Lynn Caffoe


Dear Monsignor Dyer:

Father Caffoe attended a workshop with us the week of September 13-17, 1993 as part of his Continuing Care program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months.

The following is our perception of Father Caffoe's progress in his ongoing recovery:



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September 28, 1993

RE: Reverend Lynn Caffoe - SL REDACTED

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Father Caffoe

continues to hope for the opportunity to be reinstated in ministry, but at this point seems more able to allow himself to experience the longing for his priesthood without demanding that the circumstances of his life change simply because he has that longing. Again, this seems to indicate that Father Caffoe has made significant progress in accepting the circumstances of his life and allowing himself the desire to be reinstated without any guarantee that this might happen. It seems that in the past, Father Caffoe felt that without a guarantee of reinstatement, that the desire to be reinstated was just too difficult to entertain. At this point he seems to realize that his desire may or may not influence circumstances, but that he has the right to experience the desire nevertheless.

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September 28, 1993

RE: Reverend Lynn Caffoe -REDACTED

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Sincerely,
REDACTED

Coordinator, Continuing Care Services
Outpatient Department

REDACTED

Director Outpatient Department

REDACTED

Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

REDACTED

cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe

MEMORANDUM

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October 11, 1993

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

Attached is the latest Continuing Care workshop report from St. Luke's Institute for Fr. Lynn Caffoe.

██████████ and I met with Dr. ██████████ and Fr. Caffoe several months ago to get a sense of his progress. I will prepare a report of our findings and, based on them and the attached report, make some suggestions as to how we might want to communicate with Fr. Caffoe regarding his progress and the work that remains before him.

*Sounds promising for the future -
+ RMD*

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Dear Father Dyer,

Would you be kind enough to send this along to Lynn Caffoe. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and a blessed New Year.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted]
1/19/94

February 11, 1994

From Monsignor Dyer

*Set up ready to
goate* *Primity*

██████████ (sp.?) was talking to me in the presence of Dr. ██████████ and his own father, Mr. ██████████. This young man went to St. James School, Redondo Beach and this is his testimony:

"I met Father Lynn Caffoe when I was ██████████. What has gone on has gone on over a period of ██████████ up until just two months ago. Throughout that time he showed interest in me and there was a gradual increase of affection. We would spend time talking about me and about us. Finally, around ██████████ grade, it reached a point where I knew it was wrong and I couldn't do anything about it."

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TD: Was the mutual masturbation a result of rubbing up against each other or fondling?

██████████: Yes. Both.

TD: Was there ever penetration or anal intercourse?

██████████: No. There was oral copulation where he would masturbate me.

TD: As to the place of these events, did he ever invite you on trips or vacations?

██████████: No. Mostly these events took place at the parish. For example, we would set up the chairs for the RCIA and there was a room off to the side with a door which could be locked where he would do this to me.

TD: Did he introduce you to nudity and get your clothes off?

██████████: Yes.

TD: How long did these kinds of sexual activity go on?

██████████: It reached a point of an average of once a week over a couple of years.

TD: So we are talking about the sexual actions happening maybe 100 times or more?

██████████: Yes

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TD: Did this continue after he returned from treatment at St. Luke Institute?

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February 11, 1994

From Monsignor Dyer

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VICAR FOR CLERGY NOTES REV. LYNN CAFFOE UNDATED

Mr. [REDACTED] came in at 10:45 and we discussed this until Noon.

At family's request, it was decided not to immediately confront Lynn Caffoe with this information--until we can meet again-- (in presence of Fr. [REDACTED]--and discuss steps to safeguard them from retribution or harrassment on the part of Father Caffoe.

Mr. [REDACTED] said he had experienced being on the end of Father Caffoe's anger and knew hewould be vindictive.

Request made by Mr. [REDACTED] to meet with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

Attached is the testimony I took from [redacted] re his involvement with Fr. Lynn Caffoe. This matter was reported to Child Protective Services by the counselor at Bishop Montgomery Highschool and the police were due to begin an investigation this week. I am waiting for a call from the [redacted] family who wanted an assurance that I would, for the time being, share this only with you and [redacted] -- as they fear reprisals from Fr. Caffoe. I will report to you on my next meeting with them.

Really sad - awful testimony -

+ Rmk

2-23-94

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MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

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Reference names that should be added to this episode:

Lynn Caffoe
Dr. [redacted]

[redacted]

Others whom I suspect may have been victimized:

[redacted]

[redacted] (I don't think anything happened)
[redacted] ?sp. [redacted] (I have a feeling)
[redacted] ("?? I don't think so but...")
[redacted] sp.?

MEMORANDUM

Caffoe

DATE: February 18

FROM: [REDACTED]

TO: Msgr. Dyer

RE: _____

I spoke at some length with [REDACTED], the Counselor at Bishop Montgomery Hi, today.

She was not in favor of contacting the person/s you are expecting to hear from. She said she would be seeing the young man at school Tuesday and she would mention to him casually then that you were expecting to hear from him.

She was reluctant to apply any pressure at all and said she felt it best just to wait. However, she did agree she would go ahead and give him your home phone number--and she will do that--I think just indicate you wanted him to know how to reach you at any time.

She said she would call if there was any reaction to report on Tuesday.

*Prx.
C-7 file (KallH)*

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Caffee

3-3-94

Dear Monsignor Dyer,

Enclosed is a copy of the ledger for [redacted] account. The month of February brought many meetings with [redacted] his parents, and representatives from law enforcement, thus the high number of visits (7). There is also a \$75 charge for a psychological test I administered to [redacted]. I anticipate that future visits will be reduced to once per week.

I have also enclosed a copy of my resume for your review. I thank you in advance for considering me in any future cases.

Again, the nature of your presence and essence in this matter has been very helpful to [redacted] and his family. Helpful in a way that they did not anticipate, which of course made it that much more powerful.

Sincerely,
[redacted signature]

I have the
bill - \$750
will request check ^{Thank you}

This is REDACTED.

(Should letter that goes
out with check say
we are paying a/c default
of responsible party?)
like ones to have
vicinity



CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

March 13, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

Just to update you in this case: Fr. Lynn Caffoe has returned to work at the cab company where he has been employed for a number of months. He has not returned to therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] though he has made contact with him. He has evidently returned to the home of Mr. [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] -- the friend who has given him residence since his return from St. Luke's.

At this point, the detective involved in the investigation is trying to set up a recorded phone call between the alleged victim, [REDACTED] and Fr. Lynn (this would be to obtain evidence and preclude a protracted criminal case in court -- something which is to the advantage fo Fr. Caffoe as well as everyone else). I have been in touch with the [REDACTED] family each week and will see them again once the investigation is concluded. At that time I will have [REDACTED] proof-read and sign the testimony he gave me on February 11th 1994. I will reiterate the Archdiocese' offer of immediate help (though Fr. Cafoe is ultimately responsible) in the form of counseling and spiritual direction as well as the assistance of [REDACTED]. I will also ask the [REDACTED] to put me in touch with [REDACTED] whose son is also suspected to have been involved with or at least knowledgeable of Fr. Caffoe's alleged misconduct.

For the present, I am not sharing the information I have with Dr. [REDACTED] or anyone else as it would be an interference with the investigation. I will keep you informed.

*Thanks - good process.
+ Rh/ky*

3-14-94

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Although I have called and spoken to you weekly during the past month, I believe it would be wise for me to summarize in writing the situation we are now facing so that the position of the Archdiocese is clear to you.

Since your testimony to me on February 11, 1994, I have felt it best to simply stay in touch with you while we wait and cooperate with the police investigation now going on.

I have spoken to no one other than the Cardinal about his matter, in order to assure non-interference with your decisions and the work of the police detective assigned to this case. I do want to reiterate here, so that you have it in writing, our offer to begin payment immediately for your counseling with Dr. [REDACTED], and to assure you that future family therapy will also be provided.

For your information, it is the position of the Archdiocese that a priest who has abused someone will himself be responsible for cost of therapy, as this is seen to be a part of his own therapy and recovery. We will not, however, wait until Father Caffoe is in a position to meet

this responsibility, but will act in his name to see that immediate help is offered to your family. In addition, I encourage you once again to meet with [REDACTED] of our Archdiocesan Advisory Board, as I am sure you will find them to be of great assistance in this matter. Their phone number is [REDACTED]

Once the investigation has ^{been} completed, I would like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss your needs, as well as to seek your help in contacting other families who you suspect may have experienced problematic behavior on the part of Father Caffoe. When we meet, I will also explain to you our protocol regarding Father Caffoe himself and how we assist a priest in these situations. Finally, I once again want to thank you, [REDACTED], for your willingness to come forward with testimony that is so painful and difficult to relate. I encourage you to continue being open and honest in the days ahead and I assure you of my prayers and the support of the Archdiocese in this regard. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me and I will continue to be in touch with you weekly until we meet.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy



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Caffoe

March 22, 1994

[Redacted]

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Although I have called and spoken to you weekly during the past month, I believe it would be wise for me to summarize in writing the situation we are now facing so that the position of the Archdiocese is clear to you.

Since your testimony to me on February 11, 1994, I have felt it best to simply stay in touch with you while we wait and cooperate with the police investigation now going on.

I have spoken to no one other than the Cardinal about his matter, in order to assure non-interference with your decisions and the work of the police detective assigned to this case. I do want to reiterate here, so that you have it in writing, our offer to begin payment immediately for your counseling with Dr. [Redacted] and to assure you that future family therapy will also be provided.

For your information, it is the position of the Archdiocese that a priest who has abused someone will himself be responsible for cost of therapy, as this is seen to be a part of his own therapy and recovery. We will not, however, wait until Father Caffoe is in a position to meet this responsibility, but will act in his name to see that immediate help is offered to your family. In addition, I encourage you once again to meet with [Redacted] of our Archdiocesan Advisory Board, as I am sure you will find them to be of great assistance in this matter. Their phone number is [Redacted].

Once the investigation has been completed, I would like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss your needs, as well as to seek your help in contacting other families who you suspect may have experienced problematic behavior on the part of Father Caffoe. When we meet, I will also explain to you our protocol regarding Father Caffoe himself and how we assist a priest in these situations. Finally, I once again want to thank you, [Redacted] for your willingness to come forward with testimony that is so painful and difficult to relate. I encourage you to continue being open and honest in the days ahead and I assure you of my prayers and the support of the Archdiocese in this regard. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me and I will continue to be in touch with you weekly until we meet.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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Lynn Coffey, 5-7-94

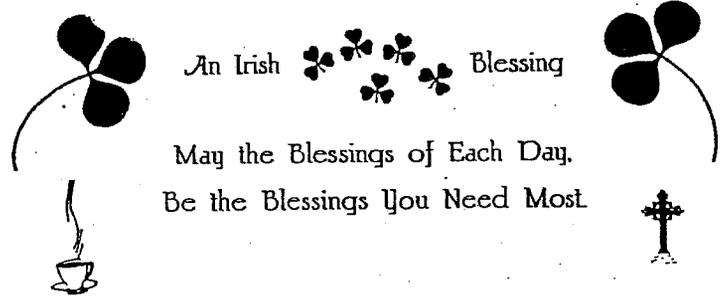
REDACTED

Dear

Please be kind enough to pass this letter on for me.

Thank You.

REDACTED



An Irish Blessing

May the Blessings of Each Day,
Be the Blessings You Need Most.



REDACTED

(Jan '75 -
(May '89 -

DATE INITIATED: March 91

NAME: Rev. Lynn Caffoe ()

PERSON MAKING ALLEGATION: Rev. REDACTED (3/91) → () Work
*REDACTED et alii (2/94) → REDACTED Home

REPORT/ALLEGATION: Suspicious Activity with minors (in line with previous allegations in '89 and before that in '75 - Caffoe's 1st assignment).

* REDACTED Address: REDACTED

ARCHDIOCESAN ATTORNEY/INSURANCE NOTIFIED: [date]

THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: REDACTED ()
[priest] REDACTED ()
Dr. REDACTED (post SLI)

THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: Dr. REDACTED REDACTED
[for others] REDACTED (B. Montgomery Highsch. Counselor) ()

ADDITIONAL CONTACT PERSONS: REDACTED ()
REDACTED (St. James Sch. principal) / REDACTED ()

ADDITIONAL CONTACT ADVOCATES/ATTORNEY: MR. REDACTED (when Fr. is in residence) REDACTED
REDACTED ()
REDACTED

CASE CHRONOLOGY:

DATE	EVENTS
4/91	Caffoe confronted w. REDACTED suspicions by REDACTED - RAGE! + denial.
4/91	REDACTED evaluation demanded. / Child Abuse report by REDACTED
6/91	REDACTED: evaluation - recommends residential treatment
8/91	- residential treatment.
7/92	Inactive leave (3-5 years outside ministry - with possible return - tho prognosis = poor)
2/10/94	REDACTED mtg. w. REDACTED (student - Bishop Montgomery) + Dr. REDACTED [Mtg. set up by school counselor, REDACTED - who has contacted Ch. Protec. Serv. + made police report] - serious Allegations of sexual abuse (first direct testimony by a victim)
7/28/94	Letter from Dr. REDACTED attesting to REDACTED credibility.

August 4, 1994

Dear Monsignor,

I was given your name to help me locate Father Lynn Caffee.

Father Lynn has been a lifetime friend and almost an adopted member of our family. We met him at Our Lady's Place in the 1970's. He guided our children and us through crisis. He was a "big brother" to our youngest son. The last time we saw him was Oct 12 1990 when he married our youngest son. He wrote to us in March 1992 and explained his painful situation. He gave us a P.O. Box in Long Beach and since then I have been writing to him to let him know we care very much and where we are.

We just moved to Camarillo and we just want him to know where we are and we pray for him a lot. This is not an inquiry into his personal life. I just want to know if he is all right physically and mentally. He

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has been there for us for over 20 yrs! He spent a lot of Christmas Eve's with us and walked us through so many crises.

My husband had cancer surgery 2 yrs ago and I have a heart condition. Our youngest son has become father of two girls. There is so much we would love to share with him. I would appreciate it if you could forward our new address and phone # to him and if you could somehow let us know that he is okay.

I wrote to him at the Long Beach address and my letter was returned with "no forwarding address left." That is why I am writing to you. Thank you so much for your help.

REDACTED



I called her to say
Lynn has disappeared.

- told her if we locate him
- we'll let her know.
- so put on file.

REDACTED



Caffee

CONFIDENTIAL

September 15, 1994

From: [REDACTED]

To: Msgr. Dyer

Re: Dr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] therapist)

Dr. [REDACTED] called this afternoon to say that you had wanted a particular letter from him regarding the [REDACTED] boy. This was before you went away to the Holy Land.

He prepared the letter. However, the [REDACTED] family insisted that the contents are so confidential that the letter must be picked up by hand.

Dr. [REDACTED] left a message on [REDACTED] phone that the letter was ready during your vacation, but did not hear anything from him.

The letter remains ready and can be picked up at Dr. [REDACTED]'s office.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It would be good to call first to be sure he or his office manager will be there. The office is usually open from 9 to 4.

PRIORITY

*Pls give to [REDACTED]
+ ask if he can come
pick it up
ora*

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October 18, 1994

Monsignor Tim Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

About ten years ago we befriended Fr. Lynn Caffoe. He has been an important part of our life since then. We shared his grief when the church placed him in special programs to deal with temperament and relationship problems.

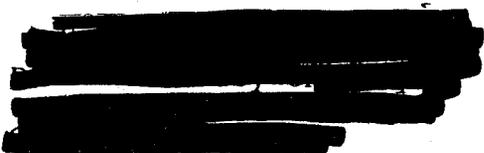
Fr. Lynn reconfirmed to us frequently his commitment to return to a full active priesthood life. Because he could not obtain credit, we (co-signed) guaranteed his purchase of a car.

We now find ourselves in an awkward position. Recently obtained information indicates his problems were very serious ones. We have not heard from him for many months. The bank has asked us to pay off the remaining balance of \$4,330 because he no longer makes payments. We do not know his whereabouts. We do not know where the car is.

We have two daughters in college and don't need added debt. On one hand we feel we should pursue recovery through legal means. We feel victimized, deceived. On the other hand we worry about how this might affect Fr. Lynn, ourselves and others.

We hope you understand our predicament. We would appreciate it if the church assists in the car payments. Thank you for your consideration about this unfortunate matter.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction covers the signature and name of the sender.

11/15/94

COPY

Dear Msgr. Dyer,

I have been a friend of Fr. Lynn Caffoe since 1972. I am concerned and would like very much to make contact with him. Will you please forward the enclosed letter to him?

If you are unable to forward the letter please return it to me so that I know not to wait for his reply.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

Hm. [Redacted]
Wk. [Redacted]



Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of
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Street

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California
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COPY

November 23, 1994

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I regret to tell you that Father Caffoe's whereabouts are unknown to the Archdiocese.

The last address we have on record is no longer his residence, and he has left us no name of anyone through whom we can forward mail.

If you should eventually contact Father Caffoe, you might relay the message that we are interested in his present situation and in his well-being.

I am returning your letter to you.

God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

[REDACTED]

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Caffoe

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 19, 1995
FROM: [redacted]
TO: Msgr. Dyer
RE: Messages

At the stroke of Noon today, having had no word, I called [redacted] at St. Luke's, extended our apologies, and told her Fr. [redacted] would not be coming for January 22 and she could go ahead and use the space for someone else.

Thank you

I received a phone message via [redacted] from a Doctor [redacted]. Regarding [redacted] (Caffoe case). It seems the former therapist, Dr. [redacted] has moved out of state. Dr. [redacted] is [redacted]'s new therapist would wishes to know if that is ok with the Archdiocese and if we will continue to pay.

Spoke to Mrs. [redacted] today. She says Dr. [redacted] (whom she trusts) we would pay this Dr. [redacted]

I checked the file. The last bill we paid Dr. [redacted] was in September, so it would seem to have been some time since [redacted] has seen a therapist.

With that in mind, I called Dr. [redacted]--got his tape--and left word that we had his message and that you would call him to let him know if the Archdiocese will accept billings from him.

I've asked Dr. [redacted] to clear his therapist out + give a recommendation

His number is [redacted].

There is also a note in the Caffoe file from late last summer indicating that Dr. [redacted] had prepared a letter for you but that the [redacted] concern for confidentiality was so great that it must be picked up by hand. Your instructions were to call [redacted] and ask him if he could pick it up. I did that. Whatever it said, it does not seem to be in the Caffoe file at this time.

I will then call Dr. [redacted] 1st appt w. Dr. [redacted] is this wedn Jan 25.

We'll cont paying these bills for therapy + we'll stay w Dr. [redacted] unless Dr. [redacted] or my calls give reason to

Coffee

Forwarded
for

Dear Fr. Dyer,

Please forward for me. Thank you for making my pain a little less as I can communicate even if it's only one way for the time being. Thank you so much.

[Redacted signature]

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good fortune
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And may all your blessings
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AN IRISH ——— BLESSING



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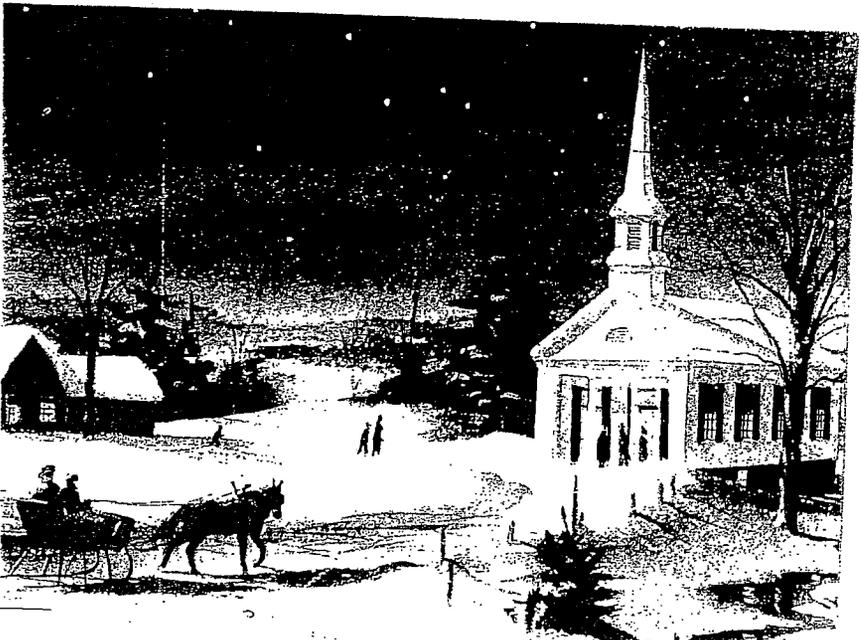
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the whole year through*

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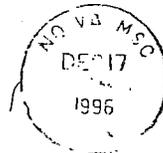
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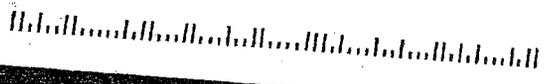
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January 18, 1997

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

I would like to acknowledge receipt of the recent letter that you mailed to Father Lynn Caffoe in care of St. James Church. However, we do not have a current address for him.

Please let me know whether you would like me to send it back to you, or if you would prefer that we hold it here until we can forward it to him. You can send your response to the above address.

Sincerely yours,
REDACTED

REDACTED

Loomis, Msgr. Richard A.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 1998 3:23 PM
To: Loomis, Msgr. Richard A.
Subject: Call from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called at 3:15 p.m. asking for an address for Father Lynn Caffoe. He is on "in-active" leave and we have no address. She then asked if there was someone she could speak to regarding something that happened in her family some years ago with Father Caffoe. I told her just to give me enough information so that I would know who to refer her call to. Father [REDACTED] was busy with dictation and couldn't take the call. Can you call her back? She sounded sincere and nervous. I could hear small children in the background. Her number is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Same Day; 3:30 PM - she is 28 years old. As a child, she went to St Callistus, and her family knew Fr. Lynn Caffoe. They had problems with him. She asked if we knew where he is. I told her that Fr. Caffoe took a leave of absence and vanished. We have not been in contact with him for several years and don't know where he is. She said that he sexually molested her brother. She was very upset. I asked her to have her brother contact Fr. [REDACTED] and myself. We would be open to hearing his story and seeing if psychological help is indicated. She thanked me and said that she would speak with her brother and be back in touch with me.

4/98

REDACTED

To: Fr. REDACTED
Subject: REDACTED

Father,

REDACTED is Fr. Lynn Caffoe's victim. He was in therapy with Dr. REDACTED from February, 1994 until he moved out of state at the end of 1994.

He was in therapy with Dr. REDACTED from Jan. 1995 through the end of June, 1997. He was never in our protocol.

Dr. REDACTED billing service called the office requesting permission to bill the Archdiocese because REDACTED suffered ^{and} a crisis. Dr. REDACTED thinks that he would only need to see him a maximum of four times.

REDACTED REDACTED ; gave his approval with the condition that anything beyond that would have to be reviewed by you.

sent to him &
correct E-Mail

CLERGY DATABASE

Last:Caffoe

Title:Rev.

First: Lynn

Middle:R.

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There have been two reports regarding altar boys. One was in 1975 and the other in 1988. 5/20/92, Retraining Check for \$20,000 is in vault pending Vicar meeting with Fr. Caffoe. Address: [REDACTED]. Fr. Caffoe picked up and signed for check 07/06/92. 12/14/92 instructions to Insurance Dept. to CONTINUE RETA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Accounts Payable notified June 23 to send Caffoe on July 1 \$1500 and \$750 on first of each month thereafter until May 1, 1994. Payments to stop after May 1, 1994. As of 02/23/94 Caffoe whereabouts unknown. Instructions to hold check. Also, victim has surfaced: [REDACTED]

01/19/95: Call from a Dr. [REDACTED] says [REDACTED] now his patient. Previous therapist for him, Dr. [REDACTED] has left the state. 04/08/98 This office received a call from Dr. [REDACTED]'s office. [REDACTED] has suffered a crisis. They are asking the Ad. to pay for his therapy -- he will need three to four sessions. Msgr. Loomis approved this request. However, anything beyond that has to be reviewed by Fr. [REDACTED]. 05/22/98 Fr. [REDACTED] took his two confidential files for review.

Diocese of Orange
Sexual Misconduct Concerns Toll Free Reporting Line

Date of Call: 3/08/02 12:49PM

Caller: Anonymous

RE: Father Lynn Caffoe

The anonymous male caller related that he was an altar server at St. Callistus from 1968-1972 during which time he was "sexually abused" by Fr. Caffoe.

He left no details in his message. He had heard that Fr. Caffoe was "driving a cab". The caller just wanted to make sure that Fr. Caffoe is out of ministry and not able to hurt anyone.

The caller wanted us to know he is "ok", "wants to be sure other people are protected". He said, "I treasure being a Catholic".

TO: File
FROM: Monsignor Craig A. Cox
RE: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
DATE: 13 January 2003

Mr. [REDACTED] called today and I spoke with him. He indicated that a reporter from NBC has tried to contact him to request an interview about the report of misconduct he made about Father Caffoe. He had spoken to Monsignor Dyer a number of years ago. Apparently NBC has located Lynn Caffoe, working for a Church (not a Catholic one) in northern California.

He wanted to give us a "heads up" and also ask for advice. I thanked him. I indicated that I was not the appropriate person to give him advice, other than to urge him to speak truthfully and to make his own decisions about what he wished to disclose or not to disclose. I assured him I would pray that the Holy Spirit give him wisdom in this.

He indicated that he receives good support. He did engage in counseling but is not in counseling now, and sometimes thinks that some renewed counsel might be beneficial. I gave him Sister [REDACTED] name and indicated that should he ever wish additional counseling he was welcome to contact her.



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Alleged abuser now gone

By VICTORIA MANLEY
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Local

A former priest who left the Roman Catholic Church in 1994 after being accused of molesting a teenage boy in Southern California apparently has been working in Salinas for the past two years as an advocate for the homeless.

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Lynn Caffoe had been working at a United States Mission office in Salinas until officials there asked him to leave two weeks ago after learning of his history. Since then, his whereabouts have been unclear.

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"We had no idea," said a man at United States Mission who would give only his first name, Allen. He described Caffoe as an "ordinary guy."

"He got along with everybody, and he did his job well."

Allen said Caffoe did "administrative stuff, regular paperwork," for the organization, which operates out of a house on Soto Place, two blocks from Santa Rita Elementary School.

Allen said Caffoe lived at the Soto Place house but would leave every Sunday for church and not return until Monday.

"We didn't know what he did," he said.

United States Mission is a nondenominational, Christian, nonprofit organization that takes in homeless people on a temporary basis. In exchange, the residents are asked to solicit donations door-to-door to support the organization.

There are several United States Mission houses throughout the

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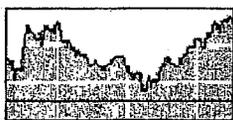
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country, organization officials say, primarily in the western United States.

Allen said the organization serves only homeless adults.

"There is no one here under 18," he said.

Neighbors said Monday that they didn't recognize a photo of Caffoe, but clerks at a nearby Quik Stop Market and 7-Eleven store said he often visited their stores.

Caffoe's past came to light when a reporter for a San Jose television station approached Caffoe and United States Mission representatives two weeks ago.

In a news report broadcast Friday, Caffoe admitted he was the former priest, identified in Southern California news reports, who had been accused of molesting a young boy. The television account, aired on KNTV-11, said Caffoe promised to turn himself in to police, though it does not appear he faces any criminal charges.

Caffoe's past hasn't been well-documented. He was identified in an August article in the Los Angeles Times as one of several ex-clergy members who have evaded answering reports of sexual misconduct, as well as in a November article in USA Today about Catholic priests who have been accused of sexually abusing minors.

According to the Los Angeles Times and others, Caffoe left the Diocese of Los Angeles in 1994 after a high school student made an allegation of molestation at St. James Church in Redondo Beach to a counselor at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance.

Caffoe also had been sent to therapy at a Catholic facility in Maryland after being accused of molestation in 1991, the reports said.

Just last week, Los Angeles attorney Raymond P. Boucher filed a lawsuit against Caffoe on behalf of a young man who said he was molested by Caffoe in the 1990s.

Boucher, who has represented several dozen other alleged victims of sexual abuse by priests, said Monday that he has been looking for Caffoe for several months.

"I wasn't able to track him down until recently," Boucher said Monday. He said Huntington Beach police received a complaint about Caffoe in 1994 but that no charges were filed.

Caffoe became acquainted with United States Mission five years ago when he was homeless and staying in a San Diego house, said Brian Jones, a spokesman for United States Mission in Portland, Ore.

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Before Caffoe moved to Salinas, he had lived in United States Mission homes in San Diego, Portland and Modesto.

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"This all came as a big surprise to us," Jones said. After the television reporter met with Caffoe two weeks ago, he "just took off and disappeared. We're all very saddened by it."

Salinas police said they haven't heard of Caffoe. Boucher said he hopes someone steps forward and reports his whereabouts.

Victoria Manley can be reached at 646-4478.



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(2) The [redacted] allegation involves two instances of Fr. Caffoe giving the boy a full body massage, during one instance of which he pulled on the boy's penis over his

(1) The allegation involving [redacted], who as a minor was abused over a six-year period, was the first report of clearly criminal acts. This started with grooming behaviors that escalated to mutual masturbation and oral copulation by Fr. Caffoe on the boy. There were an estimated one hundred instances of masturbatory and copulative acts over the last year of the relationship, which occurred after Fr. Caffoe had undergone evaluation and treatment at St. Luke's Institute and while he was participating in his post-treatment recovery program. The alleged victim has filed a lawsuit, and the civil authorities are seeking Fr. Caffoe for criminal prosecution in this case.

The following brief resume of the allegations should make clear the gravity of the case:

A preliminary investigation was never undertaken because he fled when the first allegation of grievous misconduct was filed. He had already been in treatment and recovery for observed and admitted over-involvement with pre- and early adolescent boys, so that when the first and subsequent allegations of criminal behavior came to light, it became clear in time that there was no reason to doubt the commission of imputable delicts.

It is with deep regret that I submit this request for the Holy Father to grant an *ex officio* dismissal from the clerical state for a priest of this Archdiocese, the Reverend Lynn Richard Caffoe, for repeated violations of canon 1395, §2 involving male minors. This man is a fugitive from justice for the past ten years and his current whereabouts are unknown, making it impossible to employ a normal penal process. Several civil lawsuits and newspaper accounts establish the public notoriety of the accused, and the public good of the Church requires the strongest action to be taken.

Your Eminence:

Re: Rev. Lynn Richard Caffoe

His Eminence
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
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- (8) The REDACTED report involves an unnamed victim from the time of Fr. Caffoe's first assignment. Since REDACTED may have been the caller's married name, we do not have a certain last name for the alleged victim. It could even be REDACTED
- (7) The case involving John Does #2-4 stems from the discovery by two fellow priests in the rectory of a home videotape made by Fr. Caffoe of three or more male minors whom he encouraged to arouse themselves. Fr. Caffoe's voice is recognizable on the audio track, telling the boys what to do. He had them strip partially naked and focused the film on their genitals, where their sexual arousal could be clearly discerned. The incident was not reported until at least six years after it occurred. The report is significant in that it affords an objective verification that criminal behavior did occur.
- (6) The case of John Doe #1 illustrates the reluctance of knowledgeable witnesses to come forward - in this case, a mother who refused to divulge her name lest her son learn that she had made the report. Having been given the Vicar for Clergy's telephone number by an intermediary, she stated that Fr. Caffoe invited her underage son up to his private quarters where they ran up a phone bill of over \$100 calling a 900 number for pornographic content. She told of two other incidents involving activities of sexual exploration by Fr. Caffoe with her son. Since the time frame of the incidents is vague, it is unclear whether Fr. Caffoe is still criminally liable under current California law for exposing a minor to pornography.
- (5) In the REDACTED case (spelling uncertain), more than one witness name this specific boy as an object of inappropriate attention, but no specific imputable acts were witnessed other than hugging and kissing. However, reports include Fr. Caffoe taking the boy out of class on several occasions to his rectory quarters and finding them to be alone in the dark and behind locked doors. Since this kind of behavior is known to have been customary for Fr. Caffoe, and in view of the allegations that have been reported by victims, it is most likely that similar delicts were occurring here and in many other cases where the victims have not come forward.
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Re: Rev. Lynn Richard Caffoe

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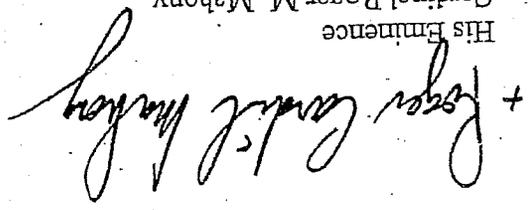
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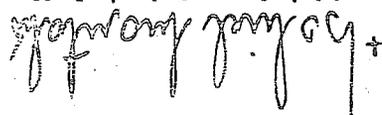


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MEMORANDUM

TO: [REDACTED]
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RE: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe
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His address is: [REDACTED]

His phone is: [REDACTED]

Please put this in his C-file. There is no need to put this into the databases.

Thank you.

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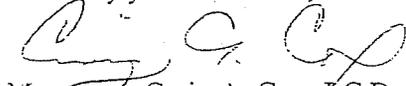
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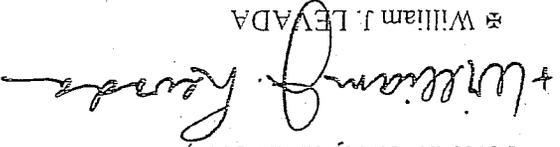
During sick leave he was given salary and medical benefits. He later left without leave and has had no support since that time.

RESPONSE/RECOURSE MADE BY THE CLERIC	
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BISHOP'S <i>VOTUM</i>	
We are seeking papal action to dismiss Father Caffoe from the clerical state. It will not be possible to inform the accused because he has concealed his whereabouts from both ecclesiastical and civil authorities.	

His Eminence
Cardinal Roger M. MAHONY
Archbishop of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010-2202
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Yours devotedly in the Lord,

William J. LEVADA
Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco
Prefect

With fraternal regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain

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Your Eminence,

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Summus Pontifex Benedictus, Papa XVI

Die 20 m. Ianuarii a. 2006

D. nus Lynn Richard CARFOE

Angolorum in California
(Los Angeles, U.S.A.)

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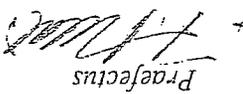
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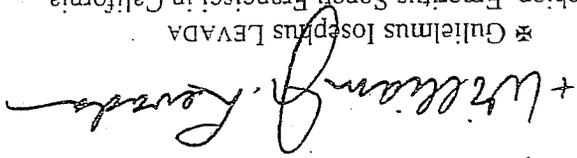
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Ex Aedibus Congregationis, die 20 m. Ianuarii a. 2006

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On the 20th day of January in the year 2006

Mr. LYNN RICHARD CAFFOE

Archdiocese of Los Angeles in California
(Los Angeles, USA)

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CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH
(Dismissal from the clerical state and dispensation from clerical obligations)

(unofficial translation)

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Signature of priest in attestation of acceptance

Signature of Ordinary

Date of notification:

(signature)
 Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco in California
 William Joseph Levada
 Prefect

(signature)
 Angelo Amato, SDB
 Titular Archbishop of Sila
 Secretary

From the Offices of the Congregation, on the 20th day of January in the year 2006

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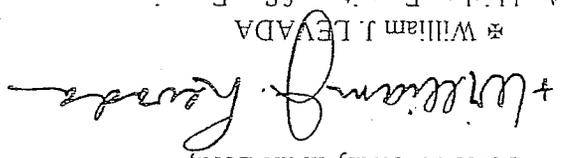
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(in response fiat merito huius muneris)

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30 January 2006

CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI
(Dimissio e statu clericali ac dispensatio ab oneribus)

Prot. N. 867/2004

Angolorum in California
(Los Angeles, U.S.A.)

D. nus Lynn Richard CAFFOE

Die 20 m. Ianuarii a. 2006

Summus Pontifex Benedictus, Papa XVI

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Subsignatio Presbyteri in signum acceptionis

Subsignatio Ordinarii

Dies notificationis

+ *William J. Leavelle*
 † Gulielmus Iosephus LEVADA
 Praefectus
 Archiep. Emeritus Sancti Francisci in California
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CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH
(Dismissal from the clerical state and dispensation from clerical obligations)

Prot. No. 867/2004

Archdiocese of Los Angeles in California
(Los Angeles, USA)
Mr. LYNN RICHARD CARFOE

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the Supreme Pontiff Pope Benedict XVI,

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**STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES REGARDING
THE LOS ANGELES TIMES' COVERAGE
OF THE LYNN CAFFOE CASE**

March 21, 2007

The Tuesday, March 20th edition of the Los Angeles Times, and subsequent media reports, have wrongly claimed that Cardinal Roger Mahony himself recently wrote two different descriptions of a videotape discovered in 1992, more than a year after he removed Father Lynn Caffoe from ministry based on credible reports of misconduct with minors.

In fact, Cardinal Mahony did not write, edit or otherwise supervise the production of the "proffer" on Lynn Caffoe, as the Los Angeles Times has claimed. The Archdiocese's legal team wrote the proffer as part of a Court-ordered mediation process. The purpose of the proffers was to provide a chronological index of certain important documents in a priest's personnel file, without disclosing content. All the files and documents were entrusted to the Court and reviewed by judges to determine that they were both complete and accurate.

The lawyers who prepared the Caffoe proffer read a memo from Caffoe's personnel file describing a viewing of a videotape, the whereabouts of which had been unknown since 1992. The lawyers understood the description in the memo to involve no touching and they and the judges who reviewed the memo concluded that it therefore involved no sexual activity. And, although some of the boys on the tape were reported to have removed their shirts, none had removed their pants, or exposed themselves in any way, and they were thus described in the proffer as having been fully clothed.

The other document in question is Cardinal Mahony's letter to the Vatican explaining why the Pope should revoke Lynn Caffoe's priesthood. This document, drafted for the purpose of fulfilling Church law requirements for invoking this penalty, described the same content of the videotape more aggressively. Removed shirts were described as "partial nudity," and suggestive sexual comments were described as "criminal" (a "delict") in the context of Church law.

The Los Angeles Times' attempt to harmonize two documents with completely different purposes is not only misleading, it is inconsequential to the goal: removing clergy at once who are credibly accused of sexual misconduct involving minors. Indeed, the Times ignores these most important facts:

Sixteen years ago, Cardinal Mahony swiftly removed Caffoe from ministry after receiving credible reports of misconduct. He sent Caffoe to a psychologist for an initial assessment.

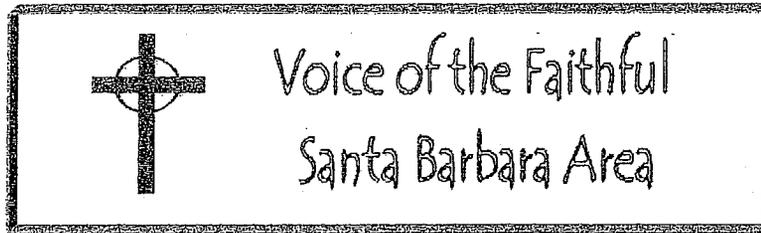
Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels San Fernando San Gabriel San Pedro Santa Barbara



The psychologist filed a Suspected Child Abuse Report, thus notifying law enforcement. Cardinal Mahony barred Caffoe from further ministry. A short time later, Caffoe disappeared from the Archdiocese without notice.

Cardinal Mahony's letter to the Vatican seeking the removal of Caffoe from the priesthood successfully persuaded Pope Benedict XVI to approve this penalty against Caffoe in January 2006.

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March 27, 2007

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 3424 Wilshire Boulevard
 Los Angeles, California 90010-2202

Dear Cardinal Mahony,

The archdiocese's handling of Fr. Lynn Caffoe has recently drawn attention in the LA Times (March 20, 2007). While the Times has certainly sensationalized the story, we find that the Tidings rebuttal (March 22, 2007) does not put the problem to rest.

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In short, the people of the LA archdiocese were misled, possibly deliberately. It doesn't matter that judges approved the Addendum summaries; it matters that the people were misled. Nor does it make matters any better for the Tidings article to claim that "Cardinal Mahony swiftly removed Caffoe from ministry" in 1991, when the Addendum shows a long period with no action: there are reports of abuse (using various euphemisms) in his file dating from 1975, 1986 and 1991.

Yes, as the Tidings article states, these revelations are "inconsequential," but they are indicative of the kinds of exposure that your office is likely to receive as the hundreds of unresolved cases proceed to trial and hundreds of previously undisclosed files are made public.

We appeal to you, as we have in the past (July 29, 2005), that you stop allowing lawyers to interfere with the uncovering of the truth. We urge you, even at this late date, to change strategies and embark on a quite different course, a course of Truth and Reconciliation, similar to that which worked to create healing in South Africa. Release the files requested by the courts, and do not wait for them to be revealed bit by bit in sensationalized news articles. Yes, this would be a very startling and courageous action. But, with the uncovering of the truth, even of those facts that will be embarrassing to

you and other church officials, reconciliation will come. Relief and release will come for the victims, their families and for us all.

It is true that you have apologized on many occasions to the people of the archdiocese and sought our forgiveness for mistakes made in the handling of the sexual abuse cases. But—and we say this with deep respect for you—complete forgiveness can only come in a climate of complete openness.

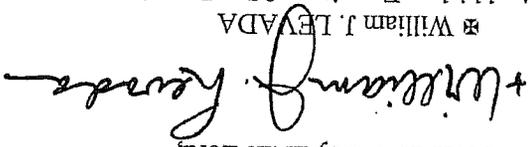
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Voice of the Faithful, Santa Barbara

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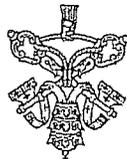
Die 20 m. Ianuarii a. 2006

D. nus Lynn Richard CAFFOE

Angelorum in California
 (Los Angeles, U.S.A.)

Prot. N. 867/2004

CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI
 (Dimissio e statu clericali ac dispensatio ab oneribus)



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Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

Ex Aedibus Congregationis, die 20 m. Ianuarii a. 2006

+ *William J. Rivera*

✠ Gulielmus Iosephus LEVADA

Archiep. Emeritus Sancti Francisci in California

Praefectus

[Signature]

✠ Angelus AMATO, S.D.B.

Archiep. titularis Silensis

a Secretis

Dies notificationis

Subsignatio Presbyteri in signum

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has decreed

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the Supreme Pontiff Pope Benedict XVI,

On the 20th day of January in the year 2006

Mr. LYNN RICHARD CAFFOE
Archdiocese of Los Angeles in California
 (Los Angeles, USA)

Prot. No. 867/2004

CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH
 (Dismissal from the clerical state and dispensation from clerical obligations)

(*unofficial translation*)

Signature of priest in attestation of acceptance

Signature of Ordinary

Date of notification:

(signature)
 William Joseph Levada
 Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco in California
Prefect

(signature)
 Angelo Amato, SDB
 Titular Archbishop of Sila
Secretary

From the Offices of the Congregation, on the 20th day of January in the year 2006

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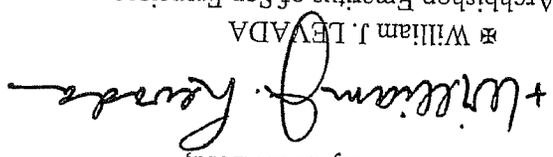
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His Eminence
Cardinal Roger M. MAHONY
Archbishop of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010-2202
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Yours devotedly in the Lord,

* William J. LEVADA
Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco
Prefect

With fraternal regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain

You are kindly asked to inform Rev. Caffoe of this grave decision according to paragraph 7 of the enclosed decree. A signed and notarized copy of the decree should be returned to this Dicastery at your earliest possible convenience

In an audience granted to me as Prefect of this Dicastery on 20 January 2006, the Supreme Pontiff decreed that the Rev. Lynn Richard Caffoe is dismissed *ex officio et pro bono Ecclesiae* from the clerical state, and is, moreover, released from all obligations of the Sacred Priesthood, including that of celibacy. Any censures, under which he may be labouring, are remitted by this decree.

This Dicastery, after a careful and attentive study of the facts presented, and in light of the faculty granted to this Congregation by the Supreme Pontiff on to dispense from Article 17 of the *motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela* requiring a penal judicial process, decided, on 25 November 2005, to support your request that the above mentioned priest be dismissed from the clerical state *ex officio et pro bono Ecclesiae*.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith received your correspondence regarding the case of the Rev. Lynn Richard CAFFOE, a priest incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, who has been accused of numerous instances of sexual abuse of minors.

Your Eminence,

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(In response *fat merito huius numeri*)

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CONGREGATIO
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI



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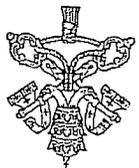
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 Archiep. Emeritus Sancti Francisci in California
 Praefectus
 + *[Signature]*
 ✕ **Angelus AMATO, S.D.B.**
 Archiep. titularis Silensis
 a Secretis

Dies notificationis

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acceptiois

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CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH
(Dismissal from the clerical state and dispensation from clerical obligations)

(unofficial translation)

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Signature of Ordinary

Signature of priest in attestation of acceptance

Date of notification:

(signature)
 William Joseph Levada
 Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco in California
Prefect

(signature)
 Angelo Armato, SDB
 Titular Archbishop of Sila
Secretary

From the Offices of the Congregation, on the 20th day of January in the year 2006

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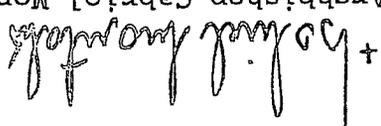
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Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nuncio



Sincerely yours in Christ,

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Rest assured that the correspondence concerning the Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe, including check for taxa in amount \$500.00 will be duly forwarded through the diplomatic pouch to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect, congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

I acknowledge your kind letter of November 9, 2004, with enclosures.

Dear Monsignor Cox:

This No. Should Be Prefixed to the Answer

No.
25.702

November 12, 2004

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Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

Yours in Christ,

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter. May God continue to bless you!

Also enclosed is a check made out to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith to cover the usual *taxa* in such matters.

Would you please be so kind as to forward this to the Congregation on our behalf?

Father Caffoe allegedly perpetrated *graviora delicta* and Cardinal Mahony is seeking the assistance of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in this matter.

Enclosed, please find a letter from Cardinal Roger M. Mahony to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger at the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, regarding Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe.

Your Excellency:

RE: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, J.C.D.
Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

November 9, 2004

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(2) The REDACTED allegation involves two instances of Fr. Caffoe giving the boy a full body massage, during one instance of which he pulled on the boy's penis over his

authorities are seeking Fr. Caffoe for criminal prosecution in this case. treatment recovery program. The alleged victim has filed a lawsuit, and the civil evaluation and treatment at St. Luke's Institute and while he was participating in his post- the last year of the relationship, which occurred after Fr. Caffoe had undergone There were an estimated one hundred instances of masturbatory and copulative acts over that escalated to mutual masturbation and oral copulation by Fr. Caffoe on the boy. period, was the first report of clearly criminal acts. This started with grooming behaviors

(1) The allegation involving REDACTED, who as a minor was abused over a six-year

The following brief resume of the allegations should make clear the gravity of the case:

A preliminary investigation was never undertaken because he fled when the first allegation of grievous misconduct was filed. He had already been in treatment and recovery for observed and admitted over-involvement with pre- and early adolescent boys, so that when the first and subsequent allegations of criminal behavior came to light, it became clear in time that there was no reason to doubt the commission of imputable delicts.

It is with deep regret that I submit this request for the Holy Father to grant an *ex officio* dismissal from the clerical state for a priest of this Archdiocese, the Reverend Lynn Richard Caffoe, for repeated violations of canon 1395, §2 involving male minors. This man is a fugitive from justice for the past ten years and his current whereabouts are unknown, making it impossible to employ a normal penal process. Several civil lawsuits and newspaper accounts establish the public notoriety of the accused, and the public good of the Church requires the strongest action to be taken.

Your Eminence:

Re: Rev. Lynn Richard Caffoe

His Eminence
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
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8 November 2004

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(8) The REDACTED report involves an unnamed victim from the time of Fr. Caffoe's first assignment. Since REDACTED may have been the caller's married name, we do not have a certain last name for the alleged victim. It could even be REDACTED or REDACTED

(7) The case involving John Does ##2-4 stems from the discovery by two fellow priests in the rectory of a home videotape made by Fr. Caffoe of three or more male minors whom he encouraged to arouse themselves. Fr. Caffoe's voice is recognizable on the audio track, telling the boys what to do. He had them strip partially naked and focused the film on their genitals, where their sexual arousal could be clearly discerned. The incident was not reported until at least six years after it occurred. The report is significant in that it affords an objective verification that criminal behavior did occur.

(6) The case of John Doe #1 illustrates the reluctance of knowledgeable witnesses to come forward - in this case, a mother who refused to divulge her name lest her son learn that she had made the report. Having been given the Vicar for Clergy's telephone number by an intermediary, she stated that Fr. Caffoe invited her underage son up to his private quarters where they ran up a phone bill of over \$100 calling a 900 number for pornographic content. She told of two other incidents involving activities of sexual exploration by Fr. Caffoe with her son. Since the time frame of the incidents is vague, it is unclear whether Fr. Caffoe is still criminally liable under current California law for exposing a minor to pornography.

(5) In the REDACTED case (spelling uncertain), more than one witness name this specific boy as an object of inappropriate attention, but no specific imputable acts were witnessed other than hugging and kissing. However, reports include Fr. Caffoe taking the boy out of class on several occasions to his rectory quarters and finding them to be alone in the dark and behind locked doors. Since this kind of behavior is known to have been customary for Fr. Caffoe, and in view of the allegations that have been reported by victims, it is most likely that similar delicts were occurring here and in many other cases where the victims have not come forward.

(4) The REDACTED allegation shows that Fr. Caffoe did not always wait until the onset of adolescence. As with the previous allegation, it shows that the misconduct was occurring at least as early as his first priestly assignment. Again, a lawsuit has been filed.

(3) The REDACTED allegation is very similar to, and more detailed than, the REDACTED one - the age of the minor and the nature and frequency of the activity. None of this grievous activity was revealed or dealt with by Fr. Caffoe during his evaluation and treatment. REDACTED has filed a lawsuit.

There were many instances of lengthy embraces, wrestling and tickling, and clothing. One instance of sharing the same bed (with no physical abuse) in a hotel with two other boys sharing a second bed in the same room. All the time the boy was the reluctant sexual victim of a different priest. In contrast he liked Fr. Caffoe because Fr. Caffoe made him feel special. In hindsight the pattern of behavior that began with this boy as a pre-adolescent is the same as reported with most of Fr. Caffoe's victims. REDACTED has filed a lawsuit.

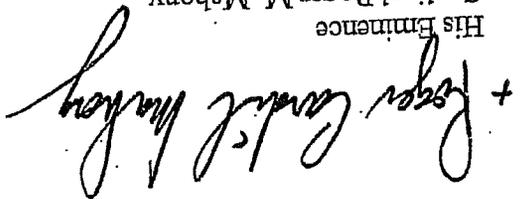
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(9) John Doe #5 simply wanted to determine that Fr. Caffoe was out of ministry and claimed that he did not suffer ill-effects from the sexual abuse he experienced. It is most likely that there are numerous other victims who have not come forward.

Despite several references to improvement, the upshot of the psychological evaluations and subsequent treatment and recovery experience is that Fr. Caffoe has not truly resolved his inner anger and sexual tension, so that he remains a real threat to minors. This is confirmed by his subsequent behavior. The last recovery program report mentions that as a cab driver, he acted as a counselor or confidant for a passenger and still longs to exercise that kind of role. A newspaper reporter managed to track Fr. Caffoe down where he worked at a homeless people mission in Salinas, California in early 1993. (He immediately disappeared again before police could find him.) He is a master at manipulating people's feelings. He is a fugitive from justice, and has not had any contact with the Archdiocese since 1993. A check of the Social Security Death Index discloses no report of his demise, so he is presumably alive somewhere.

Given the enormity of his actions, for his own good and even more so for the good of the Church, he needs to be returned to the lay state as soon as practicable. If in the Congregation's judgment some other process than *ex officio* dismissal is more appropriate, I will see to its execution. In any event I await your determination or instructions on this matter.

Fraternally in Christ,



His Eminence
 Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
 Archbishop of Los Angeles

PERSONAL DETAILS OF THE CLERIC		Date of Birth	Ordination	Years of ministry
58	Age	12 December 1945	29 May 1971	20
ORIGINAL DIOCESE OF INCARDINATION				
Los Angeles in California				
MINISTRY IN/TRANSFER TO OTHER DIOCESE				
CONTACT ADDRESS OF THE CLERIC				
Whereabouts Currently Unknown				
PROCURATOR (include original signed mandate)				
CONTACT ADDRESS OF THE PROCURATOR				
ASSIGNMENTS				
Year	Parish	Location	Appointment	
1971	St. Callistus	Garden Grove, CA	Parochial Vicar	
1975	Our Lady of Peace	North Hills (Sepulveda), CA	Parochial Vicar	
1982	St. Bede the Venerable	La Canada - Flintridge, CA	Parochial Vicar	
1986	St. James	Redondo Beach, CA	Parochial Vicar	
1991	St. Maria Goretti	Long Beach, CA	Resident	
1991			Sick Leave	
1994			Absent without Leave	
ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE CLERIC				
Year	Victim	Age	Imputable Acts	Denuciation
1988-1994	REDACTED	10-16	Grooming, mutual masturbation, oral copulation (at least 100 instances)	February 1994
1977-1978	REDACTED	12-13	Full body massage and grabbing of penis, lengthy embraces, sharing a bed	2003

DIOCESE	NAME OF ORDINARY	CDF PROT. N. (if available)	NAME OF CLERIC
Los Angeles in California	Cardinal Roger M. Mahony		Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CLERIC		MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESE	
Year	Type/Case	Conviction	Sentence (include copies of civil documents)
2003	Civil lawsuit for damages (BC289980), REDACTED	pending	
2003	Civil lawsuit for damages (BC307225), REDACTED	pending	
2003	Civil lawsuit for damages (BC308361), REDACTED	pending	
		ongoing	Police Investigation
SUSTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE DIOCESE TO THE CLERIC			
Year	Placed on sick leave and sent to the St. Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland in 1991-1992.		

1974-1981	REDACTED	10-16	Oral sex, masturbation, attempted digital anal penetration, fondling genitals and buttocks, kissing to mouth and forcing tongue into the mouth (various types of abuse occurring one to two times a week at periods)
1973-1975	REDACTED	10-12	Anal penetration with finger, oral copulation, ejaculating in the minor's mouth, force minor to masturbate the priest, masturbating of the minor by the priest, fondling genitals, French kissing
1986-19917	REDACTED	Under 15	Unwanted embracing and kissing on the cheek
19907	John Doe 1	15	Engaging in pornographic phone sexual activities with minor while alone in priest's quarters
1982-19867	John Does 2-4	under 16	Making videotapes of three male minors; on the tape encouraging them to arouse themselves, film their genitals with erections
1971-19757	REDACTED	under 16	Report by the minor male's sister that Fr. Caffoe "sexually molested" her younger brother when an altar boy.
1971-1972	John Doe 5	under 16	Without giving his name, man called to report that he had been abused sexually by Fr. Caffoe while he was an altar server at St. Callistus.
March 2002			

During sick leave he was given salary and medical benefits. He later left without leave and has had no support since that time.

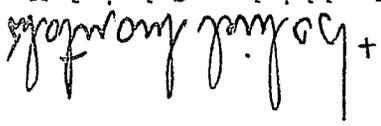
RESPONSE/RECOURSE MADE BY THE CLERIC	
Year	
BISHOP'S VOTUM	
We are seeking papal action to dismiss Father Carroe from the clerical state. It will not be possible to inform the accused because he has concealed his whereabouts from both ecclesiastical and civil authorities.	

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Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nuncio



Sincerely yours in Christ,

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Rest assured that the correspondence concerning the
Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe, including check for taxā in amount
\$500.00 will be duly forwarded through the diplomatic pouch to
His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect, congregation
for the Doctrine of the Faith.

I acknowledge your kind letter of November 9, 2004,
with enclosures.

Dear Monsignor Cox:

This No. Should Be Prefixed to the Answer

No.
25.702

November 12, 2004

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008-3687

CMOB # 036
 Considered by CMOB
 Inactive Date 10/1/2008
 Case Name Lynn Caffoe
 Active Case?

Priest Name Caffoe, Lynn R.
 DOB 12/12/1945
 Ethnicity American (USA)
 Diocese Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 Canon State Diocesan Priest
 Religious Order
 Incardination
 Date Of Ordination 1971
 Clergy Status Dismissed from Clerical State

Clergy (Faculties)
 Religious
 Diocesan
 Description

Deacon
 DOB
 Diocese
 Ethnicity
 Ordination
 Status

Date Referred to Vicar
 Date Of Alleged Incident
 Alleged Victim Minor
 Multiple Victims
 Accusers
 Investigation Complete
 Investigator Name
 Removed From Ministry
 Date Removed From Ministry
 Date Returned To Ministry
 Case Disposition unresolved
 DispositionComments

Intervention
 Description

Inactive leave with no faculties; removed from ministry in 1991 after allegations of molestation. Identified in L.A. Times article of August 25, 2002. There are other complaints. His whereabouts is unknown. Msgr. Cox to give status report.

Case Status

February 12, 2003	The Board agreed that involuntary laicization proceedings be initiated.
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November 10, 200) One more failed attempt was made to locate a; Rome has been asked to simply dismiss him.
October 01, 2008	Fr has been laicized.

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Cleric Name Caffoe, Lynn
Cleric Age 57

Cleric Ethnicity
Incardination
Date Of Ordination 1971
Clergy Status

Date Referred To Vicar
Claimant

Date Of Alleged Incident
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Investigator Name
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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record

Lynn R. Caffoe

<i>Current Primary Assignment</i>		<i>Age</i>	63
<i>Birth Date</i>	12/12/1945	<i>Deanery</i>	22
<i>Birth City</i>	Jamestown, New York, USA		
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>			
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	5/29/1971		
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Archdiocese of Los Angeles		
<i>Date of Incardination</i>			
<i>Religious Community</i>			
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Dismissed from Clerical State		
<i>Seminary</i>	St. John's Seminary, Camarillo		
<i>Ethnicity</i>	American (USA)		

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training*Date Background Check**Safeguard Training***Assignment History**

Assignment	Beginning Date	Completion Date
Dismissed from Clerical State, Rescript from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Prot. no. 867/2004	1/20/2006	
Inactive Leave, Absent without leave.	7/1/1992	1/20/2006
Sick Leave	8/21/1991	6/30/1992
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Long Beach Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	7/1/1991	8/20/1991
St. James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	9/22/1986	6/30/1991
St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, La Canada Flintridge Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	7/9/1982	9/21/1986
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, North Hills Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	6/16/1975	7/8/1982
St. Callistus Catholic Church, Garden Grove Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	6/14/1971	6/15/1975

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Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev Lynn R. Caffoe

Current Primary Assignment

<i>Birth Date</i>	12/12/1945	<i>Age:</i>	61
<i>Birth Place</i>	Jamestown, New York, USA	<i>Deanery:</i>	22
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>			
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	5/29/1971		
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Archdiocese of Los Angeles		
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<i>Religious Community</i>			
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Inactive Leave		
<i>Seminary</i>	St. John Seminary, Camarillo		
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Sick Leave	8/21/1991	6/30/1992
Inactive Leave, Absent without leave.	7/1/1992	

Background Information

<i>Salutation</i>	Father
<i>Social Security Number</i>	REDACTED
<i>Citizenship</i>	U.S.A.

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<i>Immigration Status</i>	Citizen
<i>Green Card End Date</i>	
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**STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES REGARDING
THE LOS ANGELES TIMES' COVERAGE
OF THE LYNN CAFFOE CASE**

March 21, 2007

The Tuesday, March 20th edition of the Los Angeles Times, and subsequent media reports, have wrongly claimed that Cardinal Roger Mahony himself recently wrote two different descriptions of a videotape discovered in 1992, more than a year after he removed Father Lynn Caffoe from ministry based on credible reports of misconduct with minors.

In fact, Cardinal Mahony did not write, edit or otherwise supervise the production of the "proffer" on Lynn Caffoe, as the Los Angeles Times has claimed. The Archdiocese's legal team wrote the proffer as part of a Court-ordered mediation process. The purpose of the proffers was to provide a chronological index of certain important documents in a priest's personnel file, without disclosing content. All the files and documents were entrusted to the Court and reviewed by judges to determine that they were both complete and accurate.

The lawyers who prepared the Caffoe proffer read a memo from Caffoe's personnel file describing a viewing of a videotape, the whereabouts of which had been unknown since 1992. The lawyers understood the description in the memo to involve no touching and they and the judges who reviewed the memo concluded that it therefore involved no sexual activity. And, although some of the boys on the tape were reported to have removed their shirts, none had removed their pants, or exposed themselves in any way, and they were thus described in the proffer as having been fully clothed.

The other document in question is Cardinal Mahony's letter to the Vatican explaining why the Pope should revoke Lynn Caffoe's priesthood. This document, drafted for the purpose of fulfilling Church law requirements for invoking this penalty, described the same content of the videotape more aggressively. Removed shirts were described as "partial nudity," and suggestive sexual comments were described as "criminal" (a "delict") in the context of Church law.

The Los Angeles Times' attempt to harmonize two documents with completely different purposes is not only misleading, it is inconsequential to the goal: removing clergy at once who are credibly accused of sexual misconduct involving minors. Indeed, the Times ignores these most important facts:

Sixteen years ago, Cardinal Mahony swiftly removed Caffoe from ministry after receiving credible reports of misconduct. He sent Caffoe to a psychologist for an initial assessment. The psychologist filed a Suspected Child Abuse Report, thus notifying law enforcement. Cardinal Mahony barred Caffoe from further ministry. A short time later, Caffoe disappeared from the Archdiocese without notice.

Cardinal Mahony's letter to the Vatican seeking the removal of Caffoe from the priesthood successfully persuaded Pope Benedict XVI to approve this penalty against Caffoe in January 2006.

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FATHER LYNN CAFFOE

Date	Description
12/12/45	Born in Jamestown, New York.
5/29/71	Ordained in Los Angeles.
6/14/71	Associate Pastor at St. Callistus, Garden Grove.
1/21/75	Parents of altar boys make complaint to pastor of a boundary violation.
6/16/75	Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Peace, Sepulveda.
7/9/82	Associate Pastor at Saint Bede The Venerable Church, La Canada.
5/23/86	A nun reported a boundary violation.
9/22/86	Associate Pastor of St. James Parish, Redondo Beach.
5/8/89	Anonymous woman reports what she felt was inappropriate behavior in two incidents involving two separate boys.
3/20/91	The pastor and the school principal (a nun) at St. James report to Vicar for Clergy various boundary violations by Fr. Caffoe.
3/22/91	Three families report to a Deacon at St. James that Fr. Caffoe was overly familiar with their teenage sons.
4/2/91	Fr. Caffoe meets with Vicar for Clergy
5/2/91	Begins seeing therapist.
5/8/91	After seeing Fr. Caffoe, the therapist files a "suspected child abuse report."
5/13/91	Fr. Caffoe signs agreement with Archdiocese restricting his ministry.
6/9/91	Enters St. Luke Institute for evaluation.
6/19/91	Evaluation report from St. Luke Institute regarding Fr. Caffoe.
6/27/91	Report of violation of restrictions. This is a non-sexual restriction violation.
7/1/91	Assigned for residence to St. Maria Goretti Church, Long Beach with no assignment as he was on sabbatical.
7/17/91	Letter from Archbishop, ordering Fr. Caffoe to enter treatment program at St. Luke Institute.
8/22/91	Admitted to St. Luke Institute.
3/6/92	Letter from Archbishop notifying Fr. Caffoe that upon his return from St. Luke he must enter into whatever after-care plan St. Luke set forth, he would be on inactive leave and he would have to spend a minimum of 3-5 years living outside a priestly assignment.
3/31/92	Discharged from St. Luke, signing a "continuing care contract."
6/10/92	Two priests at St. Bede's report finding an undated videotape in Fr. Caffoe's room of improper behavior with several high school boys. No sexual activity. The boys are fully clothed.
7/1/92	Placed on inactive leave.
7/17/92	Resides at private residence in Long Beach.
9/28/92	Attends continuing care program at St. Luke.
3/8/93	Attends continuing care program at St. Luke.

Date	Description
5/12/93	Begins to see Los Angeles therapist on weekly basis.
2/11/94	Vicar for Clergy interviewed high school boy who reported that he was sexually abused from approximately 1988 until December, 1993 by Fr. Caffoe. This abuse began at St. James School in Redondo Beach.
2/17/94	Shortly before this date, Counselor at Bishop Montgomery High School filed Suspected Child Abuse Report about the boy mentioned in the last entry with Child Protective Services. Police were due to begin investigation.
3/13/94	Working at cab company.
3/13/94	Report from Vicar to Archbishop that another minor boy "is also suspected to have been involved with or at least knowledgeable of Fr. Caffoe's alleged misconduct."
8/4/94	Fr. Caffoe's whereabouts unknown.
2/12/98	Report from adult female that her adult brother was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. Caffoe while at St. Callistus Church.
3/8/02	Anonymous male caller reports that he was sexually abused by Fr. Caffoe from 1968-72, while serving as an altar boy at St. Callistus Church.

LOS ANGELES TIMES – MARCH 20, 2007

Mahony accounts of abuse case tape differ

Plaintiffs say he gave the Vatican a graver version of priest's role than he gave the public.

By John Spano, Times Staff Writer

At least six months after Cardinal Roger M. Mahony told his superiors at the Vatican that a videotape provided proof of a priest's criminal misconduct with high school boys, the head of the Los Angeles Archdiocese told the public that the tape showed no sexual activity between Father Lynn Caffoe and the boys, according to court records.

Documents newly filed in the Caffoe civil case provide the first glimpse into confidential priest files that Mahony sought for four years to keep sealed in the midst of a sexual abuse scandal that engulfed the archdiocese. He eventually took the secrecy fight to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a letter to then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before Ratzinger became pope in April 2005, Mahony said Caffoe had videotaped "partially naked" boys in a state of sexual arousal. The tape was "objective verification that criminal behavior did occur," Mahony wrote, according to papers filed last week in Los Angeles County Superior Court in a lawsuit by four plaintiffs who allege that Caffoe abused them.

In October 2005, in what Mahony told parishioners was the "fullest possible disclosure" about the scandal, he reported that a videotape had been discovered in 1992 in Caffoe's bedroom, depicting "improper behavior" with high school boys. But the cardinal said the boys were "fully clothed" and there was no sexual activity.

Since that report, an appellate court ordered Mahony to turn over confidential files to prosecutors, and a Superior Court judge ruled that the files must be given to plaintiffs suing the church for damages for allegedly failing to protect them from pedophile priests.

J. Michael Hennigan, Mahony's lawyer, said he sees no contradiction between Mahony's public statements and the file contents because at the time the cardinal spoke out, the archdiocese was under court order not to reveal the contents of the personnel files. Hennigan said two judges had reviewed the material and considered the summary to be adequate. The statements "were not intended to be a description of the contents of the files, which we were not allowed to do," Hennigan said. They merely served as "an index, a chronology."

He said he does not think Mahony ever saw the videotape, which is not in the church files and may never have been there, Hennigan said.

Mahony's letter to the Vatican, though still not fully public, was quoted in a court filing by four people who say they were victimized by Caffoe. Their lawyers argue that the letter and other documents, newly released to the plaintiffs, show that Mahony and other officials of the Roman Catholic Church in Los Angeles misrepresented the breadth and seriousness of the priest abuse reports that they received in the years before they moved to fully address the molestation problem.

"Let me be very clear on this: The cardinal did not turn over this information willingly," said Irvine attorney Katherine K. Freberg, who represents plaintiffs in the Caffoe case. "He was forced to by the courts. It is only because of this civil lawsuit filed by these brave victims that we uncovered all the salacious details about what the archdiocese knew about Father Caffoe molesting children."

Caffoe, 61, has been accused of molesting multiple minors between 1975 and 1994. He left the area in 1994 after his therapist reported an abuse allegation to child-protection authorities, and he

has not been charged with a crime. Freberg said she has been unable to locate him, but his lawyer, Donald Steier, said he is alive and actively fought to keep his files confidential.

Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Steve Cooley, said Mahony had not reported Caffoe's alleged crime to prosecutors.

"Not to the knowledge of the people in this office who have been involved in the clergy abuse cases for several years," she said.

Whether the videotape could serve as the basis for prosecution depends on when it was made, who is in it, and whether they would testify, Gibbons added.

The suit by the four Caffoe accusers, which is set for trial in August, is one of more than 500 claims filed against the archdiocese over the decades-long clergy abuse scandal. The archdiocese paid \$60 million to settle with 45 victims in December.

The church long has kept confidential files on sensitive issues involving priests, including sexual abuse accusations and reports of drinking or mental health problems, as well as records of referrals for treatment, reassignments and other personnel matters.

Caffoe's accusers cited portions of his file as support for a motion to seek punitive damages against the church, alleging that it engaged in "oppression, fraud and malice" in disregarding multiple allegations about the priest's misconduct with children.

Mahony called a 2004 report to parishioners "the best information we can glean at this time." In an addendum a year later, Mahony said three families had reported Caffoe to their parish in 1991 for being "overly familiar" with their teenage sons.

Mahony sent Caffoe to a residential treatment center for sexual offender priests, then placed him on "inactive leave" with no priestly assignment. The cardinal filed an amendment to the report in 2005, which he said summarized the contents of the church's confidential files. In the amendment, Mahony revealed that complaints had been lodged against Caffoe as far back as 1975, when parents of altar boys at St. Callistus Parish in Garden Grove reported a "boundary violation" to a pastor.

The church has defined "boundary violation" as an indiscretion "without any evidence of actual molestation."

In a sworn statement taken last month as part of the Caffoe civil suit, however, one of the altar boys' parents said she told the parish priest that Caffoe had molested her third-grader:

Q: "Did (your son) mention to you any fondling of his private parts?"

A: "Yes. He said, 'He stuck his tongue in my mouth and touched my private parts — tried to touch my private parts.'"

The chancellor of the diocese, identified in court papers as Msgr. John Rawden, who served under Archbishop Timothy Manning, Mahony's predecessor, left a note in Caffoe's personnel file stating the priest had been accused of being "overly affectionate" with altar boys.

Hennigan said that Rawden may have used "euphemisms" 30 years ago, but insisted that Mahony had accurately reported what was in the files he inherited when he became archbishop of Los Angeles in 1985.

"It sounds like an accurate description of what's in the file," Hennigan said. "It did not purport to be an accurate description of what happened."

According to the church report in 2005, a nun complained of another "boundary violation" in 1986. Caffoe's accusers, in their court filing, say the complaint they recently obtained actually stated: "Strictly confidential: don't like his association with boys. Think he should not have boys in his room."

A further note from a monsignor concluded that Caffoe had been engaging in "a few things that are clearly against policy, e.g. minors in his room," the court filing said.

In 1989, Caffoe was named associate pastor of St. James Parish in Redondo Beach. That same year, an anonymous woman complained that she had seen Caffoe on separate occasions engaged in what Mahony described in his 2005 public report as "inappropriate behavior" with two boys.

The church's files show the complaint accused Caffoe of hugging and fondling the boys, the plaintiffs argue in their court papers. Msgr. Thomas Curry, then vicar for clergy for Mahony, informed Caffoe of the complaint but asked for no explanation, made no accusations and took no further action, according to allegations contained in court papers.

Church spokesmen have said that was because the complainant insisted on being anonymous.

Mahony's 2005 report said the next complaint came in 1991, when "the pastor and the school principal (a nun) at St. James report to vicar for clergy various boundary violations by Fr. Caffoe."

According to the plaintiffs, newly filed court documents, the complaint was that Caffoe "seems to spend an inordinate amount of time with the boys hired to work in the rectory part-time.... The principal recalled that she once found Fr. Caffoe alone with an eighth-grader in a dark area of the parish hall, an event which the archbishop deemed 'strongly suggestive of improper behavior.' "

Less than a week later in 1991, parents of three boys also complained about Caffoe, according to the church report. A month after that, the church restricted Caffoe's ministry — after the priest's therapist reported the suspected abuse to law enforcement.