

DATE: November 11, 1982  
MEMO TO: Father Carlson and Monsignor Hayden  
FROM: Archbishop Roach  
SUBJECT: Father Robert Thurner File

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

I met with Father Robert Thurner on November 10.

Father Thurner explained that he had had a brief sexual relationship with a 16 year old boy and had also purchased liquor for that boy. There was no connection between the liquor and the sexual advances.

The matter is under investigation by the Minnetonka police and originally came to the attention of Catholic Charities through the Hennepin County Youth Correctional Services.

Father Thurner reviewed with me a fairly long history of anger, depression and ambivalence about sexuality.

We concluded with his agreeing to do the following:

1. He will immediately see Dr. Joseph Gendron to seek treatment.
2. He will immediately seek out a spiritual director for intensive spiritual direction.
3. He will write me a letter of resignation from the parish with the understanding that the date of the resignation will be at my wish.

I have reviewed this case in more detail with both Father Carlson and Monsignor Hayden and they are aware of whatever Father Thurner had told me.

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