

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 17, 1987  
TO: Father Michael O'Connell  
FROM: Father William Kenney

In late 1969 Archbishop Byrne informed me that Monsignor Gilligan reported that a married couple had come to see him, complaining of inappropriate touches on the part of Jerry Kern toward their young son who was about 12 or 13 years old. I don't recall if the boy had reported this, or if others had seen it happen.

When Msgr. Gilligan or the Archbishop (I don't recall who) confronted Jerry with these accusations, he defended himself by saying that he was wrestling with the boy on the floor, and there was nothing more to it than that. The parents were not convinced and demanded that Jerry leave St. Mark's.

I then went to Joe Baglio and Dick Jeub and confided in them about the situation. With some reluctance, they agreed to Jerry's going to Our Lady of Grace and Jeub going to St. Mark's.

I never met with Jerry regarding the above matter, nor did I ever hear of any more incidents.

