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Complaint File – Robert E. Densmore  
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Jan 6, 1956

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Dr. Frank Valcour  
Medical Director  
Saint Luke's Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, MD 20746

Dear Dr. Valcour:

As I promised in my telephone conversation with you on December 19th, I wish to summarize with you the results of my meeting with Father Robert Densmore who recently has undergone evaluation at Saint Luke's Institute. Father Francis Christian, the Chancellor of the Diocese, was also part of that meeting.

It is clear that Father Densmore is absolutely resistant to the idea of inpatient care at Saint Luke's. While professing to value his priesthood, he is resistant even to the point of being willing to face the possibility of not being assigned rather than participate in Saint Luke's Program. His main stated reason is that he simply could not emotionally handle the atmosphere of such a program; e.g., being constantly surrounded by people with many problems, etc. He knows that his physical health condition is precarious and will be seriously jeopardized if he drinks again. He is convinced he has the willpower not to do it, and is willing to live and work under supervision to this end.

While I continue to believe that inpatient care at Saint Luke's would be the best therapeutic approach for Father Densmore, his resistance to the idea and the probable lack of value such a program would have for him as a result makes me reluctant to force it upon him. On the other hand, I am absolutely convinced that Father Densmore does need ongoing therapeutic care. I have therefore offered him the option of meeting with Dr. Henry Ouellette, a psychologist of the Diocesan Clergy and Religious Counseling Center, to work out a plan of ongoing therapy which would be submitted to me for approval. Father Densmore is willing to accept this form of therapy at the present time. I have made it clear to him, however, that even with such approved therapy, if he begins drinking again he must return to Saint Luke's. He indicates that he will be willing to do this under that condition.

While I am not completely comfortable with the above, I feel that it is pastorally the most effective approach for the time being. I am most grateful to you

Dr. Frank Valcour

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and the Staff of Saint Luke's for your assistance in Father Densmore's most difficult case. While you may remove his name from your waiting list at this time, I assure you that should there be any recurrence of his drinking problem and, with the resultant failure of the proposed plan of therapy mentioned above, I will demand his return to Saint Luke's.

Again, thanking you for your kind assistance, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

June 21, 1990

Rhoda Ruttenberg, M.D.  
Consulting Psychiatrist  
Saint Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Dr. Ruttenberg:

I write in response to your June 7th letter to Bishop Gendron in reference to Father Robert Densmore. Bishop Gendron has retired as the Bishop of Manchester, and I am now the Ordinary of the Diocese. In this regard, might I request that you send all future correspondence to me.

I am grateful to you for your substantive report on Father Densmore. It is clear that he is in significant need of both physical care and on-going therapy for his alcohol dependency. I appreciate what you are doing for him and will be pleased to participate in any way possible in facilitating his treatment. Please feel free to be in touch with me or with Msgr. Francis Christian, Chancellor of the Diocese, for any assistance that we can provide.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes,  
I am

Your Friend in Christ,

Leo E. O'Neil  
Bishop of Manchester



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

June 28, 1990

Frank Valcour, M.D.  
Medical Director  
Saint Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Doctor Valcour:

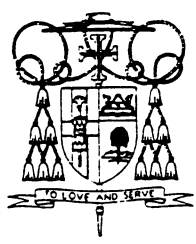
Thank you for the report on Father Bob Densmore's progress during his first month's treatment at Saint Luke Institute. I really appreciate your sending me the information.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes,  
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Leo E. O'Neil*

Leo E. O'Neil  
Bishop of Manchester



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

August 31, 1990

Frank Valcour, M.D.  
Medical Director  
Saint Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Doctor Valcour:

Thank you for your most recent report on Father Bob Densmore's progress following three months of treatment at Saint Luke Institute. I really appreciate your sending me the information.

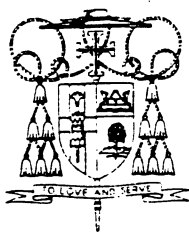
Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Your friend in Christ,

*+ Leo E. O'Neil*

Bishop of Manchester





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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

December 7, 1990

— Frank Valcour, M.D.  
Medical Director  
St. Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Dr. Valcour:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the changing of Father Bob Densmore's discharge date to December 18, 1990.

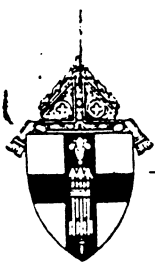
I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness in keeping me informed about Father Bob's treatment.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I  
am

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Leo E. O'Neil*

Bishop of Manchester

**SECRETARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND CANONICAL AFFAIRS**

Diocese of Manchester, 153 Ash Street, P.O. Box 310, Manchester, NH 03105-0310 603-669-3100

January 7, 1991

Dr. Henry Ouellette  
282 Concord Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire 03104

Dear Dr. Ouellette:

Subsequent to our telephone conversation of January 7th, this letter will confirm the fact that Fr. Robert Densmore will be in touch with you shortly to arrange for on-going therapy.

As you know, Father Densmore is returning from in-patient care at St. Luke Institute. St. Luke's has requested that he a) choose a therapist in the Manchester area; b) meet regularly with a spiritual director; c) attend four AA meetings a week; d) work only 30 hours a week for the period of the next six months. A representative from St. Luke's staff will be in Manchester on February 26th for an after-care workshop at which some of these issues will be further discussed with the members of Father Densmore's support group. Fr. Densmore will be returning to the pastoral care department at Catholic Medical Center effective immediately.

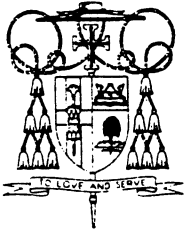
I am grateful to you for your willingness to be of continued assistance to him.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor

cc/ Fr. Robert Densmore



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

January 14, 1991

Edward Robinson, CFC, MS  
Primary Therapist  
Saint Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Brother Ed:

Thank you for your letter of December 24th in reference to Fr. Robert Densmore. I am most pleased with the progress he has made under your care during these past several months. I am most hopeful that it will be the beginning of a long period of continuing recovery and happy ministry. He has already met at some length with Msgr. Christian, and is beginning to put together his support system. I am confident that this, with the continuing care workshop which is planned for early February, will be most helpful to him.

Again, thank you for all that you have done on his behalf.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes,  
I am

Your friend in Christ,

+ *Leo E. O'Neil*

Bishop of Manchester

February 24, 1993

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

Edward A. Robinson  
Saint Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Edward:

Some allegations regarding Father Robert Densmore have recently arisen, to the effect that he molested some extremely young children in the early 1970s. The enclosed memo, I trust, adequately clarifies the situation for you.

Since there is nothing in the previous reports we received from Saint Luke's that would indicate problems in this or other sexual areas, I write to inquire whether or not you feel sexual issues were adequately dealt with during his therapy at Saint Luke's. Father Densmore has indicated to me that he discussed this area of his life in great detail with you during therapy. If that is so, given these new allegations should anything more be required of him? I know that he recently returned to Saint Luke's for what was supposed to be his final after-care workshop. If you feel it wise that he continue to be in touch with you now or at another time, would you please advise me of that fact.

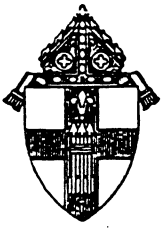
In any case, would you advise me as to whether or not you feel Father Densmore's sexual problems have been adequately dealt with, and whether he is in any danger of acting out in any fashion, assuming he abstains from alcohol.

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience in this regard, and thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor

Enclosure



Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
*Diocese of Manchester*

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July 12, 1993

Michael Brenneis, MA, M.Div, CPC  
Coordinator, Continuing Care Services  
and Three Quarter Way House,  
Outpatient Department  
Saint Luke Institute  
2420 Brooke Drive  
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Michael:

Father Bob Densmore provided me with a copy of your questionnaire only shortly before leaving for Washington. I hope my remarks will arrive in time to be of assistance to you.

I have spoken at some length with Bob on two occasions over the last six months. Both of these occasions were the result of allegations raised against him from out of his past. I have shared the extent of those allegations in detail in a letter to Edward Robinson and I would refer you to that letter.

In the course of my conversations with Bob, however, we did discuss his current situation. He was asked to leave his position as Chaplain at the Catholic Medical Center because of some on-going problems with the Director of Pastoral Care. He subsequently has been reassigned as Chaplain at the Elliot Hospital -- a public hospital here in Manchester. He has been functioning in this capacity for the past several months and all the reports that we receive in his regard are quite positive. He himself seems pleased with the work and with his situation in general.

To the best of my knowledge, he continues to be relatively comfortable in his living situation, and gets along well with the people with whom he is living, even though those relationships remain fairly superficial.

Michael Brenneis, MA, M.Div, CPC  
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Bob has shared with me that he faithfully attends two or three 12-step meetings each week and feels that they continue to be of assistance to him in his recovery.

In general, I would have to say that I believe Bob is doing fairly well at this stage of his life. He tends to be a very private person and does not have, to the best of my knowledge, any deep, sustaining relationships. These are points of concern. Overall he seems to be handling his life in an adequate manner.

Please feel free to be in touch with me if I can provide you with more information.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor



## Saint Luke Institute

To: The Official Superior of Robert Densmore:

Bob will be returning to Saint Luke Institute in the near future to participate in a Continuing Care Workshop. In order to assist us in assessing his/her progress, we would ask that you take a short period of time to answer the following questions and to return this form to us in the accompanying envelope.

1. How often have you been in contact with the client over the past six months? Have these contacts been initiated by them or by you?
2. How would you characterize the relationship between the client and yourself? To what do you attribute the character of this relationship?
3. How would you characterize his/her progress in recovery? You may want to address some issues such as ministerial functioning, relations with those with whom they live, relationships with authorities, participation in support group or recovery oriented activities, such as Twelve Step meetings, psychotherapy, priest's/religious support groups, community activities, etc.
4. What other information are you aware of that you feel would be relevant to our assessment that has not been covered by the first three questions?

You may also wish to share your concerns with the Continuing Care client at this time. We encourage our clients to seek out and take advantage of your observations.

Thank you again for your help, and do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns at (301) 420-7395.

Sincerely,

*Michael Brenneis, MA, M.Div, CPC*

Michael Brenneis, MA, M.Div, CPC  
 Coordinator, Continuing Care  
 Services and Three Quarter Way  
 House, Outpatient Department

Please identify yourself:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Client: \_\_\_\_\_



Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
*Diocese of Manchester*

August 3, 1993

CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. Robert J. Densmore  
St. Augustine Rectory  
383 Beech Street  
Manchester, N.H. 03103

Dear Bob:

The Diocese recently received the report of your after-care workshop from Saint Luke. By and large the report is certainly positive, and for that we give thanks.

I would, however, like to meet with you in the near future to discuss the recommendations that Saint Luke's is making in your regard. Would you please call me to set up a time when we can get together.

Hoping that your summer has been good and looking forward to seeing you in the near future, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor





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Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
Diocese of Manchester

October 6, 1993

CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. Robert J. Densmore  
St. Augustine Rectory  
183 Beech Street  
Manchester, N.H. 03103

Dear Bob:

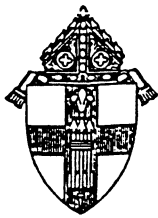
As you recall, I wrote to you on August 3 requesting that we meet to discuss the recommendations of Saint Luke's Institute as a result of your after-care workshop in July. You have as yet to arrange a meeting with me, and I feel it is important that we get together in the immediate future. Please call to arrange an appointment as soon as possible.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary

153 Ash Street, P.O. Box 310, Manchester, N.H. 03105-0310  
Tel. (603) 669-3100  
FAX (603) 669-0377



Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
*Diocese of Manchester*

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November 1, 1993

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Michael A. Noonan, Director  
Consultation Services for Clergy and Religious  
282 Concord Street  
Manchester, N.H. 03104

Dear Dr. Noonan:

I write to you in reference to the recent recommendation of St. Luke Institute that Fr. Robert Densmore begin individual counseling once again. Their recommendation is based on an issue out of the past which surfaced, was reported to them, and which occasioned another after-care workshop which Father Densmore attended this past July.

The enclosed documentation, I believe, is self-explanatory in this regard. Father Densmore has given me permission to share this documentation with you and will be in touch with you in the near future to set up an appointment. I believe it is important, in line with the recommendation of Saint Luke's, that Father Densmore see you regularly on a basis which the two of you will determine.

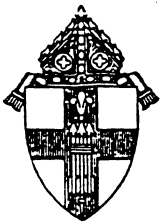
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Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
*Diocese of Manchester*

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July 18, 1994

Michael Brenneis, MA, M.Div, CPC  
Coordinator, Continuing Care Services and  
Three Quarter Way House, Outpatient Dept.  
Saint Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Michael:

I am responding to your recent inquiry in reference to Father Robert Densmore who is returning for a Continuing Care Workshop. I am pleased to provide you with the following information.

Fr. Densmore currently is serving as chaplain at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester. He is doing his work in a most satisfactory way and everything we hear from the hospital staff is very positive. To the best of my knowledge, he continues to live in sobriety and is attending regular recovery group meetings.

While I have not had regular contact with Fr. Densmore, in talking with the priests with whom he lives and on meeting him occasionally at priests' gatherings, everything indicates that he is doing very well.

Fr. Densmore does not have many close priest friends in the Diocese, and in that regard tends to be a little bit of a loner. He continues to be attentive to his elderly mother, visiting her regularly even though she lives some distance from Manchester. Fr. Densmore's living situation is acceptable although I know he finds some of the household arrangements, such as washing and cooking, somewhat problematic. He seems to be coping in a good fashion, however, with those difficulties.

In summary, I would say that to the best of my knowledge Father Densmore continues in recovery in a good manner, and is performing his ministry in a very satisfactory way. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
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## Saint Luke Institute

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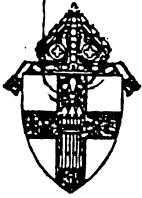
Michael Brenneis, MA, M.Div., CPC  
Coordinator, Continuing Care  
Services and Three Quarter Way  
House, Outpatient Department

Please identify yourself:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Client: \_\_\_\_\_





DIocese OF MANCHESTER

CHANCERY OFFICE  
153 ASH STREET  
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October 7, 1985

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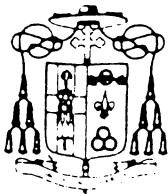
REPORT OF FATHER FRANCIS CHRISTIAN ON FATHER ROBERT DENSMORE *FXC*

On Monday, September 30th, I met with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], New Hampshire. She is a parishioner of Saint Catherine Parish in Charlestown. She indicated that over the years she and her family have been very friendly with Father Densmore. It was out of concern for him and to prevent anyone else being hurt that she felt she needed to report the following facts.

Her son, [REDACTED], is an admitted homosexual. He reported to her several months ago that his first homosexual experience occurred at Father Densmore's cottage on Blaisdell Lake. It occurred with a young man named [REDACTED], from Boston who, over the years, has been friendly with Father Densmore and visits him regularly. He also reported that on one occasion, approximately two years ago, at the rectory in Charlestown he had a homosexual experience with Father Densmore. [REDACTED] indicated that for a given period of time a [REDACTED] (this is not the same [REDACTED] as referred to earlier) has been a very close companion of Father Densmore. He lived at the rectory for a while, and is constantly in evidence. This young man also publicly has stated that he is homosexually involved with Father Densmore. She indicated further that many of the people around the rectory are thought to be homosexuals. [REDACTED] also indicated that her family has noticed over the years that Father Densmore drinks very heavily on a regular, even daily, basis (Father Paul Sansone, a Franciscan Friar from Rye Beach was in the parish recently, and reported back to the Diocese that he believed Father Densmore to have a serious drinking problem). [REDACTED] also indicated that her son [REDACTED] stated that at least on one occasion he had smoked marijuana at the rectory with Father Densmore.

On October 2nd, I met with Father Densmore. He admitted to the homosexual experience with [REDACTED]. He also admitted that [REDACTED] has a tremendous hold over him, which he detests, as he does the things that [REDACTED] "forces" him to do. He claimed that he did not believe he was a homosexual, but he certainly was imprudent. Father Densmore also admitted that he does drink heavily. He claims to having 5 or 6 drinks a day, and to the need for alcohol in order to sleep. He denied smoking pot with [REDACTED] but indicated that he had smoked pot in the past. Father Densmore indicated he

believed he needed help in these areas. He indicated that he understood that he had compromised his situation in Charlestown, and that it would be necessary for him to resign the parish. He indicated his willingness to be medically evaluated, and to enter the treatment facility if the evaluation showed it would be helpful. He agreed to undergo such an evaluation at [REDACTED] Institution in [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] of this year.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND DOORE J. GENDRON, D.D.

December 23, 1985

C O N F I D E N T I A L

MEMORANDUM:

RE: Bishop Gendron's Meeting with Father Robert Densmore

Bishop Gendron met at length on December 19th, 1985, with Father Robert Densmore in reference to the report on the recent testing program Father Densmore had undergone at Saint Luke's Institute. That report had indicated that Father Densmore had suffered some serious physical harm from his drinking problem, and had recommended inpatient care at Saint Luke's. At the request of the Bishop Father Christian, the Chancellor who had met with Father Densmore previously and who had arranged for the program, attended a good part of this meeting.

Father Densmore is absolutely unwilling to consider inpatient care at Saint Luke's. He recognizes that he must not drink for health reasons, and is absolutely determined not to drink. He believes that he can do this by himself, and maintained that posture even when the Bishop and Father Christian pointed out to him that the report from Saint Luke's clearly indicated he would not be able to do it alone. Father Densmore indicated a willingness to live and work under supervision, but, again, was adamant about going to Saint Luke's. His main reasons for this position seem to be an unwillingness for the Diocese to spend this much money on him and, more to the point, his belief that the atmosphere at Saint Luke's would drive him crazy. He simply did not believe that living in a community of people with problems would be something he could emotionally stand. Despite repeated attempts on the part of the Bishop and Father Christian to get him to change his mind, he refuses to consider inpatient care at Saint Luke's, even if that means that the Bishop would not reassign him. He professes a love for the priesthood and a desire to serve as a priest, but felt that even with this love he could not accept being forced to go to Saint Luke's.

In the course of the conversation, Father Christian raised the separate issue of Father Densmore's admitted homosexual activity while in Charlestown. Father Christian indicated that this was also a problem that Father Densmore had not come to grips with (Father Densmore had admitted in a previous conversation with Father Christian that he didn't know why he engaged in such activity or why he had let a young man living with him in the rectory "force" him into such behavior when he proclaims to detest it).



Father Christian indicated that it would be difficult for the Bishop to assign Father Densmore unless there was also some guarantee that this problem was being appropriately treated. He indicated that he would receive such treatment at Saint Luke's as part of their wider program. Father Densmore still refused to consider Saint Luke's. The Bishop indicated that he was willing to consider other options to therapy for Father Densmore, but that there would have to be a program of therapy set up that the Bishop approved. Otherwise, there could be no assignment. Father Christian suggested to Father Densmore that he meet with Dr. Ouellette, of the Clergy Counseling Service to discuss what sort of testing and/or therapy Dr. Ouellette would recommend under the circumstances. Father Densmore indicated he would be willing to undergo such testing and any follow-up therapy required. He promised to be in touch with Dr. Ouellette and then to meet with the Bishop again in January, to see if such a suggested program would be acceptable to the Bishop. The Bishop made it clear, and Father Densmore agreed to this point, that if Father Densmore were to begin drinking again the Bishop would require him to return to Saint Luke's for inpatient care. In other words, Father Densmore agreed that any lapse in sobriety would prove a need for inpatient care.

February 23, 1993

[REDACTED]

Diocese of Manchester  
 Archbishop Christian  
 153 Ash Street  
 Manchester, NH 03105

Archbishop Christian:

In brief, I come before you today with confidence you will listen to me and hear what I have to expose about Father Densmore.

In coming here, I also wish to achieve four objectives. I will state these for you here and wish to further discuss each with you. I trust you will find my objectives fair and reasonable given all Father Densmore has done.

#### Objective One

My first and most intimate objective is to have you hear what Father Robert Densmore, the Priest, the Father, God in the living flesh to a child, did to the precious child that was me. I want not only for you to know how he effected me the child, but how what he did still effects me today. I want you to understand what he and his actions took from an innocent, giving, and trusting child. Maybe then you can appreciate what Father Densmore so thoughtlessly gave back to a child. This is why I am before you today.

#### Objective Two

Secondly, I am with you to hear you tell me you will (I could only hope are) strive earnestly to prevent this from ever happening again in: not only your diocese but all. I would like also to be given the courtesy of knowing Father Densmore's whereabouts, and any reassignments. However, if you find this to be extreme, I trust you would find notifying either [REDACTED], [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], or [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] to be of a more acceptable alternative. I trust these people.

### Objective Three

My third objective is to be reimbursed for the expenses I have incurred while in therapy to learn how to deal with Father Densmore and the impact he has made on my life.

### Objective Four

While part of living with what Father Densmore has done makes me want to go out and save the world from the likes of him, I have learned I am not a big enough person to shoulder that responsibility. I have to, however, see my brother [REDACTED] was in the same bed with Father Densmore as I was. He, [REDACTED], was in the same bath tub, the same livingroom, and the same kitchen eating the same split pea soup. [REDACTED] was there also.

When I see [REDACTED], I see myself two years ago. A lot of the pain I see in [REDACTED], I know why it exists. While [REDACTED] shrugs his head to acknowledge what has happened, he is not at a place in his life where he wants to deal with it. Someday, on his own, he will be there and I feel it only just that he be afforded this opportunity by means of the Catholic Church, the diocese of Manchester.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you.

[REDACTED]



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2/11/93	\$22.50	869423	
92	\$1,854.00		\$256.50
	TOTAL	\$2,110.50	

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

In consideration of the payment by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, of the amount of \$2,110.50, the undersigned agrees that no claims will be brought against the said Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester or any of its instrumentalities on account of any events involving the undersigned of any nature prior to this date. The undersigned releases the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester from any claims of liability on account of any such matters.

The parties agree to keep the nature of any discussions between them and the nature of any matters discussed confidential.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto set their hands and seals this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1993.

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Witness

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The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester  
a corporation sole

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
duly authorized



Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
*Diocese of Manchester*

February 24, 1993

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM RE FR. ROBERT DENSMORE

On February 23rd, 1993, I met with [REDACTED] and her now 27 year old son in regard to allegations of child abuse. The man in question, [REDACTED], alleges that in the early 1970s, when Father Robert Densmore was serving in the parish of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] he fondled [REDACTED] and his younger brother, [REDACTED] on several occasions. He would have been approximately 5 years old at the time, and [REDACTED] about a year younger. [REDACTED] alleges that this occurred in Father Densmore's camp, which is located in that area. With the permission of [REDACTED], who was divorced and left with a large family, the two boys would go to Father's camp to stay overnight with him. Allegedly, Father would put them into the bathtub to wash them, during which time he would fondle them, and then he would sleep with them in the same bed, with more fondling taking place. [REDACTED] has become aware of these problems in counseling, and believes that Father Densmore is directly responsible for his past and present emotional and relational problems. The attached letter from [REDACTED] his motivation in coming to the Diocese at this time.

[REDACTED] confronted Father Densmore with these facts approximately one year ago, at St. Augustine's rectory in Manchester where Father Densmore lives. He claims that Father Densmore admitted the allegations and shared with him the fact of his treatment at St. Luke's Institute in Washington, and the fact that because his alcoholism is under control he no longer has any other problems. [REDACTED] appears satisfied with the treatment Father Densmore has received, and also is more or less convinced that the Diocese has Father Densmore under appropriate supervision and in a ministry where he is not a danger to other children. He requested he be informed of any changes in assignment for Father Densmore, and I agreed to send him a subscription to TIDINGS so that he could follow clergy transfers.

[REDACTED] knows of the situation involving Father Densmore and [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] which was a part of the problem in Father's first referral to St. Luke's. Somehow, [REDACTED] had become aware of that problem and had spoken to [REDACTED] in connection with it. [REDACTED] also indicated that he knew of similar problems in other places Father Densmore had been stationed, but he would not elaborate in that regard. It appears to me that with the appropriate reimbursement for his counseling expenses, and as long as he is satisfied with the steps the


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Diocese has taken, the Diocese and Father Densmore may not be in danger of any civil or criminal liability. [REDACTED] is, however, an angry and troubled young man who, in my estimation, might easily be pushed over the edge.

I met on February 24th, with Father Robert Densore in relation to the above allegations. Father Densmore categorically denied any fondling or touching of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. He admitted that he had been close to the family and had brought the boys to his camp occasionally. He denied any wrong doing, and reminded me that in the instances of his admitted sexual problems the men in question were always of age (the two instances he admits to are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both of which occurred at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and both of whom were not minors). He claims that in the encounter he had with [REDACTED] approximately a year ago he did not admit to [REDACTED] charges. I told him that [REDACTED] certainly believes that he did, and that any change in his story in [REDACTED] eyes would be extremely detrimental to him. He understands this, even though he continues to protest that these things did not happen. Father Densmore has volunteered to pay for the cost of the counseling involved, even though he recognizes that this is a kind of admission of guilt, but he also understands that not to pay would be a denial of guilt which [REDACTED] would not readily accept.

I told Father Densmore that I was uncomfortable with the fact that there was nothing in the reports from St. Luke's which indicate that any issues of sexual acting out had been sufficiently dealt with during his therapy. Father Densmore assured me that St. Luke's had been most thorough in this regard, and that he had discussed these problems completely with Edward Robinson, his primary therapist. I suggested to Father Densmore that I felt it important to write to St. Luke's with all this information, to be sure that there was nothing more they wanted him to do. He was agreeable to this suggestion.

I am currently not sure of whether Father Densmore is telling me the truth in these areas, although I am not sure of what he would gain by denying them. He knows his situation in the Diocese is precarious, and he sincerely seems to have made good progress in controlling his drinking. He appears moderately happy and successful in his hospital chaplaincy work, and he seems to understand that he can never go back to a parish ministry. If the sexual issues are unclear or unresolved, however, then certainly they need further evaluation and attention. I told Father Densmore I would get back to him after I had again spoken with [REDACTED] and after being in touch with St. Luke's.

  
(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor



March 11, 1993

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for coming to meet with me on February 23rd. It is certainly very important for the Diocese to be aware of any and all cases of clergy misbehavior, and it is urgent that we be aware of situations involving child abuse. I am most grateful to you, as a result, for bringing to my attention the situation you described regarding Father Robert Densmore's involvement with you and your brother in the early 1970s. I would like to share with you what I have done in response to our meeting.

First of all, I met at some length with Father Densmore. As I shared with you during our conversations, it is important for a priest who has had a problem in the past to not forget what has happened. Being reminded of the pain he has caused is a reinforcement to assist him to not repeat the same sort of behavior. As you know, when the Diocese first became aware of Father Densmore's drinking and sexual addictions, he was required to go into inpatient therapy at Saint Luke's Institute for a period of approximately eight months, where he dealt extensively with these problems. In my recent conversation with Father Densmore he repeatedly reiterated how that therapy and the follow-up therapy he has been required to undergo has been extremely helpful to him and enabled him to live soberly and chastely. He obviously is saddened by whatever pain he has caused you. He sincerely hopes that the therapy you have been undergoing will continue to be helpful to you, and while he cannot turn back the clock he recognizes his responsibility and sincerely wishes and prays for your forgiveness and your recovery. I strongly reminded Father Densmore of the conditions under which he is allowed to do any priestly ministry in the Diocese, i.e., that he will never again function in parish ministry, and at the recommendation of Saint Luke's Institute can be allowed to work in hospital or institutional ministry only as long as he does not drink and/or fall back into previous patterns of behavior. He clearly knows that any repetition of that behavior will lead to his loss of the right to function as a priest.

As a result of our meeting I also have been in contact with the therapy team at Saint Luke's Institute which treated Father Densmore during his stay there and continues to monitor him in after care. They, of course, are aware of his previous addictive problems but are grateful to be able to continually confront him with those problems and thereby encourage his sobriety and his sexual control.

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As I stated to you during our meeting, you undoubtedly deserve reimbursement for your counseling expenses. That reimbursement will be made in full, according to the charges you shared with me. Father Densmore has agreed to pay these charges by reimbursing the Diocese in an appropriate sum monthly until the charges are paid off. As I shared with you, it is normal in instances of such compensation to an injured party that the party acknowledge the reception of such compensation and appropriately release the party paying the damages from future liability in regard to the facts for which compensation is being made. I enclose a sample release form in this regard for your consideration. We can certainly discuss the wording if you have any problems with it.

In closing, may I again thank you for the fact that you have approached the Diocese in this regard. I know that your pain and personal injury has been a difficult burden to carry, and I am grateful that it has not prevented you from doing everything you have done to both help yourself and make sure that Father Densmore cannot harm any other child.

I will await word from you to perhaps set up another meeting to discuss the next step in this process.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor

March 31, 1993

Edward A. Robinson, M.S., NCC  
Saint Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, MD 20746

Dear Edward:

I am most grateful to you and the other members of the staff for your thorough report of March 19th, in response to my recent letter in reference to Father Robert Densmore.

I have met with Father Densmore to discuss the contents of your letter, and he agrees an after care workshop would be in his best interest. As a result, he is planning to attend the workshop scheduled for July, and will be in touch with Jennifer Edmonson, LGSW, to make arrangements in this regard. Once he has attended that workshop, I would look forward to receiving from you any recommendations that you feel are appropriate in assisting Father Densmore's continuing recovery.

Thanking you again for your kind assistance, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor

April 29, 1993

[REDACTED]

Monsignor Francis J. Christian  
Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
Diocese Of Manchester  
153 Ash Street, PO Box 310  
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Dear Sir;

I received your letter and 'Agreement and Release' form sometime ago. I offer no apologies for the lapsed time.

Having asked me (as a condition of the 'Agreement and Release') to 'keep the nature of any discussions...confidential' has made quite clear to me your neglect to appreciate what happened to me.

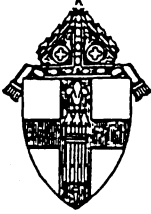
Some twenty years ago Father Densmore said to me '...this is what the big boys do...' and made it easy for me to understand that I need not tell anyone. This in a sense was a 'code of silence' I lived with.

I know all too painfully how destructive silence is. Silence empowers an abuser and weakens the abused.

My silence has ended!

I will not sign an 'Agreement and Release' requesting I be silent.

[REDACTED]



Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
*Diocese of Manchester*

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May 10, 1993

[REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 29 and have considered its contents. I understand your concern with your perceived need not to consider yourself to have compromised your principles in this matter and would like to explain the requests which were contained in my letter.

Basically, we believe Fr. Densmore has made significant progress in his life as you have in yours. As you know, he has admitted his problems and sought help for them. Making those problems public would destroy his ability to contribute further and would affect his problems. Your coming forward has been helpful and we trust has helped you. Should Father Densmore ever engage in destructive behavior, we would want you to come forward with that information, either to us or to the appropriate authorities. However, going public now with the events about which we have corresponded would not only put you in a compromising position due to the publicity, but would also jeopardize Fr. Densmore's limited ministry, to no constructive end.

It is for these reasons alone that we sought the confidentiality agreement. Should you wish to discuss these more fully, I would be pleased to sit down with you.

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor

October 25, 1993

Rev. Robert E. Densmore  
St. Augustine Rectory  
383 Beech Street  
Manchester, NH 03103

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your recent note, courtesy of Don Gilbert.

I have set an appointment for you for Monday, November 1st, at 10:00 a.m., here at the Chancery. If this is inconvenient please give me a call and we'll arrange something else.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
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**FILE SUMMARY**

<b>Name</b>	Robert E. Densmore
<b>Date of Birth</b>	08/19/32
<b>Date Ordained</b>	12/20/61
<b>Service</b>	06/ /62 North American College, Rome (until 06/62)
	06/30/62 Our Lady of Fatima, New London
	09/18/62 Holy Angels, Westville
	06/22/63 St. Matthew, Whitefield
	06/15/66 St. Joseph, Salem
	09/20/67 St. Patrick, Newport
	04/01/69 St. Mary, Claremont
	06/18/70 Leave of Absence (1 year)
	09/10/71 Our Lady of Fatima, New London
	03/06/75 St. Catherine, Charlestown
	03/31/78 St. Catherine, Charlestown
	10/23/85 Leave of Absence for reasons of health
	06/20/85 St. Charles Children's Home, Rochester, Chaplain
	06/23/86 Memorial Hospital, Nashua, chaplain St. Christopher, Nashua, limited weekend ministry
	06/24/87 CMC, Manchester, Chaplain
	05/06/90 Leave of Absence for Reasons of Health to 01/91
	01/91 CMC, Manchester, Chaplain Residence, St. Augustine, Manchester
	02/01/93 Elliot Hospital, Manchester, Deanery Hospital Chaplain Residence: St. Anne, Manchester 08/01/95
06/21/00 Retirement (effective 06/21/00)	
<b>Date and Nature of Complaint</b>	Monday, September 30, 1985, a woman contacted the Diocese and claimed that Robert Densmore had abused her son. She also accused Densmore of drinking heavily and regularly and of smoking marijuana with minors.
<b>Response Action Taken</b>	Robert Densmore was seen by a Diocesan official, agreed to go to St. Luke's Institute for treatment regarding abuse of alcohol after a psychological evaluation by Dr. Henry Guerten Ouellette. After evaluation and treatment, he was assigned to non-parish ministry.

<b>Additional Complaints</b>	In February 1993, a 27 year old adult male complained against Denismore. He alleged that in the early 1970's, Denismore had fondled him when Denismore was serving in Our Lady of Fatima Parish in New London. This matter was settled with payment of counseling costs for the claimant.
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## MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED]

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: [REDACTED]

DATE OF INTERVIEW: February 19, 2002

INTERVIEWED BY: G. Michael Bahan, Chief Investigator

[REDACTED] was telephonically contacted at the [REDACTED] where she is employed as an engineer. [REDACTED] provided the following information in substance:

[REDACTED], whose maiden name is [REDACTED] came from a family of [REDACTED] children who first lived in [REDACTED] and then later in [REDACTED] New Hampshire. Four of her siblings where boys: [REDACTED] and all were sexually assaulted by Father ROBERT A. DENSMORE, who formally officiated at Our Lady of Fatima Church in New London and then later in another church in Elkins, New Hampshire. All family members, later as adults, learned of the sexual assault against the boys and were incensed about the lack of action taken by the church.

[REDACTED] said it was her understanding that DENSMORE concentrated on single parent families and very large families who were fairly devote Catholics. [REDACTED] said she later heard that DENSMORE had been moved to the Elliot Hospital, Manchester after being removed from the parish and after counseling. [REDACTED] stated that she had a sister [REDACTED] informed the Elliot Hospital Management and told them about the actions of DENSMORE against her brothers. [REDACTED] stated that her brother, [REDACTED] even after years of counseling, heard that DENSMORE was as the hospital and personally confronted DENSMORE approximately two years ago at the hospital and he denied any responsibility for his actions.

[REDACTED] said that her mother who was deeply religious use to bring the boys to Blaisdell Lake in Bradford, New Hampshire where DENSMORE had a lake cottage where it was her mother's understanding that the boys were suppose to go water skiing. [REDACTED] said that she later learned that along with the water-skiing DENSMORE would provide was give them alcohol and then sexually assaulted them.

About 10 years ago [REDACTED] went to the Diocese of Manchester to make a complaint about DENSMORE and the officials at diocese tried to buy him off by giving him \$2500.00 which he refused. At that time he were told that DENSMORE had accepted his responsibility for this matter and had taken group therapy and was "cured."

[REDACTED] said that her brothers were molested, some as early as 3 years old through their pubescent years. On many early occasions' DENSMORE use to come to their house and they would all sit around the table for Sunday dinner. She indicated that their mother made sure that they were all dressed up and he would sit at the head of the table sort of officiating that Sunday meal. She stated that [REDACTED] was the only one that openly talked about this issue and after counseling he went and told the church about what had happened, however neither [REDACTED] nor any of the brothers had gone to the police regarding this incident.

She stated that her entire family knew about this incident and was very upset when they later heard that DENSMORE was working at the Elliot Hospital where he would have access to other children and be working with parents in need.

[REDACTED] stated that one of her brothers had told her at one time that DENSMORE brought along [REDACTED] who is probably now in his 50's. It is her understanding from her brothers that DENSMORE had met [REDACTED] while assigned to a previous church in New Hampshire.

[REDACTED] said that DENSMORE had a severe alcohol problem as well as being a pedophile and upon request she stated that she would ask [REDACTED] if he would give us a call at this office to discuss the sexual assaults that took place.

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TO: FILE  
FROM: Paul E. Brodeur, Inv.  
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
Complaints re: Priest  
DATE: 19 February, 02 0830 hrs.

This date received call from: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised of an act that took place on at Saturday afternoon prior to the 5:00PM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church, New London, NH. [REDACTED] advised he was 11 to 13 years of age, which would have been between 1972 and 1974. The Priest in question is Fr. DENSMORE.

[REDACTED] advised that he had shown up early to be an altar boy for the 5:00PM Mass. He was wearing shorts and sneakers as he walked behind the altar Fr. DENSMORE slapped him across the face. DENSMORE told him that he needed to have socks on and told him to go to the rectory to get a pair of socks from the bureau of Densmore. DENSMORE then said, "no, better yet I will take you over". They proceeded to the rectory and DENSMORE took him to the bedroom. Once in the bedroom DENSMORE pulled down the shorts of [REDACTED] and spanked up 5 or 6 times. [REDACTED] advised that between each spank he could feel DENSMORE fondling the buttocks. DENSMORE then pulled up the shorts of [REDACTED], gave him a pair of socks and proceeded back to the church. DENSMORE then stated "you don't go into God's house without socks on."

[REDACTED] advised that he repressed the experience and did not tell anyone what had happened. He did not serve as a altar boy thereafter but his parents did force him to attend church as a child.

[REDACTED] advised that when he saw the name in the newspaper this weekend it brought back the memories of the incident. The incident "came flying back to him." He discussed the matter with his wife and feels he needs to come forward and cooperate however he may be needed at this time.

March 31, 1993

Edward A. Robinson, M.S., NCC  
Saint Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suitland, MD 20746

Dear Edward:

I am most grateful to you and the other members of the staff for your thorough report of March 19th, in response to my recent letter in reference to Father Robert Densmore.

I have met with Father Densmore to discuss the contents of your letter, and he agrees an after care workshop would be in his best interest. As a result, he is planning to attend the workshop scheduled for July, and will be in touch with Jennifer Edmonson, LGSW, to make arrangements in this regard. Once he has attended that workshop, I would look forward to receiving from you any recommendations that you feel are appropriate in assisting Father Densmore's continuing recovery.

Thanking you again for your kind assistance, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor



## MEMORANDUM

TO: File - ROBERT E. DENSMORE  
FROM: Brenda M. Blonigen, <sup>bmb</sup> Sergeant  
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER - Follow-up  
DATE: August 2, 2002

On Thursday, August 01, 2002 I ran a criminal history for DENSMORE, which came up negative. Upon checking the files received it appears that DENSMORE was involved in several locations, which were for Cheshire County, Sullivan County and Merrimack County.

I called and spoke with County Attorney Marc Hathaway, Sullivan County, (603) 836-7950 who told me that there were no open cases against DENSMORE. He told me that upon checking the information that was received at their office it appeared that the statute of limitations had already expired.

I called to speak with [REDACTED], who was previously interviewed by Investigator BAHAN, see memo dated 02/19/2002. I explained to [REDACTED] what I was calling about and she told me that her brother [REDACTED] was certainly reserved to the fact that the statute of limitations had expired on his abuse and that as long as the Diocese did now allow DENSMORE to be at a parish he felt comfortable with that. [REDACTED] told me that back in February her mother went to see DENSMORE at the hospital that he is working at, the Eliot in Manchester. She said that her mother wanted to just go and confront him with the matter. [REDACTED] told me that DENSMORE denied any abuse to her mother, so he continues not to take any responsibility.

I asked [REDACTED] if she would give me the phone number and address of her brother and she told me that she really thought that this was something that he would have to decide. She told me that she would call him and get back with me.

On Friday, August 02, 2002 I called and spoke with County Attorney Peter Heed, Cheshire County, (603) 352-0056 who told me that there were no open cases against DENSMORE. He told me that their office had received one priest case, however he couldn't remember what the name was. Attorney Heed told me that the case was forwarded to the Belknap County Attorney's office due to the fact that the priest owned a camp in that area and would take the children there.

On August 2, 2002 I called the Alstead Police Department, (603) 835-6277 and was told that there were no active cases or past contact with DENSMORE. I called the New London Police Department, (603) 526-2626 and was told that there were no active cases or past contact with DENSMORE. I called the Bradford Police Department (603) 938-2522 and was told that there were no active cases or past contact with DENSMORE. I

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called the Charlestown Police Department (603) 826-5747 and was told that there were no active cases or past contact with DENSMORE.

MEMORANDUM

TO: File – ROBERT E. DENSMORE

FROM: Brenda M. Blonigen, <sup>bmb</sup> Sergeant

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER – Follow-up

DATE: August 14, 2002

On Wednesday, August 14, 2002 I called and spoke with [redacted] regarding her son who was possibly abused by Father DENSMORE. I asked [redacted] if her son

[redacted]

would be willing to speak with us regarding possible abuse. [redacted] told me that [redacted] has an attorney

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[redacted] told me that Father DENSMORE was more like a father figure to her children. She told me that DENSMORE came to the church and started befriending her family when her youngest was about 3 years old. She said that she has confronted all of her children and there have been varying comments by them. She said that when she asked her son

[redacted]

he only said to her “if there were anything between the father and I it was consensual”. She said that her other children vehemently deny anything ever happening. She said that she has approached them all. [redacted] said that she was certainly concerned about

[redacted]

because when [redacted] was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade he was very ill and Father DENSMORE would help take [redacted] to doctors appointments and stay at home with him [redacted] told me that her husband was always working and was not



much of a father figure so Father DENSMORE filled in whenever he could acting as a father figure.

[REDACTED] told me that she had another son who she did not know whether or not he was abused,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told me that when she started to suspect something she went and spoke with

FATHER DENNIS HORAN.

[REDACTED] told me that Father HORAN put her in contact with Father CHRISTIAN. [REDACTED] told me that she had no idea in 1985 when she originally approached the church with this matter that it was a legal issue or she would have done more about it.

[REDACTED] told me that in the early to mid 1980's Father DENSMORE had a young teenager by the name of

[REDACTED]

Living with him (DENSMORE). She said that it was not unusual for young boys to stay with Father DENSMORE.

[REDACTED] asked me, if I contacted her youngest son, not to mention that I got information from her.

I called Attorney Hutchins office and spoke with his secretary Janet. Janet told me that she called to speak with [REDACTED] who told her that he was not comfortable speaking with us at this point. Janet told me that if and when [REDACTED] changed his mind to speak with us she would give me a call.

I completed a criminal history check for DENSMORE, which came up negative. There appears to be nothing through III.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File - [REDACTED]

FROM: Brenda M. Blonigen, Sergeant <sup>bmg/83</sup>

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER - Follow-up

DATE: August 30, 2002

On Wednesday, August 21, 2002 I spoke with

[REDACTED]

who is [REDACTED] She told me that she did in fact have the letter that had been written by DENSMORE to her son [REDACTED] She told me that she would be contacting her son to see if she could release them to me and if she could that she would make a copy and mail it to me. Again [REDACTED] will be maintaining the original letter along with the other documentation that he has.

On Friday, August 30, 2002 I received the letter in the mail along with a hand written note from [REDACTED] That is attached to this report.

On August 30, 2002 I spoke with [REDACTED] regarding DENSMORE. [REDACTED] told me that he was an alter boy for DENSMORE when he was young. He told me that he did occasionally stay over night at DENSMORE's home in Charlestown, NH. [REDACTED] told me that DENSMORE was always intoxicated and he would walk around the house with a scotch whiskey all of the time. [REDACTED] told me that he (DENSMORE) would also always walk around the house with no clothing on. He said that when he was there, there were always other people around. [REDACTED] told me that DENSMORE never touched him inappropriately. He said that the walking around naked was the only thing that appeared inappropriate.

[REDACTED] told me that he does remember DENSMORE trying to get people in bed with him. [REDACTED] told me that he [REDACTED] would always say no and sleep in another bed. [REDACTED] told me that he did, however have a concern for his little brother [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] did in fact sleep in the bed with DENSMORE at times.

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Dear Sargeant Blonigen -

Enclosed is the letter - [REDACTED]  
tells me I only have one - you  
requested.

Hope it is helpful. I am  
saddened and angry about the entire  
clergy abuse and hope some kind of  
legal action is taken.

Sincerely -

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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April 23

Dear [REDACTED],

I want to thank you for making the time and effort to come down and visit me on Palm Sunday. I only hope that you found it worth your time and effort, and that it brought you a measure of satisfaction and peace.

As soon as I can go up-country and dig into my stuff, I will find the "Behavior Log" which I presented at St. Luke's, and send you a copy. I think it will give you a good insight into a lot of what has been bothering you about me, and will also help you to see how addiction to alcohol crippled my life, and how black was my depression for so many years.

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As for recovery, it has been wonderful. Really a whole new life. I'd like you to hear something about that, too. I've been in recovery for two full years now. Pretty soon, I'll be addressing an AA. Speakers' meeting. It's an open meeting which features main speakers for the night. I'd really be happy if you could come - it would give you a picture of what continuing recovery has meant for me.

My therapist thinks that my getting to know you as an adult, and your getting to know me from your own adult perspective, would be good for both of us. He suggested that I ask you for the favor of seeing me from time to time, and he suggested that maybe we could confer some

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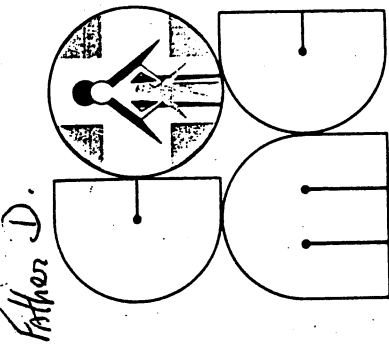
I'd like that [redacted] would you con-  
sider it? Maybe dinner, or something?

Sincerely,  
Father D.

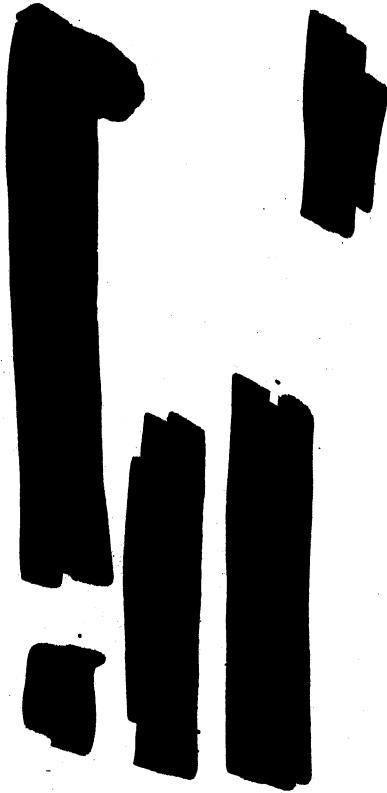
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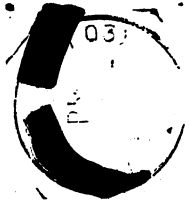
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