

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 22, 1983  
RE: Reverend David C. Sicoli (1975)  
Assistant Pastor, Saint Athanasius Church

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At the request of Father John Graf I interviewed him on May 2, 1983. Father Graf related the following concerning Father Sicoli.

Prior to the presentation of his observations he noted that the principal of the parish school was quite willing to be interviewed also since the difficulty deals with pupils of the parish school. Father Graf stated the following.

Father Sicoli is accustomed to befriend very closely pupils from the parish school. He cited the following. Father Sicoli befriended from his 8th grade in the parish school to his sophomore year at Bishop Egan High School. During this period of time he tutored

He also befriended two years ago. moved to Florida. During that friendship made trips to the shore with Father Sicoli; however, Father Graf was quite careful not to infer any irregularities relative to the trips. He noted that Father Sicoli has a house in Sea Isle City. According to Father Graf, Father Sicoli during his friendship with accused him of having a drug problem; he gossiped about the alleged problem so much so that father called Father Graf from Florida, where he at that time was living, expressing a complaint about Father Sicoli's statements. At the advice of Father Graf, Father Sicoli spoke to by telephone, apologized and accepted full responsibility for being immature about his gossiping.

He also befriended a junior at Bishop Egan High School. He tutored privately. a freshman at Bishop Egan High School, has been his recent friend; he has also tutored him.

Presently Father Sicoli has formed a close friendship with and both 8th graders. These friendships are of a four to five month duration; they have accompanied Father Sicoli on trips to Sea Isle City. works at the rectory; his family's status is unstable. father has left the family. The usual routine of Father Sicoli relative to these associations would be the following. They would be hired to work at the rectory. After the association would end or as it ended, these boys would be fired from their rectory work. According to Father Graf, Father Sicoli would seek school gossip from these boys as well as information relative to the religion curriculum and the teachers at the parish school and at Bishop Egan High School.

According to Father Graf, Father Sicoli would also contact a great deal of times the parents of these boys while the associations lasted.

A 1983 memo by Chancellor Statkus recording complaints about Fr. Sicoli's relationships with six boys at Immaculate Conception B.V.M. GJ-1895

Daniel O'Connell, an 8th grade teacher, became quite upset with Father Sicoli because Father Sicoli excused the pupils of Daniel O'Connell from class. Mr. O'Connell became upset that the boys or pupils whom Father Sicoli favored were excused.

According to Father Graf, Father Sicoli has been offensive towards adults. He has spoken publicly about marital problems between a Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dugan.

Father Graf stated that people have complained of offensive statements which Father Sicoli has made on such occasions as wedding rehearsals and parish visitations.

In the estimate of Father Graf, Father Sicoli is quite good in applying himself to tasks which he favors; otherwise, his efforts are poor. In tasks which he likes he is an organizer and a worker.

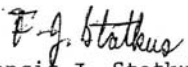
As to his associations, Father Graf stated that Father Sicoli is closer to these boys than he is to his own family or to his own classmates.

Father Graf noted that neither he nor the pastor, Father John Campbell, were aware of these patterns until the latter period of Father Sicoli's assignment. As a matter of fact, Father Campbell became aware only through Father Graf's information to him about this matter. Father Graf stated that the faculty of the parish school is quite upset and is of the mind that Father Sicoli needs professional help or attention.

I advised Father Graf that this matter would be duly reviewed with Father Sicoli after he has been transferred. He is due to be transferred on a completion of his five years at his present assignment.

I noted to Father Graf that he may assure the sisters and other members of the faculty that there would be a due review and that truly there was no need for them presently to be interviewed. However, I stated that if the faculty insisted on meeting with me, I would not turn them down. Father Graf was agreeable to my reaction.

Upon my return from vacation on June 20, I received a letter from Sister William Anthony, principal, Immaculate Conception school, in which she expressed continued concern regarding Father Sicoli insofar as he had written upsetting letters to her, to Sister Elaine and to Mr. O'Connell. She sent copies of these letters.

  
Francis J. Statkus  
Chancellor

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