

ISSUED: 10 1990

Geraldine K. Harris
LOCAL REGISTRAR

STATE OF TEXAS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NO.

1. NAME OF DECEASED (a) First James (b) Middle Bernard (c) Last Hanlon (d) Maiden				2. SEX Male	3. DATE OF DEATH 2-17-1990	
4. RACE Caucasian	5a. WAS THE DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? YES NO	5b. IF YES, SPECIFY (Mexican, Cuban, Puerto Rican, etc.)	6. DATE OF BIRTH 8-4-1951	7. AGE (in years last birthday) 38	8. UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days	
8. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 434-58-4375		9a. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one) HOSPITAL: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> DOA OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
5c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct number) Tarrant Fort Worth		5d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Fort Worth Osteopathic		9b. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES NO		
10. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or foreign country) ST. LOUIS, MO	11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U. S. A.	12. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? YES NO	13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	14. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) None		
15. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Highest grade completed) Grades (9-12) 12 College (1-4 or 5+) 5		16a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired) Catholic Priest		16b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Religion		
17a. RESIDENCE - STATE Texas		17b. COUNTY Tarrant	17c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, show rural) ZIP CODE Arlington 76016			
17d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 5904 Scenic Forest Trail					17e. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES NO	
18. FATHER'S NAME James John Hanlon			19. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Alice Murphy			
20a. SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT [Signature]		20b. MAILING ADDRESS OF INFORMANT (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) Funeral Home Records 1500 Eighth Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76104				
21. MANNER OF DEATH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Pending Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide		22a. DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year)	22b. TIME OF INJURY	22c. INJURY AT WORK? YES NO	22d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED	
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23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated. (Signature and Title) [Signature]		23b. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) 2/19/90		23c. HOUR OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr., M.) 10:10 A. M.		
23d. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN (Type or Print) Francis Blais, M.D.		24a. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated. (Signature and Title) [Signature]		24b. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.)		
23e. NAME OF CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN only		23f. NAME OF MEDICAL EXAMINER or Justice of the Peace only		24c. HOUR OF DEATH M.		
25. MAILING ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (Type or Print) 999 Montgomery, Fort Worth, Texas 76107		24d. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Yr.)		24e. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour) M.		
26a. METHOD OF DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> Donation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		26b. PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory or other place) Mount Olivet Cemetery				
27a. LOCATION (City or Town, State) Fort Worth, Texas		26c. DATE OF DISPOSITION 2-20-1990	26d. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH [Signature]			
28. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME Robertson Mueller Harper, 1500 Eighth Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76104						
REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 649		27b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR FEB 19 1990		27c. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR Geraldine K. Harris		

29. PART I: Enter the diseases, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line.

IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death)	a. Progressive respiratory failure/metabolic acidosis	48 hr
	b. Acute with resultant pulmonary atelectasis	6 mos
	c. Cirrhosis	10-04-04 Order 2 yrs
	d. Alcohol abuse	0226 8 yrs

29. PART II: Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I

30a. WAS AN AUTOPSY? YES NO

30b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS? YES NO

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James Harlan

born 8-4-51

6-6-81
10-16-83

ordained 6-6-81

Assignments:

St. Michael

6-27-81

Holy Family

10-17-83

St. John

6-18-86

SM Smith

1-7-87

Cathedral

4-15-88

Ranger

6-3-88 (adm.)

1-6-89 (pastor)

2-8-89 (Tarrant)

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died 2-17-90

Sacred Heart

Feb to May 1985

Follow-up weeks

1987 & 1988


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Hanlon, James

3-13-97

 Diocese of Fort Worth
March 11, 1997

Memo to Files
from Father Robert Wilson

In Re: Complaint of _____ against Father James Hanlon

_____ called for the bishop March 10. I took the call. He stated that JH sexually abused him when he was 16. I requested that he come to see me. He did so March 12, meeting with me in my office.

When JH was stationed at _____ Parish he befriended the _____ and spent time in their home. He began to actively pursue a relationship with _____ calling him, going to all the _____ games in which _____ played.

On one occasion in _____ when _____ was a senior, although only 16 years of age, JH took him to Steak and Ale Restaurant, and purchased liquor for him as well as food. _____ said that JH "got him drunk." He took him home with him to the rectory at _____, where JH was assigned at the time. _____ reports that he was in and out of conscious awareness, but claimed that JH raped him. Specifically JH attempted oral intercourse and spilt semen on him. _____ was revulsed, left the rectory the next day, and would have no more to do with him. He reiterated this revulsion several times during our interview.

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It was difficult to determine what _____ wants at this point. He claims that his life has been affected during the years since, and that he has harbored resentment and anger not only against JH, but against the church. He wants to know if we had other complaints. I told him that we had not, although it was reported that JH was seen in gay bars, and that we had warned him to stop because of the scandal. He asked if we would object if he ran a police check on JH. I told him we would not and looked up JH's full name and social security number for him. He asked if we would run an ad in the paper to see if there were other victims. I said no, although we would be interested in knowing if there were other victims in order to offer them counseling.

I offered counseling to _____ with no limits, and gave him _____ number. He said that he probably would not have time to go to counseling. He had done that, and it was no help. He wanted to know if we would pay for the back counseling. I agreed and said send me the bills, although I told him that I did not think that would help him. I would prefer to see him obtain further counseling.

At the end he mentioned speaking to attorneys who are connected with his business. He was ambivalent, but he mentioned a settlement. I responded that the settlement we would offer would be to pay his back counseling bills.

As he left I promised to ask the bishop if he knew of other complaints against JH, and to call him if he did know of any. He asked for my card which I gave him.

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[REDACTED]

Although [REDACTED] seems to be looking for some kind of closure, and admits that money won't do it, he is dismissing counseling, at least at this point. I don't know what else to offer him.

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To: Robert Wilson
Subject: Family

... "couldn't have children," so they adopted. The [redacted] is whom they adopted. He was picked up at age 18 or 19 for [redacted] using [redacted] as his front for sales. I gave a character witness concerning his [redacted] family, pointing out why it would be so contra-productive to send him to jail for 10 years+. I think the [redacted]. After [redacted] began having children. The next was a [redacted] and then [redacted] was "perfect," good student, good athlete (large [redacted] player at parents' pride and joy). No trouble at all.

[redacted] went into kidney failure and died the end of July, 1993. I believe [redacted] still lives on [redacted] she had quit going to [redacted] a couple years before [redacted] left. I think she/they went to [redacted].

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PAYMENT ORDER / ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER FORM

Accounting Use Only

VENDOR NO.: _____ ENTERED BY/DATE: _____

DATE: 5-27-97 TAX PAYER ID NO.: _____

PLEASE PAY TO: _____

PAYMENT RELATES TO:
 DIOCESE
 FOUNDATION

INVOICES TO BE PAID			CHARGE TO:			
INVOICE NO.	INVOICE DATE	AMOUNT	ACCT. NO.	FUND	DEPT.	AMOUNT
<u>N/A</u>		<u>5855</u>	<u>288400</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>3105</u>	<u>5855</u>
TOTAL INVOICE <u>5855</u>			TOTAL ACCOUNTING <u>5855</u>			

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DESCRIPTION OF ORDER:
Charity

COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS:
Return to me to send

AUTHORIZED BY: [Signature]

Accounting Use Only

ACCOUNTING: _____

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Patient Ledger

Patient	Date	Prov	POS	Billing	Procedure	Diagnosis	Amount
	10/07/92	1	03	381	BALANCE		275.00
	10/15/92	1		381			225.00
	11/09/92	1		381			-150.00
	04/05/93	1		381			-25.00
	07/13/93	1		381			-5.00
	08/09/93	1		381			-5.00
	09/06/93	1		381			-75.00
	10/04/93	1		381			-75.00
	10/26/93	1		381			-75.00
	11/19/93	1		381			-75.00
	12/21/93	1		381			-75.00
	10/08/92	1	03	389	90844		150.00
	10/22/92	1	03	389	90844		150.00
	10/26/92	1	03	389	90844		150.00
	01/11/93	1		389			-225.00
	11/04/92	1	03	552	90844		150.00
	11/12/92	1	03	552	90844		150.00
	11/19/92	1	03	552	90844		150.00
	01/11/93	1		552			225.00
	12/02/92	1		702	90844		150.00
	01/11/93	1		702			-75.00
	12/18/92	1	03	809	90844		150.00
	12/28/92	1	03	809	90844		150.00
	02/11/93	1		809		300.30	150.00
	02/02/93	1	11	1011	90844		-150.00
	03/01/93	1	11	1125	90844	300.30	150.00
	03/01/93	1	11	1125	90844	300.30	150.00
	04/05/93	1	11	1125	90844	300.30	-75.00
	04/05/93	1	11	1125			150.00
	05/03/93	1	11	1530	90844	300.30	-150.00
	05/19/93	1	11	1530			150.00
	05/21/93	1	11	1701	90844	300.30	-75.00
	06/24/93	1	11	1701			150.00
	07/13/93	1	11	2035	90844	300.30	-75.00
	07/13/93	1	11	2035			150.00
	08/09/93	1	11	2035			-75.00
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Patient Ledger

Patient	Date	Prov	POS	Billing	Procedure	Diagnosis	Amount
	08/09/93	1	11	2256	90844	300.30	150.00
	09/13/93	1		2256			-60.50
	09/03/93	1	11	2526	90844	300.30	150.00
	10/08/93	1		2526			-60.50
	10/04/93	1	11	2792	90844	300.30	150.00
	10/25/93	1		2792			-60.50
	10/25/93	1	11	2955	90844	300.30	150.00
	11/30/93	1		2955			-60.50
	11/19/93	1	11	3008	90844	300.30	150.00
	12/13/93	1		3008			-60.50
	12/20/93	1	11	3232	90844	300.30	150.00
	01/26/94	1		3232			-60.50
	04/12/94	1		4075			3507.00

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 Total Debits: 5855.00
 Total Credits: -5855.00

 Balance: 0.00
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PAY
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Raymond's expense
Concluding the case

FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE AND 0/100 DOLLARS

58,885.00

(VOID AFTER 50 PAYS)

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June 11, 1992

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THIRTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS

VOID AFTER 60 DAYS

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 to the
 Order
 of

James Delaney

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 in a previous check dated May 28, 1992, member
 in the amount of \$5855 I wrote that
 it was payment in full for psychiatric counseling
 before that date. It was \$30 short. That
 amount is enclosed in check. By
 that statement I meant to say that the
 above is the entire amount of back counseling
 fees the Diocese of Fort Worth would pay.
 I preferred that to having us pay for
 counseling. I am glad to learn
 from him that he intends to use these funds for
 counseling. - Father Robert Wilson
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Handwritten notes:
 He paid over 2 weeks
 6/9 1/35
 2677000

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August 29, 1997

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
800 West Loop 820 South
Fort Worth, Texas 76108
Attn: Joseph P. Delaney, Bishop

Dear Bishop Delaney,

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Please be advised that this firm represents [redacted] in regard to an incident which occurred on or about the December of [redacted] at [redacted] near the [redacted] Rectory in your Diocese regarding one of your priests, who ever represented to be Father James Bernard Hanlon, who was [redacted] family priest. I was informed that [redacted] has spoken at length with Father Robert Wilson and with Father Jim Miller regarding this incident and has, in fact, already received reimbursement for psychiatric bills which he had incurred in an attempt to alleviate the shame, guilt and mental anguish which has irreparably damaged his life as a result of the incident.

[redacted] has advised me that Father Hanlon was not only his and his parents' family priest but had so ingratiated himself with [redacted] and his family for several years prior to the incident that he was regarded as a very trusted friend. Father Hanlon was so close to the [redacted] family that he frequently ate dinner with them, gave [redacted] the personal use his automobile, and followed [redacted] career by attending most, if not all of his [redacted], including [redacted] out of town, with [redacted] family. This relationship was extremely close and trusting, and in light of the spiritual aspect involved in such a paternal priestly-spiritual son relationship, the effect of the incident was more than merely a simple trauma.

[redacted] has informed me that after [redacted] while still a minor, [redacted] Father Hanlon took him to dinner, served him one to three alcoholic drinks wherein, [redacted] believes, some sort of sedative or other drug was placed in his drink, likely when he went to the bathroom, causing him to pass out. It has not been remembered how he left the restaurant, but the next thing that he recalls is coming to at the Rectory of the [redacted] Church with his pants removed and Father Hanlon standing

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over him with no clothes on at all. Semen was all over his lower extremity and you can imagine the traumatic shock of awakening to this scene. When [redacted] got upset, Father Hanlon started crying and begging [redacted] to lay down with him and hold him and love him, which [redacted] refused to do. [redacted] fled and from that day forward went into denial and repressed the incident.

[redacted] immediately refused to continue attending Catholic Mass or talk about Father Hanlon with his family. [redacted] never could explain to either his mother or his father what had happened and a traumatic separation between parents and child commenced which continued up to the [redacted] in the past several years. [redacted] visited with his father as he was [redacted]

in the hospital but could never tell his father what had happened or why he had left the Catholic Church and the trauma of this, on top of his [redacted] broke him. He also continues to seek psychiatric care, of which you are aware. The anguish of losing a father with a lack of communication and the additional trauma of looking up to Father Hanlon as a father figure has been permanently damaging to [redacted] soul and spirit. In addition to that, [redacted] had to see his [redacted] because of his son's refusing to explain why he left the church.

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[redacted] has finally explained the situation to his mother and to Father Jim Miller who had also been troubled because of [redacted] leaving the church. When [redacted] finally explained to his mother, she has of course supported him completely, and is extremely upset with the situation, as you can imagine. Her faith in the church has been damaged, but hopefully will be restored in the Lord in the future.

[redacted] has told me that Father Wilson informed him that the church was aware that Father Hanlon was a homosexual in that he had been seen in night clubs frequented by the homosexual community, and various locations in Dallas and Fort Worth which were known to be frequented by homosexuals. Additionally, Father Wilson admitted Father Hanlon had been diagnosed with AIDS around 1984 or 1985, from which he would eventually die. Father Wilson informed that Father Hanlon, although having AIDS, had continued celebrating Mass up until approximately one year before his death in 1990.

Not only this one incident with Father Hanlon regarding [redacted] is significant to your diocese, but so is the theological implication of a priest in mortal sin celebrating Mass, serving the Eucharist under the belief by the laity that transubstantiation has in fact occurred when, theologically, this would appear to be impossible. Additionally, with the church allowing a priest with the AIDS virus to serve Communion after drinking from the cup and touching each individual

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host being served to the laity over a four or five year period has tremendous implications. How could your other priests continue serving Mass with Father Hanlon knowing that the chalice is simply wiped off with a cloth with each priest continuing to drink from the same chalice? As you know, there are documented cases that AIDS has been passed by saliva, did the church have no regard on its own body? How could the church allow these things to happen and why was Father Hanlon not confronted about his sin and his need to confess and repent of the sin? Knowing that Father Hanlon had AIDS, how could you allow him to celebrate Mass and potentially infect not only his fellow priests but also members of the parishes in which Father Hanlon served Communion? Did the church warn its parishioners about Father Hanlon's death from AIDS and the need to seek AIDS testing from the potential infection from receiving Communion from Father Hanlon? And finally, with all the evidence you had of Father Hanlon's homosexuality how could you allow him to remain a priest, a representative of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the detriment and trauma of not only [redacted] faith, but to how many others which were affected by Father Hanlon?

I know that you personally cannot answer the above questions, but I know that [redacted] and I have discussed them at length and are extremely concerned about the damage which could be done by publicity in this matter. On the other hand, obviously we feel that [redacted] has been severely damaged and traumatized and is deserving of some compensation in an attempt by the Church in good faith to restore [redacted] in a Christian fashion and show the desire to make him whole. We feel that the church is very much responsible for this incident by allowing Father Hanlon to continue in the priesthood after having actual knowledge of his homosexuality and, accordingly, make demand upon your diocese to compensate [redacted] in the sum of \$750,000.00 for a full and final resolution of this matter. [redacted] feels publicity in this matter would do neither himself nor you any good but is prepared to proceed if a quiet resolution of this matter is not made within thirty (30) days. Please advise me of how you wish to proceed so that the healing process might begin.

Sincerely

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Diocese of Fort Worth

September 9, 1997

Dear

This is to acknowledge your letter of August 29, 1997, addressed to the Diocese of Fort Worth and to the attention of Bishop Joseph P. Delaney. Bishop Delaney has asked me to reply.

visited me in my office March 12, 1997 and I have spoken with him on several occasions subsequently. He told me the story outlined in your August 29 letter, and I attempted to show pastoral concern for his hurt and the trauma caused by the incident. I explained that if Father James Hanlon were still living I would put in place the procedures called for by the sexual misconduct policy of the Diocese of Fort Worth. That policy calls for appointment of a committee of three from an existing pool of lay persons and priests to investigate the complaint, and to report to Bishop Delaney who would then take appropriate action. Since Father Hanlon died on February 17, 1990 that was impossible. Nevertheless, in no way did I deny the incident or ask for corroborating evidence. Rather, I apologized for the hurt caused by a priest of our diocese and asked to help the healing process by offering counseling. I placed no limit on the amount of counseling time, and gave the name and phone number of a respected psychologist. However, I stated that he could go to any therapist of his choosing, and that he should request the therapist to send me the bills. At the March 12 meeting, at request, I gave him Father Hanlon's full name and social security number. He said that he wanted to run a criminal background check on Father Hanlon. He also asked if we had received other complaints against Father Hanlon. I replied in the negative, but said I would check with Bishop Delaney. I did do so subsequently, and Bishop Delaney told me that we had not received any other complaints against Father Hanlon.

According to your letter told you that the church was aware that Father Hanlon was homosexual. I stated at my March 12 meeting with that Father Hanlon was reported as having been seen in a gay bar, and that he was reprimanded and told to avoid causing scandal. I did not give a date. The report was made in 1988. That was the first we knew of such activity.

Your letter states that I told that Father Hanlon had been diagnosed with AIDS around 1984 or 1985. I did not make that statement. What I did say was that I knew that Father Hanlon was HIV positive, but I did not give a date because I was not sure of the details. I first learned that he was HIV positive from Bishop Delaney. I have since spoken with Bishop Delaney who told me that he first learned that Father Hanlon was HIV positive when he visited him in the hospital in May, 1989. By this time Father Hanlon was no longer serving in a parish. No diocesan official was aware of his health status before that date. He never served as a parish priest after it was learned that he was HIV positive.

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It is also important to note that Father Hanlon was never diagnosed as having AIDS. Bishop Delaney spoke with his doctor, _____ several days before Father Hanlon's death, and was told that his deteriorating condition was due to severe cirrhosis of the liver and that there were no symptoms indicating that he had developed AIDS. The death certificate lists the causes of Father Hanlon's death as follows: a. progressive respiratory failure/metabolic acidosis (48 hours); b. ascites with resultant pulmonary atelectasis (6 months); c. cirrhosis (2 years); alcohol abuse (8 years).

In your letter you say that the theological implication of a priest in mortal sin celebrating mass would be that the laity would be misled, believing that transubstantiation had in fact occurred when, theologically, this would appear impossible. I do not know if Father Hanlon celebrated mass while in mortal sin, but the theological conclusion you made is not correct. In the late fourth century Donatus was the bishop of Carthage. Bishop Donatus taught that sinful priests, indeed even penitent priests who returned to the church after apostatizing, were not part of the true church. The great St. Augustine was bishop of Hippo at the same time. He was instrumental in having the Donatists declared heretics, and indeed in arranging a conference of Donatists and Catholics in Carthage in 411 which marked the beginning of the return of the Donatists to the church. Since the days of the Donatists no church theologian has denied that a validly ordained priest, however sinful, validly celebrates mass and confects all the sacraments allowed by his office in the church. Again, I have no way of knowing whether Father Hanlon was in mortal sin or not, but the validity of sacraments confected by him is not in question.

As I stated above I raised no questions about the facts of _____ emotional injury at the hands of Father Hanlon, accepting everything he said at face value. That is still my position, and my prayer is that he will find the emotional healing that he seeks. However, after receiving your letter, I checked the dates of Father Hanlon's assignments as a priest. In your letter you state that the traumatic incident took place in December of 1982 or January of 1983 in the rectory of _____. That is puzzling, because Father Hanlon would have to have been a guest in that rectory in either one of those months. He was assigned to St. Michael's Parish in Bedford from June 25, 1981 until October 17, 1983, at which time he was transferred to Holy Family Parish in Fort Worth.

All of the above is stated not to deny that the incident occurred, but to clarify the statements made in your letter. I continue in my concern that _____ be able to find the healing he desires, leaving the wounds of this sad incident behind. In each of our several conversations I urged him to seek counseling for that purpose, stating that the church would bear the bills. He expressed reluctance to allow third party billing. Although that was my preference I agreed to pay for previous counseling received by _____ if he would send me receipts. He sent me copies of bills from _____ a _____ psychiatrist. I sent him a diocesan check for \$5,855.00 dated May 28, 1997. He called and pointed out that it was \$30 short. He also requested a note clarifying what I meant by my handwritten statement on the check, "Payment in Full - psychiatric counseling before above date." I sent him a diocesan check for \$30 on June 11,

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1997 that stated "On a previous check dated May 28, 1997, number [redacted] in the amount of \$5885 I wrote that it was payment in full for psychiatric counseling before that date. It was \$30 short. That amount is enclosed in check [redacted] By that statement I meant to say that the above is the entire amount of the counseling fees that the Diocese of Fort Worth would pay. [redacted] preferred that to having us pay for current counseling. I am glad to learn from him that he intends to use these funds for current counseling."

In rereading the above, I do not find my meaning clearly stated. The \$5885 was to cover all previous counseling in toto. Nevertheless, my consistent request to [redacted] was to seek current counseling in order to achieve the healing that both he and I wanted for him. He asked me to give him the reimbursement because he preferred to use that for current counseling rather than allowing the diocese to make third party payments to a therapist. I would like to state at this point that when the \$5885 has been depleted for current counseling therapy, that the diocese will pay any therapist of [redacted] choosing for as many visits as the therapist thinks necessary and helpful for a period of one year. I would like to receive a prognosis from the therapist at that time. The diocese will then agree to continue payment for the counseling for a period of time if both [redacted] and the therapist feel it necessary. The diocese, however, reserves the right to make the payments directly to the therapist as he bills us.

It is my sincere hope, as well as that of the other officials of the diocese, that [redacted] will avail himself of our offer in order to achieve the healing he seeks. I rejoice with him in his good fortune lately, for he has told me that he has a wonderful family and a good job. I pray that this traumatic memory will be healed and recede into the past so that he may continue to live the full and meaningful life that he tells me that he has now found. Either Bishop Delaney or I would be happy to hear from him, and if he wishes, to visit with him.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Robert W. Wilson
Chancellor, Moderator of the Curia

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September 17, 1997

Rev. Robert W. Wilson, Chancellor, Moderator of the Curia
The Catholic Center
800 West Loop 820 South
Fort Worth, Texas 76108-2911

Dear Father Wilson,

I am in receipt of your response to my letter regarding [redacted] and am puzzled as to your reference to an offer which does not pertain to any damages suffered by [redacted] due to the incident with Father Hanlon.

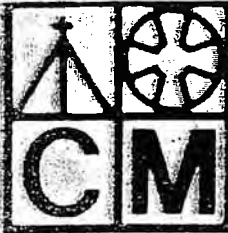
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As you may recall, demand was made for a significant amount of money so that the matter might be settled without any publicity; your letter did not address this matter so I presume that you desire to pursue this matter through litigation, which will probably lead to quite a bit a publicity, in my opinion. Additionally, more damages will be sought if litigation becomes necessary.

Any offers of settlement need to be submitted by October 1, 1997, if any are to be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

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September 23, 1997

RE: Claim of Against Diocese of Fort Worth

Dear

Your August 29, 1997 letter to Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, and your September 17, 1997 follow-up to Reverend Robert W. Wilson, Chancellor of the Diocese, have been forwarded to me for consideration. Catholic Mutual Relief Society of America (Catholic Mutual) is the administrator of a self-insurance fund of the Catholic Church in the United States, and, as such, provides liability protection to various Catholic entities, including the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth.

The Diocese of Fort Worth has provided pastoral outreach to by paying counseling bills and offering to pay for future counseling, without regard to the factual and legal validity of any claims may have against the Diocese. We, on the other hand, examine closely the factual and legal underpinnings of any claim made against the Diocese.

As Father Wilson pointed out in his September 9, 1997 letter to you, the alleged date of this incident, December 82 - January 83, does not correspond to the dates Father Hanlon was assigned to Holy Family Parish. Additionally, it is my understanding that the Texas legislature amended the Civil Practice and Remedies Code in 1995 by adding Section 16.0045, which provides a five year statute of limitations for personal injury arising from sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault.

At the current time, based on what appears to be an insurmountable problem with the statute of limitations, Catholic Mutual chooses not to make an offer in settlement of claim. However, rather than foreclose completely the possibility of settlement, I would be most interested in your theory of the viability of claim in light of CPRC §16.0045, and invite you to share your theory of the case with me. I will be happy to review your submission and reconsider our position on settlement at that time.

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I look forward to hearing from you soon. I would be particularly interested in learning date of birth, the date he graduated from high school, and any legal precedent you may have either voiding or extending CPRC §16.0045.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Novak
Claims and Corporate Counsel

cc: Reverend Robert W. Wilson

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September 24, 1997

Memo to Files
from Father Robert Wilson

In re: Father Jim Hanlon

I met with Karen Roach, Pastoral Assistant of Holy Family Parish in Fort Worth on September 24, 1997.

_____ , called Karen from New Orleans.

The reason for the call was that _____ had called her asking if she knew Father James Hanlon, and accused him of sexually molesting him, _____. He also alleged that Father Hanlon died of AIDS. His reason from calling _____ was that in cross checking records he found social security number and claimed that it has been used by JH.

_____ was not concerned about this allegation according to Karen. She gave little or no information to _____ and is concerned for the church.

I explained to Karen that I knew of _____ allegation and am dealing with it. Otherwise, I would have to call _____ to follow up. I gave Karen no further information. As we left it, she is calling _____ to tell her that I know about it and am dealing with it. I also told Karen that we have had no other allegations, either present or past.

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October 21, 1997

RE: Claim of _____ Against Diocese of Fort Worth

Dear _____

Thank you for your letter of September 30, 1997 and your phone call of last week.

I completely agree with you that the Texas legislature did not abrogate the discovery rule when it amended CPRC §16.0045. However, the Texas Supreme Court has laid down strict rules to be followed before applying the discovery rule in repressed memory cases. In S.V. v. R.V., 933 S.W.2d 1 (known below as Renee Vesecky v. Stephen Fenwick Vesecky), the Texas Supreme Court held that, for the discovery rule to apply, a plaintiff's claim must be inherently undiscoverable and objectively verifiable. Initially, I must note that the older a person is when allegedly abused, the more difficult it is to prove that the claim is inherently undiscoverable. In this case, _____ was a _____. The second prong, objective verifiability, is even harder to fulfill. The Court, in R.V. v. S.V., gave us some examples of the kinds of evidence that would suffice to objectively verify a repressed memory allegation of sexual abuse: "a confession by the abuser, ...; a criminal conviction, ...; contemporaneous records or written statements of the abuser such as diaries or letters; medical records of the person abused showing contemporaneous physical injury resulting from the abuse; photographs or recordings of the abuse; an objective eyewitness's account; and the like". That evidence is not present in this case.

I spoke with Father Jim Miller as you requested. While he verified that _____ had abandoned his Catholic faith, he stated that that is not an uncommon phenomenon, and he certainly could not relate that to any sexual abuse that _____ may have experienced. Additionally, the Court, in Robinson v. Weaver, 550 S.W.2d 18, indicated that expert testimony would not alone provide the objective verification of a claim necessary to invoke the discovery rule. The Court, in R.V. v. S.V., affirmed that position with regard to expert psychiatric testimony, at least in the absence of other evidence. I do not believe your client will be able to prevail past a motion for summary judgement.

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Notwithstanding the above, I realize there are expenses in defending litigation, even to the point of summary judgement. Accordingly, I am willing to resolve this case at a nominal basis, should your client be so inclined. I am specifically not willing to pay any amount to keep information regarding Father Hanlon's medical condition private. While I believe your factual allegations to be in error, the concern of the Diocese for its parishioners would not be assuaged by payment of money to [redacted], who is not part of the group that received communion from Fr. Hanlon towards the end of his life. The Diocese has already reimbursed [redacted] for his past counseling expenses on a pastoral basis. I am therefore unaware of any unreimbursed economic damages suffered by [redacted]. That leaves only non-economic damages, which we believe (along with economic damages) are barred by the statute of limitations, as interpreted by the Texas Supreme Court.

If your client is willing to accept the sum of \$5,000 in exchange for a complete release with a confidentiality clause, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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September 30, 1997

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Re: Claim of _____
Against Diocese of Fort Worth

Dear Mr. Novak:

Thank you for your response of September 23, 1997 on behalf of the Diocese of Fort Worth. I have spoken with _____ at length regarding why he never pursued this claim over the years and he is adamant in that he went through counseling in _____ because of _____ and, not once during the counseling sessions was anything mentioned about this incident but approximately one (1) year ago, the memory of the incident came forth and he related the incident to me approximately three (3) or four (4) months after it came up in his memory. We have been talking about this matter for many, many months and, as Reverend Robert W. Wilson can tell you, _____ spoke with him several times in going over the incident in his mind.

As we have progressed in my interviewing of _____ more things have come out of which he was not previously cognizant including an incident with Father Hanlon at _____ Hospital when _____ was _____ . Father Hanlon visited him, assisted him to the restroom and held his penis in order to assist him in urinating. He then meticulously wiped the organ clean in a fondling manner, which _____ now believes was highly inappropriate, and of questionable prurient interest. _____ am was in a cast and he was very groggy from recovery from anesthesia and told me that the recall of this incident came about when he read an article in The Dallas Morning News about a Reverend Robert Holley who had been a priest who abused teenage boys in the hospital. The article was on August 31, 1997, in case you were unaware of the article.

_____ has also told me that he does not remember leaving the _____ restaurant in Fort Worth with Father Hanlon, but simply awakened in the rectory with Father Hanlon

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attempting to perform oral sex upon him. This incident did not necessarily occur in a bedroom because [redacted] remembers seeing either a piano or cherry wood table in the room at the time. I have been digging and interrogating [redacted] for many months and these things keep coming out as he recalls them.

Because of these repressed memories, we feel very strongly that the statute of limitations of §16.0045 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code has been tolled and [redacted] is entitled to his day in Court. Although the Texas Legislature extended the statute of limitations, from two (2) years to five (5) years, it did not abrogate the Discovery Rule which tolls the limitation period in cases such as this.

I understand your concern for the discrepancy in dates when [redacted] believes the incident occurred and the fact that Father Hanlon had not been transferred yet to the [redacted]. However, Father Hanlon was stationed in [redacted] home parish St. Michaels Catholic Church in the Bedford - Euless area, which was approximately fifteen (15) miles from the [redacted] restaurant and he feels that, due to his passing out from the "mickey" in his drink, Father Hanlon may have brought him to the Holy Family Rectory because of its closer locale. Of course, this is not yet clear, but [redacted] is a very large man and Father Hanlon was fairly slight in build. How he was able to get him manipulated after his passing out is anyone's guess. The fact that [redacted] was probably protected him from the assault being carried forward into something worse than oral sex, in which case he might have become HIV positive due to Father Hanlon's condition.

Additionally, Father Wilson did not address the situation faced by the Church in a priest serving Mass in a HIV positive situation which could bear upon the health of all of the parishioners at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. We know he celebrated Mass there after being transferred until his illness became such that he was unable to continue serving Mass, at least to the public. Father Wilson did believe that he probably celebrated Mass privately during the last year of his life. But what about those people receiving communion and drinking from the Chalice after the priest himself drank from same? Does this not concern the Church?

I am addressing this because in the event of litigation, these matters will necessarily come forth and could cause much more damage to the Church than is currently necessary.

In response to your other questions, [redacted] was born on [redacted] and graduated in the [redacted] from [redacted] School in [redacted]

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September 30, 1997

I would appreciate your reviewing this claim and reconsidering your position on settlement so that this matter might be put to rest once and for all. We are open to discussing reasonable settlement proposals and look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,

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November 7, 1997

RE: Claim of Against Diocese of Fort Worth

Dear

Enclosed please find our draft in the amount of \$12,500 in full satisfaction and final settlement of claim against the Diocese of Fort Worth. You are authorized to negotiate this draft as soon as you have deposited the original Release of All Claims in the U.S. mail to me.

Thank you for the courtesies shown during the negotiation and resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Novak
Claims and Corporate Counsel

bcc: Reverend Robert W. Wilson
Mr. Peter Flynn

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CLERGY

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The man who made the complaint.

Victims' group criticized decision, saying disclosures would do more to aid victims' recovery.

Bishops nationwide have been under pressure to give from ministry any priests who sexually abused a victim. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops passed a policy demanding such expulsions last month.

Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called to Rome last week to personally present the policy to Vatican officials. The Associated Press reported, Vatican approval is needed to make policy binding, but many dioceses are voluntarily implementing the policy to avert public trust.

The Fort Worth Diocese announced Saturday that the Rev. Rudolf Renteria, a Dallas diocesan chaplain, has been removed from ministry because he was accused of improper sexual touching of a 12-year-old boy in 1981 when Renteria was a priest at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Irvington.

Delaney defended his decision not to make public the name of the late priest accused of sexual abuse.

"We're talking about something that we learned about 10 years ago, but [the abuse]

happened years before then," Delaney said. "I don't see any point in re-addressing that now. He's been dead for some years."

He said that after last month's conference he was contacted by the father of the man who said he was abused by the priest. Delaney said he apologized on behalf of the diocese for the abuse and offered help with counseling.

"He's been very supportive, actually, of what we're doing," Delaney said of the victim's father. "The father is a practicing Catholic, he never left the church over this. It was just a bad incident that happened a long time ago."

Barbara Blaine, president of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said she was disappointed Delaney would not release the priest's name.

"It's more important for the church to provide healing for those who are suffering today than to provide protection for someone who has died," she said.

Blaine said publicizing the priest's name could help to reach other victims who may have been abused.

"It's an incredibly affirming and healing experience just to know that you're not alone," she said.

Delaney said his diocese is always open to being contacted by victims and is committed to helping them.

Nine Texas dioceses reached for comment yesterday said they have not had priests removed from min-

istry since the landmark conference in Dallas.

The Amarillo diocese had two priests resign just before the new policy was passed and has had four resign since, said diocese spokeswoman Cathy Lexa.

Additionally, a Herford diocesan has been put on administrative leave because of allegations of sexual abuse that are expected to be reviewed by grand jury at the end of the month, she said.

Except for the deacon Lexa said, all of the cases of sexual abuse are past incidents that did not happen in the Amarillo diocese. She said the diocese was told by experts that the clerics had been cured through treatment.

Delaney said the Fort Worth diocese will have a meeting today to begin forming a review board of mostly laity who will assess sexual-abuse policies and allegations. Such review boards are called for in the new policy approved in Dallas.

Delaney said he already has a similar board but does not know who among those members will be willing to continue serving now that board members' names will be made public.

ONLINE: For more information on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops go to www.nccbuscc.org. To learn more about Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests go to www.survivorsnetwork.org

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to shield priest's name

CLERGY A victims' group says a deceased priest accused of sexual abuse should be identified. The Fort Worth Diocese said a new sexual-abuse policy mandates action only against living priests.

By PATRICK MCGEE
STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

Bishop Joseph Delaney said there is another past allegation of sexual abuse by a priest, in addition to one announced Saturday by the Fort Worth Diocese.

Delaney said Monday that the incident is alleged to have happened about 20 years ago, and the priest accused of the abuse has been deceased for about 10 years. He said the diocese learned about the allegation four or five years ago when a man contacted the diocese and said he had been abused.

"There are no other priests in our diocese that I know of that have any kind of sexual abuse in their past, therefore there will be no more priests leaving ministry," Delaney said.

Delaney said he will not divulge the name of the priest but offered an apology and counseling

More on CLERGY on 6B



DELANEY

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 Diocese of Fort Worth

Hanlon

MEMORANDUM

7-17-02

To: Bishop Delaney
From: Father Wilson *R.W.*
Date: July 17, 2002
Subject: "Anonymous" phone call today

Reyna received a phone call from a gentleman who wanted to talk to you, but wished to remain anonymous. She explained that you are on vacation and told him when you will be back. She asked if he would like to talk to me. He agreed.

At first I did not know who it was, but the more he talked it became obvious. He spoke about Jim Hanlon by name, and said he had called his lawyer before calling us because he had received a settlement and had a "gag order."

He read to me from the second Star Telegram article about Rudy Renteria. He was especially concerned about the reference to the complaint made five years ago about an abuse that happened years before, with the priest now dead for many years. He was convinced that the reference was to him. I talked around the point, but basically said I could not interpret your mind, but I knew that you did not want to release the name of a priest long dead. He wanted to know if there was more than one. I dodged the issue.

One of the causes of confusion was when the article said you had talked to the victim's father, because the placement of the wording made it sound like you had talked to _____ who has been _____ many years. I explained that you had talked the father of RR's victim. After repeating this a couple of times, I think he finally believed me.

He kept saying he didn't want anything, but was obviously upset. I offered counseling a couple of times, but I am not sure he even heard me.

He may call back for you, and he may not.

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Telephone Conversation, Tuesday, August 13, 2002, 3 p.m.,
concerning Sexual Abuse of

By
Fr. James Hanlon

A call came into the Catholic Center today from [redacted] Initially he said he was calling anonymously about an incident which took place [redacted] years ago. Fr. Hanlon, who was not living at St. Michael's at this time but was helping out in various parishes, had got very friendly with [redacted]. J.H. went to his [redacted]

[redacted] J.H. knew [redacted] and his [redacted] and their [redacted] with their parents [redacted] from St. Michael's days. J.H. took [redacted] out to eat, entertained him, even loaned him his car. After [redacted] Senior Prom Jim had him out to eat, kept giving him alcohol, and then to J.H.'s "house" where they continued to drink, until [redacted] passed out. [redacted] woke up after a couple hours, undressed and lying in J.H.'s bed with semen over his body, not knowing what had happened and he didn't think the semen was his. He left immediately, even though J.H. wanted him to lie on the bed with him; he got home still drunk. He didn't know what J.H. had done to him, [redacted] said. [redacted] was just [redacted] at that time. He never told his parents any details, nor has he told his wife.

[redacted] is very upset with [redacted] had accepted money when he reported this incident to the Diocese, since he was out of work and broke. He got a certain sum to pay his outstanding bills, some for counseling and promised through and with his lawyer, a good friend, that he would not divulge any of this to anyone. He also got a promise of another sum for future counseling which he hasn't got. [redacted] doesn't think counseling can help [redacted]. He has thoughts of suicide, but wouldn't do it because of his belief God doesn't want that, nor

When his parents wondered why he wouldn't talk to J.H., who called numerous times the next day, he said "Shut up; he's gay." They didn't ask anything more about his avoiding J.H.

[redacted] was an [redacted] by trade; now he's out of work and [redacted] worried about that. He also told his parents that J.H. was a faggot.

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He said it was well-known that J.H. was H.I.V. positive and wondered if anyone died of AIDS from drinking from the same cup at Mass from which J.H. drank. We talked about that and I pointed out that AIDS is passed by blood or semen (copulation) and not just by saliva, not to mention the wiping of the cup and the alcohol base of the wine. J.H. didn't agree and I didn't push that.

seemed to know of someone with whom J.H. ran with who was also a "faggot," he said.

He is upset most now because of the article in the paper quoting Bishop Delaney as saying that the accusation had come to him in just the past 3 or 4 years, that J.H. had been dead for some 10 years and the article was supposed to have said that Bishop Delaney had talked to _____ father who didn't want to go any further.

said, of course, this couldn't be so, since _____ Jim Miller and I had the funeral. I tried to explain the article was talking about another individual, a victim whose _____ was still alive at that time, but _____ didn't accept that, reading to me from the article in front of himself and interpreting it as all about him and J.H. I wanted Bishop Delaney to reveal J.H.'s name, in case someone had also suffered from sexual abuse by J.H., and perhaps even "died of AIDS which he could get from J.H.

ended up, calmer, saying he was proud of the good priests whom he had known. He seemed to talk more coherently after 30 minutes, perhaps less intoxicated.

I offered to meet with him if he wanted and to get him some help with his _____ He had also been _____

didn't say he wanted any of that, only to talk, tell of his feelings now of the problems which he blamed partially on J.H., although he admitted he was, _____, before J.H.'s sexual abuse of him.

I know the _____ family. _____; mother, is about _____ and lives in _____ said. There is a _____ who is registered in _____ she lives at

This might be _____ mother. I don't know where _____ lives. He has been "out of the Catholic Church" since he got out of high school. He still thinks highly of the Catholic Church as being the Church founded by Jesus Christ.

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In re: Hanlon, James

Date: August 16, 2002

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

To: Files
From: Bishop Delaney
Date: August 16, 2002
Subject: Phone Call from re James Hanlon

I spoke for more than half an hour on the phone with [redacted], a sexual abuse victim of Father James Hanlon (deceased). He had also spoken earlier to RWW & to JAS [see JAS's memo of conversation].

[redacted] is obsessing over the abuse that took place [redacted] years ago. He admits to a very bad self image and is speaking of letting himself die.

The issues that came up:

- he keeps recalling in great detail the incident of abuse (a single incident), made more poignant because [redacted] was a very close friend of his
- he blames all his present difficulties on that moment
- he refuses any kind of help for his addictions, except possibly a residential program in California. I will discuss this with him further.
- he also obsesses about his family having rejected him because he married outside the Church
- he has learned from his attorney that he is bound by a confidentiality agreement he signed when our insurance company settled with him 5 years ago.
- He was weeping all through the conversation and continually spoke about his family being better off if he were dead. I assume that he was under the influence during our talk.

I spoke with RWW & JAS afterwards and we decided that when I talk with him on Monday [he said he would call me] that I would offer him whatever counseling he will accept, specifically try to get him to talk to [redacted] just to get him open to counseling. We also agreed that we would fund his residential treatment, provided the facility is properly accredited. We agreed that the confidentiality agreement, since it was with the insurance company lawyers, is outside our competence to change, but that I could assure him that he may talk to [redacted] or any qualified counselor about the issues.

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December 3, 2002

TO: Bishop Joseph P. Delaney
Rev. Robert W. Wilson

From: Judy K. Locke

RE: Conversation with

I spent 30 to 40 minutes yesterday afternoon (December 2, 2002), talking with _____ on the telephone. I found his statements to be lengthy, conflicting and rambling. Based on his conversation with me and his estimate of the amount of narcotic medication he is taking daily, it would be fair to state that at 4 pm he was under the influence of the drug he has been taking.

The following are my observations:

- _____ is interested in drug treatment only at the _____ facility. Although he has not investigated any of the many local treatment facilities (I asked him which local hospitals he had examined and who he had talked to in each one), he is convinced that only the _____ facility will be able to help him withdraw from narcotic drugs. This is not the case. All licensed treatment centers can provide safe detoxification from a variety of drugs. He would not listen to suggestions regarding any other option than _____.
- At this time, _____ comments suggest he is focused more on a "comfortable" detox than on long-term recovery. Throughout our conversation, he expressed doubts about his ability to address what he calls his "issues" in treatment.
- He is in denial regarding his part in his drug dependency. He blames his physician for prescribing drug(s), and he does not acknowledge his abuse of medications. In order for individuals to benefit from treatment, they must admit their part in their addiction and express a willingness to cooperate with professionals who can guide their recovery.
- _____ statements suggest he is trying to dictate his treatment. Even though he told me he is having difficulty obtaining drugs and his family is on the verge of financial ruin, he is not willing to seek immediate treatment. He will only go to treatment on _____ and at a facility of his choosing, even when there are excellent programs available locally. He expressed no interest in AA or NA involvement, nor has he tried these resources in the past.
- He is in denial regarding the seriousness of his alcohol use. This contradicts statements made in previous conversations with his attorney and diocesan staff

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regarding his drinking. However, what he may be attesting to is the progression of his dependence, from alcohol to narcotic drugs. He avoided my question when I asked if he was drinking at times when he could not obtain narcotics.

made a number of conflicting statements during our conversation which caused me to question his willingness to "go to any lengths" to recover from drug dependence and to prevent future relapse. He also made statements similar to those in a recent news documentary on OxyContin, a narcotic which is quite popular and widely abused. He would not tell me what he was taking, only what his daily use is costing him (about \$40 a day). It is possible he is taking OxyContin, but it is also possible that he was attributing some of the information from the television program to himself.

From reading the background on this individual, it appears the diocese has previously fulfilled its responsibility to [redacted] including a financial settlement for "future counseling," which he did not seek. If the diocese wishes to assist him financially with drug and alcohol treatment, then it is also the prerogative of the diocese to support treatment at a local facility, encourage the involvement of [redacted] and ask for regular reports regarding his progress.

I would be happy to discuss with you additional observations I have made regarding situation, as well as my concerns regarding the success of "long-distance" treatment. Please let me know if you wish to discuss this further.

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