

Summary

On December 4, 1988 a meeting was held between the Diocese and a parishioner who had recently changed parishes. Among other things, the report documented that the parishioner switched parishes partially due to "*sexual improprieties involving two of [her] children.*" One of these involved counseling sessions with [REDACTED] in which he repeatedly asked one of her children sexually-oriented questions and that this continued even after he had been advised to stop. The second involved another child who claimed that [REDACTED] had placed his hand on the boy's crotch.

Further, at the time of the meeting, the [REDACTED] from the same parish advised that her own children told her about other boys in the seventh and eighth grades who were taken by [REDACTED] to the rectory where he "*check[ed] them for testicular/prostate cancer.*" She further advised that she remembered these children returning to the classrooms "*acting kind of sheepish*" and that she was so concerned that she also switched parishes so that her children would not be involved.

Handwritten notes that appear to have been generated by Diocese personnel during the December 4, 1988 meeting described the above and a follow-up meeting with [REDACTED] on December 20, 1988. Among other things, the notes appear to state that [REDACTED] had made sexually explicit comments to the boy described above, whom he was counseling, on at least three separate occasions and that the boy's father removed the boy from any further counseling unless he or the boy's mother were present. The notes further appear to state that [REDACTED] had called the boy on at least one occasion to tell him that if he was planning to run away, he could stay with [REDACTED] at the rectory.

On January 1, 1991 a memorandum sent from [REDACTED] to Bishop Trautman with documentation of the December 1988 meeting described the above. Among other things, [REDACTED] advised Trautman that he has known [REDACTED] all his priesthood and the original complainant all her life. He stated he met with her and her husband about her complaints and that she retracted her statement about [REDACTED] placing his hand on her son's crotch.

The memo further advised that [REDACTED] was "*morally certain that there was no cause to believe any inappropriate advice or sexual abuse took place in either case.*" [REDACTED] then stated that it must be remembered most of the complainant's children were adopted or foster children and most have a handicap of some type. [REDACTED] advised that he did not ever contact [REDACTED] since he "*did not feel there was any need to take this any further.*"

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