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May 27, 1983

Rev. Gordon J. MacRae
Our Lady of The Miraculous
Medal Rectory
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, New Hampshire 03842

Dear Father MacRae:

Subsequent to our recent conversation and upon the recommendation of the Diocesan Personnel Board, this letter will confirm your assignment as Associate Pastor of Saint Bernard's Parish in Keene, effective June 15th, 1983.

I have every confidence that you will work happily and effectively with Father Gabriel Houle, the Pastor, and Father Wilfrid Bombardier, the other Associate Pastor, in caring for the needs of the good people of Keene.

In closing, let me thank you for your dedication during these last difficult months in Hampton, and assure you of my prayers for the success of your work in Keene in the months ahead.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

May 27, 1983

Rev. Gabriel R. Houle
St. Bernard Rectory
173 Main Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Dear Father Houle:

This letter will serve to confirm the appointment of the Reverend Gordon MacRae as Associate Pastor of Saint Bernard's in Keene, effective June 15th, 1983. Father MacRae will replace Father Daniel Dupuis who, as you know, has requested a leave of absence.

I also am happy to announce that on June 15th, Father Wilfrid Bombardier, who has been serving as Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Troy, will return to Saint Bernard's in Keene as Associate Pastor.

I have every confidence that these two good priests will work happily with you in providing effectively for the needs of the good people of your parish.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

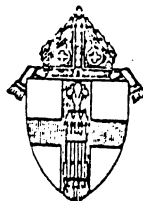
Bishop of Manchester

FR. Mac Rae

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MOST REVEREND ODORÉ J. GENDRON D.D.
Bishop

MOST REVEREND ROBERT E. MULVEE J.C.D.
Auxiliary Bishop



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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

October 28, 1983

Reverend Gordon J. MacRae
St. Bernard Rectory
173 Main Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Dear Father MacRae:

Upon the request of Mrs. Dorothy Beauchesne, New Hampshire State Regent for the Catholic Daughters of America, and given her assurance of your willingness to serve in this capacity, I am pleased to appoint you Chaplain of Court Josephine #319 in Keene, effective immediately, for a period of three years.

I am grateful to you for your willingness to assume this additional responsibility, and I pray that it will be personally rewarding to you and spiritually beneficial to all concerned.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

1. Msgr. Francis J. Christian, Diocesan Administration Building, Post Office Box 310, Manchester, NH 03105-0310.

Msgr. John P. Quinn, N. H. Catholic Charities, 215 Myrtle Street, Manchester, NH 03104

2. St. John the Evangelist Rectory is a three-story approximately square building. The front entrance is located on Library Street. The side office entrance faces 1 side of the church, which building also faces Library Street. The staff entrance is in the rear of the rectory, inside a small porch, which is attached.

The first floor, from the rear to the front.

Left Side (looking at the rectory from the rear):

Kitchen: (a) green walls, orange tile and carpet; (b) dinette set with 6 chairs, rocking chair.

Dining Room: (a) pink walls, oriental rug; (b) full dining room set.

Office/Counseling Room: (a) yellow floral walls, beige carpet; (b) sofa, chair.

Working Area: (a) white walls, beige carpet; (b) desk and chairs, safe.

Office/Counseling Room: (a) white walls, oriental rug; (b) desk and chair.

Right Side (looking at rectory from the rear):

Filing Area: (a) pale green walls, white tile floor; (b) work tables, copier.

Parish Secretary's Office: (a) white wall paper and print paneling, beige and brown print carpet; (b) secretary's desk and chair, file cabinets, computer, table and chair, typewriter, table and chair.

Living Room: (a) white wall paper with blue trim; oriental rugs; (b) television, 2 chairs, 1 large sofa, 2 small sofas, assorted tables.

Second Floor (from the rear to the front):

Left Side:

Pastor's Sitting Room: (a) white walls, beige carpet; (b) sofa, chair, television, bookcases.

Pastor's Bathroom: (a) off-white walls, black tile.

Pastor's Bedroom: (a) white walls, green carpet; (b) full-size bed, 2 bureaus.

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Pastor's Office: (a) white walls, beige scatter rugs on hardwood floor; (b) desk and chair, file cabinets.

Right Side:

Small Guest Room: (a) white walls with gold accent, small scatter rugs; (b) full-size bed, bureau, and chair.

Bathroom: black wallpaper, pink tile, brown carpet.

Office/Sitting Room: (a) green walls, beige carpet; (b) desk and chair, sofa, television, comfort chair.

Bathroom: green walls, white tile, green carpet.

Bedroom: (a) green walls, hardwood floor, oriental scatter rugs; (b) full-size bed, 2 bureaus, chair, and tables.

Third Floor: The entire third floor is paneled with dark brown paneling and carpeted with beige carpets. The rooms are as follows.

Left Side:

Bedroom: Twin bed and bureau.

Bathroom.

Bedroom: Full-size bed, comfort chair, one bureau.

Right Side:

Office. Empty.

Extra Room: a Bed and small refrigerator.

Office/Sitting Room: Desk and chair, sofa, comfort chair, television.

3. Priests:

Father Gerard Boucher -- October 1972 to June 1980. (Gordon MacRae lived at the rectory when home from the seminary between 1978 and his ordination in June of 1982).

Stephen Scruton -- June 1980 to August 1984

Norman Carrier -- June 1977 to October 1981

Paul Groleau -- June 1979 to June 1982

Mark Fleming -- October 1981 to December 1983

Roger Fournier -- June 1982 to January 1983

Lay Persons:

Mrs. Connie St. Jean, Parish Secretary
Miss Jeanne Pinard, Religious Education Coordinator
Vivian Ottman, Housekeeper
Wayne Thurston, Youth Minister

3.A. Stephen Scruton: 5'7-1/2", heavysset, thinning brown hair, might have worn glasses for reading. Never wore a beard.

Norman Carrier: 5'9", thin, thinning dark hair, at one time wore a short beard. No glasses.

Paul Groleau: 5'8", moderate build, dark brown hair, no glasses, no beard.

Mark Fleming: 5'10", moderate build, light colored hair, no beard, glasses at times.

Roger Fournier: 5'11", heavysset, light thinning hair, no beard, no glasses.

Wayne Thurston: 5'7", heavy set, brown hair, clean shaven, no glasses.

B. None of these persons currently work at St. John the Evangelist. Stephen Scruton was the pastor of the parish. Norman Carrier, Paul Groleau, Mark Fleming, and Roger Fournier all served as Associate Pastors at different times. Wayne Thurston was the Youth Minister.

C. Father Gerard Boucher: Senior Priest, St. Patrick Parish, P. O. Box 27, Milford, NH 03055-0027.

Stephen Scruton: 57 Highland Avenue, Haverhill, Ma 01830.

Norman Carrier: 291 Myrtle Street, Manchester, NH 03104.

Paul Groleau: Last known address: 6 Monroe Drive, Hooksett, NH 03106.

Mark Fleming: 7 Dubuque Street, A-3, Manchester, NH 03102.

Roger Fournier: 88 Fellsway East, Malden, Ma 02148.

Wayne Thurston: Address unknown.

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- 4.A. Msgr. James A. Watson, St. John the Evangelist Rectory, 72 South Main Street, Concord, NH 03301-4887, #(603)224-2328.
- B. Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Concord, NH
- 5.A. Father Gerard A. Boucher, St. Patrick Rectory, PO Box 27, Milford, NH 03055-0027, #(603)673-1311
- B. Serves as Senior priest in St. Patrick Parish in Milford, NH
6. Your question assumes that the Division made a "founded finding of child molestation". The Diocese was never informed by the Division of Children and Youth Services that they had a founded finding of child molestation against Gordon MacRae with respect to [REDACTED].
7. This question assumes that Gordon MacRae had in fact been placed on the sexual offenders' register. The Diocese was never made aware in any fashion by the Division of Children and Youth Services that Gordon MacRae had been placed on the register.
8. No one in the Diocesan Administration ever made the decision to have Gordon MacRae act as a personal counselor for Stephen Scruton, nor was there any assignment in this regard.
9. There was no contact or communication between the Diocese or its representatives with the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office regarding Gordon MacRae during his assignment in Keene.
10. Our answer to Interrogatory 13 of July 20, 1992, included a typographical error. November 21, 1982 should read November 21, 1983. On November 21, 1983, upon learning of the alleged incident involving Gordon MacRae, Monsignor Quinn called Dr. Sylvio Dupuis, then Commissioner of Health and Human Services, to inquire to whom the incident should be reported. Dr. Dupuis returned the call almost immediately and informed Monsignor Quinn that the report should be made to DCYS, and that he could call Jeannette Gagon on the matter.

Monsignor Quinn was in touch with Ms. Gagnon immediately and set up an appointment with her for Wednesday, November 23rd, 1983.

Monsignor Quinn met with Ms. Gagnon and a member of her staff at the Catholic Charities Office in Manchester on November 23, 1983. He gave her all the information he had on the matter at that time.

He was told that DCYS would conduct an investigation into the matter.

The complainant continued in counseling with his therapist. Gordon MacRae was confronted by the Diocese over the incident, and was told to continue his counseling, including discussing this incident further with his counselor.

Memo attached.

VICARIATE FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

153 ASH STREET

P.O. BOX 310

MANCHESTER, N.H. 03105

(603) 669-3100

11/21/83

Memo to: Fr. Christian
From: Fr. Quinn
Re: Rev. Gordon MacRae

I was officially notified by Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette and by Judy Paterson of the Catholic Social Service Office in Salem today that Fr. Godron MacRae had sexually abused two minor males in Hampton during the past summer.

Fr. MacRae is presently in counseling with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette and has indicated his willingness to continue. Dr. Guertin-Ouellette has indicated that Fr. MacRae has been cooperative, but that we should be aware that he most probably suffers from a strong personality development deficiency, and will require ongoing treatment.

One of the young men involved in the above-mentioned incident has been under counseling with our agency since the incident. Last week, he attempted suicide, and presently arrangements are being made for his hospitalization at Hamstead Hospital. The two incidents are not necessarily directly connected.

The parents of the boy are fully aware of the situation, and have been working with our counselor. They have been most cooperative, and their main concern is for their son. Secondly, they are concerned that Fr. MacRae receives appropriate treatment to help him with his difficulty. One factor which is making this incident quite difficult for the parents is the fact that the boy's mother was sexually abused as a child herself.

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I will be meeting with State Officials on Wednesday to discuss this matter and other cases. At that time, I will most probably file the official report with the Department of Health and Welfare.

11. Kindly note that the "reports" to DCYS were November 21, 1983 and November 23, 1983. The 1982 date in the original interrogatory was a typographical error.

Under the circumstances no further action was needed.

12. Gordon MacRae was transferred to Keene prior to receipt of the reports identified in Interrogatory 8, and hence advice to Father Houle and Father Bombardier could not have been given.
13. Not applicable.
14. Bishop Odore Gendron never, at any time, had any direct communication or conversation with any employee of DCYS concerning alleged sexual misconduct of of Gordon MacRae.
15. Monsignor Francis J. Christian never had any direct communication or conversation with any employee of DCYS concerning alleged sexual misconduct of Gordon MacRae.
16. Objection. This question is improper. The information sought is neither relevant nor material to the issues in this case, nor likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. We also object to your blanket use of the words "sexual misconduct" as being unnecessarily vague. Without waiving our objections, we answer with regard to the following alleged incidents of which the Diocese received notice.

On November 21, 1983, Monsignor John P. Quinn received a report from Judith Patterson of Catholic Social Services, Salem, that Gordon MacRae had allegedly kissed a young man at some point during the past summer. He was notified of the same incident on the same date by Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette.

In May of 1986, Monsignor Quinn was contacted by Marilyn Fraser of DCYS, who informed him that the alleged victim of the above reported alleged incident had informed a counselor of the new high school he was attending of the same incident.

Monsignor Francis J. Christian was notified on July 14, 1988, by authorities of Spofford Hall that charges of solicitation had been brought against Gordon MacRae by a young man in treatment at that facility.

During this same period of time a [REDACTED] from Keene had several telephone conversations with Monsignor Christian alleging that Gordon MacRae had solicited her son [REDACTED].

The Diocese subsequently became aware through the press of various legal charges placed against Gordon MacRae. On no occasion was the Diocese previously contacted about the allegations contained in these charges and had no knowledge of the alleged events in any case.

17. Objection to the blanket use of the term "sexual misconduct". A memorandum concerning the kissing incident is attached to question 10.
18. There was no communication between the Diocese or its representatives regarding Gordon MacRae with the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office.
19. There was no contact between Bishop Gendron and the Commissioner of DCYS or Health and Human Services regarding Gordon MacRae.
20. We have never received a report that Gordon MacRae was accused of kissing and fondling a youth in June of 1983 in Hampton, New Hampshire.
21. See answer to question 20. We received no such report. Note that in the Fall of 1983 Gordon MacRae was in counseling with Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette of the Clergy and Religious Consultation Service.
22. We are not aware of any such report as described in this interrogatory.
23. Subsequent to the aforementioned November 23rd meeting with Ms. Gagnon, Monsignor Quinn received a letter from her on January 26, 1984, regarding continued contact between Gordon MacRae and an individual who had been under his supervision earlier. Though there were no charges of improper conduct on the part of MacRae, it was felt that the matter should be investigated because of the earlier incident reported in Hampton.

Monsignor Quinn informed Monsignor Christian that he was recommending that MacRae be told to cease contact with this individual immediately. Monsignor Christian so informed MacRae on 2/2/84.

There were no further contacts between Ms. Gagnon and Monsignor Quinn regarding MacRae.
24. There were no such agreements, arrangements or practices made or agreed to between the Diocese and either the Commissioner of Health and Welfare or DCYS.
25. The Diocese never requested or required Gordon MacRae to start a youth ministry while he was at St. Bernard's Parish in Keene.
26. There were no agreements made by Bishop Gendron and the Commissioner regarding Gordon MacRae.
27. There were no conversations or communications, to our knowledge, between Monsignor Quinn or Bishop Gendron with Elizabeth Davis of DCYS, Portsmouth.

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VICARIATE FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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Father MacRae readily admitted the incident and offered the following explanation. He had been under a great deal of tension and stress in Hampton, especially because of the situation with the four sisters who were suing the Bishop and the terrible pain it was causing Father Boucher, the pastor. He also had been drinking to excess frequently. Added to this was the demands being placed on him by his father who committed suicide by taking an overdose of heart medication (Few people know this death was a suicide according to Fr. MacRae) Given all of these pressures, Fr. MacRae found himself kissing the young man in question. He claims that he cannot understand why this occurred since he has never had any homosexual interest or activity before. (He did indicate that his father had sexually abused him as a child and that he was removed from the home by the state as a result). He claims that he sent the young man to Catholic charities fully understanding that he would be implicated and wanting the help that it would bring.

He indicated that he began seeing Dr. Henry Ouellette of the Clergy Counselling Service even before this incident and that he has discussed it and continues to discuss it fully with him. He also claims that he has joined an AA group in Keene which he faithfully attends up to four times a week. This group has, in his estimation, enabled him to stop drinking completely and has given him great support in other areas. He claims that he has told Dr. Ouellette that if his treatment with him or his involvement with AA does not succeed, he will seek other treatment including, if necessary, hospitalization.

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P.S. spoke with Dr. Ouellette about this on 12/15/83. He agreed with F.S.C.

James J. Christian
 Chancellor

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Francis J. Christian
Bishop

February 2, 1984

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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From: Fr. Quinn *JK*

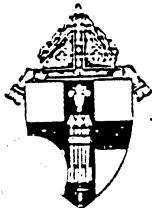
Re: Fr. MacRae [REDACTED]

I have received a communication from Jeannette Gagnon of the State Office of Social Services expressing her concern over the continued relationship of Fr. MacRae with [REDACTED]. There are no charges that there is anything improper known about the relationship. However, due to the problem regarding Fr. MacRae in Hampton which the Department of Health and Welfare is aware, there is indication that they are uncomfortable with this relationship, and have called regarding a possible investigation concerning this relationship.

It is my recommendation that Fr. MacRae be told that there is to be an immediate cessation of this relationship, and that there be no further contact between the two individuals. I feel that Fr. MacRae must be told of the potential grave consequences of this relationship, and the uncomfortableness that we and the Department feel about it.

Please notify me for my files what the outcome of your meeting with Fr. MacRae on this matter is.

I conferred this to FR MacRae on Feb 3, 1984. He agreed to break off any personal relations with the party in question.
F.V.C.

**SECRETARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND CANONICAL AFFAIRS**

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

July 14, 1988

On this date the Diocese was informed that charges had been brought by a young man, aged 18 or 19, at Spofford Hall in Keene, against Father Gordon MacRae. The young man claimed that he had requested to see Father MacRae after the celebration of Mass for the purpose of counseling. He claims that Father MacRae attempted to touch him sexually during this time. He reported this incident to the leadership of Spofford Hall, who in turn contacted the State of New Hampshire and notified the Diocese.

Father MacRae claims that he did not do what the young man had said, and, in fact, quite the contrary is true, that the young man attempted to sexually touch him.

I spoke with the Director of Spofford Hall, who indicated to me that since the two people in question were alone at the time it might be difficult to ever know the truth of the situation. He did indicate that in his own mind he believed that there was at least the possibility that the young man might be lying. He told me that the family of the young man had engaged an attorney, but had not decided what to do, if anything.

I contacted Attorney Brad Cook, the Diocesan attorney, to make him aware of the situation. He in turn recommended that Father MacRae be advised to get his own attorney in case of any litigation, since the Diocesan Attorney would not be able to represent both the Diocese and Father MacRae. Father MacRae was advised of this fact and did engage an Attorney Donahue from the Keene area.

Upon being notified of the alleged allegations Bishop Joseph Gerry, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese, notified Father MacRae of his suspension pending the outcome of the case.

Francis J. Chucella
Chancellor

CHESHIRE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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ADMINISTRATOR
MIMI BARBER



March 24, 1993

Peter Heed, Esq.
28 Middle Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Re: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Peter:

This letter will confirm our recent conversation regarding [REDACTED] financial obligations in connection with the above-captioned juvenile matter.

On March 27, 1989, the Keene District Court issued an order that [REDACTED] pay to the State of New Hampshire as reimbursement of court-ordered expenses the sum of \$45.50 per week beginning April 7, 1989, with the total number of payments being determined by the number of weeks the child or family has received court-ordered services.

On April 29, 1989, [REDACTED] advised me that she and her husband were planning to sue the Catholic Church on behalf of their minor son, [REDACTED]. She indicated that they felt the church should be liable for paying the costs of service. I agreed to defer payments pending the outcome of their claim. We agreed that she would keep me informed of the status of their case on a regular basis.

The State of New Hampshire and the County of Cheshire have expended the sum of \$87,309.59 in payment of court-ordered services for this juvenile. The State of New Hampshire seeks to recover the sum of \$4,595.50 from [REDACTED] as court-ordered reimbursement.

Peter, I would appreciate your keeping me advised of the progress in this case.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mimi".

Mimi Barber
Human Services
Administrator

Granite Hills
CLINICAL CONSULTANTS

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Burt G. Hollenbeck, Jr., Ph.D.
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April 6, 1993

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Keene, NH 03431

RE: [REDACTED]

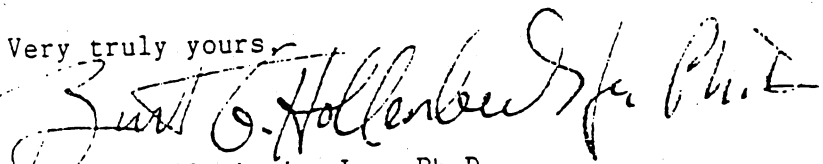
Dear Attorney Heed:

I have enclosed the psychological evaluation report completed on [REDACTED]. I would like to commend [REDACTED] through you for his willingness to have undergone this lengthy and at times grueling process. He is a very likeable young man and one who appears to be at a crossroads in his life.

After you have reviewed this report, please contact me as I would be very interested in any comments or questions you might have. I will be out of the country from April 7th to 15th but I can be reached after that date.

Thank you again for referring [REDACTED] for this evaluation. I look forward to hearing from you upon my return.

Very truly yours,


Burt G. Hollenbeck, Jr., Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist

ENC.

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STATEMENT

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GRANITE HILLS CLINICAL CONSULTANTS
 181 Washington Street
 Keene, New Hampshire 03431

TELEPHONE
 (603) 357-6862

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CHARGES OR
 PAYMENTS MADE
 AFTER LAST DATE
 SHOWN WILL APPEAR
 ON YOUR NEXT
 STATEMENT

Peter W. Heed, Esq.
 Green, McMahon and Heed
 28 Middle Street
 Keene, NH 03431

DATE	FAMILY MEMBER	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	PYMT'S		ADJ.	BALANCE
				CREDITS			
10-8-92	[REDACTED]	Records reviewed 1 ^o	92 50				92 50
10-8-92	"	4.5 ^o	416 25				508 70
11-2-92	"	Intake assessment					601 25
1-27-93	"	Medial report 1 ^o	92 50				-
3-2-93	"	COA			601 25		-
		6.5 hrs @ \$92.50/hr.					
		Burt G. Hallenbeck, Jr., Ph.D.					
4-5-93	[REDACTED]	8 hrs @ \$92.50/hr	740 -				740 -
		(Completion of evaluation and reporting)					

BALANCE FORWARD

PLEASE PAY LAST AMOUNT IN BALANCE COLUMN

- PST - Psychological Evaluation/Testing
- DC - Diagnostic Consultation
- GT - Group Therapy
- PT - Psychotherapy Time
- CT - Court Testimony

Division of MFS

February 28, 1985

PERSONAL

Reverend Gordon J. MacRae
St. Bernard Rectory
173 Main Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Dear Father MacRae:

Thank you for your letter of February 20th. I appreciate your taking the time to write to me with the assessment of your personal situation at this time.

I am most pleased with the tremendous progress you have made in coping with your alcoholism in the last year and a half. I know this has not been an easy process for you, and I admire both your courage and your perseverance in attempting to become a more whole person. I am pleased at the success you have had, both since, I am sure, you are happier as a person, and also because I am confident that your priestly ministry has improved in quality.

I know that you have been experiencing some tensions and frustrations in your assignment, particularly in your relationship with Father Houle. I certainly encourage you to continue to work on that relationship as long as Father Houle is assigned in the parish. I appreciate the difficulty in weighing the negative aspects of your assignment with all of the positive support structures you have established for yourself. I recognize the importance of those support structures and assure you that I will do everything in my power to allow you to remain at St. Bernard's at least for the next year. I know you can appreciate my inability to give any guarantees in this regard but I will do my best to allow you to remain where your continued recovery can be best facilitated.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

cc/ Dr. Henri Guertin-Ouellette

St. Bernard's Rectory

173 Main Street

Keene, New Hampshire 03431

difficulties of my ministry here at St. Bernard's over/against my own need to continue the process of alcoholism recovery that I have begun. I find this parish to be an excellent place to exercise priestly ministry. There is a tremendous attitude of acceptance and support among the parishoners. My involvement in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and my participation in several programs at Beech Hill Hospital for Alcoholism Treatment in Dublin have been a source of much growth and progress as has been my relationship with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette. What has been particularly helpful is my close friendship with Mr. James Meehan and his wife, Lois. Jim is the administrator of Beech Hill Hospital and my sponsor in the A.A. program. His continual help and encouragement have been immeasurable and they have become, in a sense, a caring family influence.

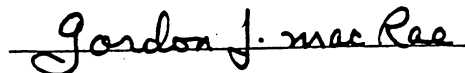
At the same time, Bishop, I continue to find the rectory situation here, and particularly my working relationship with Father Houle, to be quite difficult - at times even unbearable. There are moments when I feel trapped because of my need for the support that I have here in Keene, and my dismay at the lack of communication and cooperation within the rectory. To be perfectly honest with you, Bishop, I have struggled with the idea of taking a leave of absence from ministry in the diocese in an attempt to resolve this conflict. I have learned in my program of recovery, however, that the desire to run - to seek a "geographical cure" - is more a symptom of alcoholism than a solution to it. I am convinced that both my dedication to priestly ministry and my need to be honest with myself would discount such a step as a desirable solution.

With the preceding as background information, I have concluded, with the help of Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, that it is imperative that I remain in this area for at least another year regardless of the difficulties that I continue to experience in the rectory. I have discussed this letter and this decision with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette and he concurs that it would be in my best interest to remain in Keene. I also believe that it would be in the best interest of the parish that I remain. I am signing a release giving Dr. Guertin-Ouellette approval to discuss this situation with you, if you wish, in terms of considering my assignments in the immediate future.

I deeply appreciate your attention and time in reading this letter, Bishop. Again, I am not requesting that you resolve this matter since I realize that your considerations extend far beyond my particular needs.

Many thanks for your witness and support in our common ministry to the Church of New Hampshire. I remain

Your Brother in Our Lord,



Rev. Gordon J. MacRae

cc: Dr. Henri Guertin-Ouellette
Clergy Consultation Service

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FR MacRae

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Executive Director Search
Monadnock Region Substance Abuse Services, Inc.
c/o Monica Sieg-Tucker, Clerk
580 Court Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

May 19, 1987

Dear Ms. Tucker,

Enclosed you will find a copy of my resume. I understand that the position of Executive Director of the Monadnock Region Substance Abuse Services is currently open and that a search is now underway to fill that position. Several local people have urged me to inquire about the position and to submit my resume.

For some time now I have been considering moving into something other than parish ministry for a time. No decisions have been made on my part, but at this point I am at least examining some options for an alternative form of human service work for a period of time. I am not certain that I am the right person for the position, or even that I would be available to assume such a position, however I am interested in learning more about it.

Please note that even if I was available and qualified I could make a commitment for no more than a two or three year period since I do not wish to leave the priesthood and three years is about the longest time that I could be on official leave from a diocesan assignment.

Also, I would appreciate some discretion on the part of the search committee about receiving my resume for obvious reasons.

I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Fr. Gordon J. MacRae

Enc.

St. Bernard's Rectory

173 Main Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

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Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron
Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
P.O. Box 310
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-0310

June 11, 1987

Dear Bishop Gendron,

Pursuant to our personal conversation of June 10, 1987, I am submitting this formal written request for a temporary leave of absence from assigned ministry in the Diocese of Manchester.

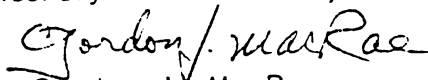
I seek this leave in the light of reasons which we had discussed on the above date, and I respectfully request that this leave be granted for a period of one year. At the end of that time it is my present intention that the issue of leave may be reviewed and discussed for a possible second year.

It is my intention that this leave will take effect on July 1, 1987, subject to your approval, and I agree to meet with you on a twice yearly basis as you had requested in our discussion on the above date. My first appointment with you will be made in December, 1987.

During the course of this leave I free the Diocese of Manchester from any and all liability and responsibility on my behalf, and I agree to work out matters involving health insurance, etc., with the Secretary for Administrative and Canonical Affairs. It appears that new coverage for health insurance can begin sometime in July.

Finally, it is my sincere intention to do all in my power to review and strengthen the commitment to ministry that I have made in the Diocese of Manchester. I am deeply grateful to you, Bishop, for the pastoral and congenial manner in which I have been treated during the process of making this request.

Sincerely in Our Lord,


Fr. Gordon J. MacRae

Name: Gordon J. MacRae
 Address: 173 Main Street, Keene, New Hampshire 03431
 Telephone: (603) 352-3525 (Home and Office)
 Date of Birth: April 9, 1953
 Current Occupation: Roman Catholic Priest
 Current Position: Administrator, St. Bernard Parish, Keene, NH

Education:

1958-1970 Lynn, Massachusetts Public Schools
 1978 Bachelor of Science, cum laude in Psychology,
 Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire
 1982 Bachelor of Sacred Theology, Pontifical Degree,
 St. Mary's University, Baltimore, Maryland
 1982 Master of Divinity, St. Mary's University, Baltimore
 (The Master of Divinity Degree is a professional degree
 program consisting of 120 graduate level credits and
 the demonstration of competence in Theology, Administration,
 Pastoral Counseling and related fields.)

Previous Assignments:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Hampton, NH
 St. John the Evangelist Parish, Hudson, NH
 St. Francis Xavier Parish, Groveton, NH
 Sacred Heart Parish, North Stratford, NH

Areas of responsibility included parish administration,
 organization of parish programs, adult education,
 public speaking, and individual and family counseling.

Experience:

1970-1974 Machinist, Glenmere Hub Die Co., Inc., Lynn, MA
 1975-1976 Coordinator of Special Education, St. John the
 Evangelist Parish, Hudson, NH
 1977 Nursing Assistant, St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, NH
 1978 Counselor, Pine Haven Center, Allentown, NH
 1978-1982 Counselor, Runaway and Crisis Intervention Unit, Youth
 Services Division, Baltimore County Police Department,
 Towson, Maryland.
 1982-Present Parish Ministry

Gordon J. MacRae

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Commendations:

1978 Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Graduate Scholastic Honor Society

1982 Baltimore County Police Department Meritorious Service Award for Juvenile Services

1982 Knights of Columbus Honorary Lifetime Membership Award for Community Service

Other Interests:

Sports: Racquetball; Nautilus; Marksmanship; Fishing

Reading: Psychology; Theology; Chemical Dependency; Historical and Biographical Novels

Organizations:

Actively involved with the following organizations:

National Clergy Council on Alcoholism
Cheshire County Hospice Association
Civil Air Patrol (Chaplain)
St. Vincent DePaul Society (Providing emergency food and housing in the Monadnock Region)

Personal:

I am a recovering chemically dependent person with four years of continuing sobriety, and I remain a member in good standing in a self-help program of recovery.

Formerly a heavy smoker, I am now a non-smoker and in excellent physical health.

I work well either alone or with a team, and I tend to care deeply for the well-being of those around me.

References:

Personal and Professional References are available on request

VACANCY NOTICEExecutive Director

Monadnock Region Substance Abuse Services, Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Master's Degree or equivalent in Human Service Administration or an allied field, with 3 to 5 years work experience. Experience in the field of chemical dependency, preferred.

SALARY RANGE:

Low to mid-twenties

ABOUT THE AGENCY:

Monadnock Region Substance Abuse Services, Inc. is a newly-chartered, not-for-profit agency, centered in the southwestern corner of New Hampshire. The goal of the agency is the development of a community-based spectrum of substance abuse services. The agency currently offers alcohol crisis intervention and out-patient counselling services.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES:

This newly-created position will be responsible for program development, personnel and financial management, grant proposals, administration and coordination of existing and proposed services. Community relations and coordination with other agencies also required.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

Individuals interested please send letter of application and resume to:

Executive Director Search
Monadnock Region Substance Abuse
Services, Inc.
c/o Monica Sieg-Tucker, Clerk
580 Court Street
Keene NH 03431

by closing date of October 15, 1985.

June 15, 1987

Rev. Gordon J. MacRae
St. Bernard Rectory
173 Main Street
Keene, NH 03431

Dear Father MacRae:

Subsequent to our recent conversation and your letter of June 11th, this letter will grant your request for a temporary leave of absence from priestly ministry in the Diocese of Manchester, effective July 1st, 1987.

It is understood that this period is initially for a period of one year. It is my hope during this period of time that you will continue to see Dr. Ouellet and that also you might seek out a spiritual director with whom you can continue to discuss and, hopefully, deepen your commitment to priestly ministry.

I look forward to meeting with you in December of this year and ask you to make an appointment for this purpose at an appropriate time. We would then meet again some time in the late Spring to discuss your situation and possible return to ministry, or an extension of your leave.

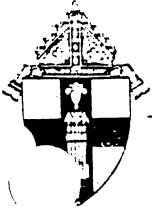
You understand that with the exception of specific instances for which I would grant you faculties at your request, you would not have the faculties to function as a priest during the period of this year.

Please be assured, Gordon, of my prayers for you in the months ahead. I pray especially that the Lord will enable you to see more clearly the vocation to which He is calling you, and if that be His will, to allow you to return to priestly ministry at the appropriate time, renewed and rededicated to the work that you have done so very effectively. If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

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

July 14, 1988

On this date the Diocese was informed that charges had been brought by a young man, aged 18 or 19, at Spofford Hall in Keene, against Father Gordon MacRae. The young man claimed that he had requested to see Father MacRae after the celebration of Mass for the purpose of counseling. He claims that Father MacRae attempted to touch him sexually during this time. He reported this incident to the leadership of Spofford Hall, who in turn contacted the State of New Hampshire and notified the Diocese.

Father MacRae claims that he did not do what the young man had said, and, in fact, quite the contrary is true, that the young man attempted to sexually touch him.

I spoke with the Director of Spofford Hall, who indicated to me that since the two people in question were alone at the time it might be difficult to ever know the truth of the situation. He did indicate that in his own mind he believed that there was at least the possibility that the young man might be lying. He told me that the family of the young man had engaged an attorney, but had not decided what to do, if anything.

I contacted Attorney Brad Cook, the Diocesan attorney, to make him aware of the situation. He in turn recommended that Father MacRae be advised to get his own attorney in case of any litigation, since the Diocesan Attorney would not be able to represent both the Diocese and Father MacRae. Father MacRae was advised of this fact and did engage an Attorney Donahue from the Keene area.

Upon being notified of the alleged allegations Bishop Joseph Gerry, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese, notified Father MacRae of his suspension pending the outcome of the case.

Francis J. Chustian
Chancellor



OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
158 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H. 03105

Most Reverend Joseph J. Gerry, O.S.B., Ph.D.

July 14, 1988

Gordon J. MacRae
52 Summit Road - Apt. 12
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Dear Gordon:

Having just been informed of the "incident" referred to in the letter just written, I hasten to pen this more informal note to let you know that the action I have taken is that recommended by the legal division of NCCB. You have read enough, I know, to realize that the decision to suspend you from faculties in no way is meant to be judgemental on the "incident", but to safeguard the Church so that she cannot be accused of knowing and still letting the priest operate under her auspices when he could be taking advantage of adolescents.

I was sorry to hear of your accident. I assure you of my prayers that the good Lord watch over you and guide you and support you with his powerful arm during this difficult period. If I can be of any assistance to you, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Auxiliary Bishop of Manchester

July 14, 1988

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

Gordon J. MacRae
52 Summit Road - Apt. 12
Keene, NH 03431

Dear Gordon:

Having just been informed this day of the incident which occurred at Spofford Hall, it is necessary, for the good of the Church, that I suspend you immediately from all priestly functions pending the outcome of the official investigation.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Auxiliary Bishop of Manchester

Franker McCrae

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December 6, 1988

Gordon J. MacRae
c/o Meehan
659 Marlboro Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Dear Gordon:

In response to your recent letter, please be informed that I am placing you on sick leave effective December 1, 1988. You will receive the normal sick leave stipend each month at the end of the month, beginning with December. If you have a change in mailing address, please notify my office so that we can make sure the check is sent to the right place. If you have any immediate financial concerns, please speak to Frank Christian about them.

In closing, let me express my sorrow over the difficult times you are currently experiencing. I know that all of this must be extremely painful. I pray with you that the Lord will see fit to lead you through these difficult moments with His strength and concern.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
P. O. Box 310
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

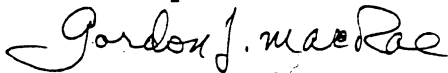
December 3, 1988

Dear Bishop Gendron:

In the light of recommendations for inpatient treatment made by the House of Affirmation following a recent evaluation there, I am requesting that I be placed on sick leave as of the end of November, 1988.

I am very appreciative of the efforts of the Diocese of Manchester to assist me in this difficult time.

Sincerely,


Gordon J. MacRae

Mailing Address:

c/o Meehan
659 Marlboro Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

(603) 357-7729

September 28, 1989

Rev. Gordon J. MacRae
Villa Louis Martin
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Gordon:

Thank you for your recent letter. I appreciate your taking the time to write at such length about the recent parole situation.

When I called Father Lechner on the appearance of the newspaper article, he explained to me much of the situation you detailed, so I understood very early on the unfortunate nature of the whole situation. I am grateful to you, however, for taking the time to write, and I assure you that the Bishop understands the incident thoroughly. We are only sorry that you were forced to go through the publicity and indignity of a parole situation which apparently is somewhat questionable.

Enclosed please find a check for 60 Mass intentions. I hope this will be helpful to you in the weeks ahead. Please don't hesitate to write for more when the need arises. I am also pleased to inform you that there is no objection to your receiving monetary advances from Villa Louis Martin when that is necessary, and then have them placed on your monthly bill. As long as this is kept to the level of your true needs, this is certainly acceptable.

I hope both the stipends and your other arrangements will be helpful to you in better dealing with your financial situation. If I can be of any further assistance please don't hesitate to call upon me.

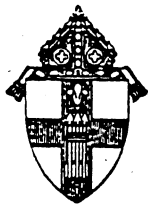
With every good wish, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian
Secretary
Chancellor

Enclosure

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CHANCERY OFFICE
153 ASH STREET
P.O. BOX 310
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
03105-0310

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

Rev. Gordon MacRae

September 26, 1989

MASS INTENTIONS

60 "AD INTENTIONEM DANTIS" - - - - - OFFERING \$300.00*

*Check # _____

Villa Louis Martin
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Rev. Msgr. Francis Christian, Ph.D.
Diocese of Manchester
P.O. Box 310
Manchester, New Hampshire 03431

Personal and Confidential

September 20, 1989

Dear Frank:

I hope this letter finds you well. There are two reasons for which I am writing to you. First, and I apologize for taking so long to do this, I feel that I owe you some form of explanation of the legal issue that arose last month regarding my situation and what transpired. Though some brief explanations were placed in my progress notes to the Bishop in August and again this month I wanted to give you some further explanation of what has transpired.

Frank, I did not do this ahead of time because I feel that it is imperative that the Diocese not be involved in my legal matters in any way possible. First because I have maintained from the outset that I was not involved with ministry at the time these events occurred, thus the Diocese has no responsibility for my supervision or behavior in these matters. The second reason is that it appears that the bias of many in the legal system I have been dealing with is that the Church only wishes to cover up these matters and protect its own from prosecution. I have had to be very careful in seeking any form of assistance from the Diocese without also making the situation worse for me. As recently as last month my attorney was told by people in the probation department that they are very sensitive to any appearance of me "hiding behind my church".

The probation violation issue was a simple one, and one that I am dealing with in therapy here. A young man I know well and whose family I have known for many years wrote to me weeks before his eighteenth birthday describing circumstances leading up to his placement in a group home and asking for help and direction. I discussed this with the probation department supervising me here in New Mexico and with some members of the staff here, and then made the decision to answer his letters. I offered only support and encouragement. Somehow this became known to the probation

meet my other financial obligations without the continuance of this loan.

There are two primary financial obligations that are keeping me from making ends meet, and they are only worsening as I remain here without an earned income. The first involves the car that I destroyed last July. In insurance benefits I was only able to obtain about 75% of what I still owed. I have been trying since then to raise the additional money to pay it off and continue to make payments on a new vehicle. I have gotten the payoff figure on the wrecked car down to about \$2200.00. When I left my position in November I had to use much of what I had from insurance to support myself and pay attorney fees. Secondly, I have accrued additional attorney fees and though I am making regular payments, I still owe Mr. Forrest about \$1,800.00. Until recently the Servants of the Paraclete have been able to help me by providing Mass Stipends each month and I have been using this to pay my attorney monthly. At times this has prevented me from participating with other residents in any social activities which would involve expenses. I also know quite well that most of this problem is my own creation and I am doing the best I can to correct it.

I do not feel that I can ask the diocese for additional money, even if it is a loan, however I also have to address this situation if I am going to remain here. The Servants have not had any Mass Stipends available in the last month, and I am on a waiting list of residents who count on them. We concelebrate daily Mass here, and stipends generally come from many sources until recently. The bookkeeper is able to make small cash advances to residents who need them and place these on our monthly bill if the diocese approves. This had to be done when I returned last month for the hearing, but I do not wish to ask for any further advances without your approval. If this could be done in the amount of \$100.00 a month it would be very helpful. If this is not possible it would also be helpful if the Diocese had Mass Stipends available that I could make use of in the remaining months that I am here.

I am not comfortable with making this request, but I have also been very troubled by the financial problems that have arisen because of numerous circumstances.

Hopefully, the legal matters will one day come to an end, as will treatment here, and I will be able to resume my life. I have been talking with some of the staff here about the possibility of remaining in this area and continuing my relationship with them in some way. I am really not able to make decisions beyond the next few months. I was recently offered a position at a half-way house in Boston operated by

the Salvation Army, but the staff here feels that I am not ready for such a step and I declined the position.

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It is difficult for me to make choices while I remain under the supervision of probation for the next fourteen months. Where I live and what I do will come under much scrutiny, and I still have a final hearing for disposition of my case sometime in January. Regardless of what happens with that, I still feel that it is important that the Diocese keep its distance from my legal problems. If you or Diocesan attorneys should ever want to talk with Mr. Forrest I have given him complete approval to talk with you, but he agrees that it is best for the Diocese not to be involved. He is also impressed with the assistance the Diocese has given me. He can be reached at Bragdon and Berkson in Keene at 357-4800.

Thank you for your patience with this long letter, and I again apologize for the lack of an explanation on my part.

Sincerely,

Gordon J. MacRae

Fr. Gordon J. MacRae

M. Gordon MacRae

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January 9, 1990

Ms. Ronda Frank
Claims Examiner
Claims Office
Box 4909
Syracuse, NY 13221

Dear Ms. Frank:

In response to your communication of December 22nd, 1989, I am taking the liberty to respond in this manner in reference to Gordon J. MacRae, since it is difficult for me to respond appropriately to the questions as they appear on your form.

Gordon MacRae was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Manchester on June 5th, 1982. In this capacity he ministered for us for a period of five years. As you know, the professional ministry of a priest is not easily broken down into any number of hours per week. His duties included all the spiritual duties required of any priest serving people in a parish setting.

In January of 1987, at his own request, Father MacRae went on a leave of absence. His reasons for making this request were personal in nature, but apparently involved some emotional and psychological pressures that required him to distance himself from priestly work while continuing therapy. At that time he accepted a position as a coordinator of an alcohol rehabilitation program in the Keene area of New Hampshire. The Diocese, as a result, did not continue to pay him or give him any sort of benefits. In the late Fall of 1988, he encountered some serious problems which required him to resign the position he held and he entered a treatment center in Jemez Springs, New Mexico. Because he was without any source of income commencing in December of 1988, the Diocese did pay him approximately \$470.00 a month in sick leave benefits. Those benefits were increased to \$543.00 a month in June of 1989, which is the amount he currently receives.

In conclusion, I would say that given the nature of his problems it will not be possible for the Diocese of Manchester to utilize Gordon MacRae as a Priest in New Hampshire in the future.

If you require any further information, please feel free to call me.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian
Secretary
Chancellor

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of Springfield

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12/22/89

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
153 ASH STREET
MANCHESTER, NH

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RE: GORDON J. MACRAE
CLAIM NO.: CB9001804 -NY
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [REDACTED]

DEAR SIR/MADAM:

IN ORDER TO MORE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE EXTENT OF THE ABOVE EMPLOYEE'S DISABILITY, WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE.

1. EXACT JOB TITLE: _____
2. DATE OF HIRE: _____
3. LAST DATE WORKED: _____
4. USUAL WORK HOURS: FROM: _____ TO: _____
NUMBER OF DAYS PER WEEK: _____
5. ANY WORK RESTRICTIONS WHEN HIRED: _____
6. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE EMPLOYEE'S USUAL DUTIES: _____

7. REASON FOR CURRENT ABSENCE (PLEASE CHECK ONE)
 RESIGNED DATE OF RESIGNATION _____
 REASON _____
 TEMPORARY DISABILITY (IS EXPECTED WHEN ABLE TO RETURN)
 PERMANENT DISABILITY (IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN)
 LAID OFF DATE LAID OFF _____
 COMPANY TERMINATED EMPLOYMENT DATE TERMINATED _____

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REASON _____
_____ RETIRED DUE TO AGE DATE RETIRED _____

8. IF EMPLOYEE WAS OR IS LAID OFF, WHAT DATES WERE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PAID? _____

9. PHYSICIAN'S RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY:

A) CAN THE EMPLOYEE'S PRESENT JOB BE MODIFIED (WITHIN ANY LIMITS SPECIFIED ABOVE BY THE PHYSICIAN)?

TEMPORARILY: YES _____ NO _____
PERMANENTLY: YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE: _____

B) IS THERE ANY LIGHT DUTY AVAILABLE (WITHIN ANY LIMITS SPECIFIED ABOVE BY THE PHYSICIAN)? IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE: _____

10. IS EMPLOYEE RECEIVING:

_____ COMPANY DISABILITY BENEFITS

_____ WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION BENEFITS

IF SO, FOR WHICH DATES HAVE BENEFITS BEEN PAID AND NAME/ADDRESS OF INSURANCE COMPANY PAYING BENEFITS. _____

11. IS THE EMPLOYEE'S JOB BEING HELD OPEN FOR HIM OR HER? _____

A) HAS THIS PERSON RETURNED TO WORK:

B) IF YES, PLEASE GIVE RETURN DATE, AND EXPLANATION. _____

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12. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

COMPLETED BY: _____ COMPANY NAME AND ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

TITLE _____

TELEPHONE _____

AN AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION IS ON FILE IN OUR OFFICE. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY,

RONDA FRANK
CLAIMS EXAMINER
CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

FR Gordon MacRae

3080

January 10, 1990

Rev. Peter Lechner, s.P., Ph.D.
Director
Villa Louis Martin
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Father Lechner:

Thank you for your recent letter and the treatment summary of Gordon MacRae. I am most happy to hear that he has made some significant progress although there are still areas of his life that need attention. I certainly agree with the five-point plan that the staff has developed with Gordon for his on-going care once residential treatment is concluded.

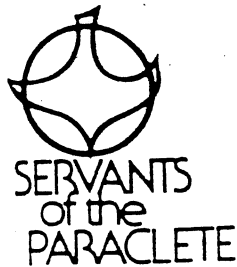
Once Father MacRae returns to Villa Louis Martin after his probation hearing on January 25th, I am certainly open to comply with your wishes for a meeting with me or one of my staff to discuss Father MacRae's situation. If I am unable to make the trip myself, I would delegate Msgr. Francis Christian, the Chancellor, who has been intimately involved with Father MacRae's situation for some period of time.

I will look forward to hearing from you in this matter at the appropriate time.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester



Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025 (505) 829-3586

January 2, 1990

Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
 Bishop of Manchester
 Chancery: 153 Ash Street
 P.O. Box 310
 Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Dear Bishop Gendron,

Enclosed is a neurological report and a treatment summary for the Reverend Gordon Macrae. These documents are also being sent to the Probation Department in Keene. A hearing has been set on the 25th of January to determine the status of Father MacRae's deferred sentence. We are hopeful, of course, that the recommendations from here will be acceptable to the Probation Department.

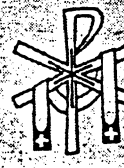
Sometime after the hearing it will be important for the therapy staff and Father MacRae to meet with you or your representative to discuss the general outcome of his therapy, implementation of aftercare recommendations, and his future. Father MacRae has been in therapy here for over nine months; he has done well in the program and he is looking forward to the next phase of his recovery and his life. He, as well as Villa Louis Martin, are very grateful to the Diocese for having supported him over the past year.

Wishing you a blessed and happy new year, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Peter Lechner, s.P.
 (rev.) Peter Lechner, s.P., Ph.D.
 Director: Villa Louis Martin

copy/ Henry Guertin-Ouellette. Ph.D.
 David Forrest, Attorney



you quoted the House of Affirmation evaluation as indicating that "Father MacRae is a sexual offender who currently is not able to curtail such behavior without professional support." Was this the view of you and the Villa Louis Martin staff or were you only quoting the House of Affirmation report?

8. How long was Gordon MacRae at the House of Affirmation?
9. What is the current status of the House of Affirmation and how can they be contacted?
10. Do you and the staff of Villa Louis Martin agree that Gordon MacRae is a "sexual offender" and was not able to curtail such behavior without professional support?
11. Also in the Villa Louis Martin report you cited the Strafford Guidance Center report as indicating that "Mr. MacRae appears to fit the description of a fixated sexual offender, a man who has a primary sexual interest in children, usually males." Was this the view of you and the Villa Louis Martin staff or were you only quoting the Strafford Guidance Center report?
12. Was the Strafford Guidance Center evaluation an inpatient or outpatient process? If inpatient, how long was it? If outpatient, how many sessions did Gordon MacRae have there?
13. Can you provide the name and academic degree of the person who conducted the evaluation and prepared the Strafford Guidance Center report?
14. Do you and the staff of Villa Louis Martin agree with the Strafford Report that "Mr. MacRae appears to fit the description of a fixated sexual offender, a man who has a primary sexual interest in children, usually males" ?
15. Are you aware that the comments cited in the above two reports from House of Affirmation and Strafford Guidance Center have been repeatedly attributed to you and the Villa Louis Martin program in New Hampshire press reports?
16. Can you comment on whether the press reports attributed to you have been accurate?
17. What is the average length of stay in the Villa Louis Martin program? Is it somewhat unusual for an individual to spend a year in this particular residential treatment program?
18. Why was Gordon MacRae in the Villa Louis Martin program for one year?

19. Please describe the diagnoses and prognoses of the treatment staff of Villa Louis Martin regarding Gordon MacRae.
20. Please summarize the December 1988 report prepared by Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, Ph.D. which you refer to in your December, 1989 report.
21. How long was Gordon MacRae in weekly outpatient therapy with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, according to this report?
22. Of the three reports cited above, from the House of Affirmation, the Strafford Guidance Center, and Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, and after one year of residential treatment of Gordon MacRae, did the Villa Louis Martin staff have a sense that any one of these reports more accurately reflected Mr. MacRae's diagnostic issues than the others?
23. Did the professional staff of Villa Louis Martin feel that Gordon MacRae was honest and successful in treatment?
24. In his one year of treatment at Villa Louis Martin, did Gordon MacRae ever make reference to having been sexually involved or inappropriate in any way with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] from Keene, New Hampshire? If so, which one, in what way, and how often?
25. In his one year of treatment at Villa Louis Martin, did Gordon MacRae ever make reference to having been sexually involved or inappropriate in any way with [REDACTED] from Hampton, New Hampshire, other than the incident of hugging which he has acknowledged as having happened in 1983? If so, in what way, and how often?
26. In his one year of treatment at Villa Louis Martin, did Gordon MacRae ever make reference to having been sexually involved or inappropriate in any way with [REDACTED] from Keene, New Hampshire, other than the incident of inappropriate and solicitous comments which he pleaded guilty to in 1988? If so, in what way, and how often?
27. Did Gordon MacRae discuss with the therapists at Villa Louis Martin the allegation later brought by [REDACTED] that Gordon MacRae took lewd photographs of him? What was Gordon MacRae's and the staffs' disposition regarding this allegation?
28. Do you wish to add any further information?

signed:

Peter Lechner, Ph.D.

ate: _____
Notarization of Signature:

Notary Public / Justice of the Peace