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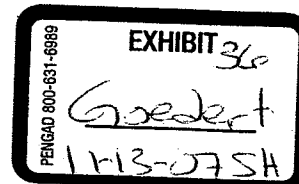
1. I spoke to Dave Mulvihill today. Dave is a resident at St. Odilo. He is working in the Tribunal, so his knowledge of what goes on at St. Odilo is limited by the fact that he is usually not around during the day time except for weekends. Ordinarily he would get back to the rectory around 6 P.M.

2. I asked Dave whether or not he was aware of any inappropriate behavior on Bob's part. He said that he did feel that Bob lacked good judgement. When I asked him to what he was referring, he responded that anyone who had the problem that he had would be expected to use much greater discretion. But Bob continues to have kids of grammar school and high school age in the rectory. In fact, Dave used the phrase that "kids are all over the place". I asked Dave how he knew this. Was it first-hand information or hearsay. Dave responded that in view of the fact that he is ordinarily at the Tribunal during the day, it is only when he would come home early that he would see kids in Bob's room. I asked Dave approximately how often this has happened and he said that he thought it was twice. I asked if the kids were definitely minors, and Dave said that they were. I asked if any other adults were present at the time and Dave said "no".

3. I asked Dave if there were any other concerns being expressed by either staff or parishioners. He said that Bob gets mixed reviews. His homilies are usually about 12 minutes, but the rest of the Sunday Mass is quite quick. A Sunday Mass probably lasts about 35 minutes. Some people like this, but others complain. Some people enjoy his homilies, while others say it is just pop psychology, and not religious as such. Just what they mean by that, Dave doesn't know. Dave did comment that the people from St. Dionysius who came over to St. Odilo's really do think that Bob is a wonderful priest. They look upon him as "God".

4. I asked Dave if he had ever seen any pornography in Bob's room. He responded that he has not. I asked whether he would be in Bob's room at different times and he responded that usually they all congregate in Bob's room Saturday evening after the 5:00 Mass. They have a drink before dinner. On those occasions, Bob's room is always very neat. He will usually have just one book out that he is reading at a time and everything else is put away. Dave said that it is just the opposite of his own room. Dave said that he has never seen any pornography, either magazines or video tape, and never heard anything about such in Bob's room.

5. I asked Dave what he thought about the appointment of Bob to the pastorate. Dave said that his own vision is rather myopic in that he only sees what happens after 6 P.M. and on weekends. From what Dave can gather, he doesn't see Bob working that closely with the people. And any of the staff members that were here when Bob came are no longer here. Dave didn't want to make a big thing out of this, as many pastors change staff when they arrive. But Dave finds Bob



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to be somewhat inconsistent in the sense that to your face everything will be great, but behind your back he will demean a person. Dave cited as an example both the Youth Minister and the Business Manager who are recently hired by Bob and yet he claims he doesn't really like them. Dave doesn't understand that mentality.

6. I again asked Dave if he had any concern himself about any type of immorality at St. Odilo since Bob's coming and he responded in the negative.

7. I then asked Dave what Bob's usual pattern would be in the evenings. In other words, would he be occupied as most pastors with all sorts of parish meetings, events, etc.? I was trying to determine whether Bob was continuing the pattern he established at St. Edna's, whereby he seemed to turn his phone off and spend most of the evenings entertaining young people. Dave said that St. Odilo's is not like other parishes. They simply never have had evening meetings, primarily because the bulk of the parish consists of senior citizens. For that reason, the meetings are all held during the day. However, a Parish Council is now being formed, so that may change things. I asked Dave if they had a Finance Committee and he said there were one or two people on it, but just what their responsibilities are is not clear. Dave said that they usually have dinner at 6 P.M., end around 7:15 P.M. and that's about it for the evening. As far as Dave knows, there is no congregating of kids in Bob's rooms in the evenings.