

Date: April 25, 1996
Subject: Father JAMES Hagan
From: [REDACTED]

To: Whoever is looking into the allegations of misconduct. Is it still Mr. Bonacoursi?

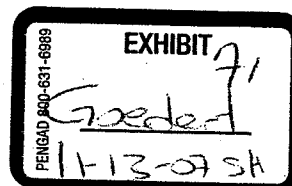
I was very upset to hear the allegations re. Father James Hagan. In 1988 several mothers from St. Gertrude's (17) called [REDACTED] at St. Gertrude's to complain about Father Hagan rubbing their daughter's legs in face to face confession and putting his hands very high up on their legs under their skirts. The girls were especially upset when Fr. Hagan then was selected to teach them sex education in a room with just the girls and with the door closed. There were complaints made to the principal who was not cooperative. As I was not the parent of a girl I heard that when the moms planned a meeting to discuss this the pastor broke up the meeting and said it would look bad for the parish. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] My son agreed to tell his story to DCFS and the police as did one brave young woman. The other girls took back their stories after the pastor approached their mothers. I called to complain to [REDACTED] who said he would believe [REDACTED] over me any day as [REDACTED] was his friend.

I was very upset to hear Hagan was reassigned to St. Denis especially after that school had experienced molestation by a science teacher that same year. I talked to [REDACTED] and voiced my dismay.

I know that the Archdiocese must be aware of this. Why did you allow him to go to St. Denis? I had better hear soon that you are acknowledging this or I will have to go to the media. This is incestuous and very very sad. In 1988 I told the Archdiocese they had better watch him and if anything else happened I would go public. I will or ask the students to do so. If even one St. Denis student comes forward let it be on your conscience. I pray you will make the correct decision.

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