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On Friday, January 8, Father Bill McLean called me to say that a family had contacted him to say that a priest had abused their children. The mother would not give him the name of the priest. He called me later to tell me that another family had given him the name.

He mentioned that they were all trustworthy people. On incident took place with a boy from A trustmont's family last summer. The family went to visit St. Agata's and Father Rivera took one of the boys out to lock the church, and an incident occurred at that time. Another incident is alleged to have happened at Christmas when Father visited the other **Charters** family. There was a good deal of drinking, and the family asked him to stay. He slept in the room with the children and is supposed to have gotten into bed with one of the boys that night. It appears the **Charters** had told **Charters** about some problem with their children, but she did not believe them and asked him over for Christmas.

The parents were reluctant to talk to Father McLean, because they felt he would have a bad opinion about Latin priests. The children involved are: probably a seventh and fifth grader for the family of the family, and a fourth grader and a fourteen-year-old from the family of Valentina a fourth grader and a fourteen year old attend Our Lady of Guadalupe school. The children have been talking among themselves. The parents have also discussed the matter between themselves.

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I spoke with Father Rivera at St. Agatha's on Saturday morning, January 9. I told Father he would have to leave and that the Archdiocese would pay for him to stay at a retreat house. He volunteered that he would stay with the sister in Venice [Annuality, Contained Blvd., Contained Would, (212, 17, 7553], and that he would leave for Mexico on Monday or Tuesday. (Father Estrada came to interpret.) He asked that his bishop not be told, and I said that would not be possible. I told him the charges as I knew them, although I did not give the names of the families. He denied all, although he admitted that there was a good deal of drinking at Christmas. I told him that it was likely the accusations would be reported to the police and that he was in a good deal of danger.

On Saturday afternoon, January 9, Father McLean called me to say that the first grade teacher had been told and she had told the principal. The teacher seemed to think she was not bound to report. I checked with Sister Judith Murphy, Report B the BEDACTED DACTED

REDACTED and I called Father McLean back and told him this. They had just found out the previous day. He told me that Father Rivera had called the parents sometime during this week and that they were both cold to him.