

October 8, 2004

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Dear Fr. Kevin:

I am writing to you with regards to our conversation a few weeks ago related to Fr. Curtis Wehmeyer. Since visiting with you, I have been troubled with what was communicated, and thought it would be appropriate for me to write.

Earlier this summer, we had the opportunity to visit about the findings from the formal assessment that Fr. Curtis went through. In that conversation the following general comments were communicated by you to both myself and the individual that was approached by Fr. Curtis:

- Fr. Curtis was very defensive throughout the assessment.
- There was some indication that he was still in denial to himself.
- He had been seeing a counselor in the past, but more recently had not been seeing him.
- There clearly were some deep issues that affect Fr. Curtis – he is very unhappy.

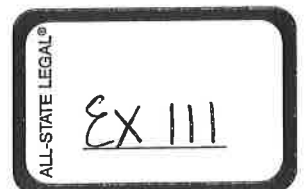
The plan or approach that you communicated to us with regards to Fr. Curtis including the following:

- Full disclosure with key leadership staff at St. Joseph's
- Reestablish regular consistent counseling with his previous counselor given full disclosure of the findings of the assessment.
- Participation in some type of group therapy.
- A reassessment to be completed three months from the original assessment, whereby a determination would be made regarding his honesty and progress.
- If no significant change had taken place after three months, a decision would be made to send him away for more intense long-term treatment.

I perhaps do not have every detail straight, but I think I have captured the general sense – please correct me if I am wrong. I also recognize that you still needed to talk to Archbishop Flynn directly to confirm the plan.

When I visited with you approximately three months after the original assessment (mid-September), the following information was conveyed:

- Full disclosure did take place with the principal, DRE, and Youth Minister
- Fr. Curtis has been meeting with his counselor (Ruff), and that you were going to probably meet with Ruff in October to discuss progress.



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- No mention of any type of group therapy has ever been discussed (though, this might be happening).
- A reassessment would probably not take place until perhaps after the 1st of the year.
- No further restrictions have been imposed upon Fr. Curtis.

I'm troubled by the fact that you did not follow through on the reassessment within three months as conveyed to both me and the young man you met with earlier this summer.

I'm troubled that after the original assessment there appeared to be recognition that Fr. Curtis had some significant issues to deal with in his life – and at the time was not being fully honest. And now somehow, it doesn't appear to be a priority any more, since you're going to wait until at least after the 1st of the year to reassess.

I'm troubled that no indication has been given with regards to any group therapy.

I'm troubled by the fact that no restrictions have been imposed upon Fr. Curtis and his ministry. I'm troubled by the fact that my son went to ValleyFair this summer with St. Joseph's, and Fr. Curtis was one of the chaperones. I'm troubled when my two teenage sons come home from a mass on Sunday at St. Joseph's and speak of betrayal and hypocrisy.

As difficult as it is to say, I cannot help but get a sense that this is just going to "quietly go away". That I will never hear of anything more, until God forbid, I read a police log, or hear of another individual being approached.

I don't want to come across disrespectful to you and the important work that you do within the Archdiocese. I desire healing and grace in the life of Fr. Curtis. I pray for him. I simply needed to let you know that I have struggled after our conversation the other week. The original plan for dealing with the situation is not being followed.

With all respect,



Patrick Menke