

16 January 2003

Memo To: Bill Fallon
From: Father Kevin McDonough
Re: Father Wajda

Bill, just yesterday you briefed me about the Clergy Review Board and its process with Father Wajda's situation. Ironically, I have some new information this morning.

As you know, Father Wajda lives in the rectory at Saint Peter Claver with me. This morning, a minute or two after 6:15, I was walking past his room on my way downstairs. As I went past his door, I heard his voice. I also heard his shower running. I did not have to make any special effort to hear him, because his voice was plainly audible in the hallway, even though the door to his suite of rooms was full closed.

Here are some of the things I heard him say in a forced, strained voice over the next five minutes or so:

"I want to see [REDACTED] naked."

"I want to see [REDACTED] naked."

"Nobody in his right mind would get naked."

"I want to see [REDACTED] masturbate."

"I want to see [REDACTED] masturbate."

"I won't answer (or "ask ya") any questions, [REDACTED]"

Bill, I have indicated to you in the past that I heard disturbing statements from Joe Wajda while he was evidently showering. I had not written them down before, so I could not confidently give you specifics. This morning, however, I noted the above-recorded statements right after hearing them, and am confident in their content.

I am going to alert Archbishop Flynn to this. I am not worried about Wajda using a priestly position to endanger a young person, since he has absolutely no ministry other than his office work at the Tribunal. I also do not want to undermine the process that the Clergy Review Board is undertaking. Nevertheless, the statements above reflect attitudes and behaviors that are so close to what Wajda was accused of doing, I have a hard time imagining how we could find the accusations against him anything other than credible. I will talk with you about this as soon as possible.

cc: Archbishop Flynn

