

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

TO: File
FROM: Sister Rita McCarthy, CSJ
DATE: April 1, 2002
RE: (Rev. Michael Carew, SVD)

called from Maine to report an incident with Rev. Michael Carew (who has since left the priesthood) who was ministering at Immaculate Conception Church in Newburyport in the 60's.

Father Carew used to come to her home to counsel her parents. There were 8 children in her family. It was not a very happy home according to Father Carew seemed to like "kids" and used to hug her brothers and sisters. Her parents always seemed to be very busy. One night Father came into bedroom. He slipped into her bed thinking she was asleep. He took her hand and wrapped it around his penis. She was about 14 years old at the time.

She said that she reacted immediately, both shocked and frightened. He left abruptly. This one incident dramatically impacted her life. She never told her parents. They eventually divorced.

She works as a counselor in a prison and also does "touch therapy." She was in an automobile accident and has recovered enough to return to work. She has retained a lawyer, Patricia Barke, because of her accident. However, she has no desire to sue the Archdiocese because of her episode with Father Carew. She would like to go for counseling to bring closure on it.

I approved six months of therapy with Robert Richardson, a psychiatrist in Jackson, N.H. whom she knows.

Michael Carew is no longer a priest; however, he was incarnated into the Archdiocese of Boston in 1964 which makes him our responsibility.

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