

Very Confidential

July 18, 1977

Very Reverend Joseph Spigolon, C.S.
Provincial, Congregation of the Missionary
Fathers of St. Charles
27 Carmine Street
New York, NY 10014

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Dear Father Spigolon:

I am writing to bring to your attention complaints I have received today from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of East Boston against Reverend Galdo Caverzan, C.S., Pastor at St. Lazarus Parish in East Boston.

[REDACTED] claim that on last Thursday, July 14, 1977 Father Caverzan indecently fondled their son who is an altar boy at St. Lazarus Parish. The boy was upset by this incident and reported it to his mother. He said there were instances of improper touching in the past that he thought were accidental at the time and so he paid no attention to them. This time it could not be dismissed as accidental.

[REDACTED] reported that their son, also an altar boy at St. Lazarus Parish, had been fondled by Father Caverzan in the past but had not mentioned it to them until now.

Both families claim that a third family who could not come with them today has a similar complaint from their son against Father Caverzan and are available to speak about the matter at an appropriate time.

The [REDACTED] family and the [REDACTED] family are upset and feel an investigation should be made to determine whether Father Caverzan needs help.

[REDACTED] stated that if appropriate action is not taken within a reasonable time he will take the matter to the police. I told him I would write you today and [REDACTED] said he would call me on July 25, 1977 to learn what Father Caverzan's superiors intend to do about these charges. I told him I would relay to him whatever I had received from you by that time.