

LAW
EXHIBIT NO. 90
11/16/02
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To Bishop Hughes
From TJD

Re: Father Bernard Lane

A study of his confidential file indicates that there was an incident of rather conduct back in 1978 when he was involved with the Alpha-Omega House. It seems he was involved with a young resident whom he invited to his room, and who asked him to disrobe, which he did. BL claims there was no homosexual activity, just touching.

The coordinator of the program asked for his resignation, and he agreed to do. There was also the possibility of a court action at that time, which did not take place ultimately. Also the Boston Herald was aware of the issue.

He subsequently saw a counsellor at the House of Affirmation for two visits. The counsellor felt he should seek more help, and a more thorough evaluation at that time. ~~There~~ There is no evidence in the file this took place.

The file also indicates that he was pushing in 1980 to establish a retreat center Lowell with the collaboration and under the direction of Bishop Ruocco, a retreat center for young adults, both male and female. Apparently that did not come to pass. There is a letter in the file from the then Vicar for the Lowell area who refers to his knowledge of the 1978 situation, and that both Catholics and Protestants knew about it.

Since that time he has been in Waltham and most recently Pastor in Chelsea-Everett.

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