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Most Rev. John P. Boles
Regional Bishop-Central Region
307 Bowdoin Street
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Dear Bishop Boles,

I was recently called by [redacted] who was our [redacted] at St. Angela's, Mattapan. He and his wife [redacted] a sister of the late [redacted] were very loyal parishioners until they moved to the [redacted]. They have [redacted] children and have since returned to [redacted].

Their [redacted] child, [redacted], was born in 1968. He has stopped practicing his faith and has become very bitter toward the Church. Recently he told his parents that when he was eleven years old, he was inappropriately approached by a priest at St. Angela's Rectory. The priest allegedly was Fr. Georges Roulier, OMI, who died in 1987. He claims that he tried to tell his parents and some of his siblings but they dismissed it as impossible. He is very angry toward them now. [redacted] and [redacted] are devastated.

Fr. Roulier was a good priest and very well liked. He spent 29 years in Haiti until expelled by Duvalier for "being disrespectful to the government." He served in Nyack, New York before being assigned at St. Angela's to work with the Haitian community. He came to us in 1983. His health deteriorated in September 1986 and he began to show signs of confusion. The Oblates retired him in January 1987. He died a few months later. These dates are subject to correction since I'm relying on memory.

My conversation was with [redacted] the father, on the telephone. He told me that I was the only person who knew about this allegation except him, his wife and [redacted]. Not even [redacted]'s brothers and sisters know.

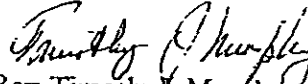
There are some things about the allegations that don't add up. According to his father, [redacted] claimed this happened when he was 11. That would be in 1979. But Fr. Roulier didn't arrive in Mattapan until 1983. If it happened it would have been between 1983 and 1986. During that time, [redacted] often worked at the rectory answering the phone and door.

At any rate, [redacted] wished to get [redacted] into counseling and he wants to pay for it. Can we direct him to an appropriate place?

None of them has any wish to go public with this including [redacted]. But I do think we should help them in the situation.

I'm telling you this in confidence. Please feel free to contact me at 978-745-6303.

In Christ,


Rev. Timothy J. Murphy
Pastor

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