

Fr. William Scanlan is a 54-year-old priest of the Archdiocese who was ordained in 1972 at the age of 28. He has a B.A. and a M.Div.

His first ten years of priesthood were in direct ministry in Belmont for three years and for eight years at St. Timothy's in Norwood.

In 1983 he became Executive Director of the Pilgrim Center in Braintree and a little more than three years later he was Chaplain at Long Island Hospital for about one year. He then became chaplain at Bridgewater correctional institution for six years.

In 1994, Father Scanlan was appointed Pastor of St. James, Stoughton where he served for about three and one-half years. Father Scanlan was then on health leave and on the Emergency Response Team until he moved to a VA chaplaincy position in Palo Alto, CA in December, 1998.

### Record Summary:

August 9, 1984: Follow-up to meeting with Bishop Daly re: need to change from parochial ministry to work with young adults, chaplaincy, or terminally ill.

April 22, 1986: Report from the House of Affirmation from a self-referral. "Dissatisfaction with his ministry...difficulty choosing another (job). Depression and anxiety. Anxious about resuming parish work and living in a rectory.

"...unmet needs for attention and his internal conflict around autonomy lead him to withdraw into his private world of fantasy and wishes, sometimes creating distortions in his thinking. .... conflict is reflected in his sexual thoughts and fantasies, which make him very uncomfortable. ....need for fathering (projects) onto others in his youth ministry. The result have been the over attachment and infatuation with the young man...' ...spiritual life, strong base...currently disturbed by his internal conflict...avoidance of greater autonomy and sexual thoughts and feelings..."

- Individual therapy
- Medication
- ACOA group, avoid alcohol

(May 6, 1987: Letter from Fr. Joseph L. Hart, Ph.D., Director of the House of Affirmation raising questions about some of the earlier report. Feels that it is too negative and that the "report could easily give wrong impressions".)

April 27, 1987 Letter to Fr. McCormack about his need to begin working with young adults in an after-care program. Clear that parish ministry is not what he wants. How can he function within Archdiocesan guidelines if he has to say: "I cannot do that".

April 28, 1987: Letter to request Leave of Absence.

5-87: Hand written notes about Fr. Scanlan being "in a real funk" about not being able to set up an aftercare program independent of a parish.

Hand written notes re: Father Scanlan at Pilgrim Center. Someone's unsigned notes about a telephone conversation or a meeting. "The accountant... says that Scanlan is trying to open up an over 18 year old place....he is going to cause me a problem...he fools around with kids...he is difficult...Joe Collins told him to his face...I don't have him dead to rights...DA had received complaints about him..." "I spoke with Bill Scanlan...he denies any problems at Norwood or Pilgrim Center.... his reaction of innocence was appropriate and I said matter was ended unless I had back-up to the charges." (Initials "F.X.I." on page)

1997-98: Notes continue about his request for Sick Leave and request for hospital ministry in the VA.

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