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BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT 06604

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C.R.I.



Wednesday, December 2, 1964

Vicar General's Office

CHANCERY

Present: Msgr. Kearney, Msgr. Devine, Msgr. Genuario, Msgr. McGough

Msgr. McGough reported that on Nov. 30, 1964 Dr. Conley, Pres. of SHU received a telephone call from Dr. Hebeard, a close personal friend of the M-005's Family of St. John's Parish, Noroton.

M-005 was sent to Dr. Hebeard by his father on Sat. Nov. 28. Dr. Hebeard sent M-005 (19yrs) to a Stamford Urologist whose name Msgr. McGough did not know. M-005 returned to Dr. Hebeard on Mon. Nov. 30. The young man was treated with Penicillin. The Doctor was told by the boy that he had been sexually molested. His genital had been handled and mouthed. Damage had been done to genital.

The Doctor told boy's father, and suggested that Dr. Conley at SHU be informed. Dr. Conley was told that there was a moral difficulty at SHU by Dr. Hebeard. Name of person involved not revealed over the phone, but only that it was someone connected with SHU.

Tuesday morning Dr. Conley phoned Msgr. McGough. Mr. M-007 and son were coming to meeting. It was in arranging this meeting that the name of the person involved became known, namely the Chaplain of SHU. Dr. O'Sullivan up to this point knew of incident only generally.

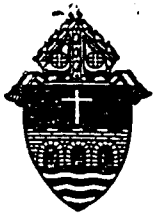
On Tuesday morning at 10:00, Mr. M-007, his two sons (M-006 of FU) and M-005 (SHU) appeared in Dr. Conley's office. It seems that M-005 had told his brother M-006 of incident. M-006 had advised him to tell his father.

Mr. M-007 told story to Dr. Conley, Msgr. McGough and Dr. O'Sullivan. M-005 also told story with some more detail, because father and ~~his~~ brother told of incident only generally.

Msgr. McGough feels that all were given impression that there would be no trouble over incident. It seems that M-005 had drawn away from the family and had quit going to Church. In fact he had been found once in Episcopal Church. The family was mainly interested in son, Chaplain and SHU. Did not want to hurt anyone, but rather assist in helping correct situation.

Msgr. McGough said that the boy choked up in relating of two separate instances (one of which was only a pass). It seems that Fr. Brett and the boy were discussing drinking problems in Darien, when discussion turned to sexual problems size of genitals, abnormalities etc. M-005 had gone to Fr. Brett about sexual problems in the past. The day of the incident, however, M-005 went to talk of the problem in Darien, i. e. November 18, 1964.

Discussion about abnormalities led to discussion that same could be detected by examination of penis. M-005 exposed himself for examination by Father Brett. Msgr. McGough said that M-005 was handled by Father Brett. Boy told Father



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to stop, but Father assured him that there was nothing wrong. Boy noted that he did not become aroused. Father said he could bring this about. It was then that mouth action began. Boy was frightened and when he realized he was about to have an emission, Father Brett bit him in an attempt to stop same. Msgr. McGough did not remember term, but explained that the ~~same~~ men reverted causing urologica difficulty.

Msgr. McGough confronted Father Brett on Dec. 1, 1964. He asked him if he were acquainted with M-005. Fr. Brett admitted knowing the boy and also admitted all the above details. The seriousness of the situation, which Fr. Brett also realized, was explained to Fr. Brett. Fr. Brett told Msgr. McGough that he had advised the boy to go to confession elsewhere.

M-005 according to Msgr. McGough said he was worried about other boys who had gone to New York with Father Brett. Father B. denies that anything happened on those occasions.

Msgr. McGough stated that M-005 is 19yrs old, and has a good reputation. He had gone to Fairfield Prep; was a bit lazy; of good family background and hoped to go to the Naval Academy.

Msgr. McGough also stated that Fr. Brett had been going to a Psychiatrist since June, and that M-005 had told all also to his girl friend.

Fr. Brett after being telephoned came to the Chancery. He was spoken to by Msgrs. Kearney, McGough and Genuario, 12:00 noon, Dec. 2, 1964.

Fr. Brett said that Fr. Stephenson knew of situation as well as his own confessor, but only sub sigillo. About six other lay friends know of his problem and that he was seeing a psychiatrist. One other SHU student knows of his problem, but Fr. Brett is sure that he wishes to forget the ~~the~~ whole thing.

Fr. Brett said that he discovered his problem in Stamford, and had been involved there. It was for this reason he saw a Stamford Psychiatrist. In fact the very day of this interview someone from Stamford reported ~~an~~ an incident to Fr. Stephenson, because he was Fr. Brett's Pastor. When Fr. Stephenson asked Fr. Brett about it, the latter told of present difficulty also.

Fr. Brett was given celebret until Dec. 12, 1964. Msgr. McGough was to take him to Jesuit Retreat House in Ridgefield, and on Sat. he was to be brought to Auriesville for a Retreat until Bishop returned. A recurrence of hepatitis was to be feigned should anyone ask.

December 2, 1964

Respectfully submitted,

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