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PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

DATE: November 16, 1978
NAME: Rev. Martin Federici
AGE: 38
DATE OF BIRTH: February 20, 1978
SOURCE OF REFERRAL: Rev. Msgr. Andrew Cusack
REASON FOR REFERRAL: Evaluation
DATE TESTED: October 3, 1978
LOCATION: Wilton, Connecticut

BACKGROUND HISTORY:

The Reverend Martin Federici is a 38 year old Roman Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport. He is one of twins of three children. His sister, Martina, is his twin and he has a younger brother, Paul, age 26. His father is 66 years of age and works as an office worker in New York City. His mother, 68, has always been "very sick, nervous and depressed." She stays in her room most of the time and has received psychiatric care from time to time. His twin sister Martina, has taken care of their mother but after 18 years went back to school and got her degree in May and is now teaching in a parochial school in Danbury. His younger brother, Paul, is 26 and is married two years and working as a physicians assistant at Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York. Martin attended the local parochial schools in Norwalk and then went to Fairfield Prep, St. Thomas Seminary in Hartford and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained in 1966 and assigned for the Summer to St. Edward's in New Fairfield. He then was assigned in the Fall of 1966 to St. Theresa's in Trumbull. After one year there he was assigned to Assumption in Westport and to teaching at Central Catholic High School in Norwalk. In 1968, while teaching at Central Catholic High School at Norwalk, he was accused of homosexuality. At this time he was referred to therapy. He went to therapy once a week for a year and received medication. He had horrible nightmares unless he had medication. He took Elavil for 18 months. The nightmares were about the death of his father and being buried alive. He also had

nightmares about running to something or away from something. He was taken out of Central Catholic High School at Norwalk and became a part time teacher at Cathedral Girls High School in Bridgeport. In 1970-1971 he was sent to a team parish, St. Ambrose in Bridgeport and continued to teach at Cathedral Girls. In 1971 he was sent to Assumption in Fairfield and became a full assistant there in 1972. He remained there until 1977 when his five years were up and he was asked to move. He wanted to stay. In 1977 he went to St. Thomas in Norwalk. Lately he has been accused and admitted taking money from the collection, about \$50.00 per week, which he states he used for the poor, his own charities. On October 2nd, the day before the testing, he was approached by the Lieutenant of the local police force about an accusation of homosexuality from a young boy whom he gave a lift to a few days ago. He states he never stops or visits at home.

TESTS ADMINISTERED:

Figure Drawings
Strong-Campbell Interest Inventory
Rorschach Examination

INTELLECTUAL FACTORS:

The client was not given a specific intelligence test because there seemed to be no need. From his past academic performance, an M.S. in Counseling from Loyola in Baltimore, and performance during the testing situation, he seems to be on a superior intelligence level, about 80 to 85%ile.

APPEARANCE AND BEHAVIOR:

Martin Federici is a medium size well built man looking younger than his 38 years. He was very well dressed and very well groomed. He seems to be fastidious about his grooming. He is a dark haired, attractive man. He spoke very glibly during the testing situation. His mood was expressed in facile switches from manic to depressive feelings. His affect was rather inappropriate for the situation realizing this testing would have some effect on his future. Especially in light of the accusations against him.

EMOTIONAL FACTORS:

Martin Federici has very poor contact with reality. He does not see things as other people do. His emotional life is in a state of chaos. The structures of life around him is keeping him together. His thinking is very primitive like that of a little child. His psychosexual development is very poor. One really wonders if he is capable of sexual identification. The problem is whether he is truly homosexual or just so primitive in his sexuality that it is not

defined. It would seem that his sexuality is so primitive that he may project a homosexuality that is simply a childish sexuality. He is using structure to hold himself together. At times the structure around him fails and he gets into difficulty. As he gets older, he will begin to have more and more trouble. The structure of the priesthood is very important to him. He may have entered the priesthood looking for this structure to help him to stay together. He is aware of emotion, but does not know what to do with it. His dealing with people is rather difficult because he can be very passive and negative. There is evidence that he has great difficulty in dealing with his father and all father figures which may spill over toward all authority. At times it may seem that he is rather passive and cooperative but this is not really true. Even though there is great anxiety in his dealings with authority he is not really cooperative. He looks down upon people and sees them all in terms of satisfying his own needs. He tries to structure reality to fit his vision of the world. The world is received only in terms of his own needs. He feels that people, especially authority, is always looking at him. His thinking is paranoid. He expresses what he feels you want him to say. His subconscious feelings are different from what he consciously expresses. Especially is this true in regard to his feelings toward his father and mother. He relates well to his mother although he complains about her. His feelings toward sex are confused and his great sexual fantasy is of holding a girl. He is very bright and knows what response is expected, however he does not see reality as others do.

The diagnostic impression is of Chronic Schizophrenia - paranoid type.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Reverend Martin Federici is a 38 year old Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport. He comes from a family of three children. His sister is his twin. His mother has been emotionally disturbed for years and has received psychiatric help at times. She tends to be depressed and withdrawn, not leaving her room for long periods of time. Martin Federici was ordained in 1966. He was assigned to a parish and then to teach in a Catholic High School. In 1968, two years after ordination, while teaching high school, he was accused of homosexuality. He was referred for treatment and saw a psychiatrist once a week for a year. He received medication and this helped him to deal with his nightmares. He was transferred but also taught at Cathedral Girls High School. In 1977 he went to another parish and here was accused at admitted that he took about \$50.00 per week out of the collection "for the poor" for his own charities. This was the reason for his referral for an evaluation. However, the day before the testing he was approached by the

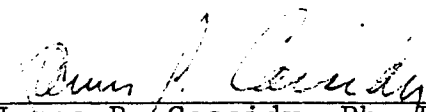
Lieutenant of the local police force because a young boy he had picked up accused him of homosexuality.

Intellectually he functions at the superior to very superior level.

Emotionally he is in chaos. His contact with reality is poor. On the surface he looks fine, but beneath his careful and fastidious exterior he is falling apart. He does not see the world as the rest of the people do but he is intelligent enough to give the expected responses. However, his defenses are weakening and his psychotic thinking is coming to the fore. His thinking is becoming more and more like a little child. He is very negative although on the surface he is passive and cooperative. He looks down upon people and has really difficulty with authority figures. In the sexual area it is doubtful that he has enough identification of sexuality to be homosexual. Actually his sexual feelings are so primitive that he has to hold on to people like a little child and this is regarded as homosexual acting out.

The diagnostic impression at this time is of chronic schizophrenia - paranoid type.

Prognosis is poor. He really needs someone to mother him and take him by the hand. The situation is not going to get better. He is not going to leave the priesthood or take any such suggestion. The structure of the priesthood is holding him together but ultimately that will fail. He needs not the usual therapy but actually another person who can almost live for him. He needs to be watched over and cared for like a little child.


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