

Bishop Victor Balke - 12/14/2009
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<p>1 any of the accusations that -- that have been lodged</p> <p>2 against Jeyapaul to that point?</p> <p>3 A. I think I -- I think I mentioned that there were</p> <p>4 allegations against him.</p> <p>5 Q. Do you have -- have any memory of that?</p> <p>6 A. Faint.</p> <p>7 Q. And I'll show you 40a, which looks like it's --</p> <p>8 well, you can tell me what...</p> <p>9 A. If I may elaborate on that last one.</p> <p>10 Q. Sure, go ahead.</p> <p>11 A. I would have -- I don't think I would go up and</p> <p>12 just say, he's not coming back, period, without giving some</p> <p>13 cause.</p> <p>14 Q. And this -- I'll show you this and see if this</p> <p>15 refreshes your memory (handed to the witness and to</p> <p>16 Mr. Stock).</p> <p>17 MR. FINNEGAN: This is 40a, Charlie.</p> <p>18 MR. STOCK: Thank you.</p> <p>19 (Pause.)</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: All right.</p> <p>21 BY MR. FINNEGAN:</p> <p>22 Q. And do you remember -- this looks like a letter</p> <p>23 from you. Do you remember who you sent this to?</p> <p>24 A. To the people of Greenbush, I think, and I guess</p> <p>25 the other two parishes.</p>	<p>1 all these, we can summarize a little bit. You had some</p> <p>2 correspondence that you remember with Jeyapaul's home</p> <p>3 diocese about -- about the allegations?</p> <p>4 A. Yes. There were letters, I think, to that</p> <p>5 effect.</p> <p>6 Q. Do you remember also passing along some of that</p> <p>7 information to -- to the Holy See and the Congregation for</p> <p>8 the Doctrine of Faith about Jeyapaul?</p> <p>9 A. Yes, there are a couple of letters to the</p> <p>10 Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal</p> <p>11 Levada.</p> <p>12 Q. And you knew Cardinal Levada as one of the</p> <p>13 bishops on the West Coast before he was --</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. -- appointed? Do you know if the Congregation</p> <p>16 for the Doctrine of Faith or the Holy See took any action</p> <p>17 relative to --</p> <p>18 A. I don't. I don't. I don't recall any response</p> <p>19 from the congregation. There may be, but I don't recall</p> <p>20 any.</p> <p>21 Q. Do you remember having any conversations with the</p> <p>22 Holy See about, or any -- any representatives of the Holy</p> <p>23 See about a lack of response? Do you remember having...</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. Did the Diocese of Crookston, did you receive a</p>
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<p>1 Q. And outside of this letter though, you have --</p> <p>2 you have some memory of going at least to the Greenbush</p> <p>3 parish?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, uh-huh.</p> <p>5 Q. And this, the reason, you'll see in the second</p> <p>6 paragraph, at least here in this letter, that it looks like</p> <p>7 you're saying the reason that Jeyapaul couldn't come back,</p> <p>8 or at least the reason he was telling you, was that his</p> <p>9 bishop wanted him to remain in India. Do you -- do you</p> <p>10 remember -- but you do remember having some conversation</p> <p>11 with the people about other reasons besides that for him</p> <p>12 not coming back?</p> <p>13 A. I was careful here to write, "He told me by</p> <p>14 e-mail to tell you that his bishop wants him to (stay) in</p> <p>15 India." That's the letter. When I went up there, I -- I</p> <p>16 think I told the people why; namely, that there were</p> <p>17 allegations against him.</p> <p>18 Q. All right. And then at some point to investigate</p> <p>19 some of the stuff against Jeyapaul, you -- you appointed</p> <p>20 Jennifer Haselberger, H-A-S-E-L-B-E-R-G-E-R, to investigate</p> <p>21 it?</p> <p>22 A. Um-hum.</p> <p>23 Q. Yes?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. Thanks. And you had -- again rather than showing</p>	<p>1 copy of the -- the Dallas charter after that was issued?</p> <p>2 A. Oh, yes.</p> <p>3 Q. And that's -- that's something that -- that the</p> <p>4 Diocese has kept?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Trying to jump you ahead a little bit. This is</p> <p>7 60a (handed to the witness).</p> <p>8 A. Um-hum.</p> <p>9 Q. And I actually just have a couple questions for</p> <p>10 you, and I can direct you so we can move it pretty quick on</p> <p>11 this. On the second page you'll see that it looks like --</p> <p>12 like this is something given by Pope John Paul the Second</p> <p>13 in 2001. You see that the middle of the second page?</p> <p>14 A. Um-hum.</p> <p>15 Q. Is that a yes?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. And do you remember getting a -- a document like</p> <p>18 this, or this document, from the Holy See around that time?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, although it would have been transmitted to</p> <p>20 us through the Apostolic Minseo (phonetic) in Washington,</p> <p>21 DC, I think.</p> <p>22 Q. And let me -- let me direct your attention just</p> <p>23 on the first page. I can ask you a quick question, and</p> <p>24 then we can move on. And this is in the third paragraph</p> <p>25 down, you'll see where it starts, "In more recent times..."</p>

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