

P. Magaldi 1-3-97

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

In re:  
Date: January 3, 1997

From: Bishop Delaney  
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a 17-year-old college student from [redacted] parish called me this morning and then came in to see me. (He is a junior at [redacted] University and is home on break.) He was urged to come by Fr. [redacted] to whom he had talked about the following matter.

Since diocesan policies will be applied and a full report of the matter will be made, I will only sketch briefly here what [redacted] told me.

In the early summer of 1995 [redacted] met Fr. Philip Magaldi when he went to confession at [redacted]. PM got talking to him afterwards and invited him out to eat. That began a relationship that [redacted] felt was odd. Over the course of the summer PM took him out to eat a number of times at rather expensive restaurants. One time in the swimming pool at PM's apartment, [redacted] felt that PM was getting too friendly. One day PM asked [redacted] to give him an enema, telling him that the doctor had prescribed it and that he needed help. [redacted] helped him then and a couple of other times. PM gave him \$25 each time. After [redacted] returned to school in [redacted] PM sent him several checks in the amount of \$100. In the fall of 1995 PM was visiting in [redacted] with his mother, and asked [redacted] to come to the hotel. He took him to dinner. When [redacted] was leaving, PM embraced him and kissed him on the mouth. [redacted] did not respond and was disturbed. PM wrote him later explaining away what he did and sending more money. But [redacted] didn't respond, and the whole thing ended.

[redacted] has realized that what happened was unwholesome and is worried that PM may be doing the same—or worse—to other young men. Fr. [redacted] convinced him that he needed to report it to the Diocese. [redacted] seems to be at ease with the whole matter now that he has had the chance to talk about it. However, my suspicion is that some counseling would be helpful. I told him that, and he thinks he doesn't need it. Given the intensity and the great detail with which he told the story (I had to interrupt several times to move it along) I think he needs to do some more work on it. [redacted] is a very committed young Catholic, quite knowledgeable about the Church. Although what happened was not very overt, it did disturb him very much.

I explained to [redacted] about our misconduct policies and that normally I would not have spoken with him alone. He is quite willing to speak with a committee. He does not want any publicity. He especially doesn't want his parents to know about it. I assured him of complete confidentiality.

His home address: [redacted]  
[redacted] were necessary to call him at home.)

(I promised to be most discreet if [redacted])

He will call Father Wilson on Monday morning, January 6. Since I will be on retreat, I will have spoken to RWW by telephone.

(he return to [redacted] on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>)

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