



Diocese of Fort Worth

Bishop's Office

In re: Magaldi, Philip

Date: December 23, 1998

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

To:
From: Bishop Joseph P. Delaney
Date: December 23, 1998
Subject: Reverend Philip Magaldi

Father Philip Magaldi is scheduled to arrive at ... on the evening of January 3, 1999 for a full assessment. I am planning to attend the wrap-up session on Thursday, January 7. Father Magaldi is at present a priest of the Diocese of Fort Worth. He was ordained for the Diocese of Providence, but had to leave ministry there for reasons that will be described below. He was incardinated in this diocese about five years ago. He is an extremely likeable priest, very popular with both clergy and lay folks and very committed to ministry. He is also very bright but also very able to manipulate people to his own ends. Father Magaldi lives in an apartment in the parish where he is assigned, caring for his mother and an aunt, both of whom are in the nineties.

He has had an extraordinarily flamboyant career, having served very briefly as business manager of the North American College many years ago, again briefly as a vice-chancellor in Providence, and as a pastor in that diocese. He was involved peripherally in the Claus von Bulow murder trial at which time he was very nearly indicted for perjury and obstruction of justice, and finally after several years of investigation he was indicted, tried, pled guilty and served a short prison sentence for grand larceny, having been accused of embezzling a large sum of money (more than \$200,000) from the parish where he was pastor.

All of the above is background to the present problem. I learned two weeks ago from the bishop of Providence that Father Magaldi has been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor that took place about 22 (20) years ago and lasted over a five-year period. In reading the transcript of an interview with the accuser, I realized that there were close similarities to an incident in which Father Magaldi was involved here in Texas two years ago. At the time, this incident did not seem especially serious. However, these similarities not only add credibility to the accuser's allegations, but strongly indicate that Father Magaldi has been involved in similar behavior into the present.

Information about all of this is attached in three parts: 1) Background information that does not concern the immediate problem; 2) Information about the incident in this diocese that was investigated in January, 1997; and 3) Information about the allegations of ... that Father Magaldi abused him over a period of five years beginning sometime in the middle 70's.

At the moment I am trying to arrange for Father Magaldi to return to Providence to be interviewed by the same investigator (Mr. Robert McCarthy, an employee of the Diocese of Providence) who interviewed ... and also to take a polygraph test. If that works out, this further information will be forwarded to ...

Either I or Father Robert Wilson will be available at this number to answer any further questions that may arise.

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