

In re: Magaldi, Philip
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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

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From: Bishop Delaney
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Father Wilson and I met with Father Magaldi this morning to continue the discussion of the status of the allegations against him.

In summary: PM went to Rhode Island on December 28 and had an interview with Robert McCarthy of the Diocese of Providence which led to a polygraph exam the results of which were to be sent only to PM. PM then went to [redacted] on January 4-7 for a psychological evaluation. I was present for the final session on the 7th. Although [redacted] recommended that PM return for extended therapy, I told PM that we would wait for a while before making that decision. Specifically, I was waiting for the results of the polygraph exam.

Those results were sent to PM in mid-January. McCarthy, however, had promised PM that he would give the full computer info about the exam to another polygraph examiner for a second opinion. The results of this second review were mailed to PM on February 9. As of today, he has not received them. PM has mailed the results of the first review to his attorney. I asked PM to show me the results of the second review when they arrive. He admitted to me what McCarthy had intimated, namely that the exam indicated that PM was not telling the truth in answering several of the questions. I gather that the second review will indicate the same.

In view of the presumed polygraph results about the allegation of [redacted] the report from [redacted] and the incident of three years ago, I have concluded that PM should not continue in ministry in the Diocese, at least until the [redacted] allegations have been proved false. There are two lines of reasoning to support this decision: 1) If the allegations are true, given the acting out of three years ago and the indications from [redacted] of PM's lack of awareness of his own sexuality, PM could be a danger to young people in his ministry; and 2) whether the allegations about [redacted] are true or not, the likelihood of the press finding out about them (since [redacted] has retained an attorney to represent him in this regard) is very great and such publicity would do great harm to this Diocese.

Therefore I explained to PM my conclusion and that I could try to assist him to find a place in ministry in another diocese, or that he could retire. His immediate concern, of course, is that he is the care giver for his mother and his aunt, both of whom are in their 90's. I asked him to think about how we might deal with all of this during the next week. We plan to meet a week from now to continue the discussion.

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