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1. _____ is from a parish in Arlington. In response to discussions with her friends, she called the first week of 2001 to report an incident. She was visiting _____ for Fallfest in October of 2000. After Mass, a Priest fitting Father Philip Magaldi's description took her on a tour of the new worship facility. Her teenage son was with them. She looked on the bulletin to get his name. She knows Father Dennis and me, so she correctly assumed it was a visiting priest.

Her son was wearing a shirt with adjectives on the front. Thin, attractive, and available were three of them. On the back was the new Philip's Thin Screen TV. As they reached the reconciliation room, the priest touched the boy on the bottom and said something like "you are not very thin back here."

She had no knowledge of Father Magaldi's history. I assured her this was highly inappropriate and would report it immediately to the Bishop's Office. I also told her he would not be allowed to concelebrate in our parish any longer.

2. A 17-year-old boy was standing in line to sign the Book of Intentions after Mass on the Sunday before All Soul's Day. The boy's grandfather had just died. Father Magaldi has known this family for seven years. As an act of compassion to a grieving boy, Father Magaldi took the boy by the face and said, "Kiss me. I love you. I've always loved you ever since I knew you at _____." Then he kissed the boy on both cheeks and gave him a lengthy embrace. Two adults turned around with what was described as shock on their face. The Keller mother witnessed the event and complained to me and to Monsignor Schumacher, Vicar General, that this was inappropriate.

3. In the fall of 2000, Father Magaldi asked one of our staff members to get the names and phone numbers of four teenage boys in the parish. He said he wanted to take them to a Texas Ranger game as thanks for serving a funeral Mass. The staff member came to me to ask what to do. I met with Father Magaldi and told him this was inappropriate. I cautioned the staff to let me know about any other requests he had.

4. A Hurst mother of a teenage boy complained that Father Magaldi was having discussions with her son about his sleeping habits. The boy was having problems falling asleep. Father Magaldi gave him music and called to discuss it. She said the conversations were too lengthy and too personal. She was very uncomfortable.

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