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Name: Michael D. BUCKLEY

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Average

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LAARCH 010241
SCRIPT sent ........April 7, 1978......... to:

(1) Reverend Thomas Curry
c/o Continuing Education of Clergy
9635 Greenleaf Avenue
Santa Fe Springs, Ca., 90670

Roy A. Perich, C.M. ........ Dean and Registrar

Fee: ................ yes ............... no
Notified of fee: ............

NAME(Rev.)............. Michael Buckley
ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY IN CALIFORNIA
(A California Nonprofit Corporation)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
February 28, 1975

A. Accounting Policies:

Accounting Records:

Seminary records are maintained essentially on a cash receipts and disbursements basis which excludes certain assets and liabilities which, in the aggregate, are not considered material.

Seminary Properties:

Seminary properties are carried at cost except for gifts or bequests, which are carried at estimated values as of their acquisition dates. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for educational institutions, no depreciation has been provided on these properties.

Equity:

Equity of the corporation consists of accumulated donations received over the years of operation through building fund
June 10, 1949

Mr. Michael D. Buckley  
1228 South Fredora Street  
Los Angeles 6, California

Dear Michael:

Your report card for the final period of the year is enclosed. You will note grades of "D" in Religion; Latin, and Greek. It is just possible that the authorities at the Major Seminary will take a very dim view of such a poor scholastic average—that of "D". Hence it is our strong suggestion that you enroll in Latin courses at Loyola University during the six-weeks summer session. This begins on the 20th of June. Registration must be completed before that date.

Please bear in mind that the authorities at St. John's are unwilling henceforth to admit students with "D" averages. We trust that you will heed this advice and make the necessary arrangements.

With best wishes, we are

Yours very sincerely,

THE JUNIOR SEMINARY FACULTY

Emel.  
BJM  

President
June 25, 1943

REDACTED
1228 S. Fedora St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

You will notice on your son's report card that a failing grade was in Mathematics and you will remember that the February report was not good. The faculty has decided that it is for the best interest of your son that he repeat the work of the first year class. He will be on probation the first quarter and will be expected to do excellent work.

Very truly yours,

The Junior Seminary.

[Signature]

LAARCH 010246
Loyola University of Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California
Office of Registrar

Transcript of Credit

Name: Michael Daniel Buckley

Address: 1228 South Fedora Street, Los Angeles 65, California

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Date: 8-12-49

One Dollar will be charged for each extra copy of this transcript.
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
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Los Angeles 27, California

March 18, 1949

Official Transcript of the Record of Michael Daniel Buckley who has completed in this College the following courses:

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MARCH 18, 1949
ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
Camarillo, California

REPORT

To the Most Reverend Archbishop
Concerning His Ecclesiastical Students

Name: Michael BUCKLEY  age 23 17

Class: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________

N.Y. Unless otherwise stated, the rating is average or good.

1) PIETY - External attitude of devotion - Love for sacred functions

2) MORAL CHARACTER - Obedience - Observance of Rules - Regularity
Modesty - Chastity

3) INTELLIGENCE - Spirit of study B C

4) DEPENDABILITY - Fidelity to duty

5) ABILITY TO PREACH or write

6) FOREIGN LANGUAGES - Sufficient for confessions, preaching

7) PERSONAL APPEARANCE - neat, clean; sloppy, ragged;
virile, wholesome; affeminate
refined, courteous, cheerful

8) HEALTH - Organic disease, deformed, neurotic, sight, hearing

COMMENTS: Oscar "Good boy"
Bob "Slow but all right"
Rick "Slow and confused"

FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS
Jack "Trying"
Oscar "Cannot eat" - Jacket - Frack
Fr. Shirley "Nice guy" - Fresh, funny shrug
Henry "Has no ability in actual life"
May '53 "Was Poor in speech - improved"

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Honorable Dismissal April 27, 1955
Name: Michael Daniel BUCKLEY  Date of Birth: November 4, 1927  Degree: None

Secondary School: L.A.C.H.S., L.A.  Credits: English 4; Latin 4; Algebra 1; Geometry 1; History 3; Spanish 2; Physics 1; Civics 1-2;

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ST. JOHN'S MAJOR SEMINARY
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Comarillo, California
FORM OF APPLICATION
For the Admission of Students
(Answers must be typewritten or written in ink.)

Date of Application: August 28, 1949.

Full Name: Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley
Phone No: Parkway 0746

Home Address: 1228 So. Fedora St., Los Angeles 6, Calif.

Date of Birth: Nov. 4, 1927; Place: Los Angeles, Calif.

Date of Baptism: Nov. 20, 1927; Place: Mother of Sorrows, Los Angeles, Calif.

Pastor's Name: Fr. John Gallagher; Name of Parish: St. Thomas

City: Los Angeles; State: Calif.; Diocese: Los Angeles

FAMILY

Father's Name: REDACTED
Living or Dead? Living

Mother's Maiden Name: REDACTED
Living or Dead? (Living) Dead

Religion of Parents: Father Catholic; Mother Catholic

Father's Occupation: Fireman

Date of Parents' Marriage: Feb. 23, 1924; Place: Santa Barbara

Are they living together? Yes

How many children in family? Boys: One; Girls: Two

EDUCATION

Give in order the schools you have attended and the length of time spent in each:

Elementary: St. Thomas from Sept. 1934 to June 1942
(Month and Year) (Month and Year)

High School: Los Angeles College from Sept. 1942 to June 1947
(Month and Year) (Month and Year)
College or Preparatory Seminary: Los Angeles College from Sept. 1947 to June 1949 (Month and Year)

Major Seminary: ___________________________ from ___________________________ to ___________________________

What was the last grade successfully completed? Second year of College

What was your average percentage in the different studies? ______%

Has your course of study been interrupted? No How long? ________________

Give the reason _______________________________________________________

HEALTH

Are you in sufficiently good health for a long course of serious study? Yes

Have you any bodily defects or weaknesses requiring special care? No

(State in a private letter what they are.)

Is your eyesight weak? No Is your hearing defective? No

Is there any hereditary sickness in your family? What? No

Is there, or has there been, any form of insanity in your family or in any of your relatives? No

What is the relationship existing between the person or persons and you? ___________________________

What is the alleged origin of the mental derangement? ___________________________

VOCATION

Has your pastor advised you to study for the priesthood? Yes
EX-RELIGIOUS or EX-SEMINARIAN

Have you been a member of a religious community? Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

How long? August 1947 to November, 1947 (month, year)

Why did you leave? Because I did not think my vocation was there

Have you been dismissed from any seminary? NO Which?

Give reasons for leaving.

ORDERS

What orders have you received? NONE

Where? Date?

DIOCESE

In what diocese do you live? Los Angeles

For what diocese are you studying? Same

Give the places of residence outside of the diocese for which you are studying where you have lived for six months or more after the age of fourteen. N. B. This includes the diocese in which you now live if you are studying for another diocese.

Name and Address of Parish, College, Seminary, etc.: Length of time: (Month-year to Month-year) Name of Diocese:

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Please procure the following documents as soon as possible and forward them or have them forwarded to the Very Reverend Rector:

1. Baptismal Certificate
2. Confirmation Certificate
3. Marriage Certificate of your parents
4. Transcript of credits from High Schools and Colleges and Seminaries attended.
   (Except Los Angeles College, Junior Seminary)
5. Letter of recommendation from your pastor
6. Letter of recommendation from the school last attended
   (Except Los Angeles College, Junior Seminary)
7. Certificate of health from your family doctor
8. Certificate from your dentist
9. Certificate from your oculist

10. Were you born in the diocese for which you are studying? YES
11. Have you established a domicile in the diocese for which you are studying? YES

Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley
Signature of Applicant (in ink)

(Please do not fill in spaces below.)

Testimonials needed:

Dispersations needed:
**DEAN'S CHECK SHEET**

**ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY**

**CAMAQLIC, CALIFORNIA**

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**BUCKLEY, Michael D.**

**File No.**

**Los Angeles**

**diocese**

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**LAARCH 010259**
Name: Michael BUCKLEY

Class: ____________

Date: ____________

N.2. Unless otherwise stated, the rating is average or good.

1) PIETY - External attitude of devotion - Love for sacred functions.

2) MORAL CHARACTER - Obedience - Observance of Rules - Regularity
   Modesty - Chastity

3) INTELLIGENCE - Spirit of study

4) DEFENDABILITY - Fidelity to duty

5) ABILITY TO PREACH or write

6) FOREIGN LANGUAGES - Sufficient for confessions, preaching

7) PERSONAL APPEARANCE - neat, clean; sloppy, ragged;
   virile, wholesome; effeminate
   refined, courteous, cheerful

8) HEALTH - Organic disease, deformed, neurotic, sight, hearing

COMMENTS:

[Handwritten notes]

FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Handwritten notes]

Visitors

APR 15 '51 - family (4) visitors
OCT 7 '51 - family
FEB 3 '52 - family
MAY 3 '52 - family
OCT 12 '52 - family (3) visitors
2-7-53 - family
2-16-53 - family (4) visitors
5/25/50 Admonished about gait.

3/31/51 Went to Dr. REDACTED about sore throat. Doctor told him his tonsils were bad, but that he could wait until the summer to have them removed. GJM

9/27/51 Advised me that Dr. REDACTED took his tonsils out last June. HJS

12/52 Admonished Buckley for being out walking after night prayers without permission... up by tower and carrying on conversation with Slaven.

5/9/53 Called Buckley in to admonish him for acting smart in class and having fun at the expense of REDACTED... told him to apply himself more to study as he is a poor student. Took it well... didn't realize that he had been out of order. Said that he would watch himself in future. (MJS) - believed to obverse remarked - XXXX (I

1/24/54 A misunderstanding of a permission given to Buckley today by the Rector. Rector gave him permission to go to city to see his sister. Buckley was of the impression that the Rector had given him permission to have REDACTED drive him to the city. (MJS)

4/5/54 Buckley informed to say he would be late in reporting. Given over that he had to spend the home so that he could move on. Giving even held up due to complications following death. (MJS) - believed to obverse remarked - XXXX (I

3-7-55 Buckley, because I thought I would give permission to go looking in Vermont they 3d Sunday after the funeral the Sunday it was. Buckley thought that was the question. [Handwritten note: some

LAARCH 010261
Date of Application: August 28, 1949

Full Name: Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley

Home Address: 1228 S. Fedora St., Los Angeles 6, Calif.

Date of Birth: Nov. 2, 1927

Date of Baptism: Nov. 20, 1927

Pastor’s Name: Fr. John Gallagher

City: Los Angeles

State: Calif.

Diocese: Los Angeles

FAMILY

Father’s Name: REDACTED

Living or Dead?: Living

Mother’s Maiden Name: REDACTED

Living or Dead?: Dead

Religion of Parents: Father: Catholic

Mother: Catholic

Father’s Occupation: Fireman

Date of Parents’ Marriage: Feb. 28, 1924

Place: Santa Barbara

Are they living together?: Yes

How many children in family?: Boys: one, Girls: two

EDUCATION

Give in order the schools you have attended and the length of time spent in each:

Elementary: St. Thomas

From: Sept. 1934 to June 1942

High School: Los Angeles College

From: Sept. 1942 to June 1947

LAARCH 010262
Please procure the following documents as soon as possible and forward them or have them forwarded to the Very Reverend Rector:

1. Baptismal Certificate
2. Confirmation Certificate
3. Marriage Certificate of your parents
4. Transcript of credits from High Schools and Colleges and Seminaries attended (except Los Angeles College, Junior Seminary)
5. Letter of recommendation from your pastor
6. Letter of recommendation from the school last attended (except Los Angeles College, Junior Seminary)
7. Certificate of health from your family doctor
8. Certificate from your dentist
9. Certificate from your oculist

Were you born in the diocese for which you are studying? Yes

Have you established a domicile in the diocese for which you are studying? Yes

Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley

Signature of Applicant (in ink)

(Please do not fill in spaces below.)

Testimonials needed:

Dispersions needed:

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What was your average percentage in the different studies? **G:**

Has your course of study been interrupted? **NO** How long? **__**

**Give the reason:**

**HEALTH**

Are you in sufficiently good health for a long course of serious study? **YES**

Have you any bodily defects or weaknesses requiring special care? **NO**

(State in a private letter what they are.)

Is your eyesight weak? **__** Is your hearing defective? **__**

Is there any hereditary sickness in your family? **What?**

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What is the relationship existing between the person or persons and you? **__**

What is the alleged origin of the mental derangement? **__**

**VOCATION**

Has your pastor advised you to study for the priesthood? **Yes**
EX-RELIGIOUS or EX-SEMINARIAN

Have you been a member of a religious community? Yes
Which? Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

How long? August 1947 to November 1947

Why did you leave? Because I did not think my vocation was there.

Have you been dismissed from any seminary? No
Which?

Give reasons for leaving.________________________________________________________________________________

ORDERS

What orders have you received? None

Where? Date?

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In what diocese do you live? Los Angeles

For what diocese are you studying? Same

Give the places of residence outside of the diocese for which you are studying where you have lived for six months or more after the age of fourteen. N. B. This includes the diocese in which you now live if you are studying for another diocese.

Name and Address of Parish, College, Seminary, etc.: Length of time: (Month-year to Month-year)

Name of Diocese:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
Very dear Father

Mr. Daniel Michael Pethe has lived in this parish practically all his life. He graduated from our parish school, and went to the junior seminary, and is now ready to go to the major seminary at Camarillo. It is a pleasure to bear witness to his good life, as well as that of his family. He has been a daily communicant for many years and has been a source of edification to those who knew him. I am able therefore to recommend him as a worthy young man for admission to the seminary.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Date]
Certificate of Marriage

Church of

Saint Barbara
Santa Barbara, Calif

This is to Certify

That (REDACTED) and (REDACTED) were lawfully Married (REDACTED) on the 28th day of February, 1929. According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church and in conformity with the laws of the State of California, Rev. Philip H. Haase O.P., officiating, in the presence of (REDACTED) and (REDACTED). Witnesses, as appears from the Marriage Register of this Church.

Dated July 14th, 1946

(Signed) [Pastor]
Certificate of Baptism

Church of

Mother of Sorrows

Los Angeles

This is to Certify

That: Michael Daniel

Child of: REDACTED

and: REDACTED

born in: REDACTED

on the 4th day of November 1927 was baptized

on the 20th day of November 1927

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

in this Church, in Los Angeles

by Rev. John McHale

Sponsors were:

and: REDACTED

as appears in the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated: Jan 3rd, 1941

St. Thomas Church
1361 South Mariposa Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

August 30th, 1942

From the 

Conformation Records

Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley
was confirmed on March 2nd, 1941.

SPONSOR

SCHOLL

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John Gallagher
Pastor
FORM OF INVESTIGATION

According to the Instruction of the Congregation of the Sacraments (Dec. 27, 1930)

TO BE CONDUCTED BY PASTORS.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
714 West Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
Camarillo, California
Name of Candidate: Michael Buckley

Date of reception

Order now petitioned: Clerical tonsure

Parish: St. Thomas

Name of Pastor: Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Gallagher

NOTE: If Pastor has made previous investigation and reported same to Chancery Office in view of Order last received by Candidate, he may omit all answers except (17) (18) (19) (20).

1. Has the candidate been regular and devout in assisting at daily Mass? __________ in visits to the Blessed Sacrament? __________ in the recitation of the Rosary? __________ in assisting at the public exercises in the parish church? __________

2. Has the candidate frequently and devoutly received the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion? __________

3. Has the candidate been diligent and pious in serving Holy Mass or in exercising the other functions of his particular Order? __________

4. Has the candidate shown himself willing to give catechetical instructions when invited to do so by the Pastor? __________ Has he been prudent in the discharge of this office? __________ Has he been successful? __________

5. Has he by his conversation and by his actions manifested zeal for the salvation of souls and the interests of Holy Church? __________

6. Has he given any evidence, during the vacation periods, of a love for books __________ Or has he rather displayed a spirit of frivolity and wasted much of his time? __________

7. Has he given any reason to suspect that he indulges in reading books, magazines or newspapers injurious to faith or morals __________ Or has he attended shows unbecoming a cleric? __________ Has he attended dances either public or private? __________

8. Has he during vacation always conducted himself in a manner becoming a seminarian? __________

9. Has he consorted with persons, male or female, of dubious reputation? __________ Or has he ever conducted himself in a scandalous or unbecoming manner even with persons of good reputation? __________ Has his conduct in relation to persons of the other sex been such as to give rise to scandal or arouse suspicion? __________

10. Is he always proper in his speech? __________ Or does he indulge in language unbecoming a seminarian? __________

11. Has he ever been the occasion of bringing ridicule or censure on laws of the Church or her doctrines and practices? __________

12. Has he always conducted himself in a strictly proper manner with females? __________ With boys? __________ Has his conduct in this respect ever given rise to suspicion? __________ Has it been the occasion of gossip in the parish or outside the parish? __________
(13) Does the candidate display a spirit of worldliness? Yes. Has he by word or deed betrayed the spirit of avarice? Yes. Is he a willing worker or have you noticed a tendency to shirk work? Yes. Has he given any sign of a fondness for strong drink? No.

(14) Has he shown himself consistently docile and obedient? Yes.

(15) What seems to be the opinion of your Assistants (if any) concerning the priestly vocation of this candidate? They have a good opinion of him. What is the opinion of the neighboring priests with whom he may have had dealings? Good. What is the common opinion of the laity? Have you ever heard expressions of surprise that this candidate should be a candidate for the Priesthood? No. Were they from the lips of prudent and practical Catholics? No.

(16) Are the parents of the candidate normal persons in every respect? Yes. If not state in what respect they are not. Is the abnormality of an hereditary character? _______. Is it a defect of body? _______. Or is it a defect of mind? _______. State specifically what it is. _______. Is either parent an habitual drunkard? No. (If either parent is dead state so and put responses in past tense.)

(17) Is there any prudent ground on which to base a suspicion that this candidate, if left entirely free, would not desire to assume the obligations of the priestly state? No. If so, state what these grounds are. _______. Is he being unduly influenced by some relative? No. By some priest? No.

(18) Do you know of any canonical irregularity or impediment affecting this candidate not previously brought to light or which he may have contracted since the reception of his last Order (Read canons 983-987)? No.

(19) Have you any prudent reason to suspect that any fact or circumstance, of a material character, which might affect the fitness of this candidate, was not brought to light by the previous investigation of his life and conduct? _______.

(20) Have you any prudent ground on which to base a suspicion that this candidate, subsequent to the date on which he last received Orders, has been guilty of anything contrary to faith? No. Or of imprudence in his dealings with females or with boys? No. Or of intemperance in the use of intoxicating liquor? No. Or of anything else which might affect his fitness for the reception of Holy Orders? No.

I hereby testify that I have prudently investigated the life and conduct of this candidate and that the responses given above are, to the best of my knowledge, true.

John Sally
Pastor.

Please return to the Rector.
PLEDGE TO ABSTAIN FROM ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

I, the undersigned, fully aware of the seriousness of this obligation, do hereby solemnly promise, in the presence of the Very Reverend Rector or his delegate to abstain from alcoholic drinks including/excluding beer, ale, and wine, excluding beer, ale, and wine (Condition or exception, if any) for a period of all my life complete years, beginning on the day on which I receive First Tonsure.

W. Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley

Witness: J B Cooper, c.m.

Date Feb. 23, 1952
St. John's Seminary
Camarillo, California

September 29, 1951

Most Reverend J. Francis A. McIntyre D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth St.
Los Angeles 15, California

Most Reverend and dear Archbishop:

I, the undersigned, Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley, a student for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, hereby petition Your Excellency to be promoted to Clerical Vicar, if I am judged worthy.

In presenting this petition to Your Excellency I do so entirely of my own free and spontaneous will and am moved hereunto by no consideration other than the promotion of the glory of God in the service of the Church and the salvation of my own soul.

Your Excellency is most humble servant,

Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley
Most Reverend J. Francis A. McIntyre, D.D.
archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth St.
Los Angeles 15, California

Most Reverend and dear Archbishop:

I, the undersigned, Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley, a student for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, hereby humbly petition Your Excellency to be promoted to the orders of Porter and Lector, if I am judged worthy.

In presenting this petition to Your Excellency I do so entirely of my own free and spontaneous will and am moved thereto by no consideration other than the promotion of the glory of God in the service of the Church and the salvation of my own soul.

Your Excellency's most humble servant,

Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley
April 19, 1953

His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre
The Chancery Office
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Your Eminence:

I, the undersigned, Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley, a student for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, humbly petition Your Eminence to be promoted to the orders of Exorcist and Acolyte, if I am judged worthy.

In presenting this petition to Your Eminence, I do so entirely of my own free and spontaneous will and am moved thereto by no consideration other than the promotion of the glory of God in the service of the Church and the salvation of my own soul.

Your Eminence's most humble servant,

Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley.
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714 West Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
Camarillo, California

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Has he given any sign of a fondness for strong drink?

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Is either parent an habitual drunkard? 

(If either parent is dead state so and put responses in past tense.)

His mother is dead. She was a good woman respected by all.

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Is he being unduly influenced by some relative? By some priest?

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I hereby testify that I have prudently investigated the life and conduct of this candidate and that the responses given above are, to the best of my knowledge, true,

John Gallagher
Rector.

Please return to the Rector.
Name of Candidate: Michael Buckley
Last Order received: Second Minor

Date of reception: May 14, 1953
Order now petitioned: Subdiaconate


NOTE: If Pastor has made previous investigation and reported same to Chancery Office in view of Order last received by Candidate, he may omit all answers except (17), (18), (19), (20).

1. Has the candidate been regular and devout in assisting at daily Mass? Yes in visits to the Blessed Sacrament?  
   Yes in the recitation of the Rosary? Yes in assisting at the public exercises in the parish church?

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10. Is he always proper in his speech? Or does he indulge in language unbecoming a seminarian?

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March 2, 1954

The Very Reverend Francis B. Koper O.M.
Rector, St. John's Seminary
Camarillo, California

Very Reverend Rector:

In compliance with the instructions of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments of December 27, 1930, I hereby ask that you kindly submit to His Eminence, James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, my petition for promotion to the Sacred Order of Pseudoprostasism.

In presenting this petition, I solemnly declare that I am actuated by no motive of fear, either physical or moral; that I am in no way coerced by parents, relatives, pastor, assistant pastor, or any other agency whatsoever, but make this request of my own free and spontaneous will, and that I am fully aware of the grave obligation of perpetual clerical celibacy and the daily recitation of the Divine Office consequent upon the reception of this Sacred Order.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley
Reverend and dear Father:

The Code of Canon Law, Canon 998, prescribes that the name of each candidate for Subdiaconate, Diaconate, and Priesthood be announced publicly in the parochial church of the candidate.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Mr. Michael Buckley, of your parish, will be elevated to the sacred order of Subdiaconate on May 27, 1984.

Would you please make the required announcement, adding the customary warning that "All the faithful are bound in conscience before the ordination to make known to the Most Reverend (Arch) bishop or to the pastor any impediment to Sacred Orders of which they have knowledge." (C. 999)

After the announcement has been made, will you please fill in the form below and return it to the seminary?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Rector

This is to certify that I, the undersigned pastor of St. John's Church, located at [Address], have announced publicly, during Mass, the promotion of Mr. Michael Buckley, of this parish to the sacred order of Subdiaconate, and know no reason why he should not be advanced.

Date: April 12, 1954

[Signature]

Pastor
Ego subsignatus Michaelis Daniellae Patritius Buckley cum petitionem Episcopi exsilium promiscuius sedecleratus Ordine, praeceps initiatu Ordinatione, se diligenter ex perpeusa curam Deo curamento interposito, testificor in primis, nulla ne coactione seu ir, nec ulla impelle timore in recipiendo solum deseo Ordine, sed ipsum prortere optare, me plena liberaque voluntete sumenda velle cum esperiar se sentiam a Deo ne esse recta accutum.

Fortior mihi plene esse cognita curulla omnia ceteraque ex cedere aeo ordine dimanentia, qua se prortere susciperer volo se proruo, saepe tuto meae vitae curriculo, Deo optulante, diligentissime servare Constituo.

O recipio que caeliatis lex imperat cleme me perpeperetendo, saepe diligentem expiare atque integre servare usque ad extremum Decaditio, filium Statuo.

Denique sine fide spondeo leges me fores, ad S. Canoonum, obtemperatum obsequentissime in omnibus, quae me praecipit sanctissimi et Ecclesiae disciplina exigere, praetum virtutum exempla praeberem sine opera sine personae, adeo ut de tuto officii susceptione remunerare a Deo merui.

Die spondeo, pict voce, picturo, per me Deus aduerit. Hanc Sancta Die Evangelia, quae membri mei tangui.

Michaelis Daniellae Patritius Buckley

Die 25. Mensis Maii Anni 1954

Juramentum ite. Romam me emissum testor

[Signature]

Rector Seminarii Sancti Ioannis
JURAMENTUM SERVITII DIOECESIS

Ego, Michael Buckley, plenam habens notitiam praescripti can. 981 Codicis Juris Canonici, quo statuitur, ut qui ordinantur titulo servitii dioecesis se, interposito juramento, perpetuo eiusdem servitio devovere debeant, spondeo ac juro me Dioecesis Angelorum in California perpetuo inservitum sub Ordinarii praedictae Dioecesis pro tempore auctoritate.

Sic me Deus adjuvet et haec sancta Evangelia, quae manibus tango.

______________________________
Michael Buckley
Candidatus ad Subdiaconatus ordinem.

Rite coram me delegato emissum.

______________________________
Die 25a. mensis Maii, anno 1954
Rector Seminarii

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PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET IURISIURANDI FORMULA

Ego, N.N._Michael Buckley

teneatur quod melius et aptius videri
possit secundum suam culturam, sed ut nunquam aliter credatur, nunquam aliter intelligatur absolute Immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos praeedita.

Haec omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servatum, et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab iis sive in docendo sive quomodo scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

Subscribitur

Michael Buckley

Ex loco... Seminarii Sancti Joannis

Die... mensis Maii A.D. 1954

Juramentum rite coram nobis emissum testamur.

N.

Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi)

"Si quis autem, quod Deus avertat, iusiurandum violare ausus fuerit, ad Sancti Officii tribunal illico deferatur." (Motu Proprio "Sacrorum Antistitum.")

REMARKS

1. The Profession of Faith is made and the Oath taken before the Ordinary of the place or his Delegate by:
   a) the Vicar General,
   b) the Diocesan Consultors,
   c) the Censor of books,
   d) the Pastors,
   e) the Confessors and Preachers before they receive the faculty to exercise their functions,
   f) Clerics called to Subdeaconship,
   g) the Superiors and Professors in the Grand Seminary.
   (Cf. C. 1406 et Motu Prop. Pi PP. X., Sept. 1. 1910.)

2. When several take the Oath at the same time, one may read the formula aloud; at the end of each one, placing his hand on the gospels reads the words "Haec omnia spondeo," etc., and signs his name. (S. C. Consist. Oct. 25, 1910.)

3. The document is to be kept in the safe of the diocesan curia.
Item firmiter ampector ac recipio omnia et singula, quae ab inerranti Ecclesiae magisterio definita, adserita ac declarata sunt, praesertim ea doctrinae capita, quae huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem Deum, rerum omnium principium et finem, naturali rationis lumine per ea quae facta sunt, hoc est; per visibilia creationis opera, tamquam: cundo: Ecclesiae effectus, tae culsum; diversum. ab eo, verbi iatriæ esse. maxime teneo: aetatum omnium atque hominum; ideoque prorsus reiicio haereticæ tradito ab Eaque fideliter custodire, Petrum, ab Christum, cum apud Ecclesiam, ad nos usque cum sensum religionis e latebris endae, Quinto: Certissime teneo ac infornatae, sed verum conscientiae testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credibilem, sed verum conscientiae testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credibilem. Harmone me est, facta divina, Apostolicae Christianæ Religionis, Deum, rerum facta_]

...firmly hold and accept each and every definition of the unerring teaching of the Church, with all she has maintained and declared, but especially those points of doctrine which expressly combat the errors of our time. In the first place I profess my belief that God, the beginning and end of all, can be certainly known and therefore proved to exist by the natural light of reason from the things that are made, that is, from the visible works of the creation as a cause from its effects. Next I recognize and acknowledge the external arguments of revelation, that is, divine facts, especially miracles and prophecies, as most certain signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion, and I hold that these are altogether suited to the understanding of every age and of all men, also of our times. Thirdly, I likewise hold with firm faith that the Church, the guardian and exponent of the revealed Word, was proximately and directly founded by the true and historical Christ Himself, while He dwelt amongst us, and that she was also built upon Peter, the Prince of the Apostolic Hierarchy, and upon his successors to the end of time. Fourthly, I sincerely accept the teaching of faith as transmitted down to us from the Apostles through the orthodox Fathers in the same sense and even in the same wording; and, therefore, I wholly reject the heretical notions of the evolution of dogmas, which pass from one sense to another alien to that which the Church held from the start; and I likewise condemn every error whereby is substituted for the divine deposit, entrusted by Christ to His Spouse and by Her to be faithfully guarded, a philosophic system or the creation of a human consciousness, gradually refined by the striving of men and finally to be perfected hereafter by indefinite progress. Fifthly, I hold for certain and sincerely profess that Faith is not a blind religious sense making its way out of the hidden regions of the sub-liminal consciousness, morally tinged by the influence of heart and will, but is a true assent of the intellect to truth received from without by hearing, an assent whereby we believe to be true, because of the authority of the all-true God, whatever by the personal God, our Creator and Lord, has been spoken, testified and revealed.
Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subicio totoque animo adhaereo damnationibus, declarationibus, praescriptis omnibus, quae in Encyclicis litteris "Pascendi" et in Decreto "Lamentabili" continentur, praesertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant. Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidei posses historiae repugnare, et Catholicae dogmata, quo sensu nunc intelligiuntur, cum veritatis Christianae religionis originibus componi non posse. Damno quoque ac reicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, Christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, sicut credentis, sicut historici, quasi licetet historico ea retinere, quae credentis fidei contradictant, aut praemissas adscribere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo haec directo non denegentur. Reprobo paeniter eam Scripturae Sanctae diiudicandae atque interpretandae rationem, quae, Ecclesiae traditione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicae Sedis normis posthabitis, rationalismum commentis inhaeret, et criticum textus velut unicum supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere Patrum tota et seclusa.

Wherefore most firmly do I retain and to my last breath submit and with my whole mind according to the sure endowment of the sure endowment of the Church may be in conflict with history, and that Catholic dogmas in the sense in which they are now understood cannot be harmonized with the more truthful "origins" of Christianity. Moreover, I condemn and reject the opinion which declares that a Christian man of better culture can assume a dual personality, one as a believer and another as an historian, as if it were permissible for the historian to hold fast what his faith as a believer contradicts, or to lay down premises from which there follows the falsity or the uncertainty of dogmas, provided only that these are not directly denied. Likewise I reject that method of estimating and interpreting Holy Writ, which, setting aside the Church's tradition and the analogy of Faith and the rules of the Apostolic See, adopts the rationalists' principles and with equal arbitrariness and rashness considers criticism of the text the one only supreme rule. Furthermore, I reject the opinion of those who hold that a teacher of the science of Historical Theology or the writer on the subject must first put aside the notions previously conceived about the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition or about the divine aid promised for the perpetual preservation of each revealed truth; then, that the writings of individual Fathers must be interpreted solely by the data of science, without any reference to sacred authority, and with that freedom of judgment wherein every profane record is usually examined.

"Finally and in general, I declare myself to be far removed from the error of the modernists who hold that in sacred tradition there is nothing inherently divine; or who—far worse still—admit it in a pantheistic sense; so that there would remain only a bare simple fact equal to the ordinary facts of history, viz., that the school started by Christ and His Apostles finds, in the ages that follow, men to carry it on by their energy, their skill, and their genius. Wherefore most firmly do I retain and to my last breath will I retain the Faith of the Fathers of the Church concerning the sure endowment of truth, which
VACATION LETTER
Re: BUCKLEY, Michael
(II Theology)

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER:

The Third Plenary Council of Baltimore (Decree No. 177) has ordered that Seminarians, during the months of vacation, shall be responsible to their respective Pastors. Each Seminarian, on reaching home, is required to present himself without delay at the Parochial residence and advise with his Pastor concerning the disposition of the time of vacation.

In compliance with this decree you are requested to fill out and return the following questionnaire to the Chancery Office.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

CHANCELLOR.

1. Did Mr. BUCKLEY present himself to you upon his return home? [ ]
2. Did he seek advice in making a plan for the disposition of his time during the vacation period? [ ]
3. Did he attend Mass daily? [ ] Go to Holy Communion daily? [ ] Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament daily? [ ]
4. If not, was he in your judgment reasonably excused from these Spiritual Exercises? [ ]
5. Was he docile and obedient to you? [ ] Respectful to Assistants? [ ]
6. Has he complied cheerfully with reasonable requests made upon his time to assist in parish affairs and Church functions? [ ]
7. Was he employed in giving Catechetical instruction? [ ] Was he prudent in the discharge of duties assigned him? [ ] Successful? [ ]
8. Has he always conducted himself in a manner becoming a Seminarian? [ ]
9. Were his chosen associates persons of good reputation? [ ]
10. Has he manifested at any time a spirit of worldliness in manner? [ ] Dress? [ ]
11. Was his conduct in relation to persons of the other sex such as to give rise to scandal or arouse suspicion? [ ]
12. Is there any further information relative to this Seminarian or to his family that should be indicated here? [ ]

PASTOR.

(SEAL)

LAARCH 010288
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY

VACATION LETTER

Re: BUCKLEY, Michael

Right Reverend John J. Gallagher
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
1321 So. Mariposa Avenue
Los Angeles, California

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

CHANCELLOR.

1. Did Mr. Michael Buckley present himself to you upon his return home? Yes
2. Did he seek advice in making a plan for the disposition of his time during the vacation period? Yes
3. Did he attend Mass daily? Yes Go to Holy Communion daily? Yes Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament daily? Yes
4. If not, was he in your judgment reasonably excused from these spiritual exercises? Yes
5. Was he docile and obedient to you? Yes Respectful to Assistants? Yes
6. Has he complied cheerfully with reasonable requests made upon his time to assist in parish affairs and Church functions? Yes
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8. Has he always conducted himself in a manner becoming a Seminarian? Yes
9. Were his chosen associates persons of good reputation? Yes
10. Has he manifested at any time a spirit of worldliness in manner? No dress? No
11. Was his conduct in relation to persons of the other sex such as to give rise to scandal or arouse suspicion? No
12. Is there any further information relative to this Seminarian or to his family that should be indicated here?

[Signature]

(Secur) [Seal]

Pastor.

LAARCH 010289
Vacation Letter

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Chancellor.

1. Did Mr. Michael Buckley present himself to you upon his return home? Yes.
2. Did he seek advice in making a plan for the disposition of his time during the vacation period? Yes.
3. Did he attend Mass daily? Yes. Go to Holy Communion daily? Yes. Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament daily? Yes.
4. If not, was he in your judgment reasonably excused from these Spiritual Exercises? 
5. Was he docile and obedient to you? Yes. Respectful to Assistants? Yes.
6. Has he complied cheerfully with reasonable requests made upon his time to assist in parish affairs and Church functions? Yes.
8. Has he always conducted himself in a manner becoming a Seminarian? Yes.
9. Were his chosen associates persons of good reputation? Yes.
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[Signature]

PASTOR.

[Seal]
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
St. John's Seminary

Rev. John J. Gallagher
ST. THOMAS CHURCH

VACATION LETTER
Re: Michael Buckley

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ [Signature]
CHANCELLOR.

1. Did Mr. MICHAEL BUCKLEY present himself to you upon his return home? Y N  
2. Did he seek advice in making a plan for the disposition of his time during the vacation period? Y N  
3. Did he attend Mass daily? Y N Go to Holy Communion daily? Y N Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament daily? Y N  
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PASTOR.
31 March 1954

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN: Buckley

This is to certify that Michael was refracted and his lenses were changed February 10, 1953.

His vision at that time was without correction: 20/30 right and 20/70 left. With correction his visual acuity was: 20/20 in each eye.

Yours very truly,

REDACTED

REDACTED
April 20, 1954

St. John's Seminary
Camarillo, Calif/

Dear Father:

M. Buckley, completed his dental work with me, and his oral health is in good condition.

Sincerely,

REDACTED
I have removed
Mr. D. Smaller's eyes
and found his
vision to be normal
within his glasses

REG. No. 7368 — REDACTED

M.D.
To whom it may concern:

Michael Daniel Buckley came to me for dental services which have been completed and his mouth is in a healthy condition.

Respectfully,

[Redacted] D, D.S.
July 23, 1949

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Hereby certify that Michael S. Buckley at this time shows him to be free of any contagious and infectious diseases. He is in excellent physical condition; body development and understanding. I believe he is well fitted for the work he is

REDACTED

M.D.
NAME: 

ADDRESS: 1228 ROOSEVELT BLDG., 727 W. SEVENTH ST., LOS ANGELES 17, CALIF.

TELEPHONE: TUCKER 4712

HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

DATE: 8/25/50

REDACTED

REGISTRY NO. 7359

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M.D.
McCLURE
PRESCRIPTION PHARMACY
653 SOUTH HOPE STREET
Near Seventh Street
LOS ANGELES 14, CALIF.
Telephone: MAadison 6-9343
REDACTED

M. D.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

1903 So. Harvard Blvd.

LOS ANGELES 7, CALIFORNIA

Aug. 23, 50

To whom it may concern:

Examination of Michael Buckley on this
date shows that he is free from any
contagious or infectious diseases and he
is physically fit to resume his work
in schools.

REDACTED

LAARCH 010300
The Very Rev. Recto:

This will verify that the following patient, namely Michael Buckley has had all necessary dental treatment completed this date.

Sincerely,

REDACTED
The Very Reverend James Richardson, O.S.B.,
Vicar General, St. John's Seminary
Camarillo, California

Very Reverend Reector:

In compliance with the instruction of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments of December 24, 1930, I hereby ask that you kindly submit to His Eminence, James Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of Los Angeles, my petition for promotion to the Second Order of Diaconate.

In presenting this petition, I solemnly declare that I am actuated by no motive of fear, either physical or moral, that I am in no way coerced by parents, relatives, pastor, assistant pastor, or any other agency whatsoever, but make this request of my own free and spontaneous will, and that I am fully aware of the grave obligation consequent upon the reception of this Second Order.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Msgr. Michael Daniel Patrick Buckley

LAARCH 010302
Ego subscriptus Michael Daniel Paticius Buckley cum petitionem Epirote exhiberum pro recipiendo Dianatos Ordine, secus instante Ordinatione, se diligentre ne perpera coram Deo, iuramento interposito, testificor in primis, nulla me coaetanea seu vi, nec nullius impelle timori in recipiendo eodem auro Ordine, sed ipsum aporte spectem ac plena liberague voluntate simulab vellem cum speriar ac posteam a Deo ne esse revoca virtutem.

Patris nidi, plene, esse cognita cuncta creae et inaetura ex eodem, acero ordine dimensione, quae aporta susciper volo ac, propone, eaque, tota res videri curriculum. Des capitulante, diligentissime perversa eorum.

Praeclara quae celebrium des importet clare ne percipere ostendo, singue libenter: supplere atque integre, servare iucunde, Deus adiuton, fierint status.

Designe quia erit a deo apodye ingittermefore, ad normam S. L. Carpinum, obtemperandum, observantissime, iis omnibus, quae mi praecepit: Propositi et ecclesiarum, disciplinae error, petition virtute exempla praebere aix operae suae, adeo ut de tante officii suceptione remuneri a Deo mensa.

Die apodeo, die voceo, die iuro, die me Deus adiuvet et habe Sancta Die Evangelia, quae nomen Deus tango.

Die vigesima nona mensis Octobris annorum 1954

Michael Daniel Paticius Buckley

Iuramentum hif coram me emissum testor

Jacobi M. Richardson C.H.

Rector Seminarii Sancti Ioannis
This is to certify that I, the undersigned pastor of St. Thomas Church, located at Los Angeles, California, have announced publicly, during Mass, the promotion of Mr. Michael Buckley of this parish to the sacred order of Diaconate and know no reason why he should not be advanced.

Date: Oct. 24, 1954

John Galligher
Pastor
Reverend and dear Father:

In accordance with the provisions of Canon 1011 and Canon 470, § 2, I take pleasure in informing you that the Rev. Mr. Michael Buckley, baptized on 11-20-27, in the Church which is under your pastoral care, was advanced to the Sacred Subdiaconate in St. John's Seminary Chapel at Camarillo, Calif. by His Excellency the Most Reverend Joseph T. McGuiness, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, on May 27, 1954.

Would you please make the appropriate notation in the Baptismal register?

Commending our Seminary to your prayerful intercession, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]
Rector.

After you have made the appropriate notation, please return this notice to the Rector.

[Signature]
Baptismal Register.
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
St. John's Seminary

VACATION LETTER
Re: BUCKLEY, Michael
(IV Theology)

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[Signature]

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(Signature)

PASTOR.

LAARCH 010306
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**ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY**
Camarillo, California

**Michael BUCKLEY**

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**ABSENTEE REPORT**

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Episcopo exhibeberim, pro recipiendo Presbyteri Ordine, passa
instante Ordinatione, ut diligenter se perpensa, coram Deo, curamento
interposito, testificor in primit, nulla me cautione pauari, nec ut impelli teneam
in recipiendo eodem passo Ordine, sed eum quod exspectare, ut plena
liberique voluntate sumdem sellecum experiar ac partiam a Deo me esse
serva vocatam.

Fater mihi plene esse cognita cuncta sive exteriorque exterior
seors ordine, dimensae, quae sponte suscipere volo se propone, exequo tot
meae vitae curriculo, Deo optulante, diligenterme persuasoriput.

Præcipue quae caelestibus deo importet Clare me percipere stendo
etque libenter expleo utque integre pervenire assece ad extremum,
Deo salutis, fmittis salutem,

Sinequa sinea sede apondeo ingiter me fore, et normam S.S.
Canones ob temperaturem frequentissime iis omnibus, quae me praecipiant
Omnibus et Ecclesiae disciplina exigat, persum exsultationem exemplo
prelentur. piet opere piet sermone, adeo ut defuncti officio posse piet
Remunerari a Deo nerius.

Sed apondeo, pie viveto, pie igneo, pie me deus adiuvet et habe
Sancta Dei Evangelia, quae manubria meis tingo.

Die 24 mensis Aprilis annum 1955
Michael Daniel Patricius Buckley

Juramentum rite coram me emissum testor

Jacobus W. Richardson C.La.
Rector Seminarii Sancti Joannis

LAARCH 010314
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES 15, CALIFORNIA
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From 27-31 Buckley denied he had done anything wrong although he acknowledged having taken the boys to the farm of his relative to help him with work there. He then informed the priest how to leave the farm and make a retreat. He volunteered that he had in mind making a pilgrimage to make a 30 day retreat.

Acknowledged he would be able to go to Marquette. He approved the recommendation to the farm upon the completion of the 10 day retreat.

LAARCH 015757
THE ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES
March 4, 1965

Lear Monsgr.,

We were informed to contact you. We request the removal of Rev. Michael Buckley from this immediate area.

We do not wish to go into detail here. You may contact the Pastor. He has been informed.

If this is not done, we may picket the rectory.

Irate Parents
March 25, 1965

Dear Bishop Manning,

We have written to Msgr. Hawkes regarding Rev. Michael Buckley; no answer or action has been taken. We requested his removal from this area for grave moral reasons. Msgr. Dee has received several reports from parishioners suspecting his moral fitness. No action has been taken to date.

If no action is taken, six parents will picket the rectory and then submit a formal protest which will be signed. We are thinking seriously of this action. We wish it to be done quietly.

Msgr. Dee has the information you need. We believe Msgr. Dee is protecting him.

We know for a fact that he has questioned him and has some doubt as to the fitness of his moral behavior. Charity can be carried only to a point in this matter. We can understand the loyalty of Msgr. Dee to his priests.

Please investigate further.

Thank you.
Dear Cardinal Manning,

On May 19, 1975 Msgr. Rawden telephoned me at Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory, Santa Ana, and asked me to move to St. Sebastian's, Santa Paula, as associate pastor, Msgr. Bell's third replacement in three years. I accepted the offer. On Wednesday May 21, 1975, Msgr. Percy Bell, pastor of St. Sebastian's, Santa Paula, called me at 9:15 A.M., person to person, and welcomed me to his parish. He told me then to act as pastor and administrator of his parish, as he wanted to retire as he had had enough of parochial administration. Msgr. Bell asked me how soon he could see me. I told him I could go up immediately, and I'd be in Santa Paula in two hours, which I did. When I met him in person, for the first time at St. Sebastian's rectory, again Msgr. Bell told me he had had enough of parish administration and wanted me to act as pastor and administrator of St. Sebastian's.

I was to take up my residency officially in Santa Paula, June 16, 1975; however, a funeral Mass I was to say at Immaculate Heart, Santa Ana, delayed my arrival until Tuesday, June 17, 1975. I had Msgr. Bell's approval to arrive a day later as he and Father Egbert Nolan, C.P., were able to cover the only daily Mass at 7:30 A.M. at St. Sebastian's. I arrived late in the afternoon of June 17, in Santa Paula in time for dinner with Msgr. Bell and Father Nolan. After dinner, Msgr. Bell drove me about Santa Paula, showing me his former airplane and other points of interest in his parish.

On Wednesday, June 18, 1975, I returned to Santa Ana to close some business affairs, returning to Santa Paula, Thursday, June 19, 1975. This was known and approved by Msgr. Bell. I spent June 20, 21, 22 and 23 in the rectory of St. Sebastian, unpacking my books and arranging my quarters, giving, therefore, ample time for Msgr. Bell to explain what he wanted me to do in my assignment in Santa Paula, which he never did.

On June 23 or 24, Msgr. Bell left for a six week vacation. During his absence, I did my priestly duties: daily Mass, marriages, baptisms, and care of the sick. I also visited at least seventy parishioners' homes in order to get to know the people and the area. The parish had only one phone line, and needed a second. Acting on his direction to me, to perform as pastor and administrator, I had a second telephone system installed in the rectory which was very much in need of doing. I also took pastor's salary for June, July and August, working on his words, "You, Father Buckley, are to act as pastor and administrator."

Msgr. Bell returned to Santa Paula on the morning of July 29, 1975. I told him then what I had done when he was on vacation, working under his direction of acting as pastor and administrator. Msgr. Bell then said that in regard to the new telephone system that he had planned to do the same for some while. This was also what his long time secretary, Rose Mary Close had said to me. Rose Mary Close was associated with Msgr. Bell at St. Hilary's, Pico Rivera and now for three years at St. Sebastian's, Santa Paula, where she lives in the rectory.

Msgr. Bell and I were together July 29 thru August 3. On August 3, 1975 after saying two Sunday Masses, I left on my vacation until my return on Friday, Aug. 29th.

On my return, I was told by Msgr. Bell that he had resigned his pastorate at St. Sebastian's to Msgr. Rawden because of my acting as pastor and administrator during his vacation. Again Msgr. Bell reminded me that he had had enough of administration. Also at this same time, he told me he did not need an associate in Santa Paula. He could do all the work himself. I also returned to Msgr. Bell my personal $100 check for over payment on my priestly salary at St. Sebastian's.
Magr. Bell said that I had been avoiding him and that he wanted to talk to me. I was available to him June 17-23, and from July 29 - August 3. I was very much available to him for thirteen days, during which time he could have spoken at length with me. He never did avail himself of the opportunity.

If Magr. Bell has actually resigned, and you have accepted his resignation, I ask you to please appoint me as pastor of St. Sebastian's, as I feel I have an interest and a knowledge of the area that presently no one else does have. With only three Sunday Masses, St. Sebastian's is a one-man parish, and does not need another priest as associate.

If, however, Magr. Bell's resignation is not accepted by you, Cardinal Manning, then, I request to be transferred from St. Sebastian's where I am not needed nor wanted by Magr. Bell, and that I be transferred immediately to Magr. John Keenan, St. Boniface, Anaheim, where I am needed to care for the Spanish speaking Catholics and care for the three hospitals, in addition to my priestly work, associate to Magr. John Keenan. I have already talked to Magr. John Keenan, and he is most happy to have me at St. Boniface, Anaheim.

Warm personal regards in Christ,

Father Michael D. Buckley
Associate pastor of St. Sebastian's,
Santa Paula

CC
Magr. John Harshen
Father John G. Parker
Magr. Peroy J. Bell
Father William Levada
Magr. John Keenan
Magr. Patrick J. O'Brien
St. Sebastian's Rectory
235 N. 9th Street
Santa Paula, California
93060

His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Manning
1531 W. 9th Street
St. Boniface
Los Angeles, California 90015

He came in to see me today in great urgency. All he had to say is written in the letter.
If he is unwanted for the weekend at St. Paula, he will be gone.

Pm.
Sp. 4. 75
7 August 80

Bishop Moreno discussed a "rumour" which had been telephoned to him from a local resident who has some connection with New Cuyama.

It seems that a "field worker" was spreading a story about his activities with the pastor of New Cuyama. His employer was disturbed at this man's remarks and terminated his employment.

This is all we know to date. The "field worker" has apparently left New Cuyama.

JAB
To: Msgr. Rawden
Date: 3/6
Time: 20:10:30

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LAARCH 015765
had information she wanted to give you—

Father Michael Buckley is a homosexual molests children

she learned this from her neighbor
REDACTED whose son
was involved over a ten-year period.

when Fr. B was in Orange County.

I asked why it wasn't reported then and she said the mother just found out about it from her son.
MEMORANDUM

FROM: MONSIGNOR RAWDEN

TO: BISHOP WARD

RE: FATHER MICHAEL BUCKLEY

DATE: 29 NOVEMBER 1983

Your Excellency:

PASTOR HOWARD WENNES, assistant to the Bishop of the American Lutheran Church, #805/495-3693 - home; 213/386-1910 - work, telephoned me on Saturday morning, 26 November, and asked for my help on a matter concerning Rev. Michael D. Buckley & the Lutheran Pastor at Frazier Park, Rev. Mark Uhlman. His Eminence has asked that I interview Father Buckley on this matter. Would you be disposed to join me in this interview? I will explain the details with you as soon as possible.

Telephone Paster Wenoes - 17 Dec 83

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cc: Cardinal Manning
1. Mr. Mark called Mr. Buckley
2. Buckley took his shots off
3. Buck—just—take off your suit
4. Went for his girlfriend
5. Started shooting over the conversation
6. Buckley shouted out in the conversation
MEMORANDUM

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TO: CARDINAL MANNING
RE: FATHER MICHAEL BUCKLEY
DATE: 14 DECEMBER 1983

CONFIDENTIAL

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approximately 15 minutes. Bishop Ward asked why he had been there
and no answer was given. Father Buckley then proceeded to go into a
tirade against the diocese and all of us.

22 December 83
Pastor Wennes was contacted. He hopes that Pastor Uhlman will want
to contact this office.

9 January 84
Pastor Uhlman telephoned this office. He indicated that nothing,
directly or overtly was said in the conversation at his home.
He had invited Father Buckley to visit him at his convenience.
He has not heard from Father Buckley since that one invited
encounter.
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Pastor Wennes contacted - hopes pastor Uhlman will want to contact this office 22 Dec 83 /DR

No communication from Pastor Uhlman 3 Jan 83 /DR

LAARCH 015770
To Msgr. Rawden  
Date 1/4/84  
WHILE YOU WERE OUT  
Rev. Mark Uhlmann of Frazier Park  
Phone 805/245-3858  

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Message has called at the recommendation of Bowie Wennis.

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Diocese of Orange
Sexual Misconduct Concerns Toll Free Reporting Line

Date of Call: 3/08/02 12:27PM
Caller: REDACTED

Call Returned: 3/11/02 1:00PM

REDACTED advised that her three brothers all had been sexually molested by Father Michael Buckley while he was "visiting" at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Santa Ana, CA in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Fr. Buckley was a friend of the family. There are 8 brothers and sisters. All are graduates of REDACTED

When REDACTED was a young teenager, her father died. Fr. Buckley made a "deathbed" promise to her father that he would look after the children. She stated Fr. Buckley would spend the night in the family home on many occasions. He repeatedly molested her three younger brothers, one of them from the time he was 12 until he was about 16.

She painfully became aware of this one evening when Fr. Buckley was spending the night and she opened the door to her brothers' room actually witnessing an episode of molest. She was a recent high school graduate at the time. Shortly thereafter, because of the trauma of witnessing such an episode, she attempted suicide

REDACTED stated that she, her mother and her sister brought the matter to the attention of the three Bishops in Orange over the years, the first time around 1975 at Holy Family Cathedral. She cannot remember any other specifics except she thought she told Bishop Brown personally "about 5 years ago". We are unable to find a file on Fr. Buckley.

Over then years she has tried over the years to find out if Fr. Buckley is still in a position to harm children, but she can't locate him.

After the media coverage last week, she called our hotline number to relate his offenses and to find out if he is currently in ministry posing a risk to other children.

LAARCH 016136
She refused contact from the Assistance Ministry Coordinator or any other assistance. She stated her only concern at this time is to make sure Fr. Buckley is not in ministry.

It appears that Fr. Buckley may currently be in a nursing home in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
MEMORANDUM

October 24, 1994

TO:     S. Judy Murphy
FROM:   Father Timothy Dyer
RE:     Fr. Michael Buckley

Msgr. Richey and I met today with Mr. Marcus Lewis, faculty member at Bishop Amat High School. He brought in more allegations regarding Fr. Buckley and says that two other classmates, whom he met at a recent 25th anniversary reunion, had similar experiences.

At this point, I believe it would be wise for Msgr. Richey and I to sit down with you and Mr. McNicholas to come up with a plan for finding Fr. Buckley and getting him out of circulation. If you would speak to me about this, I will coordinate calendars.

Many thanks.
12/91. Letter from [REDACTED] sent to Bishop Fisher and forwarded to me. Called Mr. [REDACTED] who related the following: I'm in a 12-step program for sex addiction. I had a number of awful experiences in my life and this was only one of them -- but, because it involved a priest, it did affect and confuse me. When I was 13-14 yrs. of age I answered phones and doors at the rectory at Holy Innocents, L.B. One visiting priest (who'd come every week or two) seemed to be a cordial friend of Fr. Byrne's. He'd come to the back of the rectory. He would give me an affectionate embrace -- that's the way it began. It progressed to the point of a passionate kiss. When that happened, it scared me and I backed away. He'd back me into a corner. There was never any genital contact nor attempt at rape, but full kissing on the mouth and full physical embraces. On a lot of occasions, he had alcohol on his breath. There were 6-10 experiences of this kind. My daytime # is [REDACTED].

12/91. Called Fr. Byrne: he was defensive about Buckley. Said that in those years Fr. Buckley was chaplain at Lynwood Hospital. [REDACTED] had also called Bob Byrne to relate the story.
Testimony by phone re Michael Buckley by REDACTED

Have had this inside me for 30 years. Can no longer hold this in. The recent Potter case back here on East Coast affected me a great deal.

I had a memory of being abused by a Catholic priest.

Immaculate Conception, Monrovia, where I grew up. Father Buckley was transferred to Harbor General.

He made friends with my family; was there a lot. Within a year of going to Harbor General, my parents gave him permission to take me with him for a weekend. I believe it happened more than once, but ONCE I clearly remember staying overnight at Harbor General in his room.

Slept in same bed that night and that is when it happened: Felatio. He performed felatio on me and forced me to do it to him. Veiled threat that I couldn't tell anyone.

Within a year, I was taking drugs. Got on drugs and alcohol for 20 years.

I am sober for many years now and am free and o.k. even back in church.

Note: Father Buckley was assigned to Harbor General May 15, 1965. at that time was 14 years old.

REDACTED = younger brother of REDACTED student body president at REDACTED (T. Dyer friend and classmate.)
February 19, 1994

Monsignors Dyer and Richey and REDACTED (sister and brother) Not present: REDACTED mother of REDACTED

Phone #'s: REDACTED

REDACTED reports that he was molested by Father Michael Buckley over a period of 5 years (1970-75) from 8th grade thru high school. It was gradual, starting with back scratching and playing around. It progressed to oral copulation and masturbation performed on REDACTED. Father Buckley asked REDACTED to reciprocate. REDACTED said he tried once, but just couldn't do it.

Father Buckley also stuck his penis between REDACTED's legs until he ejaculated. He talked about anal intercourse, but never tried it.

This serious abuse took place about 10 to 15 times. "It stopped the night my sister walked in my bedroom and caught him in bed with me. My mother confronted him, insisted he never come back to their house, and then personally reported the matter to Cardinal Manning."

REDACTED and his sister REDACTED say that Father Buckley admitted his behavior to REDACTED defend that behavior as normal and alright, and said REDACTED was making too much of it.

Father Buckley often told REDACTED about his other sexual activities, picking up young men and taking them to motels, etc. He assured REDACTED there was nothing wrong with this. When REDACTED attempted to go to Confession to Father Buckley, he again assured him nothing was wrong. [REDACTED said: "He did let me go to Confession. Never gave me a 1g penance."]

REDACTED, REDACTED younger brother, reports that Father Buckley kissed him, fondled his genitals, forcefully, on several occasions. REDACTED, REDACTED's older brother, walked in on and witnessed this abuse.

REDACTED claims Father Buckley tried the same behavior on him.

REDACTED related his experiences in a forthright and matter-of-fact manner. He said he wouldn't be reporting this now, but for protecting potential victims. REDACTED had counseling through Orange County Mental Health, in which a therapist, who happened to be Christian, led him through a visualization process that helped him deal with his hurt and then "forgive" Father Buckley. REDACTED is presently

These molestations started while Father Buckley was assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Santa Ana, and continued while he served at St. Sebastian Parish, Santa Paula.
NAME: Rev. Michael (Dan) Buckley

PERSON MAKING ALLEGATION: REDACTED

DATE INITIATED: Feb 15 '94

REPORT/ALLEGATION: Child Molestation 2 independent allegations (C-file) 051:

ARCHDIOCESAN ATTORNEY/INSURANCE NOTIFIED: [date]

THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: ____________________________________________

ADDITIONAL CONTACT THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: ________________

[for others] REDACTED

ADDITIONAL CONTACT PERSONS: Attorney

CASE CHRONOLOGY:

2/18 Call from REDACTED (asked to put allegations in writing)

2/19 Meet with - REDACTED - allegations made (telling

calls made to New England rectory. Message left 3x)

2/19 calls made throughout to each persuasion

located by Rev. John H. Driscoll, reside 748 B in Tremont

2/22-27 Msg. Rhode makes 748 B tell him L is suspended & faculties.

3/8 B calls me & says contact me +apy is set for 3/5/94, 11am

ADDITIONAL CONTACT (rev in hospital) who sees him on occasion

REDACTED

REDACTED

LAARCH 015827
3/5 Meeting with Tom C. (present). Mr. B. arrives w/ attorney who plans to represent him in civil matter. We explain that this is an ecclesiastical matter & we will meet only w/ Mr. B.

Mr. B. says he has not been involved sexually w/ minors. Account re REDACTED

3/5 Mr. B. - staying w/ Mr. F. after his release - is asked to enter forensic psychiatric unit on 3/7/94 & remain for complete evaluation at St. Luke's Inst. by 3/13/94.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

AFTERCARE CHRONOLOGY:

DATE
TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Michael (Dan) Buckley

On February 17th and 19th two independent allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Fr. Dan Buckley were reported to this Office.

In the first case, REDACTED brother of REDACTED reported that when Fr. Buckley was transferred from Immaculate Conception, Monrovia (where he met him in 1962) to Harbor General Hospital (1965) he kept him overnight in his room and performed and forced REDACTED to perform a number of sexual acts. Mr. REDACTED now lives in Vermont and will write us a version of these events along with submission of therapy bills.

The second case was reported by Mr. REDACTED who, in the company of his sister, REDACTED here in the Office, told Msgr. Richey and me that Fr. Buckley had engaged him and several of his brothers in sexual acts during the time that Fr. Buckley was assigned to Immaculate Heart parish in Santa Ana (1971-75). One of his sisters caught Fr. Buckley in his REDACTED bed one night when Father was a guest in the family home. Mrs. REDACTED accompanied by a friend, was given an appointment with Cardinal Manning who promised Fr. Buckley would never again be given an assignment which included proximity to children. (There is an undated phone message to Msgr. Rawden in the file indicating that Mrs. REDACTED had alleged child molestation. There is no record of follow-up.) REDACTED and his sister asked that I speak to their mother -- as she may have names of other families whose children may have been affected. I am in the process of calling her.

Throughout the weekend I have tried to locate Fr. Buckley. I left three messages on his machine on February 18th -- instructing him to be in my office at noon on February 19th. I left him my schedule and numbers. He made no contact. When I got home from the office last night (Saturday, 19th) I found a recorded message from him from 11:00 am. I have continued calling since last night and find that he now has his phone recorder turned off. If I cannot reached him by tonight, I will ask Msgr. Rhode to make a trip to New Cuyama tomorrow.

Msgr. Rhode is already planning to be at the weekend Masses (February 26-27th) to announce that Fr. Buckley will not be returning to that assignment.

We must continue all our efforts - a letter read at the time - difficult.

+RM
2-23-94
February 25, 1994

Rev. Michael D. Buckley
Immaculate Conception Church
4793 Cebrian
P O Box 257
New Cuyama, CA 93254-0257

Dear Father Buckley:

After repeated calls to you throughout last week—since February 17, you have not responded to messages I have left on behalf of the Cardinal.

I must inform you that serious allegations have been made against you which must be confronted immediately.

At this time, your priestly faculties are suspended, and you are relieved of duties at Immaculate Conception Church, New Cuyama while we investigate these allegations.

Monsignor John Rohde will inform parishioners this weekend at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses of the situation in general and your absence from the parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

cc: Monsignor John Rohde, Episcopal Vicar

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MSON. TIM BGER.

THIS STATEMENT OF MINE MUST BE VIEWED AS BEING ONLY PARTIALLY COMPLETE AS THESE MEMORIES HAVE BEEN LOCKED AWAY FOR 28 YEARS AND BEVEE ONLY RECENTLY SURFACED.

SOMETIME IN MAY OR JUNE 1965 I WAS SEXUALLY MOLESTED BY FATHER MICHAEL BUCKNER IN HIS ROOM AT HARBON GENERAL HOSPITAL. I WAS 14 YEARS OLD AND "WENT ALONG" WITH HIS ACTIONS ONLY OUT OF ISOLATION, FEAR, AND CONFUSION. I FEEL I HAD NO CHOICE. HE SAID THAT IT MUST REMAIN "OUR SECRET." I DON'T KNOW TODAY IF THIS HAPPENED ONLY ONCE OR TWENTY TIMES. I DO REMEMBER BEING FONDOLED BY HIM IN CHURCH AND AT SCHOOL MANY TIMES. IT WAS ONLY WHEN I PHYSICALLY ATTACKED HIM AND LOUDLY CURSED HIM DID HE LEAVE ME ALONE.

I HAVE SUFFERED IMMENSE PAIN AND GUILT AS THE RESULT OF THIS PHYSICAL ACTION ON AN INNOCENT BOY. I AM AN ALCOHOLIC AND DOPE ADDICT AND IN RECOVERY FOR 11 YEARS. THESE MEMORIES HAVE STILL PAINFULLY LIVED ON FOR THE LAST 2 MONTHS.

SINCERELY

REDACTED
MEMORANDUM

August 25, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Michael Buckley

Chronological dates:

-- 2/18/94 Allegations from REDACTED
-- 2/19/94 Allegations from REDACTED
-- 2/19/94 Three messages left on the parish recording machine
-- 2/26/94 Msgr. Rhode meets with Fr. Buckley telling him to present himself to the Cardinal's Office asap
-- 3/5/94 Fr. Buckley meets with B. Curry and Fr. Dyer -- told to report to Exodus Psychiatric Clinic on March 7th and to reside there until the date of his departure for St. Luke's Inst. in mid-March.

— 3/7/94 Fr. Buckley does not show up at Exodus and has not made any contact with this office since that date.

Suggested Pastors for Consultation:

Fr. John G. Fitzgerald (Dean - deanery #1)
Fr. Richard Loomis (Dean - deanery #3)
Report made to Fr. Dyer + Rickie by REDACTED
concerning Protestantism incident by Michael Buckley

Oct 24, 1994

At 15th High School graduation reunion, in Aug '94, REDACTED
was talking to several of classmate, from LC grammar school in Montana,
REDACTED
working as ride operator at Disneyland, REDACTED in about 1980, saw
(a mother, sister)
Fr Buckley in line. He asked "Are you still married?"

REDACTED
saw him again at funeral of Miss Kefer's mother. Disturbed
REDACTED
said his brother had been molested by
Fr Buckley at the other, REDACTED says he felt
REDACTED
tremendously validated by that revelation and then
REDACTED
shared with REDACTED and others his own experience
REDACTED
of molestation. REDACTED (at this place, footage appears, but is unclear)
REDACTED
felt a need to share this with a priest, John
Majercak, who in turn notified Fr Dyer

At the reunion, others said that REDACTED told them he
REDACTED
was molested by Fr Buckley

Incident: Fr Buckley was stationed at Immaculate Conception in Monrovia
when REDACTED was in grades 6 to 8. In 1971, when
we were 17 years old, Fr Buckley was stationed in Honolulu. On a trip to
Honolulu, REDACTED was invited to stay with Fr Buckley. After a
shower, he was invited by Fr Buckley to have a back rub.

Fr Buckley went on from massaging to sexual fondling,
REDACTED said he has been embarrassed to share this
experience mainly because, at age 20, he thinks he should have been
able to prevent it. At the time, he actually moved away
rather quickly and resisted Fr Buckley's invitation to sleep in his
bed. Fr Buckley then asked him if he had
ever had sex. Mr. said 'no'. Mr. Buckley then told him that a contemporary had.

Mr. Buckley made no apology or any other indication that his behavior was in the slightest way out of order.
October 25, 1994

Rev. Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar of Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015-1194

Dear Father Dyer,

I am writing to thank you for making time in your schedule to meet with me yesterday. Both of you were very supportive and I felt good about myself when our interview ended.

Driving home I had time to think about the information we covered. I realized that the incident that occurred between Father Buckley and me took place in the fall of 1970, not 1971 as I had originally thought. I was nineteen at the time. More validation for my daughter, I guess.

During our conversation, you extended an offer for personal counseling. I would like you to consider the archdiocese picking up the cost for my personal therapist. Although this subject has not come up yet, I believe it will eventually. I have met with REDACTED three times already and will continue to, every other month, for as long as I feel necessary. He charges $125.00 per session.

Please keep me apprised of any further developments regarding Father Buckley.

Best regards.

Enclosure
MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 27, 1994
FROM: MSGR. RICHEY
TO: C-FILE - REDACTED
RE:

REPORT MADE TO FRS. DYER AND RICHEY BY REDACTED CONCERNING MOLESTATION INCIDENT BY FR. MICHAEL BUCKLEY

October 24, 1994

REDACTED, English teacher and academic counselor, REDACTED,

was talking to several of his classmates from IC grammar school in Monrovia.

REDACTED said his brother had been molested by Fr. Buckley at the rectory. Mr. REDACTED says he felt tremendously validated by that revelation and then shared with Mr. and others his own experience of molestation.

Incident: Fr. Buckley was stationed at Immaculate Conception in Monrovia when REDACTED was in grades six to eight. In 1971, when REDACTED was 20 years old, Fr. Buckley was stationed in Honolulu. On a trip to Hawaii, REDACTED was invited to stay with Fr. Buckley. After a shower, he was invited by Fr. Buckley to have a back rub.

Fr. Buckley went on from massaging to genital fondling. REDACTED said he has been embarrassed to share this experience mainly because, at age 20, he thinks he should have been able to prevent it. At the time, he actually moved away rather quickly and resisted Fr. Buckley’s invitation to sleep in his bed. Fr. Buckley then asked him if he had ever had sex. REDACTED said, "No." Fr. Buckley then told him that a contemporary, had. Fr. Buckley made no apology or any other indication that his behavior was in the slightest way out of order.

REDACTED felt a need to share this with a priest, John Majarucan, who in turn notified Fr. Dyer.

At the reunion, others said that a REDACTED told them he was molested by Fr. Buckley.

Working as ride operator at Disneyland, REDACTED, in about 1980, saw Fr. Buckley in line. He asked, "Are you still married?" REDACTED saw him again at a funeral for Msgr. Keifer’s mother. He was very disturbed.
23 April 2002

To: Cardinal Roger Michael Mahony
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

Bishop Joseph Sartoris
San Pedro Pastoral Region
3555 St. Pancratius Pl
Lakewood, CA 90712

Bishop Joseph A. Pepe
Bishop of Las Vegas
P.O. Box 18316
Las Vegas, Nevada 89114-8316

Dear Cardinal Mahoney and Bishop Sartoris,

From 1972 through 1973 a priest of the parish of Los Angeles sexually abused me. From my birth in 1957 until I left Los Angeles in 1977 I was an active parishioner at Holy Innocents church in Long Beach, and I attended Holy Innocents catholic school through eighth grade. From 1974 through 1977 I was also active in the archdiocese Search for Christian Maturity program as well.

During 1972 and 1973 I worked several evenings a week at the parish rectory, answering telephone calls for the priests and answering the door. During that period, the pastor was Fr. Burns. Approximately twice a month, Fr. Burns received a visitor, another priest, who would join him in his room. As he exited, and I was showing him out the rear door, that priest sexually abused me on several occasions.

In 1990, while in a program of treatment for recovery from substance abuse, memories of this sexual abuse began to come forward. It was at that time that I reported the sexual abuse to the archdiocese of Los Angeles via a letter reporting as many details as I could recall. A couple of months after that, I received a telephone call from the then Chancellor of the San Pedro Region, in which we discussed in more depth the details as I remembered them. Despite the therapy that I was undergoing, and to this day, I have never been able to recall the name of the priest. At one point, in 1990, I had also spoken by phone to Fr. Burns, but he categorically denied any knowledge of the priest in question, or knowledge of the abuse. A couple of months later, I received a letter from the late Bishop Fischer, explaining to me that he and the chancellor were
fairly certain which priest it was that had perpetrated this abuse, but that he also had denied it. It did state that the priest in question was no longer active in his ministry and had retired from parish activity.

By the grace of our Father, I have continued in recovery from my addictions. For the past twelve years, my foremost desire has been towards reconciliation with the faith that I grew up with and service to Our Lord. There have been many challenges. Through all of these struggles, I have held to my belief in the Church and the Eucharistic celebration. On most days, I cannot imagine being anything other than Catholic.

To say that this journey has been easy would be a vast understatement. I worked in therapy, with spiritual directors, and with recovery sponsors for years to ease the pain, which this priest, and the leaders of the church, and those incidents brought to me. During the past several years, I have felt relief that I no longer was held bound by those tragic events and their grave repercussions. Recent events have brought this pain back to life in a way that that I never imagined possible.

I’d like to share with you why these events have been so painful to me, and to so many others. As a recovering addict, I understand that many of us do things in our addiction that we would never have done otherwise, and along the journey we need to both forgive ourselves, and seek reconciliation from those we hurt. Many years ago, I forgave the priest who offended me. I have faith that our Father will judge him with the same love that he has graced me with. What has continued to be most painful for me is the church’s leadership during these trying times and the pain and suffering that is caused by the leadership’s refusal to admit and address a most grievous problem.

I have come to understand this by likening it to the children raised in the home of an alcoholic or abusive man. I have counseled many children of alcoholics over the past several years and what I have found most frequently is that they have come to forgive the alcoholic/abuser through their own understanding of addiction and grace. What these individuals struggle more frequently with, for years in fact, is the pain that was caused by the spouse of that addict/abuser. The person that was sober, that should have stood up for their children and protected them, failed to do so. In recovery and treatment, we call these the co-dependents. In my pain, I have struggled most frequently to forgive and reconcile with the co-dependents of our church. Those men who knew there were pedophiles, sex addicts, alcoholics and addicts in the priesthood, yet stood by and did little or nothing for the children exposed to these illnesses.

Several years ago, I made a Cursillo weekend and experienced one of those moments of grace and healing that are so profound in our lives. A priest on that weekend, looked me in the eye, and apologized for the sins of his brothers and for the pain that it caused me. Amidst a torrent of tears, I experienced God’s healing love in my heart.

I don’t have many answers on how the church will reconcile itself with its victims. But I do believe that it should start there. With individual acts of reconciliation from both the priests and the church’s leadership to it’s victims. In twelve step circles, we have called that “making amends.”
I know that many today will seek financial amends. I’m fairly certain that’s not an answer. I don’t believe any amount of money could heal me from the pain that was caused. But I do believe that our church should stand up and take responsibility for doing everything in its power to assist, or offer assistance to its victims. I can think of many ways of doing this, mostly centered on providing counseling, spiritual, healing and emotional support for all victims of abuse.

Dear Bishop Pepe,

I have included you in this letter because I have felt called to live in the diocese of Las Vegas. I retired from the U.S. Navy last year and, after a brief transition in Oceanside, CA, was offered a job by the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services as a Mental Health Counselor working with severely emotionally disturbed children. While on active duty in the military, I served as a substance abuse counselor and program manager of a substance abuse clinic in Sicily, Italy.

Since 1994, when my wife and I made Cursillo, we have been deeply devoted to apostolic action. For several years, we were “Lifeteen” ministers in Pensacola, Florida and I have also instructed RCIA and confirmation classes over the past several years. While we have yet to really call a parish “home” here in Las Vegas, most frequently we attend mass at Our Lady of the Skies.

For many years, I have felt a tremulous calling to the deaconate. While on active duty, there was no possibility of pursuing that vocation. Today, I am held back by a fear of service, not to Our Lord who has graced me with so many miracles, but to our church leadership, which has not facilitated a trusting relationship.

As I was talking with my spiritual director the other day, I came to understand, rather heard, a calling to service in a different way. The journey that I have been on has been im measurably painful, but despite that, I would not choose to change the path. All that has happened has shaped me to the man that I am today, with the gifts that I bring to the table. If, as the voice of the Lord asked Isaiah, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” What else can I reply but “Here am I; send me!”

Most Reverend Bishop Pepe. If my experience, strength and hope can be of service to our faith community in Las Vegas, I pray to find the courage to give of the gifts I have been given. My prayers are with you, with our faith community, and most especially, for the healing of our mother church.

In His Most Holy Name,

REDACTED
June 23, 2002

+ Cardinal Roger Mahoney
   (or your designate regarding past sex abuse)
   Archdiocese of Los Angeles,
   3424 Wilshire Blvd
   Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241
   (213) 637-7000

Re: Father Daniel Buckley

Dear Cardinal Mahoney,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Medford, OR with my wife [REDACTED] last Sunday our associate pastor spoke of the US Catholic Bishop's meeting in Dallas. He concluded his homily with the summons for anyone who has been the victim of past abuse by priests, and never reported it to do so.

... In 1967 I was in 8th grade at Immaculate Heart of Mary grade school in Santa Ana. (At that time our Parish was still part of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.) I am the second of five children and we all attended Immaculate Heart of Mary. My older brother at the time had left home for Our Lady Queen of Angels Seminary. I recall my first incident with Father Buckley occurred on a

The Lord is kind and merciful.
SATURDAY NIGHT. FATHER BUCKLEY WAS A FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY AND HE STOPPED BY FOR A VISIT. DAD LOVED THE NUMBER AND LOVED PRIESTS. HE KEPT CHEVA'S REGAL SCOTCH IN THE CUPBOARD FOR THEIR VISITS; AND SINCE HE WAS A MECHANIC, HE ALWAYS DID THE MAINTENANCE ON THEIR JARS WHENEVER THEY NEEDED SERVICE. MOM LOVED HER IRISH HERITAGE AND FATHER BUCKLEY GAVE HER IRISH GIFTS. I DIDN'T THEN, NOR FOR A LONG TIME, REALIZE THE DECEPTIVENESS OF HIS GIFTS. I RECEIVED FROM HIM A 35MM MINOLTA RANGEFINDER CAMERA. (MY OLDER BROTHER WAS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF HIS GIFTS, WHICH TO HIM WERE NUMEROUS; I ONLY RECALL HE RECEIVED A REEL TO REEL TAPE RECORDER.) IN THOSE DAYS I WAS AN ALTAR BOY AND I LOVED TO SERVE MASS. ON THIS SATURDAY NIGHT I WAS SCHEDULED TO SERVE MASS AT 6:30 THE NEXT MORNING. WE LIVED NOT TOO FAR FROM IMMACULATE HEART, AND I WOULD EITHER WALK OR RIDE MY BIKE. FATHER BUCKLE SUGGESTED I SPEND THE NIGHT AT THE RECTORY AND HE WOULD BRING ME HOME AFTER MORNING MASS. I WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE RECTORY BECAUSE I ANSWERED THE PHONE ON MONDAY NIGHTS AND WOULD SORT ALL THE CHURCH ENVELOPES INTO NUMERICAL ORDER. FATHER BUCKLEY'S ROOM HAD A SITTING AREA WITH A TV AND COUCH, AS WELL AS HIS CASEL AND ALL HIS PAINTING SUPPLIES. THE BEDROOM WAS SEPARATE, AND I ASSUMED I WOULD SLEEP ON THE COUCH. MOM AND DAD SAID I COULD GO.

MY EXPERIENCE WAS VERY HUMILIATING AND EMBARRASSING. I AS TRY AS I COULD NOT TELL ANYONE WHAT HAD HAPPENED, WORST OF ALL, AT THAT TIME OF MY LIFE I BLAMED MYSELF.

The Lord is kind and merciful.
I thought Father Buckley was beyond this, except—

I thought somehow I had prepared it. My mind and my heart
began a battle that lasted for the next six years.

In my heart I felt that I was innocent, but logically
I reasoned Father Buckley can't be guilty, so
must be. On top of that Father Buckley said
or love was a special love like Jesus had with His
disciples, especially John. Moreover, he named class-
hates and friends of mine whom he had been with
before me and that I was a part of a special circle.
Finally he counseled me that when two people have
I special love it is just between them and no one
else; I had to keep it private.

I avoided Father Buckley. In September of 1969 I
entered Our Lady Queen of Angels Seminary. I loved
it! I was not a particularly good student, but I
along with anybody and I loved the spiritual life
of the seminary. In my second year I got my driver's
license. Over a year had elapsed since that Saturday
night and I felt it was time for me to stop avoiding
Father Buckley. He had a history of heart problems and
approached me with the request to drive him to Long
Beach where he needed to pick up some of his belongings.
I drove him, and except for some fooling, it went
pretty good. What stands out in my mind was walking
the halls of a different seminary (at that time close
and imagining the priests who had come from there).

My guess is Father Buckley used this occasion as a
confidence builder; he joked and complimented my driving.

The Lord is kind and merciful.
I don't recall much about our second episode; more than anything I remember a feeling of dread. He asked me again if I could drive him somewhere. He never told me where we were going, only "turn here. Turn left there. etc." We ended up at a cheap motel in Laguna Beach. I don't know how he pressure me to go in with him, but I couldn't say no to a priest, even though I told him I didn't want to go. That was the last time I ever trusted him, although it was not the last of his persuasive attempts.

Once when I was working at St. John's theology during the annual priest retreats we met each other in the dining hall. He tried and tried to have me meet with him, but I never did.

In 1978 my parents celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They invited Father Buckley (who was living in Santa Maria, at the time - I think). My mom found out from a classmate of mine who attended that Father Buckley made advances on him. (This classmate and I have not corresponded for years, but my mom & him still do.)

A few years ago I shared my experiences with my brother because I always suspected Father Buckley got to him first. He's never said a word in affirmation or denial. He dropped out of St. John's between his 2nd & 3rd year in theology. He's never married, has not been successful in relationships, and even to me he will not share his feelings. something happened to him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.
AND THIS (ALTHOUGH UNCONFIRMED) IS THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES SENSE. MY BROTHER LIVES ALONE, AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO HIM FOR MYSELF, AS MUCH AS I LOVED O.L. QA., I LOVED ST. JOHN'S EVEN MORE. BUT ALL WAS NOT WELL. MANY OF THE FRIENDS (CLASSMATES) I HAD WERE GAY. I CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THERE WAS SOME DEFICIT IN MY PERSONALITY BECAUSE I KNEW FOR SURE MY FEELING WERE (AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN) HETEROSEXUAL. ANOTHER PRIEST ENTERED MY LIFE AT A CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE WHO MADE NUMEROUS SEXUAL ADVANCES (FATHER JOE D'ANGELO FROM PAKISTAN). ALL OF MY SELF DOUBT EVENTUALLY HAD SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. I KEPT ASKING MYSELF "WHAT AM I DOING TO ATTRACT THESE PEOPLE TO MYSELF? IF I TRY TO BE KIND OR INTERESTED, THEY THINK I WANT TO GO TO BED WITH THEM..." IN MY SOPHOMORE YEAR AT ST. JOHN'S I GOT INVOLVED WITH A PROGRAM CALLED APOSTOLIC WORKS. SEMINARIANS TEAMED UP WITH PARISHIONERS TO VISIT THE CONValescent HOSPITALS, TEACH CATHECHISM, ETC. DURING THIS TIME I GOT AQUAINTED WITH REDACTED SHE WAS MARRIED, HAD THREE CHILDREN, AND IS 18 YEARS OLDER THAN MYSELF. I THOUGHT SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL, AND FOR SOME REASON SHE WAS ATTRACTION TO ME TOO. MY LIFE SEEMED SO OUT OF CONTROL: THE RELATIONSHIPS I DIDN'T WANT KEPT COMING AT ME LIKE THE SURF, THE RELATIONSHIP I WANTED - I COULDN'T HAVE. I REMEMBER A TURNING POINT ONE DAY AT ST. JOHN'S:

The Lord is kind and merciful.
I stood beneath the large white crucifix and looked up at the Lord and asked him to please tell me plainly what I needed to do. I opened my Bible and couldn't believe where my eyes fell; it was the story of Jesus Calling the Twelve Disciples. I rejoiced that that must mean his plan for me. But I disagreed that I would have to give up the only relationship I had that validated who I was. I couldn't do it.

I became involved with REDACTED even while attending St. John's. Less than a year after I graduated, she told her husband she wanted a divorce. While there were issues going on in their marriage, I held myself responsible for the divorce. I wish that I had had the courage then to reveal my secrets to my spiritual advisor (FF. Niederer - now Bishop in Salt Lake).

Somehow, I never could get the words to come out of my lips. Once I left St. John's I decided I would try and follow the Lord's footsteps as a carpenter, and that is what I did for 10 years. Then, in 1987 I got on the Fire Department; it is where I am today. My wife and I have been married in the church for 22 years. We never had children of our own, and one of her sons died of AIDS in 1995. Her other son has had two failed marriages and is on his third. Her daughter has struggled with many emotional problems since the divorce. For years

The Lord is kind and merciful.
In our marriage I would go through a cycle of violence; I had a very short fuse. And I got professional counseling a few years back and I was able to deal with father Buckley's sexual abuse and reveal to redacted, my past I don't know how much of the pain I've caused is my fault. I used to think I was responsible for all of it. I don't believe I carry any resentment, I forgive father Buckley a long time ago. I regret that I never became a priest because I think that was the life the Lord had planned for me, because of our age difference and I never had children of our own, and that has been more difficult for me than her. I am closer in age to her children than to redacted so my role as a parent & step-father has been difficult. The consequences of father Buckley's actions are blurred with the consequences of my own life. I just take one day at a time and try to live a good life. Another scripture that the Lord gave me was "He who puts his hand to the plow but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God." This was to replace the first one. But for a few hours here I have looked back. I hope my parish priest's request:

The Lord is kind and merciful.
The Lord is kind and merciful.
SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT
To be Completed by Reporting Party

B. Victim
NAME/TITLE: Dennis Marley

ADDRESS: 2981 Barclay Rd. Medford, OR 97504

PHONE: (541)-779-8155

DATE OF REPORT: 12/11/84

BIRTHDATE: APPROX 1950

SEX: M

RACE: A

C. Call
OFFICIAL CONTACTED: Detective Barraclough
PHONE: (213) 485-2683

D. Other Parties
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): ADDRESS

PRESENT LOCATION OF:

NAME OF CHURCH OR SCHOOL:

ADDRESS AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

PLACE OF INCIDENT:

(Check One) Occurred [ ] Observed [ ]

TYPE OF SEXUAL ABUSE:

[ ] 1969 - St. Mary's Rectory, Motel

[ ] 1972 - Long Beach

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:
Alter 1969 - 7th Grade - overnight at rectory
For embarrassing & humiliating - a humiliating
left myself. Direction(s) engaged with taking of
escorted (shaved?)

F. Perpetrator Information

Sr. Buckley, friend of family - grooming after
petting area - TV room - coach & fishing

Signed: (Signature)

CLASSMATE told my mom of Buckley's advances

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Suspected child Abuse Report
REPORTING FORM

Date of this report to Public Authority:

Name of Public Authority: Victim reported he talked to Mr. Cooley at the DA's office.

Date of this Report to Archdiocese: October 17, 2005 by telephone to Archdiocese

Reported to Archdiocese by:

Complainant Name: REDACTED

Current Address: 

Telephone: 

Date of Birth:

Alleged Perpetrator: "Fr. Buckley at St. Mary's, Santa Ana" Immaculate Heart of Mary, Santa Ana Fr. Michael Buckley 1/1971-6/75 REDACTED 1973-74

Name: (Victim)

Name of Possible Witness:

Reported Date of Incident: (s) 1973-74

Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):

"I was 11 years old when I started to be an altar boy. Fr. Buckley started touching me. He exposed himself. He said, 'the body is not something to be ashamed of'. I told my Dad. And he got angry and confronted him. I never was an altar boy again."

"Dad died in 1999."

Sexual abuse of a minor under 14 years.

Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:

Comments:

"This has destroyed my life. I have done prison time. I don't want to go public. This is very shameful."

"I called Cooley at the DA's office".

Submitted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

Margaret G. Graf
General Counsel
Fr. Paul Datson said he had read the report to the people of God and noted that Fr. Buckley’s name was listed. He is Fr. Buckley’s conservator. He did not know if he had a responsibility to share information about seminary boundary violations involving Fr. Buckley. He gave the names of the then seminarians REDACTED

He called on October 12, 2005.

Sr. Sheila said that she would see if we already had a report of these seminarians and would get back to him. Record was checked by our general counsel we had no such report. Sr. Sheila was advised to get the information and make a report for the file.

Sr. Sheila made several calls to reach Fr. Dotson to get the full report. Thus there was a time delay of several weeks. On October 31, 2005, Sr. reached Fr. Dotson.

Fr. Paul Dotson reported “that in July 1967 there was a beach party at a private residence. Paul was present at the party with another seminarian friend, REDACTED told Paul that he was taking a shower and Fr. Buckley had gotten in the shower with him and acted improperly. REDACTED was very upset. REDACTED was over 18 at the time of this incident.”

“On another occasion we were at a Christmas party with friends. REDACTED said, ‘Fr. Buckley had grabbed him in the groin’. He was very angry and went to the rector, Fr. John Danagher, C.M. (RIP). The rector went to Msgr. Hawkes to report the incident. Msgr. Hawkes told him he would order Msgr. Buckley not to be at St. John’s (Seminary, Camarillo).”

Fr. Dotson does not know where REDACTED is at this time.

Fr. Paul Dotson: “REDACTED had just graduated from High School. He was 17 or 18. It was the summer of August 1962. There was a party for seminarians. Fr. Buckley was instrumental in getting this kid in the seminary.

I think Fr. Buckley got “in bed” with this kid. Later, Fr. Buckley came to the seminary. REDACTED was hiding from him. He told his parents. The year after it happened I heard about this. He only stayed at the seminary two years.”