

Memo to file (Strictly Confidential)

Re: Father Creagh

Tom Creagh came to see me yesterday. On Sunday evening, March 6th, he sexually molested a 15-year old boy, [MS-15]. His parents, [ ] and [ ], took the case to Father Duerr as principal of Trinity where [MS-15] is in school. The parents are non-Catholic (husband) and non-practising (wife). Father Creagh regards th boy as manipulating his parents through this case to get out of Trinity; Father Duerr agrees, at least to an extent.

I told Father Creagh that I had to view this incident in what I regard is an excellent pastoral ministry at St Albert's, and that it would not be my indication to remove him from office there. The parents could, of course, destroy his ministry and harm the parish greatly if they make public accusations. In that case, Tom would have to go. He insists that his first concern is the parish, not himself, and I believe him.

Tom is especially concerned lest the matter come to the attention of other priests. I have told only Bp Maloney and do not intend to speak of it beyond Father Williams, who has been informed by Father Duerr.

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