

May 6, 2002

Dear Mr. Nett:

I have been a member of St. Albert the Great Church since my family moved here in 1971. I attended church with my family on a regular basis. During Mr. Creagh's tenure as pastor of our church, I was in high school at Sacred Heart Academy. My two brothers attended mass as well. One brother was in high school at Trinity, and the other was in college at U of L.

I was witness to Mr. Creagh's flirtations on many occasion with the young male members of our parish. He had a particular fondness for these young men. Mr. Creagh would sit at the altar winking, and flirtatiously wave at the young men and boys of our parish all throughout the mass. I found his behavior to be blatantly homosexual in manner. I would often tease my one brother by elbowing him that "Fr. Creagh has a crush on you". I used to jokingly tell my parents that I could walk into Sunday mass completely nude, and "Fr." Creagh would not look twice at me. He was overwhelmingly friendly to the young male members, yet barely acknowledged his female parishioners.

Little did I know just how far Mr. Creagh took these flirtations. But I soon became aware. Mr. Creagh contacted my brothers to play squash (or maybe, tennis or both) at the Louisville Tennis Club. After a seemingly innocent game, he would disrobe in the dressing room, then suggest that they sit in the sauna.....nude. Mr. Creagh would then coax them into returning to the rectory, into the basement, where he would suggest to them that he would give them a massage. He also told his victim to take off their clothes.....to make the massage "more beneficial". Unfortunately, one of my brothers followed his directions, yet thankfully realized the situation was uncomfortable and dangerous, gathered up his clothes, and left.

I also remember being told of Mr. Creagh to have an erection during these sessions (when one of my brothers was nude). I ask you, is this proper behavior for a priest? I blame Mr. Creagh for abusing his religious authority, and hiding behind clerical clothing. We were brought up in a holy, Catholic religion, and were taught to honor and revere these "men of God". I find Mr. Creagh's current legal troubles not surprising, but only after the fact. I think Mr. Creagh is a pedophile and a homosexual who preys on young men.

I read the article in today's Courier Journal where a parishioner at Holy Family, named Lisa Heiser, wondered "Did he really do that in 1982?." Yes, Lisa, he did! He is a sick man who needs to pay for what he has done. He is facing criminal charges, and I plan to see to it that they are carried out.

I blame him and I blame the church, the archdiocese, the archbishop, and anyone else who knew of his behavior and did not speak out. I **do not** blame the countless numbers of young men I fear he has sexually abused. They were young, innocent victims of a pedophile hiding behind his collar.

My parents have been, and continue to be heavily involved in our church. My father has donated thousands of dollars to the church, and the least they owe him is to see to it that Mr. Creagh is never again involved with the church, young men, and boys.

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I feel sorry for Mr. **MS-15** and his parents for having to go through this ordeal, with no support or resolution from the church or the archdiocese, and only to witness Mr. Creagh be shuffled around from parish to parish to hide the allegations against him. I had hoped when he left our parish he would never return, yet only realized a few years ago he had returned to Louisville. I feel partially to blame for not speaking out earlier, yet no crime was committed, only **extremely inappropriate behavior**.

For now, I will remain anonymous, as I do not want to speak in place of my brothers. However, I will be watching every move the church, the archdiocese, and the archbishop make regarding this case. **I trust you will make the right decision.** This is a nationwide crisis against the Catholic church.....**again, I trust you will act accordingly by removing Mr. Creagh from his position, and handing this matter over to the authorities.**

Sincerely,
St. Albert the Great parishioner

cc: Brian Reynolds (chief administrative officer), Archdiocese of Louisville
Archbishop Thomas Kelly

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