

February 25, 1993

Dear MS-7 (First Name):

After your letter of January 27th and our subsequent conversation, I called the provincial of the Xaverian Brothers, Brother Matthew Burke, to report the incident that occurred in 1958. He took this very seriously and has spent considerable time in trying to discover who the swimming supervisor might have been. It has mostly been a dead-end because they don't have records--or memories--that go back that far. Brother (Dr.) DeSales Lawless has been contacted but he was unable to give much help. He is retired but still teaching at Fordham University. Brother Matthew says he is very alert but is unable to recall which brothers were at the camp or, most of all, who supervised swimming.

You perhaps will not be surprised at this. It was I who encouraged you to offer the information you had, and Brother Matthew pursued it with appropriate seriousness, and will continue to do so, but records of summer assignments that long ago probably don't exist.

I've got DeSales' home telephone number if you ever want to talk to him. I'm glad that you remember him as a good person. That kind of memory helps to balance, at least a little, the painful ones.

I'm expecting to hear from you again. Did you contact Father Hehir? did you find a counselor? If you prefer to telephone, I'm at (502) 585-3291 during office hours. Or if you want me to call you at your home, let me know a good time and I will do so.

With prayerful best wishes,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Louisville

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