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Mar. 24, 1991

Dear [REDACTED]

We were told about [REDACTED] lawsuit against Fr. Ramos, et al, & I just wanted you to know you both, [REDACTED] & Cheryl have our prayers and concern.

In the past year our daughter, [REDACTED] has been under treatment for what was first diagnosed as manic/depressive/bipolar disorder & now she's under treatment to determine if or when she was sexually molested. It's been a terrible year & such a shock. She was such a lively, happy joyful girl. She's married, lives (when she's able) in Alaska, & has a 2-year old little girl & the best husband in the world.

Now, about Fr. Ramos. I was one of the people from J.H.M. school who went to the Bishop to demand his removal. The Diocese took their time doing it, & it wasn't until one of our teachers telephoned: Mrs. (now Bishop) Driscoll & said if he wasn't

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removed & placed under treatment by the first of that week, she would have him charged with "contributing to the delinquency of minors" & then the Diocese would.

Now, all the facts I had seen of drinking, having boys with him - he even tried to take them out of class. We were afraid he was giving drinks to the boys. Beyond that, I didn't know anything, but we feared the boys were in danger.

The one teacher who was going to call the police did have one parent express fears for her sons. That family did take their boys out of the rectory & off the altar.

The Bishop or Msgr. Driscoll told me they needed 4 people to corroborate our statements. I called people who had been at the CC & campout there when he was drunk. People refused to help. Then when our teacher told Msgr. Driscoll about the 1 parent, that mother talked with Msgr. & the Diocese, based on her story & the teacher's threat pulled him out of

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I was outraged by many
jealousness for a long time - probably
a year.

Mr. Ramos, while he was under-
going treatment wrote me a nice letter.
When he returned, before he was trans-
ferred, I asked to meet with him & I
was told he was under orders ^{not} to go
near me - yet he could see anyone
else in the prison & did!

Unfortunately, other than the alcohol-
ism, & seeing keys used him in the car,
& at the campsite, seeing little bottles of
liquor in the car, my knowledge is
hearsay.

The Teacher I mentioned was
going to call your [redacted] lawyer
to tell what she knows. She is [redacted]
[redacted]

Our former sisters at school,

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who now are all back in Worcester, Mass.,
feared physical violence from him. That
I think was based on his size & his
verbal anger. And that I have seen.

I knew he had a temper, became
very angry, & when drunk was crude
& vulgar.

I also remember one of the upper
grade teachers saying one day at least
that back in her class told of Fr. Ramos
taking them to some "dirty" movies.
We were angry with the diocese & afraid
for the kids, but we had to push
without any facts about sexual mole-
station - just instinct.

We are truly, truly sorry for the
agonies [redacted] has gone through, as well
as yours. I wish I had more with which to
help him.

If you need to talk with me, please
call me at [redacted]

Best of luck & prayers,
[redacted] →

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P. S. The Bishop promised me no one
would know the names of those of us
who appealed for his removal and treatment.
When Sr. Ramos wrote me, he not only
revealed [redacted] & I, he listed the names of our
Principal & the few teachers who had gone
to the disease. And most people in the
parish knew it was us. That really
angers [redacted]

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April 15, 1991

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your kindness
in answering my letter.

In your letter you asked if I
knew of any written documentation,
specially on the disease level. The only
thing I knew of - and this is only relating
to the alcoholism - is when Fr. Rames wrote
his horrible letter to [REDACTED] & to me. We immediately
took the letter & showed it to Fr. Moran.

Then - and I don't know the
time span - when Sister Celine, who was
the Superintendent of the Disease schools,
came over to I H M School for her
visitation, our principal asked me to
show Sister Celine the letter. I never

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showed the letter to our principal because she, & other sisters were vilified by him in it.

Anyway, Sister Celina asked me for permission to show a copy of the letter to Bishop Johnson & I agreed. Word came back to me that the copy was sent back to the treatment center in Massachusetts.

Then when Fr. Ramon returned, I decided I was not going to be in fear & trembling of him, & I asked at the rectory for an appointment with him. The one called me back the next day & said Fr. Ramon told her that he was under orders not to have any contact with me.

I was very angered because at the same time he was free to contact any one else he wanted to — including, as we now know, Mothering

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help like yours [REDACTED]

There is no question in my mind that Mgr. Driscoll had a great deal of knowledge about Fr. Ramos. [REDACTED] talked to him on several occasions & she had him talk with one of the parents.

Are records from the treatment center being sought - if anything of his sexual disorder came out?

I must say that when I spoke with Bishop Johnson about the allegations he was truly surprised & shocked at our testimony. And, I think at that point he turned the matter over to Mgr. Driscoll. I hope Mgr. Driscoll is added to the list of those being sued. Because he is alive & he cannot say that all of this happened ~~at~~ before his time.

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[redacted] was very angered when Fr. Ramos wrote & included names of those at S H M School who had fought for his ^{maybe} removal. I had forgotten but I think that it wasn't the diocese who told him, but [redacted] [redacted], who was a long-term sub, ^{at school,} who kept lurking around when we'd be trying to figure how to keep pursuing the diocese, & once, tipped her hand to me & intuitively many questions were answered by her actions.

I did not know of any sexual dealings with the kids. I did hear the Fr. High teachers say that kids were going off with him at sometimes & coming back late or he would send for kids. I think Sister put a stop to that. But those of ^{us} who were fighting for his removal were afraid of it - because of the drinking & therefore, the opportunity.

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The Sisters were physically afraid of him. He was overpowering & menacing & they were elderly & frail.

I was not afraid of him. I shall see him in great contempt. But [redacted] & I are enraged at the Diocese of Orange or any Diocese or Order that refuse to take strong & immediate action when any religious has any of these problems. And how sad it is that it's only with the bribery & the pain of people like your [redacted] that will force them to take action. And these problems need to be dealt with in the seminary - not only to screen out potential criminals, but also to provide the men with the inner strength to withstand the loneliness & temptations.

I'm am so sorry for all of you. We tried our hardest to prevent

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what happened to [redacted] not knowing we were too late. If we had knowledge, the only thing now we could have done would have been to physically arrest him & prevent him from even harming anyone. And believe me, at the school we would have done it. But as far as we knew, we were dealing with the potential, not the actuality.

Forgive my ramblings & repetitions. I talked with [redacted] last night & we reviewed what we remembered.

One other thing, someone told me that when Fr. Ramos went to the parish in Brea, after returning from treatment, that there was a ^{large} meeting with him of different people in the parish, including the Sister-Principal of that school, & the pastor, I presume maybe heads of other organizations were there. I wonder if someone from the Decease was also

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there because I was told that Fr. Ramos was told what was expected of him, what his limitations were, etc. In light of the alcoholism & events at J.H.M. If that could be researched, maybe it could help ~~find~~ fathom if anything about his sexual abuses were known or spoken about at that time.

Unfortunately, I don't remember who told me, but it was told to me, so I would know that limits were being set. Also, obviously, have you found out if any boys were molested by him there?

I keep thinking of the youngest ~~boy~~ boy. I clearly remember Fr. Ramos coming to the door of the sanctuary, during mass, & during the consecration, of all times. I was on the altar as Eucharist minister & the little ~~boy~~ boy was serving. Fr. Ramos motioned to him & he took off with him. That was after he was in Beer. Fr. ~~Ramos~~ Moran was furious that the kid left during the consecration. After mass

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he asked me why I had left & I told him Fr. Ramos had beckoned him to go & he went immediately.

Obviously, the liturgy went title to Fr. Ramos, and what power he had over the kids.

I just wish I had more concrete evidence for you. Our prayers & sympathy are with all of you. Thank you for yours
for you
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Lovingly,
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