

Jost, Dennis

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Privacy  
Redactions

**PROFFER FOR DENNIS JOST**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	BATES
December 25, 1941	Born in San Angelo, Texas.	000046
January 1942	Baptized at St. Ambrose Church in Wall, Texas.	000046
December 11, 1949	Received First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo, Texas.	000051
April 19, 1953	Received the sacrament of confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo, Texas.	000050
Dates unknown.	Attended the University of Arizona (for 6 months).	000020
Approximately March 1983	Applied to the Permanent Deacon Program.	000019
Approximately June 1983	Accepted into the Deacon Formation Program.	000058
March 3, 1984	Appointed as Reader.	000024
April 6, 1984	Rejected as a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate.	000017
February 23, 1986	Director of Permanant Diaconate Formation committee report concerning need for counseling and immaturity.	00058-00063
May 14, 1992	Arrested on federal indictment with charges of taking a minor across state lines with the intent of engaging in sexual activity.	000080
June 23, 1992	Complaint for Damages filed in Riverside Superior Court, alleging various causes of action for conduct allegedly perpetrated upon a minor.	000064-000075
January 19, 1993	Sentenced to 6 months in federal prison for transporting a minor across state lines for sexual purposes.	000078

*Saint Thomas Church*

3774 Jackson Street

Riverside, California 92503

689-1131

April 20, 1983

Dear [REDACTED]:

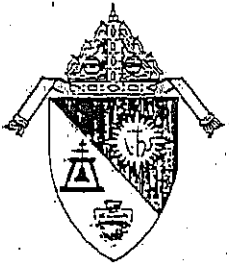
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In spite of his good qualities, in conscience, after sincere and prayerful reflection, I cannot recommend him for the permanent Diaconate. He has to be given more time to mature.

Very Sincerely,

Rev. [REDACTED]

Rev. [REDACTED],  
Pastor



Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

INDIVIDUAL evaluation

11/4/91

Son will go into counselling

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Telephone [Redacted]

September 27, 1991

Mr. and Mrs. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Cash for report how long  
Report to [Redacted] Progress -

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [Redacted]:

I do not want to intrude on the privacy of your family, but I wish to follow up on Bishop [Redacted]'s letter of August 19, 1991. I have conferred periodically over the last several weeks with Reverend [Redacted], to see if there was any assistance on a personal or professional level that I can undertake for you at this time.

I know that Bishop [Redacted] is concerned with the well being of your son and your whole family. He has made you aware of our counselling resources. I want to reiterate the availability of these services. Do not hesitate to contact me.

Be assured of my concern and prayers during these difficult days, I remain

Yours in Christ,

J. [Redacted]

Very Reverend [Redacted]  
Vicar General

DSW/yl

cc: Bishop [Redacted]  
Reverend [Redacted]

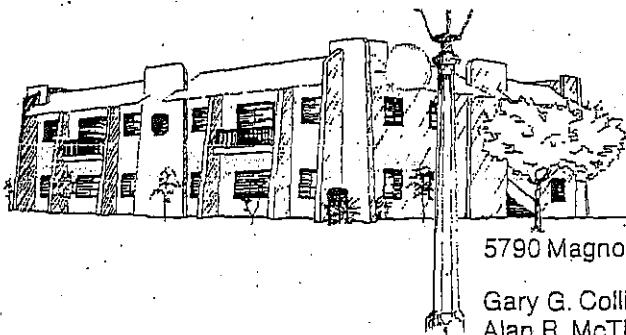
[Redacted]

Discussed case with [Redacted] to have [Redacted] for [Redacted]

- [Redacted] Mr. [Redacted] to [Redacted] 4/6 months - he would have to cash [Redacted] for permission to update me.

SEND Bills on to [Redacted]  
- [Redacted] is paying for [Redacted] NOW  
- Will be reimbursed by our insurance company

Jost-TC00002



## Christian Psychological Services

5790 Magnolia Avenue, Suite 202 • Riverside, California 92506 • (714) 682-7240

Gary G. Collins, Ph.D.  
Alan R. McThomas, Ph.D.  
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Richard G. Young, M.S.

Merle E. Hausladen, M.D.  
Karen Malone Jacobs, M.S.  
Jill A. Fort, M.S.

May 24, 1984

Dept. of C.T.F.  
6949 Elmwood Road  
San Bernardino, CA 92404-6399

Attn: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

This letter is in reference to your request for information on a former client of mine, Dennis Jost, DOB 12/25/44. Dennis was seen by me at Catholic Community Services when that agency was located at St. Catherine's parish rectory.

At that time he was seeking counseling as terms of a probation contract. He attended counseling for a total of 22 sessions, dating from October 5, 1978 thru May 20, 1980. During his time in counseling I found him to be motivated, responsible and willing to explore the circumstances that brought him for counseling.

At the time of termination he had fully explored his own areas of vulnerabilities and responsibilities concerning his probation.

Due to the length of time since termination of the client additional specific information is no longer available. If I can be of further help in this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

10-15-91

① Dennis Jost -- 1 Year in diaconal program (1986)

③ Didn't know his first

②

② [redacted] confronted Dennis

④ asked Dennis to withdraw

① [redacted] identified him as a pedophile

⑤ Dennis says "something" happened

- Pres. [redacted] (86)

- charges made

- DIDN'T have PROOF.

10/15/91 In discussion with [redacted] This information came out up until this time, I have no awareness, he spent one year in formation. 1986: they didn't follow through & tell pastor. Had no evidence, just conjecture of Dr. [redacted]. When they confronted Mr. Jost, he said an "incident" had occurred. This was pre-[redacted] day.

- have asked [redacted] to have all new diaconal candidates sign affidavits
- all deacons to be inducted " " "
- have former bishops " "

JULY  
1977

Dennis Jost

- Director of altar boys when [redacted] came.
- same spiritual direction / gave guidelines
  - NO altar boys in agh.
  - NOT alone.
  - always with supervisor, we alone.
- Xmas, 2 families made accusation / shown porno literature (jaccuzzi)
- [redacted] fired him. [redacted] turned him in (who was police officer)

NO charges proven...

Refer to this office

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

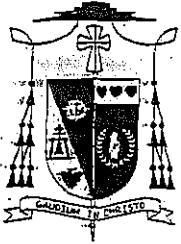
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[REDACTED] M/F [REDACTED] M/F  
Sweaks  
[REDACTED]

- Dennis Jost (47) OWNER
- Director of altar servers/Us
- 4 years.
- Peter/Paul parish (1977)
- ① Mrs. [REDACTED] mother
- Server (18) now, he had credit card.
- approached [REDACTED] This week
- memo (July 18th)

Happened  
last  
week.

- ② Deacon [REDACTED] - someone expressed concern about gifts to [REDACTED] from Dennis Jost.
- ③ [REDACTED], Pres of [REDACTED] heard about from parishioner.
- ④ [REDACTED], Director of Youth Ministry





Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

August 27, 1991

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]:

This letter is sent to express our deep sadness and share your grief as a result of difficulties associated with the actions of ~~Dennis Jost~~.

In times such as these, our immediate and primary concern is to reach out to the young, their families and their friends who may have been effected in any way. We stand ready and are anxious to offer both the spiritual and counseling resources of the church to assist each of the involved parties and their respective families.

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If you would like to discuss special counseling services which have been available, I ask that you call my office and advise my personal staff. The telephone is (714) 384-8214. Father [REDACTED] is available to speak with you at your convenience.

Jost-TC00007

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
August 27, 1991

This letter is accompanied by my continuing prayers and concern.

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]  
Most Reverend [REDACTED]  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino  
[REDACTED]



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Office of the Bishop

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Jost-IC00009

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[REDACTED]  
Most Reverend [REDACTED]  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino  
[REDACTED]

May 15, 1992

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Bishop [REDACTED]

I am writing this letter to you to express my long standing outrage at the Churches lack of action where Dennis Jost's behavior is concerned. It has been tolerated, and in essence, condoned for more than ten years, to my personal knowledge.

My husband and I brought the matter of Dennis' behavior, in our particular case, to the attention of the priests at St. Thomas Church when it became known to us, beginning in 1980. And on many occasions, I might add.

It was very difficult for me to sit through masses he piously participated in expounding Christian virtues, and on many occasions, on the problems of victimization of our youth through the use of drugs.

He was the adult we entrusted our children to in teaching Catholic moral ethics, and in reality, he was the adult who introduced my son to drugs in the 8th grade where he was a student at St. Thomas School.

As a result of his influence and actions, our family, and in particular, my son, has spent the last ten years trying to pick up the pieces, rebuild the damage to his spiritual being and his personal self esteem, which will be forever affected.

I took my son out of public school in his early elementary education because the confusion of living with a standard of ethics at home and a virtual "free for all frenzy" of no discipline or direction in the public school system. We enrolled him in Catholic School to learn the Christian standards we were trying to ingrain in him at home, and under tremendous financial sacrifice.


I guess what I am saying is that I am angry that Dennis was quietly allowed to "phase out" of the Church, and over such a long period of time. I shutter to think how many other children in our diocese may be quietly carrying a secret of shame this man perpetrated under the the trust of the Church. It must be very anguishing for them. I will pray for them to find the courage to speak out in light of this arrest, and find Peace somewhere.

Jost-TC00011

In my professional life, I am exposed daily to the horrendous injustices imposed upon people in the secular realm. Fortunately, some of those find relief through divine spiritual guidance. Unfortunately, some find themselves at the mercy of people such as Dennis Jost.

I hope you will hold this letter in confidentiality. It is between you and I and Christ. No other member of my family knows that I have contacted you.

Sincerely,

A large, dark, irregular redaction mark covering the signature area of the letter.

## Charge alleges man took boy, planned sex

By Ricardo Duran  
The Press-Enterprise

### RIVERSIDE

A Riverside man was arrested yesterday on a federal indictment charging him with taking a minor across state lines with the intent of engaging in sexual activity, authorities reported.

Federal court Judge Charles F. Eick ordered a \$50,000 bail for the release of Dennis Raymond Jost, 50. He also ordered Jost to wear an electronic monitor, not to associate with minors and to undergo psychiatric counseling, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jean E. Gilliland, who is prosecuting the case.

The May 7 indictment alleges that between July 14, 1990, and Aug. 5, 1990, Jost transported a male minor from Riverside County to Tucson, Ariz., and Albuquerque, N.M., with the intent that the minor engage in sexual activity in violation of the laws of both states, Gilliland said.

Jost was unavailable for comment yesterday.

The case was investigated by the FBI and the Riverside Police Department, according to FBI Spokesman Ron Heller.

If Jost is found guilty, he could be sentenced to a maximum of 10 years in federal prison and fined \$250,000, according to the FBI.

Gilliland said Jost is currently

Jost-TC00013

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

[REDACTED]

TO:

*Bishop*

FROM:

[REDACTED]

DATE:

*5/15/92*

SUBJ:

*Dennis Jost I couldn't wait for "in the near future"! I am very upset today & write you this letter to*

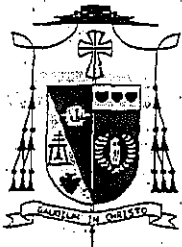
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*express my feelings*

CONFIRMATION REQUESTED YES  NO

**CONFIDENTIAL**





Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

October 21, 1991

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[REDACTED]

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Jost-TC00015

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
October 21, 1991

at your convenience if I can in any other way be of service to  
you and your family. His telephone number is [REDACTED].

This letter is accompanied by my continuing prayers and  
concern.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]  
Most Reverend [REDACTED]  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino  
[REDACTED]

**Jost, Dennis**  
**(S. James)**

**Diaconate File**

April 4, 1986

Mr. Dennis Jost  
2736 Tropicana Dr.  
Riverside, CA 92504

Dear Dennis:

This is the official notification regarding the outcome of our meeting this morning, i.e., that you are no longer a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate, a decision made jointly by me, Deacon [REDACTED] and Father [REDACTED] after due consideration and much prayer.

I wish again to affirm you, Dennis, as a very kind, generous, patient and loving person. All of us with whom you have interacted in the Diaconate Program, candidates and instructors alike, have found you to be a warm and loving friend.

It is my prayer for you that you are now able to "let go" to the Lord, despite your disappointment, and focus on ways that you can effectively minister to His people now and in the future.

Christ's Peace,

[REDACTED]  
Director  
Permanent Diaconate Formation

Jost-TC00017

**Saint Thomas Church**

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689-1131

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Very Sincerely,

Rev. [REDACTED]

Rev. [REDACTED]  
Pastor

Jost-TC00018

PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM BASIC INFORMATION SHEET

Diocese of San Bernardino

(Please print or type all answers.)

Date 3-2-83

Name Jost Dennis Raymond  
Last First Middle

Address [REDACTED] Phone [REDACTED]  
Street/City Zip Home Business

Age 41 Date of Birth 12-25-41 Citizenship U.S.

Married ( ) Single (X) Widower ( ) Separated ( )

Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Ages of Children:

Name of Pastor, Parish, Address and Phone Number Fr. [REDACTED]  
St. Thomas the Apostle, 3774 Jackson St, Riverside 689-1131

Length of time you have been a member of this parish 3 yrs

How have you been active in the life of your parish? Train Altar Servers -  
Co-ordinate Church Decor - Teach High School C.C.D. - Assist Youth  
Minister AS need (retreats) - pre-school CCD Co-ordinator -  
member Liturgy Committee -

In what other organizations (church or civic) have you been active?  
member Riverside - San Bernadino Food Sales Club -  
President of Board of Directors Victoria Village Home -  
owners Ass.

Your profession or occupation (please include the number of years you have worked in this position)  
Grocery Food Salesman for the Pillsbury Co.  
for 5 yrs. Have been in Sales for 10 yrs.

Name of Employer or Supervisor

Address

Street/City

Zip

Phone

Have you ever been a seminarian or candidate for a religious order? yes

How Long? 1 yr.

Education: Circle highest year completed 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

College/University University of Arizona Major(s) 6 months

Certificates \_\_\_\_\_

Vocational Training \_\_\_\_\_

Please use this space if you would like to elaborate on your educational background.

I've taken Thology up-dating courses in Tucson, Arizona and Riverside over past 15 yrs. I'm presently completing SLI. I've also attended many CCD Congresses, Personal Growth Day and various work-shops.

What is your wife's response to your desire to enter the Permanent Diaconate Program? (Continue on reverse side if needed.)

N/A - Single

What do you feel are the positive indications you are called to diaconate?

Ever since I was a little boy I wanted to be a priest. I entered the minor Seminary, but my parents divorce caused me to have to drop out to help my mother with my younger brother and sisters. Subsequently I have ~~been~~ raising two of my cousins. I've always had a great desire to be of service in Church Ministry, and I believe the Diaconate program will provide the opportunity to serve the Church on an on going basis.

What specific area(s) of ministry interest you? (Continue on reverse side if needed.)

Liturgy  
Teaching  
Retreat work  
Youth Ministry  
Homiletics

Please read and study the enclosed philosophy statement of the Permanent Deacon Program, paying particular attention to the statements that are underlined.

In view of this permanent commitment and its effect on your future life, do you feel you are ready to participate in this program? Yes

(Signed) Dennis R. Jost



INSTRUCTOR'S EVALUATION OF CANDIDATE

CANDIDATE Dennis Jost

COURSE Group Dynamics

INSTRUCTOR [REDACTED]

DATE Sept. 10 - Oct. 20, 1983

DIRECTIONS: Please write up your impressions of the candidate according to the suggestions listed below. While items 1 and 2 invite such comments as "usually, sometimes, or never," please add other specific comments where possible.

1. PRESENCE:

a. Attendance at sessions

*always*

b. Wife comes along/participates

c. Prepares assigned work

*usually*

d. Attentiveness

*always*

2. PERFORMANCE:

a. Initiates/participates in discussion

*Does better in small groups*

b. Asks pertinent questions

*sometimes*

c. Demonstrates grasp of speculative ideas

*usually*

3. POTENTIAL: From your experience during the sessions, please assess the candidate's potential for a possible ministry of preaching or teaching.

*Can't judge this from my observation of him during these few weeks. He is a contributing, working group member.*

4. RECOMMENDATIONS: Please be candid in any comments you think might assist the candidate or the program leadership in formation of the candidate toward the goal of diaconate.

*Dennis is a likeable individual. He may rely on his acceptability by the group through humor and bantering. I've had glimpses of his serious, sensitive side and it seems he may need more affirmation of this side before it operates to his end other advantage. Can't quite grasp his substance - have some speculations but nothing*

INSTRUCTOR'S EVALUATION OF CANDIDATE

CANDIDATE Dennis Jost COURSE Hebrew Scriptures

INSTRUCTOR [REDACTED] DATE Oct-Dec, 1983

DIRECTIONS: Please write up your impressions of the candidate according to the suggestions listed below. While items 1 and 2 invite such comments as "usually, sometimes, or never," please add other specific comments where possible.

1. PRESENCE:

a. Attendance at sessions good

b. Wife comes along/participates  
single

c. Prepares assigned work  
yes, but with some difficulty. Christmas season at work is hectic which made it difficult for Dennis to complete all assignments. He worked hard to do this.

d. Attentiveness

good

2. PERFORMANCE:

a. Initiates/participates in discussion

yes

b. Asks pertinent questions

yes

c. Demonstrates grasp of speculative ideas

yes, but faith is still a bit "naive"

3. POTENTIAL: From your experience during the sessions, please assess the candidate's potential for a possible ministry of preaching or teaching.

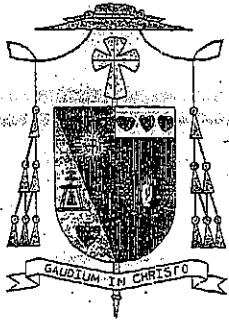
Dennis is articulate and enjoys speaking. He has much potential for both preaching and teaching. His style is conversational and he uses many experiences from human nature to make a point.

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Dennis may be over-committed and may need to learn how to prioritize and make room for himself. His faith, "charismatic" in nature, is strong but a bit naive. He thinks prayer alone will help him lose weight and that God automatically protects anyone who has faith in him. I wonder what would happen if there was diaster in his life or how he would counsel those in great suffering.

I also think Dennis needs to take a good look at himself as he appears to have a low self-concept.

He is truly a caring individual who wants to serve the Lord



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino


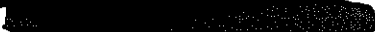
March 3, 1984

To Our Beloved Brother Dennis R. Jost,  
Peace and Apostolic Benediction.

We appoint you to the important office of Reader for the Proclamation of God's Holy Word. You are now encouraged to live the Christian life more earnestly, to give good example, to take your faith more seriously, and to be devoted to this great gift of being a herald of God's Word.


Given at San Bernardino, in the One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-fourth Year of our Lord.

With prayers and best wishes, I am  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend   
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

Jost-TC00024

8/24/84

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend   
Bishop of San Bernardino  
450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, Ca. 92405

Your Excellency:


I, the undersigned Dennis R. Jost a member of the Permanent  
Diaconate Formation Program of the Diocese of San Bernardino  
early petition Your Excellency to be installed in the  
Ministry of Reader.

present this petition 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  
services of the church and my own salvation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dennis R. Jost

2/24/84

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend   
Bishop of San Bernardino  
1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, Ca. 92405

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DENNIS JOST

SERMON on the MOUNT

## Sermon on the Mount

Matthew takes the words of Jesus from his sources, Mark, Luke and Quellen, but recasts them in time and situation. This recasting does create a whole new context and emphasis for the words of Jesus. Matthew, himself probably a converted pharisee, is attempting a catechesis, an in depth study of the words and deeds of the Master for Jewish Christians. His Gospel presupposes that his audience is already familiar with Mark and are looking for more instruction and a deeper understanding of Jesus' teaching.

Matthew's Gospel written in Greek around 85 A.D. was very polemical. Because the Jewish-Christian community was under pressure from the larger Jewish community, Matthew designed his sermon to illustrate Jesus' authority over Moses' (without putting Moses down), the superiority of the new law over the old, and the nature of true worship and discipleship over false piety and words without deeds. Matthew is ambiguous intentionally about the audience at the Mount because he wants to include a condemnation of the old Israel of the pharisees in favor of the New and Real Jerusalem. And so he curses those who heard His words and saw His works but who refused to believe.

We know that Matthew constructed the present format of the sermon as we have it, because when we compare it to Luke's we see that he has twice the amount of material. Matthew took a lot of material that Luke situated elsewhere and tied it into the sermon because then he could present a more complete teaching on any given subject. For example, after providing the disciples with the proper motives and attitudes of prayer Matthew has the Lord instructing them on the how to pray. He gives us the Our Father: Luke does not record that until near the end of Jesus' ministry. Matthew also tips us off about his redemptive activity when he begins and ends his sermon with the stereotypic formulas that earmark his other four discourses. And then he includes remarks about all of his major concerns: Jesus' authority; the end-time; the missioning of the Apostles; the community of the old and new law; and discipleship.

The sermon is related to the whole of Matthew's Gospel in that it expresses all that Jesus came to say; It is the "quintessence" of the Gospel. The sermon on the mount really is a PEAK experience for Matthew. Recalling Moses on Mount Sinai, Matthew sets Jesus on another high and holy place. The other peak experiences recorded later echo this theme again and again. Peter is christened the "Rock". Jesus' relationship to the Father is revealed while on a mountain and then the references made to a mountain in Galilee. All of these events presume that the reader is knowledgeable of the content and parallel made at the sermon on the mount.

Christian discipleship for Matthew is participation or membership in the Kingdom of Heaven which begins with Jesus. Christianity is presented as a new Way of living, a new Torah, a fuller happier life. This new way involves faith attitudes and deep trust in Jesus. And although many radical challenges are made to previous values, Christian living is also practical in that it places and orders our priorities by putting everything in its proper perspective. Christian living then will bring us real deep, true and lasting joy. However, discipleship does exact a price - real deep and painful suffering for the sake of others. The perfection or completeness and wholeness that we are called to be in Christ makes us consumers of the contingencies of

human existence. Love of one's enemies is perhaps the tastiest morsel in this love feast. Christianity is for Matthew, the assembly of the people of God.

There are three basic types of interpretations given to the sermon on the Mount reviewed by J. Jeremias. The first that he cited was called the perfectionist ethic. Those who interpret the sermon in this way would have us believe that Jesus really gave us just another legalism, another lego-centric morality. We can easily see that this interpretation is really quite contrary to the spirit of the One who said that man was made not for the Sabbath. And, if Jesus meant to merely give us a new legislation then He failed to cover a good many moral issues in His sermon. Jesus is the fulfillment of the law.

The second major trend, a real trip for Protestants, is called the impossible idea theory. Here we are given to believe that Jesus would challenge us way beyond our human capabilities in order to embarrass us into a spirit of humility. To me it is unlikely that if Jesus wanted this effect that within the same breath He would call us the Light of the world and the salt of the earth. Nor is it in Christ's spirit to put people down who are trying or willing to try no matter how many times we might fail. He seems to have loose patience with those who made no effort at all.

A third interpretation is that of the interim-ethic. Jesus believed as his followers did that the end time was upon them and that in this era of emergency people could behave in an extraordinary manner. Heroic sacrifice could be expected if the world was going to end any minute. Well, we already know that Matthew wrote about fifty years after Jesus' departure and that He had not returned as soon as expected. Matthew was writing for a church that had gotten down to the nitty gritty of daily Christian life.

J. Jeremias offers us another possible interpretation that Ellis builds on. Those who heard and those who would read the Sermon on the Mount are expected and can live according to the Way. Remember that we are a people transformed by a new knowledge, a divine revelation, by grace, by the compassionate love of the person of Jesus. If we but trust in Him then we can do all that he did and more! The beatitudes are not a new set of regulations but "symptoms" of a new holiness.

When we compare the beatitudes as written in Matthew's Gospel to those recorded by Luke we notice tremendous differences. Matthew presents us with eight or nine while Luke offers us four beatitudes and then a additional four woes that Matthew renders in the latter part of his Gospel. Then Matthew adds phrases that seem to shift the meaning of the words. He spiritualizes the saying of Jesus while Luke is for more literal and socially concerned. By eliminating those portions of the beatitudes that are not common to both versions, (that are obviously Matthean or Lucan in origin), we can surmise what Jesus did say in his famous discourse.

Because Matthew was writing to Jewish Christians who were already familiar with the concept of the blessedness of belonging and depending on God alone, he took liberties with his source material for the sake of further instructions in the moral and spiritual life. Luke's Greek audience had no such background and had entirely different needs to which Luke would respond. Matthew added phrases like "in spirit" and for "justice", "the merciful", "the pure of heart" and "the peacemakers" in order to explicate what he felt Jesus meant when He originally spoke those words.




Luke's audience must have been living in the most primitive conditions when he addressed them with the most primitive meanings possible for the words of Jesus. In fact by adding the word now to his beatitudes and woes he becomes more literal and more immediate than Jesus meant to be when He spoke them! And it is likely that Luke changed the indirect address commonly used in all scriptures for beatitudes to direct address in order again to edify his suffering have-not community. In several other places in his Gospel Luke appears to opt for the second person.. Luke's design and purpose here is quite deliberate and obvious. He, with his blessed and woes, has constructed a series of antithesis meant to console people who were really poor. Mathew's poor in spirit were neither necessarily poor or rich, but simply Christians in need of moral and spiritual direction.

It is my bias that Matthew's version is more meaningful and closer to the meaning of Jesus' words. Luke, however, because of his reluctance to add to his source material, more closely approximates what Jesus actually said. Both, of course, were spoken under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to the felt needs of their communities and I am "blessed" to hear these words take on new life for me.

My primary sources for this paper are: Ellis' Matthew, Jeremias' The Sermon on the Mount, Senior's Matthew: a Gospel for the Church, notes from this class, and of course Matthews Gospel and appropriate parallels in Luke's Gospel.

Dennis,

This is very good but the language does not seem to be your language, in your own words until the end. You may need to express yourself in your own way.





PERMANENT DEACON PROGRAM

Diocese of San Bernardino

Applicant's Name Dennis Jost

1. Diaconal ministry is rooted in the sacramental life of the church, the Word of God and manifold works of service. Of these three, the most important and characteristic of the deacon is the last, manifold works of service.  
(Guidelines on the Permanent Diaconate)

Do you feel this man has a deep sense of the ministry of service? Please give example(s) or comment.

Dennis' occupation is one of service to the stores he calls on. He helps them to take advantage of higher profit opportunities. Also, his service to our parish church by way of his work with the liturgy, altar boys, and extra time spent there at no pay nor compensation seems to say to me service is his way of life.

2. St. Paul tells us that each baptized person has been uniquely gifted for and called to service in the community. The deacon, as servant-leader, must be one who can discern and call forth the gifts of others for the good of all. Therefore, he must interact well with others and be willing to share ministry.

Is this man open to the opinions of others?

Yes, Dennis interacts well and calls forth especially from the youth their unique gifts and service to others.

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3. A deacon must be flexible and open to the movement of the Spirit in his life. He must demonstrate a willingness to change and grow with persons, events and ideas that come into his life.

Does this man possess these qualities of flexibility and openness?

Dennis seems to be very open and flexible in his desire to grow which is obvious to me by his continually attending seminars. In the time you have known him has he changed and grown with new ideas and concepts? Please give example(s) or comment.

His vision of parish community and ways of building it in our parish has continually grown and expanded.

4. The deacon is called upon to articulate the faith of our church.

Does this man demonstrate that he possesses a deep understanding of the Catholic faith?

Dennis demonstrates to me a deep understanding of his faith by living out the Gospel message. In all aspects of his life that I have been associated with, is he able to articulate that understanding well and simply to others?

Dennis has demonstrated this ability at the parents' instructional meetings for our sacramental programs. Plus, he instructed the congregation about the RCIA program this year.

5. Is there anything else you feel we should know in order to guide our deliberations?

In my opinion, Dennis could use a better support system to be able to continue the work he has begun without burning out.

PERMANENT DEACON PROGRAM

Diocese of San Bernardino

Applicant's Name Dennis Jost

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what way?

THREE YEARS. I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF ST. THOMAS SCHOOL AND DENNIS IS IN CHARGE OF THE PARISH ALTAR BOY PROGRAM. WE WORK VERY CLOSE TOGETHER.

2. How well do you know him?

- Close friend  
 Casual acquaintance  
 In the work area only  
 Other (please explain)

BOTH AS A FRIEND AND CO-WORKER.

3. Diaconal ministry is rooted in the sacramental life of the church, the Word of God and manifold works of service. Of these three, the most important and characteristic of the deacon is the last, manifold works of service. (Guidelines on the Permanent Diaconate)

Do you feel this man has a deep sense of the ministry of service? Please give example(s) or comment.

HE DEFINITELY HAS A DEEP SENSE OF MINISTRY OF SERVICE. DENNIS SPENDS MANY HOURS OF HIS TIME PREPARING THE BOYS FOR LITURGIES. THE ALTAR BOY PROGRAM HAS GROWN UNDER HIS DIRECTION.

4. St. Paul tells us, "There is a variety of gifts but always the same spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them...the Spirit distributes different gifts to different people as he chooses." 1 Cor 12:4-7, 11

What are the applicant's unique gifts? In what areas do you feel he would make the greatest contribution?

HIS UNDERSTANDING OF LITURGY. DENNIS IS ALSO ABLE TO TEACH AND SHOW EXAMPLE OF REVERENCE DURING THE PARISH LITURGIES AS EVIDENCED BY THE ALTAR BOYS.

5. St. Paul tells us that each baptized person has been uniquely gifted for and called to service in the community. The deacon, as servant-leader, must be one who can discern and call forth the gifts of others for the good of all. Therefore, he must interact well with others and be willing to share ministry.

Is this man open to the opinions of others?

*DENNIS ALWAYS COMES AND ASKS FOR SUGGESTIONS AND OPINIONS.  
WE MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS.*

6. A deacon must be flexible and open to the movement of the Spirit in his life. He must demonstrate a willingness to change and grow with persons, events and ideas that come into his life.

Does this man possess these qualities of flexibility and openness?

*MOST DEFINITELY!*

In the time you have known him has he changed and grown with new ideas and concepts? Please give example(s) or comment.

*HE HAS ATTENDED LITURGY WORKSHOPS AND IMPLEMENTED THEM INTO THE PARISH LITURGIES.*

7. The deacon is called upon to articulate the faith of our church.

Does this man demonstrate that he possesses a deep understanding of the Catholic faith?

*AGAIN, MOST DEFINITELY.*

Is he able to articulate that understanding well and simply to others?

*WE HAVE HAD DENNIS TEACH RELIGION ON OCCASION IN OUR EIGHTH GRADE CLASS.*

8. "With ordination the deacon becomes an example and a sign of encouragement of the whole church in the following of Christ." (Words taken from the Philosophy Statement of the Permanent Deacon Program of the Diocese of San Bernardino.) Because his commitment to ministry is formal and public the deacon must live the Gospel daily.

In all aspects of his day to day life (home, business, church) does this man manifest religious faith and Gospel principles?

YES

Do others recognize this in him and admire him because of it?

THE ADULTS AND CHILDREN THINK VERY HIGHLY OF HIM.

9. The ministry of a deacon must flow from a loving, well-balanced home community.

Would you describe this couple's relationship and home life?

DENNIS IS SINGLE

How do you feel this man's ministry will affect his home and family?

10. Is there anything else you feel we should know in order to guide our deliberations?

DENNIS JOST IS A MAN OF DEEP FAITH AND CONVICTION. HE IS CARING AND I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR YOUR PROGRAM.



# SUMMARY

Name Jost, Dennis  
last first initial

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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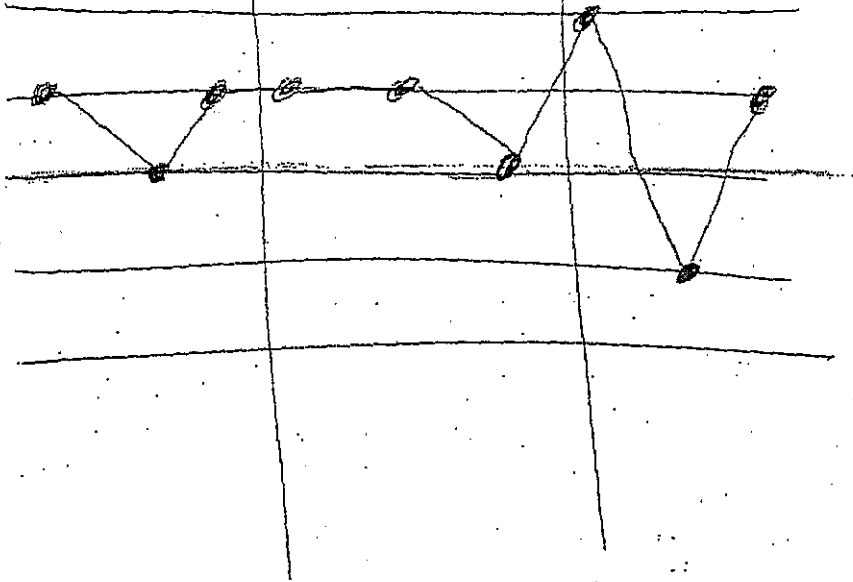
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Dear Parish Family Member of St. Thomas the Apostle,

The grace filled season of Lent will begin in a few weeks. You are invited to join with us and our faith community in a lenten program of renewal. Throughout the coming weeks of Lent, we will engage in a process of shared faith and prayer, designed to deepen our Christian commitment and strengthen our action for justice.

At the heart of our program is the Sunday Liturgy. Each weekday morning at 7:45 am we will share morning prayer. On Tuesday Evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the hall, we will have a soup supper, followed by a short program of shared prayer, faith, and living out Lent in our daily lives. On Friday Evening at 7:00 pm we will have the Stations of the Cross and Benediction in Church.

Each week, all parishioners will receive suggestions for living Lent at Home. These materials have been prepared so that they may be used by individual parishioners, but they will be far more fruitful if shared. Perhaps you will want to use them in your family or already-existing parish or neighborhood groups.

We encourage you to participate as much as possible in our Lenten Program of Renewal, so when Holy Week arrives we will be prepared to enter into the fullness of the mystery of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

MARK YOUR CALENDER'S NOW.

Thank you for your interest which will help to make this Lent a meaningful experience for all of us.

Yours in Christ,

*Franciscan Fathers*

The Franciscan Fathers

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Theme: New Beginnings

Spring is the new beginning of the earth. New Signs of life show that winter is past. Nature begins again a new awakening, a new color, a new life. Along with the beginnings of new life comes also the violence that accompanies re-birth: the floods, the storms, the tornadoes. The human experience of beginnings carries with it some of the gentleness and some of the turmoil of spring. But both are necessary to produce new life, new growth. Lent is the church's springtime. It is the time for each Christian and the Christian community to be reborn in gentleness and in violence to new life in Christ.

### Symbol: Water

Water is at the center of our lives. We are born out of it. We are sustained by it. We drink it. We swim in it. We wash in it. Sometimes the power of water is mighty, sometimes gentle; but it is always mysterious. As a mighty force, it extinguishes fire and generates electricity. In its gentle flow, it cleanses and heals. The church has always used the tangible to speak about the great mysteries of faith. The church uses water as a sign of death-resurrection, a sign of new beginnings. Plunged into water at Baptism, the Christian emerges to new life and new beginnings. Through water and the Spirit, this new person is received into and welcomed by the Christian community. Water is the symbol of this new life.

### Sunday Celebration Suggestions

Rite of Sprinkling with Water. Bless and sprinkle the assembly with water. Rite to take place at the symbol place. Be generous so that the people feel the water.

### Reflections for homilist

New beginnings are exciting.

New beginnings may also be frightening because they involve risk.

In the beginning God created the world

Water symbolizes the new creation.

Lent is a time for a new beginning.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Theme: Wholeness

If you have ever tried to put a jigsaw puzzle together, you know that it is easier to do if you have a vision of the completed whole. Without such a vision, putting the pieces together becomes frustrating and often impossible.

Achieving wholeness of life may be compared to putting the pieces of the puzzle together. Having a vision of the meaning of life enables us to become whole, or holy.

Where do we find this meaning? How do we achieve a vision that will sustain us through the difficult choices and tests of life? Such a vision comes to the Christian community through the life-death-resurrection of Jesus. Jesus brought Good News that lends unity, peace, and direction to life. Listening to and accepting this Good News enables us to bring the pieces of life together and achieve wholeness within ourselves.

### Symbol: Salt

Salt is not eaten by itself. It is sprinkled on other foods in order to bring out the fullness of their flavor. Salt gives wholeness. It has its own taste, yet it loses itself in transforming the food that seasons. It becomes one with that with which it is united, and both the salt and the food are transformed.

In biblical tradition, salt was a sign of covenant. The covenant partners became one through the sharing of salt. Wholeness in relationship was signified. In the catechumenate, candidates for membership in the church are given salt as a sign of incorporation into the community. They become one with the community, yet they do not lose their own identity. Both church and catechumens are transformed as they become one.

### Sunday Celebration Suggestions

Display a salt block at the symbol place. Loose salt could be poured over and around the salt block.

### Reflections for homilist

Achieving wholeness is part of the journey of Christian life.

Faith calls us to wholeness.

Discipleship is a pattern of wholeness, or holiness in life.

Accepting discipleship is an invitation to transformation.

The church's mission is to salt the earth.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Theme: Changing

Habits are not easy to change. Yet the events of life are constantly calling on us to change our ways. A new job or the loss of an old one, financial crises, sickness, the growing independence of our children the beginning of a new love relationship, all call on us to change in some way. There is a natural human inclination to resist change. We are comfortable in our self-designed ruts. Change in our way of life is costly.

The Gospel is always calling on us to change and grow. Jesus preached a message of conversion. Turn away from evil. Turn toward God. Conversion is the everyday experience of choosing or refusing to grow. Lent is the time when the church stops and reflects on what changes the Gospel demands of us.

### Symbol: Fire

Fire gives light. It gives heat and warmth. Fire consumes and transforms, destroys and creates. Fire purifies and refines. Fire describes anger and revenge as well as love and devotion.

The mystery of fire brought the Hebrews to associate God's presence with fire. Moses describes his first call from God in terms of a flaming bush that did not consume itself. The Israelites were led through the desert by a "pillar of fire." As Moses and the Israelites camped at the foot of the mountain, "Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke, for the Lord came down upon it in fire" (Ex 20:18). God's presence among the people was likened to a consuming fire that gathered all into itself, uniting while purifying.

Fire symbolizes for Christians the Spirit of God among us. The Spirit descended as tongues of fire on the assembly at Pentecost. The Spirit is a fire that purifies, creates, refines, destroys, and transforms - if we let the Spirit do so.

### Sunday Celebration suggestions

Put water in a clear glass bowl, about two-thirds full. Add enough cooking oil to bring the liquid level near the top of the bowl. Place floating wicks on the oil. At the beginning of Mass, light the wicks. This produces a firelight effect, especially if other lights are dimmed.

### Reflections for homilist

We have all kinds of habits.

The Christian way of life is a moral way of life.

Sin and guilt need to be coped with.

The Church is a church of sinners.

Fire is a symbol of the burning away of the old self.

The Christian way is a communal way.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Theme: Being Loved

Being loved is always a surprise. The love of another thrills and excites us. It supports us in all that we do. It enables us to value ourselves; and even when we recognize our own self-worth, being loved is still a startling experience. Are we worth of this devotion? We wonder, even as we are continually re-created by the experience.

The realization that we are really loved by God is difficult to grasp. Yet the signs of God's love are all around us. The incarnation, the becoming human of the Son, is the Father's fullest sign of his love for us. It is a startling sign. If we believe it, this sign should support, thrill, excite, and re-create us.

### Symbol: The Cross

In ancient times the cross was an instrument of execution. It was used to punish slaves and non-Romans who had committed heinous crimes, such as murder or rebellion. The cross was a sign of infamy and treason.

With Jesus' death on the cross, it has become a sign of contradiction. For Christians it is no longer a sign of infamy, but a sign of the vulnerability of love. Loving and accepting love require a death to self. But death is not the end. Jesus' death was followed by his resurrection. The cross as death symbol is also a resurrection symbol. It is a symbol of love.

### Sunday Celebration suggestions

Highlight the church building's central inside cross or crucifix. This can be done by spotlighting the cross and dimming other lighting.

Prepare the congregation in advance for making the sign of the cross slowly and in silence this week.

### Reflections for homilist

Love stories are always popular.

Loving and being loved are transformative.

The Christian life is a way of love.

God's love offers us salvation.

Lent is a time for reflecting on God's love for us.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Theme: Community

Every one of us needs other people to support us in our daily lives. We need community. Community is not the same as a association of people who happen to meet occasionally for a particular purpose. Community is formed as people share experiences, ideals, and values. Support, service, encouragement, and sharing of life are mutually given and accepted in community.

The church is meant to be such a community; not just the universal church, but the local church. The church is a community of people who are joined together by a common faith in Jesus as Lord. This faith compels them to proclaim God's word, to live in unity, supporting, serving and sharing life together, and to celebrate their life as church in the eucharist.

### Symbol: Wheat Bread

Breadmaking is a process in which each element dies so that a new creation can come into being. The seed dies in the ground so that the wheat may live. The wheat is crushed to produce grain that can be converted into flour. The flour is mixed with other ingredients and finally baked so that the bread may be brought forth.

At each stage of the bread-making, human energy is expended. Many people join together to produce the loaf. The farmer toils as he or she plants the seed and harvests the wheat. Millers grind the wheat into grain, and truckers carry it to the graneries. Bakers mix the flour and yeast and carefully tend to the baking. Human life is given every step along the way as the seed becomes the loaf. Bread symbolizes the life of the many who work together to produce that which feeds and gives life to all.

The human community is sustained by bread in its many forms. The Christian assembly gathers to eat that bread which symbolizes our life, Christ's Body. We are all fed by the same holy bread. We all become that which we eat, the Body of Christ.

### Sunday Celebration Suggestions

Display an arrangement of a loaf or loaves of wheat bread and wheat sheaves in the symbol place.

The breaking of the bread is a significant ritual action, not just a functional preparation for communion. Emphasize the breaking of bread this week.

### Reflections for homilist

Alienation is a mark of our times.

Christians also experience the need for support in community.

Growing is a community process.

The community of faith must be like Jesus

Now at the fifth Sunday we stand at the beginning of the great week.

## HOLY WEEK

There is only one week of the year we call "Holy." The week is so named because it calls us to holiness and it commemorates the last holy days of the Lord Jesus. In this week we remember our Christian roots and look forward to our reunion in resurrection in the fullness of God's reign.

"Holy Week" calls us to holiness. It calls us to the cross. It calls us to enter into the great mystery of the Lord Jesus' death-resurrection. Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week is the time when we gather together to proclaim the Lord's Passion, a passion we all share as we move from the sufferings of one day to the next. Holy Week begins with the proclaiming of the Passion and culminates with the Alléluia proclamation of Easter.

But Holy Week does not exist in a vacuum. Everything that we have done during the weeks of Lent builds us to this week. We are preparing to enter into the fullness of the mystery of the suffering, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The shared prayer, shared faith, shared living out of Lent in our daily lives all lead us to the week in which the church remembers all that God has done through Jesus for us.

The symbols, the readings, and the experience of our community during the last five weeks, which called us to conversion and a newness of life, should culminate with us participating in the celebrations of this week. All parish members and visitors, are invited to participate, as full as possible in the Church's commemoration of Christ's death-resurrection.



# Certificate of Baptism



St. Ambrose Church

BOX 228  
WALL, TEXAS 76957

— This is to Certify —

That Werner Raymond Jost

Child of [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

born in San Angelo Texas  
(CITY) (STATE)

on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 19 41

was **Baptized**

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of Jan 19 42

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Rev. [REDACTED]

the Sponsors being [REDACTED]

as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated April 15, 1985

[REDACTED]  
Pastor

# Notations

FIRST COMMUNION

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMATION

Date April 19, 1953  
Church Sacred Heart  
Place San Angelo, Tex

MARRIAGE(S)

To \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

DIACONATE

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGIOUS  
PROFESSION

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Order \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

# MARRIAGE RECORD

HILL, P. O. & A. T. S. DO. WACO, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF TOM GREEN.

No. 296

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in and for the State of Texas,—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY BETWEEN

Mr. [redacted] and M. [redacted]

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office at San Angelo, Texas, the 4th day of June, 1940.

(seal)

[redacted]  
Clerk County Court, Tom Green County, Texas.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.

I, [redacted] hereby certify that on the 11th day of June, 1940,

I united in marriage Mr. [redacted] and M. [redacted]  
the parties above named.

WITNESS my hand this 11th day of June, 1940.

[redacted] St. Joseph  
Church, Rowena, Texas.

RETURNED and filed for record the 12th day of June, 1940, and recorded the 13th  
day of June, 1940.

[redacted]  
County Clerk.

By [redacted] Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ) I, [REDACTED], County Clerk of Tom Green  
COUNTY OF TOM GREEN ) County, Texas, hereby certify that this is  
a true copy of the Marriage License as same appears of  
record in my office, in Vol. K; Page 453 of the  
Marriage Records of Tom Green County, Texas.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 21st day of  
April, 1983

[REDACTED], County Clerk  
Tom Green County, Texas

By [REDACTED] Deputy

# Certificate of Confirmation



Church of

Sacred Heart Cathedral

San Angelo, Texas

:- This is to Certify :-

That Dennis Anthony Jost

(BAPTISMAL NAME)

(CONFIRMATION NAME)

(SURNAME)

Son } of [REDACTED]

Daughter } (FATHER)

and [REDACTED]

(MOTHER)

was Baptized 19

at (CHURCH) (CITY) (STATE)

received the Sacrament of Confirmation

on April 19 1953

(MONTH)

(DAY)

(YEAR)

in the Church of Sacred Heart Cathedral

at San Angelo Texas

(CITY)

(STATE)

in the Diocese of San Angelo

by the Most Rev. [REDACTED]

the Sponsor being [REDACTED]

Dated April 15, 1983

Issued by [REDACTED]

# First Communion Certificate



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Name Dennis A. Jost

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized \_\_\_\_\_

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

Parents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Received *First Holy Communion*

on the 11th day of December 1949

Ret. [REDACTED]

Pastor

Dated April 15 1983



# Christian Psychological Services

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6949 Elmwood Road  
San Bernardino, CA 92404-6399

Attn: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

This letter is in reference to your request for information on a former client of mine, Dennis Jost, DOB 12/25/44. Dennis was seen by me at Catholic Community Services when that agency was located at St. Catherine's parish rectory.

At that time he was seeking counseling as terms of a probation contract. He attended counseling for a total of 22 sessions, dating from October 5, 1978 thru May 20, 1980. During his time in counseling I found him to be motivated, responsible and willing to explore the circumstances that brought him for counseling.

At the time of termination he had fully explored his own areas of vulnerabilities and responsibilities concerning his probation.

Due to the length of time since termination of the client additional specific information is no longer available. If I can be of further help in this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

PERMANENT DEACON APPLICANT'S MEDICAL EXAMINATION

DATE 5-19-83

NAME Dennis R. Jost

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

GRADUATE OF HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE AND THE YEAR High School 1963

A. PERSONAL HISTORY

1. Have you ever had any of the following illnesses? If so, please check (X) and indicate the year:

Anemia _____	Hay Fever _____	Scarlet Fever _____
Asthma _____	Heart Murmur _____	Sinusitis _____
Cancer _____	Infantile Paralysis _____	Sleeping Sickness _____
Chores _____	Measles <u>X</u>	Stomach Ulcer _____
(St. Vitus Dance)	Meningitis _____	Tuberculosis _____
Colitis _____	Migraine _____	Typhoid Fever _____
Diphtheria _____	Pleurisy _____	Veneral Disease _____
Epilepsy _____	Pneumonia _____	Other Illnesses _____
Fainting spells _____	Rheumatic Fever _____	
Goiter _____		

2. Have you ever had an operation on any of the following? If so, check (X) and indicate the year:

Abdomen _____	Gall Bladder _____	Rectum _____
Appendix _____	Hernia _____	Thyroid _____
Eyes _____	Mastoid _____	Other Organs (Specify) _____

3. What personal injuries or accidents have you had? None

When: \_\_\_\_\_

Results: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you any deformity of limb or spine? No

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you have or have you had any ear or eye defect? No

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever suffered a nervous breakdown or have you ever been treated for nervous or mental disorders? No

If so, give details: \_\_\_\_\_



7. Did you ever ask to be or have you ever been excused from any part of the physical program while a student at high school or college? No

8. Indicate the amount of lengthy absences from school or business during the the past five years and the approximate duration of each. None

What were the causes of these absences?

9. Have you any physical or mental defect not covered by the above questions? If so, what?

B. MILITARY HISTORY, IF ANY:

10. List in chronological order all selective service classifications you have had.

a. If rejected, state reason:

b. If you served in the armed forces, state nature of discharge:

c. Have you applied for or are you receiving a pension for disability? If so, state reasons:

C. FAMILY HISTORY

11. Is there in your family any history of tuberculosis, epilepsy, mental disorder, diabetes, high blood pressure?

Give details: Grandparents had H.B.P. in their late years '70's + 80's

Dennis R. Jost

Signature of Applicant

APPLICANT SHOULD NOT WRITE BEYOND PAGE 2.

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REMARKS OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

- 1. Age 41
  - 2. General Appearance GOOD
  - 3. Height 5'9 3/4
  - 4. Weight 223\*
  - 5. Eyes: WITH R 20/20 L 20/20  
" without Glasses R. 20 L. 20
  - 6. Ears OK  
Overall Hearing OK  
Spoken Voice OK  
Whispered Voice OK
  - 7. Brain & Nervous System GOOD
  - 8. Teeth GOOD
  - 9. Nose & Throat NORMAL
  - 10. Any evidence of social diseases  
NO
  - 11. Blood Pressure: SYS 122  
DIAS 86 PLUSE 72
  - 12. Heart RR. NO MURMUR
  - 13. Lungs CLEAR
  - 14. Thyroid OK  
(Deformities NONE)  
(Reflexes OK)
  - 15. Extremities OK  
(Tremors NONE)  
(Varicose Veins NONE)
  - 16. Orthopaedic (Flat Feet, Spine, etc.)  
OK
  - 17. Stomach and Other Abdominal Organs  
OK
  - 18. Hernia OK
  - 19. Hemorrhoids, Fistula, etc.  
NONE
  - 20. G.U. Organs, Phimosiis, etc. OK
  - 21. Posture GOOD
  - 22. Notable defects in appearance  
NONE
- Urinalysis: (Albumen \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Sugar \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Color \_\_\_\_\_ SP GR. \_\_\_\_\_)

This man is applying for formation in a ministry of service to the community. Once ordained, he will be called to balance job, family and ministry in his life. From your interview with the candidate and from the above findings, do you find anything relative to character, habits or health, which in your opinion would render applicant unsuitable for this life? And if so, what?

NO

REMARKS OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

Is applicant's health satisfactory? YES

Is not, state disqualification. \_\_\_\_\_

Is aggravation of the defect probable? \_\_\_\_\_

Is defect remediable? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, extension of time recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Will applicant be able to give long, continuous and effective service? YES

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Is vaccination required? NO

Examining Physician: Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Examination 5/20/83

Place of Examination OFFICE (ABOVE)

Dear Abby

## Molestation of Children in the Family

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: This concerns the letter from the woman who wrote to say that her brother might be sexually molesting his stepdaughter. As district attorney, in the past seven years I have personally interviewed 140 men who have sexually molested children in their family. While long-term intensive therapy may be successful in treating some offenders, voluntary or self-referrals are almost never successful. If the offender had the self-control and initiative to stay involved in long-term treatment necessary for rehabilitation, he would most likely not have molested the child in the first place.

I would urge you to tell your readers who suspect that a child is being molested to immediately contact their local child protective unit or the police department.

Some jurisdictions have programs that provide treatment without incarceration for incest offenders and their families where evaluation indicates that treatment will be successful. Specifically excluded from these programs, however, are pedophiles—individuals with a specific sexual preference for children. Most experts agree that there is no known successful treatment for these individuals, and they should be incarcerated.

DENNIS W. MOORE,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
JOHNSON COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE, Olathe, Kan.

February 21, 1986

Dennis Jost

History

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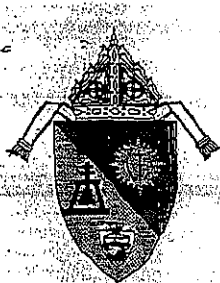
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Chairman, Curriculum Committee



*Department of Catechetical & Theological Formation*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

*Permanent Diaconate Formation Office*

April 4, 1986

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[redacted]  
Director of Permanent Diaconate Formation

[redacted]  
Vicar for Deacons

[redacted]  
Chairman, Curriculum Committee

Ⓢ In addition to psychological counseling it was my understanding that he would pursue a ministry in the church with adults to show he was able to do this. In a couple of years we would then be open to dialogue with him. That fact that he doesn't seem to hear the recommendation is further proof that he isn't ready for diaconate or to a formation that would be

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10 FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

11 JASON R.

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13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO;  
16 QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH;  
17 DENNIS RAYMOND JOST; BERNARD  
18 WALTOS; ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR  
CONVENTUAL; AND DOES 1 through  
through 100, Inclusive.

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Defendants.)

CASE NO:

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

GENERAL CIVIL

Case #: 219804 Filed: 8/23/92 By: LJUNI  
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20 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

21 AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR  
22 ASSAULT AND BATTERY, PLAINTIFF, JASON R.,  
23 COMPLAINS AND ALLEGES AGAINST DEFENDANT,  
24 DENNIS RAYMOND JOST AND DOES 1 THROUGH  
25 100 AS FOLLOWS:

26 Plaintiff alleges:

27 1. That the true names and capacities of DOES 1 through  
28 100, inclusive, whether individual, corporate, associate or

1 otherwise, are unknown to plaintiff, who therefore sues said  
2 defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and  
3 believes and therefore alleges that each of the defendants  
4 designated herein as a DOE is legally responsible in some manner  
5 for the event and happenings herein referred to, and legally  
6 caused injury and damages proximately thereby to plaintiff as  
7 herein alleged.

8 2. That at all times herein mentioned, the defendants, and  
9 each of them, were the agents, servants, contractors and employees  
10 each of the other, acting within the course and scope of said  
11 agency and employment.

12 3. That on or about and between April, 1990 and August,  
13 1990, plaintiff, JASON R., did sustain great bodily injury and  
14 harm, along with serious and irreparable emotional distress based  
15 upon the conduct and actions of defendants, and each of them, as  
16 set forth hereinbelow.

17 4. That at all times herein mentioned, plaintiff, JASON  
18 R., was a minor. This Complaint is filed prior to his 19th  
19 birthday.

20 5. Plaintiff, JASON R., alleges that defendants, DENNIS  
21 RAYMOND JOST, DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, were the legal cause  
22 of damages to plaintiff. By the following acts, defendants  
23 negligently, willfully and intentionally caused damage to  
24 plaintiff on or about and between April, 1990 and August, 1990.

25 6. Defendants, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, and DOES 1 through 10,  
26 caused injury by offensive contact upon plaintiff's body  
27 specifically but not limited to plaintiff's rectal and genital  
28 areas. Defendants, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, and DOES 1 through 10,

1 did commit on at least four occasions physical and sexual  
2 batteries upon plaintiff, JASON R., with one episode at QUEEN OF  
3 ANGELS CHURCH, 4824 Jones Avenue in the City and County of  
4 Riverside, State of California; two occasions occurring in Tucson,  
5 Arizona; and the fourth occurring at 2736 Tropicana, City and  
6 County of Riverside, State of California.

7 7. Further, that on or about and between April, 1990 and  
8 August, 1990, defendants, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, and DOES 1 through  
9 10, placed plaintiff, JASON R., in an apprehension of an imminent  
10 battery resulting in an assault and causing severe emotional  
11 distress.

12 8. That on or about April, 1990, plaintiff is informed and  
13 believes and based on such information and belief alleges that  
14 defendants, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST and DOES 1 through 10, rendered  
15 plaintiff unconscious by injecting, disseminating, or distributing  
16 a dangerous drug into plaintiff's food or drink. Thereby,  
17 intentionally causing a harmful or offensive contact upon  
18 plaintiff.

19 9. Defendants, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST and DOES 1 through 10,  
20 threatened the plaintiff with bodily injury by stating DENNIS  
21 RAYMOND JOST would kill plaintiff, JASON R., if plaintiff would  
22 tell anyone regarding the physical and sexual batteries.

23 10. That as a further sole, direct and proximate result of  
24 the incidents herein, plaintiff was required to obtain medical and  
25 hospital care and attention. Plaintiff is informed and believes  
26 and upon such information and belief alleges that he will require  
27 medical and hospital care and attention in the future and in an  
28 amount not now known to him. When plaintiff ascertains the total

1 14. On or about and between April, 1990 and August, 1990  
2 defendants, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST and DOES 1 through 10  
3 intentionally and unlawfully restrained, confined or detain  
4 plaintiff, JASON R., to stay, or go somewhere, against his will.

5 15. Further, that on or about and between April, 1990 and  
6 August, 1990, defendants, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST and DOES 1 through  
7 10, during the above described physical and sexual batteries did  
8 restrain, confine or detain, plaintiff, JASON R., in that  
9 plaintiff was compelled to stay and suffer such physical and  
10 sexual batteries resulting in severe emotional distress.

11 THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

12 AS AND FOR A THIRD, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT CAUSE OF  
13 ACTION FOR INTENTIONAL INFLECTION OF EMOTIONAL  
14 DISTRESS BY PLAINTIFF, JASON R. AGAINST DEFENDANTS,  
15 DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO, QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH,  
16 DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, BERNARD WALTOS, ORDER OF  
17 FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL, AND DOES 11 THROUGH 100,  
18 COMPLAINS AND ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

19 16. Plaintiff repeats and realleges all of the allegations  
20 contained in the First and Second Causes of Actions as set forth  
21 herein at length.

22 17. That on or about and between April, 1990 and August,  
23 1990, plaintiff, JASON R., was an alter boy at QUEEN OF ANGEL'S  
24 CHURCH in the City and County of Riverside, State of California.

25 18. Further, defendants, and each of them, had actual or  
26 constructive knowledge of defendant's, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST'S,  
27 criminal record involving sexual assaults against minor boys.  
28 That said defendants violated or exploited the trust or friendship

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AS FOLLOWS:

21. Plaintiff repeats and realleges all of the allegations contained in the First, Second and Third Causes of Action as set forth herein at length.

22. Plaintiff, JASON R., alleges that defendants, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO, BERNARD WALTOS, QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH, ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL AND DOES 1 through 100, were the legal cause of damages to plaintiff by the following acts, or omissions to act. Defendants negligently caused injury to plaintiff on or about and between April, 1990 and August, 1990. Defendants, DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO, QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH, BERNARD WALTOS, ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL, and DOES 1 through 100, failed to use reasonable care to prevent the physical and sexual batteries caused by defendant, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, and DOES 1 through 10.

23. Defendant, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, was director of the alter boys at the QUEEN OF ANGEL'S CHURCH in the City of Riverside, State of California. Defendants allowed DENNIS RAYMOND JOST to work with the alter boys despite their knowledge of defendant, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST'S, criminal record. Further, the defendants were negligent in failing to stop the physical and sexual batteries, as described herein above on plaintiff, with actual or constructive knowledge thereof.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

AS AND FOR A FIFTH, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS, DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO, QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, BERNARD WALTOS, ORDER OF FRIARS

1 MINOR CONVENTUAL AND DOES 11 THROUGH 100,  
2 PLAINTIFF, JASON R., COMPLAINS AND ALLEGES  
3 NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION AS FOLLOWS:

4 24. Plaintiff repeats and realleges all of the allegations  
5 contained in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Causes of Action  
6 as though set forth herein at length.

7 25. Plaintiff, JASON R., alleges that defendants, DIOCESE  
8 OF SAN BERNARDINO, QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH, BERNARD WALTOS, ORDER OF  
9 FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL AND DOES 1 through 100, negligently  
10 supervised the actions of defendant, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST on or  
11 about and between April, 1990 and August, 1990.

12 26. On or about April, 1990, plaintiff was asked by  
13 defendant, BERNARD WALTOS to supervise the QUEEN OF ANGELS  
14 rectory, when defendant, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, physically and  
15 sexually molested plaintiff. Defendants failed to adequately  
16 monitor defendant, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, with a known criminal  
17 record involving molestation of minor alter boys.

18 SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

19 AS AND FOR A SIXTH, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT CAUSE  
20 OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS, DIOCESE OF SAN  
21 BERNARDINO, QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH, BERNARD  
22 WALTOS, ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL  
23 AND DOES 11 THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE, PLAINTIFF  
24 COMPLAINS AND ALLEGES NEGLIGENT HIRING AS FOLLOWS:

25 27. Plaintiff repeats and realleges all of the allegations  
26 contained in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Causes of Action  
27 as though set forth herein at length.

28 28. Defendants, and each of them, failed to use reasonable



1 precautions in their selection of the director of the alter boys,  
2 DENNIS RAYMOND JOST. A reasonable person or entity knew, or  
3 should have known, of DENNIS RAYMOND JOST's criminal record and  
4 not allowed DENNIS RAYMOND JOST to have unsupervised contact wit'  
5 plaintiff, JASON R., and other minor boys.

6 29. Further, defendant, BERNARD WALTOS and DOES 11 through  
7 100, their agents, servants, contractors or employees knew or  
8 should have known of defendant, DENNIS RAYMOND JOST'S, propensity  
9 to harm minors physically and sexually.

10 30. Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have  
11 known that in plaintiff's position he would be subjected to an  
12 unreasonable risk of harm from DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, an employee,  
13 servant, contractor or agent of defendant.

14 31. Defendants, in allowing DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, to become  
15 director of the alter boys breached the duty it owed to plaintiff  
16 and others to use reasonable care in hiring its employees by its  
17 failure to conduct a reasonable investigation into the background  
18 and character of DENNIS RAYMOND JOST prior to the time of the  
19 injury to plaintiff.

20 SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

21 AS AND FOR A SEVENTH, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT CAUSE  
22 OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS, DIOCESE OF SAN  
23 BERNARDINO, QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH, BERNARD  
24 WALTOS, ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL AND  
25 DOES 1 THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE, PLAINTIFF COMPLAINS  
26 AND ALLEGES THE FOLLOWING WILLFUL, WANTON, MALICIOUS  
27 AND INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT IN CONSCIOUS DISREGARD  
28 FOR THE RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF PLAINTIFF HEREIN:

1 32. Plaintiff repeats and realleges all of the allegations  
2 contained in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth  
3 Causes of Action as though set forth herein at length.

4 33. That on or about and between April, 1990 and August,  
5 1990, defendants had knowledge of defendant's, DENNIS RAYMOND  
6 JOST, past criminal record and allowed defendant, DENNIS RAYMOND  
7 JOST, to serve as the director of the alter boys. Further  
8 defendants had constructive or actual knowledge of defendant's,  
9 DENNIS R. JOST, non-consensual illegal, offensive and improper  
10 touching of plaintiff, JASON R. through defendants' agents,  
11 servants, employees or independent contractors.

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13 QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH, BERNARD WALTOS, ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR  
14 CONVENTUAL and DOES 1 through 100 in causing, permitting and  
15 allowing DENNIS RAYMOND JOST, a person who was known to them, to  
16 have previously been arrested for, and convicted of, offenses  
17 involving sexual assaults against minor boys to become and serve  
18 as director of alter boys, with full knowledge that said position  
19 would result in frequent unsupervised contact with minor boys was  
20 intentional, willful, wanton and malicious and carried on in  
21 complete and total disregard for the rights and safety of  
22 plaintiff and others.

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25 WALTOS, QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH, ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL,  
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27 malicious, and in conscious disregard for the safety to plaintiff  
28 and such justifies an award of punitive damages.

1 WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment against the  
2 defendants, and each of them, as follows:

3 1. For general damage in a sum within the jurisdictional  
4 limits of this court according to proof;

5 2. For loss of earnings and earning capacity;

6 3. For the reasonable cost of medical and hospital  
7 expenses past, present and future;

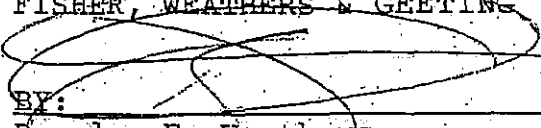
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10 6. For such other and further relief as this court may  
11 deem just and proper.

12 DATED: JUNE 22, 1992

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14 FISHER, WEATHERS & GETTING

15 BY:   
16 Douglas E. Weathers,  
17 Attorneys for Plaintiffs  
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3 The undersigned declares that he represents the plaintiff  
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Riverside Municipal/Superior Courts  
Riverside Division  
Civil Minute Order

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Case Name: JASON R. VS. DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO  
Case Category: Assault and Battery  
Hearing: Non-Proof of Service Hearing

(HPR) Honorable: William H. Sullivan  
(CLE) Clerk:

(REP) Reporter: VIDEO

**NON-PROOF OF SERVICE/STATUS HEARING/GENERAL TRIAL CONFERENCE  
MINUTE ORDER**

- RB  Represented by \_\_\_\_\_
- HCT  Hearing continued to 10-13-92, at 9am,  
Dept \_\_\_\_\_
- HOC  Hearing Off Calendar. HV  Hearing vacated.
- EAD  ENTIRE ACTION DISMISSED
- DOD  \_\_\_\_\_ Dismissed.
- CON  \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed.
- TEF  \_\_\_\_\_ to be filed on or before \_\_\_\_\_.
- COTA  Case ordered to Arbitration  
PRIMARY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ALTERNATE: \_\_\_\_\_
- ATBC  Arbitration Hearing to be completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- JTS  Jury trial set for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_;  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ days. JRB  Jury requested by \_\_\_\_\_
- CIS  Court trial set for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Dept; Estimated  
\_\_\_\_\_ days
- MSCS  Mandatory Settlement Conference set for \_\_\_\_\_ at  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_.
- RGCOM  Redesignated from General Civil \_\_\_\_\_ to General Civil-  
Uninsured Motorist. (clerks review process implemented).
- SBS  Status Hearing set for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_.
- OSCS  Order to Show Cause to Issue RE: Sanctions/Dismissal  
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\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_.
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- OSCU  Order to Show Cause to Issue RE: Sanctions/Dismissal on  
as to any remaining unserved Defendants/Cross  
Defendants unless Proof of Service is filed prior to \_\_\_\_\_  
set for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_.
- OSCU  Order to Show Cause to Issue RE: Dismissal on \_\_\_\_\_ unless  
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appear at GIC.
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DEF-BERNARD WALTOS	Not Served	PRO/PER
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sent 1/21/93  
9:15 A.M.

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with the counseling  
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Another candidate in the seven-man Republican race, Larry Arnn of Corona, president and chief executive officer of the Claremont Institute, reported \$96,424 in campaign receipts, including \$12,500 received after May 13, and \$81,437 in expenditures.

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Among other Republican candidates in the primary race, Bob Lynn of Moreno Valley, a teacher, reported campaign receipts of \$46,557, including a \$39,400 loan by the candidate, and expenditures of \$41,571, as of May 13.

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## TAKE NOTE

### African-American health conference at UCR

A conference at the University of California, Riverside, will address health issues in the African-American community with special attention to those concerning high school students considering health-care careers. The event, sponsored by African Students in Science and Engineering, will offer lectures on diabetes, AIDS, hypertension and sickle-cell anemia.

**When:** Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** University Commons, UCR.

**Admission:** Open to the public at no charge. Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. provided for \$5.

**More information:** (714) 787-4576.

Compiled by staff writer Jack Robinson

## TAKE NOTE

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ETC., ET AL.,

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CASE NO. 219804

DEPOSITION

OF

FATHER [REDACTED]

LOCATION:

FISHER, WEATHERS & GEETING  
4371 LATHAM STREET  
SUITE 106  
RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

DATE AND TIME:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1993  
11:15 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

PURSUANT TO:

NOTICE

REPORTED BY:  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

JOB NO. 21593BMM



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13 FURNESS, MIDDLEBROOK, KAISER & HIGGINS  
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16 FOR DEFENDANT DENNIS RAYMOND JOST:

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EXAMINATION BY MR. WEATHERS

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8 EXAMINATION

9 (BY MR. WEATHERS)

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11 Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME FOR THE  
12 RECORD.

13 A. [REDACTED]

14 Q. AND WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

15 A. I'M A CATHOLIC PRIEST.

16 Q. FATHER [REDACTED], ARE YOU PRESENTLY EMPLOYED?

17 A. YES.

18 Q. BY WHOM?

19 A. THE BISHOP OF SAN BERNARDINO.

20 Q. AND WHAT IS YOUR TITLE OR POSITION?

21 A. [REDACTED]

22 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU HELD THAT POSITION?

23 A. SINCE SEPTEMBER OF '91.

24 Q. AND WHAT WAS YOUR TITLE OR POSITION IN  
25 EMPLOYMENT BEFORE SEPTEMBER OF '91?

1 A. I WAS ASSOCIATE PASTOR, [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED], IN RIVERSIDE.  
3 Q. AND HOW LONG DID YOU HOLD THAT POSITION?  
4 A. THREE YEARS.  
5 Q. WHAT ABOUT BEFORE THAT?  
6 A. I WAS ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT [REDACTED].  
7 Q. FOR HOW LONG?  
8 A. ABOUT FIVE YEARS -- FOUR YEARS. SINCE JUNE --  
9 TECHNICALLY, SINCE JULY OF '84.  
10 Q. SO YOU WERE THERE FROM JULY OF '84 THROUGH  
11 APPROXIMATELY 1988?  
12 A. YEAH. AUGUST OF '88 WAS WHEN I LEFT [REDACTED].  
13 Q. THEN FROM AUGUST OF '88 UNTIL SEPTEMBER OF  
14 1991, YOU WERE AT [REDACTED]?  
15 A. YES.  
16 Q. ALL RIGHT. IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I CALL YOU  
17 "FATHER [REDACTED]"? IS THAT APPROPRIATE?  
18 A. THAT'S PROPER. THANK YOU.  
19 Q. FATHER [REDACTED], THE PROCEEDING THAT WE'VE JUST  
20 BEGUN HERE IS CALLED A DEPOSITION.  
21 HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE  
22 YOUR DEPOSITION TAKEN BEFORE?  
23 A. -NO, I HAVEN'T.  
24 Q. DID YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH  
25 SOMEONE ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING BEFORE WE

1 BEGAN?

2 A. YES; MR. SCHAEFER.

3 Q. I AM GOING TO GO OVER SOME THINGS THAT I'M  
4 SURE YOUR MOST-ABLE COUNSEL HAS DISCUSSED WITH YOU,  
5 BUT THEY'RE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE RECORD IS CLEAR  
6 AND THE TRANSCRIPT IS CLEAR AS TO WHAT WE'RE DOING.

7 THE YOUNG LADY TO YOUR LEFT IS A COURT  
8 REPORTER AND SHE'S TAKING DOWN EACH AND EVERY WORD  
9 THAT IS SPOKEN HERE IN THIS ROOM TODAY, WHETHER IT'S  
10 BY YOU OR ANYBODY ELSE. SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE  
11 SHE'LL TYPE ALL THOSE WORDS UP INTO A BOOKLET FORM.  
12 SHE'LL SEND IT TO YOU, GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO READ  
13 THROUGH IT AND MAKE ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS YOU  
14 MIGHT WANT TO MAKE IN YOUR TESTIMONY. THAT'S THE  
15 GOOD PART.

16 THE BAD PART IS IF YOU TESTIFY TO SOMETHING  
17 HERE TODAY AND WHEN YOU READ IT OVER YOU DECIDE TO  
18 MAKE SOME CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS, IF THIS CASE GOES  
19 TO TRIAL, I GET TO STAND UP AND SAY, "HE SAID ONE  
20 THING HERE AND NOW HE'S CHANGED HIS TESTIMONY."  
21 AND SOMETIMES IT LOOKS UNFAVORABLE UPON A WITNESS.

22 WE TELL YOU THAT NOT TO FRIGHTEN OR  
23 INTIMIDATE YOU BUT SIMPLY TO LET YOU KNOW THAT EVEN  
24 THOUGH WE'RE IN AN INFORMAL SETTING HERE AND AT LEAST  
25 ONE OF US IS VERY CASUALLY ATTIRE, THE TESTIMONY YOU

1 GIVE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS IF YOU  
2 WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.

3 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

4 A. UH-HUH, YES.

5 Q. IF AT ANY POINT IN TIME YOU DON'T HEAR ME OR  
6 DON'T UNDERSTAND MY QUESTIONS, IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE  
7 IT IS MY FAULT AND NOT YOURS. SO PLEASE ASK ME TO  
8 REPEAT THEM OR REPHRASE THEM.

9 WILL YOU DO THAT?

10 A. YES.

11 Q. CAN WE REACH AN AGREEMENT BEFORE WE EVEN START  
12 THAT YOU WON'T TRY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS UNLESS YOU  
13 UNDERSTAND THEM?

14 A. I'LL TRY TO DO THAT.

15 Q. TWO SIMPLE GROUND RULES FOR THE COURT  
16 REPORTER'S BENEFIT, PRIMARILY, AND THEN WE'LL GET  
17 MOVING.

18 NUMBER ONE, SHE IS ONLY PERMITTED TO  
19 TAKE DOWN A VERBAL, AUDIBLE RESPONSE. IN EVERYDAY  
20 CONVERSATION WE USE A LOT OF NODS AND GESTURES AND  
21 UH-HUH'S AND HUH-UH'S, WHICH WORK FINE WHEN WE HAVE  
22 EYE CONTACT. BUT SOMETIMES THEY GET CONFUSED WHEN  
23 YOU TRY TO WRITE THEM DOWN. SO WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU  
24 SPEAK AUDIBLY AND AVOID THE SLANG PHRASES OF "UH-HUH"  
25 AND "HUH-UH." IT WILL MAKE HER JOB EASIER.

1 CAN YOU DO THAT FOR HER?

2 A. YES.

3 Q. AND SECONDLY, BECAUSE WE ONLY HAVE ONE  
4 REPORTER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SPEAK ONE AT A  
5 TIME. SO IF YOU WILL CONTINUE, AS YOU HAVE BEEN  
6 DOING, TO ALLOW ME TO COMPLETE MY QUESTION BEFORE  
7 YOU BEGIN YOUR ANSWER, I WILL TRY AND EXTEND THE SAME  
8 COURTESY TO YOU SO WE DON'T STEP ON EACH OTHER'S  
9 LINES. IT WILL MAKE THINGS GO QUICKER AND EASIER FOR  
10 THE REPORTER.

11 WILL YOU DO THAT FOR US, AS WELL?

12 A. YES.

13 Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF ME BEFORE WE  
14 BEGIN THIS PROCEEDING?

15 A. NO.

16 Q. DO YOU BELONG TO ANY PARTICULAR ORDER?

17 A. YES. THE CONVENTUAL FRANCISCANS.

18 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BELONGED TO THAT ORDER?

19 A. FOURTEEN YEARS.

20 Q. WHO DO YOU RECEIVE YOUR PAY FROM?

21 A. MY PAY? WELL, AS A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY, A  
22 FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY, WE'RE -- WE PERSONALLY DON'T  
23 RECEIVE PAY. WE ARE -- THE BISHOP, THROUGH THE  
24 PARISH, PAYS FOR THE PRIEST SERVICES, AND THOSE GO  
25 INTO A GENERAL FUND, WHICH THEN ARE USED FOR OUR

1 COMMUNITY IN TOTAL. WE TAKE OUT OF THE COMMUNITY  
2 FUNDS PERSONAL EXPENSES OF A MODEST NATURE.

3 Q. AND THOSE WOULD BE OUT OF THE COMMUNITY FUNDS,  
4 SUCH AS THE OFFERINGS FROM THE PARISHIONERS?

5 A. THAT TOO.

6 Q. CAN YOU TELL ME BRIEFLY WHAT YOUR  
7 UNDERSTANDING IS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE  
8 FRANCISCAN ORDER AND THE DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO?

9 A. THE PROVINCIAL OR PROVINCIALS OF THE PAST  
10 HAVE MADE AGREEMENT WITH THE BISHOP OR BISHOPS OF THE  
11 PAST TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TO STAFF A PARISH IN  
12 SAN BERNARDINO. WE HAVE TWO PARISHES, SAINT THOMAS  
13 AND QUEEN OF ANGELS.

14 AND THEN OUR PROVINCIAL, WITH HIS  
15 *Refinatory* DIVINATORY AND THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER, WHICH IS  
16 THE GOVERNING BODY OF OUR ORDER IN THIS JURISDICTION  
17 OF CALIFORNIA, WILL CHOOSE INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE IN  
18 THESE PARTICULAR LOCATIONS. AND WITH THE BISHOP'S  
19 APPROVAL, THOSE NAMES AND THOSE PEOPLE BECOME  
20 APPOINTED TO THE VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE PARISH.

21 Q. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, DOES THE BISHOP HAVE THE  
22 ULTIMATE SAY-SO AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PRIEST IS  
23 ASSIGNED TO A CHURCH WITHIN A PARISH CONTROLLED BY  
24 THE DIOCESE?

25 A. YES.



1 Q. AND DO YOU CONSIDER THE BISHOP OF  
2 SAN BERNARDINO TO BE YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR?

3 A. IN MATTERS OF THE PARISH, YES.

4 Q. HE IS THE SUPERVISOR WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS  
5 OF THE PARISH?

6 A. YES.

7 Q. AND I WOULD GATHER YOUR SUPERVISOR FOR MATTERS  
8 NOT NECESSARILY PERTAINING TO THE PARISH WOULD COME  
9 FROM THE FRANCISCAN ORDER.

10 A. CORRECT.

11 Q. AND WHO WOULD THAT INDIVIDUAL BE AT THE  
12 PRESENT TIME?

13 A. CURRENTLY IT'S FATHER [REDACTED], OUR  
14 ADMINISTRATOR PROVINCIAL.

15 Q. AND WHERE DOES FATHER [REDACTED] CURRENTLY  
16 LIVE?

17 A. *at the Provinciate*  
A. A PROVINCIAL NOW LOCATED IN ARROYO GRANDE,  
18 CALIFORNIA.

19 Q. HOW LONG HAS HE HELD THAT POSITION?

20 A. SINCE JUNE OF '91, I BELIEVE IT WAS.

21 Q. AND WHAT IS HIS OFFICIAL TITLE?

22 A. MINISTER PROVINCIAL.

23 Q. WHO WAS THE MINISTER PROVINCIAL FOR THIS  
24 REGION, SAY, IN 1987 THROUGH 1991?

25 A. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN FATHER [REDACTED].

1 Q. WHERE IS FATHER [REDACTED] PRESENTLY  
2 LOCATED?

3 A. CURRENTLY IN RENO, NEVADA.

4 Q. CAN YOU TELL ME YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND,  
5 VERY BRIEFLY, BEGINNING WITH COLLEGE?

6 A. I GRADUATED FROM LONG BEACH STATE WITH A  
7 DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING IN 1970, WORKED AS AN ACCOUNTANT  
8 FOR A FEW YEARS, ENTERED THE FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY IN  
9 THE LATE SEVENTIES, WENT TO LOYOLA MARYMOUNT FOR A  
10 YEAR, THEN CONTINUED THE NOVITIATE, FIRST YEAR  
11 SEMINARY, IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, FINISHED SEMINARY IN  
12 BERKELEY AT THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

13 Q. HAVE YOU ATTAINED ANY ADDITIONAL POSTGRADUATE  
14 DEGREES SINCE YOUR DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING?

15 A. WELL, THE MASTER OF DIVINITY FROM THE  
16 FRANCISCAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

17 Q. AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR MASTER'S OF  
18 DIVINITY, DID YOU WRITE A THESIS?

19 A. NO.

20 Q. HAVE YOU EVER PUBLISHED?

21 A. NO. OTHER THAN THE LETTER IN THE PARISH  
22 BULLETIN, NO.

23 Q. FAIR ENOUGH. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE  
24 HERE BECAUSE OF A LAWSUIT THAT WAS FILED ON BEHALF OF  
25 JASON [REDACTED]?

1 A. YES.

2 Q. DO YOU KNOW JASON?

3 A. YES, I DO.

4 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN HIM?

5 A. WHEN I WAS AT QUEEN OF ANGELS, I KNEW HIM AS A  
6 STUDENT IN THE PARISH SCHOOL. I JUST KNEW HIM AS A

7 STUDENT.

8 Q. AND WHEN WAS THAT, APPROXIMATELY?

9 A. GOSH. ABOUT THE TIME I GOT TO QUEEN OF  
10 ANGELS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT GRADE HE WAS IN, BUT HE  
11 WAS JUST ONE OF THE KIDS THAT I WOULD COME ACROSS.  
12 AND IT WAS UNUSUAL THAT HE WAS ONE OF THREE JASONS IN  
13 A CLASSROOM WITH FIVE BOYS.

14 MR. SCHAEFER: OFF THE RECORD. I WANT TO  
15 SEE YOU OUTSIDE. DON'T ANYBODY GET UP. THIS WON'T  
16 TAKE LONG.

17 (DISCUSSION HELD OUTSIDE THE ROOM  
18 BETWEEN MR. SCHAEFER AND THE WITNESS.)

19 Q. I GATHER AT THAT TIME THAT JASON [REDACTED] WAS A  
20 GRAMMAR STUDENT. IS THAT CORRECT?

21 A. YEAH.

22 Q. AND YOU KNOW MR. JOST AS WELL, DON'T YOU?

23 A. YES.

24 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN MR. JOST?

25 A. IT WAS DURING THAT TIME. I CAN'T SAY EXACTLY

1 WHEN. I DON'T KNOW.

2 Q. THIS WOULD BE SOMETIME BETWEEN 1984 AND 1988?

3 A. YES.

4 Q. AND YOU ALSO KNEW FATHER BERNIE WALTOS?

5 A. YES.

6 Q. DO YOU KNOW ANY OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE

7 [REDACTED] FAMILY BESIDES JASON?

8 A. MRS. [REDACTED] MR. [REDACTED] I'VE MET. AND THERE'S A  
9 YOUNGER BROTHER I REMEMBER.

10 Q. WERE YOU PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY THE  
11 RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE SUMMER OF 1991  
12 REGARDING THE INCIDENT --

13 A. YES.

14 Q. -- THAT FORMS THE BASIS OF THIS LAWSUIT? IS  
15 THAT CORRECT?

16 A. YES.

17 Q. ALL RIGHT. WHERE DID THAT INTERVIEW TAKE  
18 PLACE?

19 A. AT SAINT THOMAS, THE CHURCH OFFICE.

20 Q. WHO INTERVIEWED YOU? WAS IT A MAN OR A  
21 WOMAN?

22 A. IT WAS A MAN. I DON'T REMEMBER HIS NAME.

23 Q. WAS HE IN UNIFORM OR PLAIN CLOTHES?

24 A. PLAIN CLOTHES.

25 Q. DOES THE NAME [REDACTED] SOUND FAMILIAR?

1 DETECTIVE [REDACTED], PERHAPS?

2 A. YES.

3 Q. WAS ANYONE ELSE PRESENT BESIDES YOURSELF AND  
4 DETECTIVE STEVENS AT THE TIME OF THAT INTERVIEW?

5 A. FOR MOST OF IT, JUST HE AND I.

6 Q. AND AT SOME POINT IN TIME, I GATHER, SOMEONE  
7 EITHER JOINED OR LEFT YOU DURING THAT INTERVIEW.

8 A. YES. FATHER [REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO OFFER  
9 INFORMATION.

10 Q. HOW LONG A PERIOD OF TIME DID YOU SPEND IN  
11 THAT INTERVIEW WITH DETECTIVE [REDACTED]?

12 A. SEEMED LIKE MAYBE HALF AN HOUR.

13 Q. WERE YOU ADVISED AT THAT TIME THAT THEY  
14 WERE CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS  
15 INVOLVING DENNIS JOST?

16 A. YES.

17 Q. NOW, APPROXIMATELY WHAT YEAR DID YOU FIRST  
18 BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH MR. JOST?

19 A. I GUESS IT WOULD HAVE TO BE EARLY IN THE  
20 TIME THAT I WAS AT QUEEN OF ANGELS. SO '84, '85,  
21 PROBABLY. I GOT ACQUAINTED BY HAVING MET HIM IS  
22 ALL.

23 Q. IS THAT YOUR BEST ESTIMATE, '84, '85?

24 A. YEAH.

25 Q. AND AT THE TIME THAT YOU FIRST BECAME

1 ACQUAINTED WITH MR. JOST, DO YOU RECALL SOMEONE  
2 INTRODUCING YOU TO HIM?

3 A. YES.

4 Q. WHO WAS THAT?

5 A. FATHER BERNIE.

6 Q. AND HOW DID FATHER BERNIE INTRODUCE MR. JOST  
7 TO YOU?

8 A. I THINK THAT MR. JOST CAME OVER TO VISIT  
9 FATHER BERNIE; AND IN A CASUAL SENSE, FATHER BERNIE  
10 JUST SAID, "OH, BY THE WAY, THIS IS MY FRIEND  
11 DENNIS."

12 Q. WERE YOU AWARE AT THAT TIME OF ANY POSITIONS  
13 HELD BY MR. JOST WITH RESPECT TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

14 A. NOT AT THAT TIME.

15 Q. AT SOME POINT IN TIME, DID YOU BECOME AWARE OF  
16 POSITIONS THAT HE HELD WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

17 A. YEAH. I LATER FOUND OUT THAT HE WAS IN SOME  
18 CAPACITY AT SAINT THOMAS, YEAH.

19 Q. WHAT WAS THE CAPACITY THAT YOU UNDERSTOOD HE  
20 HELD AT SAINT THOMAS?

21 A. HE WORKED WITH THE ALTAR BOYS.

22 Q. NOW, WAS THIS INFORMATION YOU GATHERED WHILE  
23 YOU WERE STILL AT QUEEN OF ANGELS?

24 A. YES.

25 Q. AND DID YOU UNDERSTAND, WHILE YOU WERE AT

1 QUEEN OF ANGELS IN '84, '85, THAT HE WAS SERVING AS  
2 DIRECTOR OF ALTAR BOYS AT SAINT THOMAS AND IN FACT  
3 TRAINING THEM?

4 A. YES.

5 Q. DID YOU EVER AT ANY TIME SERVE IN THE SAME  
6 PARISH WHERE MR. JOST WAS INVOLVED IN THE DIRECTION  
7 OF ALTAR BOYS?

8 A. NO.

9 Q. SO HE NEVER SERVED AT QUEEN OF ANGELS DURING  
10 THE TIME YOU WERE THERE; IS THAT CORRECT?

11 A. CORRECT.

12 Q. AND LIKEWISE, YOU WERE NOT AT SAINT THOMAS AT  
13 ANY POINT IN TIME WHEN HE WAS DIRECTOR OF ALTAR  
14 BOYS?

15 A. CORRECT.

16 Q. DO YOU KNOW WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
17 SELECTION OF MR. JOST AS THE DIRECTOR OF ALTAR  
18 SERVERS?

19 MR. SCHAEFER: WHERE?

20 THE WITNESS: WHERE?

21 MR. WEATHERS: LET ME REPHRASE THE  
22 QUESTION.

23 Q. DO YOU KNOW WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
24 SELECTION OF MR. JOST AT SAINT THOMAS?

25 A. NO, I DON'T.

1 Q. DO YOU KNOW WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
2 SELECTION OF MR. JOST AS DIRECTOR OF ALTAR SERVERS  
3 AT QUEEN OF ANGELS?

4 A. I WOULD PRESUME IT WOULD BE FATHER BERNIE.

5 Q. WHY WOULD YOU PRESUME THAT?

6 A. WELL, HE WAS THE PASTOR.

7 Q. AND WAS IT ONE OF THE DUTIES, AS THE PASTOR,  
8 TO SELECT THAT INDIVIDUAL?

9 A. ULTIMATELY HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT.

10 Q. DID ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PASTOR OF A CHURCH,  
11 LET'S SAY DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME FROM '84 THROUGH  
12 '89, HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF  
13 ALTAR SERVERS?

14 A. IS THAT A GENERAL QUESTION?

15 Q. YES.

16 A. IT WOULD -- AS I UNDERSTAND THE ORGANIZATIONAL  
17 STRUCTURE, IT DEPENDS ON THE PASTOR. IF HE DELEGATES  
18 SOMEONE TO SELECT A DIRECTOR, THEN HE -- DEPENDING ON  
19 HOW MUCH HE DELEGATES. HE COULD TAKE IT ALL OR HE  
20 COULD DELEGATE IT ALL TO A COMMITTEE OR TO AN  
21 INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTRATOR.

22 Q. DID FATHER BERNIE EVER TELL YOU HOW HE FIRST  
23 BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH MR. JOST?

24 A. I THINK HE MAY HAVE SAID SOMETHING.

25 Q. DO YOU RECALL WHAT THAT WAS?



1 A. I SEEM TO RECALL THAT HE MENTIONED HAVING MET  
2 DENNIS AT SAINT THOMAS.

3 Q. AT SOME POINT IN TIME, MR. JOST LEFT SAINT  
4 THOMAS. DO YOU RECALL THAT?

5 A. YES.

6 Q. WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME AWARE THAT HE HAD  
7 LEFT SAINT THOMAS? AND AN APPROXIMATE DATE IS FINE.  
8 I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO HAVE EXACT DATES.

9 A. IT WAS SOME TIME BEFORE I WENT OVER THERE.  
10 IT WAS, I THINK, WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

11 Q. SO IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHIN THE SIX MONTHS  
12 BEFORE AUGUST OF 1988?

13 A. YES.

14 Q. AND HOW WAS IT THAT YOU LEARNED THAT DENNIS  
15 WAS NO LONGER SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF THE ALTAR BOYS  
16 AT SAINT THOMAS IN THE FIRST PART OF 1988?

17 A. I'M NOT REALLY SURE HOW I FOUND OUT. I THINK  
18 I MAY HAVE JUST HEARD SOMEONE SAY THAT DENNIS WASN'T  
19 THERE ANYMORE.

20 Q. WERE YOU ADVISED AT SOME POINT IN TIME BY  
21 FATHER [REDACTED] THAT DENNIS HAD BEEN DISMISSED FROM  
22 HIS DUTIES BECAUSE OF PROPOSITIONING A YOUNG BOY FOR  
23 SEXUAL FAVORS? *I understood the reason to be inappropriate*  
*comments made to a young boy that might be*  
*understood as propositioning for sexual favors*

24 A. I DID NOT HEAR THAT UNTIL -- OH, GOSH. IT WAS  
25 JUST BEFORE DETECTIVE [REDACTED] CAME BY.

1 Q. AND WHO TOLD YOU THAT?

2 A. FATHER [REDACTED]. WE HAD A DISCUSSION, AND HE  
3 WAS VERY RELUCTANT TO SHARE ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

4 Q. SO BEFORE YOU SPOKE WITH DETECTIVE [REDACTED] IN  
5 1991, SHORTLY BEFORE THAT, YOU LEARNED OF THE REASONS  
6 FOR DENNIS' DISMISSAL?

7 A. YES.

8 Q. SO AT LEAST DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS AFTER  
9 DENNIS' DISMISSAL, YOU HAD NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER AS  
10 TO THE REASONS; IS THAT CORRECT?

11 A. CORRECT. I WOULD SAY NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE.  
12 THERE'S ALWAYS RUMORS, BUT I DON'T TAKE THEM VERY  
13 SERIOUSLY.

14 Q. WHAT TYPE OF RUMORS HAD YOU HEARD BETWEEN  
15 THE FIRST PART OF 1988 AND 1991 ABOUT MR. JOST'S  
16 DISMISSAL FROM SAINT THOMAS?

17 A. FRANKLY, NOT MUCH OF ANYTHING. JUST PEOPLE  
18 WOULDN'T SAY MUCH.

19 Q. WELL, WHEN YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU HEARD NOTHING  
20 SPECIFICALLY BUT JUST RUMORS, IT IMPLIED TO ME THERE  
21 WERE CERTAIN RUMORS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD.

22 IS THAT CORRECT, THAT YOU DID HEAR SOME  
23 RUMORS?

24 A. THEY WERE THE INAUDIBLE KIND OF RUMORS THAT  
25 PEOPLE WOULD SAY, "WHAT HAPPENED WITH DENNIS?"

1 AND THEY WOULD JUST RAISE THEIR HANDS AND SHRUG.

2 AND I'D SAY, "ANY MORE?" "NO. THAT'S

3 ALL." IT WAS INNUENDO.

4 Q. WHAT WAS THE INN- --

5 A. BUT NOTHING SPECIFIC.

6 Q. WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE INNUENDOS THAT YOU

7 HEARD?

8 A. IT WAS IN REFERENCE TO SOME -- THE OTHER

9 ONE WAS WITH REGARD TO LITURGY, THE FACT THAT

10 DENNIS' STYLE OF LITURGY WAS NOT IN LINE WITH

11 WHAT THE OTHERS WERE IN FAVOR OF.

12 Q. WOULD IT BE ACCURATE TO STATE, FATHER, THAT

13 BEFORE YOUR CONVERSATION WITH DETECTIVE ██████████ IN

14 THE SUMMER OF 1991, THAT YOU HAD NO INFORMATION

15 WHATSOEVER REGARDING ALLEGED SEXUAL IMPROPRIETIES

16 INVOLVING DENNIS JOST?

17 A. CORRECT.

18 Q. DID YOU EVER GIVE AN INTERVIEW TO THE F.B.I.?

19 A. YES.

20 Q. AND WHAT TIME FRAME ARE WE TALKING ABOUT WHEN

21 YOU GAVE THAT INTERVIEW?

22 A. IT WAS SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER I TALKED TO

23 DETECTIVE ██████████.

24 Q. WHAT WAS THE NATURE -- LET ME BACK UP IF I

25 MAY.

1 GOING BACK TO THE INTERVIEW YOU HAD WITH  
2 DETECTIVE [REDACTED] AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS, WHAT  
3 DID HE ASK YOU?

4 A. AS I RECALL, HE WAS LOOKING FOR THE  
5 POSSIBILITY OF MORE VICTIMS AND MORE PEOPLE THAT  
6 WOULD BE ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CHARGES THAT THEY  
7 WERE INVESTIGATING.

8 Q. DID HE TELL YOU WHAT THOSE CHARGES WERE?

9 A. YES.

10 Q. WHAT WERE THOSE CHARGES?

11 A. SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH A MINOR.

12 Q. DID HE ADVISE YOU THAT JASON [REDACTED] HAD BEEN  
13 RAPED AND SODOMIZED IN THE RECTORY AT QUEEN OF ANGELS  
14 CHURCH?

15 A. HE SAID NOTHING OF THAT.

16 Q. WHEN YOU SPOKE WITH HIM, WHAT INFORMATION DID  
17 YOU PROVIDE HIM?

18 A. I DISCUSSED THE NATURE OF -- GEE. THAT WAS SO  
19 LONG AGO, I'M HAVING TROUBLE REMEMBERING WHAT WE DID  
20 TALK ABOUT. I BELIEVE I GAVE HIM SOME NAMES OF  
21 INDIVIDUALS. I GAVE HIM THE LIST OF ALTAR SERVERS  
22 THAT WERE -- THE LIST THAT I HAD AT THAT TIME AND ANY  
23 OTHER PEOPLE WHO WOULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH THE BOYS  
24 AND WITH DENNIS.

25 Q. THIS CONVERSATION YOU HAD WITH FATHER [REDACTED]

1 WAS THAT WITHIN DAYS BEFORE YOUR INTERVIEW WITH  
2 DETECTIVE [REDACTED]?

3 A. WHICH CONVERSATION NOW?

4 Q. WELL, HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU SPEAK WITH  
5 DETECTIVE [REDACTED]?

6 A. JUST ONCE. BUT WHICH CONVERSATION WITH  
7 FATHER [REDACTED]?

8 Q. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SHOULD DO. MAKE ME  
9 CLARIFY MY QUESTION.

10 BEFORE THE CONVERSATION YOU HAD WITH  
11 FATHER [REDACTED], WHEREIN HE ADVISED YOU OF THE REASONS  
12 FOR DISCHARGING DENNIS, DID THAT CONVERSATION TAKE  
13 PLACE WITHIN A WEEK OR SO OF YOUR INTERVIEW WITH  
14 DETECTIVE [REDACTED]?

15 A. NO. MUCH EARLIER, I WOULD SAY. MUCH  
16 EARLIER.

17 Q. ARE WE TALKING MONTHS? YEARS?

18 A. I REALLY COULDN'T SAY.

19 Q. DO YOU KNOW WHICH CALENDAR YEAR THAT  
20 CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE IN?

21 A. NO. I COULDN'T EVEN GUESS AT THAT. ONE OF  
22 THOSE THREE YEARS I WAS AT SAINT THOMAS, I KNOW.

23 Q. IT WOULD BE SOMETIME BETWEEN 1988 AND 1991,  
24 THEN?

25 A. YES.

*less than a year*

1 Q. AT SOME POINT IN TIME YOU HAD THAT DISCUSSION  
2 WITH FATHER [REDACTED] INVOLVING MR. JOST, AND IT WAS  
3 SOMETIME BETWEEN 1988 AND 1991.

4 WHAT SPECIFICALLY DID FATHER [REDACTED] TELL  
5 YOU AT THAT TIME WAS HIS REASON FOR DISCHARGING  
6 DENNIS JOST?

7 A. IT HAD COME -- HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN  
8 MADE AWARE OF A CONVERSATION THAT DENNIS HAD HAD  
9 WITH A BOY, A YOUNG TEENAGER. AND SOME THINGS WERE  
10 SAID THAT UPSET THE BOY. AND AFTER VERIFYING THAT  
11 CONVERSATION WITH DENNIS, THAT FATHER [REDACTED] DECIDED  
12 IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO DISMISS HIM.

13 Q. AND WHAT FATHER [REDACTED] TOLD YOU WAS THAT  
14 DENNIS JOST HAD, IN ESSENCE, PROPOSITIONED THE MINOR  
15 ALTAR BOY; IS THAT CORRECT?

16 A. SOMETHING OF A SEXUAL NATURE, YES.

17 Q. AND THIS WAS SOMETIME BETWEEN 1988 AND 1991?

18 A. THAT HE TOLD ME OF THAT?

19 Q. CORRECT. IS THAT CORRECT?

20 A. YES.

21 Q. AT THE TIME THAT YOU WERE TOLD OF THIS  
22 INCIDENT BY FATHER [REDACTED], WERE YOU AWARE THAT  
23 MR. JOST WAS AT THAT TIME WORKING AS DIRECTOR OF  
24 ALTAR SERVERS AT QUEEN OF ANGELS?

25 A. YES.

1 Q. BECOMING AWARE OF THE ALLEGATIONS AND REASONS  
2 FOR MR. JOST'S DISMISSAL FROM SAINT THOMAS AT THE  
3 TIME THAT YOU WERE AWARE HE WAS DIRECTOR OF ALTAR  
4 SERVERS AGAIN AT QUEEN OF ANGELS, DID YOU UNDERTAKE  
5 ANY EFFORTS TO NOTIFY THE PRIESTS AT QUEEN OF  
6 ANGELS?

7 A. NO.

8 Q. DID YOU TELL ANYONE AT THAT TIME OF THE  
9 FACT THAT MR. JOST HAD ACKNOWLEDGED, IN ESSENCE,  
10 PROPOSITIONING A MINOR?

11 A. NO.

12 Q. WAS THERE SOME REASON YOU DID NOT COMMUNICATE  
13 THAT INFORMATION TO THE PRIESTS AT QUEEN OF ANGELS?

14 A. I WAS FULLY CONVINCED THAT HE KNEW MORE THAN I  
15 DID ABOUT IT.

16 Q. AND WHEN YOU SAY "HE KNEW," ARE YOU REFERRING  
17 TO FATHER BERNIE?

18 A. YES.

19 Q. WHAT WAS IT THAT LED YOU TO CONCLUDE, WHEN YOU  
20 BECAME AWARE OF THAT INFORMATION, THAT FATHER BERNIE  
21 ALREADY KNEW?

22 A. I KNEW OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND I KNEW THAT  
23 DENNIS HAD -- WOULD OFTEN TALK WITH BERNIE ON  
24 PERSONAL MATTERS. AND IF THERE WAS ANYTHING IN  
25 DENNIS' LIFE THAT WAS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE, THEN

1 I FULLY BELIEVED THAT FATHER BERNIE WAS FULLY AWARE  
2 OF THAT.

3 Q. AT THE TIME THAT YOU HAD THAT CONVERSATION  
4 WITH FATHER [REDACTED], WERE YOU AWARE THAT DENNIS JOST  
5 WAS GAY?

6 A. NO.

7 Q. AT THE TIME YOU HAD THE CONVERSATION WITH  
8 FATHER [REDACTED] THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, WERE  
9 YOU AWARE THAT FATHER BERNIE WAS GAY?

10 A. NO.

11 Q. WHAT WAS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CLOSE  
12 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FATHER BERNIE AND MR. JOST?

13 A. THAT THEY WERE GOOD FRIENDS, THAT THEY WERE  
14 ABLE TO TALK TO EACH OTHER AND CONFIDE AND BE  
15 FRIENDS.

16 Q. SO BECAUSE OF THE CLOSENESS, YOU DIDN'T FEEL  
17 IT WAS NECESSARY TO ADVISE ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH  
18 QUEEN OF ANGELS ABOUT THE INFORMATION YOU HAD  
19 REGARDING DENNIS; CORRECT?

20 A. CORRECT.

21 Q. DID YOU EVER NOTIFY ANYONE AT ALL ASSOCIATED  
22 WITH THE DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO?

23 A. NO.

24 Q. OTHER THAN THE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING YOUR  
25 CHURCH IN THIS MATTER AND DETECTIVE [REDACTED], DID YOU



1 EVER DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH ANYONE ELSE?

2 A. NOT THAT I RECALL.

3 Q. WERE YOU INTERVIEWED BY THE F.B.I.?

4 A. YES.

5 Q. DID YOU DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH THEM?

6 MR. SCHAEFER: DISCUSS WHAT MATTERS?

7 OBJECTION; VAGUE.

8 A. YEAH.

9 Q. DID YOU DISCUSS THE FACT THAT FATHER [REDACTED]  
10 TOLD YOU THAT DENNIS PROPOSITIONED BOYS FOR SEX --

11 A. YES, I PROBABLY DID.

12 Q. -- WITH ANYONE BESIDES YOUR LAWYERS AND THE  
13 F.B.I.?

14 WHO ELSE?

15 A. WELL, JUST THE F.B.I. IS ALL. NO ONE THAT I  
16 CAN RECALL THAT I SPOKE TO ABOUT IT.

17 Q. AT ANY POINT IN TIME, DID YOU EVER COMMUNICATE  
18 TO FATHER BERNIE THAT YOU FELT DENNIS JOST SHOULD NOT  
19 BE PERMITTED TO HAVE ONE-ON-ONE CONTACT WITH ANY OF  
20 THE ALTAR BOYS?

21 A. I DID MENTION THAT.

22 Q. WHEN WAS THAT?

23 A. WELL, NOT SPECIFICALLY ALTAR BOYS. I WAS  
24 CONCERNED ABOUT ANY UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH ANY OF  
25 US, HAVING BEEN GIVEN DIRECTIONS FROM BASICALLY THE

1 BISHOP'S OFFICE AND OTHER CHURCH TEACHING FUNCTIONS  
2 THAT WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL IN HOW WE DEAL WITH  
3 PEOPLE ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS, THAT WE DON'T LEAVE  
4 OURSELVES OPEN FOR ACCUSATIONS, NOR LEAVE OURSELVES  
5 OPEN FOR IMPROPRIETY WITH AN INDIVIDUAL.

6 Q. WAS YOUR REASON FOR TELLING BERNIE TO WATCH  
7 FOR UNSUPERVISED CONTACT ON BEHALF OF MR. JOST THE  
8 FACT THAT YOU KNEW ABOUT THE ALLEGED IMPROPRIETY BACK  
9 AT SAINT THOMAS?

10 A. IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT. IT WAS  
11 GENERAL.

12 Q. IT HAD TO DO WITH PEOPLE IN GENERAL?

13 A. YES.

14 Q. DID YOU EVER TELL FATHER BERNIE SPECIFICALLY  
15 THAT HE SHOULD TRY TO PROHIBIT OR PREVENT DENNIS JOST  
16 FROM HAVING UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH ANY CHILDREN?

17 A. NOT DENNIS PARTICULARLY OR SPECIFICALLY, NO.  
18 IT WAS ACROSS THE BOARD.

19 Q. WHEN, IF AT ALL, DID YOU EVER BECOME AWARE  
20 THAT MR. JOST HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF CHILD MOLESTATION  
21 IN 1977?

22 A. WHEN DETECTIVE [REDACTED] TOLD ME IN THAT  
23 INTERVIEW.

24 Q. DID YOU EVER DISCUSS THAT WITH FATHER BERNIE?

25 A. NO.

1 Q. HAVE YOU EVER DISCUSSED THAT WITH ANYONE  
2 BESIDES DETECTIVE [REDACTED]?

3 A. FATHER [REDACTED], WITH THE LAWYERS, FATHER  
4 [REDACTED], JUST TO MENTION IT.

5 Q. DID YOU EVER TELL DETECTIVE [REDACTED] THAT YOU  
6 SPECIFICALLY APPROACHED FATHER BERNIE TO MAKE HIM  
7 AWARE THAT DENNIS JOST HAD PREVIOUSLY PROPOSITIONED A  
8 MINOR?

9 A. NO.

10 Q. HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THE INCIDENTS INVOLVING  
11 DENNIS JOST AND JASON [REDACTED] WITH JASON AT ANY TIME?

12 A. NO.

13 Q. HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THEM WITH [REDACTED]?

14 A. WE HAD A CONVERSATION.

15 Q. JUST ONE?

16 A. WELL, OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, A COUPLE. I'VE  
17 SPOKEN TO HER A FEW TIMES.

18 Q. IN PERSON OR ON THE PHONE?

19 A. IN PERSON.

20 Q. WHERE DID THOSE CONVERSATIONS TAKE PLACE?

21 A. THE FIRST WAS IN THE JURY ROOM. WE WERE BOTH  
22 ON JURY DUTY.

23 Q. THAT WAS HERE AT RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT?

24 A. YES.

25 Q. WHEN WAS THAT?

1 A. GOSH. '89 OR '90. '90. PROBABLY '90 OR  
2 '91. IT WAS RIGHT BEFORE ALL THIS CAME OUT.

3 Q. WHEN WAS THE SECOND CONVERSATION YOU HAD WITH  
4 HER?

5 A. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AFTER I CAME TO QUEEN OF  
6 ANGELS IN '91, PROBABLY OCTOBER.

7 Q. WHERE DID THAT TAKE PLACE?

8 A. AT THE RECTORY.

9 Q. WAS -- I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO CUT YOU  
10 OFF THERE.


11 WAS THERE A THIRD CONVERSATION WITH HER?

12 A. A FEW WEEKS LATER AT THE RECTORY, THAT I CAN  
13 RECALL.

14 Q. WAS THERE A FOURTH?

15 A. WELL, WE HAD CONVERSATIONS BUT WE DIDN'T TALK  
16 ABOUT THIS.

17 Q. AT THE TIME OF YOUR FIRST CONVERSATION WITH

18  IN THE JURY ROOM, WHAT DID SHE TELL YOU?

19 A. SHE TOLD ME HOW HER FAMILY WAS DOING AND HOW  
20 JASON WAS AN ALTAR SERVER AND A TEENAGER GROWING UP.  
21 AND I HAD NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM OR HER FOR --  
22 SINCE I'D LEFT QUEEN OF ANGELS, AND IT WAS NICE TO  
23 GET UPDATED.

24 Q. AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST CONVERSATION, DID  
25 SHE RELATE TO YOU ANY CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING ALLEGED

1 SEXUAL IMPROPRIETY?

2 A. NOT SEXUAL.

3 Q. WHAT TYPE OF IMPROPRIETIES DID SHE RELATE?

4 A. WELL, NOT IMPROPRIETIES. SHE SPOKE OF JASON'S  
5 RELATIONSHIP WITH DENNIS AND HOW DENNIS WAS TAKING  
6 JASON TO TEXAS FOR -- TO SERVE AT HIS FATHER'S

7 FUNERAL, I BELIEVE IT WAS. AND THEN AGAIN THERE  
8 SEEMED TO BE SOME TROUBLE -- TROUBLE, IN THAT JASON  
9 WAS MOVING TO TEXAS WITH DENNIS OR WITH DENNIS'  
10 FAMILY. SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

11 Q. ANYTHING ELSE YOU RECALL HER TELLING YOU?

12 A. OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES. THEY WERE JUST DOING A  
13 LOT OF THINGS TOGETHER.

14 Q. AT THE TIME YOU HAD THIS CONVERSATION WITH  
15 [REDACTED] IN THE JURY ROOM, WERE YOU AWARE OF THE  
16 CIRCUMSTANCES OF DENNIS' DISMISSAL FROM THE SAINT  
17 THOMAS CHURCH BY FATHER NORBERT?

18 A. NOT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

19 Q. SO THIS CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE SOMETIME  
20 AFTER YOUR CONVERSATION WITH FATHER [REDACTED]; IS THAT  
21 CORRECT?

22 A. NO. I DID NOT KNOW OF THE SPECIFICS OF  
23 DENNIS' DISMISSAL AT THE TIME I TALKED TO MRS. [REDACTED]  
24 IN THE JURY ROOM.

25 Q. AT THE TIME THAT YOU SPOKE WITH MRS. [REDACTED] IN

1 THE JURY ROOM, WERE YOU AWARE THAT THE GENERALITIES  
2 OF DENNIS JOST'S DISMISSAL FROM SAINT THOMAS INVOLVED  
3 IMPROPRIETIES WITH A MINOR?

4 A. NO.

5 Q. WHEN MRS. ██████ TOLD YOU THAT HER SON WAS  
6 ALREADY EITHER GOING TO TEXAS OR IN TEXAS WITH DENNIS  
7 JOST, DID YOU OFFER ANY ADVICE OR WARNING TO HER AT  
8 THAT TIME?

9 A. YES. I WOULDN'T SAY -- ADVICE, I OFFERED.  
10 WARNING? I KNEW I HAD TO BE CAREFUL WITH WHAT I SAID  
11 BECAUSE I KNEW THAT IF I MADE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST  
12 DENNIS THAT WERE FALSE, THAT HE'S BEING A GOOD GUY AS  
13 FATHER BERNIE HAD LED ME TO BELIEVE, THEN THAT WOULD  
14 BE INFRINGING ON DENNIS' RIGHTS.

15 I CAUTIONED HER TO JUST LOOK INTO THE  
16 SITUATION MORE CAREFULLY; THIS IS HER MINOR SON; SHE  
17 STILL HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIM. SOMETHING OF THAT  
18 NATURE. I DON'T RECALL EXACTLY WHAT I DID SAY. BUT  
19 I KNEW I HAD TO BE CAUTIOUS ON BOTH SIDES.

20 Q. WHAT PARTICULAR RIGHTS OF MR. JOST WERE YOU  
21 CONCERNED ABOUT INFRINGING UPON?

22 A. WELL, IF I ACCUSED HIM OF BEING A CHILD  
23 MOLESTER AND HE WAS NOT, THEN THAT'S DEFAMATION OF  
24 CHARACTER OR WHATEVER.

25 Q. AND FOR WHAT REASON DID YOU SUSPECT THAT HE'S

1 A CHILD MOLESTER AT THAT TIME?

2 A. WELL, I DIDN'T. I THOUGHT THIS IS SOMETHING  
3 THAT HE SHOULDN'T BE DOING. HE'S LEAVING HIMSELF  
4 OPEN FOR THIS CHARGE. IF THIS KID GETS UPSET WITH  
5 HIM, HE COULD MAKE THE CHARGE. THIS HAS HAPPENED.  
6 AND I'M AWARE OF THAT, THAT WE PROTECT OURSELVES FROM  
7 THE CHARGE, WHETHER IT'S TRUE OR FALSE.

8 BEING CHARGED IS VERY DEVASTATING TO A  
9 PERSON'S REPUTATION AND ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN THE  
10 CHURCH OR ANYWHERE ELSE, FOR THAT MATTER.

11 Q. SPECIFICALLY, DO YOU RECALL WHAT WORDS YOU  
12 USED TO DISCUSS DENNIS WITH [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME?

13 A. I DON'T REMEMBER THE SPECIFIC WORDS.

14 Q. AND CAN YOU RECALL ANY MORE OF THE SUBSTANCE  
15 OF EITHER WHAT SHE TOLD YOU OR YOU TOLD HER BEYOND  
16 WHAT YOU DESCRIBED?

17 A. I DON'T THINK SO.

18 Q. TELL ME THE NATURE OF YOUR SECOND CONVERSATION  
19 WITH [REDACTED] AT QUEEN OF ANGELS IN 1991.

20 A. THIS WAS AFTER THE INVESTIGATION STARTED. AND  
21 I SPOKE WITH HER AND [REDACTED] TOGETHER ABOUT  
22 THE CHARGES AND ABOUT WHAT CAN THE CHURCH DO TO  
23 PROTECT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY.

24 Q. HOW LONG WAS THAT CONVERSATION?

25 A. OH, WE SPOKE FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

1 Q. WAS ANYBODY ELSE PRESENT BESIDES [REDACTED] AND  
2 [REDACTED]?

3 A. NO.

4 MR. WEATHERS: [REDACTED], IF YOU  
5 DON'T HAVE IT.

6 MR. SCHAEFER: WHAT IS IT?

7 MR. WEATHERS: [REDACTED]

8 Q. DID YOU EVER TELL [REDACTED] THAT YOU HAD  
9 TOLD FATHER BERNIE NOT TO LET DENNIS JOST HAVE  
10 UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH THE BOYS?

11 A. NO.

12 Q. DID YOU EVER TELL [REDACTED] THAT YOU HAD  
13 TOLD FATHER BERNIE NOT TO ALLOW DENNIS JOST TO HAVE  
14 UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH THE BOYS?

15 A. NO.

16 Q. AND YOU HAVE NEVER TOLD ANYONE THAT, HAVE  
17 YOU?

18 A. SPECIFICALLY, I SAID TO HAVE THE UNSUPERVISED  
19 CONTACT IS UNWISE. BUT TO SAY "DON'T HAVE IT," I  
20 NEVER SAID THAT.

21 Q. AND YOU NEVER DIRECTED THE WARNING  
22 SPECIFICALLY TO DENNIS JOST EITHER; CORRECT?

23 A. SPECIFICALLY? NO, NOT THAT I RECALL.

24 Q. WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF YOUR THIRD CONVERSATION  
25 WITH [REDACTED]?



1 A. IT WAS MUCH THE SAME AS THE SECOND.

2 Q. DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING SPECIFICALLY THAT WAS  
3 SAID AT THAT TIME?

4 A. IT WAS -- IN BOTH CASES, WE WERE JUST TRYING  
5 TO UNLOAD AND GET FEELINGS OUT IN A COUNSELING  
6 CONTEXT.

7 Q. WHAT WERE HER FEELINGS AT THAT TIME THAT SHE  
8 WAS TRYING TO GET OUT?

9 A. A LOT OF ANGER, ANGER AT THE CHURCH AS TO HOW  
10 THIS COULD HAPPEN, A LOT OF FINGER POINTING AT THE  
11 CHURCH.

12 Q. DID SHE TELL YOU WHY SHE WAS ANGRY AT THE  
13 CHURCH?

14 A. WELL, BECAUSE THE CHURCH HAD LET THIS HAPPEN.

15 Q. WHAT WAS IT YOU UNDERSTOOD SHE FELT THE CHURCH  
16 HAD LET HAPPEN?

17 A. THIS MOLESTATION OF HER SON.

18 Q. AND DID SHE TELL YOU THAT ONE OF THE REASONS  
19 SHE WAS ANGRY WAS BECAUSE THIS WASN'T THE FIRST TIME  
20 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAD LET MR. JOST COME INTO ONE OF  
21 THEIR CHURCHES AND MOLEST AN ALTAR BOY?

22 A. YES. SHE WAS AWARE OF SOME PRIOR, WHICH I'M  
23 STILL NOT AWARE OF. I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF THIS  
24 PRIOR THING.

25 Q. DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT OCCURRED?

1 A. IN ALTA LOMA, I WAS TOLD. BUT AS TO EXACTLY  
2 WHAT IT WAS, IT WAS NOT EVEN MENTIONED THAT IT WAS OF  
3 A SEXUAL NATURE. IT WAS AN IMPROPRIETY OF SOME KIND,  
4 THAT THERE WERE CHARGES FILED. AND I DON'T KNOW  
5 EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS.

6 Q. THEN YOU WERE NEVER MADE AWARE OF THE FACT  
7 THAT MR. JOST ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY TO A CHARGE OF  
8 ORALLY COPULATING A 12-YEAR-OLD BOY?

9 A. I HEARD HE MADE AN AGREEMENT TO -- WELL, NO.  
10 OKAY. NO.

11 Q. WHAT DID YOU HEAR?

12 A. HE HAD DONE SOMETHING TO A YOUNG BOY, AND THAT  
13 WAS IT.

14 Q. WHEN DID YOU HEAR THAT?

15 A. DETECTIVE [REDACTED].

16 Q. BEFORE THAT, YOU HAD NO KNOWLEDGE?

17 A. CORRECT.

18 Q. WERE YOU EVER AWARE THAT MR. JOST WAS  
19 PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED FOR LOITERING AROUND PUBLIC  
20 TOILETS?

21 A. NO.

22 Q. OR ARRESTED IN PALM SPRINGS FOR MATTERS OF  
23 THIS NATURE?

24 A. NO.

25 Q. NOW, WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME AWARE THAT

1 FATHER BERNIE WAS GAY?

2 A. I GUESS LAST YEAR.

3 Q. HOW DID YOU LEARN THAT?

4 A. IN A LETTER HE WROTE ME.

5 Q. WAS THAT THE LETTER HE SENT ADVISING EVERYONE  
6 THAT HE HAD AIDS?

7 A. YES.

8 Q. BEFORE THAT TIME, DID YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE  
9 THAT FATHER BERNIE WAS GAY?

10 A. NO KNOWLEDGE. I HAD HEARD RUMORS, AGAIN.

11 Q. YOU WERE AT QUEEN OF ANGELS WITH FATHER BERNIE  
12 FOR SOME TIME; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?

13 A. YES.

14 Q. DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME, DID YOU HAVE  
15 SUSPICIONS THAT FATHER BERNIE WAS GAY?

16 A. NOT REALLY, NO.

17 Q. FATHER BERNIE WASN'T ENTIRELY DISCRETE ABOUT  
18 HIS SEXUAL PREFERENCE, WAS HE?

19 MR. SCHAEFER: OBJECTION; VAGUE.

20 A. YEAH. I CAN'T ANSWER THAT. DISCRETE? WITH  
21 REGARD TO SEXUAL PREFERENCE, HE GAVE NO INDICATION  
22 ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IT WAS NOT AN ISSUE, SEXUAL  
23 PREFERENCE.

24 Q. WAS THERE EVER A TIME, BEFORE YOU RECEIVED  
25 FATHER BERNIE'S LETTER, THAT YOU SUSPECTED HE WAS

1 GAY?

2 A. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "GAY"? ACTIVELY?

3 Q. YES. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN.

4 A. OKAY. I NEVER SUSPECTED HE WAS ACTIVE.

5 Q. WAS THERE EVER A POINT IN TIME BEFORE YOU

6 RECEIVED FATHER BERNIE'S LETTER WHERE YOU SUSPECTED

7 THAT HIS SEXUAL PREFERENCE WAS FOR MALES RATHER THAN

8 FEMALES, WHETHER IT WAS ACTIVE OR NOT?

9 A. I NEVER REALLY FELT HE HAD A PREFERENCE.

10 Q. SPECIFICALLY, DO YOU RECALL FATHER BERNIE  
11 MAKING STATEMENTS TO YOU ALONG THE LINE OF IT'S OKAY  
12 FOR THE OTHER PRIESTS TO CHASE WOMEN BECAUSE THERE  
13 ARE ENOUGH MEN AND BOYS AVAILABLE FOR HIM?

14 A. NO.

15 Q. YOU DON'T RECALL ANY SUCH STATEMENTS?

16 A. NEVER.

17 Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE REASONS WHY

18 FATHER BERNIE LEFT QUEEN OF ANGELS?

19 A. IN THE WAY THAT OUR FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY  
20 APPOINTS SUPERIORS TO A PARTICULAR HOUSE, TO A  
21 PARTICULAR PARISH, THE TERM IS LIMITED. FATHER  
22 BERNIE HAD ALREADY EXCEEDED THAT TERM, GIVEN SOME  
23 UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES; HE STAYED A YEAR LONGER THAN  
24 WHAT NORMALLY HAPPENS. AND HE WAS DUE TO LEAVE. WE  
25 KNEW HE WOULD BE LEAVING YEARS BEFORE, BY THAT DATE.

1 Q. WAS IT PURELY COINCIDENTAL THAT HE LEFT WITHIN  
2 WEEKS OF THE INVESTIGATION BY THE RIVERSIDE POLICE  
3 DEPARTMENT?

4 A. VERY COINCIDENTAL.

5 Q. DID ANY PORTION OF THE TIMING OF HIS LEAVING  
6 HAVE TO DO WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE  
7 INVESTIGATION?

8 A. I DON'T THINK SO AT ALL. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN  
9 LEAVING ANYWAY, NO MATTER WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED.  
10 AT THAT TIME HE WOULD HAVE LEFT.

11 Q. WHEN DID YOU LEARN THAT FATHER [REDACTED] WAS  
12 GAY?

13 A. I DON'T KNOW THAT HE IS.

14 Q. YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE A LETTER INDICATING HE'S  
15 H.I.V. POSITIVE?

16 A. THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S GAY.

17 Q. YOU RECEIVED THE LETTER, HOWEVER?

18 A. I DIDN'T RECEIVE A LETTER. HE MADE AN  
19 ANNOUNCEMENT AT A PROVINCE MEETING.

20 Q. DID HE OFFER ANY EXPLANATION AS TO HOW HE  
21 CONTRACTED THE VIRUS?

22 A. NO.

23 Q. HOW MANY PRIESTS AND ASSOCIATE PRIESTS ARE  
24 THERE PRESENTLY AT QUEEN OF ANGELS?

25 A. THERE'S THREE OF US.

1 Q. HAVE THERE ALWAYS BEEN THREE FOR THE LAST FIVE  
2 YEARS?

3 A. FOR A WHILE THERE WAS A FOURTH BROTHER, A  
4 FRIAR WHO IS NOT A PRIEST.

5 Q. LET'S GO BACK IF WE CAN. AT THE PRESENT TIME,  
6 YOU ARE THE PASTOR.

7 WHO ARE YOUR ASSOCIATES?

8 A. FATHER [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND FATHER  
9 [REDACTED] IS IN RESIDENCE. HE'S NOT IN THE  
10 PARISH; HE'S IN RESIDENCE IN THE HOUSE. HE'S THE  
11 CHAPLAIN AT RIVERSIDE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

12 Q. AND HOW MANY OTHER ASSOCIATE PASTORS HAVE YOU  
13 HAD AT QUEEN OF ANGELS SINCE YOU'VE BEEN PASTOR?

14 A. JUST THIS GROUP.

15 Q. AND HOW LONG HAS FATHER [REDACTED] BEEN  
16 AT THE QUEEN OF ANGELS?

17 A. HE'S BEEN THERE NOW FOR FOUR AND A HALF  
18 YEARS.

19 Q. AND HOW LONG HAS -- I'M SORRY. THAT WAS --

20 A. FATHER [REDACTED].

21 Q. FOUR YEARS FOR FATHER [REDACTED].

22 HOW LONG FOR FATHER [REDACTED]?

23 A. A YEAR AND A HALF.

24 Q. DID YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES BESIDES  
25 THOSE TWO IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS?

1 A. NO.

2 Q. HAVE ANY OF THE OTHER PASTORS OR ASSOCIATE  
3 PASTORS AT QUEEN OF ANGELS CONTRACTED THE H.I.V.  
4 VIRUS, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, BESIDES FATHER [REDACTED] AND  
5 FATHER BERNIE?

6 A. THOSE ARE THE ONLY ONES I KNOW OF.

7 Q. DID YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE THAT WHILE FATHER  
8 BERNIE WAS PASTOR AT QUEEN OF ANGELS, THAT HE WAS  
9 ACTIVE IN THE GAY AND LESBIAN CHURCHES?

10 A. NO, I WASN'T. I SHOULD SAY NOT UNTIL AFTER  
11 HE LEFT WAS I MADE AWARE OF THAT.

12 Q. HOW DID YOU BECOME AWARE OF THAT AFTER HE  
13 LEFT?

14 A. FATHER [REDACTED].

15 Q. WHAT WAS IT SPECIFICALLY THAT FATHER [REDACTED]  
16 TOLD YOU?

17 A. THAT FATHER BERNIE HAD GONE INTO LOS ANGELES  
18 TO CELEBRATE MASS WITH -- I FORGET THE NAME OF THAT  
19 GROUP OF GAY CATHOLICS.

20 Q. HAS ANYONE EVER ADVISED YOU AS TO ONE --  
21 ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AS TO WHETHER THERE WERE SEXUAL  
22 RELATIONS BETWEEN DENNIS JOST AND FATHER BERNIE?

23 A. NO.

24 Q. YOU HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER?

25 A. NO.

1 Q. DID YOU EVER ADVISE ANYONE THAT YOU DID NOT  
2 WISH TO LIVE AT THE SAME PARISH WITH FATHER BERNIE?

3 A. I MAY HAVE, IN AN IRRATIONAL FIT OF ANGER,  
4 HAVING LIVED WITH SOMEONE. JUST LIKE A MARRIED  
5 COUPLE MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTIES AND THROW UP YOUR  
6 HANDS, TEMPORARILY.

7 Q. DID YOU EVER ADVISE ANYONE THAT YOU DIDN'T  
8 WANT TO LIVE AT THE PARISH WITH GAY PRIESTS?

9 A. NO.

10 Q. HAVE YOU EVER ADVISED ANYONE THAT THE QUEEN  
11 OF ANGELS CHURCH WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN  
12 CALIFORNIA AS "QUEENS" OR "QUEENIES" BECAUSE OF THE  
13 NUMBER, OR INORDINATE NUMBER, OF GAY PRIESTS THERE?

14 A. NO.

15 Q. DID YOU EVER NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT  
16 MR. JOST'S BEHAVIOR TOWARDS ALTAR BOYS?

17 A. HE SEEMED TO BE WITH THE BOYS A LOT.

18 Q. DID THAT STRIKE YOU AS UNUSUAL?

19 A. YES.

20 Q. DID THAT CAUSE YOU SOME CONCERN?

21 A. YES.

22 Q. AND WAS THIS DURING HIS TENURE AT SAINT THOMAS  
23 OR AT QUEEN OF ANGELS?

24 A. MORE FOR QUEEN OF ANGELS.

25 Q. AND THIS WOULD BE 1988 TO 1989, I GATHER.



1 A. YES.

2 Q. DID YOU EVER DISCUSS WITH MR. JOST THAT HE  
3 SEEMED TO SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WITH THE YOUNG  
4 BOYS?

5 A. NO.

6 Q. DID YOU EVER WARN HIM THAT THAT COULD LEAD TO  
7 PROBLEMS OR ALLEGATIONS?

8 A. NO.

9 Q. DID YOU TELL ANYONE ELSE OF YOUR OBSERVATIONS  
10 THAT HE WAS SPENDING AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF TIME WITH  
11 YOUNG BOYS?

12 A. I MAY HAVE SAID IT SEEMS THAT DENNIS IS AROUND  
13 THESE BOYS A LOT.

14 Q. AND WHO WOULD YOU HAVE SAID THAT TO?

15 A. FATHER [REDACTED].

16 Q. ANYONE ELSE?

17 A. NOT THAT I RECALL.

18 Q. HOW MANY ALTAR BOYS DO YOU HAVE AT QUEEN OF  
19 ANGELS NOW?

20 A. ABOUT 40, I BELIEVE.

21 Q. HAS THAT NUMBER ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT THE SAME?

22 A. NO.

23 Q. HAS IT BEEN GREATER IN THE PAST?

24 A. WHEN DENNIS WAS IN CHARGE, THERE WERE, I  
25 UNDERSTAND, A GREAT DEAL MORE.

1 Q. IS 40 AN ORDINARY NUMBER OR USUAL NUMBER?

2 A. OH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT "USUAL" IS.

3 Q. IS THERE AN AVERAGE OR MEDIAN NUMBER?

4 A. ENOUGH TO COVER ALL THE MASSES WITH A COUPLE  
5 TEAMS, SEVERAL TEAMS TO STAFF, SO NOT EVERYBODY HAS  
6 TO SERVE EVERY WEEK.

7 Q. HOW DID YOU LEARN THAT THERE WERE A LOT MORE  
8 ALTAR SERVERS WHEN DENNIS WAS A DIRECTOR?

9 A. WORD GOT AROUND. PEOPLE WOULD TELL ME HOW THE  
10 PROGRAM HAD CHANGED SINCE I HAD LEFT.

11 Q. DID THEY ALSO TELL YOU THAT THE AGE OF THE  
12 BOYS HAD CHANGED?

13 A. THAT CAME ABOUT, YEAH.

14 Q. WHAT WERE YOU TOLD?

15 A. THEY WERE OLDER.

16 Q. WHEN DENNIS WAS THERE?

17 A. YES.

18 Q. DID HE PREFER TO HAVE BOYS THAT WERE TEENAGE  
19 AS OPPOSED TO PREADOLESCENT?

20 A. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT WAS A PREFERENCE. IT  
21 WAS THAT HE WAS ABLE TO GET THE OLDER BOYS MORE  
22 INTERESTED OR KEEP THEM INTERESTED.

23 Q. WHETHER IT WAS A PREFERENCE, IT APPEARED TO AT  
24 LEAST BE A PRACTICE; IS THAT CORRECT?

25 A. SOME OF THE BOYS THAT I HAD RECRUITED WHEN I

1 WAS THERE WERE STILL SERVING WHEN THEY ENTERED INTO  
2 HIGH SCHOOL, AND SOME STILL ARE. AND HE WAS ABLE TO  
3 RECRUIT OTHERS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL AGE.

4 Q. FATHER, HAVE YOU HAD ANY PARTICULAR EXPERIENCE  
5 IN WORKING WITH PEDOPHILES?

6 A. I SPENT THREE MONTHS AS A CHAPLAIN INTERN IN A  
7 CLINICAL PASTOR EDUCATION PROGRAM AT PATTON HOSPITAL,  
8 AND MY MAIN -- THE WARD THAT I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME  
9 IN WAS PEDOPHILES.

10 Q. WHEN WAS THAT?

11 A. 1983, FALL OF '83.

12 Q. SO YOU SPENT A CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH ADULTS  
13 THAT ADORED CHILDREN; IS THAT CORRECT?

14 A. YES.

15 Q. AND DID YOU, IN ADDITION TO WORKING IN THAT  
16 WARD, UNDERTAKE ANY STUDIES?

17 A. NOT FORMAL STUDIES, NO. JUST TALKING TO THE  
18 PEOPLE.

19 Q. DID YOU TALK WITH THEM ABOUT WHAT MADE THEM  
20 FEEL THE WAY THEY FELT, WHAT MADE THEM DO THE THINGS  
21 THEY DID?

22 A. YES.

23 Q. YOU GAINED SOME INSIGHT, AT LEAST, INTO THE  
24 MIND OF THE PEDOPHILE?

25 A. YES.

1 Q. DID YOU DETERMINE, IN YOUR WORKING WITH THESE  
2 PEOPLE FOR THREE MONTHS, THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN  
3 COMMON THEMES THAT RAN THROUGH?

4 A. YES.

5 Q. AND WHAT TYPES OF COMMON THEMES DID YOU  
6 OBSERVE IN PEDOPHILES, BASED UPON YOUR EXPERIENCE?

7 A. THEY ALL SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS  
8 THEMSELVES.

9 Q. ANY OTHERS?

10 A. THEY SEEMED TO TAKE CHILDREN WHO WERE THE  
11 SAME AGE THAT THEY WERE WHEN THEY WERE VICTIMS. THEY  
12 SEEMED TO PERCEIVE THEMSELVES AS BEING A SAVIOR-TYPE  
13 TO THE CHILDREN, TAKING THEM OUT OF A MORE DIFFICULT  
14 SITUATION. THESE -- THEY HAD THE IDEA THAT THEY WERE  
15 DOING THESE CHILDREN A FAVOR; THEY WERE RIGHT,  
16 MORALLY RIGHT AND LEGALLY RIGHT, IN WHAT THEY DID.

17 Q. DID YOU OBSERVE ANY OF THOSE CHARACTERISTICS  
18 IN DENNIS JOST?

19 A. HONESTLY, NONE OF THOSE. THE -- I GUESS THE  
20 OTHER CHARACTER WAS THE ABILITY TO BE A MANIPULATOR,  
21 A VERY ADEPT MANIPULATOR. THAT, I DID OBSERVE.

22 Q. DID YOU FIND THAT A NUMBER OF THE YOUNGSTERS  
23 THAT MR. JOST BROUGHT TO BE ALTAR SERVERS WERE BOYS  
24 THAT WERE HAVING PROBLEMS AT HOME?

25 A. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

1 Q. DID YOU BECOME AWARE THAT A NUMBER OF THEM  
2 WERE BOYS WHO DIDN'T HAVE A STRONG FATHER FIGURE THAT  
3 THEY LOOKED UP TO? MAYBE THEY WERE FROM A DIVORCED  
4 HOME OR DAD WAS GONE.

5 A. NO.

6 Q. DID YOU EVER FIND OUT FROM ANY SOURCE WHETHER  
7 DENNIS JOST HAD IN FACT BEEN A VICTIM OF ABUSE WHEN  
8 HE WAS A CHILD?

9 A. NO.

10 Q. DID YOU EVER WORK IN ANY PRISON SETTINGS AS  
11 CHAPLAIN?

12 A. JUST PATTON.

13 Q. CLOSE ENOUGH, I GUESS.

14 A. CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONS RUNS IT.

15 Q. BACK IN 1988 AND '89, WERE THERE ANY REPORTING  
16 REQUIREMENTS THAT YOU WERE AWARE OF IMPOSED UPON A  
17 PRIEST IF THEY HAD KNOWLEDGE OR SUSPICION OF AN ACT  
18 OF MOLESTATION?

19 A. AS -- I WAS AWARE OF THAT STATE LAW THAT IF WE  
20 FOUND OUT ABOUT SOMETHING, WE WERE TO REPORT IT. I  
21 WAS CONFUSED AS TO WHAT NATURE A PRIEST IS SUBJECT TO  
22 THAT LAW, GIVEN THE WAY WE WOULD HEAR IT. IF I HEARD  
23 SOMETHING IN THE CONFESSIONAL, FOR INSTANCE, EXACTLY  
24 HOW -- UNDER CHURCH LAW, I COULD NOT REVEAL THAT. IF  
25 I HEAR IT OUTSIDE OF CONFESSIONAL, THEN I WOULD BE

1 OBLIGATED TO ACT ON THE LAW.

2 Q. DID YOU EVER HAVE ANYONE CONFESS TO YOU  
3 MATTERS OF THAT NATURE?

4 MR. SCHAEFER: OBJECTION.

5 A. I COULDN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

6 Q. WITHOUT IDENTIFYING THAT PERSON.

7 A. I STILL CAN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION. THAT  
8 IS THE NATURE OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION. THE  
9 INTERNAL FORUM, WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DISCUSS THOSE.

10 MR. SCHAEFER: THERE IS AN EVIDENTIARY  
11 PRIVILEGE FOR IT, AS WELL.

12 MR. WEATHERS: I KNOW THERE IS A  
13 PRIVILEGE AS TO SPECIFICS. I'M NOT SURE THERE IS ONE  
14 AS TO GENERALITIES. BUT IT'S PROBABLY NOT THAT  
15 PROBATIVE, ANYWAY.

16 IF YOU GIVE ME A MINUTE TO GO THROUGH MY  
17 NOTES, I THINK WE'RE ABOUT DONE. AND I GUESS THESE  
18 GENTLEMEN PROBABLY DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

19 IF YOU DO, YOU CAN HAVE AT IT.

20 Q. JUST SO I'M CLEAR, YOU HAVE NOT SPOKEN WITH  
21 JASON [REDACTED] ABOUT HIS ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING DENNIS  
22 JOST, HAVE YOU?

23 A. NO.

24 Q. HAVE YOU SPOKEN WITH ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE  
25 SPOKEN WITH JASON [REDACTED]?

1 A. NO.

2 Q. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME BEFORE TODAY --

3 A. WELL, EXCEPT HIS MOTHER.

4 Q. THANK YOU. OTHER THAN HIS MOTHER, YOU HAVEN'T

5 SPOKEN TO ANYONE?

6 A. NO.

7 Q. WHAT DID HIS MOTHER TELL YOU JASON HAD SAID?

8 A. EXCUSE ME. ALSO [REDACTED], THAT I

9 RECALL. THEY BOTH BASICALLY SAID THAT JASON WAS

10 STRUGGLING WITH THIS. HE WAS HAVING A LOT OF

11 EMOTIONAL DIFFICULTY.

12 Q. DID EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] DISCUSS

13 WITH YOU ANY SPECIFIC ACTS OR OCCURRENCES?

14 A. NO.

15 Q. BEFORE TODAY, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW

16 DENNIS JOST, APPROXIMATELY?

17 A. GOSH. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EARLY IN '91.

18 Q. WAS THIS BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR INTERVIEW WITH

19 THE POLICE?

20 A. WELL BEFORE.

21 Q. HAVE YOU SPOKEN WITH MR. JOST AT ANY TIME?

22 A. NO.

23 Q. SINCE THEN?

24 A. NO, NOT AT ALL.

25 MR. WEATHERS: SAME STIP?

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MR. SCHAEFER: YES.

MR. JOHNSON: YES.

MR. JOST: YES.

MR. WEATHERS: THAT'S IT. WE'RE DONE.

(IT WAS STIPULATED BY AND AMONG  
COUNSEL THAT THE PROVISIONS OF  
2025 (P) AND (Q) BE WAIVED AS THEY APPLY  
TO THE REPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
FILING THE ORIGINAL DEPOSITION; THAT THE  
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DEPOSITION CUSTODIAN, MICHAEL R. SCHAEFER,  
AT FULLERTON, LEMANN & SCHAEFER, WHO WILL  
OBTAIN SIGNATURE BY THE DEPONENT UNDER  
PENALTY OF PERJURY AND WILL NOTIFY OTHER  
COUNSEL OF ANY AND ALL CHANGES AND/OR  
CORRECTIONS IN THE ORIGINAL WITHIN 30  
DAYS OF HIS RECEIPT; FAILING ANY OF THE  
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(THE DEPOSITION CONCLUDED AT 12:30 P.M.)

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I, [REDACTED], HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY  
OF PERJURY THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING TRANSCRIPT.  
CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, WERE NOTED IN INK, AND THE SAME  
IS NOW A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF MY  
TESTIMONY.

EXECUTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
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R E P O R T E R ' S C E R T I F I C A T E

I, [REDACTED], A CERTIFIED SHORTHAND  
REPORTER, [REDACTED], FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY:

THAT PRIOR TO BEING EXAMINED, THE WITNESS NAMED  
IN THE FOREGOING DEPOSITION WAS SWORN BY ME TO  
TESTIFY TO THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING  
BUT THE TRUTH;

THAT THE SAID DEPOSITION WAS TAKEN DOWN BY ME  
IN STENOTYPE AT THE TIME AND PLACE THEREIN STATED AND  
WAS THEREAFTER REDUCED TO PRINTING UNDER MY  
DIRECTION.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NOT OF COUNSEL OR  
ATTORNEY FOR EITHER OF THE PARTIES HERETO OR IN ANY  
WAY INTERESTED IN THE EVENT OF THIS CAUSE, AND THAT  
I AM NOT RELATED TO EITHER OF THE PARTIES HERETO.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED  
MY NAME THIS 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

**Jost, Dennis**  
**(S. James)**

**Parish File**

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**PHONE MESSAGE**

TO: [REDACTED] DATE: 3/5 TIME: 12:10 AM/PM

FROM: [REDACTED] AREA CODE: [REDACTED]

OF: [REDACTED] NO: [REDACTED]

EXT: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: *Keep your car for any information*

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONED  CALL BACK  RETURNED CALL  WANTS TO SEE YOU  WILL CALL AGAIN  WAS IN  URGENT

**PHONE MESSAGE**

TO: [REDACTED] DATE: 3/11 TIME: 9:20 AM/PM

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EXT: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: *question re Jason et al*

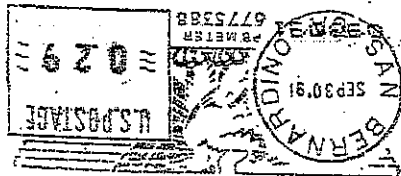
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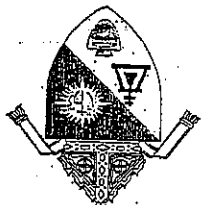
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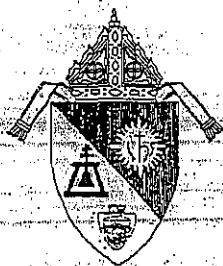
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September 27, 1991

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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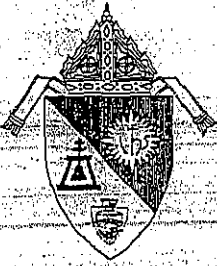
Be assured of my concern and prayers during these difficult days, I remain

Yours in Christ,

J. [REDACTED]  
Very Reverend [REDACTED]  
Vicar General [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

cc: Bishop [REDACTED]  
Reverend [REDACTED]

Jost-TC00143



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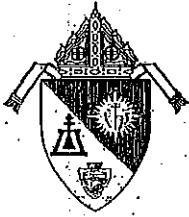
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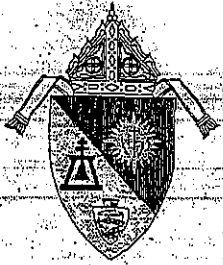


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September 27, 1991

TO: Reverend [REDACTED]

FROM: Very Reverend [REDACTED]

RE: Enclosures

Father [REDACTED] please find enclosed the documents that were discussed with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

Enclosures

Jost-TC00146

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF BISHOP [REDACTED]

Bishop [REDACTED] this week reported that the Diocese supports a full and complete investigation of allegations made against the voluntary Director of Altar Servers at Queen of Angels Parish in Riverside, Dennis Jost. He has asked that provisions be made with respect to the rights of all persons so that the same may be protected.

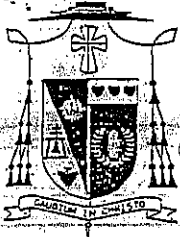
The Bishop has written a letter that he asked be read at all Masses at Queen of Angels.

The Bishop has extended his concern and sympathy to all effected persons, most particularly, the families involved. The Diocese of San Bernardino will, as always, be available to help the families in their time of need. All resources of the Diocese have been committed toward that end.

Police in the City of Riverside have been investigating allegations and improprieties regarding Dennis Jost. The Bishop has further stated that it would be inappropriate to comment on the allegations against the accused while the matter is in the court system. The Diocese has and will continue to cooperate with all authorities in the investigation.

Bishop [REDACTED] is extremely saddened by the allegations and his immediate and primary concern is and will remain reaching out toward the young people who may have been effected in any way as well as their families and friends. A personal letter has been sent by Bishop [REDACTED] to the people involved. In the letter, he offers confidential special counseling services to the families at no expense to them.

The Diocese and the Bishop will continue in every way to cooperate with authorities and do whatever is necessary and possible to assure that there is complete justice.



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

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[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]:

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In times such as these, our immediate and primary concern is to reach out to the young, their families and their friends who may have been effected in any way. We stand ready and are anxious to offer both the spiritual and counseling resources of the church to assist each of the involved parties and their respective families.

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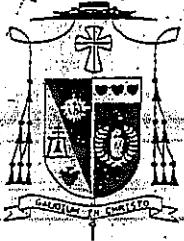
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Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
August 27, 1991

This letter is accompanied by my continuing prayers and concern.

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]  
Most Reverend [REDACTED]  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino  
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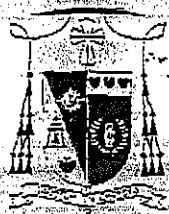
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Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
August 27, 1991

This letter is accompanied by my continuing prayers and concern.

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]  
Most Reverend [REDACTED]  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino  
[REDACTED]



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

May 7, 1993

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The people of God are not immune from difficult and troubling times. The past few weeks have been such times for our Diocese.

During this period, the people of the Riverside area have been subjected to a barrage of press coverage concerning sexual abuse by priests and a lay volunteer. Recent reports have centered around separate and distinct allegations of sexual misconduct towards minors. Two of these allegations pertain to conduct which purportedly transpired six and twenty-two years ago, respectively. We are currently addressing these allegations in a context of clear and forthright actions, coupled with candor towards our parishioners and sensitivity to those directly involved. Our actions have included reaching out to the purported victims and their families.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
May 7, 1993

Action has been outlined concerning proper handling of the offender, and the necessary steps for outreach and sensitive assistance to the victim.

It is anguishing that any priest is the subject of allegations. Assistance is being given to these priests. However, all priest of our diocese are affected by such charges. They sense that aspersion is cast over all them. Some feel abandoned, even betrayed, especially by the extensive press coverage. They do not abuse children; on the contrary, they actively assist in helping to prevent child abuse in their parishes, and counsel and assist victims. I can confirm the dedication and hard work of the priests of our Diocese. They are extremely dedicated and are carrying a heavy load due to the rapid increase of population in our two counties. I ask for respect and support for our priests.

As Christians engaged in Christ's work, we need to reach out to victims and assist them in getting the help that is available. Your local parish knows how to put you in contact with qualified professionals. Become aware of the signs of possible abuse in any form, and take the necessary steps to report and stop it. Cases which go unreported only compound the evil.

Use the resources of the Diocese such as workshops, speakers, and materials on child abuse and reporting. For further reference, the diocesan policy handbook is made available to all school personnel and those involved in our parish work. Catholic Charities can also provide highly professional counseling in this area.

Finally, I ask for your prayers. We must ask for the power and grace of God to confront this demon in our Church and community. In the end, God's almighty power and love will triumph. Nearly two thousand years ago, God's miraculous power transformed the tragic event of Good Friday into an Easter Sunday. Pray that Christ through his Church may help us today pass from our present Good Friday to an Easter Sunday of love and peace, in Christ, and with one another.

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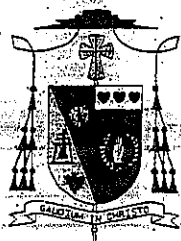
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Fax 909-687-6146

[REDACTED]



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

April 12, 1993

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Priests  
FROM: Most Reverend [REDACTED]  
RE: Allegation of Sexual Misconduct

It is my sad duty to apprise you of a serious allegation which has occurred in our Diocese and which may appear in the mass media or arise through inquiries from parishioners.

The following statement pertains to an allegation of sexual misconduct made against Father [REDACTED], St. Frances of Rome, Lake Elsinore. This statement will be read at all Masses this Sunday, April 18th, at St. Frances of Rome parish. Please note that this statement is only for the people at St. Frances of Rome. It is not to be read at each individual parish.

The statement is as follows:

St. Frances of Rome: "An allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor has been made against Father [REDACTED]. This allegation pertains to conduct which purportedly transpired six years ago. Without in any way admitting the validity of this charge, Father [REDACTED] has submitted his resignation as pastor of St. Frances of Rome. Following diocesan guidelines, Father [REDACTED] has been placed on administrative leave pending further review.

This individual situation causes pain and anguish for the presbyterate and parish community. We need to pray and affirm each other as we try to minister faithfully to God's people in our parishes and Diocese."

I ask you to refer any media inquiries to Father [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], FAX [REDACTED].

Jost-TC00154



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

May 7, 1993

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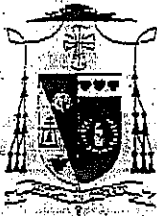
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Office of the Bishop

Mayo 7 de 1993

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

La gente de Dios no está libre de dificultades y de tiempos adversos. Las últimas semanas han sido así tiempos adversos para nuestra Diócesis.

Durante este tiempo, la gente del área de Riverside ha sido sometida a una inundación por la prensa con respecto al abuso sexual por parte de sacerdotes y un voluntario laico. Reportes recientes se han centrado en alegaciones distintas y separadas de conducta sexual impropia con menores. Dos de estas acusaciones se refieren a conducta que supuestamente sucedió hace seis y veintidós años, respectivamente. Actualmente estamos tratando estas acusaciones en forma clara y directa, al igual que con franqueza con nuestros feligreses y sensibilidad con aquellos que están involucrados directamente. Nuestras acciones incluyen el atender a la supuesta víctima y a sus familias.

La atención extensa del Press Enterprise de Riverside en las últimas dos semanas pueden ser interpretadas o mal interpretadas como indicaciones de que este asunto es algo únicamente Católico, o que el abuso infantil entre el clero es desmesurado en comparación con otros sectores de nuestra sociedad. Ese no es el caso en lo absoluto. Sin embargo, tan solo una sola alegación es demasiado. Aun un solo caso comprobado de abuso infantil es totalmente inaceptable. Que tales alegaciones puedan involucrar a un miembro del clero, no importa su secta religiosa, debe de ser sancionada.

Durante los últimos años, la Diócesis de San Bernardino, junto con el resto de la sociedad, ha aumentado sus conocimientos de los efectos trágicos del abuso infantil y las formas diversas que toma. La mayoría del abuso infantil toma lugar en el hogar; algunos estudios denotan que un sesenta por ciento del abuso infantil ocurre dentro de esa atmósfera. Proveedores de servicios infantiles toman un veinte por ciento. Si el Press Enterprise diera tanta atención al problema del abuso infantil en general como lo hace a las acusaciones de ofensores del clero, haría mas justicia al problema del abuso infantil en nuestra sociedad. Sin embargo, la atención desproporcionada que da al clero Católico ha sido de servicio a nuestra Iglesia. Estamos ahora mucho mas al tanto del problema, y mucho mas activos en su prevención, no solo entre el clero de la Iglesia, sino dentro de nuestra sociedad entera.

La Iglesia de los condados de San Bernardino y Riverside, ha tomado los pasos necesarios para tratar el problema de abuso infantil, tanto de sacerdotes, religiosos y líderes laicos, y de la sociedad en general, pues este problema hace un impacto al género de la sociedad entera. La Diócesis ofrece clases y talleres para ayudar a reconocer el abuso, y que hacer cuando

Jost-TC00156



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TO: PARISH COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF QUEEN OF ANGELS PARISH

FROM: PASTOR

Many of you have heard the problems that the parish has experienced with regard to the former Director of the Altar Servers, Dennis Jost.

We understand that the Police Department of the City of Riverside has completed and filed its report which has been delivered to judicial authorities.

We wish to advise you that once allegations surfaced with regard to Mr. Jost, he was immediately suspended from any voluntary duties which he may have had at the parish.

Because of privacy concerns for all those persons involved, it would not be appropriate to provide further details of the report. We have kept in touch with diocesan officials in order to complete all technical procedures and have given the fullest cooperation to the confidential investigation.

If anyone has further information, we would appreciate hearing from them. Be assured that the legal and technical steps which are being taken will be followed to their resolution as quickly and as justly as possible.

The church continues to express great concern and prayers for those effected by this situation and will continue to offer its counseling services for our parish.

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Fr. [REDACTED]

This is a photocopy of the entire file. If you need any other information, please call me at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PHONE MEMO	TO	91. [REDACTED]	DATE	9/9	TIME	11:40	AM	PM					
	FROM	[REDACTED]	AREA CODE										
	OF	[REDACTED]	NO.	[REDACTED]									
			EXT.										
M E S S A G E	<i>in office from 8-6 pm</i>												
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Father [REDACTED]  
St. Joseph Cupertino Province

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Father [REDACTED]  
Our Lady Queen of Angels Church  
4824 Jones Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92505

June 17, 1992

Dear [REDACTED],

Today I received a communication from [REDACTED] the lawyer we have retained to represent our interests in the possible case of [REDACTED] v. Diocese of San Bernardino (The Conventual Franciscans). He has made a demand for coverage to defense and indemnification from Catholic Mutual who carries the liability insurance for the Diocese of San Bernardino. He has thought it sufficient to say that the friars are agents of the Bishop of the Diocese who granted them faculties in his diocese during the time when any alleged criminal activity on the part of Dennis Jost occurred. None of the priests who have served at either of the two parishes has been accused nor alleged to have committed any crime and none has any charges filed against him. As far as I know all of the friars who have been contacted by any officials have cooperated fully. Therefore their exposure to these events is considered secondary and should come under the complete protection of the Diocese.

[REDACTED] you are requested for the time being not to discuss this matter or Mr. Jost with anyone except the authorities. If there are any inquiries, they should be referred to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] at:

Morgan, Wenzel, & McNicholas  
Twenty Seventh Floor  
3435 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Telephone: (213) 483-1961  
FAX (213) 413-8631

[REDACTED] I apologize for all the unpleasantness this has caused and promise to do all I can to keep it from interfering any more than it has with the life of the Parish and Friary.

[REDACTED]

CCT: [REDACTED]  
ATE: 07/02/92

QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH  
LIST OF TRANSACTIONS

TYPE: ALL

DATE	BATCH	TYPE	REF./CHECK	ABBR/VENDOR/EMPLOYEE	AMOUNT
6/23/92	166	D	[REDACTED]	CHRISTEAN PSYCHOLOGICAL SERV	[REDACTED]
6/15/92	164	D	[REDACTED]	CHRISTEAN PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	[REDACTED]
6/09/92	161	D	[REDACTED]	FULLERTON, LEMANN & SCHAEFER	[REDACTED]
5/28/92	158	D	[REDACTED]	CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL	[REDACTED]
1/23/92	127	D	[REDACTED]	FULLERTON, ELMANN & SCHAEFER	[REDACTED]
1/23/92	127	D	[REDACTED]	CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL	[REDACTED]
2/10/91	122	D	[REDACTED]	FULLERTON, LEMANN & SCHAEFER	[REDACTED]
2/10/91	122	D	[REDACTED]	CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLLOGICAL SVC	[REDACTED]



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Jost-TC00161

Province Lawyer  
regarding the Jost matter



6/4



Policy for counseling next week

School - let it go its natural course - meet w/ parent who is upset - Deal w/ each individual

→ A O 1 R R - LPHD

TO: Parish Council and Members of Queen of Angels Parish

FROM: Pastor

Many of you have heard of the problems that the parish has experienced recently with regard to the former voluntary Director of Altar Servers, Dennis Jost.

We understand that the Police Department of the City of Riverside has completed and filed its report which has been delivered to investigative authorities.

We wish to advise you that once allegations were made known with regard to Mr. Jost, he was immediately suspended from any voluntary duties which he may have had at the parish.

We remain concerned about the privacy of all parties involved, and, as such, we believe it is not appropriate to provide further details of the report. We have kept in touch with diocesan officials in order to complete all technical procedures and have given the fullest cooperation to the confidential investigation.

We wish to underscore that any person, especially minors and their families, who has been emotionally distressed or in any other way effected by the circumstances surrounding what has occurred should be aware that we stand ready to provide the benefit of counseling without the need for families to incur personal costs.

If you would like further information regarding what is available and how we wish to be of assistance, we would appreciate hearing from you. Be assured that all technical and legal steps which are being taken will be followed to a resolution as quickly and as justly as possible.

[At this point the pastor may like to write a spiritual message consistent with the faith showing our responsibilities as Christian disciples. Perhaps it would be appropriate to insert a prayer to Our Lady Queen of Angels asking that she radiate some light and rays of hope into this dark period of the parish.]

We will continue to make a pastoral response to a very sad situation without in any way condoning or ratifying the conduct of any person.

The church continues to express great concern and prayers for those effected by this tragic situation and will continue to offer its counseling services to our parish.

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Jost-TC00165

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF BISHOP [REDACTED]

Bishop [REDACTED] this week reported that the Diocese supports a full and complete investigation of allegations made against the voluntary Director of Altar Servers at Queen of Angels Parish in Riverside, Dennis Jost. He has asked that provisions be made with respect to the rights of all persons so that the same may be protected.

The Bishop has written a letter that he asked be read at all Masses at Queen of Angels.

The Bishop has extended his concern and sympathy to all effected persons, most particularly, the families involved. The Diocese of San Bernardino will, as always, be available to help the families in their time of need. All resources of the Diocese have been committed toward that end.

Police in the City of Riverside have been investigating allegations and improprieties regarding Dennis Jost. The Bishop has further stated that it would be inappropriate to comment on the allegations against the accused while the matter is in the court system. The Diocese has and will continue to cooperate with all authorities in the investigation.

Bishop [REDACTED] is extremely saddened by the allegations and his immediate and primary concern is and will remain reaching out toward the young people who may have been effected in any way as well as their families and friends. A personal letter has been sent by Bishop [REDACTED] to the people involved. In the letter, he offers confidential special counseling services to the families at no expense to them.

The Diocese and the Bishop will continue in every way to cooperate with authorities and do whatever is necessary and possible to assure that there is complete justice.

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child: Jason

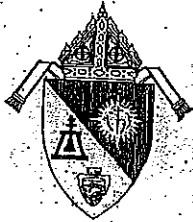
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child: [REDACTED]



Vicar General  
Diocesan Pastoral Center  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

REVEREND [REDACTED]

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Telephone Message

To: *SA [redacted]* Date: *4/6/94*  
From: *[redacted]* Time: *11:40 AM*  
of: *[redacted]*  
Phone: *[redacted]* Area Code: *[redacted]* Number: *[redacted]* Extension: *[redacted]*  
Message: *Want to meet with*  
*witnesses: [redacted]*  
*and someone who would have known*  
*before Denis* Signed: *[redacted]*

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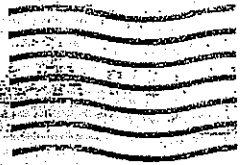


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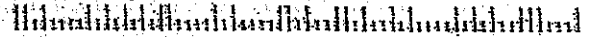
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Reverend [redacted]  
Queen of Angels Church  
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[redacted]

where

told by [redacted]

"I'll give you a car if you  
can take Dennis down."

to

[redacted]

ASAP

Telephone Message	
To <u>fr. [redacted]</u>	Date <u>11/4/93</u>
From <u>[redacted]</u>	Time <u>9:40</u>
of <u>[redacted]</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASE CALL <input type="checkbox"/> RETURNED <input type="checkbox"/> WITH CALLER <input type="checkbox"/> RETURNED CALL <input type="checkbox"/> WANT TO SEE YOU <input type="checkbox"/> URGENT
Phone <u>[redacted]</u> Area Code Number Extension	
Message <u>Dennis Jost</u>	
Signed _____	

[redacted] is address [redacted]

[redacted]

ESOL ins. is covered by the "sponsoring agency"  
in the church

Faculties

In [redacted]

2-8 to 4-15

In [redacted]

renewal 2-27 to 3-5

RE: [redacted] call [redacted]  
out 3/18

PHONE MEMO	TO	<i>Jr.</i> [REDACTED]	DATE	9/22	TIME	10:20	AM PM
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	OF	[REDACTED]	NO.	[REDACTED]			
	EXT.	[REDACTED]					
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	FROM	<i>Jr.</i> [REDACTED]	AREA CODE	[REDACTED]			
	OF	[REDACTED]	NO.	[REDACTED]			
	EXT.	[REDACTED]					
MESSAGE	<i>will be there till 4:30 p.m.</i>						
	<i>RE Breakfast w/ [REDACTED] them</i>						
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May 27, 1993

Rev. Msgr. [REDACTED]  
Chancellor, Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Msgr. [REDACTED],

Pursuant to our conversation on Tuesday, May 25th I am requesting some resolution to the counseling bills for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. To date I have paid out of the parish funds a total of \$ [REDACTED] to Christian Psychological Services for professional counseling services provided to [REDACTED] since September 1991. Recently his mother, [REDACTED], has been included in the billings for the last eight therapy sessions. As you are aware, claims for services rendered to [REDACTED] have been submitted to me which I forwarded to you.

I hope by this letter we may begin to see some definition of any liability and insurance reimbursement for expenditures already made. If there is any other information you would like to have please call me.

Very truly yours,



Rev. [REDACTED] OFM Conv.  
Pastor

cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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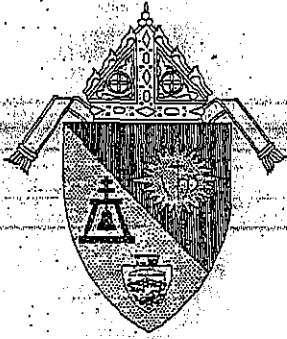
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Pastor

cc: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

April 27, 1993

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: Monsignor [REDACTED]

RE: Attached Bill

[REDACTED], [REDACTED], and I have discussed the need to clarify future billings concerning Mr. [REDACTED]. I assume he is [REDACTED]'s father.

[REDACTED] is composing a response.

cc: Reverend [REDACTED]

Jost-TC00206

3/22/93

I called [redacted] at work [redacted] [redacted] to ask if they intended to have Green of Angels pay this bill. She said that [redacted] was doing very poorly. "He is having a real difficult time. He is not functioning," these bills should go thru [redacted] billing. She will call the Psych Serv. to have them do this. - Christ Psych Serv. has changed their billing procedures and this should not have come here.

PH

TO: [redacted]  
FROM: [redacted]

DATE: 3/22/93  
TIME: 1:45 PM

3:55 AM  
11:57 AM  
4:30 PM

URGENT

PHONE MESSAGE

TO: [redacted]  
FROM: [redacted]  
OF: [redacted]  
No. [redacted]  
AREA CODE [redacted]  
EXT. [redacted]

DATE: 3/24/93  
TIME: 9:46 AM

SIGNED

PHONED  CALL  RETURNED  WANTS TO SEE YOU  WILL CALL AGAIN  WAS IN  URGENT

Jost-TC00208

# Getting churches ready for those lawsuits

## Churches and religious groups can't afford to be naive about legal issues

By Robert H. Jost, Jr., a partner in the law firm of Jost, Jost & Jost, P.C., in New York City, and a frequent speaker at seminars on church law. He is also a past president of the American Church Law Association.

Churches and religious groups are often naive about legal issues. They often believe that they are immune from lawsuits. This is not true. Churches and religious groups can be sued for a variety of reasons, including negligence, breach of contract, and discrimination. It is important for churches and religious groups to understand their legal obligations and to take steps to protect themselves from lawsuits.

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### Tips for church and religious-group boards

1. **Get legal advice.** Churches and religious groups should consult with a lawyer who specializes in church law. A lawyer can help you understand your legal obligations and can help you draft legal documents, such as bylaws and contracts.

2. **Get informed.** Members of church and religious-group boards should be informed about legal issues. They should attend seminars and read articles about church law. They should also consult with a lawyer.

3. **Get organized.** Churches and religious groups should have a system in place for handling legal issues. They should have a designated person who is responsible for handling legal issues. They should also have a system for keeping records of legal issues.

4. **Get insurance.** Churches and religious groups should have liability insurance. This insurance can help pay for legal fees and damages if a lawsuit is filed against the church or religious group.

5. **Get a good lawyer.** Churches and religious groups should hire a lawyer who is experienced in church law. A good lawyer can help you understand your legal obligations and can help you draft legal documents, such as bylaws and contracts.