

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT

To Be Completed by Reporting Party
Pursuant to Penal Code Section 11166

EXHIBIT "K"

A. CASE IDENTIFICATION	VICTIM NAME
	REPORT NUMBER/AGENCY NAME
	DATE OF REPORT

B. REPORTING PARTY	NAME/TITLE Gerard M. Lopez, Director of Priest Personnel	
	ADDRESS 12551E. Highland Avenue, San Bernardino 92404	
	PHONE (909) 475-5120	DATE OF REPORT 04-25-02

POLICE DEPARTMENT
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 COUNTY PROBATION

C. REPORT SENT TO	AGENCY Highland Police Dept.	ADDRESS
	OFFICIAL CONTACTED	PHONE ()

D. INVOLVED PARTIES - PARENTS, SIBLINGS, VICTIM	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		ADDRESS		BIRTHDATE	SEX	RACE
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E. PARENTS	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		BIRTHDATE	SEX	RACE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		BIRTHDATE	SEX	RACE
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1. DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: Feb. 17, 1972

PLACE OF INCIDENT: Highland, California (St. Adelaide's Parish)

(CHECK ONE) OCCURRED OBSERVED

2. TYPE OF ABUSE (CHECK ONE OR MORE)

FAMILY DAY CARE
 CHILD CARE CENTER
 FOSTER FAMILY HOME
 SMALL FAMILY HOME
 GROUP HOME OR INSTITUTION

PHYSICAL
 MENTAL
 SEXUAL ASSAULT
 NEGLECT
 OTHER

sexual child abuse

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

At age 17, the victim alleges a sexual affair with Rev. Patrick O'Keefe, currently of P.O. Box 7105, Laguna Niguel, CA 92607. Ph: 949-842-1406.

4. SUMMARIZE WHAT THE ABUSED CHILD OR PERSON ACCOMPANYING THE CHILD SAID HAPPENED:

At age 17 years, the victim alleges sexual intercourse, oral sexual contact by the adult mentioned above.

5. EXPLAIN KNOWN HISTORY OF SIMILAR INCIDENT(S) FOR THIS CHILD:

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**No relief
awaits
depleted
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**Recruiting woes
plague S.B.'s force**

By KIM PRENDERGAST
and ANGELICA MARTINEZ
Staff Writers

SAN BERNARDINO — The
struggle is on and it's taking its
toll.

Recruiting police officers has
become a major problem in this busy
county. The police department is
struggling to attract new officers
because of the high cost of living
and the prospect of
long hours. The police
department is also
having trouble
retaining officers
because of the
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ALL ABOARD
THE WOMEN OF BLUE CRUSH COULD REVIVE
HOLLYWOOD'S SURF MOVIE GENRE

ENTERTAINMENT

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Onetime Highland priest accused of sexual crimes

Teen cyst allegations surface after 30 years
By MELISSA CARDONA
Staff Writer

A Catholic priest has been charged with 15
felony counts of oral sodomy, 50 years ago
while they were 17-year-old girl who was a parish
lady at St. Adalard Catholic Church in
land.



O'Keefe

An exact transcript was handed down in
Parish of O'Keefe's of an alleged
the criminal complaint.

CHANGE OF HEART

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Priest

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into detail for fear of hurting the integrity of our case."

Investigators are protecting the woman's identity because she is a purported victim of a sexual assault.

Lincoln said the woman apparently reported the incident in 1989 to the administration of Father O'Keefe.

San Bernardino Bishop Phillip F. Straling, but Bishop Gerald Barnes did not learn of her complaint until notified by the bishops' conference in April.

Straling was bishop in San Bernardino from 1978 to 1995.

"In 1989, an attempt was made by the previous administration to address this matter internally," Lincoln said. "That was the way they chose to handle the matter. With Bishop Barnes, it would be handled differently."

The reported incidents with the teen-age girl is not the first time O'Keefe's sexual habits have come into question.

O'Keefe was fired from the diocese on April 27, 1994, by Straling after sexual indiscretions with three adult women were reported.

Lincoln said he did not know the exact nature of the complaints, the dates or the ages of the women involved.

The diocese settled a complaint with one of the women financially, but a confidentiality agreement issued at that time prevents Lincoln from disclosing how much money was involved.

"The incidents were reported by the women themselves," Lincoln said. "It wasn't rape or anything like that. It wasn't criminal in nature, but any sexual misconduct by a priest is misconduct."

One of these complaints was the last straw. Thanks to a letter to the Rev. Monsignor Patrick O'Keefe, that he should seek work outside the diocese.

"It is not possible for you to continue to work as a priest here in this diocese due to the reasons that you and I spoke of during our meeting," Straling wrote. "It is also not possible for you to go to another diocese."

"The only option would be to seek and obtain a job in the secular world. This should be one that in no way would be associated with duties of the ministry."

Despite the letter, O'Keefe got a job at St. Anne School in Santa Ana in 1997, Lincoln said. The school has students from preschool through eighth grade.

O'Keefe was working there, although it is not known whether it was in a clerical capacity until April, when the Sheriff's Department began investigating the woman's complaint.

"We informed St. Anne and they immediately dismissed him, and he was forbidden to be around the campus," Lincoln said.

Orange diocesan officials could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

Lincoln said he's not sure if the San Bernardino Diocese told the Diocese of Orange about O'Keefe's alleged indiscretions with the adult woman or that he was told she should not seek employment within the church.

"I would think there was a possibility of communication," Lincoln said.

Lincoln said the school got approval from former Orange Bishop Norman McBratland to hire O'Keefe, but he didn't know if McBratland was completely aware of O'Keefe's history.

In April, O'Keefe was made

the Rev. Monsignor Patrick O'Keefe's former priest in the Diocese of Orange.

O'Keefe worked in his parish, publishing business as a young boy and teenagers and religion at St. Kieran's High School from 1958 to 1959. In 1959, he came to the United States after earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy at St. Kieran's College in Kilkenny, Ireland.

O'Keefe, now 57, was a priest in the Diocese of San Bernardino from 1969 to 1992. His positions at the Catholic Church included: 1985-94; Assessor, pastor, St. Rose of Lima Church, Chigley Vista; chaplain, Newman Club, Southwestern Junior College, Chile Vista.

1984-86; Associate pastor, St. John the Evangelist Church, San Diego.

1987-90; Director of seminary, Westminster high school students, Diocese of

knowing they would be assigned by placement in the United States by Lincoln.

O'Keefe spent most of his ministry in San Bernardino diocese, but he worked in San Diego County, Chrysler New York.

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1974-76; Pastor, St. Aveline Church, Highland.

1977-79; Pastor, St. Ignace, the Yorker Church, Orange.

1979-83; Pastor, St. Patrick, San Bernardino.

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Woman says trust shattered by sexual abuse

Pastor molested her, church protected him, she alleges

By FELISA CARDONA
Staff Writer

He told her she was special, that she was the first and only one and what they would do would be their little secret.

Nicki Rister was 17 years old in 1972 when a trusted Catholic priest, Patrick J. O'Keeffe, took away her innocence, she says. In connection with the case, O'Keeffe last month was charged with 15 felony counts of oral copulation with a minor. Rister did not disclose the details of her sexual contact with O'Keeffe, who was granted the title of Monsignor in the early 1990s. She said, however, that he sexually abused her while she served as a typist for him at St. Adelaide Catholic Church in Highland 30 years ago.

"When you are raised strict Catholic as I was, you never, ever doubt what a priest says," said Rister, now 47 and living in Colorado.

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Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaks to soldiers at Fort Irwin on Monday. Cheney that an attack on Iraq could come soon, Rumsfeld declined to speak.

Cheney: U.S. can't risk inaction

By ELIZABETH HUMILLER
and JAMES DAO
New York Times News Service

out the region and subject the United States or any other nation to nuclear blackmail."

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday presented the administration's most forceful and comprehensive rationale yet for attacking Iraq, warning that Saddam Hussein would soon have nuclear weapons.

Cheney said a nuclear-armed Saddam would seek domination of the entire Middle East, take control of a great portion of the world's energy supplies, disorient America's friends through-

The vice president's remarks, to a convention of veterans in Nashville, came as White House advisers said they were increasingly concerned about the news counts and the growing debate in Congress and among former high-ranking foreign policy officials over the administration's plans for Iraq.

Cheney's speech, which his adviser said he was still writing on Sunday.

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2nd woman charges priest with sex abuse

By FELISA CARDONA
Staff Writer

Another woman claiming inappropriate sexual behavior by a priest who once served in San Bernardino County has talked to sheriff's investigators.

Debra Trotter declined Monday to elaborate on the nature of the allegations against Monsignor Patrick J. O'Keeffe, who is still being investigated by authorities.

"I'm a survivor but we can still use what she told us to substantiate the MO (mode of operation) with the other victim," Trotter said.

O'Keeffe is currently charged with 15 felony counts of oral copulation with a minor alleged to have taken place between January and June 1972, authorities said.

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9-11

REMEMBERING THE 11th ANNUARY

WHAT: Communitywide memorial service observing the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

WHEN: 8:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11.

WHERE: Arrowhead Credit Union, 280 South E. St., San Bernardino.

ADMISSION: Free. Open to all.

Rumsfeld dodges Iraq during visit with Fort

By CHUCK MOELLER
Staff Writer

FORT IRWIN — Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld sidestepped talk about potential conflict with Iraq Monday, focusing instead on the worldwide war on terrorism.

In his first visit to the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Rumsfeld turned away questions on Iraq, despite earlier comments by Vice President Dick Cheney in Nashville that an attack on Iraq could come soon.

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and I'll leave the vice president

"Now there's a war on terrorism

an environment

"We can't have a threat without a response

type a threat without a response

Open hearings demanded

Federal court rules Bush administration's deportation hearings for terror suspects must be open to public scrutiny.

Secret court in secret

Intelligence appeals court asks on the extent of the Justice Dept. powers in the aftermath of

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Only last week, police arrested four Arab residents of Je-

Charges

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Nicki Rister, now 47, of Colorado came forward to say she is the victim the charges were based on.

Law enforcement officials are not allowed by law to disclose the names of victims in alleged sexual crimes, but the Diocese of San Bernardino confirmed Rister is the woman who made the complaints.

Rister was 17 years old and attending St. Adelaide Catholic Church in Highland when the crimes allegedly occurred. O'Keeffe was then pastor of the parish.

Like Rister, the unidentified woman who recently came forward was 17 years old and a parishioner at St. Adelaide at about the same time, Trotter said.

The woman called sheriff's investigators after reading about the charges against O'Keeffe, Trotter said.

O'Keeffe, 67, is a native of Ireland whose last known address was in Laguna Niguel.

The District Attorney's Office filed charges on July 18, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The charges were made public Aug. 17.

O'Keeffe last worked at St. Anne School in Laguna Niguel, a private, nondenominational ele-

mentary and middle school.

After Rister complained to officials in the Diocese of San Bernardino, St. Anne was notified of the allegations.

O'Keeffe was placed on paid administrative leave from the school in April, but he resigned his position as director of religious education in June.

He told St. Anne administrators he was returning to Ireland.

Trotter said he received calls from individuals who said they had seen O'Keeffe at a wedding in Claremont just two weeks ago, where he told them he was planning to travel to Ireland.

Other callers have told investigators O'Keeffe takes medication provided through Medi-Cal and must fly back to the United States to get it. The last time O'Keeffe supposedly picked up his medication was on Aug. 13, an anonymous caller told authorities.

Trotter said U.S. Customs agents may not have known of the warrant out on O'Keeffe when he left the country, but if he is in Ireland and tries to come back, agents would probably detain him.

Anyone with information on O'Keeffe's whereabouts, or with any information about the case, are asked to call Trotter at (909) 387-3710.

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The U.S. Constitution gives the power to declare war to Congress and makes the president the commander-in-chief of the nation's armed forces. That inherent conflict has never been fully resolved.

But disillusionment with Vietnam led to the War Powers Act of 1973, which requires congressional authorization for military action. It's a law that neither Congress nor presidents have been willing to test in the Supreme Court.

"Keeping it vague is in the interest of both parties," said Mike LaMay, political science professor at Cal State San Bernardino. "Congress is sort of reluctant to push the issue, because there's a question about whether the War Powers Act is legal."

LaMay worries that if the United States were to oust Saddam Hussein, it could wind up stuck in Iraq for years trying to build a new government.

"I don't think we've discussed and debated it enough," he said.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., introduced a resolution last month calling on the president to seek formal congressional approval or a declaration of war before any military action is launched against Iraq.

"(It is not) ... a question of whether or not Saddam Hussein is a brutal dictator — he most certainly is," Feinstein said last month.

"The question is what is the best policy for the United States to address these issues and, if we are to use force, that we do so only after a full debate and consideration of the options and with a united government and the specific statutory authorization of Congress."

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... members of the Armed Forces to attract and retain people, Rumsfeld said.

"It's an overall look," he said. "There is no way to isolate it ... (b) improve pay or housing. We look for the right mix and the right blend of incentives so the nation can go on in peace and stability."

"It's a very different world (and) it punctuates the critical importance of our country's armed services transforming and changing — in ways they are organized, equipped, and trained and ultimately fight," the defense secretary said.

"We must face the uncertainties. We live in an environment where we're faced with little or no warning as we faced on 9/11."

"We know what capabilities exist in the terrorist networks exist and various countries harbor them. Our task is to dry up their financing, make it difficult for them to recruit and move across borders and find ways to stop countries from providing safe havens."

Rumsfeld said another vital mission is to deal with the proliferation of dangerous weapons possessed by terrorist networks that have publicly indicated they have every intention to kill innocent people.

... our task to see we're organized and trained and equipped to live in a world where there is little or no warning, he said.

... arrived by Black Hawk helicopter at the desolate training site where the 1st Air Cavalry Regiment and the 101st Airborne Cavalry Regiment were based out of the visiting 101st Airborne Cavalry Regiment from Fort Carson, Colo.

... the applause of most of the 100 troops gathered at the site when he said dangers faced by the 101st Airborne Cavalry Regiment along with other units as Congress reviews the annual budget.

... presented a flag to Brig. Gen. Joseph Fil Jr., Fort Hovens commander.

... will fly it very proudly over the post headquarters in Fort Hovens, Fil said.

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Priest

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After her mother died, Rister's own father was ordained a priest in the late 1980s.

"You pour all of your heart out to them," she said. "You know that they are one of God's chosen and that you can trust them to the very end of your life."

Rister is yet another purported victim who has come forward publicly with details of sexual abuse in the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Law enforcement officials are barred by law from naming victims of a sexual assault, but the Diocese of San Bernardino says Rister is the woman who reported O'Keeffe.

Another priest, the Rev. Paul Shanley, who served in the diocese in the early 1990s, faces a dozen felony charges of molesting boys in the Boston Archdiocese.

A Big Bear Lake man, Kevin English, has accused Shanley of sexually abusing him when he was 17, years old. English, now 30, says he met the priest while Shanley was filling in at St. Anne's Catholic Church in San Bernardino.

Rister said she continues to feel a big black wad of shame and guilt for the things she says O'Keeffe did to her.

Shanley issued an arrest warrant for the 67-year-old O'Keeffe on July 18. His whereabouts are unknown.

O'Keeffe's last known address was in Laguna Niguel. He is a native of Ireland.

Rister said she met O'Keeffe shortly after her family moved to San Bernardino from Flagstaff, Ariz.

She spent the last half of her senior year at Agnes High School and had few friends. Because she was new, she said.

Her mother suggested she sing in the church choir to get to know people.

Rister said O'Keeffe asked if she would be willing to help him.



Patrick J. O'Keeffe

The diocese purchased a plane ticket so Rister could fly to San Bernardino in May to be interviewed by the Rev. Gerald Lopez, who oversees priest personnel matters for the diocese.

"They took four weeks to put my interview on paper, and then it was so poorly done that I redid it in two hours and sent it back," Rister said.

"They allowed Pat to delay doing his interview for weeks for one excuse or another. Then he refused to do it at all and wrote a letter on June 17 and said he was leaving the country for an extended vacation with his brother."

Rister said her interview should have never been shown to O'Keeffe and that the diocese should have immediately turned him in to the police before wasting time interviewing him.

She says she called the Sheriff's Department and informed them of her allegations first. Sgt. Jack Trotter said that's true, but that the diocese also reported O'Keeffe after she did in April.

"Basic fairness mandates that a priest is informed if an allegation has been made or a police report filed," Lincoln said. "How would you feel if a business you worked for filed a police report about you? Wouldn't you like to know about it?"

Under new guidelines established during a meeting of the nation's Catholic bishops in Dallas this year, O'Keeffe is a candidate for laicization, or being defrocked.

Cheney

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appeared intended to quell the confusion and present the administration as united behind the central idea that Saddam must be ousted, sooner rather than later.

"What he wants is time, and more time to husband his resources to invest in his ongoing chemical and biological weapons program, and to gain possession of nuclear weapons," Cheney said.

The risks of inaction, he said, "are far greater than the risk of action."

Administration officials said that Cheney's views mirrored those of President Bush, and were part of an ongoing effort to convince the allies, Congress and the American public of the need for what the administration calls "regime change" in Iraq.

The officials said Bush was expected to address Iraq in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly on Sept. 12, although they said the extent and nature of Bush's remarks on Iraq were still under discussion.

The speech by Cheney was the most prominent of several steps taken on Monday by the administration to build a public case for going to war against Iraq.

Also on Monday, the Defense Department announced that it is moving more than 14,000 reservists that they may be required to extend their duty, to serve up to two years instead of one in a move seen as a contingency for possible action against Iraq.

In the action, the first such expansion since the Vietnam War, about 4,800 Air Force reservists and about 9,200 members of the Air National Guard, said Commander Randy Sandoz, Defense Department spokesman.

More than 76,000 reserve and National Guard troops are on active duty as a result of the American-led campaign against terrorism. A total of 1.3 million reservists are subject to being called into service for indefinite periods in the event of war.

The State Department officials said they planned to begin a four-day program on Tuesday to repatriate 1.7 Iraqi expatriates in pub-

Middle Eastern radio services to broadcast remarks by the third-ranking Pentagon official calling for the Iraqi people to overthrow Saddam.

In Crawford, Texas, an administration spokesman said that White House lawyers have concluded that the administration does not need congressional approval to attack Iraq. The spokesman, Ari Fleischer, asserted that previous congressional resolutions, as well as the president's power as commander-in-chief, already give him that authority.

Fleischer said that Bush would "consult" with Congress about Iraq, although he pointedly refused to say whether the president would ask Congress to support an invasion through a vote, as his father did prior to the Persian Gulf War of 1991. The White House position that it does not need congressional approval was first reported by The Washington Post and Associated Press.

Republicans said Cheney's speech, planned since early August, was intended to lay out the most serious and complete case for an attack on Iraq.

In his speech appeared, described in particular to answer critics who say that the administration lacks intelligence on Iraq's nuclear capabilities.

Cheney argued that the administration could never know the extent and scope of Saddam's programs to develop weapons of mass destruction, he said it would be "foolish" to underestimate "a dictator who has already shown his willingness to use such weapons."

There is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction," Cheney said. "There is no doubt that he is using them to use against our interests against our allies and against us."

He cited as his sources Iraqi defectors among them Saddam's son-in-law, Maj. Gen. Hussein Kamel, who Cheney said "was subsequently murdered at Saddam's direction."

Kamel defected in 1995, was recruited by the CIA, returned to Iraq the following year and was killed in a gunbattle by family members.

Cheney also said it would be "useless" if not a dangerous de-

the late afternoons.

"After school and after dinner, I would go over there and do typing in the office, and that's where it started," she said. "I thought that he was a very nice, honest person that was just trying to help me get out of the house and meet people."

Rister does not want to jeopardize the sheriff's investigation of O'Keeffe, so she is not discussing the details of the sexual contact.

Rister and San Bernardino diocesan officials agree that the matter was not handled correctly when she first reported the alleged abuse in 1989.

Bishop Phillip F. Staling, who headed the diocese from 1978 to 1995, handled the complaint internally but did not report anything to police, said the Rev. Howard Lincoln, spokesman for the diocese.

Staling is now a bishop of the Diocese of Reno, Nev., and could not be reached for comment. Reno officials said Staling is on vacation until after the Labor Day holiday.

Rister said her mother died without knowing about O'Keeffe's alleged indiscretions, and she didn't tell her father until 1992 after he was already a priest himself.

"My father turned his back on me and chose the church over me," Rister said. "Pat had been my best friend, and maybe he didn't think Pat would do something like that. That hurt an awful lot, and for years we didn't talk."

Before her father died in April, Rister decided to report O'Keeffe to the Florida Bishops Conference after reading an article about the church scandals in a hot line to call. That was in March.

Her complaint was forwarded to the Diocese of San Bernar-

dine. Rister not only blames O'Keeffe for violating her trust, she also blames the diocese. She says they dragged their feet and protected O'Keeffe after she reported the allegations in March.

"He should be treated the same as any other man that has done something like this," Rister said. "Just because they are priests doesn't mean they are exempt from the law. If Pat had been a regular teacher in school,

diocesan officials would have to interview him about the allegations before that process could get under way, Lincoln said.

But Rister said there was a delay, and it gave O'Keeffe plenty of time to leave the school he was working at in Laguna Niguel and possibly leave the country to escape prosecution.

"We are fully cooperating with the authorities and are not and have not remotely protected Pat O'Keeffe nor have we provided an environment where he could leave or hide," Lincoln said.

"When we found out about the allegations we contacted St. Anne's School in Laguna Niguel and he was placed on administrative leave. The police went to St. Anne's looking for him four weeks ago."

O'Keeffe was working as director of religious education at St. Anne, a nondenominational private elementary and middle school.

Lincoln said the diocese's policy is to report any reasonable, credible allegation of sexual abuse, such as Rister's, to the police immediately.

"We filed the police report before we interviewed her in person in April," Lincoln said. "When she first contacted us in March, we told her to contact the police."

Rister said her experience with O'Keeffe and the diocese "turned her off to the Catholic Church."

"After it was over, I quit going to church, and I never saw him again after that," she said. "I don't look at all. Every time I look at one, I wonder who he's got hiding in the back."

Rister said she hates the fact that her relationship with her father soured because she told him about O'Keeffe.

"I definitely lost my dad over this, but my dad was very much into the church," she said. "He was more Catholic than he was anything else."

Rister says her hope is that O'Keeffe is caught so nobody else will go through what she went through.

"He really does. I don't think he realizes the problems that he has caused."

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PERSONAL RECORD OF REV.

EXHIBIT "A"

PATRICK JOSEPH O'KEEFE
NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name WILLIAM JOHN O'KEEFE (deceased) AND MARGARET MARY O'SULLIVAN

Birth Date and Place OCTOBER 10, 1934 KILKENNY, IRELAND

Baptism Date and Place OCTOBER 17, 1934, ST. GANICE'S, KILKENNY, IRELAND

Present Citizenship IRISH

If Naturalized, Date and Place

Elementary School—Dates and Places: PRESENTATION CONVENT SEPT, 1938 to JUNE 1941
CHRISTIAN BROTHER'S SCHOOL SEPT, 1941 - JUNE 1948

High School—Dates and Places SEPTEMBER 1948 - JUNE 1953

ST. KIERNAN'S COLLEGE

College—Dates and Places

Seminary—Dates and Places SEPTEMBER 1953 to MAY 1959

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Ordination Date and Place MAY 31, 1959, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, KILKENNY IRELAND

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PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. PATRICK JOSEPH O'KEEFE

NAME IN FULL

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SAN BERNARDINO	Aquinas High	Faculty	8/10/69 - 6/10/76
San Bernardino & Riverside Counties	Director Pre-Seminary Program In Res: St. Thomas More, Rialto		
UCAMONGA	O.L. of Mt. Carmel	Pastor	7/8/70 - 7/1/71
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LOMA LINDA	St. Joseph the Worker	Pastor	8/17/76 - 7/1/77
ALTA LOMA	St. Peter & St. Paul	Pastor	7/1/77 - 7-1-83
Appointed Episcopal	Vicar for Ontario	Vicariate	7-26-82
San Bernardino	Diocese Office	Director of Seminarians and Vocations	7-1-83 to 6/30/90
Named Monsignor by	Bishop Phillip F. Straling	on November 6, 1988	
San Bernardino	St. Margaret Mary	Pastor	10/1/89 to
ESPERIA	HOEY FAMILY	ON LEAVE IN RES.	11/1/92
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Patrick J. O'Keeffe

PP 5, 02

Dear Mr. Long,

I met the BUDAI family
in 1972 at St. AD ELAIDE, Highways
Mr. BUDAI was Pres. of Parish C.
Daughter, JASONICA, was away
at school. Mr. BUDAI stated that
she was impossible to contact
A.D.D. I remember as that

when Jasonica came home, she
was unable to fit in with
some of the people in the
parish. She had a different
lifestyle. She had a car
and a house. She had a
different way of thinking
and a different way of
living. She had a different
way of thinking and a
different way of living.

"You take care of it". I went
I called to ask why she
alleged this sexual activity.
She was quite angry at my
denial. Subsequently she
stated that she was angry
that her father chose the
church and that she and
her mother felt neglected up
to the time of her mother's
death. However she now was
happily married and had put
all that behind her with
help of a counsellor.

Her father was to be advised
to the Presbytery in Perth to
and this happened all this time
she had no intention of involving
with her Dad.

I find that many of the
had left the active Presbytery
eight years ago and
counsellor. I have
of various things to do
and over the years

Patrick J. O'Keefe

P.S.

Unfortunatly, Dorothy Wilson,
Parish Sec., Cal. Bill Warkins
& John Chickowski = who could
reading the text of ~~them~~ very
statements are all dead.
It was 30 years ago.

Pat

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Woman says trust shattered by sexual abuse

Pastor molested her, church protected him, she alleges

By FELISA CARDONA
Staff Writer

He told her she was special, that she was the first and only one and what they would do would be their little secret.

Nicki Rister was 17 years old in 1972 when a trusted Catholic priest, Patrick J. O'Keeffe, took away her innocence, she says. In connection with the case, O'Keeffe last month was charged with 15 felony counts of oral copulation with a minor. Rister did not disclose the details of his sexual contact with O'Keeffe, who was granted the monsignior in the early 1990s. She said, however, that he sexually abused her while employed as a typist for him at St. Adelaide Catholic Church in Highland 30 years ago.

"When you are raised such a strict Catholic as I was, you never, ever doubt what a priest says," said Rister, now 47 and living in Colorado.

See PRIEST/4

2nd woman charges priest with sex abuse

By FELISA CARDONA
Staff Writer

Another woman claiming inappropriate sexual behavior by a priest who once served in San Bernardino County has talked to sheriff's investigators.

St. Jack Trotter declined Monday to clarify the nature of the allegations against Monsignor Patrick J. O'Keeffe, who is still being sought by authorities.

"It's a minor, but we can still use what she told us to determine the MO (mode of operation) with the other victim," Trotter said.

O'Keeffe is currently charged with 15 felony counts of oral copulation with a minor alleged to have taken place between January and June 1972, authorities said.

See CHARGES/4



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaks to soldiers at Fort Irwin on Monday. Cheney that an attack on Iraq could come soon, Rumsfeld declined to speak

Cheney: U.S. can't risk inaction

By ELIZABETH BUMILLER
and JAMES DAO
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday presented the administration's most forceful and comprehensive rationale yet for attacking Iraq, warning that Saddam Hussein would "soon" have nuclear weapons.

Cheney said a nuclear-armed Saddam would "accelerate domination" of the entire Middle East, take control of a great portion of the world's energy supplies, directly threaten America's friends through

out the region and subject the United States or any other nation to nuclear blackmail.

The vice president's remarks, to a convention of veterans in Nashville, came as White House advisers said they were increasingly concerned about the news counts and the growing debates in Congress and among former high-ranking foreign policy officials over the administration's plans for Iraq.

Cheney's speech, which his adviser said he was still writing on Sunday

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Rumsfeld dodges Iraq during visit with Fort

By CHUCK MUELLER
Staff Writer

FORT IRWIN — Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld sidestepped talk about potential conflict with Iraq Monday, focusing instead on the worldwide war on terrorism.

In his first visit to the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Rumsfeld jumbled away questions on Iraq, despite earlier comments by Vice President Dick Cheney in Nashville that an attack on Iraq could come soon.

Rumsfeld would be and I'll lead the vice president. "Now that war on terrorism is an environment. "We can't see a threat without a threat type a threat

Open hearings demanded

Federal court rules Bush administration's deportation hearings for terror suspects must be open to public scrutiny.

Secret court in spy intelligence appeals court a on the extent of the Justice Dept. powers in the aftermath of

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Only last week, police arrested four Arab residents of Je-

Charges

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Nicki Rister, now 47, of Colorado came forward to say she is the victim the charges were based on.

Law enforcement officials are not allowed by law to disclose the names of victims in alleged sexual crimes, but the Diocese of San Bernardino confirmed Rister is the woman who made the complaints.

Rister was 17 years old and attending St. Adelaide Catholic Church in Highland when the crimes allegedly occurred. O'Keeffe was then pastor of the parish.

Like Rister, the unidentified woman who recently came forward was 17 years old and a parishioner at St. Adelaide at about the same time, Trotter said.

The woman called sheriff's investigators after reading about the charges against O'Keeffe, Trotter said.

O'Keeffe, 67, is a native of Ireland whose last known address was in Laguna Niguel.

The District Attorney's Office filed charges on July 18, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The charges were made public Aug. 10.

O'Keeffe last worked at St. Anne School in Laguna Niguel, a private non-denominational ele-

mentary and middle school.

After Rister complained to officials in the Diocese of San Bernardino, St. Anne was notified of the allegations.

O'Keeffe was placed on paid administrative leave from the school in April, but he resigned his position as director of religious education in June.

He told St. Anne administrators he was returning to Ireland.

Trotter said he received calls from individuals who said they had seen O'Keeffe at a wedding in Claremont just two weeks ago, where he told them he was planning to travel to Ireland.

Other callers have told investigators O'Keeffe takes medication provided through Medi-Cal and must fly back to the United States to get it. The last time O'Keeffe supposedly picked up his medication was on Aug. 13, an anonymous caller told authorities.

Trotter said U.S. Customs agents may not have known of the warrant out on O'Keeffe when he left the country, but if he is in Ireland and tries to come back, agents would probably detain him.

Anyone with information on O'Keeffe's whereabouts, or with any information about the case, are asked to call Trotter at (909) 387-3710.

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The U.S. Constitution gives the power to declare war to Congress and makes the president the commander-in-chief of the nation's armed forces. That inherent conflict has never been fully resolved.

But disillusionment with Vietnam led to the War Powers Act of 1973, which requires congressional authorization for military action. It's a law that neither Congress nor presidents have been willing to test in the Supreme Court.

"Keeping it vague is in the interest of both parties," said Mike LeMay, political science professor at Cal State San Bernardino. "Congress is sort of reluctant to push the issue, because there's a question about whether the War Powers Act is legal."

LeMay worries that if the United States were to oust Saddam Hussein, it could wind up stuck in Iraq for years, trying to build a new government.

"I don't think we've discussed and debated it enough," he said.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., introduced a resolution last month calling on the president to seek formal congressional approval or a declaration of war before any military action is launched against Iraq.

"(It is not) ... a question of whether or not Saddam Hussein is a brutal dictator — he most certainly is," Feinstein said last month.

"The question is what is the best policy for the United States to address these issues and, if we are to use force, that we do so only after a full debate and consideration of the options and with a united government and the specific statutory authorization of Congress."

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Priest

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After her mother died, Rister's own father was ordained a priest in the late 1980s.

"You pour all of your heart out to them," she said. "You know that they are one of God's chosen and that you can trust them to the very end of your life."

Rister is yet another purported victim who has come forward publicly with details of sexual abuse in the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Law enforcement officials are barred by law from naming victims of a sexual assault, but the Diocese of San Bernardino says Rister is the woman who reported O'Keefe.

Another priest, the Rev. Paul Shanley, who served in the diocese in the early 1990s, faces felony charges of molesting boys in the Boston Archdiocese.

A Big Bear Lake man, Kevin English, has accused Shanley of sexually abusing him when he was 17 years old. English, now 50, says he met the priest while Shanley was filling in at St. James Catholic Church in San Bernardino.

English said she continues to feel a big black wad of shame and guilt for the things she says O'Keefe did to her.

Authorities issued an arrest warrant for the 67-year-old priest on July 18. His whereabouts are unknown.

O'Keefe's last known address was in Laguna Niguel. He is a native of Ireland.

Rister said she met O'Keefe shortly after her family moved to San Bernardino from Flagstaff.

She spent the last half of her senior year at Aquinas High School and had few friends because she was new, she said.

Her mother suggested she sing in the church choir to get to know people.

Rister said O'Keefe asked if she would be willing to help him by turning up humans for him in



Patrick J. O'Keefe

The diocese purchased a plane ticket so Rister could fly to San Bernardino in May to be interviewed by the Rev. Gerald Lopez, who oversees priest personnel matters for the diocese.

"They took four weeks to put my interview on paper, and then it was so poorly done that I redid it in two hours and sent it back," Rister said.

"They allowed Pat to delay doing his interview for weeks for one excuse or another. Then he refused to do it at all and wrote a letter on June 17 and said he was leaving the country for an extended vacation with his brother."

Rister said her interview should have never been shown to O'Keefe and that the diocese should have immediately turned him in to the police before wasting time interviewing him.

She says she called the Sheriff's Department and informed them of her allegations first. Sgt. Jack Trotter said that's true, but that the diocese also reported O'Keefe after she did in April.

"Basic fairness mandates that a priest is informed if an allegation has been made or a police report filed," Lincoln said. "How would you feel if a business you worked for filed a police report about you? Wouldn't you like to know about it?"

Under new guidelines established during a meeting of the nation's Catholic bishops in Dallas this year, O'Keefe is a candidate for laicization, or being defrocked.

Diocesan officials said they

says members of the Armed Forces to attract and retain people, Rumsfeld said.

"It's an overall look," he said. "There is no way to isolate it ... (to) improve pay or housing. We look for the right mix and the right blend of incentives so the system can go on in peace and freedom."

"... a very different world, and it punctuates the critical importance of our country's armed services, transforming and changing — in ways they are organized, equipped, and trained and ultimately fight," the defense secretary said.

"We must face the unexcused. We live in an environment where we're faced with little or no warning as we faced on Sept. 11."

"We know what capabilities exist that terrorist networks exist and various countries harbor them. Our task is to dry up their financing, make it difficult for them to recruit and move across borders and find ways to stop countries from providing safe havens."

Rumsfeld said another vital mission is to deal with the proliferation of dangerous weapons

possessed by terrorist networks that have publicly indicated they have every intention to kill innocent people.

"It's our task to see we're organized and trained and equipped to live in a world where there is little or no warning."

Rumsfeld arrived by Black Hawk helicopter at the desolate training site where the 1st Airborne Cavalry Regiment and the 3rd Airborne Cavalry Regiment were based off with the visiting 1st Airborne Cavalry Regiment from Fort Carson, Colo.

With the applause of most of the 500 troops gathered at the site, he said dangers faced by our fighting forces would be considered along with other benefits as Congress reviews the 2003 budget.

Rumsfeld presented a flag and a medal over the Pentagon Aug. 14 to Brig. Gen. Joseph Fil Jr., 1st Airborne Cavalry Regiment commander.

"We will fly it very proudly over the first headquarters in Central Iraq," he said.

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Cheney

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appeared intended to quell the confusion and present the administration as united behind the central idea that Saddam must be ousted, sooner rather than later.

"What he wants is time, and more time to husband his resources to invest in his ongoing chemical and biological weapons program, and to gain possession of nuclear weapons," Cheney said.

The risks of inaction, he said, "are far greater than the risk of action."

Administration officials said that Cheney's views mirrored those of President Bush, and were part of an ongoing effort to convince the allies, Congress and the American public of the need for what the administration calls "regime change" in Iraq.

The officials said Bush was expected to address Iraq in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly on Sept. 12, although they said the extent and nature of Bush's remarks on Iraq were still under discussion.

The speech by Cheney was the most prominent of several steps taken on Monday by the administration to build a public case for going to war against Iraq.

Also on Monday, the Defense Department announced that it is recruiting more than 14,000 reservists that they may be required to extend their duty, to serve up to two years instead of one in a move seen as a contingency for possible action against Iraq.

The action, the first such expansion since the Vietnam War, affects about 4,800 Air Force reservists and about 9,200 members of the Air National Guard, said Commander Randy Sandoz, Defense Department spokesman.

More than 76,000 reserve and National Guard troops are on active duty as a result of the American-led campaign against Iraq. A total of 1.3 million reservists are subject to being called into service for indefinite periods in the event of war.

At the State Department, officials said they planned to begin a one-day program on Tuesday to train 17 Iraqi expatriates in pub-

Middle Eastern radio services to broadcast remarks by the third-ranking Pentagon official calling for the Iraqi people to overthrow Saddam.

In Crawford, Texas, an administration spokesman said that White House lawyers have concluded that the administration does not need congressional approval to attack Iraq. The spokesman, Ari Fleischer, asserted that previous congressional resolutions, as well as the president's power as commander-in-chief, already give him that authority.

Fleischer said that Bush would "consult" with Congress about Iraq, although he pointedly refused to say whether the president would ask Congress to support an invasion through a vote, as his father did prior to the Persian Gulf War of 1991. The White House position that it does not need congressional approval was first reported by The Washington Post and Associated Press.

Republicans said Cheney's speech, planned since early August, was intended to lay out the most serious and complete case for an attack on Iraq.

The speech appeared designed in particular to answer critics who say that the administration lacks intelligence on Iraq's nuclear capabilities.

While Cheney argued that the administration could never know with precision the extent and nature of Saddam's programs to develop weapons of mass destruction, he said it would be foolish to underestimate "a dictator who has already shown his willingness to use such weapons."

There is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction," Cheney said. "There is no doubt that he is threatening them to use against our friends, against our allies and against us."

He cited as his source Iraq's own records among them Saddam's own laws. Maj. Gen. Hussein Kamel, who Cheney said "was subsequently murdered at Saddam's direction."

Kamel defected in 1995, was recruited by the CIA, returned to Iraq the following year and was later killed in a gun battle by family members.

Cheney also said it would be a mistake, if not a dangerous de-

the late afternoons.

"After school and after dinner, I would go over there and do typing in the office, and that's where it started," she said. "I thought that he was a very nice, honest person that was just trying to help me get out of the house and meet people."

Rister does not want to jeopardize the sheriff's investigation of O'Keeffe, so she is not discussing the details of the sexual contact.

Rister and San Bernardino diocesan officials agree that the matter was not handled correctly when she first reported the alleged abuse in 1989.

Bishop Phillip F. Straling, who headed the diocese from 1978 to 1995, handled the complaint internally but did not report anything to police, said the Rev. Howard Lincoln, spokesman for the diocese.

Straling is now a bishop of the Diocese of Reno, Nev., and could not be reached for comment. Reno officials said Straling is on vacation until after the Labor Day holiday.

Rister said her mother died without knowing about O'Keeffe's alleged indiscretions, and she didn't tell her father until 1992 after he was already a priest himself.

My father turned his back on me and chose the church over me," Rister said. "Pat had been my best friend, and maybe he thought Pat would do something like that. That hurt an awful lot, and for years we didn't talk."

Before her father died in April, Rister decided to report O'Keeffe to the Florida Bishops Conference after reading an article about the church scandals with a hot line to call. That was in March.

Her complaint was forwarded to the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Rister not only blames O'Keeffe for violating her trust, she also blames the diocese. She says they dragged their feet and ignored O'Keeffe after she reported the allegations in March.

He should be treated the same as any other man that has done something like this," Rister said. "Just because they are priests doesn't mean they are exempt from the law. If Pat had been a regular teacher in school, the next day he would have been

Diocesan officials would have to interview him about the allegations before that process could get under way, Lincoln said.

But Rister said there was a delay, and it gave O'Keeffe plenty of time to leave the school he was working at in Laguna Niguel and possibly leave the country to escape prosecution.

"We are fully cooperating with the authorities and are not and have not remotely protected Pat O'Keeffe nor have we provided an environment where he could leave or hide," Lincoln said.

"When we found out about the allegations we contacted St. Anne's School in Laguna Niguel and he was placed on administrative leave. The police went to St. Anne's looking for him four weeks ago."

O'Keeffe was working as director of religious education at St. Anne, a nondenominational, private elementary and middle school.

Lincoln said the diocese's policy is to report any reasonable, credible allegation of sexual abuse, such as Rister's, to the police immediately.

"We filed the police report before we interviewed her in person in April," Lincoln said. "When she first contacted us in March, we told her to contact the police."

Rister said her experience with O'Keeffe and the diocese has turned her off to the Catholic Church.

After it was over, I quit going to church, and I never saw him again after that," she said. "I don't trust priests at all. Every time I look at one, I wonder who he's got hiding in the back."

Rister said she hates the fact that the relationship with her father soured because she told him about O'Keeffe.

I absolutely lost my dad over this, but my dad was very much into the church," she said. "He was more Catholic than he was Irish."

Rister says her hope is that O'Keeffe is caught so nobody else will go through what she went through.

Pat needs to get some help. He really does. I don't think he realizes the problems that he has caused."

Contact writer Felisa Cardona at

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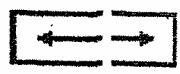
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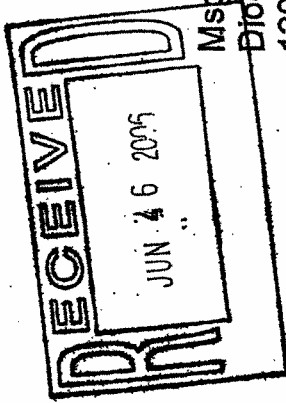


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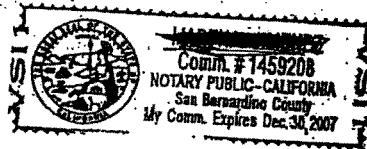
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his name to the within instrument as a witness at the request of ^(REV. M.S.G.P.) Patrick J. O'Keefe

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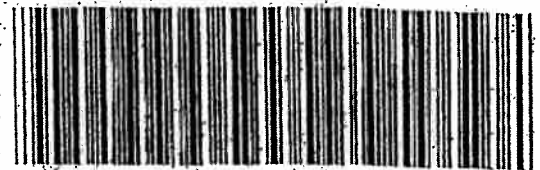
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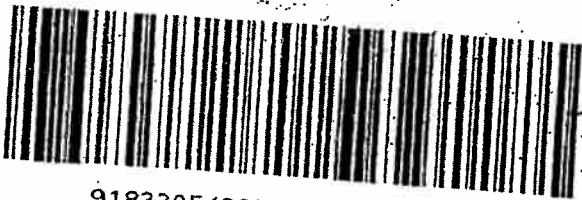
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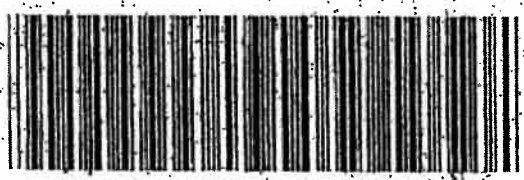
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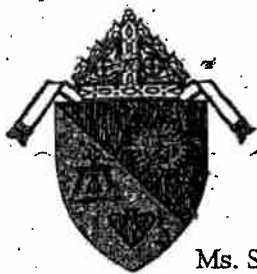
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Diocese of San Bernardino

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DIRECTOR OF PRIEST PERSONNEL

February 6, 2003

Ms. Susan M. Archibald, Pres.
Survivors of Clergy Abuse Linkup, Inc.
3630A Brownsboro Road, #268
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Ms. Archibald:

Thank you for your FAX communication to Bishop Barnes of February 1, 2003 regarding Ms. Nicki Rister. Bishop Barnes has asked that I provide a reply to you.

Sister Rosaline O'Connor, RSM, our diocesan Coordinator of Victim Assistance Ministry, and I have been in communication with Ms. Rister with regards to her case. Ms. Rister prefers the use of e-mail. I enclose for your review my last communication with Ms. Rister dated December 2, 2002.


As a diocesan church community we have been in a state of waiting given the need for approval of the "Essential Norms" by the Vatican. This was completed on December 8, 2002. However, the "Essential Norms" do not take effect until March 1, 2003. This explains the delay in officially concluding Ms. Rister's case. As a point of clarification, under the approved "Essential Norms" the recommendation of the Review Board is strictly advisory in nature; the diocesan Bishop is to make the final and definitive canonical decision in individual cases. This decision will be communicated to the victims of abuse.

I would like to re-emphasize that as a Diocese we continue to stand committed to offering counseling for Ms. Rister as a part of her healing process. Sister O'Connor has attempted to assist Ms. Rister in this regard. I will ask Sister O'Connor to get in touch with Ms. Rister to explore this once again.

I am also enclosing a recent diocesan publication on our response to the abuse crisis in the Church. Bishop Barnes has also produced a video which was shown to the Catholics in our Diocese last month. If you would like a copy of this video, please contact Deacon Michael Jelley, our Coordinator of Diocesan Charter Initiatives at 909-475-5119.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of Ms. Rister. I will once again contact her through the preferred means of e-mail to see how she is doing during this time. Please feel free to contact me if I can serve you in any way further.

Sincerely,


Reverend Msgr. Gerard M. Lopez, STL, JG
Moderator of the Curia/Director of Priest Personnel

cc: Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes, DD
Ms. Veronica Rister
Deacon F. Michael Jelley, Coordinator of Diocesan Charter Initiatives
Sister Rosaline O'Connor, RSM, Coordinator of Victim Assistance

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February 1, 2003

Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes
Diocese of San Bernardino
1201 East Highland Ave
San Bernardino, CA 92404-4641

Dear Bishop Barnes,

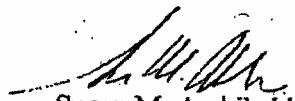
It has come to my attention that your diocesan review board has failed in its responsibility to notify a complainant of the results of the review process.

~~Ms. Nicki Rister reported sexual abuse by Msgr. Patrick O'Keefe to the review board on May 4, 2002. She has not yet been informed of the board's recommendation.~~

Such a delay further victimizes Nicki, and goes against the pledge of "compassionate outreach" promised by the bishops at their meetings in Washington last November. Although Msgr. O'Keefe is now a fugitive from the law in Ireland, this does not release your diocese from its obligations to Nicki. In order for a survivor to begin the healing process, there is a need for closure. Closure includes accountability for the reports of abuse Nicki provided to your diocese.

The abuse and trauma that Nicki suffered at the hands of Msgr. O'Keefe cannot be erased. I urge you to immediately disclose the results of this case to Nicki so that her revictimization by the church can come to an end.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Archibald
President

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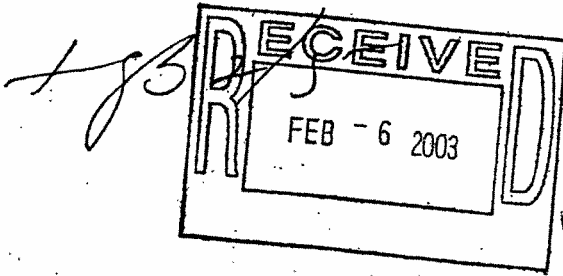
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*Msgr Lopez -
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(April 1992) - Chino
(1994) - Alta Loma

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09/11/1993

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additional cases -
1972 - Veronica Budson Parker - sexual abuse
17-year-old girl (Highland)

REDACTED

1978-1981 - sexual offender, parishoner (Alta Loma)
1999- - sexual offender, victim of hospice
patient, wife (ENGNS)

PERSONAL RECORD OF REV.

PATRICK JOSEPH O'KEEFFE
NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name WILLIAM JOHN O'KEEFFE (deceased) AND MARGARET MARY O'SULLIVAN

Birth Date and Place OCTOBER 10, 1934 KILKENNY, IRELAND

Baptism Date and Place OCTOBER 17, 1934, ST. CANICE'S, KILKENNY, IRELAND

Present Citizenship IRISH

If Naturalized, Date and Place

Elementary School—Dates and Places PRESENTATION CONVENT SEPT, 1938 to JUNE 1941
CHRISTIAN BROTHER'S SCHOOL SEPT, 1941 - JUNE 1948

High School—Dates and Places SEPTEMBER 1948 - JUNE 1953
ST. KIERKIAN'S COLLEGE

College—Dates and Places

Seminary—Dates and Places SEPTEMBER 1953 to MAY 1959
ST. KIERKIAN'S SEMINARY

Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places

Degrees—Dates and Places

Ordination Date and Place MAY 31, 1959, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, KILKENNY IRELAND

Ordaining Prelate MOST. REV. DR. DUNNE, DD.

Ordained for what Diocese SAN DIEGO

If incardinated in San Diego, Date JUNE 1956

If not incardinated, Date of Arrival

What foreign languages can you speak? GAELIC

Name and address of nearest relative or friend MRS. W. MANLEY, 6418 CLAIRMONT AVE. SO, CHICAGO, ILL (36)

State where last will and testament is filed CHANCERY OFFICE, SAN DIEGO

(The Clergy are obliged to deposit at the Chancery the original or a copy of their last will. Dico. Stat. No. 231)

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Diocese of San Bernardino
Office of the Bishop

CONFIDENTIAL

May 6, 1992

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe
St. Margaret Mary Parish
12686 Central Avenue
Chino, California 91710

Dear Monsignor Pat:

As a result of our meeting on May 5, 1992, and your letter to your people, you are resigning as pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church, effective immediately. You will begin a six month health sabbatical. As to the type and place of this sabbatical, this will be determined with the assistance of Dr. Joseph, in the next few days. It is very important that we carefully choose a program which will best assist you and assure you of many more years of good and fulfilling priestly ministry.

Regarding financial arrangements, I am asking that St. Margaret Mary Parish continue to provide your stipend through the end of June, as well as an additional month which will be your vacation pay. I am also asking the parish to provide an extra five hundred dollars to assist you with special needs. Once we determine the type of program that you will be entering, we can then consider additional funds that might be needed to further assist you. Do not hesitate to call upon me regarding these needs.

At the end of July, which will terminate your payments from St. Margaret Mary, your salary and other expenses will be paid through the Priest Relief Fund. You may wish to be in touch with Father Don Webber, around the middle of July, to ensure that your salary and other expenses will be provided by this fund. Your medical bills will be taken care of through our diocesan health insurance.

This has been a very difficult time for you, but I think you are making good decisions that will lead to new life and vitality in your priesthood and ministry. You can be very proud of the many

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Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe
May 6, 1992

years of good and faithful service that you have provided to the people of God.

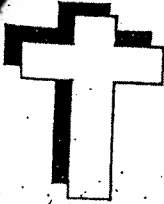
I am confident that the Lord will be with you in a special way during this time of trial and lead you to a new ministry and service in His name. Do not hesitate to call on me and, again, be assured of my prayers and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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SAINT MARGARET MARY CHURCH

12686 Central Avenue · Chino, CA 91710 (714) 627-8466



May 5, 1992

My dear People,

~~Effective immediately, I am resigning as pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish and beginning a six-month health and rest sabbatical. I ask for your charity and prayers. At this time because of stress, I am unable to pastor a parish of this size. God willing, I hope I have many more years in the priesthood to serve the people of God. If I do not take this step now, I feel those years of ministry will be greatly reduced.~~

May God bless the children who will receive their First Eucharist on May 16, the graduates of our school, and the graduates of our Religious Education Program. I am deeply grateful to God for all of you who have reached out to me in numerous ways. You are in my daily prayers, and I shall not forget you.

God's love and mine,
Msgr. Pat

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John & James Jamison 987-3445



Diocese of San Bernardino
Office of the Bishop

April 27, 1994

Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. O'Keefe
Holy Family Catholic Church
9974 "I" Street
Hesperia, California 92345

Dear Monsignor Pat:

I am pleased that we had the opportunity to speak over the weekend while I was in Hesperia for the Confirmation at Holy Family Parish. I think that some things became clearer to me as to what is possible or not possible. I thought there would be some option, from what you said in the past, of receiving priestly employment in England or Ireland. I gather that this is not possible because of the same type of problem that we are having here in the states. Other than your being able to return to England or Ireland for vacations or special visits, there is no possibility of full time employment.

It is not possible for you to continue to work as a priest, here in this diocese, due to the reasons that you and I spoke of during our meeting. It is also not possible for you to go to another diocese because they too would run into the same problems that we have. The only option would be to seek and obtain a job in the secular world. This should be one that in no way would be associated with priestly duties or ministry.

You are entitled to your priest pension benefits once you reach the age of 65. At that time, I would need a letter from you requesting retirement which I would then forward to the Epler Company authorizing payment. At that time, this would amount to \$1,200.00 per month for 30 years of service which you presently have. The question is what do we do between the present time and the official time of your retirement? We

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Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. O'Keeffe
April 27, 1994

discussed the possibility of a leave of absence or early retirement. You are opposed to the idea of the leave of absence because of some of the connotations that would be attached to it. I have spoken to Monsignor Don Webber regarding granting you early retirement.

The question however is, your means of support as a retired priest until your formal pension would be available. I told you that in this time of transition, as we are doing with other priests who are in similar circumstances as yourself, I will certainly assist you during this time of transition.

~~What I would like to ask you to do is in order to ensure you of adequate funds for this transition, that we would provide you with the current pastors salary and \$600.00 for your rent for the first six months. After that time, we would review with you, your financial condition and then make an arrangement for continuance, change or discontinuance of the stipend. What I envision is your good will in finding adequate employment that would pay your benefits until your pension is available. Once the pension benefits would become available, this could be additional funds to whatever other money you would be earning.~~

In granting you early retirement, you would not be allowed to do any priestly functions or ministry. I would not see this status from preventing you from saying a private Mass. This may be a little difficult for you to explain to other priests, who know that you are retired, but you would not have faculties to perform public services or ministries.

I am sorry that we must go to this extent of prohibiting your priestly ministry and service in the latter part of your life. However, I think we are both aware of the difficulties and problems that have arisen that make any public ministry or service impossible, at this time. If anything should change

Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. O'Keeffe
April 27, 1994

or other assurances be secured that would alter the situation,
I am always willing to review this matter.

I realize that this is a very hard decision that you must
make, but it is also a very hard for me to write this letter.
Know that I will assist you in every way possible, but we must
face the realities of our present situation.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Phillip

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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W. J. ... Patrick J. O'Keeffe

R. J. Murray, C.S.B.

June 19, 1994

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