

August 13, 1993

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Dear Bishop Mulvee,

For the record!

Thank you very much for your assistance in my meeting with Fr. Eugene Clarihan. It was a very emotional time for me and went in the direction of closure, but did not realize it. I hope this letter will serve that purpose.

I think it is important to expand on a few points that are still bothersome to me. First, I feel that Fr. Clarihan is either deeply in denial or a liar. He explained away a sexual molestation incident that happened 35 years ago as a clear and singular result of alcohol abuse, and had no recollection of the actual molestation. He did, however, remember the evening and an unsuccessful attempt to enter my brother's and my locked bedroom. I only remember when it was unlocked and he openly came in and molested me a second time, and on a third occasion, attempted to molest my brother. This, of course, was after having masturbated me on the porch of my parents' home.

Secondly, he stated to me that alcohol played a major part in his overall sexual misconduct. I'm sure that's true but they are two different issues altogether. Sexual abuse and alcohol abuse are not the same.

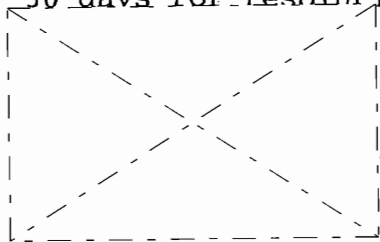
He stated to me that he has been in AA for eight years. But his account differed from what you related to me, that there was no known incidence of sexual misconduct in the file. HE ADMITTED OTHER INCIDENCES TO ME and related that HE WAS TREATED FOR THIS (I ONLY LIKE TO LOOK) SEPARATELY FROM HIS ALCOHOL TREATMENT. If he was treated for sexual dysfunction, what triggered that treatment, and why is there no record? Certainly in my case he didn't just look. How many others did he not just look at either? I'm amazed that your search of the records came up empty!

Fr. Clarihan is displaying a convenient revisionist history of the incident and his problems. He minimized what happened by supposedly not remembering it and attributing it to something over which he had no control - alcohol. Can you believe he actually asked me to go to lunch? For what? To talk about old

times! He says he can't remember them anyway.

Please don't be buffaloed by him. He wanted me to feel sorry for him; his alcohol problems, his health problems, his sexual problems. He mused that it will be a shame that he will not be able to finish out his ministry and will voluntarily retire.

Please keep your pledge to me and retire him immediately. I will await your confirmation of this by letter or will contact you in 30 days for resolution.



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