

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORT
Reverend Richard A. Buntel
February 28, 1994

I met with Father Buntel on February 24, 1994 at the Chancery regarding a report of sexual misconduct brought forward by Mr. [REDACTED].

Initially, I reviewed with Father Buntel policies and procedures of the Archdiocese regarding sexual misconduct and then read to him the allegations.

The following are Father Buntel's responses:

1. Father Buntel won't disagree as to what is in the report in the sense that something happened in the time he was there.
2. He does not agree on the context in which the allegation is phrased.
3. This time in Malden was a terrible time in his life. That was why he went to Milton. There was an intervention by other people in the house that got him to go to Milton for assistance.
4. In regard to the allegations about sex, he says that it only happened within the last year he was in Malden and not even the full year (perhaps August, 1982 on until July, 1983). This did not occur every time. It did happen a number of times. Nothing like this has ever happened since. He believes at that time that [REDACTED] was either 17 or 18 years of age.
5. The drug use was all part of it. He has not done that since that time.
6. There were drugs through the course of the five years with [REDACTED], but not the sex (only the very last year).
7. [REDACTED] came to Westford once and one time he came by Father Buntel's home because he wanted his assistance in buying a car (1984). There has been no other contact.
8. Father Buntel has had no problems for the past eleven years and now this arises.
9. In regard to sexual activity, when asked if there are any other people we should be concerned about here, Father Buntel says there had been other incidents with other older men. There have not been any, though, in many years.

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10. The topic of sex was kidded about by [REDACTED] and Father Buntel, but nothing ever happened until the last year. From Father Buntel's perspective [REDACTED] was more than willing in this.
11. In regard to the drugs involved, Father Buntel says that it was primarily cocaine and a little bit of marijuana.

Father Buntel agreed to accept an Administrative Leave and agreed to have an assessment at St. Luke Institute.