

REVIEW BOARD MEETING

September 7, 1995

Chancery - 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Case #2

The Board recommends that the restrictions on this priest's ministry be lifted. There is no convincing evidence to conclude that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred.

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This case has come before the Board four times: January 25, 1993, June 21 1993, December 6, 1993 and April 7, 1994. There were two allegations: molesting a young woman and inappropriate sexual touching with a young man.

Complainants: The woman was not credible in her accusation, and the complaint was dismissed; the young man was the son of a woman with whom the priest acknowledged having a long term sexual relationship.

Action to date: Since June of 1994 the priest has been assigned as a prison chaplain. He saw a therapist for about a year. The therapist communicated to the Delegate that the therapy was terminated by mutual agreement, and that he feels that the priest made definite progress in those issues which were the focus of therapy.

Future Plans: The priest is very content in his work, but would like to have restrictions lifted from his ministry. He would especially like to be able to help out in a parish where he would live.

By everyone's account, this priest is aggressive and "macho". Beneath this facade, it is evident to all who deal with him that he is a vulnerable and sensitive man. It is clear that he has a prayer life and works hard at his priesthood. It is the opinion of the Institute for Living, and of everyone who has dealt with this priest that he is difficult to manage but that he is not a danger to children. He has been forthright about his inappropriate behavior with the boy's mother but absolute and convincing in his denial of sexual activity with the boy.

Delegate's Recommendation: That the restrictions on this priest's ministry be lifted.

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