

The Archdiocese of Atlanta took swift action when Mr. Chappell contacted our office. A meeting was immediately arranged to listen to his allegations of two separate consensual adult relationships that he had with two priests. Mr. Chappell acknowledged that the relationships were completely voluntary and he alleges that only later after their encounter did he discover that the men were priests. The relationships were independent of the priests' clerical duties.

After being informed that Mr. Chappell had sought the advice of an attorney, the Archdiocese of Atlanta referred this matter to our legal counsel.

One of the priests was on loan to the Archdiocese of Atlanta and has been removed from his office. His bishop has been informed of this activity. The other priest is a priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and he is receiving counseling and professional assistance at his request. He does not have an appointment at this time.

The Church is saddened and disappointed to learn of these inappropriate actions.”