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Rev. Msgr. John Rawden
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth St.
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Msgr. Rawden:

During a recent phone conversation with you I mentioned I would send you a copy of what has transpired concerning Rev. Lawrence Lovell, CMF, a Claretian priest who was assigned at San Gabriel Mission from 1979 to 1984. I also briefly spoke with Archbishop Mahony, and he mentioned that it would be best that I keep you informed about what has been happening concerning Fr. Lovell. Enclosed is an overview of the events that have happened from the time I first became aware of Fr. Larry's problem to the present. Obviously, this report is to be kept confidential.

If there is any more information which you might need, or if you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Msgr. Rawden have a very blessed and love-filled Christmas. Know that my prayers are with you and your ministry during this Holy Season.

Sincerely,

Frank Ferrante, C.M.F.

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Provincial

RE: Rev. Larry Lovell, C.M.F.

- Thursday, October 24 -- in the afternoon a member of San Gabriel Mission Parish came to speak to me about a serious problem involving Fr. Larry's relationship with one of her children.
- Thursday, October 24, in the evening I met with both parents and one of the children. Given the nature of the problem expressed during my afternoon and evening meetings with members of this family, I called Fr. Larry in Phoenix and asked him to come to the Provincial House for a meeting on October 24, 1985.

I suggested and encouraged counseling for the child (young man) and for the parents. I knew at this time, too, that given the seriousness of the problem, and given certain legal requirements, that the counselor involved would have to make a report to child protective services (CPS). Shortly after this October 25th meeting I was assured by the parents of this family that such a report had been filed and that the police department had been involved with regard to interviewing some of the family members. I knew that both the parents including the child were also suggesting some kind of counseling. I concurred with the serious need for them to talk to a professional counselor and mentioned that I would see to it that the expenses would be taken care of.

- October 25, 1985 - I met with Fr. Larry at length and discussed the problem with him. The parents of the family involved and one of the children also joined Fr. Larry and me for part of our meeting. Given the nature of the problem and given the information which I received from the family and given my discussions with Fr. Larry, the following actions were taken:

- 1)- I removed Fr. Larry from active ministry immediately -- he was to return to Phoenix to make arrangements for his moving out of the parish there.
- 2)- After such arrangements were made which we had agreed would take only a couple of days, Fr. Larry was to be placed in residence in one of our communities where he would not be actively involved in a ministerial assignment. This move was to be very temporary. Within a couple of weeks Fr. Larry was to enter into a residential program which is specifically designed to help him with his illness. Larry began this program on November 7, 1985.
- 3)- Within a short time after discovering the nature of Fr. Larry's illness and after more discussion with the family involved, and with the concern that Fr. Larry might have been involved with other children, Mr. Jim Mead from "FOR KIDS SAKE, INC" was asked to meet with some of the high risk families. Two such meetings were held at San Gabriel Mission. On November 20th Mr. Mead also met with the Pastor of the parish where Fr. Larry has been assigned during the last two years and with a parent whose son would be considered a high risk. The Pastor was to meet with the parents of another family shortly thereafter, since those parents were unable to meet previously.
- 4)- I, together with a fellow Claretian priest, have spoken with Mr. Mead and other professionals on various occasions so that we could best respond to any families who might need help.