

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Office of: CHANCERY

TO: Archbishop Bevilacqua
FROM: Monsignor Shoemaker
DATE: May 3, 1988
RE: Reverend Edward M. DePaoli (1970)

In our last Personnel Meeting, following much discussion, you decided that you would speak to Father DePaoli who will be seeing you on Wednesday, May 4, 1988 at 4:00 p.m.

You noted that after you have spoken to Father DePaoli, informing him of your decision that another Diocese would be more appropriate for his priestly ministry, Bishop Lohmuller will then contact the Bishops of Metuchen, Scranton, and Harrisburg relative to their disposition of possibly accepting Father on an experimental basis.

BACKGROUND

In early Summer 1985, I was summoned to the U.S. Attorney's office in Philadelphia to accompany federal marshalls to one of our rectories in order for them to conduct a search of the room of the Reverend Edward M. DePaoli. A federal search warrant has been issued for this purpose. Before federal marshalls and myself and the pastor of the parish, we discovered extensive pornographic material in this priest's quarters. Some of these materials had been purchased by him and delivered through the U.S. mail. Several months later he was indicted on one count of knowingly receiving in the mails visual depiction of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. After a three day trial here in Philadelphia he was convicted of knowingly receiving these materials and placed on probation for one year.

During this time the Chancery office suspended Father DePaoli's faculties and he resided at Villa Saint John Vianney Hospital, Downingtown and was evaluated at Saint Luke Institute, Suitland, Maryland. The experts at Saint Lukes's recommended that Father DePaoli undergo extensive therapy at the House of Affirmation in Hopedale, Mass.

Father began this therapy in Massachusetts in May, 1987 and concluded the sessions in January, 1988. Following the recommendations of the House of Affirmation, Father was then sent to the Golden Valley Health Center, Minnesota for a 5 week intensified inpatient therapy in a sexual dependency unit (Report 2-26-88 enclosed). Father DePaoli returned to the Archdiocese and is residing with his parents in Royersford, Pa.

I directed him to undertake a two week retreat, which he has done. His Eminence restored his faculties several months ago following the recommendation of the House of Affirmation.

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A memo to Archbishop Bevilacqua from Chancellor Samuel Shoemaker, describing the case of Fr. DePaoli. The Archbishop had just restored the priest's unrestricted faculties despite a child pornography conviction. (Attached to GJ-2622)

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Father DePaoli will continue to attend Sexual Addicts Anonymus sessions and consult with Dr. Martha Turner, a psychiatrist in Philadelphia for the foreseeable future.

Prior to this very sad development in his life Father taught high school for 6 years and obtained a Doctor of Ministry degree at Princeton University.

*Thanks Good report
A JB
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