

MEMORANDUM

Re: Reverend John H. Mulholland

A group of adult advisers of the CYO called me last evening asking if they could come to the Chancery. They came this morning. They stated that in all there are about 15 adult advisers; 8 of them were here today. They stated they had come in order to put things in proper perspective because they feel that the picture at Saint Anastasia's has been put out of perspective by the group that had previously come to the Chancery.

They had gone to Father Kane concerning this problem and Father told them to come to the Chancery. It was the feeling of the group that a small handful of people were vindictive and tried to level charges against Father Mulholland; they feel he is upright in every respect.

1. stated that he has a son 16 years old who took a summer trip with Father for 21 days. He said Father did an exceptional job of showing the boys a good time. He did not ask for any money from the parents or the kids. He claims Father's character is above board. There was Mass every morning and much was taught about the Catholic religion. He claimed there was defamation of character concerning Father and sex.
2. has been chief adult adviser for the past 2½ years. He stated that he would never have given any thought to Father's actions; that he noticed nothing out of order and the accusations came as a surprise. He states that he has been working close to Father for two years.
3. A has a son who two years ago took a trip to the west with Father. When he came back he spoke highly of Father, who was instrumental in getting him into the priory. Father does spend a lot of time at the home.
4. has three girls in CYO. All of them are very active. He states that these three have been crushed by the news. He states that Father Mulholland gives his whole time to the parish and to the youth.
5. states that his wife took over as chief adviser. His son is the president.
6. Next a girl spoke whose name I did not get. She outlined the many activities of the CYO. It included community action, recreation programs, religious discussions, and other activities during the year. There is a paper drive each month to defray the expenses of the CYO. At this Father spent much of his time.

The group stated that there are about 73 members of the CYO; about 50 are active. They used some names of people whom they thought were here. They claimed that is easily swayed and is used as a pawn, and that there is an adult behind this.

Next there is a 19 years old, and currently in the priory.
Also a The group feels that is the backbone of this movement.

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A November 5, 1970 memo by Assistant Chancellor Vincent Walsh recording a meeting with CYO advisers from St. Anastasia. Fr. Walsh does not share his knowledge of Fr. Mulholland's history with parents of possible victims when they ask that the priest be allowed to stay in their parish. GJ-1366

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They did not feel that Father was a dictator but that he left many of the decisions to the group. Another man spoke up who stated that he had only been with the CYO since the summer but it did not take him long to feel that was trying to exercise control over the CYO. She attempted to dip her fingers into the pie. He felt that there was great disrespect from and therefore the adults got together and removed him. There was a special adult meeting because had been on a telephone campaign, whipping up agitation against Father.

Finally, there was a young man named a sophomore at Drexel. He stated that this summer the boys who were going along with Father were being harassed by phone by those boys who came to us.

Vincent M. Walsh
Assistant Chancellor

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