

Clergy

Cases – Sexual Misconduct Review Board

- Presently there are thirty-two open cases, the same number as in the previous year.
- There was one complaint regarding a member of a Religious Order that was not appropriate for the review Board to consider.
- There were no deaths or other closings during this year.

The number of Review Board cases did not increase during this year and still stands at eighty-one. Although there were other complaints during the years, eighty-one cases were formally opened and considered by the Board. This is the first year in which there was no new case presented for Review Board consideration.

During the past years, forty-nine of the formal Review Board cases were closed because no further legal, pastoral or victim issues were being pursued. However, all earlier clergy restrictions on ministry remain in place in these closed cases. No other Review Board cases were considered for closure during this year.

Cases – Misconduct –Non-Review Board related

There are fifty-nine active cases that have not risen to the level of active consideration by the Review Board. Some such cases have been formally closed over the years but no closings in this group took place during this past year.

Another review of all cases is underway to insure that there are no situations in which a case is left without attention (I.e., allowed to “slip through the new”), or in which some form of ministry may have evolved that is not consistent with appropriate restrictions.

Counseling

(Tufts health Plan is working to provide the Delegate with the cost information for clergy psychotherapy for the period 07-01-00 to 06-30-01. During the previous year there were seventy-five members of the clergy involved in psychotherapy at a cost of \$154,632. The numbers are likely to somewhat less for this past year.)

Costs for inpatient care are being identified through the Chancery billing office. This past year has probably seen an increase in overall costs for the year with one or two patients spending a considerable amount of time in in-patient care. Cost for in-patient care for last year was: \$82,961)

Client Cases

Caseload

The active caseload is sixty-seven, and increase of five from last year.

There were twenty-six client complaints this year clustered around the Middleton case and one other perpetrator. Even this number of twenty-six is more than a 50% decrease from the forty-three complaints of last year, making this, by far, the lowest number of complaints in seven years.

Since the Archdiocesan Policy was promulgated, there have been four hundred and twenty-eight complaints.

Counseling

Of the sixty-two cases fifty-seven are involved in outpatient psychotherapy at a cost of \$137,857, a decrease of \$8,223 from the previous year. During this past year, seventeen cases were closed, but there were twenty-two new cases and thirteen cases were re-activated. This is increase of eighteen cases from last year's total of active psychotherapy caseload of thirty-nine.

Legal Settlements

(Wil Rogers office)

Review Board

The Review Board continued to meet but on a much less frequent basis. The Board met on three occasions and reviewed three cases. The Board was also updated on the status of other cases previously discussed and some of the issues that were facing the office from a single court case and the situation in Middleton, Massachusetts. The attendance continued to be 90% or above.

Brief Summary of Annual Report

1. Clergy

a. Caseload

There is now an Open Caseload, i.e., cases that have been reviewed by the Review Board, of **thirty-two cases**. (**Appendix 1 attached**)

This is down from a high of **ninety cases** reviewed and a total of **eighty-one cases** that have formally been opened as formal Review Board cases. . The change in numbers over this past year is the result of the death of one priest and the addition of three new cases reviewed by the Board. The Board did not close any active cases on its roster during this past year. A closing of a case in the past **does not mean that priests are returned to ministry or that restrictions have been relaxed**. It only means that there are no further legal or pastoral issues that are actively being pursued such as a legal suit or support for a victim.

There are also fifty-nine other cases that continue as "active" but have not risen to the level of needing consideration by the Review Board. (**Appendix 2 attached**)

During this year, all cases have undergone a review. These include all Review Board cases, the 'active' list noted above and all other situations in which there was some form of complaint, however vague it may have been. This periodic review prevents any situation from becoming 'lost' in the system.

b. Counseling

1. Outpatient

Within the Tufts Health Plan mental health benefit there are eighty-three members of the clergy of the Archdiocese involved in some form of **outpatient psychotherapy** the cost for which was \$171,373.

Of the **eighty-three**, approximately **eight** were involved with the **Office of the Delegate** and the cost of counseling for this group was \$16,741.

In some cases, other funds are required to support counseling. For this year, the additional amount was negligible, i.e., \$230.00 and is included in the above total of **\$16,741** .

2. Inpatient

There were three cases of inpatient treatment during this year with a total cost of \$82,961. These cases were treated at either Southdown or the Saint Luke Institute. The costs were an increase of \$70,203 from the previous year.

2. Clients

a. Caseload

There is an active client caseload of sixty-two cases, down from sixty-five. There were **forty-three client complaints** this past year and most of these complaints were related to one former priest. Without the complaints related to one priest, the complaints would have been at the second lowest level in six years. This brings to 402 the total number of complaints received since the Archdiocesan Policy was promulgated in 1992.

b. Counseling

Of the sixty-two active cases, twenty-three were new during this year. These 'cases' are complaints that have been processed and are involved in pastoral, counseling or legal activities. Of the sixty-two cases, thirty-nine are receiving outpatient psychotherapy with some financial support from the Archdiocese.

The cost of counseling for the past year was \$146,080, which was an increase of \$11,287 from the previous year. Although 23 counseling cases were closed, they were of a less intense and therefore less expensive nature. Twenty-four cases were added to the counseling caseload and typically new cases are more intense and expensive at the beginning of therapy.

2. Legal cases / settlements

There were 18 settlements during this year for a total cost of \$2,265,000. The average cost for each complaint was \$125,833. The largest settlement was \$600,000 and the smallest was \$5,000. Of this total amount, \$1,990,000 was recovered from insurance. \$175,000 continues to be "at issue" with the insurance carrier and \$100,000 was for a case in which the insurance was exhausted.

3. Review Board

The Review Board continues to meet regularly although less basis during the year. During this period, the Board met on three occasions, reviewed nine cases and had an attendance record of about 90%. The Board also consults on other situations that are brought to it and its advice and counsel on these matters are very positive contributions to the work of the Delegate. Examples of this type of consultation are the comments of the Board on parish situations such as that experienced at Saint Agnes parish in Middleton.

Appendix 1

Open Review Board Cases: July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000: 29
(July 1 to December 30, 2000: 32)

Berthold	Buntel	Coleman	Connell
Fitzgerald, G. (Inac.)	Foley, Jas. D.	Frost	Geoghan
Hawker	Hickey	Johnson, R.G. (Inac.)	Kelley, A. E.
Kelley, E.T.(Inac.)	Lambert (Inac.)	Lane	Manning
Matte	McLeod(Inac./Oakl)	McPartland	Meffan
Morrisette	Plourde	Rynne	Shanley
Spagnolo	Surette (Inac.)	Thibault (S.M.)	Tivnan
Tourigney			

Changes in FY '00

Fr. John Curley, deceased: 11-99

Additions in FY 2000:

Fr. James J. Foley

Fr. William A. Scanlon

Fr. Robert A. Ward

Appendix 2

Non-Review Board Cases: 20

Barrett, Robt.	Bayers, S.H.	Birmingham	Breton, P.E.
Buckley, J.	Burns, J.F.	Conte, D.	Cotter, J.
Coughlin, R.T.	Crieghton	Hanlon, J.R.	Hightower, P.
Keefe, D.A.	Lane, J.	McDonald, P.E.	McManus, P.J. (Inac)
Murphy, J.J.	O'Sullivan, E.	Shea, J. (S.J.)	Towner, R.