

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

TO: Bishop McCormack

FROM: Dr. Mary Pat Noonan
St. Luke Institute

TELEPHONE: 301-422-5442

RE: Conference call regarding Fr.
Andy Meehan

DATE: August 30, 2001 3:34 PM

She was calling Bp. Christian – re conference call Friday, August 31st at 9:30 AM with all who are evaluating Fr. Andy Meehan. Does Bishop McCormack want to be part of the conference call? If so, which telephone number to call.

Option: They will send a letter with a summary.

*8/30 left voice mail to call IBM
@ office for conf. call*

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

To: Rev. Edward J. Arsenault

From: Joseph Naff

Re: Fr. Meehan

Date: May 8, 2002

On Wed. May 8, 2002, at your request for me to seek direction from Division for Children, Youth and Families, I contacted deputy director Joseph Arciniacona. I advised him that we have learned that a priest (Fr. Meehan) reported to his treatment provider at St. Luke Institute that he acknowledged attraction and past sexual behavior with teens. No specifics as to time, place or names of victims were reported. I asked for advice on how this should be handled with regard to reporting requirements. Mr. Arciniacona said he would consult with Director Nancy Rollins and call me back.

Following consultation with Ms. Rollins, Mr. Arciniacona advised me that due to the lack of specificity of the information reported, DCYF would not take a report at this time. He did, however, advise me that because the alleged sexual behavior with teens is a crime, a report should be made to the NH Attorney General's office.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM—ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGED

To: Rev. Edward J. Arsenault

From: Bradford E. Cook

Re: Fr. Meehan

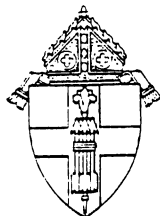
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After discussion and review of issues arising from certain statements made by Fr. Meehan in his psychological evaluation arising from treatment for an eating disorder, in which he expressed concern about his sexual orientation and the fact that he may have inappropriately had physical contact with minors, W. Michael Dunn of this office and I concur that the following is/has been an appropriate course of conduct.

We contacted N. William Delker of the Attorney General's Office about the advisability of reporting this to the Division of Children, Youth and Families, notwithstanding the fact that it may not be squarely within the reporting statute. He stated that he is not in the business of giving legal advice to private parties but that he would understand such action in the present environment. Following review of that, we understand that Joseph Naff contacted the Division and discussed giving the report. The Division refused the report as there were no dates, times, minors or places specified and therefore there was nothing they could do with it. This action conforms to our understanding of prior Division advice on whether such matters have to be reported. I have this day reported to Mr. Delker (via his voicemail) the fact that the report was refused and the fact that we are going to enter a report in the priest's file with statements of what has happened. I asked him to call me back if he disagreed with this course of action and he has not called back.

Our recommendation is that this memorandum be put in the file along with the other materials concerning the matter as documentation of the discussions with the state and the process of analysis related thereto.

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OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP
+ Francis J. Christian, D.D., Ph.D.153 Ash Street – Box 310
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Reverend Edward J. Arsenault
Chancellor – Secretary for Administration

FROM: Most Reverend Francis J. Christian

DATE: April 18, 2002

RE: Reverend Andrew Meehan

- 1.) Is there anything in this memo that we would be uncomfortable with should it get into the hands of the authorities?
- 2.) If we are going to report – when and how?
- 3.) Who contacts Andy Meehan to inform him and give him the appropriate advice?

M E M O R A N D U M

C O N F I D E N T I A L

TO: File

FROM: Most Reverend Francis J. Christian

DATE: April 18, 2002

RE: Reverend Andrew Meehan

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Several times over the length of his stay I called Father Meehan to simply see how he was doing. During a telephone call in the month of March Father Meehan revealed to me that he had begun to understand some of his underlying problems. Specifically, that he recognized that he was homosexual (Father Meehan was a married man prior to entering the priesthood and has several children), that his primary attraction apparently would be toward young men who are teenagers e.g. 15-16 years old. At that time I encouraged Father Meehan to continue to make progress in his understanding of his issues.

On April 3rd I participated in a conference call with Father Meehan and several of the therapists with whom he had been working. During this call it became apparent that Father Meehan had shared with the therapist in very general terms that since his ordination to the priesthood there had been two or three occasions on which he had been overly affectionate with teenage boys. This behavior apparently involved hugging and inappropriate kissing even on the mouth on one or two occasions. Father Meehan was unwilling to share the specifics of times, names or places when these occurrences took place. He indicated that he understood that the behavior was totally inappropriate and that he felt he was now beginning to be able to control any further instances of such behavior. I told Father Meehan that as a result of this revelation and in accordance with our Diocesan policy on the sexual abuse of minors he would not be able to be assigned again in the Diocese. He indicated that he understood and given his age and the state of his health was going to retire from active ministry and return to live in the Philadelphia area with his family. I indicated to him that if and when that occurred the Diocese would have to inform the Archdiocese of Philadelphia about his presence there and to make it clear that he did not have any faculties to function publicly as a priest. I told Father Meehan the Diocese would be in touch with him again when we determine any other steps that we would need to pursue.

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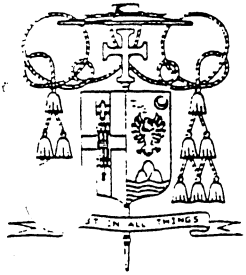
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May 23, 2002

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St. Luke Institute
8901 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Springs, MD 20903-3611

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
FILE: *Confidential*
AUTHORIZED: *Jm*

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL ATTENTION

Dear Father Meehan:

I hope that the receipt of this letter finds you to be in good health and spirit. You have worked hard these past months, and I am grateful for this. The outcome of your treatment is not what we initially anticipated. I believe that God has His ways of helping us, and I pray that you will find His protective care for you in the conclusions that have been reached.

During these past several months Bishop Christian has received regular reports from the staff at St. Luke's about your progress, culminating in the telephone 'exit conference' with Bishop Christian and a final written report dated April 19, 2002. It is clear from this report that you admit to a sexual attraction to teenage young men, and, while you have not specified any details, you admit to having had some inappropriate behavior with such young men. Based on the provisions of our Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy, I am withdrawing permission for you to minister publicly as a priest, effective immediately.

For reasons of your general health, I also grant you an early retirement effective this date. Please be in touch with Father Edward Arsenault, Secretary for Administration, and Monsignor John P. Quinn, Secretary for Finance, to arrange the appropriate insurance coverage and Diocesan retirement stipend.

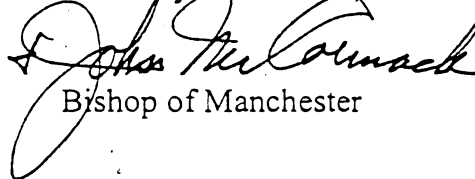
It is my understanding that you plan to live in Philadelphia near your family. I ask that you notify me as soon as you have arrived, so that I may be in contact with the Archbishop of Philadelphia in order to inform him of your presence in the Archdiocese and of your canonical status.

It will be necessary, Andy, for you to strictly observe all of the provisions of the after-care contract that you signed with St. Luke Institute and that was approved by Bishop Christian. In particular, I request you to inform Bishop Christian of the name and address of both the spiritual director and the counselor with whom you will continue to work after your discharge. It will be necessary that the Diocese receive regular reports from both of them that you are working with them on a regular basis and that you continue to work on your recovery.

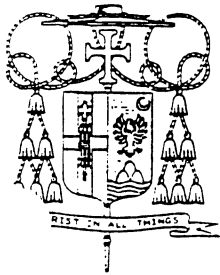
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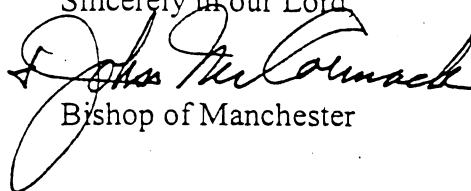
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