

1. **Please indicate the dates and length of time in which Gordon MacRae was in the residential treatment program at Villa Louis Martin:**

From March 13, 1989 to April 25, 1990. The length of time was about 13 months.

2. **Please list the professional staff members who were involved with his therapy program and their credentials:**

Jack Ellis, M.D., Psychiatrist: Individual Therapist.
Robert Goodkind, Ph.D., Psychologist: Group Therapist.
Cynthia Corbett, Ph.D., Psychodramatist: Group Therapist.
Nancy Rosborough, M.A., A.T.R.: Art Therapist;
Marty Green, R.N., Group Therapist.
Bridget Cannon, O.P.: Spiritual Director
Richard Drabik, M.I.C.: Spiritual Director
Corinne Taylor, M.A.: Cognitive Therapist.
Hemming Atterbom, Ph.D., Physiologist
Richard Pappenfuss, Ph.D., Physiologist
Peter Lechner, s.P., Ph.D.: Program Director

3. **Please present a brief description of the Villa Louis Martin program:**

The Villa Louis Martin program was a holistic care program for priests and brothers suffering from psychological, behavioral, or vocational issues. The program employed individual psychotherapy, various forms of group therapy, didactic seminars, and a disciplined spiritual life in order to assist those participating in the program. The process typically followed by program participants was one of greater awareness and insight into one's patterns of behavior, working through core issues underlying behavior, development of sustained appropriate coping mechanisms and behaviors versus formerly disruptive, self-defeating or inappropriate behaviors. The ultimate purpose was a life style consistent with values appropriate for priests and religious brothers.

4. **Please describe how Gordon MacRae came to be referred to the Villa Louis Martin program:**

Referral came from the Department of Probation and the Stafford Guidance Clinic.

5. **A Treatment Summary was prepared by you on December 26, 1989, and sent to the Cheshire County Department of Probation. Who was this report sent to?**

Karen Grovier, Probation Officer
Henry Guertin-Ouellette, PH.D., Psychologist
David Forrest, Attorney

6. Does the report, and any other reports prepared by you, generally reflect a collaborative effort by the treatment staff listed above?

Yes, at weekly staff meetings the treatment and progress of priests and brothers in treatment was discussed by all the therapists and spiritual directors participating in each individual's program. Reports were based on the collective contribution of staff members.

7. In this report cited above, you make reference to three other reports or evaluations. On page one of your report you quoted the House of Affirmation evaluation as indicating that "Father MacRae is a sexual offender who currently is not able to curtail such behavior without professional support." Was this the view of you and the Villa Louis Martin staff or were you only quoting the House of Affirmation report?

This was not the view of myself and the staff. I was only quoting the House of Affirmation report.

8. How long was Gordon MacRae at the House of Affirmation?

Five days.

9. What is the current status of the House of Affirmation and how can they be contacted?

The House of Affirmation is no longer in existence.

10. Do you and the staff of Villa Louis Martin agree that Gordon MacRae is a "sexual offender" and was not able to curtail such behavior without professional support?

Gordon was referred to us as a "sexual offender" who needed professional treatment. During the course of treatment it became evident that his sexual offenses consisted in limited sexual activity with adults before ordination, some sexual activity with adult prostitutes after ordination (for the Villa Louis Martin program this was regarded as a moral offense and unacceptable behavior for a priest), as well as having a young man sit on his lap, hugging him and attempting to kiss him (Gordon had been drinking alcohol at the time), and in imprudent conversation with a young man who said he would do anything for money. We were aware of no other sexual offenses.

If by "sexual offender" the above question is indicating that Gordon admitted, in a court of law, to solicitation of a minor, then, in that sense we accepted that Gordon was a "sexual offender". We understand that what happened is that the youth in question had a conversation with Gordon in which the youth said he would do anything for money. Gordon asked if he meant "anything" and when the youth indicated he meant "anything" Gordon responded that that type of talk could get him into trouble. When charged, Gordon pleaded guilty in order to avoid adverse publicity for the Church. If by "sexual offender" the above question is indicating someone who repeatedly sexual abused others in an illegal fashion and was likely to continue doing so without professional help, I believe we did not consider Gordon to be a sexual offender.

11. **Also in the Villa Louis Martin report you cited the Strafford Guidance Center report as indicating that "Mr. MacRae appears to fit the description of a fixated sexual offender, a man who has a primary sexual interest in children, usually males." Was this the view of you and the Villa Louis Martin staff or were you only quoting the Strafford Guidance Center report?**

This was not the view of the Villa Louis Martin Staff; I was only quoting what had been said by the Strafford Guidance Center report. In the report to Probation Department I had said that although other reports have indicated a compulsive quality to his sexual acting out, he did not present as someone obsessed by sexual fantasies or driven to sexual acting out.

12. **Was the Strafford Guidance Center evaluation an inpatient or outpatient process? If inpatient, how long was it? If outpatient, how many sessions did Gordon MacRae have there?**

Outpatient; the report indicates that 2 hours were billed for the evaluation.

13. **Can you provide the name and academic degree of the person who conducted the evaluation and prepared the Strafford Guidance Center report?**

Adam Stern, M.A.

14. **Do you and the staff of Villa Louis Martin agree with the Strafford Report that "Mr. MacRae appears to fit the description of a fixated sexual offender, a man who has a primary sexual interest in children, usually males" ?**

No, Mr. MacRae does not fit this description.

15. Are you aware that the comments cited in the above two reports from House of Affirmation and Strafford Guidance Center have been repeatedly attributed to you and the Villa Louis Martin program in New Hampshire press reports?

Yes.

16. Can you comment on whether the press reports attributed to you have been accurate?

The reports are inaccurate in saying that the Villa Louis Martin Program diagnosed Gordon MacRae as a fixated sex offender.

The media report that Gordon was making slow progress was also misleading. In a report to the Probation Department (Report to Mr. Thomas Tewhey, Dept. of Corrections: August 4, 1989) I had said that: "In the judgment of the staff, he (MacRae) is dealing effectively with the primary issue that brought him here, his sexual behavior, and evidences a genuine sense of repentance for past misbehavior. As is typical in the treatment of sexual difficulties, other issues have also surfaced in the course of therapy and are likewise being dealt with. His therapy here is, in a sense, still in "midstream." In the only other report I believe I sent to the probation department I had said "my impression is that in his nine months at VLM Gordon had made significant progress."

17. What is the average length of stay in the Villa Louis Martin program? Is it somewhat unusual for an individual to spend a year in this particular residential treatment program?

The average length of stay is a few weeks over 6 months. Staying for a year is not unusual in the sense that "unusual" might imply resistance to treatment, poor progress or poor prognosis. Individuals who stay for a year typically experience a more profound process of recovery.

18. Why was Gordon MacRae in the Villa Louis Martin program for one year?

Gordon MacRae was in the Villa Louis Martin program for one year because of the depth of issues related to abuse he received as a child. Temporal lobe epilepsy was also involved. Gordon himself requested that he stay for a year because he had fairly good insight into his issues and recognized that six months were not sufficient to deal adequately with them.

19. Please describe the diagnoses and prognoses of the treatment staff of Villa Louis Martin regarding Gordon MacRae.

Gordon was charged and admitted to solicitation of a minor, as indicated in number 10 above. This was the immediate reason for his being referred to Villa Louis Martin. Two other incidents of sexual impropriety with youth were brought forward against Gordon, one which he admitted to and the other he consistently claimed never happened. A previous evaluation referred to Gordon as "a sexual offender who currently is not able to curtail such behavior without professional support" and another report said that he "fitted the description of a fixated sexual offender, a man who has a primary sexual interest in children, usually males." These reports drew conclusions on the basis of a few hours or few days of observation. The Villa Louis Martin accepted these diagnoses as working hypotheses, but, in time, came to see that Gordon was not fixated, definitely had control over his sexual behavior, but had, however, paid adults for sexual favors. In time it became evident that Gordon's behavior was affected by factors other than sexual drive. Dr. Guertin-Ouelette earlier had observed, after extensive psychotherapy with Gordon that, sexuality was not the primary issue for Gordon¹. These factors are:

Alcoholism: By his own admission Gordon was an alcoholic, with this disease being in remission for approximately six years before entering the program at Jemez Springs. There have been no indications of a return to alcoholic behavior from the time he entered the Jemez Program until the present.

Depression, suicidal ideation and suicide attempt: Gordon had attempted suicide shortly before entering the VLM program. (There is a history of suicide in Gordon's family.) He was depressed when he entered Villa Louis Martin. The depression was related to accusations made in his regard, as well as to a compulsive style of work and assumption of responsibility for others. Childhood events had probably disposed him toward depression. Rather than experiencing clearly defined depressive feelings, however, Gordon suffered from a lack of awareness of his feelings, albeit feelings were present. His being "out of touch" with his feelings seems to have been related to the abuse he suffered when he was a child, and to temporal lobe epilepsy.

¹. While the two reports mentioned earlier, one from House of Affirmation where Gordon was for only five days and the other from Strafford Guidance Clinic where Gordon was evaluated, according to the report, for two hours, arrived at far-reaching, all-embracing and definitive conclusions in regards to Gordon, the staff at VLM believes that such time periods would be inadequate to properly understand the complex problems which Gordon had. The conclusions arrived at with regards to Gordon at VLM came after many months and were similar to those arrived at by Dr. Guertin Ouelette after four years of psychotherapy with Gordon.

In October of 1989 an EEG was administered to Gordon and indicated that he was suffering from temporal lobe epilepsy. He was prescribed trilacon. He responded well to drug therapy for a representable period of time. His psychological/emotional functioning was quite different since beginning anticonvulsant medication, most noticeably in his greater awareness and expression of feelings.

Psychological consequences of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. One of the apparent effects of the serious abuse Gordon suffered during his childhood was his penchant for taking on responsibility and caring for the needs of others -- more than for himself. This went to the extent of his assuming responsibility for the misdeeds of others. He also suffered from a feeling that he had hurt or exploited others and was not able to forgive himself for that².

In time this became the major therapeutic issue in Gordon's therapy. In therapy with Dr. Ellis Gordon came to realize that, as a child, he always believed that he had the problems and was at fault rather than his father. In therapy Gordon came to realize how disturbed his father was. This observation came after exploration of terrifying events he experienced as a child, e.g., his father wrapping him in a blanket or rug and then beating him while he was immobilized. On another occasion Gordon was tied to a tree while his father held a gun to his head, deciding whether or not to shoot him.

Gordon's progress in the program was excellent. He took personal responsibility for past and future behavior. He demonstrated an appreciation of and fidelity to ethical standards, and had an empathy and respect for others. He demonstrated god insight into past attitudes, behavior, feelings and thoughts, and was highly motivated to avoid past behavior.

The staff did not consider Gordon to be at risk for acting out behavior.

20. **Please summarize the December 1988 report prepared by Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, Ph.D. which you refer to in your December, 1989 report.**

Summary of December 1988 report by Dr. Guertin-Ouelette, Ph.D.:

Gordon came to Consultation Service for Clergy and Religious 4 years previous, suffering from alcoholism, regarded as self destructive behavior. After some time an allegation of improper behavior with a young boy was reported to Dept. of

² *Dr. Guertin-Ouelette in his brief summary points out certain consequences that Gordon suffered from being abused: self destructive behavior, feeling responsible for everyone and taking on responsibility for anything that happens around him, being undeserving of anything, poor self-esteem.*

Social Services but was dropped as being questionable. Gordon had a tendency to initiate close relationships with younger boys. These proved to be very straight forward and altruistic types of relationships, chosen in order to be kind in order (Dr. Guertin-Ouelette's assumption) to treat himself the way he wished his parents had treated him.

Gordon was emotionally and physically abused by his father. This had lead to feelings of abandonment, of being responsible for everyone, and of being undeserving of anything -- traits typical of the abused child. As a result he suffered from poor self esteem and self destructive tendencies. One of Gordon's strongest traits is his self destructive tendency.

Another aspect of the abused child that Gordon took on was a sense of responsibility for anything that happened around him. This might explain his eagerness in pleading guilty to the charge of endangerment. He was never been able to place blame on others. In the face of any apparent injustice Gordon finds reasons why this was due to him.

Some progress has been made in therapy, but Gordon was still in denial (regarding the above mentioned personality dynamics). Dr. Ouelette recommended that future therapy address obsessive compulsive behavior, particularly in regards to alcoholism, and make him aware of self-destructive tendencies. Dr. Ouelette felt that Gordon needed to work on self-concept and self esteem. Twelve step groups were recommended, and it was recommended that he go to a residential treatment center.

21. How long was Gordon MacRae in weekly outpatient therapy with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, according to this report?

Four years.

22. Of the three reports cited above, from the House of Affirmation, the Strafford Guidance Center, and Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, and after one year of residential treatment of Gordon MacRae, did the Villa Louis Martin staff have a sense that any one of these reports more accurately reflected Mr. MacRae's diagnostic issues than the others?

My impression is that the staff's sense of Mr. MacRae's diagnosis was that Dr. Guertin-Ouellette's report, which was written after four years of psychotherapy, reflected his diagnostic issues more accurately than the reports from the House of Affirmation, where Gordon was for only five days, and the Strafford Guidance Center, where Gordon was tested for approximately two hours, according to the report itself.

23. Did the professional staff of Villa Louis Martin feel that Gordon MacRae was honest and successful in treatment?

Yes.

24. In his one year of treatment at Villa Louis Martin, did Gordon MacRae ever make reference to having been sexually involved or inappropriate in any way with [REDACTED] from Keene, New Hampshire? If so, which one, in what way, and how often?

Gordon MacRae never made reference to having been sexually involved or inappropriate in any way with [REDACTED] from Keene, New Hampshire.

25. In his one year of treatment at Villa Louis Martin, did Gordon MacRae ever make reference to having been sexually involved or inappropriate in any way with [REDACTED] from Hampton, New Hampshire, other than the incident of hugging which he has acknowledged as having happened in 1983? If so, in what way, and how often?

Gordon MacRae never made reference to having been sexually involved, etc., with [REDACTED] other than the incident mentioned.

26. In his one year of treatment at Villa Louis Martin, did Gordon MacRae ever make reference to having been sexually involved or inappropriate in any way with [REDACTED] from Keene, New Hampshire, other than the incident of inappropriate and solicitous comments which he pleaded guilty to in 1988? If so, in what way, and how often?

In his year of treatment at Villa Louis Martin Gordon only made reference to a remark he made to [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] said he needed money and would do anything for money. I believe that Gordon asked if he meant "anything" and added that [REDACTED] needed to be careful because that could get him into trouble.

27. Did Gordon MacRae discuss with the therapists at Villa Louis Martin the allegation later brought by [REDACTED] that Gordon MacRae took lewd photographs of him? What was Gordon MacRae's and the staffs' disposition regarding this allegation?

Gordon did discuss with the staff the accusation that he made lewd photographs of a youth -- at least with Dr. Ellis. Gordon maintained that he had never done this.

Dr. Ellis checked into this and felt that Gordon was not withholding. Gordon also spoke with me about this.

28. Do you wish to add any further information?

When Gordon first came to us, his presence was preceded by reports from House of Affirmation and Strafford Guidance Clinic. The House of Affirmation report was written after Gordon was there for five days and the Strafford Guidance Clinic report was written, according to their report, after two hours of interviewing -- lengths of time that would not seem adequate to accurately evaluate the complex problems Gordon suffered from. These reports were very condemnatory of Gordon and pictured him as a child offender with little conscience. It was only after time that it became clear that Gordon did not fit the description of the House of Affirmation and Strafford Guidance Clinic. He had a depth of conscientiousness and sensitivity to others, and a very high degree of ethical concern that did not fit with what the reports said of him. These conclusions were more consonant with the conclusions of Dr. Guertin-Ouelette who had seen Gordon in psychotherapy for a period of four years.

In a report to the Department of Probation I mentioned the accusations that had been made in the above mentioned reports by way of background information regarding what had been said about him. I indicated that Gordon did not present as someone obsessed by sexual fantasies or driven to sexual acting out. I then went on to speak about Gordon's progress as well as the issues he was currently working on in therapy. I feel I tried to be very honest. I was later dismayed to find out how my reports were misinterpreted, and positive statements that were essential to understanding Gordon and his therapy were left out. This I feel was a serious injustice.

From the vantage point of time, having come to understand Gordon better and having given careful consideration to all that has happened, I now feel that a dominant influence in Gordon's life has been his tendency to take responsibility for others, even to the point of taking blame on himself for the misdeeds of others. This appears to stem from the tragic events of his childhood, which I believe Dr. Guertin-Ouelette correctly understood, and were worked on successfully in Gordon's treatment here.

An incident from Gordon's time here has always remained deeply impressed on my consciousness and illustrates the personality dynamics just referred to. At one time, while directing the Villa Louis Martin Program, I found it necessary to dismiss a particular priest for not complying with program expectations. This individual belonged to a small therapy group which consisted of about seven members, one of whom was Gordon. The group became very angry toward me for dismissing their fellow group member. In one of their group sessions, under the direction of

the art therapist, the group vented their anger in regards to me until Gordon took the stance that it was really his and the group's fault that their fellow group member had been dismissed. Gordon lead the group to believe that it was his and their fault because they had not dealt with his resistance. In reality the "resistance" of that individual was related to personal decisions he made and was not the responsibility of his group.

Note this report is being sent directly to Mr. Ron Koch, without Gordon seeing its contents.

signed: _____
Peter Lechner, Ph.D.

Date: _____

Notarization of Signature:

Notary Public / Justice of the Peace

FR Gordon MacRae

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September 17, 1990

Rev. Gordon J. MacRae
Foundation House
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, NM 87025

Dear Gordon:

Thank you for your letter of September 10. I was delighted to hear that you are steadily making good progress. I was particularly happy to hear of the job opportunity with the Servants of the Paraclete. Please understand that you are free to accept whatever position you feel to be good for you, with the understanding that such a position cannot involve any formal priestly ministry.

In regard to your request to remain on our diocesan health and auto insurance plan, I will be happy to continue to carry you on these programs. When it is possible for you to reimburse us, even if only in part for these expenses, it will be appreciated.

Fr. Hoare's offer of a scholarship for a priest of the diocese to one of the Foundation programs is certainly much appreciated. I will look forward to hearing from him in this regard at his convenience.

Things here in the Diocese are somewhat hectic. We will be promulgating our diocesan 5-year plan, "RENEWING THE COVENANT", this Sunday. You probably are aware of some of the details of it from other materials you have received. It has been a long process but hopefully the various elements of the plan will have real pastoral benefit. I am including, for your information, a brochure and prayer card which will be distributed in all the parishes. Please keep this effort and all of us in your prayers.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call. Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian
Secretary
Chancellor

Enclosure

Foundation House
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, NM 87025

September 10, 1990

Rev. Msgr. Francis Christian, Ph.D.
Diocese of Manchester
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Dear Frank,

This letter is long overdue, but I wanted to let you know that I appreciated your visit here in April. The meeting with the staff of Villa Louis Martin and your discussions with me were very helpful to me. I know that the staff of VLM was also very pleased with your visit.

Frank, when I left Villa Louis Martin at the end of March my intention was to seek employment in the Albuquerque area. Because I was going through a difficult adjustment to the large amount of medication I have been taking for the seizure disorder some of the staff questioned whether I should try to manage full time work right away. I have been feeling increasingly better, and want to begin planning to obtain a full time position.

Last week the Minister General of the Servants of the Paraclete, Very Reverend Liam Hoare, s.P., presented me with the proposal of a permanent position on the staff of one of the therapeutic programs. The position he proposed to me was that of Assistant to the Director of Foundation House, the sister program of Villa Louis Martin in Jemez Springs. In addition to his responsibilities as Minister General and Executive Director of Therapeutic Programs, Father Hoare is also Program Director of Foundation House. His proposal intended that, if I accept this position, it would begin on a full time basis at the beginning of January. At that time I will have been out of my own treatment program for almost a year. Between now and then it was suggested by Father Hoare that I work in his office on a part time basis to familiarize myself with the responsibilities.

The general job description for this position would be to assist Father Hoare in the day to day administration of Foundation House, the Minister General's Office, and the development of other Servants of the Paraclete programs. This position would be contracted for one to three years, and subject to review after that period. Because the Servants of the Paraclete Community is small they occasionally invite diocesan priests, usually former residents of their programs, to work in association with them. I do not plan to seek or accept any pastoral responsibility outside of Foundation House.

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The legal probation which I am now under will expire in about eight weeks. Father Hoare is aware of all the issues involved in my coming to Jemez Springs, the developments in my treatment process, and the aftercare recommendations made by Villa Louis Martin. He is also aware that I am receiving treatment from a neurologist, and that I continue to see Dr. Ellis for weekly therapy. He has already consulted with Dr. Ellis about this.

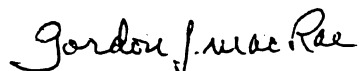
Frank, I would very much like to accept this position. In addition to regaining a sense of dignity and responsibility, the therapeutic and spiritual environment would be very beneficial to me. I would continue to live in an apartment in Rio Rancho as I have been, and commute with another staff member from Foundation House who lives nearby.

There is another matter which I also want to bring to your attention. I have been very appreciative of the financial help the Diocese has given me in the form of salary and assistance with living expenses since I left Villa Louis Martin. I anticipate that after January I will no longer need this assistance. The financial bind that I got myself into is slowly dissolving. I would ask that I be permitted to remain on Diocesan health and auto insurance after January. I should be able to reimburse the Diocese for these monthly, but that may not be possible right away. After recent blood chemistry tests I had to increase daily medication again. Because of this illness I have been told that it would be very difficult and costly for me to find another insurance carrier for medical insurance.

I did tell Father Hoare that I have been very concerned with the financial burden I have placed on my Diocese because of the length of time I was in treatment and the assistance I have had to utilize since my release. He acknowledged this and suggested that he would be interested in offering the Diocese a full scholarship for a priest of the Diocese who may be able to benefit from one of the Servants' programs. He said that he would be in touch with you or the Bishop about this further. He also indicated that he would write to you and the Bishop to discuss with you the position he wishes me to assume.

I remain indebted to the Diocese for the understanding, care and concern that has been extended to me since I have been here. I would appreciate it if you would extend my gratitude to Bishop O'Neill. I would also appreciate Bishop Gendron's address if you could send that to me.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

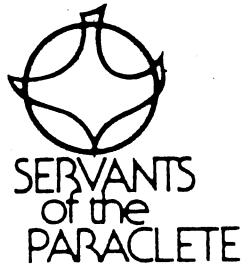


(Reverend) Gordon J. MacRae

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OFFICE OF THE SERVANT GENERAL

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
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Most Reverend and Dear Bishop O'Neil,

As you know, Father Gordon MacRae was a resident in our Psychotherapeutic and Spiritual Renewal Program at Villa Louis Martin in Jemez Springs. Father MacRae successfully completed that program and graduated approximately six months ago. I understand that Father MacRae was prepared to be released from this program months earlier, but remained because of the diagnosis of complex temporal lobe seizure disorder which has been chemically treated successfully since its diagnosis.

Father MacRae has been invited to accept a position on the staff of Foundation House, also located in Jemez Springs, in the capacity of Assistant to the Director. This position will formally commence at the beginning of January, 1991. It is a common practice of the Servants of the Paraclete to invite former priest/residents with experience and training to fill positions in our facilities. I am aware of all the issues surrounding Father MacRae's entering the program at Villa Louis Martin and the diagnostic and treatment process which took place there.

At this juncture I would also like to extend an invitation to you to utilize the Foundation House program for one of the priests of your Diocese who may benefit from it on a scholarship basis. This full scholarship may be extended to one of your priests as you see fit. I have enclosed a copy of the Foundation House and Villa Louis Martin brochure for your use.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments regarding Father MacRae's employment at Foundation House.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

(Very Reverend) Liam J. Hoare, s.P., M.A., C.A.C.
Servant General; Director, Therapeutic Programs

cc: Reverend Monsignor Francis Christian, Ph.D., Chancellor
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MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

FR JORDAN MACRAE

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September 26, 1990

Very Rev. Liam J. Hoare, s.P., M.A., C.A.C.
Servant General; Director, Therapeutic Programs
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Fr. Hoare:

Thank you for your recent letter in reference to Fr. Gordon MacRae. I am delighted that Father MacRae's program of treatment at Jemez Springs has proven to be so beneficial.

From conversations with Msgr. Francis Christian, the Chancellor, I am aware of the position opportunity you have offered to him, and I have communicated, through Msgr. Christian, my willingness to allow Father MacRae to accept that position. The only stipulation I have placed at this time is that the position not involve any public ministry. I pray that Father MacRae will be happy in this work and be of assistance to Foundation House in its invaluable work.

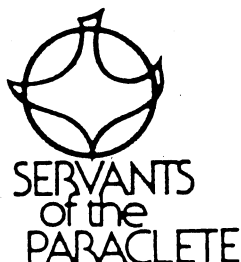
I am most grateful to you for your kind offer of a scholarship for one of our priests at Foundation House. I would fully expect to make use of this offer at the appropriate time and with the appropriate individual.

In closing, may I assure you of my prayers and best wishes.

Your friend in Christ,

+ Leo E. O'Neil

Bishop of Manchester



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Liam J. Hoare, S.P.
 (Very Reverend) Liam J. Hoare, s.P., M.A., C.A.C.
 Servant General; Director, Therapeutic Programs

cc: Reverend Monsignor Francis Christian, Ph.D., Chancellor
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May 17, 1991

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Mr. Steve Bragdon, Esq.
Bragdon and Berkson
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Keene, NH 03431

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Dear Mr. Bragdon,

At the time I was charged with the misdemeanor, and pleaded guilty in November of 1989, I was not able to provide details important to this situation to you or anyone else. It was not until much later that I learned that I had a neurological disease which impaired my memory and perception of events. I probably was not really competent at the time to enter a guilty plea without legal representation. When I learned of the police investigation that November (1989) I went to the police on my own. During the conversation I was told twice that getting an attorney "would only muddy the waters" and that "we seem to be reaching agreements here without one". This was four months after I had made an attempt on my own life with my car following incidents of bizarre thinking and behavior which I later learned were related to Temporal Lobe Epilepsy.

In spite of the above, I still own that I did proposition this adolescent. I never said the words which he quoted me as saying, mine were much more vague, but I did say things which were inappropriate and irresponsible after he came to me looking for large sums of money and stating that he would do anything for it. This happened on two occasions in July and August of 1989. At the time I was on leave of absence from ministry and living in an apartment in Keene. I was wrong and am solely responsible for this. Beyond the spoken words, however, nothing happened.

I did know [REDACTED] and his family while I was assigned to St. Bernard Parish in Keene. The relationship was somewhat superficial. Both he and his mother attended there. None of the above problems took place there however. I left St. Bernard Parish and went on leave of absence in June of 1987. A year or more earlier [REDACTED] and his mother left St. Bernard Parish and joined the Keene Congregational Church. [REDACTED] told me that they went there because he had an opportunity to join a youth group with a lot of youth activities. He still occasionally called me.

In the summer of 1987 (It may have been the next summer, but I don't think so), and after I went on leave, [REDACTED] called me and was quite upset. She asked me to talk with [REDACTED] because he was involved in a Summer Job Corps for youth and came home that day crying that the supervisor of his job had sexually assaulted him, but she said she and [REDACTED] step father didn't believe him thinking that he just wanted to get out of work. I talked with [REDACTED] and he told me that he was assigned to work in a park in Swanzey, and that the male supervisor took him home, sat in a chair, and forced [REDACTED]

to kneel placing [redacted] face between his (the supervisor's) legs saying "Whatever happens here will be our secret". After hearing this from [redacted] I told [redacted] that regardless of whether she believed him she should notify the director of the Job Program and that it should be reported. [redacted] did so and told me that the Swanzey Police Department was now investigating it. I later learned that it was dropped for lack of evidence.

I heard from [redacted] occasionally over the next year. At one point he told me that he was spending a lot of time with [redacted] the choir director at the Congregational Church, and that he was going to Mr. [redacted] cabin at times on weekends. He said that his mother wanted him to keep this relationship because it appeared that I was too busy to spend time with him. He told me that he and Mr. [redacted] had become best friends, and the impression I had was that, for some reason, [redacted] was trying to make me feel jealous by this. He also said that I seemed to have time for everyone but him. At one point that year [redacted] called and asked to see me. I picked him up, and in my car he told me that he was going to spend the weekend at Mr. [redacted] cabin, that he didn't want to go, but his mother was making him go. I asked him why he didn't want to go, but he gave no answer. He asked me to talk to his parents and get them to not make him go. I refused saying that [redacted] should communicate this to his parents himself. He said that he cannot because his stepfather ends every argument by hitting [redacted] in the face. I told [redacted] that he had a right not to be hit, and gave him the number of a family mediation program which he could call for help. Much later, after I had left Keene, I learned that [redacted] was indicted and convicted of sexually assaulting minors at his cabin, and of taking pornographic photos and videotapes of them.

Almost a year after I pleaded guilty to the accusation of soliciting [redacted], I received a letter from [redacted] asking me to contact him secretly. This letter was given to my attorney. I did not contact [redacted], but I understand that he was confronted for writing me the letter. After this confrontation [redacted] accused me of having taken lewd photographs of him. This is untrue. The letter to me from [redacted] contained statements that he was sorry for the trouble his accusation brought me, that he told the police that I asked him for sex, but that nothing happened, and that he still sees me as the father he always wished he had and he wanted me to write to him. It did not sound like a letter from someone who was about to bring a new accusation against me.

At this time I had been in a residential psychiatric program for six months. My sister called me and said she had received a disturbing telephone call from a police officer in Keene who said he was investigating me for an accusation of taking lewd photographs and wanted to know if I had any belongings at her residence which he could search. She had nothing of mine there. I then called the officer from the facility I was in and asked

Gordon MacRae / Steve Bragdon

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that he search my possessions which were in storage. He said that he would not do so since, by virtue of the fact that I wanted him to it was obvious that nothing was there. He told me that [REDACTED] claimed that I used a 35mm camera to take lewd photographs of him. I never owned a 35mm camera until I moved to New Mexico for a treatment program. I purchased one in Albuquerque before a hiking trip a week after arriving here, and I still have the dated receipt. For the previous eight years I owned one camera - a Kodak disk which I received as a gift. The officer also told me that he had given [REDACTED] a polygraph test which he passed. I told him that I also request a polygraph test.

I then called David Forrest who later called me back saying that this investigation is suspended for lack of evidence. David told me that he would not advise me to take a polygraph. I found it very strange that the officer would give a polygraph to someone making such a complaint.

A month later I was diagnosed as having Bilateral Temporal Lobe Epilepsy and have since been taking 1,000 mgs of Carbamazepine daily. I can remember all of the above incidents and conversations, but I still have great difficulty placing them in a time frame, and I cannot trust my own judgment as to when each of the above occurred. For example, I cannot remember whether my soliciting [REDACTED] happened before or after the suicide attempt with my car in July of 1989. I remember it as being a month later, but I cannot be certain.

I feel strongly that [REDACTED] involvement in similar incidents with at least one, and possibly two, other individuals may be very much effecting his current stance against me and against the Diocese. Please let me know if further discussion of this with you would be appropriate.

Sincerely,

Gordon J. MacRae

Gordon J. MacRae

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, SS.
DOCKET NO. 91-C-149SUPERIOR COURT
JUNE TERM, 1992"JOHN DOE," A MINOR, BY
HIS MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND

VS

GORDON MacRAE AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, INC.

INTERROGATORIES PROPOUNDED BY THE PLAINTIFF,
"JOHN DOE," A MINOR, BY HIS MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND,
TO BE ANSWERED UNDER OATH BY THE DEFENDANT,
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, INC.

The following constitute interrogatories propounded by the Plaintiff, "John Doe," a minor, by his mother and next friend, to be answered by the Defendant, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., under oath, pursuant to and within the time prescribed by New Hampshire Superior Court Rule 36. All answers must be full and complete and contain all facts and evidence which substantiate the answer as it is given and which would be presented to the Court. When a question calls for the possibility of either an affirmative or a negative answer, do not limit your answer to a simple negative or affirmative, explain in detail. State the facts and reasons behind your answer fully and completely. If there are any documents which substantiate any answer, or any explanation to any answer, please specifically refer to them and attach copies to these interrogatories, whether or not they are requested.

These interrogatories shall be deemed continuing so as to

require supplemental answers if the Plaintiff or his attorney obtains further information between the time answers are served and the time of a hearing on the merits regarding this matter.

1. Please state the name, address and corporate title of each natural person who has answered any of these interrogatories and specify which interrogatories each such person has answered.

Msgr. Francis J. Christian, Chancellor of the Diocese of Manchester.

Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16.

Msgr. John P. Quinn, Director of Catholic Charities.

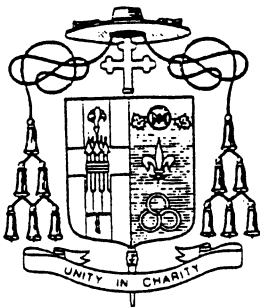
Questions 5, 11, 12, 13.

2. Please describe in detail Gordon MacRae's employment history with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., stating:

- A. The date he first became employed with the Church.
- B. The title and address of each position he held with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc.
- C. His duties in each such position.
- D. The dates between which he held each position.
- E. The reasons the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., moved him from one position to the next.

Please attach hereto copies of any documents which support your answer.

- a. June 5th, 1982 -- Date of Ordination to the Catholic Priesthood.
- b. Associate Pastor, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Hampton, July 10, 1982 to June 15, 1983.
Associate Pastor, St. Bernard Parish, Keene, June 15, 1983 to July 1, 1987.
- c. In each of these priestly assignments he served as an Associate Pastor, e.g., under the supervision of the Pastors of those parishes he was to preach the Gospel and celebrate the sacraments of the Church with the parishioners.
- d. cf b.
- e. Gordon MacRae was transferred from Hampton to Keene as part of a normal series of priestly transfers in which the Bishop attempts to place priests in parishes that require their specific talents.



ODORE JOSEPH

By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER

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To all who shall examine this letter
Greetings in Our Lord!

We hereby affirm and certify that our beloved son

Gordon James MacRae

of the Diocese of Manchester having been examined,
approved and found worthy, in an ordination ceremony held in

St. John the Evangelist Church, Hudson, N.H.

on the fifth day of June 1982, according to the
rite of the Holy Roman Church, with all rules being observed,
was promoted in our Lord to the order of

Priesthood

Given at Manchester, New Hampshire in the Episcopal

Offices under our sign and seal and with the assistance of our

Chancellor on the eighth day of June 1982

Francis J. Chustea
By order of the Most Reverend Bishop
Chancellor

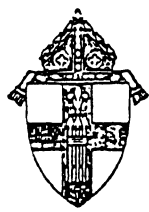
+ *Odore J. Gordon*
Bishop of Manchester

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MOST REVEREND ODORÉ J. GENDRON D.D.
Bishop

MOST REVEREND ROBERT E. MULVEE, J.C.D.
Auxiliary Bishop



OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

May 27, 1982

Rev. Gordon L. MacRae
St. Francis Xavier Church
State Street
Groveton, N.H. 03582

Dear Father MacRae:

Subsequent to our recent conversation, and upon the recommendation of the Diocesan Personnel Board, this letter will serve to confirm your appointment as Associate Pastor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Hampton, effective July 10th, 1982.

For every priest, his first assignment is truly special, and I pray that you will find much happiness and fruitfulness as you minister to the good people of Hampton. I know that you will cooperate effectively with Father Gerard Boucher, the Pastor, and his pastoral staff in caring for the needs of his people.

Assuring you of my prayerful good wishes for the months and years ahead, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

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May 27, 1983

Rev. Gordon J. MacRae
Our Lady of The Miraculous
Medal Rectory
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, New Hampshire 03842

Dear Father MacRae:

Subsequent to our recent conversation and upon the recommendation of the Diocesan Personnel Board, this letter will confirm your assignment as Associate Pastor of Saint Bernard's Parish in Keene, effective June 15th, 1983.

I have every confidence that you will work happily and effectively with Father Gabriel Houle, the Pastor, and Father Wilfrid Bombardier, the other Associate Pastor, in caring for the needs of the good people of Keene.

In closing, let me thank you for your dedication during these last difficult months in Hampton, and assure you of my prayers for the success of your work in Keene in the months ahead.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

3. If Gordon MacRae took any leaves of absence from his employment with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., please state the effective dates of each such leave of absence. Please attach hereto copies of any documents which support your answer.

Gordon MacRae requested and received from the Bishop a leave of absence from the priestly ministry on July 1st, 1987.

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June 15, 1987

Rev. Gordon J. MacRae
St. Bernard Rectory
173 Main Street
Keene, NH 03431

Dear Father MacRae:

Subsequent to our recent conversation and your letter of June 11th, this letter will grant your request for a temporary leave of absence from priestly ministry in the Diocese of Manchester, effective July 1st, 1987.

It is understood that this period is initially for a period of one year. It is my hope during this period of time that you will continue to see Dr. Ouellet and that also you might seek out a spiritual director with whom you can continue to discuss and, hopefully, deepen your commitment to priestly ministry.

I look forward to meeting with you in December of this year and ask you to make an appointment for this purpose at an appropriate time. We would then meet again some time in the late Spring to discuss your situation and possible return to ministry, or an extension of your leave.

You understand that with the exception of specific instances for which I would grant you faculties at your request, you would not have the faculties to function as a priest during the period of this year.

Please be assured, Gordon, of my prayers for you in the months ahead. I pray especially that the Lord will enable you to see more clearly the vocation to which He is calling you, and if that be His will, to allow you to return to priestly ministry at the appropriate time, renewed and rededicated to the work that you have done so very effectively. If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

4. Please describe with specificity what services, if any, Gordon MacRae performed for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., during each leave of absence specified in the preceding interrogatory. Please attach hereto copies of any documents which support your answer.

During his leave of absence Father MacRae was given permission to celebrate Sunday Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the Catholic patients at Spofford Hall Hospital. That permission was given to him August 18th, 1987, upon his request and the request of Reverend Leonard F. Zecchini, the Episcopalian minister who was the Director of Pastoral Care at Spofford Hall.

August 18, 1987

Rev. Gordon J. MacRae
52 Summit Road #12
Keene, NH 03431

Dear Father MacRae:

In response to your letter of July 28, 1987, and after having carefully considered all the pastoral reasons you advance, I am pleased to grant you the necessary faculties to offer the Sunday Liturgy and to celebrate the Sacraments for the Catholic patients at Spofford Hall Hospital. I do so because of the manifest spiritual needs which you have so clearly described, as existing among the patients at the hospital. I am also confident that, as you have indicated in your letter, you will in this capacity continue to be sensitive to the need to avoid public confusion about your present leave of absence from the Diocese and about your ministry as a priest in these rather particular circumstances. I know you will take the necessary precautions in this regard.

Reverend Leonard Zecchini, Director of Pastoral Care, has also written me about this request, and I have this date sent him a letter indicating that I have granted you this permission. He, too, has very well described the unusual circumstances of the hospital and the ongoing need the Catholic patients have for regular spiritual care in their total recovery process.

I am pleased, Gordon, that you will be able to exercise your priesthood in this limited fashion at Spofford Hall. I know that, in addition to your other talents and responsibilities, your priestly ministry in this regard will be of great assistance to the patients at the hospital. As we have previously discussed, I ask that you continue to keep me apprised of your situation.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

5. Please describe in detail each and every incident of sexual misconduct alleged against Gordon MacRae of which the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., has knowledge and the date upon which it first received information pertaining to each such allegation. Please attach hereto copies of any documents which support your answer.

On November 23, 1983, Msgr. John Q. Quinn received notification from Judith Patterson of Catholic Social Services, Salem, that Gordon MacRae had kissed a young man during the past summer. He was also notified of this same incident by Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette on that same date. He notified Msgr. Francis J. Christian, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Manchester, of this information, and informed him that he was reporting the incident to the appropriate authorities of the State of New Hampshire.

Msgr. Francis J. Christian, was notified on July 14th, 1988, by authorities of Spofford Hall that charges of solicitation had been brought against Gordon MacRae by the young man in treatment at that facility. Gordon MacRae was at that time on leave of absence from the Diocese of Manchester and working as an alcohol counselor. The authorities of Spofford Hall indicated to him that they had already notified the appropriate authorities in the State of New Hampshire. As a result of these charges and pending their outcome Gordon MacRae, who had been given permission during his formal leave of absence from priestly ministries to celebrate Mass and the other sacraments only at Spofford Hall, was suspended from all priestly ministry.

6. Please describe with specificity each warning you gave to any employees of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., employed in the City of Keene, New Hampshire, any parishioners of the parish in Keene, New Hampshire, or any other persons relating to Gordon MacRae and his prior history of sexual misconduct and the date each such warning was given. Please attach hereto copies of any documents which support your answer.

None

7. Please describe in detail Gordon MacRae's responsibilities while posted in the Hampton, New Hampshire, parish. Please attach hereto copies of any documents which support your answer.

cf Question #2.c.

8. Please describe in detail Gordon MacRae's responsibilities while posted at St. Bernard's Church in Keene, New Hampshire. Please attach hereto copies of any documents which support your answer.

8. cf Question #2.c.

9. If the Church required Gordon MacRae to receive any counseling, instruction, training or therapy as a result of his sexual misconduct, please state:

A. The nature of such counseling, instruction, training or therapy.

B. Where such counseling, instruction, training or therapy was received

C. The dates such counseling, instruction, training or therapy was required of Gordon MacRae.

Please attach hereto copies of all documents which support your answer.

When the alleged incident was reported to the Diocese, the Diocese was informed by Gordon MacRae, and corroborated with Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette, that Gordon MacRae had been in counseling with the doctor since November of 1982. The Diocese instructed Gordon MacRae to continue therapy with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette.

In November of 1988, after his court hearing and his guilty plea to the misdemeanor complaint of endangering the welfare of a person under the age of 18, the Court required him to have an extensive psychological evaluation. This was done in December of 1988, at the House of Affirmation in Whitinsville, MA. The Court then required a second independent evaluation, which was done in January of 1989, by the Straffort Guidance Center in Dover, N.H. That evaluation recommended to the Court that Gordon MacRae enter a residential treatment program at Villa Louis Martin in Jemez Springs, New Mexico. Gordon MacRae entered that program in mid March of 1989, and was in treatment there until May of 1990.

10. Please state the name and address of each person employed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., who is charged with supervising Gordon MacRae in order to ensure or prevent sexual misconduct by Gordon MacRae in the future.

Because Gordon MacRae is no longer employed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, such a function would be inappropriate.

11. Please state the name and position of each and every employee of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., who discussed Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct in Hampton, New Hampshire, with the victim or any member of his family.

Judith Patterson of the Catholic Social Services Office in Salem was the only individual to have direct contact with the alleged victim or members of his family.

12. Please state the date of each such communication between employees of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., and the victim of Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct in Hampton, New Hampshire. Please attach hereto copies of all documents which support your answer. In doing so, it is unnecessary for you to disclose the name of the victim which may be blacked out.

The alleged victim was a counseling client of Judith Patterson from September 20, 1983 through April 10, 1985. Because of the confidentiality of the counselor/patient relationship this information cannot be made available.

13. Please state the name and position of each and every employee of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., who had conversations with employees of the Division for Children and Youth Services with reference to Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct in Hampton, New Hampshire, and the date of each such communication. Please attach hereto copies of all documents which support your answer. In doing so it is unnecessary for you to disclose the name of the victim which may be blacked out.

Monsignor John P. Quinn. November 21, 1982 and November 23, 1983.

14. Please attach hereto all internal memos of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., concerning Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct. In doing so it is unnecessary for you to disclose the name of the victim which may be blacked out.

Attached

15. Please state the name and address of every person you intend to call as a witness in the trial of this matter.

Objection. Improper question. We will disclose our witnesses to you pursuant to the Rules of Court.

16. Please state the name and address of each expert witness you have retained in preparation for this matter and attach hereto copies of any reports such expert witnesses have made.

We have not selected our experts. We shall be happy to disclose this information when we do.

Respectfully submitted,

"John Doe," a minor by his
mother & next friend
By His Attorneys
GREEN, McMAHON AND HEED
28 Middle Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431
(603) 352-3523

Dated: _____

Peter W. Heed, Esquire

I hereby certify that an original plus two (2) copies of
the foregoing Interrogatories were mailed this date to Gregory
W. Swope, Esquire, of Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.,
Counsel for the Defendants.

Peter W. Heed, Esquire

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The Roman Catholic Bishop of
Manchester, Inc.

Dated: 7/20/92

BY: Mrg. Francis T. Christian
Mrg. John P. Quinn
Its

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
HILLSBORO, SS.

Personally appeared the above-named Mrg. Francis J. Christian and
Mrg. John P. Quinn,
of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., a New
Hampshire Corporation, on behalf of the corporation, who upon
oath declared that the statements in the foregoing Inter-
rogatories by him subscribed are true to the best of his
knowledge and belief.

Dated: 7/20/92

Franceen M. Morasse
Justice of the Peace/Notary Public

Franceen M. Morasse, Notary Public
My Commission Expires On May 24, 1994

AFFIDAVIT--- SPECIAL REPORT

Born on April 9, 1953, G.M. entered Capuchins in 1973. Upon completion of the novitiate in August 1975 he professed simple vows. He attended St. A's from 1975-1978; after earning his Bachelor's degree he decided to leave the Caps. Upon strong and positive recommendations from his superiors and the formation staff of the Caps he was accepted as a candidate for the diocesan priesthood, Manchester diocese. He studied at St. Mary Seminary, Maryland where he was ordained to the diaconate on Nov. 21, 1981. P1.

B. Odoire Gendron ordained him to the priesthood on June 5, 1982 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Hudson, N.H. He makes reference to Fr. Sands, a Cistercian on leave from his Order, who was replacing Fr. Scruton, on vacation. Intruders who entered the rectory shot Fr. Sands in the rectory. Later G.M. learned they were looking for Scruton. Apparently the gunman had some negative encounter with Scruton in recent months. Scruton was transferred to St. John Evangelist, Hudson and that is where G.M. first met him. P2.

Beginning of the story of the Hampton difficulty with the Mercy sisters and B. Gendron and Fr. Boucher. P4.

Fr. Boucher, member of the Personnel Board, tells G.M. he is assigned to St. Catherine's in Manchester. Later B. Gendron tells him he will go to Hampton. "In the middle of June, 1982 I began what was to be a painfully difficult ministry at Miraculous Medal Parish in Hampton." He speaks of the trouble with Parish Council etc. P5.

"As a newly ordained priest, I had certain expectations of the diocesan leadership which were never met. I was dismayed at the lack of contact and support from Diocesan officials throughout the process." He speaks to Msgr. Christian about this situation and about the fact that Fr. Boucher was placing phone calls to the SOS group in the middle of the night and then would hang up. Msgr. Christian told him to confront Fr. Boucher on the matter. He speaks of the lawsuit with the Mercy sisters. P6.

In the months following Christmas 1982 a woman falsely accused G.M. to other SOS members of making sexual advances toward her. Another woman told a newspaper reporter that G.M. had refused to give her Eucharist at Christmas and had fiercely refused to offer her children the Sign of Peace at Mass. "None of this was true." More info on the development of the Hampton Mercy sisters' situation. G.M. has intentions of resigning from this parish. The bishop accepts Fr. Boucher's resignation, but not G.M.'s. He feared it would appear that this would be interpreted negatively, but he later permitted it. P7.

In # 19 he refers to 11:00 news (read). On June 15, 1983 G.M. leaves for St. Bernard Parish, Keene. He writes of Fr. Houle, pastor, who was in treatment for alcoholism. P9.

G.M. learns of Scruton being arrested for indecent exposure and lewd conduct for allegedly making sexual advances to a young adult male at a high way rest area near his parish. Following the arrest, Scruton was placed on paid sick leave by the diocese for the next 2 years. Fr. Mark Fleming was accused of the sexual abuse of a minor male in Hudson rectory, and was quietly removed from the parish. Fr. Scruton was investigated for having witnessed the behaviors of Fleming, but neither was charged with a crime, and the matter quietly dissipated. He learned that Fleming was in Keene as a deacon and had been accused of sexual abuse while in Keene. #22, 23, 24, very important (READ).

The foot note bottom of page 11 is admission to inappropriate behavior. [REDACTED] original complaint in November of 1983 was that I hugged and attempted to kiss him when he came to talk with me. I did, in fact, admit to hugging [REDACTED] and acknowledged this was not appropriate behavior."

#25 is loaded with info on [REDACTED] who accused a male teacher of making sexual advances to him...Detective Arthur Wardel's report states his strong conviction that this was a young man who basked in the attention which such accusations brought him, and that there was no basis to the charge. The matter was then officially dismissed as "unfounded" by state officials. READ THIS NUMBER! P12.

In #26. G.M. speaks of Fr. Houle's drinking problem and the State Police call him on this subject. He asked the officer to call Msgr. Christian on the subject. G.M. was appointed administrator of the parish and remained there alone for 2 months until the appointment of another pastor. Fr. Scruton is named pastor at St. Bernard's in Keene, 18 months after his arrest and earlier publicity. Fr. Michael Barrett, one year ordained, also named to this parish. There was much rumor and gossip concerning Fr. Scruton's situation. P13.

Rumors abound about relationship between Scruton and a young woman called [REDACTED]. G.M. sees this as a smoke screen and is better than previous rumors about his (Scruton's) arrest of homosexual activity. Scruton and Barrett did not get along. There was a competition between them for a male high school student, [REDACTED] who moved to Keene at the same time as Fr. Scruton. [REDACTED] originally lived in Hudson when Fr. Scruton was there. Fr. Barrett also seemed to know the young man. Complaints in parish about Fr. Scruton's constant use of sexual innuendo and inappropriate language. P14.

G.M. had permitted students from Keene State College who needed more quiet time for study, to come to the rectory to study. Scruton halted this practice and then invited a number of male students to study at rectory. One student

complained to G.M. of his belief that Fr. Scruton made sexual advances to him. Another student said Scruton made advances to him in the confessional. G.M. refers matter to Msgr. Christian who told him to find a way to get along with Scruton. In a session with Barrett and Scruton, G.M. brings up this subject. Scruton then tells G.M. that he is "sexually anorexic" and "repressed" and needed therapy to "get in touch with myself". Scruton said he thought his behavior was normal and healthy. By the summer of 1986 situation was unbearable and Scruton was incommunicative and would leave the rectory almost every evening, stay out all night, and then sleep for most of the day. Barrett and Scruton could not talk to each other. Fr. Barrett resigned. He had invited a 13-year-old boy to spend the night in his room at the rectory. There was an argument between Scruton and Barrett with accusations by Scruton of sexual involvement and Barrett denying the story. P15.

In a telephone conversation after Fr. Barrett's transfer (Scruton) admits to G.M. that he is gay and had been attending weekly gay support group near Keene. At one meeting Barrett was told by a member in the group that Scruton had been sexually involved with [REDACTED] in both Hudson and Keene. He urged Barrett to call Msgr. Christian at the chancery office. Barrett said he would. Nothing happened. In 1991, 5 years later [REDACTED] filed a lawsuit against Scruton and the Diocese claiming that Scruton had sexually molested him on several occasions including in the spa at the Keene YMCA where Scruton was a member. Scruton was brought back to Keene, charged with sexual assault, entered a guilty plea, and was given a suspended sentence. The lawsuit was settled out of court by the diocese in 1993 for an undisclosed sum. P16.

This page is a narrative on Scruton's story about an intruder into the rectory who turns out to be a young man with whom Scruton had had a sexual encounter in a park in Manchester. The young man seemed to have learned that Scruton was a priest and became frightened. #34. P17.

Fr. Scruton was on probation with the diocese at this time and did not want the police to be involved in the incident. Scruton promised to see Dr. Guertin-Ouellette and G.M. would go with him once he had made the appointment. P18.

This page continues with Fr. Scruton's behavior and more info on his relationship with young men. This page is Fr. Scruton's story of his sexual illness. Pages 19,20,22,23,24,25, 26, contain too much information for me to condense. I believe it is necessary for you to read this sad story. However at this point I wonder why there is such an accent on Scruton's story when G.M. is supposed to be relating his story. Is he losing focus or was he enmeshed in the setting with Scruton or is he telling us his life in the rectory was full of what he was accused of? Or is he trying to say they did the same and were not condemned? P 19.

In #51 he speaks of clergy convocation in North Conway. He felt the center of gossip and controversy over what transpired in Keene. "For the first time I hated being a priest. I remained isolated for most of the conference, and experienced a great deal of anxiety." He did not go to the banquet because he could not find his friends and all tables were full. He returned to his room and cried. (I wonder why he had not made arrangements with his friends to be at a table with him. There seems to be a problem throughout his story. Does he have any priest-friends? The people who seem to be close to him seem to be those with sexual problems. I may be wrong on this score. My experience in community tells me we know our friends and we connect at such banquets and gatherings.) p27.

Upon his return to Keene he learned the rectory had been broken into and his office was ransacked. He could not deal with it. He had a fever, had an epileptic seizure and lost consciousness. He slept for 2 days. As a child he had grand mal or generalized seizures until he was 13 years of age. He was horrified he had a reoccurrence of seizures. He knew he needed help and met with B. Gendron. "It was one of the most difficult encounters of my life." B. Gendron informed G.M. that Fr. Scruton thought he was a "repressed homosexual". #53 important to read. Of special importance is the lower part of p.28 "I said that I did not feel that I could accept a new assignment in the Diocese at that time. I then requested to be placed on sick leave for 6 months, but B. Gendron refused. The Bishop asked me again if I would accept a new assignment in the diocese, and I again told him that I did not feel that I could. He then instructed me to return to Keene and write him a letter requesting an immediate leave of absence from ministry without faculties. He said that I would not be permitted to function as a priest until I was ready to accept an assignment, and said that if I wrote the letter he would review this with me again in one year." P28.

By the fall of 1988 his life was in turmoil, he had experienced frequent epileptic seizures and he had become depressed. He was hospitalized two days for seizures. He was isolated from Church, family and friends and he contemplated suicide. P.29

In November of 1988 he learned that he was being investigated by the Keene Police Detective James McLaughlin who specializes in sexual abuse investigations. G.M. has a tape-recorded interview with McLaughlin. At this time McLaughlin informs him that he had a complaint from a teenage male in the Keene area and G.M. was accused of improper behavior. He also led G.M. to believe that Fr. Scruton and G.M. were accomplices in the sexual abuse of several Keene area youths. McLaughlin names [REDACTED] 14 year old Keene youth, as the youth who brought the complaint. (History of G.M.'s acquaintance with [REDACTED] in #57). P30.

"At my Nov. 14, 1988 interview, McLaughlin said that [REDACTED] had come forward with an allegation that I attempted to solicit him with an offer of money in exchange for sex. I continued to deny this, and told McLaughlin the truth...he

informed me that [REDACTED] intended to bring felony charges against me in Superior Court for attempted aggravated felonious sexual assault. McLaughlin told G.M. "that no matter what my defense was no one would believe me because of my prior 'association' with Fr. Scruton who he referred to as a 'known sex offender'". (At this point I express a concern that I have had on G.M.'s relationship with Scruton! Is there more to this picture than what G.M. has given in an earlier #?)

McLaughlin offered G.M. a deal: "If I plead guilty to a single misdemeanor count of endangering a minor he will guarantee me a year probation and will keep the case out of the media. I then told him that I wanted to talk with an attorney. McLaughlin responded that if I did there would be no deal." (Read ¾'s of #58 for more info on McLaughlin's thinking. I think it might be revealing.) P31.

G.M. explains to Msgr Christian that McLaughlin was the same officer who had been investigating Fr. Scruton in '87. He explained what he was accused of and what actually had taken place. Msgr. Christian informed G.M. that it was the policy of the Diocese that he be suspended, and that he is entirely on his own from this point forward and that the diocese could not assist him with obtaining legal counsel. P.31.

Msgr Christian had received a telephone call from [REDACTED] mother before G. M. became aware of charges. Msgr Christian informed G.M. that it is not the policy of the diocese to help any accused priest who is dealing with a legal situation. G.M. had been seeing Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette since G.M. had initiated a leave of absence from ministry. He had informed Dr. G.-Ouellette about everything that had transpired during and after his assignment with Fr. Scruton. Scruton had also visited Dr. Ouellette following several incidents in the Keene rectory, but G.M. says, "It became clear that Scruton had not told him everything." (#61 imp. for you to read). P32.

Dr. G-Ouellette arranged for G.M. to be evaluated by the House of Affirmation at the end of November 1988 for a four-day psychological evaluation. It was clear that McLaughlin had already talked with the evaluators according to G.M. (#62 gives G.M.'s story of what evaluators' thinking etc.) After the 4 days evaluation at the House of Affirmation G.M. returns to his apartment at which time he had no income. This means he had no money for rent, his utilities and phone service were discontinued. P33.

G.M. meets Sherwood Vacchs, in charge of the Keene probation office and brother to Andrew Vacchs, a notorious N.Y. attorney, who has written several books advocating the death penalty for convicted child abusers. Vacchs informed G.M. that he was in denial and that he was placing him on the highest level of supervision because he was "an extremely dangerous man." Vacchs makes reference to "Florida among other things." Vacchs went to G.M.'s apartment and searched it for hours. He accused G.M. of "trafficking in child pornography with Fr. Scruton

and of being a co-defendant in his (Scruton) crimes." G.M. believes Vacchs was trying to get info for the media and he believed both McLaughlin and Vacchs seemed to manipulate the media substantially. P.34 (Read #66 P. 34 & 35).

Mr Vacchs attempts to play games with the media. His objective is to trap G.M. to admit himself to hospital as one who contemplates suicide. A Dr. Garner, associate of G.M. from the drug rehab center, sees through "game" and he contacts the probation office. G.M. given a new probation officer and she also is hostile to him according to G.M. Dr. G-Ouellette is not satisfied with the House of Affirmation evaluation and asks G.M. to repeat evaluation at St. Luke Institute in Maryland. Fr. Maurice Rochfort, one of G.M.'s friends, visits him in his apartment and offers him to live in his rectory in Keene. Vacchs told him he was free to live wherever he wanted and that he would transfer supervision for the remainder of his probation anywhere. He requested to go to Maryland for the evaluation and Vacchs had no problem with that. G.M. then asked Vacchs what all the references to "Florida" were. To this Vacchs replies "just forget about it." G.M. completed a required outpatient evaluation and a few days later, Dec. 10, 1988 he left for Keene and moved into the rectory with Fr. M. Rochfort. He then was employed as a repairman working 30 hours a week.

For 2 months he participated in an evaluation with a Mr. Adam Stern, M.A. an outpatient therapist at the Strafford Guidance Center in Dover, N.H. The evaluation consisted of a MMPI, and 3 forty-five minute interviews conducted over the course of about 2 months. Stern said House of Affirmation evaluation was not worth the paper it was written on and it was poorly written. He also asked questions of Florida. G.M. informs him he had never visited the State of Florida. Dr. Ouellette-G was working on arrangements for St. Luke in Maryland and Mr. Stern preferred Servants of the Paraclete Center in Jemez Springs, New Mexico. P.36

#73-81 indicate Detective McLaughlin's personality. If G.M.'s presentation in these numbers and elsewhere is true we have a serious problem with this officer.

G.M. underwent MRI and EEG at a neurology clinic in Albuquerque in October of 1989. He was diagnosed as having complex-partial seizure disorder and bi-polar temporal lobe epilepsy. The EEG revealed a series of what the neurological report described as "spike and slow wave activity" in both the left and right temporal lobes which indicated a diagnosis of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy. It appeared this was of long duration, but there was no explanation for the fact that seizure episodes resumed after some 20 years of being seizure free. The MRI, and neuropsychological testing, revealed some damage in the temporal lobes, but the MRI ruled out any tumor or specific seizure foci. P.40.

G.M. remained at the Paraclete Center from March 1989-March 1990 to adjust to medication and to explore the implications for the above diagnosis. Upon

completion of the program he decided to remain in New Mexico and continue as an outpatient at the neurology clinic. The Minister General offered him to work in their ministry as an administrative assistant while continuing in treatment at the Albuquerque neurology clinic. P.40.

"The Servants' offer seemed to be my only option, and I embraced it as both an opportunity to remain in ministry, and as a chance for continued psychological and spiritual growth. At that point, both the Servants and I seemed to feel that formally joining their community and ministry would be the likely outcome of our mutual decision that I remain with them." P.41.

G.M.'s sister received McLaughlin's visit in her home in Boston. He informed her that he was investigating G.M. for creating child pornography of youths in the Keene area and asked her if there was any property of G.M.'s in her home. She informed him that all his property was in storage, but she offered him to search her home. G.M. telephones McLaughlin who then informs G.M. that [REDACTED] now accuses him of taking nude photographs of him [REDACTED] and paying him money for posing for these. "There was no truth in this" says G.M. McLaughlin informs him that [REDACTED] new allegation was going to be the basis for a civil lawsuit against him (G.M.) and the Diocese of Manchester. "When I asked McLaughlin why he wasn't interested in even attempting to determine whether this was true or not he responded, "It doesn't matter; you don't need evidence for a lawsuit; if you took pictures like that you probably gave them to another priest anyway." P.41.

"When I reviewed discovery in the 1993 case I learned that McLaughlin wrote in a police report about this conversation that I admitted to taking these photographs. He also wrote that he secretly tape-recorded this conversation and made a written transcript of it and then played the conversation for [REDACTED] and his lawyer. When my attorney attempted to obtain this tape and transcript, McLaughlin claimed that both were inexplicably lost." P. 41.

Keene Sentinel clipping gives new charges against Fr. Scruton who is investigated by McLaughlin. Scruton, misdemeanor charges in Keene District Court for allegedly fondling a 15-year-old-male at YMCA in 1987. Scruton pleads guilty and placed on probation. The young man, [REDACTED] filed an immediate lawsuit against the Diocese of Manchester. This was settled out of court. P.41.

Lawsuit against G.M. brought by [REDACTED] This lawsuit was also settled out of court by the Diocese and G.M. was then dropped as a defendant. G.M. questions McLaughlin's role in these lawsuits. "I suspect that his real motive was to set the stage for lawsuits against the Diocese of Manchester. Such lawsuits are nearly guaranteed income for a plaintiff since they are almost guaranteed to be settled out of court without any in-depth discovery process." P. 42.

In late 1991 G.M. becomes full time Admissions Director for the Paraclete's three New Mexico treatment facilities. He excelled in this ministry and is happy in the ministry. In 1992 Paraclete facility thrust into national media spotlight over their facility's treatment of Fr. James Porter in the late 60's. McLaughlin continues to investigate G.M. in Keene "where I had not set foot since 1989."

(Bishop, at this stage, I feel I cannot condense all the information because it is crucial matter for understanding sequence of events and the personae who appear on the scene!!! I am particularly concerned with Detective McLaughlin. I believe you are more familiar with "persona" and must have the ability to unmask each one. Can it be that this terrible story is woven with deep falsehoods?)

There is heavy matter and important evidence from #90 to the end. You can read it quickly because you can see the finale coming very quickly. Is this fact or fiction??? This story has nestled in my mind, soul and entire psyche since I made the first reading! YOU have also been there, but mostly you have been in my prayer!!!! I can understand Ste. Therese de Lisieux who prayed for priests. I'M no Ste. Therese...God and I know too well!!!! but I pray frequently for you and your priests since you assigned this to me. I sensed a terrible power of darkness while working on this and I can almost taste it! I did my best. I know it is not THE BEST! But that is all I can do...my best!