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RE: [REDACTED]
DOB: 10/8/69

Dear Ms. Fraser:

[REDACTED] was referred to the Salem Office of New Hampshire Catholic Charities by Father Gordon MacRae on 9/20/83 for individual counseling. The presenting problem at the time of intake was [REDACTED]'s depression, feelings of rejection especially by his peers and behavior problems at home.

[REDACTED] was seen for weekly treatment by Mrs. Judith K. Paterson, MSW. In the beginning of therapy, the issue of mistrust and betrayal was the focus of treatment. These feelings surfaced with [REDACTED] reporting his being sexually molested by his local parish priest, Father Gordon MacRae. [REDACTED] stated that Father Gordon had invited [REDACTED] to sit on his lap and that fondling by Father Gordon took place. There was no reporting to us by [REDACTED] of any sexual penetration. [REDACTED] disclosure to Mrs. Paterson took place in 11/83, at which time, due to the delicate nature of this situation, Mrs. Paterson reported it directly to the Director of NHCC, Father John P. Quinn who then reported this incident to the appropriate authority. The incident had taken place while Father Gordon had been assigned to [REDACTED] local parish. At the time of the report, Father Gordon was no longer at this parish and [REDACTED] was no longer at risk. To our knowledge, Father Gordon, once transferred, had never attempted to contact [REDACTED] again. [REDACTED], however, did try to contact Father Gordon, but Father never responded.

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[REDACTED], according to Mrs. Paterson, made many gains in counseling. While in treatment, he worked around his feelings of anger, betrayal and mistrust towards Father Gordon. He needed to also grieve the loss of this relationship. Also discussed were appropriate and non-appropriate signs and demonstrations of affection. [REDACTED] feeling around Father Gordon were compounded by family conflicts.

[REDACTED] parents were at times involved in his treatment. Due to scheduling problems on the part of the parents, their participation in therapy was inconsistent. The parents were aware of the Agency's report to the State. Father John Quinn offered to meet with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], but they refused his offer.

While in treatment, it was recommended by Mrs. Paterson that [REDACTED] be placed in a smaller school system. The public high school did not appear clinically to be appropriate for [REDACTED]. It was at this time that Mrs. Paterson requested financial assistance from Father Quinn so that [REDACTED] could attend St. Thomas Aquinas. The Diocese granted the request and paid [REDACTED] tuition to St. Thomas Aquinas.

From 12/1/83 to 12/30/83, just after [REDACTED] disclosure to Mrs. Paterson regarding the incident with Father Gordon, [REDACTED] was hospitalized at Hampstead Hospital, a psychiatric facility.

Mrs. Paterson terminated her counseling with [REDACTED] in April of 1985 due to her own termination with New Hampshire Catholic Charities. [REDACTED] was very upset with this information. Mrs. Paterson worked with [REDACTED] and his parents around an appropriate discharge plan. As an agency, we offered the family the opportunity to work with the Supervisor of our Rochester District Office. Due to scheduling problems, they did not follow through. A second option was offered them and a referral made to Ted Parkman, a private practitioner who was willing to see [REDACTED] on Saturday mornings. The family was in agreement with this referral.

If there are any questions regarding the above material or any other information that is needed, please contact me at the Salem Office of NHCC at 893-1971.

Sincerely,

Janet O'Connell, ACSW
District Office Supervisor

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