

March 23, 2002

Dear Father Seamus:

The attached letter is being sent to Bishop McCormack. We hope that this will be helpful and an indication of our support for you. Hopefully, this situation will come to a happy conclusion as soon as possible.

Prayerfully yours,

Peter Tenters
Shirley Tenters
Dan Tenters

Pete, Shirley and Dan Tenters

March 23, 2002

Dear Bishop McCormack:

In this time of trial for the Catholic Church, it is truly fortuitous that there are priests like Fr. Seamus MacCormack to properly represent the values and traditions of this great religious establishment. Not only is he a prayerful, pious pastor, but he has the ability to make the mass more enjoyable and the parishioners genuinely respect and like him.

A year ago my family went through a terrible ordeal. Our youngest son was involved in the snowmobile accident which caused a man to lose his life. The town was torn apart. Some people felt compassion for the victim's family only. Others felt compassion for everyone involved and realized that it was truly a tragic accident. Through all of this Fr. Seamus was absolutely wonderful. His job was very tough. He had to balance his support for all the parties involved through this difficult time. He remained neutral and made himself available to anyone who needed him at any time. Father came to our home whenever we needed to talk to him and told us to feel free to call, any hour, day or night. I'm sorry to say that we had drifted away from the church prior to this. Thanks to the way Fr. Seamus handled the situation and how helpful he was to all of us, I am happy to say that my family has returned to the church. I know of several other families that have returned to the church as well since he became our pastor. Fr. Seamus helped us realize that God truly does work in mysterious ways and with prayer and guidance we could get through anything.

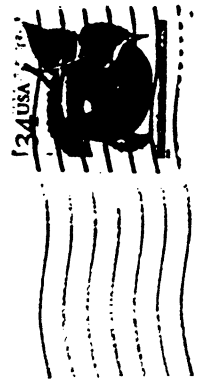
In light of the recent allegations against Fr. Seamus I felt compelled to write to you on his behalf. Fr. Seamus has never said or done anything which would bring shame on the church or himself. He has given 110% to all his parishioners. I feel privileged to have him as our pastor. It would certainly be detrimental to this parish if a priest of this stature were to be removed. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Prayerfully yours,

Peter Tenters
Shirley Tenters
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Peter, Shirley and Dan Tenters

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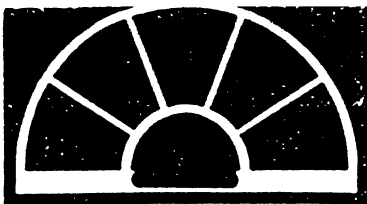
From the Desk of...

MPT

Marc P. Tieger

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Dear Father McCormack,
I sent copies of this
letter to ~~you~~ ^{three} of your
many, many friends; i.e.
Bill Beardslee, Kathy
Merrick + Mark Courvoisier.
I can't pretend to know
what you're going through
or how you're feeling. If I
can help you in any way
at all, please call upon
me. I am confident
that your faith, which
you share so willingly
with others, will sustain
you through these difficult
times.
your friend, Marc



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March 22, 2002

JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03452 TEL: [REDACTED]

Most Reverend John B. McCormack, DD
Office of The Bishop
Diocese of Manchester
153 Ash Street
PO Box 310
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Dear Reverend McCormack,

I would like to begin this letter by apologizing if it seems I am interfering in affairs of the church in Jaffrey. That certainly is not my intent and I hope my letter will not be construed as such.

My position is very unique as I am one of a few committed Jews in a traditionally non-Jewish community. As such I am seen as a representative of the Jewish people in my town. I have been privileged to have known and interacted with Fathers Haller and Breshnahan, Father Richard Smith, Father Richard Kelly, and Father McCormack. In a spirit of interfaith I have preached in St. Patrick Church and have participated in a number of services. Our interfaith Thanksgiving service is a most significant annual event not only for me, but for our mainstream religious community as well. I have been made to feel very comfortable in the Church and I am grateful for that. My own affiliation is with Congregation Agudat Achim in Leominster, Massachusetts, where I am a 20+ year member and where I am very active with the worship service.

I am saddened by the turmoil that I perceive is happening in the Parish. With all due respect to Father McCormack's predecessors, he has had a profoundly positive effect on the Catholic community here. Having attended a number of his services I am continually impressed by his sincerity in faith which is evident, to me, in his words and in his deeds. I had told him prior to recent events how good I felt for so many of my Catholic friends as observed and heard their glowing comments about him.

I am saddened, too, by the divisiveness that seems to be occurring within the Parish. I know most of the people involved and I know them to be people of faith, albeit some stronger than others. I respectfully urge you to consider all that Father McCormack has done and all that he can do in the future, for the Catholic community and the community in general when dealing with this difficult situation.

Many thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

Respectfully,


Eric P. Tieger

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April 1, 2002

Bishop John B. McCormack
153 Ash Street
PO Box 310
Manchester NH 03105-0310

Dear Bishop McCormack,

First, belated congratulations on your promotion to bishop. I offer my prayers for your success in your duties.

I doubt if you remember me; by way of re-introduction, my mother, Gertrude Rogalski from Marblehead, worked closely with you in the early 1960's. If I remember correctly, you were both heavily involved with North Shore Catholic Charities and Salem Deanery efforts. I mention this relationship in an attempt to establish my own credibility.

I have been a communicant at Saint Patrick's in Jaffrey since 1970. I have personally known most of the priests assigned to the parish in the last three decades. We have been blessed with a succession of good, dedicated men. The current pastor, Fr. Seamus MacCormack, has been a tremendous gift to us. He has brought renewed life to the parish and has demonstrated great energies as he tends his flock. I am very grateful that I have the opportunity to share his enthusiasm for his faith.

He has made sacrifices and many tough decisions in the short time he has been our spiritual guide. I have the utmost respect for his integrity.

Because of this, I am dismayed to learn that letters have allegedly been written to you in an effort to demean or discredit Fr. MacCormack.

Where are they? Seamus never saw them. Asked for them and was denied.

I wish to affirm the overwhelming respect and support that Fr. MacCormack has from me, my family, and our peers. I willingly vouch for his integrity, holiness, and ability to engender a strengthening of (especially my) faith when sorely needed.

Our Church, our diocese, our parish, and our priest have more crucial issues to deal with in accomplishing God's work without falling prey to the pettiness of a few malcontents.

I am thankful for your decision to assign him here, and I assure you that he is doing very well at a difficult job

Sincerely and respectfully,

Daniel J. Rogalski

March 21, 2002

Fr. Edward Arsenault
Diocese of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H. 03105

Dear Fr. Arsenault,

I am writing to advise you that we will not be holding our scheduled meeting of parishoners and townspeople this evening. Father Seamus contacted me this afternoon, and requested that the meeting be cancelled per the request of the Diocese.

First, I want you to know that Father Seamus had absolutely nothing to do with the organization of this meeting. I was made aware of some negative allegations against Father Seamus, and the only purpose of the meeting was to have the "positive aspects" of Father Seamus brought forward to the Diocese. This was not going to be an open forum on the accusations, in fact, they were not even going to be brought up!! My only purpose was to give the parishoners the chance to tell you the good things that Father brings to our Parish and Community, and believe me, they FAR OUTWEIGH THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS THAT HAVE BEEN ALLEGED!!

I will honor Father Seamus's request and your request on not holding the meeting. However, I do believe the parishoners want that chance to tell you about Father Seamus. With this in mind, I will tell anybody that asks, that they can individually write a letter of support to the Diocese. And there is already a Statement of Support going throughout the Town for people to sign.

Now you get to hear my personal thoughts. I have been attending St. Patricks for over 27 years and my wife has been a parishoner for 49 years, and we were both born and raised in this Town. Father Seamus is the "BEST THING" to hit Town in all of our years here, and that is a major statement. He has had a major impact on people of all ages, and the church is so vibrant, it is such a joy to attend mass and see all of the young families back to church!! The youth are the future of the church, and they are coming back to St. Patrick's for one reason and only one reason...Father Seamus.

Please do not let a small disgruntled minority ruin our Parish and Community. Listen to the majority during the next couple of weeks, and let Father Seamus continue his great work here in Jaffrey.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Hill

March 22, 2002

Fr. Edward Arsenault
Diocese of Manchester
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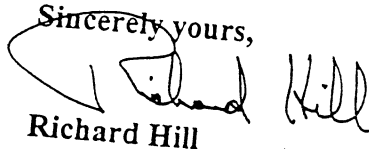
Dear Fr. Arsenault,

I am writing as a follow-up to my letter to you yesterday. I did not hold the scheduled meeting of parishoners and townspeople last night. I spent a couple of hours calling as many people as possible prior to the scheduled meeting time. I then met people out front of the meeting place and advised them that the meeting had been cancelled. Statement of Support forms (a copy attached) were presented to those people that showed up for their signatures. We also advised the people that they could write letters of support to the Bishop.

At your suggestion, I then advised the people that the best thing they could do for Father Seamus was pray for him....and you know what, over 100 people went to the Church during Adoration last night!!

Lastly, it is my wish that last nights activities do not have any adverse affect on Father Seamus. He had nothing to do with the scheduled meeting, it was only an overzealous parishoner (me) trying to show support for his Pastor.

Sincerely yours,


Richard Hill

May 16, 2002

Rev. John B. McCormack
Office of the Bishop, Diocese of Manchester
153 Ash Street, P.O. Box 310
Manchester, NH 03105

I wish to address this letter to you and your staff – specifically anyone who was involved in the decision to remove Father Seamus as our pastor at St. Patrick Church in Jaffrey. I am enclosing a copy of my previous letter as I don't think you took the time to read it in March ... or maybe you simply decided to pay no attention to my appeal (and the appeals of many others who supported Father Seamus) and listen to only a bitter few who had petty criticisms and selfish motives.

Perhaps you thought it was important to listen to a local man who has been vocal in his criticism calling Father Seamus names like "a psychological misfit" and boasting that he would get him removed from our parish.

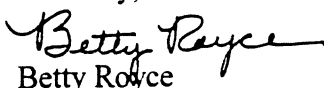
Or maybe you found it important to listen to a young woman who routinely went to Mass, not to hear the word of God, but to carry a notepad and pen and spend her time writing every criticism she could think of about Father Seamus and what he said, what he did, or what he was wearing.

All I can say is – you did it again. You let us all down. What a disappointment the leadership of the Church is to us. We have read about the kind of priests you and the leaders of the Catholic Church have covered up for, paid legal fees for, and protected. And now you make a decision NOT TO SUPPORT a fine, dedicated young priest who has done an outstanding job of bringing growth and a renewed spirit of faith and pride to our parish. Father Seamus certainly deserved better than this – you let him down too, and now we all lose because of your poor decision.


I have three wonderful grandsons who are being brought up in the Catholic faith. I must tell you that after seeing what you have done to Father Seamus, I would advise my grandsons not to pursue the priesthood. I am sick about what you have done to Father Seamus; I can't imagine how I would feel if it were one of my grandsons being treated in such an unfair manner.

I suggest it would be most appropriate given this poor decision (on top of many others in the past which are now coming to light) for you and Bishop Christian to resign. I no longer wish to support any part of the Diocese of Manchester given the current leadership, or lack thereof.

Sincerely,



Betty Royce


cc: Father Seamus MacCormack, St. Patrick Parish, Main Street, Jaffrey, NH 03452

March 21, 2002

COPY OF E-MAIL ATTEMPTED – NOT SURE IF IT WAS RECEIVED SUCCESSFULLY
(Mailed 1st class, March 21, 2002)

Most Rev. John B. McCormack DD, Office of the Bishop, Diocese of Manchester:

I am a parishioner of St. Patrick Church in Jaffrey. I grew up here, as did my parents. Archie and Eva Coll; our family donated a pew in their memory when Father Kelley was having the church renovated. When Father Seamus arrived and began the much-needed upgrading of the rectory, we donated a window; and when they were short of money for final painting, we donated again. Our four daughters attended St. Patrick School and I worked for many years in the Bingo kitchen and running bake sales to support the school. Our three grandsons now attend St. Patrick School, and the oldest is an altar server. While my husband is not Catholic, he always attends Mass with me. I am writing this letter because I have a love of this parish and a concern for what is happening here today.

I first want to relate to you an experience very fresh in my mind. Tonight I attended a Thursday evening Lenten service; attendance was good. I can't accurately state the number of people, but there were cars parked along the street; the first section of the parking lot was full; and in the further section where I parked, there were at least 15 or 20 more cars. At the end of the service when Father Seamus was beginning to make his exit, one of the male parishioners spoke out in a loud voice (which I could hear clearly at the back of the church) and said "You may be a hardheaded Irishman, but we all love, honor and respect you." The entire church broke out in applause – not a smattering of applause, but a resounding and sustained applause.

I relate this to you because it would probably be difficult for Father Seamus to relate it, and he may think it not appropriate to do so; I relate it because I think you need to be aware of the deep support that is felt here for Father Seamus.

Those who are casting stones are doing a great disservice to our parish family. This is a time when we should be working together to resolve our differences of opinion and striving to keep our parish family strong and united. It is not a time to create divisions and hard feelings based on personal or special interests. The potential harm which might be caused by pulling Father Seamus out of our parish family cannot be minimized; it would only serve to cause a deep and lasting split of our parish. WE MUST AS ADULTS AND CATHOLICS FIND A WAY TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES WITHOUT TEARING PEOPLE APART, CASTING STONES, AND DRAWING LINES OF DIVISION WITHIN OUR OWN PARISH.

Please don't reinforce the negative few at the expense of the many in our parish who feel that we are seeing growth, renewal and positive community impact. I ask instead that you offer to help and work with those who have differences so that resolutions can be reached which will not cause deep and lasting hard feelings within our parish. I pray that our parish family can find a light to follow that will bring us healing and draw us together, not split us apart; I look to you and your staff in the hopes that you can help lead us in that direction.

Respectfully,

Betty Royce




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Bishop John McCormack
PO Box 310
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Dear Bishop McCormack,

5/16/02

I have never written a letter to a Bishop before but I feel a great injustice has been done regarding the demotion of my parish Priest, Father Seamus MacCormack.

I was raised Catholic along with my seven brothers and have also raised my children to be Catholic but the decisions of the Church to let an inspiring young priest go while protecting pedophiles is beyond my comprehension. If this is how the Church is now being run than I am in the wrong Church.

The Priest before Father Seamus was neither inspiring nor emotional. My children did not want to attend Mass because he was out of touch with people. This former parish priest could not even comfort my family in my Fathers hospital room at the hour of his death. Father Seamus brought feeling back to the Church and when he asked for help with Church renovations I was more than willing to make an extra donation. When he first came into the Parish my mother was in the hospital about to undergo a serious operation and he made the time to see her even with all the other meetings and events he had to be at. He made my children smile and listen to him in Church which had not happened in years.

If the Church does not want Father Seamus than they do not want me. I take this very personally and feel many other parishioners will as well.

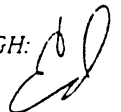
cc Father S. MacCormack

Sincerely,

Father Seamus,
let me know how I
can help.



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May 16, 2002

Fr. Seamus MacCormack
St. Patrick Church
87 Main St.
Jaffrey, NH 03452

Dear Father,

I wish to thank you for the beautiful gigantic rose I received at 5 o'clock Mass on May 11th. It was beautiful and many mothers might not have received a rose. I am sure you pleased me and many others.

Everything was nice about Mother's Day Mass except the announcement you are leaving. This is very upsetting.

I have told several parishioners who were not aware of the accusations being made about you. Because I am a convert I am very upset that the Bishop would ignore the wishes of the parishioners, as we all think the world of you.

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to Bishop McCormack. Don't let them push you away.

Sincerely,

Leona P. Letourneau

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May 16, 2002

The Most Reverend John McCormack
Archbishop of New Hampshire Diocese
PO Box 310
153 Ash St.
Manchester, NH 03105

Your Eminence:

I attended Mass, as usual, on May 11th only to hear very disturbing heart breaking news from Father Seamus MacCormack that you have asked him to leave.

~~We had a standing ovation at each Mass, as he is much wanted. The majority of parishioners definitely do not want him to go.~~

I think you should give a second thought and listen to the people of the Church. In my book you should please the people and not listen to a few trouble makers. Your job should be to check things out before you ask a good Priest to leave. It looks like you have not checked the wishes of the people at all.

I find at this time the world being very upsetting with what is happening with the Catholic Church. It is no wonder you will not be training new priests. Who wants to take that abuse? At least Fr. Seamus has no accusations of immorality.

~~Why are so many religions being broken up into many? We have what we want at this parish. Ask him to stay, not take a sabbatical or a leave of absence.~~

I'm only a number in the Church, but I do my share. I know Clara Landry, Rita O'Connor and Joe Compose are good parishioners, even Protestants have objected to your action in the Church. He has been an asset to the towns of Rindge and Jaffrey. Please give this serious thought. I feel if anyone should step out of their positions, it should be you and Cardinal Law. Why haven't you considered taking a ballot vote (yes and no) of the parishioners? I don't think you are a very good listener.

Sincerely,

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John H. Van Ness, M.Div., Ph.D.

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May 17, 2002

Fr. Seamus MacCormack
St. Patrick's Rectory
220 Main St.
Jaffrey, NH 03452

Dear Fr. Seamus,

After reading in the Monadnock Ledger about your leave of absence from the priesthood last evening, I want to let you know of my sadness and support. Although I don't know you well, my experience last fall of doing the blessing of animal ceremony with you made me want to know you better. As a result of that experience I am convinced that, whatever the situation at St. Patrick Church, you have a great love of animals. The accusation that you in some way have abused your dog seems perfectly ridiculous to me. From my own experience I know that some elements in any parish resist change. From what I read, and from what I have heard from Kurt Merrick, you seem to be suffering from that situation. I myself was 'fired' from two ministerial positions, one in a parish and another in campus ministry. So my heart goes out to you.

Our Lord never promised that our road would be easy. He did promise His presence and His grace and strength. At the times of my own troubles I remembered Jesus's parable of the vine and branches, and I felt that I was undergoing some pruning and I tried to remain connected to the root. Looking back, I can see that I have gained personally and spiritually from the situations; but at the time it was just painful. I will be holding you in my prayers.

If you need a temporary place to be as you leave the church, or if you need a place for "retreat", we have a cottage that might be available. Our sons and their families as well as other friends use it from time to time, especially in the summer. But if you have a need, let me know and we can see if there is time available. If there is any other way I could be helpful, please let me know.

Peace,



John H. Van Ness

MICHAEL J. NEYENS



May 14, 2002

The Most Reverend John B. McCormack
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Dear Bishop McCormack,

Every day there is growing evidence presented that further implicates you in some of the most serious charges ever to face the Catholic Church. Witness the article "*Church Paid Legal Fees for Priests*" in Monday's Boston Herald which states:

"In the Shanley papers there are notes of 1993 conversations about allegations against him between attorney Timothy P. O'Neill of Hanify & King and Bishop John J. McCormack, Law's former personnel minister at the chancery and now bishop of Manchester, NH.

The notes suggest O'Neill indicated to McCormack that Shanley "doesn't dispute the substance" of allegations against him."

To be accused of such horrible events and still refuse to make substantive public statements, let alone refusing to stand aside from your duties until such events are cleared up, is truly a maliciously self-centered position. Is this not also another example of double standards practiced by yourself (and others of the hierarchy)? If a priest is so much as accused of anything wrong they are now immediately removed from their position and hustled off to obscurity until facts are developed. You on the other hand, like Cardinal Law, remain in your mansions, in your positions of prestige, and comfort. Is not the Shepard's duty to protect the flock, even at the expense of his own life? Shepards are not expected to cut and run. They are not expected to put their own personal comfort ahead of their flocks. Is not the Catholic church deserving of more? Is not the Church of St. Peter deserving of better stewardship than it is receiving from the current hierarchy? Are not the people of the Church in the areas served by yourself and Cardinal Law deserving of better leadership, better administration, better moral judgment?

My mother had two cousins elevated to bishop: Loras Lane, Bishop of Rockford, IL and Justin Driscoll, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, IA. I pray that they had no such involvement. I believe that they served the Church in a much different time and hopefully were never presented with such issues. I also wish that none of the Church's present day leaders had to bear this burden. However, into everyone's life comes an opportunity to make a moral choice and I believe that how we handle these moral choices in life plays heavily into how we will be judged at life's end. Many of today's leaders of the Church have thus far failed in their judgments and choices. But there are still opportunities for you, and the other leaders of the Church to find, and follow, the high road. Even President Nixon, albeit under the threat of impeachment, finally decided to spare the country additional grief and resigned. I think history would have judged Nixon as more courageous if he had resigned earlier in the Watergate affair without waiting for the lawyers to hound him out. I also believe that you, Cardinal Law, and others involved in the covering up of these outrageous crimes against those Christ considers most precious, the children, would do not only a great service to yourselves, but most importantly to the Catholic Church if you would likewise resign, or at least take a leave of absence until these issues have been resolved. Every day that you procrastinate on making the tough moral choice adds to the ridicule of the Church, to the ridicule of all the good priests valiantly striving to do God's work, and to the ridicule of all the efforts that we Catholic parents have made to try and raise our children as good Catholics. In addition, you have set Evangelization efforts back several centuries.

I would not be surprised if the next national poll of occupational trust would position Catholic cardinals and bishops in the same moral esteem as used car salesmen. What a legacy!

Adding insult to injury in your particular case is the shameful way that you have not only protested your innocence in these abuse cases, while knowing that you have been involved in aiding and abetting the criminal perpetrators, but most recently you have once again ignored the high road and traveled the ruts of poor management in dealing with Fr. Seamus MacCormack. Here is another shameful case of you making the cowardly decision rather than the moral decision and in so doing have driven a wonderfully talented and potentially great young priest from our Parish, and perhaps from the priesthood itself. In these days of massive mistrust of priests, due largely to the malfeasance of Cardinal Law, yourself and others in leadership positions, by hiding these "monsters / predators" for so many years, it must be extraordinarily difficult for the good priests to remain focused on their ministries. I know that some priest friends of mine, childhood and college pals, are truly demoralized and fearful that anyone with even the slightest dislike for something they have said or done in the performance of their Pastoral duties can ruin their lives in these days of a leaderless Church. Rightfully so, priests today do not have confidence that they will be given fair treatment in the face of allegations. These are good priests, doing God's work, not pedophiles, not cowardly perverts preying on innocent children. These are priests who are fearful that someone with any kind of axe to grind will get the ear of today's distracted and cowardly leadership and without even the courtesy of valid hearings, the kind that any business is obliged to provide their employees, will be summarily abused themselves.

This abuse is continuing now, perpetrated upon Fr. Seamus, who was working very hard to rebuild St. Patrick Parish after so many years of neglect (neglect systematically ignored by yourself and your office). In the face of complaints from such a small number of people (each with their own small and selfish motives), which pale in comparison to the massive outpourings of love, trust, and appreciation expressed for Fr. Seamus at all of this past weekends masses, you and your subordinate saw fit to ignore the letters of support from others in the parish. You saw fit to ignore the personal pleas to yourself or to Bishop Christian on behalf of Fr. Seamus. In so doing you once again abused or condoned abuse of an innocent. The abuse of Fr. Seamus. Judging by the aforementioned outpouring of love and support for Fr. Seamus by virtually "full house" attendance at all this weekend's masses, you have once again created a monster. This time the monster will just as likely turn on you, the same as the monster created by ignoring criminal activity is now turning on you. It started at these masses evidenced by the gasps of dis-belief and sorrow, accompanied by tears of sadness and frustration, followed by standing ovations for Fr. Seamus at each mass. This is a wonderful faith filled parish that has been steadily expanding in terms of attendance, and contributions since the arrival of Fr. Seamus. I am certain that you will feel the backlash of these same parishioners for some time to come in terms of attendance and contributions. You most certainly will feel their lack of respect.

At this point so much damage has been done under the stewardship of the Church's current leadership that it may well take centuries to repair. The longer you, and others in these leadership positions procrastinate in doing the right thing the further the Church is pulled into the abyss. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Neyens

MICHAEL J. NEYENS



April 21, 2002

The Most Reverend John B. McCormack
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Dear Bishop McCormack,

I understand that several parishioners of St. Patrick Parish in Jaffrey have already written to you in regards to Fr. Seamus MacCormack's status with the Chancery but I would appreciate an opportunity to be heard as well. In the midst of all the problems in our beloved Catholic Church brought about by the sins of immoral priests, and irresponsible cover-ups by Church leaders, this priest (Fr. Seamus) has been diligently going about the work of St. Peter in building up his portion of Christ's church in a very positive and profound manner. Now come untruthful and malicious allegations of wrongdoing by a justifiably terminated employee, and the first chance our Parish has had to be truly nourished in a manner our faithful people deserve and need, sounds like it is coming to a cruel end.

I have been a member of St. Patrick Parish for the past eighteen years, and during this time served as a member of the Pastoral Council for five years including three years as Chairman. This is a wonderful, faith filled parish, populated by people to whom St. Patrick's is more than a place for Sunday worship. For many in our community St. Patrick Parish has been the center of their entire life. Many were baptized here, confirmed here, married here, and buried family members from here. All of us, no matter how long we have been parishioners, love this parish and wish to stay involved with it and to feel spiritually nourished here. As you well know, to the people in a parish, especially a rural one some distance from the Cathedral, the Church is personified by the Pastor. We very seldom have the opportunity to see, or hear from the Bishop. Therefore, although the hierarchy of the Church is responsible for the overall leadership of the Church, it is the Pastor on whom people rely for their spiritual nourishment. The Pastor is the 2nd Lieutenant leading his Platoon through the day to day battles of trying to be faithful to the precepts of Catholic teachings amidst the trials and tribulations of work, family life, personal finances, raising children in a very secular world, and overall trying to live life according to the teachings of Christ. Now, we understand, this is all at peril. Please do not make a determination about Father Seamus' fate, and the fate of St. Patrick Parish, without exhaustive evaluation which I am certain will allow the truth about Father's contributions to your flock in the Monadnock region to be made known. Failure to do so would have a traumatic impact on our people, would severely jeopardize the welfare of St. Patrick Parish, and would leave the Catholic Church with another severely blackened eye in (at least) this region of the state.

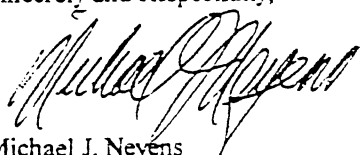
After thirteen, or fourteen years under the guidance of Fr. Richard Kelley, this marvelous Parish was severely ill. People were leaving the Parish to worship at other Catholic parishes, at non-Catholic parishes, and even worse many stopped worshipping all together. Please see the enclosed minutes from a Confidential Executive Session of the Pastoral Council meeting on October 7, 1993 in which the Vice-Chairman, and I presented this memo and accompanying list of issues to Fr. Kelley in an attempt to stop the malaise. Please understand that I know Fr. Kelley to be a very prayerful, and good man. However, during his time as Pastor our parish had become severely stagnant. He was a very passive Pastor, allowing people to undertake ministries on their own without proper training or monitoring. The choir was a loose canon telling Father when they would "perform" and what they would sing. Administration of day to day activities was largely entrusted to the parish secretary (Ms. Jonell Johnson) who was ill-equipped to handle them and who was, even back in the early 90's, recognized as a liability rather than an asset by most people having to work with her. Overall, St. Patrick's Parish was severely in need of new leadership. Fortunately, our prayers were finally answered in the form of a very dynamic new Pastor when you, surely with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sent us Fr. Seamus MacCormack.

During his short time thus far as our Pastor, he has gained the respect of the entire community (well I guess, nearly the entire community, less a handful of parishioners who had been properly chastised by Fr. Seamus in the course of properly performing his Pastoral duties). His impact on our entire community has been felt, and admired by: town administrators; clergy from the other worshipping communities in Jaffrey; the administration of the local high school and numerous students; the staff and students of St. Patrick School; the staff and administration of our local area hospital and especially those in the Emergency Room; the volunteer members of the local ambulance service, etc., etc., etc.. Most importantly, Fr. Seamus has had an extremely positive impact on our Parish:

- Attendance at Mass is up considerably. The Parish census has increased by greater than 66%, and the weekly offertory has likewise increased by greater than 66%. The current Pastoral Council would love to have an opportunity to provide you the exact figures.
- Father Seamus' homilies are rooted in the readings of the day and delivered in a positive, inspiring manner (refreshing).
- Father Seamus is available to all, at all hours. In talking with the staff at the emergency room at Monadnock Community Hospital, they have seen more of him in less than two years than his predecessor in thirteen years.
- Father Seamus takes the time to know people, to learn their names and their children's names, and he makes himself available to families to assist with family problems albeit with their marriage, relationships with their children, or to counsel them in their faith. This is very much a welcome change brought to us by this dynamic and giving Priest.
- Women now feel franchised, and welcome.
- People now feel welcome at St. Patrick's liturgies. Families with young children in particular, have expressed their deep appreciation for Father Seamus' welcoming spirit, acceptance, and tolerance for the noises children are bound to make.
- Father Seamus approached the Parish with such openness and sincerity in regards to appealing for funds to accommodate very badly needed, and extensive, repairs to the Rectory that not only were the required funds offered in record time, the contributions and pledges exceeded the initial request and were, with the consent of the Parishioners, used to seed the funding for second tier repairs.

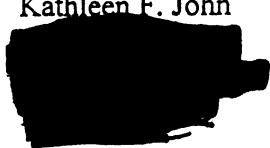
Please understand Bishop McCormack, that I am trying to help you see the profound difference the presence of Father Seamus has had on St. Patrick Parish, and please understand that this is being written based on discussions I have had with others from the Parish, and is not, as you have chastised others, based on any input or urging from Father Seamus. We are all very grateful to you for making him available to us and now we find ourselves praying that you will not take him away from us. Not only has he made an exceptional contribution to our Parish in less than two years, he has also made an exceptional contribution to the spiritual welfare of far more people than I could assume to identify. This includes non Catholic members of the community in awe of his leadership at the time of a tragic event that threatened to seriously divide our community (the death of a young man on a snowmobile caused by the malicious actions of local youth, several of whom were from our parish). This also includes the many families of accident victims consoled by the presence and loving nature of Father Seamus meeting them in the emergency room. This is an excellent young priest, working very hard at doing the work of St. Peter. He, like many of us, has probably not been blessed with perfection, and may have even made an occasional mistake in the performance of his duties. But, who hasn't? However, if you would permit an open dialogue with Parish representatives, rather than listening only to the complaints of a few who have been chastised and who have selfish reasons to complain, I am certain you would once again have the confidence in Father Seamus that you had when first assigning him to St. Patrick Parish. He deserves to be heard, and those of us who admire his Priestly efforts trust you will see fit to treat him justly. He will be nominated for consideration as citizen of the year in Jaffrey. It would be very embarrassing to the parishioners having to explain why our Church treated him so unjustifiably harshly while for years having coddled criminals.

Sincerely and Respectfully,



Michael J. Neyens
(enclosure)

Kathleen F. John



Bishop John McCormack
153 Ash St.
Manchester, NH 03105

Dear Bishop McCormack:

I am writing concerning the "demotion" of Father Seamus McCormack. I was raised a staunch Catholic, attended eight years of Catholic School, and upon receiving my teaching degree I taught in Catholic Schools until moving to New Hampshire two years ago. I arrived in New Hampshire at almost exactly the same time as Father Seamus did. My husband retired from the military service after 22 years of service. During that time we have lived all over the United States and have worshipped under many different priests. I served on the Parish Council in my previous parish. In all those years as a Catholic I have rarely meant a priest as gifted a spiritual leader as Father Seamus.

I am appalled that you let a very petty and extremely vocal minority lose this man to the priesthood. The clearly took advantage of the church's "Zero Tolerance" policy to sway your decision. I have forgiven the Church for the errors in judgement made during the current "crisis in the church", but I will not soon forgive what has been done here.

Matthew 18:12-14, "will he not leave the ninety-nine out on the hills and go in search of the stray?"..... How will the Church as a whole and you as an individual answer my grief?

I am returning the enclosed offertory envelopes. I will no longer need them.

Sincerely,

Kathleen F. John

Enc.: 15 offertory envelopes

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter I sent to the Bishop. My prayers are with you in this current turmoil.

Kathy John

In re: Jonell Johnson,
The fired church secretary

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Dear Auntie Jonell,

This is perhaps the most difficult letter I have ever felt the need to write.

When I came back home and began working in the family business, I know I made Grandpa proud. But, many times, the feisty side of me really upset him. It was a topic of many of our conversations about what was "good business in a little town". Every time someone appeared to be attempting to stiff us on a bill, I was more than willing to jump into court and haul them in on theft of services charges. But Grandpa would reel me in as he was a lot easier going than I was. He would always say that "it's happened before and it'll happen again, every once and a while is okay and it's just how things are" and he would turn the other cheek. Then someone else in the same family would die and he would go through it all again and still not be paid and still not say a word about it. You probably know the names, but Grandpa was the best teacher for me in that respect. He taught me a lot about life in this small town and how to operate this business smoothly without ruffling a lot of feathers. Dad has been able to continue to keep my political side quiet too, by always emphasizing the importance of not choosing sides and not taking a chance of angering one side just to please another.

Dad isn't out in the mornings like I am, I usually get the mail and a cup of coffee and get to socialize at the same time so I don't know if Dad has heard these rumors or not and I don't know if it is true or not, but, it is being whispered around town that you are going to file a lawsuit against Fr. Seamus. That is not exactly trying to live in this small town without ruffling feathers in my opinion! I can't get a cup of coffee anymore without someone talking to me about you so I have had to start patronizing Dunkin Donuts more to try to stay out of whatever is going on!

If it is true, I really hope you have taken the time to consider the "family business" and how sooner or later, either the press or the general public are going to somehow connect you with us and assume that because you are a Courmoyer, that all of us other Courmoyers support you in this litigious effort. This will put Dad and I in an extremely difficult position – one that neither of us wants to be in. I also hope you fully understand that the family business is a "religious sensitive" business. You know as well as I do that we were started as the "catholic funeral home in town" and if it were ever perceived that we supported you in any kind of lawsuit against the catholic church, it could potentially close us down by setting all of the churches around here against us.

Losing a job has the same effects on someone as when someone dies. Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance. It is okay to feel angry about whatever happened but anger is only one of the steps. Acting out on this anger is not going to get any job back and it will ruin any chance you will ever have in getting another job around here. Just as the rumors are flying about this, your reputation after a lawsuit like this will precede you anywhere you go.

Auntie Jonell, this is the worst part of this letter, mostly because I am not even sure if the rumor is true. I just hope you will understand that because of our business, and because of our neutral position in all that seems to matter in this town, that Dad and I will not be able to support you. In fact, if anyone were to ask us anything about whatever is going on, we will have to be very public in defending our neutral position and therefore very public in not supporting you.

I am very hopeful that all of this is not true and that I have just wasted my time, but I do know what you have said to us and therefore I do feel the need to be very concerned and that is why I have gone out on a limb and written this to you.

Auntie Jonell, we all love you and we feel badly about you losing your job. You are family and just like losing Nana and Grandpa, your family is here to support you with this loss. "It's happened before and it'll happen again, it's just how things are"

Like I said, I really hope this was a waste of time. I hope this is all a nasty rumor of revenge and that it's not true. I just couldn't take the chance that it is true and leave all of this unsaid.

Love, Mark

From: Mark Courmoyer [REDACTED]
To: Fr. Seamus MacCormack
<stpatrick@monad.net>
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 11:54 PM
Subject: My little contribution

Howdy!

As you will see, I did try to walk on the innocent side of the fence for this letter and I did use a slight twist of guilt also, but I think doing so had a much better outcome than anything else may have had. This brought out a very quick phone call saying she was not suing anyone and that she didn't have any idea how the rumor got started.

Like I said earlier, the rumor is out and the support for you is great, both in strength and in number!

Still waiting for my drink,

Mark

April 10 2002

Dear Fr. Mac Cormack,

I am writing to you to tell you that you are in my prayers each day.

If you don't know if you are familiar with The Women of the Anglican - we pray for the Priests of the Diocese, Seminarians and vocations - we draw names of the priests and pray for you for a month I will remember you especially

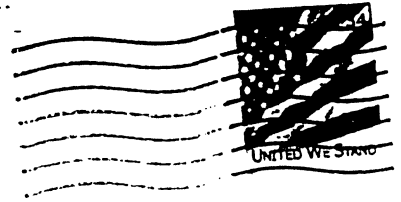
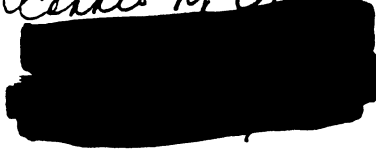


When I pray the Angelus and the
Rosary as well as at Daily Mass.

We love our Priests and
appreciate all that They do -
I will lift up the intentions of
Your heart with the intentions
of the Immaculate Heart
of Mary and the Sacred Heart of
Jesus - May Our Lord watch over
you and protect you today & forever -

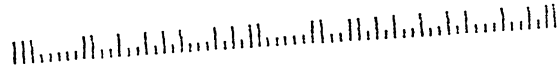
Sincerely,
Connie McGraw

Cecilia McCormack



Rev. James Mac Cormack
St. Patrick Rectory
87 Main St.
Jaffrey, NH. 03452-6139

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Ann M. Scierzelli	[REDACTED]
Samuel Hill	[REDACTED]
Wm. E. Caves	[REDACTED]
Paul L. Stewart	[REDACTED]
Shirley C. Caves	[REDACTED]
Betsy Potter	[REDACTED]
Rev. G. Mary	[REDACTED]
Lance Martin	[REDACTED]
Ernest Champane	[REDACTED]
Richard A. Mappara	[REDACTED]
Robert E. Bussiere	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Harold Oliver	[REDACTED]
Patrizia M. Driscoll	[REDACTED]
Conce A. Cottle	[REDACTED]
Maureen Tobichand	[REDACTED]
Helle M. Bussiere	[REDACTED]
Janet L. White	[REDACTED]
Francis R. Chamberlain	[REDACTED]
Verneth M. Driscoll	[REDACTED]
Judith K. Driscoll	[REDACTED]
John B. White, Chap	[REDACTED]

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Rev. William Beardslee	[REDACTED]
Ann Buller	[REDACTED]
James Buller	[REDACTED]
Pat Deschen	[REDACTED]
Brendan Meyers	[REDACTED]
Joe Scophy	[REDACTED]
Michael Quinn	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Adam Kelly	[REDACTED]
Cindy Hayden	[REDACTED]
Joseph Sirois	[REDACTED]
Mike Eddings	[REDACTED]
Peter [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Marie [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Jared Lafreniere	[REDACTED]
Be Cowart	[REDACTED]
Colleen Doherty	[REDACTED]
Mike Thoin	[REDACTED]
Jim Horn	[REDACTED]
Patricia Alrouly	[REDACTED]
Eric Hanson	[REDACTED]

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Kelli Langdon	[Redacted]
Jared Crowley	[Redacted]
Jeremiah Lupinsky	[Redacted]
Laura KEEZ	[Redacted]
Kyla A. Fitzpatrick	[Redacted]
Paula Richardson	[Redacted]
Carilyn Richardson	[Redacted]
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Alison M. Munn	[Redacted]
Tricia Brown	[Redacted]
Dave Taylor	[Redacted]
Evelyn Batchelder	[Redacted]
John Batchelder	[Redacted]

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James M. [unclear] 1234 [unclear]	[REDACTED]
Richard A. [unclear] 1234 [unclear]	[REDACTED]
Bob [unclear] 1234 [unclear]	[REDACTED]
James [unclear] 1234 [unclear]	[REDACTED]
MARY BATCHELNER	[REDACTED]

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Courtney Gagne	[REDACTED]
Suzanne Rita, Sirois	[REDACTED]
Martha Sirois	[REDACTED]
Joseph Sirois	[REDACTED]
Theresa Ascani	[REDACTED]
Justin + Ross Ascani	[REDACTED]
Kathy Sterling	[REDACTED]
Mark Cournoyer	[REDACTED]
Carolyn Howard	[REDACTED]
Blair Meier	[REDACTED]
Peter Dwyer	[REDACTED]
Richard + Jean Dwyer	[REDACTED]
Bette Bayne	[REDACTED]
Daniel D. Dites	[REDACTED]
Wendy Griffin	[REDACTED]
Marybeth Lund	[REDACTED]
Travis Kumpf	[REDACTED]
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Mary Dwyer	[REDACTED]
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Nicholas & Hill	[REDACTED]

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Deirdre McNamee	[REDACTED]
Naomi Murray	[REDACTED]
Timothy Sullivan	[REDACTED]
Sister Monica St. Cyr	[REDACTED]
Jeanne Lambert	[REDACTED]
DELMA OUELLETTE	[REDACTED]
Billie A. Kauer	[REDACTED]
John Kauer	[REDACTED]
Jessie Beaudin	[REDACTED]
Yvonne Blair	[REDACTED]
Peter Hunter	[REDACTED]
Shirley Fontaine	[REDACTED]
Shirley Chaplain	[REDACTED]
Leah Langreni	[REDACTED]
Norman Langreni	[REDACTED]
Christine Langreni	[REDACTED]
Norman + Jackie Langreni	[REDACTED]
TODD CHAMBERLAIN	[REDACTED]
Joseph H. Tedus	[REDACTED]

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Edward P Bernard	[REDACTED]
Denise, Assomault	[REDACTED]
Marjorie Cosmelle	[REDACTED]
JOHN CONNOR	[REDACTED]
Paul Laroc	[REDACTED]
Madeline Lajoie	[REDACTED]
Denise Lajoie	[REDACTED]
Shari Fish	[REDACTED]
Krista Mery	[REDACTED]
Wendy Lambert	[REDACTED]
Alan (Grand) Lam	[REDACTED]
Catherine Lambert	[REDACTED]
R Lambert	[REDACTED]
Mary Beth DiPasquale	[REDACTED]
Paul Thijsen	[REDACTED]
Brook Lambert	[REDACTED]
William K. Russell	[REDACTED]
Jae Traclet	[REDACTED]
Shirley J. Joubert	[REDACTED]
Krista Langevin	[REDACTED]
David A. (Guff)	[REDACTED]
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Joseph A. Conway	[Redacted]
John P. [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Shelley [Redacted]	[Redacted]
John D. [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Walter B. [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Edward [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Janet Sullivan	[Redacted]
Ann [Redacted]	[Redacted]
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Raymond D. [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Stephen [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Michelle [Redacted]	[Redacted]
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[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Francis [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Kathleen [Redacted]	[Redacted]
James [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Patrick [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Lisa [Redacted]	[Redacted]
Torrey Walker	[Redacted]
Isabel Walker	[Redacted]

I have known Father Seamus for 7 months. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

He brings me a soccer academy to Muesel
the recent high school fitness program
he has been there as an adult
and a friend.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Jared Crowley

Position in Community: Student

I have known Father Seamus for 1 year. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Being a kind, caring and generous
person. He has been a friend to
myself and my family and friends.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Patrick Jagers

Position in Community: Student

I have known Father Seamus for a year 1/2. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

making my mother and I interested in church again,
advising me to do confirmation classes and with an
oral history project for an AP course

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Jennifer A. McCathy

Position in Community: student

I have known Father Seamus for 7 months. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Tryin to find me a job, Guidance, Weight lifting program.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Franco Samudio

Position in Community: Student

I have known Father Seamus for about 1 year. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Father Seamus has been an invaluable resource
for Conant High School and the community at large. He helped
my student, John Dupre, when John's father was killed in a
horrific accident. Furthermore, he ministered to the families of
the boys involved. He is an excellent person to have in our community

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Beth Ericson

Position in Community: Teacher - Conant High

I have known Father Seamus for 6 months. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

HE'S ACTED AS A MENTOR TO ME AND
HAS GIVEN ME ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ON
VARIOUS OCCASIONS. I KNOW FATHER SEAMUS
THROUGH THE FITNESS PROGRAM AT CONANT
HIGHSCHOOL. I FEEL THAT HE IS AN ASSET
TO OUR COMMUNITY.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Jesse Zubuda

Position in Community: Student

I have known Father Seamus for 2 years. He has helped (me) my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Father Seamus has helped me get through
tragic and difficult situations. He helped me
understand things that are tough to comprehend.
Father Seamus has helped me and some of my
friends by having group meetings to talk about
issues on our minds.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Chris Muzzaro

Position in Community: Student

I have known Father Seamus for since he came
2 years. He has helped (me) my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

I think he has made a
tramendous difference at St. Pat's
Church. He has made a
great difference in my spiritual
needs and my whole attitude towards
my Catholic faith.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Janet A. Pore

Position in Community: Parishioner

I have known Father Seamus for 1 1/2 yrs. He has helped me, my family,

someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

I am not Catholic but I am raising my
family Catholic. I enjoy his sermons. He
helped me through a hard time back
in the 90s. I was homeless and he
helped me find a place to live. He
was a great support.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought against him are not true.

Name: Jimmy Deakin

Position in Community: "Christian" mother,
wife, student, business owner, volunteer,

It got worse from
our Church, you will be
having a great discussion +
don't fail! The Church can
obtain more help
from ~~the~~ show a great
thing. Also, a blessing
is not only the Church but
the Church. The signs that
make you move
and spirit of guidance.

I am a Christian. Let the
great + great things
spread the word of God!

I have known Father Seamus for 1 year. He has helped me, my family, or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Thru a dinner and talked to me about it and counseled me

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought against him are not true.

Name: Albert Johnson
Position in Community: custodian of the middle school

I have known Father Seamus for 2 years. He has helped me, my family, or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Drawing community together. Nurturing and counseling youth after a terrible community tragedy. Upgrad positive attitudes re. catholic community in general with in our town. He has been such a positive influence here or

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought against him are not true.

(NON catholic)
Name: Allon (Lonnie) Blackwell
Position in Community: citizen, substitute Teacher & very active volunteer

all respects.

I have known Father Seamus for over a year. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

I have known Father Seamus for over a year. My children
attend St. Patricks school and enjoy when Fr. Seamus comes
to visit their class, or school events at school, Bake Sales
dances, Fr. Seamus always has time to talk with the students
I am also aware that Fr. Seamus works with the youth
students at Conant High School.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Phyllis Menequin
Position in Community: Nurse

I have known Father Seamus for 7 months. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Father Seamus is a good friend of mine
and has helped me out at traveling times.
He transports me and other participants
to the MWC after school + brings me home

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Brendan Nevens
Position in Community: Student

I have known Father Seamus for 2 yrs. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Seamus has been in our school more times than most
parents. He has been an incredible support to students
in crisis, and a mentor to our entire school community.
He held strong during our automobile incident, never taking
sides, counseling all involved. He has been active with our
Assist services and an outstanding role model to our kids.
I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: Deborah Jackson
Position in Community: Assistant Principal
Conant High School

I have known Father Seamus for 7 months. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

For the past 7 months I've known Father Seamus
he has went weight lifting with a group
of fellow student and I and giving me rides
there. He also has helped me out with problems
I've had.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought
against him are not true.

Name: James George
Position in Community: Student

I have known Father Seamus for 2 . He has helped me, my family,

or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

"IS ENTHUSIASTIC INVOLVEMENT IN OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY. HE RELATES WELL TO ALL PEOPLE - YOUNG & OLD, CATHOLIC & NON CATHOLIC. HIS SERMONS ARE WELL PREPARED, ALWAYS ON POINT, ATTENTION GETTING, AS HE CONNECTS WITH TASTEFUL HUMOR AND/OR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. AS A CATHOLIC EDUCATED PERSON IN GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL & A GRADUATE OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO KNOW AND WORK WITH MANY FINE

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought against him are not true.

John A. Connare 3/22/2002

Name: JOHN A. CONNARE

Position in Community: RETIRED BUSINESSMAN (CONCERNED CITIZEN &

RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, NUNS, PRIESTS & LAY PEOPLE, BUT I MUST SAY THAT FATHER SEAMUS IS ONE OF THE FINEST. I PERSONALLY FEEL THAT HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY INCREASED FAITH.

I have known Father Seamus for 2 . He has helped me, my family,

or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

When we were listening to these allegations? Fr. Seamus played a major role in inviting all priests during the worldwide death crisis in 2001. Now it looks as though we are trying to undo all the good he

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought against him are not true. was done.

Name: Marcelle Connare 3-22-02

Position in Community: retired citizen

parochial grammar & high school graduate
D. Ann Pollock graduate.

I have known Father Seamus for 1 and half. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

being involved w/ the catholic community
God Advice
getting me to learn more about my religion

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought against him are not true.

Name: ESE A. [unclear]
Position in Community: Student.

I have known Father Seamus for 1 1/2 years. He has helped me, my family,
or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Being involved
with the youth. Giving good advice
when needed. Also hes a very funny person
but can be serious when he needs
to be

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Name: _____
Position in Community: Student and all around
good person.

I have known Father Seamus for 1 1/2 years. He has helped me, my family, or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

I have worked with Father here at
Conant H.S. and out at the church
with youths. He goes out of his way
for youth, adults and people in need.
I never found a priest more dedicated.
I have been over at the rectory and,
I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought against him are not true.

his residence being true. He was always
in good standing

Name: Michael Bennett

Position in Community: Teacher at H.S.

I have known Father Seamus for 20 months. He has helped me, my family, or someone I know (please circle all that apply) by:

Being involved in the Conant H.S. Fitness club as a
mentor and coach for 20 youths. Father Seamus
has assisted numerous students during his tenure
and continues to be the shepherd of the parish.
He is one of the first priests I have come to know over the past
51 years in the Catholic Church.

I believe that Father Seamus is of sound character and that the allegations brought against him are not true.

Name: George Marquis

Position in Community: Teacher