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GUEST HOUSE



1840 Scripps Road, P.O. Box 68 Lake Orion, Michigan 48035

CONFIDENTIAL ADMISSION INFORMATION

October 12, 1978

Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvee, D.D., J.C.D. Auxiliary Bishop - Vicar General 153 Ash Street Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Dear Bishop Mulvee:

RE: Father Eugene J. Pelletier

To Be ADMITTED: 10/30/78

Your response to this questionnaire will be most helpful to us in understanding your referred priest or religious. He suggest the information be as complete as possible. If there are any questions you are unable to answer, please refer us to a source that might be able to do so.

- Has he had medical attention or hospitalization any time during the past three years? If so, please have medical history forwarded to our physician, Robert T. Lyons, M.D., Guest House, P. O. Box 68, Lake Orion, Michigan 48035.
- 2. Has he had previous specific treatment for alcoholism, drugs or ever been under the care of a psychiatrist or psychologist? If so, when and where?
- 3. Please summarize his drinking history as you know it, using the enclosed chart (left side) as a guide. Especially comment on any observed deterioration in his personality, vocational performance and/or behavior.
- 4. Are there any significant relations with relatives that seem to have an effect on patient's lifestyle (e.g., invalid parents, alcoholic siblings, etc.) Please narrate.
- Please comment on the most recent incident(s) which led to his referral to Guest House. If there is, or has been, disciplinary action involved, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Howard M. Thompson, CAC

Director

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Enclosure - Valley Chart

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CHANCERY OFFICE

153 ASH STREET
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October 20, 1978

Mr. Howard W. Thompson, CAC, Director Guest House
1840 Scripps Road
P.O. Box 68
Lake Orion, Michigan 48035

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Bishop Mulvee has requested me to respond to your recent questionnaire on Father Eugene Pelletier who is due to be admitted to Guest House on the 30th of this month. The following would be the pertinent information in regards to your questions.

- 1. To the best of our knowledge, Fr. Pelletier has not been treated by a doctor for any serious medical problem in the last three years.
- 2. He has not been previously treated for alcoholism or drugs. When his drinking problem became apparent, he was asked to see Father Norman Toussignant who at that time headed the Clergy Counseling Service in the Diocese. Father Toussignant now holds another position outside the diocese, but it is apparent that Father Pe-letier saw him at most on one or two occasions, if in fact at all. Such consultations would have taken place within the past year.
- 3. Father Pelletier has in the past few years been something of a loner. Part of this may have been due to the fact that he was pastor to smaller parishes in the northern part of the state. In any case he was seldom seen at priestly gatherings. His drinking first became noticeable about four years ago while he was pastor of the first of these small parishes. Rumors and a couple of widely scattered complaints about his having been inebriated on a specific occasion were received. It has only been, however, within the last two years, and more specifically since he became pastor of St. Timothy Parish in Bristol, that these complaints have become more frequent and substantiated. Several complaints were received from parishoners about his being drunk on numerous occasions and on his being absent from the parish too frequently during the week. Bishop Mulvee met with him to discuss these problems and he admitted his need to curtail his drinking but refused to admit it was a serious problem that he could not handle by himself. He also met with Bishop Gendron on the same matter and it was decided to allow

him the opportunity to prove himself. When continued heavy drinking followed and proved upsetting to the parishoners, it was concluded that Guest House was the best solution for him.

- 4. We are not directly aware of any of these significant relationships. One incident which may or may not be revealing I personally witnessed on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the parish where he is now pastor. During his remarks at the banquet he mentioned how grateful he was that his relatives, e.g. sisters and their husbands, had come to share in this day. Upon saying this he became very emotional and almost broke down. Whether this indicates simply extreme sensitivity and gratefulness or something more, I cannot say.
- 5. There has never been any disciplinary action taken against Father Pelletier, and the decision to send him to Guest House was occasioned by a continuing inability to resolve his drinking problem. No specific incident is responsible.

In closing I would like to inform you that Father Pelletier will be arriving in Detroit on October 30th via American Airlines flight 405 which is scheduled to put down at 1:06 local time. Hoping this information will be helpful to you and that your efforts on behalf of Father Pelletier will be successful, I am

Sincerely yours,

Res Francis V. C

Rev. Francis J. Christian Chancellor

SAINT TIMOTHY CHURCH P. O. BOX 37 BRISTOL, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03222

September 1,1980

Most Reverend Bishop Odore Gendron Chancery Office 153 Ash Street Manchester, N.H. 03105

My Dear Bishop,

Last week Albert Goulet came in to see me . He told me that I had been reported to you that I was back to drinking . May I admit that on two occasions I did have a light slip but I did seek help with my A.A. Friends . In no-way am I back to drinking . I have people here with whom I deal almost every-day and are most willing to testify to this . If I were drinking after my three months stay at Guest House where I have learned so much concerning this dreadful sickness , Bishop I would only be hurting myself and no-one else . Presently I am on Perier Water and Moxie . I feel too good off this poison and I have no desire for it .

I must admit that I am somewhat tired after a busy summer. I am planning a trip to Guest House after the Columbus week-end and a few weeks in Leominster with my family. There is no drinking in my family. My brother-in-law is also a re-covered alchoholic and Henryis of great help to me. During my last visit at Guest House in one of my conference with Lee Philipps, my counselor, he warned me that I would still have some people who would criticize me to the authority. He said that I should be more assertive, he even gave me a book to read on assertiveness. He went on to say that I should ignore these peopleand not let them disturbed me. This is sometime hard to do but these are the exact words of my counselor.

Bisop Odore , I am sincere and most truthful in writing this letter to you .I certainly do not want to be a burden to my Bishops , Parishioners or friends . I am doing my work as a pastor the best I can and do want to serve my people with love and devotion . I do appreciate by you have done for me in the past and also Bishop Mulvee .

BISHOP'S HOUSE

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
03105

October 8, 1980

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Eric Vagenius Guest House 34 West Flint Street Lake Orion, Michigan 48035

Dear Mr. Vagenius:

For the sake of the record I would like to state that I was in agreement with Bishop Gendron that Father Eugene Pelletier return immediately to Guest House in September. It was my belief that such action was necessary because of his renewed drinking. The genuine concern about his drinking on the part of people who love and respect Gene was originally conveyed to Bishop Gendron by them but subsequently investigated and confirmed by the Dean of the Area, Monsignor George Chicoine.

When Bishop Gendron and I heard of Father Pelletier's objections that a certain number of people were out to get him and that he had only slipped on three occasions I was not deterred. Exactly the same thing occurred prior to his first stay at Guest House. Father Pelletier felt he did not have a drinking problem, a few disgruntled people were trying to get rid of him. He denounced these people from the altar. He fired people and got angry with anyone who questioned his drinking. Anyone who spoke the truth to him about his drinking was considered disloyal: After speaking to you on the phone, in fairness to Father Pelletier, Bishop Gendron and I were both in agreement that a further investigation was necessary. This was based on Father's insistance that he did not have a drinking problem even after he had reached Guest House and began counselling with you. Monsignor Chicoine once again checked out all the people to make absolutely certain that they were speaking of current problems and not digging up old stories that preceded Father Pelletier's first visit to Guest House. Monsignor Chicoine during this second inquiry was convinced that the situation was not exaggerated. As a matter of fact he felt it was far worse than he originally believed.

Once again, in order to be fair to Father Pelletier, who was claiming to you that the stories were unfounded, I decided to investigate the matter personally during my visit to Bristol last Saturday.

After personally speaking to a large number of people whom I consider representative, and having gathered information from priests and religious who have knowledge of Father Pelletier, I have come to the identical conclusions as Monsignor Chicoine. The situation is far worse than I had suspected. I am at a complete loss to understand how Father Pelletier could be so adamant in his denials concerning his drinking problem.

Based on what I learned, it is my belief that Father Pelletier has never in the past or present believed honestly that he is an alcoholic. I believe that he considers himself in no way like the other priests whom he has been with at Guest House. Some how or other he has deluded himself into believing that since he is not as bad as the others, that not only is he better than them but he does not even share a similar problem.

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He has conveyed the belief to others that Guest House had not considered him an alcoholic but rather a person who should be extremely careful because of problems he's had with alcohol in the past. If the occasion arose, he could certainly take a drink since he had learned to control it. It was not necessary for him to drink grape juice for Mass. It was quite acceptable for him to use wine and he did so.

He came back from Guest House and continues to this day bitter against those who "turned him in". He can not and will not tolerate anyone who questions his drinking. It is immediately a threat and sign of disloyalty. He has been drunk on many occasions. He has had to be led up the stairs and put to bed by a number of people on a number of occasions. He has had black outs when it is obvious that he remembers neither what he said or did. There is a constant justification of his actions because of loneliness and a need to be loved. He has shared things with a number of people while drinking which indicates he has not come to grips with his human sexuality to the extent that is poses a serious problem in his life.

He has been remiss because of his drinking in the performance of his pastoral duties in the Bristol Parish. He has cancelled Masses repeatedly during the week, he has failed to visit the sick and the aged. He finds it difficult to work with or instruct the youth in religion. He has been rather perfunctory on a number of occasions in the Administration of the Sacraments such as baptism, marriage and the annointing of the sick.

All of the above were told to me by people who love Father Pelletier. Every single person sobbed while speaking to me. In all my years as a priest or bishop I have never seen a group of people who love a priest more or want the very best for him as these people expressed for Father Pelletier. Instead of being bitter against them, he should thank God for so many loving and caring people.

Neither Bishop Gendron nor myself have ever looked down on Father Pelletier. We have never used the word "drunk" in speaking about him or to him. We love and respect him as a loyal and good priest who always served well and faithfully until he allowed alcohol to take hold. We have no reason to feel that he can not return and be a wonderful priest again. That is our daily prayer, that is why we are willing to spend so much money to help him realize his own potential and use all the gifts and talents with which he is gifted.

Father Pelletier in my opinion has only one enemy, himself. There is only one person who does not love him, himself. Unless he accepts the fact that he is an alcoholic and wholeheartedly commits himself to sobriety, however, the future is nothing but dark.

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Since 1978, Father Pelletier has not recorded any marriages, sick calls, or deaths. His Baptismal register is lacking in two known instances. His financial books are a complete disaster. I would like Father to know these things not by way of reprimand but as a positive indication of what alcoholism has done in these areas. I would like him to return all the parish checks to the rectory immediately. This is not done in a punitive way but with the intention of relieving him of all anxiety concerning these matters. It will also enable us to pay the bills and get the books in proper order.

It is the unanimous opinion of all parishioners who have been consulted and with which Bishop Gendron myself, Monsignor Chicoine and the entire Personnel Board concur, that Father Pelletier will not return to St. Timothy's Parish as Pastor. This decision is final and irrevocable. His effectiveness as Pastor in that area has been so seriously underminded with catholic and noncatholic alike by his drinking, that it would not be fair to him or the people to have it otherwise. This decision is to be kept confidential by yourself and Father Pelletier. Upon his return to the Diocese, with a favorable note from Guest House we will discuss another assignment. We assure him that this will be handled with sensitivity to him so that no embarrassment will be necessary. His cooperation, quite obviously, will be required if this is to be done.

May I suggest that you have Father Pellitier seriously consider his ability to function as a pastor and face squarely the areas that are causing him such anxiety.

Father Pelliter might find it ironic that things have taken this turn because of Father Pelletier's own insistance that the charges were unfounded and should be investigated. Both Bishop Gendron and I think it is providential. It is good that we know these things so Father Pelletier can face them squarely knowing that he has our support and love. We neither judge him nor condemn him. We recognize alcoholism as a sickness and only wish he could do the same. He has our daily prayers during these days which must be so difficult for him. May the Good Lord support him and you as you work things out, we trust, for the better.

Cordially in Christ,

Auxiliary Bishop of Manchester



CHANCERY OFFICE
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P.O. BOX 310 MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03105-0310

January 15, 1986

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TO: Bishop Odore J. Gendron

FROM: Father Francis J. Christian

RE: Father Eugene Pelletier

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In any case, Father Pelletier realizes at this point, although he "protested vigorously" initially that the slips are of grave concern since they could be leading him to a situation where he loses complete control once again. Therefore, he has agreed to return to Saint Luke's in Washington for a period of two or three weeks so as to get himself back on the right track. He will be driving to Washington in order to arrive there on January 22nd. He has Father Armand Gonthier in the parish, and had already made arrangements for another religious priest to come to the parish to enable him and Father Gagnon to take vacations. As a result, those two priests will be in the parish for the period of the next month, by which time Father Pelletier should return from Saint Luke's. It would not seem necessary, as a result, to appoint an administrator at this time.

Father Pelletier is very concerned about being forced to stay at Saint Luke's for a longer period of time, which I assured him Saint Luke's has said would not be the case. He is also very concerned that he will be forced to give up Saint John's Parish as Pastor. I assured him again that this would certainly not happen unless he puts himself into a situation where drinking truly became a serious problem. That is why we want him to make this remedial effort at this point. He seemed somewhat consoled at this realization.



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March 24, 1986

CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. Hugh O'Rourke, S.S.C. Aftercare Therapist St. Bernardine Clinic 2420 Brooks Drive Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Father O'Rourke:

I have received the report you and the other members of your team have prepared on Father Eugene Pelletier.

I am most grateful to all of you for the treatment and concern you have given to Father Pelletier during his recent stay at Saint Luke's Institute.

If Hatcher Pelletier follows carefully all the agreed upon terms of his contract with you, I am confident that he will be able to live and serve happily as a priest. If there is anything I can do to be of support to him at this time I will certainly attempt to do it. Please feel free to contact me in his regard at any time.

Thanking you again for your kind assistance, I am Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

Secretariat for Pastoral Services Diocese of Manchester

March 29, 1993

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. Eugene J. Pelletier St. John the Baptist Rectory School St. - PO Box 219 Suncook, N.H. 03275

Dear Fr. Pelletier:

Subsequent to our meeting on September 29, this letter will serve to confirm the substance of our discussion regarding your admitted slips on several occasions in regard to alcohol. As you know, Gene, given the fact of your alcoholism, such slips are very serious. Since you are unwilling to return to St. Luke's Institute for any kind of after-care program and given your assurances that, with the help of your AA groups, you can deal with these slips effectively, the Diocese is willing to allow you that possibility at this time. However, should we become aware of any continuing problem in this area after this date, the following steps will be taken immediately.

- 1. You will be asked to resign your parish for reasons of health effective immediately.
- 2. You will be required to return to St. Luke's for an after-care workshop.
- If you are unwilling to comply with condition No.
 your faculties to function publicly as a priest will be removed.
- 4. Your ability to assist in parishes on week-ends or other occasions as a retired priest will depend on the recommendation received from St. Luke's and your continuing sobriety.

Rev. Eugene J. Pelletier March 29, 1993 Page 2.

I know, Gene, that you have struggled with this problem for many years and to your credit have been greatly successful in overcoming it. It would be a shame to see all that undone especially as you approach retirement, which should be a happy time for you. Please understand that the Diocese is not your adversary in this regard and wants only to be of assistance to you.

Please feel free to call upon me in any way or at any time that I can help you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian Secretary Chancellor



Secretariat for Pastoral Services Diocese of Manchester

MEMORANDUM

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

TO:

Atty. Brad Cook

FROM:

Msgr. Francis J. Christian

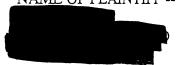
DATE:

August 24, 1995

RE:

Settlement of Allegations in Reference to Fr. Eugene Pelletier

1. NAME OF PLAINTIFF --



2. RESPONDENT -Fr. Eugene J. Pelletier
Lilac City Estates
19 South Blueberry Lane
Rochester, N.H. 03867

3. FACTS --

The allegation is made that some time in the fall of 1963 or the spring of 1964, Fr. Pelletier brought the plaintiff, then an altar boy and boy scout at St. Martin's in Somersworth, to some sort of an event in Nashua. On the way back, at Fr. Pelletier's suggestion, permission was obtained through a telephone call to the plaintiff's parents to spend the night at a cottage then owned by Fr. Pelletier in Litchfield. The plaintiff alleges that Fr. Pelletier gave him some wine and got him intoxicated, fondled him and brought him to bed where some form of sexual intercourse took place. The plaintiff alleges that the trauma of all this has caused him serious relational problems over the years, particularly in his recently failed marriage.

Fr. Pelletier admits staying overnight in Litchfield because, since he had been drinking heavily at the function they had attended, he did not want to drive back to Somersworth. He remembers giving the plaintiff the glass of wine but has no recollection of any other activity and adamantly denies that he has had any kind of sexual problems with young men. He does admit, however, that because of heavy drinking at the time, he did suffer blackouts during this period of his life.

Fr. Pelletier has been treated on several occasions for alcoholism, the last of which seems to have been successful. We know that alcoholism was responsible for some limited homosexual activity but neither the testing related to the therapy nor any other knowledge that we have would indicate a problem with under-age males.

4. PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEMENT --

Given the possibility that something might have occurred with the plaintiff, and given the cost in money and notoriety, the Bishop has agreed to the following details of settlement, which should be contained in an appropriate release form to be signed by the plaintiff and the diocese:

A. The diocese will pay directly a weekly counseling session for the plaintiff upon submission of a bill by a counselor chosen by him. The weekly fee would be in the range of \$125 and the counseling would be terminated as soon as is appropriate for the plaintiff but would extend for no more than 4 years.

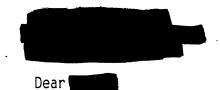
B. The diocese will also pay a monthly premium for an insurance policy safeguarding the plaintiff's salary so that if he is unable to work because of the stress of the counseling, he would continue to have his income. That policy will cost approximately \$68 a month, and will be paid for during the period of counseling, however long that might be but no longer than 4 years.

In return for these considerations and the opportunity to confront Father Pelletier with his memories--which has already taken place--, the plaintiff agrees to the standard release for the diocese and Father Pelletier.

Would you please draw up the appropriate release document for signature so that I might send it to the plaintiff for his approval upon my return from vacation.

September 25, 1995

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I am happy to enclose for your study and, if appropriate, your signing, the agreement and general release documents prepared by our Diocesan Attorney in reference to the assistance the Diocese will offer you in promoting your recovery and wellness.

As you can see, the agreement needs to be signed by you and the Diocese. I have already signed the agreement. If you find it acceptable you need only sign it in the presence of a witness and date it on both the first and second pages. The release is something that only you will have to sign, again in the presence of a witness, and then have it notarized. In this case as well you need to date the release on page 2 on the day you sign it. If these documents meet with your approval would you please sign them where appropriate and then send the originals to me. Be sure to make copies of them for yourself. If you have any problem with the documents please be in touch with me so that we can resolve whatever those issues might be.

Once the two documents have been signed and returned I will be happy to discuss with you how we should begin funding the agreed amount to the appropriate parties.

In closing, let me assure you of my continued prayers for you in the hope that you will soon be able to achieve a greater level ofwellness in all areas. If I can be of any further assistance please be in touch with me.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian Secretary Chancellor

Enclosure

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this day of 1995 by and between and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, with a principal place of business at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, New Hampshire.

WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties stipulate and agree as follows, to wit:

- against the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester for damages alleged to have resulted from improper actions by Rev. Eugene Pelletier. The said Bishop denies liability. The parties have agreed to settle their dispute. The claimant is concurrently signing a release.
 - 2) <u>Covenants</u>. Each of the Parties agree:
- a) not to disclose any information concerning the other obtained in the process of settling this matter to any other person or entity whatsoever.

 may divulge names or details of the events complained of in group or individual therapy sessions or other supervised treatment.
- b) not to disclose the terms of this Settlement Agreement to any person or entity. Each party understands that the other or others may be compelled to disclose documents or give testimony in response to legal process and agrees to give the other notice of any such request in order that the other may contest such request.
- 3) <u>Consideration</u>. Consideration for this agreement will involve payments by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester as follows:
- a) the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester will pay directly a weekly counseling bill for a session for upon submission of a bill by the counselor chosen by The weekly fee will be not greater than \$125.00 and counseling will be terminated as soon as recommended by the counselor. Payments under this paragraph will be terminated if not sooner ended four years from the date hereof.
- b) the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester will pay the monthly premium for an insurance policy

safeguarding the salary of so that if he is unable to work because of the stress of counseling as certified by the counselor and acceptable to the insurance company, he will continue to have income. Determinations to be made under such policy will be solely those of the insurance company and the obligation of the Diocese will be limited to paying the premium for said policy to be selected by The policy will cost not more than \$68.00 per month and the Diocese will pay the bill during the period of counseling as determined in paragraph a) above but no longer than four years from the date of this Agreement.

- 4) <u>Enforcement</u>. This is part of an agreement of settlement binding between the parties, and shall be specifically enforceable in the courts of Hillsborough County, New Hampshire to the jurisdiction of which both parties submit.
- 5) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple, counterpart copies, no one of which need be signed by both parties, and all of which shall constitute a single, fully executed original.

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The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole

Francis J. Christian,
Chancellor
duly authorized

GENERAL RELEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that for and in consideration of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) in hand paid and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and by these presents, does for himself, his heirs, executors, beneficiaries, administrators, successors and assigns (the foregoing releasing parties being hereinafter referred to as the "Releasor") hereby release, remise and forever discharge fully and finally, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, and its past, present and future officers, directors, agents, servants, representatives, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, predecessors and successors in interest and assigns, and all other persons and/or entities to the extent that such other person and/or entity is liable or could be deemed liable by, through, or under them (the foregoing released parties being hereinafter referred to as the "Releasee") of and from any and all past, present or future cause and causes of action, all manner of actions, suits, demands, claims, debts, sums of money, accounts, reckoning, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, controversies, judgements, agreements, premises, variances, trespasses, damages, execution, and liabilities of whatsoever kind and nature, including, but not limited to any and all claims for breach fiduciary duty, breach of obligation to supervise or select clergy, breach of duty of loyalty, and any and all damages and expenses of any nature whatsoever, past present and future, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown, which upon or by reasons of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the date of these presents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this release specifically pertains to all events complained of concerning contact between and Rev. Eugene J. Pelletier, including all claims which have been or could have been raised in connection with the aforementioned contact.

The Releasors shall not bring, commence, maintain or prosecute, directly or indirectly, any action at law or proceeding in equity or any legal or administrative proceeding or other claim for damages or other relief against Releasee based in whole or in part upon any act or omission of Releasee, anywhere in the world, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, any claim, demand, cause of action, obligation, damage or liability, based upon, arising out of, or connected in any way whatsoever with any act, cause, matter or thing whatsoever by, or on behalf of, Releasee.

This release may and shall be pleaded as a full and complete defense to, and may be used as the basis for an injunction against, any action, suit or other proceeding

which may be instituted, prosecuted or maintained in breach hereof anywhere in the world.

This release is in no way to be considered an admission of any liability on the part of any party, by whom any and all liability is specifically denied.

Each of the Releasors hereto acknowledges that he or she has been represented by counsel in connection with the matters contained in this General Release, that each has had an opportunity to fully discuss these documents with such counsel prior to executing the same, that each understands the effect of this document, and that each has executed such documents voluntarily.

The terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital. This release may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which when taken together shall constitute a single release.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing release and knowing content, and with the advice of o his own free act and deed this	and understanding its counsel, signs the same as
WITNESS:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF	
The foregoing instrument was day of	acknowledged before me this _, 1995 by
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October 26, 1995

Msgr. Francis Christian 153 Ash St. P.O. Box 310 Manchester, N.H. 03105-0310

Dear Msgr. Christian:

It is with a great sense of relief that I can finally write this letter to you accompanied by the signed forms for your review. I am quite certain that the only reason the Lord God managed all of creation in seven days was because He didn't have to deal with attorneys or insurance agents!

For the most past, both documents are as the Diocesan Attorney formulated them. However, upon my review and that of my attorney, I have made a small number of changes to both language and content. Allow me to explain the changes:

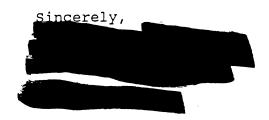
- 1) Agreement 2,a: note that I must continue to have the right to tell the details of my story known to me prior to the settlement process. Telling my story is central to the healing process and cannot be limited to therapeutic venues. I tell it to break through the shame that was placed on me. I tell it, at times, to groups of people in order to educate and perhaps to assist someone out of a lonely, shameful closet. I tell it to acquaintances who I wish to call friends in order that they might understand and support me since some of my coping skills are odd and confusing to them. I am, and will continue to be, very selective where and with whom I share the deepest pain of my life.
- 2) Agreement 3,a: note, firstly, that the bills may come from more than one counselor. Survivors of abuse have great difficulty with trust which makes having more than one counselor over four years a distinct possibility though not the goal. Secondly, termination of treatment is always a mutual decision unless there is a serious breach in the therapeutic relationship. Thirdly, the language of payment disbursement has been changed to reflect a maximum amount of money rather than a maximum amount of time. Choosing a therapist will take time and weekly appointments could be cancelled by either party for sickness, weather or any number of unforeseen reasons. What I need is continued support, not pressure.
- 3) Agreement 3,b: note, firstly, that the inability to work would be certified by my physician since disability could be due to both physical as well as emotional causality. Secondly, since this policy is meant to cover me while I am in treatment and this may not actually begin for some time, it should begin the day of my first therapy session and end

no more than four calendar years from that date. If I have not completed with my allotted sessions by that date, the policy will become my responsibility.

4) General Release, paragraph 2: note the addition of the last sentence. This was added upon the advice of my attorney due to the extreme level of confidentiality imposed upon these matters and the all encompassing nature of the release. The release does not allow for the possibility that the few of you who do know of this agreement could simultaneously perish leaving no one to continue with the terms of the Agreement and no means for me to bring a claim for breach of contract.

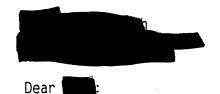
It is my sincere belief that none of the changes herein alter the spirit of the Agreement which is to provide me with therapeutic supports while promoting a level of confidentiality that will protect the Diocese from unscrupulous false claims regarding similar acts of abuse. I have therefore signed these documents and had them duly notarized.

I await the response from the diocese to these matters so that I can begin interviewing therapists. Please extend my sincere thanks to all diocesan personnel I have interacted with over the past four months for the patience, concern and kindness shown to me as I have journeyed through these most difficult passages. The process has already engendered much healing.



November 2, 1995

PERSONAL/CONFIDIENTIAL



After consulting with Bishop O'Neil and our diocesan attorney, I am pleased to inform you that the changes you proposed in the wording of the general release and agreement between you and the Diocese are acceptable to us. I have signed them and kept the originals for our files. I am returning copies of them to you for your files.

I am delighted that we have come to this agreement which can benefit your wellness, and will wait to hear from you how to begin payment for the insurance and therapist.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian Secretary Chancellor

Enclosure

GENERAL RELEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that

for and in consideration of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) in hand paid and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and by these presents, does for himself, his heirs, executors, beneficiaries, administrators, successors and assigns (the foregoing releasing parties being hereinafter referred to as the "Releasor") hereby release, remise and forever discharge fully and finally, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, and its past, present and future officers, directors, agents, servants, representatives, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, predecessors and successors in interest and assigns, and all other persons and/or entities to the extent that such other person and/or entity is liable or could be deemed liable by, through, or under them (the foregoing released parties being hereinafter referred to as the "Releasee") of and from any and all past, present or future cause and causes of action, all manner of actions, suits, demands, claims, debts, sums of money, accounts, reckoning, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, controversies, judgements, agreements, premises, variances, trespasses, damages, execution, and liabilities of whatsoever kind and nature, including, but not limited to any and all claims for breach fiduciary duty, breach of obligation to supervise or select clergy, breach of duty of loyalty, and any and all damages and expenses of any nature whatsoever, past present and future, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown, which upon or by reasons of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the date of these presents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this release specifically pertains to all events complained of concerning contact between and Rev. Eugene J. Pelletier, including all claims which have been or could have been raised in connection with the aforementioned contact.

The Releasors shall not bring, commence, maintain or prosecute, directly or indirectly, any action at law or proceeding in equity or any legal or administrative proceeding or other claim for damages or other relief against Releasee based in whole or in part upon any act or omission of Releasee, anywhere in the world, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, any claim, demand, cause of action, obligation, damage or liability, based upon, arising out of, or connected in any way whatsoever with any act, cause, matter or thing whatsoever by, or on behalf of, Releasee. Releasor may bring a claim against Releasee for breach of the terms of Agreement between the parties evidenced by a writing signed and dated 10/24/91 which is attached hereto.

This release may and shall be pleaded as a full and complete defense to, and may be used as the basis for an injunction against, any action, suit or other proceeding which may be instituted, prosecuted or maintained in breach hereof anywhere in the world.

This release is in no way to be considered an admission of any liability on the part of any party, by whom any and all liability is specifically denied.

Each of the Releasors hereto acknowledges that he or she has been represented by counsel in connection with the matters contained in this General Release, that each has had an opportunity to fully discuss these documents with such counsel prior to executing the same, that each understands the effect of this document, and that each has executed such documents voluntarily.

The terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital. This release may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which when taken together shall constitute a single release.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, having read carefully the foregoing release and knowing and understanding its content, and with the advice of counsel, signs the same as his own free act and deed this 3674 day of cond(2, 1995.

WITNESS:

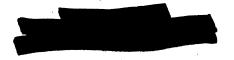




STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF SUSSEX

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of Culober, 1995 by

Notary Public



AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this 2000 day of 1995 by and between and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, with a principal place of business at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, New Hampshire.

WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties stipulate and agree as follows, to wit:

- against the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester for damages alleged to have resulted from improper actions by Rev. Eugene Pelletier. The said Bishop denies liability. The parties have agreed to settle their dispute. The claimant is concurrently signing a release.
 - 2) Covenants. Each of the Parties agree:
- a) not to disclose any information concerning the other obtained in the process of settling this matter to any other person or entity with the exception of therapist. May continue to speak, as he has, of the details of the events complained of known to him prior to the settlement process.
- b) not to disclose the terms of this Settlement Agreement to any person or entity. Each party understands that the other or others may be compelled to disclose documents or give testimony in response to legal process and agrees to give the other notice of any such request in order that the other may contest such request.
- 3) <u>Consideration</u>. Consideration for this agreement will involve payments by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester as follows:
- a) the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester will pay directly a weekly counseling bill for a session for upon submission of a bill by the counselor or counselors chosen by during the course of treatment. The weekly fee will not be greater than \$125.00, not exceed 50 sessions per year, with a total of 200 covered sessions. Counseling will be terminated by mutual agreement of counselor and counselee. Payments under this paragraph will be terminated if not sooner following payment of the 200th session.

will pay the monthly premium for an insurance policy safeguarding the salary of so that if he is unable to work as certified by his physician and acceptable to the insurance company, he will continue to have income. Determinations to be made under such policy will be solely those of the insurance company and the obligation of the Diocese will be limited to paying the premium for said policy to be selected by The policy will cost not more than \$68.00 per month and the Diocese will pay the bill during the period of counseling as determined in paragraph a) above but no longer than four calendar years from the date of the first treatment session.

- 4) <u>Enforcement</u>. This is part of an agreement of settlement binding between the parties, and shall be specifically enforceable in the Courts of Hillsborough County, New Hampshire to the jurisdiction of which both parties submit.
- 5) <u>Counterparts</u>. This agreement may be executed in multiple, counterpart copies, no one of which need be signed by both parties, and all of which shall constitute a single, fully executed original.

IN WITNESS WHEREPPENDE parties hereto have this about day of OCTOBER, 1995 set their hands.

WITNESS:

Individually

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole

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Francis J. Christian,

Chancellor

duly authorized

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Bishop Leo O'Neil Diocese of Manchester P.O. Box 310 Manchester, N.H. 03105-0310

Dear Bishop O'Neil:

I hope that this letter finds you well rested following what I hope was a wonderful vacation. I too have taken the remainder of the week off from work following my trip to Manchester last Monday.

Bishop, I can only imagine how difficult some of your days are as you fight this awful disease. It is therefore with the deepest gratitude that I wish to thank you for having received me some weeks ago and for the care and hospitality you extended me by allowing me to use your home to confront Father Pelletier. The results of the confrontation, as well as the feelings I am left with, are mixed. It was certainly very useful for me to sit across from Fr. Pelletier and frankly tell him precisely what occurred 32 years ago regardless of his own alcohol tainted memories. It was also quite frustrating that he either could not or would not admit this heinous crime and thereby remove all traces of responsibility from my shoulders and conscience. His age, poor health and the psychological damage done by years of alcoholism made it impossible for me to battle with him in a way that would have at least allowed me to feel the anger that all survivors need to access in order to heal. I will defer to God to pass the final sentence for He too knows the truth. As for my needs, I will heal with the help of therapy and the loving support of friends like those who journeyed with me to Manchester.

As for my needs for therapy, I shared that I would require a guarantee of up to four years of treatment at \$125 per week for 50 weeks per year. I would also need a disability income protection policy for up to those same four years at a cost of approximately \$67 per month. I have the details of such a policy through my personal insurance representative. Bishop, I don't want to see a dollar of this assistance. I just want the chance to heal the pain and move forward with the remainder of my life. I trust that the diocese will continue in this process with me. I would like to have you, as well as Bishop Curlin, to write to as pastors as I go through the successes and setbacks of treatment. I look forward to taking my next steps.

Sincerely,





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL. D.D.

September 15, 1995





Dear ____

Subsequent to the conversation I have had with Msgr. Christian after your meeting with Father Pelletier and in response to your recent letter, I feel that it is only just and right to assist you with both the therapy and the disability income protection policy you have requested.

It is my understanding that the therapy would be for the period of time during which it would be helpful to you, not to exceed four years, and the disability income protection policy would cover the period during which you are in fact in treatment.

As Msgr. Christian shared with me, this agreement will need to be formalized for our mutual legal protection. I have asked our diocesan attorneys to put together a suggested document in this regard, and I will have Msgr. Christian forward it to you for your approval as soon as it is ready. After the document has been signed by both you and me, we can begin to give you the appropriate funding for the areas mentioned above.

I am sorry that your meeting with Father Pelletier did not produce all the results for which you had hoped. I trust, however, that it has been helpful in some ways, and can be the beginning of a return to wholeness and wellness for you. I know that you have carried this burden over the years, and hope that the steps you have taken and those you will take in the near future will enable you to finally lay them down or, better still, transform them into a renewed life.

Please keep me informed as you take your steps in therapy, and know that I will pray for you in the months ahead.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Leo E. O'Neil

Bishop of Manchester

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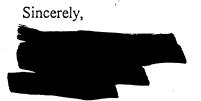
Msgr. Francis Christian 153 Ash Street P.O. Box 310 Manchester, N.H. 03105-0310

Dear Msgr. Christian:

Just a brief and very belated note to acknowledge receipt of copies of the signed agreements. I truly appreciated the trust that the diocese was placing in me by agreeing to some of the requests made in the area of disclosure. That trust will not be betrayed!

I am writing also to let you know that I've had to temporarily and briefly postpone my search for a therapist until I complete a move into more affordable housing just over the border into This will also affect the area in which I will secure my therapist. When the move is complete, I will forward you the new address and phone number where I can be reached. I will then complete my therapist search and communicate that information to you. As I mentioned in my last letter, there are things that must be in place before entering emotionally demanding therapy.

Best wishes to you and to Bishop O'Neil for a blessing filled holiday season.





July 05, 1999

Francis J. Christian
Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash St.
PO Box 310
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

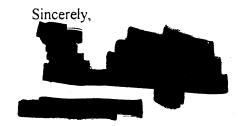
Dear Bishop Christian,

This letter is meant to bring you up-to-date with my progress in treatment and with the anniversary of one of the components of the contract between myself and the diocese.

As you may or may not be aware of, I terminated treatment with my most recent therapist on the 12th of March. We had gone as far as we could together. New areas have surfaced in my life requiring different expertise. I have discovered this person and will begin treatment very soon. You can expect to begin receiving statements from

The second issue pertains to the Disability Income Protection component of the contract. This component had a time limit of four years from the date of the contract. That date is quickly approaching. I wanted to acknowledge that fact despite the fact that I chose not to take advantage of the protection. The insurance companies I approached were adverse to taking the risk given the way they perceived what the mental state of a survivor must be. It seems that they do not possess the necessary statistical information to dispel their fears. In any event, I am grateful that I've not required the protection.

My life continues to grow into greater fullness thanks to the work I have been able to do with the assistance of the diocese. I have come to believe that I will work with a number of gifted therapists as I use these 200 sessions and I also believe that they will be provided for me as I need them. Many thanks for your continued support.

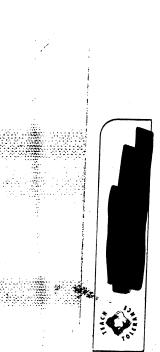


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153 Ash St. PO Box 310





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OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP + Francis J. Christian, D.D., Ph.D.

153 Ash Street - Box 310 Manchester, NH 03105-0310

July 14, 1999



PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear

Thank you for your letter of July 5th. I am delighted to hear that you have made some significant progress in therapy and that you will be continuing with a new therapist, with him will be equally beneficial and lead you to even more wholeness of life. I will expect to receive statements from as was the case in the past and I will handle them in the same fashion.

In closing, let me assure you of my prayers that you will continue to find clear peace and joy. With every good wish, I remain

Cordially in Christ,

Auxiliary Bishop of Manchester

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December 26, 2001

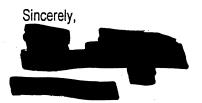
Francis J. Christian
Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash St.
P.O. Box 310
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Dear Bishop Christian,

This letter is meant to bring you up-to-date with my progress is treatment and how it is entering yet another phase.

I recently contacted your office and requested the assistance of your secretary to determine how many of the 200 sessions I had left to use towards my recovery process. She was very gracious to research this matter and called to tell me that I had 81 sessions left. This has allowed me to enter treatment with a who specializes in the treatment of trauma and the building and nurturing of relationships. I have instructed him to forward his bills to the Diocese through you.

My life continues to grow into greater fullness. This year I have been able truly celebrate this holy season of Christmas for the first time in many years. I now live with more hope than ever that healing can be achieved and that a full life is possible. Many thanks for your continued support and best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas season.



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FILE SUMMARY

Name	Eugene Pelletier
Date of Birth	09/18/22
Date Ordained	05/30/53
Service	06/09/53 St. Francis Xavier, Nashua
	02/16/61 St. Joseph, Berlin
	09/07/61 Holy Rosary, Rochester
	09/03/63 St. Martin, Somersworth
	06/04/64 St. Anthony, Sanbornville
	Summer weekend ministry
	09/20/67 St. John the Baptist, Manchester
	06/10/69 St. Joseph, Center Ossipee
	01/14/76 St. Timothy, Bristol
i i	10/15/81 St. Kathryn, Hudson ·
	05/12/82 Resigned pastorate for reasons of health
	05/27/82 Holy Rosary, Rochester
	10/24/84 St. John the Baptist, Suncook
	06/16/93 Retired
Date and	In 1995, an adult male then living out of state, who has
Nature of Complaint	subsequently signed a confidentiality agreement, made an
	allegation that in the fall of 1963 or spring of 1964, Eugene
	Pelletier brought him (then an altar boy and boy scout at St.
	Martin's Parish in Somersworth), to some sort of event in
•	Nashua. On the way back, at Pelletier's suggestion, permission
	was obtained through a telephone call to the complainant's
	parents to spend the night at the cottage then owned by Pelletier
	in Litchfield. The complainant alleged that Pelletier gave him
	wine and got him intoxicated, fondled him and brought him to
	bed where some form of sexual intercourse took place. He
	alleged that the trauma has caused him relationship problems
	over the years, particularly in a failed marriage. At the time of
	the complaint, Pelletier was already retired as a priest. The matter was settled with the Diocese paying for counseling for
	the complainant and there was a succession of correspondence
	between the Diocese and the complainant indicating the
•	complainant's satisfaction with the resolution of the matter and
	progress in counseling. A confidentiality agreement was
	signed.

PELLETIER, EUGENE File Summary Page 2 of 2

Response Action Taken	Pelletier was retired and living in a supervised medical care facility with no public ministry at the time of the accusation.		
Additional Complaints	None		

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Secretariat for Pastoral Services

Diocese of Manchester

March 30, 1993

MEMORANDUM

RE: Rev. Eugene J. Pelletier

On February 24th, 1993, I had a lengthy telephone conversation with Kevin Grondin, the manager of the Mobile Home Park in Rochester, telephone where Father Eugene Pelletier has purchased his retirement home. Mr. Grondin reported that on several occasions he and his secretary, Bertha, have seen Father Pelletier at some level of intoxication. On one or two occasions his language was abusive. It is also alleged that a salesman reported to them that on visiting the mobile home he found Father Pelletier in a similar situation, and that Father Pelletier acted in a lewd manner toward him.

On March 29th, after vainly waiting for some time in the hope that the salesman in question would contact me, I met with Father Pelletier. He admitted to some slips in alcohol, but denied any lewd behavior or inappropriate language. He was very resistant to the idea of returning to St. Luke's Institute for an after care program, and indicated that he would handle these slips in his AA group. I warned him of the consequences of any further slips, as is detailed in the accompanying letter.

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian Secretary, Chancellor DATE OF BIRTH

DATE OF ORDINATION

PELLETIER, Eugene J.

9/18/22 ·

5/30/53

COLLEGES ATTENDED: Assumption College, Worcester, M. University, Washington, D.C. (Summer School) ACADEMIC DEGREES: None SEMINARIES ATTENDED: Seminary of Philosophy, Montre Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, MD PLACE OF ORDINATION: St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchest ORDAINING PRELATE: Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.M.	al (2 yrs); St. er. NH
PARISH ASSIGNMENTS	
Nashua, St. Francis Xavier 6/9 Berlin, St. Joseph 2/16 Rochester, Holy Rosary 9/7 Somersworth, St. Martin 9/3 Summer Weekend Ministry, St. Anthony, Sanbornville 6/4/64 Manchester, St. John the Baptist 9/20 Center Ossipee, St. Joseph PASTOR 6/10 Bristol, St. Timothy 1/14 Sick Leave Hudson, St. Kathryn 10/15 Resigned Pastorate for reasons of health 5/12 Rochester, Holy Rosary Assoc. Pastor 5/27 Suncook, St. John the Baptist PASTOR 10/24 Retired 6/16	/61 /61 /63 /67 /69 /76 /81 /82 /82

APPOINTMENTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS/ADDITIONAL MINISTRY

Chaplain, K of C Council #4666, Suncook, 4/16/65

