Summary

According to a confidential memorandum, the Diocese received a telephone call from [redacted] regarding an allegation of sexual abuse made against [redacted]. Later that day, the Diocese contacted the male who reported...

[Redacted text]

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“We . . . need you to hear this. . . . There have been other reports about child sex abuse within the Catholic Church. But never on this scale. For many of us, those earlier stories happened someplace else. Now we know the truth: it happened everywhere.”

-- 40th Statewide Investigating Grand Jury
Diocese of Erie

41 PRIESTS
Here is a list of any young man that I had some contact with in the Needville and Samburg area. (Played racquetball with, took to the cottage, friends of their family, friends of some of the boys, etc.) Since Henry says that I was with so many kids, he thinks I have done something with all of them. I have put a {asterisk} next to the names of the boys I had taught how to check for cancer.

NEEDVILLE: (ST. ANNA PARISHIONERS)

[Names redacted]

FRIENDS OF SOME OF THE BOYS ABOVE:

[Names redacted]

SAUMERTOWN: (ST. BERNADETTE PARISHIONERS)

[Names redacted]
August 18, 1982

Father Fred Logan called the Cleary's to report an unfortunate incident involving Father Michael.

I simply asked him what had happened between the night before. He responded, "Please help me. I physically molested a young boy."

The next day, Father Lawrence called to say he was to be at the Cleary's. He also said that Father Lawrence always communicated with families who have boys and that he is always making physical contact with the altar boys.

Father Logan concluded by saying that...
Diocese of Greensburg

20 PRIESTS
Diocese of Pittsburgh

99 Priests
Cross Given to Altar Boys
Diocese of Scranton

59 PRIESTS
Father Coyne was instructed to do nothing in the case until the matter had been discussed with our diocesan legal counsel. Father Lavelle was present for this entire discussion between Father Coyne and Msgr. Overbaugh.

been pastor at St. John’s myself for about three years and from my knowledge of the parishes, I suspect that the correct surname of this latter girl is Giolla or Giolla. I am aware of the close friendship between Father Giolla and the members of the family; there are at least seven girls in this family and I know that they are in the rectory fairly frequently.

Mrs. also confided that another former student at Bishop Neumann School and now, like , a freshman at Bishop McDevitt High School, had registered to complain that Father Giolla had acted improperly toward her. This girl’s name is . She indicated that Father Giolla had wrestled with her.

Mrs. , the former and former member of St. John’s parish, had also experienced in her childhood some bad encounters with a priest.

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I have, in order to prevent unfavorable publicity, halted all investigations into similar incidents with other young boys.
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