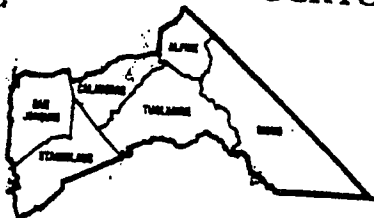


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PLFs EXHIBIT 3  
FOR IDENTIFICATION  
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At 9:15 a.m. today, Wednesday, February 15, 1984, I received in my office [REDACTED] and his son [REDACTED] and a lady who accompanied them.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are both fifteen (15) years of age.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] recounted what happened to them in September of 1983. Father Antonio Camacho, associate pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish in Modesto, called them on the telephone and invited them out for dinner. Mr. [REDACTED] accompanied them, but following the dinner he returned to his home. Father Camacho invited the two boys to visit with him at the parish rectory.

The boys recounted that on the way to the rectory, Father Camacho stopped and purchased a twelve-pack of beer. Upon arriving at the rectory, Father Camacho took them to his private quarters and proceed to serve beer to them. He himself took several beers during the course of the evening. They estimated that this began at the rectory at approximately 9:00 p.m. The two boys stated that they only drank a very small amount of one beer each.

Sometime around 11:00 p.m., the boys stated that Father Camacho suggested they stay overnight. [REDACTED] called his father, and it was arranged for them to do so.

Father Camacho then suggested that they retire for the night in his bed in his bedroom. Apparently the boys were at that time dressed in underclothes only. Father suggested that all three be in the one (and only) bed in his room.

[REDACTED] then stated that sometime after entering the bed, Father Camacho attempted to grab [REDACTED] private parts, and did succeed in touching him. [REDACTED] reacted at once, jumped out of the bed, and then went into the next room--a combination office/sitting room--with a blanket to try to sleep.

Shortly thereafter, [REDACTED] went to the bathroom, and looking into the bedroom, saw Father Camacho attempt to grab [REDACTED] private parts. Reportedly, Father pulled down the boxer shorts of [REDACTED]

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then stated that he, too, jumped from the bed, grabbed a blanket and joined in the next room where they attempted to sleep. Nothing further occurred during the night.

The next morning, Father Camacho took the boys back to their homes without any verbal reference to the events of the previous night.

The boys then stated that Father Camacho has continued to call them, although he did not have unlisted number. He had to call and ask to relay messages to . He kept asking them over for dinner again, to go out with him. stated that Father Camacho even offered money to him to go out with him again.

Neither or ever went with Father Camacho for any reason whatsoever.

and stated that they knew of another young man who had the same experience. His name is a young man who played the guitar in the St. Stanislaus parish singing group. Apparently had similar experiences, and he then quit going to Church. He subsequently grew unhappy about the entire matter and returned to Mexico.

and stated that they know of at least five other young men within the parish involved in similar situations with Father Camacho. They stated that many people do not attend St. Stanislaus Parish because of these problems, and that the word of Father Camacho's problems has spread quite far throughout the parishioners.

Both Mr. the boys, and the lady then stated that it was their intention to go to the police and report Father Camacho. However, they felt that it was important to speak with me, the Bishop, first about these matters.

I explained to them that I believed their testimony, that I could think of no reason why they would make up such terrible stories, and that I would take immediate action to terminate Father Camacho's official assignment in the Diocese of Stockton.

They then stated that they would not take any legal action if Father Camacho were to leave the parish and the country at once, and if he returned to his native Diocese, San Juan de los Lagos, in Jalisco, Mexico.

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As soon as the parties left, I telephoned Father Fernando Villalobos, O.F.M., my Episcopal Vicar for the Spanish Speaking, and asked him to come at once to the Chancery Office. I then asked Monsignor James E. Cain, my Vicar General, to be ready for an emergency meeting as soon as Father Villalobos arrived.

Father Villalobos arrived within twenty minutes, and the three of us met in my office. I recounted in detail the conversations that had just taken place with respect to Father Camacho.

I then said that it was my intention to terminate Father Camacho's Faculties and official assignment that day, to call him into my office, and to ask him to leave the Diocese no later than noon, Friday, February 17, 1984. Monsignor Cain and Father Villalobos agreed with these steps, and emphasized that Father Camacho be told the truth about his possible legal liability and that for his own good he return to Mexico as quickly as possible.

Since Father Camacho happened to be in the area attending a meeting in our Center for Ministry, I asked Father Villalobos to have him come over to see me.

In the meantime, I drafted a letter of dismissal to present to Father Camacho. I then telephoned Mr. Thomas Shephard, our Diocesan attorney, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The letter was then typed up and I signed it.

Father Villalobos and I then met with Father Camacho in my office at approximately 11:00 a.m. I recounted all that had taken place, but gave him no names. I outlined the grave seriousness of the allegations and that I had no choice but to terminate his assignment and Faculties in our Diocese at once.

Father Camacho then spoke long, rapidly, and somewhat incoherently about many things, few having anything to do with the matter at hand or the Diocese of Stockton. He recounted that he had

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allegedly been kicked by a priest in the lower leg while serving in the Diocese of Oakland, California, and that he now had developed cancer of the leg. He showed us his lower leg, which was badly disformed. We both stated that this was the first time in slightly over two years that he had ever said one word to us about any leg injury, cancer, or any such problems.

I told him that this was between him and the Diocese of Oakland, and that he should communicate with them any concerns which he had.

I then gave him the letter and explained that he was to leave the Diocese by noon, February 17th, and that his health insurance would terminate on the 17th.

I urged him to go to Mexico to his home Diocese at once, and to seek spiritual and emotional treatment for these problems. I told him that Father Fernando would telephone his Bishop in San Juan de los Lagos to relate all that had happened.

After Father Camacho and Father Villalobos left my office, I placed a call to the Diocese of Oakland to share what had happened. No Diocesan official was available at that time.

Then Father Fernando called me on the intercom to advise me that Father Camacho had told him he intended to go to Union City, California, not to Mexico. He told Father Fernando he would be at this address: 4096 Marsten Avenue, Union City, CA 94587.

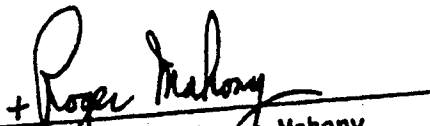
In view of that development, I telephoned Mr. Shephard to advise him of this latest development. He was not in.

Father William Macchi, Vicar General of the Diocese of Oakland, then telephoned me. I shared with him what had occurred to date, especially the matter concerning the problem with Father Camacho's leg. I gave Father Macchi the address which we had been given by Father Camacho through Father Villalobos in Union City.

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Conversations among and with the attorneys are continuing with the goal of protecting the general population, the Church community, and Father Camacho himself. It is my intention to take every possible step to be certain that no other young person is harmed in any way, and that Father Camacho receives the assistance which he needs.

  
Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Bishop of Stockton