

To: File  
From Ed Grace  
Re: Rev. Daniel McCormack

Tuesday, 8/30/05 at 10:00 P.M.

I was called at Queen of All Saints Rectory by Rev. Daniel McCormack. He informed me that he was being questioned by the Police at the local police station. (Harrison and Kedzie) concerning an allegation made against him by the mother of a 10 year old boy. He put the detective on the line to explain the circumstances to me.

Detective Agosta Star # 20228

Allegation that when the boy was 7 years old he was in a storage room of school (Our Lady of the Westside - St. Agatha) Father McCormack attempted to take down the boy's pants. Father McCormack was interrupted by a noise, which caused him to stop. About a week or two later, again in the storage room, Father McCormack succeeded in lowering the boy's pants and fondled his genitalia.

Detective found the boy's story credible.

I asked if Father McCormack was being detained. He said, not at that time. I then suggested that, given the hour, Father be sent home and return the next morning with an attorney to continue the interview. The Detective declined. Dan Subsequently told me he was processed at that time i.e. photographed and finger printed etc. - he was arrested.

I then spoke with Dan again and advised him not to discuss the matter further with the police. I said I would try to contact Pat Reardon and arrange representation. But I said he might be there overnight.

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I was unable to contact Pat - or any one else at that hour. I called Dan back on his cell phone and informed him of that.

At this point they arranged for an Assistant State's Attorney to interview Dan. She then:

1. Read him his rights again. The Detective had done so as soon as they reached the station.
2. She then began to ask Dan questions. Dan responded, "I have been advised not to talk to you any further." The assistant State's Attorney then said, "Do you mean you won't answer any questions?" Dan replied, "Yes". The assistant state's attorney then said, "Okay".

The state's attorney and the detectives then conferred for about five minutes



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Detective returned and said, "It's over. I have to release you – from the lock-up. I can't do it from here".

They did not say, "We'll be in touch". Their last words were, "Good luck, David (sic) Dan remembers because the name was incorrect.

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Dan called me back and informed me he had been released. I told him to meet me at the office at 9:30 A.M.

9:30 A.M. 8/31/05

I met with Dan at our office. I asked Dan to tell what the police had said to him and what he had said to them **BUT NOTHING ELSE.**

Dan told me:

The police went to his rectory and said they wanted to talk with him. He was not under arrest. He agreed to accompany them to the station and answer questions.

Police told Dan:

- They had spoken with the boy's mother
- Boy was interviewed concerning his allegation
- The boy repeated the allegation of two attempts to touch inappropriately the boy in the storeroom.

The Detectives witnessed the interview and found the boy credible. He was consistent in his story to his mother, his father and to the social worker.

Dan was released. Before he was released the other Detective asked Dan twice, has anyone from the Archdiocese spoken with you. (Before Dan spoke with me on the cell phone) he responded no.

Today, 8/31/05

I contacted Pat Reardon and arranged for him to represent Dan. Dan will meet with him this P.M.

Also I mentioned this was an unusual process i.e. the first contact is through police rather than through our Office of Professional Responsibility.

At this point we actually have no allegation to process through our Review Board. We are, however, on notice of an allegation. Therefore, I suggest that we establish a Monitor Situation.

- Utilize Tom Walsh, former Pastor of Presentation, who lives at St Agatha with Dan
- Tom Walsh's cell phone # [REDACTED]

I will speak with Leah to set this up.