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MEMORANDUM

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To: File - PFR-277
From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator
Re: McCormack, Rev. Daniel [Active] [REDACTED]
Date: September 15, 2005

PRA received a phone call today from [REDACTED] mother of [REDACTED] regarding the alleged sexual abuse of her son by Rev. Daniel McCormack [see file].

[REDACTED] stated that she was instructed by Kathleen Muldoon of the State's Attorney's office to call this phone number [the Office of Professional Responsibility] and mentioned that she was told something similar to "...[people at the] Archdiocese wanting to talk to me."

[REDACTED] expressed that her main concern is that the Archdiocese "investigate" and "treat [medically/psychologically]" Fr. McCormack. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She expressed her feeling that Fr. McCormack "...needs to be exposed..." she talked about the cleric "...being arrested [for the abuse of her son] and let go..." and she also described him as a "pervert."

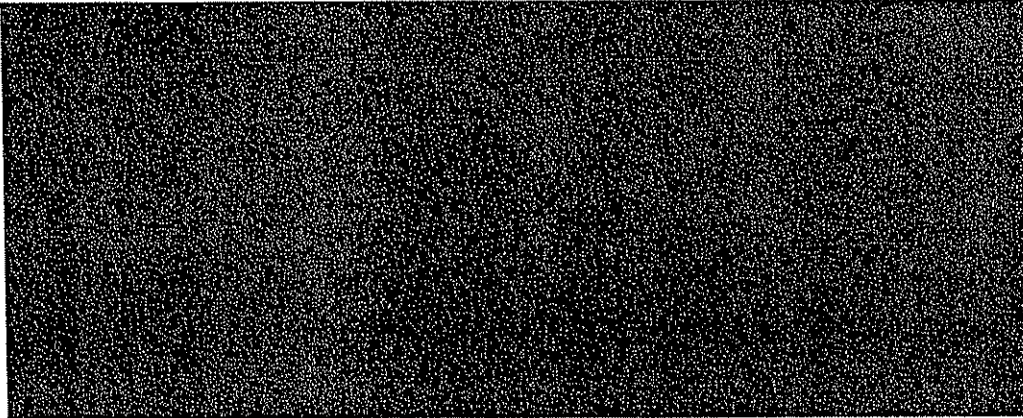
[REDACTED] stated that her son was a student at St. Agatha grammar school when Fr. McCormack befriended him. As per [REDACTED] her son [REDACTED] was eight years old and a third grader at St. Agatha when the alleged abuse by Fr. McCormack took place. When asked by PRA, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] attended St. Agatha for one year, from 2003 until 2004. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is now 10 years old.

[REDACTED] shared that when her husband was deployed [to Iraq as a part of the military service], she moved her family to [REDACTED]. When she made the decision to move her family back to the Chicago area at the beginning of August of this year, her son [REDACTED] became extremely upset and disclosed the abuse by Fr. McCormack to her. [REDACTED] feels that [REDACTED] disclosure to her was prompted with the pending move back to Chicago and his possible fear that he would again attend St. Agatha.

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██████████ remarked that, "...it seemed like [Fr. McCormack] liked to be with my son..." and that suspiciously the cleric never "...looked me in the eye..." to speak with her.

When asked, ██████████ agreed to PRA providing her with information regarding the Office of Professional Responsibility. As PRA spoke of the part of the process involving scheduling a meeting with the alleged victim, ██████████ stated that she would not have her son ██████████ meet with PRA at this time. PRA expressed understanding with ██████████ statement and then suggested to forward her written information regarding the Office of Professional Responsibility and the related policies and procedures. ██████████ accepted PRA's offer of forwarding the information both to her and to her attorney Mr. Friend.



██████████ began to end the phone call and expressed her appreciation for the information provided by PRA. She stated that she wanted to speak with Mr. Friend prior to providing PRA with any further information at this point in time. When asked, ██████████ stated that she did not feel comfortable providing PRA with an address to forward information to her on the Office of Professional Responsibility. ██████████ again stated that she would discuss these matters with her attorney and then contact PRA. She indicated that she would call PRA again either later today or tomorrow.

Prior to ending the phone call, PRA asked ██████████ if she felt comfortable providing ██████████'s date of birth. ██████████ stated that she did not wish to provide such information and reiterated that she would speak with her attorney prior to calling PRA again.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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