

Archdiocese of Boston  
Assistant to the Secretary for Ministerial Personnel

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. William F. Murphy ✓  
FROM: Sister Rita V. McCarthy RVM  
DATE: June 8, 1998  
RE: Rev. Charles Kane (dec.)

RECORDED

Father George Moran from St. Margaret's in Saugus called about a 72 year old woman. She was a priest in the Archdiocese. She found out that he had abused her son, her youngest boy. She is in the 12-step program and needs to address this issue. Father Moran received permission from her to talk to me. She wants to bring closure to this.

Her name is [redacted], a nurse, who lives in Methuen. She never forgave [redacted] for drinking, which became worse after [redacted] father left. [redacted] is a social worker.) He died in his sleep when he was 57 years old. (Cardinal Law said Father's funeral Mass.). In retrospect, she realizes that something was going on with a young man who moved in with Father into the family home. Father left his estate to this young man. [redacted] had to go to court to retrieve some of the family's personal things. Several of his priest friends knew about this situation but told her they could not help because of the Church. [redacted] feels betrayed by her brother and has not been at peace with the Church since all this happened.

When [redacted] worked as a nurse at [redacted] Company, another worker, Bob, suggested she make a Cursillo at St. Basil Center in Methuen. She recalls saying, "Thanks, but no thanks." That was in the late '80's. This past May a friend of hers told her that she thought [redacted] seemed very nervous, not herself at all. [redacted] went to see her therapist that she used to see in the past. This helped her to sort out her feelings and she signed up for a weekend Cursillo. She got in on a cancellation. The Cursillo program has been a wonderful spiritual experience. She has been able to address all her past problems: namely, her divorce, having a son die of aids, learning about [redacted] molestation and forgiving her own parents (who were cold, strict, yet religious, but without any affection.)

[redacted] recalls [redacted] as being a "kind of sissy" who often had temper tantrums, liked to cook but not interested in sports or girls. At 15 he thought of being a priest but had to be tutored in Latin. He entered the seminary when he was very young. Her parents entertained clergy in their home so she knows many priests.

When the Porter case broke, her son [redacted] who was [redacted] came to her, cried, and told her all about what his uncle had done to him. [redacted] married twice. He and his present wife live on the Cape. They are both having therapy, because this wife was also [redacted] I shall call [redacted] and offer assistance. (if mother then, having spoken to him, says his open)

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