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M E M O R A N D U

Jack:
Why do you recommend not
going before the Board?
I support all the steps you
have taken, but wonder about
your last sentence: "Just
asking!" *al*

TO: Bishop Hughes
FROM: Father McCormack *JM*
DATE: May 3, 1993
RE: Reverend Bernard Lane

I write in reference to our looking into the circumstances surrounding the allegation made about Fr. Lane at the Alpha-Omega House program in the 70's.

Sr. Catherine Mulkerrin interviewed Martha McKenna. She was a significant person at the Alpha-Omega House in those years. She was responsible for the 766 Program. She is the wife of the present director, James McKenna.

Sr. Catherine reports that Martha McKenna knew there was an allegation made and that Fr. Lane left shortly afterwards. She did not know nor does she today know of the substance of the allegation.

She never saw Fr. Lane out of line. He did an awful lot of good. He was a super therapist. Martha is the mother of eight children who were always around him.

Fr. Lane was Martha McKenna's boss. They got along very well. She couldn't say that all people felt the same - but some of that is just typical of workers.

Recommendation:

In light of the fact that we can uncover no evidence that points to Fr. Lane acting irresponsibly or in a way that points to sexual misconduct, I recommend that the matter not be pursued.

If you would like this presented to the Sexual Misconduct Review Board, I would do so. However, I do not encourage it.