

MODICOWITZ, OFM

Archdiocese of Boston
Assistant to the Secretary for Ministerial Personnel

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. William F. Murphy ✓
FROM: Sister Rita V. McCarthy ^{RVM}
DATE: June 11, 1998
RE: (Rev. Edwin Modicowitz, OFM, Capuchins)

reported that around 1965/66 a Capuchin named Father Edwin was helping out at St. Denis, Westwood. Rev. Richard Casey was there at the time so I was able to check out some of the facts. was an altar boy and Father used to come for Masses. It was on these occasions that Father Edwin would molest him. It went on throughout the month of May. As a result is very negative about the Church. His wife attends Blessed Sacrament in Walpole. They live at is having trouble in his marriage. He now feels that indirectly it is related to this experience with Father Edwin. He told his wife about it. They both realize that he needs help.

went to Xaverian Brothers High School. A group of grads got together. They were fooling around about one of the Brothers. One of the men said, "Who does this guy think he is, another Father Edwin." turned to him and said "you, too?" It gave him the courage to speak up, at last.

I contacted the Capuchins in New York and spoke with Father Paul Steffan. He was not at all surprised when I told him story. It seems that Father used to be the Provincial and remembers having problems with Father Edwin Modicowitz and having to pull him out of a parish. Father Steffan suggested I call next week and talk with Father Bernard Smith, the present Provincial. He is out of town at present.

I spoke with again and told him that I would send him a list of therapists, or he may choose one of his own. I shall contact him again after I speak with Father Smith.

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