

May 15, 2000

Dear Charlie,

Concerning our meeting this AM ....

I **ADAMANTLY** deny all the accusations .....

On October 26th the date of the first accusation I hosted a parish Halloween pot-luck supper & Party in the Parish Hall. Before the party I hosted two married couples for supper. Since I do not know the time of the alleged incident, this is what was happening in the evening.

Since no date was given for the alleged February incident .... I can only deny the truth of the allegation . Yet it was reported to have happened when BOS-02 was brought to me for help by her parents. It is my recollection that was not ~~my~~ parents who first alerted me to her "crisis". It was a school chum, Ms ~~my~~, who first alerted me to ~~my~~ situation. Ms ~~my~~ felt that ~~my~~ was "in trouble". At this time I learned that ~~my~~ was dabbling in witchcraft, Wica & Ouija Boards etc. She had done some cutting and was in a dark mood. I alerted the parents to what I perceived as suicidal ideation: ~~my~~ was admitted to a clinic in Pembroke & I volunteered to be available to school counselors.

I ask ... If I had perpetrated these crimes would I have referred her for help where my actions would have been revealed ?

Regarding the allegation on March 17th .... the incident was supposed to have occurred in my second floor room (s) .... At that time I was living on the first floor .... there were two other priests Fr. John Swenski & Fr Bill Lucey and a deacon, Joseph Arsenault living in the house (on the second floor). Furthermore, I am a serious heart patient, taking twenty-three pills a day .... the alleged act would have been impossible for me due the effects of my medication, Also during this time period my step mother was dying and I frequently at the hospital with her

Upon her release from the hospital ... ~~my~~ revealed to me in front of ~~my~~ Mitchell that she had a dream about me attacking her .... I counseled that

was absurd but it must have been scary ... unfortunately I did nothing further about that revelation ....

She and [REDACTED] continued to call the office frequently and manufacture excuses to talk with me ... check with my former secretary, Mrs Louise Sciplone .... I considered it teenage infatuation ... and treated it lightly.

I have spoken with [REDACTED]'s mother, Mrs. [REDACTED] and she has many memories which corroborate my recollection. She feels that her daughter would be willing to address these memories. [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED]. My former Secretary Mrs Sciplone and housekeeper, Mrs Medeiros have corroborating recollections concerning these events.

Regarding the "Initiator" of this process, [REDACTED] ... I know her WELL .... I witnessed her marriage and baptized her first child ... I declined to hire her at my parish in the role of youth minister & I declined to recommend her to her present assignment. I judged her to be flighty, unrealistic & in need of constant approval. She also, in my estimation would assume more authority than would be appropriate. She would have difficulty collaborating or working within a "chain of command" since she would initiate without consultation . She also had a tendency to over-commit with sketchy follow-through. All this I observed while she was a volunteer Religious Ed teacher within our confirmation program. A former pastor in Brooklyn (Monsignor Breen) concurred with these views. In short I did not see her qualified for this sensitive position & I told Fr. McDermott, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish. my views.

I realize this response is sketchy but it represents the main points of our meeting today. It is the best I can manage at this time.

I am eager to cooperate & expedite this matter.

Respectfully,

  
Reverend William J. Scanlan

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