

REVIEW BOARD MEETING
October 3, 1994
Chancery - 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Present: Rev. David Cavanaugh, Mrs. Mercedes Evans, Thomas Gutheil, M.D., Mrs. E. Patricia Harrington, Judge Edward Hennessey, Rev. Charles Higgins. Also present were the delegates: Rev. Kevin Deeley, Rev. Brian Flatley, S. Rita McCarthy, Rev. John McCormack

Absent: Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Ms. Patricia Moran, Rev. John Mulloy

Case #48

The Board concurs with the request of the Superior that the priest be allowed to reside in Boston under the supervision of his Superior contingent upon a report to the Delegate's Office on the outcome of the follow up neurological testing. It should be re-presented to the Review Board. There will be no ministry.

CASE #33

The Board recommends that he continue: a) to be on sick leave, b) live out of state, c) not do any ministry.

The Board further recommends that the Bishop of the area where he resides: a) be informed about his presence and his inability to carry out priestly ministry, b) be asked permission for him to live there, c) be asked to appoint someone to contact the priest on a regular basis in order to insure that he is not carrying out ministry.

The Board will be informed about the Bishop's acquiescence or not in this regard.

CASE #50

The Board recommends that the priest not be assigned to parish ministry, continue in spiritual direction and psychotherapy and, because of his strong priestly identity, that he be assigned to a ministry in which he would not have regular contact with youth, e.g. a position within the administrative sector of the Archdiocese. This shall not include public ministry.

The Review Board will review this case when and if an independent assessment is submitted to the Delegate.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Case #33

In December 1993, the recommendation of the Review Board was to allow the priest to return to his out of state residence on an interim basis until a final disposition is made about his future residence and activity. He is sixty-six years old.

Observation:

1. The priest continues to live in residence out of state. He has requested permission to continue in this situation. Because he has lived out of state for several years, he feels he has nothing to return to if he comes to Boston. He is concerned about a reoccurrence of his physical problems, such as asthma, if he returns.
2. The assessment of the inpatient residential treatment institution noted that:
 - (1) Although there are many conflicts in the area of sexuality, there does not appear to be evidence of a diagnosable sexual disorder.
 - (2) Due to the fact that he rationalizes the events of the past and intellectualizes his behavior by the use of splitting mechanisms, he has developed a cavalier and iconoclastic persona about the Church.
 - (3) He has adopted an avoidant position as regards his past behavior.
 - (4) Because of the defenses he uses, he develops somatic symptoms when he experiences stress.
 - (5) His diagnosis is: Axis I Somatoform Disorder; Axis II Personality Disorder with narcissistic histrionic and dependent features.
3. In light of the above observations, it seems the priest's personality and pathology do not offer much hope for improvement.

Recommendation:

1. That he continue (a) to be on sick leave, (b) live out of state and (3) not do any ministry.
2. The bishop of the area where he resides (a) be informed about his presence and his inability to carry out priestly ministry, (b) be asked permission for him to live there, (c) be asked to appoint someone to contact the priest on a regular basis in order to insure that he is not carrying out ministry.

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