

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
MEMORANDUM

TO: File of Reverend Martin J. Walsh, Jr.  
FROM: Rev. William F. Murphy  
DATE: January 6, 1998  
RE: An allegation of Sexual Misconduct

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Fathers Martin J. Walsh, Jr. and Eugene Tully came to my office today at my request. Father Walsh had been informed by me that there has been an allegation of sexual misconduct against him. The purpose of the meeting was to outline the allegation and the procedures of the Archdiocese in these cases.

When Fathers Walsh and Tully arrived I gave Father Walsh a copy of Sister Rita McCarthy's memo to me in which the allegation of misconduct with [redacted] is described. Father Walsh read through the memo and he responded by denying that he had ever improperly touched [redacted] or misbehaved sexually with him in any way. I went through Sister Rita's memo and asked Father Walsh specifically to respond to the matter of the allegation. He said he does know he know [redacted]. He had gone to [redacted] wake and funeral when [redacted] died in December. Father Walsh says that this was the first time he had appeared at a liturgical function wearing a suit and a tie. He said he wondered at the coolness of some of [redacted]'s family and friends at the wake, funeral and reception after. He wonders if perhaps [redacted] who relayed the allegation had told others about it.

Father Walsh says he knows the family from his days in Waltham. He says he was present at the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration in up-State New York. He said he does not know whether the youths were drinking at the party. He says in fact they did stay at a rectory some 10 to 12 miles away as had said. Father Walsh says he did not do what he is accused of. He said that no one ever slept with him either on that occasion or at any other occasion. He was very careful about maintaining his own room, bed and privacy. Father Walsh says he loved [redacted]. He stayed in touch with the whole family until about three years ago. He said that many of the people he came to know from those days would visit him at his house in New Hampshire. Sometimes they would use the house without Father Walsh being present. Father Walsh says he never laid a hand on "any of my kids." He prided himself in his good behavior around the children.

I raised the matter of the policy. Fathers Tully, Walsh and I reviewed the policy as it applies to Father Walsh. I explained to him that the case would go before the Review Board. I also said that it was the ordinary procedure for a psychological assessment to take place. This assessment would help the Review Board to understand Father Walsh and come to a well-informed conclusion.

Father Walsh says that he is currently seeing Leo Fahey, a counselor out of Catholic Charities in Danvers. He says that the insurance will not pay for any more visits for him. Father Walsh gave me permission to talk to Mr. Fahey about Father Walsh's treatment. Fr. Walsh also said that he had taken medication for

depression but he has ceased taking it as it was not supposed to be long term. I asked Father Walsh if he would consent to an evaluation with Doctor Theo Seghorn in Arlington. The reason I suggested this outpatient assessment is because Father Walsh has had a psychological assessment. He received this when he was at Guest House in 1996. I told Father Walsh that we would assume the cost of the assessment.

I asked Father Walsh how his alcoholism is being managed. He said it is not good and that he is totally frustrated. He said that he had gotten drunk not too long ago. He was stopped in New Hampshire and as a result he has lost his license to drive. Because of this, he is not attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on a regular basis. He says he is aware of the serious nature of his alcohol problem. He knows he could bleed to death very easily if he continues to drink. He says that by nature and by training he is a very independent person and finds it difficult to ask for help.

Father Walsh says that he is currently looking for employment which he needs badly in order to support himself. He kept a copy of the Archdiocesan Policy and also Sister Rita McCarthy's memo. I told Father Walsh that I would be available for him to support him and to help him to understand any dimension of this process that I can. Father Walsh chose Father Gene Tully who is a long time friend and supporter as his advisor. I told Father Tully that I would be available to him to help him in any way to support Father Walsh.

We also discussed \_\_\_\_\_, the man who made this allegation and who died in December at age 36. Father Walsh noted that the instability that was in \_\_\_\_\_ life may well have come from a difficult family life. Father Walsh said \_\_\_\_\_'s parent were both heavy drinkers and that \_\_\_\_\_ was in fact the care taker for his parent. \_\_\_\_\_ never married. He was "the life of the party" and Father Walsh cannot understand where this allegation is coming from.

We parted at about 2:15 P.M.

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