

January 8, 1997

→ Notes of Fr. Robert Wilson

Concern: Interview with _____ in re, actions of Philip Magaldi

Home: _____ (Do not contact
through parents - he
does not want them to know about the incident).

met this date with _____ and myself,
Father Robert Wilson. We began by explaining that we are part of a
committee to investigate sexual misconduct complaints. We also told him that
we knew that he had already met with the bishop.

He was articulate and forthcoming in his description of the events. They
began in July of 1995 when he went to confession at
Parish. He went there because the time was better for him than at his home
parish. PM said subsequently on several occasions how providential it was
that he came to his confessional on that day at that time.

PM suggested that they get together for lunch "to talk about
thought that it would be great to have a priest as a friend, and agreed. They
went out two or three times to Fort Worth restaurants and then to Il Sorrento, a
fancy restaurant in Dallas. PM always introduced _____ "as his nephew." He
also encouraged _____ to have beer or wine.

PM lives in an apartment complex with his mother. He invited _____ over to go
swimming. During the swimming _____ described PM as moving closer and
closer to him, so that he would have to swim away. He thinks this swimming
incident was the week after he met PM. Finally, _____ said, "I got tired of
playing dodge, and said, let's get out."

During the entire relationship PM would "goose" him, i.e. grab his buttocks.

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When asked why he did that, he said "we always did that in high school."

was concerned that PM never wore his collar out with him, but rather lay clothes. When asked about it PM replied that the archbishop (sic) had given him permission.

PM asked for a favor. He said the doctor had prescribed four enemas for him, and asked if would give them to him. He asked why not your mother, and PM replied that he did not want to show his private parts to his mother, that he was embarrassed. PM said that he would get him a note from the doctor. Finally agreed. PM then gave him \$25 which he said he would have had to pay the doctor. said he did not want the money, but PM insisted, saying that he had just had a \$200 raise and that he did not need the money.

During this narration, and throughout the interview, explained his actions, often rationalizing. In this case, he said that he "was trying to do PM a favor."

When left for PM gave him a \$100 check. He continued to send him \$100 checks every six weeks. PM says that he told him not to, but that PM continued to send the checks.

In the fall PM went Rhode Island to pick up his mother, and came to to see. He greeted him and hugged him. felt that it was the kind of a hug that he was comfortable receiving from a girl, but was turned off by PM. PM introduced to his mother, and then when they left, he hugged him, and kissed him on the lips, a wet kiss (not open mouth said or "I would have been scarred for life").

PM send a letter after returning to Fort Worth. He said that he hoped that did not take it wrong, rather that PM has kissed him just like he kissed his mother. There was nothing wrong about it.

That was the last contact made by PM. The incidents therefore were during three or four months of summer and fall of 1995.

Since that time had occasion to be "hit on" by a 30 year old who claims that he counsels gay priests. It was this person who led to think that maybe PM was not so innocent. was concerned about having attracted a second gay person.

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Father Wilson apologized for the church and for PM. So did
Father Wilson also encouraged to seek counseling in At first
seemed to think it was not necessary, but [redacted] pointed out that he
seemed to take responsibility for the relationship, feeling he had to "help PM,"
and that he had described doing the same thing with his girl friend. He agreed
that he needed to work on that. [redacted] gave him her card, and suggested
that he call [redacted] and ask to talk to their counseling
department. Father Wilson wrote his address on the same card for billing
purposes. The diocese will pay for the counseling.

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