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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

From: Bishop Delaney
Date: October 25, 1997

in re: Fr. William Hoover

At this week's DFAC meeting, told me privately that her first cousin was sexually abused by WH when he was pastor at parish. She thought it occurred in the late 60's. The fact was known by many members of the family, but no one would come forward to complain.

I gather that the family has always wondered if the abuse had anything to do with how things turned out. I expressed my surprise and sadness to hear about this and to hear that this was the first time we had heard about anything happening so much later than the original complaint.

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10-04-04 Order
0134
November 25, 1997

Dear,

I have been trying to locate the individual both you and I spoke of, who went public although anonymously a couple years ago. At the time he spoke to me he gave me his name and a Post Office Box number. He was separated from his wife at that time, pending divorce, I believe. He did not "go public" through the media, I'm sure you remember. His name and address wasn't in the newspaper, on television, his face was "shadowed" so as not to be recognized. We respected his wish to be anonymous.

I have written to the Post Office Box we had at that time indicating you wish to speak with him. I would wait another week or two, in case to communicate with me. I will then ask him if he is pleased talking to you. I will forward his with the plans publicly anonymous, since that was your agreement at the beginning.

He, too, was offered counseling service through us by the Diocese of Dallas. I don't think he took advantage of it. You will remember that the parish of... and now the Diocese of Fort Worth was in the Diocese of Dallas-Ft. Worth at the time of the incident you had. This individual went to a parish in the city of Dallas shortly before your incident occurred.

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Sincerely,

Rev. Joseph A. Schuamcher
Vicar General

10-04-04 Order
0135
Joe Schumacher

From: Joe Schumacher
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 1997 4:49 PM
To: Robert Wilson
Cc: Bishop Delaney
Subject: Counseling with

Call came at 1:05 p.m. today. Left word with his answering service at 4:25 p.m. Returns me at 4:40 p.m.

To wit:

He had done counseling with end of 1995 and much of 1996 vis-à-vis William Hoover. Was dismissed with opinion that could handle inability to deal with rejection, emotional distress sufficiently well but he came back on Nov. 10, 1997 with some of the same problems.

I thought something in the latest publicity in newspapers (re: Rudy Kozi) says: "If you're involved with someone counseling now, is now calling to see if we want him to do the counseling, will we pay for it, etc."

If you will, Bob, call to okay or not.

I would suggest if we say ok, and that we will cover that we set a limit on.

Too, perhaps, we should let Dallas Chancery know we are back into it, since problem is theirs - we weren't at Diocese when W.H. was involved in same.

I called. He called me back, from answering service, to ask if we were willing to pay the bills. We talked a bit. It seems that had contacted me in.

I had suggested they get in touch with Dallas and that indeed Fr. Glenn Gardner had said possibility of their paying some.

I called. D. Gardner told him the 'good news.' D. said he would contact and "take care of the counseling now needed."

Msgr. Glenn Gardner
214/523-2434 (office)

Msgr. John Buell
214/523-9579 (office)

12/2/97
3:05 - 4:40 p.m.

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10-04-04 Order
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September 14, 1998

Memo to files
from Father Wilson

Concern

called several times the last week of August, and was verbally abusive to all three secretaries in the chancery, and to Dan Luby who returned his call. DL reported the call because of mistaken identity. Another call had been to see the Bishop about sex scandal. Since DL had sat on that meeting I asked him to return the call. However, it was the wrong person.

One of the remarks made by him was that he did not appreciate being picked on after 30 years. He had called him about 4:30 PM. This was only one of the many strange remarks made, some that could be considered abusive.

I returned 14 calls, only reaching him on the first occasion. That was September 2 at 9:00 AM. He was not abusive to me at all. A woman answered the phone. I presume she explained that I answered the phone for her and she said he preferred to speak only to the Bishop at a precise, and not to anyone else. I asked her about the name of his complaint. He said that he had been abused by a priest. When I asked who, he said Father Hoover. He then told me that no one in his home knew of this. He may have been subdued because of his wife answering the phone.

I said I would like to come by and speak with him, but I think that was a good idea. I said I would meet him somewhere, but finally had to agree to call him back. He asked that I call between 11:00 AM and 4:30 PM. I agreed to do so. I called him back the same day at 1:25 PM, and there was no answer. Neither was there an answer on the subsequent four occasions.

The log of my calls:

Sept. 2 9:00 AM  
Sept. 2 1:25 PM  
Sept. 3 11:20 AM  
Sept. 4 12:45 PM  
Sept. 9 2:15 PM  
Sept. 14 11:45 PM

10-04-04 Order 0138
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10-04-04 order
From: Joe Schumacher
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 1999 3:24 PM
To: Bishop Delaney
Cc: Robert Wilson
Subject: The last correspondence I had with

I talked to him on the phone and will get the rest of the information at the Catholic Center on Tuesday. He is there. As I said on E-Mail, it seemed to be doing better, but with all the publicity out there, the "began to hurt again." I encouraged him to go to which he had done in the past. Bob may know, since those billings come through Bob at the Center.

10-04-04 Order
01:40
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To:   Files
From: Bishop Delaney
Date: February 22, 1999
In re: Father William Hoover concerning

Father Robert Wilson and I met with Father today as outreach of him as a lifelong Catholic, born in 1956. Several years ago when the information about Father William Hoover’s abuse of several boys became public, he began to remember that she had been abused by him too. He remembers that the event took place in the sanctuary on the occasion of the rehearsal for a cousin’s wedding. The wedding was to be celebrated by Father, and another priest, but Father Hoover was the priest in charge at the church and was there that evening setting things up. The abuse occurred on one occasion and consisted of genital stimulation.

As we explained, he was 13 years old at the time of the event, and was too upset and afraid to tell anyone about it. Within 18 years, he had dealt with the issues related to what happened.

He reported all this to Father Joseph Schuman, about 18 months ago, and JS arranged for him to see a counselor. He has been going to see the counselor all this time. Because of the counseling, he has been able to work through his memories of the event and to discuss it with others who have been in a similar situation. It is part of this process.

As the conversation was ending, he spoke about all the suffering the event has caused him. He was appreciative of the counseling, but added that perhaps he was the only one who suffered.

As he spoke, how he could never go to the press the way other people would not respond to these allegations, but only offered to continue to provide counseling for him as long as he and his therapist felt it was necessary. I agreed to meet with him again if it would be helpful.

We will not pursue this unless...

10-04-04 Order 0142
Dear Bishop Delaney,

I spoke with you a while back about being molested by Fr. Hoover. I appreciate the time you spent with me. I considered the possibility it may have been for I who was the pastor at the time. I learned the pastor struggled with alcohol and cancer and died shortly afterward. I suppose it could have been him, or perhaps Fr. Hoover was filling in for him during an illness. My [_____] who was 16 at the time believes Fr. Hoover was there. I believe which one doesn't really matter.

I continued in counseling with [_____] until a few months ago. I greatly appreciate the arrangement for payment and I put it to good use.

I learned I put this incident deep into my mind as a defense against something too horrible for a child to believe much less experience. Although I never really forget, I buried it each time. I was around priests and nuns all my life. My father was in awe of priests and saw them as closest to God and almost perfect. I even considered being a priest myself. What happened to me was beyond my worst nightmare. I could not imagine such a thing. My mother was in the hospital, my father was home with smaller children. I could not even get to my father for several hours and days in my mother's case. I started putting it deep into my head immediately. Also, Father was saying stuff to me that I have not been able to remember.

This incident and my defense against it caused me much damage.

I have difficulty sticking up for myself, especially with anyone of authority. The people closest to me.

I made great strides in counseling. Once I started thinking about it I could not get it out of my head. I am fortunate this did not cause worse problems, such as becoming a perpetrator myself. Also, I am glad I did not turn against God, the church, or priests in general. I am a devout Catholic, very active in the parish and school.

I have made great strides but still suffer the effects of molestation. There is only so much counseling can achieve. I must carry this forever and I will.

Now I am asking for material compensation for the suffering I have had and continue to experience. Your consideration of my request is appreciated.

Respectfully,
TO: Mr. Michael T. Weiss, Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese of Dallas
FROM: Rev. Joseph A. Schumacher, V.G.
SUBJECT: Confidential concerning

DATE: Thursday, June 8, 2000

As you can see from the Memo of September 17, 1991, ___ had contacted me earlier in that year asserting he had been sexually touched by Fr. William Hoover when ___ was serving a wedding at ______ Fort Worth about the year 1960, in the sacristy area behind the altar.

We offered him counseling at the time with a psychologist who has worked with us in similar situations. He went for a time, then believed it was taken care of and voluntarily quit going. When he heard the public media news about the man who had accused Fr. Hoover of this same sort of action when the latter was assistant pastor at ______ Dallas, he again came forward. He wanted to talk to that man. That individual didn't want to have his name made public, no contact was made with him or with any other ones who might have been in contact, out of the St. James parish. He talked to Bishop DeWeese and Fr. Wilson in February, 1999. He afterwards went back into counseling with the same psychologist. We paid fees in excess of $3,500 quilt of his own accord and reported he was doing better. The letter to us from received May 30, 2000 indicates the wishes "financial compensation for the suffering [he] has had to suffer in his experience."

We have not contacted him since receiving the latest communication.

When ___ asserts the incident happened, ___ in Fort Worth was in the Diocese of Dallas-Ft. Worth. We were separate dioceses in 1969.

If you wish us to do anything further, we will try to do so. In the meantime, you can contact:

When we first were contacted by him, he said his wife did not know of the incident, nor had he told anyone else.
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Obiter dicta:    has told RW that he thinks    should be winding up the counseling. This
was not the impression I got from    - RW and I are wondering about why    would
have been at    in 1961. He was pastor there five years later, but would have been an
associate at    at that time. Has    confused    with another priest? - Since the event
took place before our diocese was established, the Diocese of Dallas would be the entity primarily
responsible for addressing any financial liability, if such existed. We will not pursue this unless
insists on raising that question.

10-04-04 Order
0148
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Vicar General
Dear Fr. Schumacher,

Please refer to the attached letter. I am asking the person I read about in the paper to contact me. I am assuming you have an address for him. Please forward my letter to him. Please advise me if you are willing and able to do this. Thank you.
Joe Schumacher

From: Joe Schumacher
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 1997 10:22 AM
To: Robert Wilson
Cc: Bishop Delaney

I talked to this morning. I told him that the individual to whom he wished to talk had not given his name to the newspaper reporter or to the TV reporter, that he had his back up when he appeared only in profile for the latter interview. I also told him that the man was separated from his wife when he talked to me and as far as I know, he did not get back with his wife. I also told him that he was not going to have his name made public now, and that the case probably wouldn't want to have his name made public now.

He was disappointed but he understood. Then answered my question about the incident happened by saying he didn't remember exactly, but it was when he called to and asked for a copy of the man's record to be sent to him. He stated that FLWorth was in Dallas-Ft. Worth Diocese then.

I asked him how the counseling was coming along; he said, "Okay." I said I had heard only in general that he was doing fine with it and of course, we knew it because we had offered to bear the cost. I told him also, that we would do this for anyone who needed counseling but couldn't afford it, he said he knew that.
MEMORANDUM

TO:        Fr. Bob Wilson and Bishop Joe Delaney
FROM:      JAS
SUBJECT:   September 17, 1997

My machine and he "network" locked up. I couldn't send this
following message by E-Mail, so here goes a rewrite:

I got a call from         returned it, and told him
that the person from whom we first heard about H. has not
revealed his name to the public nor was he seen or identified
precisely on television (It was a blackened image.) When he gave an
interview:

For this reason, I told     that we would need to get in touch
with this gentleman and get the permission to pass on his name
and phone number too.

I believe you have that information, Bob -- or perhaps the bishop
does??

At the time that first individual came to us, he was living away
from his

-- doesn't know of any of this.

Leaves his work since

10-04-04 Order
0153
# Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth

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**10-04-04 Order 0154**
MEMORANDUM

To: Diocesan Files
From: Rev. Joseph A. Schumacher
Date: June 19, 2000
Subject: Conversation with Hoover about her acquaintance with Fr. William R.

She had called me about two weeks ago and wanted to talk to me about Father Hoover and her friendship with him; she also wanted to know where he was buried. She spoke as if she had "just heard" about his death in New York City. I had an appointment with her for today at 9:45 a.m., but she called the afternoon around 2 p.m.

She had been friendly with Fr. Hoover since his days as pastor at [redacted], teaching and later principal of the school there. She was and is an Episcopalian. She has kept all his letters to her. She showed me a couple of them. They were friendly and no more. She also knew him at the St. Patrick's church, Fort Worth. She visited with him many, many times. She is going to work for the [redacted] again after she speaks her story.

She spoke very hesitantly as if she had never suffered a stroke or couldn't keep her attention. I would let her go with her own pace. Sometimes she would look at me and say nothing for 2 minutes. She said that she knew about his problem as the newspapers mentioned them in 1995 and wasn't surprised. She intimated she knew was gay, especially when he moved into the rectory with Fr. Hoover at [redacted].

She didn't want anything from me, didn't mention anything about what he thought Fr. Hoover might have done; she simply wanted to reminisce about their times together and express her sorrow at his dying.

She left after 45 minutes of talking, having heard from me that Fr. Hoover had died of a heart attack in the streets of New York City and was buried in [redacted] Cemetery, Dallas.

The only information I have about her whereabouts in Dallas is her telephone number which is...

10-04-04 Order
0157

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