

March 30, 1993

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To: +DEP

Re: [REDACTED]/Parishioner at Fr. Tim Farrell's Parish

Don--

I received a phone call from Fr. Farrell this morning at approximately 8:20 AM regarding [REDACTED]. You may recall that [REDACTED] picked us up at the airport at Saint John's last year for the Fiesta Mass. She drove a large station wagon, has two sons--one 14 and another 16. She has been the choir director for a number of years for the parish.

[REDACTED] has been in counseling with a [REDACTED] (Mormon Counselor) who is reputed to be very good in her field. [REDACTED] has been dealing with a series of suppressed memories dating back to when she was four years of age and her father, then a much younger man ([REDACTED] is now 41) involved [REDACTED] in Santanic Rituals/Practices beginning with her indoctrination at age four. She developed a compulsive masturbation habit at the encouragement of her father who used this as a "preamble" to get her "into" the cult practices.

Gradually, as she grew older, [REDACTED] began to seek counsel and advice, both in the Confessional and out. Enter Fr. [REDACTED]. He gradually took advantage of her youth and confusion and began to ask her to masturbate in the confessional. Sometimes, he would invite her into the Sacristy and have her strip and perform oral sex or masturbate there. He "anointed her with oil" and placed a candle in her rectum and a crucifix in her vagina as part of the "cure."

Later on, Fr. Burns was brought in as a "consultant." The ritual abuse heightened and some of it took place in the living room of the rectory, at other times in Church. Burns or [REDACTED] would sit in the President's Chair. They would encourage [REDACTED] to "get ready" by masturbating herself. Then the twins would be brought in--two boys also abused by [REDACTED] (and Burns?) The boys would wrestle one another until one pinned the other on the floor. Then Burns or [REDACTED] would masturbate one of the boys to "get him ready" and they would ritually take turns raping and sodomizing [REDACTED]

Tim said that about six weeks ago, [REDACTED] was in the rectory living room and had to leave the house because she suffered a flash-back and said she could "see, hear, feel and even smell" the acts that had occurred there so many years previously.

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[REDACTED] has been undergoing therapy for the past ten years off and on. At first she went to seek counsel and help for depression. Gradually, she began to sense the seat of her deep feelings and under gradual guidance and support from her therapist, began to deal with the flash-backs more aggressively and allowed herself to re-experience parts of her ritual abuse as the beginning of a healing of memories process.

Just now, her husband and children know she is dealing with emotional difficulties but they don't know the extent of the ritualistic sex nor the involvement of the two priest's--Burns and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has given Fr. Tim permission to speak "outside the Internal Forum" in this matter.

Tim would like to bring [REDACTED] and perhaps her counselor to at least one meeting with you, and this prior to Holy Week if possible. He was hoping for sometime tomorrow (Wednesday). Tim and [REDACTED] feel it is very important to sieze the moment and let [REDACTED] get a lot of this out into the open. Fr. Tim will be busy during Holy Week of course, as will [REDACTED] in her capacity as choir director. Fr. Tim leaves for two weeks in Rome on April 12, the day after Easter and feels that [REDACTED] cannot wait that long to speak with you on the entire matter.

Tim knows you are going to Santa Fe on Thursday for the Chrism Mass there but would hope you might make the time to see himself, [REDACTED] and the counselor sometime on Wednesday. If [REDACTED] is unable to make the appmt., then Fr. Tim and [REDACTED] would come without the counselor.

As a footnote, Msgr. Lindenmeyer was down to St. John's to assist Tim with a communal penance service in the past weeks and sat and listened to [REDACTED] re-count some of the details to him. Jim thinks that her recall is unemotional and genuine. You might wish to call Jim and get some of his feedback.

Finally, Tim would like to know as late as 10:00 PM this evening, if you can see your way clear to talk with he and [REDACTED] sometime tomorrow/Wednesday, so that he can plan his day and the trip up here and back with [REDACTED]

