

01/05/01

Father Richard McGurn
c/o Chicago Province Jesuits
2050 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Father McGurn,

It is now been over two months since we sent you information concerning improprieties Father McGuire exhibited with our son and [REDACTED]. When we contacted you by phone in early November, you said that Father McGuire was out of the country, but we could expect to hear from you by mid-December. We are disappointed that there has been no communication from you to us or to [REDACTED]. Nor have you approached [REDACTED] as to the veracity of his parent's letter.

In December we communicated with Bishop J. Kevin Boland of the Diocese of Savannah. He has received all the information we sent you. Bishop Boland's response is attached. Be advised that we will keep him informed of the outcome of this inquiry.

When our son, [REDACTED] came home over the Christmas holidays, he refused to read anything we had written. He let us read aloud the letter that the [REDACTED]'s wrote. He has known [REDACTED] and his family all his life. In high school, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were president and vice president of the senior class; in scouts, assistant senior patrol leaders. They both are Eagle scouts. We told [REDACTED] that regardless of what we had written, the [REDACTED]'s information was sufficient for him to ascertain Father McGuire's condition. Unfortunately the [REDACTED] letter was not convincing to [REDACTED]. After hearing what the [REDACTED]'s had written, [REDACTED] refused to acknowledge that Father McGuire has a serious problem. We recommended that [REDACTED] distance himself from such a person. He stated that he would talk to Father McGuire about the issue.

[REDACTED] appears to us to be very much under the influence of this man. So much so that he is not protecting himself from a dangerous situation. As stated in our 10/27/00 letter to you, we still contend that Father McGuire has usurped our role in [REDACTED]'s life and he has created a dependent relationship between our son and himself. [REDACTED]'s trust in us and many of his lifelong friends has clearly eroded.

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We have entrusted this matter to you because it seemed to us that Father McGuire's superiors were the correct channel of authority. We are aware that priests are unjustly accused of wrong doing all the time and therefore you must protect your brother. But be assured that what we have written you is true. Father McGuire did say all those things to us in August. Father McGuire did have [REDACTED] read pornography from June 1998 until November 1998 as the [REDACTED]'s wrote in their letter. We do not believe that Father McGuire was just enlightening [REDACTED] or teaching him to appreciate the human body. [REDACTED] really is dependent on Father McGuire and is alienated from his family through Father McGuire's influence.

We did not create this mess. The mess has probably been around a long time. Father McGuire's problems will not just go away. We are not learned or influential. But we do believe that Jesus Christ judges the hearts of men and will bring justice in His time.

Please advise us of the progress of this situation. Our family continues to suffer in our relationship with [REDACTED].

As we stated in October, we are still hopeful that the truth will become evident by God's infinite grace and mercy.

Sincerely,