

September 16, 2003

Bishop J. Kevin Boland
601 East Liberty Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Dear Bishop Boland,

First we wish to thank you for the encouragement that you shared with us last Sunday morning at St. Joseph's church in A , when you expressed your willingness to inquire about Fr. Donald McGuire in Chicago. We are very concerned about any type of abuse our son may have received from Fr. McGuire.

I want to give you a quick review of the issue. We first wrote you on 12/03/2000 informing you that we had contacted the Jesuits concerning Fr. Donald McGuire. We sent you a copy of our formal complaint given to the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus concerning the improprieties Fr. McGuire had exhibited with our son and with Fr. . Both young men had individually spent a year as personal servants to Fr. McGuire: I from June 1998 - to - August 1999, a ; from August 1999 - to - August 2000, stayed one more year from August 2000 to August 2001 working with Fr. McGuire and his Mission Fides organization in Chicago. During that time we noted major changes in 's behavior, which we cited in our complaint to the Jesuits. Our son continues to work with Fr. McGuire and Mission Fides during his summer and Christmas vacations while in school.

We have been given very little information about Fr. McGuire these past three years. The Jesuits have not been forthcoming with information. This is the response Rev. Richard H. McGurn, S. J. Executive Assistant to the Provincial gave us when we did inquire, " We do not feel at liberty to discuss in detail personal matters as they relate to Fr. McGuire because of his right to privacy." Although we understand the need for individual privacy, we feel we do need to be given more than this as we have a family member currently involved with this priest. Our son tells us nothing about Fr. McGuire due to his apparent misplaced loyalties.

In the absence of solid information, we began communications last year with the Archdiocese of Chicago concerning the status of Fr. McGuire. We contacted Cardinal George's office, and were directed to Ralph Bonaccorsi in the Office of Conciliation. Mr. Bonaccorsi agreed to try and get some straight answers from the Jesuits. Mr. Bonaccorsi has been unable to get any information because the Jesuits are not really under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I spoke with him today, and he intends to keep trying to get information.

Our concerns have increased with the recent news printed in the 9/11/03 issue of the Southern Cross. The Headline Hopscotch article about Fr. McGuire was quite disturbing. We also found a Chicago Tribune article of August 22 (enclosed) reporting an allegation of sexual and physical abuse performed by Fr. McGuire on a high school boy in the late

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1960s.

Could you contact the assistant Jesuit Provincial, Rev. Richard McGurn (773-975-6363), or Cardinal George and request information about Fr. McGuire: What is he doing now? Is he still a practicing priest? Are there any other accusations?

We believe that this information could help us convince that Fr. McGuire is not what he appears to be.

According to Ralph Bonaccorsi, there is a need for counseling whenever our son is willing to talk. Unfortunately he sees that people open up about 20 years after their experiences with abuse. We would like you to recommend a professional for us to talk with about this issue. We are not comfortable seeking counsel from because he has been too closely involved in our relationship with Father McGuire from the start.

These past four years have been the most difficult times in our married life. We have survived only by the love of our brothers and sisters and the grace of God.

Again thank you for your assistance during this ordeal.

Sincerely,

Enclosure attached;