

MEMO TO FILE

RE: Fr. Don McGuire and

The following is a record of my phone call with [redacted] on October 20, 2003.

Prior to the phone call, [redacted] had called Loyola Academy sometime last week or the week before. His call came into the Loyola Academy switchboard saying he needed to talk to somebody. The call was referred to Robin Hunt who, in turn, referred it to Fr. Ted Munz. Fr. Munz related that [redacted] said that his relationship with Fr. Don McGuire predated Loyola Academy. He is a native of Germany and he and his parent met Fr. McGuire when Fr. McGuire was studying in Germany.

[redacted] parents were very generous to Fr. McGuire. With items of food and medications and other personal care. [redacted] remembers that Fr. McGuire started abusing him at this time. Fr. Munz did not know how it was that he came to Loyola Academy but when there, Fr. McGuire made continuous threats of deportation if [redacted] did not do what he wanted him to do. Fr. Munz believed that he was referring to both physical and sexual abuse.

[redacted] graduated and left Loyola Academy and spent many years trying to get away from Fr. McGuire but stayed on his mailing list and had been trying to get off the mailing list ever since. [redacted] parents came over from Germany and Fr. McGuire renewed his contacts with them. [redacted] told Fr. Munz that he wrote the provincial and the response he got was "we'll pray for you." Fr. Munz said that [redacted] would really like to talk with the province, that he has no big beef with Loyola Academy. He's more upset with the province, and he's not represented by any attorney. [redacted] is upset that his parents were never appreciated by Fr. McGuire presumably because they were not wealthy. Fr. Munz asked [redacted] if he had any knowledge of anyone at Loyola Academy who had been abused. [redacted] said no but that he did know Victor Bender.

Fr. Gschwend called [redacted] at his work in Dallas, TX. [redacted] said that it was probably about the year 2001 after the reception of one of Fr. McGuire's pre-printed, pre-signed letters that [redacted] initiated contact with the province offices. Basically he said he wanted to get off Fr. McGuire's mailing list. Fr. Gschwend asked [redacted] to give him a brief history of his association with Fr. McGuire. He said they first met in Munich in 1961 when [redacted] was part of a youth group that used to camp in southern Bavaria. He said his group was the oldest in age and would come a week early and set up the tents and prepare the sites. He was given a key to the church (presumably a town church in the middle of the camps) and it was his chore to open the church and set up the altar and that he was assigned to Fr. McGuire because he had studied English and was able to speak with him. One thing led to another and he became associated with [redacted] family, there was a lot of talk about his studies, about food, and the end result was that [redacted] ended up making frequent trips from his house to Innsbruck with food and other things that Fr. McGuire needed—all of which were gifts from his parents. To this date [redacted] is bothered that Fr. McGuire's letters never acknowledged his parents as being among his major contributors.

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He thinks probably because they were not wealthy. Fr. McGuire's letters were always talking about his programs, his travels, and his looking for support for his retreats and travels from the people he wrote to.

\_\_\_\_\_ said that he at one time had about 2 1/2 years of therapy because of his association with Fr. McGuire. He said there was a period of time where he could not have a quiet day of teaching without a call from Fr. McGuire making a request for the use of his car or something else. He remembers lending his car to Fr. McGuire and seeing it unused parked in front of the Jesuit Residence for long periods of time. When asked how he had come to Loyola Academy, \_\_\_\_\_ said that he came in 1965 and was there until 1966. He came on an immigration visa. He lived with Fr. McGuire's sister and mother until his mother died. After that he stayed living with them at 1041 Loyola Avenue until he lived at Gonzaga House which had been purchased by Loyola U.

When asked about the period at Loyola Academy, \_\_\_\_\_ said he drove back and forth with Fr. McGuire's sister, \_\_\_\_\_ until Fr. McGuire kept insisting "I need him here, I need his help." Consequently from Monday through Friday he lived at Loyola Academy and slept in a chair. If there were times that I had no time to study, he would take me down to the office and show me the test. When asked whether there had been sexual abuse at this time, he said he had no specific memories of that but there was continual psychological and physical abuse. Fr. McGuire hit him several times.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not interested in enjoining a lawsuit. He said everything in America is for the quick buck these days and I'm against it. Fr. Gschwend asked if he would be undergoing counselling and he said that he has signed up for 26 sessions through his work and his co-pay will be \$30. He also said that at one time in the '60's he had purchased a car for Fr. McGuire and what with his counselling 34 years ago which he estimates to have been about \$6500, he figures his totals on behalf of Fr. McGuire have been in the neighborhood of \$9800.

Fr. Gschwend asked about his present living situation. \_\_\_\_\_ said his wife has pulmonary hypertension and that as well as paying for a daytime caretaker, he himself needs to be home each evening to mix her medications which have to be mixed each 24 hours.

At the end of the telephone interview, Fr. Gschwend asked him if it was Fr. Munz's letter which occasioned his call at this time. He said no. Someone who knew him called him around October 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> and told him about the news items relating to Fr. McGuire. And so they thought he should know. Fr. Gschwend asked if the province attorney, Mr. Toomey, could call him and perhaps visit him and \_\_\_\_\_ was quite agreeable to that.

James P. Gschwend, S.J.  
October 20, 2003

Attachment - copy of May 26, 1999 letter (referred to above) from Provincial to \_\_\_\_\_

cc: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward W. Schmidt, S.J.