

LOYOLA ACADEMY

OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

21 August 2003

TO: Fr. McGum
 FROM: Robin Hunt (Loyola Academy p.r. person)
 RE: Fr. McGuire

Dear Fr. McGum:

I am sending from Fr. Minza a draft letter that we will be sending to Loyola parents tomorrow and a list of talking points that we will use when dealing with the media.

Take care,
Robin

EXHIBIT 68

**Questions and Answers related to McGuire case
Draft One for Review
August 21, 2003**

Q. What happened?

A. The news media are reporting that a complaint has been filed in Cook County Circuit Court alleging sexual misconduct in the late 1960s by a Loyola Academy teacher, Rev. Donald McGuire. Loyola Academy's knowledge of the complaint is limited to news reports, since the plaintiff's attorney has not yet contacted us and we have not yet received a copy of the complaint.

Q. Is Father McGuire still alive?

A. He is alive. He was reassigned from Loyola Academy in 1972.

Q. Where is he?

A. Father McGuire left Loyola Academy in 1970. He is under the care of the Jesuit Province of Chicago, so you would need to speak with them.

Q. What's going to happen to him?

A. Father McGuire is under the care of the Jesuit Province of Chicago, so you would need to speak with them.

Q. Will he be placed on administrative leave?

A. Father McGuire is under the care of the Jesuit Province of Chicago, so you will need to speak with them.

Q. What's the process for reviewing his status as a priest?

A. Father McGuire is under the care of the Jesuit Province of Chicago, so you will need to speak with them.

Q. Why did Loyola Academy ignore the Plaintiff's allegations against Father McGuire and transfer the plaintiff to St. Ignatius?

A. At this time, I have very little knowledge of the facts or allegations in the case. However, let me state that the Loyola Academy community abhors the very idea of predatory sexual behavior in any form and has worked hard to build a culture and an environment where children are safe and protected.

Loyola Academy will cooperate and openly support efforts to serve justice, with compassion, both for the accuser and the accused. Nevertheless, the alleged misconduct happened almost 35 years ago, so developing an accurate account of what did or did not happen may be difficult.

Q. Could this happen today at Loyola Academy?

A. The leadership team, faculty, and staff are committed to maintaining the safe environment our children need to learn and grow. At Loyola Academy today, we have a culture of open communication between students and the faculty and staff. There are multiple, confidential and secure opportunities for students to express their concerns. Sixteen full-time guidance counselors meet regularly with their students. Peer counselors offer teens a friendly ear and ways to make their concerns known. There are formal procedures in place for a student to offer a formal complaint of faculty or staff misconduct, sexual or otherwise.

The Society of Jesus is sensitive to the issue of sexual misconduct. Contemporary Jesuit formation thoroughly addresses the issue of "boundaries" in dealing with young people, and ongoing training for all Jesuits reinforces that formation.

You have my assurance that Loyola Academy is a safe, nurturing place for our children, and we will do everything we can to keep it as such.

Q. Have you had any recent allegations of sexual misconduct by faculty or staff at Loyola Academy?

A. To my knowledge there have been no incidents of sexual misconduct at Loyola Academy in the seven-year presidency of Father Munz.

Q. OK, but have there been allegations?

A. As I told you, nothing of the sort has happened. We do not, as policy, discuss unsubstantiated allegations. Loyola Academy is a safe, nurturing place for our children and we will do everything we can to keep it as such.

Q. Is Loyola Academy named in the suit?

A. I have not seen the complaint.

Q. Will Loyola Academy be named in the suit?

A. I don't know.

Q. Have other Loyola Academy priests been accused of sexual misconduct over the years?

A. I can only speak from my knowledge of Father Munz's tenure.

Q. Do you think other former students of Father McGuire will come forward?

A. I can't hypothesize.

Q. In a letter to you, SNAP asked that you "publicly urge other victims or anyone who has information about sexual misconduct at Loyola Academy to contact police, prosecutors and/or our support group." Will you do that?

A. Any alleged victims of sexual abuse are free to come forward and report such incidents as they see fit. There has been a great deal of coverage in the news media depicting alleged victims who have come forward. Additional encouragement appears to be unnecessary.

Q. SNAP has also asked you to "write to everyone who attended or worked at Loyola during McGuire's tenure there, reminding them that it is their Christian and civic duty to report suspected crimes to the appropriate civil authorities." Will you do that?

A. At this time, it would be premature to discuss how we will participate in the fact-gathering regarding this case. We have not even seen the complaint.

Q. Will you answer SNAP's letter?

A. Yes.