

Piche, Lee

From: Eisenzimmer, Andrew
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To: Piche, Lee; McDonough, Kevin; Shupe, Deacon Russ
Subject: RE: Ghosts from the past

I know only about item number 1. Let me somewhat amend what Father McDonough said. The matter came to us from a priest of the [REDACTED] who was a chaplain [REDACTED] where the complainant was incarcerated. It was also reported to [REDACTED] law enforcement authorities. At some point, we received a written statement from the complainant, but it was lacking in any details to corroborate the allegations.

We have been trying to determine if [REDACTED] authorities are going to investigate. There were jurisdictional questions as the alleged incidents occurred [REDACTED] I just learned a few days ago that the [REDACTED] authorities have not opened an investigation. I am trying to determine if the FBI is doing something.

We do not want to conduct our own investigation if the police or FBI is doing so.

In the meantime, I was able to confirm that the complainant was released from prison. We have not had any contact by him since his release. We do not have any current contact information on him. Father McDonough and I did talk with Father Stoltzman. He has denied the abuse. Given the above, we have been unable to complete any preliminary investigation under the Charter. I will continue to try and find out if the FBI is investigating. As we became aware of all of this, Father Stoltzman retired, as had been planned, so his current ministry is less than it had been. But, I want to emphasize, we do not have enough information at this point to restrict or suspend his ministry, at least in my opinion. As noted, I know nothing about the other two matters.

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From: Piche, Lee
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Hi Fr. Kevin and Andy and Dcn. Russ:

Three items -- asking for your memory and/or any documentation:

1) Allegations of abuse by Fr. William Stoltzman, coming from a man who at the time was incarcerated, now is release (whereabouts unknown), alleged to have taken place during the time Fr. Stoltzman was still in the Society of Jesus and working [REDACTED]

Reason for asking: The Wisconsin province office called; their priest in charge of these matters is scheduled to make a report to the Conduct Board of SJ province later this month; he wanted to know if there is any updated information on our end.

2) Allegation from approx. one year ago concerning purported incident of liturgical abuse at St. Thomas the Apostle in Minneapolis. Call was from [REDACTED] He claims that he reported it to Fr. McDonough.

3) Any info at all on [redacted] currently working for Cabrini Partnership and formerly a candidate for the diaconate, but released before ordination.

Sorry to trouble you with what might turn out to be trivialities.
(Fr.) Lee