



DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

June 29, 1992

Bishop:

I received a call this afternoon from _____ a professor at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. He was prompted by the Larry King TV show to give the following information.

When _____ was about 14 years of age, about 1964, Father Francis Bass befriended a number of boys, _____ among them. Father Bass took _____ to his family farm in Nebraska, etc.

On one occasion, Father Bass took some boys to Chicago. In the morning they visited the Cook County Morgue, of all places. _____ has good memory of that! In the evening, _____ was told to sleep with Father Bass. After going to bed, Bass put his hand under _____ pants. _____ objected, and that was the end of it.

_____ told other people -- his family and friends -- at the time, but _____ was criticized for saying anything and nothing happened.

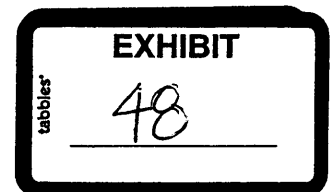
_____ is simply reporting this now. He does not want anything except to alert us. I told him Bass was retiring in October and he seemed somewhat relieved by that.

I believe no action needs to be taken, but this memo should be sealed and put in Father Bass's file. If something else comes up, I don't think we can deny this telephone call.

This man called your house last week. You were not home but Jay Dietrich talked to him and was given much of this information.

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I do not have a street address. Phone:



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