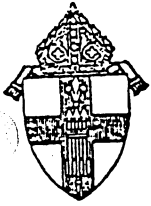




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PROT. NO.

TO: MSGR. HANSGERRY

FROM: MSGR. BLAIR

On March 9, 1974, [REDACTED] approached me after Mass concerning a woman from Derry whose son has allegedly been involved sexually with a priest. I then told [REDACTED] to have the woman contact me.

Today, March 19, 1974, the lady from Derry, who refused to give her name, claims that last summer, Father Bulger of Hudson gave her son, who is 15, something to drink (wine or liquor - unknown) and then would have relations. This boy has a mental problem which has nothing to do with Father Bulger. This has existed for some time unbeknownst to the family until recently.

When this happened with Father, he was headed for a breakdown and this relationship naturally made his condition more serious. She admitted that her son has in the past lied and cleverly so. When the boy broke down and told them the whole story, he implicated another boy, age 15.

The woman from Derry contacted the other boy's mother and she confirmed that this had taken place with Father and her son and she believes her son. It must be noted that this other boy likewise has been known to lie.

These alleged actions took place apparently last summer over a course of months at Father's cottage and at the rectory. She believes, according to her son, that these things started with overnight camping trips with the Boy Scouts.

Presently the boy refuses to talk to Father Bulger, has ceased to go to Church and will not even discuss the matter any further. The only concrete accusation that the woman from Derry could make concerning Father Bulger is his excess drinking which is apparently known by a number of parishioners.

If this were true last summer, the lady from Derry believes that it could have been possible that when Father was drinking these actions could have taken place.

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The alleged last attempt of Father on this boy had the usual procedure, i.e. he offered the boy a drink. The boy refused and Father approached him and they had a fight that ended with the boy throwing an object at Father and leaving the rectory.

The woman felt very badly to have to relate this to us but in justice to the youth of the parish, she felt that the authorities should know that these two boys have accused Father of this.

She impressed me as being a very honest and sincere person and felt badly about bringing these charges against Father, not knowing for sure if they were true.

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Referral for: Rev. Albion F. Bulger  
Diocese of Manchester

Date of Referral: 10/01/01

Overview

Rev. Albion Bulger is 71 years of age (DOB - 05/17/30) and was ordained a priest in 1956. He has served the Diocese of Manchester and the Universal Church faithfully for 45 years. A copy of his curriculum vitae is attached to this referral.

On July 2001 an accusation of sexual misconduct by Father Bulger in 1974 was received and subsequently investigated. As a result of this accusation and investigation, which is summarized below, Father Bulger has resigned as pastor, requested and been granted retirement status and administrative leave. The latter is confidential between him and Bishop John B. McCormack, Bishop Francis J. Christian and myself.

Accusation & Investigation Summary

██████████ has alleged that he was sexually assaulted by Fr. Bulger twice in 1974 when he was approximately 15 years old. Mr. ██████████ also recounted that Fr. Bulger sexually assaulted his boyhood friend, ██████████, in a similar manner. ██████████ This allegedly occurred during Fr. Bulger's tenure as pastor of St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH.

The nature of the alleged sexual assault on Mr. ██████████ was that Fr. Bulger inserted his finger in the anus of the victim on the first occasion and that Fr. Bulger fondled the victim's genitals directly on the second occasion.

Fr. Bulger, when presented with the accusation, confirmed all of the circumstantial recollection of Mr. ██████████ but categorically denied any physical contact or sexual assault. He reported that both boys were problem children, which was not denied by Mr. ██████████ and was confirmed by the witnesses noted below, and that he only wanted to befriend them to try to help them and their families.

Mr. ██████████ provided two witnesses to corroborate his recollection. Mr. ██████████ alleged that these witnesses knew on or about the time of his assault and that one had confronted Fr. Bulger regarding the matter. Fr. Bulger confirmed that he knew the witnesses, Mr. ██████████, uncle of Mr. ██████████ and Mr. & Mrs. ██████████, parents of ██████████, but denied being confronted by either of them.

Mr. ██████ confirmed that he did know of the sexual assault around the time of its occurrence and, at his sister's (Mr. ██████ mother's request) confronted Fr. Bulger about the allegation. Fr. Bulger denied the allegation at that time as well.

Mrs. ██████ confirmed that "something" had happened between her son, ██████, and Fr. Bulger and that it plagued him most of his young adult and adult life. While he never shared the details of what occurred, she "always thought that it had something to do with sex." Mrs. ██████ therefore corroborated the circumstances but not the specifics regarding Mr. ██████ allegation that Fr. Bulger assaulted Mr. ██████ as well.

#### Observations - Victim

Mr. ██████ conducted himself in a reasonable fashion by telephone. His demeanor was marked by anger and upset but his emotions were clearly under control. When questioned, he recalled details quickly and with a high degree of consistency. He indicated that he was grateful for my call and my concern and that our conversation was helpful to him. When offered, he refused an offer to speak with a Pastoral Care Manager (Joe Naff) and also refused any assistance in obtaining counseling.

Mr. ██████ was intoxicated during one follow up conversation with me. This confirmed my sense and the report of his uncle, Mr. ██████ and Mrs. ██████ that he struggles with alcohol abuse

#### Observations - Accused

Fr. Bulger's demeanor during my initial telephone conversation and meeting with him was strange. He was emotionally benign and showed no sign of expressing any emotional reaction to the accusation, its nature or the circumstances surrounding it. He was "matter of fact" when I pointed out that he had corroborated most of the circumstances of the allegation and had just denied the accusation of molestation. I noted to Fr. Bulger that I was concerned by his lack of emotion and he replied by stating "what can you do about it anyway?" and by further quoting Thomas Aquinas (in Latin) regarding the fact that perceptions are the custody of the person who perceives them. When I inquired what he meant by the quote he stated that he could not control what Mr. ██████ perceived as molestation, but that he did not ever touch him. Fr. Bulger expressed no remorse for what had allegedly occurred in this first series of conversations.

I expressed my concern regarding his lack of emotion with Fr. Bulger. At best I explained to him that he was hiding his emotions (which would indicate to me that he might be hiding the truth as well) or that his emotions are so separated from his day-to-day recollections, that he could literally "not recall" something that in fact did occur almost 30 years ago.

In subsequent meetings and conversations with Fr. Bulger, he has begun to acknowledge that what has been alleged may have occurred and that he cannot recall it. He tends to still think, though, that Mr. [REDACTED] recollection is not accurate either.

#### Recommendation

I believe that Fr. Bulger likely assaulted both Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] as young boys. The level of (almost complete) consistency among the recollections of the complainant, the accused and the witnesses corroborates the circumstances of the relationship, the alleged locations of abuse and the occasions thereof. All that is absent in Fr. Bulger's recollection is the actual assault.

My recommendation, which was accepted by Bishop John B. McCormack, was as follows:

1. Fr. Albion Bulger should be presented with the corroboration of the witnesses in this case and given the opportunity to revisit his own recollection. Although his admission is not material to this recommendation, it will affect the plausibility of a complete psychological evaluation and possible treatment protocol for him.
2. Fr. Albion Bulger should be asked to resign as pastor and resign from active pastoral ministry as soon as possible but no later than 30 September 2001. It should be clearly stated to him that the reasons for the request for his resignation from ecclesiastical office and request for retirement from pastoral ministry is predicated on the substantiation of this allegation. The reasons for his resignation and retirement include:
  - *the immediate cessation of him as a representative of the Bishop of Manchester;*
  - *the immediate removal of him from proximate ministerial contact with minors;*
  - *the potential for grave scandal if this matter becomes public;*
  - *for his own good, the protection of his own right to a good reputation which is placed in serious jeopardy by this allegation.*
3. Fr. Albion Bulger should be given the opportunity to request administrative leave in which he would voluntarily request that his faculties to function or present himself publicly as able to function as a priest would be revoked.
4. Fr. Bulger should be encouraged to consider a complete psychological evaluation and possible treatment for his own well being and that of the Church. Fr. Bulger should also be strongly encouraged to seek appropriate spiritual counsel and should be offered the opportunity for the Bishop to assist him in finding a priest mentor to work with him through these issues.

Conclusion

Fr. Bulger has agreed to participate in an evaluation at St. Luke Institute in Silver Spring, MD, beginning on October 7, 2001. his motivation for doing so seems to be (in priority order), the possible return to some limited priestly ministry, a desire to reconcile his own recollection with that of the victim and to examine his own health profile in light of this accusation.

Fr. Bulger is a bright, articulate and sophisticated priest. His experience as a leader in the Church has served him well and he is insightful as to severity and purpose of his resignation, retirement and evaluation. In fact, his willingness to do so in a cooperative fashion adds further credence to my sense that he likely did assault Mr. [REDACTED] and cannot recall the details thereof. It is my hope that his ability to recall the past with more clarity will lead him to an acknowledgement of any aberrant sexual behavior and that an appropriate course of treatment might render him better able to discern his ability to serve in some limited capacity in priestly ministry.



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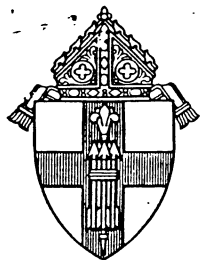
COLLEGES ATTENDED: St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT  
 ACADEMIC DEGREES: B. Ph., Ottawa; Master's Degree, Univ. of Louvain, Belgium  
 SEMINARIES ATTENDED: University Seminary, Ottawa, Canada; American College, Louvain, Belgium  
 PLACE OF ORDINATION: College Chapel, American College, Louvain, Belgium  
 ORDAINING PRELATE: Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D.

PARISH ASSIGNMENTS

Westville, Holy Angels .....	7/20/56
Louvain, Belgium: Vice-Rector, American College .....	8/28/58
Pastor, American Parish, Brussels, Belgium ..	2/66
Manchester, St. Joseph Cathedral, AP .....	9/13/69
Hudson, St. Kathryn, Temp. Adm. ....	6/ 3/70
PASTOR .....	12/ 1/71
Salem, Mary, Queen of Peace .....	3/10/76
Nashua, Parish of the Resurrection .....	6/26/91

APPOINTMENTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS/ADDITIONAL MINISTRY

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Faucher Council #5162, K of C Hudson (3 years) .....	2/ 8/71
Diocesan Vocation Board (3 yrs) .....	9/93
Chaplain, Knights of Columbus Council 11573 .....	5/31/95
Council of Priests, Nashua Deanery (3 yrs.) .....	9/ 4/96



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TO: Saint Luke Institute clinical staff

FROM: Reverend Edward J. Arsenault  
Chancellor - Delegate of the Bishop *EJA.*

DATE: 7 October 2001

Please find attached to this memorandum a referral for Father Albion Bulger who will arrive at St. Luke Institute today for an evaluation. Bishop John McCormack has asked me to attend his evaluation summary on Friday, October 12, 2001. I would be grateful if someone from your staff would contact me this week to confirm that this is acceptable to him and you. I can be reached at 603-669-3100 or by e-mail at [earsenault@rcbm.org](mailto:earsenault@rcbm.org).

Many thanks for your assistance in this regard.

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Fr Arsenault  
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TO: Bishop McCormack  
FROM: Father Arsenault *Fr.*  
RE: recommendation – Rev. Albion Bulger  
DATE: 2 November 2001

Please find attached to this memorandum a copy of the Evaluation Summary from St. Luke Institute for Fr. Bulger. My Recommendation regarding the course of treatment for Fr. Bulger and his ministerial disposition are as follows:

1. I concur that Fr. Bulger should consider residential treatment and request that you support this recommendation. While I do not expect that Fr. Bulger will accept the recommendation, I think that it is important that he see us as supporting the clinical recommendation of St. Luke's.
2. An alternative to residential treatment would be local, outpatient care with an approved psychologist. I do not think that Fr. Bulger is a candidate for clinical care from the *Diocesan Consultation and Counseling Services* staff. The issues presented in his clinical evaluation indicate to me that he requires a deeper level of care and deserves the best that we can offer him locally. I would recommend that Joe Naff assist us in locating a good psychologist.


In addition to the above recommendation, I would add the following for your consideration:

1. If it would prove to be a point of motivation for Fr. Bulger to consider either residential or out patient treatment, I would recommend that you consider allowing him to concelebrate at clergy gatherings such as priest funerals, convocations, days of prayer, etc. In addition to helping Fr. Bulger see us as truly interested in his well being, I do think that his prolonged absence from such gathering could do his good reputation within the presbyterate some damage. Fr. Bulger has always been a regular attendee at gatherings of priests and his absence over a long period of time while still residing in NH would be noticed. I do not think that this alters the agreement that I reached with the person who made the allegations of misconduct regarding Fr. Bulger.

*Ed -  
The report does  
not make  
his alternative  
clear  
why would  
we think  
it is?  
Should he  
consider  
inpatient  
treatment  
alternatives?*

*Ed. on what basis are you  
requiring his absconding  
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TO: Bishop McCormack  
FROM: Father Arsenault  
RE: *Father Bulger*  
DATE: 5 November 2001

Father Bulger knows that I am going to be away and will not contact him until I return. In response to your inquires, I would note the following:

1. I know that the report offers no alternative to residential treatment. I have not addressed the idea of an alternative location to Fr. Bulger. I presented you with an option in acknowledgement of the fact that he might not go anywhere. Would outpatient treatment be better than one at all?
2. Fr. Bulger is currently restricted from any public exercise of his priestly ministry, including concelebration. I would purpose that he be allowed to concelebrate but only at presbyteral gatherings, i.e., a priest's funeral but not a confirmation.

I'll see you in a couple of weeks!



9:50-10:30



friendly w/  
Deely Handwriting

is strange

rectory was open lounge

kids, cops,

wayward police referred by Chief.

no physical contact

bed camp

children came often - usually in groups

alcohol present - not served

mother was strange woman - shades down all the time

Alhedges present + active

follower - [redacted] - not a leader

swimming in underwear possible

possible swimming w/ them

scout in audience - Teachers CAC Director

no recollection on wedding;

have you  
been drinking -  
wrong # on page

"You have a concubine"

Call on page - returned call

"Hello Pop - this is [redacted]"

You're a pedophile - this is the concubine

taping  
conversations  
belligerent

COMPLAINANT REPORT & INTERVIEW

Complainant: Mr. [REDACTED]

Accused: Rev. Albion Bulger

Date of Complaint: 07/30/01 by telephone to St. Peter, Auburn

Date of Interview: 08/03/01 by telephone - EJA - 50 minutes

1 Overview

2 Mr. [REDACTED] claims that Rev. Albion Bulger sexually assaulted him twice in  
3 1974 when he was approximately 15 years old. The first assault allegedly took  
4 place at a family camp owned by the Bulger family in Barnstead, NH in the  
5 summer. Mr. [REDACTED] claims that while swimming in his underwear, Fr.  
6 Bulger grabbed him by the arm and inserted his finger in his anus. The  
7 second assault took place later that same year at St. Kathryn Rectory in  
8 Hudson, NH where Mr. [REDACTED] was an overnight guest. He claims that Fr.  
9 Bulger entered his room, got into bed with him and fondled his genitals.

10 The reasons for Mr. [REDACTED] report now are two-fold. Mr. [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED] has always wanted to protect  
12 them from any public shame. His father passed away last year and this  
13 obstacle now no longer exists. Secondly, Fr. Bulger recently presided at the  
14 Funeral Mass of his mother's cousin, [REDACTED], and Mr. [REDACTED]  
15 extended family informed him that Fr. Bulger was still an active pastor. This  
16 angered Mr. [REDACTED] and prompted him to contact the Diocese of Manchester.  
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18 Mr. [REDACTED] wants Fr. Bulger removed from active ministry out of fear that he  
19 might assault other young boys. He affirmatively stated that he has no desire  
20 to pursue this matter publicly (criminally or civilly) and simply wants to protect  
21 other boys. He affirmatively stated that he is angry but not vengeful.  
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23 Parties

- 24 [REDACTED] complainant and alleged victim
- 25 [REDACTED] alleged victim (deceased)
- 26 [REDACTED] uncle of complainant with original knowledge
- 27 [REDACTED] cousin of complainant with original knowledge
- 28 [REDACTED] original knowledge
- 29 parents of [REDACTED] original knowledge (deceased)
- 30 parents of [REDACTED]
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- 32 Rev. Albion Bulger alleged perpetrator
- 33 Rev. Steven Scruton alleged priest in residence - St. Kathryn, Hudson



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2 Mr. [REDACTED] originally called to place this report to St. Peter Parish in Auburn,  
3 NH. The parish secretary, Shirley Delacoe, called and reported to my office  
4 that a telephone message had been left on the parish answering machine on  
5 Monday, 30 July 2001. I retrieved the information from Shirley on Wednesday,  
6 1 August 2001 and placed a call to Mr. [REDACTED] later that day and left a  
7 message. Mr. [REDACTED] returned my telephone call on Friday, 3 August 2001.

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9 Mr. [REDACTED] presented his information and case in a reasonable fashion. He  
10 outlined the fact that he knew Fr. Bulger as a young boy and indicated that Fr.  
11 Bulger was friendly with his entire family. He was calling to report him as a  
12 pedophile because his father had recently died (hence ending any concern over  
13 the possible publicity) and because Fr. Bulger had recently celebrated the  
14 funeral of a distant relative ([REDACTED] - cousin of Mr. [REDACTED] mother).  
15 He indicated affirmatively that he was not interested in making this matter  
16 public but that he also was not afraid to do so. He does not want to pursue  
17 this matter in the courts but wants to insure that Fr. Bulger is kept away from  
18 boys. He thought that even at his advanced age (when he may not have sexual  
19 feelings anymore), that Fr. Bulger should not be acting in the name of God.

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21 When asked, Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that he is a carpenter by trade and that he  
22 has been divorced. He has [REDACTED] teenage children ages [REDACTED]. He was  
23 interested in becoming a priest prior to his alleged molestation by Fr. Bulger.

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25 Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that he had spoken to a priest at Saint John Parish in  
26 Hudson, NH as well in an effort to find the Bishop of Manchester (I presume  
27 Msgr. Desmond or Fr. Horan). He also indicated that he called and spoke with  
28 Fr. Bulger and confronted him by telephone on Wednesday, 1 August 2001  
29 with his accusation. Mr. [REDACTED] claimed that Fr. Bulger recognized his voice  
30 but that once he asserted his claim, Fr. Bulger dismissed him as "being drunk"  
31 and hung up on him.

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33 When asked, Mr. [REDACTED] acknowledged that both of his parents (deceased),  
34 [REDACTED] (deceased), [REDACTED] parents, his uncle [REDACTED] and  
35 his cousin [REDACTED] all were aware of the alleged molestations many  
36 years ago when they occurred. He indicated that I could speak with the [REDACTED]  
37 but that he did not want to involve the [REDACTED] because they still live in  
38 Hudson, NH.

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40 Mr. [REDACTED] reported that in addition to himself, that a boyhood friend of his  
41 (now deceased), [REDACTED] had also been molested by Fr. Bulger. He did  
42 not provide the details of Mr. [REDACTED] alleged molestation but indicated that  
43 they had discussed the matter as young boys. Mr. [REDACTED] did mention that  
44 in a conversation some years later, that Mr. [REDACTED] recounted confronting Fr.  
45 Bulger at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Salem, NH in the confessional. He  
46 recalled that Mr. [REDACTED] reported that Fr. Bulger broke down in tears and

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1 admitted that "he was the one going to hell for what he had done" and that "he  
2 was sorry for hurting [REDACTED]."  
3 The first assault allegedly took place at a family camp owned by the Bulger  
4 family in Barnstead, NH in the summer when he was approximately 15 years  
5 old (1974). Fr. Bulger had already taken Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] to visit  
6 his mother in Portsmouth on several occasions. On the occasion of the visit to  
7 Barnstead, both Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] were served "gin and tonics" by  
8 Fr. Bulger and invited to go swimming. When they protested that they had no  
9 swimming trunks, Mr. [REDACTED] claims that Fr. Bulger instructed them to swim  
10 in their underwear. While swimming in his underwear, Mr. [REDACTED] claims  
11 that Fr. Bulger grabbed him by the arm and inserted his finger in his anus.  
12 Mr. [REDACTED] saw the incident and yelled at Mr. [REDACTED] to "swim away; he's in  
13 one of those moods!" Mr. [REDACTED] alleges that he spent the entire night locked  
14 in a trailer near the camp and that he returned with Mr. [REDACTED] and Fr. Bulger  
15 to his home the next day in his "old Mercedes Benz." While Fr. Bulger never  
16 mentioned the incident to him again, he felt that whenever he saw Fr. Bulger  
17 that he "stared him down" and made it clear that he should not tell anyone.  
18 Mr. [REDACTED] reported that he felt ashamed and dirty and that he knew what  
19 Fr. Bulger had done was wrong. When Mr. [REDACTED] parents insisted that he  
20 attend Church the following weekend he refused. After a series of refusals he  
21 broke down and told his mother what had happened. Mr. [REDACTED] recalls that  
22 she told him to "shut up about it" and that he still had to go to Church.

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24 Mr. [REDACTED] reported that he was upset by the molestation by Fr. Bulger  
25 because he "represented God" and that he idolized Fr. Bulger. Mr. [REDACTED]  
26 claims that he reported the incident to his uncle, [REDACTED] whom his  
27 cousin, [REDACTED] later told him confronted Fr. Bulger. At that time, Mr.  
28 [REDACTED] recalls his cousin telling him that Fr. Bulger replied, "who are you  
29 going to believe, a kid or me."

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31 The second assault took place later that same year at St. Kathryn Rectory in  
32 Hudson, NH where Mr. [REDACTED] was an overnight guest. Mr. [REDACTED]  
33 acknowledged that he was a "troublemaker" while growing up and that his  
34 father was rarely around. His mother sought Fr. Bulger's assistance in  
35 providing him with discipline and structure. He claims that on the evening  
36 when he stayed at the rectory that Fr. Bulger served him "gin and tonics" again  
37 and that after he had gone to bed in the guest bedroom, that Fr. Bulger entered  
38 his room, got into bed with him and fondled his genitals. Mr. [REDACTED] claims  
39 that he finally got out of bed and went to the TV room and slept there for the  
40 evening on the couch. He left the next morning without confronting Fr. Bulger  
41 and went home and reported what had occurred to his mother. Mr. [REDACTED]  
42 recalls running home crying and that he felt that Fr. Bulger had "broken his  
43 heart."

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45 Mr. [REDACTED] claims that his mother called the Diocese of Manchester after the  
46 second incident and that she was told then by a priest that "the matter would

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1 be addressed." Mr. [REDACTED] noted that he had strong feelings of guilt and  
2 remorse after the second assault and that he contemplated killing himself, but  
3 that these feelings eventually subsided. Mr. [REDACTED] shared that Fr. Bulger  
4 was transferred sometime after his mother's report to the Diocese of  
5 Manchester.

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7 Mr. [REDACTED] recalled that his sister's wedding, scheduled at Saint Kathryn in  
8 Hudson, NH was moved to St. John in Hudson, NH because he was in the  
9 wedding party and his parents refused to expose him to Fr. Bulger again.

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11 Observations

12 Mr. [REDACTED] conducted himself in a reasonable fashion by telephone. His  
13 demeanor was marked by anger and upset but his emotions were clearly under  
14 control. When questioned, he recalled details quickly and with a high degree of  
15 consistency. He indicated that he was grateful for my call and my concern and  
16 that our conversation was helpful to him. When offered, he refused an offer to  
17 speak with a Pastoral Care Manager (Joe Naff) and also refused any assistance  
18 in obtaining counseling. On a couple of occasions he paused in his  
19 presentation of facts to inquire as to whether "I believed him." I indicated that I  
20 had no reason to disbelieve him, but that obviously I would need to speak with  
21 Fr. Bulger as well.

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23 Disposition

24 I thanked Mr. [REDACTED] for his report and his candor in providing me with the  
25 details associated with his allegation. I indicated that our process for dealing  
26 with reports included the following components:

- 27 1. I would contact Fr. Bulger as soon as possible to inform him of the allegation;  
28 2. I would seek to contact the other parties who were aware of the allegations;  
29 3. I would be back in touch with Mr. [REDACTED] with a report as to the disposition  
30 of his report.

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32 I also indicated to Mr. [REDACTED] that this process was not confidential in the  
33 strict sense but that I would do all in my power to prevent it from being made  
34 public. I clearly indicated that I would be discussing the matter with Bishop  
35 McCormack, Bishop Christian, Fr. Bulger and the other parties noted above.  
36 Mr. [REDACTED] acknowledged his desire to keep the matter respectfully quiet but  
37 he also reiterated that he was not afraid of publicity either.

ACCUSED NOTIFICATION AND INTERVIEW

Complainant: [REDACTED]

Accused: Rev. Albion Bulger

Date of Complaint: 07/30/01

Date of Interview: 08/04/01 in person - EJA - 45 minutes

1 Overview

2 I contacted Fr. Bulger by telephone on Friday afternoon, 3 August 2001 at  
3 Resurrection Parish in Nashua, NH. I informed him that I had received a  
4 complaint of a serious nature from Mr. [REDACTED] and that I understood that he  
5 had spoken to him as well. I asked Fr. Bulger to meet me at Saint Pius X  
6 rectory on Saturday, 4 August 2001. He acknowledged having spoken with Mr.  
7 [REDACTED] and he agreed to meet with me.

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9 Fr. Bulger met me at St. Pus X rectory on Saturday, 4 August 2001 at 9:50  
10 a.m. After a cup of coffee and exchanging pleasantries, I informed him in detail  
11 of Mr. [REDACTED] allegation. Fr. Bulger categorically denied any physical or  
12 sexual contact with Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] or any other boy. Fr. Bulger  
13 corroborated most of the circumstantial details of Mr. [REDACTED] report but  
14 simply stated that he never assaulted anyone sexually.

15  
16 Detail

17 Fr. Bulger indicated that he knew and remembered quite well the [REDACTED],  
18 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] families quite well. In fact he had seen and spoken to Mr.  
19 [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] funeral. After the presentation of the allegation, I asked Fr.  
20 Bulger how he wanted to respond. I indicated my concern for him and his  
21 reputation but that it was imperative that he be honest and forthright with me.  
22 Specifically, I explained that if the allegation were true that his honesty was  
23 going to facilitate my helping him deal with it in an appropriate and pastoral  
24 manner.

25  
26 Fr. Bulger categorically denied ever having physical or sexual contact with Mr.  
27 [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] or any other boy. He indicated that the rectory at St.  
28 Kathryn in Hudson, NH was an "open house" where he welcomed many young  
29 boys as well as police officers and neighbors in the rectory. He indicated that  
30 the Chief of Police in Nashua relied on him to have policemen with family  
31 troubles stay in the rectory at times. He readily admitted that boys stayed in  
32 the rectory and that Mr. [REDACTED] had stayed overnight. He acknowledged that  
33 his family had a camp in Barnstead, NH and that he had taken boys there on

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1 several occasions. He also indicated that he recalled bringing Mr. [REDACTED] and  
2 Mr. [REDACTED] there. When asked, he indicated that alcohol was in the camp but  
3 that he never served it to minors. When asked, he indicated that boys had  
4 sometimes had to swim in their underwear if they had no swimming trunks  
5 with them. When asked, he indicated that he swam with the boys in the lake  
6 himself.

7  
8 Fr. Bulger recalled that the [REDACTED] family was strange. Specifically, he  
9 remembered the mother to be quite odd and that the shades were always  
10 drawn at the house. He was never really comfortable visiting there. He  
11 recalled that Mr. [REDACTED] was a "follower" and that he was a buddy of Mr.  
12 [REDACTED]. He recalled that the [REDACTED] family was more involved in the parish  
13 than the [REDACTED] family. He had no recollection of a [REDACTED] family wedding  
14 being moved from St. Kathryn Parish to St. John Parish in Hudson.

15  
16 Fr. Bulger recounted his telephone exchange with Mr. [REDACTED] on Wednesday,  
17 1 August 2001. He indicated that his pager went off with a [REDACTED] number  
18 and that when he called the number, that the line was disconnected. Later  
19 another number came through his pager and when he called that number, that  
20 Mr. [REDACTED] answered the telephone. Fr. Bulger recalled Mr. [REDACTED] saying  
21 "Hello Pep, this is [REDACTED]" (Pep was a nickname that the kids had for Fr. Bulger).  
22 When Fr. Bulger said, "Hello, [REDACTED]" he recalled that Mr. [REDACTED] stated,  
23 "You're a pedophile — how's the concubine?" Fr. Bulger replied, "Friend, you're  
24 mistaken," at which point he recalled Mr. [REDACTED] as saying, "You're no friend  
25 of mine." He recalled that Mr. [REDACTED] became belligerent and accused Fr.  
26 Bulger of taping the conversation and that he was doing so as well. Fr. Bulger  
27 asked Mr. [REDACTED], "Have you been drinking?" Mr. [REDACTED] became further  
28 agitated and Fr. Bulger hung up the telephone. His pager rang later with  
29 another [REDACTED] number, but he did not return the call.

30  
31 I asked Fr. Bulger if he had any sense as to how Mr. [REDACTED]'s allegation and  
32 his recollection could be so different. Specifically, I asked if Fr. Bulger had  
33 engaged in any intimate physical behavior with the boys that could have been  
34 misperceived. He categorically denied any intimate physical behavior with any  
35 boys.

36  
37 I explained to Fr. Bulger that I was concerned because Mr. [REDACTED] clearly was  
38 not afraid of making his accusation public. I stated that in circumstances  
39 such as these, that it is difficult to prove an allegation as false. Fr. Bulger  
40 agreed and noted that he was brought up in a Church where a priest "died with  
41 his boots on" and that he had no intention of ever retiring, but that now he  
42 might have to re-think that idea. I responded by indicating that any decision  
43 about his assignment would be made by Bishop McCormack and that I would  
44 submit a recommendation to him after my investigation was concluded.

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1 I asked Fr. Bulger if there were anything else that he wanted to share with me  
2 or if there were anything that I could do for him. Fr. Bulger said that there was  
3 little left to do but "wait and see what happens."  
4

#### 5 Observations

6 Fr. Bulger's demeanor during my telephone conversation and my meeting with  
7 him was strange. He was emotionally benign and showed no sign of expressing  
8 any emotional reaction to the accusation, its nature or the circumstances  
9 surrounding it. He was "matter of fact" when I pointed out that he had  
10 corroborated most of the circumstances of the allegation and had just denied  
11 the accusation of molestation. I noted to Fr. Bulger that I was concerned by  
12 his lack of emotion and he replied by stating "what can you do about it  
13 anyway?" and by further quoting Thomas Aquinas (in Latin) regarding the fact  
14 that perceptions are the custody of the person who perceives them. When I  
15 inquired what he meant by the quote he stated that he could not control what  
16 Mr. ██████████ perceived as molestation, but that he did not ever touch him.  
17

18 I am concerned by the lack of emotion expressed by Fr. Bulger. At best he is  
19 hiding his emotions (which would indicate to me that he might be hiding the  
20 truth as well) or that his emotions are so separated from his day-to-day  
21 recollections, that he could literally "not recall" something that in fact did occur  
22 almost 30 years ago.  
23

#### 24 Disposition

25 I thanked Fr. Bulger for his quick response to my request to meet and offered  
26 my concern for how he was coping with the whole accusation. He indicated  
27 that he was "fine." I indicated that our process for dealing with reports  
28 included the following components:

- 29 1. I would contact the other parties who were aware of the allegations as soon  
30 as possible;
- 31 2. I would contact Mr. ██████████ again to inform him of Fr. Bulger's denial of the  
32 allegation;
- 33 3. I would be back in touch with Fr. Bulger prior to preparing a report for Bishop  
34 McCormack.  
35

WITNESS INTERVIEW

Complainant: [REDACTED]

Accused: Rev. Albion Bulger

Witness: Mr. [REDACTED]

Date of Interview: 08/08/01 by telephone - EJA - 15 minutes

1 Overview

2 Mr. [REDACTED] corroborated the allegation by Mr. [REDACTED]. He recalled knowing  
3 about this when his nephew was a teenager and he also recalled confronting  
4 Fr. Bulger about the matter.

6 Detail

7 I contacted Mr. [REDACTED] by telephone and spoke with him briefly. After  
8 identifying myself, I indicated that I was calling him because his name had  
9 been given to me by a person who had made an allegation of misconduct by a  
10 priest in New Hampshire a number of years ago. He immediately asked me if  
11 this was about his nephew, [REDACTED] and Fr. Bulger. I answered that it  
12 was.

13  
14 Mr. [REDACTED] informed me that he did know many years ago (he could not recall  
15 how many) that [REDACTED] was assaulted by Fr. Bulger on two occasions. His  
16 sister (the deceased mother of Mr. [REDACTED]) had told him after the second  
17 assault that it had happened twice. Mr. [REDACTED] told his sister then that she  
18 should confront Fr. Bulger and she was reluctant. Mr. [REDACTED] agreed to do so  
19 and when he did, Fr. Bulger stated that the accusation was "ridiculous" and  
20 asked Mr. [REDACTED] "who are you going to believe, the kid or me?"

21  
22 Mr. [REDACTED] went on to describe to me that Mr. [REDACTED] is a troubled man who  
23 has had a long history of alcohol abuse. As a young boy he was a  
24 troublemaker and served time in jail as a young man in NH. He has moved  
25 around since then and, until his (Mr. [REDACTED]) father died last year, Mr.  
26 [REDACTED] would only hear from [REDACTED] occasionally by telephone. Specifically,  
27 one week prior Mr. [REDACTED] called Mr. [REDACTED] to tell him that he had contacted  
28 the bishop and asked him if he would "forgive him" for involving him in this  
29 matter. Mr. [REDACTED] reported to me that he told Mr. [REDACTED] that he had  
30 nothing to forgive him from.

31

1 Observations

2 Mr. [REDACTED] was forthright and immediate in his recollection. He was courteous  
3 but clearly not interested in becoming "involved" in any investigative process.  
4

5 Disposition

6 I thanked Mr. [REDACTED] for his time and informed him that following the  
7 conclusion of my investigation that I would make a recommendation to Bishop  
8 McCormack regarding the allegation and his pastoral response. He thanked  
9 me for following up on his nephew's claim.



Called 1 wk. ago  
wrote the [redacted] <sup>forgive</sup>  
him - nothing to forgive

word of mouth

from [redacted]'s mother  
known as a liar

told her that she should confess E.B.  
did confess  
E. Butler - he  
denied it

- 
- troublemaker - minor issues
  - was in jail in NH
  - FLA, VA
  - when father died
  - drinking problems

COMPLAINANT FOLLOW UP

Complainant: [REDACTED]

Accused: Rev. Albion Bulger

Date of Complaint: 07/30/01 by telephone to St. Peter, Auburn

Date of Follow Up: 08/09/01 by telephone - EJA - 20 minutes

Detail

1  
2 Mr. [REDACTED] placed a telephone call to me at St. Pius X rectory on the evening  
3 of Tuesday, 7 August 2001 asking for an update. In his message he indicated  
4 that he would be out for the evening and that I could call him the next day.  
5 He subsequently called the Office of the Bishop on Wednesday, 9 August 2001  
6 and left a detailed message with Jaye Gibson as to the nature of his call,  
7 including his accusation against Fr. Bulger. I returned his call at 3:30 p.m.

8  
9 It was immediately evident to me that Mr. [REDACTED] was intoxicated. His speech  
10 was slurry and his thoughts less coherent than during my last telephone  
11 conversation with him. I explained to him again that it would be best if he  
12 limited his contact to me personally regarding the matter. He indicated that he  
13 wanted to speak with the bishop and I explained that the bishop has delegated  
14 me to represent him in these matters.

15  
16 I provided an overview of my meeting with Fr. Bulger and my interview of his  
17 uncle, Mr. [REDACTED] for Mr. [REDACTED] including the fact that Fr. Bulger  
18 denied any physical contact or assault of him or Mr. [REDACTED] or anyone. Mr.  
19 [REDACTED] was angered by this and stated (repeatedly thereafter) that he was  
20 simply going to contact a lawyer. After several allusion by him to obtaining a  
21 lawyer I explained to him that if he thought that pursuing legal action would be  
22 more effective or helpful in addition to his report, then he should do so. I made  
23 it clear that his allusions to contacting a lawyer were not threatening to me.  
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25  
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27 corroborate his recollection. He was angry with me for "not believing him on  
28 his own" and I explained that I did believe him, but that I also had to pursue  
29 the details which he had reported to me. After a great deal of coaxing, Mr.  
30 [REDACTED] reluctantly agreed that I could contact the [REDACTED]

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1 Observations

2 Mr. [REDACTED] intoxicated condition made him agitated, prone to reaction and  
3 somewhat unreasonable. It was difficult to continue any detailed conversation  
4 with him because of his intoxicated state.

5

6 Disposition

7 I thanked Mr. [REDACTED] for his follow up call and agreed to contact him again on  
8 Monday, 13 August 2001 by telephone to update him on my conversation with  
9 the [REDACTED]

①

borned [redacted] mother's cousin

was going to be a priest  
carpenter  
divorced 2 children

left message  
CB in evening  
Called Braeger  
05/01/01  
St. John, Hudson

accused of  
drunkenness

[redacted]  
Sm know

- mother called when he was 13 yrs. old told it would be addressed
- St. Kathryn, Hudson  
Fr. Serrano lived there at the time
- childhood friend who was molested
- told to shut up by parents; told didn't have to go to church
- wedding was moved to St John in Hudson because he was in wedding party; sister
- broke my heart - treated him like an uncle ran home crying
- not vengeful - keep Fr. B. away from boys
- childhood friend killed in Manchester [redacted]; visited Fr. B. in Salem in confessional + confesses Fr. B. - he broke down in tears; 87-89

Summer

8th. 9th grade

JK  
AI B.  
8/3/01  
3:50 AM

- Fr. B's mother alive in Portsmouth NH
- used to take [redacted] + Mr. [redacted] out; they were trouble makers
- Mr. [redacted] grandmother thought it was wrong
- visited camp in Barnstead NH - got it twice
- swimming w/no trunks - underwear
- grabbed left arm tight + shoved hand down butt; finger in anus
- broke away
- [redacted] "he's in one of those moods"
- spent night in camping trailer (locked in) until the morning - scared to walk
- drove old Mercedes Benz

②

Fr. B was nervous next morning  
Fr. B took him home

waited until church. Mr. [redacted] not going,  
parents told after trying to convince

Fr. B stared him down in church  
hypocrisy of representing God  
& abuse

parents didn't believe; [redacted]  
confronted Fr. B; line in Lindenberg  
Fr. B - whom are you going to  
believe

Fr. B wanted visit w/mother - Mr. [redacted] in  
trouble; mother sent Mr. [redacted] w/him

Rectory - St. Kathryn, Hudson

gin & tonics - alone w/Fr. B & Fr. S.

fuddled in guest bed  
wanted to kill himself

Mr. [redacted] left guest room

no confirmation

reported to parents; believed

family changed to St. John, Hudson

mother reported; would be addressed

Does not  
want money  
wants justice

Same year

(3)

Shortly thereafter Bulger moved  
let drive car; be friends with  
absent & distant father

- 
- not necessary for JN  
contact; refused
  - talking to EJA help

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Mr. Kautera - ~~PCD~~ teacher

**Arsenault, Rev. Edward**

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**From:** Gibson, Jaye  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2001 2:55 PM  
**To:** Arsenault, Rev. Edward  
**Subject:** Chancellor referral

Father Arsenault:

Mr. [REDACTED] was interested in informing me of his complaint even though he had already spoken to you. He wanted me to know the names of the priests involved and wanted to know if I knew them. I said I did not and moved on to arranging a call back. He did say that he was not "looking for a million dollars" - he just wants to "bring those priests down" - "everything was swept under the carpet".

I told him I did not know your schedule and either I would call him back to let him know when he might hear from you or you would call him if available.



[REDACTED]  
08.09.01.doc

thanks,

Jaye

[REDACTED]

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR  
REQUEST FOR RESPONSE

Date Issued: 08-09-01

For Response to: [REDACTED]

Source:  Telephone: [REDACTED]

Correspondence

Document enclosed

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Referral Initiated By: JJG

Nature of Request: priest who is pedophile - Fr. Albion Bulger and Fr. John Scanlon

Respondent: Father Arsenault

Secretariat: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Response required by: call back today either from JJG or Father Arsenault. He had spoken with him last week and claims that Father Arsenault would call him this week.

Disposition:

*Please return this form to the Office of the Chancellor with detailed response.*



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COMPLAINANT FOLLOW UP

Complainant:

[REDACTED]

Accused: Rev. Albion Bulger

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Date of Follow Up: 08/09/01 by telephone - EJA - 20 minutes

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6 Disposition

7 I thanked Mr. [REDACTED] for his follow up call and agreed to contact him again on  
8 Monday, 13 August 2001 by telephone to update him on my conversation with  
9 the [REDACTED]

WITNESS INTERVIEW

Complainant: [REDACTED]

Accused: Rev. Albion Bulger

Witness: Mr. &amp; Mrs. [REDACTED]

Date of Interview: 08/09/01 by telephone - EJA - 25 minutes

1 Overview

2 Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] respectively corroborated the report of Mr. [REDACTED] by  
 3 inference. While they did not know that there was a sexual assault at the time,  
 4 they did suspect that something had transpired between their son, [REDACTED]  
 5 [REDACTED], and Fr. Bulger in the 1970s.

6  
7 Detail

8 I contacted Mr. [REDACTED] by telephone on Thursday, 9 August 2001. We spoke  
 9 briefly. After identifying myself, I indicated that I was calling him because him  
 10 name had been given to me by a person who had made an allegation of  
 11 misconduct by a priest in New Hampshire a number of years ago. I further  
 12 explained that the person who had made the allegation also indicated that his  
 13 son, [REDACTED], had also been assaulted by this priest. Mr. [REDACTED]  
 14 indicated that he had some recollection of the matter, but that it would be  
 15 better if I spoke with his wife. He asked that I call her back later that evening.

16  
 17 I called and spoke with Mrs. [REDACTED] later that same day. After identifying  
 18 myself, I indicated that I was calling him because him name had been given to  
 19 me by a person who had made an allegation of misconduct by a priest in New  
 20 Hampshire a number of years ago. I further explained that the person who had  
 21 made the allegation also indicated that his son, [REDACTED] had also been  
 22 assaulted by this priest.

23  
 24 Mrs. [REDACTED] immediately acknowledged that she was always aware that  
 25 "something happened between [REDACTED] and Fr. Bulger" but that [REDACTED] would  
 26 never talk about it with her. Over the years she had tried to get her son to  
 27 discuss the matter, explaining to him that she "felt guilty because whatever  
 28 happened to him, she had allowed." Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that her son always  
 29 said to her "it would hurt you too much to know." When I asked her if she ever  
 30 spoke to Fr. Bulger about her concerns she indicated that she could never get  
 31 the courage to do so. She discussed the matter at the time with her own sister  
 32 (unnamed) whom she recalled confronted Fr. Bulger at the wake of [REDACTED]

1 [redacted] and indicated quite loudly "you better do a lot of praying for what you  
2 did to my nephew."  
3

4 Mrs. [redacted] went on to indicate that her son had many problems and that he  
5 was treated as a young man at Brookside Hospital in Nashua and that the  
6 therapists told her then that he had experienced some trauma that he held  
7 back from them. She further indicated that Mr. [redacted] ex-wife knew that  
8 "something about sex" had happened to him as a young boy and that it affected  
9 their marriage.

10  
11 Mrs. [redacted] also explained that she and her husband had marital problems  
12 when their son was young. He in turn had problems with drugs and alcohol  
13 and that Fr. Bulger befriended the family to help them with their problems.  
14 Fr. Bulger and Fr. Bresnahan spent "a lot of time with those boys in the  
15 neighborhood" and that they came over to swim often with the boys.

16  
17 Mrs. [redacted] indicated that she knew [redacted] and that he had a lot of  
18 problems but that he was a good man. She explained that he was in contact  
19 with them sporadically and that he had recently called her to tell him about his  
20 allegation. When I asked her what she thought of his allegation, she stated  
21 that she had no reason not to believe him. She asked me "Why would he make  
22 something like this up?"  
23

24 Mrs. [redacted] was very upset by the conversation. I offered to make  
25 arrangements for her to speak with someone from N.H. Catholic Charities if she  
26 thought that it would be helpful. She took my name and telephone numbers  
27 and promised to call if she needed anything.  
28

29 Observations

30 Mrs. [redacted] was very upset by our conversation. She is clearly grieving the  
31 loss of her son to a tragic [redacted] death. She seems to feel some remorse or  
32 guilt that she was unable to help her son cope with whatever happened to him  
33 as a young boy.  
34

35 Disposition

36 I thanked Mrs. [redacted] for her time and informed her that following the  
37 conclusion of my investigation that I would make a recommendation to Bishop  
38 McCormack regarding the allegation and his pastoral response. I also offered  
39 her my condolences on the death of her son. She thanked me for following up  
40 on Mr. [redacted] claim.

Son - ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ by ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ to Polyn  
memoirs

tell him face  
to face

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ old  
free back then  
Hudson

5 yrs.  
deceased

287

daughter to  
be married on 8/20/01

Mr. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ 08/09/01 3:30 pm

- drinking
- not helpful to call
- will <sup>have</sup> attorney
- called me "Ed"

friends - in  
context

08/13  
Mon evening  
after 6 pm

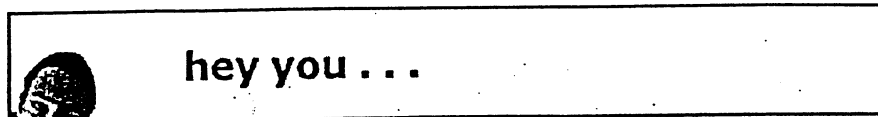
never done something nice  
and had them do nice bulk  
to him.

Mr. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - 08/09/01 4:00 pm  
reluctant to discuss in detail

- son was at Brookdale; held back  
something

Mrs. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - ex-wife knew

- something happened to ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ as a boy
- I allowed whatever happened; repeated over the years, what would happen to his daughter
- problems at home: marriage
- drugs and alcohol a result of what happened



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COMPLAINANT FOLLOW UP

Complainant:

Accused:

Rev. Albion Bulger

Date of Complaint: 07/30/01 by telephone to St. Peter, Auburn

Date of Follow Up: 08/13/01 by telephone - EJA - 10 minutes

Detail

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2 of Monday, 13 August 2001 asking for an update. I returned his call later that  
3 evening  
4

5 I informed Mr. [REDACTED] of my conversation with Mrs. [REDACTED]. He indicated  
6 that he had spoken to her and that she was upset over my call. I indicated to  
7 him that I knew that the matter was upsetting to her, but that her conversation  
8 with me was helpful. I further indicated that she corroborated his allegation.  
9

10 I explained to Mr. [REDACTED] that I would be making a report to Bishop  
11 McCormack later the week of 13 August 2001 and that I would contact him  
12 after I had met with the bishop regarding my recommendation. Mr. [REDACTED]  
13 inquired as to what my recommendation would be and I explained to him that I  
14 had not yet reached a firm conclusion on my recommendation. I asked him  
15 what was important to him and what would be helpful to him for me to include  
16 in my recommendation. He indicated clearly that he wanted "Fr. Bulger to  
17 retire and live as a private citizen....he should not be able to represent God in  
18 any way to the public, especially to kids." I asked Mr. [REDACTED] that if the  
19 bishop asked Fr. Bulger to retire would that be sufficient in his mind. He  
20 agreed. I thanked him for his insights and told him that I would bear in mind  
21 his own wishes as I prepared my recommendation.  
22

Observations

23  
24 Mr. [REDACTED] was more reasonable and coherent in this conversation. He was  
25 not intoxicated.  
26

Disposition

27  
28 I thanked Mr. [REDACTED] for his follow up call and agreed to contact him again  
29 sometime the week of 20 August 2001.  
30

**CONFIDENTIAL****COMPLAINANT FOLLOW UP**

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6 that he had spoken to her and that she was upset over my call. I indicated to  
7 him that I knew that the matter was upsetting to her, but that her conversation  
8 with me was helpful. I further indicated that she corroborated his allegation.  
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10 I explained to Mr. [REDACTED] that I would be making a report to Bishop  
11 McCormack later the week of 13 August 2001 and that I would contact him  
12 after I had met with the bishop regarding my recommendation. Mr. [REDACTED]  
13 inquired as to what my recommendation would be and I explained to him that I  
14 had not yet reached a firm conclusion on my recommendation. I asked him  
15 what was important to him and what would be helpful to him for me to include  
16 in my recommendation. He indicated clearly that he wanted "Fr. Bulger to  
17 retire and live as a private citizen....he should not be able to represent God in  
18 any way to the public, especially to kids." I asked Mr. [REDACTED] that if the  
19 bishop asked Fr. Bulger to retire would that be sufficient in his mind. He  
20 agreed. I thanked him for his insights and told him that I would bear in mind  
21 his own wishes as I prepared my recommendation.  
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Observations

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24 Mr. [REDACTED] was more reasonable and coherent in this conversation. He was  
25 not intoxicated.  
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Disposition

28 I thanked Mr. [REDACTED] for his follow up call and agreed to contact him again  
29 sometime the week of 20 August 2001.  
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ACCUSED PRIEST RECOMMENDATION

Accused: Rev. Albion Bulger

Complainant: [REDACTED]

Date of Complaint: 07/30/01

Date of Recommendation: 08/13/01

Overview

Mr. [REDACTED] has alleged that he was sexually assaulted by Fr. Bulger twice in 1974 when he was approximately 15 years old. Mr. [REDACTED] also recounted that Fr. Bulger sexually assaulted his boyhood friend, [REDACTED], in a similar manner. [REDACTED] This allegedly occurred during Fr. Bulger's tenure as pastor of St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH.

The nature of the alleged sexual assault on Mr. [REDACTED] was that Fr. Bulger inserted his finger in the anus of the victim on the first occasion and that Fr. Bulger fondled the victim's genitals directly on the second occasion.

Fr. Bulger, when presented with the accusation, confirmed all of the circumstantial recollection of Mr. [REDACTED] but categorically denied any physical contact or sexual assault. He reported that both boys were problem children, which was not denied by Mr. [REDACTED] and was confirmed by the witnesses noted below, and that he only wanted to befriend them to try to help them and their families.

Mr. [REDACTED] provided two witnesses to corroborate his recollection. Mr. [REDACTED] alleged that these witnesses knew on or about the time of his assault and that one had confronted Fr. Bulger regarding the matter. Fr. Bulger confirmed that he knew the witnesses, Mr. [REDACTED], uncle of Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] parents of [REDACTED], but denied being confronted by either of them.

Mr. [REDACTED] confirmed that he did know of the sexual assault around the time of its occurrence and, at his sister's (Mr. [REDACTED] mother's request) confronted Fr. Bulger about the allegation. Fr. Bulger denied the allegation at that time as well.

Mrs. [REDACTED] confirmed that "something" had happened between her son, [REDACTED] and Fr. Bulger and that it plagued him most of his young adult and

adult life. While he never shared the details of what occurred, she "always thought that it had something to do with sex." Mrs. [REDACTED] therefore corroborated the circumstances but not the specifics regarding Mr. [REDACTED] allegation that Fr. Bulger assaulted Mr. [REDACTED] as well.

#### Observations - Victim

Mr. [REDACTED] conducted himself in a reasonable fashion by telephone. His demeanor was marked by anger and upset but his emotions were clearly under control. When questioned, he recalled details quickly and with a high degree of consistency. He indicated that he was grateful for my call and my concern and that our conversation was helpful to him. When offered, he refused an offer to speak with a Pastoral Care Manager (Joe Naff) and also refused any assistance in obtaining counseling.

Mr. [REDACTED] was intoxicated during one follow up conversation with me. This confirmed my sense and the report of his uncle, [REDACTED], and Mrs. [REDACTED] that he struggles with alcohol abuse

#### Observations - Accused

Fr. Bulger's demeanor during my telephone conversation and my meeting with him was strange. He was emotionally benign and showed no sign of expressing any emotional reaction to the accusation, its nature or the circumstances surrounding it. He was "matter of fact" when I pointed out that he had corroborated most of the circumstances of the allegation and had just denied the accusation of molestation. I noted to Fr. Bulger that I was concerned by his lack of emotion and he replied by stating "what can you do about it anyway?" and by further quoting Thomas Aquinas (in Latin) regarding the fact that perceptions are the custody of the person who perceives them. When I inquired what he meant by the quote he stated that he could not control what Mr. [REDACTED] perceived as molestation, but that he did not ever touch him.

I am concerned by the lack of emotion expressed by Fr. Bulger. At best he is hiding his emotions (which would indicate to me that he might be hiding the truth as well) or that his emotions are so separated from his day-to-day recollections, that he could literally "not recall" something that in fact did occur almost 30 years ago.

Recommendation

I believe that Fr. Bulger likely assaulted both Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] as young boys. The level of (almost complete) consistency among the recollections of the complainant, the accused and the witnesses corroborates the circumstances of the relationship, the alleged locations of abuse and the occasions thereof. All that is absent in Fr. Bulger's recollection is the actual assault.

My recommendation therefore is as follows:

1. Fr. Albion Bulger should be presented with the corroboration of the witnesses in this case and given the opportunity to revisit his own recollection. Although his admission is not material to this recommendation, it will affect the plausibility of a complete psychological evaluation and possible treatment protocol for him.
2. Fr. Albion Bulger should be asked to resign as pastor and resign from active pastoral ministry as soon as possible but no later than 30 September 2001. It should be clearly stated to him that the reasons for the request for his resignation from ecclesiastical office and request for retirement from pastoral ministry is predicated on the substantiation of this allegation. The reasons for his resignation and retirement include:
  - *the immediate termination of him as a representative of the Bishop of Manchester*
  - *the immediate removal of him from proximate ministerial contact with minors*
  - *the potential for grave scandal if this matter becomes public*
  - *for his own good, the protection of his own right to a good reputation which is placed in serious jeopardy by this allegation.*
3. Fr. Albion Bulger should be given the opportunity to request administrative leave in which he would voluntarily request that his faculties to function or present himself publicly as able to function as a priest would be revoked.
4. If Fr. Bulger is not open to resignation as pastor, requesting retirement status or requesting an administrative leave, then the formal process for his removal as pastor should be commenced immediately. Likewise, Rev. Bulger should be canonically suspended based upon the fact that the preliminary investigation of allegations of immoral sexual activities that violate the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1) and the explicit prohibition against violations of clerical continence (c. 1395, §2).
5. Fr. Bulger should be encouraged to consider a complete psychological evaluation and possible treatment for his own well being and that of the Church. Fr. Bulger should also be strongly encouraged to seek appropriate spiritual counsel and should be offered the opportunity for the Bishop to assist him in finding a priest mentor to work with him through these issues.

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8/28/01

Dear Bishop McConuck:

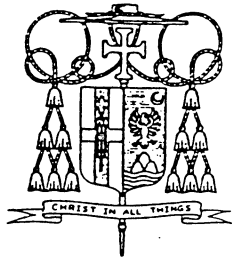
It is with a heavy heart that I request that you accept my resignation as Pastor of Resurrection Parish and allow me to enter into the ranks of the retired. I had hoped to die with my boots on but age and being burned out are taking their toll.

Needless to say, I look to the future with trepidation, but I put my trust in the Lord.

With an assurance of a remembrance in my prayers and awaiting word from you, I remain

In Christ,

(Rev.) Alton J. Burger



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

August 31, 2001

Reverend Albion F. Bulger  
Parish of the Resurrection  
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Dear Father Bulger:

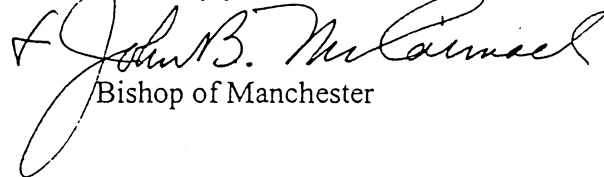
I am writing to advise you that I accept your resignation as pastor of the Parish of the Resurrection effective Sunday, September 23, 2001. This will also be the effective date of my accepting your request to be granted retired priest status as well.

Based upon your discussions with Father Arsenault, you also realize that effective this same date your priestly faculties are limited to the private celebration of the Eucharist. It is my understanding that you and he will remain in contact regarding the ongoing evaluation of your health and well being.

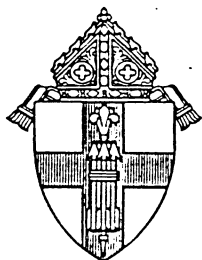
Al, I am mindful of the effective ministry you have provided to the people of the parishes in which you served and of the faithful and dedicated leadership you provided, as exemplified in the beautiful new church structure recently dedicated at Resurrection Parish. I am grateful for all this and pray that the transition you are now experiencing will not be too trying. I am pleased by your expression of trust in the Lord, whom we all know loves us tremendously. As you work through the changes that the next few weeks and months will bring, be assured of my prayers for your good health and more peaceful days in the future.

Assuring you, again, of my gratitude for your priestly service to the Church, I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

  
Bishop of Manchester

cc: Reverend Edward J. Arsenault  
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September 1, 2001

Reverend Albion F. Bulger  
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**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Al,

I wanted to write to you to confirm the substance of our conversation on Tuesday regarding your resignation as pastor and retirement from active ministry. Likewise, I wanted to provide some detail to you regarding the restrictions on your priestly ministry that are effective at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, 23 September 2001.

Bishop McCormack has limited your priestly faculties to the private celebration of the Eucharist. This means that you may not celebrate or concelebrate the Eucharist, participate in any public exercise of priestly ministry.

Please be mindful too of my strong recommendation that you seek out a brother priest with whom you can share your recent difficulties and seriously consider a plan of appropriate psychological care for your well being as well.

Finally, please remember that I have asked you to prepare a list of pastoral obligations in the parish for Bishop Christian for Tuesday, 4 September 2001. I will contact you next week after your announcement to the people of the parish to follow up on our work together.

Assuring you of my own remembrance of your challenges at the Lord's altar, I remain

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Delegate of the Bishop

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- 1) 1 month } (R)  
 2) 10 yr.  
 3) 5 yr.

Bulger evaluation

10/12/01

Issues

10:30 am

- 1) sexual disorders  
 \* honest about experiences  
 \* experiences not integrated  
 \* exploitative, not predatory  
 \* need to rule out pedophile
- 2) →\* abstinence from alcohol  
 to rule out dependence
- 2) narcissism tendencies  
 histrionic tendencies

more troubled than he knows

All stopped YH - why?  
 afraid of self?

# MEMORANDUM

## CONFIDENTIAL

TO: File

FROM: — Reverend Edward J. Arsenault  
Delegate to Bishop McCormack

DATE: 16 October 2001

RE: - Reverend Albion F. Bulger

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I met with Father Bulger at St. Pius X Rectory at approximately 5:10 p.m. for a period lasting about 35 minutes. Overall his and my discussion was cordial and frank. Father Bulger and I agreed that we needed to wait to receive the written evaluation report from St. Luke Institute (he expects it in approximately ten days) to make any further decisions regarding his treatment and his access to public ministry. I did discuss with Father Bulger his desire to have some "limited access" to priestly ministry, specifically the ability to concelebrate at clergy funerals and clergy gatherings. I told him that after I read the report from St. Luke I would consider making a recommendation to Bishop McCormack in this regard based upon the findings of the evaluation.

### DETAILS

After exchanging pleasantries Father Bulger immediately shared with me that he had just met with Bishop John B. McCormack. When I asked him how that meeting had gone, he indicated that he had probably said too much. I asked him to elaborate and he shared with me that he expressed his disappointment in no uncertain terms to Bishop McCormack that he had not been in touch in any sort of a detailed or timely fashion. Father Bulger said to me "I probably said too much." I responded by saying that if he expressed his opinion to Bishop McCormack that that was important that he felt he could say what was on his mind. After exchanging pleasantries Father Bulger and I discussed his experience at St. Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Maryland. Father Bulger was clear and frank in his distaste for the time that he spent there largely based on negative recollections of a Seminary experience, his unwillingness to see the value of all of the clinical insights offered by the staff there and a specific point of surprise and anger associated with the sharing with me of the revelation regarding his sexual involvement with women. Father Bulger stated clearly that it was his understanding that he shared those insights with the St. Luke Institute staff in a confidential forum and he did not know that they would be discussed with me



or anyone else. I asked him if he had discussed that with the St. Luke Institute staff and shared his concern and he indicated that he has done so. I explained to him that my understanding is that all of the material associated with the clinical evaluation is part of the release form which he would have signed at St. Luke Institute and that perhaps more importantly it was clear to me in the discussions that the clinical staff held in his exit interview that they drew a clear connection between the accusation of pedophilia (Father Bulger used this term specifically) and his sexual exploitation of adult women. I asked Father Bulger if he understood the connection that had been drawn by the clinical staff and he indicated that he did in fact understand the connection that they had made. I further inquired of him whether he felt that there was a degree of accuracy; specifically, did he think that some of the same issues might have contributed to his sexual relationships with adult women and the accusation of sexually molesting a young man. Father Bulger stated emphatically that he could no longer deny that what Mr. ██████ accused him of did not happen. Father Bulger shared some insights, which he gleaned from the clinical evaluation and the recollection that he was drinking heavily at the time. I inquired of him whether he could explain to me why he could recall so clearly his sexual relationships with adult women and could not recall his alleged sexual molestation of a young man. He indicated that the clinical staff had told him that he had compartmentalized these issues and that he did not concur.

Father Bulger further indicated that the environment of St. Luke Institute was bothersome to him and recalled his Seminary days particularly at Louvain in Belgium and that there was no way he was going to return to a Seminary living environment after all these years. He further indicated that all of the residents there were depressed and depressing to him. He stated that a man his age should not have to go down to a place like that and "be taken apart to be put back together again." I asked Father Bulger whether he was willing to forego making a final decision regarding returning to St. Luke Institute until he read the final report. He indicated that he was willing to do so but that he thought it highly unlikely that he would ever return there. I then asked Father Bulger whether he thought the wellness issues, which had been raised by, the clinical staff there might in fact contribute to some of his inability to recall the specific with Mr. ██████ and other difficult issues in his life. Father Bulger indicated that he did not agree with the cause and effect connection, which he felt the clinical staff drew between his physical health issues and what they perceive to be his psychological issues. Specifically, he did not feel that he had a heart attack or had colon cancer or has psoriasis simply because he can't recall things and has had some bad experiences and a drinking problem in his life. I attempted to clarify for Father Bulger my sense that the clinical staff was not necessarily saying that he had a heart attack, colon cancer or has psoriasis because he has psychological issues but instead that the psychological issues might contribute to a propensity for certain physical illnesses. He agreed with me that that might be the case but restated clearly that there was a history of cancer and cardiac problems in his family.

Father Bulger proceeded to discuss with me at length that he was drinking heavily at the time when he assaulted Mr. ██████. I asked him whether he had ever been so intoxicated that he had experiences of not recalling specific events. He indicated that this in fact was the case and that there were times when he could not recall specific events.

Father Bulger discussed in some detail his concern and embarrassment over not being able to concelebrate at priests funerals. I indicated to him that the restrictions on his ministry were a

function of my inability to reconcile an allegation, which I believe to be true regarding sexual misconduct and his inability to recall it. I further indicated that now knowing that he has had three adult women with whom he has had sexual relations, that I remain concerned about his ability to respect the appropriate boundaries associated with priestly ministry. Notwithstanding this concern, I indicated that based on my analysis of the St. Luke Institute evaluation I would be willing to reconsider a recommendation to Bishop McCormack, which might include "limited access" to priestly ministry. I specifically stated that I would be willing to consider a recommendation wherein Father Bulger would be allowed to concelebrate at priest's funerals and at clergy events. He inquired as to whether he would be able to concelebrate at Confirmation soon at the Parish of the Resurrection. I indicated to him that I would not advise that the Bishop allow him to do so because to do so might place him and the Diocese in jeopardy regarding the sense that Mr. [REDACTED] has of the restrictions on Father Bulger's ministry at this time. I took the opportunity to elaborate for Father Bulger that if there were any contemplative return to pastoral ministry that I would be obliged to contact Mr. [REDACTED] dependent upon a full release from Father Bulger to do so, to indicate to Mr. [REDACTED] what had transpired since my last conversation with him vis a vis Father Bulger's inability to recall the sexual molestation of 1974. I further explained to Father Bulger that I felt that his acknowledgement of the molestation was an important ingredient in the healing process for Mr. [REDACTED].

Father Bulger presented me with some detailed financial information regarding his current financial status that indicates a monthly shortfall predicated on the absence of remuneration that he would receive as a retired priest for weekend assistance in parishes. I reviewed the information and told him that I would get back to him regarding what recommendation I would make to Bishop McCormack regarding a possible augmentation of his retirement stipend in consideration of the specific restrictions placed on his ministry at this time. I also took the opportunity to explain to Father Bulger that while I understood he felt he had an obligation to the housekeeper, with whom he shares his home, regarding her support, that I could not accept that responsibility nor could I recommend to Bishop McCormack that he do so. Father Bulger acknowledged that the responsibility was in fact his and that he felt that it was a justice issue. I agreed with him in the sense that if someone had not been paid an adequate salary and needed some form of sustenance and the felt that he was obliged to do that personally that I certainly understood but reiterated that I was not in a position nor would I recommend that Bishop McCormack take on such a responsibility. He agreed.

Father Bulger and I ended our meeting cordially. I offered him my continued prayerful support and access to me at any time. I explained to him that I expected to be in touch with him sometime next week regarding his request for financial assistance and shortly thereafter upon the receipt of the report from St. Luke Institute to discuss possible treatment options. At the end of our discussion Father Bulger indicated that he might be willing and interested in a local therapeutic option whereby he could continue to work on these issues in a non-residential environment. I indicated to him that I would consider this modification but could only do so in the light of the recommendation of the St. Luke Institute staff and that I would want to discuss that with them after I had read their report.

## OBSERVATIONS

Father presented himself in his usual demeanor, specifically, he was forthright, clear and definitive in his opinions and his recollections. Father Bulger clearly is still "in charge" of the decisions associated with his health and well-being. I made it clear to Father Bulger on several occasions that any decisions regarding his health and his treatment would have to be decisions that he would make; I could not make such decisions for him and even if I could I would not do so nor would I recommend that Bishop McCormack do so. Father Bulger is angry and resentful of the circumstances in which he finds himself. My sense that the object of his anger right now is the institutional church and, specifically, Bishop McCormack. I have no reason to believe that Father Bulger will return to St. Luke Institute for therapeutic treatment. I do, however, feel that if it is possible to develop a local therapeutic option whereby Father Bulger would work with an appropriate professional to continue to examine the many health issues which he faces as well as his history of violating appropriate boundaries in ministry, that some resolution to his inaccess to priestly ministry in a public fashion might be possible. I would further recommend that Bishop McCormack consider allowing Father Bulger in a very specific and limited fashion to concelebrate at priest's funerals and at exclusively clergy gatherings effective as soon as possible. My recommendation in this regard is predicated on a balance of his right to a good reputation, which might be jeopardized by his ongoing and continual absence from clergy gatherings. Father Bulger has had a long-standing reputation as a member of the presbyterate who attends clergy gatherings and specifically who is very faithful to priests' funerals. I would not want to inadvertently, in an effort to protect the Church and the larger community from another possible boundary violation by Father Bulger, to damage his good reputation among priests to which he is entitled.



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Rev. Albion F. Burger

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FILE SUMMARY

<b>Name</b>	Albion F. Bulger
<b>Date of Birth</b>	05/17/30
<b>Date Ordained</b>	07/01/56
<b>Service</b>	07/20/56 Holy Angels, Westville
	08/28/58 Vice-Rector, American College, Louvain, Belgium
	02/ /66 American Parish, Brussels, Belgium
	09/13/69 St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester
	06/03/70 St. Kathryn, Hudson
	12/01/71 St. Kathryn, Hudson
	03/10/76 Mary, Queen of Peace, Salem
	06/26/91 Parish of the Resurrection, Nashua
	09/24/01 Retirement
<b>Date and Nature of Complaint</b>	A July 2001 accusation of sexual misconduct by Albion Bulger in 1974 was received and investigated. The complainant was an adult living out of state who alleged that he was sexually assaulted by Bulger twice in 1974 when he was approximately 15 years old. He also alleged that Bulger sexually assaulted a friend of his at the same time, in a similar manner. The friend died in 1996. The complainant provided the names of those he claimed could corroborate the assault.
<b>Response Action Taken</b>	Bulger was referred to St. Luke's Institute in Maryland and a report was received from them indicating he probably should go for residential treatment. He chose not to go for the residential treatment. He resigned his pastorate and his rights to exercise public priestly ministry were removed by the Bishop of Manchester in September of 2001.
<b>Additional Complaints</b>	None

## PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW

REPORTER INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

REPORTED TO: PAUL E. BRODEUR, INV.

RE: AG-CRI-02-00103 PRIEST - ALBION BULGER

DATE: 11 JUNE 02 1540 hrs.

Spoke with: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he lived in [REDACTED]. His father passed away in April of 1972 and the family moved to Hudson, NH where his grandmother lived the summer of 1972. The family lived with the grand parents, [REDACTED] Hudson, NH. There were a number of older brothers and sisters. They attended St. Catherine's church on Lowell Rd., Hudson, NH that looked like a teepee. The church was located where the current new bridge crosses the Merrimack River and where Wal Mart is currently located.

[REDACTED] advised that he was always anxious to become an altar boy. He had to make his first communion before he could be an altar boy and did receive his First Communion on May 12, 1973. [REDACTED] then became an altar boy and Fr. BULGER would call the house and ask if he could serve at Mass. [REDACTED] advised that BULGER told him that the rule was that altar boys could not wear pants under their robe. [REDACTED] didn't know the difference and upon arrival BULGER would take the pants of [REDACTED] off and fondle his penis. [REDACTED] would then put on the robe and serve Mass. [REDACTED] advised that BULGER had also put his hand into the underwear of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that BULGER also manipulated him to the point of ejaculation. BULGER would then take a cloth and wipe him up and fold the cloth similar to a ceremonial procedure. [REDACTED] advised that this took place each time he served Mass for 1 to 1 1/2 years.

[REDACTED] advised he has told no one until his mother called him recently when she saw BULGER's name in the paper. She inquired if anything had happened and at the point he recalled the above. [REDACTED] advised that if he had said anything to his mother that she would have slapped his face and told him not to speak ill of the man of God.

[REDACTED] advised that the other male that was an altar boy but does not know if anything ever happened is a [REDACTED] who lived in the same area of Hudson.

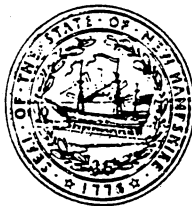
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LIP T. MCLAUGHLIN  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STEPHEN J. JUDGE  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL



April 23, 2002

[REDACTED]

RE: Albion Bulger

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter regarding Albion Bulger. I have forwarded the information to Hillsborough County Attorney Peter McDonough because the acts occurred within his jurisdiction.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the county attorney's office if you have further information or if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. William Delker".

N. William Delker  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Chief, Criminal Justice Bureau  
(603) 271-3671

NWD/mmp  
cc: Peter McDonough, Esquire  
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April 10, 2002

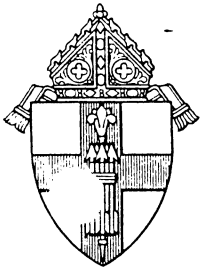
DEAR SIR,

I bothered you a few days ago concerning the information released on a catholic priest, namely Albion Budger,

I don't think that any information I could give you would be helpful to your endeavours. The acts happened in '73 or '74 at St. Katharyns in Hudson NH. The time his partner priest was Scruton. Never had I witnessed another kid but myself being subjected to the crap. I know that I was not the only one. Those others will have to talk to you on thier own. I'm sorry that it took me so long to be pissed off enough to do something earlier. If I had come forward with the same determination as last summer, many years ago a lot of kids would not have been hurt at those camps.

If I can be of any help, let me know

Thank you



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Ed -

Are you going for his  
episcopal interview @ St Luke?  
I think you ought to -  
tj.

September 27, 2001

Reverend Albion F. Bulger  
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**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

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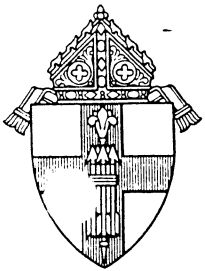
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Delegate of the Bishop

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cc: ✓ Most Reverend John B. McCormack  
Most Reverend Francis J. Christian



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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>DATE OF ORDINATION</u>
BULGER, Albion F.	5/17/30	7/ 1/56

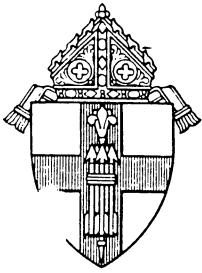
COLLEGES ATTENDED: St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT  
 ACADEMIC DEGREES: B. Ph., Ottawa; Master's Degree, Univ. of Louvain, Belgium  
 SEMINARIES ATTENDED: University Seminary, Ottawa, Canada; American College, Louvain, Belgium  
 PLACE OF ORDINATION: College Chapel, American College, Louvain, Belgium  
 ORDAINING PRELATE: Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D.

PARISH ASSIGNMENTS

Westville, Holy Angels .....	7/20/56
Louvain, Belgium: Vice-Rector, American College .....	8/28/58
Pastor, American Parish, Brussels, Belgium ..	2/66
Manchester, St. Joseph Cathedral, AP .....	9/13/69
Hudson, St. Kathryn, Temp. Adm. ....	6/ 3/70
PASTOR .....	12/ 1/71
Salem, Mary, Queen of Peace .....	3/10/76
Nashua, Parish of the Resurrection .....	6/26/91

APPOINTMENTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS/ADDITIONAL MINISTRY

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Faucher Council #5162, K of C Hudson (3 years) .....	2/ 8/71
Diocesan Vocation Board (3 yrs) .....	9/93
Chaplain, Knights of Columbus Council 11573 .....	5/31/95
Council of Priests, Nashua Deanery (3 yrs.) .....	9/ 4/96



**Diocese of Manchester**

Reverend Edward J. Arsenault  
*Secretary for Administration*

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October 22, 2001

Reverend Albion F. Bulger  
18 Northwood Drive  
Nashua, NH 03063-2228

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Al,

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Delegate of the Bishop

cc: file  
Bishop John B. McCormack

## **SAINT LUKE INSTITUTE**

is a mental health facility for the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction, and psychological and psychiatric problems such as depression, anxiety and sexual problems.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Mission is to provide mental health treatment, education and prevention services for men and women in ministry in the United States and abroad.

These services integrate the highest quality spiritual, psychological and physical care within the context of a Christian community. The Institute conducts its ministry in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

### **CORE VALUES**

Our Core Values inspire our mission and vision as the Love of Christ urges us to:

- ◆ Compassion
- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Quality Service

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**MICHELLE SHORT**  
Office Manager  
Clinical Services Department  
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Silver Spring, Maryland 20903  
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# **SAINT LUKE INSTITUTE EVALUATION INFORMATION**



## **EVALUATION GUIDELINES**

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

There will be many occasions to meet other men and women religious. The names of all such persons are to be kept strictly confidential to insure privacy.

We ask that the evaluatee...

- ◆ remain on Institute property
- ◆ not smoke within the building
- ◆ bring comfortable clothing in keeping with the seasons
- ◆ bring a personal alarm clock
- ◆ bring a calling card or credit card, which is necessary for long distance calling
- ◆ inform us, before arrival, if special attention is needed due to known allergies
- ◆ note that there will be no access to the internet

## **THE EVALUATION PROCESS**

The Evaluation Process usually takes five days, beginning on a Sunday and concluding on Friday. This intensive process utilizes a holistic approach that includes assessment of physical, psychological and spiritual domains. The following components are included:

- ◆ Laboratory Tests and Physical Examination
- ◆ Clinical Interview
- ◆ Psychosocial History Interview
- ◆ Spiritual Assessment
- ◆ Psychological Evaluation
- ◆ Neuropsychological Evaluation

## **THE EVALUATION SUMMARY**

The final component is the Evaluation Summary. After all of the necessary data has been gathered, the Evaluation Team meets with the evaluatee and, if possible, his or her representative. If needed, this conference can be conducted by telephone. At this meeting the Evaluation Team reviews their findings and impressions and a recommended course of treatment is prescribed. A detailed evaluation report is mailed within two weeks to the evaluatee and, with the evaluatee's permission, to the referral source.

Saint Luke Institute prides itself on flexibility in recommending a course of treatment tailored to the needs of each individual. Sometimes that will mean treatment on an outpatient basis; at times the best therapy for a patient will be at another institution; sometimes the recommended therapy is residential care at Saint Luke Institute.

## **VIP TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Transportation will be provided to and from Saint Luke Institute. When scheduling departure from the Institute, please allow three hours before scheduled flight for travel time to airport.

Clients are met (at the security check point at BWI and in the baggage area if arriving at Dulles) by a Saint Luke driver who will have a sign with their first name and last initial.

If the driver is not located within 15 minutes, a call to the Institute is necessary. Identify yourself to the receptionist who will advise you of the drivers location. Please follow the instructions that you are given.

# Saint Luke Institute

September 26, 2001

Reverend Edward J. Arsenault  
Diocese of Manchester  
153 Ash Street  
PO Box 310  
Manchester, NH 03105

Dear Rev. Arsenault:

Thank you for your recent contact. We have Reverend Albion Bulger scheduled to begin the evaluation process on Sunday, October 7, 2001. The evaluation summary is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 12, 2001. Once travel arrangements have been made, please give me a call and I will arrange for transportation to and from Saint Luke Institute, if needed. When departing from the Institute, please allow ~~two~~ <sup>four</sup> hours before scheduled flight for travel time to airport.

Enclosed is some additional information regarding the evaluation process for both yourself and Reverend Bulger. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call me at (301) 422-5429.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Short*

Michelle L. Short  
Office Manager  
Admissions Department





# Saint Luke Institute

NAME: Saint Luke Institute, Inc.  
ADDRESS: 8901 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20903  
PHONE: 301-445-7970  
FAX: 301-422-5400

DEFINING STATEMENT: Saint Luke Institute, licensed and accredited by JCAHO, is a residential treatment center, which provides comprehensive wholistic programs for men and women religious and clergy of all faiths. The Institute addresses the physical, emotional, social, cognitive and spiritual needs of all in an environment supportive of ministerial and religious life. Clinical staff are noted for their expertise in the treatment of alcoholism, chemical dependency and related problems, personality disorders, dual diagnoses, intimacy issues, boundary violations and depression. Thorough evaluations are provided with recommendations for the most appropriate treatment modalities. Continuing care services are an important component of the program model. Consultation services and educational workshops on a variety of topics are provided to dioceses, religious communities and parishes.

DAYS/HOURS: 24 hour residential treatment

SERVICES: Evaluations, Residential Treatment, Continuing Care Services, Outpatient Treatment, Interventions, Education, Halfway House, and Candidate Assessment.

CLIENTELE: Residential – Clergy, Women and Men Religious  
Outpatient – Clergy, Women and Men Religious, Lay Persons

FEES: Varies with program

SPONSORSHIP: Affiliated with Ascension Health

PRESIDENT/CEO: Reverend Stephen J. Rossetti, Ph.D., D.Min.

## CONTACT PERSONS:

Frank Valcour, MD:	<i>Vice President for Clinical Services/Medical Director</i>	301-422-5420
Stephen Montana, Ph.D.	<i>Director of Clinical Services</i>	301-422-5431
Carol Farthing, Ph.D.	<i>Associate Director of Clinical Services</i>	301-422-5430
Caroline Wroblewski, Ph.D.	<i>Coordinator of Women's Residential Program</i>	301-422-5445
Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, Ph.D.	<i>Director of Educational Services</i>	301-422-5499
Michelle Short	<i>Admissions</i>	301-422-5429
Sandy Moore	<i>Patient Accounts Finance Officer</i>	301-422-5412

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INCOME AS OF SEPT.23,2001

SALARY	\$22,200.00
FOOD	6,500.00
WATER	146.81
SEWER	185.16
ELECTRICITY	895.37
GAS	1,553.64
TELEPHONE	380.00
CABLE	480.00
COMPUTER	564.00
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES MONTHLY	3,600.00
NCR	39.95
BOSTON GLOBE	312.00
UNION LEADER	140.00
NASHUA TELEGRAPH	169.00
ORIGINS	99.00
OSSRVATORE ROMANO	90.00
TABLET	140.00
TOTAL	\$37,494.93

PROJECTED FINANCIAL SITUATION

PENSION	\$15,600.00
LESS ARTICLES ON A	15,294.93
TOTAL REMAINING	305.07

TO BE PAID WITH THIS	
MEDICAID B	600.00
LIFE INSURANCE	2,900.00
CAR REGISTRATION	200.00
HOUSE TAXES	3,600.00
CAR FUEL	700.00
CLOTHING, DRY CLEAN, ETC.	700.00
GIFTS, BARBER, BIRTHDAYS AND	
OCCASIONAL DINNER OUT	??????

*Income Tax*

FINAL SITUATION -----\$8,394.93++++

PROPOSED INCOME

PRESENT SALARY	22,200.00
LOSS OF HELPING WEEKENDS	9,100.00
TOTAL	31,300.00

