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Most Rev. Alfred C. Hughes
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, MA 02135

Dear Bishop Hughes:

Recently I remembered something that happened about 12 years ago. I present it to you for your consideration and for your judgment about any further action that should be taken at this time.

Around ^{Sept 79} 1981, a woman came to see me by appointment. She worked at a Religious house in this Region. She indicated that one of the priests had a peculiar relationship with a woman who regularly gave him massages. In reply to her question, the priest said that this treatment was necessary because of tension. As well, this woman told me, the priest was involved with at least a few boys who were members of a youth choir. The priest would undress the boys, they told this woman, and touch them in an impure way.

I saw Cardinal Medeiros about this. As a result, I called the Provincial and visited him to convey this story. As I recall, he listened without comment or emotion to what I told him and merely stated that he would check it out. I never saw or heard from the Provincial again. I did learn soon that the priest had been transferred out of the Archdiocese.

As far as I know, the priest has not been assigned here since that time. He does however regularly return here for novenas and special talks.

In the light of current practice, I wonder if there should be an official inquiry to the (new) Provincial about diagnosis, past treatment, and current treatment plans, following which decisions should be made about a restriction on his even sporadic ministry in this Archdiocese, as well as about notice to the Ordinary of the Diocese where he currently ministers.

For convenience, I am sending a copy of this letter to Father John McCormack. I presume you will be discussing it with him. I shall await further word from you.

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