

In 1992, ██████████ reported that he was sexually abused by Father Kelley in 1977. See KELLEY-2 323-324. ██████████ also reported that he was abused by Father Kelley beginning when ██████████ was approximately 15 years old in 1974 and continuing until ██████████ was in his early 20's. See KELLEY-2 323-324; 204-206. Had the RCAB removed Father Kelley from his ministry in 1977, or at the very least required that he seek treatment, a young boy may have been spared years of abuse. See KELLEY-2 323-324; 204-205; 2046-047.

Ultimately, Father Kelley was removed from ministry. See KELLEY-2 323. He was diagnosed at St. Luke's Hospital in Maryland as suffering from a sexual disorder. See KELLEY-2 323.

12. BERNARD LANE

Ordained in 1960, Father Lane became a street priest through the 1960's and in 1969 he established Adolescent Counseling in Development, Inc. ("AcID"), a residence and counseling center in Malden, Massachusetts for teens in trouble with the law. See BL-0594-0598. In 1973, Father Lane and Father C. Melvin Surette opened Alpha Omega House in Littleton, Massachusetts that also operated as a residential home for troubled teens, most of whom were DYS committed. See BL-0612-0613, 0467.

In 1975, Reverend Thomas M. Gillespie conveyed a cryptic message referenced in a letter to Cardinal Medeiros, which warned the RCAB as of 1973 about Father Lane. See BL- 0383, 0385. In that letter Father Gillespie said:

About two years ago Tom Hudgins and I sought you out about our concerns over the then proposed assignment of Bernie Lane to the Alpha-Omega House in Littleton. As you may recall, we expressed serious misgivings about the wisdom of this move. . . .

See BL- 0383, 0385. The nature of Fathers Gillespie and Hudgins's serious misgivings about Father Lane is not clear and the letter, however, in its entirety, it indicates that Father Gillespie's concerns were allayed by 1975. However, something troubled these priests about Father Lane's assignment to Alpha Omega House that was sufficient for them to bring it to Cardinal Medeiros' attention.

Father Lane's tenure at Alpha Omega ended in 1978 following the complaint of one boy that resulted in scrutiny by the Massachusetts Office For Children and DYS. Another complaint followed shortly thereafter, with several in the early 1990's and dozens by 2002. See BL- 0386, BL 0472-0473. Father Surette was similarly terminated at Alpha Omega and put on 'administrative leave' on August 8, 1993. See BL- 0921.

It took repetitive abusive conduct on Father Lane's behalf for a young teenage boy, who risked being returned to prison, to tell his parents in 1978 about Father Lane's repeated sexual molestations and demands for nudity. See

Offices of Child Care Services (“OCCS”) 0001-0037. The boys parents complained and the matter was forwarded to the State of Massachusetts’ Office for Children (“OFC”), the agency that licensed such group care facilities (now Office for Child Care Services – OCCS). See Offices of Child Care Services (“OCCS”) 0001-0037. On October 20, 1978, the OFC formally notified the Executive Director of AcID, the parent corporation of Alpha Omega, of the complaint and its determination to revoke AcID’s license to operate. See Offices of Child Care Services (“OCCS”) 0001-0037. DYS and the State Police were duly notified and conducted investigations. See OCCS 0037.

In the course of the ensuing investigations, **a second resident stepped forward to corroborate the molestations** that Father Lane was perpetrating on the residents at Alpha Omega. See OCCS 0037. It was reported that Father Lane was engaging in lewd behavior and that boys were sleeping in Father Lane’s bed in the nude. See Offices of Child Care Services (“OCCS”) 0001-0037. Dr. Stephen Howard, the clinical director and supervising psychiatrist at Alpha Omega, said that he had become aware of Lane’s taking kids home about two years earlier and was shocked, but when seen in context, it had therapeutic value. See OCCS 0036.

Father Lane defended his actions by claiming that the first young man came to the program as an alternative to jail but had to be asked to leave the

program – and was “out to get him.” See BL- 0110. Father Lane “admitted visiting resident at his room,” but that he was just “touching him,” with “no homosexual activity ever.” See BL- 0473. However, the investigations revealed that **“the Director at first denied** that unusual forms of treatment had ever been utilized in the facility. Another staff member subsequently joined this conversation and a detailed discussion ensued, during the course of which the Director **admitted that unusual forms of treatment had, in fact, been utilized.”** See OCCS 0004-0005 (emphasis added). Ultimately Father Lane admitted the allegations to the investigators who **“talked to Lane who disagreed w/only small particulars of kids’ stories - admitted going to bed w/kids nude, etc.”** See OCCS 0036. As a result of the OFC complaint, as of November 1978, Father Lane and Dr. Stephen Howard resigned and their relationship with the Alpha Omega Program was terminated. See OCCS 0009.

After leaving Alpha Omega House, Father Lane was sent for evaluation to Boston’s House of Affirmation, see BL- 0389, where he was seen by Reverend J. William Huber, Psychologist-Therapist, who reported his findings to Bishop Daily. See BL- 0389. There is some indication that Father Lane had agreed to go into counseling. See BL- 0008. However, the RCAB has refused to produce the report issued at the time.

In January of 1979, less than three months following his termination at Alpha Omega, Father Lane asked that his reassignment involve **work with youth** with a preference to work with Father Paul McLaughlin at St. Peter's in Lowell. See BL- 0217. Bishop Daily was enthusiastic to this request and encouraged the appointment See BL- 0218. Bishop Ruoco expressed reservations – “no desire for precedent setting.” See BL- 0218.

Notwithstanding the clear message that the RCAB should have received about Father Lane's predatory conduct with young boys at Alpha Omega, in March of 1979 Cardinal Medeiros, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Board, appointed Father Lane Associate Pastor at St. Peter's Parish in Lowell. See BL- 0110, BL 0396. No restrictions on Father Lane's access to children were indicated.

By November 1979, Father Lane was once again active with youth in the Christian Youth Witness Corps. See BL- 0477. The Mayor of Lowell heralded Father Lane and wrote, “Lowell's young people need a purpose, a road to walk and I see your Youth Witness Corps as one of those roads.” See BL- 0477. Apparently Mayor Rourke had not been informed by the RCAB of the allegations of sexual abuse of young boys that had been leveled against Father Lane the year before and that had caused Father Lane's ouster from another youth program, Alpha Omega.

In 1980, Father Lane wanted to establish Youth Ministry Programs with Father Ruoco. See BL- 0238. By letter of April 16, 1980 to Father Hudgins, Bishop Daily said that he had “serious misgivings with Father Lane’s association with a project of this kind, however good it may seem to be.” See BL- 0482. Shortly after that, Paul McLaughlin added that, “Bernie talks youth work but does ng w/the (sic) youth of St. Peter.” See BL- 0249.

Father Hudgins wrote to Bishop Daily on April 29, 1980:

Since Father’s transfer from the Alpha Omega House, I have heard from Protestants as well as Catholics some very disturbing stories concerning the reasons for his removal. If there is any validity to them, I believe that he should receive psychiatric help before he can be placed again in the same circumstances. If he is allowed to continue with the project and something should happen, God forbid, his Eminence will be subjected to criticism and embarrassment....

See BL- 0003-0004 (emphasis added). Over the next several years Cardinal Medeiros appointed Father Lane Associate Pastor (May 1980) at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Lynnfield, see BL- 0404, and Associate Pastor (November 1981) at Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Waltham. See BL- 0424. Father Lane continued to abuse children. See Complaint of McKeever, et al. v. Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston (“McKeever Complaint”). However, notwithstanding the OFC and DYS investigations at Alpha Omega and the subsequent voiced concerns indicated above, **in December of 1985, Bernard Cardinal Law appointed Father Lane Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Chelsea,**

Massachusetts where he had complete unsupervised access to children, teenagers and adults alike. See BL- 0427.

By March 1993, in a letter to Bishop Hughes, Bishop McCormack, who was Father Lane's classmate at Seminary, was rewriting a sanitized version of the 1978 allegations against Father Lane stating that the boy made the charges in a vindictive way and that there was no substantiation for holding them to be credible. See BL-0008. Bishop McCormack further perpetuated this distorted version of the facts by adding that it was his "impression [is] that Father Lane must have been overextended and probably was not using good judgment at times." See BL- 0008. This statement belies the outright admission Father Lane made to DYS, the statements of staff, the ultimate findings of the OFC and DYS, and the complaints raised by **two** boys at Alpha Omega.

Bishop McCormack's confidential memorandum to Bishop Hughes of May 3, 1993, documenting his version of the 1978 allegations against Father Lane, further said, "[w]e can uncover no evidence that points to Father Lane acting irresponsibly or in a way that points to sexual misconduct.... If you would like this presented to the Sexual Misconduct Review Board, I would do so. However, **I do not encourage it.**" See BL- 0517 (emphasis added). This assertion appeared to startle even Bishop Hughes, who stated: "Jack: Why do you recommend not

going before the Board? I appreciate all the steps you have taken, but wonder about your last sentence. Just wondering!" See BL- 0011.

In 1993, another former resident of Alpha Omega (██████████) came forward stating that he was sexually abused in 1975 when he was 15 years old by Father Lane. See BL- 0110-0112, 0019. The victim reported that at Alpha Omega, Father Lane would **"teach him how to** relax, love his own body...remove pieces of clothing...lay naked in bed with him when he (Lane) was naked...massage ██████, rush him, try to masturbate him and teach him how to feel orgasm. They would talk about oral and anal sex, but he (██████) would not do it. He reported that this happened about twenty times within one year..." See BL- 0019 (emphasis added). Father Lane denied that there was any sexual abuse, but admitted to nakedness. See BL- 0110. He said that he "never engaged in massage or masturbation of the boys...the boys were street boys and generally did not have underwear at night or pajamas or bathing suits for swimming...." See BL- 0023. In 1994, another former resident of Alpha Omega came forward to report that he was sexually abused by Father Lane when he was seventeen years old and working in the residential treatment program. See BL-0110. Father Lane denied that there was any sexual abuse, but admitted to nakedness. See BL- 0110.

In response to both the 1993 and 1994 allegations, Father Lane attempted to excuse his behavior and diminish the credibility and integrity of his victims by saying that the residents were street kids who were given a last chance before going to jail. See BL- 0111. Father Lane further described the therapy as reflective of the times – the 1970’s - but added that, “now seen as being ‘unorthodox’, [he] wishes that he had greater supervision in that aspect of running the program.” See BL- 0110. Without remorse, Father Lane then added that these young men are “twisting the picture.” See BL- 0111.

Following these additional allegations in 1993 and 1994 of abuse that took place at Alpha Omega in the 1970’s, Father Lane participated in an inpatient assessment at St. Luke Institute where he was diagnosed with an “adjustment disorder with mixed emotional features (marked to severe anxiety). There was a diagnosis of un-integrated sexuality and a diagnosis of ephebophilia by history.” See BL- 0111. However, by letter of February 7, 1994 from psychiatrist Dr. Howard G. Iger to Bishop McCormack, **the Institute recommended Father Lane’s return to full unrestricted ministry.**” See BL- 0161-0169 (emphasis added).

The Review Board of June 6, 1994 interpreted the 1978 assessment of the House of Affirmation and the 1994 assessment of St. Luke Institute as finding “no current sexual disorder.” See BL- 0110-0112. However, they determined that

Lane had engaged in “serious boundary violations and poor judgment,” see BL-0110-0112, and the Delegate recommended that Lane should not serve in parish ministry and that there should be no public ministry in the near future, with review in two years. See BL-0110-0112.

Then in December 1995 Dr. Howard G. Iger, at Father Lane’s request, wrote a letter of recommendation in support of Father Lane’s application to become Associate Director of senior priests of the RCAB. See BL-0178. In that letter, Dr. Iger reiterated his February 1994 recommendation that Father Lane be returned to full unrestricted ministry and added that Father Lane was a “deeply spiritual man of a high level of integrity...commitment, and intelligence.” See BL-0178.

In 1997, another former resident of Alpha Omega, ([REDACTED]) came forward and described Father Lane’s molestations of him from January to June of 1974. See BL-00119-123, 782-785. He said that Father Lane also provided him with Vaseline and pornographic magazines and videos. See BL-00119-123, 782-785. Father Lane encouraged him to masturbate openly, and brought the boy to his bedroom at night, rubbing his hands up and down his torso and legs and giving him ‘body rushes’ as they both lay naked in Lane’s bed. See BL-00119-123, 782-785. He said that Father Lane forced him to perform ‘hand jobs’ on him. See BL-0122. Father Lane denied the claims. See BL-0125. Mr.

██████████ settled his claim against the RCAB for \$200,000.00 in 1998. See BL-0796-0804.

In February 1999, another former resident of Alpha Omega (██████████) came forward with a claim of his abuse that occurred in 1976. See BL-0806-807. He said that Father Lane took him to his private beach house in New Hampshire where he gave the boy oral sex and sodomized him, and then threatened to send the boy back to the Detention Center if he ever told anyone. See BL- 0806-807. Father Lane denied the allegations. See BL- 0128.

In February 1999, Father Lane was still in ministry despite all of the allegations set forth above. Specifically, he was celebrating two Sunday Masses at St. Linus Parish in Natick, had contact with minors in open forum of liturgy, and performed ministry in the work he did at Regina Cleri. See BL- 0128. In April of 1999, another former resident of Alpha Omega (██████████) came forward with his allegations of abuse dating to 1974. See BL- 0834-0837. He reported that Father Lane had gotten into his bed and rubbed his private parts under his underwear. See BL- 0834-0837. On another occasion Father Lane took him to Father Lane's New Hampshire cottage, where Father Lane climbed into bed with the boy. See BL- 0834-0837.

Reverend Charles Higgins, the Delegate to the Cardinal for Clergy Sexual Misconduct, met with Father Lane on June 21, 1999 and Father Lane finally

admitted that at Alpha Omega he engaged in nude hugging, fondling, touching and sexual arousal. See BL- 0142. Father Lane admitted that there was touching of genital areas along with touching of all the other parts of the body. See BL- 0142.

Father Lane resigned “probably for poor health” as of August 14, 1999. See BL- 0023. In December of 2002, Father Lane testified in court before Judge Sweeney, who admonished Father Lane for filing a false affidavit with the Court. See Memorandum of Decision, dated November 25, 2002, page 12.

13. ROBERT V. MEFFAN

Father Robert V. Meffan was ordained on September 29, 1953. See Meffan-2 002. He served from 1953 through 1968 as an Associate Pastor at two parishes, St. Anne’s in Bridgewater, Massachusetts and Sacred Heart in Weymouth, Massachusetts, and as an Assistant Chaplain at Metropolitan State Hospital in Waltham, Massachusetts. See Meffan-2 002. In August of 1972, he was transferred and appointed to serve as an Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Quincy, Massachusetts. See Meffan-2 0002.

On July 29, 1977, Father Meffan submitted a letter to Cardinal Medeiros in which he stated, “I submit my retirement effective one week after a new pastor has been appointed...to serve at Our Lady of Good Counsel.” See Meffan-2 075. The wellspring of Father Meffan’s desire to resign appears to relate to