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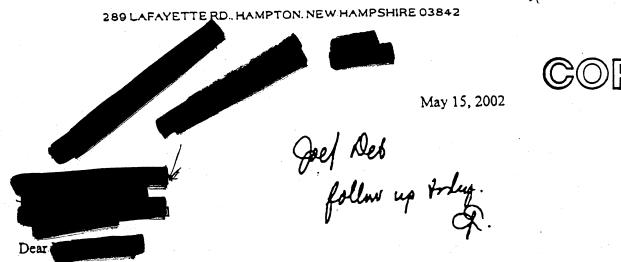
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like a prompt response from the Dehool administration or who-liver is in Charge of Sourced heart. If needed I will have a lowger file a report with the Courts of Hompton M.H. to take Core of this mother and to Make sure father Gordon is prosecuted!! This is Something I need to do for Myself and I will bring it out if needed to my family members and friends. I cutually need to bring it out is needed to my thorapy and my own self-esternic whell I hope you will take this seriously herause I do Please region to me at this address.



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Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal Church



Your letter of May 5th addressed to Sacred Heart School was received at the school today, and I want to respond to it immediately, since I am currently pastor of the Hampton Parish.

I have forwarded your letter to the appropriate diocesan officials in Manchester, and you may expect to hear from them very promptly.

It may offer you some consolation to learn that Father Gordon MacRae has been incarcerated in the New Hampshire State Prison for the past several years after being convicted of allegations similar to yours. You may be sure that the Diocese of Manchester will do everything possible to be of support and assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Rev. George E. Ham

Pastor

May 20, 2002



I am writing in response to your letter of May 5th regarding your report of the sexual misconduct of Father Gordon MacRae. I assure you that the diocese takes your report very seriously and wants to help you with your healing.

I would like to talk with you more about this. You can reach me at (603) 624-4717, extension 20.

Please know that we are here for you during this difficult time.

Sincerely yours,

Debra M. McMahon, M.A., LCMHC Clinical Supervisor

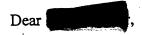


Diocese of Manchesser Reverend Edward J. Arsenault Chancellor Secretary for Administration

153 Ash Street - Box 310 Manchester, NH 03105-0310 (603) 669-3100 Fax: (603) 669-0377

May 31, 2002





I am writing as a follow-up to our telephone conversation on May 30, 2002. I am also in receipt of you letter dated May 5, 2002 to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church in Hampton, NH. I am deeply sorry for what you have reported about Fr. Gordon McRae while you were a student at Sacred Heart School in Hampton, NH.

Understanding the devastating impact that sexual misconduct has on individuals, the Diocese of Manchester is committed to preventing and eliminating such behavior. Thank you for taking the time to share your painful experiences. Each person from whom we hear helps to guide us toward a direction of making the Church a safer place for all, and especially for children.

In addition to promoting safety in the Church, the Diocese of Manchester is committed to assisting individuals in healing from their emotional pain. I am pleased that you agreed to a meeting, so that we may discuss your need for the Diocese of Manchester to respond to you in a way that would be most helpful.

I am confirming our appointment for Monday, June 24, 2002 at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rectory, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. I have arranged for us to meet in an office at the Rectory. If you have questions, or if for some reason you cannot make the appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me at (603) 668-0014 extension 11.

Thank you again for your letter, I look forward to meeting with you on June 24, 2002.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Naff, LICSW

Pastoral Care Manager



Diocese of Manchester Reverend Edward J. Arsenault Chancellor Secretary for Administration

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June 24, 2002



Dear Mr.

I regret that you were unable to keep your appointment with me on Monday, June 24, 2002 at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rectory in Hampton, NH

If you would like to discuss your complaint further, please contact me at (603) 668-0014, ext. 11.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Naff, LICSW

Assistant to Delegate of the Bishop

COMPLAINANT INTAKE SUMMARY

Interviewer: Joseph P. Naff, LICSW

Date OF Intake Interview: May 30, 2002

Location: Telephone

SUMMARY

May 30, 2002

Tel:

Sent a letter dated 05/05/02 to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Hampton, NH, alleging that he had been sexually abused by Fr. Gordon McRae when he was in the sixth grade at Sacred Heart School in Hampton, NH. He reports the alleged incident occurred in 1982. In a letter to dated May 15, 2002, Rev. George Ham, pastor of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church informed that he would forward his letter to the Diocese of Manchester. On May 20, 2002, letter was forwarded to Debra McMahon at NH Catholic Charities for follow-up. Being unable to reach by phone, Debra McMahon sent a letter to On May 30, 2002, he replied by telephone. His call was forwarded to Joseph Naff for follow-up, and on the same date I spoke with

In his letter of May 5, 2002, reports that Fr. Gordon McRae abused him and "probably a lot of others", while he was at the sixth grade at Sacred Heart School in 1982. As a result, he convinced his parent to allow him to attend public school the following year. He said as a result of the abuse he turned to alcohol and drugs to hide his fears, anger, and embarrassment. As a result of his substance abuse he experience other problems throughout his life. He said he has received counseling over the years to help him with his substance abuse and to help him deal with the abuse that he experienced with Fr. McRae.

lives with his father in In his letter he states that he is married and has a son. His mother lives in

In the winter he collects unemployment. He has received counseling services from various providers. He said that he has spent \$8,000 to \$10,000 dollars in counseling over the years and he indicates that he would like to receive compensation for his counseling costs as well as the suffering involved.

RE:

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I explained to as did Fr. Ham, that Fr. Gordon McRae is currently incarcerated. I also explained that he may wish to consider notifying the Attorney General's office of his abuse should he wish to pursue further criminal investigation. In his letter he stated that he has talked with an attorney, and will hire one if necessary. I explained that it was certainly his right to seek legal advice, if he felt the need to be represented by an attorney or/and pursue civil litigation. I advised that it was the intention of the Diocese of Manchester to respond pastorally to people who have been injured in the past, and that I would be very willing to meet with him to further discuss his need around healing from this experience in his life. I also informed him of the voluntary mediation program that is being put in place and offered that as another alternative from which he may choose a course of action.

I offered to meet with the second to further discuss his needs and his situation. An appointment has been set for June 24th at 9:00 AM, at the rectory of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal church in Hampton NH.

ADDENDUM TO INTAKE SUMMARY

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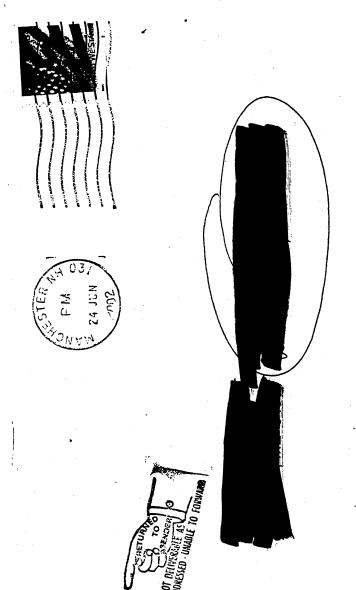
did not keep his scheduled appointment on June 24, 2002 at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal in Hampton, NH

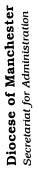
The appointment was confirmed with telephone. on Friday, June 21, 2002 at 8:50 AM by telephone.

Follow-up letter sent June 24, 2002.

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Joseph P. Naff, LICSW Pastoral Care Manager





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St. Mary's Semmary & University

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Office of the Rector

July 27, 1978

Reverend Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director Diocese of Manchester 153 Ash Street Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Dear Paul:

I want to acknowledge receipt of the confidential report you sent on Gordon MacRae; let me specify that that report has gone into confidential files to which no one has access but our staff counselors and me. Should Gordon want anyone else to see it, e.g., his Advisor, he will be asked to sign a release form.

I am enclosing a copy of my acceptance letter to Gordon; it was written after Dr. Greenwald had evaluated the test results which Gordon had sent in, but before he had evaluated the report which you sent. Dr. Greenwald was in today and told me he was inclined to recommend that we not accept Gordon in the light of the psychological report. We discussed the matter at some length. I told him I was relying heavily on your judgment and assessment, and pointed out to Alan that you are not accepting or continuing just anyone, e.g., R. Lefebvre, K. Roy, R. Landry. Alan concurred and changed his recommendation to that of a cautious acceptance.

You made no mention of Gordon's having been tested or interviewed by anyone else. I found myself wondering if Norm Tonsignant was brought in on this case at all. I know from previous conversations that you highly respect his judgment of prospective candidates.

As is obvious from my letter, I have not included counseling as a condition of acceptance. If from your vantage point you think it advisable, I would appreciate your recommending it. Otherwise we can wait and see if Gordon's behavior might lead us to make such a recommendation.

I am planning to be on hand for Pierre's ordination, tying that in with a visit home. I hope to see you then.

STATE O. W HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION OF WELFARE

EXHIBIT I

Sylvio L. Dupuis. O.D., Commissioner

Richard A. Chevrefils, Director

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Concord, NH 03301

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CONFIDENTIAL

January 26, 1984

Father John Quinn Catholic Social Service 215 Myrtle Street Manchester, N.H. 03104

Hazen Drive

Dear Father Quinn:

I am advised that on 12/23/83 a minor child was picked up in Boston, Massachusetts by Ms. Debbie Coronis, Ham Street, Lynn, Massachusetts. Debbie is the sister of Father Gordon MacRae. Temained at this household until 12/27/83 at which time he returned to the Dover Children's Home.

Father MacRae visited with a line Massachusetts from 12/25/83 to 12/27/83. Apparently, Father MacRae bought an electric guitar and ampliphier for Christmas.

Based on this information, I am concerned that an investigation needs to be conducted relative to Father MacRae's relationship with the I would like you to review this matter and to advise how the investigation will be conducted. I will call you early next week.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jeannette Gagnon, Administrator Office of Social Services

JG/slc

March 23, 1994

Rev. Msgr. Francis Christian, Ph.D. Diocese of Manchester P.O. Box 310 Manchester, NH 03105

Dear Msgr. Christian:

Father MacRae recalls a conversation with you via telephone on October 4, 1993, in which you indicated to him that make a made an allegation about Father MacRae to Father Robert Gorski, and not to Father Boucher or Father Watson as the last has falsely alleged. Father MacRae stated that he asked you what, exactly, the content of the allegation to Father Gorski was and stated that you told him it was the same as what was reported to state officials in 1983.

I have written to Father Gorski and he responded in a letter of October 17, 1993 stating: "did ask to speak to me, I do not remember the month or year, however I cannot discuss the contents of our conversation due to the fact that it took place under the seal of the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

My own understanding of the nature of the seal of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is somewhat limited, however I consulted with Fr. David Deibel, who, as you know, is a Canonist and civil attorney. Father Deibel's opinion is that, not only the content of a confession made by a penitent is prohibited from disclosure by a priest under Canon Law, but also the identity of a penitent is prohibited from disclosure. How, then could Father Gorski communicate what he has in fact communicated to me in writing, i.e., that he cannot discuss the content of a conversation with because it was under the seal of the Sacrament, but could reveal the identity of the penitent?

Further, how, then, did you become aware that made an allegation about Gordon to Father Gorski, when did you become aware of this, and how were you aware of the content of that allegation as being exactly what the same first claimed to his therapist, Judy Paterson, in 1983?

Please understand that it is not my intention to put anyone on the spot here (and please note that Father MacRae has tied my hands somewhat in expressly asking me not to do so), but I am concerned with the fact that has made allegations against Father MacRae which have been investigated in 1983/1984, 1986, 1988, and 1993, each time with a different allegation made, and Gordon has never been interviewed by a single individual involved with the investigations. At the same time, from paperwork I have, the Division of Children and Youth Services appears to have made a ruling on "Founded" in 1983 based on statements allegedly made by Msgr. Quinn when, in fact, Father MacRae and Msgr. Quinn never discussed the allegation and it is doubtful that the original allegation warranted a disposition of "Founded".

Ron Koch / Msgr. Francis Christian / page two

At the same time, it appears that the report of the 1983 investigation was not filled out until 1986. I have copies of two conflicting DCYS reports. One is filled out in April, 1986 with an indication that the allegation is "Unfounded". The other is dated December, 1986 with an indication that the allegation is "Founded". The reports are completed by different individuals.

Furthermore, as you may know I have learned that Judy Paterson, the Catholic Social Services counselor who made the first report to state officials and Dr. Guertin-Ouellette regarding claims in 1983, is the source of additional, rather bizarre claims about Father MacRae being connected with a child sex abuse and murder case in the State of Florida prior to 1983 claiming that he was first a priest in Florida then sent to New Hampshire by the church there to avoid prosecution. She cites an official of the Diocese of Manchester as the source of this information which was reported as fact to Detective McLaughlin and to the New Hampshire State Police in 1988 by Sylvia Gale, an investigator with the Division of Children and Youth Services. Of course we both know that there is no truth to any of this. It does, however, call into question the reliability of the person who reported the allegation in 1983.

It appears that much hearsay conversation took place regarding Father MacRae and he was, and still is, omitted from this process. It has been very difficult for Father MacRae to ascertain exactly who said what to whom and when. A statement regarding your understanding of exactly what was said to Father Gorski and then subsequently by Father Gorski to you and/or others would be very helpful. I hope to avoid this, but in the event that I need to subpoen you or Father Gorski, or both, as witnesses in this matter, it would be helpful if I was aware of the nature of this testimony, or, at least, how it is he could reveal to you what he cannot reveal to me as Father MacRae's defense attorney.

Also, if you know anything about the allegations supposedly made by Judy Paterson I would appreciate having this information.

Finally, Father MacRae has asked that I inquire of you who is the author(s) of the press release of the Diocese of Manchester dated September 11, 1993, excerpts of which appeared in most New Hampshire newspapers, and the author(s) of the article which appeared in Tidings, the Diocesan newspaper. I have enclosed copies of both for your review.

You may also be interested in knowing that Father MacRae's trial in this matter has been post-poned until September, 1994, at the request of the prosecution. The local newspaper reports about this delay did not make it clear that the delay was requested by the prosecution.

Sincerely,

Ron Koch

Attorney at Law

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March 23, 1988

Gordon J. MacRae 52 Summit Road - Apt. 12 Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Dear Gordon:

Subsequent to our recent meeting, this letter will confirm the extension of your leave of absence from the ministry for a period of one more year. As we discussed, I would be most anxious to have you return to ministry at the end of this period of time. I continue to pray, however, for the success of your work in alcohol rehabilitation in the Keene area.

I have given further consideration to your request that your faculties as a priest be extended beyond those that you already have, e.g., to offer a weekly Mass at Spofford Hall, so that you might be able to be of assistance to parishes in the Keene area as the need arises. After careful reflection, I have decided not to extend your faculties in that fashion. The principal reason for this is that I do not feel it appropriate for a priest to be on a leave of absence and, at the same time, function regularly and publicly as a priest. I am willing to consider case by case requests in unusual circumstances should they arise, but otherwise will not extend your faculties in a more general fashion.

Trusting you will understand my concerns in this regard, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

MONADNOCK REGION SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, INC.

Swanzey Homestead Offices
RR1 Box 261B
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

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357-3007

Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D. Bishop of Manchester 153 Ash Street P.O. Box 310 Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-0310

March 11, 1988

Dear Bishop Gendron,

Enclosed you will find a copy of correspondence that I have sent to Msgr. Quinn describing my present employment and ministerial status as you have requested. I am sending this to you for your own information.

I very much appreciated our meeting yesterday. I do believe that you are approaching my situation in the diocese with care and concern for both my needs and concerns and those of the diocese. I also wish to be sensitive to the needs of the diocese. I am very much aware of the personnel shortage at this time, and it pains me that I am not currently helping to ease that burden in any way.

At the same time I am struggling with what I perceive to be a call and a strong personal interest to further address the issue of the role of spirituality in addiction recovery programs. I believe that personal relationship with God is crucial to

I am convinced that

a strong church influence is essential to assist those many Catholics who seek to recover, but also believe that they have destroyed their relationship with God. I consistently find that seventy-five percent of the patients I deal with are or were Roman Catholic, and few of these believe that there is any hope of redemption because of the wreckage of their lives.

It is still my intention, however, to minister to the needs of the diocese as they are interpreted by you and those to whom you have entrusted this responsibility. Again, I appreciate your willingness to listen as we seek to discern in these interesting and difficult times.

Sincerely,

Fr. Gordon J. MacRael

Rev. Msgr. John Quinn Diocese of Manchester 153 Ash Street P.O. Box 310 Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-0310

March 11, 1988

Dear Jack,

During a meeting that I had with Bishop Gendron yesterday, the issue of my leave of absence and priestly faculties arose as an area of concern. As you may remember, I have been on leave of absence from the Diocese since last June. Though I do have faculties for weekly ministry at Spofford Hall Rehabilitation Center, I have not been available for ministry on any other level in the diocese.

Bishop Gendron has extended my leave of absence for another year at my request. During this meeting I have also requested that the Bishop consider changing my status in the diocese officially from "Leave of Absence" to "Special Assignment." The reason that I requested this change in status is that I wish to be available for service in the diocese for weekend coverage as situations may arise. As I indicated to the Bishop, it is not my intention to solicit weekend ministry since my current position already entails a full week, but I do wish to be available for service if requested by the diocese or by a specific pastor for a short term committment.

The Bishop has indicated that he is agreeable to this, however he has requested that I contact you to describe my current employment and ministerial status in order that you may advise him further prior to his making a final decision in this matter. I would be pleased to meet with you in person if you wish, but I thought it may save you some time if I put this information in writing and then discuss with you any questions or concerns you may have.

Currently, I am the director of the Monadnock Region Substance Abuse Clinic. This is an outpatient clinic providing treatment for those experiencing problems related to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs. This agency is a private, not for profit corporation under contract with the New Hampshire Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention. Seventy percent of our funding is connected to this contract. Other funding sources are the Monadnock United Way, Cheshire County and charges for client services. Fees are on a sliding scale basis, and treatment is available regardless of ability to pay. We do no fund raising

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other than the writing of these grants. The state contract is renewed annually.

The clinic's central office is in Keene with branch offices in Peterborough, Winchester, and the Cheshire County House of Correction in Westmoreland. My own responsibilities include staff supervision, quality assurance, public relations, program development and overall maintenance of the agency. Twenty-five percent of my time is spent in direct client service at the House of Correction.

In addition to this position I am the Executive Vice-President of the New Hampshire Association of Chemical Dependency Service Providers. This is also a non-profit corporation that oversees issues of uniform treatment quality, certification requirements and program development in alcohol and drug treatment programs throughout the state.

With Bishop Gendron's permission I have also been involved in pastoral care at Spofford Hall Hospital on a weekly basis. I celebrate liturgy there on Tuesday evenings along with penitential services and spiritual direction for individual patients.

I have enclosed information on thje clinic's programs and board of directors for your information. If you have questions or need clarification on any issue, please feel free to contact me at my office or at home at any time.

Since Bishop Gendron has asked to also speak with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette regarding my request I am sending a copy of this letter to him. I look forward to hearing from you or the Bishop at your convenience.

Sincerely,

School Michael Fr. Gordon J. MacRae

cc: Bishop Gendron

Henry Guertin-Ouellette

MONADNOCK REGION SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, INC. is a private, not for profit agency providing treatment to individuals and families who are experiencing problems related to the use/abuse of alcohol and/or other drugs. MRSASI provides assessment and evaluation, outpatient therapy, referrals and family intervention. MRSASI also has programs for individuals who are convicted of driving while intoxicated, a program for children of alcoholic parents, and a community education project which provides professional presentations and consultation for organizations agencies and schools.

WHO SHOULD CALL? Anyone who is having problems related to the use of alcohol or other drugs by themselves or a family member or a close friend. The first appointment will be made within a week, or sooner if the situation is urgent. In an emergency the appointment will be made on the same day as the call.

WE ARE LOCATED about 3/4 of a mile from Keene Airport on Route 32 on the ground floor of the Swanzey Homestead Office Building. We also have facilities in Peterborough and Winchester, and in the Cheshire County House of Correction in Westmoreland. Appointments may be made by calling our central office at 357-3007.

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CONFIDENTIALITY of clients will always be protected to the full extent allowed by law. No information regarding treatment will ever be released without clear, precise and signed documents giving us permission to do so.

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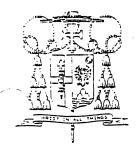
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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Father Arsenault

FROM:

Bishop McCormack

DATE:

August 31, 2001

RE:

Monthly Stipend of Priest in Prison

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLA

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Roger Fortier and Gordon MacRae receive a monthly stipend, I think, from your office. Currently I think that it is \$100 a-month plus individual expenses submitted by them. In view of my conversations with both of them today, I ask that you increase the monthly stipend to \$150 per month. If you have any difficulty with this, let me know.

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Session III

CONFIDENTIAL

TO:

Bishop McCormack

FROM:

Father Arsenault

RE:

Gordon MacRae

DATE:

12 March 2001

At your request, I have reviewed the materials regarding Gordon MacRae. Overall, there is a consistent theme in his writings to you; Gordon wants to get out of prison. The means by which he wants to get out seem to change over the tow year span of time. The current options outlined in your most recent correspondence and notes indicate that he sees three (3) options:

1. He and the Diocese hire Attorney Rosenthal to address the "lack of legal procedure" in his case;

2. Gordon continues to address the lack of merits of the accusations against him and the one for which he is currently incarcerated;

3. Gordon remains silent and in prison.

I would not recommend that we retain anyone in these instances. I would recommend that funds be provided in a confidential fashion to Gordon, who in turn could retain whomever he wishes. Notwithstanding the potential bad publicity for the Diocese in any of these instances, I have asked Mr. Cook to prepare a summary of Gordon's current appeal rights and the processes to exercise them. Specifically,

- a. can he appeal his sentence?
- b. can he appeal his conviction?
- c. can he "address the lack of legal procedures" as outlined in his Rosenthal proposal?

Finally, I would reiterate my concern than you view Gordon's request as matter of *charity* and a matter of *justice*.

As to justice: Notwithstanding his protestations, I am no more convinced after my reading of this material, that Gordon MacRae is "innocent" than I was before. Absent some tangible evidence of the veracity of his claim (perhaps through a psychological evaluation), I am not convinced that there is an

injustice in his conviction. I share the widely held opinion that his sentence is gravely unjust.

As to charity: There is a legitimate need to respond in charity to Gordon. The issue becomes difficult when one attempts to quantify charity. My suggestion is that we address the inequity in Gordon's lack of base remuneration over the last 8-10 years (a calculable number) and use this as baseline for quantifying the level of your charity. Likewise, I would suggest that Gordon and other incarcerated priests receive some base remuneration moving forward. This would seem the alleviate some of the burden from you for extraordinary measures and would be more consistent with the law of the Church.

I have asked Brad Cook to have his material ready to review with you by Thursday, 15 March 2001. Do you want Bishop Christian and me to attend such a meeting?

Please advise.

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FROM:

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RE:

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2 February 2002

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- 6. Gordon needs to pursue his "forgiveness track" with another priest, not +JBM or EJA.
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Finally, I would offer the following observations and commitment to you.

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 17, 2001

Reverend Peter Lechner, s.P. St. Michael's Community 13270 Maple Drive St. Louis, MO 63127

Dear Father Peter:

It was a pleasure to receive your note and to learn of your interest and that of the community in helping Gordon with his appeal. He and I continue to be in conversation about the exact type of appeal and the steps involved. When I see Gordon in January or February, I will inform him of your interest and offer, if this is okay with you. If not, please let me know.

Please keep this effort in your prayer and be assured of my prayer for you and the members of the Paracletes that God continues to bless your ministry to be fruitful and enduring.

Sincerely yours,

Bishop of Manchester



ST. MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY

... A HEALING PLACE FOR PRIESTS & BROTHERS

November 30, 2001

Most Reverend John McCormack, D.D. Bishop of Manchester 657 N. River Rd. Manchester, NH 03104

Dear Bishop McCormack,

I would like to thank you for your communication this afternoon regarding the possibility of the Diocese having a lawyer check into certain aspects of Fr. Gordon MacRae's sentencing. I would like to offer any help possible, and would be happy to send the brief I wrote several years ago in his regard.

I would like to clarify that originally Ms. Rabinowitz was interested in writing an article for the Wall Street Journal, and apparently was willing to finance Attorney Rosenthal's investigation of his case. When Gordon found out that this meant no restrictions in terms of what she might write, he decided not to pursue this. In speaking with me about this he indicated that unfavorable publicity for the Church might result, which he does not want to see.

Attorney Rosenthal is still interested in studying his case – even if Rabinowitz is not involved. This would mean, however, a retainer fee of between 5 to 10 thousand. Rosenthal has specialized in this type of action, and has won several cases.

I brought this up at our recent General Council meeting. The Council recommended that I contact you and suggested the possibility of a small fund being started to help finance legal work for Gordon. We would be willing to contribute a few thousand dollars if this would help.

Sincerely in Christ,

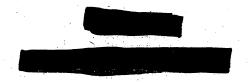
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Servant General

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT

SUPERIOR COURT



v

GORDON J. MacRAE, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, INC. and FATHER GERARD BOUCHER

DEFENDANTS THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF MANCHESTER AND FATHER GERARD BOUCHER'S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND RULINGS OF LAW

I. Findings of Fact

1. Plaintiff

on He reached the age of majority on ,

- 2. attended public school at Hampton Academy in Hampton, New Hampshire during 1982 and 1983. He attended religious classes at Sacred Heart School in Hampton.
- 3. During that period, alleges that he came to know Defendant Gordon MacRae ("MacRae") who encouraged him to become a full-time student at Sacred Heart.
- 4. MacRae had only recently been ordained. He came to Hampton in July 1982 to become the assistant pastor at Miraculous fedal Parish.

- 5. MacRae was transferred to St. Bernard Parish in Keene,
 New Hampshire on or about June 15, 1983 where he stayed until
 June 1987.
- 6. During the period 1982-1983, alleges that on several occasions he was sexually molested by MacRae. claims that MacRae hugged and kissed him intimately, fondled his sexual organs and encouraged him to fondle MacRae's sexual organs.
- 7. began seeing a clinical social worker for New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Judith K. Paterson, for therapy in September 1983. On or about October 26, 1983, asked her about whether sexual advances from MacRae were appropriate.
- 8. Paterson informed that MacRae's sexual advances were not appropriate and that they were a violation of the law. She informed that she had to report MacRae to the authorities and asked to tell his parents.
- 9. As part of her treatment of , Paterson validated that was not to blame for the incident and that MacRae was at fault.
- 10. As a result of this disclosure, Ms. Paterson stated that she "took the necessary steps through [Catholic Charities] to have a report of sexual abuse by MacRae filed with the

appropriate authorities." She "discussed this filing with both and his parents."

- 11. In November 1983, edisclosed to Paterson the he had a "hit list" of people he wanted to harm (murder) because he perceived that they had harmed him. MacRae was always at the top of his "hit list" in capital letters.
- 12. In December 1983, was admitted into Hampstead Hospital for psychological treatment. told his treating doctors at that time that he thought his problems stemmed from the abuse by MacRae.
- 14. previously had told Irene Grand (then Brigham) in the spring of 1983 about his relationship with MacRae. Ms. Grand was a teacher at Hampton Academy. She helped draft, a letter to MacRae which told MacRae that was uncomfortable with some of the things MacRae did.
- 15. After starting at Sacred Heart in the fall of 1983, told a teacher, Sheila McDonough, that MacRae had molested him.
- 16. In 1983 told his parents MacRae had molested him.
- 17. After August 1983, had no further contact with MacRae.

- 18. In 1986, again informed a counselor at school (Dr. Brown at Winnacunnet High School) that he had been molested by MacRae. As a result, the incident was reported to DCYS.
- 19. Elizabeth Davis of DCYS conducted an investigation of claims. The investigation included discussions with and his parents. disclosed to Davis that he had been molested by MacRae.
- possibly bringing a civil lawsuit on behalf of the . They decided not to pursue such an action at that time.
- 21. did not commence the instant action until September 22, 1993.
- 22. understood in 1983 that his rights had possibly been violated by MacRae.
- 23. understood by 1986 at the latest that his rights had possibly been violated by MacRae.
- suffered an injury sufficiently serious in 1983 to apprise him that a possible violation of his rights had occurred.
- 25. had actual notice that MacRae had been reported to DCYS by Catholic Charities for the conduct complained of.

- 26. 's parents were fully apprised by Ms. Paterson and DCYS of MacRae's conduct against in 1983.
- 27. Based on allegations against MacRae,

 parents could have commenced a civil action against

 MacRae by 1986 on behalf, did consider doing so and

 decided against it.
- was not mentally incompetent within the meaning of RSA 508:8.

II. Rulings of Law

- 1. "Once the defendant has established that the statute of limitations would bar the action, the plaintiff bears the burden of raising and proving that the discovery rule is applicable to an action otherwise barred by the statute of limitations. Glines v. Bruk, 140 N.H. 180, 181 (1995).
- 2. The statute of limitations began to run on action when he suffered an injury, even if "nominal", that "was sufficiently serious to apprise [him] that a possible violation of his rights had taken place." Rowe v. John Deere, 130 N.H. 18, 21-23 (1990).
- 3. The standard to be applied to whether an injury is sufficiently serious to apprise a person that a possible violation of his rights occurred is an objective one. Blackowiak v. Kemp, 546 N.W.2d 1 (Minn. 1996).
- 4. When acknowledged or appreciated the nature and extent of the harm "is not relevant to the ultimate question

of the time at which the complainant knew or should have known that he/she was sexually abused." Id.

- 5. As a matter of law, one is "injured" if one is sexually abused. Id.
- 6. "The standard of reasonable diligence is an objective or external one that is the same for all individuals." <u>Dreischalick</u>

 <u>v. Dalkon Shield Claimants Trust</u>, 845 F.Supp. 310, 314 (W.D.Pa. 1994).
- 7. An inability to comprehend that a situation had been abusive does not toll the statute of limitations. ABC v. Archdiocese of St. Paul, 513 N.W.2d 482, 486 (Minn.App. 1994).
- 8. claimed ignorance of his legal rights in 1983 does not toll the statute of limitations. <u>United Sates v. Kubrick</u>, 100 S.Ct. 352, 359 (1979).
- 9. knew or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known the causal relationship between the sexual abuse and some injury in 1983, or at the latest by 1986.

 Conrad v. Hazen, 140 N.H. 249, 250-251 (1995).
- had an affirmative duty to investigate the cause of his alleged injuries. <u>Fries v. Chicago & Northwestern</u>

 <u>Transp. Corp.</u>, 909 F.2d 1092, 1095 (7th Cir. 1990)
- need not "have fully discovered the nature and extent of the [wrongdoing] before [he was] on notice that something may have been amiss. Inquiry notice is triggered by evidence of the possibility of [wrongdoing], not full exposition of the [wrongdoing] itself." Kennedy v. Josephthal & Co., 814 F.2d 798, 802 (1st Cir. 1987).

- 12. RSA 508:8 expressly provides a savings statute for minors to bring causes of action within two years after reaching the age of majority.
- 13. RSA 508:8 expressly provides a savings statute for persons who are mentally incapacitated to bring causes of action within two years after the mental incapacity was lifted.
- 14. was not mentally incapacitated within the meaning of RSA 508:8.
- 15. action against Defendants is time-barred.
 RSA 508:4.

Respectfully submitted,

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, INC. AND FATHER GERARD BOUCHER

By Their Attorneys:

SHEEHAN PHINNEY BASS + GREEN, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Dated: July 23, 1996

By:

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I hereby certify that on the 23rd day of July, 1996, copies of the within Defendants' Requests for Findings of Fact and Rulings of Law were hand delivered to William W. Cleary, Esquire, Peter A. Gleichman, Esquire, Mark A. Abramson, Esquire, Robert

Upton II, Esquire and mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid to Gordon J. MacRae, pro se.

James E. Higgins

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You are hereby notified that on August 2, 1996 the following order, was entered in the above matter:

RE: ORDER ON STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS DEFENSE:

Order made, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. (Conboy, J.)

JMS/do

Copy to:

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