

11/23/83

Rev. Gordon MacRae
St. Bernards Church
173 Main Street
Keene, N.H.

On this date, I met with Rev. John Quinn, Director of Catholic Charities. At this time Rev. Quinn reported an incident of suspected child abuse involving Rev. Gordon MacRae. During this meeting Rev. Quinn described the circumstances related to the alledged incident of child abuse:

(1) Perpetrator: Rev. Gordon MacRae
St. Bernards Church
-173 Main Street
Keene, N.H.

(2) Victim: Fifteen year old male child
name of child and family unknown, but information can be acquired. The child comes from the Hampton area.

(3) Incident/Act: Rev. MacRae alledgedly had the fifteen year old male child sitting on his lap and was kissing the boy. The alledged incident was discovered by the child's counselor. The child had been referred for counseling for matters other then the alledged incident of child abuse.

(4) Founded/Unfounded: Rev. MacRae has admitted the incident to his superiors.

(5) Treatment:
• perpetrator: Rev. MacRae is currently in therapy with Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette. Apparently therapy is positive at this time.
• victim: The child is currently in counseling at Catholic Charities in the Exeter office. The original presenting problem requiring treatment was not related to the alledged incident with Rev. MacRae.

The child's situation was complicated three weeks ago when he attempted suicide. The child attempted to slash his wrist. He is currently being evaluated for treatment and admittance to Hampstead Hospital.

The child's family is also involved in therapy related to a number of difficult issues. The child's family is aware of the incident between their son and Rev. MacRae.

PLEASE NOTE

For therapeutic purposes the child's therapist feels that he is vulnerable and requests that no information be shared with or discussed with the child regarding the referral of Rev. MacRae to the Division of Welfare.

- (6) Perpetrator's History: In the course of the child's therapy he advised his therapist that Rev. MacRae had also been involved with another male child in a similar situation. There is no knowledge of this other child.

Rev. MacRae has a history of involvement with other children, not necessarily deviant behavior. Previously he had supervision of [REDACTED] was in the custody of the Division of Welfare. The child moved from Lancaster to Hampton with Rev. MacRae. Subsequent placements of the child failed and Rev. MacRae requested that the child live in the Hampton Rectory. The child is apparently not in supervision of Father MacRae at this time, but this must be verified.

- (7) Resources: Lois Webb at Catholic Charities office in Exeter is a potential resource on this situation.

(8) Recommendations:

- (a) Jeannette Gagnon further discuss situation with Rev. Quinn.
- (b) Referral to Attorney General's office
- (c) Follow-up on therapeutic care of child and family with Lois Webb.
- (d) Review the [REDACTED] situation.

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