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Reverend Arthur P. O'Leary
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I met with Father Arthur O'Leary at the Chancery on October 23, 1993 regarding reports from the Chancery files concerning possible sexual misconduct in 1985 and in 1986. I met with him also regarding concerns raised by one family in his parish in September, 1992.

Initially I reviewed with Father O'Leary the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese regarding sexual misconduct and then read to him the reports.

The following are Father O'Leary's responses:

1. In regards to the situation with [REDACTED], Father O'Leary wished to clarify some issues. In regard to the comment about 'jewels', Father O'Leary explained that the parish has a large processional cross with five large, round jewels. It seems that some of the altar servers have a habit of fooling around with it and in that light he asked [REDACTED] not to play with it.

Father O'Leary met with the parents and Father Congdon. This took him by surprise since Father Congdon asked for the meeting and the parents also came.

Father O'Leary also found it interesting that Mr. [REDACTED] was most upset because Father O'Leary exchanged greetings on a Sunday morning with his son and not with him.

Father O'Leary has a sense that the family is "uptight". He cites as an example the family's decision not to hold hands during the Lord's prayer when he says Mass. (Father O'Leary invites all in the congregation to hold hands at that time.)

In the same area, Father O'Leary identifies himself as being very comfortable with hugging or being physical. He has always been that way.

Father O'Leary wants to make it clear that "I'm not trying to make it with [REDACTED]"

He notes that [REDACTED] is still an altar server in the parish.

Father O'Leary explains that he has been a junior high teacher, a high school teacher, a scoutmaster, and a scout camp director and he has never raised any of these concerns and [REDACTED]

He explains that he was angry at the [REDACTED] but also sorry that [REDACTED] saw things this way.

He recalls meeting with Father Congdon and the parents for about one hour to talk out the whole thing.

In regard to the question of massaging, Father O'Leary says that he always checks the albs of the servers before Mass. He'll pull the alb down if it's not falling correctly. He also puts his hands on the server's shoulders before they go out for Mass, mostly to tell them to go or to wait.

2. In reviewing the reports of 1985 and 1986 I also reviewed Father O'Leary's responses at that time. Father O'Leary had some additional observations today.

The incident of October 21, 1986 he recalls that the "kid ran out of gas and I was assisting him".

Father O'Leary feels that the State Police have many good people, but overall he does not find them to be a pleasant group to deal with. Father O'Leary feels that they were "nasty" to many people on the Cape and in the rest areas.

Father O'Leary went on to inform me that one of the men he had met there has become a friend. At that time this person was an unemployed alcoholic. He is now doing much better. He recalls that another person that he had met there died of AIDS. Father O'Leary feels that most of the people there were lonely and that they really were not just looking for sex.

Father O'Leary felt that maybe what he was doing was indiscreet.

Future Plans: Father O'Leary has agreed to go to Saint Luke for an assessment

Additional Information:

1. In November, 1985 it was reported that the State Police had spotted Fr. O'Leary several times at a rest area on Cape Cod which was frequented by gay people. The matter was brought to Fr. O'Leary's attention by a Regional Bishop of the Archdiocese.

Following that meeting, Fr. O'Leary went to see the Vicar for Administration for the Archdiocese to dispel any wrong ideas he may have had. Fr. O'Leary explained at that time that he had a home on Cape Cod and that he used to bring refuse to the rest area for disposal. On one of those occasions Fr. O'Leary explained that he was approached ('solicited'). He recalled that he refused the approach and then identified himself as a priest. That person then asked for his help. Later, several other gay people came for Fr. O'Leary's help and he explained that he would counsel them in the rest area, rather than take them home or to a bar.

Fr. O'Leary explained that that was the extent of his involvement. He agreed to stay away from the rest area.

2. In September, 1986 the State Police were again reporting that Fr. O'Leary was seen several times in a rest area that was a noted homosexual area on Cape Cod. At that time they noted the following activity:

8/10 --- 10:00 P.M. - was at the Dennis rest area - a red Chrysler seen in that rest area was later seen in Father O'Leary's driveway - belonged to a young Coast Guardsman.

8/11 --- 9:30 P.M. - at rest area

9/3 --- 10:00 P.M. - at rest area

9/4 --- 12:30 A.M. - at rest area

9/5 --- 9:30 P.M. - at rest area - seen coming from woods - 15 minutes in the woods.

10/21 -- 1:05 A.M. - Trooper spoke to him - engine was off and lights were on - picking up a hitchhiker

Fr. O'Leary when apprised of this report, denied that anything upward was going on at the rest area. He denied that he had an apartment or stay away from the rest area and he thought the State Police were mistaken.

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Fr. O'Leary was ordered to stay away from any rest area and he agreed to do that.

3. Fr. O'Leary was ordained in 1975 after studying at Pope John XXIII Seminary for delayed vocations. He has held three assignments as a Parochial Vicar in the Archdiocese and to my knowledge has served well. The first assignment was for six years, the second was eleven years and the present one for one and one half years. He is sixty-two years of age.