

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: Bill

FROM: Neil H.

DATE: 8-20-98

RE: "A case" (Rev. Paul J. Finegan) '70 St Mary N. Chelmsford

In going over the files for transfers to the archives we've come across a case that is not 'red flagged' hasn't ever been on any of our lists of cases and hasn't been reviewed since the last discussions with the priest in 1991 by Bishop McCormack. This was a 'pre-policy' case and we haven't routinely taken these to the Review Board.

There was a complaint, and an admission by the priest that sexualized behavior took place in his room in about 1985 with a high school girl who worked in the rectory. It was discussed with the priest, he went to Southdown for an assessment and followed up with out-patient therapy with Dr. Messner.

The various conclusions were that he was not likely to repeat his behavior. To date, there are apparently no other complaints.

The age of the girl, the details of the behavior, the admission by the priest, etc., are worse than some other cases in which there have been financial settlements. The girl also stated that there were also other victims. It doesn't appear that this was explored with the priest.

Other victims

I think at this point we should, at least, 'red flag' the case.

I think we should discuss it as a 'case review' and make some disposition.

I think it would also be good to do an update with the priest, not accusatory, but a review of his present status, in therapy, etc.