

Shanley

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

TO: Fr. John B. McCormack  
FROM: Sr. Catherine E. Mulkerrin  
RE: [REDACTED], mother of [REDACTED] (dec.)  
DATE: October 29, 1993

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On September 29 - Father John Kearns who worked with a support group for persons who have lost loved ones [REDACTED] contacted CEM about a person whose son had died [REDACTED] and who had been sexually abused as a youngster by a neighbor and by the priest to whom he had been brought for counseling.

September 10 - Initial contact with [REDACTED]  
- who currently has the care of [REDACTED] grandchildren  
- who is divorced but had shared with her ex-husband only on September 29 the fact of the priest's abuse.  
- who comes from a strong religious background but is not a church-goer. For her son's wake she asked Father [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] to do a service.

October 1 - Meeting in [REDACTED] with [REDACTED].

Essentially this mother's purpose in meeting was to carry out a promise to her son, who had died ten month before, that she would "do the right thing the right way."

When [REDACTED] was 3 or 4 years old and for several years, he was molested and terrorized by an older boy in his neighborhood.

[REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] brought her son to Brookline, feeling wonderful about Fr. Shanley's approach to her and to her son. She thinks that [REDACTED] went about four times, and that one time Fr. Shanley drove the boy home to [REDACTED] instead of her waiting as she usually did in Brookline.

At some point [REDACTED] told his mother "He's (Shanley) nothing by a filthy pig" and referred to his touching and fondling of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was told that this would help him get better.

[REDACTED] did not finish high school but did hold down a variety of fairly responsible jobs. During the last three months of his life he moved away from home so that his nephews would not have to be in the presence of so much sickness. His mother took care of him in his apartment. She brought up the incidents at the support group without a name and shocked herself that she did.

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