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Memo to: Fr. Christian
From: Fr. Quinn
Re: Rev. Gordon MacRae

I was officially notified by Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette and by Judy Paterson of the Catholic Social Service Office in Salem today that Fr. Godron MacRae had sexually abused two minor males in Hampton during the past summer.

Fr. MacRae is presently in counseling with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette and has indicated his willingness to continue. Dr. Guertin-Ouellette has indicated that Fr. MacRae has been cooperative, but that we should be aware that he most probably suffers from a strong personality development deficiency, and will require ongoing treatment.

One of the young men involved in the above-mentioned incident has been under counseling with our agency since the incident. Last week, he attempted suicide, and presently arrangements are being made for his hospitalization at Hamstead Hospital. The two incidents are not necessarily directly connected.

The parents of the boy are fully aware of the situation, and have been working with our counselor. They have been most cooperative, and their main concern is for their son. Secondly, they are concerned that Fr. MacRae receives appropriate treatment to help him with his difficulty. One factor which is making this incident quite difficult for the parents is the fact that the boy's mother was sexually abused as a child herself.

***IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE YOUNG MAN INVOLVED MUST IN NO WAY LEARN THAT FR. MACRAE IS BEING REPORTED FOR THIS INCIDENT EITHER TO THE STATE OR TO CHURCH OFFICIALS. BOTH MRS. PATERSON AND DR. GUERTIN-OUELLETTE FEEL THAT IRREPAIRABLE HARM CAN BE CAUSED TO THE YOUNG MAN SHOULD THIS OCCUR.

I will be meeting with State Officials on Wednesday to discuss this matter and other cases. At that time, I will most probably file the official report with the Department of Health and Welfare.