
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Bishop Saltarelli Msgr. Barres Msgr. Lemon
From: Msgr. J. Thomas Cini
Subject: Monitoring of Priest Abusers
Date: October 17, 2006

With the latest tragic event dealing with Fr. D. you know that I attempted to make contact with the Archdiocese of New York to inquire about availability at their facility for one of our priests. I spoke with Msgr. Desmond ~~Castello~~ who is the Vicar for Priests on Tuesday, October 17. (We finally made the connection.) The Monsignor related the following: *C. Connor*

The program would be only for the priests of the Archdiocese of New York. However, in the course of conversation, Monsignor advised that their anticipated program "fell apart." The short explanation is that one of the seven priests they had in mind to be a resident at that institution leaked it to the press or posted it on the internet and the media picked it up. Perhaps as you recall from the description in the press, the location of this proposed facility was in a nice neighborhood. Once the word got out neighbors threw a fit. That, plus a couple other issues, doomed the program.

Father went on to tell me that New York went through a process of categorizing priest abusers in levels of risk. Seven of those men were determined to be very high risk. Most, if not all, had already been dismissed many years ago. Several of the prospective candidates obviously resisted, especially those who had been out on their own for a while. As it turns out, New York ends up with one man from the original seven who is currently residing in "another venue."

Monsignor went on to say that they sent all the cases to Rome for laicization.

It would be interesting to know if other places that have attempted such a facility have met with the same disappointing results as did New York.