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To: Reverend Charles Higgins
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October 18, 2001

Re: Report of possible abuse

Dear Father Higgins,

JRM
A parishioner made an appointment to see me on this date. The issue was possible abuse by a priest. The affected parties were allegedly her sister-in-law and ~~brother-in-law~~ ^{HUSBAND}. These incidents apparently took place some years ago. The boy was inappropriately touched and after much turmoil reported the incident to his parents the same evening. The priest was apparently a close and trusted family friend.

The boy's sister was allegedly molested (penetrated) many times over a long period of time. She was afraid to report the same to protect a younger sister and therefore would go off with the alleged perpetrator. She was afraid to tell her father because if he harmed the priest her father would allegedly end up in prison. The sister-in-law is supposedly struggling with this issue psychologically and is now having serious marital problems.

This past Sunday [redacted] and [redacted] came to the ten a.m. mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish) in Quincy. When they made eye contact with the presider, [redacted] immediately turned and headed out of the church. [redacted] and their two infant children followed him.

My pastor is Fr. Mike Kearney who is currently out of the country on vacation. Fr. Thomas P Forry is covering our parish from the emergency response team. These accusations have been directed at Fr Thomas Forry.

It is with great sadness that I report this alleged incident to you. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy and in justice for all concerned I seek your advice in this matter.

[redacted] primary issues are: 1. uncomfortable worshipping at OLGK the next two weekends while Fr. Forry is there, 2. she feels he should not be allowed to preside in a

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parish setting to protect other children., 3. possible counseling for the alleged victim (her sister-in-law) and maybe other family members including her husband, her brother-in-law, and their parents.

The alleged incident was reported to me by [REDACTED] Her husband is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] They reside at [REDACTED] Their phone number is [REDACTED]

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Vacation dates 10/20/01-10/28/01

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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8PM-900PM
Oct. 18 left message
for FR. Charles Higgins to
call me. urgent. . .

Oct. 19, 2001 0830 AM
FR C. Higgins given
verbal incident report
of the above .

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DN. John MENZ

notified Bishop
R. Malone of this
incident report.

He called me back
the same evening
around 1000 PM.

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