

MEMO: CONVERSATIONS WITH REV. QUINN & CHRISTIAN 01/06/93
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is no other subject identified in the Hampton incident. The information of another possible victim initially came from [REDACTED] and he wavered on this and eventually stated that he did not have first hand information about another subject. I believe [REDACTED] was probably talking about [REDACTED] who was living for a short time with the suspect in the Hampton rectory.

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It was explained that the Diocese heard that the allegation was that Father Macrae had [REDACTED] sit on his lap, place his arm around him and then kiss him. They never heard back from the State (DCYS) about any sexual fondling as related by [REDACTED] to authorities.

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Father Macrae never came to the attention of the Diocese as in need of treatment for alcoholism. They learned afterwards that he had entered counseling on his own with a church paid therapist for this treatment. This became known to them when they confronted Macrae about the Hampton incident.

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When questioned about Hampton, Macrae admitted to having [REDACTED] sit on his lap and kissing him. He said [REDACTED] was having problems and he was counseling him at the time and this incident happened as a result of his trying to console the boy. A memo was written about this contact with Macrae. He was not questioned about any other sexual activity as the church was unaware of anything further at the time.

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The church through its lawyer (Dunn) described four items that [REDACTED] felt that they could not release.

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1. A personal letter to Father Macrae from a Father Joseph Gary. Assurances were made that their was nothing in this letter that was material to this investigation.
2. A 1986 letter to Marilyn Frazier of DCYS from the church therapist recapping treatment given to Father Macrae. Again nothing pertinent was in this letter that would be of interest to us according to church officials.
3. A letter from the therapist Henry ---Willetto to Father Quinn regarding the 1986 re-investigation.
4. A Dec. 7th, 1988 letter to Father Christian from a Dr. Russell Saveyor (sp) regarding treatment testing administered to Father Macrae while at the Strafford Guidance Center.

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ather Christina told us about an inquiry from DCYS regarding ather Macrae having some type of legal custody of a boy from the roveton area (believed to be [REDACTED]). Macrae was approached and e agreed to terminate his contact with the boy who was then sent o live with a family in the Seabrook area. No allegations had en made, they were acting out concern for appearance at the time. y DCYS made this move and what information they were acting on own.

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Macrae applied for a leave of absence in 1987 which was granted. He went to work with the Substance Abuse center in Swanzey. While in this capacity, a minister from Spofford Hall contacted the center and asked that Macrae be given the rights to serve mass at the Hall and this was granted. This was a "limited ministry" and dealt only with his serving mass once a week at the Hall. No complaint about Macrae was received by the church but they later became aware and knew the State Police investigated and that nothing further occurred at nothing was ever heard from them.

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Christian said he received 2 or 3 calls from [redacted] about sexual solicitations made by Father Macrae. These calls came a few months prior to Macrae being arrested (1988). [redacted] told Christian that Macrae was under investigation by the Keene Police. Her concern at the time was in getting services for her son who was emotionally upset with his victimization. Christian called Macrae and questioned him regarding the information that he had solicited [redacted] for sex. Macrae denied this and said that [redacted] could not be believed because he had once accused another falsely. This was a man who Christian felt was from Troy or Fitzwilliam and worked at some center. It was actually Richard Smith who worked at the Cheshire County Fairgrounds and was later convicted on child sex charges. Although Macrae denied the charges he later confessed and plead guilty. Christian did not have a subsequent conversation with Macrae regarding this inconsistency.

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No complaints were ever received from any other priest regarding suspicions about Macrae.

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There are no policies regarding under aged persons being in the living quarters of priest. The head priest for each church decides separately about such rules. Father Houle who was in charge when Macrae first came is now deceased. Father Scruton was in charge afterwards. Christian said that "normal prudence" should restrict such activity from occurring.

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The blind priest is identified as Father Michael Barrett. They will forward his address to us.

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Father Dennis Horan is at the Immaculate Conception Church located in Nashua, New Hampshire.

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Judy Patterson has an answering service 778-0370. No address known

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Father Macrae and the head priest for the Hampton church both put in for transfers after an incident involving four nuns who refused to leave the Sacred Heart School when it was scheduled for closing.

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Father Macrae was ordained in Hudson and had an assigned room in the church rectory until that time.

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There was a murder of a priest (Fr. Joseph Sands) in Littleton, NH years ago in which a priest was taken hostage and killed, the hostage takers killed themselves. Father Scruton was the parish priest and was out for the day. Another priest was covering for him and answered the call that resulted in his murder.

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Father Macrae is still Father Macrae. He has not been formally removed from the church. He can state to others that he is a Catholic priest, a title he will have for life unless he elects to his affiliation with the church. He can't serve mass or perform other church business, nor is it likely he will ever be hired to be a priest anywhere in the Country.

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Father Scruton is working in counseling in Massachusetts, they will forward an address for him.

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DET. James F. McLaughlin

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
)ss.
 COUNTY OF SANDOVAL)

Father Liam J. Hoare, being first duly sworn, states:

1. My name is Liam J. Hoare, s.P., and I attest that I am Servant General of the Servants of the Paraclete and Executive Director of the Programs of Therapy and Renewal operated by the Servants of the Paraclete in Jemez Springs, New Mexico; Albuquerque, New Mexico; St. Louis, Missouri; Dittmer, Missouri; Cherry Valley, California; and Gloucestershire, England. The Servants of the Paraclete is a religious order of priests and brothers whose principle work is spiritual and psychological renewal services to Roman Catholic priests throughout the world.

2. I was born in Dublin, Ireland, and, while employed as a junior executive with Shell Oil Company in London in 1963, I met Father Gerald Fitzgerald, the Founder of the Servants of the Paraclete. I became interested in the work that he was doing and requested to join in this work. I was accepted as a novice in the community, moved to a Servants of the Paraclete facility in Rome, and pursued theological studies at Pontifica Beda College in Rome from 1964 to 1968 when I was ordained as a priest of the Servants of the Paraclete. I served at several facilities of the Servants of the Paraclete at England, Scotland, Italy, and Missouri.

3. In 1974 to 1975 I studied alcoholism and drug abuse counseling at Willmar State Hospital in Willmar, Minnesota, and completed four quarters of Clinical Pastoral Education at Hazelden Foundation, which specializes in substance abuse counseling, in Hazelden, Minnesota. From 1975 to 1981 I was the Director and Religious Superior at the Servants of the Paraclete extended care facility for recovering alcoholic priests and brothers in St. Louis, Missouri. From 1983 to 1987 I attended the Wright Institute in Berkeley, California. By 1987 I completed requirements, sans dissertation, for the Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the Wright Institute.

4. In 1987 I was elected Superior General of the Servants of the Paraclete, a position which includes the offices of Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Servants of the Paraclete Programs world wide. The term of office is six years. My office is based in Jemez Springs, New Mexico where, at that time, the Servants of the Paraclete operated two residential therapeutic programs for priests and religious, Foundation House and Villa Louis Martin. In 1987 I also assumed the responsibilities of Program Director for the Foundation House Program in Jemez Springs. In 1992 Foundation House and Villa Louis Martin merged into a unified residential program under the directorship of my colleague, Father Peter Lechner, s.P., Ph.D. In 1993, I was re-elected to a second six year term as Superior General, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer of the Servants of the Paraclete.

5. In March of 1989, Father Gordon MacRae enrolled in the Villa Louis Martin program in Jemez Springs, New Mexico following a guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge of attempting to solicit a minor in Keene, New Hampshire. Father MacRae was required to enter this program as a condition of probation in Cheshire County, New Hampshire. He completed the residential program in March of 1990. It was somewhat unusual at that time for an individual to be in residential therapy for a full year, however mid way through his program at Villa Louis Martin, in October, 1989, Gordon MacRae was diagnosed as having epilepsy, specifically referred to by neurologists as Complex Partial Seizure Disorder. The onset of symptoms appeared to be sometime in 1987 or 1988 but no prior diagnosis had been made. Gordon MacRae began a regimen of chemotherapy with the drugs, Carbamazapine and Pamelor. The adjustment to this, and his own willingness to remain in therapy, resulted in a program several months longer than the usual at that time.

6. The professional staff at Villa Louis Martin at that time consisted of the following individuals: Liam J. Hoare, s.P., M.A., C.A.C., Executive Director; Peter Lechner, Ph.D., Program Director; Jay Feierman, M.D., Psychiatrist; Jack Ellis, M.D., Psychiatrist; Robert Buser, M.D., Psychiatrist; Sarah Brennan, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist; Robert Goodkind, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist; Margaret Bridgford, Ph.D., Licensed

Clinical Psychologist; Cynthia Corbett, Ph.D., Psychodramatist; Marlene Green, R.N.;
Dorine Taylor, M.A., Cognitive Therapist; Nancy Rosborough, M.A., A.T.R., Registered Art
Therapist; Hemming Atterbom, Ph.D., Physiologist; Richard Papenfuss, Ph.D., Physiologist;
Rongsheng Wu, M.A., Physiologist; Paul Valley, s.P., M.S.W., Spiritual Director; Francis
Dorff, O.Praem., S.T.D., Spiritual Director; Richard Drabik, M.I.C., Spiritual Director;
Raymond Mann, O.F.M., Spiritual Director; and Neil Saller, T.O.R., J.C.L., Director of
Continuing Care.

7. Gordon MacRae made excellent progress in the Villa Louis Martin program, and the staff listed above felt that he addressed issues in individual and group therapy honestly, openly and by accepting the challenge that such intensive residential therapy presents. As with anyone in the residential programs of the Servants of the Paraclete who is in therapy as a requirement of legal probation, reports of this therapeutic progress were sent to the Probation Office in Keene, New Hampshire. Gordon MacRae maintained contacts and friendships with people in New Hampshire who sent him copies of New Hampshire newspaper articles which concerned him. Gordon would be dismayed, and our staff quite concerned, to learn that Keene, New Hampshire officials would apparently provide these confidential therapeutic reports to persons not legally designated and released to receive them, and would apparently abuse these reports by lifting segments of them entirely out of context and providing them to the media.

8. On January 25, 1990, Gordon MacRae traveled to New Hampshire to be present at a hearing to decide sentencing for the misdemeanor charge to which he entered a guilty plea in 1988, and to determine whether to suspend the remainder of his probation. One of our staff, Jack Ellis, M.D., accompanied Gordon at great expense to Gordon and to the Servants of the Paraclete. Dr. Ellis intended to testify as to Gordon's progress in the residential program. In the brief hearing, Dr. Ellis was not called on to present testimony. The Keene District Court ordered that sentencing and probation be continued until an April, 1990, hearing. Dr. Ellis and Gordon MacRae returned to New Mexico. Days later, our staff received a copy of a newspaper article quoting Keene, New Hampshire city officials as stating that officials from the Jemez Springs, New Mexico treatment center testified that

Gordon MacRae's progress was "slow", and that he was resistant in therapy. In fact, Dr. Alis was not permitted to testify at all, and our staff would never have characterized Gordon MacRae as resistant and his treatment progress as "slow".

9. Gordon MacRae completed his program at Villa Louis Martin in March, 1990. His final report, which was not misquoted, or even quoted at all, in newspapers by Keene officials, stated that his progress in therapy is characterized as excellent, he has taken personal responsibility for past and future behavior, he has shown appreciation of and fidelity to ethical standards, he has evidenced insight, he is highly motivated, and he has a realistic plan to continue his progress.

10. It has been common practice for some residential care facilities, especially chemical dependency facilities and facilities which address addictive behaviors, to employ certain former patients of their programs who are academically and experientially qualified, and whose recovery is deemed to be commendable. Gordon MacRae was one such individual with whom we had some interest in inviting to contribute to our work. It was clear that Gordon was totally honest in his therapeutic process, that no stone was left unturned, and that his progress was excellent and his recovery work was commendable. Gordon also had substantial experience in administration. In April, 1990, Gordon was employed as an executive assistant in my office. His work was excellent, and his sensitivity to the needs of our unique work was equally evident. By the Fall of 1990 Gordon was a full time employee as my administrative assistant, a position which he held until June of 1991.

11. In June of 1991, the General Council of the Servants of the Paraclete passed a resolution to combine the two Jemez Springs programs, Foundation House and Villa Louis Martin, into a unified program called The Jemez Program. Peter Lechner, Ph.D., formerly Program Director of Villa Louis Martin, was appointed Program Director of the larger combined program. I relinquished my responsibilities as Program Director of Foundation House and concentrated on my roll as Executive Director of all of the Servants of the Paraclete facilities. In June of 1991, Dr. Lechner requested that Gordon MacRae transfer from his position as my administrative assistant to the new combined Jemez Program

assisting the staff there. Gordon's position involved program administration, research, and admissions. Detective Mclaughlin of the Keene Police Department is quoted in New Mexico newspapers as saying that Gordon MacRae identified himself as "a counselor in a sex offender program for priests". This is clearly untrue, and Gordon has never identified himself or our programs in this way.

12. Between June, 1991, and May, 1993, Gordon MacRae proved himself to be an extremely valuable employee working well with staff and carrying out his responsibilities in a mature and unselfish manner. Beginning near the end of 1992, the Servants of the Paraclete became the subject of massive media attention throughout the United States over the fact that Father James Porter had once been a resident under our care. Though we did not operate as a treatment center but rather as a retreat center at the time Father Porter was here, we still became the subject of several lawsuits from the New England area as well as from New Mexico. The national press carried nearly daily articles about our work and the lawsuits, particularly in the New England area and New Mexico. The notorious publicity reached its peak around April/May of 1993 which is also when Gordon MacRae was arrested at his Rio Rancho, New Mexico home on the New Hampshire warrant.

13. Gordon MacRae was arrested on May 3, 1993 and incarcerated at the Sandoval County Jail until May 5, 1993 at which point he was released on a signature bond. Gordon is represented by Attorney Ron Koch of Albuquerque and other attorneys who have come forward requesting to assist him in this case. We on the Staff and Administration of the Servants of the Paraclete braced for the worst in terms of New Mexico press at the time of Gordon's arrest. There was none. It seemed that the New Mexico newspapers had taken no notice or had no interest in the fact that Gordon MacRae had been arrested on a New Hampshire warrant, incarcerated and released. Gordon clearly stated his innocence to us, and we believed him - and continue to believe him. It was decided that Gordon would remain in his position, but would have no participation in client services until this was resolved. We determined that Gordon's work in administration was invaluable and he would be able to continue in this area until he was exonerated, as we believed he would be. The fact that there had been no New Mexico press made this position easier. Still, the

nearly daily press over the Servants of the Paraclete role in the twenty-five year old Porter case continued both here in New Mexico and nationally, especially in New England where Father James Porter originated.

14. By the middle of May, 1993, it appeared that a lengthy document had been sent directly to the New Mexico press about the charges against Gordon MacRae detailing the ten year old allegations against him, and detailing out of context segments of the privileged psychiatric reports which we had sent to Keene officials and the Cheshire County Probation Office years earlier with signed and legally restricted release from Gordon MacRae. The statements of Keene officials in the New Mexico papers following this, which claimed that we were employing Gordon MacRae as a counselor in a sex offender treatment program, a characterization of our programs which we have never used, made it impossible for Gordon to continue working with us. Regretfully, we were forced to terminate his position with us and place him on administrative leave. The local headlines such as "Paraclete Priest Indicted for Rape" resulted in our being forced to lose a strong contributor to our work and a highly valued employee. In the days that followed, Gordon MacRae became despondent. Though he was no longer employed by us we invited him to live with the Servants of the Paraclete community until there could be some resolution to the legal charges.

On March 16, 1993, Gordon suffered an epileptic relapse, attempted suicide, and was hospitalized for a month here in New Mexico followed by two months in Connecticut. Gordon left a suicide note addressed to me in which he assured me of his innocence, but stated that he could not bare to see these fabricated charges causing pain to others. Keene officials continued to be quoted in the New Mexico newspapers throughout Gordon MacRae's hospitalization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Very Rev. Liam J. Hoare, s.P.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28th day of March, 1993, by Very Rev. Liam J. Hoare.

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STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE REGARDING FATHER GORDON MacRAE

The Diocese of Manchester is both saddened and disturbed by the revelation of the problems involving Father Gordon MacRae. Father MacRae has always been a dedicated priest, and his ministry well appreciated where he has served. We are pleased that, at our recommendation, Father MacRae is willing to seek appropriate medical care in an inpatient facility. We pray that this treatment can be effective. In the meantime, of course, Father MacRae is relieved of all his priestly duties.



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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER STATEMENT MAY 6, 1993

Gordon MacRae has been prohibited from serving as a priest in the Diocese of Manchester since July of 1988. This was the time at which the Diocese first became aware of his sexual misconduct. At the recommendation of the Probation Department of the State of New Hampshire, he began inpatient treatment in March of 1989 at a New Mexico facility specializing in the treatment of sexually addictive behavior. The Diocese grieves with those people who might have been victims prior to the discovery of his problem, and will assist them in whatever way is appropriate.

It is clear that Gordon MacRae can never again function as a priest.



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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER STATEMENT, MAY 7, 1993

It was only in July of 1988 that it was definitively and indisputably clear that Gordon MacRae had a sexual problem. The 1983 Hampton incident by itself could not lead to such a conclusion.

In order to clarify, the sequence of events took place as follows:

1. The Diocese of Manchester wants to make clear that Father Gordon MacRae was transferred from Hampton to Keene in June of 1983, several months prior to the diocese becoming aware of the allegations of impropriety in Hampton. He was not transferred as a result of any allegations.

2. Several months after the transfer, a young man's counselor became aware of a hugging and kissing incident in Hampton, involving Gordon MacRae and the young man. The counselor immediately reported to the diocese, and the diocese reported in turn to the State of New Hampshire.

3. That report was made to the state because of diocesan concern, and to be in full compliance with state statutes, even though the nature of the incident was questionably reportable.

4. Father MacRae was already in counseling, of his own choosing, for personal reasons. The diocese reported this questionable incident, whatever its significance, to his counselor, so that it could be addressed in counseling.

5. The State of New Hampshire investigation did not result in any charges being placed against MacRae, nor did the State advise the diocese to take any further action with regards to this incident.

6. As a result, the diocese concluded that everything appropriate had been done in this situation, and that there was no reason to conclude that MacRae had a serious problem.

7. Subsequently, in 1988, when it became clear that he did have a problem, the diocese acted decisively and suspended him.

It is always tempting in retrospect and hindsight to judge what should have been done at the time. But for the reasons already stated, the diocese, in 1983, simply did not have sufficient information to judge that there was a serious problem.



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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER STATEMENT MAY 18, 1993

The diocese is distressed at Gordon MacRae's attempted suicide Monday morning. It saddens us that the personal problems from his past, which have obviously placed great stress on him in recent weeks, apparently caused him to despair in this fashion. One of the firm beliefs of our faith in Christ, especially during this Easter season, is the reality of new life from death. As we pray that those people who were harmed by Gordon MacRae will find that new life, we pray also that Gordon himself will find the strength and hope to overcome his past and live a productive future.



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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 11, 1993

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester issued the following statement through its attorney, Bradford E. Cook of Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, on September 11, 1993, in response to the writ of summons in a matter entitled [REDACTED] v. Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc. et al:

"Having been provided a copy of the writ in the [REDACTED] case, and having first heard of it from the press and not by service of process in the normal course, the Church is outraged by the many irresponsible and false charges contained in the document.

"As has been stated on many occasions in the past, the Bishop and the Church are saddened by and grieve with the victims of the alleged actions of Gordon MacRae. However, the Church took appropriate action in relation to him at each stage given what was known at the time, and he was ultimately removed from his status as one who could ever function as a priest again. To try to judge actions of over ten years ago from what is now known is unjust and unfair. The Church denies responsibility and liability for his actions.

"The pleadings supplied to us are inaccurate and sloppy, and misstate the name of the Church and several defendants, facts which are easy to find. More importantly, the irresponsible allegations constitute a frontal assault on the Church as a whole, displaying a lack of knowledge of its organization, functions and nature. Attacks on Church policies such as celibacy as 'against nature' as a basis for legal action are curious, and blanket statements about the action of clergy as a whole contained in the writ are wild and irresponsible and, we believe, defamatory.

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“The Church is a victim of the actions of Gordon MacRae as well as the individuals, and to try to paint the Church and its officials as co-conspirators or those who ‘intentionally inflict emotional distress’ upon this plaintiff or anyone else is irresponsible and defames them and the good work they have done for years.

“The allegations are inaccurate and illogical. A few examples are: To suggest that Msgr. Watson, who was not assigned to Hampton until June 15, 1983, somehow could have avoided events which allegedly began in the 1970s misstates facts and defies logic. To state that Msgr. Christian assigned MacRae wrongfully, when he had no such responsibility, is wrong. To state that Msgr. Quinn, the distinguished head of N.H. Catholic Charities, has authority over priests is incorrect. To state that clergy then, as now, are not evaluated prior to ordination is wrong and easily refuted. In short, these accusations are not based on fact and are so inaccurate that they force us to question their motivation and the method of their becoming public. They are so irresponsible and defamatory that we cannot let them stand unrefuted even though we do believe such matters should be tried in the press.

“The Church is investigating all of its options in responding to these false charges and will defend itself vigorously against them. It will also defend its officials who have been falsely accused. At the same time, it will continue to cooperate in bringing those who have harmed others to light.”

For further information, please contact Attorney Bradford E. Cook.

(Work) [REDACTED]

(Home) [REDACTED]

May 26, 1993

Atty. James Higgins
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Dear Jim:

Just a brief note to inform you that after considerable discussion with Monsignor Quinn, it appears that we have no real explanation for the reference to "2 minor males" in his memo to me of November 21, 1983. Obviously, we never became aware of a second minor being abused by Gordon MacRae. It is possible that the victim about whom we did become aware reported to his counselor that he thought another minor might have been in the same situation, and that counselor thus reported two possible instances of abuse to the diocese. It is also possible that the counselor might have mentioned the possibility of two occasions of abuse, meaning two occasions with the same minor, and that Monsignor Quinn understood that to mean two separate minors. These possible explanations, however, are really best guess scenarios, and we cannot explain the reference in any other fashion. In my meeting with Father MacRae on December 5th, it is clear that we talked about only one minor. I am sorry I cannot clarify this for you any further.

A second point of interest and/or concern. Prior to his attempted suicide I had been informed by a canon lawyer, who is a consultant to the Servants of the Paracletes, that Gordon MacRae and his civil lawyer had plans to return to New Hampshire not only to fight the current indictment but also to try to overturn the charges to which he had pleaded guilty a couple of years ago, and upon which apparently the [REDACTED] civil suit is at least in part based. The canon lawyer felt that we would want to know this in view of delaying any settlement we might be tempted to make. Personally, I cannot see how they could overturn the previous admission of guilt. It is also possible that the suicide attempt will change their plans.

I offer these facts to you for whatever action you feel is appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

(Msgr. Francis J. Christian
Secretary
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June 7, 1993

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Dear Attorney Higgins:

I have read at length the letter from Atty. Peter Heed in regard to the proposed settlement of the [REDACTED] against the Diocese, and I have discussed the matter with Bishop O'Neil. Obviously, we would be delighted to settle this case as quickly and amicably as is possible. We are certainly unwilling to do so at the settlement amount requested by Atty. Heed. It seems to us at this point that Mr. Heed needs to be reminded of several points.

- (1) Gordon MacRae had no sexual contact with [REDACTED], and in his regard has been found guilty only of the charge of endangering a minor. This is a far cry from the kinds of sexual abuse that would be required to justify the amount requested by Mr. Heed.
- (2) [REDACTED] has a long history of psychological problems prior to his association with Gordon MacRae. Among those problems are similar charges that he raised against a man for whom he worked prior to placing those charges against Gordon MacRae. Those former charges were ultimately dropped, and certainly pose questions as to [REDACTED] credibility.
- (3) The record clearly shows that the Diocese had no knowledge of Gordon MacRae's problems when he was transferred to Keene, and that it was several months later when we became aware of a potential problem. We acted by both notifying appropriate state authorities and the psychologist with whom Gordon MacRae was already counseling. In other words, in our perspective, Mr. Heed is trying

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to condemn the Diocese in hindsight rather than Looking objectively at the facts as they present themselves.

Given these facts, but also taking into consideration the fact that we would like to avoid the expense and notoriety of the trial, we are willing to settle for a reasonable amount. While I would be willing to discuss with you what we feel an appropriate first offer would be, I would like to suggest that we begin at approximately \$10,000. This certainly seems fair when the facts are all taken into consideration. I will await word from you on this matter.

Thanking you for your kind assistance, and assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian
Secretary
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Re: [REDACTED] v. Gordon MacRae and the
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Dear Monsignor Christian:

I enclose a copy of a letter from Peter Heed representing [REDACTED]. I think the entire letter is worth reading because of Peter's new found confidence as a result of the rather unfortunate publicity of late.

He demands \$100,000 to settle the matter. He will obviously take less. Do you have any interest in making an offer? I think the minor documentary "snafu" disclosed in your recent letter might prove to be a problem.

Best regards,

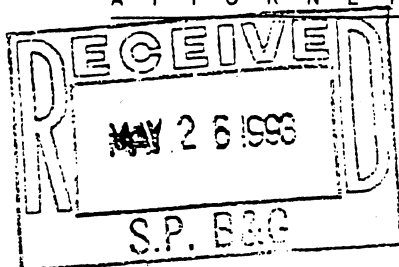
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Re: "John Doe," a Minor by his Mother and Next Friend vs.
 Gordon MacRae and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of May 3rd, concerning my client, [REDACTED]. First of all, it is indeed my intention to call Doctor Burt G. Hollenbeck, Jr. as an expert in this case. I have already sent you his report, and you should consider that a supplement to my client's answers to your interrogatory #29. I will be calling Doctor Hollenbeck as an expert, and you are welcome to whatever discovery in that regard you think is necessary.

Additionally, I am forwarding for your attention the medical authorizations for release of information, which have been signed by my client, allowing you access to his medical records. I do this with the understanding that you will forward copies of any medical records which you do receive pursuant to these authorizations to my attention.

As a matter of somewhat more urgent concern, I'm sure that you are acutely aware that Gordon MacRae has recently been indicted on 11 separate counts in Cheshire County relating to his unlawful sexual contact with two additional boys who resided in this region. He has also been indicated on 3 counts in Rockingham County. From news accounts, more indictments are probably on the way.

According to Detective James McLaughlin of the Keene Police Department, who has spearheaded much of the investigation concerning Father MacRae, much of the illegal activity occurred during a time period when MacRae was a pastor at Saint Bernard's Church, and occurred in the church Rectory, providing further evidence that the church was aware, or should have been aware, of his activities and failed to supervise him properly. Despite the protestations to the contrary, church officials were clearly aware of the full

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ramifications of the Hampton situation, and the subsequent DCYS investigation. In all events, it's my understanding that the Hampton victim may be considering an action against the church, and this will only help to bring out the facts concerning the church's knowledge in this area.

I understand that Father MacRae is being extradited. When he returns to this area, I fully intend to take his deposition. You are certainly welcome to take [REDACTED] deposition, and I will be happy to discuss scheduling that with you.

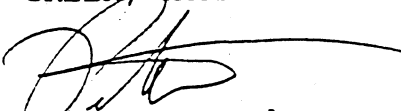
The almost constant publicity concerning the new revelations about Father MacRae, has caused my client further emotional difficulties. At this juncture, as I'm sure you can appreciate, he would like to put this matter behind him. For this reason, he has authorized me to make a demand for settlement and to enter into negotiations with you, in an attempt to resolve the case quickly. I am authorized to demand \$100,000.00 in full settlement of [REDACTED] claim. Naturally, this demand is made without prejudice to my client.

I do hope that the church takes this opportunity to engage in prompt and meaningful negotiations to resolve this matter at this time. If we are not able to resolve this case through a negotiated disposition, then I will quickly want to schedule the depositions of Father John P. Quinn, Father Francis J. Christen, Lois Webb of Catholic Charities, Judy Patterson of Catholic Social Services, Bishop Gendron, Father Watson, Father Boucher, Sylvia Gayle and Marilyn Fraser of DCYS, Doctor Henry Guerton-Ouellette, Detective James McLaughlin, and possibly others.

It strikes me that we are at a crucial juncture in this case, and we can either settle it now or go down the definite road to trial.

Very truly yours,

GREEN, McMAHON AND HEED



Peter W. Heed

PWH:cag

cc: Client

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW HAMPSHIRE, SS.
DOCKET NO. 91-C-149

SUPERIOR COURT
APRIL TERM 1993

JOHN DOE, A MINOR, BY HIS MOTHER
AND NEXT FRIEND

VS.

GORDON MacRAE AND THE
ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, INC.

SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES PROPOUNDED BY
THE PLAINTIFF, JOHN DOE, A MINOR, BY HIS MOTHER AND
NEXT FRIEND, TO BE ANSWERED UNDER OATH BY THE DEFENDANT,
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, INC.

The following constitute interrogatories propounded by the Plaintiff, John Doe, a minor, by his mother and next friend, to be answered by the Defendant, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., under oath, pursuant to and within the time prescribed by New Hampshire Superior Court Rule 36. All answers must be full and complete and contain all facts and evidence which substantiate the answer as it is given and which would be presented to the Court. When a question calls for the possibility of either an affirmative or a negative answer, do not limit your answer to a simple negative or affirmative, explain in detail. State the facts and reasons behind your answer fully and completely. If there are any documents which substantiate any answer, or any explanation to any answer, please specifically refer to them and attach copies to these interrogatories, whether or not they are requested.

These interrogatories shall be deemed continuing so as to require supplemental answers if the Defendant or his attorney obtains further information between the time answers are served and the time of a hearing on the merits regarding this matter.

1. Please provide the following with respect to Rev.

James Watson:

- A. His current mailing address and telephone number;
- B. His present position with the Church if still employed by the Church;
- C. His present employer if not employed by the Church and if known.

A. St. John the Evangelist Church, 72 South Main Street, Concord,
N. H. 03301 Telephone #224-2328.

B. Monsignor Watson is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

2. Please provide the following with respect to Rev.

Gerard Boucher:

- A. His present mailing address and telephone number;
- B. His present position with the Church if still employed by the Church;
- C. His present employer if not employed by the Church and if known.

A. St. Patrick Church, 34 Amherst Street, P. O. Box 27, Milford, N. H. 03055. Telephone #673-1311.

B. Father Boucher is presently serving as a Senior Priest at St. Patrick's Church in Milford.

3. Please provide the date on which the Catholic Diocese of Manchester or any of its representatives was first aware that the Division of Children and Youth Services had made a founded finding of child molestation by Gordon MacRae with respect to the minor victim [REDACTED] of Hampton, New Hampshire.

The Diocese was never informed by the Division of Children & Youth Services that they had a founded finding of child molestation against Gordon MacRae with respect to the minor victim [REDACTED] from Hampton.

4. Please provide the date on which the Catholic Diocese of Manchester or any of its representatives was first aware that the Division of Children and Youth Services had placed Gordon MacRae on the Sexual Offender Registry.

The Diocese was never made aware in any fashion by the Division of Children and Youth Services that Gordon MacRae had been placed on the Sexual Offender Registry.

5. Please provide the name and address of the person who made the decision to have Rev. Gordon MacRae act as a personal counsellor for Rev. Scruton.

No one in the diocesan administration ever made the decision to have Gordon MacRae act as a personal counselor for Stephen Scruton, nor was there any assignment in this regard.

6. Please provide any assurances or representations made by the Catholic Church given to the Cheshire County Attorney's Office concerning the supervision and monitoring of Gordon MacRae's activities after he was transferred to Keene, New Hampshire, and identify that individual giving those assurances or making such statements.

There was no contact or communication between the Diocese or its representatives with the Cheshire County Attorney's Office, regarding Gordon MacRae during his assignment in Keene.

7. Please describe in detail the conversation by Monsignor John P. Quinn with employees of the Division for Children and Youth Services ("DCYS") with reference to Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct on November 21, 1982, as stated in your answer to interrogatory number 13, dated July 20, 1992, and provide the following:

- A. Whether the conversation was in person or by telephone;
- B. The name of the DCYS employee or employees;
- C. The nature and substance of the conversation;
- D. Whether a complaint or report had been made to DCYS concerning Gordon MacRae;
- E. The nature and substance of the complaint or report;
- F. The name and address of the person who made the complaint or report;
- G. Specify any action which was taken by DCYS as a result of the conversation;
- H. Specify what action, if any, was taken by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., as a result of the conversation;
- I. Attach any and all documents which support your answer or relate in any way to the November 21, 1982, conversation or relate to the incident discussed in that conversation.

Answers attached.

On November 21, upon learning of the alleged sexual abuse incident involving Gordon MacRae, Msgr. Quinn called Dr. Sylvio Dupuis, then Commissioner of Health and Human Services, to inquire to whom the incident should be reported. Dr. Dupuis returned the call almost immediately, and informed Msgr. Quinn that the report should be made to DCYS, and that he could call Jeannette Gagnon on the matter.

Msgr. Quinn was in touch with Ms. Gagnon immediately, and set up an appointment with her for Wednesday, November 23rd.

Msgr. Quinn met with Ms. Gagnon and a member of her staff at the Catholic Charities Office in Manchester on the 23rd. He gave her all the information he had on the matter at that time.

He was told that DCYS would conduct an investigation into the matter.

The alleged victim continued in counseling with his therapist. Gordon MacRae was confronted by the Diocese over that incident and was told to continue his counseling, including discussing this incident further with his counselor.

Memo attached.

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11/21/83

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. Secondarily, 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.

8. Following the November 21, 1982, and November 23, 1983, reports, what action did the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., take to prevent Gordon MacRae from having future contact with children?

In the first place, the reports to DCYS were November 21, 198~~2~~, and November 23, 198~~2~~. Both reports were in 198~~2~~. The 198~~2~~ date in the original interrogatory was a typographical error.

Because the Diocese was not informed by any state agency of any substantial problem, and because Gordon MacRae was already in counseling for other personal problems and his counselor had been made aware of the kissing and hugging incident that the Diocese had reported to the State, the Diocese did not feel that there was any need to take further action.

9. Following the reports identified in the previous interrogatory, were Father Gabriel Houle and Father Wilfrid Bombardier advised of the incident and/or given any instructions concerning Gordon MacRae's contact with children upon his transfer to Keene?

It is important to understand that Gordon MacRae was transferred to Keene in June of 1982, as a course of a normal transfer process, and not because of impropriety. It was only several months after his transfer, in November of 1982, that the Diocese was made aware of the incident with the young man in Hampton.

No instructions were given to Father Houle or Father Bombardier, for the same reasons as in No. 8.

10. If the answer to the previous interrogatory is "Yes," please provide a summary of any specific instructions given to Father Houle or Father Bombardier concerning Gordon MacRae's conduct.

No answer required.

11. Please indicate whether Bishop Odore Gendron had any direct communication or conversation with any employee of DCYS concerning Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct. If so, state the following:

- A. The name of the employee at DCYS;
- B. The date of the communication or conversation;
- C. The nature and substance of the communication;
- D. Please attach any and all documents which support your answer or which relate in any way to the communication or conversation.

Bishop Odore Gendron never, at any time, had any direct contact or communication with any employee of DCYS. All of the contacts with the State were conducted by Monsignor John Quinn.

12. Please indicate whether Msgr. Francis J. Christian had any direct communication or conversation with any employee of DCYS concerning Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct. If so, please state the following:

- A. The name of the employee at DCYS;
- B. The date of the communication or conversation;
- C. The nature and substance of the communication;
- D. Attach any and all documents which support your answer or which relate in any way to the communication or conversation.

Msgr. Francis J. Christian never had any direct communication or conversation with any employee of DCYS concerning Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct. All of the contacts with the State were conducted by Monsignor John Quinn.

13. Please provide a list of any and all incidents concerning Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct known to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., or any of its employees, whether learned before or after the commencement of this action, stating:

A. The date on which the incident occurred or is alleged to have occurred;

B. Where the incident occurred;

C. When the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., or any of its employees learned of the incident.

On November 13, 1983, Msgr. John P. Quinn received notification from Judith Patterson of Catholic Social Services, Salem, that Gordon MacRae had kissed a young man during the past summer. He was also notified of this same incident by Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette on that same date. He notified Msgr. Francis J. Christian, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Manchester, of this information, and informed him that he was reporting the incident to the appropriate authorities of the State of New Hampshire.

In May of 1986, Msgr. Quinn was called by Marilyn Fraser of DCYS. She informed him that the alleged victim of the above reported incident had informed a counselor of the new high school he was attending of the same incident. The counselor, not knowing that it had been reported at the time, appropriately notified DCYS. Ms. Fraser, in a letter dated 5/18/86, requested information from the alleged victim counselor regarding his counseling sessions, as well as a written report from Dr. Guertin-Ouellette. The letter stated, "... this matter has resurfaced and we are attempting to bring closure, through insuring that there are no additional pieces of information and if not, that necessary work had been previously completed." There was no further communication from DCYS after the requested information was supplied.

Msgr. Francis J. Christian was notified on July 14th, 1988, by authorities of Spofford Hall that charges of solicitation had been brought against Gordon MacRae by the young man in treatment at that facility. Gordon MacRae was at the time on leave of absence from the Diocese of Manchester, and working as an alcohol counselor. The authorities of Spofford Hall indicated to him that they had already notified the appropriate authorities in the State of New Hampshire. As a result of these charges and pending their outcome Gordon MacRae, who had been given permission during his formal leave of absence from priestly ministries to celebrate Mass and the other sacraments only at Spofford Hall, was suspended from all priestly ministry.

About this same period of time a [REDACTED] from Keene had several telephone conversations with Msgr. Christian alleging that Gordon MacRae had solicited her son, [REDACTED]. She didn't know what to do with this because she didn't want to expose [REDACTED] who, she stated, was already having other emotional problems, to any public notoriety. Msgr. Christian assured her that the Diocese would help [REDACTED] with psychological care if her allegations were proven true. Gordon MacRae, when confronted with the allegations by Msgr. Christian, denied their veracity. [REDACTED], for some reason, did not pursue any more discussions with the Diocese.

The Diocese subsequently became aware through the press of various legal charges that were placed against Gordon MacRae. On no occasion was the Diocese previously contacted about the allegations in these charges, and had no knowledge of the alleged events in any case.

14. Please attach hereto copies of all internal memorandums received by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., from Monsignor John P. Quinn or any other employee, officer, or director of New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Inc., concerning Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct. If you are no longer in possession of any internal memos, please acknowledge the approximate dates and subject matter of said internal memos.

Attached to Question #7.

15. Please provide the specific details with respect to any arrangements or agreements reached by the Catholic Church and the Cheshire County Attorney's Office with respect to the Church providing counseling and/or supervision as well as monitoring for Gordon MacRae in exchange for the County Attorney's promise not to prosecute Gordon MacRae.

There was no communication between the Diocese or its representatives regarding Gordon MacRae with the Cheshire County attorney's Office.

16. Please provide the details with regard to any and all agreements or representations made by Bishop Gendron to the Commissioner of DCYS or Health and Welfare whereby Gordon MacRae would not work with children any longer and he would enter into counseling.

There was no contact between Bishop Gendron and the Commissioner of DCYS or HHS regarding Gordon MacRae.

17. Please provide the details of the agreement entered into on or about November 1983 whereby the Church offered treatment to a minor and paid for such treatment after Gordon MacRae had been accused of kissing and fondling a youth in June of 1983 in Hampton, New Hampshire.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a typo with regard to the above question. The incident was reported in November of 1982, not 1983. There are no reports of any incidents in 1983.

As such, there was no agreement entered into regarding the treatment of the alleged victim. It is the policy of the Diocese and Catholic Charities that such treatment would be offered to any such individual immediately and without any charge.

As part of the young man's therapy, it was recommended by his therapist that he attend St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Because of the financial situation of the family, the therapist inquired into the possibility of financial assistance for the individual. The two requests, one dated June 1, 1984, and the other May 10, 1985, were granted immediately, and his tuition bill was paid in full.

18. Please provide the details with respect to your knowledge of any treatment received or provided to Gordon MacRae after this incident in the fall of 1983.

We are not aware of any incidents in the Fall of 1983.

In the Fall of 1982, Gordon MacRae was in counseling with Dr. Henry Guertin-Quellette of the Clergy and Religious Consultation Service.

19. Please provide the specific details with respect to Monsignor John Quinn's report to Richard A. Chevrefils or any other employee of DCYS regarding incidents of child abuse by Gordon MacRae on November 29, 1983.

Msgr. Quinn's records only indicate an upcoming meeting with Jeannette Gagnon of the DCYS staff on November 23, 1982. We have no records of any meeting with Mr. Chevrefils in either November of 1982 or 1983.

We are unaware of any incident of child abuse by Gordon MacRae in 1983.

20. Please provide the details of any and all contacts that Monsignor John Quinn had with Ms. Jeannette Gagnon, Administrator of the Office of Social Services, Division of Welfare, including the following:

- A. The dates on which all communications were made;
- B. The substance of any such communications regarding Father MacRae;
- C. The outcome or agreements entered into as a result of any such communications.

Subsequent to the aforementioned November 23rd meeting with Ms. Gagnon, Msgr. Quinn received a letter from her on January 26, 1984, regarding continued contact between Gordon MacRae and an individual who had been under his supervision earlier. Though there were no charges of improper conduct on the part of MacRae, it was felt that the matter should be investigated because of the earlier incident reported in Hampton.

Msgr. Quinn informed Msgr. Christian that he was recommending that MacRae be told to cease contact with this individual immediately. Msgr. Christian so informed MacRae on 2/2/89.

There were no further contacts between Ms. Gagnon and Msgr. Quinn re: MacRae.

21. Please provide the details of any agreements, arrangements or practices between the Catholic Diocese and the Commissioner of Health and Welfare or any representative of DCYS whereby reports of child abuse by priests would be handled directly at the main office of DCYS in Concord and not through the district branches of DCYS. Please include any documentation which may support your answer.

There were no such agreements, arrangements or practices made or agreed to between the Diocese and either the Commissioner of Health and Welfare or DCYS.

22. Please provide any information relative to the Church's request of Father Gordon MacRae to start a "Youth Ministry" while he was at St. Bernard's Parish in Keene, New Hampshire.

The Diocese never requested or required Gordon MacRae to start a Youth Ministry while he was at St. Bernard's Parish in Keene. Any involvement in such an activity would have been part of the normal and expected duties of an associate pastor.

23. Please provide the details of any agreements between Bishop Gendron and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services whereby Gordon MacRae would no longer work with children after the 1983 incident and would enter counseling as a result of his alleged behavior in November 1983.

- A. There was no incident in 1983 of which we are aware. (Cf. Comments on Questions 8 and 17.)
- B. With regard to November 1982, there were no agreements made by Bishop Gendron or the Commissioner regarding Gordon MacRae.

24. Please provide the details of any conversations between Monsignor Quinn or Bishop Gendron and Elizabeth Davis, a social worker for the Division of Children and Youth Services in the Portsmouth District Office in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

There were no conversations or communications, to our knowledge, between Msgr. Quinn or Bishop Gendron with Elizabeth Davis of DCYS, Portsmouth.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DOE, A MINOR, BY HIS MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND,

By His Attorneys
GREEN, McMAHON AND HEED
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Keene, New Hampshire 03431
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Dated: June 29, 1993

By: *Peter W. Heed*
Peter W. Heed, Esquire

I hereby certify that an original plus two (2) copies of the foregoing Interrogatories were mailed this date to James E. Higgins of Sheehan, Phinney, Bass & Green, P.A., P.O. Box 3701, Manchester, New Hampshire - 03105-3701, Counsel for the Defendant.

Peter W. Heed
Peter W. Heed, Esquire

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, INC.

Dated: Sept. 20, 1993

By: *Francis J. Christian (Msgr.)*
Msgr. Francis J. Christian,
Its Representative

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHESHIRE, SS.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20 day of September 1993 by Msgr. Francis J. Christian of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., a New Hampshire corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Franceen M. Morasse
Justice of the Peace/Notary Public

Franceen M. Morasse, Notary Public
My Commission Expires On May 24, 1994