

Father Paul Shanley

Mr. [REDACTED] came to see me on March 14, 1988. [REDACTED]
Mr. G was at Maclean Hospital in June/July of 1987. He mentioned to a nurse that he would like to talk to someone. Mim Donovan, a pastoral associate, suggested Father Shanley, who came to see him. After a good conversation in which Tom trusted Fr. S., T. made a passing reference to sado-masochism. Immediately Father Shanley began to zero in on the subject, describing very graphically and in much detail a particular incident. T. thought he was trying to get him to accept the idea. T. thought he was coming on to him. Tremendous sexual energy in the room. Then S. went on to something else. At that point, T. clammed up and just wanted S. to get out of the room. It had a terrible effect on him.

Before S. left, he told another story about confidentiality, with obvious intent of encouraging T. to say nothing about the incident.

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He also mentioned it to a nurse on the floor. Also mentioned it to floor coordinator. He also was going to write the hospital.

Finally he told Fr. Chris Keenan, who referred him to Fr. J. McCormack, who referred him to me.

Under questioning by me, T. said that he was not taking drugs, was not delusional, and [REDACTED]

I told T. that I would speak to S. but that if S. denied it, there really was not much that could be done, since there was no possibility of proof to support the allegation. I did say that he should feel free to report the situation to the Maclean Hospital, if he did not feel that we had handled the matter adequately. —

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I spoke to Father Shanley. He became irate at first, questioning why the matter should be brought up at all. After he calmed down, he indicated that he remembered the person and the incident, but did not remember anything in the conversation, especially on the subject that T. mentioned.

Father Shanley was wondering if it was Larry Kessler trying to get even with him.

I suggested that if he were to speak to T. he should remember that T. is still a very fragile person.

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I telephoned T. and told him that Fr. S. had denied the allegation, and that there really was nothing I could do.

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