REV. LYNN CAFFOE
Vicar for Clergy Database
Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Lynn R. Caffoe**

**Current Primary Assignment**

- **Birth Date**: 12/12/1945
- **Birth Place**: Jamestown, New York, USA
- **Diocesan Ordination**: 5/29/1971
- **Priesthood Ordination Date**: Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- **Date of Incardination**: Latin
- **Deanery**: Deceased
- **Ministry Status**: Diocesan Priest
- **Canon State**: Incard Process
- **Seminary**: St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
- **Ethnicity**: American (USA)

**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training**

- **Date Background Check**: 
- **Virtus Training Date**: 

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St. Callistus Catholic Church, Garden Grove  Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service  6/14/1971  6/15/1975
An accusation was made to Father [redacted], St Calistus, Garden Grove, that his associate, Father LYNN CAFFOE, was overly affectionate to some of the altar boys. The complaint was made by the parents of the boys. (Tuesday, 21 Jan 75)

Fathers [redacted] and Caffoe came to the Chancery and discussed this matter with me. Father Caffoe wanted an immediate transfer in spite of the fact that he claimed innocence of the charge. He felt it better for the well being of the parish. Father [redacted] seemed to agree with this.

I indicated that, in light of Fr. Caffoe's innocence, I felt they both should spend a few days in trying to evaluate the situation and possible scandal.

Father Caffoe called me, Tuesday, January 28, indicating that after consultation with the parents involved and clearing up some misunderstanding on their part, he and Fr. [redacted] believed that an immediate transfer was NOT called for.

Father Caffoe will be assigned there four years in May. No doubt there will be a regular change for him before the end of 1975.
DATE: May 8, 1989

FROM: Monsignor Curry

TO: Archbishop Mahony

RE: Father Lynn Caffoe

On May 4, a woman called me to say that Lynn Caffoe had a problem with child abuse and demanded to know what the Archdiocese was going to do about it. I asked her if she could give me any details and she provided me with the following information:

She observed two incidents. Once, she saw Lynn outside the sacristy holding a fourth-grade boy's face in his hands and forcing the boy to look at him. Another time, she saw him to the same with a thirteen-year-old boy and then embrace the boy hard for a prolonged time. After embracing the boy, he whacked him on the rear and embraced him again. This was at a CCD event and happened recently.

The woman would not give me her name, and I explained how difficult it is to proceed on the basis of an anonymous call. She understood that and volunteered that she might be willing to call later and give me the name of her attorney. She mentioned that, given the problems at St. James's school in the past year, surely one would think the priests and sisters there would be especially circumspect.

While she was not particularly friendly, neither was she hostile, and she betrayed no hint that she had any other grievance with Father Caffoe, or even that she knew him very well. Her attitude was: If he is doing this in public, what is he doing in private? I could not dismiss the contact as a crank call. I assured her that I would bring the matter to the proper authorities, and that we would certainly not ignore what she had said.

However, the fact that this information came by way of an anonymous call does present a problem. Having discussed the matter with , I propose to wait for about a week to see if she will supply the name of her lawyer. If she does not do so, I propose to ask Lynn to come in to see me and to explain to him exactly what I know and say that while we make no accusations and do not make decisions on the basis of any anonymous call, nevertheless he should be aware of the matter.

I concurs, please keep me advised.

RWH

5-8-89

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 19, 1989

FROM: Monsignor Thomas Curry

TO: Archbishop Mahony

RE: Lynn Caffoe

The woman who called me some time ago about Lynn Caffoe telephoned again yesterday, asking for a report on what action I had taken. I told her that since she continued to remain anonymous, I could not discuss the matter with her and tried to explain why. She did not say she understood, but our conversation was civil.

I saw Lynn today and simply presented the information to him, stating that I was not making an accusation and not even asking for a response. He was upset by the accusation but thanked me for sharing the information with him. He said that he is affectionate with all children, but he clearly believed he has done no wrong.

Please advise me of anything further.

Thanks,

Rmk

5-24-89
All the letters in this packet are asking the Card. to re-consider his decision re Mr. Coffee. All include a return address.

The Card. has already answered similar letters re Mr. Coffee (2 examples are in my outbox now).

Would you please give back to — a card — I think she may have this letter on her WP + could send out the standard reply. — Mary.
March 20, 1991

FROM: Father [redacted]

TO: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Father Lynn Caffoe

These are some slightly filled-out notes I took in the February 26, 1991 meeting with Father [redacted] and yourself.

The pastor and the principal of St. James Parish came with a concern about how Father Lynn Caffoe relates to teenagers. Causes of concern include:

1) He runs a junior high youth group, a senior high youth group, and the R.C.I.A. Does almost nothing else. Didn't hear Confessions for about two years.

2) Several incidents which left [redacted] uncomfortable:
   
a) She walked into a darkened parish hall one afternoon, "felt" a presence, called out, no reply, and she left to get something from her car. Upon returning, she met Lynn with an eighth grader named [redacted] coming from a dark area behind the curtain. He talked as if everything was normal.

   b) She noticed his car parked by the school from 3:45 to about 5:30 on a weekday. Another [redacted] observed him carrying a bike with a young kid in tow near the end of that time. He was apparently alone with the kid in the school for over an hour and a half.

   c) [redacted] met several boys coming out of the rectory before some school event. They said they had to change their shirts in Father Lynn's room.

3) These less than shocking events apparently took on an ominous tone because of the way both Father [redacted] and [redacted] observe how Father Lynn behaves around boys. She said, "I turn away when I see him hug teenagers." Father [redacted] emphatically agreed that he had the same reaction. Father [redacted] seems to spend an inordinate amount of time with the boys hired to work in the rectory part-time.

When I suggested we talk to Father Lynn about this, Father [redacted] said Father Lynn would have to move if that happened because, "when it comes to anger, we're talking Charlie Manson here." Both Sister [redacted] and Father [redacted] told stories of Father Lynn's losing his temper at staff meetings, etc. Father [redacted] "At a moment's notice Father Lynn becomes very loud and angry, his face changes, he just goes 'wingy.'" I asked Sister [redacted] what effect his anger had on her. She said, "I'm afraid of him, even of physical violence, don't trust him. People are so afraid of his anger that they'd rather let him have his way."
MEMORANDUM

March 22, 1991

TO: Archbishop Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

I have met again with Fr. concerning Fr. Caffoe. Fr. was present. Based on what we have heard both from Fr. and the Principal of St. James School, we are planning to confront Fr. Caffoe right after Easter.

At this point there is testimony concerning a lot of suspicious activity and a few things that are clearly against policy, eg. minors in his room. As you know, Fr. Caffoe has been called in to the office on two occasions (January, 1975 and May 1989) for similar activity.

Fr. told me also that (whose home parish is St. James) has been approached by three families who have complained about the way Fr. Caffoe is overly familiar with their teenage sons. I had in to see me. One of the families claims that their son was invited to Fr. Caffoe's bedroom where they ran up $100 in phone calls on the 900 number. None of the people who have spoken to will let us use their names or testimony.

The broader problem seems to be Fr. Caffoe's explosive anger, his lack of adult friends and his unwillingness to hear confessions over the last several years. We have consulted with Dr. and will ask Fr. Caffoe to begin seeing him after our intervention.

I will keep you informed.

Very serious - please keep me informed.

+ Rm

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In the near future I will be setting up an Egypt W. Lynn College. 

P.S. Save these two letters for my meeting file — in anticipation of that event.

P.S. I'm going from other letters which I suspect will be attached later to these.
ARCHBISHOP ROGER MAHONY

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I thank you for your considerations in this very important matter to
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Sincerely, in Christ,

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe
Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

cc: Reverend Tim Dyer ✓

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Sincerely, in Christ,

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe
Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

cc: Reverend Tim Dyer

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April 5, 1991

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

RE: REV. LYNN CAFFOE

Father Lynn Caffoe, Father Tim Dyer, and I met for about an hour Tuesday morning, April 2. Father Dyer outlined the reason for our conference: a verbal report from a James school, describing their concern about Father Caffoe's behavior with adolescent boys and his tendency to "blow up" in rages that intimidate staff and parishioners. Father Dyer related an incident that left Sister worried and uncomfortable: She entered the stage area of the parish hall one afternoon, no lights on, and "felt" a presence of someone. She called out; no one answered. She returned to her car to fetch something she had forgotten, returned within a few minutes to meet Father Lynn coming from a darkened area behind the curtains with an eighth-grade boy behind him.

Father Dyer also mentioned concern about Father Lynn's having the same eighth-grader come to see him in the rectory during class time and another occasion of observing Father Caffoe alone with a youngster for a couple of hours in an empty school.

I expanded Father and description of Father Caffoe's anger episodes: Father "At a moment's notice, Lynn becomes very loud and angry, his face changes, he just goes 'wingy'." I'm afraid of him, even physically. I can't trust him. People are afraid of his anger so much that they'd rather let him have his way." I pointed out that reactions this severe from the staff indicate real pastoral abuse, a problem that deserves professional attention.

I failed to explicitly mention Father concern that, except for the R.C.I.A., Father Caffoe seems to be interested pastorally only in the junior high and senior high youth groups, and that he seems to spend an inordinate amount of time with the youngsters employed in the rectory. I focused my remarks on the combined effect of two matters:

1) In 1975 in Garden Grove and in 1989-90 at St. James, complaints were made to the Chancery by parents about the way Father Caffoe hugged and touched their children. On both occasions, Father Caffoe was confronted by the Chancellor/Vicar and protested that his behavior was absolutely appropriate and non-hurtful.

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2) I asked Father REDACTED and Sister REDACTED how they felt when they observed Father Caffoe with youngsters. Sister said, "I turn away when I seem him hug teenagers." Father REDACTED quickly added with strong emphasis, "I feel exactly the same way. When I noticed him, seated in the rectory office, reaching up several times to tousle a young man's hair, I had to turn away, with a funny feeling in my stomach."

I told Father Caffoe that his colleagues' strongly negative reaction, taken with the previous complaints, makes it very likely that his usual way of expressing affection to teenagers is unhealthy and harmful. As a result, we asked Father Caffoe to:

A) Restrict his physical contact with youngsters to a handshake —no hugging, touching, etc., at all. We said we would inform Father REDACTED and Sister REDACTED of this restriction.

B) To see Dr. REDACTED for consultation and evaluation.

Father Caffoe agreed to these requests, but added that:

1) He resents the "moral aspersions" cast on him by Father REDACTED and Sister REDACTED the unjustified inference. He denied absolutely that he had done anything wrong or harmful. [I reminded him that we were the ones making a judgment, that our judgment is not a moral one, but simply that his behavior requires professional assessment.]

2) He has an affectionate way of relating to people in his ministry. Inhibited or cold people will misinterpret that.

3) He would find it absolutely impossible to remain at St. James with these restrictions. The negative reaction of his colleagues together with the anticipated reaction of shock to a complete change in "personality," in ministerial style, is simply too much to take.

4) He indicated that a lack of complaints from 1975 to 1989, especially since for a good amount of that time he served in La Canada with well-educated, demanding parishioners, meant that the complaints actually made were mistaken, not substantial, or at least isolated.

5) He agreed to wait until May 1 to go on sabbatical, but no longer.

I assured Father Caffoe that we are not judging his intentions or denigrating his years of ministry, that one's behavior is often perceived very differently by the majority of people than the person himself would perceive it.

I urged Father Caffoe to be openminded as he contacted Dr. REDACTED
April 10, 1991

Rev. Lynn Caffee  
St. James Church  
415 Vincent Street  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Dear Lynn:

I received my copy of the letter you sent April 4 to the Archbishop. I want to thank you for that letter and tell you I appreciate your response in light of what was a most difficult session here in my office.

I would like to comment here on some of the proposals you made in your letter:

You had initially expressed the desire to leave St. James on May 1, and I appreciate the fact that you now want to extend that to June 1 out of consideration for Father [redacted] while Father [redacted] is on vacation.

As to your request for a sabbatical while in residence in a parish, we will need to clarify just what is meant by "sabbatical" over a year-long period; however, when we sit down to discuss the matter, the first thing in my mind will be consideration for your own health and well-being. I think you stated your intentions very well to the Archbishop when you wrote that you wanted time for rest, spiritual renewal, and learning more about yourself and your ministry.

The one matter I have to ask you to change in your proposal has to do with seeing Dr. [redacted]. I would like you to begin your sessions with him right away. He has been informed you will be contacting him this week, and he is awaiting your call.

You can reach me in my office at any time on Saturday, so that we can discuss any of the points in your letter. In the meantime, you are in my prayers as you face the difficulty and pain of making a transition from St. James parish. Again, I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely in Christ,

(Rev.,) Timothy J. Dyer  
Vicar for Clergy
MEMORANDUM

April 15, 1991

TO: Archbishop Mahony

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Fr. Caffoe

I want you to be aware of the letter (attached) that I sent to Fr. Caffoe in reply to his letter to you.

I spoke with him on Saturday and, though he was quite resistant, I stressed the need to begin evaluation and counseling with Dr. right away.

Thanks - I'll see him tonight at Confirmation, and will support your recommendations.

+ RM M

4-15-91
April 15, 1991

Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe  
Saint James Church  
415 Vincent Street  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Dear Lynn:

I have received your letter of April 4, 1991, which arrived while I was in Rome.

I have noted that Father Timothy Dyer, our Vicar for the Clergy, has already written to you in response to your letter. Please be assured that we will continue to work closely with you to develop your plans in the coming weeks.

Assuring you of my very special prayers and of my constant support for you during these days, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+  
Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Father Timothy Dyer
VICAR FOR CLERGY:
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

Dear Father Dyer;

I am writing this letter in continuance of the process we are undertaking about my efforts for the year commencing June 1st. My final weekend at St. James will be June 1st and 2nd.

To the matter of my hopes for the year ahead. I have made contact with Dr. [redacted] and have my first appointment with him Thursday, May 2nd. I assume these sessions will go on for awhile. It is my desire to take advantage of various courses, that I will soon check out at local Catholic universities, in updating in theology, scripture, and other related subjects pertinent to my priestly ministry. I would audit these classes, as I have no desire for acquiring a degree. I will do this throughout the year. In addition to the annual priests' retreat in June, I would also hope to avail myself of another retreat-type experience sometime during the year. Therefore, an extended sabbatical or sabbatical/educational leave, or whatever it might be called, would allow for a good opportunity of growth and transition from 20 years of priesthood, through the difficult time of the last four weeks, and the re-establishing of my own footing for the years of priesthood ahead.

Essential to me as well, will be my continuing to keep a certain amount of time available for ministry by being in residence in a parish during the year. I would strongly desire to take [redacted] unsolicited offer of residency at St. Bede's in La Canada. This arrangement would offer me considerable opportunities of ministry, in a parish I could well do ministry of varied types. The support of [redacted], who is knowledgeable in the whole situation at hand, would be incalculable to my general condition of health of
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I hope that the year long sabbatical plans meet with your approval. I obviously would like a resolution of my residence situation as quickly as possible so that I can make proper plans.

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cc: Archbishop Roger Mahony
SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT  
'To Be Completed by Reporting Party  
Pursuant to Penal Code Section 11166

A. CASE  
INVESTIGATION  
NUMBER

B. REPORTING 
PARTY

NAME TITLE
[Redacted]
ADDRESS
[Redacted]
PHONE
[Redacted]
DATE OF REPORT
May 8, 1991

C. REPORT 
SENT TO

AGENCY
Child Abuse Hotline
ADDRESS
[Redacted]
PHONE
(800) 540-4000
DATE/TIME
May 8, 1991 11:30AM

D. INVOLVED PARTIES 
(VICTIM/SIBLINGS)

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)
[Redacted]
BIRTHDATE
SEX
RACE
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)
[Redacted]
BIRTHDATE
SEX
RACE
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)
[Redacted]
BIRTHDATE
SEX
RACE

E. INCIDENT INFORMATION

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT
May 8, 1991
PLACE OF INCIDENT

1. OCCURRED
OBSERVED

IF CHILD WAS IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE AT TIME OF INCIDENT, CHECK TYPE OF CARE:

□ FAMILY DAY CARE
□ CHILD CARE CENTER
□ FOSTER FAMILY HOME
□ SMALL FAMILY HOME
□ GROUP HOME OR INSTITUTION

2. TYPE OF ABUSE: (CHECK ONE OR MORE)

□ PHYSICAL
□ MENTAL
□ SEXUAL ASSAULT
□ NEGLECT
□ OTHER

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

[Redacted]

4. SUMMARIZE WHAT THE ABUSED CHILD OR PERSON ACCOMPANYING THE CHILD SAID HAPPENED:

[Redacted]

5. EXPLAIN KNOWN HISTORY OF SIMILAR INCIDENT(S) FOR THIS CHILD:

[Redacted]

INSTRUCTIONS AND DISTRIBUTION ON REVERSE

DO NOT submit a copy of this form to the Department of Justice (DOJ). A CPA is required under Penal Code Section 11169 to submit to DOJ a Child Abuse Investigation Report Form SS-8583 if (1) an active investigation has been conducted and (2) the incident is not unfounded.

Police or Sheriff-WHITE Copy; County Welfare or Probation-BLUE Copy; District Attorney-GREEN Copy; Reporting Party-YELLOW Copy

200 4:00 FROM 0835

CCI 003674
May 9, 1991

Cont. from reporting form (PC 11166)

Caffe exhibited to children in the parish. They felt an uneasiness that they expressed to Fr. Dyer. Vicar for the clergy. discomfort centered around two incidents, the first of which was that she had heard that some of the boys used Fr. Caffe's room to change clothes in while attending a teen age dance. Fr. Caffe says the boys came with inappropriate ties and he but them on appropriate neck wear. The second incident involved entering the school auditorium it was dark and the felt the presence of some one called out and no one answered the boy returned in a few minutes and observed Fr. Caffe and a boy come from behind the curtain when she asked why they had not answered her before they did Fr. Caffe said they hadn't been lest they had headphones on and were doing something with the OJ setup. Along with and felt the presence of a person calling out the contents of this phone call did not include physical contact with the caller's son but gave rise to Fr. Dyer's mind the need for my service in evaluating Fr. Caffe. The anonymous caller refused to call me as Mr Dyer suggested she do so. I spoke to Fr. Caffe in a clinical interview situation and he denied any wrongdoing on May 2, 1991, and after speaking to him and after being informed Mr. Dyer's mind the need for my service my trip, reviewing the instances of suspicion when I spoke to both Mr. Dyer and Mr. Caffe they informed me that is not a reportable matter but I must let this report. During my conversation with Mr. Caffe when I asked him alone of the incident and auditorium incidents he gave me the names and if there are any further questions feel free to contact.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

DATE:  5-08-91

PLEASE DELIVER TO:
NAME:  REDACTED

AGENCY:  

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  REDACTED

FROM:
NAME:  CHILD ABUSE HOT LINE

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  (800) 540-4000  (Press 1)

SUBJECT:  Reporting form  (PC11166)

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NOTE:

Please call us if the telexcopy you receive is incomplete or illegible.
Our telephone number is (800) 540-4000 (Press 1)
May 8, 1991

Narrative of Report sent to Child Abuse Hot Line by [REDACTED] re Lynn Caffoe:

I am a clinical psychologist practicing in [REDACTED], California. From time to time I am referred patients from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, California, Office of Vicar for Clergy. I was referred a Roman Catholic priest named Fr. Lynn Caffoe for assessment and possible counseling given the findings. Father Dyer, Vicar for Clergy, gave me the following information. Fr. [REDACTED] and Sister [REDACTED] the pastor and the principal for the school respectively, felt uneasy with the quality and quantity of affection Fr. Caffoe exhibited to children in the parish. They felt an uneasyness that they expressed to Fr. Dyer, Vicar for the Clergy. Sister [REDACTED] discomfort centered around two incidents, the first of which was that she had heard that some of the boys used Fr. Caffoe's room to change clothes in while attending a teenage dance, Fr. Caffoe says the boys came with inappropriate ties and he lent them appropriate neckwear. The second incident involved Sister [REDACTED] entering the school auditorium. It was dark and she felt the presence of someone, called out and no one answered. She left, returned in a few minutes and observed Fr. Caffoe and a boy come from behind the curtain. When she asked why they had not answered her before, they or Fr. Caffoe said they didn't hear her, they had headphones on and were doing something with the D.J. setup. Along with Fr. [REDACTED] and Sister [REDACTED] discomfort, Fr. Dyer received an anonymous phone call, the contents of this phone call did not include physical contact with the caller's son but gave rise in Fr. Dyer's mind to the need for my services in evaluating Fr. Caffoe. The anonymous caller refused to call me when Fr. Dyer suggested she do so. I spoke to Fr. Caffoe in a clinical interview situation and he denied any wrongdoing on May 2, 1991. I also administered the MMPI x MCMI. I met again with Fr. Caffoe on May 8, 1991, and after speaking to the [REDACTED] of Child Abuse Hot Line, I am reporting these instances of suspicion. When I spoke to both Ms. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] they informed me this is not a reportable matter but I must file this report. During my conversation with Fr. Caffoe when I asked him the names of the boys in the tie and auditorium incidents he gave me the names [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. If there are any further questions feel free to contact.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

cc: Fr. Dyer
May 10, 1991

FROM: [Redacted]
TO: FR. DYER
RE: SUMMARY OF WHAT I THINK YOU WANT TO SAY TO FR. CAFFOE

We are going on the assumption, on the judgment, that you have a problem in your relating to youngsters for these reasons:

1) Three distinct reports have come to this office over a long period of time from parents and teachers expressing serious concern over the way you embrace and relate to young boys. The fact that your behavior could elicit this concern after two separate warnings to "take care" from this office is significant.

2) The incident in the auditorium remains strongly suggestive of improper behavior.

3) The intensity of the reactions on the part of Sister [Redacted] and Father [Redacted] ("have to turn away," "had to look away with a sick feeling in my stomach") when they observed you hugging and touching boys strongly indicates improper and even harmful behavior.

4) Given the above observations, we are confident that most mature people would be deeply concerned in the same way we are. That you do not seem to see that our concern is reasonable is very disturbing.

For these reasons, we want you to:

A) Abide by the handshake only restriction with kids;

B) Continue evaluation with Dr. [Redacted]

C) Follow the recommendations that come out of the evaluation.
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES AND REV. LYNN R. CAFFOE

May 13, 1991

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(Rev.) Lynn R. Caffoe

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cc:
MEMORANDUM

May 14, 1991

TO: Archbishop Mahony

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Fr. Caffoe

Attached are materials which will update you on the status of Fr. Caffoe: 1) The signed agreement which outline the conditions for Fr. Caffoe's continued stay at St. James; 2) summary of the points prepared by Fr. [redacted] which I covered in my 5/13/91 meeting with Fr. Caffoe; 3) the report made by Dr. [redacted] to Child Abuse Hot Line re Fr. Caffoe; 4) Fr. Caffoe's 4/29 letter of request (which you have already seen).

Dr. [redacted] will continue to see Fr. Caffoe and has one more test to administer. He will then give me a report by the time I meet with Fr. Caffoe on June 3rd at 10am.

Fr. Caffoe is insistent that he be given a residence but I have explained that cannot be done without first reviewing the report from Dr. [redacted].

These days are informal-steps to date seem sound.

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Psychodiagnostic Assessment

Date: May 25, 1991
Name: Lynn Caffoe
Age: 45
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Tested by: [Redacted]
Dates Tested: May 6-20, 1991
Referral Question: Assessment of subject's intellectual and cognitive functioning in the light of allegations of pedaphilia.

Tests Administered: [Redacted]

Summary:

Certainly psychological testing was not designed for the purpose of assessing the presence of pedaphilia in a subject. But if someone were guilty of a behavior as aberrant as pedaphilia, we would expect them to respond in a certain style that would include: a defended manner, a paucity of affect, and elevations on the psychopathic indexes. In each of these areas, Fr. Caffoe's data is positive. Basically the data is typical of an individual who has something to hide. Whereas my data cannot confirm pedaphilia, the data leaves me with great concern and suspicion. I would recommend a deeper and more comprehensive evaluation by experts in the field of treatment and assessment of pedaphilia. Given the seriousness of the referral question, I
am etically bound to strongly recommend assessment at St. Lukes Institute or a facility with equal expertise in the area of pedaphilia.
I have also noticed this pattern among individuals who engage in sexual acting-out behavior, as in the case of sex addicts. This pattern is present when the sexual behavior is either syntonic or dystonic. It would be a pattern consistent with a diagnosis of pedophilia.
May 31, 1991

Rev. Lynn Caffoe
St. James Church
415 Vincent Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Dear Father Caffoe:

The following arrangements have been made for your trip to St. Luke Institute and you will be receiving the tickets in the mail shortly:

Leave LAX on June 9 at 7:00 A.M. US Air flight 1108. Arrive Washington, D.C. at 4:17 P.M. You will be picked up upon arrival.

Leave Washington, D.C. on June 14 at 4:30 P.M. US Air flight 1157. Arrive LAX at 8:26 P.M.

Wishing you God's blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
June 3, 1991

Dear Dr. REDACTED and Staff,

We are sending Fr. Lynn Caffoe for evaluation and recommendations. Fr. Caffoe is 45 years of age, ordained in 1971 and has served as associate pastor in four parishes during the 20 years since his ordination. In general we are concerned about REDACTED and the possibility of ephebophilia.

REDACTED

In January 1975, parents came to the pastor of his first parish and complained that Fr. Caffoe was overly affectionate with some of the altar boys. Fr. Caffoe denied any wrongdoing and wanted an immediate transfer. After meeting with some of the parents to clear up "misunderstandings", he withdrew his request for immediate transfer and stayed on four more months until the fulfillment of his four-year term.

During his second assignment ('75-'82) there is no record of any complaint. However, the pastor of his third parish ('82-'86) describes him as "charismatic" with youth and says that teenage boys from the second parish followed him to his new assignment. He recalls at least one occasion when some of these boys were in Fr. Caffoe's room -- "laughing and having a good time". (It is against our Archdiocesan policy for priests to have minors in their rooms.) He also was often in the company of one boy in particular and took him on vacations several times as his sole companion. (When I asked Fr. Caffoe about this, he angrily denied any impropriety and said that our policy was not in "written form" during the years in question. I then received a phonecall from the boy's mother -- by now, of course, he is no longer a minor -- saying that Fr. Caffoe was a "trusted friend" of the family and they had no reason to question their son's going on vacation with him.) In 1989, during Fr. Caffoe's fourth assignment ('86-'91), a call came to the Vicar's office -- critical and accusing -- regarding his behavior with teenage boys. The caller described prolonged embracing of a thirteen year-old boy followed by a whack on the rear and another embrace. (Being anonymous -- it was presented to Fr. Caffoe for his own information and not as an accusation.)

Beginning in March of 1991, a number of sources provided information which has led to intervention and the present need for evaluation at REDACTED Fr. REDACTED pastor (since 7/90) of the parish where Fr. Caffoe is associate, and Sister REDACTED, principal of the parish school, came to this office to report the following:

1) Fr. Caffoe runs a junior high youth group, a senior high youth group and
the R.C.I.A. Does almost nothing else. Has skipped hearing confessions --

though he makes out the schedule of confessors and assigns himself -- for

nearly two years.

2) Several incidents with teenage boys which left Sr. REDACTED

uncomfortable:

a) Fr. Caffoe, without asking her permission, began taking one of the

junior high boys out of the classroom during school hours in order
to see him for about an hour in the rectory. This went on monthly
and she was unaware of it until the secretary informed her. The
boy's name is REDACTED and he was hired to work in the rectory.
He is described as "bright, good looking and from a troubled
home."

b) Sister walked into a darkened parish hall one afternoon, "felt" a

presence, called out, no reply, left to get something out of her car
and, upon returning, met Fr. Caffoe coming out from a dark
(described as "pitch black") area on the stage behind the curtain -
- accompanied by REDACTED. Fr. Caffoe talked as if everything
were normal.

c) She noticed his car parked by the school from 3:45pm until about

5:30pm on a weekday. Another sister observed him leaving with a
young boy near the end of that time -- apparently alone with the
boy in the school for nearly two hours.

d) She met several boys coming out of the rectory before some school

event. They said they had to change shirts in Fr. Caffoe's room.

3) These less-than-shocking events apparently took on an ominous tone because

of the way both Fr. REDACTED and Sister REDACTED seemed to

perceive Fr. Caffoe's behavior in general around boys. She said "I have to turn away when I see him
hug teenagers." Fr. REDACTED had the same reaction and described the feeling of
revulsion on one occasion in the rectory where Fr. Caffoe (seated) ran his hand
up a boy's side and was fondling his hair while talking to him. Fr. Caffoe seems
to spend an inordinate amount of time with the boys hired to work in the
rectory office.

In May of this year I received a call from REDACTED, an "intern" (6-month
pastoral assignment -- 18 months prior to priesthood ordination) at the parish
where Fr. Caffoe is associate. He had no knowledge of the discussions going
on among pastor, principal, Fr. Caffoe and myself. After three months in the
parish he went with his concerns to the pastor who then put him in touch with me:

a) One evening as dinner was being set for REDACTED and Fr. Caffoe in the
rectory dining room, REDACTED entered the room and saw one of the office
boys standing next to Fr. Caffoe who was seated. Fr. Caffoe had his
hand up the boy's back (under his shirt) and was "carressing" him up
to the point of the shoulder blades. When the boy saw REDACTED he appeared
embarrassed and Fr. Caffoe withdrew his hand as if nothing had
happened. By the end of that week the boy "disappeared" from rectory service -- sending his brother to substitute for him.

b) REDACTED names five boys (one of them -- REDACTED) who are particularly close to Fr. Caffoe. When they come in for work, he greets them with a prolonged embrace (10 seconds) and often kisses them on the cheek. The boys seem to "tolerate" this -- standing with their arms at their sides while the embrace goes on. REDACTED describes the "embrace" as Fr. Caffoe's "totally wrapping himself around the kid". While they are in the rectory, Fr. Caffoe teases them, converses with them, pays a lot of attention to them, REDACTED describes the hugs and attention as "smothering" the youngsters.

c) The pastor concurs that these are the five boys about whom he is likewise concerned. They seem to fall into this pattern: bright, good looking and a problematic home (where there has either been a divorce or a father who is emotionally or physically absent).

d) REDACTED says that REDACTED seems to be struggling with his identity more than the normal teenager. He is quick to go with older males to talk (has mentioned to REDACTED that he'd be more than happy to have a talk with him). Of the five boys, it appears to REDACTED that REDACTED and the 16 year-old whose back Fr. Caffoe carressed at the dinner table are the two who are most "involved".

Before calling Fr. Caffoe in and eventually having him see Dr. REDACTED for evaluation (attached), I met, at the suggestion of Fr. REDACTED with a transitional deacon from the parish who knows Fr. Caffoe quite well. This deacon, REDACTED has been in the parish for years and has been approached by or been in conversation with three sets of parents who are uncomfortable with the way Fr. Caffoe has related to their boys. None of these parents would allow their names to be used. He put me in touch with one of the parents who spoke to me on four occasions without giving her name. Her son had worked at the rectory (not one of the five mentioned above) and had confided in her three incidents which she related to me under the strictest conditions. She said that her son had told her not to tell anyone and she did not want this information (the three incidents) to ever get back to Fr. Caffoe inasmuch as he would know immediately where it came from. She does not to break a confidence with her son, but said that for the sake of Fr. Lynn I could share these incidents with you at St. Luke's (as I was permitted to do also with
Dr. [redacted] provided you not divulge them -- even indirectly -- to Fr. Caffoe. While this information was given me anonymously, it seemed to me most credible. (I have spoken by phone about this matter with Dr. [redacted]):

a) This boy (15 years of age) came out from taking a shower one evening -- crying and saying that he thought he wasn't "normal". He told his mother that he had not masturbated and Fr. Caffoe told him that he should be able to do so.

b) Once, while in the rectory, Fr. Caffoe (from upstairs -- stairway corridor?) had "mooned" him.

c) On one occasion Fr. Caffoe invited him up to his room and, using his private telephone, called the 900# (a pornographic line) and ran up a bill of over one hundred dollars.

The relating of these incidents and the four conversations I had with this boy's mother took place over the phone. My number was given her by [redacted] and she placed the calls to me. Dr. [redacted] saw Fr. Caffoe four times and on the second visit felt that a report should be made to Child Abuse authorities. This was done and they asked if any of the incidents had involved "touch". Inasmuch as the testimony from the Intern, [redacted], had not yet come in and the three incidents above were given by phone with no names, the doctor reported only the initial experiences reported by Fr. [redacted] and Sr. [redacted] and no police investigation was recommended by Child Abuse.

At this point, a "resident" assignment has been given Fr. Caffoe and he has been asked to go to [redacted]. He has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing of a serious nature. We are interested in your evaluation as regards ephebophilia and the nature of his anger. We are not certain that he is a good candidate for therapy. (He has told his pastor that he will not be hospitalized.) We are wondering about your recommendations regarding a future assignment including any restrictions that should be placed on it. Until we have professional recommendations of a positive nature, we are not prepared to give him any ministerial assignment. We wonder about the advisability of residential treatment as opposed to an out-patient situation with residence in one of our parishes.

As you can see, we are most concerned about Fr. Caffoe and somewhat at a loss as to how to proceed with care for him. He is very angry at present -- saying that the [redacted] report has labeled him a "pedophile" and destroyed his
Sincerely yours in Christ,

24. Timothy Dyer
Reverend Vicar for the Clergy

priesthood.
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Saint Luke Institute

June 19, 1991

CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1331 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe

Dear Excellency:

This letter will serve to document our evaluation of Reverend Lynn Caffoe, a 45 year old priest from your Archdiocese. The request for evaluation was stimulated by concerns voiced from a number of sources over Father Caffoe’s affectionate behavior with teenage boys. There are no allegations of direct genital contact and Father Caffoe consistently denies any impropriety in his behavior. He does acknowledge a strong interest in youth and he spends a great deal of time with this age group, both ministerially and socially. As early as his first assignment in 1975, the pastor of his parish received complaints from parents that Father Caffoe was overly affectionate with some of the altar boys. He denied any wrongdoing and completed this assignment apparently without further difficulty.

Over the last two years, concerns have been expressed about Father Caffoe’s behavior by several individuals. A couple of factors have made it difficult to deal with these criticisms. Some of the the comments have been anonymous, others have been expressed with reservations based on fear of Father Caffoe’s anger. Over the last couple of months, several people, who either live or work with Father Caffoe have been willing to share their observations about his affectionate displays towards teenagers. His pattern of prolonged nuzzling, kissing and stroking of teenage boys certainly warrants concern on the part of the Diocese about a possible sexual behavior disorder. The need for a comprehensive evaluation was fully warranted.

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2420 Brooks Drive • Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294 • (301) 967-3700 • FAX: (301) 967-3953
Affiliated with the Daughters of Charity, National Health System
Father Caffoe came to the Saint Luke Institute on June 9, 1991 and participated in a cooperative manner in our standard assessment protocol. He was angry about the circumstances of referral and felt that he had been misjudged.
Again

Father Caffoe consistently denies any improper touching of any of these children. He is not aware of sexual excitation when he is affectionate to them and they are not incorporated into any masturbation fantasies. Although he denies impropriety in his behavior Father Caffoe has made some progress in acknowledging that if his behavior recurrently generates discomfort in others he may have some responsibility for altering it.
REDACTED
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Sexual Disorder, not otherwise specified - unintegrated sexuality
rule out ephebophilia
RECOMMENDATIONS

Although we do not make a diagnosis of ephebophilia, we think that Father Caffoe's exaggerated reliance on youth to meet his affectional needs is a problem. Efforts in the past to get him to recognize the discomforting exaggerations in his rendering of affection have not yielded much change. His psychological make-up puts him at risk for recurrent mis-matches between how he sees himself and how the world sees him.

Respectfully,

cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
6/26/91
Interview with Fr. REDACTED

-- Saw Fr. Lynn Caffoe on one occasion this year -- in the dining room with REDACTED He was facing the youth, arms around him, hands on both the youth's buttocks -- massaging them.

-- "hundreds of times" over the years I've seen him (Lynn) take boys to his room (one, sometimes two at a time) and he'd shut the door and bolt lock it shut from the inside. He'd do this any time of the day and in the evening up till 8pm. Some of these boys worked in the rectory, others did not.

-- Has a terrible, violent temper.

-- No scruples about spending money.

-- People are afraid of him.

-- He wants to control everybody and everything.

-- Didn't hear confessions.

-- Several times slept over at the home of the REDACTED (This was the only item REDACTED did not give me permission to say to Lynn).

-- "I can tell you right now that Lynn will accept no help -- he will tell you that everyone else is wrong and he'll always deny what's been said about him."

6/27/91.
Conversation with Fr. REDACTED

--- REDACTED and REDACTED helped Lynn move out of the rectory. Lynn drove in the truck with them (one boy at a time) -- violating the signed agreement he made with the Archdiocese.
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Please write Mr. Carter:

Dear Lynne,

The Cardinal will be out of town this coming week. I must wait until he returns to share with him your response to his directions that you go to St. Luke's Institute for residential therapy.

I will be in touch with you, Lynne, early the following week (July 15 - 19).

Sincerely yours,
July 8, 1991

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Church
3954 Palo Verde
Long Beach, CA 90808

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(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
MEMORANDUM

July 15, 1991

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

CONFIDENTIAL

I spoke with Dr. following Fr. Caffoe's evaluation. He told me he was at some risk for depression and there was even some indication that he could become suicidal -- though that was not the case at present. I did, however, make Fr. aware of the situation and he has been very solicitous and caring in Fr. Caffoe's regard. Dr. predicted resistance and anger (which he said was "largely self-protective") from Fr. Caffoe and that's exactly what we got.

Fr. and I met with Fr. Caffoe on July 1st. I presented him with need to go to residential therapy in light of the St. Luke's report. He proceeded to tear the report apart -- making a paragraph by paragraph denial of their assessment. He said there was no way in the world he would go back there -- calling the place a "looney bin" and saying it would destroy him. He declared that although you said the therapy was a "must", it was for him a matter of conscience not to allow himself to be ruined by going to St. Luke's.

Fr. Caffoe continues to impugn everyone who has given any testimony about his behavior. Fr. came to see me during the retreat to report that during their years together, Fr. Caffoe had taken boys to his room "hundreds of times" -- always bolt locking his door from the inside. He also gave an example of having seen Fr. Caffoe with his arms around a 16 year-old boy -- his hands on the boy's buttocks, massaging them. Upon my presenting this to Fr. Caffoe, he denied it and broke into a tirade about Fr. That was similar to his reaction to the testimony of (intern at St. James) as well as to that of Fr. and Sr.

Fr. reports to me that Fr. Caffoe breached the 5/13/91 "agreement" (attached) which he signed. He had a minor boy in the truck with him as he made several trips back and forth from St. James to St. Maria Goretti's while moving out. Fr. further says that Fr. Caffoe upon leaving had still not come up with marriage and adult baptismal data for the parish records. During five years of directing RCIA at St. James, he failed to record any of the adult baptisms and Fr. estimates there are nearly marriages he has not documented.

At this point Fr. Caffoe is unassignable. He does not complete the ordinary functions expected of a parish priest, his anger is intolerable,
his treatment of minor boys -- harmful and dangerous, his attitude hostile and abusive, as Fr. and I have observed. Throughout our conversations he has never admitted that anyone's testimony had any validity. He now impugns the professional reports from both Dr. and St. Luke's. When I told him that his refusal to go to therapy meant he was unfit for an assignment, he retorted "Fine! then I'll just stay in residence for the next 20 years." I explained that that was not an option.

Unfortunately, I think we have reached the point where you must give him an ultimatum in writing. According to Dr. Fr. Caffoe is I suspect there may be in Fr. Caffoe's mind a real questioning of his vocation and Fr. thinks he prefers to remain in the present situation where he can claim that he was "kicked out". I suggest you tell him that he is making a decision which leaves us no choice but to relieve him of ministry.

This is all intolerable and unacceptable to me - please see me on July 18 or 19.

Thanks!

+ RKM

7-17-91

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July 17, 1991

Reverend Lynn Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Parish
3954 Palo Verde
Long Beach, California  90808

Dear Father Caffoe:

I have been following closely the various interventions at my personal direction by Father Timothy Dyer dealing with the many problems associated with your priestly life and ministry.

I have also read in detail the report and recommendations from Doctor at St. Luke’s Institute on the East Coast.

Having followed each and every step personally and closely, I must now conclude that there can be only one option for you at this time:

You must enter the St. Luke’s Institute Residence Program on or before August 1, 1991, and you must participate actively in every phase of that Program. Your failure to accept this assignment will result in your loss of all Faculties in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and your loss of any assignment—even in residence—within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, effective July 31, 1991.

Furthermore, I will be required to advise any other Bishop that your past conduct as a priest is such that no Bishop or Diocese should consider offering you Faculties even on a temporary basis.

I fear that you do not understand either the depth of your personal problems or the consequent actions of those problems, and that you are unwilling to allow professionals assist you in facing those problems realistically with the hope of arriving at some resolution of those personal difficulties.

The good of the whole Church and of our Archdiocese of Los Angeles compels me to take this very strong stance with you at this time in your priestly ministry.
I am hopeful that you will understand that all of us have one objective in mind: your receiving the best professional treatment possible for serious personal problems which impact very negatively upon your priestly life and ministry.

May I please ask that you respond to this letter in writing, and I hope that you now realize there is only one acceptable option open to you.

Assuring you of my prayers during these difficult days, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Roger Card. Mahony

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
July 17, 1991

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Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM ARCHBISHOP ROGER MAHONY

TO:  
DATE: 7-12-91

( ) Please REVIEW, then SEE ME
( ) Please REVIEW, then RETURN to me
( ) Please REVIEW, then SEND me your COMMENTS
( ) Please REVIEW, then FILE

( ) Please HANDLE this matter ENTIRELY
( ) Please ANSWER; send copy of letter to me
( ) Please WRITE A REPLY for my signature
( ) For your INFORMATION
( ) Please XEROX - FAX and send copy/copies to:

( ) original to file
( ) original back to me

REMARKS:

[Handwritten note: Mail this tonight at Terminal Annex + RMA]
CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY  
Archbishop of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

Your Eminence:  

As per your directive in your letter to me dated July 17th, I am writing this letter to respond.  

I made contact by phone with Dr. [removed] at Saint Luke's Institute to clear up questions I had about the Residence Program. We had a lengthy conversation. In light of my conversation with him, significant prayer, lengthy conversations with friends and my spiritual director, I have concluded that I will avail myself of the approximately six month Residence Program after August 1st. In my conversation with Dr. [removed], he informed me that they were full at the institute now, and he put me down as a reservation for a space when one becomes available around the 6th or 7th of August or thereabouts.  

I would ask that you have the Office of Vicar for Clergy make the necessary arrangements for my beginning the program, and to keep me well posted as to the arrangements. It would be most helpful for Fr. Dyer to be in communication with me concerning the particulars, so that I can resolve some practical questions and needs that I have, as I strive to tie together a lot of the loose ends before leaving Southern California for six months.

Thank you for your considerations,

In Christ,  

Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

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CONFIDENTIAL

July 29, 1991

Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Church
3954 Palo Verde Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90808

Dear Father Caffoe:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 23, 1991, and I was very pleased to learn that you have agreed to enter the Residence Program at St. Luke's Institute on the east coast.

I have shared this information with Father Timothy Dyer, and he will work closely with you to make the necessary arrangements for your entry into this program.

I am confident that you will find the program both challenging and fruitful for your own life and ministry, and I know that your willingness to cooperate fully in all phases of the program will be a key element to the positive outcome which we all desire.

Assuring you of my special prayers as you enter the program in early August, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

9666
July 30, 1991

His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahoney
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Your Eminence:

I am writing this letter concerning Father Lynn Caffoe. I have known Father Caffoe and his family for the past twenty years. Father and I worked very closely during his first assignment at Saint Callistus in Garden Grove where he was very actively involved in all aspects of parish life, including school, CCD and adult education. Many people have profited from his priestly ministry during his twenty years in Orange County and Los Angeles.

I am very aware of the situation that involves Father Caffoe at this time. He has shared with me the appointments that he has had with the Vicar for Clergy, his psychological reports, and your letter.

Although I do have some reservations concerning the severity of your letter, the main objective as stated in your letter, and the second hand information you have received, I am not writing this letter in defense of Father Caffoe nor do I wish to undermine your authority.

Contrary to what was stated in your letter, however, Father Caffoe did not refuse psychological help. He made it very clear to your Vicar for Clergy several times that he would be willing to seek psychological help at a local facility on a regular basis, so that he could continue his priestly ministry.

Your Eminence, I am writing this letter to you because your brother priest is hurting. He is emotionally and psychologically damaged by the accusations made about him and by the psychological report he has received which have led him to the cessation of his priestly ministry for the next few months. I am concerned about your unwillingness to meet with Father Caffoe personally to discuss this problem. He had stated to your Vicar for Clergy at their last meeting that he presumed you would speak to him before you put forth your ultimatum. Your letter stating that you wanted a response in writing surely closed any doors to verbal communication.

As Jesus took time to comfort the sorrowing, heal the sick and speak to his followers, I do hope that you will reconsider and speak to Father Caffoe to assure him of your support and understanding during this very difficult period in his life.

Father Caffoe is a gift to the priesthood. I thank God that he has made the decision to assume residency in Maryland for the next few months and not to leave the priesthood.

May God bless you and guide you as you continue to work for our Church in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
August 1, 1991

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Church
3954 Palo Verde
Long Beach, CA 90808

Dear Lynn:

As you know from his letter to you of July 29, Cardinal Mahony has asked me to work closely with you to make the necessary preparations for your entrance into the program at St. Luke's. This does not simply entail flight arrangements, but also involves helping you to see clearly the Archdiocese's intent in recommending you to St. Luke's.

Based on the strong reactions to the prospect of residential therapy you showed here in my office, and knowing that the Cardinal has now given you no other alternative, I believe I must make it clear that time at St. Luke's is not the ticket to your next assignment and continued active ministry. It is not time served, but observed change, verified by the staff at St. Luke's that will open ministry to you once again. This is the meaning of the Cardinal's statement that "your willingness to cooperate fully in all phases of the program will be a key element to the positive outcome which we all desire."

To my knowledge, there has never been any acceptance on your part of serious problems in your life, apart from "some anger". This is certainly at odds with our stance and inconsistent with extended residential therapy at St. Luke's. While you may not at this point agree that there is any major problem, we see you in a state of denial, and we expect you to be open to therapy which, if you allow it to do so, can help you see the very real problems of which we have ample evidence.

For you to go to St. Luke's with a closed mind, to simply tolerate the program and not truly enter into it, to never come to the point of seeing the need for serious change in your behavior, would not be worthwhile for you or the Archdiocese.

We will stand by you and support you and finance this professional treatment to the maximum; we will enter into dialogue and keep you in our constant prayers; but it must be clear from the beginning that the outcome we are looking for is a demonstration during your therapy that you have come to terms with the problems we have observed to the extent that we will have the moral certitude necessary to entrust you with another assignment.

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Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe

Let me finally say that all I have written here is with the expressed approval of Cardinal Mahony.

I have spoken to Dr. \[\text{[redacted]}\] since your own phone conversation with him. He is looking forward to your coming and is most desirous of working with you towards a positive outcome.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
Date: August 1, 1991
From: Father Timothy Dyer
To: Cardinal Mahony
Re: Father Lynn Caffoe

Attached is draft of a letter I propose to send to Lynn Caffoe. As you can see, I have made it very strong and pounded away at the same theme over and over again--because my experience with Lynn in the office made me clearly see the need for that.

I would appreciate any comments or corrections you may have.

Sincerely,

+ RMM
8-1-91
August 2, 1991

Dear Dr. [Redacted]

With regard to Father Lynn Caffoe, in addition to the 5-page introduction and report from Dr. [Redacted] that I sent you in June 1991 in preparation for his evaluation, I would now like to send you some further information, as well as my present reading of the situation.

The additional information consists of testimony received from Father [Redacted], who has been an Associate Pastor at St. James Church, Redondo Beach for as long as Father Caffoe has been assigned there. He came to me when he heard that Father Caffoe was leaving to report to me that Father Caffoe had taken boys aged 13 through 17 to his upstairs room "hundreds of times--always bolt locking his door from the inside." He further stated he had seen Father Caffoe with his arms around a 16-year-old boy (mentioned in my earlier report)--"his hands on the boy's buttocks, massaging them."

Apart from Father Caffoe's behavior with minors, [Redacted]

Prior to Father [Redacted] testimony, we had no direct knowledge of boys in Father Caffoe's room with him. Father [Redacted] is a reliable witness, and he makes it clear that "minors in Father Caffoe's room behind a locked door" was common practice.
Attached is a copy of the letter sent to Father Caffoe that outlines the position of the Archdiocese in respect to his going to St. Luke's and the possibility of future ministry. I would be happy to discuss this with you at any time and to answer any questions you may have.

We are hoping for the best, and we are glad that Father Caffoe has decided to go to St. Luke's. We think it is the best plan for him. But I must be frank in saying that we see him as a very troubled and sick man, and we will have to see significant change before recommending a future assignment.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
August 7, 1991

Dear [name]

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 30, 1991, and I certainly understand your point of view with respect to Father Lynn Caffoe.

Given the special confidentiality surrounding personnel matters, I know that you will understand my inability to go into detail with his situation. However, I can assure you that the reality and history are far more serious and tragic than you will ever know.

I strongly urge you to support Father Caffoe in the overall evaluation process which he will be undergoing shortly. It is imperative that all of us, especially those close to him, urge his total and open participation in the processes which lie ahead.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
August 14, 1991

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe
St. Maria Goretti Church
3954 Palo Verde
Long Beach, CA 90808

Dear Lynn:

By now you should have received from O'Callaghan Travel your ticket to Washington on August 21. We have notified St. Luke's of your flight arrival time, so they will be picking you up at the airport.

You should also have received from St. Luke's some informational material that will answer the questions you had about what you need to bring for your stay.

Also, as we discussed by phone, your salary (including Ordination Increment and $250 in lieu of stipends) will be sent to you at St. Luke's at the end of each month.

We spoke on the phone also about the car. Sierra Leasing is expecting its return by August 21.

Should you have any other questions prior to leaving, please call me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
Saint Luke Institute -
Date of Admission: August 22, 1991

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

This letter is meant to acknowledge that the above named patient, Reverend Lynn Caffoe, was admitted on August 22, 1991, as scheduled, to the Saint Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland. During Father Caffoe's residency at the Institute, his therapist is [redacted] and he will be in contact with you regularly concerning Father Caffoe's progress and needs. Should you have any questions concerning Father Caffoe, please feel free to contact Mr. [redacted]

Sincerely,

Curtis C. Bryant, S.J., Ph.D.
Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY

TO: [Signature] DATE: 9-3-91

☐ Please REVIEW, then SEE ME
☐ Please REVIEW, then RETURN to me
☐ Please REVIEW, then SEND me your COMMENTS
☒ Please REVIEW, then FILE

☐ Please HANDLE this matter ENTIRELY
☐ Please ANSWER; send copy of letter to me
☐ Please WRITE A REPLY for my signature
☒ For your INFORMATION
☐ Please XEROX - FAX and send copy/copies to:

☐ original to file  ☐ original back to me

REMARKS:

[Signature]

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Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
Saint Luke Institute - 
Date of Admission: August 22, 1991

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

This letter is in regard to the progress of Father Lynn Caffoe who is in his second month of treatment here at Saint Luke Institute. Father Caffoe is continuing to make progress in his recovery program.
Thank you for offering this opportunity for a renewed life to Father Caffoe. We will correspond with you in the months to come regarding his continuing progress.

Our prayers for you and for your continuing ministry in the Lord.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Curtis C. Bryant, S.J., Ph.D.
Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
December 19, 1991

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Since you were away at the time Father [REDACTED] and I visited [REDACTED] and met with Father Lynn Caffoe, I feel it is important to let you know where we stand with regard to Father Caffoe's future.

In the first place, the main reason that Father Caffoe was sent to St. Luke's was the issue of grossly inappropriate, affectionate behavior towards teens, observed over a period of years in several parishes. Judging from what we heard in our interview with him on November 5, it is our conclusion that Father Caffoe has not dealt well with this central issue and, consequently, we cannot in good conscience place him again in a position of trust within the priestly ministry.

When we met with Father Caffoe, he spent about 15 minutes reviewing the work he had done in the previous two months. He acknowledged his intense anger. He revealed past indiscretions with prostitutes and his tendency towards compulsive masturbation. Frankly, we did not find that to be of great significance. Not once during that 15 minutes did he mention anything about his involvement with and behavior towards minors. When I brought that to his attention, he acknowledged only that he had come to understand how others might have perceived his behavior to be improper. He became defensive and, three times, said "Well, I guess one is guilty until proven innocent."

I spoke to Dr. [REDACTED] on December 14, and he informed me that there had been something of a "breakthrough", in that Father Caffoe has acknowledged that he now sees how putting his arm around a youngster was an invasion of boundary. This is so drastically short of our appreciation of the effects of his behavior that our judgment has not changed.

Our reading on Father Caffoe dates back in our files to his first assignment 20 years ago, when a parent came in to complain about his affectionate behavior around younger boys. In subsequent assignments, his focus in ministry continued to be young people,
and we find now that his pastors did not bring to our attention at the time the fact that he was bringing minors to his room and going on vacation alone with them.

In Father Caffoe's last parish, two priests and the principal of the school described numerous occasions on which they had observed self-nurturing, exploitative behavior with minors, in which he played a quasi-father role and approached borderline sexual behavior with them. One of the priests, as you know, has testified to Father Caffoe's locking the door to his room with one or two minors inside on "hundreds of occasions".

All these observations tell us that he has been living emotionally off youngsters, and this, together with his intense temper—which can control and intimidate—makes us believe that damage has been done to these young people, and that we cannot trust him in future ministry.

It is the combination of multiple testimony and Father Caffoe's deepseated denial of such observations that brings me to the conclusion that at least to this point our plans are to help Father Caffoe adjust to life outside priestly ministry following his treatment at St. Luke's.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

cc: Dr. [redacted]
December 19, 1991

His Eminence Roger M. Cardinal Mahony, D.D.
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Rev. Lynn Caffoe

Dear Cardinal Mahony:

This letter is in regard to the progress of Father Lynn Caffoe who is in his fourth month of treatment here at Saint Luke Institute.
Most Rev. Roger M. Mahony, DD
Re: Rev. Lynn Caffoe

December 19, 1991

We are delighted that Father Dyer will be able to visit Saint Luke Institute in February. During the course of this visit, we would hope to share with him at greater length Father Caffoe's progress and what issues face him as he enters into a new phase of his treatment process.

Our prayers for you and blessings of the Christmas season.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Curtis C. Bryant, SJ, PhD
Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

cc: Lynn Caffoe
5/17/89 Anonymous called. Called again. See memo to _____ re previous call. Wanted a report on what I had done. Told her I could not discuss. Told her I took it seriously and would do so. Would not say if I had told my superiors or the pastor. Asked her if her attorney would contact me. She said the contact would only be for the purpose of sending her a report and I told her I could not do that. She asked why I would not give a report, and I told her I did not know who she was. She said her attorney had discussed her options with her, but it was not in her interest to reveal her name.

5/21/89 Earlier this year, Lynn called me to ask if he could be an administrator someplace. Does not like REDACTED has no flexibility, no sense of parish. REDACTED does not let priesthood interfere with his private life. Negativity very difficult.

1/24/90 PRIVATE PHONE REDACTED

3/08/90 Talked to Lynn about the situation at St. James. REDACTED talked to last Thu. and said, "Lynn is the one who is always away." I said to him that he was told if they went no one would come to the parish (priests that is). Atmosphere is chilly at best. On Sat. REDACTED called Lynn into his office and they had a forty minute session. REDACTED said he was hurt that Associates would not stay if he remained. Said he went off on mon night because Lynn did not schedule him on Tuesday. He considered REDACTED and Lynn friends and was hurt because of that. Said the session at the Chancery was fine and both the _____ and _____ were fine to him. He did not know Lynn and REDACTED initiated meeting. Asked if he had done anything to Lynn personally. He understood Lynn had done what he had to do. Said his life was at stake because of his health. He had a growth on prostate. He said the decision about the future was entirely up to him. He did say that since the school situation he has probably been ineffective. Lynn would find it incredible if REDACTED were not moved.

REDACTED has begun to do things. Secretary is quitting and he has hired a new secretary. He is convinced that he is going to stay as pastor and not acting like a man who is to be moved. Got the whole thing out of his system in two days and seems to have convinced himself that he is going to stay.

3/16/90 REDACTED has ignored Lynn and they have spoken very little. Last Sat. he heard confessions for the first time in years. He went to help after a wedding. He is not going away today, Friday, and will take the Stations for the first time in eight years (according to REDACTED).

2/4/91. REDACTED mentions that he and the school principal have discussed their serious discomfort with Lynn's treatment of young teenage boys.

2/12/91. Phone conversation with Sr. REDACTED, school principal at St. James: I know Lynn has a terrible, terrible temper. Last year I noticed one of our 8th graders, REDACTED heading toward the rectory during school time (around 11am). I asked the school secretary and she said that Fr. Lynnsends for him every once and awhile (perhaps it had averaged once/month). REDACTED would spend about an hour at the rectory and then return to school. (REDACTED has a poor family background and I thought maybe he needed counseling; but Fr. Lynn had never asked my permission or informed me that he was taking him out of school.) Then one day after school I went over to the hall. It was pitch black when I opened the door and I sensed that someone was inside. I called out twice "Hello" and no one answered. I went back to get something out of my car and returned, perhaps a minute later, and Lynn came out from behind the stage curtain, saw me and said "we were fixing up some music" (his sound equipment is on stage). Then out from behind the curtain came REDACTED. I felt very uneasy about it because that stage was completely dark and I sensed something had been going on. Lynns likes to touch the boys, i.e. hugging them; of course, he gives me a kiss on the cheek too. He's in charge of two youth groups; plays disc jockey for lots of dances; takes kids on vacation; eg. very friendly with the REDACTED boys (8th & 9th
graders) who have each worked in the rectory. also worked in the rectory. Last year before the graduation dance and 3 or 4 other boys went into the rectory around 6pm. 10 minutes later they emerged and I asked where they had been. They replied "We were up in Fr. Caffee's bedroom; we needed to change our shirts." Terrible temper: once when I talked to the DRE, asst. DRE and Lynn about needing to tell the kids from the youth group to clean up after eating their snacks in the hall (they'd left a real mess), Lynn came unglued and began yelling at me and kept it up until I had to leave in order not to break into tears. Lynn cannot take criticism/He makes me frightened; I think he could be violent.

2/19/91. In a phone conversation with he mentioned that he would be ordained in '91 from the parish) had come to him not long after arrival at St. James to say that several parents had approached him to say they didn't like the way Fr. Lynn hugged their boys. They asked, however, that not use their names.

4/9/91. Following our intervention with Lynn on 4/2/91, Sister made an appt. to see him. Said Lynn told her he was questioning his priesthood; that if the AD didn't let him have a year's sabbatical, he was going to leave. / Said he brought up her story of his being up on the dark stage with Said he hadn't heard her come in and say "hello" because they both had headphones on. Sister thought it was significant that as Lynn gave this explanation, he looked down and wouldn't look at her. Said she knows he wasn't being truthful.

4/17/91. Msgr. came in to speak up for Lynn. Only saw Lynn blow up seriously once during his time at St. Bede's. / Yes, there was a boy (9th or 10th grader) whom Lynn was always with. Yes, he went with this boy alone on vacations. There were lots of kids who'd come regularly from O.L. of Peace to visit Lynn. / Yes, he remembered once when there was a group of several (3) highschool kids in his room -- all laughing. / Kids do seek him out -- he's got a charisma with them; 4 years later kids from St. Bede's are still asking for him.

5/8/91. Dr. called to say that he felt a need to make a report to Child Abuse Hot Line. He saw Lynn and told him this. He made the report and was told this would not have to go to the police for an investigation. I called Lynn to tell him there would be no police investigation but asked that he prepare to leave St. James after the weekend inasmuch as there could be more to follow (the Hot Line director suggested that the 2 boys whose names Lynn had given to should be interviewed). Lynn strongly opposed this and I set up an appt. with him for 5/13/91.

5.13/91. Told Lynn I had changed my mind and that he could stay on at St. James until the date that had already been announced in the parish -- June 2nd. Asked that he sign a 5-point agreement re his behavior with minors during his stay at St. James. Went over with him the things had outlined as well as the things (whom I'd called before this meeting to say I'd be quoting him) had told me. / Lynn was upset that I would not give him a new residence assignment (preferably St. Bede's) before June 3rd. I told him I would not deal with that until 's report was in. I explained that one of the possible outcomes could be in-residence therapy.

5/14/91. Call received from Mrs. wanting to know if her son's name was in our file. She said she had spoken to Lynn and found that we were questioning the fact that he had taken her son (while a minor) on vacation. She spoke very positively about Lynn and said that she and her husband had had no question about sending their son w. Lynn -- who is a trusted friend of all the family and on several occasions has gone w. the entire family on vacation. (REDACTED )

7/15/91. Spoke to Dr. for clarification over the report's saying: "rule out pedophilia". This is a technical phrase meaning "not sufficient evidence to say it's unequivocally there, but needs further examination."
or "there is some evidence of this diagnosis but not enough to state it clearly." How to therefore "rule out" the diagnosis = further evaluation. My experience with Lynn in the office made Dr. REDACTED even more confident in the testing results -- inasmuch as he "never addresses the issue" but attacks what he perceives as a vulnerable point in someone else.

7/24/91. Call from REDACTED who says Lynn is shocked by the letter. Says he's tending towards going to REDACTED but REDACTED adds that it's with a closed mind and only because Lynn's priesthood will be forfeited if he fails to go. Lynn has never said "I have a major problem."/ He must be told that if he only plans to "tolerate" the program and not really enter into it -- then he shouldn't waste our time and money. If he won't admit to a serious problem -- then forget it. There can be no sign of "waffeling" in confrontation with Lynn -- he must be told clearly even bluntly and given no alternatives.// Need to tell Lynn either in person or in writing that what we're looking for in sending him to REDACTED is a clear bill of health; that we have no moral certitude about his change of behavior to trust him with another assignment and that "jumping through hoops" at REDACTED is not sufficient to be entrusted again with an assignment. We want a clear bill of health sufficient to say you have changed to the point of our being able to trust you again in the everyday responsibilities and intimate nature of a priestly assignment.

11/5-6. REDACTED & REDACTED -- visitation, REDACTED. Conclusions: Lynn has decided to cooperate w. treatment acc. to his own lights; still making a case for himself; we don't have a lot of hope for recovery that would restore him to ministry. In our interview with him, Lynn used the experience he's had at REDACTED as a way of telling us that he'd made a lot of progress. He began with his work in the area of "anger". Then revealed his problems in the past w. compulsive masturbation and visits to a massage parlor where he'd been involved w. prostitutes on a few occasions. He didn't even mention anything about his relationship with minors! I called him on this and he played the victim roll -- 3x saying "I guess I'm guilty until proven innocent."// So our conclusions came out of this presentation on his part in which he would "give" on other things -- imbalanced personality, anger, masturbation, prostitutes -- so long as he could avoid any suggestion of ephebophilia. He acted as if we should be impressed with his openness and revelations on these other matters.

(11/5-6/91.)

1/8/92. Call from REDACTED (Lynn's main therapist at REDACTED ) : We agree totally that Lynn is a "tough cookie". Difficult getting out of him the data presented by the AD. "Obviously, he will not be far enough along by your Feb. visit to to show any significant revelations."// "His won awareness of sexual attraction to anyone (adult or juvenile; male or female) is almost non-existent -- he blocks it."// He has the ability to ignore, deny, detach from the most powerful issues involved... he blocks by acting as if he will get an assignment.// Deep inside he is extremely fragile -- but w. a very thick shell to defend himself. "There's progress -- but, I suspect he's not even revealing things to himself."// He avoids details when he says "yes, I was inappropriate with youth."// "At the end of 7 months he'll be in a position to say he's ready for therapy!"// We all agree here that his attraction to teen boys is 50-50 -- i.e. it could be genital, could be his sexual orientation; however, it could also be based on his affectational needs.// "He's one of our toughest."//

1/12/92. Conference call -- Lynn, REDACTED and I: Lynn began the 40 min. conversation saying that he has continued to work with anger issues.// "Most significant area of work (in last 3 weeks) has been in the area of affectational behavior. I've become painfully aware that I've fed my intimacy needs through touch, hugs, physical contact with teen boys. I've put my hand on their waists and just left it there. Basically, I've abused my position by not respecting boundaries -- nourishing my needs
through them. It's abusive; a misuse of my position (as a priest)... Though there has never been sexual, genital contact with teens, I did put my hand on their waists -- which, while not a sexual act, was close to their genitals and fed my need for affectionate touch. I kissed highschool boys on the cheek; sometimes I kissed them on the lips, though I didn't initiate it. I did enjoy it (kissing on the lips) and wasn't adverse to it./ I have clarified for myself that both the male and female nude body attracts me./ All this has brought pain but also relief in knowing what feeds my acting out w. masturbation.// My comments following his presentation: I think there is progress in the revelations you have shared.// At the same time, there is a need to get down to specifics -- the very things that brought about your treatment at REDACTED eg. The incident on the hall stage; your door closed and locked "hundreds of times" with teen boys in your room; three separate parishes reporting questionable behavior on your part with minors; pastor & principal at St. James -- extremely uncomfortable w. your expressions of affection to young boys; the report from REDACTED of 5 boys (by name)whom he saw you hug and kiss and hold./ In addition to the behavior w. minors there are a number of ministerial questions: your not hearing confessions for several years and lying about the fact several times to the pastor; the report from your last pastor that ministerially "Lynn would do just what he wanted to do; if he didn't want to do something -- he wouldn't."/
February 20, 1992

Mr. [Redacted]

Dear Mr. [Redacted],

I have spent the weeks since Father [Redacted] and I met with Father Lynn Caffoe in reflection, consultation, and prayer. At this point, we have to recommend that Father Caffoe spend time outside active ministry following his residence at St. Luke's.

While Father Caffoe made significant strides near the end of his time at your Institute, he appears to be, as you commented to me a month ago, finally at the stage where he can begin therapy.

As to the issue of his inappropriate behavior with teen-age boys, both Father [Redacted] and myself found it encouraging that he has reached a point of acknowledging that behavior. However, it seemed to us that there is insufficient depth to his awareness of the drastic action he has to take in order to get well. We do not believe that insight equals willingness. There must be an extended period of time during which he can offer observable evidence that his insights at St. Luke's have led to a complete change of behavior. At present, I have doubts as to his willingness to enter into such drastic change.

My sense was that Father Caffoe was willing to make marginal adjustments, but expects—in his words—"that the pendulum will finally come back into balance." I think he actually believes that he will, after a rather short period of time, be able to minister again to all age levels in a parish.
Professionals find this kind of browbeating and manipulation difficult to handle; parishioners find it devastating; and 14-year olds........

As you have told me, Father Caffoe is extremely fragile on the inside, and he will no doubt interpret our decision as a put-down and a denial of all the value in his past ministry and in his person. However, psychologists whom we trust, both at St. Luke's and here at home, and with whom I have consulted are adamant in insisting on long-term recovery if ministry is ever to take place again. We would see a minimum of three years before we would even begin to reconsider a return to active ministry.

Cardinal Mahony concurs totally in this assessment and recommendation.

Upon Father Caffoe's return to Los Angeles, I will meet with him to discuss financial and other support the Archdiocese is prepared to give him, so that he can seek new work and establish his own living quarters.

I want to thank you, as his therapist, for the many hours of competent professional counseling you have offered both Father Caffoe and myself.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

cc: [Redacted]
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 1992

FROM: Monsignor Dyer

TO: Cardinal Mahony

RE: Rev. Lynn Caffoe and Letter Attached

Attached is the letter I told you I would prepare for St. Luke Institute regarding Father Caffoe.

If you approve, I would like to get it in the mail today.

Very well done! You can add that I concur totally in the assessment and recommendation.

+ RMM

2-20-92
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 5, 1992

FROM: Monsignor Dyer

TO: Cardinal Mahony

RE: Rev. Lynn Caffoe

On March 2 I phoned St. Luke Institute for a pre-arranged conference call with Father Lynn Caffoe and his therapist, Mr. [redacted] I informed Father Caffoe of our decision that he would be returning to the Archdiocese without assignment. I told him I would meet with him on his return to offer him a plan that would include support for living arrangements and beginning a job.

Father Caffoe was most upset with the news, and he was accusatory throughout our conversation. He asked that you write him immediately stating that you will not give him an assignment nor faculties at this time--nor in the near future.

I explained to him that we would have to set up an after-care program, which would include people both professional and lay who could give us an accounting of his performance in coming years, and that the Archdiocese would not review his case for a minimum of 3 to 5 years.

I will be talking to you more concerning the details of our plan for Father Caffoe, but for the time being I would appreciate it very much if you would write the letter he has requested, with copies to Dr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] at St. Luke's.

Father Caffoe's termination date there will be either March 10 or March 31. I have encouraged him to stay until March 31, so that he can use their resources to prepare for a new career.

The address is St. Luke Institute, 2420 Brooks Drive, Suitland MD 20746

With many thanks for your help.
March 6, 1992

Reverend Lynn Caffoe  
St. Luke Institute  
2420 Brooks Drive  
Suilland, MD 20746

Dear Father Caffoe:

I am writing to confirm the telephone conversation which Monsignor Timothy Dyer, my Vicar for the Clergy, had with you recently concerning your present and future status in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Given the past difficulties which you have had here within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and based upon the wise recommendations of many who have tried to work with you, I must state that I cannot offer you a priestly assignment in this Archdiocese nor can I grant you the faculties of the Archdiocese upon your return from St. Luke Institute.

Upon your return to Los Angeles, you must enter into whatever after-care plan is set forth by St. Luke Institute, and you must spend a minimum of three to five years living outside a priestly assignment demonstrating on a regular basis that you are making progress in dealing with the very real and serious issues in your life.

During this entire time you will be classified as "Inactive" as a priest of the Archdiocese.

I know that this is not the response you were looking for, but I have a very grave and serious responsibility not only to each of our priests but to all the members of our Archdiocesan community. I must be totally and fully satisfied that every priest who ministers to our people is entirely mature, spiritually and psychologically wholesome, and that he does not present any danger or fear of danger to our people.

Please be assured that I shall continue to keep you in my prayers as you make this transition to inactive status.

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With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Dr. [redacted]

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CONTINUING CARE CONTRACT

Patient: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

Admission Date: 8-22-91

Primary Therapist: REDACTED

Admitting Physician: REDACTED

Saint Luke Institute #12420

Discharge Date: 3-31-92

This Contract is entered into freely with the undersigned, Lynn R. Caffoe, and the Saint Luke Institute for a period of six months, beginning March 31, 1992 and ending October 1, 1992. At the end of the six month period, I and my continuing care therapist shall review the terms of the Contract and make any changes/revisions deemed necessary. The terms of this Contract are confidential.

Because of the decision of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles that I will be on administrative suspension from active ministry as a priest, I begin an entirely new lifestyle at home, lasting from three to five years, as I strive in recovery to return to full-time ministry as a priest. Because of the many practical things necessary for me to accomplish upon returning home after being away for seven months, as well as the new changes, some facets of this Contract will need to be discussed between myself and the continuing care therapist for application whenever necessary. As of this date, the terms of the Contract are:

I. ONGOING RECOVERY

Aware of my need for continuously relating my feelings and issues with others, avoiding isolation and keeping things close to the vest; aware of the need to continue to deal with my un-integrated sexuality issues; aware of my continuing need to deal with negative feelings, emotions of anger, judgmental thinking, often passive, often aggressive behaviors and verbalizations; aware of my continuing need to address issues of proper boundaries of relating to others affectionally; the following accountability systems and support systems need to be in effect:

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1. As soon as possible, I will secure the services of an Archdiocesan approved psychologist/therapist, well versed in the Twelve Step Program, for a minimum of twice-a-month sessions.

2. As soon as possible, I will assemble a core support group made up of: Msgr. REDACTED Sr. REDACTED up to three men who have experienced REDACTED that now live in my home area, one or two couples who are close friends, who are aware of my story, my future spiritual director.

3. I will be in regular phone contact with others in the area who have lived the Saint Luke Institute experience.

4. I will visit for an extended period of time with former REDACTED residents twice a month, for support, input and sharing.

5. I will be involved in three Twelve Step Programs weekly (EA, ACOA, SCA).

6. I will have a weekly visit with at least one supportive friend, who is aware of my situation, with whom to share: Msgr. REDACTED Sr. REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED.

7. I will have a once-a-month contact with the Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese.

II. CONTINUING CARE

1. I will be in contact with the Saint Luke Institute continuing care therapist monthly.

2. Within three months, I will schedule a Re-Entry Workshop with my continuing care therapist and my home support group.

3. I will attend the Continuing Care Workshops at Saint Luke Institute every six months for the first two years, and once a year for three additional years.

III. SPIRITUALITY

1. I will partake in one half-day or full day of prayer and reflection away from my home monthly.

2. I will have a daily hour of personal prayer, reflection and meditation.

3. I will have regular visits, approximately monthly, with a confessor and spiritual director, who are well versed in the Twelve Step Program.
IV. PHYSICAL NEEDS

1. I will take no other drugs except those prescribed by my personal doctor or a doctor of the Saint Luke Institute staff. I will take:

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2. Understanding that alcohol is a drug that lowers inhibitions, if I drink at all, I will drink no more than my life-long pattern of one drink four times a month.

3. I will begin as soon as possible a regular spa workout of two hours three times a week.

4. I will continue with a maintenance/modified diet plan.

5. I will have regular medical checkups with my personal doctor, every three months, to monitor cholesterol, high blood pressure, and overall physical health.

6. I will set up and receive, as soon as possible, massage therapy every two weeks, for stress reduction and as a preventative for chronic neck spasms.

   REDACTED

   Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe
   Patient

   REDACTED

   REDACTED

   Inpatient Therapist

   REDACTED

   Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

   REDACTED

   Medical Director and Vice-President for Medical Affairs

   3-23-92
A radical change in my life is taking place at this time. Out of fairness to so many who have been integral to my life, and out of fairness to myself, I send this letter to let you know of my situation.

On April 2nd of last year, I was informed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles of complaints being brought by a couple of significant people concerning some attitudes and behaviors that concerned them and discomforted them. I was required to see a local psychologist, who after four sessions, recommended that I be sent to an institute REDACTED for evaluation. I went for evaluation for five days in early June. The evaluation staff of the institute recommended that I avail myself of their full 6 to 7 month program, the Archdiocese agreed, and so I was sent to the REDACTED August 21st of last year. This was done under the guise of a sabbatical.

In truth, REDACTED is a psychiatric hospital specializing in a full therapy and treatment program for priests and religious. Over the seven months of program, I have worked very hard, often painfully, on the areas of my life psychologically and spiritually that had weaknesses, growing and moving in a positive direction with assistance of staff and fellow residents.

It has become very apparent that, since my mother died when I was thirteen years of age, I strived in so many ways to be independent, taking care of myself, doing things my way, keeping things close to the vest, using internal feelings of, and external expressions of, anger to defend and protect myself, as well as exhibiting other unacceptable thinking and behaviors. I placed the care and guidance of myself in the hands of myself, instead of in the hands of God and/or of others, who can be such an essential balance for a person. It was better to do the things of a priest, be for others, than it was to really work and do what was right and whole for me. Often this led to isolation and negativity for me, a building up of anger and rage, a lifestyle of self-sufficiency, self-protection and self-centeredness; with my "tools" being my own wits alone. This has been a very positive time in treatment, with significant insight and experiences, as well as struggles and pain.
Although my desire and intentions were to return to ministry at the conclusion of the time in REDACTED it is not to be in the near future. In a phone call on March 2nd of this year, I was informed by the Archdiocese that I would be put on an "administrative suspension from active priestly ministry and suspension from faculties (permission of local bishop to be an active priest), for from 3 to 5 years, with review at that time, with possible reinstatement to full time priestly ministry." I will be expected to continue psychological counseling in L.A., as well as the Continuing Care Program of the Institute. The judgement by the Archdiocese is not a "formal canonical suspension"—that would mean severing its relationship with me. However, (these are my perceptions now), the situation is similar to an estrangement and divorce from my relationship with the Church and the priesthood, which has been my life for 20+ years of active ministry and 12 years of seminary preparation. Also, it means the loss of my "job", the only one that I have ever known. I will continue to be on the Archdiocesan insurance policies, apparently have a car for my use, and some funds to find and furnish a place for myself to live that is acceptable to the Archdiocese, as well as support in "retooling" me (their words) for some type of work to sustain me for a number of years ahead. For awhile I will receive my priest salary of $700/month.

So, upon returning to L.A. on April 1st, I will begin an entirely new chapter in my life, if not a whole new book. I will depend upon your prayerful support. I trust of my putting myself in your confidence, that you will treat this matter in a discreet manner, and that the information will not be a source of major discussion among many.

As I continue to be a priest in fact, though not in practice, I will keep you and the people important to you in my daily prayer to the God of the present moment. Let us all walk with the Lord, internally and externally.

With love and respect,

[Signature]

FOR THE TIME BEING:

CAFFOE

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CONFIDENTIAL

Saint Luke Institute

April 20, 1992

CONFIDENTIAL

His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, DD
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

Dear Cardinal Mahony,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Continuing Care Contract that was agreed upon by Father Lynn Caffoe and the Saint Luke Institute. This agreement represents both a support for the recovery and health of Father Caffoe, and a challenge for continuing accountability in his pursuit of these goals. We consider the accomplishment of all aspects of this Contract and full participation in the Continuing Care program to be essential for Father Caffoe’s ongoing recovery, and also a means for evaluation of progress over the three to five year extended care period. Please note that Father Caffoe has been directed that any needed modifications in the Contract are to be negotiated with our Continuing Care Services, and that the Contract will be reviewed at each workshop scheduled approximately every six months during the first two years of the Continuing Care cycle.
His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, DD
April 20, 1992
Re: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe -

Given some time of leave, which will be very difficult for Father Caffoe, and
given a fidelity to rigorous honesty and continuing growth in the capacity for
healthy accountability, we would hope that Father Caffoe can meet your
criteria for a return to active ministry at some time in the future.

Given a faithful course of quality recovery and full participation in our
Continuing Care Program, we see no therapeutic contraindications to an
assignment of appropriate adult ministry.

It has been a rewarding experience to work with you and with Father Caffoe.
He will be making the necessary arrangements for the re-entry workshop to be
held with his local support network, and to arrange the followup services that
are part of his plan. Mr. Coordinator of Continuing Care Services, oversees Father Caffoe's Continuing Care program. If there is
anything that we can do to be of further service, please do not hesitate to
contact us. We offer our prayerful support for you, for Father Caffoe, and
for all of your endeavors n the Lord's service.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis C. Bryant, SJ., Ph.D.
Director, Inpatient Clinical Services

cc: Reverend Timothy Dyer
Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

Encl.
I had a call yesterday from Dr. REDACTED at St. Luke's Institute. They have questions about Father Barmasse and are not ready to finalize an evaluation at this point.

They are reporting that he needs one further test they are not able to give him--it is available in Toronto but probably somewhere closer as well. The test is known as phallometric testing--involves a plethysmography. The doctor mentioned that some dioceses object to it. It measures sexual arousal and can show if someone is aroused by minors. It is not a totally reliable test in that some with strong concentration can force themselves not to react. Also, arousal does not prove the subject has ever acted out.... But they feel the test could help them tell if there is some kind of pedophile arousal pattern in this case.

The recommendation is that after such testing St. Luke's and Father Barmasse would "reconvene". Indication was he certainly needs psychiatric treatment around areas of sexuality. If the test suggests strong pedophilic arousal profile they recommend 6-8 months at St. Luke's. If not pedophilic they recommend still intensive therapy work of shorter duration. Father Kevin would have to sign a release of information.

They have enough information at this point to diagnose psycho-sexual disorder and personality tests showing dependent/compulsive traits. But there is a red flag up as to paraphilia. Hence their felt need for the test above.

I have not spoken to Kevin yet. Have been attempting by phone to locate possible testing sites if you wish to go ahead with their recommendation. Toronto reports it could possibly be done in Salt Lake City or in Minneapolis; Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers in Portland, Oregon is to call back with possible closer sites.

Please let me know your feelings as regards the testing in question.

With many thanks.

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Although not totally reliable, there is sufficient cause to proceed. Once all tests are completed, we will have to evaluate what to do next.

+ RM M 2-22-91
CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY,
YOUR EMINENCE,

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT REGARDING
FATHER LYNN CARRIE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT ST.
TAMES, REDONDO BEACH, FOR ABOUT
YEARS ENDING JULY 1, 1991.
ABOUT A MONTH PRIOR TO FR. LYNN'S LEAVING
OUR PARISH, PASTOR FR.
GAVE A PARISH DINNER TO THANK LAY MINISTERS
ONE OF OUR KNOWLEDGABLE PARISH MEMBERS
WHO IS A HSG GRAD, A CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM, FATHER OF,
WHOSE IN RELIGIOUS ORDER
IN MEXICO, MADE THIS STATEMENT TO A
GROUP OF DINERS, "I'VE NEVER SEEN A
PRIEST HAVE SUCH AN IMPACT ON A PARISH
AS FR. LYNN HAS MADE HERE AT ST. JAMES."
LOTS OF US HERE AT ST. JAMES FEEL LIKEWISE.
FR. LYNN'S KNOWLEDGE, SPIRITUALITY, PERSONALITY,
MOBILIZED PARISH MEMBERS, CONCRATED
"UPBEAT" ATTITUDE AT MASS, ON LITURGY COMMITTEE
(THE ONLY COMMITTEE IN PARISH) IN THE PARKING
LOT, AND IN THE RECTORY.
IT WAS EVIDENT TO PARISH THAT
FR LYN was of much assistance to
NEW PASTOR, FR, REDACTED

ST. JAMES MINISTERS TO ABOUT 5 CONVales-
CENT HOSPITALS NEAR "LITTLE COMPANY MARY HOSPITAL.
ST JAMES PRIEST CELEBRATES MASS MONTHLY IN
EACH FACILITY. THIS WRITER HAS YEARS EXPERI-
ENCE REDACTED TAKING Eucharist
WECKLY. IN THESE YEARS, I'VE OBSERVED SEVEN
PRIESTS CELEBRATE THE MASSES (INCLUDING THREE
PASTORS).

I'VE TOLD OTHERS AND TELL YOU HERE: FR LYN
CAPELLE'S MASS IS SO SUPERIOR IN THIS SITUATION
THAT ARCHDIOCESE OUGHT "VIDEO-TAPE" AND USE
AS TRAINING GUIDE FOR ALL PRIESTS WHO FIND
THEMSELVES IN SITUATIONS (PARISHES) WITH THESE
MUSHROOMING INSTITUTIONS FOR CARE OF SICK
AND DYING ELDERLY.

FR LYN CAPELLE INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED SO
MANY OF US HERE AT ST. JAMES, ESPECIALLY
THE "WORKERS."

Respectfully,
MY LOVE AND PRAYERS,
REDACTED
Your Eminence,

I am a lifetime member of St. James parish, and I have seen priests come and go. I would just like to tell you what a hard working priest Reverand Lynn Coffee is. Reverand Coffee was well liked by all who came in contact with him: senior citizens, young adults, and the majority of the congregation.

Sincerely Yours,
Cardinal Makone,

My parents also at 9 years old also want to let you know, Father Aginj called my dad and prayed with him on the phone every day before he had and he pulled through. He thanks Father Aginj for all this time, he gave my dad.
Regarding
Father Lynn Coffee

Dear Cardinal Mahony,

I want to express my feelings for Father Lynn. He was very friendly and always made a point of speaking to me whenever he saw me and always wanted to know how the family is doing. He treated me like one of the family. He was instrumental in getting the youth group going and had it off to a great start. Youth is where we need to go to help the church going. He was very outstanding in this area and all the kids all love him and miss him always ask where he is.

In religious Ed he was always so helpful to all the classes. He came for Confession did Masses and came in just to talk to the kids. It was nice to know he was always available.

He made everyone aware of the church and what it
meant to be a good Catholic.

He wasn't always so "sweet" about the way he went about it, but he made people think, and he wasn't always asking for money. He asked for commitment, time and go getters not passiveness.

His religion is his life. By living and teaching his beliefs he has made many people realize what it really means to be Catholic and to follow the teaching of the Church from their heart.

Please consider our plea for this wonderful servant of Christ.

Sincerely, 

[Signature]

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Dear Cardinal,

and I have been ministered to by Father Lynn Caffoe and have worked with him at St. James and in the Youth Group. In that capacity of being around Father while at youth meetings and outings, we were witness to the gifts he has in developing trust from them and involvement with them. We saw friendships that blossomed, not only among the youth but, also we hold Father among our close friends in the Church.

Father was instrumental in involvement as and for his continued participation in the Youth Ministry.

Father Lynn instructed and influenced the preparation of our eldest daughter's Marriage. We have heard from that Father's Christian example led to investigate the Catholic Faith and to enter the RCIA program and to convert.

Father Lynn was our hope during the turmoil that our parish suffered not too long ago. He held us to the belief that somehow all things could be worked out toward a positive resolution and his own works and persistence helped achieve that goal we all held. With this knowledge and hope, and I remained as active parishioners, this after all has been our parish for all of our twenty-eight years of marriage.

Please consider with compassion and Christian forgiveness the plight of Father Lynn. We would hope that our prayers for him and his resolve might open new consideration on his behalf.

Yours in Christ,

[Signature]

11 Nov, 17, 1992
Dear Sister,

I have been a practicing Catholic for years, all of which have been spent at St. James Church. I started going in the fall of 2014 and have been involved with the church since then. During the past few years, I have had the opportunity and the privilege of getting to know many priests, not only through St. James but also through programs like those which my husband and I were involved in for two years. Of all the priests I have met, and gotten to know, none have had a greater impact on my life or touched me as deeply spiritually and father Lynn. 

He counseled with me, my husband, and my children on many occasions and for a long time was the only person my children would listen to when they had behavioral problems. He had a positive influence in all our lives. To me, personally, the way he was the supporting link to my church/my bond with St. James. It was as if all the people at St. James were a family and he was the head of the family. He always thought of the church and the people first with his words, first be lifted. The priests we have now are good priests, but none of them have the ability to relate to the parish like Fr. Lynn did. I didn't feel quite so bad when I thought that another parish would be getting the benefit of his love, faith, and compassion.
but knowing that he's being prevented from doing the work God intended him to do leaves me feeling as if there's a giant hole in my faith life and in the church.

I understand that there were complaints made about Father Lynn, but what I don't understand is how the complaints of a few can outweigh the love of so many. Father's last mass at St. James was standing room only, he got at least a five minute standing ovation after his homily, and the reception line in the hall lasted all day long. And you may not receive a barrage of letters for him but for every letter you receive there are at least 20 other parishioners who feel the same way, but didn't write.

There is no doubt in my mind that Father Lynn should be reinstated immediately. But I'll say one thing, if he's not, when I need a good healing confession or a special blessing, I'd rather get it from Fr. Lynn than any one of the priests who are "authorized" to hear confession.

There is so much more I would like to say on his behalf, but I do want to be brief. Let me close by saying that Father Lynn is one of the best priests you have and to suspend him is not only an injustice to you, it’s also an injustice to God as well. Seriously,
Dear Cardinal Mahoney,

We are writing to you concerning Fr. Lynn Coffee, a former associate pastor at St. James in Redondo Beach.

We received a letter from Fr. Coffee telling us that the L.A. Archdiocese was putting him on a "administrative suspension". He had informed us that he had been in hospital, but hinted in the letter that it had something to do with his temper.

We are a couple in our fifties who have been active in St. James parish since 1967 and both were born and raised Catholic. We have known many good priests throughout our lives but feel that Fr. Coffee is the best priest we have ever known.
We truly feel the Church is being hurt by keeping such a good priest from his duties.

If it will help Fr. Caffee's case, we will be glad to secure for the Archdiocese letter from the vast majority of St. James' prominent parishioners attesting to the good offices of Fr. Lynn Caffee and their love for this man.

We are sincerely yours,

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Coffee some letter
all of these need
to go to press.
Dyer for filing.
Dear Cardinal Mahoney,

I am writing to you because I have much concern for my friend Fr. Lynn. I've heard that he isn't a priest anymore because he made a mistake. I just want to tell you that he really is a nice person and has just been under a lot of stress lately and so have I, because I have no Fr. Lynn to call Fr. Lynn. So please, please give all of us back our wonderful Fr. Lynn.

Signed,

P.S. Everybody makes mistakes ... everybody.
Your Eminence,

I am requesting you to reinstate Father Longfellow to his priestly duties.

Father Longfellow was very instrumental in my coming back to the Church. I was away for about 50 years. It wasn't for Father Longfellow that I would never have returned. Two other people very dear to me converted because of him.

Your Eminence, I am not very good at this, but I feel deep in my soul to prevent a holy man of this nature to exercise his duties is a sin.

I do hope you will consider reinstating him. I pray for you and for all. Please pray for me.

Sincerely,
Your Eminence:

I hope this letter finds you well. Even though this is a time of great happiness, my heart is heavy for my good friend Father Lynn Caffoe. I think of him as a good friend, because he is a person who gave and still gives me strength in God. Ever since I've known him, I have only experienced a man of great kindness. I have watched him interact with children of all ages at school, church and at various activities. He is a very good role model for children to look up to. It leads me to tell you about a situation that I think has a lot to do with Father Lynn's dismissal. We had the situation that happened at our St. James School. Back then, however, I know families that were unhappy with the outcome of the situation. Father Lynn was the strength of the church during the time of unrest, so I think he became one of their targets of revenge. On Halloween 1990, one of the unhappy people stopped me to talk. That person through a long conversation, told me "We will see that Father Lynn is removed from the Parish and never preaches again". I never thought that these people would ever succeed in their threat. At this time, I would like to pose this question with great respect. Did anyone ever ask Father Lynn or one of the many people who know Father (including Sisters and fellow priests) for his side? All he has ever expressed through his trial, is that God has a reason for this and something good is bound to come out of this. He is on earth to be a servant to God our Father and right now he reminds me of a fish out of water. Please reconsider his situation. Father Lynn touched my life and I can only imagine how many more he has touched and those who’s lives need to be touch by him. There is such a need
for good priests and the church is at a great loss right now. Please feel free to contact any of me if you desire. My name is

My address is

My phone number is

You are always in my prayers!!!

With Great Respect,

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May 1992

Dear Father,

I am writing this in support of Rev. Lynn Coffin. I was born in St. James parish and have lived here all my life, some 72 years, so I have known many, many priests. Also, I attend Mass daily, having been a

for many years and a Eucharistic Minister currently and for the past five years. In these capacities of close association, I feel qualified to state that Rev. Lynn Coffin is unsurpassed as a priest in all facets of parish life. He is a caring, warm, gentle person, is a gifted speaker, and works well with all age groups. I can speak especially for the senior citizen for whom he was the agent of the Lord. In addition, he held one parish council when many were leaving and served ably in the transition period between pastors.

I staunchly urge and pray that you will reconsider your evaluation and restore him to his priesthood.

Respectfully,

[Signatures redacted]
Caffee 5/82

All the letters in this packet have been read & need no response — either bee. They gave us return address or bee. They were not actually asking for "reconsideration" by the Court of the Caffee status.

All letters are complimentary — typed by the shop letter in the packet

T.D.
MEMORANDUM

May 4, 1992

TO: Cardinal Mahony

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe.

I know you have seen the final report and Continuing Care Contract from St. Luke's for Fr. Lynn Caffoe. I would like to set up a meeting to discuss his contract as soon as possible.

As to financial help, Fr. Caffoe has received $5,000 "start-up" money for down payment on a car and first and last months' rent. He will not be under our car insurance but I would propose we keep him on our health plan as long as there is a chance of his returning to priesthood.

You asked that I give you a recommendation for one lump sum to be given him for living expenses and re-training. Apart from the $5,000 already given, I would recommend $20,000 in this case. Given the fact that he is 47 years of age, has virtually no family upon whom to rely and no training in any other field, I would suggest this amount. While this total figure of $25,000 is a lot of money, it is equivalent to about seven weeks at St. Luke's and would give a very good start to someone who may someday be able to return to priestly service.

I will await your direction.

[Signature]

please proceed

RMH

5-4-92

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May 12, 1992

His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
Los Angeles, Calif. 90015

Your Eminence

I have known Father Lynn Caffoe for the last years. I have worked for him and with him on the RCIA process, the youth groups, the liturgy committee and many other projects. He has helped many people. I have witnessed first hand the good that he has done.

My wife and I would like to add our name to the list to get him reinstated as a priest.

Your Servant in Christ

My home address is:
May 13, 1992

Your Eminence;

Thank you for coming to St. James' centennial. We have all been very excited waiting for your arrival. I have been very fortunate in that I have seen you on many occasions and heard you speak, but many people in our Parish have never experienced your presence so this is indeed a special day for us. I feel honored to be a part of this day and St. James and my Catholic faith.

My children went to St. James and I have been an active member for 22 years and have always been in a volunteering capacity. For 8 years I taught Jr. High CCD Confirmation and for 8 years I have been on the RCIA team.

I have seen many priests go through this Parish, some good, and some not so good. But, this is my Parish and for better or for worse I hang in here because the good Lord always has a way of working things out if we have faith in Him. Afterall this is also His parish and He cares what happens here. You also care, your Eminence, that is why I would like to bring an important matter to your attention.... namely, one Fr. Lynn Caffoe.

When Fr. Lynn first came to St. James he informed us RCIA was a program of primary importance and that he wanted to become active in this program immediately. Hence, my relationship with him was immediate as we, the team, would meet for lesson planning and liturgy planning frequently. Very rapidly my relationship with Fr. developed from the "new priest on the block" attitude to a relationship of respect, admiration and love.

I watched Fr. Lynn give and give and give of himself. The youth group became a very successful program, at least, due to his devotion to the kids and creativity in keeping them interested. The special love and attention he gave to all of the RCIA was highly evident, he not only was a sharer of faith but also took the time to get involved in the personal aspects of their life, which is a great part of RCIA. He took the time to make people feel like St. James really cared about them no matter if they were a sinner or a saint, old or young, rich or poor. He gave much of his personal time to us and was available when we needed him. He did my Mother's funeral on his day off and I was not aware until much later that it was his day off. He converted many people who never would have become a catholic had it not been for his special nurturing, including my future daughter in law. Also he brought back many fallen away catholics. Fr. Lynn made us feel special. We felt loved by God and by our Church. He made us feel that if we hung in there with God... no matter what we did or what happened in our life that somehow if we loved God he would bring us back to Him.

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May 13, 1992

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Thank you for coming to St. James’ centennial. We have all been very excited waiting for your arrival. I have been very fortunate in that I have seen you on many occasions and heard you speak, but many people in our Parish have never experienced your presence so this is indeed a special day for us. I feel honored to be a part of this day and St. James and my Catholic faith.

My children went to St. James and I have been an active member for 22 years and have always been in a volunteering capacity. For years I taught Jr. High CCD Confirmation and for 8 years I have been on the RCIA team.

I have seen many priests go through this Parish, some good, and some not so good. But, this is my Parish and for better or for worse I hang in here because the good Lord always has a way of working things out if we have faith in Him. After all this is also His parish and He cares what happens here. You also care, your Eminence, that is why I would like to bring an important matter to your attention... namely, one Fr. Lynn Caffoe.

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May 15, 1992

To your Eminence, Cardinal Roger Mahoney

Dear Sir, this letter is written in behalf of Father L. Caffey. It came to my attention about two months ago that Father Lynn was in fact released from the church pending further review. My first thoughts were one of concern for the health of a man who quite notably has given his life's thought to the church, God, and above all the concern for others like no one has ever done, in my own life and experiences.

I am one of many who Father Lynn has touched and influenced my dedication and life to the teachings of God and the Catholic church.

... years ago after being dismissed from... because of not
Passing national boards, I felt depressed.

I was aigry, confused, lost. Three years ago in Nov 1989 on Holy Thursday I came to St. James. As I was leaving the man I went to the hall and opened the door. Father Lynn was there and invited me in. That day has since become the miracle of my life. I had occasion to meet a man who I could love, understand, and feel the message of God. Today he remains the most prominent figure in my life. I am currently in my third year of R.C.I.A, first year in the youth groups. I owe my entire life relationship to God to Lynn Coffey. I don’t know what other have told you but I have had occasion to speak about him to the R.C.I.A.
and quite frankly I had to pause because of the tears in my eyes. Today I
and am quite successful in my business venture, I firmly believe that this is due to my relationship with God; my belief in others; the love of others.

I don't know the gravity of this matter offense to the church, but God knows he knows few less servants. The church is the man's life, his task and purpose. Certainly God could think no less of any one who has done as Father Lynn has. Perhaps his greatest offense is to do things a bit different but then who of us are blue prints of another. There are a lot of us who are different and require that special approach that those of you who are different can share.

Cardinal Mahony, I would ask with all
my heart and sole that the church find it in the kindness of its purpose to love, and serve the Lord, to love and serve this man Father Lynn Caffey. He is your servant and mine and it would be a tragedy to the one he has touched and those who await his touch, if he were not re-instatute. As the Lord so loves us, let us love and show compassion to one of his people and let him go on with his purpose to love and serve the Lord.

Sincerely

[Signature]
May 15, 1992

Cardinal Roger Mahoney  
c/o St. James visit

Welcome to St. James! Thank you for coming to celebrate with us our 100 year anniversary.

For me there is a strange absence with this celebration - no Father Lynn Caffoe! For me, he has been an integral part of this parish.

I came to St. James 4 months before Father Lynn arrived. My welcome from the pastor at that time felt anything but welcoming. When Father Lynn came I was drawn into this parish and felt like becoming an active participant, because of his sermons, his honesty and giving of self.

He started St. James senior and junior high youth groups - with a group of volunteers, both parents and parish young adults. He told us the group should be of the parish, not just due to one person - yet I experienced those 4 years of involvement as very special and giving to us & the teens because of the person he was.

When he was involved in preparing the church (decorating for Christmas and especially Easter) I felt a greater visual/sensual impact. The care he put into all he did was felt. In addition, he physically was a part of many parish celebrations and gave generously of himself to make the overall experience special!

St. James got introduced to a "poverty dinner" in Lent. What an experience that was - and again, there was Father Lynn!

I felt his involvement in everything. Now, in celebration of our community and our past I miss him being here even in support.

What is going on? Would you please review...

Thank you for your consideration. May God continue to bless and guide you in the work of our Church.

Sincerely,
Dear Cardinal Mahoney,

I am a parishioner of St. James Church in Redondo Beach.

I am writing this letter in support of Father Lynn Caffra. It is my understanding that he is on an "Administrative Suspension." As a member of the group who held one of the most inspirational retreats I have ever attended,

I worked with Father decorating the church for the holidays. He loves flowers and the church bloomed with his artistic guidance.

His sermons were always interesting and "up-to-date." I really miss his beautiful voice.

Please be kind to Father Lynn. My family and I love and miss him.

God bless and keep you.

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To: Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahoney  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Your Eminence:

I have been a resident of Torrance and St. James Parish since 1969. I am a  working with Learning Disabled Children for the past 12 years. I have been a member of the parish going all by himself.

I am writing to you in behalf of Fr. Lynn Caffee, who was my assistant pastor for a number of years at St. James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach. He carried the load when Fr. was waning from illness. Fr. Lynn, with the help of Fr., kept the parish going all by himself.

Fr. Lynn has been a strong influence in my life. It was he who encouraged and trained me for . I eventually began Fr. Lynn, as a spiritual advisor, helped me work through my fear of confession, by teaching me to keep my eye on the Cross on Jesus, and "lay my burden down." These words come back to me frequently, and I pass them on to others as I minister to them.

As I visited the Fr. Lynn, I noted he has an very loving manner with the elderly. Also, at the noon masses on one Friday per month, a Mass for the St. James School Children, he always had a sermon that involved the kids in his sermon, a teaching in a way they would never forget.

I have worked with Fr. Lynn with great success and a spirit of community.

I was shocked to hear of the action taken regarding Fr. Lynn, and I beg you to reconsider—if not the suspension of faculties, the the duration of same.

Sincerely in Christ's love,
MAY 16, 1992

DEAR CARDINAL MAHONY,

YOUR EMINENCE, IT WAS WITH GREAT REGRET AND SADNESS THAT I LEARNED OF THE SUSPENSION OF FATHER LYNN CAFFOE FORMERLY OF SAINT JAMES PARISH. I WRITE THIS LETTER TO OFFER MY THOUGHTS AND IMPRESSIONS OF FATHER LYNN WHO I HAVE KNOWN SINCE MY WIFE AND I CAME TO ST. JAMES PARISH IN 1988.

AND I CAME TO KNOW FATHER LYNN THROUGH THE RCIA CLASSES THAT HE PRESIDED OVER. THESE CLASSES WERE THOUGHT PROVOKING, INTELLIGENTLY PREPARED AND PRESENTED AND FILLED WITH PASSION. EXCITEMENT FOR HER FAITH GREW LARGER WITH EACH CLASS. I ATTENDED SEVERAL
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There was one gesture of love, however, that sticks out above all others. On our first Sunday at Mass after death Father Lynn was leading us in worship. When it came time for the parishioners to offer each other the "sign of peace" Father Lynn left the sanctuary, came over to ___ and I and wrapped his arms around us. I am unable to describe the feeling of compassion and love this act of peace gave to us. This man truly understands his role as a priest in the Catholic Church.

Your eminence, I had the privilege of knowing the most courageous people on earth. These are the children and parents of tragedy whose faith becomes stronger rather than weaker in the face of incredible
PERSONAL LOSS. I WATCHED AND LISTENED AS PARENTS PROCLAIMED AT THEIR CHILDREN FUNERALS THE FAITH THAT ALLOWS THEM THE STRENGTH TO BARE THEIR CROSS. THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE NEED MEN LIKE FATHER LYNN TO HELP THEM FIND THEIR WAY.

WE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY AND WITH MUCH LOVE REQUEST THAT FATHER LYNN CAFFOE BE RE-INSTATED TO HIS GOD GIVEN VOCATION AS A SERVANT OF CHRIST AND ALL HIS HOLY CHURCH.

THE LORD'S PEACE BE WITH YOU,
REDACTED
May 16, 1992

(Your Eminence):

"Father figure" has been very important in my life. He offered comfort and much understanding when my mother underwent very serious back surgery. He has always understood my feelings. I’m twenty-five years old and from the moment I met "Father figure" I felt he was someone I could relate to. He listened and offered advice when I asked about studies and anything else I had on my mind.

It seems unfair that he is no longer serving as a priest. I can't
Understand the reasoning—it's a very confusing and upsetting situation.

We are hoping you'll reconsider your decision and be able to resume the role he greatly loves.

Thank you.

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May 16.

Dear Sir,

It saddens my family and myself that Dr. Lynd Caffel is no longer practicing his priestly duties.

He had touched our lives and our hearts with kindness, understanding, and gentleness. "Father Lynd" always seemed to be aware of our feelings and pain. The thought that he is no longer serving as a priest is such a sad loss to all the people who loved

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
have the joy of his understanding, the warmth of his smile, his compassion and truly one who acts as he a servant of God.

We do hope you will reconsider — his very special — not only in our lives but in the lives of so many who sincerely love him.

Thank you —
May God bless you always —

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Your Eminence:

I'm sorry for the intrusion in your day, however, I feel strongly about the request I am about to make. I ask respectfully that you might prayerfully re-consider the suspension from active priestly ministry of Father Lynn Coffee, former assistant pastor of our parish. It is so sad to think that one of the most sincere and diligent priests I have ever known has been prohibited from sharing his many priestly gifts. I'm sure you are aware that in recent years, many parishioners found it necessary to leave St. James. Father Lynn's arrival in 1986 was a breath of fresh air. Without his diligence, many more would have left. The next few years must have been difficult for Father Lynn, upon whom the burden of many pastoral duties fell, and he performed admirably. His leadership skills, courage and sense of humor were appealing to those of us who struggled to be loyal to St. James. He was, and is—loved.
Humbly then, Your Eminence, I ask again on behalf of all who love Father Lynn, that you restore him to his priestly role, for I am sure his heart is heavy. We pray that God will be with you in this and all pastoral considerations, and that this will be done. Thank you for reading this letter.

Respectfully,
May 16, 1992

Dear Your Eminence,

As parishioners of St. James Church for 30 years, we have been privileged to have our lives enriched by many of the priests during that time. Some, like [redacted], are especially acknowledged.

Father Lynn Coffee is another of our family’s "favorites." Not only was Father Lynn always available, one felt comfortable talking with him. Father Lynn’s sermons were relevant, usually giving one "food for thought," often interwined with humor. While in Father Lynn’s presence, whether he was baptizing your child or greeting you after
Once, one felt he was genuinely pleased to see you and your family. Father Lynn is able to give so much to his constituents.

We respectfully ask that you return Father Lynn to his position among the parishioners who benefit from him where he can continue in the life he knows and loves best.

Sincerely,

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5-16-92

Your Excellency Cardinal Mahoney:

This is just a short note to say that my husband and I (he is not a Catholic) think that Fr. Lynn Caflon is a tremendous priest. He is extremely good with parishioners of all ages. We really miss him and actually had thought he had taken a sabbatical to study Spanish, thus helping him to become
a pastor).
As in every case, not all parishes (like every priest) but we firmly believe he has too much to offer to be turned away from the priesthood even for a time.
We all get angry at times but do hope to be forgiven.
Please give us coffee all the help you can.
Sincerely,

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Your Excellency,

I would like to add my support for Father Lynn Coffin. While Father Lynn was at St. James, I had all my contact with him was most pleasant. He was a very busy and active priest and interested in the many parish activities—not a superficial man but one who cared deeply and participated fully, a real asset to our parish and beloved by the parishioners.

I was saddened to see him go and he is in my prayers that he will continue to grow in the love of the Lord as does your family.

Sincerely,
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Your Eminence,

I add my voice to the many voices of the members of St. James Parish, in support of Father Lynn Caffee.

As for St. James, I worked side by side with Father Lynn. I personally know of many alienated Catholics who, through his priestly ministrations, rejoined our Catholic community. Be it small child through the spectrum to senior citizen, Father Lynn Caffee was a true brother in Christ to us all.

Of course he is not perfect, the only perfect member of our community died nine thousand two thousand years ago!!!
At no time did I witness any conduct that would result in the denial he is now enduring. I earnestly and humbly urge you to reconsider the decision.

I thank you for gracing us with your presence at Our Centenary Jubilee Celebration.

Your sister in Christ

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May 16, 1972

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Los Angeles Archdiocese
Los Angeles, Ca.

Your Eminence,

My family and I have been in St. James parish for many years.

Since I left our parish, we had seemed to also lose the love and concern among parishioners and priests. There seemed to be a lack of togetherness and spiritual fulfillment that we once had.

Many parishioners left the parish for this very reason.

I stayed and prayed for help.

Then we were assigned Fr. Lynn Coffee as an Associate Pastor. He was warm, caring and seemed to be very helpful in our personal as well as spiritual needs.

I began to see some of the old feelings of togetherness return. The love and concern with a lot of hard work really began to show.

Then the little children walked up to the Altar during the 9:45 Am Mass; you could
see the face of Fr. Lynn just glow with love and happiness.

This to me was very touching.

I also had the privilege of working with Fr. Lynn when I was

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and without a Chaplain.

I approached Fr. Lynn and asked him if he'd be our Chaplain.

Even with his busy schedule, he agreed to do what he could. He was always there when we needed him and we were so grateful.

I do truly believe that Fr. Lynn would be an asset as a priest at any parish.

My experience with Fr. Lynn has always been a positive one, and I believe his absence as an active practicing priest would be a great loss to the Catholic Church.

Therefore, I'm asking if his situation could be reevaluated in the near future and a possible reinstatement of his priestly duties be reactivated.

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May 16th

Your Eminence,

As a member of our St. James parish family, I write to you in behalf of our former pastor, Fr. Lynn Caffey. I think of him as a quiet, sensitive and compassionate man. Always reaching out to others. He had a special something that touched all of us. I've seen him with the little ones, (that) always a blessing.

It was not unusual to see him with a circle of young people around him, after the masses. The same with young adults. I would like to watch him reach out to them, and how they would respond.

He knew how to put smiles on the faces of the elderly & sick. Always a smile and a pat, and a laying of his hands on each head, as he blessed them individually after the masses. God's light shone through him.

Father Lynn was enthusiastic in the projects he undertook, and a
hard worker. He did extra little things to make things nicer.

New members were great. I was always motivated to do better. He wasn't afraid to offend us. Our Father got up into the pulpit and suggested we because only 12 people signed up for Eucharistic Adoration. He loved it! He don't want to be slurred. Best confession.

He'd tell people confess after confession. As I see it he was doing God's work the way, Christ, would want him to.

Last of all he was wonderful with the senior citizens. He made our lunch meeting fun. He'd get us singing and doing home. He cares about us.

I have been in this parish over twenty years, never has any priest reached out and worked so many wonders with the people.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

REDACTED
Dr. Lyn Coffin is a great, spiritual leader and Priest. While at St. James, I had the pleasure of working very close to him in the activities about St. James Church. I assisted him with the altar boy program; I worked with him on the liturgy committee; I helped... 

and all these things were done because of Dr. Lyn's professional leadership. He is a great Priest. He was sent to St. James to try and heal our parish. That is just what he did and made St. James a family again.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
May 16, 1992

your Eminence:

We wish to express our appreciation of Fr. Lyn Coffey while assistant Pastor at St.
James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach. He was
generous with his time for young people and
Senior Citizens. He showed compassion for the
ill and the families of those who lost a
loved one.

Fr. Lyn was very spiritual and was
influential in having us as well as many
others become Eucharistic Ministers.

To see Fr. Lyn interact with the
REIT candidates at their reception
into the St. James Community was
inspiring.

We pray Fr. Lyn will again be
given a Parish to serve as he used
many gifts to give.

Sincerely

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May 17, 1992

Your Eminence:

Thank you for being part of our very special celebration at St. James in Redondo Beach. We have been part of this very special parish family for over 50 years, being joined by the Church, school & community and are very proud of all its priests, sisters & parish families.

He wish to add our support to a very long list I am sure who love & respect Fr. Leo Coffee. As a family, both our younger & more elderly members all feel we are
richer for it. Sign having passed
our way, He touched each of us
in different ways. He is indeed a
very special man and a gifted man
of God.

We all hope he will very soon
be returned to a fortunate place to
continue his ministry.

Thank you for your
consideration and our
prayers are always with
you in your most
difficult service to all
the people of Los Angeles.

Effectively,

[Signature]

REDACTED
17 May 1992

Your Eminence,

It has come to my attention that Fr. Lynn Coffee has been removed from priestly duties in our archdiocese. He was our associate pastor at St. James Church from Oct 1986 to June 1991. He was well liked in our parish and I can’t imagine what it is that would cause him to be suspended. He was the driving force in our parish and helped to create beautiful liturgies. I was sorry to see him leave as I thought he was irreplaceable to learn from; that he will not be able to share his talents with any other parish is unconscionable. At a time when priests are so much in demand, I can’t understand why he is denied his life calling. It must be most demoralizing for him after spending the better part of his life for the church and then to find out he is not “good material.” Surely there is a place for him where his talents can be used. We would welcome him back at St. James if we had a voice.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
May 17, 1992

Dear Cardinal Maloney,

On this wonderful occasion of St. James 100th Anniversary, I have had time to reflect on things past which have had a positive effect on me and my family.

I have been a member of the St. James family for over 20 years, both as a child and now as an adult with my husband and 4 children. I have met many people over the years and some were more special and cherished than others.

One of these special people is Father Lynn Coffee. Father Lynn has had a profound effect on my family and myself. By his example, our love for each other and our faith-life has become enriched and ever-growing.

As a program, I saw firsthand how Father Lynn was always available and willing to help with the faith formation of our youth. He is a caring and loving individual who puts the needs of others ahead of his own. What a wonderful teacher and leader for the rest of us to follow!

I hope that we, as a Christian community, can become more like Father
Lynn. More concerned with each other, more willing to say "I'm sorry," more willing to forgive, more willing to volunteer and commit ourselves to deepening our faith, more willing to love. As Jesus said in today's gospel, "Love each other as I have loved you."

Father Lynn has loved us and we love him too. These are my special memories of Father Lynn.

Sincerely,

REDACTED
May 17, 1992

Dear Cardinal Mahony,

During the time Father Lynn Coffin was here at St. James, he was instrumental in many projects and programs. He started many new things and helped some programs that were not doing well.

In the times of grief, he was a compassionate listener. His time at St. James is remembered by many.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
May 17, 1992

Dear Cardinal Roger Mahoney,

It is an honor and blessing to have you celebrate our 100th anniversary with us this weekend. It is with the utmost respect that we send this letter to let you hear from the "silent majority" at St. James Parish.

We have been active members of St. James since returning to California in 19__ Our older child graduated from Bishop Montgomery High School, and was active in the senior youth group. Our 4th grader has attended the parish school since kindergarten. My wife and I have been involved in many church and school functions since we joined the parish, including the senior youth group, the School Council and Cub Scouting.

During our first year at St. James we had the privilege of meeting and working with Father Lynn Caffoe. Our association with him began when he solicited for volunteers to help him organize a senior youth group. Having heard his homilies at Mass for a few months we decided to join him in his endeavors. Boy were we lucky! For five years we had the pleasure of working with a compassionate, loving, understanding and tough member of the clergy. Having a teenager of our own I can tell you that he made a profound spiritual and moral impression on not only our son, but on all of us.

Fr. Lynn has always been there for my family. From hospital visits to counseling to reconciliation he could always be counted on to give the best advice. Perhaps not the answers we wanted to hear, but always the most honest advice. Outspoken—without a doubt...but you could always count on Fr. Lynn.

This family may not have the political or financial clout that some of Fr. Lynn's detractors have, Cardinal Mahoney, but we urge you, as contributing, active members of St. James Parish family, to consider our perspectives as well.

Sincerely yours,
May 17, 1992

Dear Eminence,

I am writing on behalf of Father Lyn Coffee.

While at our parish, he was most helpful and caring towards my mother who was ill.

I will always remember his kindness.

Sincerely,
Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Your Eminence,

Thank you for taking the time to read these words which we are writing from our hearts.

During his almost 5 years at St. James, Father Lynn Caffoe had a profound effect on each of us. He counseled us individually and as a family when we encountered some of life’s setbacks—He also celebrated with us one of our happiest family times—reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Father Lynn was then the coordinator of the RCIA team and walked with each and every person on this spiritual journey. He would stay after every class no matter how late the hour in order to answer questions and clarify any confusing points. He is a good teacher—patient, challenging and extremely bright. His weekly homilies always reflected much preparation and were spoken in such a way that we came away more secure in the Christian message. More than once, our Sunday dinner conversation revolved around something Father Lynn had spoken about at Mass. The children came to know Father as an enthusiastic youth leader (he organized the Junior and Senior youth groups when he came to St. James). With the help of many supportive parents he coordinated the activities and always had more than enough willing parent chaperones present at each event because we saw how much fun the youngsters had just being together. Father Lynn was the catalyst, not the focal point. Though Father allowed the kids to be kids, he did discipline whenever necessary with his booming voice. He was always just and never inconsistent in his expectations. The youth realized early on that Father was dealing with them honestly. Young people seem to have a sixth sense about phoniness and insincerity.

As a member of the -- for the past years, saw how Father worked with on preparing liturgies for the students. His attitude was supportive of her ideas, not domineering. His relationship with her and the R.E. staff members is in our minds a good example of "collaboration" which is spoken about at many Religious Education Congress workshops.
Father Lynn's unique method of filing (messy office) was a constant source of humor for our family. We tend to echo the sentiments of the woman who wrote in response to the LA Times article on Queen of Angels seminary, "Give me a priest with kindness, prayerfulness and gentleness, and I don't give a hoot if he keeps his room clean." (Letters in View, 5/15/82)

Each time Father Lynn was able to visit our home and share a meal with us we felt privileged because he not only brought joy and much laughter but he also represented the Church with great reverence.

There may be some who might describe Father Lynn in negative terms such as "arrogant, elitist, bad tempered and intolerant." Interestingly, these very words were written recently about Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer. (L.A. Times, 5/16/92) and yet the Holy Father has moved quickly to advance his cause toward sainthood. Obviously, testimony of the supporters of Escriva far outweighs that of his critics. We feel this to be the case with Father Lynn. He was much loved by many people of all ages while at St. James.

In closing, may we share with you the greatest gift which Father Lynn has given us—his example of unwavering commitment to his vocation. Despite the shattering events and demands of the past year, his desire to continue as a priest in the service of God's people is stronger than ever. Surely, you would recognize this same dedication to priesthood if you were to meet with Father Lynn in person.

We pray unceasingly that you will take into consideration the honest desire of Father Lynn's heart—to be allowed to function as the caring, spiritual priest which he was to us at St. James. Your exercise of compassion and mercy toward your brother priest can only bring you peace and will give back to the Los Angeles diocese a fine priest whom we love, respect and need.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry here in this city of Los Angeles.

Sincerely, 

REDACTED
Cardinal Roger Mahoney
Los Angeles Archdiocese

May 17, 1992

Your Eminence,

This letter concerns Father Lynn Caffee. From the weekly that Father arrived at St. James until the needed "Renewal," Father gave insightful, well-prepared, loving homilies explaining God's love and aid, family and community commitment.

As an RCIA instructor, I saw Father Lynn arrive before us (the crew) to prepare the meetings and be available to anyone that wanted to TALK. His concern for others and well-taught classes made newcomers welcome and comfortable.

As an myself, I enjoyed the many personal hours that Father Lynn spent on his day off at the Farmer's market buying flowers to beautify the special Liturgies. His work in his hobbies was generous, making the Rectory special for Christmas for his fellow associates. Father's special talents in music, being a "D.J." for Parish functions made many, many happy social hours for us, his parishioners.

Several times, my husband and I accompanied Father and the Confraternity on Retreats and field trips. His camaraderie mixed with needed discipline were well taken by the teen ages and made very informative but pleasurable trips.
Since we, all people are on a journey of self-improvement, I was pleased to hear that Father Lynn was given time after twenty-five years as a Dedicated Priest to also have time for reflection on "his personality traits."

We need to have the time to understand ourselves and our early family life. This time is the only way we can truly mature in all aspects of adult life.

Whether your own seeking or encouraged seeking to improve, it is always a benefit if done with an open mind and trying spirit.

It would be a terrible negligence not to rethink the reinstatement of Father Lynn Caffee as a Priest of God and great Pastor to this flock. The Church needs caring, dedicated men and women to lead and guide and show the House of God.

Your Sister and Brother in Christ

REDACTED
Cardinal Roger Mahoney
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Dear Your Eminence,

We feel that our family needs to let you know how we feel about Father John
Caffee's dismissal. We are all very, very
saddened to hear this news. He had been an
inspiration to our whole family.

To start with, my husband
was joined a [blacked-out] and wandered away
from God and church. After meeting Father
John, my husband was touched by his gentleness
and started attending church regularly with
myself and the kids at St. James Church. Since
I, myself, are very active at St. James Church for
the last thirteen years, my husband saw what
Father John at church event. I worked at
things conversations with Father John, he
began to have a desire to be active with meat
church functions and to convert to Catholicism.

Now that he is gone, my husband feels very
uncomfortable and last interest in going back to
church again and with rumors flying around
it has really turned him against the Church,
thinking "Is this what The Church is all about?"!
My husband who is a lawyer is very confused
and can't believe what has happened. He
has been

an altar boy at St. James church for 15 years and
was one of the history making Kindergartens
kids that started at St. James school. The

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graduated from St. James School and had a
realized opportunity of knowing father
Aym through the junior and sixth youth
groups which father Aym organized.
Father Aym also helped at St. Andrew
the St. James Rectory. He was a true friend.
The youth group was a great program with
many very opportunities of social
gathering in a Christian atmosphere
for the youth adults. This program since
next year has been discontinued and I
needed greatly up

later, I feel very lucky for the daughter

at St.

James School and felt I will not have
the privilege to experience these youth
groups of to officers that father Aym
spoke of,

I have to say that

I was a chaparone at, at least 900 of
these youth group events and father Aym
interacted with the children has always
been OUTSTANDING AND TERRIFIC!!
I saw nothing questionable about his
behavior at these activities and inspired
a Christian attitude with these young
adults. Father Aym was a pillar for
the children to lean on. My

would like to mention was in the
17th grade at St. James School when all
the biggest event with another teacher
and principal. I just wanted to let you
Now that my son never experienced any negative experiences in his classes, my REDACTED is just fine today, with no psychological effects from that year, and I am very proud to REDACTED he will be attending.

My REDACTED would like to say she misses Father very much, still wishes he never left St. James Church. She cared for many days and so did many other children when they found out he was gone. There is a month that goes by in her household where something doesn't remind her of Father's songs and his happy memories with them. She is a fifth grade Choir singer, fifth grade cheerleader, Girl Scout, piano player and student Council leader at St. James School and church, so she is very aware of things that go on, the Jones family from.

As for myself REDACTED please include this letter to you that I am handwriting. I am taking REDACTED and

I am writing this to you at my
Dear [REDACTED],

I am very pleased to know you understand... But [REDACTED]

I don't even know where to start because He touched my life in so many ways that I could write a book. Brother Jim has given me much inspiration, I could only imagine what He could do and can do for others. What a shame, it is truly a loss for those that need his touch and spiritual guidance and I truly wish you would... PLEASE reevaluate the situation and decision because we all feel Father Lynn Capoor has so much to offer, the Christian Community and Humanity since this man is such a HUMAN Being himself. Thank you for reading this.

We love St James Church and we are proud to be part of its Centennial.

And God Bless you.

P.S. My family has received a letter and is in full agreement of...
May 17, 1992

Your Eminence,

This is a special day for St. James Parish as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary. I have been an active member of this Parish for [redacted] years. We have been blessed with many good priests in the years I have been here.

It came to my attention with sadness and perhaps a little anger too, that one of our former assistant Pastors has been suspended from his priestly duties for an extended period of time. You know of whom I am speaking, Fr. Lynn Coffee.

He took the reins in this parish and led us in a devout, enthusiastic caring way until our Pastor, Fr. [redacted] was incapable, absent or unwilling.
It was always there for us when we needed him. It was such a shock to learn that Fr. Lynn has been punished, for that is how I perceive his status, for such a long term.

Even Our Blessed Lord became angry. Fr. Lynn is human. His shortcomings are no less than mine, yet I have not not been separated from my husband, nor has my children taken away from me, nor my license as a Registered Nurse because of inappropriate behavior.

I am asking you to reconsider Fr. Lynn’s case. He deserves to be a Priest and in these days of shortages of Priests he is needed.

Sincerely yours,
In Christ,

REDACTED
May 17, 1992

TO: HIS EMINENCE, ROGER CARDINAL MAHONEY

SUBJECT: FR. LYNN CAFFOE

This is a plea in behalf of Fr. Lynn Caffoe, that he might resume his Priestly duties as soon as possible. I have known Fr. Lynn for a long time, and went through the RCIA program with him, and kept going back year after year, only because he was in charge. No one has ever explained things so thoroughly or patiently, and in such an interesting & humorous manner. Many of us here, at St. James Parish miss him very much.

I cannot say enough about our Pastor, Fr. [illegible]. The new spirit he has brought to St. James is wonderful, and the many good things he has done are too numerous to mention here. But in spite of all of that, the youth groups have virtually vanished since Fr. Lynn has left, and the dances we used to have and other social events are not at all as much fun without Fr. Lynn. No one has the gift of working with young people like Fr. Lynn.

Besides his intelligence and learning, and his gift for teaching, we all miss his compassion, in and out of the confessional, and his endless patience and listening abilities.

Please, speak to Fr. Lynn, and listen to him also. Please re-evaluate the situation. With the severe shortage of priests, it is a shame to let one as intelligent and wonderful as Fr. Lynn not be able to be a Priest. He has brought so many people to the Lord, and has strengthened the Faith of so many others, that we, who know him, are sure that one day he will be one of the brightest stars in Heaven.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I, as a proud parishioner of St. James, admire you very much. I am glad that you stick to the teachings of the Holy Father, as so many do not these days. I am very sure that one day you, also, will be one of the brightest Stars in Heaven, may you always be blessed.

Yours in Christ,
May 17, 1992

Your Eminence
Cardinal Roger Mahony
Los Angeles, California

Your Eminence:

I would not usually have the temerity to write you a letter, knowing how terribly important your time is for our Archdiocese. But please read on.

In as an agnostic searching for a spiritual home, I came to St. James Church in Redondo Beach. As a catechumen I met Father Lynn Caffoe. He quickly became a beloved spiritual guide. He demonstrated such a wonderful love of God, of people and our Church that I decided to become a Catholic.

He taught us compassion, and he breathed life into our days of sorrow and celebration.

After the good Father left St. James, I started wandering into other Catholic churches in the area, looking for a priest like Father Lynn. Of course I came back to St. James, my home, and gradually began to accept my loss.

Today I humbly submit to Your Eminence that I have never ceased celebrating my joy at being in the Church. Father Lynn is responsible for leading me into this incredible place.

Whatever his present status, I hope he is sent back to us again, or, if not, sent somewhere to continue his good work in another parish.

May God bless him forever.

Sincerely,

St. James Parish
Redondo Beach, California
May 17, 1992

Dear Cardinal,

and I have been ministered to by Father Lynn Caffoe and have worked with him at St. James and in the In that capacity of being around Father while at youth meetings and outings, we were witness to the gifts he has in developing trust from them and involvement with them. We saw friendships that blossomed, not only among the youth but, also we hold Father among our close friends in the Church.

Father was instrumental in our son, involvement as and for his continued participation in the Youth Ministry.

Father Lynn instructed and influenced the preparation of our Marriage. We have heard from our that Father's Christian example led to investigate the Catholic Faith and to enter the RCIA program and to convert.

Father Lynn was our hope during the turmoil that our parish suffered not too long ago. He held us to the belief that somehow all things could be worked out toward a positive resolution and his own works and persistence helped achieve that goal we all held. With this knowledge and hope, and I determined to remain as active parishioners. This after all has been our parish for all of our twenty-eight years of marriage.

Please consider with compassion and Christian forgiveness the plight of Father Lynn. We would hope that our prayers for him and his resolve might open new consideration on his behalf.

Yours in Christ,
use the other
Fr. Caffoe
letter
May 17, 1992

Your Eminence,

I am a convert to Catholicism through the RCIA programme at St. James Church. Father Lynn Caffee was our teacher and spiritual director.

Father Lynn is a warm and understanding priest who should be reinstated as an active priest. His compassion, wisdom and spiritual guidance have been helpful to me and many others. The Church can't afford to lose such a good and talented man.

With respect,

[Handwritten name redacted]
Dear [REDACTED],

Enclosed is the letter Lynn Moffa sent to me and a member of your board. I was also approached about a letter writing campaign that is being encouraged by Lynn's behalf. At this point, 42 letters have been written as a testimonial of Lynn's impact upon them as a priest. I was assured that they were not letters of complaint, but of support in the hopes of Lynn's return to the ministry before the 3-5 year proposal.

The letter writers do not in any way wish to jeopardize Lynn's return to the ministry. I was also assured that Lynn did not solicit or organize this letter writing.

I hope you are well.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
I'll wait for my notes to be done, I have a date to see Mr. Colonel.

Mrs.
May 21, 1992

Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, Ca. 90015

Dear Msgr. Dyer,

These letters are being routed to you as per the instructions of [redacted]. We spoke to him during the St. James Centenary celebration and he informed us as to the proper procedure to be followed in matters regarding clergy. The letters are meant to make a positive, loving statement regarding Fr. Lynn Caffoe’s years of service at St. James. They are in no way meant to be an irritant or to put anyone on the defensive. We are stating this at the suggestion of the pastor of St. James, Fr. [redacted], who feels that when significant numbers of letters are received by your office or that of the Cardinal the tendency is to perceive them as negative and critical in nature. Sadly, Fr. [redacted] is probably correct in most cases. However, upon reading these we’re sure you and Cardinal Mahony will find just the opposite to be true. These have been written by people who have a sincere respect for Fr. Lynn as a priest and who want to support him in some way during this time. We also state with the utmost honesty and integrity that Fr. Lynn had nothing to do with the writing of these letters. He did have knowledge of the possibility of something being done on his behalf because everyone who expressed a desire to write wanted to be completely sure that our actions would in no way harm his chances to eventually return to his ministry. Fr. Lynn did not feel that letters written respectfully and prayerfully could hurt him so we, the people, went ahead. He in no way orchestrated our actions and does not have knowledge of the contents of the letters unless people have freely sent him copies.

Finally, the gathering of these letters was done in a spirit of openness and honesty. Fr. [redacted] was not informed only because it was not an all-parish activity, and Fr. Lynn has been gone from St. James for almost a year. We wrote as individuals and families, not as parish representatives.

We appreciate your time and pray that these letters will be received by you and the Cardinal in the same Christian spirit in which they were written.

Respectfully Yours,
June 2, 1992

Dear Mr. [Redacted]:

I wish to acknowledge your recent letter with respect to the status of Father Lynn Caffoe.

I know that you will understand that it is not possible for me to discuss confidential personnel matters effecting our priests with parishioners.

I would invite your prayers and support for Father Caffoe, and we will rely upon the graces of the Holy Spirit to help form and shape his future ministry.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ [Signature]

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
Caffee
letter
Archbishop of Los Angeles
Cardinal Roger Mahony

Sincerely yours in Christ,

With every best wish, I am

upon the advice of the Holy Spirit to help form and shape this future ministry.

I would invite your prayers and support for Father Calice, and we will rely

confidentially personal matters concerning our priests with parishioners.

I know that you will understand that it is not possible for me to discuss

Father Tyrone Calice.

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 17, 1992 with respect to the status of

Dear Mr. and Mrs.

June 2, 1992

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
June 2, 1992

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [redacted],

I wish to acknowledge your recent letter with respect to the status of Father Lynn Caffoe.

I know that you will understand that it is not possible for me to discuss confidential personnel matters effecting our priests with parishioners.

I would invite your prayers and support for Father Caffoe, and we will rely upon the graces of the Holy Spirit to help form and shape his future ministry.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[signature]

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels  San Fernando  San Gabriel  San Pedro  Santa Barbara
June 2, 1992

Dear Ms. [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 15, 1992 with respect to the status of Father Lynn Caffoe.

I know that you will understand that it is not possible for me to discuss confidential personnel matters effecting our priests with parishioners.

I would invite your prayers and support for Father Caffoe, and we will rely upon the graces of the Holy Spirit to help form and shape his future ministry.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
June 2, 1992

Dear Mrs. [redacted],

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 17, 1992 with respect to the status of Father Lynn Caffoe.

I know that you will understand that it is not possible for me to discuss confidential personnel matters effecting our priests with parishioners.

I would invite your prayers and support for Father Caffoe, and we will rely upon the graces of the Holy Spirit to help form and shape his future ministry.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Roger A. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
July 17, 1992

Rev. Lynn R. Caffoe

Dear Lynn:

I just today received a call from St. Luke Institute informing me that they will not be able to come out in August, as planned, but instead will be here between September 8 and 11.

When I have a specific date for you to meet with them and me, I will immediately send it to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels  San Fernando  San Gabriel  San Pedro  Santa Barbara
CONTINUING CARE CONTRACT

Patient: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe
Saint Luke Institute

Admission Date: 8-22-91
Saint Luke Institute

Primary Therapist: REDACTED
Discharge Date: 3-31-92

Admitting Physician: REDACTED

This Contract is entered into freely with the undersigned, Lynn R. Caffoe, and the Saint Luke Institute for a period of six months, beginning March 31, 1992 and ending October 1, 1992. At the end of the six month period, I and my continuing care therapist shall review the terms of the Contract and make any changes/revisions deemed necessary. The terms of this Contract are confidential.

Because of the decision of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles that I will be on administrative suspension from active ministry as a priest, I begin an entirely new lifestyle at home, lasting from three to five years, as I strive in recovery to return to full-time ministry as a priest. Because of the many practical things necessary for me to accomplish upon returning home after being away for seven months, as well as the new changes, some facets of this Contract will need to be discussed between myself and the continuing care therapist for application whenever necessary. As of this date, the terms of the Contract are:

I. ONGOING RECOVERY

Aware of my need for continuously relating my feelings and issues with others, avoiding isolation and keeping things close to the vest; aware of the need to continue to deal with my unintegrated sexuality issues; aware of my continuing need to deal with negative feelings, emotions of anger, judgmental thinking, often passive, often aggressive behaviors and verbalizations; aware of my continuing need to address issues of proper boundaries of relating to others affectionally; the following accountability systems and support systems need to be in effect:

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1. As soon as possible, I will secure the services of an Archdiocesan approved psychologist/therapist, well versed in the Twelve Step Program, for a minimum of twice-a-month sessions.

2. As soon as possible, I will assemble a core support group made up of:
   Msgr. REDACTED Sr. REDACTED
   up to three men who have experienced Saint Luke Institute, that now live in my home area, one or two couples who are close friends, who are aware of my story.
   — my future spiritual director.

3. I will be in regular phone contact with others in the area who have lived the Saint Luke Institute experience.

4. I will visit for an extended period of time with former Saint Luke Institute residents twice a month, for support, input and sharing.

5. I will be involved in three Twelve Step Programs weekly (EA, ACOA, SCA).

6. I will have a weekly visit with at least one supportive friend, who is aware of my situation, with whom to share: Msgr. REDACTED Sr. REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED and REDACTED

7. I will have a once-a-month contact with the Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese.

II. CONTINUING CARE

1. I will be in contact with the Saint Luke Institute continuing care therapist monthly.

2. Within three months, I will schedule a Re-Entry Workshop with my continuing care therapist and my home support group.

3. I will attend the Continuing Care Workshops at Saint Luke Institute every six months for the first two years, and once a year for three additional years.

III. SPIRITUALITY

1. I will partake in one half-day or full day of prayer and reflection away from my home monthly.

2. I will have a daily hour of personal prayer, reflection and meditation.

3. I will have regular visits, approximately monthly, with a confessor and spiritual director, who are well versed in the Twelve Step Program.
IV. PHYSICAL NEEDS

1. I will take no other drugs except those prescribed by my personal doctor or a doctor of the REDACTED staff. I will take:
   REDACTED

2. Understanding that alcohol is a drug that lowers inhibitions, if I drink at all, I will drink no more than my life-long pattern of one drink four times a month.

3. I will begin as soon as possible a regular spa workout of two hours three times a week.

4. I will continue with a maintenance/modified diet plan.

5. I will have regular medical checkups with my personal doctor, every three months, to monitor cholesterol, high blood pressure, and overall physical health.

6. I will set up and receive, as soon as possible, massage therapy every two weeks, for stress reduction and as a preventative for chronic neck spasms.

(REDACTED)

(REDACTED)

(REDACTED)

3-23-92
Dear Bishop Mahony,

Between September 28 and October 2, 1992 Father Caffoe attended a workshop with us as part of his Continuing Care program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months. Father Caffoe does not seem to be motivated by a desire for change or growth, but only to fulfill the letter of the law by which he hopes to gain reassignment to ministry.
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Re: Reverend Lynn Caffoe

October 5, 1992
Page 2

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Unfortunately, Father Caffoe is not participating in a recovery oriented program. During this workshop, he exhibited little or no motivation toward participating in a recovery oriented program. He continues to cast himself in the role of victim and continues to project considerable hostility toward virtually all of the authoritative persons and institutions in his life. He stated that he was extremely disappointed with the experience of this workshop, and that he would have to think very seriously about continuing in this program. He presented a very sullen and withdrawn appearance during group activities, and did not attempt to use the group process for his therapeutic or recovery oriented needs. At this point, given Father Caffoe's noncompliance with his therapeutic or recovery oriented program, and his obvious lack of motivation for doing so, and his use of his time during this Continuing Care workshop only to recruit new supporters to his "cause," we wonder whether the amount of time, energy, and economic resources which are being invested in Father Caffoe can be justified. At this point we see very little reason to believe that these efforts are likely to result in positive growth or recovery. Should Father Caffoe decide to remain in this program and should it be decided that he can continue, his next Continuing Care workshop will be scheduled at the beginning of April of 1993.
We thank you for the support you offer to Father Caffoe. We believe that a life of sobriety can help him to reestablish his life-giving ministry with God’s people if he will pursue such a life. We ask for your prayers in behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and to continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Coordinator, Continuing Care Services
and Three-Quarter Way House
Outpatient Department

[Redacted]

Director Outpatient Department

[Redacted]

Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

[Redacted]

cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
Msgr. Timothy Dyer  
Vicar for Clergy  
1531 West 9th St  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90015 - 1194  

Re: Rev. Lynn Caffoe

Dear Tim:

You asked that I write my impressions about the meeting with Lynn and his support group which we attended September 9, 1992 at

Unless these issues are addressed I fear for Lynn's future return to active ministry. I hope he will address these issues in a practical and effective manner.

Respectfully submitted

cc: Rev. Lynn Caffoe
November 18, 1992

Rev. Lynn Caffoe

Dear Father Caffoe:

According to our records, your next Workshop at St. Luke Institute is scheduled for March 8-12, 1993.

We would like to purchase your plane tickets for this as far in advance as possible, to take advantage of lower rates available when the reservation is made well ahead of the flight dates.

Accordingly, unless I hear otherwise from you, we will plan to be in touch with the travel agency soon. If for any reason you do not or cannot plan to attend on the dates given, please let my office know by November 30.

With gratitude for your consideration in this regard, I remain

Yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
November 19, 1992

Dear Dr. [redacted],

Enclosed you will find the CONFIDENTIAL reports from the file of Rev. Lynn Caffoe. These include the initial evaluation by Dr. [redacted], my letter of introduction to St. Luke Institute, and the subsequent progress reports from the Institute.

Shortly after his first appointment with you, I called Father Caffoe and he gave me permission to send you these.

Please call me if you have any questions about the material.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

Enclosures
DATE: February 9, 1993

FROM: REDACTED

TO: REDACTED

RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

--REDACTED is not handling this particular workshop. REDACTED is the Coordinator. Also REDACTED and REDACTED can be of assistance.

Father Caffoe should arrive Monday afternoon (before 3 P.M. if he expects to be picked up from the airport by REDACTED

THEY ARE REQUESTING THAT THIS OFFICE TELEPHONE IN THE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS—JUST IN CASE FR. CAFFOE FAILS TO NOTIFY THEM.
February 11, 1993

Rev. Lynn Caffoe
REDACTED

Dear Father Caffoe:

Just a note to let you know that we have ordered your plane tickets for the March 8-12 Aftercare session at St. Luke.

The travel agency will be sending the tickets to you directly.

Data is as follows:

Leave LAX Monday, March 8 Northwest Airlines Flight #550 at 7:20 A.M.
Arrive National Airport, Washington at 4:50 P.M.

Leave National Airport Friday, March 12 Northwest Airlines Flight #555 at 6:30 P.M.
Arrive LAX 10:52 P.M.

We have been notified by St. Luke that they cannot make pick-ups at the airport after 3:00 P.M. That being the case, you will need to take a taxi from the airport to the Institute. Please be sure to send me some record of the taxi fare, and we will reimburse you.

Sincerely yours,

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REDACTED
March 19, 1993

His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, DD
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

Dear Cardinal Mahony:

Father Caffoe recently attended a workshop with us the week of March 8-12, 1993 as part of his Continuing Care Program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months.
Father Caffoe states that he realizes that he made many mistakes of judgment with minors, and that these mistakes had most to do with affectional behavior and the violation of personal space and boundaries.
A copy of this letter is being sent to Father Caffoe for his reflections. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact us.
We thank you for the support you offer to Father Caffoe. We believe that a life of sobriety helps him to continue in his life-giving ministry with God's people. We ask for your prayers in behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and for continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Montana, PhD
Director
Outpatient Department

cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
REFERRAL MEMORANDUM from CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY

DATE: 3-26-93

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Please REVIEW, then SEND me your COMMENTS
Please REVIEW, then FILE

Please HANDLE this matter ENTIRELY
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Please WRITE A REPLY for my signature
For your INFORMATION
Please XEROX - FAX and send copy/copies to:

Original to: ( ) file ( ) back to me ( )

REMARKS: I hope some of this is true!
April 6, 1993

Dear Dr. 

Attached is the latest progress report from St. Luke Institute for Father Lynn Caffoe. I am pleased with what appears to be real progress; I temper my pleasure with caution—remembering the history of this man, whom I have seen change from "charming" to "outraged" in a moment's time. I want to make very clear, however, that I truly want to see him get well—whether he returns to ministry or not.

I would like to know from you what role or approach on my part you would recommend. At this stage in his therapy, would it be sufficient for Lynn if I were to meet with him or show my support by taking him out to dinner? He and his support group have accused me of showing no care or concern, and in my role as Vicar for Clergy, care for individual priests is certainly part of what I do. I am not sure, however, that Lynn wants to see me at all or what kind of support might truly benefit him, and I therefore seek your advice.

As to the forming of a group, we are getting closer to sending you some new men, and I will be in touch with you my mid-April.

Call me if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
MAY 12, 1993

ROGER CARDINAL MAHONY
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES

Your Eminence,

As you are aware, this year away from priestly ministry has been very difficult for me. I hope that you are also aware that psychologically, emotionally and spiritually, I am in a much better space than I was April 1st of last year when I returned to Los Angeles from St. Luke's. I have availed myself of the services of Dr. on a weekly basis, and had a more positive experience of the Aftercare Program at St. Luke's a few months ago. I continue to grow in a healthy way towards the time of possible reinstatement to active ministry.

Your generosity of the gift of $25,000 to get me started in my new life was greatly appreciated, as well as keeping me on the Archdiocesan medical and dental insurance program.

However, I arrive at a critical time in my practical life. I have taken classes in floral design, 25 days at 5 hours/day. I have also taken 66 hours, spread over six months, of voiceover classes, hoping to be able to support myself. I reach a crucial time. Floral is a very expensive investment, and I cannot afford to risk too much in this area. The economic situation of our society has also directly effected the advertising and commercial business as well. I have completed my voiceover demo tape, distributed it to many agencies, and await responses. Word of mouth about my floral work also brings in occasional work.
the owner of the home in which I live, and a long
time friend, has been extremely generous in allowing me to live here
for no rent for nearly a year. However, it becomes financially necessary
for him to desire me to reach a full roomate status - $500/month.
If I can not do that I will have to move elsewhere. I have a home here
with positive surroundings. I have use of 1/2 the garage for my floral
work. I could not find so much for so little if I were to move. Nor
do I have the finances to do so. In addition my monthly obligations
of other bills continue: car payment, car insurance, storage, phone,
Visa/Mastercharge, gas, etc.

By way of accountability of my use of your gift of last year, I
include the following information.

Expenses: April, 1992 - April 1993

$1,000 -first car rental (3 months)
$1,600 -Car insurance, April '92 to April '93
$2,500 -Downpayment for car
$4,500 -Car payments since July '92 (10 @ $450/month)
$1,300 -Car insurance April '93 to April '94 (took out a loan)
$1,500 -Floral Design classes
$2,500 -Voiceover classes and demo tape
$2,500 -Investment in floral (stock on hand, much is seasonal)
$2,400 -Mastercard/visa payments (@$200/month)
$1,320 -Storage payments (@$110/month)
$ 600 -Car expenses/gas expenses(@$50/month)

$21,320 (Remainder spent on food, clothing, necessities, medication,
phone installation and monthly phone bills, etc.)

Your Eminence, I am asking then of your generosity, that you would
consider another gift of $8,000 to $10,000 which would enable me to
further establish my floral and voiceover work, without having to move
from [Blank]'s home, at least not for the near future. I realize that this
is a major request, and that if you would prefer, a loan, with interest, would be very agreeable to me. I would hope that you could respond to me as soon as possible, as everything is dovetailing now, and decisions have to be made very shortly on these practical issues.

I thank you in advance for your considerations. I daily pray for you and all your concerns on a daily basis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Lynn R. Caffoe

Lynn R. Caffoe

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REFERRAL MEMORANDUM from CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY

TO:  
DATE: 5-13-93

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REMARKS:  You recommendation, please!

                       Thanks!
MEMORANDUM

May 15, 1993

TO: Cardinal Mahony

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

For a number of reasons, I am positive about this request.

In the first place, St. Luke's (both in their recent aftercare report and by way of my speaking in person with the aftercare therapist) has been very clear in saying that real progress is going on in this case. Dr. [redacted] concurs. In addition, Fr. Caffoe has, apart from his first six months following St. Luke's, built up a good and regular aftercare program -- to which he has been faithful. For the first time, I am beginning to think that there is a chance for eventual return to ministry. I spoke at length, by phone today, with Lynn and noted that while he still hopes to return to ministry, he is not pushing as he has in the past which indicates to me that he has focused on health and his program for recovery rather than jumping hurdles to get back into ministry. I also noted that he is evidently making progress on the issue of anger and, for the first time, apologized for the way he has treated me and [redacted] during this whole affair. He seems to have taken seriously the need to support himself and to have dealt with the initial anger and demand that the Archdiocese support him. He gave me a number of examples of the floral and voice-over work he has done but, in fairness, I think getting established in these areas takes time and he is presently in need of more financial help. My recommendation is based on the judgment that we are really making progress in helping a man back to health and that since October (when he began seeing Dr. [redacted] and going to 12-step programs) he has been fully cooperating with what the Archdiocese has asked.

My suggestion is that Lynn remain on the 3-5 year track which was originally set for him and that for one year's time the Archdiocese offer him a monthly check of $750. Beyond a year's time, I would tell him that we would expect him to be well enough established to handle his living expenses (apart from health insurance) through his own income.
May 19, 1993

Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe

Dear Lynn:

Thank you so very much for your letter of May 12, 1993, and I was so pleased to listen to the new spirit which obviously is now part of your own life and your ongoing growth and development. It was a very positive and promising letter, and all of the reports which I have received continue to point to excellent progress in the overall plan which you have undertaken.

It would seem to me that we are best served by having you remain on that three to five year track which was originally agreed to. Given the specific circumstances of your case, I would be happy to offer you a monthly check in the amount of $750 for a one year period. At the end of that year, it would be my hope that you would be well enough established to handle your own living expenses through the income which you would be receiving.

Of course, we will continue to cover you with your health insurance.

I am hopeful that you will continue to work closely with Doctor [redacted] and the follow-up care from St. Luke's Institute, since it is obvious that both of these components are contributing very positively to your ongoing growth and development.

Please continue to maintain contact with Monsignor Timothy Dyer, my Vicar for the Clergy, as you move forward on this special journey.

Assuring you of my own continuing prayers, and with kindest personal regards,

I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
Please instruct mean to when the year begins for the 750.

What is the salary under 'Status'?

June 1, '93 - Aug 31, '94

Sign. STATUS
Dear Father Dyer,

I spoke with Father [redacted] and he suggested that I might be able to get in touch with Lynn Caffoe through your office as Vicar for clergy. He used to have a P.O. Box in Long Beach but my letters have been returned. So please get this to him if you can. If not please return it to me. Thank you so much. He is a dear friend and I do not want to lose touch. He may need this more right now I just don't know.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Letter forwarded 07/24/93
Dear Fr. Dyer,

I am troubling you again to please pass this letter to hymn. I have no other way of getting in touch. If it cannot be delivered, please send it back to me.

He is going through a very difficult time in his life after twenty years of ministry. I want him to know I care, I pray, I love, and want the very best for him now and always. Whatever is God's will for him.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

2/22/93

[Redacted]
Re: Lynn Caffoe

Father Caffoe attended a workshop with us the week of September 13-17, 1993 as part of his Continuing Care program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months.

The following is our perception of Father Caffoe's progress in his ongoing recovery:
Father Caffoe continues to hope for the opportunity to be reinstated in ministry, but at this point seems more able to allow himself to experience the longing for his priesthood without demanding that the circumstances of his life change simply because he has that longing. Again, this seems to indicate that Father Caffoe has made significant progress in accepting the circumstances of his life and allowing himself the desire to be reinstated without any guarantee that this might happen. It seems that in the past, Father Caffoe felt that without a guarantee of reinstatement, that the desire to be reinstated was just too difficult to entertain. At this point he seems to realize that his desire may or may not influence circumstances, but that he has the right to experience the desire nevertheless.
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Coordinator, Continuing Care Services
Outpatient Department

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Director Outpatient Department

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Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

cc: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
MEMORANDUM

October 11, 1993

TO:   Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE:   Fr. Lynn Caffoe

Attached is the latest Continuing Care workshop report from St. Luke's Institute for Fr. Lynn Caffoe.

and I met with Dr. and Fr. Caffoe several months ago to get a sense of his progress. I will prepare a report of our findings and, based on them and the attached report, make some suggestions as to how we might want to communicate with Fr. Caffoe regarding his progress and the work that remains before him.

Funds growing for the future

+ R MH

10-16-93
Dear Father Dyer,

Would you be kind enough to send this along to Lynn Coffoe. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and a blessed New Year.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

11/14/94

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February 11, 1994
From Monsignor Dyer

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Yes. Both.

TD: Was there ever penetration or anal intercourse?

: No. There was oral copulation where he would masturbate me.

TD: As to the place of these events, did he ever invite you on trips or vacations?

No. Mostly these events took place at the parish. For example, we would set up the chairs for the RCIA and there was a room off to the side with a door which could be locked where he would do this to me.

TD: Did he introduce you to nudity and get your clothes off?

: Yes.

TD: How long did these kinds of sexual activity go on?

: It reached a point of an average of once a week over a couple of years.

TD: So we are talking about the sexual actions happening maybe 100 times or more?

Yes

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Mr. [BLANK] came in at 10:45 and we discussed this until Noon.

At family's request, it was decided not to immediately confront Lynn Caffoe with this information—until we can meet again—(in presence of Fr. [BLANK])—and discuss steps to safeguard them from retribution or harrassment on the part of Father Caffoe.

Mr. [BLANK] said he had experienced being on the end of Father Caffoe's anger and knew he would be vindictive.

Request made by Mr. [BLANK] to meet with [BLANK] and [BLANK].
CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

Attached is the testimony I took from [redacted] re his involvement with Fr. Lynn Caffoe. This matter was reported to Child Protective Services by the counselor at Bishop Montgomery Highschool and the police were due to begin an investigation this week. I am waiting for a call from the [redacted] family who wanted an assurance that I would, for the time being, share this only with you and [redacted] -- as they fear reprisals from Fr. Caffoe. I will report to you on my next meeting with them.

Really sad awful testimony -

+RMH

2-23-94
MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Lynn Caffoe

February 17, 1994

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Reference names that should be added to this episode:

Lynn Caffoe
Dr.

Others whom I suspect may have been victimized:

(I don't think anything happened)

(I have a feeling)

(?? I don't think so but..."

sp.?
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18
FROM: 
TO: Msgr. Dyer
RE: 

I spoke at some length with [redacted], the Counselor at Bishop Montgomery Hi, today.

She was not in favor of contacting the person/s you are expecting to hear from. She said she would be seeing the young man at school Tuesday and she would mention to him casually then that you were expecting to hear from him.

She was reluctant to apply any pressure at all and said she felt it best just to wait. However, she did agree she would go ahead and give him your home phone number--and she will do that--I think just indicate you wanted him to know how to reach you at any time.

She said she would call if there was any reaction to report on Tuesday.
3-3-94

Dear Monsignor Dyer,

Enclosed is a copy of the ledger for account. The month of February brought many meetings with his parents, and representatives from law enforcement, thus the high number of visits (7). There is also a $75 charge for a psychological test I administered to . I anticipate that future visits will be reduced to once per week.

I have also enclosed a copy of my resume for your review. I thank you in advance for considering me in any future cases.

Again, the nature of your presence and essence in this matter has been very helpful to and his family. Helpful in a way that they did not anticipate, which of course made it that much more powerful.

Sincerely,
I have the bill - $750
Will request check. Thank you

This is (Shared letter that goes out with check that we are paying a/c default of responsible party?) I'd like me to have written
TO:  Cardinal Mahony
FROM:  Father Timothy Dyer
RE:  Fr. Lynn Caffoe

Just to update you in this case: Fr. Lynn Caffoe has returned to work at the cab company where he has been employed for a number of months. He has not returned to therapy with Dr. though he has made contact with him. He has evidently returned to the home of Mr. -- the friend who has given him residence since his return from St. Luke's.

At this point, the detective involved in the investigation is trying to set up a recorded phone call between the alleged victim, and Fr. Lynn (this would be to obtain evidence and preclude a protracted criminal case in court -- something which is to the advantage for Fr. Caffoe as well as everyone else). I have been in touch with the family each week and will see them again once the investigation is concluded. At that time I will have proof-read and sign the testimony he gave me on February 11th 1994. I will reiterate the Archdiocese's offer of immediate help (though Fr. Caffoe is ultimately responsible) in the form of counseling and spiritual direction as well as the assistance of I will also ask the to put me in touch with whose son is also suspected to have been involved with or at least knowledgeable of Fr. Caffoe's alleged misconduct.

For the present, I am not sharing the information I have with Dr. or anyone else as it would be an interference with the investigation. I will keep you informed.

That's good process.

+ TkH

3-14-94  9851
Dear [Redacted]

Although I have called and spoken to you weekly during the past month, I believe it would be wise for me to summarize in writing the situation we are now facing so that the position of the Archdiocese is clear to you.

Since your testimony to me on February 11, 1994, I have felt it best to simply stay in touch with you while we wait and cooperate with the police investigation now going on.

I have spoken to no one other than the Cardinal about his matter, in order to assure non-interference with your decisions and the work of the police detective assigned to this case. I do want to reiterate here, so that you have it in writing, our offer to begin payment immediately for your counseling with Dr. [Redacted], and to assure you that future family therapy will also be provided.

For your information, it is the position of the Archdiocese that a priest who has abused someone will himself be responsible for cost of therapy, as this is seen to be a part of his own therapy and recovery. We will not, however, wait until Father Caffoe is in a position to meet
this responsibility, but will act in his name to see that immediate help is offered to your family. In addition, I encourage you once again to meet with the members of our Archdiocesan Advisory Board, as I am sure you will find them to be of great assistance in this matter. Their phone number is

Once the investigation has been completed, I would like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss your needs, as well as to seek your help in contacting other families who you suspect may have experienced problematic behavior on the part of Father Caffoe. When we meet, I will also explain to you our protocol regarding Father Caffoe himself and how we assist a priest in these situations. Finally, I once again want to thank you, [name], for your willingness to come forward with testimony that is so painful and difficult to relate. I encourage you to continue being open and honest in the days ahead and I assure you of my prayers and the support of the Archdiocese in this regard. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me and I will continue to be in touch with you weekly until we meet.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
March 22, 1994

Dear [Redacted],

Although I have called and spoken to you weekly during the past month, I believe it would be wise for me to summarize in writing the situation we are now facing so that the position of the Archdiocese is clear to you.

Since your testimony to me on February 11, 1994, I have felt it best to simply stay in touch with you while we wait and cooperate with the police investigation now going on.

I have spoken to no one other than the Cardinal about his matter, in order to assure non-interference with your decisions and the work of the police detective assigned to this case. I do want to reiterate here, so that you have it in writing, our offer to begin payment immediately for your counseling with Dr. [Redacted] and to assure you that future family therapy will also be provided.

For your information, it is the position of the Archdiocese that a priest who has abused someone will himself be responsible for cost of therapy, as this is seen to be a part of his own therapy and recovery. We will not, however, wait until Father Caffoe is in a position to meet this responsibility, but will act in his name to see that immediate help is offered to your family. In addition, I encourage you once again to meet with [Redacted] of our Archdiocesan Advisory Board, as I am sure you will find them to be of great assistance in this matter. Their phone number is [Redacted].

Once the investigation has been completed, I would like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss your needs, as well as to seek your help in contacting other families who you suspect may have experienced problematic behavior on the part of Father Caffoe. When we meet, I will also explain to you our protocol regarding Father Caffoe himself and how we assist a priest in these situations. Finally, I once again want to thank you, [Redacted] for your willingness to come forward with testimony that is so painful and difficult to relate. I encourage you to continue being open and honest in the days ahead and I assure you of my prayers and the support of the Archdiocese in this regard. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me and I will continue to be in touch with you weekly until we meet.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels  San Fernando  San Gabriel  San Pedro  Santa Barbara

9845
Dear

Please be kind enough to pass this letter on for me.

Thank You.

An Irish Blessing

May the Blessings of Each Day,
Be the Blessings You Need Most.
NAME: Rev. Lynn Coffey

PERSON MAKING ALLEGATION: Rev. REDACTED (2/91) -> ( ) Work
       REDACTED (1/94) -> REDACTED Home

REPORT/ALLEGATION: Suspicious Activity with minors (in line with
       previous allegations in '89 and before first in '75—Coffey's
       1st assignment).

ARCHDIOCESAN ATTORNEY/INSURANCE NOTIFIED: [date]

THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: REDACTED
      [priest] REDACTED
      Dr. REDACTED (post SCI)

THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: Dr. REDACTED
      [for others] REDACTED (B. Montgomery, Highsch. Counselor)

ADDITIONAL CONTACT PERSONS: REDACTED
      [st. Jane Sch.
      principal] / REDACTED

ADDITIONAL CONTACT PERSONS: REDACTED
      [when this is insufficient]

CASE CHRONOLOGY:

DATE       EVENT
4/91       Coffey confronted w/ REDACTED suspicion by REDACTED — RAGE!
        + denial
4/91       REDACTED: evaluation demanded, /child abuse report by REDACTED
6/91       REDACTED: evaluation — recommends residential treatment
9/91       REDACTED: Inactive leave (8-9 years outside ministry — with possible
7/92       return — the prognosis is poor)
2/10/94     REDACTED: (student - Bishop Montgomery)
        + Dr. REDACTED
        REDACTED: who has contacted Cl. Prov. Serv. +
        made police report] — Serious Allegations of sexual
        abuse (first direct testimony by a victim)
7/28/94     Letter from Dr. REDACTED attesting to REDACTED credibility
August 4, 1990

Dear Monsignor,

I was given your name to help me locate Father Caffee. Father Caffee had been a lifetime friend and almost an adopted member of our family. We met him at Our Lady of Peace in the 1970's. He guided our children and us through crises. He was a "big brother" to our youngest son. The last time we saw him was Oct 12, 1990 when he married our youngest son. He wrote to me in March 1992 and explained his "bad situation." He gave me a $200 for my birthday and since then I have been writing to him to let him know we care very much and where we are.

We just moved to Carville and we just want him to know where we are and we pray for him a lot. This is not an inquiry into his personal life. I just want to know if he is all right physically and mentally. He
has been there for us for over 20 years! He spent a lot of Christmas East’s with us and walked us through so many crises.

My husband had cancer surgery 2 years ago and I have a heart condition. Our youngest son now becomes a father of two girls. There is so much we would love to share with him. I would appreciate it if you could forward our recent address and phone # to him and if you could somehow let us know that he is okay.

I wrote to him at the Long Island address and my letter was returned with 'no forwarding address left.' That is why I am writing to you. Thank you so much for your help.
I called her to say Lynn has disappeared.

Told her if we locate him — we'll let her know. — so put in file.
September 15, 1994

From: 
To: Msgr. Dyer

Re: Dr. [redacted] therapist

Dr. [redacted] called this afternoon to say that you had wanted a particular letter from him regarding the [redacted] boy. This was before you went away to the Holy Land.

He prepared the letter. However, the [redacted] family insisted that the contents are so confidential that the letter must be picked up by hand.

Dr. [redacted] left a message on [redacted] phone that the letter was ready during your vacation, but did not hear anything from him.

The letter remains ready and can be picked up at Dr. [redacted]'s office.

[Redacted]

It would be good to call first to be sure he or his office manager will be there. The office is usually open from 9 to 4.

[Redacted]

PRIORITY

P.S. give to [redacted]
ask if he can drive
pick it up

9823
October 18, 1994

Monsignor Tim Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

About ten years ago we befriended Fr. Lynn Caffoe. He has been an important part of our life since then. We shared his grief when the church placed him in special programs to deal with temperament and relationship problems.

Fr. Lynn reconfirmed to us frequently his commitment to return to a full active priesthood life. Because he could not obtain credit, we (co-signed) guaranteed his purchase of a car.

We now find ourselves in an awkward position. Recently obtained information indicates his problems were very serious ones. We have not heard from him for many months. The bank has asked us to pay off the remaining balance of $4,330 because he no longer makes payments. We do not know his whereabouts. We do not know where the car is.

We have two daughters in college and don’t need added debt. On one hand we feel we should pursue recovery through legal means. We feel victimized, deceived. On the other hand we worry about how this might affect Fr. Lynn, ourselves and others.

We hope you understand our predicament. We would appreciate it if the church assists in the car payments. Thank you for your consideration about this unfortunate matter.

Sincerely,
Dear Msgr. Dyer,

I have been a friend of Fr. Lynn Caffoe since 1972. I am concerned and would like very much to make contact with him. Will you please forward the enclosed letter to him?

If you are unable to forward the letter please return it to me so that I know not to wait for his reply.

Sincerely,

Hm.

Wk.
November 23, 1994

Mr.

Dear Mr.

I regret to tell you that Father Caffoe’s whereabouts are unknown to the Archdiocese.

The last address we have on record is no longer his residence, and he has left us no name of anyone through whom we can forward mail.

If you should eventually contact Father Caffoe, you might relay the message that we are interested in his present situation and in his well-being.

I am returning your letter to you.

God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

Enclosures
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 19, 1995
FROM: [Name]
TO: Msgr. Dyer
RE: Messages

At the stroke of Noon today, having had no word, I called at St. Luke's, extended our apologies, and told her Fr. [Name] would not be coming for January 22 and she could go ahead and use the space for someone else.

I received a phone message via [Name] from a Doctor [Name] Regarding [Name] (Caffoe case). It seems the former therapist, Dr. [Name] has moved out of state. Dr. [Name] is [Name]'s new therapist would wishes to know if that is ok with the Archdiocese and if we will continue to pay.

I checked the file. The last bill we paid Dr. [Name] was in September, so it would seem to have been some time since [Name] has seen a therapist.

With that in mind, I called Dr. [Name]--got his tape--and left word that we had his message and that you would call him to let him know if the Archdiocese will accept billings from him.

His number is [Name].

There is also a note in the Caffoe file from late last summer indicating that Dr. [Name] had prepared a letter for you but that the concern for confidentiality was so great that it must be picked up by hand. Your instructions were to call [Name] and ask him if he could pick it up. I did that. Whatever it said, it does not seem to be in the Caffoe file at this time.
Dear Fr. Dyer,

Please foreward for me. Thank you for making my pain a little less as I can communicate even if it's only one way for the time being. Thank you so much.
"May God send you good fortune
Contentment and peace
And may all your blessings forever increase.

AN IRISH BLESSING
May the faith and hope
of Christmas
light your way
the whole year through
REDACTED

Hope your holiday is special!
REDACTED

Father Lynn Caffie
St. James Church
415 Vincent St.
Redondo Beach, Calif.
90277
January 18, 1997

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of the recent letter that you mailed to Father Lynn Caffoe in care of St. James Church. However, we do not have a current address for him.

Please let me know whether you would like me to send it back to you, or if you would prefer that we hold it here until we can forward it to him. You can send your response to the above address.

Sincerely yours,
REDACTED

REDACTED
Loomis, Msgr. Richard A.

From: 
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 1998 3:23 PM
To: Loomis, Msgr. Richard A.
Subject: Call from 

called at 3:15 p.m. asking for an address for Father Lynn Caffoe. He is on "in-active" leave and we have no address. She then asked if there was someone she could speak to regarding something that happened in her family some years ago with Father Caffoe. I told her just to give me enough information so that I would know who to refer her call to. Father was busy with dictation and couldn't take the call. Can you call her back? She sounded sincere and nervous. I could hear small children in the background. Her number is

Same Day; 3:30 PM - she is 28 years old. As a child, she went to St Callistus, and her family knew Fr. Lynn Caffoe. They had problems with him. She asked if we knew where he is. I told her that Fr. Caffoe took a leave of absence and vanished. We have not been in contact with him for several years and don't know where he is. She said that he sexually molested her brother. She was very upset. I asked her to have her brother contact Fr. and myself. We would be open to hearing his story and seeing if psychological help is indicated. She thanked me and said that she would speak with her brother and be back in touch with me.
To: Fr. REDACTED
Subject: REDACTED

Father,

REDACTED is Fr. Lynn Caffoe's victim. He was in therapy with Dr. REDACTED from February, 1994 until he moved out of state at the end of 1994.

He was in therapy with Dr. REDACTED from Jan. 1995 through the end of June, 1997. He was never in our protocol.

Dr. REDACTED billing service called the office requesting permission to bill the Archdiocese because REDACTED suffered a crisis. Dr. REDACTED thinks that he would only need to see him a maximum of four times.

REDACTED gave his approval with the condition that anything beyond that would have to be reviewed by you.
There have been two reports regarding altar boys. One was in 1975 and the other in 1988. 5/20/92, Retraining Check for $20,000 is in vault pending Vicar meeting with Fr. Caffoe. Address: Fr. Caffoe picked up and signed for check 07/06/92. 12/14/92 instructions to Insurance Dept. to CONTINUE RETA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Accounts Payable notified June 23 to send Caffoe on July 1 $1500 and $750 on first of each month thereafter until May 1, 1994. Payments to stop after May 1, 1994. As of 02/23/94 Caffoe whereabouts unknown. Instructions to hold check. Also, victim has surfaced: 01/19/95: Call from a Dr. says now his patient. Previous therapist for him, Dr. has left the state. 04/08/98 This office received a call from Dr. 's office. has suffered a crisis. They are asking the Ad. to pay for his therapy -- he will need three to four sessions. Msgr. Loomis approved this request. However, anything beyond that has to be reviewed by Fr. 05/22/98 Fr. took his two confidential files for review.
The caller wanted us to know he is "OK", "wants to be sure other people are protected," he said. "I do not like being a Catholic."

The caller warned us to know he is "OK," "wants to be sure other people of ministry and not able to hurt anyone."

"Driving a cab," the caller just wanted to make sure that Fr. Coffee is out. He left no details in his message. He had heard that Fr. Coffee was calling Callius from 1968-1972 during which time he was "sexually abused" by Fr. Coffee.

The anonymous caller related that he was an altar server at St. Paul's Cathedral. The caller related that he was going to call the police on a separate occasion.

Re: Father Lynn Coffee

Caller: Anonymous

Date of Call: 3/8/02 12:49 PM

Sexual Misconduct Concerns Toll Free Reporting Line

Diocese of Orange
TO: File
FROM: Monsignor Craig A. Cox
RE: Reverend Lynn Caffoe
DATE: 13 January 2003

Mr. called today and I spoke with him. He indicated that a reporter from NBC has tried to contact him to request an interview about the report of misconduct he made about Father Caffoe. He had spoken to Monsignor Dyer a number of years ago. Apparently NBC has located Lynn Caffoe, working for a Church (not a Catholic one) in northern California.

He wanted to give us a "heads up" and also ask for advice. I thanked him. I indicated that I was not the appropriate person to give him advice, other than to urge him to speak truthfully and to make his own decisions about what he wished to disclose or not to disclose. I assured him I would pray that the Holy Spirit give him wisdom in this.

He indicated that he receives good support. He did engage in counseling but is not in counseling now, and sometimes thinks that some renewed counsel might be beneficial. I gave him Sister name and indicated that should he ever wish additional counseling he was welcome to contact her.
Alleged abuser now gone
By VICTORIA MANLEY
vmanley@montereyherald.com

A former priest who left the Roman Catholic Church in 1994 after being accused of molesting a teenage boy in Southern California apparently has been working in Salinas for the past two years as an advocate for the homeless.

Lynn Caffoe had been working at a United States Mission office in Salinas until officials there asked him to leave two weeks ago after learning of his history. Since then, his whereabouts have been unclear.

"We had no idea," said a man at United States Mission who would give only his first name, Allen. He described Caffoe as an "ordinary guy."

"He got along with everybody, and he did his job well."

Allen said Caffoe did "administrative stuff, regular paperwork," for the organization, which operates out of a house on Soto Place, two blocks from Santa Rita Elementary School.

Allen said Caffoe lived at the Soto Place house but would leave every Sunday for church and not return until Monday.

"We didn't know what he did," he said.

United States Mission is a nondenominational, Christian, nonprofit organization that takes in homeless people on a temporary basis. In exchange, the residents are asked to solicit donations door-to-door to support the organization.

There are several United States Mission houses throughout the
country, organization officials say, primarily in the western United States.

Allen said the organization serves only homeless adults.

"There is no one here under 18," he said.

Neighbors said Monday that they didn't recognize a photo of Caffoe, but clerks at a nearby Quik Stop Market and 7-Eleven store said he often visited their stores.

Caffoe's past came to light when a reporter for a San Jose television station approached Caffoe and United States Mission representatives two weeks ago.

In a news report broadcast Friday, Caffoe admitted he was the former priest, identified in Southern California news reports, who had been accused of molesting a young boy. The television account, aired on KNTV-11, said Caffoe promised to turn himself in to police, though it does not appear he faces any criminal charges.

Caffoe's past hasn't been well-documented. He was identified in an August article in the Los Angeles Times as one of several ex-clergy members who have evaded answering reports of sexual misconduct, as well as in a November article in USA Today about Catholic priests who have been accused of sexually abusing minors.

According to the Los Angeles Times and others, Caffoe left the Diocese of Los Angeles in 1994 after a high school student made an allegation of molestation at St. James Church in Redondo Beach to a counselor at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance.

Caffoe also had been sent to therapy at a Catholic facility in Maryland after being accused of molestation in 1991, the reports said.

Just last week, Los Angeles attorney Raymond P. Boucher filed a lawsuit against Caffoe on behalf of a young man who said he was molested by Caffoe in the 1990s.

Boucher, who has represented several dozen other alleged victims of sexual abuse by priests, said Monday that he has been looking for Caffoe for several months.

"I wasn't able to track him down until recently," Boucher said Monday. He said Huntington Beach police received a complaint about Caffoe in 1994 but that no charges were filed.

Caffoe became acquainted with United States Mission five years ago when he was homeless and staying in a San Diego house, said Brian Jones, a spokesman for United States Mission in Portland, Ore.
Before Caffoe moved to Salinas, he had lived in United States Mission homes in San Diego, Portland and Modesto.

"This all came as a big surprise to us," Jones said. After the television reporter met with Caffoe two weeks ago, he "just took off and disappeared. We're all very saddened by it."

Salinas police said they haven't heard of Caffoe. Boucher said he hopes someone steps forward and reports his whereabouts.

Victoria Manley can be reached at 646-4478.

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The following brief resume of the allegations should make clear the gravity of the case:

(1) The allegations involving Re: Rev. Lynn Richard Carter, whose nickname was abused over a six-year period, were the first report of clergy sexual abuse. This started with Ewbourne behaviors while he was participating in the Boy Scout program. The alleged victim has filed a lawsuit and the civil evaluation and treatment at St. Luke's Instituto while he was participating in this program. The last year of the relationship, which occurred after the Boy Scout program, was the first time the victim was sexually abused.

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clothing. There were many instances of lengthy embraces, wrestling and tickling, and one instance of sharing the same bed (with no physical abuse) in a hotel with two other boys sharing a second bed in the same room. All the time the boy was the reluctant sexual victim of a different priest. In contrast he liked Fr. Caffoe because Fr. Caffoe made him feel special. In hindsight the pattern of behavior that began with this boy as a pre-adolescent is the same as reported with most of Fr. Caffoe’s victims. REDACTED has filed a lawsuit.

(3) The REDACTED allegation is very similar to, and more detailed than, the REDACTED one – the age of the minor and the nature and frequency of the activity. None of this grievous activity was revealed or dealt with by Fr. Caffoe during his evaluation and treatment. REDACTED has filed a lawsuit.

(4) The REDACTED allegation shows that Fr. Caffoe did not always wait until the onset of adolescence. As with the previous allegation, it shows that the misconduct was occurring at least as early as his first priestly assignment. Again, a lawsuit has been filed.

(5) In the REDACTED case (spelling uncertain), more than one witness name this specific boy as an object of inappropriate attention, but no specific imputable acts were witnessed other than hugging and kissing. However, reports include Fr. Caffoe taking the boy out of class on several occasions to his rectory quarters and finding them to be alone in the dark and behind locked doors. Since this kind of behavior is known to have been customary for Fr. Caffoe, and in view of the allegations that have been reported by victims, it is most likely that similar delicts were occurring here and in many other cases where the victims have not come forward.

(6) The case of John Doe #1 illustrates the reluctance of knowledgeable witnesses to come forward – in this case, a mother who refused to divulge her name lest her son learn that she had made the report. Having been given the Vicar for Clergy’s telephone number by an intermediary, she stated that Fr. Caffoe invited her underage son up to his private quarters where they ran up a phone bill of over $100 calling a 900 number for pornographic content. She told of two other incidents involving activities of sexual exploration by Fr. Caffoe with her son. Since the time frame of the incidents is vague, it is unclear whether Fr. Caffoe is still criminally liable under current California law for exposing a minor to pornography.

(7) The case involving John Does #2-4 stems from the discovery by two fellow priests in the rectory of a home videotape made by Fr. Caffoe of three or more male minors whom he encouraged to arouse themselves. Fr. Caffoe’s voice is recognizable on the audio track, telling the boys what to do. He had them strip partially naked and focused the film on their genitals, where their sexual arousal could be clearly discerned. The incident was not reported until at least six years after it occurred. The report is significant in that it affords an objective verification that criminal behavior did occur.

(8) The REDACTED report involves an unnamed victim from the time of Fr. Caffoe’s first assignment. Since REDACTED may have been the caller’s married name, we do not have a certain last name for the alleged victim. It could even be REDACTED
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Archbishop of Los Angeles
Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
His Eminence

Frederick Cardinal Hickey

Given the gravity of this situation, for the good of the Church, the needs to be fulfilled in the legal arena as soon as practicable. If in the Congregation's discretion, the procedure is to continue, a trial should be held in a fitting forum.

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Your Excellency:

Re: Reverend Lyon R. Cahore

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Yours in Christ,

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Would you please do so kind as to forward this to the Congregation on our behalf?

Father Carlos allegedly perpetuated Gravissimum ab homine and Cardinal Mindszenty is seeking the assistance of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, regarding the Referred Revened Latin R. Cathedral.

Enclosed, please find a letter from Cardinal Roger M. Mahony to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger et al.

Your Excellency:

RE: Referred Latin R. Cathedral
Washington, DC 20008
3399 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Apostolic Nunciature
Archbishop Cardinal Montalto, I.C.D.

November 9, 2004
The following brief resume of the allegations should make clear the gravity of the case:

(1) The allegation involving a man was abused over a six-year period was the first report of clearly abusive acts. The abuse, with accompanying behaviors, was so severe that there was no reason to doubt the commission of imputable delicts.

(2) The following brief resume of the allegations involving two instances of Fr. Caffe's child, during one instance of which the boy was pushed over his head, involves the following:

- Authorities are seeking charges for criminal prosecution in this case.
- Treatment recovery program. The alleged victim has filed a lawsuit and the claim evaluation and treatment are ongoing.
- The alleged victim was subjected to a six-year program, which occurred after Fr. Caffe was under investigation in this case.
- During the six-year investigation, the alleged victim was subjected to multiple instances of harassment and a court order was issued.
- A preliminary investigation was never undertaken because the alleged victim was not identified.

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Re: Rev. Lyon Richard Caffe

EUROPE
00120 Vatican City State
Pza. Del's Ulice, 11
Confraternity for the Salvation of the Faith
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect
His Eminence

8 November 2004

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
This document contains redacted text. The information that has been redacted is as follows:

- Certain names for the alleged victim. It could even be redacted.
- Allegations of sexual assault and harassment.
- Allegations of financial impropriety.
- Allegations of misconduct.
- Allegations of ethical violations.

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The redacted text appears to be a legal document, possibly related to a case involving allegations of misconduct. The redacted sections suggest that sensitive information, such as names and specific details, have been removed to protect privacy.

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(9) John Doe #5, simply wanted to determine that Fr. Cafoe was out of ministry and claimed that there are numerous other victims who have not come forward.

Despite several references to improvement, the upshot of the psychological evaluations and subsequent treatment and recovery experience is that Fr. Cafoe has not truly resolved his inner anger and sexual tension, so that he remains a real threat to minors. This is confirmed by his counselor or confidant for passenger and still longs to exercise that kind of role. A newspaper report mentions that Fr. Cafoe down when he worked at a homeless people's shelter in San Francisco in early 1993. (He immediately disappeared again before police could find him.) He is a master at manipulating people's feelings. He is a fugitive from justice, and has not had any contact with the Archdiocese since 1993. A search of the Social Security Death Index discloses no report of his demise, so he is presumably alive somewhere.

Given the enormity of his actions, for his own good and even more so for the good of the Church, he needs to be returned to the care state as soon as practicable. If in the Congregation's judgment some other process than ex officio dismissal is more appropriate, I will see to its execution. In any event I await your determination or instructions on this matter.

Fraternally in Christ,

+ Roger Cardinal Mahony
His Eminence
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Archbishop of Los Angeles
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RESPONSE/RECOGNISE MADE BY THE CLERGY
November 12, 2004

Dear Monsignor Cox:

I acknowledge your kind letter of November 9, 2004.

Yours sincerely,

Archbishop Cardinal Montalto

Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241
3444 Wilshire Boulevard
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Vicar for Clergy

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
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Dear Monsignor Cox:

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I rest assured that the correspondence concerning the $500.00 will be duly forwarded through the diplomatic pouch to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nunciature
United States of America

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
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Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241
MEMORANDUM

TO: 
FROM: Monsignor Craig
RE: Reverend Lynn R. Caffoe
DATE: 12 December 2005

We have contact information for Father Caffoe at this time.

His address is: 

His phone is: 

Please put this in his C-file. There is no need to put this into the databases.

Thank you.
December 12, 2005

Lynn R. Caffoe

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Vicar for Clergy

enclosure: sample petition
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Your Holiness:

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His Holiness
Pope Benedict XVI
Vatican City State

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I hope and pray that you will respond favorably to this request.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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**BISHOP’S VOTUM**

We are seeking papal action to dismiss Father Caffoe from the clerical state. It will not be possible to inform the accused because he has concealed his whereabouts from both ecclesiastical and civil authorities.
With heartfelt regards and prayers for your continued well-being, I remain

Most respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

[Signature]

In light of recent changes to the California Penal Code, a measure has been passed that allows for the release of certain individuals from prison. Your Eminence, you may be aware of the case of the Rev. Richard Cunningham, a priest in my diocese, who was sentenced to prison for a sexual offense.

The release of the priest has drawn significant attention, and I wish to assure you of my ongoing prayers for his well-being and the wellbeing of his congregation.

Yours in Christ,

[Signature]

[Date: 30 January 2006]
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Praefatio

Praefatio e summi clerici et dispensatione ab omnius

CONGRATULATIO PRO DOCTRINA PIDI
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4. Will regard to the celebration of a canonical marriage, it being to pass the
ardent prayer.

3. Notice of the dismissal and dispensation is to be recorded in the English-speaking Registry of
Ordinary. The Decree of the Pope's letter, this official document, is to be notified to the priest by a competent local
decision.

1. The dismissal and dispensation take effect from the very moment of the Roman Pontiff's
Order according to the following indications.

To this same priest he also grants a dispensation from every obligation connected with Holy
for the good of the Church that has dismissed from the clerical state is to be imposed upon said priest.

By Supreme Pontif's Decree,

On the 21st day of January in the Year 2006

Mr. Lynn Richard Carpenter
Archdiocese of Los Angeles in California

Prel No. 867/2004

Dismissal from the clerical state and dispensation from clerical obligations

CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

unofficial translation)
a) The dismissed priest, by the very fact of his dismissal, loses the rights proper to the clerical state and he loses, as well, all ecclesiastical dignities and offices; nor is he bound any longer by the other obligations connected with the clerical state.

b) He remains excluded from the exercise of the sacred ministry, with the exceptions mentioned in canons 976 and 986, §2 of the Code of Canon Law, whereby he cannot give a homily, nor is he permitted to take on a pastoral role in any administrative office dealing with pastoral matters or to perform any functions in Seminaries or equivalent institutions, in other institutions of higher studies that do not depend upon ecclesiastical authority, nor to teach any theological discipline.

c) He is not bound to accept the duties of parish administration; nor is he bound to discharge any administrative function or teaching office.

d) In institutions of higher studies that do not depend upon ecclesiastical authority, he cannot discharge any academic function or teaching office.

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6. The Ordinary shall see to it that the dismissed priest, because of lack of due prudence, is not a source of scandal for the faithful. This pastoral solicitude is all the more seriously incumbent upon the Ordinary if there is any danger, however remote, of the abuse of minors.

7. Notwithstanding this dismissal and dispensation, the dismissed priest must return one copy of the notification that has been made, and should there be any astonishment on the part of the faithful, he shall provide them with a careful explanation.

From the Office of the Congregation, on the 20th day of January in the year 2006

Anywheres to the contrary notwithstanding.

William Joseph Levada
Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco in California

(presiding)

Angelo Amato, SDB
Cardinal, Archbishop of San Agata di Puglia

(signed)
Your Eminence,

867/2004 - 22281

PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith received your correspondence regarding the case of the Rev. Lynn Richard CAFFOE, a priest incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, who has been accused of numerous instances of sexual abuse of minors.

This Congregation, after a careful and attentive study of the facts presented, and in light of the faculty granted by the Supreme Pontiff on 20 January 2006, in accordance with Article 17 of the motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela, decided on 25 November 2005, to support your request that the above-mentioned priest be dismissed from the clerical state et officio a pro bono Ecclesia.

In an audience granted to me as Prefect of this Congregation on 20 January 2006, the Supreme Pontiff decreed that the Rev. Lynn Richard Cafoe is dismissed ex officio et pro bono Ecclesiae, from the clerical state, and is, moreover, released from all obligations of the Sacred Priesthood, including that of celibacy. Any censures, under which he may be labouring, are remitted by this decree.

7. of the enclosed decree. A signed and notarized copy of the decree should be returned to this Congregation at your earliest possible convenience.

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

William J. Levada
Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco

Archbishop of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010-2202

United States of America

With fraternal regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Enclosures

His Eminence
Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010-2202

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

Angelicum in California
(Los Angeles, U.S.A.)

Duis, Lynn Richard CALFOE

die 20 m. Ianuarii a. 2006

Summus Pontifex Benedictus, Papa XVI

audia relatione Exeq. et Rev. m. Praefecti huius Congregationis circa gravem agendam
ratorem et pridem presbyteri archidiaconos Angelorum in California (v. Los Angeles,
U.S.A.): praeside praefecti praesenti, supra quae inapellihi decisione nullaque recurri

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ordinatio coniuncta Iuxta

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Ordinationem a dispensatione ratione:

decrevit

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Eodem presbytero etiam dispensationem concepta ab omnibus, ecclesiis sacrae

2. Dimissionis a dispensatione Decretum presbytero a competenti Ordinario loci

notificetur, cui nuncupari, si cultum etiam duas insequerentur. Idemque insuper sequentem


praedicti presbyteri.

4. Quod atque si casus factus ad celebrandam canonicam matrimonii, applicandae sunt

normae quae in Codice Iuris Canonici statuuntur. Ordinarius vero, ut res caute

peragat sine extenuo apparatu.

5. Auctoritas ecclesiastica, cui special Decretum praefato sacerdoti notificare, hunc

enim hortetur, ut viatis Populi Dei, nionone congruendi cum nova eius vitibus condicione.

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Ex Ante Conferences, the 20th, January 4, 2009

Contemporary anguish, emergency, and obscurity.

If, in due course of time, the President, in accordance with the Constitution, determines the President, the

6. Ordinarily, except in the presence of the President, to determine, the President, on a

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son of the Church. At the same time, however, those things that follow are to be made known to him:

3. The ecclesiastical authority whose responsibility it is to notify and present to the Bishop is to

3. With regard to the celebration of a canonical marriage, it should come to pass, the

3. Notice of this dismissal and dispensation is to be recorded in the parish baptismal registry of

3. The dismissal and dispensation takes effect from the very moment of the Roman Pontiff’s

4. Order according to the following indications:

To this same priest he also grants a dispensation from every obligation connected with Holy

For the good of the Church, the dismissal from the clerical state is to be imposed upon said priest

has decreed

By supreme decision, which allows of no appeal or recourse,

The Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI,

On the 20th day of January in the year 2006

Mr. Lynn Richard CARPENTER

Archdiocese of Los Angeles in California

Pro No. 87/2004

(Dismissal from the clerical state and dispensation from clerical obligations)

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

(official translation)
The Tuesday, March 20th edition of the Los Angeles Times, and subsequent media reports, have wrongly claimed that Cardinal Roger Mahony himself recently wrote two different descriptions of a videotape discovered in 1992, more than a year after he removed Father Lynn Caffoe from ministry based on credible reports of misconduct with minors.

In fact, Cardinal Mahony did not write, edit or otherwise supervise the production of the "proffer" on Lynn Caffoe, as the Los Angeles Times has claimed. The Archdiocese's legal team wrote the proffer as part of a Court-ordered mediation process. The purpose of the proffers was to provide a chronological index of certain important documents in a priest's personnel file, without disclosing content. All the files and documents were entrusted to the Court and reviewed by judges to determine that they were both complete and accurate.

The lawyers who prepared the Caffoe proffer read a memo from Caffoe's personnel file describing a viewing of a videotape, the whereabouts of which had been unknown since 1992. The lawyers understood the description in the memo to involve no touching and they and the judges who reviewed the memo concluded that it therefore involved no sexual activity. And, although some of the boys on the tape were reported to have removed their shirts, none had removed their pants, or exposed themselves in any way, and they were thus described in the proffer as having been fully clothed.

The other document in question is Cardinal Mahony's letter to the Vatican explaining why the Pope should revoke Lynn Caffoe's priesthood. This document, drafted for the purpose of fulfilling Church law requirements for invoking this penalty, described the same content of the videotape more aggressively. Removed shirts were described as "partial nudity," and suggestive sexual comments were described as "criminal" (a "delict") in the context of Church law.

The Los Angeles Times' attempt to harmonize two documents with completely different purposes is not only misleading, it is inconsequential to the goal; removing clergy at once who are credibly accused of sexual misconduct involving minors. Indeed, the Times ignores these most important facts:

Sixteen years ago, Cardinal Mahony swiftly removed Caffoe from ministry after receiving credible reports of misconduct. He sent Caffoe to a psychologist for an initial assessment.
The psychologist filed a Suspected Child Abuse Report, thus notifying law enforcement. Cardinal Mahony barred Caffoe from further ministry. A short time later, Caffoe disappeared from the Archdiocese without notice.

Cardinal Mahony's letter to the Vatican seeking the removal of Caffoe from the priesthood successfully persuaded Pope Benedict XVI to approve this penalty against Caffoe in January 2006.

####
March 27, 2007

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010-2202

Dear Cardinal Mahony,

The archdiocese’s handling of Fr. Lynn Caffoe has recently drawn attention in the LA Times (March 20, 2007). While the Times has certainly sensationalized the story, we find that the Tidings rebuttal (March 22, 2007) does not put the problem to rest.

It is difficult to rebut what seems clear to readers: whoever wrote the summary for Caffoe in the 2005 Addendum misrepresented the facts. The videotape in question did not show boys who were “fully clothed,” but boys with their shirts off. Nor could anyone reasonably assert “No sexual activity” when, according to your letter to then Cardinal Ratzinger, now made public, the video showed boys in a state of arousal with sexual comments being made.

In short, the people of the LA archdiocese were misled, possibly deliberately. It doesn’t matter that judges approved the Addendum summaries; it matters that the people were misled. Nor does it make matters any better for the Tidings article to claim that “Cardinal Mahony swiftly removed Caffoe from ministry” in 1991, when the Addendum shows a long period with no action: there are reports of abuse (using various euphemisms) in his file dating from 1975, 1986 and 1991.

Yes, as the Tidings article states, these revelations are “inconsequential,” but they are indicative of the kinds of exposure that your office is likely to receive as the hundreds of unresolved cases proceed to trial and hundreds of previously undisclosed files are made public.

We appeal to you, as we have in the past (July 29, 2005), that you stop allowing lawyers to interfere with the uncovering of the truth. We urge you, even at this late date, to change strategies and embark on a quite different course, a course of Truth and Reconciliation, similar to that which worked to create healing in South Africa. Release the files requested by the courts, and do not wait for them to be revealed bit by bit in sensationalized news articles. Yes, this would be a very startling and courageous action. But, with the uncovering of the truth, even of those facts that will be embarrassing to
you and other church officials, reconciliation will come. Relief and release will come for the victims, their families and for us all.

It is true that you have apologized on many occasions to the people of the archdiocese and sought our forgiveness for mistakes made in the handling of the sexual abuse cases. But—and we say this with deep respect for you—complete forgiveness can only come in a climate of complete openness.

Yours faithfully,

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Voice of the Faithful, Santa Barbara

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His Eminence

Prefect
Archbishop of San Francisco

Willam J. Levada

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

With fraternal regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Discern your further possible convenience.

7 of the enclosed decree: A signed and notarized copy of the decree should be forwarded to this
office.

Yours kindly asked to inform me of the grave decision according to paragraph

Decree:

including the date of delivery. Any concerns under which he may be liable being raised by this
fraternal letter, and, moreover, released from all obligations of the Sacred Presbyter,
priestly decree, that the Rev. J. Richard Curley is dismissed as officer of pro bono

pro bono Decree,
in an audience granted to me, as Prefect of this Congregation on 20 January 2006, the Supreme
Clerical Seat, ex officio et pro bono Decree,

Council of November 2005, to support your request that the above named person be dismissed from the
faculties assigned to him by the Congregation, I hereby authorize you to disburse from Article 7 of the
Discipline, after a careful and attentive study of the facts presented, and in light of the

The Congregation, for the Doctrine of the Faith received your correspondence regarding the

Your Eminence,

Confidential

Pope R.

Pro Doctrina Pidei
Congregation

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Papal Gardens, September 19th

00120 Roma, Italy

30 January 2006
Summons: Prodecendo, Paper XV

De 20, M. Januarii a 2006

Dumne Ivan Richard CARPFOE

Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Angeles in Californiam

Port N. 86/72004

(Dumne ostava clerical et dispensatio ab omnius)

CONTESTATO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI
Sacerdotes in ordine suum: 

1. Presbyter dimissus, in epo amittit statu sacerdotalis proprii, dignitatis et officia 
esse respublicae apostolicae, sacerdotalis et ecclesiasticae. 

2. Successor suus, in epo de sua ordinatio, statu ministrii, incipit suam officium, praecepta, 
directum in ambitu pastorali, quae habebat, nec potest officio sacerdotali, 

3. Presbyter dimissus, in epo non seipsum, nec suum statum, nec suam officium, 
directum in ambitu pastorali, praecepta, etc. 

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6. Ordinarius cum non praebentur dimissus, proprium officium debiture, 

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8. Tempore autem opporunt, Ordinarius competens breviam ad Congregationem de 

Ex Accessibus Congregantiis die 20. Januarii 2006 

[Signature]

+ William A. Levada, S.D.B. 
Archbishop of San Francisco in California 
Praefectus 

Subsignatio Ordinarii 
acceptionis 

Dies notificationis 

Subsignatio Presbyteri in signum 

Contrarious quibusque ministri obtinens:

Summus Pontifex Benedictus, Papa XVI

Angelo in California
D. nus Lyam Richard CAFFOE

Prot. N. 867/2004

Rebut: 1. Auctoritas ecclesiastica, cui spatium Dei praeferatum auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auctoritate Dei, rei publicae, auct
a) presbyter dimissus eo ipso amittit iura statui clerici propri, dignitates et officia ecclesiastica; ceteris obligationibus cum statu clericali conexit non amplius astringitur;
b) exclusus manet ab exercitio sacri ministerii, iis exceptis de quibus in can. 976 et 986 § 2 CJC ac propertia nequit homiliam habere, nec potest officium gerere directum in ambitu pastorali neve munere administratore paroecialis fungui;
c) item nullum manus absolvere potest in Seminaris et in Institutis aequiparatis. In aliis Institutis studiorum gradus superioris, quae quocumque modo dependent ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit;
d) in aliis vero Institutis studiorum gradus superioris ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica non dependentibus nullam theologiam disciplinam tradere potest;
e) in Institutis autem studiorum gradus inferioris dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit. Eadem lege tenetur presbyter dimissus ac dispensatus in tradenda Religione in Institutis eiusdem generis non dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica.

6. Ordinarius curet ne presbyter dimissus, propter defectum debitae prudentiae, fidelibus scandalum praebat. Haec pastoralis sollicitudo Ordinarium a fortiori gravissime urget si adest periculum quamvis remotum minoribus abutendi.

7. Notificatio dimissionis et dispensationis fieri potest vel personaliter per notarium aut ecclesiasticum actuarium vel per «epistulas perscriptas» (registered). Sacerdos dimissus unum exemplum restituere debet rite subsignatam ad fidem receptionis et accessionis eiusdem dimissionis ac dispensationis ac simul etiam praeeptorum, quod si non factum integer manet effectus huius Decreti.

8. Tempore autem opportuno, Ordinarius competens breviter ad Congregationem de peracta notificatione referat, et si qua tandem fidelium admiratio adsit, prudenti explicatione provideat.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

Ex Aedibus Congregationis, die 20 m. Ianuarii a. 2006

[Signature]

Gulielmus Josephus LEVADA
Archiep. Emeritus Sancti Francisci in California
Praefectus

Angelus AMATO, S.D.B.
Archiep. titularis Silensis
a Secretis

Dies notificationis

Subsignatio Presbyteri in signum accessionis

Subsignatio Ordinarii

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The ecclesiastical authority whose responsibility it is to notify said priest of this Document is to

notified priest

1. Notice of this dismissal and disbarment is to be recorded in the parish baptismal registry of

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the parish according to the following indications.

For the good of the Church that dismissal from the clerical state is to be imposed upon said priest.

This decision

by Supreme Pontiff Pope Benedict XVI.

On the 20th day of January in the Year 2006

Mr. Lynn Richard Carter

Archbishop of Los Angeles in California

Prel No. 877/2004

dismissal from the clerical state and disbarment from clerical obligations

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

(unnecessary translation)
From the Office of the Congregation, on the 20th day of January in the Year 2006.

Any thing whatsoever in the contrary notwithstanding.

Faithful, he shall provide them with a careful explanation.

That even should the fact be refused, the effect of the decree remain intact.

But even if such is the case, the dismissal is to be made without any assistance or information to the Congregation.

In a timely manner, the Congregation Ordinary shall make a brief report to the Congregation.

7. Notification of this dismissal and suspension may be made either personally through a

Ordinary or by any other means, however remote of the course of events.

6. The Ordinarily shall see to it that the dismissed priest, because of lack of due procedure, is not

a source of scandal for the faithful. This pastoral position is all the more serious because the

dismissal and suspension are based on non-derogatory findings, the educational and disciplinary forms having been followed.

In the name of the Congregation, the Ordinarily neither requires nor accepts any disciplinary measures.

a) in the name of the Congregation, the Ordinarily neither requires nor accepts any disciplinary measures.

b) the dismissed priest, by the very fact of his dismissal, loses the rights proper to the clerical

state and is hence no longer a civil subject.
Your Eminence,

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has received your correspondence regarding the case of Rev. Lynn Richard CAFOE, a priest incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, who has been accused of numerous instances of sexual abuse of minors.

This dicastery, after a careful and attentive study of the facts presented, and in light of the faculty granted to this Congregation by the Supreme Pontiff on 17 December 2005 to dispense from Article 17 of the Declaratum motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatem nulla, on 23 November 2005, to support your request that the above-mentioned priest be dismissed from the clerical state ex officio et pro bono Ecclesiae.

In an audience granted to me as Prefect of this Congregation on 20 January 2006, the Supreme Pontiff decreed that the Rev. Lynn Richard Cafoe is dismissed ex officio et pro bono Ecclesiae from the clerical state, and is, moreover, released from all obligations of the Sacred Priesthood, including that of celibacy. Any censures, under which he may be labouring, are remitted by this decree.

You are kindly asked to inform Rev. Cafoe of this grave decision according to paragraph 7 of the enclosed decree. A signed and notarized copy of the decree should be returned to this dicastery at your earliest possible convenience.

With fraternal regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

William J. Levada
Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010-2202
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Enclaves

P.S. See accompanying letter.
Summus Pontificis Benedictus, Papa XVI

Prot. N. 867/2004

Dius. Lynn Richard CAFFEE
Angelorum in California
(Lo Angeles, U.S.A.)

Die 20 m. Ianuarii 2006

Summus Pontificis Benedictus, Papa XVI

pro bono Ecclesiae dimissiones dicto presbytero impingendum esse.

1. Dimissio ac dispensationem concedit ab omnibus oneribus sacris praeceptis ad presbyterum,下单aequipraedipsilibi decisione

2. Dimissiones ac dispensationes Decretum presbytero a competentibus Ordinarii loci notificatur, quin neque fess est unum illam elementa seintegre, Idemque super secum certa absolutioem a cautis, quaternus opus sit.

3. Notice dimissiones ac dispensationes adhuc erit in Libris baptismorum paneciae praedici presbyteri.

4. Quod antecit casus ferat ad celebrationem canonicorum matrimonii, applicandae sunt normae quae in Codice Iuris Canonicum statuantur. Ordinarius vero certe ut res caute pergantur sine exterioe apparatu.

5. Auctoritas ecclesiastica, cui spectat Decretum praefato sacerdote notificare, hunc envo, benehure ut viam Populi Dei, ratione congruendi cum nova et vivendi conditione, participant, adicicationem praedicta et iis probum Ecclesiae fillium se exhibet. Simul autem
edum notum factam esse sequitur.
a) presbyter dimissus ex ipso amittit ura statu clerali propriis, dignitatis et officiis.

b) ex eodem 

ex dextra iis quibus in can. 976 et 996 § 2 CIC propterлав и санкшон habet, nec possit officium generale ecclesiasticum ex eodem 

c) item nullum ministerii, nec potest officium generale ecclesiasticum ex eo quod

d) item nullam munus absolvit, nec potest officium generale ecclesiasticum ex eodem 

3) in alius ministeriis illicitis nec potest officium generale ecclesiasticum ex eodem 

e) in alius ministeriis illicitis nec potest officium generale ecclesiasticum ex eodem 

f) non possit officium generale ecclesiasticum ex eodem 

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r) non possit officium generale ecclesiasticum ex eodem 

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3. Ordinarius, ut presbyter dimissus, propter defectum debitis prædicatorum,

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1. At the same time, however, those things that follow are to be made known to him:

5. The ecclesiastical authority whose responsibility it is to notify said priest of this Decree is to let the celebration take place with the petition and Petition onward according to the following indications.

4. When regard to the celebration of a canonical marriage, it should come to pass the

3. Notice of this dismissal and suspension is to be recorded in the parish baptismal register of

2. The Decree of dismissal and suspension is to be notified to the priest by a competent local
decree.

1. The dismissal and suspension take effect from the very moment of the Roman Pontiff's

Order in accordance to the following indications:

To the same priest he also grants a dispensation from ever obligation connected with Holy

Parish. No. 867/2004

Dismissal from the clerical state and suspension from clerical obligations.

The Bearmore Royal Pope Benedict XVL

On the 20th day of January in the year 2006

MRS. LYNN RICHARD CARPOLE

Archdiocese of Los Angeles in California

(20 Angeles, USA)

Having heard the report of His Excellency the Most Reverend Prete of the Conference concerning the
From the Office of the Complainant, on the 30th day of January in the year 2006.

Anything whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding, the Complainant Ordinary shall make a strict report to the Complaination in question, which has been made, and should there be any statement or the part of the

8. In a timely manner, the Complainant Ordinary shall make a report to the Complaination in question, which has been made, and should there be any statement or the part of the

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Los Angeles, Ca 90010-2241
3444 Wilshire Boulevard
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Vicar for Clergy
Monseigneur Cray, A. Cox, J.C.D.

I acknowledge your kind letter of November 9, 2004,

November 12, 2004

Dear Monseigneur Cox:

This No. should be referred to the answer

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No.
25.702

United States of America
Apostolic Nunciature
Washington, D.C. 20008-3987
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter. May God continue to bless you.

usual lax in such matters.

Also enclosed is a check made out to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith to cover the

Your Excellency:

RE: Reverend Ivan R. Caffe

Washington, DC 20008
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Apostolic Nunciature
Archbishop Gabriel Montalto, JCD.

November 9, 2004
(1) The REDACTED

The following brief resume of the allegations should make clear the gravity of the case:

no reason to doubt the commission of imputable deeds;

subsequent allegations of similar behavior continue to this day; If borne true in whole, there was

allegations said to be based on pre- and early adolescence,

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no party of the above.

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Redacted Violation of Canon 1395, § 2 (Indignation and Misdemeanor). This means a finding from Justice

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Remissence:

As: Rev. Lynn Richard Caffee

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00120 Vatican City State

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Confession for the Doctrines of the Faith

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect

HIS Remissence

8 November 2004

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

(310) 397-7288

Office of the Archbishop
There were many instances of lengthly embraces, wrestling and tickling, and one instance of sharing the same bed (with no physical abuse) in a hotel with two other boys sharing a second bed in the same room. All the time the boy was the reluctant sexual victim of a different priest. In contrast he fixed with this boy as a pre-adolescent is the same as reported with most of Fr. Caffo’s victims.

The REDACTED allegation is very similar to, and more detailed than, the REDACTED one made him feel special. In hindsight the pattern of behavior that began with this boy as a pre-adolescent was revealed or dealt with by Fr. Caffo during his evaluation and treatment. REDACTED has filed a lawsuit.

The REDACTED allegation shows that Fr. Caffo did not always wait until the onset of adolescence. As with the previous allegation, it shows that the misconduct was occurring at least as early as his first priestly assignment. Again, a lawsuit has been filed.

In the REDACTED case (spelling uncertain), more than one witness name this specific boy as an object of inappropriate attention, but no specific imputable acts were witnessed other than hugging and kissing. However, reports include Fr. Caffo taking the boy out on several occasions to his rectory quarters and finding them to be alone in the dark and behind locked doors. Since this kind of behavior is known to have been customary for Fr. Caffo, and given that the allegations were occurring here and in many other cases where the victims have not come forward, it is most likely that similar delicts were occurring here and in many cases where the victims have not come forward.

The case of John Doe #1 illustrates the reluctance of knowledgeable witnesses to come forward — this case, a mother who refused to divulge her name lest her son learn that she had made the report. Having been given the Vicar General’s telephone number by an intermediary, she stated that Fr. Caffo invited her underage son up to his private quarters where they ran up a phone bill of over $100 calling a 900 number for pornographic content. She told of two other incidents involving activities of sexual exploration by Fr. Caffo with her son. Since the timeframe of the incidents is vague, it is unclear whether Fr. Caffo is still criminally liable under current California law for exposing a minor to pornography.

The case involving John Doe #2 stems from the discovery by two fellow priests in the recital of a home videotape made by Fr. Caffo of three or more male minors whom he encouraged to pose for themselves. Fr. Caffo’s voice is recognizable on the audio track, telling the boys what to do. He had then strip partially and focus the film on their genitalia, which could be clearly discerned. The incident was reported until after six years had occurred. The report is significant in that it affords an objective verification that criminal behavior did occur.

The REDACTED report involves an unnamed victim from the time of Fr. Caffo’s first assignment. Since reports may have been filed by another victim under a certain last name for the alleged victim, it could even be the same victim as in #2, or not.
(9) John Doe #5 simply wanted to determine that Fr. Caffoe was out of ministry and claimed that there are numerous other victims who have not come forward.

Despite several references to improvement, the upshot of the psychological evaluations and subsequent treatment and recovery experience is that Fr. Caffoe has not truly resolved his inner anger and sexual tension, so that he remains a real threat to minors. This is confirmed by his anger and sexual behavior. The last recovery program report mentions that as a cab driver, he acted as a counselor or confidant for a passenger and still longs to exercise that kind of role. A newspaper reporter managed to track Fr. Caffoe down where he worked at a homeless people mission in Salinas, California in early 1993. (He immediately disappeared again before police could find him.) He is a master at manipulating people's feelings. He is a fugitive from justice and has had any contact with the Archdiocese since 1993. A check of the Social Security

Death Index discloses no report of his demise, so he is presumably alive somewhere.

Fraternally in Christ,

[Signature]

Roger Cardinal Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
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Dear Monsignor Cox:

I acknowledge your kind letter of November 9, 2004, with enclosures.

Reverend Pym R. Carffe, including check for $200 in amount to $50,000 will be fully forwarded through the diplomatic pouch to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Joseph Augusto

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nuncio

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
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Vicar for Clergy Database
Clergy Assignment Record

Lynn R. Caffoe

Current Primary Assignment
Birth Date: 12/12/1945
Birth City: Jamestown, New York, USA
Diocesan Ordination: 5/29/1971
Priesthood Ordination: Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Diocese: St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
Name: American (USA)

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training
Date Background Check:
Safeguard Training:

Assignment History

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Inactive Leave, Absent without leave. | 7/1/1992 | 1/20/2006
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Long Beach Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service | 7/1/1991 | 8/20/1991
St. James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service | 9/22/1986 | 6/30/1991
St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, La Canada Flintridge Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service | 7/9/1982 | 9/21/1986
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, North Hills Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service | 6/16/1975 | 7/8/1982
St. Callistus Catholic Church, Garden Grove Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service | 6/14/1971 | 6/15/1975
Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev Lynn R. Caffoe

Current Primary Assignment

Birth Date: 12/12/1945  
Birth Place: Jamestown, New York, USA  
Age: 61  
Deanery: 22

Diaconate Ordination: 5/29/1971
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Diocese Name: Archdiocese of Los Angeles
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STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES REGARDING
THE LOS ANGELES TIMES’ COVERAGE
OF THE LYNN CAFFOE CASE

March 21, 2007

The Tuesday, March 20\textsuperscript{th} edition of the Los Angeles Times, and subsequent media reports, have
wrongly claimed that Cardinal Roger Mahony himself recently wrote two different descriptions
of a videotape discovered in 1992, more than a year after he removed Father Lynn Caffoe from
ministry based on credible reports of misconduct with minors.

In fact, Cardinal Mahony did not write, edit or otherwise supervise the production of the
“proffer” on Lynn Caffoe, as the Los Angeles Times has claimed. The Archdiocese’s legal team
wrote the proffer as part of a Court-ordered mediation process. The purpose of the proffers was
to provide a chronological index of certain important documents in a priest’s personnel file,
without disclosing content. All the files and documents were entrusted to the Court and reviewed
by judges to determine that they were both complete and accurate.

The lawyers who prepared the Caffoe proffer read a memo from Caffoe’s personnel file
describing a viewing of a videotape, the whereabouts of which had been unknown since 1992.
The lawyers understood the description in the memo to involve no touching and they and the
judges who reviewed the memo concluded that it therefore involved no sexual activity. And,
although some of the boys on the tape were reported to have removed their shirts, none had
removed their pants, or exposed themselves in any way, and they were thus described in the
proffer as having been fully clothed.

The other document in question is Cardinal Mahony’s letter to the Vatican explaining why the
Pope should revoke Lynn Caffoe’s priesthood. This document, drafted for the purpose of
fulfilling Church law requirements for invoking this penalty, described the same content of the
videotape more aggressively. Removed shirts were described as “partial nudity,” and suggestive
sexual comments were described as “criminal” (a “delict”) in the context of Church law.

The Los Angeles Times’ attempt to harmonize two documents with completely different
purposes is not only misleading, it is inconsequential to the goal: removing clergy at once who
are credibly accused of sexual misconduct involving minors. Indeed, the Times ignores these
most important facts:

Sixteen years ago, Cardinal Mahony swiftly removed Caffoe from ministry after receiving
credible reports of misconduct. He sent Caffoe to a psychologist for an initial assessment. The
psychologist filed a Suspected Child Abuse Report, thus notifying law enforcement. Cardinal
Mahony barred Caffoe from further ministry. A short time later, Caffoe disappeared from the
Archdiocese without notice.

Cardinal Mahony’s letter to the Vatican seeking the removal of Caffoe from the priesthood
successfully persuaded Pope Benedict XVI to approve this penalty against Caffoe in January
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Mahony accounts of abuse case tape differ

Plaintiffs say he gave the Vatican a graver version of priest's role than he gave the public.

By John Spano, Times Staff Writer

At least six months after Cardinal Roger M. Mahony told his superiors at the Vatican that a videotape provided proof of a priest's criminal misconduct with high school boys, the head of the Los Angeles Archdiocese told the public that the tape showed no sexual activity between Father Lynn Caffoe and the boys, according to court records.

Documents newly filed in the Caffoe civil case provide the first glimpse into confidential priest files that Mahony sought for four years to keep sealed in the midst of a sexual abuse scandal that engulfed the archdiocese. He eventually took the secrecy fight to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a letter to then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before Ratzinger became pope in April 2005, Mahony said Caffoe had videotaped "partially naked" boys in a state of sexual arousal. The tape was "objective verification that criminal behavior did occur," Mahony wrote, according to papers filed last week in Los Angeles County Superior Court in a lawsuit by four plaintiffs who allege that Caffoe abused them.

In October 2005, in what Mahony told parishioners was the "fullest possible disclosure" about the scandal, he reported that a videotape had been discovered in 1992 in Caffoe's bedroom, depicting "improper behavior" with high school boys. But the cardinal said the boys were "fully clothed" and there was no sexual activity.

Since that report, an appellate court ordered Mahony to turn over confidential files to prosecutors, and a Superior Court judge ruled that the files must be given to plaintiffs suing the church for damages for allegedly failing to protect them from pedophile priests.

J. Michael Hennigan, Mahony's lawyer, said he sees no contradiction between Mahony's public statements and the file contents because at the time the cardinal spoke out, the archdiocese was under court order not to reveal the contents of the personnel files. Hennigan said two judges had reviewed the material and considered the summary to be adequate. The statements "were not intended to be a description of the contents of the files, which we were not allowed to do," Hennigan said. They merely served as "an index, a chronology."

He said he does not think Mahony ever saw the videotape, which is not in the church files and may never have been there, Hennigan said.

Mahony's letter to the Vatican, though still not fully public, was quoted in a court filing by four people who say they were victimized by Caffoe. Their lawyers argue that the letter and other documents, newly released to the plaintiffs, show that Mahony and other officials of the Roman Catholic Church in Los Angeles misrepresented the breadth and seriousness of the priest abuse reports that they received in the years before they moved to fully address the molestation problem.

"Let me be very clear on this: The cardinal did not turn over this information willingly," said Irvine attorney Katherine K. Freberg, who represents plaintiffs in the Caffoe case. "He was forced to by the courts. It is only because of this civil lawsuit filed by these brave victims that we uncovered all the salacious details about what the archdiocese knew about Father Caffoe molesting children."

Caffoe, 61, has been accused of molesting multiple minors between 1975 and 1994. He left the area in 1994 after his therapist reported an abuse allegation to child-protection authorities, and he
has not been charged with a crime. Freberg said she has been unable to locate him, but his lawyer, Donald Steier, said he is alive and actively fought to keep his files confidential.

Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Steve Cooley, said Mahony had not reported Caffoe's alleged crime to prosecutors.

"Not to the knowledge of the people in this office who have been involved in the clergy abuse cases for several years," she said.

Whether the videotape could serve as the basis for prosecution depends on when it was made, who is in it, and whether they would testify, Gibbons added.

The suit by the four Caffoe accusers, which is set for trial in August, is one of more than 500 claims filed against the archdiocese over the decades-long clergy abuse scandal. The archdiocese paid $50 million to settle with 45 victims in December.

The church long has kept confidential files on sensitive issues involving priests, including sexual abuse accusations and reports of drinking or mental health problems, as well as records of referrals for treatment, reassignments and other personnel matters.

Caffoe's accusers cited portions of his file as support for a motion to seek punitive damages against the church, alleging that it engaged in "oppression, fraud and malice" in disregarding multiple allegations about the priest's misconduct with children.

Mahony called a 2004 report to parishioners "the best information we can glean at this time." In an addendum a year later, Mahony said three families had reported Caffoe to their parish in 1991 for being "overly familiar" with their teenage sons.

Mahony sent Caffoe to a residential treatment center for sexual offender priests, then placed him on "inactive leave" with no priestly assignment. The cardinal filed an amendment to the report in 2005, which he said summarized the contents of the church's confidential files. In the amendment, Mahony revealed that complaints had been lodged against Caffoe as far back as 1975, when parents of altar boys at St. Callistus Parish in Garden Grove reported a "boundary violation" to a pastor.

The church has defined "boundary violation" as an indiscretion "without any evidence of actual molestation."

In a sworn statement taken last month as part of the Caffoe civil suit, however, one of the altar boys' parents said she told the parish priest that Caffoe had molested her third-grader.

Q: "Did (your son) mention to you any fondling of his private parts?"

A: "Yes. He said, 'He stuck his tongue in my mouth and touched my private parts — tried to touch my private parts.'"

The chancellor of the diocese, identified in court papers as Msgr. John Rawden, who served under Archbishop Timothy Manning, Mahony's predecessor, left a note in Caffoe's personnel file stating the priest had been accused of being "overly affectionate" with altar boys.

Hennigan said that Rawden may have used "euphemisms" 30 years ago, but insisted that Mahony had accurately reported what was in the files he inherited when he became archbishop of Los Angeles in 1985.

"It sounds like an accurate description of what's in the file," Hennigan said. "It did not purport to be an accurate description of what happened."
According to the church report in 2005, a nun complained of another "boundary violation" in 1986. Caffoe's accusers, in their court filing, say the complaint they recently obtained actually stated: "Strictly confidential: don't like his association with boys. Think he should not have boys in his room."

A further note from a monsignor concluded that Caffoe had been engaging in "a few things that are clearly against policy, e.g. minors in his room," the court filing said.

In 1989, Caffoe was named associate pastor of St. James Parish in Redondo Beach. That same year, an anonymous woman complained that she had seen Caffoe on separate occasions engaged in what Mahony described in his 2005 public report as "inappropriate behavior" with two boys.

The church's files show the complaint accused Caffoe of hugging and fondling the boys, the plaintiffs argue in their court papers. Msgr. Thomas Curry, then vicar for clergy for Mahony, informed Caffoe of the complaint but asked for no explanation, made no accusations and took no further action, according to allegations contained in court papers.

Church spokesmen have said that was because the complainant insisted on being anonymous.

Mahony's 2005 report said the next complaint came in 1991, when "the pastor and the school principal (a nun) at St. James report to vicar for clergy various boundary violations by Fr. Caffoe."

According to the plaintiffs, newly filed court documents, the complaint was that Caffoe "seems to spend an inordinate amount of time with the boys hired to work in the rectory part-time.... The principal recalled that she once found Fr. Caffoe alone with an eighth-grader in a dark area of the parish hall, an event which the archbishop deemed 'strongly suggestive of improper behavior.'"

Less than a week later in 1991, parents of three boys also complained about Caffoe, according to the church report. A month after that, the church restricted Caffoe's ministry — after the priest's therapist reported the suspected abuse to law enforcement.