REV. RICHARD COUGHLIN

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PURSUANT TO JCCP 4286 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
from the desk of BISHOP MANNING

February 1965

League
In Federal Coguta
I was
For the love of God
He promised to love
and the power to more
Be with him ordain

23750
April 27, 1965

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
Saint Mary's Rectory
6 South Common Street
Lynn, Massachusetts

Dear Father Coughlin:

I write to inform you that His Eminence, the Cardinal, has graciously granted your request to accepts the possibility of working in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. You may write to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to ascertain whether you have the permission of incardination.

When you have received word from Los Angeles relative to your request, I shall be grateful for this information.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Timothy Manning, D.D., V.G.
31 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Your Excellency:

In accord with your directions during my short visit with you last February I am writing to inform you that I have received permission from REDACTED to "explore the possibility of working in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles" and to "write to the Archdiocese and inform them that I have the permission". I enclose a copy of the letter I received today from REDACTED

By way of some further introduction of myself, I was ordained on September 29, 1953 and was stationed at St. Patrick's, Stoneham, Massachusetts under REDACTED who is still pastor there, until February 16, 1960, when I was transferred here to St. Mary's, Lynn, Massachusetts, under REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED former Superintendent of Schools in the Archdiocese and present Vicar General. I received my Master of Arts Degree in Education, (Remedial Reading Specialist) in May, 1964 from Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Among my reasons for wishing to go to the Los Angeles Archdiocese is a desire to join with the other members of my family, who live in the Orange County area, in their efforts to REDACTED REDACTED I can assure you, though, that such an effort would not be allowed to interfere with my priestly duties.

I'll be happy to furnish you with any other information you may desire and will be most grateful for whatever consideration I may be given in my request to go there to work in your Archdiocese.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Richard T. Coughlin
(Rev.) Richard T. Coughlin
May Sixth
1965

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
ST. MARY RECTORY
8 South Common Street
Lynn, Massachusetts

Reverend and dear Father Coughlin:

This is to acknowledge your letter of April 29th, with enclosures, addressed to His Excellency Bishop Timothy Manning.

Please be assured that we will be happy to give you hospitality here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, subject, of course, to a letter from REDACTED recommending you for an assignment in the Archdiocese. Since you now have a Master's Degree in Education I am sure that we would be able to add you to our faculty at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana with residence in one of the neighboring parishes. This is presently our largest high school, and is located in Orange County.

If you would be kind enough to advise us as to your decision, and date of availability, we will proceed to make plans accordingly.

With personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED
May Seventeenth
1965

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
ST. MARY RECTORY
8 South Common Street
Lynn, Massachusetts

Dear Father Coughlin:

I am writing as a follow up to the letter of REDACTED on May 6th.

I would be most anxious to know when we might anticipate your arrival in Los Angeles as there is a particular appointment in Orange County where we would need your services as an Assistant as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

(Timothy Manning)
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles
Vicar General

23746
St. Mary's Rectory
Lynn, Mass.

May 21, 1965

Most Reverend Timothy Manning, D.D., V.G.
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Your Excellency:

In response to your letter of May seventeenth,

informed me yesterday that I would be allowed
to leave my assignment here at St. Mary's, Lynn,
on June fifteenth.

Unless I might be able to dispose of my car, I
would have to drive across the country and, I
feel, I should allow six or seven days for the
trip. Thus it would seem that it would be about
June twenty-second that I would be in the Los
Angeles area.

I certainly hope that this will make my services
available to you soon enough to alleviate your
problem in Orange County.

I will do all that I can to be at your disposal
as quickly as possible and will be most willing
to receive whatever instructions or suggestions
you may have in the matter.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin
May 24th, 1965

I would propose that this man be assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary in Santa Ana.
May 25, 1965

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear [REDACTED],

I write concerning the request of Reverend Richard T. Coughlin of this Archdiocese to serve in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His Eminence the Cardinal has graciously granted permission for Father Coughlin to seek this assignment and is happy to give him the highest recommendation.

[REDACTED] will be deeply grateful for whatever assistance you may give to Father Coughlin. We feel that Father Coughlin will be available to leave Boston on June 15th.

Assuring you of our gratitude for your cooperation in this matter,

I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]
July 22nd, 1965

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory
1100 South Center Street
Santa Ana, California 92704

Dear Father Coughlin:

A few days ago you were in to see me and I was very grateful for the interview.

Could you kindly telephone me at your convenience so that I may pursue some of the questions that you asked?

Very sincerely yours,

Timothy Manning
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles
Vicar General
June 22, 1965

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHurch
1100 South Center Street
Santa Ana, California 92704

Reverend and dear Father Coughlin:

Enclosed please find your official appointment as

ASSISTANT (Pro tem)

to the

Reverend REDACTED
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
Santa Ana, California,

which His Eminence, the Cardinal, has directed me to forward
to you. This assignment is effective as of this date.

The faculties of the Archdiocese have been extended
to you. However, these will expire as of October 31, 1965, at
which time application for renewal will be necessary.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Right Reverend REDACTED

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ON CHANGE LIST
JUN 30 1965

23741
Aug. 5, 1967

Dear REDACTED:

Some time ago you agreed that a change should be made here and said that reasons would have to be given. If a change comes as a surprise to Father Coughlin, it is because my attitude has continued to be friendly and, for the most part, patient even when deeply disturbed over things that were not right.

Underlying our problem is, perhaps a lack of communication. I have not been able to impress him with the importance of cooperating with me in the work most needed in the parish. For example, he prefers to spend a lot of time with non-essentials in our school, including a boy's choral group and coaching the teams. On the other hand, he has to be asked repeatedly to visit C.C.D. classes or some of our thirty-five released time groups. He will not take a day off but usually takes off in the afternoon for sports and other activities with our boys or affairs of a personal nature.

Father Coughlin brings from the East the attitude that he is available for people who arrange to see him but he prefers not to make calls. I keep him busy with our many marriage arrangements and instructions. When not busy, he is gone. On the credit side, I must say that he is always willing to see people when they ask him. He is good about taking weddings, funerals and a second or third Mass when needed. He is friendly and cheerful. Perhaps another pastor will be able to work with him better than I. It should also be noted that during the first six months he was here from Boston, he had very little supervision. He became set in his routine and was not able to adjust to my administration.

Our 2,000 families need an assistant who will do a day's work and be able to assume responsibility. (It will need two when this administrator gets further along in his sixties and starts to slow down.)

Appreciating your interest and concern over our problem and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

REDACTED
September 6, 1967

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
1100 S. Center Street
Santa Ana, California 92704

Reverend and dear Father Coughlin:

Enclosed is your official appointment as
ASSISTANT

to Reverend REDACTED, ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH,
Anaheim, which His Eminence, the Cardinal, has directed me to
forward to you.

This assignment will become effective on Thursday,
September 14, 1967.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED
REDACTED
REDACTED

encl.
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
1100 SOUTH CENTER STREET
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA - 92704
(714) 545-7115

SEPT 7, 1967

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 WEST NINTH ST
LOS ANGELES CALIF, 90015

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT
OF YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1967 INFORMING
ME OF MY ASSIGNMENT AS ASSISTANT TO
REV. __________ AT ST. ANTHONY CLARET
CHURCH, ANAHEIM.
I WILL REPORT AS DIRECTED
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1967

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin
April 1, 1968

Reverend Richard Coughlin
ST. ANTHONY CLARET
1450 East La Palma Avenue
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Father Coughlin:

The enclosed letter has been received by His Eminence, and I write to ask your recommendations as to how the reply should be made.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend REDACTED

Encl.
April 8, 1968

Your Eminence:

The attached is Father Coughlin's answer to an earlier letter that you sent him using my name.

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Monsignor

REDACT
Telephoned Fr. C. on 1-10-68
offering any assistance that I
can give to him. REDACTED
St. Anthony Claret Church
1450 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92805

18 Nov 1968

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Benjamin G. Hawkes
Chancellor
1531 W. Ninth Street
Los Angeles, Calif. 90015

Dear Msgr. Hawkes:

I hereby request that I be granted a renewal of the faculties of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Richard T. Coughlin
Assistant Pastor

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Rev. Richardum Coughlin
Bostoniensis
facultates ordinarias et
diem 31am Octobris, 1969

21a Novembris 68
OCT. 30, 1969

RT. REV. CHANCELLOR
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 WEST NINTH ST
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90015

RT. REV. AND DEAR MONSIGNOR;

I WRITE RESPECTFULLY
TO REQUEST RENEWAL
OF FACULTIES FOR MY
PRIESTLY WORK IN THIS
ARCHDIOCESE
I AM STILL AN EXTERN
BUT INTEND TO ASK FOR
IN CARDINATION INTO THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
AT COMPLETION OF FIVE YEARS
WORK HERE WHICH WILL TAKE
PLACE IN JUNE 1970

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin
REDACTED

1531 W. Ninth Street
Los Angeles, Calif. 90015

You may remember while attending our last clergy retreat I inquired as to what procedure I should follow in making application for incardination into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

You recommended that I write you a letter asking to be incardinated so please except this as my request.

I have been serving in this archdiocese since June 19, 1965 having been stationed at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Santa Ana, (briefly with Fr. REDACTED and Fr. REDACTED and later with Fr. REDACTED, and then here at St. Anthony Claret Parish, Anaheim with Fr. REDACTED.

These have been happy and, I hope, fruitful years and it is my wish to become a member of the clergy of the archdiocese.

By way of information, I studied at St. John Seminary, Brighton, Mass. and was ordained September 29, 1953 for the Archdiocese of Boston. I obtained a Masters Degree in Special Education (Remedial Reading) in 1964. If I have an avocation it is my interest in fostering vocations to the priesthood. God has been good. There are at present twelve boys at Queen of Angels Seminary whom I have been able to guide there. I would consider it the finest of privileges to help in any way in finding and assisting boys with vocations.

I will be grateful to you for giving this request your attention and for advising me as to any further steps I should take in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Richard T. Coughlin

REDACTED

23731
October 9, 1970

Reverend REDACTED
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH
2640 East Orange Grove Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91107

My dear Father

Reverend RICHARD T. COUGHLIN has made application for Incardination into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His Petition must be evaluated by the Archbishop. Accordingly, I would appreciate it if you would convey to me in strict confidence your Votum regarding this proposal.

Father Coughlin has brought to our attention the fact that you have been associated with him.

Thanking you in anticipation for your graciousness in this regard, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

REDACTED
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ST, ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH
1450 E La Palma Avenue
Anahaim, California 92805

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
1100 South Center Street
Santa Ana, California 92704

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October 9, 1970

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH
1450 East, La Palma Avenue
Anaheim, California 92805

My dear Father Coughlin:

Your letter of September 17th has come to my attention today upon my return from vacation.

I am assured that I shall begin to process your request.

With every good wish and prayer, I am

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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23721
October 9, 1970

Reverend RICHARD T. COUGHLIN has made application for incensation into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His Petition must be approved by the Archbishop. Accordingly, I

want permission to delay convey to me in strict confidence

you. Your confidential response,

Reverend has brought to our attention

the fact that you are associated with him.

I am in anticipation for your

gracefulness in this regard and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

REDACTED

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23720
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
2640 East Orange Grove Boulevard  
Pasadena, California 91107

October 14, 1970

REDACTED

1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California

REDACTED

In regard to the application  
for incardination of Father Coughlin,  
he was at Immaculate Heart  
Parish in Santa Ana for a time.  
He applied himself to his  
parish duties quite well, and  
seemed to be liked by the  
parishioners.  
I would vote for his  
incardination.  
With kinder personal  
regards, I remain  
Sincerely,  
REDACTED

23715
Church of the Holy Trinity
3723 Pico Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90039

October 15, 1970

Mr. Ben Shand Ward
Chancellor Office
308 Pico, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Ben: Ward:

Your letter of October 9 arrived yesterday regarding Fr. Considine. I cannot attempt to give my "viewpoint" on that matter—"but it will give me very much such an impression of him...

I heard with time of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for about 15 months, and that was 6 years ago. At the same time the parish was not in residence and the whole burden of running the Parish was borne by the resident of Fr. Considine. He was occupied from morning until late at night. actively interested in the
16 classroom school, the keeps C.A.B. Legion of Mary, and while there, started St. Vincent de Paul Society with meetings at 10:30 a.m. being new to the Parish and having been told that I would be there for only a couple of months, I am afraid I cannot speak for the Parish unless some of the people who spoke to you about him know in the go all the time. The
opinion was that he had just come from a larger Parish with several priests where his own participation was quite limited and more with the opportunity of work. He plunged wholeheartedly into the work of Immaculate Heart. The wonder is that it didn't result in a nervous breakdown.

At a time when we were not yet supposed to say the Canon and had to, perhaps taking a cue from
the Canon out loud, he, perhaps taking a cue from

REDACTED

pronounced the words in a strained loud voice
and quite slowly, indicating to me pedantry, asceticism.
He would finish Mass with the face set with fingernails.

REDACTED
He did not drink, as far as I knew. He didn’t remember correctly, did he? He was not a drinker, while I was. Happen in my family. He had a bottle (a jigger) when he visited on the days off.

That’s about all I recall about him. I suggest you try to get his opinion. They were treated much longer than I was. I have never mentioned this thing to anyone else. He got along all right with the help, i.e., the church and so on.

Sincerely yours in Christ

[Redacted]

One thing more: at a time when all the elders and the field were very much in the name and everyone were wondering what kind of people would take the presidency one day, I say that if the field changed this thinking on the subject—predicting who would take the Church. As I recall, it had reference to the field. My attitude was that if the field were to stay the field as OK, then it is.
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
1100 SOUTH CENTER STREET
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA - 92704

REDACTED

OCT 17, 1970

1531 South Ninth Street
Los Angeles, Calif 90015

REDACTED

With regard to Father Coughlin's application, I would recommend that he be accepted for the Archdiocese. He is a good priest.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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REDACTED REDACTED

Chancery Office,
1531 W 9 St.
Los Angeles, 90015

Your Excellency,

You asked me about Father Richard Coughlin's incardination into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Father Coughlin has been with me in this parish for about three years.

Since in fairness to all concerned it is very hard to put everything that should be said into a letter I presumed to call you on the phone.

As an associate pastor he is singular in the fact that he believes in the Holy Ghost rather than the Holy Spirit. He takes a great deal of interest in sending young boys to the seminary. Working with boys takes a great deal of his time and attention. He is a good singer and a good preacher.

Since I have another assistant here to take care of the C.C.D. programme I am very pleased with the combination.

Father Coughlin will, I suspect, find it very hard to accept responsibility when the time comes. But to date he has been very happy working in our archdiocese.

All considered I definitely approve of his incardination.

Yours respectfully in Christ,

REDACTED

pastor

23717
MEMORANDUM

To: CONSULTORS
From: REDACTED

Re: PETITION FOR INCARDINATION - Rev. Richard T. Coughlin

The Reverend RICHARD T. COUGHLIN, an Extern, petitions Incardination.

Father Coughlin was Ordained September 29, 1953 for the Archdiocese of Boston. He came to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles June 19, 1965, and served at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Santa Ana, and is now stationed at St. Anthony Claret in Anaheim.

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Rev. Richardum T. Coughlin
Bostoniensis
facultates ordinarias et
diem 31am Octobris, 1970

3a Novembri 69.
REDACTED

Mandate
For: REDACTED
From:

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH
1450 E. La Palma Avenue
Anaheim, California 92805
COUGHLIN

November 18, 1970

To the Most Reverend Archbishop,

REDACTED

The Most Reverend Archbishop, dated September 27, 1953, in my capacity as President of the Archdiocesan Board of Canons, hereby convey their approval to your petition submitted in 1953. Enclosed is a copy of a document from your Ordinary, the Archbishop of Boston, signifying his consent to your Petition.

May you write to

REDACTED

Archbishop of Boston
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Mass. 02135

asking him to signify his consent to your exordination. You might enclose the copy of the letter from the Chancellor of Boston dated April 27, 1965, for his information.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN A. RAWDEN,
Chancellor

23713
January 27, 1971

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
St. Anthony Claret Church
1450 E. La Palma Avenue
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Father Coughlin:

Please refer to our letter of November 18, concerning your incardination into this Archdiocese.

May we ask if you have received any word from the Archbishop of Boston concerning your excardination from that Archdiocese.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor
February 1, 1971

Most Rev. Timothy Manning, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015.

Your Excellency:

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin has written requesting to be incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Father Coughlin is a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston who now serves in Los Angeles on a "lend lease" basis.

is inclined to grant this request, but before doing so, he wishes to be assured of your full approval.

A second matter of concern is the fact that although Father Coughlin is a member of the Clergy Fund Society of the Archdiocese of Boston and thus has been protected from the burden of medical and hospitalization expenses, to date he is $400.00 in arrears in payment of his yearly assessments. The Clergy Fund is facing staggering financial demands and will only be able to fulfill its obligations if each priest pays his personal assessment. would request Father Coughlin to meet this financial obligation to the Archdiocese of Boston before acting on his request.

If your Excellency would kindly favor us with your advice concerning these two matters, I would be most grateful.

With every best wish, I am

... in Christ.

...
February 3, 1971

ARCHBISHOP MANNING

Your Excellency:

Father Coughlin has been accepted by the Consultors on November 12, 1970, for incardination.

If you are disposed, Monsignor Hawkes feels that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles could pay the $400.00 to the Archdiocese of Boston.

Monsignor Rawden

[Signature]

REDACTED
February 5, 1971

REDACTED

Archdiocese of Boston
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear REDACTED

Please accept our appreciation for your kind letter of February 1, indicating the mind of REDACTED regarding the excardination of Father Richard T. Coughlin.

Enclosed please find our check in the amount of $400 to the Clergy Fund Society of the Archdiocese of Boston to satisfy the indebtedness of Father Coughlin.

Could we impose upon you to issue the letters of excardination.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

encl.

cc - Father Coughlin
Dilecto Filio in Christo, Reverendo Ricardo T. Coughlin, Sacerdoti, Salutem in Domino!

Petisti a Nobis ut tibi concederemus litteras excardinationis ex Nostra Archidioecesi, cui ratione nativitatis adscriptus hucusque fuisti, et in qua ad presbyteratus honorum promotus es, quo itegrum tibi sit ad Ecclesiam et Archidioecesim Angelorum in California transire, eisque adscribi.

Quum igitur Nobis compertum sit Excellentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum REDACTED Archiepiscopum Ecclesiae Angelorum paratum esse ad te adscribendum Ecclesiae suae, et tu nullo alio canonico vinculo Archidiocesi Nostrae ligatus sis, nec in ea habeasbeneficium, iustae praeterea habeantur causae huius excardinationis concedendae, nec tu ad eam petendam levitate aut ambitione movearis, gratiam quam expostulastisibi diximus concedenda.

Quare Nostris hisce Litteris te Richardum T. Coughlin, Archidioecesis Nostrae sacerdotem, ex Archidioecesi Nostra absolute et in perpetuum excardinamus et excardinatum edicimus et declaramus, ad norman can. 112, in eum tantum finem ut Archidiocesi Angelorum adscribi valeas et sub conditione, ut hae Litterae suum plenum sortiantur effectum tunc solummodo, quum Archidiocese Angelorum rite fueris adscriptus.

In quorum fidem has Litteras manu Nostra subscriptas expediri iussimus.

Datum Bostoniae sub signo sigilloque Nostro die XIX mensis feb. MCMLXXI

REDACTED

REDACTED
February 22, 1971

Rev. Msgr. John A. Rawden
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Monsignor Rawden:

I am writing to acknowledge your gracious note and the enclosed check in the amount of $400 to discharge the indebtedness of the Rev. Richard T. Coughlin to the Clergy Fund Society of the Archdiocese of Boston.

I am grateful to Archbishop Manning and yourself and I am pleased to have been of service in assisting Father Coughlin in his plans to serve permanently in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

I am enclosing a letter of excardination, signed by as of February 19, 1971.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Enclosure
Ego. RICHARDUS T. COUGHLIN

jurururando affirmo me animum habere mancipandi me in perpetuum Archidioecesi Angelorum in California.

Sic me Deus adjuvet et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

Datum in Civitate Angelorum, die 25a mensis Februarii A.D. 1971.

[Signature]

Testis: REDACTED
Timotheus Manning
Dei et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia
Archipresbepous Angelorum
in California

Dilecto Nobis in Christo

RICHARDO T. COUGHLIN

Nos, considerantes Nostrae dioecesis necessitates, salvis ture praescriptis circa ordinadone tua ex Archidioecesi Bostoniensis praevias etiam de tuis natalibus, vita, moribus ac studiiis opportunis testimoniiis et relationibus Nobis exhibitis. emisco etiam iuramento coram Nobis (vel sacerdote a Nobis delegato), quo declarasti te in perpetuum Nostrae dioecesis Angelorum in California servitio velle addici, ad normam sacrorum canonum, ad tuam petitionem et instantiam, praedictae Nostrae dioecesi te praesentium virtute incardinamus incardinatumque declaramus. In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Datum in Civitate Angelorum, sub signo sigilloque Nostris, ac cancellarii Nostrum subscriptione, anno Domini 1971, die vero 25a mensis Februarii

ARCHIEPISCOPUS ANGELORUM IN CALIFORNIA

DE MANDATO REVERENDISSIMI ARCHIEPISCOPI

CANCELLARIUS

23706
February 25, 1971

REDACTED
Archdiocese of Boston
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear REDACTED REDACTED

Thank you for your letter of February 22 and the Excommunication papers for Reverend Richard T. Coughlin.

Enclosed please find Letter of Excommunication into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for Father Coughlin.

With kindest best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

encl.
February 25, 1971

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
St. Anthony Claret Church
1450 E. La Palma Avenue
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Father Coughlin:

Enclosed please find Letter of Incardination into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles which His Excellency, the Archbishop, has directed me to forward to you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor
February 27, 1971

Immaculate Conception Church
1433 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear [REDACTED],

This is to advise you that as of February 25, 1971, the following priest was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
(Ordained: September 29, 1953)
St. Anthony Claret Church
1450 E. La Palma Avenue
Anaheim 92805

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor
March 8, 1971

Reverend Msgr. John A. Rawden, Chancellor
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Msgr. Rawden:

I write to acknowledge your letter of February 25 with the enclosed Letter of Incardination into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for Reverend Richard T. Coughlin. Please accept my sincere thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED

REDACTED
St. Anthony Claret Church
1450 East La Palma Avenue
Anaheim, California 92805
Telephone 776-0270

MAY 11, 1976

REDACTED

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 W. NINTH ST., LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

REV. AND DEAR FATHER

WITH THE PERMISSION OF MY PASTOR I HAVE BEEN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOME MONTHS TO TAKE A SMALL CHORAL GROUP TO AUSTRIA ON A SINGING TOUR. I WILL MAKE USE OF MY VACATION TIME DOING THIS.

IN MY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THREE DIFFERENT AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRIA IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT EARLY JUNE WAS THE ONLY PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH THE TOUR COULD TAKE PLACE.

I HAVE, THEREFORE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO HAVE THE GROUP SING FOR THE "KATHOLISCHE JUNGSCHAR" OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF VIENNA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH, AND ALSO HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT WITH THE VIENNA CHOR BOYS AT THE AUGARTEN PALACE TWO OR THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THAT SUNDAY. THIS WILL NECESSITATE MY BEING AWAY AT RETREAT TIME SO I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT I BE EXCUSED FROM THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED RETREAT AND BE ALLOWED TO MAKE ONE PRIVATELY.

SINCERELY YOURS

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin
March 3, 1972

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH
1450 E. La Palma Avenue
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Father Coughlin:

Enclosed is your official appointment as ASSISTANT to Reverend ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, Costa Mesa, which His Excellency, Archbishop Manning, has directed me to forward to you.

This appointment will become effective on Wednesday, March 22, 1972.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

encl.
March 6, 1972
Anaheim, California

Chancellor, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Reverend Chancellor:

We have recently been informed that Reverend Richard Coughlin will be transferred from St. Anthony Claret Parish in Anaheim.

Within the last four months we have lost a seasoned assistant, Father REDACTED. Father Coughlin's transfer would leave our parish without any assistants who are fully familiar with our problems, with the exception of our pastor, Father REDACTED.

We respectfully request that Father Coughlin's transfer be delayed. You are probably not familiar with Father's work with young groups in the parish. In addition to his normal duties, he works with altar boys, Legion of Mary, Candy Stripers at a convalescent home, St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Anthony Barbershop Chorus consisting of 20 parish school boys.

We are parents and close associated friends of this chorus, who would like to see this transfer delayed, because of the tremendous work that Father and his chorus are doing for the Catholic Church.

We feel you should be made aware of the fact that his work is of an ecumenical nature, singing before all religious groups. He has singing engagements booked for several months including a planned summer trip to Rome and Vatican City. Cancelling or delaying his transfer would allow him to complete his plans.

Father's first love is his faith and his second love is this youth group which brings joy and happiness to their audiences, particularly the elderly in convalescent homes who, as you know, are so often forgotten.

With all due respect to your office, we are enclosing a list of signatures of those who would like you to reconsider the transfer of Father Coughlin.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED

REDACTED
March 9, 1972

Dear REDACTED

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind letter of March 6th with enclosures and signatures.

It is indeed a pleasure to read of the respect and appreciation that parishioners have for their priests.

Please be assured that Father Coughlin and I discussed his excellent projects in St. Anthony's parish at some length.

With kindest best regards, I remain

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Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
CHANCELLOR
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Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
CHANCELLOR
JULY 3, 1972

REV. MSGR. JOHN A. RAWDEN
CHANCELLOR, ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 W. NINTH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015

REV. AND DEAR MSGR. RAWDEN

IT WAS A VERY PLEASANT THING FOR ME TO MEET YOU AT THE PAPAL AUDIENCE ON JUNE 21ST. IT PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON WHAT WAS A THRILLING EXPERIENCE FOR THE BOYS AND FOR ME. THE BEST ASPECT OF THE AUDIENCE IN MY EYES WAS THE OVERFLOWING AFFECTION FOR HIS HOLINESS THAT WAS SHOWN BY THE PEOPLE. IT WAS QUITE REASSURING.

THE REASON FOR MY WRITING THIS LETTER IS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST THAT INTERESTS ME GREATLY. ON MY RETURN TO THE PARISH, I HAD A MESSAGE WAITING THAT INFORMED ME OF THE SUDDEN DEATH OF FR. [REDACTED], A FINE JESUIT PRIEST WHO TAUGHT AT ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL IN ORANGE FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.
I HAVE HAD A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS SO I CALLED FR. REDACTED TO OFFER MY SYMPATHY AND DURING THE COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION HE ASKED IF I WOULD CONSIDER TEACHING AT THE SCHOOL, AND AS IT WERE, FILLING FR. REDACTED PLACE IF IT COULD BE ALLOWED FR. REDACTED. TOLD ME THAT ENROLLMENT AT THE SCHOOL HAD INCREASED FROM FORTY TO FIFTY SIX AND THAT HE DESPERATELY NEEDS A RELIABLE TEACHER PARTICULARLY FOR THE RELIGION COURSES. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN Vocations. I HAVE A REAL CONCERN FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORTHODOXY AND A SENSE OF THE SACRED. I THINK MY AVOCATION IS WORKING WITH BOYS AND I HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE IN EDUCATION. FR. REDACTED FELT THAT IF I WISHED
I SHOULD WRITE AND ASK COULD
I BE ALLOWED TO GO TO ST. MICHAELS
TO TEACH.

IN HIS EAGERNESS FATHER WANTED
TO STRESS THAT HE FELT THAT ONE OF
HIS PRIME OBLIGATIONS WAS TO HELP
SUPPLY MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL WITH
WHAT FACULTY MEMBERS HE COULD
AND THAT HE HAD ALREADY MARKED
HIS FIRST ORDAINED PRIEST IN JULY
OF 1972 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO MATER DEI.

I MUST SAY THAT I AM TRULY
INTERESTED IN HIS PROPOSAL AND THAT
I AM WRITING ASKING THAT YOU GIVE
IT GENUINE CONSIDERATION. IT JUST
MIGHT BE THAT I COULD RENDER A
REAL SERVICE TO THE CHURCH BEFORE
MY YEARS OF STRENGTH AND VIGOR RUN OUT.
I WILL BE GRATEFUL TO HEAR FROM
YOU IN THE MATTER

RESPECTFULLY, OBEDIENCE
Yours

F. Richard T. Coughlin
July 10, 1972

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
St. John Church
1015 Baker Street
Costa Mesa, California 92626

Dear Father Coughlin:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind letter of July 3.

I sincerely regret that we are unable at this time to honor your most worthy request. This year we have supplied the Archdiocesan school system with eight priests. We have had other men go into special work and find that we have now seriously endangered our priest personnel coverage of the parochial ministry.

Please be assured that I mean this only as a delay and not as a refusal of your request. In all honesty, I can't see how your request could be honored for at least a year. Please be assured of my concern for your request.

It was one of the highlights of my trip to see you and your boys’ choir in, of all places, the audience hall in the Vatican. Just another Indication of the universality of our Holy Faith.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor
January 23, 1974

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin
St. John the Baptist Church
1015 Baker Street
Costa Mesa, California 92626

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Father Coughlin:

Consequent to our conversation of the 17 of January, I made the following recommendations to His Eminence:

1) That you be considered on vacation during the month of February in order to reside at the Benedictine Monastery of St. Charles at Oceanside, or another monastery of your choice.

2) That near the end of February, you contact me regarding your proposal to teach with the Norbertines with Father

In reference to the latter, would you kindly have Father indicate to me his disposition in this matter.

The Cardinal approved the above. Would you please telephone me indicating your personal disposition on both of these recommendations.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED

In A. Rawden
Chancellor
January 25, 1974

Dear Monsignor,

Father RICHARD T. COUGHLIN has informed me that you - most graciously - are willing to recommend him for getting His Eminence's permission to teach at St. Michael's. Such permission would enable me to leave Father REDACTED, our newly ordained priest, at Mater Dei High School for further services.

I wish to assure you, dear Monsignor, that - permission granted - Father Coughlin may move immediately to St. Michael's and that he will receive from us room, board and the same salary with other benefits our full-time teaching priests are enjoying at Mater Dei.

Thanking you again for your kind consideration,
I am very gratefully yours in Christ:

REDACTED

Father REDACTED
February 1, 1974

Reverend REDACTED
St. Michael Priory
1042 Star Route
Orange, California 92667

Dear Father REDACTED

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind letter of January 25.

We will await a conversation with Father Richard T. Coughlin in late February as to his disposition in this matter. At present, we have no objection to Father Coughlin being a member of your teaching staff.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

cc Father Coughlin
March 1, 1974

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
St. John the Baptist Church  
1015 Baker Street  
Costa Mesa, California 92626

Dear Father Coughlin:

His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, has directed me to confirm your appointment to teach at

ST. MICHAEL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL, Orange.

This assignment will become effective on Friday, March 15, 1974.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

cc REDACTED  REDACTED  St. John, Costa Mesa
**PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. Richard Thomas Coughlin**

**NAME IN FULL**

Date: November 3, 1965

Ordained for Diocese of: Boston

Date and Place: September 29, 1953

Ordaining Prelate: REDACTED

If Incardinated in Los Angeles, Date: FEB. 25, 1971

If Not Incardinated in Los Angeles:

Date of Arrival: June 23, 1965

What letters from own Ordinary or Superior: Letter from REDACTED

Length and purpose of stay: indefinite in Incarnation

Residence: 1100 South Center, Santa Ana

Phone No.: 545-4309

FACULTIES GIVEN UNTIL

Birth: Date and Place: June 13, 1924, Worcester, Mass.

Baptism: Date and Place: June 1924, St. Stephen's, Worcester, Mass.

Present Citizenship: United States

If Naturalized, Date and Place:


College—Dates and Places:


Degrees—Dates and Places: 1964, Master of Arts (Reading Specialist), Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

What foreign languages can you speak? None

Father's and Mother's (maiden) Name: REDACTED

Name and address of nearest relative or friend: REDACTED

Please type answers in full and return to the Chancery Office, 1531 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles 15, California

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State any special work or assignment and give dates...

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Please type answers in full and return to the Chancery Office, 1531 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles 15, California
PLACENTIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOLLOW-UP REPORT
DR 98-0450

CRIME: 288(a) PC Lewd Act on Child

DATE: approximately 1970 to 1972

VICTIM: REDACTED

SUSPECT: COUGHLIN, Richard Thomas
212 S. Kraemer Blvd. #202
Placentia 92870
DOB 061324 CDL S0411848

On 111299 at approximately 2005 hours, I spoke with victim on the phone. The conversation was tape-recorded; following is a synopsis.

REDACTED joined the chorus in 1969, when he was an 11-year old 5th-grader at St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church/School, Anaheim. REDACTED was a charter member of the chorus, which began as a barbershop choir. Initially, the choir was a class elective and as such, attracted boys whose musical abilities and true dedication were questionable. Coughlin decided to reconstitute the choir by personally auditioning and selecting boys who possessed musical talent and a real interest in participating. REDACTED, best friend, REDACTED was selected and asked to also join.

Practices were held at the church after school, so Coughlin never took REDACTED to or from practice. The chorus performed locally at convalescent homes, women's clubs, Elks Clubs, etc. REDACTED went on two European tours in 1971 and 1972.

REDACTED estimated that he was in the choir approximately one year before Coughlin sexually molested him. REDACTED could not recall where this occurred or which specific act occurred first. REDACTED estimated that he was in the choir for five years and that the last molestation incident occurred when he was in 8th grade. REDACTED explained that in 8th grade, he joined the baseball team and his voice changed. REDACTED quit the choir just prior to their U.S. tour that year, but was asked to stay on as a tour assistant. REDACTED served in that capacity until June 1973. He estimated that he had the last sexual contact with Coughlin around April/May 1973.

REDACTED

111699/1000 LOOMIS 4025 Inv. APPROVED BY: REDACTED

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REDACTED was reluctant to speak with me for a variety of personal reasons. Further, he had great difficulty discussing the specifics of Coughlin's abuse when I asked what form the sexual contact took. I asked REDACTED if there were any acts of sodomy or oral copulation and he said no. REDACTED was never asked to touch Coughlin's genitals. REDACTED recalled five to ten incidents where Coughlin touched REDACTED's genitals. Some of these incidents took place in the shower.

REDACTED described sexual molestations that took place in San Clemente and San Diego hotel rooms, as well as at Coughlin's REDACTED's house. REDACTED told me that Coughlin "had favorites who he obviously liked" and took small groups on trips. On occasion, REDACTED roomed with Coughlin. REDACTED thought that they stayed at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego three or four times. A couple of times, they went to (possibly) the San Clemente Inn. REDACTED recalled that the facility was near what was, at the time, President Richard Nixon's Western White House. Coughlin's REDACTED had a tri-level home, and the choir often went there as a group. REDACTED was there alone one time with Coughlin.

I asked REDACTED to describe the sexual touching in San Diego. REDACTED told me, "He had this thing for washing me." While Coughlin remained dressed, he accompanied REDACTED into the shower. REDACTED was not circumcised and Coughlin told him that he was going to teach him how to keep himself clean. Coughlin explained that REDACTED needed to be "extra careful" about his hygiene. I asked REDACTED if Coughlin just explained what to do or actually demonstrated on REDACTED. He said that Coughlin actually washed his penis. REDACTED recalled that Coughlin also did this when they were in Austria on tour.

REDACTED then recounted what happened at Coughlin's REDACTED's house. First, REDACTED had a vague memory of Coughlin helping him dress in an outside dressing area. He did not remember any specific sexual touching that may have occurred. REDACTED did recall a sexual encounter in Coughlin's REDACTED's room. The two were alone and Coughlin kissed him on the mouth. As Coughlin kissed him, Coughlin touched REDACTED's penis. He could not remember if it was over or under his clothing. This act did not last long for two reasons. REDACTED told Coughlin that "I had to go to the bathroom bad." Next, REDACTED had recently seen an episode of Gilligan's Island. In it, Ginger and Maryanne ate something that acted as an aphrodisiac. They wanted to kiss the Professor, who was much too straitlaced. The Professor explained that kissing would not be a good idea because it transferred germs. REDACTED said that he told Coughlin the

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same thing. REDACTED was sitting down as Coughlin kissed and fondled him.

Regarding the incidents in San Clemente, REDACTED remembered being washed in the shower, as in San Diego. REDACTED did not remember ever being taken to an Orange County motel, saying that there would not have been any reason to do that. By the same token, he could not recall any sexual molestation occurring on or in a motel bed.

I asked REDACTED if there was anyone else in the room when he was sexually molested. He replied, "I wanna say yes." REDACTED had memories of showering with other chorus members "a couple of times," but could not remember exactly who they were. I asked REDACTED if he was aware of any other victims. He said, "I don't think so." As for how Coughlin chose his victims, REDACTED explained, "It was stereotypical. He chose the shorter, youngest, younger-looking boys." REDACTED speculated that his best friend, REDACTED, may have been molested by Coughlin. REDACTED suspected this because Coughlin liked him and REDACTED committed suicide in his late teens. REDACTED came from a large family (REDACTED children). REDACTED knew that some of Coughlin's victims did come from large families, citing the fact that he (REDACTED) had REDACTED brothers and sisters and REDACTED had either REDACTED siblings, as well.

REDACTED never confronted Coughlin about his actions and essentially put the incidents behind him. Eight or 9 years ago, victim REDACTED called explaining that he was trying to pursue Coughlin for molesting him. REDACTED "went public," but REDACTED "wanted to go on with my life" and did not want to get involved. Until I spoke with REDACTED, he had never disclosed Coughlin's sexual abuse.

REDACTED did say that a friend, REDACTED, had a REDACTED, REDACTED told that Coughlin "tried to do something" to REDACTED and "he bailed on the chorus." REDACTED could provide no further details.
VICTIMS OF SEX CRIMES
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 293(a), you are informed that your name will be a matter of public record unless you request that it not become a public record; pursuant to Section 6254 of the Government Code.

I have been informed of the above rights to privacy section. Initial _______

I, ________________________, hereby elect to exercise my right to privacy, pursuant to Section 6254 of the Government Code. By not signing this, your name may become available for publication.

* Due to the fact that there are multiple victims, too much confusion would result if they were all listed as John Doe. Therefore, each victim's information will appear on the 293(a) PC form with the corresponding narrative identifying him by his first name and last initial.*

OFFICERS: This form is to be used for the specific violations under PC 293 (listed on the back). Please fill out ALL victim information on the top of this page. On the face page, continuations, and in the narrative, refer to the victim only as "JANE OR JOHN DOE."
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Arch Dioceses of Orange
Bishop Tod Brown
P.O. Box 14195
Orange, California 92863-1595

Re: REDACTED VS
BISHOP RICHARD THOMAS COUGHLIN

Dear Bishop Brown:

The undersigned Attorney-at-Law, represents REDACTED with reference to sexual abuse, molestation and misconduct imposed upon REDACTED when he was 10 and 11 years old as an Altar Boy at St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church/School in Anaheim, California. At the time of these occurrences, Richard Thomas Coughlin, was a Bishop at the St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church/School.

REDACTED joined the choir in 1969, when he was an 11 year old 5th grader at St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church/School. He estimates that he was in the choir approximately one year before Bishop Richard Thomas Coughlin sexually molested him. My client is now age 42.

REDACTED estimated he was in the choir for five years and that the last molestation incident occurred when he was in the 8th grade. Practices were held in the church after school. The choir performed locally at convalescent homes, womens' clubs, Elks' clubs, etc.

REDACTED thinks he was in the choir approximately one year before Coughlin sexually molested him. The last molestation occurred when he was in the 8th grade.
Attached hereto, is a statement taken by Placentia Police Department with reference to "Lewd Act on Child". The statement was taken on November 17, 1999. My client confirms the testimony taken by the Police Department as being true and correct, but would add that on occasion, the Bishop would not only touch his penis, but would fondle his penis.

The actions imposed upon my client by the Roman Catholic Church through the actions of Bishop Coughlin has seriously damaged my client and will remain so the rest of his life. On behalf of my client, I am asking the church to consider negotiating for a payment of damages of a reasonable amount to compensate REDACTED for the reprehensible conduct of Bishop Coughlin toward my client as outlined in this statement taken by the Placentia Police Department.

My client, REDACTED falls within the Code of Civil Procedure, Section 340.1, which allows him to proceed with a complaint against the church, in that he has most recently discovered the psychological injuries that occurred from the sexual abuse of Bishop Coughlin during the period of time he owed Mr. REDACTED the duty of care.

I trust REDACTED claim against the church can be settled without the necessity of litigation. It is necessary that I have a response to this letter within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Respectfully submitted

REDACTED

REDACTED

Enclosure

cc: REDACTED
25 March 2002

Reverend Monsignor Craig Cox  
Vicar for Clergy  
Archdiocesan Catholic Center  
3424 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90010-2241

RE: Claim of Sexual Abuse/Misconduct  

Dear Monsignor Cox:

Enclosed is the correspondence we recently received from attorney REDACTED regarding the claims of his adult client, REDACTED. Also enclosed is a copy of the November 11, 1999 Placentia Police report relating incidents of child molestation which allegedly took place between 1969 and 1973.

I believe that these allegations against Fr. Coughlin would fall in the purview of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles because of the dates of occurrence. I have responded to Mr. REDACTED that I forwarded his correspondence to you. A copy of that letter is enclosed as well.

If there is any further information you need, please do not hesitate to call. We continue to pray together for the Church in these troubled times and all victims of abuse that the Risen Christ might bring us healing and renewed hope.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Encl.
RE: Claim of Sexual Abuse/Misconduct

Dear Mr. REDACTED,

We are in receipt of your March 19, 2002 letter regarding your client REDACTED.

I believe that these allegations against Fr. Coughlin would fall in the purview of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles because of the dates of occurrence. The Diocese of Orange was not established until 1976. For that reason, I have this date forwarded your correspondence along with the copy of the Placentia Police report of November 19, 1999 to the Reverend Monsignor Craig Cox, Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Monsignor Cox’s address is Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 3424 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90010-2241.

Please extend to your client our expressions of concern for him. I believe you should be hearing from Monsignor Cox in the near future.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Encl.