20-25 years ago, I was an altar boy at St. Kilian's.
Pastor then... I need to talk...

Handwritten note:
Take care of your health.
Get on top of things.

51800008

0 000339
"Seems that I have heard that he had some problems." (a: throne)

Church: to serve Mass. Although would ask about your participation in it, and get fifty four days the church.

called: in his house, (b: church) would go there. (c: church) had already asked me to join. (d: church) told me that he had already asked.

Mom: to help with gardening. (a: church) would continue.

Redacted, Roger. (b: church) can't remember much about him.

Peter: I can't remember your face. (c: church) trying to "fit," no foreign accent.

10/20/00 10:00 AM
Phone conversation of

yes "F. Burt Howarth"
worked at paint - can't remember
when
(at this point, Magee confounded a lot
we remembering priests, parishes,
hospitals, etc)

doesn't remember how he got here
doesn't remember how long he sewed
here
Did call here a "fly by night"
doesn't remember REDACTED
"Yes", then "No", then "Yes", then "No" — REDACTED
"do you remember REDACTED family?"
"No", then "yes", then "I have to go to the REDACTED
hospital"

can't remember very
well... not very much. Very
confused. Even forgot he was talking
with me.

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0 000341
I called and spoke to REDACTED in the Vicar for Clergy Office regarding information on Reverend Bertrand Horvath, OFM Conv., who might have worked in the Archdiocese in the early 1970's. She looked in all their paper files, since the computer information on clergy didn't begin until the early 1980's. She was unable to find any information on Father Horvath, even in their oldest card file.
10/21/00 12:45 pm

Mr. [REDACTED] (lives in Oregon) - [REDACTED] answered, but
- call in morning, weekday @ 9am or so.

[REDACTED]

10/21/00 12:45 pm

- left message, up

- will get a message to him

[REDACTED]

10/21/00 12:50 pm

- left message asking him to call me

next week.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 9:45 pm

- told me recently

- Told me about "[REDACTED]" - would go to

work @ part to work outside. Would have

them take their off - then "[REDACTED]."

- [REDACTED] "[REDACTED]" - "[REDACTED]."

- was in [REDACTED] - moved there in 1968 - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- doesn't recall ever telling [REDACTED]

- hasn't heard about any other actions

- comments about [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

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0 000343
11:30 am
- called - not in at the moment.

3:15 pm called again. In meeting. Will call back.

3:20 pm Call
- Left message on his voicemail. Call me back.

4:30 pm
- REDACTED
- has dementia - bad bladder. Will have surgery soon.
- Loves his wife.
- She takes care of him perhaps he could know.

Founding member of the church.

Yes, remembered the "Pastor Howard.
- Radical behavior - on edge all the time.
- he didn't last too long.
- Call
- He might know Fr. Howard.
10/26/00 9:30 am
left message

might have been a "casual"

(Yes, I knew of him -
was there about 2-3
years (71-72-73 or ??)

I think he was a

from east coast

nice enough

a little on the crinkly

side (jokes)

never any allegations

of any behavior

(except I heard about his jokes)

Check ideas of Baptism records at the Parish

(as to when he came & left)

Was deacon then (??)

might know him?? - probably not

Would be glad to chat chat u7
Diocese of Amarillo

(Diocese Amarilla)

Erected a Diocese at Pope Pius X, August 4, 1916; Square Mile Approximately 23,650.

Comprises that part of the State of Texas within and extending 100 miles landward of the line of the State (the limits of the area by law established by the eastern boundary of the State) and by the southern line of the State and by the western boundary of the State.

Most Reverend

LEROY T. MATTHIESEN, D.D., M.A., LITT.D.

Bishop of Amarillo; ordained March 10, 1946; appointed March 25, 1950; ordained May 30, 1960; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX 79117-6666.

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

Catechetical/Religious Education:

- High School Students: 1,381
- Total Students Under Catholic Instructors: 2,667

Teachers in the Diocese:

- Sisters: 84
- Lay Teachers: 89

Vital Statistics:

- Baptisms: 2,672
- Marriages: 568
- Deaths: 166
- Total Catholic Population: 91,000
- Total Population: 360,000

Diocesan Pastoral Center: 1900 N. Spring St. P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX 79117-6666. Tel: 806-343-2222. Fax: 806-343-2345.

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Highlands School; (ii) Irving, TX, Legates of Christ.
Hopkins, John C. 19 (ATL) [ATL] Atlanta, GA Legates of Christ, Inc.
Hopkins, John, 1987 (WILL) Glasgow, DE St. Margaret of Scotland Church.
Hopkins, Michael, c. 1953 (PHI) [PHI] Philadelphia, PA St. Peter the Apostle Church.
Hopkins, Robert, F. d (DIAL) Retired.
Hopwell, William J. 1960 (CRF) Portland, OR St. Francis of Assisi Church; Memorial Wells, TX Our Lady of Fatima Church.
Hoppe, Raymond, J. 1965 (BAO) Lakewood, OR St. Patrick's Church.
Hoppe, Robert J. 1967 (DIA) Retired.
Hoppe, Lawrence L. 1950 (GRO) Ford City, PA St. Francis of Paula Church.
Hoppe, Linda J. 1971 (CHI) [CHI] Chicago, IL, The Catholic Theological Union at Chicago; [CHI], IL Holy Name Seminary.
Hoppe, Magd. Ronald C. 1958 (ALO) [ALO] Alexandria, LA St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Church; Glenumen, LA St. Mary's Church.
Hoppe, Sean o.a. 1972 (CNS) Belpre, OH St. Augustine Church; [St. Mary, KY St. Mark's Church].
Hoppe, Grant, J. 1960 (MAD) Madison, WI St. Maureen's Church.
Hoppe, Mary J. 1960 (MAD) Madison, WI St. Maureen's Church.
Hoppe, John Paul 1960 (BDC) Costa Mesa, CA St. John the Baptist Church.
Hoppe, Gregory J. 1974 (SPR) Springfield, MA Our Lady of the Assumption Church; Springfield, MA Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.
Hoppe, Magd. Frederick J. 1961 (CHI) Retired.
Hoppe, Robert W. 1963 (BCH) [CHI] Chicago, IL Holy Name Seminary.
Horace, Mark A. 1967 (BUFF) Buffalo, NY Holy Name of Jesus Church.
Horace, Mark (GAL) [GAL] Houston, TX Notre Dame Church.
Horace, Mark, 1962 (ALO) Retired.
Horace, Magd. Donald E. 1963 (STU) Atlanta, GA Christ the King University Parish; [Atlanta, GA Christ the King University Parish - Ohio University].
Horace, Mark P. 1974 (DIAL) [DIAL] Baltimore, MD Ferdinand Wiesendt Community.
Horan, Brendan R. 1963 (RI) [RI] Durbin, NC Durham, NC North Carolina Central University.
Horan, Dennis F. 1948 (MAN) Retired.
Horan, Edward o.p. 1977 (CO) [CO] Rebensburg, TX Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.
Horan, George, 1972 (LA) [LA] Los Angeles, CA Sacred Heart Church; Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles County Hospital in the City of Los Angeles, CA St. Joseph's Hospital.
Horan, Gerald M. o.p. 1962 (CHI) [CHI] Chicago, IL Order of Friar Servants of Mary Servitas (United States of America) Parish; Chicago, IL Order of Friar Servants of Mary Servitas (United States of America) Parish.
Horan, Gerald M. o.p. 1962 (CHR) [CHR] Indianapolis, IN Christ the King High School; Indianapolis, IN Christ the King High School.
Horan, Gerald M. o.p. 1962 (CHR) [CHR] Indianapolis, IN Christ the King High School; Indianapolis, IN Christ the King High School.
Horan, John, 1965 (TUS) Marcella Island, WA St. Monica's Church; Retired.
Horan, John C. 1951 (MAN) Mankato, MN St. John the Evangelist Church.
Horan, Michael, 1956 (NAT) [NAT] San Antonio, TX St. Matthew Church; Special Assignment.
Horan, Thomas J. 1968 (SPR) [SPR] San Mateo, CA St. Matthew Church.
Horan, Thomas 1964 (MAN) [MAN] Houston, TX Order of Friar Servants of Mary Servitas (United States of America) Parish.
Horan, Thomas A. 1962 (ALO) Retired.
Horan, Joseph J. 1957 (SBR) [SBR] Wilkes-Barre, PA St. Stanislaus Keating Church.
Horan, James P. 1960 (SAN) San Antonio, TX St. Mary Church.
Horan, James R. 1972 (STP) Merrill, WI St. Francis Xavier Church.
Horan, William J. 1967 (BUFF) Sugar Camp, WI St. Basil's Church; Three Lakes, WI St. Theresa's Church.
Horje, Jeffrey R. 1971 (NU) Madison, WI St. Michael Church.
Horke, Daniel J. 1991 (FMB) [FMB] Delray Beach, FL St. Vincent Ferrer Church.
Horsky, John A. 1941 (HOM) Homestead, PA Our Lady of Loretto Church.
Horn, John J. 1976 (HET) Retired.
Horn, John J. 1970 (WOR) Milbury, MA St. Bridget Church.
Hornsby, Magr. John V. 1940 (BGP) Retired; [IN] Stamford, CT Our Lady of Grace Church.
Hornsby, Joseph J. 1943 (GRO) Retired.
Hornsby, Paul J. e. a. 1934 (HET) [HET] Hartford, CT Missionaries of LaSalle, Provincial Secretary.
Hornsby, Paul J. d. d. 1956 (FRO) Retired.
Hornsby, Joseph J. c. a. 1943 (SEU) [SEU] Retired.
Hornsby, Timothy J. 1955 (NEW) Retired.
Hornsby, Robert J. 1976 (EID) Graceway, PA St. Leo the Great Church.
Horkan, Magr. Vincent J. 1947 (DOP) Retired; [LJ] Lewinsville, CO St. Augustine Church; St. Augustine Church.
Horkan, Other Desert, CA Salvation Army.
Horkan, R. 1998 (MCP) Madrid, NE St. Augustine Church.
Horkan, J. 1960 (SBR) [SBR] St. Augustine Church.
Horkan, Kevin D. 1931 (DIL) [DIL] MD Carmel of St. Joseph.
Horken, Leo R. 1959 (DEN) [DEN] Denver, CO Notre Dame Church.
Horken, Sean F. 1936 (GAL) [GAL] Houston, TX St. Michael Church.
Horken, Bernard L. 1933 (CHI) [CHI] Oklahoma City, OK St. Michael's Church; St. Michael's Church.
Horken, Kenneth 1956 (NY) [NY] Poughkeepsie, NY St. Mark's Church; Poughkeepsie, NY St. Mark's Church.
Horken, Fernando J. 1966 (SU) [SU] Sarasota, FL St. Mary Church.
Horken, George F. 1970 (MIL) Retired.
Horken, James M. 1968 (MIL) Retired.
Horken, J. 1939 (GAL) Retired.
Horken, Kevin D. 1931 (DIL) [DIL] MD Carmel of St. Joseph.
CITY OF AMARILLO
(Parish County)

1. Sacred Heart Catholic Church. This parish ceased to exist 1/1/78. For inquiries contact the Diocese of Amarillo, P.O. Box 1644, Amarillo, 79117-1144, (806) 382-2423.


I spoke with Father of the Diocese of Amarillo, today.

Yes, Father Bert Horvath is priest of their diocese. He will get his assignment background to me so I can see if he is the same Father Horvath who was at St. Kilian in Mission Viejo in the early 1970s.

Amarillo Diocese

October 30, 2000
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Amarillo Diocese REDACTED

REDACTED

October 30, 2000
November 4, 2000

REDACTED
Diocese of Amarillo
1800 N. Spring Street
P.O. Box 5644
Amarillo, Texas 79117-5644

Dear Father REDACTED

Thank you for your time by phone when we spoke on Monday, October 30, 2000 regarding Father Bert Horvath.

As I mentioned, I am trying to determine if this is the same Father Bert Horvath who served here in southern California (specifically at St. Kilian Parish in Mission Viejo) in the early 1970’s. There is no formal record of his being assigned here (we were then part of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles), but perhaps his personnel records would indicate such.

If Father Horvath is the one who was here, I will be in contact with him about the matter we discussed. I will also send you any copies of correspondence.

With gratitude for your assistance, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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REDACTED

51800020

O 000351
I phoned Father REDACTED today at 11:30am...left a message that I have yet to hear from him and would appreciate a response to my inquiry regarding Father Bert Horvath.

Fr. REDACTED

REDACTED

Nov. 13, 2000

51800021

O 000352
From: REDACTED
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2000 9:45 AM
To: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Father Bert Horvath history

Father REDACTED from Armadillo, Texas REDACTED - called regarding Father Horvath. Their records indicate that he was ordained in 1970 and served in California between 1970 - 1980, his resume does not specify Orange, CA. He was a Conventual Franciscan Friar at the ML St. Francis Province in Indiana REDACTED the Provincial there 10 years ago was Father REDACTED
called — how are things going for him? Nervous, worried — anxious.

- I told him I would be writing because of Asmara.
- I told him that I was available for him if he needed help or talk.
- Also, if he needed a counselor, I would provide one.

Dr. would be glad to work with him if he'd like.
November 22, 2000

Dear Father

Thank you for your recent phone call in which you verified from personnel records that Father Bert Horvath, a priest of the Diocese of Amarillo, did indeed serve in California between the years of 1970-1980. Our diocese (formed in 1976) has no official record of his assignment at St. Kilian Parish, Mission Viejo. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles (from which we were formed) has no record of him at all. The only reference I can find is in the dedication booklet of St. Kilian Church (October 22, 1976) in which Father Bert Horvath is listed as one of the concelebrants.

Be that as it may, this must be the same priest about whom I have received an official complaint from a 43-year-old gentleman who remembers “Father Bert” from the early 1970's at St. Kilian. On October 20, 2000, I met with this gentleman who has experienced much stress over his memories of certain actions and words attributed to Father Bert in the early 1970's. The summary of the complaints is:

Fr. Bert would invite and other young boys to the rectory for gardening. He would have them remove their shirts; then he would grab them by one of their nipples and shake them; this is what Fr. Bert would refer to as a “tittle twister”. This happened on many occasions both at the rectory and in the sacristy prior to Mass.

While the boys were working outside, remembers Father Bert staring at them all through the windows of the house. remembers that he thought this was very odd.

Fr. Bert would continually ask about masturbation; “had he masturbated yet?” “Why hadn’t he masturbated yet?”. While asking these questions, Father Bert would be touching himself in the genital area (over his clothing). These questions and this action were repulsive to at the time, yet he didn’t know what to do, as “Father Bert was a priest”. This questioning and this action took place both at the rectory (during the gardening times) and in the sacristy (before
Mass as was preparing to serve Mass). He has no memories of indecent exposure nor of being touched other than on his nipple during these "tittie twisting" moments.

At this time, for some reason or another, these memories are quite painful for me. I have suggested some professional counseling in order to help him deal with the distress and then work through it. As of now, he has not gone into counseling.

I am writing this to you to officially inform you of this complaint; I presume you will follow your diocesan policy in handling this. At this time, he does not wish to speak with Fr. Bert; he might, however, wish to speak with you about this. Main concerns at this time: has Father Bert done this (or worse) to others? Is he a danger to young boys?

He will be staying in contact with me and will let me know what he wishes to do in the future.

If you can enlighten me on your policy/procedure in this type of matter, I would be pleased to hear from you. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to establish that the Father Bert Horvath of your diocese is most probably the same Father Bert Horvath who served here in the early 1970’s.

With prayerful best wishes to you, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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REDACTED

C: Reverend Monsignor Richard Loomis
   Vicar for Clergy
   Archdiocese of Los Angeles

51800025
O 000356
November 22, 2000

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for calling me on Monday afternoon to discuss the progress that I have made regarding finding the current whereabouts of Father Bert Horvath. As I told you, he is living in the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas. I have written a letter to that Diocese letting them know of our conversation on October 20, 2000 and the issues that you raised.

Should you wish to speak with the appropriate diocesan official in that Diocese (who would serve in similar capacity as I do in the Diocese of Orange) let me know and I will arrange for that.

Once again, should you wish to speak with a professional counselor about the distress you are experiencing, I would be happy to refer you. I have already spoken with a specialist in this area who would be pleased to speak with you. The purpose of this counseling would be to assist you; it has nothing to do with Church affiliation or participation.

You are in my daily prayers, especially in this holiday season.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

[PRINT NAME]

[REDACTED]
November 29, 2000

REDACTED

Diocese of Orange
P.O. Box 14195
Orange, California 92863-1595

Dear REDACTED

I am in receipt of your correspondence with Father REDACTED REDACTED of the Amarillo Diocese with respect to Reverend Bert Horvath.

Our Bishop’s Advisory Committee with respect to complaints and allegations met this afternoon and I convey to you the recommendations of that committee.

Rev. Bert Horvath soon to be seventy years of age was a Conventual Franciscan of the Province of St. Francis, Indiana assigned to California at the time of the actions alleged in the complaint.

I will be in contact with the Provincial Superior of Father Horvath’s former religious community to advise them of your communication. I in no way mean to say by this that we are passing the buck on this situation; only that they also need to be advised. Since 1986 Father Horvath has been an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Amarillo but at the time of the alleged action he was a religious and it is necessary that his community of origin be informed and be kept informed.

Father Horvath has participated in a therapeutic program for priests at the recommendation of our now Bishop Emeritus and our current Diocesan Bishop has been insistent on the
supervision and monitoring of any priest in Father Horvath's position.

Please be advised that our first response is just as yours, always pastoral. Also be advised that our legal counsel is intimately involved in this response and counsel.

In speaking with Father Horvath about this matter he brought to my attention a serious discrepancy in the time sequence noted in the first paragraph of your letter: "the only reference I can find is in the dedication booklet of St. Kilian Church (October 22, 1962) in which Father Bert Horvath is listed as one of the concelebrants." Father Bert Horvath of Amarillo was not ordained until 1970.

Please convey our deepest regrets to Greg for the pain he has suffered and for all that he is having to work through. We are most sympathetic and willing to do whatever we can to be of assistance to him. I await your reply and response and remain at your service.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. Harold Waldow
Vicar of Clergy
Diocese of Amarillo
December 5, 2000

Reverend Monsignor Harold Waldow
Vicar for Clergy  Diocese of Amarillo
1800 N. Spring Street
Amarillo, California 79117-5644

Dear Msgr. Waldow,

Thank you for your letter, dated November 29, 2000, which arrived in my office today. I appreciate your update and the process that you are following in the situation described to you regarding Father Bert Horvath.

Please excuse the “typo” in my letter to you; the reference to the dedication booklet at St. Kilian Church in Mission Viejo should have been October 22, 1972 (not 1962). I apologize for any confusion this might have caused.

Should contact me, I will let him know that you will be willing to speak with him.

Let us pray for one another in this particular area of church ministry...and pray for any who have been hurt by actions of our brother priests.

Have a blessed Advent Season.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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CCI 008048
April 10, 2001

Dear Bert:

I light of an accusation lodged against you, which is currently being investigated by the Diocese of Orange, California and as per your discussion with Msgr. Harold Waldow on January 9, 2001, at this time, retroactive to January 9, 2001, I must withdraw all of your faculties for priestly ministry. However, in light of your request, I grant you limited faculties to care for the sacramental needs of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate, where you are currently in residence.

May God bless and strengthen you during this time of transition.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John W. Yanta
Bishop of Amarillo

51800031

O 000362
May 14, 2001

REDACTED

Diocese of Orange
Box 14195
Orange, California 92863-1595

Dear REDACTED

I enclose a copy of Father Bert Horvath's limited faculties in the Amarillo Diocese. Father Horvath retired from active ministry January 9th with twenty years of vested ministry here in our diocese.

Father Horvath was granted limited faculties to minister to the Franciscan Sisters here in Amarillo. The Franciscan Sisters provide a home on their property for Father Horvath which adjoins the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. Harold Waldow
Vicar of Clergy/Moderator of the Curia
Dear [REDACTED],

I wanted to get back to you (as promised) to let you know the status of Father Bert Horvath, who has served for the past twenty years in the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas.

I received a letter from Msgr. Harold Waldow of the Diocese of Amarillo, dated May 14, 2001, in which Msgr. Waldow informed me that Father Horvath has retired from active ministry and now serves as a chaplain to a convent of Sisters in Amarillo. It appears that his limited ministry is as a result of the complaint you made to me in October 2000.

I hope that you are doing better these days; once again, should you desire to receive any counseling assistance to deal with the pain you were feeling, please don’t hesitate to contact me or Msgr. Waldow in the Diocese of Amarillo [REDACTED].

I wanted you to know that I will be away from my office for a theological study program from July 3 through August 6. I will be here following that time should you wish to speak with me.

With prayerful best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

C: Msgr. Harold Waldow
Vicar for Clergy/Moderator of the Curia
Diocese of Amarillo

51800032

O 000363
I spoke with REDACTED by phone today. He had called on Friday.

From my letter to him (dated June 23, 2001), he is confused and is very angry that perhaps Fr. Horvath had hurt other young people and maybe had been shuffled all around various places while no one addressed any problems. This comes from the fact that the letter I send states that he is retired and in limited ministry. I read him the letter from Msgr. Waldow (dated Nov. 29, 2000) and asked about the part of “therapeutic program” and what that meant (I told him I didn’t know), but that Msgr. Waldow would be the one to speak with about this.

Really doesn’t know what to do... but he is angry and trying to decide what to do.

He has the phone number of Msgr. Waldow in Texas... he might call him.

He knows that I will be gone til August 4th and that I will call him when I get back to see what he wants to do. He told me that he would rather work with me on this... I told him that I would support whatever he does.

We will talk again in August on my return.

July 2, 2001
July 2, 2001

Reverend Monsignor Craig A. Cox
Vicar for Clergy, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010-2241

Dear Msgr. Cox,

I am enclosing some documentation to keep you up on an allegation made by a Mr. REDACTED about inappropriate behavior by Father Bertrand Horvath (formerly a OFM Conventual; now an incardinated and retired priest of the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas).

The November 22nd letter (copy of which I sent to Dick Loomis) summarizes the allegation. I had done some investigation myself... first of all, to try and find out who this Father Horvath was. I spoke with REDACTED by phone on October 24, 2000... and, in his confused state, he really had nothing clear to say. (As you know, he is now deceased). I had spoken with REDACTED (he was a seminarian at St. Kilian at the time and the family knew him) and REDACTED did say he remembered him and that he was “a little crude...when it came to jokes”...but had never heard any allegations. A phone call to your office on October 24, 2000 (from here speaking to REDACTED from there), shows no record of Fr. Horvath anywhere.

I received a response from Msgr. Waldow, Vicar for Clergy of Amarillo, on November 29, 2000 (copy enclosed). I responded on December 5, 2000 (copy enclosed). Then, on May 14, 2001, I received another letter from Msgr. Waldow (copy enclosed) with a copy of a letter to Fr. Horvath from Bishop Yanta of Amarillo (copy enclosed). I wrote to REDACTED on June 23, 2001 (copy enclosed) and spoke with him by phone today.

REDACTED is very angry that perhaps Father Horvath has hurt other people and that no one has ever gone after him. He is also frustrated that perhaps he should have come forward earlier... and angry that he didn’t. I assured him that he is doing the right thing; and I am willing to assist him to get the “full story” on Father Horvath (whatever it is) and to help REDACTED get some peace and closure. REDACTED knows that I am leaving tomorrow for one month (I return on August 4) and he might wait to speak with me at that time... or he might contact Msgr. Waldow during this month.
I am sending you this information for your files and knowledge. I don't know of any further allegations (than what have been made by REDACTED in our initial meeting), but you ought to have this in the event that the Archdiocese might be asked to assist REDACTED with counseling in the future.

I don't think you need to contact REDACTED about this now; there might be some contact needed in the future. I will be speaking with him again in August and will keep you updated.

Naturally, if you find any materials on Father Horvath in contradiction to your secretary's information, it could be of further help to REDACTED and his concerns.

Thank you, Craig. Let us pray for all who have been hurt by priests.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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REDACTED

enclosures

51800035

O 000366

CCI 008054
3/24/01

Msgr. Waldow  806-383-2243

left message 9am, she called 11:40am.

1 with Victim Assistance Program in Diocese
   REDACTED
      - she will call me back.

2 diocesan attorney has called check w7 after
   his vacation.

Msgr W:

I have known Mr. Zitk since early 80's –
   his difficulty has never been with minors.
   He was sent for x1 – former bishop let
   Matter/Back in 1976, follow up. Currit
   Bishop went to Asic.
8/14/07

REDACTED

contacted: Marc Walsdon
referred to a woman - no response

wants to know about status
Howath?
I will call and see what is happening

51800036

O 000367
From the desk of... REDACTED

Provincial of the
Conventual Franciscans
of the Province of St.
Francis, Indiana

REDACTED

I called 8/21/91 2:30 pm. Left message on tape to call me back.

51800038

O 000369

CCI 008057
3:15 pm 8/24/01 left message.

9:00 am 8/24/01 Called him back - left message.

4:00 pm 8/24/01 Called him back - left message.

51800039

O 000370
December 11, 2000

Rev. Msgr. Harold Waldow
Vicar of Clergy
Diocese of Amarillo
P.O. Box 5644
Amarillo, Texas 79117-5644

Dear Msgr. Waldow,

I received your letter of November 30, 2000 about the allegations related to Father Bertrand Horvath, formerly of our Community. While I am saddened about the nature of the communication, I appreciate your contacting me about this situation. I particularly regret the hurt and turmoil that can be caused by misconduct and abuse.

Know that we will cooperate with you and the Diocese of Orange in anyway that we can to provide healing as well as prevention. Please contact my Vicar, Father Richard Kaley, or me if there is any way we can assist in this situation.

Sincerely yours,

REDACTED
November 30, 2000

Dear REDACTED,

I regret to inform you of allegations made in the form of a complaint dating back to the 1970's about one of your priests at that time: Reverend Bert Horvath. Father Horvath is an incardinated priest of the Amarillo Diocese now since 1986.

I have enclosed copies of correspondence between the Diocese of Orange and the Amarillo Diocese.

Our Bishop's Committee which deals with allegations and complaints is working on this issue and I will keep you informed of activity with regards to this situation.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. Harold Waldow
Vicar of Clergy
Diocese of Amarillo
Father called Friday 3/24/01 9am.

He asked if my uncle, who would have been on loan to our Caliz province at that time (1920-80),

explained situation and I want to know:

1. Why he was in California
2. Any background
3. Any other info.
called 9/13/01 as well - left message

9:00am > Monday 9/17

9:00am I called REDACTED

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She has called REDACTED

Her main concerns were whether

There were any allegations about

It wasn't the colorized youth

I couldn't discuss any details due
to confidentiality rights

Tried to diffuse her pain/distress

by offering

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September 17, 2001

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that this note finds you at peace, especially in view of the tragedies of the past week.

Not having heard back from you since late August, I wanted to let you know of my concern for you and hopes that you are doing all right. When last we spoke, you were still considering some counseling to assist you in dealing with the distress you were experiencing. Again, if I can be of help to you in this regard, I will be happy to do so.

With prayerful regards for you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]