REV. JOHN RUHL, C.M.

(Congregation of the Mission, Lazarists, Vincentians)

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Vicar for Clergy Database
Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev John E Ruhl, C.M.

Current Primary Assignment

Birth Date
Birth Place
Diaconate Ordination
Priesthood Ordination
Diocese Name
Date of Incardination
Religious Community
Vincentian Fathers
Ritual Ascription
Ministry Status
Left Archdiocese
Canon State
Relig. Order Priest
Incard Process

Begin Pension Date

Seminary

Ethnicity

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check
Virtus Training Date

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Clergy Misconduct:

Complainant:  REDACTED

Birth date:  October 24, 1954

Accused:  
(Fr.) John Ruhl, CM
Former Vincentian
Former Orange Diocesan Priest (Inactive 1998)

Incidents:  
Queen of Angels High School Seminary
Current address Mission Hills, CA

Initial Call:  September 25, 2002

REDACTED called on Wednesday, September 25, 2002. He said, “I was a student at
Queen of Angels seminary. It’s Alemany High School now. It’s in San Fernando. I live
in Washington, now.”

“It happened in 1970-71. I was a freshman.” Asked his birth “It’s 10-24-54. I graduated
from eighth grade in 1969.” Then it’s possible that you were a freshman in 1969-70?
“Yes, that’s right. I left as a sophomore. I was in the dormitory on the Westside. Fr. John
Ruhl was in charge of the dormitory on the Westside.”

“He would call me into his office after I had taken a shower. I had my robe on. He said
to sit on the couch. He’d open my robe and fondle me. This happened several times. It
was like he’s the Doctor and I’m a patient. He was my counselor. I was naive and
trusting. I didn’t think he would hurt me. I felt weird when he touched me.”

Aske if told not to tell or keep secret? “No, he did not say not to tell”. “I talked to my
buddies. I wouldn’t go past his door anymore. It stopped happening.”

Shawn asked, “Did anyone else call about the seminary?” I responded, “You are the first
person”. was surprised. I responded, “I received an e-mail but there was no
victim named”.

Aske if John Ruhl was a Vincentian? “No, he was a Jesuit. He was a big guy 6 feet
easy and about 200 pounds or more. He was in his 30’s or 40’s then.”

REDACTED asked if there were other reports and was the priest alive? I said I would find out
and let him know. said that he had been encouraged by Sr. a good friend
to report the abuse. He said that he knew REDACTED his former Pastor at Nativity in Torrance.

I asked if he needed counseling. He didn’t think so but we decided he’d think about it for now. I gave my phone number. I gave Detective Barraclough’s name and number suggested calling when he’s ready and explained the priest would be reported because it’s the right thing to do to stop child abuse.

*Research begin with Vincentians and see if this person was also at Queen of Angels.*

**Follow up with Vincentians:**
1. Called Fr. REDACTED to see if they had a record of Fr. John Ruhl’s assignments. Was he at Queen of Angels in the year 1969-70? Answer: Yes.
2. Was he tall “easy 6 ft & over 200 pounds”? “Yes.” Is he alive?” “I don’t know he left the Vincentians and joined the Orange Diocese. Then he left.”
3. Fr. REDACTED was clear, he felt badly about this victim and that someone was harmed by a Vincentian. He said he would be away. He will be in the office on Monday.
4. Sr. REDACTED gave REDACTED name and phone number. Said she call REDACTED and tell him this was a Vincentian call Fr. Andy.
5. Sr. REDACTED will fax written report on Thursday, 9/26/02.
6. **Suggest Fr. REDACTED initiate the call to the victim and apologize as a Pastoral outreach.**

**Follow up with REDACTED:**
1. REDACTED called REDACTED home and left information with his wife who identified herself as his wife.
2. REDACTED has not yet reported to police.
3. Fr. REDACTED name and number. Fr. REDACTED will report to Police, also.
4. Fr. REDACTED will be in the office on Monday.

**Follow up in Diocesan System:**
1. The Seminary is a Diocesan sponsored institution. Is this a Diocesan and Vincentian case? Implications of responsibility?
2. Does Orange Diocese need to be informed? Do they also have Ruhl case?
3. This is the second Ruhl case. The previous case was at the Vincentian Seminary in Montebello.
4. Police jurisdictions REDACTED is doing the reporting.
To:       Msgr. Loomis
Re:       New Reports
From:     Assistance Ministry
Date:     September 26, 2002

Complainants are Adults:
/ John Ruhl – Queen of angels Seminary

September 27, 2002 –
1- Phone call with Det. Bob carta
2- Info on cruise ship given– REDACTED
3- John Ruhl – reported