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MEMORANDUM

TO: Archbishop Levada
FROM: Father Charles Lienert
SUBJECT: Complaint about Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
DATE: January 12, 1994

I have enclosed three memos summarizing the complaint about
Father Aldo on the part of Mr.

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TO: File

FROM: Father Charles Lienert

SUBJECT: Sex Abuse Allegation

DATE: January 5, 1994

Father Joe Jacobberger called me today to report an allegation of sex abuse which had been made to Sister Fidelis who is on his staff.

A homeless person named _____, whom Sister Fidelis has seen from time to time when he has come to ask for assistance, made the accusation to her that he was sexually abused by a priest twenty years ago. The priest he accuses is Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta. He is at the present time seeing a counselor through the county.

I have asked Father Jacobberger to have Sister Fidelis contact me so that I might get more information from her and see whether it will be possible to contact him and speak with him. He said that he will ask her to call me as soon as she is able.

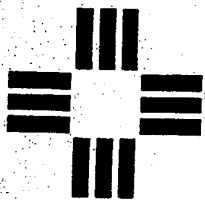
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TO: File

FROM: Father Charles Lienert

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Sister Fidelis regarding

DATE: January 6, 1994

I spoke with Sister Fidelis this morning regarding the allegations made by [redacted] that he was sexually abused by Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta.

She said she had known Mr. [redacted] for some years. He has been a homeless person and has needed assistance at various times. It was only at her last meeting with him that he mentioned among a list of other problems that he was abused by Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta some years ago. He was quite agitated when she spoke with him. This evidently occurred over a period of time, although she was not certain as to the dates or the age of Mr. Bahr when it occurred. She judges him to be in his mid to late 30's at the present time.

She might have dismissed this since he seems to be a very mixed up individual, but some years ago a counselor told her that he was seeing a man who had been sexually involved with Father Aldo. She did not say anything about this because she was concerned that the counselor had breached a confidence. He had spoken with her because he was very upset by this allegation. She does not know for certain the age of this individual, but believes that he was over 18 when it occurred.

I asked her whether she thought that Mr. [redacted] would be willing to speak with me. She said that she thought he would and agreed to talk to him about it the next time he appeared.

This afternoon Father Jacobberger called me. He had Mr. [redacted] in his office and wanted to arrange a time for us to meet. We scheduled a meeting at the Cathedral on Monday, January 11 at 3 p.m.

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TO: File

FROM: Father Charles Lienert

SUBJECT: Meeting with

DATE: January 10, 1994

I met with Mr. [redacted] at Cathedral on January 10, 1994 at 3 p.m.

He told me that when he was sixteen or seventeen he was living at the YMCA in downtown Portland. He had gotten into trouble shoplifting and had spent some time at JDH. When he got out they thought it would be best that he not return to his neighborhood in north Portland and so they arranged for him to stay at the Y.

He met a man who claimed to be the janitor of St. Michael Church. He offered to pay him money if he would spend the night with him. He took him to St. Michael and spent the night with him in the room behind the church. He remembers the layout of the old priest's living quarters fairly accurately. At the time he did not realize that the man was Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta, but after he had slept with him several times he decided to check the place out on Sunday and that is when he learned that the man who called himself the janitor was Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta, the pastor. At first Father Aldo always gave him some pills which he learned were a barbiturate. Daradell? This made him very groggy and he was not too much aware what went on after he went to bed. One night he decided not to take the pills and that's when he realized completely what was going on.

This went on for four or five years until Father Aldo was transferred from the parish. (There is some discrepancy in Mr. Bahr's statements regarding his age at the time that it took place. He told me that he is now 37 years old. Father Aldo left the parish August 1, 1983. According to this calculation, he would have been 27 at the time Father Aldo left and approximately

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22 when they first met.) He would sleep with him at least once a week and sometimes four or five times a week. Mr. ██████ remembers that Father Aldo had a Cadillac, but he also had a yellow car with a black stripe. He had a large black dog as well. Father Aldo would pick him up in the car and then let him off two or three blocks from the church so that people would not see them arriving together. He would then come to the door and Father Aldo would take him in. Father Aldo would give him money for sleeping with him. He would insist that he leave early in the morning before people came. On some occasions when he needed help and came during the day, Father Aldo got very irritated with him. One time he went to ask Father Aldo for some help with a friend of his. Father Aldo got mad at him and called the police. The police took them both in and put them in jail for the night. They let them go in the morning because Father Aldo didn't want to press charges.

I asked whether he knew of anyone else that Father Aldo had sex with. He replied that on occasion Father Aldo asked if he had any friends that would like to have sex with him. He never gave him any names. He said another person he knew by the name of ██████ said that Father Aldo had had sex with him. He hasn't seen this person in years and has no idea where he is.

I asked him how he was doing. He said he had been having real tough times financially, emotionally and physically. He has been homeless and living on the street. Sister Fidelis helped him get a place to stay for a week. He is trying to get on welfare. His doctor put him in touch with someone from Multnomah County who is helping him with his problems.

He said he has not spoken about his sexual relationship with Father Aldo with anyone until he blurted it out to Sister Fidelis. He said it was hard for him to talk about this but he was glad to have the opportunity to tell someone about it. He wanted to see someone who was helping him with getting on Welfare before 4 o'clock, so I gave him a ride. I gave him my card and asked him to call me again so that we could talk some more. He said he would appreciate the opportunity to talk more about his experiences.

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