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MEMORANDUM

TO: File
FROM: Father Charles Lienert
SUBJECT: Interview of
DATE: June 16, 1992

Father Aldo brought to the Pastoral Center so that I might speak with him about their relationship.

He told me that he and Father Aldo became friends after he returned from service in the Army. He and Father Aldo share a number of interests, including music, theater and photography.

He assured me that there was nothing improper about their relationship. It is definitely not a sexual relationship. Their friendship is based on their common interests. His father has also become friends with Father Aldo and the three of them have dinner frequently.

He is over 21 and has been attending community college. This summer he is working for his father driving a bulldozer on a development project. He would like to pursue his interests in theater.

He is disturbed about the rash judgment and gossip that has taken place in Tillamook. He said he wished that people who had concerns would talk to him directly.

I asked him whether he had stayed overnight at the rectory and he said he had on two or three occasions in the guest room.

I thanked him for coming to see me and apologized for the inconvenience. I explained that I was obliged to investigate once I had received an expression of concern. I told him that I would write a memo on our conversation and place it in Father Aldo's personnel file. He responded that he appreciated having his statement in the file, but he realized it would not completely make up for the damage done by this unfounded complaint.

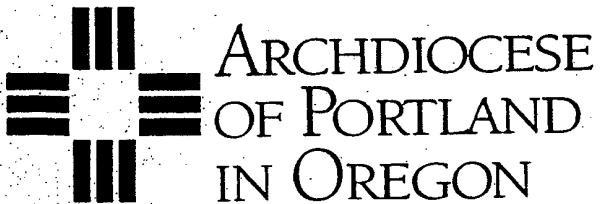
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FROM: Father Charles Lienert

SUBJECT: Interview with Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta

DATE: June 16, 1992

I met with Father Aldo on June 8, 1992, to discuss his relationship with

I explained that I had received a phone call from someone in Tillamook who expressed concern about his relationship with

Father Aldo stated that there was nothing improper in their relationship. After he returned from Desert Storm, he came to see Father. Subsequently, they became friends because of a number of common interests. Father Aldo said that he tried to help him as he got back into civilian life. He loaned him his car to take his date to the prom. They are interested in photography, music and the theater.

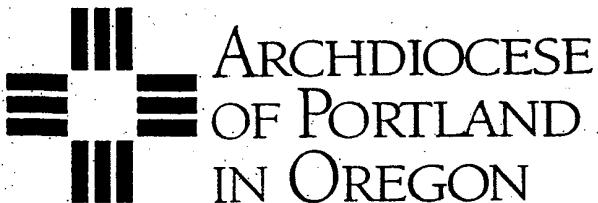
Father Aldo denied any kind of sexual relationship. He stated that he was good friends with father, who is not Catholic, and the three of them have dinner frequently. He offered to ask to come to see me and said he had already talked with him about this. I said I would appreciate the opportunity to speak with him.

He asked who had made the complaint. I told him that I believed the person wished to remain anonymous, although I might talk with the person and inform that person that Father Aldo would like the opportunity to discuss the matter.

Father Aldo said it did not surprise him because Tillamook is a small town that thrives on gossip. He said it was unfortunate that people were so ready to misinterpret a friendship.

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FROM: Father Charles Lienert

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Father Mort Park concerning
Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta

DATE: May 26, 1992

I called Father Park to ask him about the complaint we had received concerning Father Aldo. I asked him whether he had any information about this. He said that he did in fact know about the relationship between Father Aldo and this young man whose name is [REDACTED]. He does not know that there is anything improper about the relationship, but it definitely has given the wrong impression to a number of parishioners in Tillamook.

Father Park knows the young man's parents, [REDACTED]. He also knows [REDACTED]. He came to Mass for a while at Rockaway. The young man is about 21 years old. When he came back from the service, he and Father Aldo formed a close friendship. He has heard about this from the secretary in the parish in Tillamook, and also from his assistant, Hal, who has mentioned a number of people have expressed their concern. He feels that many good people in Tillamook feel anguish about the relationship that Father Aldo has with [REDACTED].

Father Aldo has been depressed after the death of his dog. This happened about eight months ago. The dog is buried at a site that Father Aldo still visits. He frequently refers to the loss. Father Park feels that this man's presence has fed into an emotional need that Father Aldo has. Father Aldo has been too generous to this young man. He lets him drive his car and uses his house.

Father Aldo mentioned to Father Park one time that he is aware of this gossip about him. His attitude is that it is none of their business. He is not doing anything wrong. Father Park feels that because the relationship is so open, it is unlikely that there is any improper sexual activity occurring. Father [REDACTED]

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Park has responded to this situation by suggesting to Father Aldo that he take some time off. He has offered to take the Masses there for two weeks during July when he will have a guest covering the Masses at Rockaway.

Father Park asked whether he should do anything about it. I told him that he should not and asked him not to talk to Father Aldo or anyone else about our conversation. He said that he certainly understood that. I told him that at some point the Archbishop or I would talk to Father Aldo about this relationship.

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TO: File

FROM: Father Charles Lienert

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Father Bliven about Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta

DATE: May 26, 1992

I called Father Bliven to ask him about his conversation with _____ who had called me concerning Father Aldo. I told Father Bliven that she had reported when she spoke to him about this, that he advised her to call me and that he had told her that Father Aldo had problems with boys in the past. I asked Father Bliven to share with me what knowledge he may have about Father Aldo's relationship with boys in the past.

Father Bliven stated that his knowledge came from the parishioners at St. Michael's. He said it was widely known among the Italian parishioners that Father Aldo was attracted to boys. There was a kind of agreement that as long as he would be their priest, they would not turn him in. In Father Bliven's opinion, this was a kind of Italian solidarity. Italians do not turn in other Italians. Father Bliven also said that on one occasion when he was in church before services, a man came in yelling that the priest had screwed him. There were other people in the church so Father Bliven went immediately to talk to the man. The man said, "I was screwed by a priest and many times. But not you, Father. It was a priest who was here before you." The man was not a parishioner and was unknown to Father Bliven.

During the first year that Father Bliven was at St. Michael's parish, there were many strange looking young men who came to the door asking for Father Aldo. Furthermore, when Father Bliven was at All Saints parish years ago, some _____ parishioners there complained about Father Aldo's relationship with boys.

I thanked Father Bliven for this information and told him it would be helpful. Father Bliven said that before _____ came to speak with him he had assumed that Father Aldo had grown out of this kind of behavior.

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