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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Fr. Chuck Lienert

RE: Memorandum from Fr. Richard Huneger dated 15 September 1988 and a subsequent discussion with him on 19 September 1988

DATE: September 26, 1988

Father Huneger met with me to discuss a memo he directed to myself and the Archbishop concerning a call about Boys in the Rectory. He identified the priest concerned as Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta. The woman he talked to was [REDACTED]. The memo reflects what she told Father Huneger.

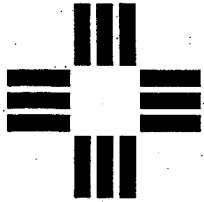
She had been encouraged to speak with the Chancery by [REDACTED], who had been unable to reach the Archbishop. Father Huneger then called Martha [REDACTED], whom he knew. She corrected the information he had received from [REDACTED].

The mother of this boy was not at the funeral. He had been taken there by his grandparents. Also, she was uncertain that another woman in the parish had stated that that kind of thing happens all the time. She thought perhaps the woman said that it had happened once before. She had made the statement in support of Father Aldo. The woman whose son Father Aldo allegedly invited to stay the weekend at the rectory is [REDACTED]. Father Huneger could find out her phone number and address if that were required.

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15 September 1988

TO: Archbishop Levada, Fr. Chuck Lienert
FROM: Fr. Richard Huneger
RE: Concerned Call about "Boys in the Rectory"

I received a call this morning relating ~~that~~ the pastor of one of our parishes invited a boy that he met at a funeral to stay overnight at the rectory. His mother was taken aback, but was assured quite innocently by another woman from that parish that the pastor does this all the time. The way it came to me was that the young boy was invited to come explore a common interest in "CD's" (compact disks).

I received the call from a party that was contacted by a close friend of the mother whose son had been approached by the pastor at the funeral.

It seems to me that this should be pursued, even though nothing untoward may be happening, for even if nothing of the kind is going on that was going on for several years in one parish in Louisiana, the appearance is scandalous, particularly when youngsters are invited who are not parishioners and are scarcely acquainted with the pastor.

I would prefer not to put the details of person and parish in this writing, but will convey this to you verbally at my next opportunity.

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The caller was very concerned that this get to you, even though they felt that because they were relaying what others were afraid to call in about, it would be preferable for me to help follow up the question mark that is in some people's minds.

I spoke with Fr. Aldo today and he confirmed that the son of a family he knows will occasionally stay in the rectory guest room, with his parents' knowledge and

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approval. He assured me there is no question of an impropriety.

I explained to Fr. Aldo that in today's climate, priests must avoid having any minor stay overnight in the rectory unless accompanied by a family member, because people are very sensitive to appearances and may jump to unfortunate conclusions. I further indicated that our diocesan insurance insists on such a policy, which will be in our forthcoming Administrative Manual.

In the meantime Fr. Aldo gave me his assurance that he would not continue the practice.

St. J. Herod

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Office of Auxiliary Bishop

July 25, 1983

To: Abp. Power
From: Bp. Waldschmidt.

I was unable to get in touch with Mrs. [redacted] before my meeting with Fr. Aldo.

I did reach her today. She told me that her son [redacted] had implied that something had taken place between Fr. Aldo and a [redacted] a classmate of [redacted] -- while both were football players at Central Catholic. She said that Jeff did not know where Tommy Harold was at the present time -- that the family had moved out of Portland.

I told her that I had taken the matter up with Fr. Aldo and that he did not remember the incident nor could he remember either Jeff or Tommy Harold.

Mrs. [redacted] agreed that there was nothing to be gained by pursuing the matter further with her son -- in fact she said he felt he had spoken to her in confidence, and since the incident had taken place so long ago, it probably should not be pursued any further.

She was very sympathetic and understanding -- she is a nurse by profession.

Paul E. Waldschmidt

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