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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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Office of Auxiliary Bishop

July 28, 1983

Dear Father Aldo:

Enclosed are two copies of the minutes I prepared as a result of our meeting on July 20, 1983.

Fr. Joe Wood has reviewed them and agrees that they express substantially what we discussed. He has signed both copies of the minutes and I too have signed both copies.

I would be most grateful if you would read the minutes over carefully. If there is anything in them which you do not agree with, please indicate the parts you find inaccurate and state the matter as you recall it. If this is the case, please send both copies of the minutes along with your comments, back to me. I will then meet with Fr. Wood to review your comments. If we should have any disagreement with your revisions, I will be in touch with you and we can arrange another meeting to clear up the issues.

If however, you agree with the minutes as presented, please sign one copy and return it to me. The other copy is for your files.

I appreciate very much your cooperation in this matter.

Cordially in Christ,

+ Paul E. Woodschmidt, C.S.

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SUMMARY OF MEETING OF JULY 20, 1983

Present were: Fr. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta: Fr. Joseph Wood, OSB; and Bishop Waldschmidt, c.s.c

The meeting took place at 1:30 p.m. in the office of Bishop Waldschmidt, who had called the meeting.

Bishop Waldschmidt explained the purpose of the meeting: to discuss certain "accusations" against Fr. Aldo which within the past two weeks had been brought to Bishop Waldschmidt's attention.

As a result of the Fr. Laughlin case, several individuals brought up incidents allegedly involving Fr. Aldo in similar sexual acts with males, including some minors. The expressed reason why this information surfaced at this time was the concern on the part of those bringing the issues to light that the Archdiocese should not have to face another case of this kind, but should take appropriate action.

Bishop Waldschmidt presented the material that had been brought to his attention:

1. Several years ago, a [REDACTED] (aged at that time 19 Or 20) who was to become the future son-in-law of the [REDACTED] family, alleged that Fr. Aldo told him that he was frightened because of some threats that were made against him. [REDACTED] agreed to stay overnight with Fr. Aldo. During the night, Fr. Aldo allegedly made sexual overtures to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] left the residence and walked home. He reported this to Mrs. [REDACTED], who in turn went to see Abp. Dwyer. There was no information on what happened after that.

Fr. Aldo responded that Mrs. [REDACTED] was a "difficult" person, who did not like him. He stated that he did not recall anything that could have given rise to such a story.

2. Fr. Joseph Wood reported that last year, Fr. Ted Frison of Newman Center, at Portland State University, called Fr. Wood to say that two male prostitutes had been picked up by Fr. Aldo and had sexual relations with him. Subsequently, one of the boys had a religious conversion and went to see Fr. Frison to discuss the incident. Fr. Frison told the boy to contact Fr. Wood and discuss it with him. Fr. Wood indicated that the boy had called and made an appointment, but did not keep it.

Fr. Aldo responded that since St. Michael's parish is in the down-town area, he had all kinds of people come to the rectory for help. Fr. indicated that he had tried to work with some of the prostitutes -- but found he was not having much success, so he gave it up. He indicated that he realized that in trying to work with these individuals, he was taking the risk of being suspected of immoral conduct -- but that he did so anyway, since he regarded it as part of his ministry and his obligation as a priest.

Fr. Aldo gave the same response to two other items:

- 1) A "rumor" that for a number of years the local police suspected that Fr. Aldo was "messing around" with young boys.
- 2) A statement from a former priest of the Archdiocese expressing concern about Fr. Aldo's associations -- "his associations were a cause for alarm"

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3. Fr. Jacobberger reported that he had received a call from an [redacted], a long time member of All Saints Parish and a friend of the Jacobberge family. Mrs. [redacted] was formerly known as Mrs. [redacted], but had remarried after the death of her first husband.

Mrs. [redacted] has two sons, [redacted] and [redacted], both of whom attended All Saints grade school, where for several years Fr. Aldo was an associate.

Approximately three weeks ago, Mrs. [redacted] was visiting her son [redacted], (now about 41 years of age) who presently lives in [redacted]. She informed [redacted] about the Laughlin situation and [redacted]'s immediate reaction was "He's not the only one they should go after. It was the same problem with Fr. Aldo". [redacted] implied that a [redacted], a classmate of his, had been involved with Fr. Aldo.

Fr. Aldo replied that he did not recall either [redacted] or [redacted] and certainly did not recall any incident such as [redacted] implied.

Bishop Waldschmidt asked Fr. Aldo directly if Fr. Aldo had a problem with his sexuality, and indicated that the Archdiocese was willing to provide whatever help might be necessary. Fr. Aldo stated that there was no problem -- and reiterated that the rumors and charges arose out of his honest efforts to assist young men who needed help.

Bishop Waldschmidt stated that he would write up a summary of the meeting and send it to Fr. Aldo for his comments and corrections, if necessary. A copy of the meeting, signed by all participants would then be given to the Archbishop for his confidential files, so that there would be an official record of the response of the Archdiocese to the issues raised.

Signed:

Aldo C. Orso-Manzonetta
Rev. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta

September 1, 1983
(date)

Joseph Wood, O.S.B.
Rev. Joseph Wood, OSB

July 27, 1983
(date)

Paul E. Waldschmidt, c.s.c.
Bishop Paul E. Waldschmidt, c.s.c.

July 26, 1983
(date)

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REPORTS ON FATHER ALDO

Father Wayne Forbes reports that
or 20) revealed the following to him. (
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reports that at that time, many years ago, Aldo told
him that he was frightened because of some threats that were being
made against him. █████ felt sorry for Aldo and agreed to stay
overnight with him. During the night, Aldo approached him. █████
was appalled by this overture and left the residence and walked
home. █████ reported this to Mrs. █████, who in turn went to see
Archbishop Dwyer. In their discussion, Archbishop Dwyer revealed
the fact that Father Aldo had a homosexual problem. That seems to
be the end of the story.

Fathers Ted Frison and Gary McInnis made this report from
the Newman Center at Portland State University. Last summer two
male prostitutes (young boys) were picked up by Aldo and, accord-
ing to them, had sexual relations. Subsequently, these two boys,
especially one, found Jesus and became very religious. As a result
of this conversion, they went to see Frison, and in the presence
of Gary McInnis, revealed this information.

Ted Frison directed the boys to contact Father Joe Wood,
Personnel Director. I believe an appointment was made, but was
never kept.

Another "rumor" report comes from Bill Curtin that for a
number of years the police have been suspicious that Aldo is
"messing around" with young boys.

John Brouillard
July 14, 1983

This report made to Bishop Waldschmidt.

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A REPORT ON FATHER ALDO

This report comes from _____, a long time member of All Saints Parish, and a friend of the Jacobberger family. Mrs. _____ was formerly known as Mrs. _____, but remarried after the death of her first husband.

Mrs. _____ has two sons, J. _____ and N. _____ both of whom attended All Saints grade school, where for several years Father Aldo was an associate.

Approximately three weeks ago, she visited her son, _____, who presently lives in Longview, Washington. She informed _____ about the Laughlin situation. _____ immediate reaction was, "He's not the only one they should go after. It was the same problem with Father Aldo." _____ implied that he and another boy, _____ had been involved with Aldo. He did not get specific, but certainly indicated to his mother, with some embarrassment, that something sexual had been going on.

The one request that Mrs. _____ made was that, if it is necessary to contact her son, _____ for further investigation, that it not be done without notifying her first, so that she could contact him before such action takes place.

Mrs. _____

THIS REPORT MADE TO BISHOP WALDSCHMIDT

John Brouillard
July 14, 1983

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July 8, 1983

Archbishop Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon
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Dear Archbishop Power,

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank you and Father Jacobberger for your kind support and assistance during my laicization process.

As you fully realize, leaving the priesthood was a very difficult and serious life event for me and my family. During a recent growth seminar, the question was asked, "what was your greatest achievement?" My immediate response was, "being ordained a priest."

I would also like to express my deep concern and support to you as I have personally to Father Tom Laughlin over the current crisis. I remember vividly Father Ed Zenner's question at the funeral of a priest, when he was speaking of the saving and rescuing work of priests, but "who rescues the rescuer during his time of need?"

I don't know the answer to this question, but I am aware of the lack of appreciation expressed for all the good work someone like Father Laughlin has achieved and extended to others. For myself, I appreciate very much the precious opportunities I have had to know and work with him. While on the Priests' Senate, we worked and traveled together on several projects, and though we didn't always agree, I always admired his easy way with people and forthrightness.

A final concern is Father Aldo. You might recall that after I left St. Michael's residence for my assignment to MacLaren and Hillcrest Training Schools, I conveyed concern about Father Aldo's associations. I would again like to voice concern in the context that "the archdiocese does not need another scandal." While I never witnessed explicit acts and could not substantiate any wrong doing, the associations were cause for alarm. If Father Aldo has been warned and/or offered help, then this current

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letter is not necessary.

A perplexing development is press coverage and notoriety given this subject. I do not know if you had the opportunity to hear or read about the defamation of character suit against Father Hennehan in Yakima. Two abundant columns were given to a suit which has not been yet accepted by the court. Could it be that the Thronebirds series and Andrew Greeley's novels have quickened interest and readied public over-reaction?

Again, thank you for your ministry to me. If I can ever be of assistance in any way, please feel most welcome to call at any time.

With best regards,

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