

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. [REDACTED] 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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