

Rev. Paul Hightower

November 22, 1964

Paul A. Hightower

Have spoken to Fr. William O'Brien of St. Monica's for about 1/2 hour - member of St. Columbian recreation club.

Several coverage at Gate of Heaven 70 - in Latin 68 - have been getting help from Latin teacher (trouble with ease-ends: what word do they modify?). Work at FINAST about 22 hours per week; no extra-curricular activities at school.

Like to bowl, president of the fraternal league (branch of little league; in past have been coach and manager) - used to play baseball once - like to swim, roller-skate. I have been to a couple of dances, have taken dancing course but it doesn't seem to interest me very much - have never dated a girl -

Have been an altar boy for 9 years, member of H.M.S. Volunteer worker at Nazareth (usually on Sundays).

Been thinking seriously of priesthood for about 5 years - up to one year ago, hadn't made up mind as to what kind of priest - I feel God wants me; seem to have an attraction to confession [at 12 or 13 had trouble: EPH'S. GUSTAFSON - priest finally did it] SUBJECT OF EPH'S. GUSTAFSON - stayed away from "deplorable" for whole year & then went to arch. street, met kindly priest, feel that lot of good can be done in the confessional - celebrate mass, consecrate, "hard to explain", can't think of any other reasons" - in vocative club, most of the emphasis is on missionary life which doesn't appeal to me - have seen missions at work that appeals to me: sick-calls, funerals, giving of sacraments, helping youth - know it isn't easy: sick-calls, confession for 3 or 4 hours, counseling all kinds of problems, time never your own. I feel this is the life for me.

In seminary lot of study involved, correcting own imperfections to be as perfect as possible. Haven't applied to any other college but having CEEB's sent - through I don't think I could do either financially nor

would my marks be high enough to warrant scholarships. If I weren't accepted here, I'd like to try SPN or Hestonburg.

Recommended that he apply to State at Boston (or) Mass Bay State.

D E C E M B E R

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1964

Rev. James L. Sullivan
Nazareth
420 Pond Street
Jamaica Plain, Mass. 02130

Reverend and dear Father:

The young man whose name is listed below has applied for admission to Cardinal O'Connell Seminary and has given your name as reference.

Will you be kind enough to write to me in confidence, and at your earliest convenience, giving your impressions of this young man relative to his suitability and qualifications as a candidate for the Priesthood? Such detailed information as you may be able to give will be most helpful to us in determining his acceptability.

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt.Rev. William A. Granville
Rector, Cardinal O'Connell Seminary

Paul A. Hightower
31 Rawson Street
Dorchester, Mass. 02125

HIGHTOWER,P- 003

Nazareth
420 Bond Street
Boston 30, Mass.
Jx 2-1000

His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing
President

December 8, 1964.

Rt. Rev. William A. Granville
Cardinal O'Connell Seminary,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

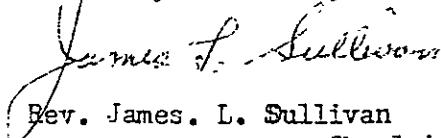
Dear Monsignor:

In answer to your request regarding Paul Hightower, he has been volunteering his services to Nazareth for the past three years, during which time he has impressed me very favorably. He has been most faithful to his work with the boys, for which he receives no salary; always is present for Chapel services when he is here; is respectful to the Sisters and to me at all times.

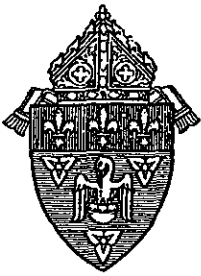
The Sister in charge of the Cottage in which Paul works is most high in her praise of him. He has a healthy attitude toward the boys, works well with them, and they in turn admire him.

In my opinion, Paul is the type of boy who may well have a vocation to the Priesthood.

Sincerely in Christ,


Rev. James. L. Sullivan
Chaplain

HIGHTOWER,P- 004



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

7887 WALMSLEY AVENUE

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70128

November 20, 1968

OFFICE OF THE
VOCATION DIRECTOR

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. Granville
Rector
Cardinal O'Connell Seminary
350 S. Huntington Avenue
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130

Dear Monsignor Granville:

Paul Andrew Hightower, a former student of Cardinal O'Connell Seminary, is applying for acceptance as a student for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

I would appreciate any confidential information you could give us, and your recommendation concerning his suitability or lack of suitability for the priesthood.

Thanking you and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ignatius M. Roppolo".

Reverend Ignatius M. Roppolo
Vocation Director

HIGHTOWER,P- 005



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

7887 WALMSLEY AVENUE

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70125

December 4, 1968

OFFICE OF THE
VOCATION DIRECTOR

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Cardinal O'Connell Seminary
350 South Huntington Avenue
Jamaica Plain, 30, Mass.

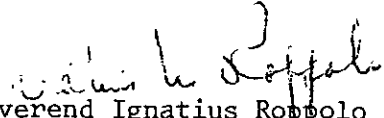
Dear Monsignor Granville:

We wish to thank you for your kind letter of November
26th with information on Paul Hightower.

You have our assurance that the contents of your letter
will be kept confidential.

With best wishes, I am

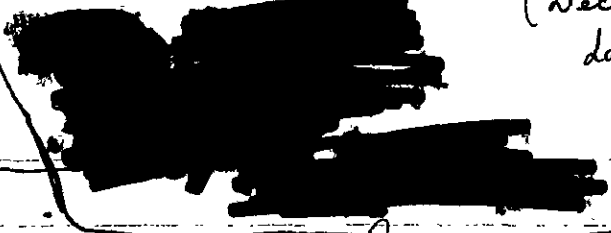
Sincerely in Christ,


Reverend Ignatius Roppolo
Vocation Director

HIGHTOWER, P- 006

(December, 1972)
date not recorded
CEM

Call to
Springfield - originally



2 Pauls - seminarian - very heavy, very light

Sent for my file - I wonder how sick I was
8 yrs. old - - neglect of parents

October 1963 - 3 yrs. Cottage - Fatima

I remember same stuff - 3 of us
edge of woods (redacted)

Recently - past 2 yrs. - convinced it wasn't my
- fault - self -
oral sex - anal sex - 3 on top of each other
repeated -

Married by a priest - Father McLaughlin -
baptized my boys -

Religious - weak
Cottage of my life ... Human services
(Helping Skills)

Went from place to place
Boy 14 yr.
6 yr.
16 yr. - married

not very emotional - [only girl of ever dated - intimacy]
Wife - grew up in [redacted] - tried to talk it
2 or 3 people - very brief, very vague
Counseling - Bar State Ins.

HIGHTOWER, P-007

II,

January 7, 1993

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tuesday: Xmas card - wife - cheating on him
denied it first -
not tender enough
haven't eaten since Tuesday.

her boss - something out of a cheap movie

Wife is coming -
- pit with me next Tuesday -

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Child abuse, family
I haven't put one thing together since birth....

A) Two kids

January 8, 1993

Accepted a call from [REDACTED]
Hospitalized Salem Hosp. Psych Unit
Payphone # 508-744-9578

- got drunk, banged walls hurt myself physically

Jan. 8, 1993 - called Family Counseling - to inform them.
[REDACTED] - [REDACTED] convinced him
to go to Salem -

Thursday - January 21, 1973

Re: [REDACTED]

Joe La Riente'

508-774-6820

Arrangements - for [REDACTED] 6 mos. - outpatient - counseling
- will draw up something

Thursday - January 21, 1973

[REDACTED]

tel. call

Instructed him to contact Family Counseling
- told him about arrangements - for 6 mos.
- Also - no further leads - on Paul who was at
Nazareth

February 5 -

Conversation with J. LaRiente -
addendum to letter from Fam. Couns.
- about weekly service ordinarily
Prepared - waiver letter for [REDACTED]
to sign.

\$60 - cross out \$75

January 27, 1993

N.D. - [redacted] - new apt + #

[redacted] -
[redacted]
accumulated sick leave - have - not gone to work for 3 weeks
- bar job - been my own best customer
In an apartment.

CEM - Hang on to those who support you { yah
bar
council
me

- Have to be alcohol-free

-
- Waking up screaming - She won't even apologize - say she's sorry (His top)
 - Don't tell them about your affair...
 - I know I was no angel 4p. letter - to wife
sorry, on the wrong track...

6/16/93

[REDACTED]

9:00 - 5:00 - job

13 days

[REDACTED]

needs extension - on counseling -

3 (kids) - times a week

6/30/93 Approved extensions to June, 1994

[REDACTED] no.

1 - [REDACTED]

7/19/93 - called upset about O'Sullivan coverage ...

*St. Catharine
file*

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Monsignor Moran
FROM: Father McCormack
DATE: November 30, 1993
RE: Paul Hightower

Tim - the following information is to put you on the alert -

The Archdiocese has been informed that Paul Hightower, a student at Cardinal O'Connell Seminary in 1968, is alleged to have molested at least two residents of Nazareth while volunteering there during his student days at Cardinal O'Connell Seminary.

We have nothing written from a legal representative, but expect something to be sent to us. Once I have further information, I will let you know about this.

My question to you is - do you have any information on Paul Hightower? Particularly any volunteer work he did at Nazareth.

Thanks.

JBM:mo '1
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HIGHTOWER,P- 012

May 24, 1994

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Divorce finalized May 3
Counseling highlight of my week
Sobriety - OK

Busy with my ~~bro~~ work
- I can get up - see the day come in - w. heart ^{for} much regret

Jane Shaw's Women's Institute
522-9409

- get repeated images - still only remember 1st name
- Have to find a conclusion...

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Water
M...
MAR 29 1964

Chase Brass
Fatal end.
Brockton
man held

Moran / P. Hightower

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Monsignor Moran
FROM: Father McCormack *JM*
DATE: July 6, 1994
RE: Paul Hightower

Tim: -

The Archdiocese has received a claim letter from the law firm of Eric MacLeish regarding Paul Hightower. It is on behalf of the estate of [REDACTED] who was a resident at the Nazareth Child Care Center in 1963.

[REDACTED]

Would you also provide a translation of the Greek section in this interview - record.

If you have questions about this, please give me a call.

Many thanks.

JBM:ah

*KCPB
Proctor*

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Monsignor Moran
FROM: Father McCormack *JM*
DATE: August 30, 1994
RE: Paul Hightower

Tim, attached is a copy of a memo I sent on July 6 regarding information concerning Paul Hightower.


The mediation is scheduled within the next few weeks.

Would you get back to me within the next couple of days. Many thanks.

JBM:ah



RCAB Redactions

Archdiocese of Boston
Secretary for Ministerial Personnel

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ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON
RECEIVED

SEP 21 1994

OFFICE OF
MINISTERIAL PERSONNEL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Father McCormack

FROM: Sister Rita McCarthy

DATE: September 20, 1994

RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called to ask for our assistance in getting him on the property at Nazareth. Ray Mathews is in charge of security there and says that some verification is needed for him to permit this.

I'm expecting a call from Lisa Martelli, his therapist at Family Counseling, to support this request as part of his therapy. He needs to "roam" the woods in an effort to recall events. Is there anything we can do?

[REDACTED] (500) [REDACTED]
Lisa Martelli 774-6820

Showa Women's Institute (formerly Nazareth) 522-9409

lisa faxed over a letter to Father McCormack dated 9/20/94

[REDACTED] called SR 11/4/94 to report that his therapist will be away for two months (having a baby), so he would like to extend the two months on the end. He has invested in her and does not want to go to someone else. I ok'd it. He eventually got into Nazareth. It helped him remember a lot. He is doing very well and is grateful.

HIGHTOWER,P- 018

February 24, 1995

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. James L. Sullivan
14767 Caminito Orense Oeste
San Diego, California 92129

Dear Jim,

Enclosed are two Tolling agreements [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This is in reference to the claim in regard to Paul Hightower.

I am sure that receiving these will be upsetting for you, Jim. I know it would be for me. I suggest that you call the Archdiocesan Attorney, Wilson D. Rogers, Jr. at 617-523-2950. [REDACTED]

If I can be of help in any way, please call.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Brian M. Flatley
Assistant to the Secretary
for Ministerial Personnel

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Redactions*

HIGHTOWER,P- 019

Hightower

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Brian M. Flatley
FROM: S. Rita V. McCarthy
DATE: June 2, 1995
RE: [REDACTED] (Nazareth)

[REDACTED] has been in regular contact with me. At first he was trying to track down the man who had molested him at Nazareth when he was seven years old. We have never revealed anyone's name to him, although we believe it could have been Hightower who was in the Jr. Seminary when this took place. Lately, [REDACTED] has been talking about job dissatisfaction at a Group Home which he manages. He inquired if we knew of any job in the diocese.

Yesterday he called to say that he had been let go. He had cashed a check 6 months ago that he should not have cashed. The Executive Director had to dismiss him. He said that he would give him a letter of recommendation and praised him for the good work he had done for the past two years.

[REDACTED] allowed me to talk to his therapist, Lisa Montelli, at Family Counseling in [REDACTED]. She feels that he is a very capable person in the Human Services field from all reports that she has heard. He has two children to support. His wife of 14½ years divorced him, which wrecked havoc on him.

I discussed this with Neil Hegarty and he suggested St. Ann's Home in Methuen as a possibility. I called Edward O'Brien, Director. He is out of the office today. I shall call him again on Monday.

HIGHTOWER,P- 020

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Brian M. Flatley [REDACTED]
FROM: S. Rita V. McCarthy St. Ann's #1-508-682-5276
DATE: June 2, 1995
RE: [REDACTED] (Nazareth)

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HIGHTOWER,P- 021

I talked with Edward O'Brien. He had no openings at his place but suggested the following:

LAZARUS HOUSE - Lawrence

JULIE HOUSE - Lowell - Aid's victims
Run by Catholic Charities

I called [REDACTED] to fill him in. His line is reported out of service at present - no further information available.

Boston -

Danvers -

Peabody -

New address

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I am interested in joining your staff and am enclosing my resume for your review and consideration.

Since my resume only highlights my background and experience, I would appreciate it if we could meet to explore my qualifications in greater detail.

I have solid aptitudes for a career in human services and am seeking an opportunity to establish a meaningful and rewarding future based upon my positive contributions.

I am confident that my skills and abilities will prove to be quite valuable to an organization such as yours.

Please contact me by mail at the above address, or by telephone at:

[REDACTED]

I look forward to hearing from you and will arrange my schedule to meet with you at your convenience.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

Enclosure: resume

HIGHTOWER,P- 023

[REDACTED]

OBJECTIVE

A challenging and rewarding position offering an opportunity to capitalize on skills and aptitude for a career in human services.

QUALIFICATIONS

- + Experience in working with people with disabilities
- + Work experience highlighted by consistent commitment, self motivation and reliability.
- + Able to assume responsibility, work independently and follow projects through to successful completion.
- + Consistently demonstrate good judgment in decision making situations.
- + Solid background in effective use of interpersonal skills.
- + An achiever who sets goals and meets objectives.
- + Demonstrated ability to be a "take charge" person.
- + Possesses a positive "can do" attitude.
- + Sincerely interested in quality results.
- + Ability to communicate effectively.
- + Strong work ethic.

EXPERIENCE

[REDACTED] 9/94 - 6/95 Contact: [REDACTED]

Program Director: Responsible for financial documentation of client accounts, ISP Process as well as staff scheduling. Maintaining DMR contacts and psychological appointments

[REDACTED] 2/94 - Present Contact: [REDACTED]

Residential Counselor: In home care to assist disabled people with their daily living needs and concerns.

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT
1993 - 1995 Contact: [REDACTED]

PCA: Attending to a severely limited client with his ADL skills

[REDACTED] 1991 - 1994 Contact: [REDACTED]

Job Coach: Orient, train and supervise one to ten workers with disabilities, assuring quality control standards and social development skills as designed in service plan.

EDUCATION

[REDACTED] COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Human Service Worker
1992

[REDACTED]
Diploma
1975

C.P.R. / FIRST AID CERTIFIED
P.A.C. TRAINED

ACTIVITIES

Active participant in Special Olympics, Assistant Coach Sacred Heart Basketball, assist in church fund raising functions.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

God/ Fact or *Feeling?*

By: [REDACTED]

I imagine the existence of a God who embodies the optimistic dreams of some people. People hope that God is a real entity, so they will always have a wonderful and rewarding destination, rather than just death waiting for them. I have discovered that if individuals are looking for God, they need not look any further than within themselves.

I have lived in many different homes, with many different views of God. I was born the son of Jewish immigrants, with whom I resided until the age of eight. At this point I moved into a Catholic boarding school; from there I spent the next few years going from one atheist's home to another, or should I say agnostic at best. I ended my journey in the home of practicing Jehovah Witnesses. At eleven, I felt a profound emptiness, at losing Christmas and my birthday all in the same year. They were the only two guarantees, I could count on year, after year. I asked God "Why do we not celebrate our birthdays any more?" ___ "Has He died?" I thought.

I have lived with God loving people, who had a unique way of delivering His message through the end of a stick. I have been with people who have had no God in their lives, but plenty of goodness in their hearts. I recall; an older gentleman who lived down the street from where I was living. He was an unkempt, rustic looking fellow. He had the stench of alcohol on his breath most of the time, and his language was quite foul. I was warned to, "Keep far away from that heathen; he was a bad man." However, I came to experience a very different person from the one people judged. When I would see him, he was always kind to me. He would give me a drink when I would have to stay outside on a

hot summer day. He would give me a cookie, as I sat alone crying at curbside. I pictured him as a grandfather. Often, he was the only friend I had. He was a fine man.

I have lived with preacher, agnostics and heretics alike. However, I could not establish any tangible proof of Gods existence. No one I talked with, or lived with, could supply me with anything of substance. Many people have held, that Gods existence must be accepted on faith. One of the most common responses I receive, when I seek out why people believe the way they do, is "Read the Bible." However the Bible, like all other books was written by man, transcribed by man, and passed down through thousands of years of non-conformist civilizations. I believe that if there was in fact a "God," then, like the great dinosaur, His time has run out. And if His time has not run out, then He is a mean and hurtful individual, who would rather watch people suffer and die than help. Children are starving; babies are dying; and all that is mankind's fault, so people say. I wonder why the good deeds that occur are Gods miracles, while the bad ones are there of mankind paying for their sins ?

I hope, day after day, that I am wrong . However I must have something concrete to base my assessments on. Without such proof, I can not just follow anything blindly. In my life, I have found that what I can believe in are my own strengths and compassion's, and hopefully the people in my community will offer me guidance and support, as I will offer the same guidance and support to them. The only certainty I have witnessed from childhood is that people are either good or bad in various degrees and it is they who must choose, which directions in life they will travel. A Jewish proverb states: "If God lived on earth, there would be people who would break his windows."

There are many wonderful people who are skeptics as well. "It is an insult to God to believe in God. For on the one hand it is to suppose that he has perpetrated acts of incalculable cruelty. On the other hand, it is to suppose that he has perversely given his human creatures an instrument—their intellect—which must inevitably lead them, if they are dispassionate and honest, to deny his existence. It is tempting to conclude that if he exists, it is the atheists and agnostics that he loves best, among those with any pretensions to education. For they are the ones who have taken him most seriously." Galen Strawson (b. 1952), British philosopher, literary critic. Quoted in: Independent (London, 24 June 1990).

I have searched for this mystical figurehead that many speak about and look to for help and guidance, with no success. I simply get everyone else's hopes and dreams and nothing more. It is odd how some people base their love for God on their fear of his wrath. Many believers feel that if individuals do not join God's society, that in some way they are evil people. If someone were to prove to me—right this minute—that God, in all his infiniteness, exists, it would not change a single aspect of my behavior.

I do, in fact, believe in a higher power. It is the power within each of us to do what we perceive as right or wrong and NOT to blame, or give our futures to anyone. Imagine that we could transport a prehistoric person to the present day. We would look like "Gods". ___ "Are We?"

April, 1996

" " has been stuck in his therapy because he still wants to find out where "Paul" is and what his last name is.

In an effort to continue the search with him, I called Frank O'Hare to get his description of Paul Hightower. He was very friendly and most cooperative.

had already given me a description of the Paul who had molested him at Nazareth. The description Frank gave me fitted him perfectly, along with dates etc. so Paul Hightower is the correct one. The other Paul who was there at the same time was tall and thin and older.

continued his search and found information relative to Paul Hightower; such as,

- he died a hero's death (refer to article in file)
- he taught CCD at St. Margaret's Church in Brockton (was married there)
- he was married and had four children

is stymied right now. He does not want to spoil Paul Hightower's image by contacting the family. He feels frustrated. I asked him if he would be all right until next Tuesday when he would be seeing Lisa, his therapist. He assured me he could handle this and will keep in touch.

HIGHTOWER,P- 028

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: S. Rita V. McCarthy

DATE: April 8, 1996

RE: [REDACTED]

Frank O'Hare provided me with a physical description of Paul Hightower. That description coincided with [REDACTED] recollection of the "Paul" who molested him when he was at Nazareth. Therefore, I believe it was Paul Hightower who molested both of them.

[REDACTED] has been searching endlessly to find out who the man was. Maybe he will be able to put it to rest now and get on with his life. He knows that Paul Hightower died two years ago.

HIGHTOWER,P- 029

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE MOST REVEREND RICHARD G. LENNON, D.D., RECTOR - SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY
FROM: REV. SEAN M. CONNOR, DELEGATE *SNC*
SUBJECT: MR. PAUL HIGHTOWER, SEMINARIAN CARDINAL O'CONNELL SEMINARY
DATE: 10/8/2002

In cooperation with an investigation being conducting by this office, I would respectfully request the Seminary file for Mr. Paul Hightower who is reported to have been a seminarian at Cardinal O'Connell Seminary during the years 1965 through 1967-8.

I will review this file so that I may respond to civil requirements and complete a preliminary investigation for the Most Reverend Walter J. Edyvean, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted.

HIGHTOWER,P- 030