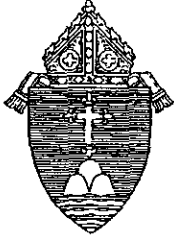


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TO: Rev. Bernard Smith, OFM, Cap.

FROM: Sister Rita McCarthy, CSJ

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DATE: June 29, 1998

RE: (Rev. Edwin Modicowitz, OFM)

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reported that around 1965/66 a Capuchin named Father Edwin was helping out at St. Denis, Westwood. Rev. Richard Casey (Boston Diocese) was there at the time so I was able to check out some of the facts. was an altar boy, and Father Edwin used to come for Masses. It was on these occasions that Father would molest It went on throughout the month of May. As a result is very negative about the Church. His wife attends Blessed Sacrament in Walpole. They live at is having trouble in his marriage. He now feels that indirectly it is related to his experience with Father Edwin. He told his wife about it. They both realize that he needs help.

went to Xaverian Brothers High School. A group of grads got together. They were fooling around about one of the Brothers. One of the men said, "Who does this guy think he is, another Father Edwin?" turned to him and said, "You, too?" It gave him the courage to speak up, at last.

I contacted the Capuchins in New York and spoke with Father Paul Steffan. It seems that Father Steffan used to be the Provincial and remembers having problems with Father Edwin Modicowitz. Father Steffan suggested I call the next week and talk with you. You were out of town at the time.

I contacted again and told him that I would send him a list of therapists, or he may choose one of his own. I told him I would call him after talking with you.

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