

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Rev. William F. Murphy
FROM: Sister Rita McCarthy, CSJ
DATE: January, 1999
RE: (Rev. Joseph Reilly)

I spoke with _____ on the phone. He wanted the Chancery to know about the shameful abuse inflicted on him by Father Reilly at St. Agatha Parish in Milton where _____ had served as a altar boy when he was ten or eleven years old. He was grabbed between the legs and groped. Then he was pushed on top of a table in the sacristy by Father who proceeded to kiss him and stick his hands down _____ pants. _____ said that he kicked him off and ran to the other side of the room, grabbed his jacket, and ran home. He could not go into his house because he did not know how to explain it. He said that he often muses over that fact. "How did we know that you were not supposed to tell anyone?"

_____ has, as he put it, arrived at a centered point in life and can put things into perspective. He has received therapy the last few years and now wants to put closure on that part of his life. _____ wanted me to know that he is gay. He also wants the Church to know about this in case Father has hurt others. The only thing that _____ would like from the Church is an apology; however, he did not give me his address, only his phone number.

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