

Background and Process

As commented on in other reports, the Delegate's Office continues to provide "a variety of pastoral, clinical, legal, financial and administrative activities which together constitute a continuum of services that is critical to the spiritual and emotional life of the clients involved in the program."

The data and information used in this report is the best that is available within the program and is compared with the data included in previous Reports.

Section I: Staffing

One major change took place this year when Fr. William F. Murphy replaced Fr. Brian M. Flatley as Delegate of the Archbishop.

A. **Sr. Rita McCarthy** continues full-time in the program and is completing her third year.

C. **Fr. John Dooher**, **Fr. Edward O'Flaherty** and **Neil Hegarty** continue on a part-time basis..

E. **Ms Toni Terenzi**, continues as full time secretary.

Section II Caseload

1. Definitions:

a. OPEN:

A case in which one or more of the following issues are present or pending: canonical, pastoral, clinical or legal.

b. INACTIVE:

Although there has been an unresolved canonical, pastoral, clinical or legal issues in the past, there is no present need to pursue the case.

c. CLOSED:

A case in which there have been canonical, pastoral, clinical or legal activities which have been resolved.

2. Statistics

A. Clergy:

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
<u>Open</u>	117	90	68
<u>New</u>	15	8	9 *
<u>Inactive</u>	(17)	(9)	-
<u>Closed</u>	(22)	(21)	(20) **
<u>Open at year's end</u>	90	68	57 ***

* Appendix A

** Appendix B

*** Appendix C

Total number of individual clergy identified by complainants to date: 183

B. Clients

	<u>7-1-94\ 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95\ 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
<u>Carried over:</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>82</u>
<u>New cases:</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>Closed:</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>47</u>
<u>Active Cases:</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>85</u>

C. Client's complaints

	<u>7-1-94 / 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95 / 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
Open Diocesan:	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>45</u>
Active Religious Order:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
New Diocesan:	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
New Religious Order:	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
Other:(E.g., Deacon,)	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>Total complaints from previous years:</u>		<u>224</u>	
<u>TOTAL COMPLAINTS TO DATE:</u>		<u>285</u>	

SECTION III Treatment Services

A. Clergy

a. In-patient

	<u>7-1-94 \ 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95 \ 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
In-patient <u>assessments</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

In-patient treatment:

Active:	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
New Cases:	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Closed in year:	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Carried over:	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

b. Out-patient

Out-patient <u>assessments</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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***Out-patient treatment:

	<u>7-1-94 \ 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95 \ 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
Active:	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>18</u>
New Cases :	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Closed in year:	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>
Carried Over:	<u>28</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>

<u>c. TOTAL COSTS:</u>	<u>In-patient:</u>	<u>In-patient</u>	<u>Out-patient</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>assessments:</u>			
<u>7-1-94 \ 6-30-95</u>				\$189,073
<u>7-1-95 \ 6-30-96</u>	\$132,087.27	\$10,312.09	\$57, 594	\$194,993
<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>	\$ 80,619.61	\$19,173.47	\$53, 941	\$153,734
<u>VARIANCE:</u>	(51,468)	8, 861	(3, 653)	(41, 259)

B. Clients

a. Outpatient psychotherapy

	<u>7-1-94 \ 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95 \ 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
Active:	<u>70</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>44</u>
New cases:	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>
Closed in year:	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>28</u>
Carried over:	<u>55</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>39</u>

b. Total costs:

	<u>7-1-94 \ 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95 \ 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
	\$351,292.35	\$218,085.20	\$164,155
<u>VARIANCE: (\$53,930)</u>			

SECTION IV Legal

A. Settlements:

	<u>7-1-94 \ 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95 \ 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
Total settlements:	29	19	18
Costs: Total:	\$ 1,535,000	\$1,018,000	\$2,365,482 *
Average Settlement:	53,000	53,578	131,415

*(NOTE: \$1,904,804 recovered from insurance. RCAB cost: \$460,677)

C. STAFF TRAVEL EXPENSES

(Training conferences, treatment planning and aftercare planning meetings)

1. Training Conferences:

- a. 11- 1996: Chicago Conference: Frs. Murphy, Fr. O'Flaherty,
Fr. Doohar, Sr. Rita

Costs: Airfare, hotel l conference fees: \$2,651.10

- b. 8-96: Vicar for Priests Conference: Fr. Murphy

Costs: Airfare, conference fee: \$ 419.24

TOTAL: \$3,070.34

2. Treatment Conferences

Southdown: Three individual Case Conferences
St. Luke Institute: Three Individual Case Conferences
Abel Institute, Atlanta: One conference

COSTS: Airfare, etc, \$3,165.73

Conference attendance and travel TOTAL COSTS: \$6,236.07

VARIANCE: + 83.46

SECTION V: Review Board Activities:

	<u>7-1-94 to 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95 to 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
Number of meetings:	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
Cases reviewed:	<u>27</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>
Average attendance	<u>7 of 9 (78%)</u>	<u>9 of 11 (81%)</u>	<u>7 of 9 (78%)</u>

SECTION VI Staff Support Services:

A. Priest/Monitor Workshops

Fr. Edward O'Flaherty, S.J., organized the training session/consultations for Priest Monitors which were held on 9-12-96; 2-22-97 at St. William's Hall.

Fr. James J. Gil, S.J., M.D., Director of The Christian Institute for the Study of Human Sexuality was presenter / consultant.

Training sessions:	<u>7-1-94 to 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95 to 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Attendees:	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>

B. Program staff consultation

A. The delegate's staff continues a regular consultation with the out-patient psychiatry staff at Massachusetts General Hospital. This is an in-kind contribution by the MGH staff, is held at the hospital, and is a good vehicle for facilitating communication between the Delegate's office and the psychiatric staff at MGH. The meetings are chaired by Ned Cassem, S.J., M. D., Chair of the Out-patient Psychiatry Department.

	<u>7-1-94\6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1-95 \ 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
Number of meetings:	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
Delegate's office attendees:	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
MGH staff attendees:	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

B. A series of consultations were held in various parishes as a pastoral response for the possibility of concerns about the behavior of some priests who may have been assigned there in the past. These consultations took place in:

- St. Julia's, Weston
- Blessed Sacrament, Saugus
- St. Brendan's, Dorchester
- St. Paul's, Hingham

The consultation in Weston included a series of meetings with parish leaders, Religious Education Teachers and children in each of the Religious Education classes.

There was also a consultation at Trinity High School, Newton, which included consultation with the pastor and high school leadership, the School Board, and each class in which there was a report of inappropriate teacher behavior.

C. The Delegate hosted two meetings of the Delegates from the Diocese's in the New England Province. These meetings were very positive and provided an opportunity for sharing much valuable information about the work in New England and produced material about the work in other parts of the country.

D. Sr. Rita provided consultation to the Episcopal Diocese regarding a case and a discussion of the existing Policy.

SECTION VII Other Activities

A. Group Therapy Program for the priests at Baldpate Hospital in Georgetown, MA conducted by conducted by Sheila O'Keefe, Ed.D, a psychologist, continued through this year on a weekly basis.

B. Sr. Rita McCarthy continued a group with a spiritual focus that was offered as a service to complainants known to the program who chose to attend. This program, "Images of God", was again conducted by Helen J. Percy, LICSW, and Sr. Rita McCarthy. The continuation of the group was based on the success of the first group that was conducted. This has again proven to be an excellent healing experience for those who choose to attend.

	<u>7-1-94 to 6-30-95</u>	<u>7-1 -95 to 6-30-96</u>	<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>
Number of sessions:	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
Length of sessions:	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>2 hours</u>
Number of attendees:	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

C. Case Reviews

The Delegate and staff continued to review cases on a regular basis.

Number of cases reviewed

<u>1994-95</u>	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1996-97</u>
<u>72</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>43</u>

D. Other issues

1. During this year, use was made of the resources that were developed last year. Specifically, we were able to use a consultant at St. Julia's parish and at Trinity High School who had been recruited and trained to work with the office of the Delegate.

2. The intervention of the Cardinal is also a very positive option for some families or victims. During this year there was a very successful meeting of the parents of a victim and their social worker with His Eminence. This is very effective pastoral meeting for some families.

3. Approximately twice each month there is a meeting of the Delegate's staff and Wilson Rogers, Jr. at which there is an open discussion of all cases in which there is any legal involvement. This is a necessary meeting to keep communication clear in all cases.

Section VII Trends

1. The management of out-patient counseling for complainants has been successful during this year and this work will continue. Virtually all of the therapists who are working with our clients are now providing the office with regular reports and there have been a number of case closing during this year. However, there are also a number of cases that have been in extended psychotherapy and efforts are being made to review these cases and to discuss termination plans with the patients and therapists.

2. Although there has been an increase of client calls during this past year as evidenced in the statistics on Complaints, the complaints have not increased requests for out-patient psychotherapy. Many of these complaints are related to the same priest; others are cases in which the complainant's lawyer advised against communication about treatment issues and others were not specific enough to warrant opening a case.

6. There also continue to be cases in which a return to some form of ministry is being effected or Retirement is formalized.

	<u>1994-95</u>	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1996-97</u>
Retirements:	1	5	4
Return to ministry:	4	4	1

SECTION IV Unmet Needs

1. It was noted in each earlier reports that one of the most pressing needs was to develop a supervised residence for priests whose ministry is limited due to charges of sexual misconduct. This task was accomplished during this year and **a supervised living program began on May 1, 1997** with four residents admitted on that date. This residence is a purchase of service arrangement with McLean Hospital and is housed at Baldpate Hospital in Georgetown, MA.

Work to fully implement this program will be necessary during this coming year.

The use of Our Lady's Hall in Milton as a residence for priests in the program has been discontinued.

2. During this year, the **"job bank"** project of **Fr. Mel Surette** began. Three candidates have been screened for consideration and two of the three required reconsideration by the Review Board. One case was referred for further psychological testing and was then approved by the Board for the project. Another case was recommended with the stipulation that the priest re-enter psychotherapy. This effort will continue during this coming year.

3. Consideration is being given to providing some **short term financial support** for some priests who may make a decision to seek laicization but cannot do so for lack of short term income and health insurance. Bishop Murphy is dealing with these cases.

4. A request has been made, and others may be forthcoming for the Archdiocese to continue being available for **healing services** such as the one that was held at St. Theresa's parish in West Roxbury.

This is an area that is presently being pursued by Sister Rita. She has been in touch with the Regional Bishops to help facilitate a series of regional services beginning in the Fall, 1997.

5. There have also been discussions during this year about extending the **treatment protocols** of the program **to other priests** who may have some limitations on ministry but who are not involved in sexual misconduct. In this way there would be a tracking system in place to implement the treatment plans that are developed for priests.

6. There is a growing need to provide some **emotional and spiritual support for family members** of complainants. Sister Rita is working to help with support groups and other spiritual assistance during this coming year.

7. There is also a need to reinforce the availability of **pastoral support for complainants** whose **legal representation presents a block** to discussing the situation directly with the client. Support has been offered through the office of the

Delegate since the inception of the program and it's availability will be made clear to all attorneys who are representing complainants. Another step that will be taken is a contact with complainants by Sr. Rita whenever an out-of-court settlement is completed. Complainants will be contacted by Sr. Rita in order to determine whether or not there is a need for spiritual help.