

REVIEW BOARD MEETING

June 29, 2000

Chancery – 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Case # 79

This is a case that was reviewed by the Board at its April 13, 2000 meeting. At that time it was determined that “the Archdiocesan Policy applies in this case” and that the case would be reviewed following the receipt of a final report of the residential treatment program. Residential treatment had been recommended following the priest’s initial assessment.

The treatment report has been received and it makes a series of recommendations about ongoing treatment. The report also states that the priest “is deemed to be at very minimal risk for ministerial boundary violations”. The priest “continued to deny any history of genital sexual behavior with youth or minors”, although he “fully acknowledged full responsibility for his inappropriate behavior”, and “explored the impact of such a violation on his future ministry including the impact his past behavior may have on future priestly assignments”.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the priest fully engage in the treatment recommendations contained in the psychological report. It is also recommended, consistent with Archdiocesan Policy, that the priest’s ministry “exclude parish ministry and other ministry that involves minors.”

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The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Delegate that the priest fully engage in the treatment recommendations contained in the psychological report. Since the Archdiocese Policy on Sexual Misconduct applies, it is also recommended that the priest's ministry "exclude parish ministry and other ministry that involves minors."