



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 26, 1977
Re: Reverend Nicholas V. Cudemo (1963)
Faculty, Cardinal Dougherty High School
Resident, Saint Titus, Norristown

At the request of Mrs. [Denise's mother], a member of Holy Angels parish, I interviewed her and her daughter, [Denise], on July 26. Mrs. [D's mother] introduced her daughter to me, who had just graduated from Cardinal Dougherty High School. [Denise] revealed the following:

She stated that her best friend, [Emily], has confided in her since as early as June 1975 that she has been associating with Father Cudemo. [Denise] noted that [Emily] revealed to her at that time that the two were having sex. In June 1977 both [Denise] and [Emily] had enrolled in Bloomsburg State Teachers College; however, [Emily] has dropped out. [Denise] learned from her friend that Father Cudemo had been up to Bloomsburg to visit [Emily] during the period in June when she was staying there.

There was apprehension expressed by [Emily] that she may have been pregnant at that time; however, that condition does not exist from the latest information.

On July 4, Father Cudemo and [Emily], plus possibly two nieces of Father Cudemo, vacationed in Florida for about thirteen days. Father Cudemo and [Emily] and perhaps Father Cudemo's nieces plan to vacation in August in California.

[Denise] states that [Emily] has indicated in the past that Father Cudemo may have associated with other girls from the school, particularly a junior. ?

[Denise] noted that her girl friend and Father Cudemo were seen often around the school, although he teaches in the boys division. She noted particularly the occasions of sports events.

[Emily] has noted to [Denise] that the two of them spent time in her parents home, and [Denise] is apprehensive that if [Emily]'s brothers (unmarried and 2 and 2 years of age) learn of this relationship tragedy might ensue.

[Denise] considers [Emily] her best friend and has befriended her since they were six years old. Both attended Holy Angels parish school and Cardinal Dougherty High School. [Denise] is upset by the wrongness of this and is fearful of the tragedy that might follow. She has stated to her friend that this association is wrong and has now reached the point where she does not want to hear of it.



Mrs. [D's mother] stated that she became concerned about her daughter, [Denise], for some time. She sensed that her daughter was depressed, particularly during May and June. Recently she confronted [Denise] and learned what the problem was. She and her husband decided that this matter should be revealed to the Chancery. Mrs. [D's mother] has [] older daughters, all of whom attended Cardinal Dougherty High School. She speaks quite favorably of Cardinal Dougherty High School.

Both the mother and the daughter impressed me as credible. [Denise] noted that she has no reason to report this matter except that she feels this association is wrong and that tragedy might result.

Mrs. [D's mother] vouched for the close friendship between the two girls and noted that [Denise] is frequently visited by [Emily] at [Denise's] home. However, [Emily] has not stated anything at any time to Mrs. [D's mother] about this matter.

[Denise] would not reveal the name of her friend. She referred to her as [Emily] and that she came from an Italian family. Mrs. [D's mother] indicated that [Emily] is a beautiful simple girl, not bright. She noted that [Emily] does not impress her as the type who would purposely accuse or involve a priest, but she is now so involved that she probably cannot handle the situation.

To [Denise]'s pleadings to [Emily] to stop this friendship, [Emily] would reply that Father Cudemo was first human and second a priest.

According to [Denise], [Emily] speaks to her more about Father Cudemo and herself when she is slighted by him and not receiving a telephone call or being visited by him, etc.

I inquired whether or not [Emily] visited at Saint Titus rectory where Father Cudemo resides. She presumed that [Emily] did visit there because she has telephoned her from the rectory. She knows that [Emily] has been going to Norristown for swimming and picnicking.

I counseled [Denise] to face this matter in its proper context and not to speak of it to others.

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Chancellor

