

***REV. BERNARD HANLEY***

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**Vicar for Clergy Database**

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Rev Bernard Brian Hanley**

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*Current Primary Assignment*

<i>Birth Date</i>		<i>Age:</i>
<i>Birth Place</i>	Ireland	<i>Deanery:</i> -1
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>		
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	6/15/1958	
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Diocese of Elphin, Ireland	
<i>Date of Incardination</i>		
<i>Religious Community</i>		
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Left Archdiocese	
<i>Canon State</i>	Extern Priest	<i>Incard Process</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Begin Pension Date</i>		
 <i>Seminary</i>		
<i>Ethnicity</i>	Irish	

**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training**

*Date Background Check*  
*Virtus Training Date*

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**Assignment History**

<b><i>Assignment</i></b>	<b><i>Beginning Date</i></b>	<b><i>Completion Date</i></b>
Left Archdiocese, Returned to Ireland. Diocese of Elphin.	10/12/1965	
La Purisima Concepcion Catholic Church, Lompoc Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	10/1/1963	10/11/1965
St. Mariana de Paredes Catholic Church, Pico Rivera Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/14/1962	9/30/1963
St. Kevin Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/10/1961	5/13/1962
St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Lynwood Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service, From Diocese of Elphin Ireland	8/28/1958	5/9/1961

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I Street

Paster's  
Sitting  
Room

Paster's  
Bedroom

Bath

only  
up-  
stairs

Assoc. Bedroom +  
Suite

Guest Room OR  
Assoc Priest Room

Bathroom

Neighbor's

REDACTED

REDACTED

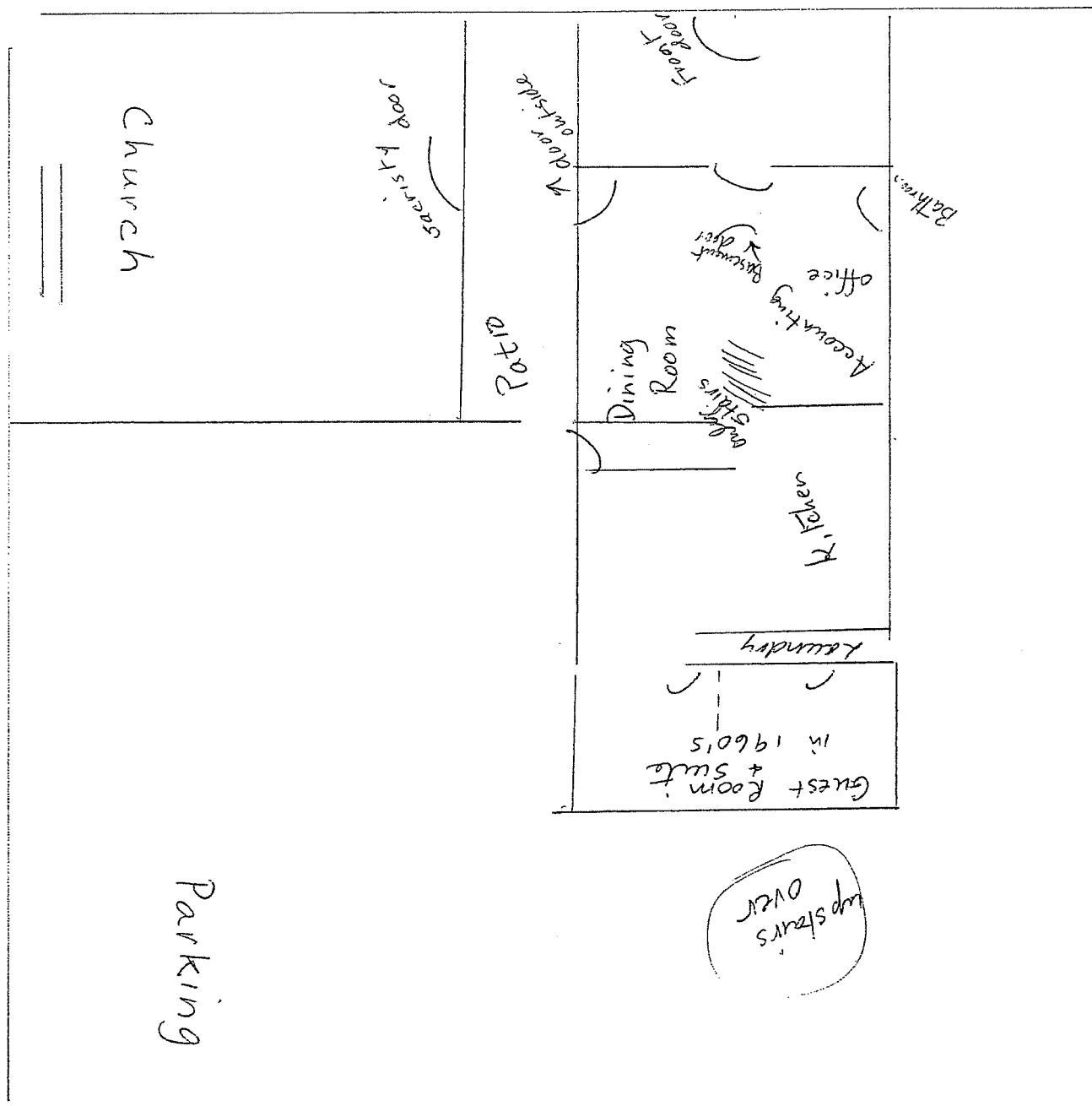
Rooms

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REDACTED

drawing

I Street



Olive St.

Parking

Neighbors

up stairs over

St

Rectory  
Garage

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Hickory

xt Block  
other 2 story House

H Street

Alley

over

only  
1 2 story  
House  
corner

Witness: REDACTED

Case: REDACTED /Hanley

REDACTED

REDACTED is the daughter of REDACTED the woman who was the REDACTED  
REDACTED at La Purisima Concepcion Rectory in the 1960's and 70's. She described her  
Mother as working at the rectory seven days a week. She did the REDACTED and  
REDACTED

“My Mother REDACTED was an REDACTED She spoke in broken English.  
She was very humble and old fashioned. The priests were everything in her life. Mom  
never spoke about the priests. I only remember one time when the very young priest was  
killed para-gliding. She found pornography in his room. She was very upset. She also  
talked to REDACTED REDACTED hat he(same priest) had stolen money from her purse.”

“My Mother REDACTED lived with my Dad REDACTED REDACTED  
her family). They lived 2 or 3 blocks from the Church.”

REDACTED was asked to share what priests she remembered from the 1960's.

“There was a REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED, my Mother was very close to REDACTED REDACTED  
there was the priest who died young. Fr. Brian Hanley, there were two Frs. Hanley. Fr.  
Brian Hanley was very outgoing, he played golf, he was mature, easy going, well liked. I  
spent a lot of time with him. I knew him well. I was 28, 29, 30 before I got married. He  
had lots of friends here and in L.A. He related well. He was close to the REDACTED family.  
He came back to visit several times after he went back to REDACTED,

“The other Fr. REDACTED, y was somber.”

Tell me about the way your Mother ran the rectory. Did she let children in the house?  
“I remember the REDACTED – there were 4 little girls. She would give them cookies at  
the side door (by the kitchen). REDACTED lived near the Church. She had 5 or 6 young  
children. They came to our house where my parents lived. I don't remember them at the  
rectory.”

“My Mother never ever let children upstairs. I doubt she ever let children any place but  
the kitchen especially if priests were in the house.”

“On Sunday mornings adults helped to count the collection. It was the same people every  
Sunday. Mom served coffee and other food. Mom adored REDACTED REDACTED She worked  
everyday. She cooked, cleaned and did the laundry.”

“She never would have let children eat anyplace but the kitchen.”

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REDACTED said that her sister, REDACTED said, the children would "stand at the door. She REDACTED never feed them lunch or dinner. She was afraid she'd get scolded if priest were there. Children were there a very short time (reference getting a cookie).

REDACTED

Daughter with whom REDACTED and her husband lived during time she was a REDACTED for REDACTED REDACTED retired when REDACTED REDACTED retired. REDACTED is no longer alive. REDACTED  
REDACTED  
REDACTED

REDACTED

Mrs. <sup>REDACTED</sup> said that she was a parishioner most of her life. She was a parish secretary after <sup>REDACTED</sup>. Brian Hanley left the parish. She thought that he was a gentleman, gave good homilies, was well liked, thought he was mature, very supportive of the pastor and worked hard. Saw <sup>REDACTED</sup> Hanley when he returned on his vacations.

REDACTED

Mrs. <sup>REDACTED</sup> (1950's-1965 then later came back)  
 Early parishioner helped <sup>REDACTED</sup> with many projects  
 REDACTED  
 REDACTED – didn't really know him we left in 1965  
 REDACTED – saw him in Oakland  
<sup>REDACTED</sup> Brian Hanley – very personable came to the house frequently. My husband & daughter & I visited him <sup>REDACTED</sup> in the early 80's.

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Collateral Data: REDACTED Hanley

REDACTED REDACTED is/was at Lompoc. He said that REDACTED Hanley's Bishop wanted him to come home to Ireland. He gave him an ultimatum that he had to be incardinated in a Diocese or come home now. At the time of this communication, REDACTED Hanley did not have the number of years required to be incardinated in L.A. so he tried Monterey Diocese. He needed to be in two different parishes over a number of years before he would be considered in Monterey Diocese.

He went home to Ireland in obedience to his Bishop.

REDACTED and Brian Hanley follow each other. Years need to be checked. REDACTED  
REDACTED is dead. Brian Hanley is in Ireland.

REDACTED REDACTED said that Fr. Hanley was well liked. He frequently returned to visit the families he had befriended during vacation times. REDACTED says Fr. Hanley left and never said good bye. She talked to REDACTED REDACTED who was Pastor at the parish for many years. REDACTED REDACTED, now age 90 told her that Fr. Hanley tried to change Diocese but was not accepted by Monterey Diocese. In fact there were issues of incardination which REDACTED did not ask about. REDACTED REDACTED is doing some research at this time.

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Witness: REDACTED  
REDACTED

Case: REDACTED

Sometime in 2002, REDACTED REDACTED said that REDACTED called him and asked him for REDACTED address. He said that he did not have it but to call REDACTED REDACTED She did call REDACTED REDACTED

REDACTED REDACTED said everyone knew the REDACTED. They had kids. She was someone who talked off the top of her head. You knew when she was around. She was outgoing. She had progressive ideas. She was in the charismatic movement.

REDACTED REDACTED said that he had played golf with Fr. Brian Hanley in the 60's. They had played in Santa Barbara, Lompoc and Fillmore. He said that people spoke highly of Fr. Brian Hanley. He (Brian) had good friends that he came back to visit after he was recalled to Ireland. REDACTED REDACTED I said that he had not lived with Fr. B. Hanley. Fr. REDACTED had followed Fr. Brian Hanley. REDACTED REDACTED came to live in the rectory in 1967 after Brian had left.

REDACTED REDACTED said that REDACTED REDACTED had been the Pastor at La Purisima when he (Fr. Brian) was recalled by the Bishop. REDACTED went with Fr. Brian Hanley to Monterey Diocese when his Bishop was pressuring him to come home or be incardinated.

REDACTED REDACTED said that the REDACTED were good friends of Fr. Brian and had visited him in Ireland.

REDACTED REDACTED never heard of any problems or serious character defects that Fr. Brian Hanley had. He said that Fr. REDACTED at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Parish used to play golf with them. He thought that he knew Fr. Brian.

Sunday schedule with REDACTED REDACTED as Pastor in the 1960's:

1. Celebrate at least two Masses.
2. Hear confessions at other times- Masses not celebrating.
3. Help with Communion (there were no Eucharistic Ministers then).
4. Help count the Sunday collection. It was banked by 2:00 p.m.
5. Baptisms Sunday afternoon.
6. La Purisima had a mission Church called La Purisima annex 2 more Masses.

In addition to the Pastor and Associate(s) there was a prison chaplain who lived at the parish and was always home for dinner. REDACTED REDACTED Housekeeper cooked 7 days a week.

REDACTED REDACTED current Pastor of La Purisima, spoke of a later time with a different housekeeper in the late 80's. She was called REDACTED She lived at the rectory in the first floor in what had been a Priest's guest room on the first floor. She moved out when she married and had children who apparently would stop by after school. This was a different time in the 80's.

### Questions for Reverend Brian Hanley

1. Please describe your recollections regarding the REDACTED family on REDACTED
2. Did you visit the REDACTED home? If so, please indicate the frequency and circumstances of any such visits.
3. Did you ever drink beer with REDACTED ?
4. Did REDACTED ever have a meal in the rectory? If so, please describe the occasion(s), who was present, and the circumstances.
5. Did you ever apply for incardination in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles? If so, please describe the nature of the inquiry and the response of Archdiocesan authorities.
6. Did you ever apply for incardination in the Diocese of Monterrey? If so, please describe the nature of the inquiry and the response of Diocesan authorities.
7. What was the occasion that led to your leaving La Purissima Concepción, Lompoc, and returning to Ireland?
8. When the decision was made to leave La Purissima Concepción, Lompoc, did you or anyone else advise the parishioners that you were leaving prior to your departure? How far in advance of your departure was news of your transfer known in the parish?
9. Was there any sort of farewell gathering for you, either sponsored by the parish itself or individual parishioners, prior to your departure? If so, please describe the occasion. If not, why was there no farewell gathering?
10. Were you a blood relative of the bishop of your home diocese during the period of time you were serving in Lompoc?
11. Have you had occasion to return to Lompoc since ending your assignment there. If so, please indicate the year or years in which you returned. Please indicate the purpose and length of any visit, the nature of any contact with parishioners during such visits, and whether you assisted in the ministry of the parish while visiting?
12. Have you been informed of the allegations made by REDACTED ?
13. Please respond to each of the claims that REDACTED makes in her statements.
14. Beyond the claims in her statement, did you at any time or in any way treat REDACTED REDACTED in a way that was morally suspect, improper or unpreistly? If the answer is "yes" please explain.

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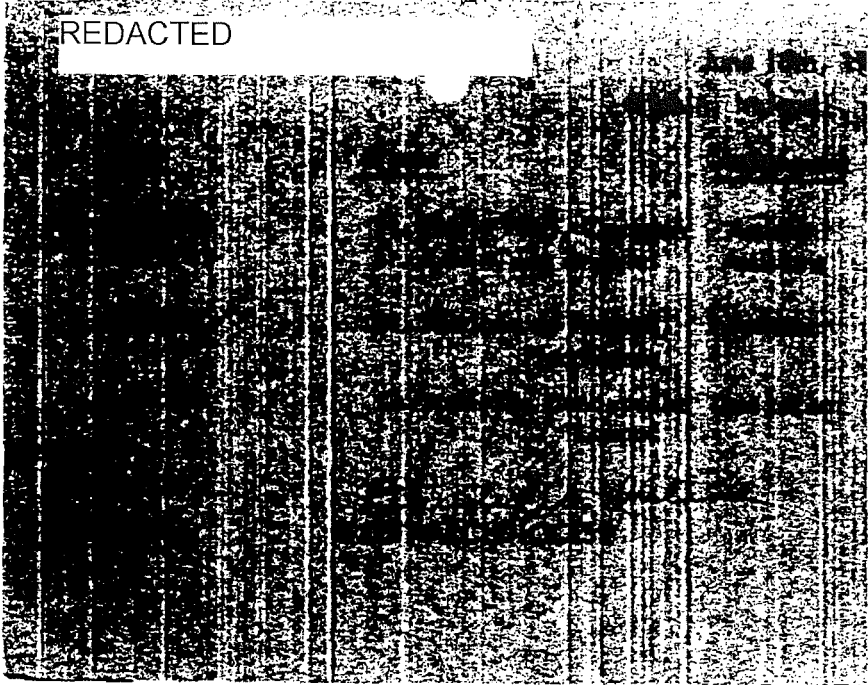
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June 15th, 1958

(Elphin, Ireland)

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5/10/61	St. Kevin, Los Angeles	Assistant
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10/1/63	La Purisima Concepcion Lompoc	Assistant
10/12/65	LEFT ARCHDIOCESE	

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HANLEY, Rev. Bernard (*Brian*)

June 15th, 1958  
(Elphin, Ireland)

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10/12/65	LEFT ARCHDIOCESE	

*Archives no file.*  
*9/3 sent*  
*9/11 no file*

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May 4th, 1964

Reverend Bernard Hanley  
La Purissima Concepcion Rectory  
324 South "I" Street  
Lompoc, California

Dear Father Hanley:

It is important that I see you soon. The next time you happen to be in Los Angeles would you let me know so that I can have a few minutes with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Timothy Manning  
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles  
Vicar General

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*May 12 - I talked with Fr. Hanley  
re the complaint. He agreed to limit  
associations with family in question.  
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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
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October 4th, 1965

His Excellency  
Most Reverend Vincent Hanly  
Bishop of Elphin  
St. Mary's, Sligo  
Co. Sligo, Ireland

Your Excellency:

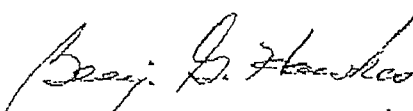
Father Brian Hanley came in this afternoon to advise us that he has been assigned to a parish in his home diocese, effective immediately.

We are certainly sorry to see him leave. He has given excellent service in the several parishes in which he has served since coming to Los Angeles after his ordination in 1958.

On behalf of His Eminence, the Cardinal, who is presently in New York on his way to Rome, may we take this opportunity to extend to you our heartfelt gratitude for your gracious kindness in permitting Father Hanley to serve here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles these past seven years. Please be assured that we will be happy to welcome him back at any time in the future.

With sentiments of profound esteem, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
(Right Reverend Benj. G. Hawkes)  
Chancellor

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10/12/65	LEFT ARCHDIOCESE	

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CONSULTORS

Reverend BRIAN HANLEY

Father Brian Hanley was on loan to Los Angeles from Ireland from August 1958 to October 1965. During these seven years he had four appointments. He returned to Ireland at the request of his Bishop.

Father was in Los Angeles during the last two weeks on vacation, and presented a written petition to return to Los Angeles since his Bishop would now consider a request from us.

Father Hanley's history indicates nothing but trouble, which started when he was a student in Rome. I would like to reply to his petition stating that the Consultors appreciate his inquiry and recommend that he continue to work in Ireland.

Monsignor Hawkes

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REDACTED REDACTED

**From:** REDACTED REDACTED  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2002 7:26 PM  
**To:** REDACTED  
**Subject:** Re: email address

REDACTED moved a few months ago and bought a home with her daughter REDACTED, she is hard to get. This is her new address and phone number:

REDACTED

I would suggest you call her, she doesn't respond too often to e-mail as she is always busy. Good luck.

REDACTED

*10 50 AM 8/27  
Victim*

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

*is aware*

*of this situation.*

*Family used to live in  
Santa Maria (husband is dead)*

REDACTED

*\* I know her*

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8/28/2002

## Clergy Misconduct

### Complainant REDACTED allegation against Fr. Brian Hanley

#### Initial communication:

Third Party: REDACTED, REDACTED  
REDACTED

1. REDACTED according to note she gave to REDACTED "8/27 10:50 AM REDACTED for victim daughter. REDACTED is aware of this situation. (REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED Diocese of Salt Lake City)
2. REDACTED notes the above conversation with a handwritten note for REDACTED
3. An e-mail was sent Tuesday, August 27, 2002 7:26 PM
4. Received Wednesday, August 28, 2002 - REDACTED ; ACC e-mail see data "REDACTED: moved a few months ago and bought a home with her daughter REDACTED she is hard to get. This is her new address and phone number: (more see e-mail)
5. REDACTED gives copy of e-mail to REDACTED in Assistance Ministry on 8/28/02

#### Response:

On 8/27/02, REDACTED calls Mrs. REDACTED says her daughter REDACTED was abused by a priest. REDACTED says that the priest was a friend of her husband. They went to football games. He left suddenly without saying goodbye. REDACTED says REDACTED knows all about it. REDACTED says her family lived in Lompoc. REDACTED says that REDACTED is hard to get because she goes to school and works part-time at the Post Office. REDACTED leaves her phone number with REDACTED

Initial Investigation: Fr. Hanley: REDACTED REDACTED found an old file with index cards. There was an entry for 10/5/63 La Purisima Concepcion, Lompoc - Assistant 10/5/65 handwritten *returned to Ireland* typed 10/12/65 LEFT ARCHDIOCESE. (See assignment sheet) 9/3/02 sent for files from Archives (REDACTED office forwarded REDACTED request). 9/11/02 REDACTED was informed by REDACTED that the Archives have no file for Fr. Hanley. It is assumed that his records followed him on his return to Ireland. Msgr. Cox informed the REDACTED in Ireland of the allegation. REDACTED not privileged to this correspondence and communication.

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Attempts: REDACTED calls REDACTED; Wednesday, 9/4/02, and leaves work hours 8:00-4:00 p.m. and ACC number. REDACTED calls again Thursday, 9/12/02 line busy later left message, Friday, 9/13/02, Monday, 9/16/02 left message, Wednesday 9/18/02 left message to call. Thursday, 9/19/02 REDACTED calls at 7:23 A.M. and leaves message for first time. REDACTED returns call at 7:30 A.M. REDACTED says that she going to school now and we make an appointment to talk the following morning at 9:00 A.M. REDACTED, brother of REDACTED calls after his Mother and before REDACTED calls. He says REDACTED brought the abuse issue up. He does not have a clear memory and does not want to make a police report.

First Interview: Friday, September 20, 2002 at 9:00 A.M.  
 REDACTED shares that things started "to come back in March (2002). I remember his name REDACTED. He had dark hair. I remember his not being as old as Dad...a little younger 27 - 35 years old. He wore a black cassock. I remember his name I brought it up to Dad 20 years ago. There were 3 or 4 incidents.

I remember upstairs...him showing his room. I was only 4 years old. It was after Mass, he asked me to come visit the rectory.

REDACTED windows were on the same side as the rectory. The bedroom was on the second floor. He expected us to role play in the window. He's outside. We are partially naked. REDACTED talks about being in the rectory.

I remember the rectory at La Purisima, well I remember the...he masturbated his penis very erect and very hard. Both of us on the bed his/my back turned to him. Both of us our naked.

I had no memory. My therapist said, 'many perpetrators can't look at their victims. I've lived life always feeling guilt and shame...nasty and dirty. Spiritually... I can't close my eyes without seeing a 'hard on'. Most grateful lately that's stopped. I'm angry I've been "robbed of being a decent parent...of everything".

Report to Authority: REDACTED is asked to report to Detective Barraclough. She is given the number and says she will do so. The legal Counsel for the Archdiocese, REDACTED reported this case also to Detective Barraclough.

Counseling: REDACTED would like to continue counseling with REDACTED at the REDACTED Counseling Center.

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REDACTED says that she is going to therapy to REDACTED  
REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED  
Past therapy with REDACTED

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Background:

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Mrs. REDACTED called one of the employees of the Archdiocese to make a report that her daughter, REDACTED, then 4 years old had been abused by a priest from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

REDACTED told REDACTED the following day that Fr. REDACTED was a good friend of the family. He went to football games with her husband. "One day he (Fr. Hanley) disappeared no one knew why. He never said 'good bye'. We thought that was strange." REDACTED names another friend who is still in touch with Fr. Hanley.

Fr. Hanley was ordained in June 1958. He had four assignments in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He was at La Purisima Concepcion, in Lompoc from October 1963 to October 1965. He returned to Ireland in October 1965 where he is presently in Ministry.

REDACTED REDACTED said that she presently lived in REDACTED with her daughter, REDACTED REDACTED. The alleged abuse happened in the rectory of La Purissima Church in Lompoc. The alleged abuser was a Fr. Brian Hanley. REDACTED left her daughter's phone number and REDACTED made six attempts to leave messages for REDACTED to call over a three week period in September. REDACTED returned the call on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

The Alleged Sexual Abuse:

REDACTED REDACTED "I was 4 years old. There were three or four incidents". "I remember he masturbated, his penis was very erect and very hard. Both (of us) on the bed his back and mine turned to him – both naked. My therapist said, 'many perpetrators do that'. REDACTED explained that some perpetrators don't look at the face of their victims. "I've lived life always feeling guilt and shame, nasty and dirty. Mentally and spiritually...I can't close my eyes without seeing a hard on." REDACTED then explained that is starting to lessen. "I'm grateful. I've been robbed of being a decent parent...of everything."

Pastoral Outreach to date while investigation continues:

We made a contract with REDACTED, from the REDACTED REDACTED. She was already seeing REDACTED at the time the report was made to the Archdiocese.

Vicar for Clergy has made contact with the REDACTED in Ireland where Fr. Brian Hanley resides.

REDACTED has asked REDACTED REDACTED from the Diocese of Salt Lake City to request someone to do a complete interview so questions about the case can be answered. At this time in the investigation we are still fact finding. A judgment has not been made.

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*note for  
Postal  
Service pt*

# SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT

To be Completed by Reporting Party

REDACTED

**A. Case Identification**  
To be completed by Investigating CPA

Victim Name: REDACTED  
Report No./Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Report: Hendley

**B. Victim**  
NAME/TITLE REDACTED

Hanley, Bernard  
*Bria*

ADDRESS REDACTED

*ask first name*  
Spell

*urgent  
concern*

PHONE REDACTED	DATE OF REPORT <u>9/12/02</u> <i>best 8:50am</i> <u>9/13/02</u> <i>message</i>	BIRTHDATE REDACTED	SEX <u>F</u>	RACE
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**C. Call**

OFFICIAL CONTACTED REDACTED	PHONE REDACTED	DATE/TIME <u>9/18</u>
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*9/12/02 11:25 message 9/12 message 9/16 message left*

**D. Other Parties**

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	ADDRESS
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PRESENT LOCATION OF

NAME OF CHURCH OR SCHOOL

ADDRESS AT TIME OF INCIDENT *I remember upstairs. Hair showing his room*

*I was only 4 yrs.*

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT <u>1965-</u>	PLACE OF INCIDENT	(Check One) Occurred <input type="checkbox"/> Observed <input type="checkbox"/>
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**TYPE OF SEXUAL ABUSE:**  
Started come back in March

**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:** Dark hair - not being as old as dad a little younger 27-35. He wore black Cassock.

**F. Perpetrator Information** *"FR"* REDACTED *of remember his name - 20 yrs ago to Dad brought up - 3 or 4 incidents*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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REDACTED

after Mass, His asking  
come visit rectory

REDACTED

Windows same side as rectory  
Their bedroom - II floor - Except Role Play <sup>pe</sup>  
in the window - outside

① Rectory - La purissima - Partial naked  
REDACTED talks about being  
in rectory.  
well I remember the ... he masturbated

his penis very erect + very hard  
Both on bed his <sup>my</sup> back to her - Both  
naked - no memory

Therapist said - REDACTED - rasty  
Feeling - lived life - guilt + shame - dirty  
Mentally - Spiritual ; Close eyes  
w/ seeing a hard on  
(most grateful)

Anger getting there - detach  
" Robbed of being a decent parent REDACTED  
of everything "





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Wilshire  
Boulevard

Los Angeles  
California  
90010-2241

September 18, 2002

**CONFIDENTIAL**

REDACTED

Diocese of Elphin  
Bishop's House  
St. Mary's  
Sligo, IRELAND

REDACTED

I serve as the Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in California. I am writing to seek information about Father Bernard (Brian) Hanley. His home diocese was Elphin.

Father Hanley was ordained in June of 1958, and served here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in a number of assignments from 1958 – 1965. He left the Archdiocese to return to Ireland in October of 1965. Since that time, we have no further information about him.

Recently, we have received an allegation of inappropriate conduct with a minor directed against Father Hanley. We are dealing with this allegation in accord with our policy. As part of that, we are trying to determine whether Father Hanley is living or deceased, whether he remained in active ministry or not and, his current canonical status. If he is living, we would also appreciate learning his current whereabouts so we can arrange to inform him of the nature of the allegations being lodged against him and provide him the opportunity to reply should he wish to do so.

I would appreciate your assistance in this matter. Whatever information you can supply about Father Bernard (Brian) Hanley would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.  
Vicar for Clergy

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Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels San Fernando San Gabriel San Pedro Santa Barbara

# Assistance Ministry

REDACTED /Hanley

## General Information

**Entry Date:** 10/3/2002  
**Status:** New  
**Priority:** Medium  
**Follow-up Required:** Yes  
**Follow up Date:** 10/10/2002

## Complainant

**Name:** REDACTED  
**Last Name:**  
**Address:**  
**Address2:**  
**City/State/Zip:**  
**HomePhone:**

## Accused

**Accused:** Bernard Brian  
**Last Name:** Hanley  
**Years at Parish\Rel Order:** 10/1/83 to 10/05/85

## Official Contacted

**Reported to PoliceYN:** Yes  
**Name of Officer:** Barraclough  
**Officer Phone:** 213-485-2883  
**Date Reported to Police:**  
**Police Station:** Los Angeles

## Report Information

**Date of Report to ACC:** 8/27/02  
**Date of Incident:** 1965  
**Birth Date of Complainant:** 3/19/61  
**Age of Complainant Then:** 4 years  
**Place of Incident:** La Purisima  
**City of Incident:** Lompoc  
**Other Complainant:** REDACTED

Thursday, October 03, 2002

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# Assistance Ministry

*Type of Abuse:*

REDACTED said "there were three or four incidents". "I remember he masturbated, his penis was very erect and very hard. Both (of us) on the bed his back and mine turned to him - both naked. Therapist said many perpetrators do that (she explained they don't look at the face of their victims). I've lived life always feeling guilt and shame, nasty and dirty. Mentally and spiritually... I can't close my eyes without seeing a hard on (explains that is starting to stop and I'm 'most grateful'). "I've been robbed of being a decent parent ...of everything".

REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED also called after his Mother's initial call and before REDACTED He said that REDACTED had brought the abuse issue up to him. He did not remember anything concretely and did not want to make a Police report. He said his sister had had problems in her life and this made more sense now.

REDACTED had said that REDACTED bedroom windows were on the same side as the II floor rectory windows. REDACTED said that he (Fr. Hanley) would stand outside. The children would be "partially naked and role play in the window". REDACTED said my REDACTED talks about being in the rectory".

*Narrative Description:*

8/27/02 REDACTED Mother, called the Cardinal's office and left the message that her daughter REDACTED had been abused by a Fr. Hanley at La Purissima in Lompoc. She left her phone number and REDACTED returned her call.

9/18/02: After calling 6 different days between 8/27/02 and 9/18/02 REDACTED called back. The type of abuse was given above. REDACTED said, "I remember upstairs. Him showing me his room. I was only 4 years old. It started to come back in March (2002). Fr. Hammond...I remember his name 20 years ago said something to Dad (RIP). He had dark hair...not being as old as Dad a little younger 27-35. He wore a black cassock. After Mass, (I remember) his asking can REDACTED come visit the rectory?"

REDACTED Mother said that Fr. Hanley was a good friend of the family. He went to football games with her husband. "One day he disappeared suddenly no one knew why. He never said 'good bye'." We thought that was strange. She names another woman who is still in touch with Fr. Hanley.

*Therapy Offered:*

[Empty box for therapy offered]

# Assistance Ministry

REDACTED /Hanley

Type of Abuse:

Narrative Description:

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Diocese of Salt Lake City

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84103-2397

REDACTED

REDACTED

*Jan. 21, 2003*

Dear REDACTED

REDACTED and REDACTED interviewed  
REDACTED The mother is willing to be interviewed  
REDACTED if needed, but saw no need at present. REDACTED was  
interviewed without the mother present.

REDACTED indicated that REDACTED is no longer in therapy  
with REDACTED. She indicated she had changed  
therapists but didn't offer the new person's name.

if you want additional information, REDACTED is  
happy to speak with you. REDACTED  
REDACTED

*Good luck and prayers*  
REDACTED

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REDACTED  
INTERVIEW WITH  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2003, 11:00 AM  
Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City, Utah

*Could you tell me something about yourself as a child? For example, who was in your family, where you lived as a child, who your friends were then? What was it like for you?*  
I grew up in Lone Poke (sp?) California. I had 1 younger brother, 3 older brothers and 1 older sister. The Catholic Church was 1 block away—we were on this corner and it was on this corner (of the same street). My friends were the REDACTED they had 7 girls and 1 boy, the REDACTED they had 5 girls. They were neighbors. They were pretty much who I played with until I got older and involved in sports at school.

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*Who were the priests at the parish? Can you describe what each priest looked like?* I remember REDACTED REDACTED He was the head priest, he was there from the beginning to the end. I think he may still be there now. He was about 5'6", 5'7", older, with black-silver hair. He wasn't really fat, but he wasn't thin—somewhere in the middle. I hated him.

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And I remember Hanley. I remember his hair the best. It was slicked-back. I remember he wore the black pants and shirt with the (Roman) collar. He was also in the middle, not fat and not thin. My dad was about 6'3', and he came up to my dad's shoulder, so he was maybe 5'9", 5'10".

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*Did your parents know the priests? Can you give me an example of their relationship or activities?* My mom was a reader at the church. For the most part, the other priests were involved with our family at church activities. Hanlan came around a lot. He was a part of our household. He was good friends with my dad and would come down after mass. My brothers tell me that he and my dad went to ballgames and breakfast together, but I don't remember any of that. He would come over for meals. I remember him hanging out in the kitchen and the living room. My dad liked to drink, and he and Hanley would pound back a few beers. He would stand outside and visit with my dad while my dad did yard work.

*Tell me about the incident that happened to you. (She starts crying.) I know this is hard for you...* It's not hard, it's just wrong. I only remember one incident. For all I know, there may have been more. I was invited to eat at the rectory with <sup>REDACTED</sup> (the cook), and I remember <sup>REDACTED</sup> was there, and Hanley.

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*Where were your parents during this time?* At home. They knew I was going there for a meal.

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*Is there anything else you want to add? No.*

*Interview Conducted by* REDACTED  
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*Also Present:* REDACTED REDACTED



REDACTED

PROGRESS NOTES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*J Hanley*

Date	Content of communication	Next Action
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9/12	<i>855 + 1125 <sup>left message</sup> am + p.m</i>	
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9/18	<i>300 left message</i>	
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Interview Conducted by REDACTED      REDACTED  
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STATEMENT OF REDACTED  
 GIVEN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2003, 2:30 PM  
 Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City, Utah

The first time REDACTED mentioned this incident to us (*her parents*), she was in her early teens. Her dad and I were on the front porch, and she came out to talk to us. I know it might be hard to understand how parents could respond like that. We said, "Don't be silly! That's ridiculous! Who ever heard of such a thing?"

She tried to tell us two other times, and we responded, "There is no possible way." We were completely innocent. Her dad was a convert, I was a cradle Catholic. I've always been totally one with being a Catholic—it is a part of me, I would not be who I am without that. I'd always been friendly and close to priests. This was way beyond anything I could imagine.

It was not until reading and talking with others that I could go to REDACTED and say, "How could I not have recognized what you told us as truth?"

The thing I remember about Fr. Hanley was his almost intimacy with us. He was very friendly with REDACTED (*husband*); they would go to baseball games. Fr. Hanley would visit us during the week, in the evenings after dinner. He would sit in the living room. I remember REDACTED didn't want to be close to him. We would encourage her to go sit on his lap. We could tell she was uncomfortable. He was charismatic, very open, broad. It wasn't until so much later in my life that I began to see things and understand better.

Other priests there who were friends of mine told me that Lompoc was considered the hell of the diocese. Why was he sent there from a thriving Los Angeles parish? He wasn't there long. He left overnight; it was unexpected. We were told his uncle was a bishop in Ireland and needed him there.

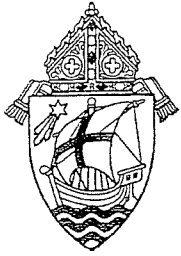
Recently, I talked to REDACTED REDACTED and he told me that when Fr. Hanley was leaving, he tried everywhere to find another location, even as far north as Monterey--which is not even in our diocese--but no one would ever take him. That was the last we heard of him.

I remember him walking in our house without knocking. Once, while I was washing my hair in the kitchen sink, I didn't have all my clothes on. I got mad at him. He was just like that.

Statement given to REDACTED  
 REDACTED

Mrs. REDACTED is willing to answer personally any further questions the Archdiocese of Los Angeles may have for her.

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REDACTED

# Diocese of Salt Lake City

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TELEPHONE (801) 328-8641  
REDACTED

February 10, 2003

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
3424 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

Dear Sr. REDACTED

I hope this letter finds you well.

Enclosed you will find the amended interview of REDACTED and a statement made by her mother, REDACTED on Friday, February 7, 2003. Please let me know if you have any questions, or need anything further from me.

Sincerely,  
REDACTED

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Enclosures

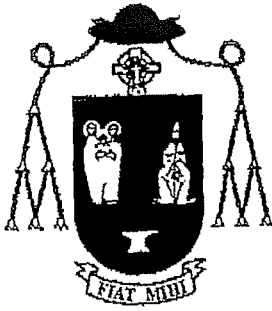
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To: Rt, REDACTED

Re: Fr. Brian Hanley

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Diocese of Elphin  
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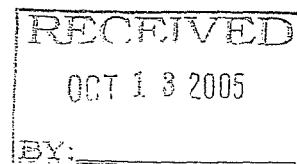
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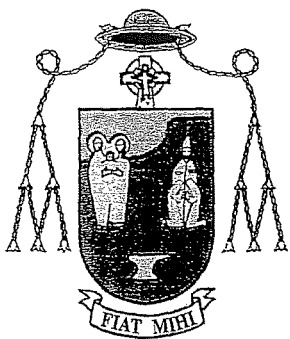
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Date: 13 October 2005

Time: 5.00p.m.

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St. Mary's  
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13 October 2005

Right Reverend Monsignor Craig A. Cox J.C.D.,  
Vicar for Clergy,  
3424 Wilshire Boulevard,  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles,  
Los Angeles.  
California 90010 – 2241,  
U.S.A.

Dear Monsignor Craig,

It has been drawn to my attention that Fr. Brian Hanley is listed among priests who have ministered in your diocese and against whom an allegation of Child Sexual Abuse has been made. On the 24 September 2002 I sent you Fr. Brian Hanley's address and phone number as you requested.

I should be grateful to receive from you, as a matter of urgency, all such information as is available to you regarding the allegation that has led to Fr. Brian Hanley being listed on the Database.

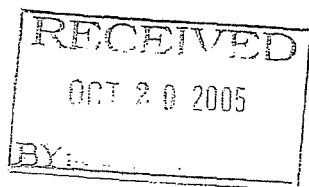
It is important for us to know whether there exists a reasonable suspicion that Fr. Hanley may have sexually abused a minor in order that I may consider whether a child protection question arises in relation to him.

In the absence of any further information from you since 2002 Fr. Hanley has remained in ministry and is a serving parish priest.

I should be grateful to know whether the allegation against Fr. Hanley has been the subject of an investigation by the police and whether it has given rise to any form of legal proceedings.

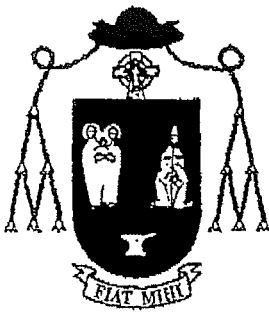
I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

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Yours sincerely,  
REDACTED





St. Mary's  
Sligo  
REDACTED

To - Monsignor Craig Cox  
REDACTED

Los Angeles Diocese

From - REDACTED

Diocese of Elphin, Ireland

Date - 2 November 2005

Subject - Fr., Brian Hanley

Fax No. 001 – 213637 6304

Dear Monsignor Cox,

Further to our conversation on Monday night last the 30 October 2005 I write to confirm that Fr. Brian Hanley is on administrative leave from his ministry since the 27 October 2005 while allegations against him are being investigated.

In the interests of justice it is imperative that all allegations against Fr. Hanley are investigated by Church and Civil Authorities as soon as possible.

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St. Mary's  
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14 November 2005

Right Rev. Monsignor Craig A. Cox J.C.S.  
REDACTED

3424, Wilshire Boulevard,  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles,  
Los Angeles,  
CALIFORNIA 90010 – 2241,  
U.S.A.

Dear Monsignor Cox,

Following on our recent telephone conversation I enclose information which may be helpful in your review of this case. Please treat it with the utmost confidence. Should it be leaked or published in anyway we could be accused of defamation.

REDACTED *Very sincerely*

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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California  
90010-2202

November 14, 2005

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St. Mary's Sligo

Dear REDACTED

As part of our investigation into the claims made with regard to Father Brian Hanley, I ask that you appoint a canonical auditor to meet with him in person and to question him regarding the claims. The interview should be conducted in accord with canonical norms. Enclosed is a series of questions for Father Hanley. The auditor, however, is most welcome to pose other questions that may emerge in order to help facilitate the discovery of the truth of matters.

I would appreciate it if the auditor could complete this process as soon as possible. Please mail the auditor's record of the interview to me at the Archdiocese. In view of the need to act as quickly as possible, please also have the auditor's record sent to me by fax at (REDACTED)

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.  
Vicar for Clergy

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St. Mary's  
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15 November 2005

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Dear Monsignor Cox,

I write further to our telephone conversation on 10<sup>th</sup> <sup>NOVEMBER</sup> October last. I confirm we have identified on the file relating to Fr. Brian Hanley some documentation which raises other concerns in his regard.

A handwritten memo dated September 1985 notes that in Spring 1984 "a trustworthy mother" complained to her parish priest of "indecent behaviour" by Fr. Hanley with her fourteen and sixteen year old daughters. She said that other girls had similar frightening experiences with Fr. Hanley. She declined a request by the parish priest that her complaint be put in writing. The parish priest is since deceased and we do not know the name of the family in question. Fr. Hanley was curate or assistant pastor at the parish in question at the relevant time.

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There are other written accounts of advice given by a canon lawyer based in Dublin to my predecessor REDACTED REDACTED concerning Fr. Hanley - again back in the mid 1980's. The written advice from the Canon lawyer REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED

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None of the reports relate to children as young as those who made the allegations in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. No complaint has been made to the Gardai (police) here and accordingly there is no current criminal investigation. However, we have informed the Gardai of all of the foregoing information and have given them our file on the matter.

We would like to have the opportunity of learning more about the complaints with whom you are in litigation. We will revert further in this regard.

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Yours sincerely,

REDACTED

Declaración para las misas del fin de Semana  
en la Parroquia de la Purísima Concepción, Lompoc  
3-4 diciembre, 2005  
acerca del Reverendo Brian Bernard Hanley

[Será leído por el párroco, e] REDACTED

El Vicario del Clero de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, el Monseñor Craig Cox, me ha pedido que haga este anuncio en todas las Misas este día.

Entre las varias demandas que se han entablado alegando abuso sexual de menores de edad de parte de varios sacerdotes, una de las demandas nombra al Reverendo Brian Bernard Hanley, un sacerdote de la Diócesis de Elphin en Irlanda, como un abusador implicado.

El Padre Hanley sirvió en esta parroquia desde el 1963 hasta su regreso a Irlanda en 1965. La demanda declara que el abuso ocurrió hace aproximadamente cuarenta años durante el periodo de tiempo que él estaba asignado aquí en Lompoc.

En cooperación con el Obispo del Padre Hanley en Irlanda, la Arquidiócesis esta investigando esta queja según sus propias normas y los requisitos de *Los Estatutos para la Protección de Niños y Adultos*. Un Agente Especial retirado del FBI está conduciendo una investigación, y la *Comisión de Supervisión de Casos de Mala Conducta del Clero*, que consiste de 13 personas, con 11 miembros laicos, está estudiando el asunto.

La situación del Padre Hanley ha recibido atención pública en Irlanda, y decidimos hacerles saber de esta demanda nosotros mismos y no tener que contar con el reporte de otras fuentes.

A pesar que estos acontecimientos ocurrieron hace muchos años, quizás algunos de los feligreses tengan información que nos pudiera asistir en la investigación para poder descubrir la plena verdad al respecto. Si así sería el caso, le suplico a esa persona que me informe acerca de esto y le ayudaré ponerse en contacto con el investigador.

El Cardenal Mahony y todos en la Arquidiócesis estamos comprometidos a la seguridad de los niños y los jóvenes. Seguiremos con firmeza en la implementación de las normas y procesos para lograr esta meta.

Termino con la súplica que todos ustedes mantengan en sus oraciones a todas personas que hayan sido dañadas por este crimen horrible de abuso sexual sea en la Iglesia, en las escuelas, en las familias o en cualquier otro ambiente. Recen también para que haya renovación y reconciliación en nuestra Iglesia, para que sea fortalecida en esta época de crisis, y para que sea más fiel al llamado de mantener la misión de Jesucristo. Gracias y que Dios siga bendiciendo a todos ustedes!

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**Statement for Weekend Masses at La Purisima Concepción Parish, Lompoc  
December 3-4, 2005  
Regarding Reverend Brian Bernard Hanley**

*To be read by the Pastor, Reverend Richard Vega.*

I have been asked by the Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese, Monsignor Craig Cox, to make an announcement at the Masses here today.

Among the various lawsuits that have been filed alleging sexual abuse of minors on the part of different priests, one names Reverend Brian Bernard Hanley, a priest of the Diocese of Elphin, Ireland, as a purported abuser.

Father Hanley served in this parish from 1963 until his return to Ireland in 1965. The lawsuit claims that the abuse took place approximately forty years ago during the period of time he was assigned here in Lompoc.

Cooperating with Father Hanley's bishop in Ireland, the Archdiocese is investigating this complaint in accord with its own policies and the requirements of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. A retired Special Agent of the FBI is conducting the investigation and the Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board of the Archdiocese, which consists of thirteen persons, eleven of whom are laypersons, is reviewing the matter.

The situation of Father Hanley has received some publicity in Ireland, and we wanted to make you aware of the complaint made against him rather than have you hear of this from other sources.

While the events at issue occurred many years ago, it may be that some parishioners here have information that would be helpful in the investigation and assist us to discover the full truth of matters. If so, I would ask that person to inform me and I will put you in contact with the investigator.

Cardinal Mahony and all of us in the Archdiocese are committed to assuring that children and young people are safe. We will continue to implement policies and procedures to accomplish that goal.

Let me conclude by asking that you please keep in your prayers all persons who have been harmed by the terrible crime of sexual abuse, whether in the Church, in schools, in families, or in any other setting. Please pray as well for renewal and reconciliation, that our Church will pass through this time of crisis strengthened and more faithful to our calling to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Thank you and may God continue to bless you!

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FROM: Monsignor Craig A. Cox

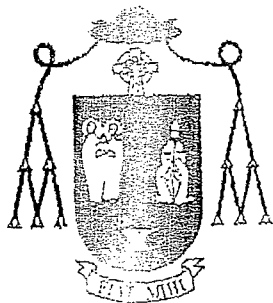
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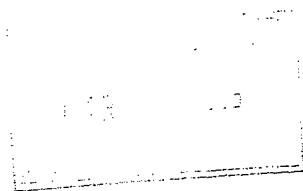
Today I spoke with Reverend Richard Vega, Pastor of La Purisima Concepción Church, Lompoc. I asked if and reports of abuse by Father Hanley came to his attention subsequent to the announcement her made about Father Hanley on the weekend of December 3-4, 2005. He indicated that there was no one else who came forward claiming to have suffered abusive conduct by Father Hanley.

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Attention of Msgr. Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.  
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Enclosing copy letter of October 4, 1965 from Msgr Benj. C. Hawkes,  
Chancellor, Archdiocese of Los Angeles re Fr. Brian Hanley for your  
attention.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Cardinal Roger Mahony

FROM: Judge Richard P. Byrne (ret.), Chair  
Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board *RPM*

RE: *Recommendation of the Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board  
Reverend Brian Bernard Hanley (CMOB 107)*

DATE: 14 March 2006

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requested that we investigate a complaint that had been made against the Reverend Brian Bernard Hanley, who was incardinated there, and make an assessment of the credibility of the claim and report our findings to him.

The Board met on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 and discussed the case of Father Hanley. He served in this Archdiocese from 1958 through 1965 when he returned to Ireland. His last appointment in Los Angeles was at La Purisima Concepción Parish in Lompoc.

In 2002, a report was received by the Assistance Ministry office from a woman who claimed that her daughter was sexually abused by Father Hanley in Lompoc when the girl was four years of age. Phone conversations were held with the mother, daughter and a son, who were living in Utah. An interview with the daughter and her mother was arranged with the assistance of the Diocese of Salt Lake City. A lawsuit was filed later in which both the daughter and son claim to have been abused by Father Hanley, the boy being approximately six years of age at the time of the purported abuse. The claims of abuse made by the daughter include fondling, sodomy and being used as an object of masturbation. The son claimed to have been fondled and used as an object of masturbation and that the priest disrobed and rubbed his naked body against him.

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served as canonical auditor in the case. The events are purported to have occurred forty years ago and are very, very difficult to investigate. Mr. REDACTED visited the parish and conducted a variety of interviews with priests and laity. Father Hanley was interviewed by a canonical auditor in Ireland. Father Hanley denied any misconduct with either child and took issue with the accuracy and veracity of a number of claims made by the complainants. Mr. REDACTED made an initial report to the Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board at our November 2005 meeting. REDACTED REDACTED also attended the meeting, since she had significant contact with the complainants and their mother in the earlier stages of the investigation. The Board recommended that an announcement be made at the parish to see if any other person might come forward. That announcement was made the weekend of December 3-4, 2005 and no additional complainants were made.

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*Memorandum Regarding Reverend Brian Bernard Hanley*  
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The Board considered the matter again at our January meeting and recommended that an attempt be made to have another interview with the woman complainant, since the first interview was done in Salt Lake City and had not been done by one of our canonical auditors. A request for a follow up interview was made through the attorney for the woman complainant, but our request was not accepted.

Mr. <sup>REDACTED</sup> presented a detailed report to the Board. His investigation uncovered a number of factual errors in the claims made by the complainant. Additionally, the allegations of the two complainants have not been consistent. Most importantly, the brother originally claimed he had no memory of being abused. He now claims to have been abused and to have told others about this before he first spoke with us which is contrary to what he told us. The investigation revealed evidence that either contradicted or undermined several elements of the complainant's story, specifically with regard to dining in the rectory and her description of the rectory.

REDACTED provided information that Father Hanley had engaged in other inappropriate activities in Ireland. No details of these complaints were provided to us and those matters are being pursued by REDACTED in Ireland.

In assessing the results of our investigation, the members of the Board discussed the little available evidence at length. We would like to have and would consider the statements of the complainants if they agree to an interview with our canonical auditor. Otherwise, we do not see that any further avenues of investigation are available. Given the contradictory elements in the claim and the fact that the investigation uncovered no evidence supportive of the allegation and some evidence that undermined the allegation, the Board unanimously concluded that the allegations were *not substantiated*.

If you approve, Monsignor Cox will provide the results of our investigation and the Board's assessment to REDACTED. Of course, ultimately, it is REDACTED who must consider this information and whatever other information he has developed and make his own determination about what action he should take with respect to Father Hanley.

Thank you.

*I concur with your conclusion and recommendation.*

*\* Roger Card. Keohy  
 16 March 2006*

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St. Mary's Sligo

RE: Reverend Brian Hanley

Dear REDACTED

I have been directed by our Archbishop, Cardinal Roger Mahony to make a report to you with regard to our canonical investigation of the allegations made against Reverend Brian Hanley, a priest of your diocese.

As you know, a complaint was made in which REDACTED REDACTED claimed that Father Hanley abused her sexually when she was a minor. Upon receipt of the initial complaint, we arranged for an interview of REDACTED and her mother, which was conducted by an official of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah, where they are currently domiciled. Additionally, an official of this Archdiocese spoke with REDACTED the brother of the complainant, by telephone.

Subsequently a lawsuit was filed by Ms. REDACTED and her brother in which both claim to have been harmed by such abuse. Ms. REDACTED claims that the abuse took place in 1965 when she was four years of age; Mr. REDACTED indicates that he was age six at the time of the abuse. The abusive activities allegedly occurred while Father Hanley was serving as Associate Pastor of La Purissima Concepción Parish, Lompoc, having received permission from one of your predecessors to serve here for a time.

We initiated a preliminary investigation in accord with the provisions of canons 1717-1719. Mr. REDACTED REDACTED was appointed as canonical Auditor to conduct the inquiry. Mr. REDACTED is a private investigator and a retired Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He visited the parish, interviewed the former pastor, and interviewed other parishioners from the era in question. He also examined the physical layout of the rectory and the neighborhood. Mr. REDACTED prepared questions to be posed to Father Hanley, and you appointed a canonical auditor to obtain his testimony. We also wished to conduct further interviews with the complainants. Because of the pending litigation, this request was made through the attorney representing the two complainants. We received no authorization to interview them.

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As the investigation progressed, reports were made by the Auditor to our Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board. The Board discussed the matter on several occasions. The Board recommended that an announcement be made at the parish about the allegation to see if perhaps that would provide an opportunity for new complainants to come forward. The announcement was made but no new complaints were received.

Once the Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board concluded that all reasonable avenues of investigation had been pursued, it then discussed the merits of the case and offered its assessment to Cardinal Mahony. The Board regretted that we were not afforded the opportunity to conduct a more detailed interview with the complainants. The Board concluded that, based on the evidence, the allegations against Father Hanley concerning his time of service in this Archdiocese are "unsubstantiated." This conclusion reflects the fact that there are elements in the evidence that tend to undermine or even contradict some of the claims of the complainants. The Board prescinded from any consideration of the two complaints made regarding Father Hanley in Ireland since we had no evidence about these matters and since these matters were beyond our competence to investigate. We trust that you and your advisors will take into account information regarding those matters in making any final decision about Father Hanley's future in ministry.

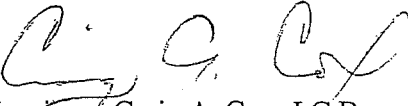
The Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board communicated its finding that the claims are unsubstantiated to Cardinal Mahony, and recommended that the case be closed unless and until the two complainants would agree to be interviewed canonically. The Cardinal accepted this recommendation. The canonical preliminary investigation was closed.

Enclosed, please find complete copies of the information gleaned during the investigation so that you can personally review that evidence. These materials are provided to you under the norms of canon law and the confidentiality required for canonical preliminary investigations.

I trust that this information is helpful to you. I regret that we were not able to complete the investigation as expeditiously as would have been ideal.

May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,



Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.  
Vicar for Clergy

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St. Mary's Sligo

RE: Reverend Brian Hanley

Dear REDACTED

I have been directed by our Archbishop, Cardinal Roger Mahony to make a report to you with regard to our canonical investigation of the allegations made against Reverend Brian Hanley, a priest of your diocese. I regret that I have not been able to provide this to you more promptly.

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Yours in Christ,



Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.  
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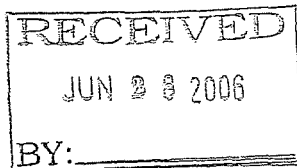
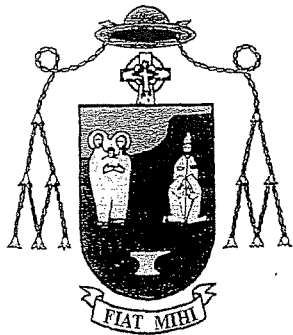
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List of Enclosures Sent to  
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1. Copy of January 21, 2003 letter from REDACTED 1 to REDACTED
2. Interview with REDACTED dated Tuesday, January 21, 2003
3. Progress Notes
4. Suspected Child Abuse Report
5. Undated written notes
6. Father Bernard Brian Hanley's index cards
7. Assistance Ministry General Information Form
8. Copy of e-mail from REDACTED dated Tuesday, August 27, 2002
9. Interview with REDACTED dated Tuesday, January 21, 2003 (three pages)
10. Copy of REDACTED REDACTED letter to Sr. REDACTED dated February 10, 2003  
 with statement of REDACTED dated Tuesday, February 7, 2003
11. Complainant REDACTED allegations against Father Hanley (four pages)
12. Copy of drawing of church grounds
13. Undated interview of REDACTED (two pages)
14. Interview of Msgr. REDACTED Pastor of La Purisima Concepción (one page)
15. Collateral Data of REDACTED and Mrs. REDACTED (two pages)
16. REDACTED memo to Msgr. Cox, REDACTED dated  
 August 26, 2004 (one page)
17. REDACTED letter to Msgr. Cox dated October 13, 2005 (one page)
18. Memo from REDACTED to Msgr. Cox dated November 2, 2005 (one page)
19. Letter from REDACTED to Msgr. Cox dated November 14, 2005
20. Letter from REDACTED s to Msgr. Cox dated November 15, 2005
21. Letter from Msgr. Cox to REDACTED dated November 14, 2005 together with a series  
 of questions to ask Father Hanley.
22. Cover memo from REDACTED to Msgr. Cox with the Bishop's contact information  
 dated October 13, 2005
23. Father Hanley's interview dated November 30, 2005 (four pages)
24. Report if REDACTED , canonical auditor, dated November 8, 2005 (ten pages)
25. Memo from REDACTED to Msgr. Cox and REDACTED dated November 29, 2005 (one  
 page)
26. Statement for Weekend Masses at La Purísima Concepción, Lompoc [English and  
 Spanish] (December 3-4, 2005)
27. Memo from REDACTED to Msgr. Cox and REDACTED dated December 7, 2005
28. Msgr. Cox's memo to file dated January 23, 2006
29. REDACTED s memo to Msgr. Cox and REDACTED dated January 27, 2006

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19 June 2006

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.,  
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Office of Vicar for Clergy,  
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Dear Monsignor Craig,

I received your letter and confidential literature by registered post and am grateful for same. It now remains for us to take it from here and that is not going to be easy.

Please convey my sincere gratitude to the Sister who works in your office. Sister has been extremely kind every time I telephoned.

Yours sincerely,

REDACTED

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October 16, 2007

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St. Mary's Cathedral  
Sligo, Ireland

**Re: Fr. Bernard Brian Hanley**

REDACTED

In response to your request, we summarize the results of the civil and canonical investigations conducted by this Archdiocese of the allegations of child sexual abuse against Father Bernard Brian Hanley, a priest of the Diocese of Elphin.

On August 27, 2002 REDACTED called the Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Ministry and reported that Father Hanley had sexually abused her children, namely REDACTED REDACTED was born on December 10, 1959 and REDACTED was born on March 19, 1961. They both currently live in Utah. Mrs. REDACTED was unaware of the abuse when it occurred but remembers that Father Hanley left the parish abruptly without saying goodbye. She believes that is because the Archdiocese learned of his criminal acts and quickly removed him from the jurisdiction.

REDACTED REDACTED the head of the Assistance Ministry, called Mrs. REDACTED in September 2002 and reached her in Utah. REDACTED said that she was abused three or four times when she was four years old by a priest who she initially referred to as Father "Hammond." REDACTED described an incident after mass in which she and Father Hanley lay naked in his bed, with Father Hanley having an erect penis and masturbating.

In September, 2002 REDACTED called Sister REDACTED and said that he could not recall "anything concrete" and noted that his sister had brought the issue up. At that time he did not want to file a police report regarding the abuse. He said that his sister had had problems in her life and this made more sense now.

In the canonical interview of Ms. REDACTED enclosed, held on January 21, 2003 she stated that she was abused after eating in the rectory with Father Hanley and Father REDACTED She

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described the abuse as follows: "I only remember one incident." She described the molestation as follows: "Where? It had to be his room. I remember being on the bed, and my back was to him; his front was facing me. . . he had some clothes on. I remember his erection. . . I just remember him up against my back." Ms. REDACTED signed the statement at the end of the second page and dated it 2/7/03.

REDACTED, the mother of REDACTED and REDACTED was interviewed on February 7, 2003. In her statement, enclosed, she said that the first time either child mentioned being abused was when REDACTED mentioned it on the front porch when she was in her early teens. Both parents did not believe her at the time. REDACTED however did remember that Father Hanley visited them frequently during the week after dinner and she remembers REDACTED being uncomfortable with Father Hanley around.

On December 24, 2003 REDACTED and her brother REDACTED filed a complaint in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles. The complaint alleges that in approximately the mid-1960's Father Hanley sexually molested Mrs. REDACTED and Mr. REDACTED who at the time were minors. The sexual abuse allegedly occurred at many different places including the grounds of a parish and school in Lompoc, California. We enclose a copy of the complaint for your records. The parish would have been La Purisima, Lompoc, California where Father Hanley was assigned from October 1, 1963 until his return to Ireland on or about October 12, 1965.

On March 16, 2004 Mr. REDACTED answered various question relating to his abuse in writing. We enclose a copy of his Claimant Questionnaire. He testified in this document that Father Hanley sexually abused him "multiple times." He described the abuse as follows: "he fondled me, he used me to masturbate himself, he sodomized me, and he abused my sister and I together." He testified that the abuse occurred in 1965-66.

On April 24, 2004 Mrs. REDACTED answered various questions relating to her abuse in writing. We enclose a copy of her Claimant Questionnaire. She stated under oath that she was sexually abused by Father Hanley "multiple times." He fondled her, rubbed his naked body against her backside, took her clothes off and rubbed her against his backside, and he would masturbate himself against her until he ejaculated. She testified that these incidents occurred over a two year period in 1965-66.

We have reviewed the clergy file for Father Hanley, enclosed. It reflects that he was ordained in Diocese of Elphin but initially assigned to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. While he was in the seminary, Father Hanley wrote on July 8, 1957 to Cardinal McIntyre, the then Archbishop of Los Angeles, and reported that he had been "guilty of a serious breach of discipline in participating in a secret student Christmas party in the [Irish] College" and that the Rector would no longer retain

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him as a student. He requested an assignment in Los Angeles which Cardinal McIntyre granted. Father Hanley assumed his first assignment here in August, 1958 and stayed until October, 1965.

There is an ominous letter and note in Father Hanley's clergy file. The letter dated May 4, 1964 is from Auxiliary Bishop Timothy Manning (Later Cardinal Manning) to Father Hanley at La Purisima Parish, Lompoc. The letter says, "It is important that I see you soon..." On the bottom of the letter in handwriting under the date of May 12 Bishop Manning wrote, "I talked with Fr. Hanley re the complaint. He agreed to limit associations with family in question." Cardinal Manning of course has passed away.

In October, 1965 Father Hanley was recalled by his bishop in Elphin.

Our file indicates that in October, 1967 Father Hanley wrote again to Cardinal McIntyre requesting permission to return to Los Angeles. The Chancellor of the Archdiocese at that time Monsignor Hawkes prepared a memorandum to the file dated November 8, 1967. It indicates that he presented Father Hanley's request to return to the Archdiocese to the Board of Consultors with the following recommendation:

"Father Hanley's history indicates nothing but trouble, which started when he was a student in Rome. I would like to reply to his petition stating that the Consultors appreciate his inquiry and recommend that he continue to work in Ireland."

Monsignor Hawkes has passed away.

REDACTED REDACTED was the Pastor at La Purisima Concepcion Parish during the period of alleged abuse, and is named by Plaintiffs as someone who should have known about the abuse. On November 2, 2005, REDACTED was interviewed and provided the following information:

REDACTED was born in 1913, ordained in Ireland in 1938, and came to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1938. He served in several parishes before coming to La Purisima in 1955, and served there as Pastor until his retirement in 1987. He cannot recall anyone in the REDACTED family ever being in his company in the rectory, and certainly not REDACTED. He did corroborate that the REDACTED family lived at REDACTED REDACTED from the rectory. REDACTED stated that he never received any complaints regarding Hanley and noted that Hanley did not leave suddenly, or under a cloud of suspicion. The parishioners were aware that Hanley was leaving - in fact, Hanley's replacement started the day after Hanley left for Ireland, evidencing that the church had planned in advance for this transition. The reason for Hanley's departure was that his Irish Bishop contacted Hanley and told him that he either had to become incardinated into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, or return home. As Hanley apparently was not eligible to be incardinated at the time, he returned to

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Ireland. REDACTED added that Hanley has returned to Lompoc to visit on two or three occasions, since his 1965 departure.

Father REDACTED then became Pastor at La Purisima Concepcion Parish, and served at this parish for the past eleven years – up until last year. Father REDACTED noted that REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED was the Pastor of La Purisima from 1955 until around 1986, and now lives in an apartment in Lompoc. When Father REDACTED arrived at La Purisima, he made some modifications to the rectory. Contrary to Mrs. REDACTED description of the rectory, Fr. REDACTED stated that there was no dark wood in the rectory when he arrived. He also pointed out that the rectory has always had one staircase in the building's interior.

Father REDACTED has never met Fr. Hanley, yet he *does* know REDACTED REDACTED According to Father REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED, would never have allowed an unescorted four-year-old girl to eat at the rectory as Mrs. REDACTED claims while he was Pastor, for REDACTED vehemently believes that the rectory dining room is only for clergy. Father REDACTED cited an occasion when he invited REDACTED REDACTED to dine at La Purisima's rectory. REDACTED REDACTED accepted this invitation, not knowing that they would be joined by three deacons and their wives. After this dinner, REDACTED REDACTED advised Father REDACTED never to invite him when non-clergy were dining in the rectory.

REDACTED are the daughters of REDACTED the former REDACTED and REDACTED at La Purisima Concepcion Parish during the 1960's and 1970's. REDACTED is deceased. Ms. REDACTED has followed in her mother's footsteps, for she is currently the REDACTED at Queen of Angles Parish in Lompoc.

Both daughters emphasized that REDACTED was very strict about how the rectory was run, and never would have invited a guest of any age to eat with the priests in the rectory kitchen. REDACTED noted that her mother would give children cookies on occasion, but never allowed them outside the kitchen, into other parts of the rectory.

If REDACTED saw anything out of the ordinary, she would advise REDACTED REDACTED and also call her daughter, REDACTED as they were very close and shared everything. For example, a young priest was killed in a hang gliding accident and when cleaning out his room, REDACTED found pornography. She reported the matter to REDACTED REDACTED and told REDACTED Both daughters state that they never heard anything negative from their mother regarding Father Hanley.

REDACTED stated that she attended an informal "going away" party for Father Hanley in 1965, which was held at REDACTED house. According to REDACTED, it was common knowledge that Father Hanley would be returning to Ireland.

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REDACTED REDACTED is the current Pastor of Queen of Angels Church in Lompoc, and was an Associate Pastor at La Purisima from 1967 through 1972, and again from 1983 until 1985. He met Father Hanley around 1964, through a mutual friend, Father REDACTED REDACTED had attended the same seminary as Hanley in Ireland. According to Monsignor REDACTED they would all play golf together in the Lompoc, Santa Barbara and Fillmore areas, and on several occasions, they all had dinner afterwards with REDACTED REDACTED t the La Purisima rectory.

REDACTED REDACTED emphasized that before the Plaintiffs' allegations, he had never heard of any problems related to Father Hanley. Everyone he had encountered spoke very highly of Father Hanley.

Monsignor REDACTED knew REDACTED , for she was the housekeeper when REDACTED began his 1967 assignment at La Purisima. REDACTED characterizes REDACTED as a "very sharp good person" and an excellent cook and housekeeper. She had nothing but positive comments regarding Father Hanley.

Based upon REDACTED REDACTED observances at La Purisima, he believes that REDACTED would never have allowed a child to eat in the rectory kitchen, and neither REDACTED REDACTED nor REDACTED would have allowed a child to be in the upstairs area, much less in a priest's room. REDACTED adds that during his time at La Purisima, the only non-cleric he remembers that ate in the rectory kitchen was the Principal of La Purisima.

REDACTED REDACTED recalls that in addition to the Pastor, Associate Pastor and housekeeper, there was a prison chaplain living at La Purisima - Father REDACTED

REDACTED REDACTED said that everybody knew the REDACTED family, but he does not associate them with being friends of Father Hanley. He believes there were at least REDACTED between the rectory and the REDACTED home.

REDACTED REDACTED stated that REDACTED who claimants believe is a witness to Father Hanley's inappropriate conduct was a parishioner, but noted that she never worked for the parish. He believes she still resides in the Lompoc area. He describes the rectory as containing light oak wood, one interior staircase, and perhaps some type of tile on the first floor. He noted that Father Hanley's bedroom from 1963-65 was up the stairs and to the left, on the opposite end of the building as REDACTED REDACTED bedroom.

REDACTED REDACTED did not recall Father Brian Hanley. During the 1960's, REDACTED worked at the chancery in the insurance department. In 1970, he became Chancellor, at the same time REDACTED ; was named Archbishop. According to REDACTED, the Archdiocese rarely incardinated extern priests during the 1960's, so it is no surprise that Father Hanley eventually returned to Ireland. In 1970, Archbishop REDACTED changed this policy, increasing the number of externs incardinated into the Archdiocese or Los Angeles REDACTED

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speculated that the primary reason behind the 1960's policy was the fact that when the incardination of an Irish extern was proposed, Irish bishops would often request that the Archdiocese reimburse the Irish diocese for the cost of educating this priest. Therefore, the only circumstance in which an extern priest would be commonly incardinated into Los Angeles was when he served as Pastor, since Pastors must be incardinated in the diocese of their pastorate.

REDACTED was a parishioner at La Purisima during the period of alleged abuse, and states that she was active in church and school matters at this time. Of all the priests who ministered at La Purisima over the years, she knew REDACTED REDACTED and Father Hanley the best. Father Hanley frequently visited her home, had coffee and played with her six children, all of whom went to the parish school. According to Mrs. REDACTED, Father Hanley got along well with both children and adults. She cannot remember him ever imbibing.

REDACTED maintains that Father Hanley's departure was no secret – she knew at least two weeks beforehand. Father Hanley told her that he was recalled to serve in Ireland, and he never seemed upset about this transfer.

She knew REDACTED quite well, and does not believe REDACTED would have permitted children at the priests' table or allowed them upstairs in the rectory. Regarding the Plaintiffs' other "notice" witness, she never heard of anyone named REDACTED working at the parish.

Additionally, Mrs. REDACTED noted that the REDACTED were a large family and that REDACTED REDACTED would help at the parish school. She does not know if they were friends with Hanley.

REDACTED is the son of REDACTED, and was the person who drove Fr. Hanley from Lompoc to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) the day of Hanley's departure (October 5, 1965). REDACTED states that Hanley was not upset about returning to Ireland, and did not mention any desire or attempts to remain in the United States.

REDACTED maintains that he knew about Father Hanley's departure well in advance, because REDACTED was sixteen at this time, and it was the furthest he had ever driven a car. Furthermore, Father Hanley gave the REDACTED family a pet poodle when he left, and REDACTED knew they were getting a dog well before it arrived. REDACTED also pointed out that they stopped at several locations so that Hanley could say goodbye to some priest friends, and they were all expecting him (i.e. Father Hanley's departure was not unexpected or rushed).

REDACTED added that he knew Father Hanley better than any other priest at La Purisima. Father Hanley encouraged REDACTED to be an altar boy, and he emphasizes that Hanley "was a good man" and he never heard anything negative about him.

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REDACTED was a parishioner at La Purisima, and first met Father Hanley in 1963 when he arrived at this parish. While in Lompoc, Father Hanley visited her house for dinner and occasionally would visit the shop her husband owned. She notes that Father Hanley's bishop in Ireland asked Hanley to return, and there was nothing secret about his departure. Since his 1965 departure, Hanley has visited Lompoc two or three times, and REDACTED and her husband have visited him in Ireland two or three times. She added that Father Hanley is a good man, and she and her husband think so highly of him that they named their first son REDACTED after him.

REDACTED was a parishioner at La Purisima during the period of alleged abuse. She noted that Father Hanley visited her house so often (frequently for dinner), that he was given a key to the house. Hanley would also play golf and drink martinis and wine with her husband. She never saw him drink beer (as alleged by REDACTED. REDACTED noted that the small party shortly before Hanley's departure might have been a going away farewell, but she could not be certain. However, she knew Hanley was leaving well in advance of his actual departure. She added that Hanley never appeared upset to be leaving Lompoc.

REDACTED did not know if Father Hanley was a friend of the REDACTED. She also commented that she knew REDACTED, who "ran a strict rectory." REDACTED never observed children in the rectory during the period of alleged abuse.

REDACTED currently lives two doors down from La Purisima's rectory, and lived in this house at the time of the alleged abuse (1965-66). At this time, the REDACTED also lived about two doors from her. She recalls that the REDACTED and Father Hanley were not close friends. Mrs. REDACTED never noticed Father Hanley watching the REDACTED house, and is unaware of any improper conduct involving Hanley.

She added that REDACTED (one of the Plaintiffs' "notice" witnesses) never worked for the parish, but did assist at La Purisima School on hot dog days.

Our investigator did some computerized research on the claimants. REDACTED REDACTED

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In 2005 my predecessor, Monsignor Craig Cox, received a letter from you which indicated that in September, 1985, an anonymous complaint was made by "a trustworthy mother" that Hanley had engaged in "indecent behavior" in Ireland with her 14 and 16 year old daughters and that other girls had similar frightening experiences with Hanley. Also you reported that in 1985 a married woman in Ireland provided a signed statement that Hanley had sexually assaulted her. Finally your letter indicates other ominous but vague reports of sexual misconduct.

*Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela*, promulgated in 2001 by the REDACTED provides that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith reserves to itself the exclusive right to judge delicts against morals committed by members of the clergy upon minors under the age of eighteen (18) years. Art. 4, § 1. A criminal action for this delict is extinguished by prescription once the victim is over 28 years of age. Art. 5, § 1. The REDACTED however, granted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith the faculty to derogate from the prescription on a case-by-case basis upon the request of the bishop and the reasons presented. (*Audience granted to REDACTED on 7 November 2002*) We have been informed in Los Angeles by victims and their advocates and experts that victims of childhood sexual abuse often are too embarrassed to come forward until they are quite mature – not infrequently until they are in their 30's or even older. Accordingly, it is appropriate for you to consider making a request for an exception to the prescription in each case of childhood sexual abuse by a cleric when the victim has not come forward until he or she is older.

Article 13 of *Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela* provides that whenever REDACTED finds upon preliminary investigation pursuant to Canon 1717 that the accusation of child sexual abuse has a semblance of truth the matter must be communicated to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith which will direct REDACTED about how to proceed.

We have reviewed the accusations of REDACTED of childhood sexual abuse in this Archdiocese by Father Hanley. Although the accusations may be considered to have a semblance of truth in that the victims and the priest were at the same parish and had some degree of acquaintance at the time of the alleged abuse, we consider the accusations suspect. We certainly feel that the number of incidents and the intensity of the alleged abuse has grown with each telling by the claimants. Based on our records and the memories of the persons interviewed, these siblings are the only persons here who have ever come forward to allege any improper conduct by Father Hanley. The priests and parishioners that we were able to interview all spoke highly of Father Hanley and none had any belief that he would commit such criminal

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acts. Nevertheless, the letter and note of May, 1964 of then-auxiliary bishop Manning (later Cardinal Manning) mentioned above as well as the recommendation of Monsignor Hawkes on the question of Father Hanley's return to Los Angeles in 1967 are ominous. During the 1960's improper acts of this nature were not always clearly and completely investigated or memorialized in the clergy files. In sum, this is a troubling case and probably one that would be best served by obtaining the experience of your diocese with Father Hanley and the insight of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Should you have any questions, the undersigned as well as our attorneys and investigators who developed most of the evidence would be pleased to assist you.

I take this opportunity to express to Your Excellency my prayerful best wishes. With sentiments of esteem, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Monsignor Gabriel Gonzales  
Vicar for Clergy

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CMOB # 107  
 Considered by CMOB   
 Inactive Date 2/22/2006  
 Case Name Irish Visitor  
 Active Case?

Priest Name Hanley, Brian Bernard  
 DOB  
 Ethnicity Irish  
 Diocese Diocese of Elphin, Ireland  
 Canon State Extern Priest  
 Religious Order  
 Incardination External  
 Date Of Ordination 6-15-1958  
 Clergy Status Left Archdiocese

**Clergy (Faculties)**

Religious

Diocesan

**Description**

**Deacon**

**DOB**

**Diocese**

**Ethnicity**

**Ordination**

**Status**

Date Referred to Vicar 11/16/2005  
 Date Of Alleged Incident 1963  
 Alleged Victim Youth - Female  
 Multiple Victims   
 Accusers  
 Investigation Complete   
 Investigator Name REDACTED  
 Removed From Ministry   
 Date Removed From Ministry  
 Date Returned To Ministry  
 Case Disposition Unsubstantiated  
 DispositionComments

Intervention

Description In 2002, the complainant's mother called Sr. REDACTED alleging that when her daughter was 4 years old she had been sexually abused by Fr. Hanley. Claimant is currently 45 years old and reportedly has had problem with alcohol and drug abuse. The claimant recalled the events as a result of "recovered memory." Claimant lives in Utah and was interviewed by a canonical investigator in Utah. She claims that the abuse happened after she had a meal in the parish rectory with Fr. Hanley and the pastor. Important discrepancies exist between what she told Sr. REDACTED what she told the Canonical investigator and what the statements she made in her claimant's

questionnaire. Her brother also called Sr. <sup>REDACTED</sup> in 2002 but was unable to recall any sexual abuse. Subsequently, the claimant and her brother have both filed lawsuits. Two other unconfirmed allegations have been made against Fr Hanley since he has returned to Ireland. Fr Hanley's bishop asked the CMOB to provide an assessment as to the credibility of the claims.

*Case Status*

November 16, 2005	A bishop in Ireland has asked the Board to review the evidence in the allegation against Fr Hanley. In 2002, Sr. <sup>REDACTED</sup> received a call from the mother of the claimant who alleged that her daughter had been abused when she was four years old. <sup>REDACTED</sup> stated that the alleged abuse reportedly happened after the claimant had been invited to the rectory for a meal. A person familiar with the rectory at that time expressed serious doubts that a young child would be invited to eat at the rectory. Board recommended that an announcement be made in the parish to see if anyone comes forward with additional information.
December 07, 2005	An announcement was made in Father's former parish in Lompoc. No one has come forward with additional information. It appears that the "hot dog" lady is deceased.
January 25, 2006	No one has come forward in the parish since the announcement concerning the investigation was made. Father has strongly denied the allegations in his interview in Ireland. <sup>REDACTED</sup> will request permission from claimant's attorney to interview claimant.
February 22, 2006	<sup>REDACTED</sup> contacted claimant's attorney and requested permission to interview claimant. No response has been received to this request. The consensus of the Board is that, based on the evidence presented so far, the allegations have not been substantiated. A copy of <sup>REDACTED</sup> 's report should be sent to the bishop in Ireland.
March 14, 2006	Board recommendations sent to <sup>REDACTED</sup>
March 16, 2006	Cardinal concurs in Board's recommendations.
March 16, 2006	Cardinal concurs in Board's recommendations.

*Follow Up*

*Follow Up Date*

*Legal Proceedings*

*Legal Proceedings?*

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*Response*

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*Sent To Rome?*

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*Canonical Trial*

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*Canonical Disposition*

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**Vicar for Clergy Database**

Clergy Assignment Record

**Rev Brian Bernard Hanley**

*Current Primary Assignment*

*Age*

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*Birth City*

Ireland

*Diaconate Ordination*

*Priesthood Ordination*

6/15/1958

*Diocese Name*

Diocese of Elphin, Ireland

*Date of Incardination*

*Religious Community*

*Ritual Ascription*

*Ministry Status*

Left Archdiocese

*Seminary*

*Ethnicity*

Irish

**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training**

*Date Background Check*

*Safeguard Training*

**Assignment History**

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Left Archdiocese, Returned to Ireland. Diocese of Elphin.	10/12/1965	
La Purisima Concepcion Catholic Church, Lompoc Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	10/1/1963	10/11/1965
St. Mariana de Paredes Catholic Church, Pico Rivera Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/14/1962	9/30/1963
St. Kevin Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/10/1961	5/13/1962
St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Lynwood Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service, From Diocese of Elphin Ireland	8/28/1958	5/9/1961




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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Cardinal Roger Mahony

FROM: REDACTED  
Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board

RE: *Recommendation of the Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board  
Reverend Brian Bernard Hanley (CMOB 107)*

DATE: 14 March 2006

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requested that we investigate a complaint that had been made against the Reverend Brian Bernard Hanley, who was incardinated there, and make an assessment of the credibility of the claim and report our findings to him.

The Board met on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 and discussed the case of Father Hanley. He served in this Archdiocese from 1958 through 1965 when he returned to Ireland. His last appointment in Los Angeles was at La Purisima Concepción Parish in Lompoc.

In 2002, a report was received by the Assistance Ministry office from a woman who claimed that her daughter was sexually abused by Father Hanley in Lompoc when the girl was four years of age. Phone conversations were held with the mother, daughter and a son, who were living in Utah. An interview with the daughter and her mother was arranged with the assistance of the Diocese of Salt Lake City. A lawsuit was filed later in which both the daughter and son claim to have been abused by Father Hanley, the boy being approximately six years of age at the time of the purported abuse. The claims of abuse made by the daughter include fondling, sodomy and being used as an object of masturbation. The son claimed to have been fondled and used as an object of masturbation and that the priest disrobed and rubbed his naked body against him.

REDACTED served as canonical auditor in the case. The events are purported to have occurred forty years ago and are very, very difficult to investigate. Mr. REDACTED visited the parish and conducted a variety of interviews with priests and laity. Father Hanley was interviewed by a canonical auditor in Ireland. Father Hanley denied any misconduct with either child and took issue with the accuracy and veracity of a number of claims made by the complainants. Mr. REDACTED made an initial report to the Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board at our November 2005 meeting. Sister REDACTED also attended the meeting, since she had significant contact with the complainants and their mother in the earlier stages of the investigation. The Board recommended that an announcement be made at the parish to see if any other person might come forward. That announcement was made the weekend of December 3-4, 2005 and no additional complainants were made.

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The Board considered the matter again at our January meeting and recommended that an attempt be made to have another interview with the woman complainant, since the first interview was done in Salt Lake City and had not been done by one of our canonical auditors. A request for a follow up interview was made through the attorney for the woman complainant, but our request was not accepted.

Mr. REDACTED presented a detailed report to the Board. His investigation uncovered a number of factual errors in the claims made by the complainant. Additionally, the allegations of the two complainants have not been consistent. Most importantly, the brother originally claimed he had no memory of being abused. He now claims to have been abused and to have told others about this before he first spoke with us which is contrary to what he told us. The investigation revealed evidence that either contradicted or undermined several elements of the complainant's story, specifically with regard to dining in the rectory and her description of the rectory.

REDACTED provided information that Father Hanley had engaged in other inappropriate activities in Ireland. No details of these complaints were provided to us and those matters are being pursued by REDACTED in Ireland.

In assessing the results of our investigation, the members of the Board discussed the little available evidence at length. We would like to have and would consider the statements of the complainants if they agree to an interview with our canonical auditor. Otherwise, we do not see that any further avenues of investigation are available. Given the contradictory elements in the claim and the fact that the investigation uncovered no evidence supportive of the allegation and some evidence that undermined the allegation, the Board unanimously concluded that the allegations were *not substantiated*.

If you approve, Monsignor Cox will provide the results of our investigation and the Board's assessment to REDACTED. Of course, ultimately, it is REDACTED who must consider this information and whatever other information he has developed and make his own determination about what action he should take with respect to Father Hanley.

Thank you.

*I concur with your conclusion and recommendation.*

*\* Roger Card. Mahony*  
*16 March 2006*

May 22, 2006

**Confidential**

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St. Mary's Sligo

RE: Reverend Brian Hanley

REDACTED  
Dear

I have been directed by our Archbishop, Cardinal Roger Mahony to make a report to you with regard to our canonical investigation of the allegations made against Reverend Brian Hanley, a priest of your diocese.

As you know, a complaint was made in which REDACTED claimed that Father Hanley abused her sexually when she was a minor. Upon receipt of the initial complaint, we arranged for an interview of Ms. REDACTED and her mother, which was conducted by an official of the REDACTED where they are currently domiciled. Additionally, an official of this Archdiocese spoke with, \_\_\_\_\_, the brother of the complainant, by telephone.

Subsequently a lawsuit was filed by Ms. REDACTED and her brother in which both claim to have been harmed by such abuse. Ms. REDACTED claims that the abuse took place in 1965 when she was four years of age; Mr. REDACTED indicates that he was age six at the time of the abuse. The abusive activities allegedly occurred while Father Hanley was serving as Associate Pastor of La Purissima Concepción Parish, Lompoc, having received permission from one of your predecessors to serve here for a time.

We initiated a preliminary investigation in accord with the provisions of canons 1717-1719. Mr. REDACTED was appointed as canonical Auditor to conduct the inquiry. Mr. REDACTED is a private investigator and a retired Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He visited the parish, interviewed the former pastor, and interviewed other parishioners from the era in question. He also examined the physical layout of the rectory and the neighborhood. Mr. REDACTED prepared questions to be posed to Father Hanley, and you appointed a canonical auditor to obtain his testimony. We also wished to conduct further interviews with the complainants. Because of the pending litigation, this request was made through the attorney representing the two complainants. We received no authorization to interview them.

As the investigation progressed, reports were made by the Auditor to our Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board. The Board discussed the matter on several occasions. The Board recommended that an announcement be made at the parish about the allegation to see if perhaps

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that would provide an opportunity for new complainants to come forward. The announcement was made but no new complaints were received.

Once the Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board concluded that all reasonable avenues of investigation had been pursued, it then discussed the merits of the case and offered its assessment to Cardinal Mahony. The Board regretted that we were not afforded the opportunity to conduct a fuller interview with the complainants. The Board concluded that, based on the evidence, the allegations against Father Hanley concerning his time of service in this Archdiocese are "unsubstantiated." This conclusion reflects the fact that there are elements in the evidence that tend to undermine or even contradict some of the claims of the complainants. The Board prescinded from any consideration of the two complaints made regarding Father Hanley in Ireland since we had no evidence about these matters and since these matters were beyond our competence to investigate. We trust that you and your advisors will take into account information regarding those matters in making any final decision about Father Hanley's future in ministry.

The Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board communicated its finding that the claims are unsubstantiated to Cardinal Mahony, and recommended that the case be closed unless and until the two complainants would agree to be interviewed canonically. The Cardinal accepted this recommendation. The canonical preliminary investigation was closed.

Enclosed, please find complete copies of the information gleaned during the investigation so that you can personally review that evidence. These materials are provided to you under the norms of canon law and the confidentiality required for canonical preliminary investigations.

I trust that this information is helpful to you. I regret that we were not able to complete the investigation as expeditiously as would have been ideal.

May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.  
Vicar for Clergy

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**This is my draft of the letter in the Hanley case.**

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November 8, 2005

Canonical Investigation of Father Bernard Brian Hanley

Report of REDACTED canonical auditor

REDACTED, born REDACTED, alleges in Los Angeles Superior Court Complaint BC 308364 filed December 24, 2003, that in approximately the mid-1960s Father Bernard Brian Hanley molested her at many places including on the grounds of La Purisima Concepcion Church and school in Lompoc, California. In the same Complaint REDACTED brother, born REDACTED alleges Hanley abused him during the same period of his sister's allegation and in the same places.

Based on this during October and November 2005 the files of Hanley were reviewed and the following individuals interviewed:

1. REDACTED of the Victims Assistance Ministry, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
2. Father REDACTED of La Purisima Concepcion Church
3. REDACTED of La Purisima Concepcion
4. REDACTED of La Purisima Concepcion
5. Father REDACTED of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
6. REDACTED parishioner
7. REDACTED, daughter of REDACTED (deceased) the former cook and housekeeper of La Purisima Concepcion
8. REDACTED daughter of REDACTED
9. REDACTED parishioner
10. REDACTED former parishioner
11. Monsignor John A. Rawden (retired), former chancellor for Archdiocese of Los Angeles
12. REDACTED, parishioner
13. REDACTED former parishioner

Hanley was ordained in Ireland June 15, 1958. His first assignment in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles began August 28, 1958, at Saint Philip Neri and after that he served at Saint Kevin and Saint Mariana de Paredes before being assigned to La Purisima Concepcion in Lompoc on October 1, 1963. He served as an associate pastor there until he returned to Ireland October 12, 1965. He most recently served as pastor of a parish in the Diocese of Elphin, Ireland. He has been on administrative leave for approximately three weeks after Irish media stories created the need for him to temporarily step aside. There have been

no other similar sexual abuse complaints lodged against him but in 1985 in Ireland an anonymous complaint was made against him alleging his "indecent behaviour" with teenage girls and another by a married woman claiming he assaulted her.

REDACTED is living in REDACTED and was married from 1975 until 1985. REDACTED

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brothers and an older sister.

She has a younger brother, three older

On November 1, 2005, Sister REDACTED was interviewed and provided the following information:

The Los Angeles Archdiocese became aware of the alleged abuse in this matter on August 27, 2002, through REDACTED's mother REDACTED. After repeated attempts on September 18, 2002, REDACTED made telephonic contact with REDACTED n REDACTED. During this conversation REDACTED told REDACTED that she (REDACTED) was abused three or four times when she was four years old by a priest she initially referred to as Father REDACTED. It was later determined she meant Hanley. REDACTED recalled an incident after Mass with Hanley having a hard erect penis and masturbating while they were both naked laying on his bed with her back to him. She also made reference to her brother's window facing the second story rectory window of Hanley and Hanley standing outside while children role-played in the window while partially naked.

REDACTED during this same period telephonically told REDACTED that Hanley was a close family friend who suddenly disappeared from Lompoc and never said good-bye.

In late August or early September 2002 REDACTED also telephonically contacted REDACTED. He told REDACTED he did not remember anything concrete regarding abuse of himself by Hanley but that his sister, REDACTED had brought the issue up to him. He did not want to file a police report regarding the abuse.

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Hanley was not upset about returning to Ireland and did not mention to him trying to stay in the United States.

REDACTED knew about driving Hanley well in advance because that was the furthest he had driven a car at that time and he gave it a lot of thought in the days leading up to it. On the way to LAX Hanley stopped to say goodbye to some priest friends who were expecting him. Hanley gave REDACTED mother his pet poodle when he left and REDACTED knew there was to be a new dog in the house well before it arrived.

Hanley encouraged him to be an altar boy and he knew Hanley better than any other priest in the parish. Hanley was a good man and he never heard any complaints regarding Hanley.

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She has lived in the same house, two doors from the rectory for many years. She lived there when Father Brian Hanley was an associate pastor in the parish. At that time the REDACTED lived two doors down from her so she lived between the REDACTED and the rectory. The REDACTED and Hanley were not close friends. Hanley never did anything untoward as far as she knows and she never saw him watching the REDACTED house.

REDACTED never worked for the parish but did assist at the school on hot dog days. She explained that periodically the students were given hot dogs at the school for lunch.

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She met Father Brian Hanley in 1963 when he came to La Purisima Concepcion and they have been good friends ever since. While in Lompoc he came to her home for dinner and during the day on occasion visited her husband at his shop. After about two years at Lompoc his bishop in Ireland asked Hanley to return and he did. There was nothing secret about it. He has returned to visit in Lompoc two or three times and she and her husband have visited him in Ireland two or three times. Hanley is a good man and they think so highly of him they named their first son REDACTED after him.

On November 2, 2005, REDACTED and REDACTED were interviewed together and provided the following information:

They are REDACTED daughters. Their mother came from Italy and was the housekeeper and cook for the priests at La Purisima Concepcion for more than 20 years.

REDACTED was very strict about how the rectory was run and who was allowed where. She never ate with the priests or their guests or sat at the priests' table. If she ate anything while at the rectory it would have been while standing over the sink and would have been something like a piece of bread. REDACTED told her to sit and eat but she knew her place and would not do that. She would not have ever thought about inviting a guest of any age to eat with the priests or in the rectory in any fashion. She did give children cookies on occasion but never allowed them outside the kitchen.

If REDACTED saw anything out of the ordinary happen in the rectory she would advise REDACTED and call REDACTED as they were very close and she shared things like this with REDACTED. A young priest was killed in a hang gliding accident and when cleaning out



his room. REDACTED found pornography, which upset her. She told REDACTED and REDACTED about it. She never had anything bad to say regarding Hanley.

REDACTED was at a party at REDACTED and REDACTED house attended by Hanley and as she recalls it was a going away get together or at least everyone there knew about his leaving. The parishioners knew this well in advance of his departure. The REDACTED now reside in Graeagle, California.

Hanley liked living in Lompoc but they do not know if he asked to be incardinated in the Los Angeles Archdiocese or if his REDACTED was a REDACTED

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Father Brian Hanley came to her home so often, including frequently for dinner, when he was at La Purisima Concepcion that he was given a key to the house. The small party she had that he attended shortly prior to his departure might have been a going away party for him, she could not be certain. She knew he was leaving well before he returned to Ireland and he recruited her to be the head of the altar society and after she accepted he was transferred.

He never appeared upset to be leaving. When he returned to Lompoc on vacation he stayed at her house and was always happy and never complained about Ireland.

He played golf with her husband and drank martinis at the golf course and wine at her house. She never saw him consume beer.

She does not know if he was a friend of the REDACTED

She knew REDACTED and REDACTED an a strict rectory. She never observed children in the rectory during that era.

On November 15, 2005, Father REDACTED was telephonically interviewed and provided the following information:

He is the REDACTED of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

He remembers Father Brian Hanley and played golf with him a few times while Hanley was in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He recalls nothing about Hanley's return to Ireland or even if he wanted to leave.

## Analysis & Observations

1. These allegations were brought to the attention of the Los Angeles Archdiocese 37 years after the acts allegedly took place.
2. There are conflicts in the three renditions of the allegation given by REDACTED and a lack of consistency.
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6. Both REDACTED and REDACTED identify REDACTED (deceased), the rectory cook and housekeeper, as someone who observed them in the rectory and was

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Although it cannot be said with certainty, based on the inconsistencies of the complainants' allegations and other observations set forth above, it seems unlikely that the alleged abuse described by the complainants took place.

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Canonical Investigation of Father Bernard Brian Hanley

Report of REDACTED, canonical auditor

REDACTED born REDACTED alleges in Los Angeles Superior Court Complaint BC 308364 filed December 24, 2003, that in approximately the mid-1960s Father Bernard Brian Hanley molested her at many places including on the grounds of La Purisima Concepcion Church and school in Lompoc, California. In the same Complaint REDACTED's brother, born REDACTED alleges Hanley abused him during the same period of his sister's allegation and in the same places.

Based on this during October and November 2005 the files of Hanley were reviewed and the following individuals interviewed:

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REDACTED knew about driving Hanley well in advance because that was the furthest he had driven a car at that time and he gave it a lot of thought in the days leading up to it. On the way to LAX Hanley stopped to say goodbye to some priest friends who were expecting him. Hanley gave REDACTED's mother his pet poodle when he left and REDACTED knew there was to be a new dog in the house well before it arrived.

Hanley encouraged him to be an altar boy and he knew Hanley better than any other priest in the parish. Hanley was a good man and he never heard any complaints regarding Hanley.

On November 2, 2005, REDACTED was interviewed and provided the following information:

She has lived in the same house, two doors from the rectory for many years. She lived there when Father Brian Hanley was an associate pastor in the parish. At that time the REDACTED lived two doors down from her so she lived between the REDACTED and the rectory. The REDACTED and Hanley were not close friends. Hanley never did anything untoward as far as she knows and she never saw him watching the REDACTED house.

REDACTED never worked for the parish but did assist at the school on hot dog days. She explained that periodically the students were given hot dogs at the school for lunch.

On November 2, 2005 REDACTED was interviewed and provided the following information:

She met Father Brian Hanley in 1963 when he came to La Purisima Concepcion and they have been good friends ever since. While in Lompoc he came to her home for dinner and during the day on occasion visited her husband at his shop. After about two years at Lompoc his bishop in Ireland asked Hanley to return and he did. There was nothing secret about it. He has returned to visit in Lompoc two or three times and she and her husband have visited him in Ireland two or three times. Hanley is a good man and they think so highly of him they named their first son Brian after him.

On November 2, 2005 REDACTED and REDACTED were interviewed together and provided the following information:

They are REDACTED daughters. Their mother came from Italy and was the housekeeper and cook for the priests at La Purisima Concepcion for more than 20 years.

REDACTED was very strict about how the rectory was run and who was allowed where. She never ate with the priests or their guests or sat at the priests' table. If she ate anything while at the rectory it would have been while standing over the sink and would have been something like a piece of bread. REDACTED told her to sit and eat but she knew her place and would not do that. She would not have ever thought about inviting a guest of any age to eat with the priests or in the rectory in any fashion. She did give children cookies on occasion but never allowed them outside the kitchen.

If REDACTED saw anything out of the ordinary happen in the rectory she would advise REDACTED and call REDACTED as they were very close and she shared things like this with ----- A young priest was killed in a hang gliding accident and when cleaning out

his room REDACTED found pornography, which upset her. She told REDACTED and REDACTED about it. She never had anything bad to say regarding Hanley.

REDACTED was at a party at REDACTED and REDACTED house attended by Hanley and as she recalls it was a going away get together or at least everyone there knew about his leaving. The parishioners knew this well in advance of his departure. The REDACTED now reside in Graeagle, California.

Hanley liked living in Lompoc but they do not know if he asked to be incardinated in the Los Angeles Archdiocese or if his REDACTED was a REDACTED

On November 4, 2005 REDACTED was telephonically interviewed and provided the following information:

Father Brian Hanley came to her home so often, including frequently for dinner, when he was at La Purisima Concepcion that he was given a key to the house. The small party she had that he attended shortly prior to his departure might have been a going away party for him, she could not be certain. She knew he was leaving well before he returned to Ireland and he recruited her to be the head of the altar society and after she accepted he was transferred.

He never appeared upset to be leaving. When he returned to Lompoc on vacation he stayed at her house and was always happy and never complained about Ireland.

He played golf with her husband and drank martinis at the golf course and wine at her house. She never saw him consume beer.

She does not know if he was a friend of the REDACTED

She knew REDACTED and REDACTED ran a strict rectory. She never observed children in the rectory during that era.

On November 15, 2005, Father REDACTED was telephonically interviewed and provided the following information:

He is the REDACTED of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

He remembers Father Brian Hanley and played golf with him a few times while Hanley was in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He recalls nothing about Hanley's return to Ireland or even if he wanted to leave.

## Analysis & Observations

1. These allegations were brought to the attention of the Los Angeles Archdiocese 37 years after the acts allegedly took place.
2. There are conflicts in the three renditions of the allegation given by REDACTED and a lack of consistency.
  - a. She told Sister REDACTED on August 27, 2002, she was abused three or four times, once after Mass, and that Father Brian Hanley masturbated while they both lay naked on his bed.
  - b. She told REDACTED on January 21, 2003, she remembered only one incident and it was after being invited by REDACTED the cook to have a meal with her, Hanley and the REDACTED REDACTED. She believes she and Hanley were clothed and mentions his erection but not his masturbating.
  - c. In her complainant questionnaire dated April 22, 2004, in support of her lawsuit she claims Hanley sexually abused her multiple times. This includes Hanley's fondling her, he rubbing his naked body against her backside, he taking her clothes off, he rubbing her against his genitals and he masturbating against her until he ejaculated.
3. When REDACTED's brother REDACTED called REDACTED in 2002 he had no independent recollection of any abuse by Hanley. In his complainant questionnaire dated March 16, 2004, in support of his lawsuit REDACTED claims Hanley sexually abused him multiple times. This includes Hanley fondling him, using REDACTED to masturbate himself (Hanley), sodomizing him (REDACTED) and abusing him and REDACTED together. In this document he also says that he told others in 1999-2000 about the abuse.
4. REDACTED were four and five years old when the abuse allegedly took place.
5. Hanley has been a priest for 47 years with no other complaints of this type of sexual abuse. In 1985 an anonymous complaint was made in Ireland involving Hanley having "indecent behaviour" with teenaged girls. The same year in Ireland a married woman claimed Hanley sexually assaulted her.
6. Both REDACTED and REDACTED identify REDACTED (deceased), the rectory cook and housekeeper, as someone who observed them in the rectory and was

aware of them being in Hanley's room. Both daughters of REDACTED advised their mother never invited anyone to the rectory, certainly not a child, and would not have allowed a child upstairs in the rectory.

7. REDACTED both contend that Hanley left Lompoc suddenly but nobody else interviewed recalls this to be the case including priests and parishioners. Archdiocese records reflect on October 11, 1965, Hanley left the parish and on October 12, 1965, another associate pastor took his place indicating the archdiocese knew well in advance Hanley was leaving.
8. REDACTED denies the meal described by REDACTED prior to her abuse ever took place or that she was ever in the rectory. The daughters of the housekeeper and others, although not there, all agree that a meal such as the one described is unlikely to have happened.

Although it cannot be said with certainty, based on the inconsistencies of the complainants' allegations and other observations set forth above, it seems unlikely that the alleged abuse described by the complainants took place.

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Canonical Investigation of Father X

Report of REDACTED canonical auditor

MB, born REDACTED, alleges in Los Angeles Superior Court Complaint BC 308364 filed December 24, 2003, that in approximately the mid-1960s Father X molested her at many places including on the grounds of LP Church and school in California. In the same Complaint REDACTED's brother, born REDACTED, alleges X abused him during the same period of his sister's allegation and in the same places.

Based on this during October and November 2005 the files of Hanley were reviewed and the following individuals interviewed:

REDACTED

X was ordained in Ireland June 15, 1958. His first assignment in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles began August 28, 1958, at Saint N and after that he served at Saint K and Saint P before being assigned to LP on October 1, 1963. He served as an associate pastor there until he returned to Ireland October 12, 1965. He most recently served as pastor of a parish in Ireland. He has been on administrative leave for approximately three weeks after Irish media stories created the need for him to temporarily step aside. There have been no other similar sexual abuse complaints lodged against him but in 1985 in Ireland an anonymous complaint was made against him alleging his "indecent behaviour" with teenage girls and another by a married woman claiming he assaulted her.

REDACTED is living in REDACTED and was married from 1975 until 1985. REDACTED  
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On November 1, 2005, Sister REDACTED was interviewed and provided the following information:

The Los Angeles Archdiocese became aware of the alleged abuse in this matter on August 27, 2002, through REDACTED mother. After repeated attempts on September 18, 2002, REDACTED made telephonic contact with REDACTED in Utah. During this conversation REDACTED told that she was abused three or four times when she was four years old by a priest she initially referred to as Father H. It was later determined she meant X REDACTED recalled an incident after Mass with X having a hard erect penis and masturbating while they were both naked laying on his bed with her back to him. She also made reference to her brother's window facing the second story rectory window of X and X standing outside while children role-played in the window while partially naked.

REDACTED's mother during this same period telephonically told REDACTED that X was a close family friend who suddenly disappeared and never said good-bye.

In late August or early September 200 REDACTED also telephonically contacted REDACTED He told REDACTED he did not remember anything concrete regarding abuse of himself by X but that his sister REDACTED had brought the issue up to him. He did not want to file a police report regarding the abuse.

On January 21, 2003, REDACTED, director of communications and victims' assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Utah, interviewed REDACTED in the presence of REDACTED the director of pastoral operations. Amongst other things REDACTED said, "I only remember one incident. For all I know there may have been more. I was invited to eat at the rectory with REDACTED (the cook), and I remember REDACTED was there, and X." She described the rectory as having a front and back door with a set of stairs leading up from each door and a lot of dark wood on the floor and the walls and some linoleum flooring. She recalled being on the bed in his room with her back to him and his front facing her. She could not recall how many clothes she had on and believes he had some clothes on also. She remembered his erection and he being against her back. She estimated being in his room for an hour and a half to two hours but was not sure if they had the meal before or after being in his room however thought it was before. She mentioned her brother REDACTED had told her nothing specific about any abuse of him by X. She also said she told her parents about this incident when she was in her late teens but they did not believe her.

On April 22, 200 REDACTED filled out a claimant questionnaire in support of her lawsuit filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court. In it amongst other things she claims X sexually abused her "multiple times." She names her brother REDACTED n REDACTED the cook as witnesses.

She claims X fondled her, rubbed his naked body against her backside, took her clothes off and rubbed her against his genitals and masturbated himself against her until he ejaculated. This took place over two years from 1965 until 1966. She indicates she told at least seven people including family members, therapists and a friend prior to August 2002, including her parents when she was in her early teens. She claims<sup>REDACTED</sup> the rectory cook, was aware of the times X brought her upstairs and kept her behind closed doors in his room and that X left suddenly without saying good-bye to her family.

On March 16, 2004,<sup>REDACTED</sup> filled out a claimant questionnaire in support of his lawsuit filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court. In it amongst other things he claims X sexually abused him "multiple times". He name<sup>REDACTED</sup> a witness and recollects them being together with X. He claims X fondled him, used<sup>REDACTED</sup> to masturbate himself (X), X sodomized him, X used the Bible to justify his acts and X abused<sup>REDACTED</sup> and<sup>REDACTED</sup> together. This took place in 1965 and 1966. In December 1999-2000 he told his wife about this and<sup>REDACTED</sup> shortly thereafter. He claims RB the cook and<sup>REDACTED</sup>, a parish employee, were aware he was being kept behind closed doors in X's room. He claims X left suddenly without saying good-bye to his family.

On November 2, 2005, Father RV was interviewed and provided the following information:

He has been pastor at LP for 11 years and<sup>REDACTED</sup> was pastor from 1955 until 1986<sup>REDACTED</sup> now lives in an apartment. When RV arrived he made some modifications to the rectory. There was no dark wood in the rectory when the changes were made and so there would not have been dark wood in 1965. There had been linoleum in the kitchen prior to re-flooring. He pointed out that the rectory has always had one staircase in the interior of the building.

He was not in the parish in 1965 and never met Father X but does know<sup>REDACTED</sup> would never have allowed an unescorted four-year-old girl to eat at the rectory dinner table whi<sup>REDACTED</sup> was pastor. <sup>REDACTED</sup> invited an occasion where he invite<sup>REDACTED</sup> to join him and three deacons and their wives to dine in the rectory.<sup>REDACTED</sup> accepted not knowing who else would be there. After the dinner<sup>REDACTED</sup> advised<sup>REDACTED</sup> never to invite him again when non-clergy were dining in the rectory. He feels strongly that the rectory dining room is for priests.

On November 2, 2005<sup>REDACTED</sup> (retired) was interviewed and provided the following information:

He was born in 1913, ordained in Ireland in 1938 and came to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1938. He served in several parishes before coming to LP in 1955 and serving there as pastor until his retirement.



He cannot recall a woman with the last name of Mr. <sup>REDACTED</sup> ever working for the parish. He cannot recall anyone in the K family ever being in his company in the rectory and certainly not <sup>REDACTED</sup>. The K family lived at I Street and Hickory less than a block from the rectory.

Father X was the most loyal associate pastor he had and he never received any complaints regarding X. X has returned from Ireland to visit on two or three occasions since he left.

He knew X was leaving the parish well in advance of his departure and it was not a secret to any of the parishioners. He is not aware that X has an <sup>REDACTED</sup> who is a <sup>REDACTED</sup> in Ireland and does not recall X being a beer drinker.

The D family lived at H Street and Hickory but moved to the San Diego area years ago. The H family lives two doors away from the rectory. (These families were determined to be friends of X.)

On November 1, 2005, Monsignor John A. Rawden (retired) was telephonically interviewed and provided the following information:

During the 1960s he worked at the chancery in the insurance department and did not become chancellor for the archdiocese until 1970 when Cardinal Timothy Manning was named <sup>REDACTED</sup>. In the 1960s the archdiocese incardinated very few externs. One exception was a priest who was named a pastor and since pastors must be incardinated in the diocese of his pastorate he was. At that time some Irish bishops requested when one of their priests who they educated was incardinated in another diocese that the new diocese pay the original diocese the cost of the priests' education and training. This might have been a factor for the policy in the 1960s. In 1970 when Manning became the archbishop this changed and many externs were incardinated. He does not recall Father X.

On November 2, 2005 <sup>REDACTED</sup> JF was interviewed and provided the following information:

He is the pastor of A Church and was an associate pastor at LP from <sup>REDACTED</sup> 1967 until 1972 and again from 1983 until 1985. He spent seven years with <sup>REDACTED</sup>. He was not there with Father X.

He met X in about 1964 through a mutual friend <sup>REDACTED</sup> went to the same seminary in Ireland as X a few years after X. They all would play golf <sup>REDACTED</sup> together; occasionally and on those occasions they had dinner in the rectory with <sup>REDACTED</sup> afterward.

<sup>REDACTED</sup> and X got along well together. After X went back to Ireland he returned to visit and always stopped by to see <sup>REDACTED</sup>. X had many friends and enjoyed coming back to see

them. He does not know if X applied for incardination in Los Angeles or any other diocese in the United States. He knows of nobody who has better insight into whether X wanted to stay or not.

REDACTED was the housekeeper in the parish when he was at LP. She was there when X was there also and she told him REDACTED how much she thought of X. She was a very sharp good person and excellent cook and housekeeper. She never sat at the dining table where the priests ate and would never have countenanced a child eating there. It was rare when any non-cleric ate at the rectory table and the only one he recalls is the parish school principal. REDACTED would not have invited anyone to eat at the rectory and neither REDACTED would have allowed a child to be in the upstairs of the rectory much less in a priest's room.

He recalls the K family but does not associate them with being friends of X. He does not believe X saw them on his visits but he cannot be certain of that. He never heard any parishioner while discussing Hanley connect him to the Ks. He does not recall MB. There were at least four houses between the rectory and the K home.

He recalls REDACTED as a parishioner but she never worked for the parish. He believes she is still in the area but does not know where.

X's room was on the second floor of the rectory and on the opposite end of the building as REDACTED. As you come to the top of the only staircase in the building turn left and completely around and walk to the end of the building where to the left was X's room. All the wood in the rectory then was light oak and the second floor was all carpeted. The floors on the first floor might have been some type of tile.

He never heard anything negative regarding X and stressed this is a community where rumors and gossip spread quickly.

On November 2, 2005 REDACTED was interviewed and provided the following information:

She met Father X shortly after he arrived at LP since she was active in the church and school at that time. Of all the priests who ministered at the parish over the years she knew the long time pastor REDACTED and X the best. X frequently came to her home, had coffee and played with her six children all of whom went to the parish school. He was always good with children and got along well with adults also including her and her late husband. She cannot recall him ever imbibing.

She does not know how long before his departing she knew about it but it was at least two weeks. The day he left she folded some shirts for him at the rectory so he could pack them. He told her that he was recalled to serve in Ireland and never seemed upset about it. He did not attempt to stay in this country as far as she knows.

She knew REDACTED well and does not believe REDACTED would have permitted children at the priests' table or allowed them upstairs in the rectory:

She is not familiar with anyone named Mrs. B who worked in the parish.

The Ks were a large family and the mother helped at the parish school but she cannot recall the husband or what he did. She does not know where they lived or anything about a daughter named [REDACTED]. She does not know if they were friends of X.

The P's were another family who was friendly with X but they have moved from the area.

X has returned two or three times and she has seen him each time. Besides [REDACTED] she does not know whom else he visited. She has also seen him in Ireland twice, the last time about six years ago. He never told her his [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED].

On November 4, 2005, [REDACTED] was telephonically interviewed and provided the following information:

In 1965 he was 16 years old and drove with Father X to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and then drove the car back home.

X was not upset about returning to Ireland and did not mention to him trying to stay in the United States.

[REDACTED] new about driving X well in advance because that was the furthest he had driven a car at that time and he gave it a lot of thought in the days leading up to it. On the way to [REDACTED] LAX X stopped to say goodbye to some priest friends who were expecting him. X gave [REDACTED]s mother his pet poodle when he left and [REDACTED] new there was to be a new dog in the house well before it arrived.

X encouraged him to be an altar boy and he knew X better than any other priest in the parish. X was a good man and he never heard any complaints regarding X.

On November 2, 2005, [REDACTED] was interviewed and provided the following information:

She has lived in the same house, two doors from the rectory for many years. She lived there when Father X was an associate pastor in the parish. At that time the K's lived two doors down from her so she lived between the K's and the rectory. The K's and X were not close friends. X never did anything untoward as far as she knows and she never saw him watching the K house.

[REDACTED] never worked for the parish but did assist at the school on hot dog days. She explained that periodically the students were given hot dogs at the school for lunch.

On November 2, 2005, PJ was interviewed and provided the following information:

She met Father X in 1963 when he came to LP and they have been good friends ever since. While here he came to her home for dinner and during the day on occasion visited her husband at his shop. After about two years his bishop in Ireland asked X to return and he did. There was nothing secret about it. He has returned to visit two or three times and she and her husband have visited him in Ireland two or three times. X is a good man and they think so highly of him they named their first son X after him.

On November 2, 2005, REDACTED were interviewed together and provided the following information:

They are REDACTED daughters. Their mother came from Italy and was the housekeeper and cook for the priests at REDACTED for more than 20 years.

REDACTED was very strict about how the rectory was run and who was allowed where. She never ate with the priests or their guests or sat at the priests' table. If she ate anything while at the rectory it would have been while standing over the sink and would have been something like a piece of bread. REDACTED AM told her to sit and eat but she knew her place and would not do that. She would not have ever thought about inviting a guest of any age to eat with the priests or in the rectory in any fashion. She did give children cookies on occasion but never allowed them outside the kitchen.

If REDACTED anything out of the ordinary happen in the rectory she would advise REDACTED and call REDACTED as they were very close and she shared things like this with REDACTED. A young priest was killed and when cleaning out his room REDACTED found pornography, which upset her. She told REDACTED and REDACTED about it. She never had anything bad to say regarding X.

REDACTED was at a party at REDACTED house attended by X and as she recalls it was a going away get together or at least everyone there knew about his leaving. The parishioners knew this well in advance of his departure. The P's now reside in California.

X liked living there but they do not know if he asked to be incardinated in the Los Angeles Archdiocese or if his uncle was a bishop.

On November 4, 2005, REDACTED was telephonically interviewed and provided the following information:

Father X came to her home so often, including frequently for dinner, when he was at LP that he was given a key to the house. The small party she had that he attended shortly prior to his departure might have been a going away party for him, she could not be certain. She knew he was leaving well before he returned to Ireland and he recruited her to be the head of the altar society and after she accepted he was transferred.

He never appeared upset to be leaving. When he returned on vacation he stayed at her house and was always happy and never complained about Ireland. He played golf with her husband and drank martinis at the golf course and wine at her house. She never saw him consume beer.

She does not know if he was a friend of the K's.

She knew <sup>REDACTED</sup> ran a strict rectory. She never observed children in the rectory during that era.

On November 15, 2005, Father <sup>REDACTED</sup> was telephonically interviewed and provided the following information:

He is the pastor of <sup>REDACTED</sup>

He remembers Father X and played golf with him a few times while X was in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He recalls nothing about X's return to Ireland or even if he wanted to leave.

#### Analysis & Observations

1. These allegations were brought to the attention of the Los Angeles Archdiocese 37 years after the acts allegedly took place.
2. There are conflicts in the three renditions of the allegation given by <sup>REDACTED</sup> and a lack of consistency.
  - a. She told Sister <sup>REDACTED</sup> on August 27, 2002, she was abused three or four times, once after Mass, and that Father X masturbated while they both lay naked on his bed.
  - b. She told <sup>REDACTED</sup> on January 21, 2003, she remembered only one incident and it was after being invited by <sup>REDACTED</sup> the cook to have a meal with her, X and the pastor <sup>REDACTED</sup>. She believes she and X were clothed while on the bed and mentions his erection but not his masturbating.
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3. When <sup>REDACTED</sup> s brother <sup>REDACTED</sup> called <sup>REDACTED</sup> in 2002 he had no independent recollection of any abuse by X. In his complainant questionnaire dated March 16, 2004, in support of his lawsuit <sup>REDACTED</sup> claims X sexually abused him multiple times. This includes X fondling him, using <sup>REDACTED</sup> to masturbate himself (X), sodomizing him <sup>REDACTED</sup> and abusing him and <sup>REDACTED</sup> together. In this document he also says that he told others in 1999-2000 about the abuse.
4. <sup>REDACTED</sup> an <sup>REDACTED</sup> were four and five years old when the abuse allegedly took place.
5. X has been a priest for 47 years with no other complaints of this type of sexual abuse. In 1985 an anonymous complaint was made in Ireland involving X having "indecent behaviour" with teenaged girls. The same year in Ireland a married woman claimed X sexually assaulted her.
6. Both <sup>REDACTED</sup> identify <sup>REDACTED</sup> (deceased), the rectory cook and housekeeper, as someone who observed them <sup>REDACTED</sup> in the rectory and was aware of them being in X's room. Both daughters of <sup>REDACTED</sup> advised their mother never invited anyone to the rectory, certainly not a child, and would not have allowed a child upstairs in the rectory.
7. <sup>REDACTED</sup> K both contend that X left suddenly but nobody else interviewed recalls this to be the case including priests and parishioners. Archdiocese records reflect on October 11, 1965, X left the parish and on October 12, 1965, another associate pastor took his place indicating the archdiocese knew well in advance X was leaving.
8. <sup>REDACTED</sup> denies the meal described by <sup>REDACTED</sup> prior to her abuse ever took place or that she was ever in the rectory. The daughters of the housekeeper and others, although not there, all agree that a meal such as the one described is unlikely to have happened.

Although it cannot be said with certainty, based on the inconsistencies of the complainants' allegations and other observations set forth above, it seems unlikely that the alleged abuse described by the complainants took place.