

***REV. LELAND BOYER***

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**Vicar for Clergy Database**

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Rev Msgr Leland James Boyer***Current Primary Assignment*

<i>Birth Date</i>	7/11/1921	<i>Age:</i>
<i>Birth Place</i>	Sacramento, California, USA	<i>Deanery:</i>
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>		
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	5/7/1949	
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Archdiocese of Los Angeles	
<i>Date of Incardination</i>	5/7/1949	
<i>Religious Community</i>		
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin	
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Deceased	
<i>Canon State</i>	Diocesan Monsignor	<i>Incard Process</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Begin Pension Date</i>		

<i>Seminary</i>	St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
<i>Ethnicity</i>	American (USA)
<i>Language(s)</i>	<i>Fluency</i>
Spanish	Conversational Basics

**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training**

*Date Background Check*  
*Virtus Training Date*

**Assignment History**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Beginning Date</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Deceased	1/14/2003	
St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, La Canada Flintridge Pastor Emeritus, Retired	1/15/1994	1/13/2003
Prelate of Honor, Active Service	8/15/1988	
St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, La Canada Flintridge Pastor, Active Service	7/1/1975	1/14/1994
Special Ministry, Appointed, Archdiocesan Priest, Pilgrimage Director, to National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.	3/18/1974	3/31/1974
Consultor, Active Service	3/17/1973	3/10/1977
Divine Saviour Catholic Church, Los Angeles Pastor, Active Service	8/21/1971	6/30/1975
Director-Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Active Service	9/15/1970	3/30/1973

Papal Chamberlain, Appointed	1/23/1967	
Asst. Director-Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Active Service	8/1/1964	9/14/1970
Supervisor-Confraternity of Christian Doctrine	7/20/1961	7/31/1964
St. Gregory Nazianzen Catholic Church, Los Angeles, Resident	12/19/1958	7/19/1961
Supervisor-Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Active Service	8/29/1956	7/19/1961
Holy Angels Catholic Church, Arcadia, Resident	8/29/1956	12/18/1958
St. Anthony Catholic Church, Long Beach Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	9/8/1950	8/28/1956
Precious Blood Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/6/1949	9/7/1950

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# CONFIDENTIAL

February 10, 1995

FROM: MSGR. DYER, VICAR FOR CLERGY

TO: C-FILE MSGR. LELAND BOYER

RE: Sexual Abuse Alleged by [REDACTED] REDACTED

December 1982 = incident

Ninth grader (only 13 years old) at La Canada High School. Stopped by St. Bede's for an interview with Pastor, Leland Boyer, for a project report at school. Took notes for 1/2 hour--stretched and he offered to give me a backrub. Tour of rectory--up to his room--bear hug. Then kissed me and forced his tongue in my mouth. He saw I was afraid; sat me down, gave me a soda; then laid me down on the sofa--began kissing me with his tongue, put his hand on my crotch, rubbing me to erection, asked me to take down my ants. Then I said "I have to go". Offered to take me back to St. Luke's, my Episcopal Church (where I was leaving on the weekend for retreat)--on the way to St. Luke's in car, he begged me not to tell anyone--that it'd ruin him and nobody would believe me anyway. I felt ashamed; was very scared and didn't think anyone would believe me. I've carried it since then.

A year later--I went back to talk to him--to ask: "Why did you do that to me?" I was afraid I was gay. He took me to his room, locked the door. Gave him a hug and then I initiated oral sex on him. He not only didn't try to stop me, he encouraged me.

First thought (now) -- that this not happen to anyone else. Yes, permission to confront. If he denies, "I'll go to police."

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MEMORANDUM

February 21, 1995

INTERVIEW: REV. MSGRS. LELAND BOYER, TIMOTHY DYER, REDACTED

Allegation (by): REDACTED REDACTED that in 1982, at age of about thirteen and in ninth grade, he requested an interview with Monsignor Leland Boyer for school project. REDACTED is Episcopalian. After taking notes in an uncomfortable position, REDACTED was offered a massage. Monsignor (then Father) Boyer offered a tour of the rectory. Locked the door of his bedroom after entering, forced an open-mouthed kiss, attempted fondling REDACTED after getting him to lie down.

REDACTED said that a year later, he returned to discuss the previous incident and ended by performing fellatio on Father Boyer.

Msgr. Boyer's Response:

"How can anyone remember such details after such a long period of time? A few young people have asked for interviews from other Churches. I do remember driving a youngster back to the Episcopal Church. I certainly would remember a sin like that if it ever happened. I hug a lot but don't kiss like that!"

Msgr. Dyer: Do you remember bringing kids up to your room?

Msgr. Boyer: Never, especially a REDACTED kid.

Msgr. Dyer: Another very similar allegation was made in the early 80's involving abrupt open-mouthed kissing at a first meeting of a young man. Isn't it terribly unusual that two such false allegations could have been made?

Msgr. Boyer: Yes, very unusual. I don't remember anything except giving him a ride up to St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The first incident, from Archie's (Msgr. Rawden's) time, involved an unbalanced young man, a writer I think, who wanted me to intercede and call the mother of a very young girl and persuade her to let him see her. He was pushy and irritating. I made the mistake of getting angry and called him a "pervert." He left very angry, saying that I was the pervert and that he would "get me." I had my heart attack in 1980 and have been impotent. What he claims I did, I couldn't do.

REDACTED: If I just say you don't remember, that's not as strong as a clearer denial.

Msgr. Boyer: Yes, that's not my tendency. I feel like I'm before Pontius Pilate.

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## MEMORANDUM

February 28, 1995

**TO:** Cardinal Mahony  
**FROM:** Father Timothy Dyer <sup>TD</sup>  
**RE:** Msgr. Boyer

Attached is a summary of the conversation with Msgr. Boyer on the occasion of my presenting him with the allegations of <sup>REDACTED</sup>REDACTED

*2  
concern*

I would suggest that this go before the Sexual Abuse Advisory Board for their recommendations. In the meantime, I am speaking to <sup>REDACTED</sup> <sup>REDACTED</sup> the new liason for St. Luke's Institute on the west coast, to see if she or someone she recommends can have a few sessions with Msgr. Boyer at his rectory in order to evaluate his response to this allegation.

*We really need some further confirmation  
one way or the other -*

*+ RMM*

*3-1-95*

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- ① C-File
- ② I'm writing up the SAAB recs for the 3/17 mtg.

Then  
TD  
3/14

Mr. <sup>REDACTED</sup> REDACTED (case of Msgr. Leland Boyer)

Phone conversation, 4/1/95

Called for an update. I told him of the bypass surgery and that Msgr. Boyer was now in intensive care.

"My biggest concern is that this not happen again to someone else."

"I have been dealing with the issues myself through our employee assistance program and am feeling better."

"I called for this update to let you know that I am serious about this."  
Said he could not see how Msgr. could go to the grave with this on his conscience and part of his reporting this (aside from the main reason of wanting to protect others) was that he had hoped Msgr. would take advantage of the opportunity to confess this.

I told Mr. <sup>REDACTED</sup> that in some cases the Archdiocese would offer assistance with counseling even when there had been no admission on the part of the priest and that, if there were a need in the future -- he could contact me. He thanked me and said that he was feeling much better now that he had spoken to someone and that he had dealt with his own guilt over his part in the incidents with Msgr. Boyer.



MEMORANDUM

April 2, 1995

**TO:** File  
**FROM:** REDACTED  
**RE:** Msgr. L. Boyer

Very unusual for someone (eg. <sup>REDACTED</sup>) to tell something about himself initiating an act of misconduct... Adds credibility to his allegation.

given the retired status, poor health and prognosis (cancer, heart disease, etc.), there is no need for extensive testing. However, there should be restrictions on access, eg. seminarians and phone persons -- coming to Msgr. Boyer's quarters. Some form of evaluation by a therapist with a background in geriatrics and pharmacology might be able to suggest the type of counseling that could help Msgr. Boyer at this time in his life.

Continued living in the rectory has the advantage of accountability. Present pastor needs to take responsibility for observing behavior and strictly enforcing the guidelines which give young people no access to a priest's quarters.

Counseling should be offered the alleged victim. (This was done a second time by telephone conversation with <sup>REDACTED</sup> REDACTED <sup>REDACTED</sup> on March 31, 1995.

DATE INITIATED: 1/2/81

NAME: ROYER, MSGR. LELAND

( )

PERSON MAKING ALLEGATION REDACTED

( ) Work

REDACTED REDACTED

Home

- 3/22/76

REPORT/ALLEGATION: Mr. REDACTED MET WITH MSGR. ROYER TO DISCUSS A PERSONAL MATTER. MSGR. ROYER MADE SUGGESTIVE COMMENTS & KISSED Mr. REDACTED AGAINST HIS WILL. REDACTED REDACTED (13 YR OLD) MET WITH MSGR. ROYER FOR SCHOOL PROJECT. DURING TOUR OF RECTORY MADE SEXUAL ADVANCE. AT LATER MEETINGS, HAD SEXUAL ENCOUNTER.

ARCHDIOCESAN ATTORNEY/INSURANCE NOTIFIED: [date]

THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: REDACTED REDACTED [priest]

( ) ( )

THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: [for others]

( ) ( )

ADDITIONAL CONTACT PERSONS:

( ) ( )

ADVOCATES/ATTORNEY:

( ) ( )

CASE CHRONOLOGY:

DATE

Table with 2 columns: DATE, [blank lines for case chronology]

75, very ill.  
denies allegation  
REDACTED REDACTED

drop out of  $\Psi$

Notes on phone conversation with REDACTED REDACTED  
March 22, 1996 - approx. 1:45 PM

REDACTED called to say that he spoke by phone with Monsignor Lelend Boyer. He reminded him of all that had happened in their encounter, expressed his desire for resolution, told Monsignor Boyer that he prayed for him. He was not sure why he called, but thought he called seeking an apology.

He said Monsignor Boyer remembered who he was, that he was "a good looking boy," giving the interview for his school composition and showing him around the rectory. He said Monsignor Boyer said he had no recollection of anything more than that, but that he apologized for any hurt he may have caused.

REDACTED encouraged him to call the me and seek resolution. That carrying something like this to his grave would be a terrible thing.

I asked REDACTED where he wanted to go with this. He said he was not sure ... maybe a meeting with Monsignor Boyer. I told him that usually was not advisable unless there were professionals present to ensure there was not damage done rather than healing. I suggested looking for several therapists that he could choose from in the REDACTED area (where he now lives) so that he could start therapy. I explained the Survivor's Protocol. He expressed an interest and I said I would work on it. We agreed to speak again next week.

He asked that if Monsignor Boyer did not call me within the next few days if I would please call him as a follow-up to their conversation.



MEMORANDUM  
OFFICE OF THE VICAR FOR CLERGY

TO: Monsignor Richard A. Loomis ✓  
FROM: REDACTED  
RE: Phone Message from Father <sup>v</sup> REDACTED  
DATE: March 25, 1996

Father REDACTED gave me the following names of therapists in the Diocese of REDACTED. They are Catholic, and they are not prone to litigation:

Dr. REDACTED he works for the Diocese of REDACTED  
REDACTED He can be reached at REDACTED

REDACTED she works in the REDACTED  
REDACTED area. Her office number is REDACTED  
REDACTED

Father REDACTED is a forensic psychologist. Same phone number as Dr. REDACTED

Thank you.

CLERGY DATABASE

Last:Boyer

Title:Rev. Msgr. First: Leland

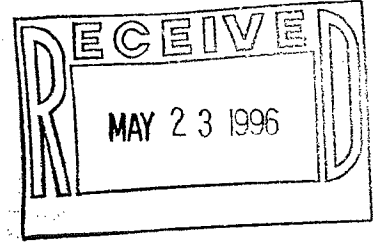
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02/02/95: Allegation re Msgr. Boyer now retired. Msgr. Dyer talked to his primary physician so he could speak with him before confrontation with Msgr. Boyer. His health is very frail. Name is Dr. REDACTED or REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED is a victim of sexual abuse. He has asked for survivor's therapy. Since he lives in the Diocese of REDACTED, he is seeing a psychologist in REDACTED. Dr. REDACTED his psychologist, wrote to REDACTED on 05/08/96 to notify him that REDACTED had failed to continue in psychotherapy, and has not returned his phone calls of inquiry to him. Given his abrupt departure from counseling, it is difficult to assess the degree to which the abuse he experienced has damaged him psychologically, or his capacity to utilize the therapeutic process.

REDACTED  
REDACTED

PH.D., MFCC



Monsignor Richard A. Loomis  
Vicar for Clergy  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
933 Grattan St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

May 8, 1996

Dear Monsignor Loomis,

I am writing concerning <sup>REDACTED</sup>REDACTED, whom you referred to me in March of 1996 for psychotherapy for issues concerning clergy abuse. I met with Mr. REDACTED for the first time on April 1, 1996 to discuss relevant issues and develop a preliminary treatment plan. REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

|| In the light of REDACTED failure to remain in therapy, I have been unable to obtain sufficient information to complete the Survivors of Clergy Abuse Initial Treatment Plan. ||  
Nevertheless, if you wish me to provide you with a copy of the plan, filled out the best I can, please let me know. REDACTED  
this date. If you have any questions, or need any further assistance, please contact REDACTED  
REDACTED

Sincerely,  
REDACTED

REDACTED Ph.D., MFCC



REDACTED

Boyer

file

- Was there a bill attached?

REDACTED

- Let's know by phone

that no Harrow  
protocol is  
needed  
done 5/20/96

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*Marg. Boyer*

SURVIVOR THERAPY RECORD

SURVIVOR: REDACTED REDACTED THERAPIST: REDACTED *Ph. 4*  
*no longer in therapy*

DATE INITIAL MEMO AND TREATMENT PLAN SENT: 4-23-96

DATE INITIAL TREATMENT PLAN AND RELEASE RECEIVED: 5-23-96

START THERAPIST PROGRESS REPORTS WHAT DATE? \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRESS REPORT #1 SENT: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRESS REPORT #2 SENT: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRESS REPORT #3 SENT \_\_\_\_\_ RETURNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRESS REPORT #4 SENT: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRESS REPORT #5 SENT: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURNED: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL SUMMARY REPORT SENT: \_\_\_\_\_

SURVIVOR EVALUATION SENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Therapist address: \_\_\_\_\_  
REDACTED

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**FILE COPY**

**Archdiocese of Los Angeles**

Office of  
Vicar for Clergy  
(213) 251-3284

1531  
West Ninth  
Street

Los Angeles  
California  
90015-1194

*Marg. Bayer*

June 3, 1996

REDACTED

Dear Dr. REDACTED

Enclosed is our Check No. 54089 in the amount of \$375.00 to cover therapy charges for REDACTED REDACTED on the following dates:

**April 1, 15, and 22, 1996**

Sincerely yours,  
REDACTED

REDACTED

Enclosure

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VENDOR (A CORPORATION SOLE) REDACTED

A 07000

DATE	INVOICE NO.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
5/29/96	JAN9600	THERAPY/REDACTED-APRIL 1996	375.00
TOTAL-			375.00



**The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles**  
 (A Corporation Sole)  
 Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

A 54089

FIRST INTERSTATE CENTRAL BANK  
 CALABASAS, CA  
 90-477/1222

**PAY:** \*\*\*\*\*375 DOLLARS AND NO CENTS  
 TO THE ORDER OF  
 OF  
 REDACTED

CHECK NO.	54089
DATE	AMOUNT
5/31/96	375.00

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

REDACTED  
REDACTED

REDACTED

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDED. DETAILS ON BACK.

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**LELAND BOYER**

Because he was on "death's door" we held back from implementing SAAB's recommendations. There is a need to review the file and talk to REDACTED REDACTED. One specific thing which has to be enforced is the restriction of the "phone boys" and all seminarians from going up to his room.

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## Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish Community

May 20, 2002

Dear Monsignor Cox:

As per our conversation of last Friday I have met with Monsignor Boyer. As we are uncertain where the allegations made against Leland will lead to and we have no way of telling whether or not he will be contacted by the civil authorities I thought it was necessary to inform Leland of the situation. I certainly did not want Leland to discover through the media or any other source that his name has been turned over for investigation. Before meeting with Leland I spoke with Monsignor Frank Wallace who contacted Bishop Wilkerson. Both Frank and Bishop Wilkerson thought it to be a good idea for me to make Leland aware of what was going on.

Naturally the news deeply shocked Leland and he is adamant about the fact that he has never been involved in any kind of inappropriate behavior with a minor. I informed Leland about the need for him to move out of the rectory at St. Bede to a retirement home in light of the allegations but also for his own ongoing care. Leland was not willing to accept this as a solution and feels that his moving out is as good as admitting that he did something wrong.

I also spoke last Friday with REDACTED REDACTED regarding Leland moving to a retirement home. Sister did tell me that at this time there are no rooms available at Nazareth House, St. John of God or Villa Scalabrini. Sister is looking into other locations but did indicate the difficulty in finding a place immediately.

All this said even if there is a place available none of these places will take a dog and Leland is not willing to move anywhere without his dog.

You may know a lot of this information already from Bishop Wilkerson as he did meet with Leland on Saturday following confirmation at St. Bede. Leland ultimately wants to meet with the Cardinal or with you and believes he should have the opportunity to respond to any charges being made against him and to defend himself and his reputation.

Is it possible for you to contact Leland and perhaps arrange a meeting with him? I can't even begin to imagine how busy you are right now so if it would be a help to you to have Leland come down to the ACC instead of you going to St. Bede I would be happy to take him.

Please let me know how we should proceed.

Yours Sincerely  
 REDACTED REDACTED

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REDACTED

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# SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT

## To be Completed by Reporting Party

A. Case Identification	
To be completed by Identification CDA	REDACTED
Victim Name:	_____
Report No./Case Name:	_____
Date of Report:	_____

*Conversations with  
Alarmed parents  
#*

B. Victim REDACTED REDACTED

NAME/TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE REDACTED	DATE OF REPORT <i>7-25-02</i>	BIRTHDATE REDACTED	SEX <i>M</i>	RACE REDACTED
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C. Call

OFFICIAL CONTACTED Detective <u>REDACTED</u>	PHONE <u>REDACTED</u>	DATE/TIME _____
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D. Other Parties

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	ADDRESS

PRESENT LOCATION OF *Shared with his brother several years ago.*

NAME OF CHURCH OR SCHOOL *Manuscript*

ADDRESS AT TIME OF INCIDENT *13 years - 16 years*

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT	PLACE OF INCIDENT <i>Bedroom</i>	(Check One) Occurred <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observed <input type="checkbox"/>
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TYPE OF SEXUAL ABUSE: *Kissing - nude - bed together  
fondle me - messaging touching.*

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:  
*Sex. room - 2nd fl. - Bedroom  
working in the parish exposed me to someone  
visiting - trips - context - he was  
generous - clothes - beach house - Clemente  
like dating - denier - drinks - Royal  
Scholarship*

F. Perpetrator Information

<i>Mrs. Leland Boyer Divine Savior (Retired at St Bede)</i>	<i>adopted me miserable home life Big resource</i>
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around 1972 - REDACTED REDACTED - REDACTED

Signed *Divine Savior - oral sex, strange conversation  
re + Boyer  
at ... .. estimate times  
joker*

*around visiting Parish*

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REDACTED

conversations who

hasn't been molested  
REDACTED REDACTED

Meeting REDACTED with  
REDACTED REDACTED

office? Santa Margarita

Thurs Parish

4pm

Aug 1

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MEMORANDUM

**FILE**

TO: REDACTED REDACTED

FROM: Monsignor Craig A. Cox

RE: Jaime REDACTED

DATE: 29 July 2002

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

Thank you for the copy of your initial intake report concerning REDACTED REDACTED and his complaint against Monsignor Leland Boyer. I see you have an appointment scheduled to meet with him and take his story more fully on August 1.

Once you take the report, this is one I will need to bring to the Cardinal and to the CMOB.

Thanks.

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CMOB # 006  
Considered by CMOB   
Inactive Date 10/28/2009  
Case Name Third Allegation  
Active Case?

Priest Name Boyer, Leland James  
DOB 7/11/1921  
Ethnicity American (USA)  
Diocese Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
Canon State Prelate of Honor/Chaplain of His Holiness  
Religious Order  
Incardination  
Date Of Ordination  
Clergy Status Deceased

Clergy (Faculties)

Religious   
Diocesan   
Description

Deacon  
DOB  
Diocese  
Ethnicity  
Ordination  
Status

Date Referred to Vicar 8/28/2002  
Date Of Alleged Incident 8/28/02  
Alleged Victim Minor Male  
Multiple Victims   
Accusers  
Investigation Complete   
Investigator Name  
Removed From Ministry   
Date Removed From Ministry  
Date Returned To Ministry  
Case Disposition Unresolved/Deceased  
DispositionComments

Intervention

Description Age 81, living with family in retirement. Alleged to have abused a 13 yr. old boy in 1982 – back rub, hugs, forced kissing, laying the boy down on the sofa and rubbing his crouch to erection; the boy left when asked to take his pants down. The boy initiated contact one year later involving oral sex. Father X denied this misconduct REDACTED  
REDACTED This complaint was lodged in 1995 and SAAB recommended restrictions on his access to minors, notification to new Pastor and therapy for both the victim and Father X. On August 1, 2002 REDACTED interviewed a 43 year old man alleging abuse at the age of 13

including kissing, nudity, touching in bed together, massaging – occurring many times. Father X again denies misconduct. Father X is out of public ministry.

*Case Status*

August 28, 2002	Announcements be made at two of the parishes Fr. X has served; remain out of public ministry permanently; revisit this matter dependent upon what emerges from announcements; counseling has been offered – Board concurs.
September 11, 2002	Recommendation approved by Cardinal. Announcements were made at two parishes. No new allegations have been made. The parish will offer support with their own resources. The priest has been offered therapy.
January 22, 2003	Reported by <sup>REDACTED</sup> that Father recently died. LAPD requested death certificate; criminal investigation will be closed.
October 02, 2006	File reviewed. Father X died in early 2003. No further action required.
August 26, 2009	Received report from <sup>REDACTED</sup> about a meeting with an alleged victim, now 30 years old, who recovered blocked memories about five years ago of abuse by Fr. X that included fondling and penetration several times. Complainant's mother first called <sup>REDACTED</sup> to report the incidents. Complainant was advised of his right to report to authorities and offered counseling and access to a spiritual advisor for both himself and his mother.
October 28, 2009	Board reviewed the latest complaint and decided that, since Fr. X is deceased and victim has been offered counseling, no action is necessary and case should be moved to Inactive file.

*Follow Up*

*Follow Up Date*

*Legal Proceedings*

*Legal Proceedings?*

*Court Cases Settled*

*Response*

*Response Date*

*Sent To Rome?*

*Date Sent To Rome*

*Canonical Trial*

*Canonical Trial Date*

*Canonical Disposition*

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CMOB # 006

Considered by CMOB 

Inactive Date

Case Name Third Allegation

Active Case? 

Priest Name Boyer, Leland James

DOB 7/11/1921

Ethnicity American (USA)

Diocese Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Canon State Prelate of Honor/Chaplain of His Holiness

Religious Order

Incardination

Date Of Ordination

Clergy Status Deceased

## Clergy (Faculties)

Religious Diocesan 

Description

Deacon

DOB

Diocese

Ethnicity

Ordination

Status

Date Referred to Vicar 8/28/2002

Date Of Alleged Incident 8/28/02

Alleged Victim Minor Male

Multiple Victims 

Accusers

Investigation Complete 

Investigator Name

Removed From Ministry 

Date Removed From Ministry

Date Returned To Ministry

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*Legal Proceedings?*

*Court Cases Settled*

*Response*

*Response Date*

*Sent To Rome?*

*Date Sent To Rome*

*Canonical Trial*

*Canonical Trial Date*

*Canonical Disposition*

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**ID** 6  
**CMOB #** 006  
**Case Name** Third Allegation  
**Active Case?**   
**Cleric Name** Boyer, Leland  
**Cleric Age** 81  
**Cleric Ethnicity** Anglo  
**Incardination**  
**Date Of Ordination**  
**Clergy Status** Deceased  
**Date Referred To Vicar** 8/28/2002  
**Claimant** Minor Male  
**Date Of Alleged Incident** 8/28/02  
**Investigation Complete**   
**Investigator Name**  
**Date Investigation Initiated**  
**Date Investigation Completed**  
**Case Disposition** Unresolved/Deceased  
**Intervention**   
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Clergy Assignment Record

**Rev Msgr Leland James Boyer**

<i>Current Primary Assignment</i>		<i>Age</i>
<i>Birth Date</i>	7/11/1921	<i>Deanery</i>
<i>Birth City</i>	Sacramento, California, USA	
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>		
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	5/7/1949	
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Archdiocese of Los Angeles	
<i>Date of Incardination</i>	5/7/1949	
<i>Religious Community</i>		
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin	
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Deceased	
<i>Seminary</i>	St. John's Seminary, Camarillo	
<i>Ethnicity</i>	American (USA)	

<u><i>Language(s)</i></u>	<u><i>Fluency</i></u>
Spanish	Conversational Basics

**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training**

*Date Background Check*  
*Safeguard Training*

**Assignment History**

<b><i>Assignment</i></b>	<b><i>Beginning Date</i></b>	<b><i>Completion Date</i></b>
Deceased	1/14/2003	
St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, La Canada Flintridge Pastor Emeritus, Retired	1/15/1994	1/13/2003
Prelate of Honor, Active Service	8/15/1988	
St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, La Canada Flintridge Pastor, Active Service	7/1/1975	1/14/1994
Special Ministry, Appointed, Archdiocesan Priest, Pilgrimage Director, to National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.	3/18/1974	3/31/1974
Consultor, Active Service	3/17/1973	3/10/1977
Divine Saviour Catholic Church, Los Angeles Pastor, Active Service	8/21/1971	6/30/1975
Director-Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Active Service	9/15/1970	3/30/1973
Papal Chamberlain, Appointed	1/23/1967	



Asst. Director-Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Active Service	8/1/1964	9/14/1970
Supervisor-Confraternity of Christian Doctrine	7/20/1961	7/31/1964
St. Gregory Nazianzen Catholic Church, Los Angeles, Resident	12/19/1958	7/19/1961
Supervisor-Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Active Service	8/29/1956	7/19/1961
Holy Angels Catholic Church, Arcadia, Resident	8/29/1956	12/18/1958
St. Anthony Catholic Church, Long Beach Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	9/8/1950	8/28/1956
Precious Blood Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/6/1949	9/7/1950

CMOB # 006  
 Considered by CMOB   
 Inactive Date 10/28/2009  
 Case Name Third Allegation  
 Active Case?

Priest Name Boyer, Leland James  
 DOB 7/11/1921  
 Ethnicity American (USA)  
 Diocese Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
 Canon State Prelate of Honor/Chaplain of His Holiness  
 Religious Order  
 Incardination  
 Date Of Ordination  
 Clergy Status Deceased

**Clergy (Faculties)**

Religious   
 Diocesan   
 Description

Deacon  
 DOB  
 Diocese  
 Ethnicity  
 Ordination  
 Status

Date Referred to Vicar 8/28/2002  
 Date Of Alleged Incident 8/28/2002  
 Alleged Victim Minor Male  
 Multiple Victims   
 Accusers  
 Investigation Complete   
 Investigator Name  
 Removed From Ministry   
 Date Removed From Ministry  
 Date Returned To Ministry  
 Case Disposition Unresolved/Deceased  
 DispositionComments

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August 26, 2009	Received report from <sup>REDACTED</sup> about a meeting with an alleged victim, now 30 years old, who recovered blocked memories about five years ago of abuse by Fr. X that included fondling and penetration several times. Complainant's mother first called <sup>REDACTED</sup> to report the incidents. Complainant was advised of his right to report to authorities and offered counseling and access to a spiritual advisor for both himself and his mother.
October 28, 2009	Board reviewed the latest complaint and decided that, since Fr. X is deceased and victim has been offered counseling, no action is necessary and case should be moved to Inactive file.
February 23, 2011	<sup>REDACTED</sup> received a complaint of inappropriate touching by Fr. X while he (complainant) was a seminarian visiting Fr. X's parish. This complaint is part of a larger complaint against another priest and also reports of inappropriate conduct among seminarians from 1974-1978. Since Fr. X is deceased, no action needed.

*Follow Up*

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*Legal Proceedings*

*Legal Proceedings?*

*Court Cases Settled*

*Response*

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ACCUSED NAME: Msgr Leland Boyer (RIP) DATE: 8-26-2009

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Child Abuse Report - Internal Routing Form

This report involves allegations of:

- Current Minor and Church Employee/volunteer
- Current Minor and Priest
- Past Minor and Priest
- Past Minor and Religious Brother
- Past Minor and Religious Sister
- Adult/Adult Case
- Other

Sexual abuse:

Physical abuse:

Harassment:

Brief Summary: Fondling & penetration of a minor 20 yrs ago.

To: REDACTED

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Other REDACTED

Submitted by: REDACTED Office

Date distributed: 0126/07

Comments: "Blocked memories" returned about 5 years ago.  
Counseling offered as well as spiritual advice for victim  
and mother.



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING FORM

<input type="checkbox"/> MANDATORY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-MANDATORY
Date Reported to the Archdiocese:	8/17/2009 by <sup>REDACTED</sup> mother of victim
Reported to Archdiocese by:	8/25/2009 by victim
Alleged Victim :	REDACTED
Current Address:	
Telephone:	
Date of Birth:	<sup>REDACTED</sup> /1979
Alleged Perpetrator:	Msgr. Leland Boyer (RIP)
Reported Date of Incident: (s)	Various incidents from 1985 or 1986 to 1988 or 1989
Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):	<p><sup>REDACTED</sup> reports that he had many behavior problems as a child that started in early elementary school. He said that five years ago he told his therapist about abuse that he experienced at St. Bede's by Msgr. Boyer. Prior to that time he had seen many counselors but said he had blocked the memories. Then he had memories of three specific incidents that involved him standing in front of a mirror naked in the rectory and also vivid memories of the head board in the priest's room. The priest would either call <sup>REDACTED</sup> out of the classroom or ask him to his room after school when he was hanging out on the playground equipment after school. The abuse included fondling and penetration. <sup>REDACTED</sup> reported that the priest told him not to tell anyone because if he did "neither God nor his parents would love him" <sup>REDACTED</sup> also reports that the priest told him that these experiences were "between me, him and God and that God told him to do this" <sup>REDACTED</sup> believes the abuse stopped when he was in the fourth or fifth grade but does not know why it stopped then other than that he tried to avoid the priest as much as possible.</p>
Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:	Sexual Abuse
Reports to Public Authorities with dates:	Advised <sup>REDACTED</sup> of his right to report to authorities.
Comments:	<p><sup>REDACTED</sup> said there is another young man that had similar experiences with Msgr. Boyer and that he would encourage him to call Victims Assistance. I gave him an additional business card for the other young man.</p> <p>REDACTED</p>
Report initiated by:	

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Record of Investigation/Interview

REDACTED date of birth REDACTED 1979, who resides at REDACTED  
REDACTED, telephone REDACTED, was interviewed by REDACTED  
REDACTED at the Archdiocese Catholic Center. REDACTED was advised of  
the identity of the auditor and his role to investigate allegations of misconduct involving  
priests. It is noted that on August 25, 2009 REDACTED had telephoned REDACTED  
REDACTED and reported that he had been sexually abused by REDACTED  
Leland Boyer (deceased) at St. Bede the Venerable Church, La Canada Flintridge, CA  
beginning in 1985. REDACTED thereafter provided the following information.

REDACTED attended St. Bede School from kindergarten to the fifth grade and left in  
REDACTED He went to public school for sixth grade at REDACTED and seventh and  
eighth grade at REDACTED Junior High School. He attended REDACTED High School for four  
years and graduated in REDACTED attended the University of REDACTED  
for REDACTED semesters in REDACTED and REDACTED and REDACTED University in REDACTED  
to study REDACTED management but did not graduate. REDACTED  
REDACTED

While in elementary school REDACTED got into fights, misbehaved, and was  
disrespectful. He played "doctor" that resulted in sexual curiosity and sexual play with  
his friends under ten years old approximately twenty to thirty times. He was caught  
twice. He began to drink alcoholic beverages in the fifth and sixth grade. His mother  
eventually took him to a therapist where he was REDACTED  
REDACTED and being bipolar. REDACTED was REDACTED in the fifth grade and  
REDACTED in the seventh grade. He saw another therapist and was hypnotized.

In high school REDACTED got terrible grades even though he tested high on  
aptitude tests. He graduated REDACTED from the bottom of his class of REDACTED He never got  
in any serious trouble and was never arrested. REDACTED  
injury from playing freshman REDACTED. At age eighteen REDACTED  
After high school, he REDACTED . One  
year ago, REDACTED  
REDACTED

REDACTED stopped seeing a therapist after high school for ten years. REDACTED  
then started seeing REDACTED for five to six sessions over a two to three month period.

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REDACTED  
Record of Interview with REDACTED  
Interview on: September 24, 2009 at 3424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA  
By REDACTED  
Case Number: 809A-032F-3610

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It was after high school that [REDACTED] first suspected something might have happened to him when he was younger. However while attending high school at [REDACTED] no one had ever attempted any inappropriate or sexual misconduct toward him.

At first [REDACTED] had no memories of anything from elementary school but then started becoming suspicious when he was twenty or twenty-one years old. One psychologist suggested that something might have happened when [REDACTED] was a child as if he had been molested. The more [REDACTED] thought about it, the clearer it became. He is not sure when the memories came back but he just had a feeling. When [REDACTED] was seeing [REDACTED] more details starting coming out [REDACTED] told him that he was a textbook example of someone who had been molested. Finally [REDACTED] knew that something had happened but felt ashamed that he did not just leave the rectory. [REDACTED] now has been able to recall what had happened to him at the rectory when he was alone with Msgr. Boyer.

[REDACTED] was an altar boy in training at St. Bede's which required him to do special tasks in the rectory. He would get called out of class by Msgr. Boyer. [REDACTED] recalled going to Msgr. Boyer's apartment on the second floor of the rectory. The rectory was attached to the church. The apartment was toward the back lot and a front window overlooked the playground. There was a living room with a kitchenette on the left. The bedroom was on the right. The bed faced the outside of the building. [REDACTED] specifically recalled that the headboard of the bed was wooden with engravings on it.

[REDACTED] can vividly remember being naked in front of a mirror with Msgr. Boyer behind him. Msgr. Boyer told [REDACTED] that his job in God's eyes was to make sure that [REDACTED] was healthy. Msgr. Boyer told [REDACTED] that if he told his parents, they were not going to love him anymore. Msgr. Boyer would also ask [REDACTED] to tell him (Msgr. Boyer) about himself.

[REDACTED] could not remember what Msgr. Boyer had done to him other than he believed there was digital penetration. [REDACTED] does not recall ever seeing Msgr. Boyer naked.

[REDACTED] was sure it was Msgr. Boyer because he was the head priest and at the church all the time.

[REDACTED] could not say what the time frame was when the abuse happened or what grade he was in. He seemed to remember only being in Msgr. Boyer's room two to three separate times. [REDACTED] may have been in the [REDACTED] grade because he cannot

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remember what happened in the [REDACTED] grade. [REDACTED] does not know when the abuse stopped. He remembers avoiding the rectory. Msgr. Boyer never spoke to him about it.

[REDACTED] did not tell anyone at that time to include his parents. They had been infatuated with Msgr. Boyer because they used to let him stay at their beach house in San Clemente.

It was a [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] spoke to a priest when [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The priest suggested that [REDACTED] contact the ADLA. When his suspicions were strengthened, [REDACTED] first told his mother. [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] who is seven years older and [REDACTED] who is four years older and one [REDACTED] who is nine years older. [REDACTED] had revealed that when he was at St. Bede's, [REDACTED] had him sit on his lap. But [REDACTED] just got away and nothing more happened. [REDACTED] was at the parish when Msgr. Boyer was.

The next person whom [REDACTED] told was his best friend and former schoolmate [REDACTED] [REDACTED] now lives on the [REDACTED] He had moved to Newark when he was in the second grade and is now married with children. [REDACTED] had seen him at the wedding of his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he had been dealing with some issues that he attributed to Msgr. Boyer. They had never talked with each other before about Msgr. Boyer. [REDACTED] mentioned how Msgr. Boyer had made comments to him that it was his job to make sure guys were healthy but did not talk about any details. However when [REDACTED] father had heard about Msgr. Boyer, he did a Google search and found out that Msgr. Boyer had a case against him in San Diego and was then transferred up to St. Bede.

[REDACTED] gave the names of other boys who were in his grade school classes at St. Bede besides [REDACTED] They were [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] When [REDACTED] [REDACTED] mother still goes to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] remembered that [REDACTED] had a lot of behavioral problems and [REDACTED] was the class bully.

[REDACTED] commented that there were only [REDACTED] boys in his class but [REDACTED] girls. It was the boys who were always being called out of class to do things at the rectory. The girls never got called out. Sometimes [REDACTED] would hear his or another boy's name being called over the school public address system by Msgr. Boyer. Sometimes boys would be told to leave together but would not return at the same time.

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When REDACTED was called out, he would go to the rectory and knock on the door. REDACTED thought that he might have been called out four times a year when in the second or third grade.

REDACTED was the principal when REDACTED attended St. Bede. REDACTED is still there. REDACTED commented that REDACTED had to know that something unusual was going on by how Msgr. Boyer would come to the classroom and call boys out but never any girls. REDACTED never had REDACTED as a teacher.

Teachers whom REDACTED remembered were REDACTED from [REDACTED] grade, REDACTED who taught [REDACTED] grade, and REDACTED who was the [REDACTED] teacher.

REDACTED was asked how his life has been affected by the abuse. He said that he does not trust people and gets depressed. He gets it into his mind that he is going to fail when he tries something and has a lot of self-doubt. In his social life he cannot get close to people. If he is about to get promoted at a job, he sees himself as sabotaging it. He has engaged in self destructive behavior by scratching his arms and developing a nervous tick. For the past ten years REDACTED; has not believed in God or the Church.

However, REDACTED is able to work. He has a healthy relationship with his girlfriend REDACTED and they plan to get married. REDACTED has told REDACTED about the abuse.

REDACTED has come forward to the ADLA to talk about his abuse because he was told by his therapist to do this. REDACTED is just trying to complete the process, get this off his shoulders, and move on. REDACTED said that he does not want his name to be known and does not want any money. REDACTED said that he feels that lawsuits are necessary in some cases. However, REDACTED does not intend to start a lawsuit concerning his abuse and said that it is highly unlikely that he will contact an attorney. REDACTED has not told his therapist REDACTED that he is talking to people at the ADLA.

REDACTED would like the Church to stop hiding abuse by priests. He does not want any more children to be molested. He thinks that it is absurd that priests are not allowed to marry since they are human and have urges like everyone else.

REDACTED said that he would not be comfortable giving out contact information about REDACTED. REDACTED said he would tell REDACTED that an investigator and counselor from the ADLA would like to talk with him and provide him with their telephone numbers. REDACTED knows that REDACTED is talking to the ADLA and wants to

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REDACTED  
hear what REDACTED has to say about his interview before he will consider talking to  
anyone. REDACTED added that he is glad the ADLA is taking his complaint seriously.

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By: Canonical Auditor [REDACTED]  
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# Priests Colluded in Sex Abuse, Suit Claims

**Close-knit fraternity of clergymen protected molesters, says lawsuit against L.A. archdiocese.**

By JEAN GUCCIONE AND WILLIAM LOBDELL  
*Times Staff Writers*

High-ranking priests allegedly used positions of power within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles to gain access to the children they are accused of abusing and to cover up for other clerics, according to a lawsuit filed Wednesday by 17 alleged victims of childhood sexual abuse.

The lawsuit alleges that a "systemic failure" of the archdiocese to protect children occurred because of self-serving actions by a close-knit fraternity of guilty priests.

"The presence of such a high number of high-ranking child molester priests in the [Los Angeles] archdiocese underscores the institutional and cultural acceptance and acquiescence in child molestation by priests," according to the 46-page complaint filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court against the Los Angeles archdiocese and others.

Archdiocese spokesman Tod Tamberg called the allegations "over the top and without merit."

"Abuse of minors is often a crime that happens in darkness," said Tamberg, who said the archdiocese has acted ag-

gressively since the 1980s to battle sexual abuse by priests.

He said the notion that there was an organized band of sexually abusive priests was preposterous.

The suit also alleges that abusive priests were promoted into positions of prominence between 1966 and 2002, including key posts such as auxiliary bishops, vicar generals, recruiters of priests, school board members and judges in the archdiocesan court that passes judgment on priestly misconduct.

"The elevation of child molesters to these positions helps explain why so many child molesting priests were protected by the [Los Angeles] archdiocese, how so many child molesters became priests and how so many seminarians and priests became child molesters," according to the suit filed by attorneys Raymond P. Boucher of Beverly Hills and Laurence E. Drivon of Stockton.

Patrick Wall, a former Benedictine monk who now works for victims of sexual abuse, said the institutional pattern alleged in the suit reflects the way the church has responded to molestation of minor parishioners.

"If you take the model [of sexual abuse and coverup] from Boston and superimpose it on Los Angeles, it will match," he said. "It will be the same thing — it's the Roman model."

The lawsuit identifies 28 priests as part of the alleged subculture, including former Aux-

iliary Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann, who resigned as bishop of Santa Rosa in 2000 after he was accused of sexual misconduct; the late Msgr. Joseph Sharpe, who served in Oxnard; and late school administrator Leland Boyer.

The group had enough influence that "fellow priests did nothing to prevent the continuation of abuse because they themselves were molesting or they feared reprisal from the high-ranking priests who were child molesters," according to the suit.

Priests accused of molestation were given refuge at parishes run by sexually abusive pastors, the suit alleges. The court papers also detail allegations of how priests under suspicion of abuse were promoted to high posts within the archdiocese.

One admitted molester, Michael Baker, was assigned in 1993 to the Office of Vicar of Clergy, a key department in the church hierarchy.

Tamberg said Baker's job consisted mostly of signing checks and other routine book-keeping matters, but attorneys "twist it in a way that removes any clue" as to what the position really was.

The lawsuit is one of hundreds being filed across California as the Dec. 31 deadline approaches for filing civil claims against the archdiocese and other employers.

State lawmakers opened a

one-year window of opportunity for alleged victims of sexual misconduct as children to sue regardless of when the alleged crimes took place.

The lawsuit alleges that Boyer was pastor at Divine Savior Parish in Los Angeles when he hired then-14-year-old Jaime Romo to answer phones and do chores around the rectory.

Thirty years later, Romo now a professor of education at the University of San Diego, said in an interview that he was molested by Boyer. He said he recalled other boys whom Boyer treated "like special adoptees."

After graduating from Stanford University, Romo said that he contacted Boyer for advice on becoming a priest. Boyer, he said, used to boast of the number of boys he recruited for the seminary.

Romo said he attended a seminary for three years before becoming disenchanted with the "acting out behavior" that he witnessed there.

About that time, Boyer was moving up the administrative ladder, according to the lawsuit.

He served as director of Fraternity of Christian Doctrine programs that provide religious education to public school students and was in the College of Consultors, which assists the archbishop on serious matters, including sexual abuse, the suit alleges. Boyer, a monsignor, was pastor at St. Bede the Venerable Church in La Canada Flintridge when he died last year.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Roger Mahony REDACTED

FROM: REDACTED and Monsignor Craig A. Cox *cc*

RE: *Recommendation of the Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board  
Monsignor Leland Boyer (CMOB 006-01)*

DATE: 4 September 2002

The CMOB held its meeting Wednesday, August 28. We offer the following recommendation with regard to Monsignor Boyer.

The allegation that came in recently is the third leveled against him. The first was presented in 1981 (of an incident that allegedly took place a few weeks before the report) and the second in 1996 (regarding an incident in 1982). Both of these cases involved male Protestants (one age 20, the other age 14) and single incidents. In both of these cases, Monsignor Boyer denied any misconduct. At the time the second allegation was presented in 1996, Monsignor Boyer had been retired for two years and in residence at St. Bede's as Pastor Emeritus. The SAAB recommended restricting his access to minors REDACTED as the successor to Monsignor Boyer in the pastorate of St. Bede's, was informed about the restrictions.

The new allegation, reported in July-August of this year, is much more serious. It alleges several years of misconduct when Monsignor Boyer was Pastor of Divine Savior and continuing on when he was moved to St. Bede's. The alleged incidents were from 1972-1977, beginning when the young man was thirteen years of age. There are strong parallels between all three stories, lending credibility to them. In addition, the internal credibility of the newest claim is quite strong. REDACTED offered counseling to the alleged victim. On August 16, 2002, the new allegation was presented to Monsignor Boyer. He strongly denied the claims. On that day, he was directed not to engage in any public ministry until this matter was more fully addressed.

The CMOB recommends the following:

1. The prohibition on his engaging in public ministry should be made permanent.
2. An announcement should be made in the last two parishes in which Monsignor Boyer has served (St. Bede's, where he served as Pastor from 1975-1994 and Divine Savior, where he was Pastor 1971-1975). The announcement will be made on the weekend of September 7-8. Monsignor Cox will make the announcement at St. Bede's.
3. The Board concurs with REDACTED offer of counseling to the person who lodged the complaint.
4. The Board wants to review the matter again if, after the announcements, other people come forward claiming to be victimized.

*I concur - + Roger Cardinal Mahony  
6 Sept 2002* *Report to  
LAPD*

Father X – “Third Allegation” (CMOB 006-01 )  
Previously Discussed on 17 March 1995

This priest, now age 81, has been retired since 1994. In 1995, a complaint was lodged against him relating to an incident that allegedly occurred in 1982. In this first complaint, the non-Catholic man claimed that, at age 13, he stopped by the rectory to interview a priest as part of a school project. During this interview, Fr. X gave the boy a back rub, a tour of the rectory, a bear hug in his living quarters, and then kissed him, forcing his tongue into the young man’s mouth. He then laid the boy down on the sofa and continued kissing him. Father X allegedly then placed his hand on the boy’s crotch rubbing him to erection, and then asked the boy to take his pants down. The boy did not and asked to leave. Father X begged the boy not to tell anyone. About a year later, fearing he was gay, the boy went back to the rectory to ask Father X why he had done this. Father X supposedly took the boy to his room and locked the door. The boy said that he initiated a hug of Father X and initiated oral sex. But the priests not only did not try to stop him, he encouraged the boy.

The then Vicar form Clergy, Monsignor Dyer, interviewed Father X. He denied misconduct. He recalled driving a young man back to the Episcopal church. He indicated that he hugs a lot, but not kissing. Monsignor Dyer REDACTED

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**Father X – “Third Allegation” (CMOB \_\_\_\_\_)  
Previously Discussed on 17 March 1995**

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