REV. BERNARD HANLEY

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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev Bernard Brian Hanley

Current Primary Assignment

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Ireland

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Age:

Diaconate Ordination

Priesthood Ordination

6/15/1958

Diocese Name

Diocese of Elphin, Ireland

Date of Incardination

Religious Community

Ritual Ascription

Ministry Status

Left Archdiocese

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Begin Pension Date

Seminary

Ethnicity

Irish

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check Virtus Training Date

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Assignment Left Archdiocese, Returned to Ireland. Diocese of Elphin.	Beginning Date 10/12/1965	Completion Date
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

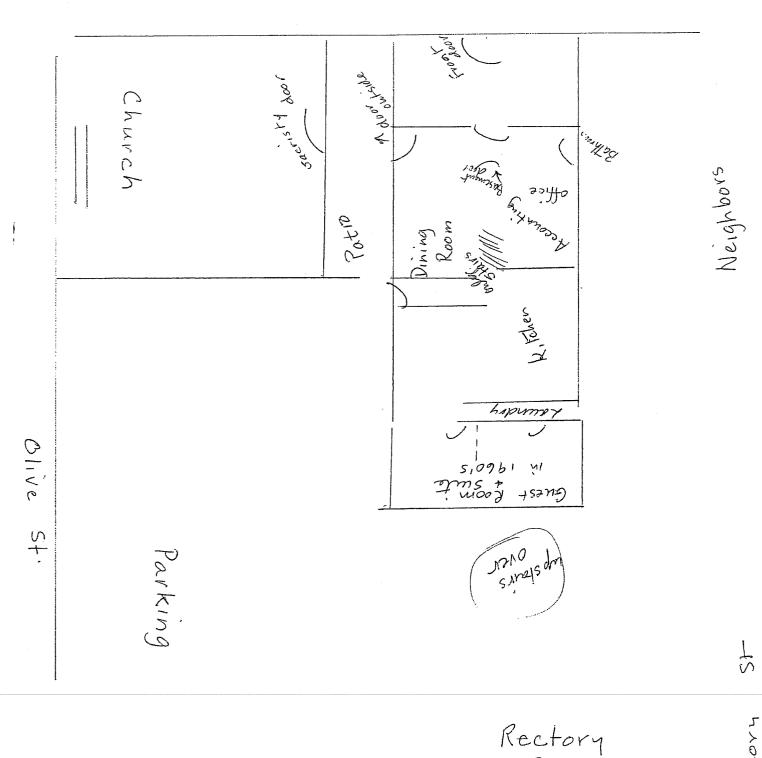
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Witness:

Case: REDACTED /Hanley

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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 hat he(same priest) had stolen money from her purse."

"My MotheREDACTED lived with my Dad REDACTED REDACTED her family). They lived 2 or 3 blocks from the Church."

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

"There was a REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED, my Mother was very close to 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 by 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** She worked everyday. She cooked, cleaned and did the laundry."

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

said that her sister, 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 and her husband lived during time she was a for REDACTED retired. REDACTED is no longer alive. REDACTED REDACTED

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Mrs. REDACTED said that she was a parishioner most of her life. She was a parish secretary after . 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 Hanley when he returned on his vacations.

REDACTED

Mrs. REDACTED (1950's-1965 then later came back)

Early parishioner helped REDACTED with many projects
REDACTED

REDACTED — didn't really know him we left in 1965

REDACTED — saw him in Oakland

Brian Hanley — very personable came to the house frequently. My husband & daughter & I visited him REDACTED in the early 80's.

Collateral Data: REDACTED Hanley

REDACTED 1 is/was at Lompoc. He said that 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, 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 is dead. Brian Hanley is in Ireland.

FEDACTED 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 REDACTEDWho was Pastor at the parish for many years. 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.

Witness:

REDACTED REDACTED

Case: REDACTED

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

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 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 :ame to live in the rectory in 1967 after Brian had left.

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

REDACTED lever 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 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 Housekeeper cooked 7 days a week.

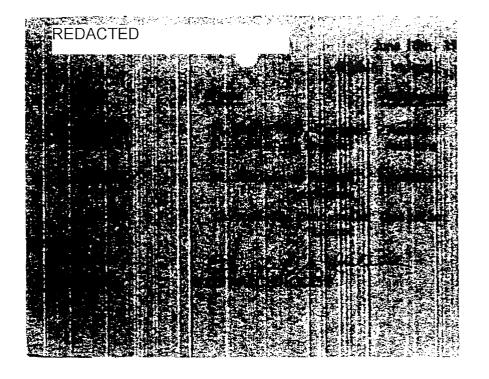
REDACTED REDACTED : current Pastor of La Purisima, spoke of a later time with a different housekeeper in the late 80's. She was called REDACTED She lived at the rectory in the first floor in what had been a Priest's guest room on the first floor. She moved out when she married and had children who apparently 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?
- 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.
- 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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La Purisima Concepcion Lompoc	St. Mariana de Paredes, Pico Rivera	St. Philip Neri, Compton St. Kevin, Los Angeles	Place	
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HANLEY, Rev. Bernard (Brian)

June 15th, 1958 (Elphin, Ireland)

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May 4th, 1964

Reverend Bernard Hanley
La Purisina Concepcion Rectory
324 South "I" Street
Lospoc, 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 see 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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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

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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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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 andrecommend that he continue to work in Ireland.

Monsignor Hawkes

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REDACTED

REDACTED From:

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.

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allegation against Fr. Brian Hanley

Initial communication:

Third Party: REDACTED , REDACTED REDACTED

- 1. REDACTED according to note she gave to "8/27 10:50 AM REDACTED for victim daughter.

 REDACTED is aware of this situation. (REDACTED REDACTED Diocese of Salt Lake City)
- 2. notes the above conversation with a handwritten note for
- 3. An e-mail was sent Tuesday, August 27, 2002 7:26 PM
- 4. Received Wednesday, August 28, 2002 REDACTED; ACC email 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. REDUCTED gives copy of e-mail to REDUCTED 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 goodby. 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 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.

Attempts:

REDACTED calls REDACTED: Wednesday, 9/4/02, and leaves work hours 8:00-4:00 p.m.and ACC number. 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 alls at 7:23 A.M. and leaves message for first time. REI returns 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. , brother of REDACTED calls after his Mother and before REDACTED calls. He says 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 EDACTED 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. REDACTED eported The legal Counsel for the Archdiocese, this case also to Detective Barraclough.

Counseling:

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

says that she is going to therapy to REDACTED REDACTED

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Past therapy with REDACTED

Background:

On August 27th, 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.

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 Said that she presently lived in REDACTED with her daughter, 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 18th, 2002.

The Alleged Sexual Abuse:

"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 at the time the report was made to the Archdiocese.

Vicar for Clergy has made contact with the resides.

REDACTED has asked 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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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of Vicar for Clergy (213) 637-7284 3424 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.

Vidar for Clergy

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

Accused

Name: REDACTED

Last Name:

Address:

Address2:

City/State/Zip:

HomePhone:

Accused: Bernard Brian

Last Name: Hanley

Years at Parish\Rel Order: 10/1/63 to 10/05/65

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:	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 saaid '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 also called after his Mother's initial call and before 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.			
	had said that PEDACTED bedroom windows were on the same side as the II floor rectory windows. REDACTED said that he (Fr. Handley) 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:	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. HammondI remember his name 20 years ago said something to Dad (RIP). He had dark hairnot 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.			
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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 "FLOWER (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 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 iREDACTED REDACTED

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



Diocese of Salt Lake City

27 C Street Salt Lake City, Utah 84103-2397 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,

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St. Mary's Sligo REDACTED

To: Rt, REDACTED

Re: Fr. Brian Hanley

From: REDACTED

Diocese of Elphin
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Date: 13 October 2005

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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.

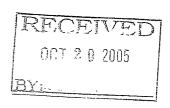
It is important for us to know whether there exists a reasonable suspicion that Fr. Hanley may have sexually abused a minor in order that I may consider whether a child protection question arises in relation to him.

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



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Monsignor Craig Cox

Vicar of Clergy

Los Angeles Diocese

Bishop Jones From -

Diocese of Elphin, Ireland

2 November 2005 Date -

Fr., Brian Hanley Subject -

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.

Yours sincerely,

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14 November 2005

Right Rev. Monsignor Craig A. Cox J.C.S. Vicar of Clergy, 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.

Yours sincerely,

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of Vicar for Clergy (213) 637-7284 3424 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles California 90010-2202

November 14, 2005

Most Reverend Christopher Jones Bishop of Elphin St. Mary's Sligo

Dear Bishop Jones:

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 I 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 (213) 637-6304.

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.

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15 November 2005

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Dear Monsignor Cox,

I write further to our telephone conversation on 10th 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 concerning Fr. Hanley – again back in the mid 1980's. The written advice from the Canon lawyer 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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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

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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!

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

RE:

Reverend Bernard Brian Hanley

DATE:

24 January 2006

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. Vicar for Clergy, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, 3424, Wiltshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90010-2241, U.S. America.

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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

TO:

Cardinal Roger Mahony

FROM:

Judge Richard P. Byrne (ret.), Chair

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.

served as canonical auditor in the case. The events are purported to have REDACTED 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 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. FEDACTED 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.

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Thank you.



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May 23, 2006

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REDACTED 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.

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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 REDACTED 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 brother of the complainant, by telephone.

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We initiated a preliminary investigation in accord with the provisions of canons 1717-1719. Mr. 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 REDACTED 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 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.

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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,

Monsignof Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.

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June 5, 2006

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May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.

Vicar for Clergy

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List of Enclosures Sent to REDACTED or Tuesday, June 06, 2006 Via DHL

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)

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10. Copy of REDACTED dated February 10, 2003

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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 oREDACTED 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 fron REDACTED s to Msgr. Cox dated November 15, 2005

21. Letter from Msgr. Cox toREDACTED 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





St. Mary's Sligo REDACTED

19 June 2006

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D., Vicar for Clergy, Office of Vicar for Clergy, 2424, Wiltshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90010 – 2202, U.S.A.

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

Most Reverend Christopher Jones Bishop of the Diocese of Elphin St. Mary's Cathedral Sligo, Ireland

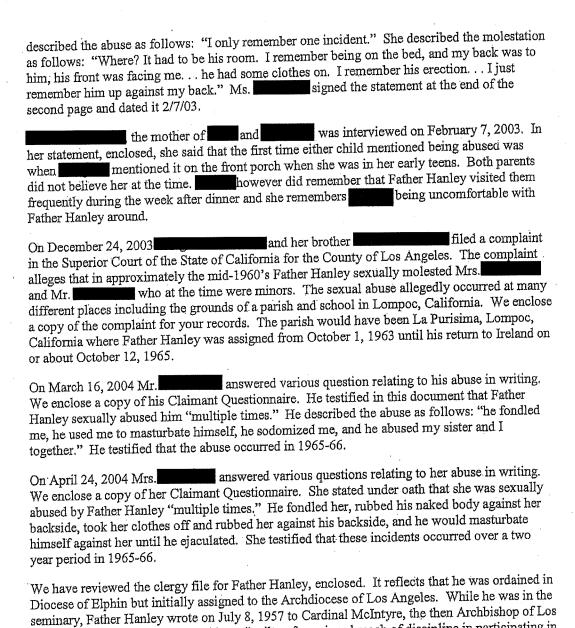
Re: Fr. Bernard Brian Hanley

Your Excellency:

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 called the Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Ministry and	ıd
on August 27, 2002 — Called the Archdiocese's Victim Assistance without the reported that Father Hanley had sexually abused her children, namely was born on December 10, 1959 and was born on March 19, 1961. They both currently live in Utah. Mrs. 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.	rn ng
the head of the Assistance Ministry, called Mrs. in September 2002 and reached her in Utah. said that she was abused three or four times when sh was four years old by a priest who she initially referred to as Father "Hammond." 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.	ne
In September, 2002 — called Sister — 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 he life and this made more sense now.	r
In the canonical interview of Ms. enclosed, held on January 21, 2003 she stated that she was abused after eating in the rectory with Father Hanley and Father She	at
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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.

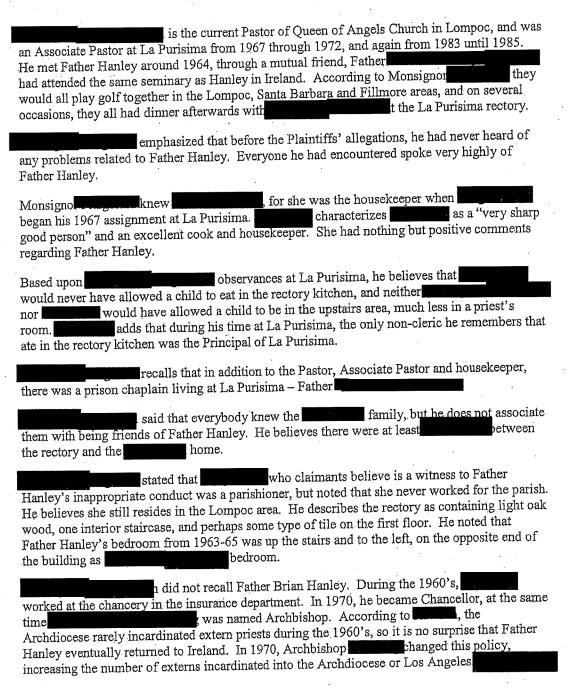
was the Pastor at La Purisima Concepcion Parish during alleged abuse, and is named by Plaintiffs as someone who should have know On November 2, 2005, was interviewed and provided the following	n about the abuse.
was born in 1913, ordained in Ireland in 1938, and came to the Arc. Angeles in 1938. He served in several parishes before coming to La Purisim served there as Pastor until his retirement in 1987. He cannot recall anyone is family ever being in his company in the rectory, and certainly not corroborate that the family lived at stated that he never received any or regarding Hanley and noted that Hanley did not leave suddenly, or under a cl. The parishioners were aware that Hanley was leaving — in fact, Hanley's replication after Hanley left for Ireland, evidencing that the church had planned in a transition. The reason for Hanley's departure was that his Irish Bishop contatold him that he either had to become incardinated into the Archdiocese of Lehome. As Hanley apparently was not eligible to be incardinated at the time,	a in 1955, and in the He did complaints loud of suspicion. lacement started the dvance for this lotted Hanley and los Angeles, or return

added that Hanley has returned to Lompoc to visit on two or three occasions, Ireland. since his 1965 departure. hen became Pastor at La Purisima Concepcion Parish, and served at this parish for the past eleven years - up until last year. Father noted that was the Pastor of La Purisima from 1955 until around 1986, and now lives in an apartment in Lompoc. When Father arrived at La Purisima, he made some modifications to the rectory. Contrary to Mrs. description of the rectory, Fr 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. According to has never met Fr. Hanley, yet he does know would never have allowed an unescorted four-year-old girl to Father claims while he was Pastor, for l vehemently eat at the rectory as Mrs. cited an occasion when he believes that the rectory dining room is only for clergy. Father ccepted this o dine at La Purisima's rectory. invitation, not knowing that they would be joined by three deacons and their wives. After this advised Father never to invite him when non-clergy were dining in the rectory. the former are the daughters of at La Purisima Concepcion Parish during the 1960's and 1970's. deceased. Ms. has followed in her mother's footsteps, for she is currently the at Queen of Angles Parish in Lompoc. was very strict about how the rectory was run, and Both daughters emphasized that never would have invited a guest of any age to eat with the priests in the rectory kitchen. noted that her mother would give children cookies on occasion, but never allowed them outside the kitchen, into other parts of the rectory. saw anything out of the ordinary, she would advise as they were very close and shared everything. For example, a call her daughter. young priest was killed in a hang gliding accident and when cleaning out his room, and told found pornography. She reported the matter to daughters state that they never heard anything negative from their mother regarding Father Hanley. stated that she attended an informal "going away" party for Father Hanley in 1965, house. According to which was held at knowledge that Father Hanley would be returning to Ireland.

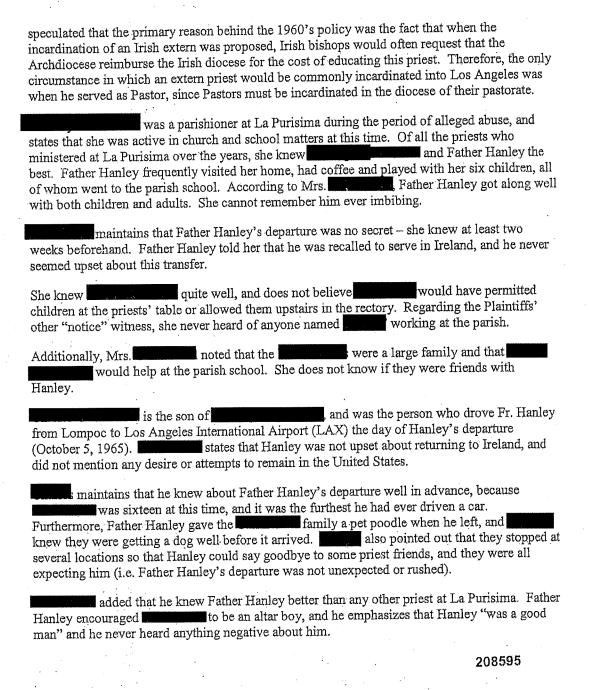
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was a parishioner at La Purisima, and first met Father Hanley in 1963 when he arrived at this parish. While in Lompoc, Father Hanley visited her house for dinner and occasionally would visit the shop her husband owned. She notes that Father Hanley's 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 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 after him. 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 noted that the small party shortly never saw him drink beer (as alleged by 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. She also commented that did not know if Father Hanley was a friend of the never observed children in the , who "ran a strict rectory." rectory during the period of alleged abuse. 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 also lived about two doors from her. She recalls that the second and Father Hanley were not close friends. never noticed Father Hanley watching the house, and is unaware of any improper conduct involving Hanley. (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. I On June 12, 1998,

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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 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 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 no 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 finds upon preliminary investigation pursuant to Canon 1717 that the accusation of child sexual abuse has a semblance of truth the matter <u>must</u> be communicated to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith which will direct about how to proceed.

We have reviewed the accusations of 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,

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Reverend Monsignor Gabriel Gonzales Vicar for Clergy

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Inactive Date	2/22/2006
Case Name	Irish Visitor
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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	
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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	local
Investigation Complete	·
Investigator Name	REDACTED
Removed From Ministry	
Date Removed From Ministry	
Date Returned To Ministry	·
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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 hade in her claimant's

questionnaire. Her brother also called Sr. REDACTED 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. received a call from the mother of the claimant who alleged thast her daughter had been abused when she was four years old. REDACTED 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, REDACTED will request permission from claimant's attorney to interview claimant.
February 22, 2006	REDACTED contacted claimant's attorney and requested permission to interview claimant. No reponse 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 REDACTED; report should be sent to the bishop in Ireland.
March 14, 2006	Board recommendations sent trREDACTED
March 16, 2006	Cardinal concurs in Board's recommendations.
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Follow Up		
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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record

Rev Brian Bernard Hanley

Current Primary Assignment

Age

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Birth Date

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

Assignment Left Archdiocese, Returned to Ireland. Diocese of Elphin.	Beginning Date 10/12/1965	Completion Date
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



MEMORANDUM

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

REDACTED

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 isited 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.

Je concur it you conclusion al

+ Roger Card. hrakog 16 March 2006

Thank you.

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May 22, 2006

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Most Reverend Christopher Jones Bishop of Elphin St. Mary's Sligo

RE: Reverend Brian Hanley

Dear Bishop Jones:

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.

claimed that Father Hanley As you know, a complaint was made in which abused her sexually when she was a minor. Upon receipt of the initial complaint, we arranged for an interview of Ms. and her mother, which was conducted by an official of the 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. and her brother in which both claim to have been harmed by such abuse. Ms. claims that the abuse took place in 1965 when she was four years of age; Mr. 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. was appointed as canonical Auditor to conduct the inquiry, Mr. 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.

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

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

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She has a younger brother, three older

brothers and an older sister.

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 motherREDACTED After repeated attempts on September 18, 2002, REDACTED made telephonic contact with REDACTED in 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 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.

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 (the cook), and I remember REDACTED was there, and Hanley." 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 had told her nothing specific about any abuse of him by

Hanley. 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, 2004, 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 Hanley sexually abused her "multiple times." She names her brother REDACTED and REDACTED he cook as witnesses. She claims Hanley 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 REDACTED the rectory cook, was aware of the times Hanley brought her upstairs and kept her behind closed doors in his room and that Hanley left Lompoc suddenly without saying good-bye to her family.

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

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

He has been pastor at La Purisima Concepcion for 11 years and REDACTED was the former pastor from 1955 until 1986. REDACTEDnow lives in an apartment in Lompoc. When 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 reflooring. 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 Brian Hanley but does know REDACTED would never have allowed an unescorted four-year-old girl to eat at the rectory dinner table while REDACTED was pastor. REDACTED cited an occasion where he invited REDACTED join him and three deacons and their wives to dine in the rectory. REDACTED accepted not knowing who else would be there. After the dinner REDACTED advised REDACTED 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, REDACTED provided the following information:

(retired) was interviewed and

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 La Purisima Concepcion in 1955 and serving there as pastor until his retirement in 1987.

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

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

He knew Hanley 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 Hanley has an uncle who is a bishop in Ireland and does not recall Hanley being a beer drinker.

The REDACTED family lived at H Street and Hickory but moved to the San Diego area years ago. The REDACTED family lives two doors away from the rectory. (These are two families it was determined that were friends of Hanley.)

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 archbishop. 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 Brian Hanley.

On November 2, 2005, REDACTED the following information:

was interviewed and provided

He is the REDACTED f Queen of Angels Church in Lompoc and was an REDACTED at La Purisima Concepcion from 1967 until 1972 and again from 1983 until 1985. He spent seven years with REDACTED he was not there with Father Brian Hanley.

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

REDACTED and Hanley got along well together. After Hanley went back to Ireland he returned to visit in Lompoc and always stopped by to see REDACTED Hanley had many friends in Lompoc and enjoyed coming back to see them. He does not know if Hanley applied for incardination in Los Angeles or any other diocese in the United States. He knows of nobody who has better insight into whether Hanley wanted to stay or not.

REDACTED was the housekeeper in the parish when he was at La Purisima Concepcion. She was there when Hanley was there also and she told him REDACTED how much she thought of Hanley. 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 nor REDACTED would have allowed a child to be in the upstairs of the rectory much less in a priest's room.

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

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

Hanley's room was on the second floor of the rectory and on the opposite end of the building as 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 Hanley'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 Hanley and stressed Lompoc is a community where rumors and gossip spread quickly.

On November 2, 2005 REDACTED information:

was interviewed and provided the following

She met Father Brian Hanley shortly after he arrived at La Purisima Concepcion 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 REDACTED and Hanley the best. Hanley 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 knewREDACTED 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 who worked in the parish.

The REDACTED were a large family and REDACTED he 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 Hanley.

The REDACTED were another family who was friendly with Hanley but they have moved from the area.

Hanley has returned to Lompoc 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^{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 Brian Hanley from Lompoc to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and then drove the car back home to Lompoc.

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

REDACTED mew 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.

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 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 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.

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

On November 15, 2005, Father REDACTED vas 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.
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- 4. REDACTED and REDACTED were four and five years old when the abuse allegedly took place.
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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

- aware of them being in Hanley's room. Both daughters of REDACTED idvised their mother never invited anyone to the rectory, certainly not a child, and would not have allowed a child upstairs in the rectory.
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- 8. REDACTEDIenies the meal described by Barcelona 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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The Los Angeles Archdiocese became aware of the alleged abuse in this matter on August 27, 2002, through REDACTED mother EDACTED After repeated attempts on September 18, 2002, and telephonic contact with REDACTED in Utah. During this conversation REDACTED told REDACTED hat 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 1 also telephonically contacted REDACTED He told REDACTED ne 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.

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 vas there, and Hanley." 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 had told her nothing specific about any abuse of him by

Hanley. 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, 2004, 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 Hanley sexually abused her "multiple times." She names her brother REDACTED and REDACTED the cook as witnesses. She claims Hanley 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 REDACTED the rectory cook, was aware of the times Hanley brought her upstairs and kept her behind closed doors in his room and that Hanley left Lompoc suddenly without saying good-bye to her family.

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

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

He has been pastor at La Purisima Concepcion for 11 years and REDACTED REDACTED was the former pastor from 1955 until 1986. REDACTED now lives in an apartment in Lompoc. When 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 reflooring. 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 Brian Hanley but does know REDACTED would never have allowed an unescorted four-year-old girl to eat at the rectory dinner table while REDACTED cited an occasion where he invited REDACTED to join him and three deacons and their wives to dine in the rectory. REDACTED accepted not knowing who else would be there. After the dinner REDACTED advised 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, REDACTED (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 La Purisima Concepcion in 1955 and serving there as pastor until his retirement in 1987.

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

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

He knew Hanley 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 Hanley has an REDACTED who is a REDACTED in Ireland and does not recall Hanley being a beer drinker.

The REDACTED amily lived at H Street and Hickory but moved to the San Diego area years ago. The REDACTED family lives two doors away from the rectory. (These are two families it was determined that were friends of Hanley.)

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 archbishop. 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 Brian Hanley.

On November 2, 2005, REDACTED the following information:

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He is the REDACTED of Queen of Angels Church in Lompoc and was an REDACTED at La Purisima Concepcion from 1967 until 1972 and again from 1983 until 1985. He spent seven years with REDACTED He was not there with Father Brian Hanley.

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

REDACTED and Hanley got along well together. After Hanley went back to Ireland he returned to visit in Lompoc and always stopped by to see REDACTED Hanley had many friends in Lompoc and enjoyed coming back to see them. He does not know if Hanley applied for incardination in Los Angeles or any other diocese in the United States. He knows of nobody who has better insight into whether Hanley wanted to stay or not.

REDACTED was the housekeeper in the parish when he was at La Purisima Concepcion. She was there when Hanley was there also and she told him (Fitzgerald) how much she thought of Hanley. 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 nor REDACTED would have allowed a child to be in the upstairs of the rectory much less in a priest's room.

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

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

Hanley'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 Hanley'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 Hanley and stressed Lompoc is a community where rumors and gossip spread quickly.

On November 2, 2005, REDACTED information:

was interviewed and provided the following

She met Father Brian Hanley shortly after he arrived at La Purisima Concepcion 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 Hanley the best. Hanley 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 knewREDACTED 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 who worked in the parish.

The REDACTED vere a large family an REDACTED 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 Hanley.

The REDACTED were another family who was friendly with Hanley but they have moved from the area.

Hanley has returned to Lompoc 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 Brian Hanley from Lompoc to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and then drove the car back home to Lompoc.

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 '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, 2005REDACTED and REDACTED vere 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 a 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 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 roon^{REDACTED} found pornography, which upset her. She told REDACTED and REDACTED about it. She never had anything bad to say regarding Hanley.

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 $^{\text{REDACTED}}$ vas 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 be 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 the cook to have a meal with her, Hanley and theredact
 - 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 n 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 leceased), 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 Complain '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.

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

In late August or early September 200 Lalso telephonically contacted REDACTED He told REDACTED had did not remember anything concrete regarding abuse of himself by X but that his sister 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 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 (the cook), and I remembe 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 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 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 in the cook as witnesses.

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

He has been pastor at LP for 11 years and REDACTED was pastor from 1955 until 1986 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.

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On November 2, 2005REDACTED (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.

REDACTED

He cannot recall a woman with the last name of Mr ever working for the parish. He cannot recall anyone in the K family ever being in his company in the rectory and certainly not 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 REDACTED who is a REDACTED 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 namedREDACTED 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^{REDACTED} IF was interviewed and provided the following information:

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

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and X got along well together. After X went back to Ireland he returned to visit and always stopped by to see [. 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.

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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.

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X's room was on the second floor of the rectory and on the opposite end of the building as

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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.

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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 pastorREDACTED 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 well and does not believ 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 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 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

was at a party at 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, vas 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

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

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

She knev^{REDACTED} ran a strict rectory. She never observed children in the rectory during that era.

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

He is the pastor o

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 be 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 X 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 the cook to have a meal with her, X and the pastor REDACTEL She believes she and X were clothed while on the bed and mentions his erection but not his masturbating.
 - c. In her complainant questionnaire dated April 22, 2004, in support of her lawsuit she claims X sexually abused her multiple times. This includes X'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. Whe s broth called REDACTED 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 claims X sexually abused him multiple times. This includes X fondling him, using REDACTED to masturbate himself (X), sodomizing him REDACTED and abusing him and together. In this document he also says that he told others in 1999-2000 about the abuse.
- 4. REDACTED an 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 REDACTED identify (deceased), the rectory cook and housekeeper, as someone who observed them in the rectory and was aware of them being in X's room. Both daughters of 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 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. REDACTED lenies the meal described by 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.