

REV. HENRY VETTER, C.P.
(CONGREGATION OF THE PASSION, PASSIONISTS)

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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Henry Vetter, C.P.

Current Primary Assignment

Birth Date

Age:

Birth Place

Deanery:

Diaconate Ordination

Priesthood Ordination

Diocese Name

Date of Incardination

Religious Community

Passionists (Congregation of the Passion)

Ritual Ascription

Ministry Status

Deceased

Canon State

Relig. Order Priest

Incard Process

Begin Pension Date

Seminary

Ethnicity

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check

Virtus Training Date

Assignment History

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Deceased	5/24/1977	
Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, Sierra Madre, Assignment and status not known	2/1/1959	5/23/1977

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Elgin 5-1265

REDACTED

Fassionist Fathers
700 N. Sunnyside Ave.
Sierra Madre, California

June 30, 1961

REDACTED

Dear

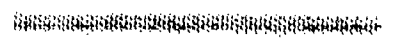
Hi! Greeting from Sierra Madre!

It's me, I'm back here, and good to be back, after being away for 7 weeks,

I received your welcome letter and it was good to hear from you. That was a fine letter for a boy in the 5th grade to write, - oh, I enjoyed me! - I mean 6th grade!

That is a very fine report card! I was to see you get such good marks, here

marks as good?
REDACTED
REDACTED



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I am happy to hear that you are still serving Mass and have already served a good number of Masses.

I'll see if I can find a picture to send you, and if not now, then later - remind me!

You said your Mother wanted to know if there was any place I was going to be this summer, where I could have you visit me for a few days, that would be nice and I would like it, Right now I do not know of any particular time or place. But I will let you know if one shows up. They do not encourage us to bring our friends to stay at the monastery, - especially younger boys, But maybe some time we can work out something later.

Impression?

We must have been warned about young boys!

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Murray 1-4277

Elgin 5-1865

Passionist Fathers
700 N. Sunnyside Ave.
Sierra Madre, California

Last week I was at a real nice place, - at the Sem-
inary of the Oblates of St. Joseph, at Santa Cruz, My room
overlooked the ocean - just 20 yards away. Of course I
was not there just for vacation. I was giving a Retreat
to Priests there, so I had to give 2 (half hour) talks each
morning and 2 each afternoon. But I was free from 12:30
noon till about 3 P.M., so I managed to get down on the
beach for an hour or two each day, right after lunch.

The month I spent over in Nevada was a very interesting

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one, I had 3 Missions over there, and one Retreat,

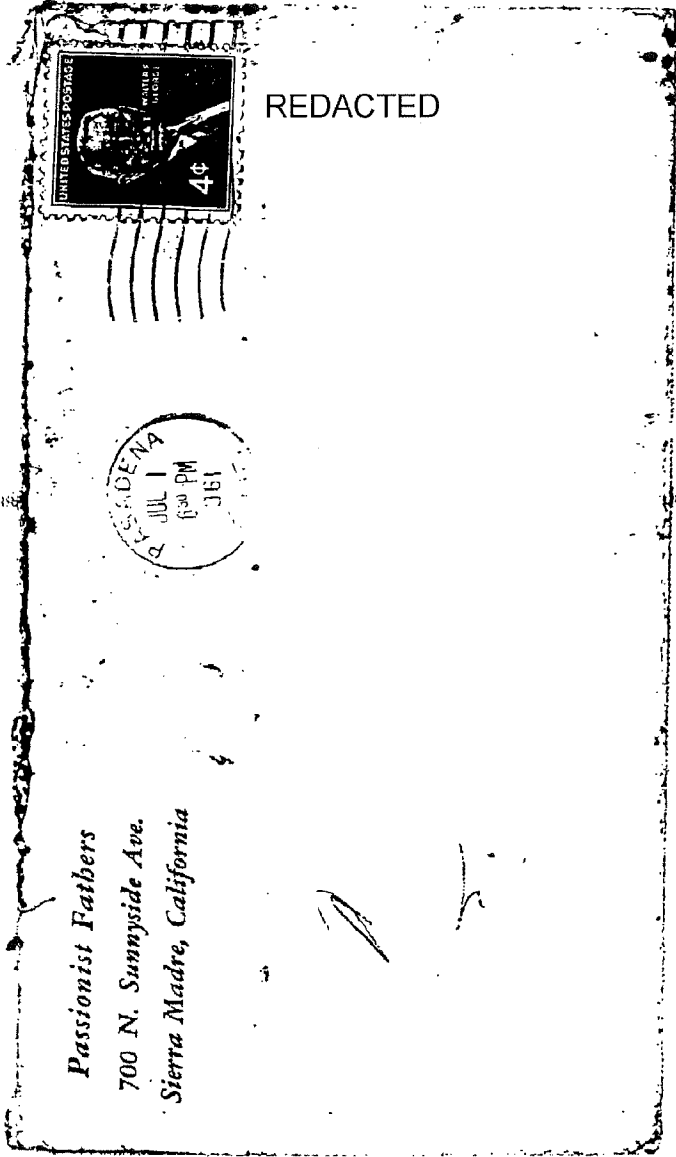
I expect to stay at the Monastery for a week or so now. Then I go over to West Los Angeles for a Sisters Retreat of ten days,

I'll be praying for you. And please do you pray for me and for my work,

God be with you and Bless you!

Your friend in Christ Crucified,

Father Henry O.S.B.



ENVELOPE FOR LETTER

JULY 1ST
1961

SENT 2 WEEKS
AFTER POSTCARD

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REDACTED

13th April, 1993

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
REDACTED

TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The writer first saw ^{REDACTED} professionally in May of 1992 due to difficulties in his relationship with the woman he was residing with. At that time he mentioned that he had been sexually exploited by a Roman Catholic Priest when he was a child, but he denied that this was a problem. ^{REDACTED} was seen intermittently from then until December, 1992 and the focus REDACTED

However, in the month of December ^{REDACTED} became extremely emotional and vulnerable, probably due to the fact that his girlfriend had been talking to him about ^{REDACTED}, partly due to the fact that they were separating. The emotional floodgates opened partially, but overwhelmingly. ^{REDACTED} was no longer able to repress his feelings over the horror of the abuse and the consequent cover up by his family and community. At Christmas he returned to California and began, for the first time, to communicate with his siblings and his mother about his childhood traumas. Some healing began to occur and with this healing some memories, long repressed, emerged. However, the writer believes that only with intensive therapy in a supportive environment will ^{REDACTED} be able to lower his defenses, acknowledge the full extent of the abuse and its impact upon him, and learn how to live a full emotional life. Presently the majority of his energy still seems focused on minimizing, denying, and intellectualizing his emotions, a typical dissociative/post stress reaction associated with childhood sexual abuse.

To Whom It May Concern
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13th April, 1993

The fact that the abuse occurred and impacted adversely on ^{REDACTED}
emotional growth is not disputable. The only question is "How can he
heal the trauma that was inflicted on a helpless child by a trusted and
respected adult male"? It is the writer's opinion that ^{REDACTED} does
require therapy, therapy which is not available here but is available in
the mainland USA. REDACTED
REDACTED

If you wish further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,
REDACTED

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REDACTED

July, 23rd, 1993

REDACTED

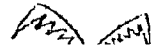
I have put together an estimated expense sheet on what therapy will cost me. I spoke with several therapists in the USA in order to find out the approximate costs. As you know the amount of therapy needed is not something you can pin down. According to REDACTED, a therapist who specializes in the treatment of Adult survivors of sexual abuse and is based in Atlanta, The minimum that intensive treatment should last is 12 to 18 months. After that amount of time I should probably be able to work with a local therapist. REDACTED is a therapist based in North Carolina who has given training to other therapists in my area, does not feel that there are any groups or specialized therapy that I can receive here in the Caribbean. He is the one who referred me to REDACTED. I am basing my projected costs/losses on the basis of one year of therapy in the USA. They are as follows:

Therapy - One year of private and Group Therapy	13,000.00
Special Therapy Programs - one every two months @ 1,000.00 ea.	6,000.00
Living Costs - Rent, utilities, telephone, food, car, insurance, spending money, misc. @ 3,500.00 per month	42,000.00
Labor Cost - Manager for my two businesses 12 months @ 2500.00 per month	30,000.00
Lost Wages - This is for the photography work which only I can do. I'll have to give the work to another photographer. 12 months @ 4,000.00 per month	48,000.00
Airplane Tickets - one roundtrip every 3 months @ 800.00 each trip	<u>3,200.00</u>
Total	\$ 142,200.00

There is no value which I can place on the emotional upheaval which I will have to go through as a result of being uprooted from my home and friends. I'll have to live in a place where I will have no friends or family. Also as a result of not being able to service my REDACTED for a year I'll lose a great deal of those REDACTED. It has taken me ten years to build up the REDACTED part of my businesses and no doubt I'll lose more than half of my clients due to the fact that I won't be able to work where I live for a year.

I hope these figures will help you and the church work out a reasonable settlement. After all I went through, being molested and raped by Father Henry, I feel that the least the Church can do is pay for these expenses for one year. I feel that considering the fact that I could be in therapy for years before I can deal with what happened to me, one years compensation doesn't seem too much to ask.

Regards.



REDACTED

REDACTED

August 10, 1993

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

This letter is a follow-up to our recent phone conversations regarding your inquiry for therapy services related to childhood sexual abuse. As I have clarified to you, I do provide psychotherapy for men who have been sexually abused during childhood.

Based on our conversations, I would recommend that you consider participating in individual and group therapy for a period of 12-18 months. I would suggest that you attend individual therapy for 1-2 hours weekly and group therapy for 1 1/2 - 2 hours weekly. I have regularly conduct all male survivor groups and mixed gender relationship groups, either of which might be appropriate to your needs.

My current fee for individual therapy is \$85/hour and for group therapy is \$45/group. Fees are subject to change, although I do not currently anticipate any increases in the future.

In addition to individual and group therapy, you might want to consider participation in weekend experiential workshops to address issues related to your healing. For example, I sometimes conduct 1-4 day workshops on Healing From Gender Shame. I am familiar with the network of related workshops and can provide you with information as needed. The cost for such weekend workshops generally will be in the range of \$1000, once you include travel, food, lodging, and registration.

I hope this information is helpful as you negotiate your plans for involvement in therapy. As I have indicated, I am willing to discuss arrangements for you to schedule therapy sessions with me. My practice tends to be very active and I am quite busy, so final agreement for sessions will be contingent upon availability of time slots in my schedule.

I remain available to discuss your future requests for therapy upon your initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,
REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

August 18th, 1993

REDACTED

I'm sending you a copy of my tax assessment for 1992 and the receipts for the payment of the tax. As you can see a year away from my work would cost me nearly \$90,000. If I was gone a year and a half add 50% more to that loss. Also take into account that my earnings from REDACTED (51,375.00) would be drastically reduced when I return due to my regular clients having to retain other REDACTED REDACTED to do their work thus I would permanently lose many of my clients.

I'm also enclosing a letter from REDACTED in which he gives a recommendation for the amount of therapy I will need (12-18 months) and in which he also gives an approximation of the costs. The costs run from a low of \$10,750 for one year to a high of \$16,125 for 18 months. This is based on a cost of \$215.00 per week (2 hours private therapy @ \$85 per hour and 1 hour of group @ \$45 per hour plus one workshop every 2 months @ \$1000 each)

I'm also enclosing a newspaper article in which the cost of inpatient treatment for the perpetrators of these crimes against children, the priests, is quoted as being \$285.00 per day or \$104,025.00 per year. Surely the victims of these crimes deserve at least as much for their own healing.

REDACTED I am anxious to settle this matter so I can begin my treatment and get on with my life. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help facilitate matters.

Regards,

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

COPY

December 24, 1993

To Monsignor Timothy Dyer,

I was sexually molested in 1969 by a Catholic priest as a young boy of nine years old while growing up in Carson, California. Unfortunately, my younger brother was also sexually molested by the same Catholic priest, Father Henry over a more extensive period of time. This sexual molestation was covered up at the time by the Catholic diocese. ✓

The sexual molestations by Father Henry was hushed up by the Catholic Archdiocese at the expense of the mental stability of my younger brother and myself. Our family were regular members of St. Philomeno Catholic Church in Carson, California. I received my confirmation at St. Philomeno on REDACTED and was an active altar boy serving in many church occassions at the time that I was sexually molested by Father Henry.

On a vacation trip to the Baja peninsula in Mexico we met Father Henry who was vacationing with his sister at the time. As devout Catholics, my parents immediately trusted Father Henry. I believe Father Henry was a member of a Catholic Church in Pasadena but am unsure. He was involved with a charity thrift store in Pasadena which raised funds for a boys orphanage Father Henry was responsible for managing in Mexico.

Within weeks upon returning home to Carson, Father Henry arrived at our family home and asked my parents permission for my younger brother to assist him at the thrift store and ^{my} brother was further molested once he was at the orphanage.

My parents agreed without reservation believing their sons were completely safe. People believed then that the church, especially clergymen, were the most sacred of god's trusted servants in this world. My brother was sexually molested the first evening alone with Father Henry. He was further coerced into group sex scenes with other young boys at the orphanage. He remembers feelings of being trapped and to this day copes with mental problems I believe stem from being sexually molested at an early age, particularly by a Catholic priest.

I unfortunately trusted Father Henry as a servant of god, thinking innocent thoughts as Father Henry planned to sexually molest me. Traumatized by the event, my brother said nothing upon his return home. The next weekend Father Henry came for me. Again, thinking everything was fine, my parents allowed me to go with the Father Henry under the pretense of helping him at the charity thrift store.

Once we arrived at the store that evening, Father Henry directed me to a back room with one twin mattress on a boxspring. He told me that was where we were to sleep. Thinking of priests as almost god-like at the age of nine, I trusted his every word. My wonderfully innocent childhood would soon come to a disturbing end. We laid side by side in our underwear until I fell asleep. I woke up shortly thereafter with Father Henry lying on top of me trying to kiss me as I moved my face from side to side as he continued to molest my young body. I feel that this incident traumatized myself and my brother for life and is partly the reason that I have been dealing with REDACTED for the past 12 years of my life.

During the sexual molestation I pretended to wake up and told Father Henry I had to go to the bathroom. He let me go and while in a terrified state snuck into the front of the thrift store and phoned my parents. My mother immediately called back and said my grandmother had a heart attack and she was coming to pick me up. Immediately after the call, Father Henry had me lie on a couch as if that was where I had been sleeping.

My mother later described the terror she felt as she drove the twenty miles to Pasadena. I thought about jumping through the plate glass windows of the thrift store to escape Father Henry as I waited for my mother to arrive.

Father Henry stole the innocence of my childhood and I believe put me on a path which has me facing the prospect of an early death at the age of 33. My life changed drastically after the sexual molestation. I had been a straight A student and in an accelerated program at Wilmington Junior High School. Within a few months of the molestation I found myself seeking out avenues to have sex with men. After a few meeting and counseling sessions, church officials convinced my parents that in the best interest of everyone involved, it was best to just leave matters alone and remain quiet. This was a mistake.

I was so traumatized that I tried to burn our family home down a few months later

only now realizing that I blamed my parents for not protecting my brother and I from Father Henry and a desire to move from the house and neighborhood I had once loved.

I grew up and fathered a baby girl who is now 14 years of age and am now coping with ^{RE}^{REDACTED}ED I am fighting for my life on a month to month basis and partially hold the Catholic Church responsible. First, for allowing access by Father Henry, a known child molester to take advantage of my brother and I. Secondly, for not helping to diminish the damage done by this sick individual wearing the worshipped cloat of the Catholic Church and from what I understand allowing Father Henry to continue to manage the boys orphanage in Mexico where I'm sure further molestations occurred.

My life may be cut short at 33 years. Because of the road I have choosen it has been a living hell at times. I feel the injustice done on my brother and I has never been rectified by the Catholic Church. I can say this even this many years later because the feelings and anger at having my innocense ravaged has never gone away.

I am planning for the day when ^{REDACTED} will make me totally dependent upon others for my daily needs. I am also planning the future of my 14 year old daughter who deserves a quality life and wants a college education.

Father Henry is dead and has faced god's judgement. Legal time sanctions have long passed. I am seeking compassionate financial compensation from the Catholic Church for the sexual molestations by Father Henry and the negative impact this crime and the subsequent handling of it by the Catholic Church had on my brother and I.

My parents met with Los Angeles Catholic Church officials regarding this matter shortly after the sexual molestation occurred. I understand these records are safeguarded by the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Regardless of the issue of financial compensation, I would like access and copies if possible of any files relating to this sexual molestation at your facility.

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I feel very strongly about this incident and subsequent ramifications and intend to pursue this matter to the fullest. If your response, if one is received at all, is not acceptable I am contemplating other options.

Child molestations by priests is a hot issue these days. Officials have estimated that over 100,000 men have been sexually molested by priests across the country. Disgusting! I am considering writing a book, as I am a REDACTED and have been approached by a national news television show which is interested in my saga.

I wanted to hear your response before I move further with this. I do not want to destroy or damage the Catholic Church anymore than it already has done on its own. I am living a good life and one in which I feel god approves of and is watching out over me. I now consider myself a Episcopalian because of the faith's more accepting attitude towards gay and lesbian people. The Catholic Church still considers gay and lesbian people practicing sexually to be sinners when in fact thousands of us may have ^{had} our sexuality impacted by being molested as children by church personnel.

I only want justice and retribution for my brother and I and in doing so I feel we can move on and be at peace. God Bless. Please acknowledge this letter even if an official response will take some time. Thank you.

REDACTED

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REDACTED

February 2, 1994

Monsignor Timothy Dyer
1531 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

My office has been retained by REDACTED and his parents to represent them regarding the molestation of ^{REDACTED} by Father Henry Vetter. The circumstances surrounding that molestation were contained in a letter sent to you dated December 24, 1993 by REDACTED REDACTED

I am presently investigating the circumstances surrounding this claim in an attempt to identify those persons and/or entities who may be responsible. Thanks to you, my client has been in touch with Father REDACTED REDACTED Any future correspondence to REDACTED should be directed to this office.

Sincerely,
REDACTED

REDACTED

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 2, 1994
REDACTED
FROM:
TO: Monsignor Dyer
RE: Henry Vetter

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I spoke with REDACTED _____ this morning with regard to Henry Vetter, the Passionist now deceased.

REDACTED knew him. He said "I wrote an article about him once." (That is probably the article I saw referred to in the letter of which we kept one sheet that had REDACTED parents' names and address on it!)

REDACTED will search the archives and give us everything (or anything) he locates in re Father Vetter.

Do you want a C-File on this? If so, could you make a few notes as to your contacting the Passionists? So we have a progression of actions?

p/s long for Dictation
[Signature]

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 1994
 FROM: Msgr. Dyer
 TO: C-File - Henry Vetter
 RE: Notes

The last week of December, 1993 I contacted REDACTED Provincial and told him about the letter from REDACTED. He acknowledged he was working on another case involving Henry Vetter. He said he would look into this one right away. I then spoke to REDACTED to tell him I had contacted REDACTED REDACTED who wished to meet with him as soon as possible. They were then able to get together as I gave each the other's phone number. It happened that REDACTED was going to Texas the following week, as was REDACTED and it was my understanding that, with REDACTED paying REDACTED airfare, they would meet there. I called REDACTED back to confirm this and he said the plan was made and he was grateful for our help in this matter. REDACTED then requested that I send him by overnight mail the letter from REDACTED which I did. On 2/1/94 REDACTED came to visit me here and said he had met with REDACTED and would continue to keep us informed as to the progress of the case.

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CCI 002465

REFERRAL MEMORANDUM from CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY

TO: Msgr. Dyer DATE: 3-4-94

- () Please REVIEW, then SEE ME
- () Please REVIEW, then RETURN to me
- () Please REVIEW, then SEND me your COMMENTS
- () Please REVIEW, then FILE
- (X) Please HANDLE this matter ENTIRELY
- () Please ANSWER; send copy of letter to me
- () Please WRITE A REPLY for my signature
- () For your INFORMATION
- () Please XEROX - FAX and send copy/copies to:

PRIORITY

Original to: () file () back to me () _____

REMARKS: We need to get the parishists involved at once, and
we shall report to her for the record.

Thanks!

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 7, 1994
 FROM: REDACTED
 TO: T.D.
 RE: PER YOUR REQUEST

The Passionist Provincial is Very Rev. Michael Stengel, C.P.
 Provincial
 Passionist Community
 5700 North Harlem Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60631

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of
Vicar for Clergy
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1531
West Ninth
Street

Los Angeles
California
90015-1194

March 22, 1994

Very Rev. Michael Stengel, C.P., Provincial
Passionist Community
5700 North Harlem Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Dear Father Stengel:

Attached is a letter received in this office regarding another molestation allegation in the case of Father Henry Vetter.

I have contacted REDACTED to tell her that I was forwarding this information to you.

I will be ready to work with you in this case in any way I can. I expect that you will now make contact with REDACTED to begin the proper protocol determined by your community.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

Vetter

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Residence

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March 30, 1994

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Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California

Sexual Misconduct Allegation by REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

I trust that you are doing well. It was good seeing you a few months back. I hope that I have the opportunity to see you again under more pleasant circumstances.

Our Provincial, V. Rev. Michael Joseph Stengel, sent me a copy of your letter to him as well as a copy of REDACTED letter to Cardinal Mahoney. In your letter to REDACTED REDACTED you make reference to this case as "another molestation allegation" against Fr. Henry Vetter, a deceased Passionist. I want to assure you that this is not a new case or accusation. This is in reference to a case that you, Michael Joseph and I talked about when we had our meeting with you at the end of January. I want to outline a chronology of this case for your information and for your files.

On January 6, 1993, REDACTED called REDACTED at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center to inform him that a REDACTED had contacted him about her brother who said that he had been sexually molested in 1960 or 1961 by a Passionist. REDACTED contacted our Provincial, Michael Joseph Stengel and our Provincial immediately called both REDACTED and REDACTED. All this happened on the same day.

Since I am Local Superior of the Passionist Community of Mater Dolorosa here in Los Angeles, Michael Joseph asked me to make contact with REDACTED. On January 11, 1993, I had several conversations with REDACTED and also an extended one with REDACTED. REDACTED I have notes of these conversations.

On January 27, 1993, I had a follow-up conversation with REDACTED. At that time, she indicated that they wanted to consult with a lawyer. I did not discourage her from doing that. I told them that we had begun consulting a lawyer and gave them his name.

We became aware of the need for legal counsel from the very beginning. We retained REDACTED as our lawyer for this case. He advised us to be open and pastoral to REDACTED and to begin investigating the allegations by gathering as much documentation as we could. He also suggested that we ask them to give us the names of people who could support their charges. On February 23, 1993, he wrote REDACTED REDACTED a letter to that effect on my authorization.



MAY THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
BE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS!

The incident that REDACTED described to me was said to have taken place one night at a motel in San Diego. He did not tell me of any other times when he may have been molested. The nature of the contact was also very minimal, according to his description.

In my conversation with the REDACTED, it became evident to me that they wanted much more than help with therapy. REDACTED was also asking for compensation for a ruined life and living expenses while in therapy. About six months ago, he send our lawyer some documents which were making claims as to his worth and to amount of money he would need for therapy. At that point, our lawyer expressed a willingness to consider a settlement to pay for therapy but only if they could provide some collaborating evidence.

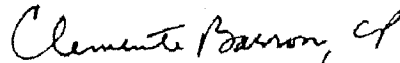
On September 10, 1993, a REDACTED, a lawyer retained by REDACTED met with our lawyer, REDACTED and went over possible settlements. As instructed by us, REDACTED offered to pay for any therapy that REDACTED may need, but we needed to talk with the therapist which had discovered the condition and have evidence that there was a causal link between the alleged incident and his inability to live a functional life. A month later, our lawyer wrote REDACTED and put these conditions in writing. We have not received any word from the REDACTED family since then.

It is my belief that REDACTED wrote the Cardinal, hoping to by-pass what we have done thus far in this case. I continue to investigate. I now have contacted Bishop Juan Arzube, as REDACTED has suggested we do many times. I will await for Bishop Arzube's reply.

This, then, is a brief history of our "unresponsive and unsympathetic" hearing of their claim. We will continue to be open to some settlement that involves therapy. I am also aware that REDACTED may need some assistance in reaching an understanding of our situation and of our response. I would be most willing to meet with her if she were willing to have a facilitator help us sort out our conversation together. I also would welcome any suggestions that you or your office may have in this regard.

I hope that this has been helpful to you. I also hope that this could serve as background for you if you were to receive other communications in regard to this matter. Many blessings upon you and your ministry.

Sincerely,



V. Rev. Clemente Barron, C.P.
Mater Dolorosa Local Superior

cc: V. Rev. Michael Joseph Stengel, C.P.
Passionist Provincial, Holy Cross Province

Passionist Community

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Provincial Superior

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September 26, 1994

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Rt. Rev. Monsignor Timothy Dyer
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Vicar for Clergy
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

I begin with a word of sincere thanks to you for the meeting REDACTED and I had in your office on September 8, 1994. At that time, we were able to agree on the next step we Passionists would like to take regarding a pastoral solution to an allegation of child sexual abuse by two brothers, REDACTED against a Passionist priest [now deceased] who lived and ministered in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles some twenty years ago.

As you suggested, I will: [1] State a brief history of this matter as it involved me, the present Provincial Superior of Holy Cross Province; [2] State my position at this time; [3] Make a proposal to the Archdiocese through you as representing the Archdiocese by reason of your first contact with me. I'm also enclosing the letter our lawyer, REDACTED has written to me regarding this matter. Finally, I am enclosing some supporting documentation.

BRIEF HISTORY

On January 15, 1994, Monsignor Dyer called me from Los Angeles regarding a letter he had received from REDACTED. The letter was an allegation of child sexual abuse by Passionist, Father Henry Vetter [now deceased], who was then living and ministering in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. By overnight mail, Father Dyer sent me a copy of the letter stating the allegation and written by REDACTED. In the letter, REDACTED states that both he and his brother were sexually abused by Father Vetter. He also states he is presently REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED [A copy of the letter is enclosed].

I immediately contacted REDACTED by phone. After an explanation of who I was, REDACTED basically repeated by phone to me the contents of his letter. Through a rather fortuitous coincidence, REDACTED was coming to Houston, where I was for a week of meetings. So, I was able to arrange a meeting with REDACTED in Houston. Once we had the meeting arranged, I asked REDACTED if I could bring my REDACTED REDACTED, with me. REDACTED was agreeable to this and also requested that he have a friend present with him. This was agreeable to me. The friends' name was REDACTED; I do not recall a last name.

September 26, 1994

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After I arranged for the meeting, I consulted our lawyer, REDACTED. At this point, he felt it was best for me to continue my dialogue with REDACTED on a "pastoral" basis rather than mention a lawyer or legalities. REDACTED did suggest some details for me to listen for.

The meeting between REDACTED and his friend, and REDACTED and me occurred on January 20, 1994, at the Medallion Hotel in Houston. We had a very open and honest meeting. REDACTED again reported his story as previously written in his letter. It was quite obvious that REDACTED is very angry over this situation. He said it was rather hard for him to talk about this and that sometimes he cries, so we should be prepared. However, he got through the total conversation with good composure. He was rather accusatory toward "the church" and toward the whole idea of sexual abuse as being one of the main causes for individuals following the homosexual life style. Ultimately, he was even tracing REDACTED REDACTED to the fact of sexual abuse of minors by priests. I did manage to insert the question, as REDACTED had suggested, as to why REDACTED had waited so long before addressing this issue in his life. His response was basically that he was now seeking some counselling and that there was so much publicity about all of this in the news media. REDACTED and I witnessed to the fact that REDACTED had a folder of newspaper clippings regarding the whole matter of sexual abuse in the Catholic church.

As I mentioned above, the information supplied in this particular meeting was pretty much the information that was in the letter that REDACTED sent to Monsignor Dyer. However, it was at this meeting that I picked up REDACTED anger, not only against Father Vetter, but against the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This anger seems to stem from the fact that the mother had gone with Father Vetter to their parish priest at St. Philomena in Carson, California. According to REDACTED, the mother was assured by the priest and later by someone they speak of as "the Bishop", that Father Vetter would not have any more contact with young children, etc. It was at this point that REDACTED pulled out of his file folder of clippings an article from the LA Times, written about two years after the mother had gone to the parish priest and Archdiocese. This article hailed Father Vetter as the apostle to the orphans of Baja, California. They took this to mean that Father Vetter was continuing in his ministry to orphans and young children.

It was in the light of the above that REDACTED insisted with me that I call his mother from the hotel room. According to REDACTED, his mother was very upset with the Archdiocese. Mr. REDACTED wanted me to hear this from her myself. So, while I was somewhat reluctant to call the mother from the hotel, I did, because of REDACTED insistence. I spoke with the mother. She was, indeed, upset. I also picked her up as very guilt ridden for not having done something more for her children than she did. Also, she expressed anger and disappointment that "the church" had let her down in its promise to her. Finally, she expressed herself as relieved and happy that her son was finally doing something about this whole situation in his life. I basically listened to the mother. I did assure that I would not drop this matter but would pursue it. After I concluded the conversation with the mother, I spoke some more with REDACTED REDACTED and I left after about an hour and a half conversation and meeting in the hotel.

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Up until this time, the Passionists were engaging REDACTED on a consultative basis. After the meeting, we engaged REDACTED to represent us should we need legal representation.

Once back at my desk in the Provincial Office in Chicago, I received a phone call from Mr. REDACTED [January 31, 1994]. REDACTED identified himself as the brother of REDACTED who had contacted me previously. He also spoke of his mother. He began by saying that he had been in contact with his brother and mother. They did not want him to be making this phone call. He mentioned that his making this phone call has gotten them both very upset. However, he proceeded to assert his independence throughout as being an adult himself and being able to do what he wants. He harangued me for about forty-five minutes with threats he was going to implement with regard to "the church" if the church was not willing to settle with him, his brother, and his mother and father. He mentioned himself as having spoken to a lawyer; he stated that the lawyer would not take his case unless the mother, father and his brother, REDACTED were willing to go on television and publicize this situation. He was, in one sense, all over the place. Quite obviously, he was very angry, disturbed and filled with threats toward "the church".

After about an hour and fifteen minute conversation, we concluded the phone conversation. My own assessment of REDACTED was that he was bordering on the irrational. However, I also realized that he has to be taken seriously.

Shortly after REDACTED phone call, REDACTED called me at the Provincial Office. I was out, so my first REDACTED REDACTED, who had accompanied me to the meeting in Houston, spoke with REDACTED. The gist of this conversation was that we were not to listen to the brother at all. REDACTED was stating that he was speaking to the Passionists on behalf of himself and his mother, and not his brother.

On February 2, 1994, I received a letter from the law offices of REDACTED. In the letter, REDACTED wrote: "This office has been retained by REDACTED and his parents regarding the subject matter of your recent meeting with him in Houston, Texas. All future communications with REDACTED or his parents should be made to my office." Since that time, I have not had any direct contact with REDACTED, his parents, or REDACTED but directed REDACTED to represent us.

Since that time up till August 29, 1994, there has been no communication, except between the two lawyers. However, on August 29th, REDACTED and REDACTED met with the REDACTED family and their lawyer, REDACTED. The attached letter from REDACTED to myself explains his impressions of the meeting. In the light of the August 29th meeting, REDACTED and I paid a visit to REDACTED in his office at the Chancery Office in Los Angeles on September 8, 1994. As a result of the meeting on August 29th, the meeting with Msgr. Dyer on September 8th, and further consultation with REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED REDACTED, I am proposing the following position on behalf of the Passionists, Holy Cross Province.

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POSITION OF THE PASSIONISTS

While REDACTED states rather clearly that he judges the REDACTED brothers have no legal case, I propose a "pastoral" settlement to this situation. In such a settlement there would be no admission of guilt by the Passionists. We would ask the REDACTED to sign a "confidentiality" clause. On the other hand, I would propose this solution for their good as well as ours, namely, to avoid an expensive and emotional litigation process. I would envision our settlement to be along the line suggested by REDACTED at the conclusion of his letter to me:

- Help toward REDACTED daughter's college education;
- Help toward REDACTED counselling expenses;
- Payment of reasonable legal fees.

PROPOSAL TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

[1] I am proposing that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Passionists join together in a pastoral resolution with REDACTED. While, as REDACTED indicates, any claims against the Archdiocese are one step removed from the primary claims against the Passionists, it is my strong impression there is still the possibility that the REDACTED will approach the Archdiocese after they settle with us. I also have another concern that is expressed in REDACTED letter: "Father Vetter had access to a large pool of children for a considerable period of time. Claims made by others alleging sexual misconduct by Father Henry from 1974 until his death will be greatly enhanced by the testimony of the parents in this case that the church was 'on notice' of Father Henry's confession and permitted him to continue his activities."

[2] I'm also proposing that the Archdiocese and the Passionists go half and half on the finances of this settlement, namely, REDACTED from the Archdiocese and REDACTED from the Passionists. The coverage for the legal fees for the REDACTED would, hopefully, be covered in the REDACTED. However, if not, then we would split these costs, also. The Archdiocese would be responsible for their legal fees; the Passionists will be responsible for their legal fees.

The above is a proposal. I will certainly be willing to discuss the matter further with you and the Archdiocese. However, this brings me to something of a complication. I am leaving the country on September 30th for a month's stay in Rome where I will be participating in our General Chapter. Shortly after this meeting, I will go to Japan to participate in the Chapter of our Regional Vicariate there. I will not be back in the country until some time around Thanksgiving. I would suggest, therefore, that after September 29th, you contact REDACTED REDACTED regarding this matter. He, in turn, will be in communication with Father REDACTED my REDACTED who is in full charge during the time that I am out of the country.

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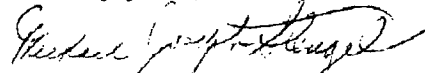
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Again, thanks for the conversation we have had thus far. I'm sure there will be more. I look forward to settling this matter, as I'm sure you do also.

With every best wish and assurance of prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Michael Joseph Stengel, C.P.
Provincial Superior

REDACTED

Enclosures

REDACTED

10/31/96

REDACTED

I've enclosed copies of Fr. Henry's letter and postcard that he sent to me 35 years ago. The letter kind of tells the whole story. Obviously he'd already been warned about "little boys" so the premise that nobody knew is nothing but B.S.

I'm tired of being patient and waiting for the church to deal with this matter. Their lawyer hasn't returned my calls and they ignore me. It's time to retain a high-profile attorney and talk to somebody at the L.A. Times. I'll let you have one more try at reasoning with them.

Love,



REDACTED

2-21-97

RECEIVED
MAR 5 1997
BY: _____

Dear Father Dyer,

A few years ago I wrote you a letter regarding my brother REDACTED and his encounter with a priest, Father Henry. You referred me to the Passionist Priests but offered your assistance in resolving this matter.

The passionist priest were originally very supportive but had numerous personnel changes and did not have a specific priest available for any length of time to assist us. Eventually they referred my brother to an attorney who represented the order. The attorney requested numerous document from my brother and even admitted that he believed my brother had been molested by this priest. My brother was dealing directly with the attorney.

Recently, my brother called and informed me that the attorney is not returning his calls nor has he responded to and correspondence my brother sent to him including copies of the post cards that Father Henry send to him, I find it amazing that my brother kept these cards for all these years but that is just and indication of how deeply he was affected.

My brother has now lost patience with the church and has allowed me one last opportunity to work with the attorney and the church to resolve this matter quietly.

I am requesting you help in contacting REDACTED so we can work out an acceptable arrangement.

You or the attorney can contact me at REDACTED

Sincerely
REDACTED

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I am sure that you will have further questions so please feel free to call me at my home or office (REDACTED)

Sincerely,

REDACTED



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MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE VICAR FOR CLERGY

TO: Very Rev. Michael Stengel, C.P. ✓
FROM: Reverend Monsignor Richard A. Loomis *rat*
Vicar for Clergy
RE: *Enclosed Correspondence*
DATE: March 26, 1997

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Thank you very much.

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FILE COPY

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of
Vicar for Clergy
(213) 637-7284

3424
Wilshire
Boulevard

Los Angeles
California
90010-2241

March 26, 1997

REDACTED

750 Terrado Plaza, Ste. 119
Covina, CA 91723

Dear REDACTED

I wish to acknowledge your recent correspondence regarding Father Henry Vetter, C.P.

Since Father Vetter was a Passionist priest, I have forwarded copies of your correspondence to Father Michael Stengel, C.P. the Provincial of the Order, as well as to REDACTED as the appropriate people to deal with this case.

Pax!

Reverend Monsignor Richard A. Loomis
Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

REDACTED

April 4, 1997
REDACTED

RECEIVED
APR 8 1997
BY:

Dear REDACTED

We have recently received a letter from your sister enclosing a letter from you advising that this office has failed to return your calls or answer your inquiries. I must take exception to those statements.

As you may recall when we last spoke, in March 1996, I advised you that before we could consider your \$25,000.00 settlement demand, we would need to see documentation supporting the therapy bills you had previously incurred relating to the alleged abuse. You told me that you would have to locate them but would do so and forward them to my attention. To date, I have yet to receive them.

That was the last time we spoke. I am not aware of any phone calls or any other correspondence since that time.

In any event, our offer remains open to discuss your case and to review any bills which support your demand. Inasmuch as you are a competent adult, I am not sending a copy of this letter to your sister. You are free to share any information you wish with her.

An enclosure to her correspondence references a post-card from Father Henry. It is not legible and I would appreciate if you could write me with the contents of that document to allow us to consider that evidence.

You should feel free to contact me at your convenience at the number above to discuss your matter. I will not be able to speak with your sister about the specifics unless I receive your written permission to do so. Due to the sensitive nature of this matter I am not faxing a copy of this letter to your business address.

REDACTED

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Passionist Community

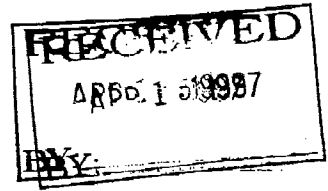
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April 11, 1997

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard Loomis
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010-2241

Dear Monsignor Loomis:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of the "correspondence from REDACTED
Thank you for forwarding this material to me.

I have contacted our legal counsel in Los Angeles who is very familiar with this case. I have instructed him regarding the response I would like for him to make. He also has his own ideas relative to a response.

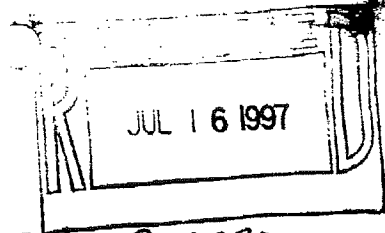
In any event, I think it appropriate I mention that just about a year ago this time, a response was made to REDACTED by our legal counsel. Our attorney needed some information from REDACTED. Unfortunately, REDACTED never responded. Hence, the entire matter has remained somewhat dormant since then. There has been a history of non-response from REDACTED as well as REDACTED

With assurance of prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Michael Joseph Stengel
Michael Joseph Stengel, C.P.
Provincial Superior

REDACTED

REDACTED



July 9, 1997

~~March 2, 1997~~

(OR CURRENT MONSIGNOR)
TO MONSIGNOR Timothy Dyer -
1531 W. 9th St.
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90015

THIS IS MY SECOND LETTER AND
ATTEMPT FOR "COMPASSIONATE" CHURCH
COMPENSATED FINANCIAL RETRIBUTION
FOR THE CHILD MOLESTATION OF MY
BROTHER REDACTED REDACTED AND I,
REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED

which occurred
approximately summer 1973.
I FIRST WROTE TO YOU DECEMBER 1992
AN INDEPTH AND GRAPHICALLY DETAILED
ACCOUNT OF THE MOLESTATION FIRST BY
my younger brother, and then myself
one week later. The molester, Father
Henry Vetter, died MAY 23, 1977 and

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the Passionists Community, a sect of the Catholic Church and Vetter's affiliated congregation received my god sent letter early 1994. In the end, The Passionist Community, without accepting any guilt or blame settled out of court with my brother and I for \$40,000.⁰⁰ A large amount 17 years after Father Henry Vetter died. \$40,000 of admitted secret dialogues and ~~that~~ crimes against children spanning over 50 years and untold thousands of innocent boys and girls.

However — the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic was excluded from the suit primarily because Father Vetter was a Passionist Priest. The molestation was half the horrendous crime to my brother and I. The other traumatizing victimization was the "hush hush" secretive response St. Philomena Church (Carson, CA) and the Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocese complete lack of official responsive protocols to help the young victims of child ~~sexual~~ molestation by the hands of a Catholic or any other ~~affiliated~~ affiliated religious clergy.

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The trauma was ⁽³⁾ a mental break in my adolescence sending me spiraling downward from straight A's and healthy ~~male~~ male and female relationships to scary casual homosexual encounters, confused sexuality to this very day and ^{REDACTED} with life expectancy no more than a few years.

I hope you seriously consider the damage this child molestation and the Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocese response virtually destroyed what had been a strong ~~belief~~ ^{beliefs} in the Catholic Church to parents and three siblings traumatized with turmoil for the rest of our adult lives.

I look forward to meeting with you to explain my reasoning and continue to work on my book "Long Term Survivor".

I wanted to give you an opportunity
for a compassionate settlement
before I finalize movie rights
which I am discussing with
REDACTED

REDACTED

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affiliate.

Please respond as soon as possible.

Thank you.
With all God's will
and strength
REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED



Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocese
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NOTIFY SENDER OF NEW ADDRESS
: ARCHDIOCESE OF LA
3424 WILSHIRE BLVD
LOS ANGELES CA 90010-2241

Attn: REDACTED



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REDACTED

REDACTED

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for her comments - so that
I can respond to this letter
for REDACTED

② Pls look up the info on the
most recent H. Vetter case
- which I forwarded to the
Personist REDACTED
will likely want to see it to
refresh her memory)

③ Get me the name/address of the
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1st name: REDACTED) so
I can dictate a letter to him ASAP.

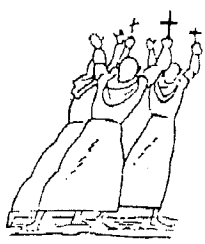
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REDACTED
REDACTED

^{REDACTED} put the call in. He spoke with his mother for a few moments and then turned the phone

**GOLDEN
STATE
CATHOLICISM**



Some Historical
Reflections

REDACTED^{by}

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REDACTED

76. THE MAGIC PADRE

In 1984, REDACTED wrote a book about Father Henry Vetter in which he recalled the life of *The Magic Padre*, with special emphasis on his apostolate in Mexico. A reading of that book explains why the Passionist missionary burned deep scars of gratitude in the memories of those to whom he ministered.

Born December 17, 1911, Henry Vetter lived his earliest years within the shadow of Saint Michael's Passionist Monastery in South Pittsburgh. He and his twin brother entered the seminary in 1924. Later Henry was sent to Sacred Heart Monastery in Louisville, then to Holy Cross in Detroit and finally to Immaculate Conception in Chicago. He took final vows in 1930 and, on June 11, 1938, Vetter was ordained to the priesthood.

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Father Vetter's first appointment was in Birmingham, Alabama. There, with his older brother REDACTED he established a mission for blacks in an area called Tuxedo Junction. A clinic, school, church and hospital were ultimately erected there as part of the parochial foundation.

The next years were spent preaching retreats and missions in the midwest parts of the nation. In 1950, Father Henry was sent to Citrus Heights, a suburb of Sacramento. It was there that he began studying Spanish and learning about the Hispanic heritage along the Pacific Slope.

As he moved among the little towns of Northern California and Nevada, Vetter gradually perfected his linguistic abilities, eventually becoming totally conversant in Spanish. Following a hasty visit to Tijuana, he began to realize that his future work would be in Mexico.

In June of 1953, Vetter was transferred to Mater Dolorosa Monastery in Sierra Madre. From there he began weekend forays to Tijuana, where he commenced a series of missions and reach-out programs. Vetter was concerned for the needy people of the area, many of whom lived in cardboard shacks along the dry river beds. He also became interested in the hundreds of orphan children who roamed the streets of the border towns.

Youngsters liked Father Vetter. They were initially attracted to him by his magic tricks and sleights-of-hand. He was a talented prestidigitator and an accredited member of Hollywood's legendary Magic Castle. Ever-so-gradually, Vetter expanded his apostolate into Mexico, especially the peninsula of Baja California. He visited villages that had gone for generations without priestly ministrations. The Bishop of Tijuana empowered Father Vetter with faculties for the entire peninsula.

In 1963, Father Vetter organized a group known as Aid for Baja California (A.B.C.), a non-profit charitable program that eventually made possible the establishment and support of several orphanages and schools. Each week, Vetter's truck could be seen making its way south from Sierra Madre to Rancho Nazareth orphanage, Tecate. It would be loaded with lumber and other supplies for building homes, churches and structures for the needy.

It was on one of his many errands of mercy that Father Vetter and his ancient truck were involved in the fatal crash that took his life.

On May 24, 1977, the gentle priest returned his noble soul to the Lord. An issue of *The Tidings*, published a few weeks after the priest's death, showed a picture of the boys at Rancho Nazareth standing around his grave. The inscription read: "They are bidding farewell to the man who had been their father in everything save blood. He fed and clothed them, provided an education and disciplined them. He listened to their woes and always was available."

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Considered by CMOB

Inactive Date 6/24/2009

Case Name Tijuana Trip

Active Case?

Priest Name Vetter, Henry, C.P.

DOB

Ethnicity

Diocese

Canon State Religious Order Priest

Religious Order Passionists (Congregation of the Passion)

Incardination

Date Of Ordination

Clergy Status Deceased

Clergy (Faculties)

Religious

Diocesan

Description

Deacon

DOB

Diocese

Ethnicity

Ordination

Status

Date Referred to Vicar

Date Of Alleged Incident

Alleged Victim

Multiple Victims

Accusers

Investigation Complete

Investigator Name

Removed From Ministry

Date Removed From Ministry

Date Returned To Ministry

Case Disposition

DispositionComments

Intervention

Description

In April, 200^{REDACTED} was contacted by an adult male who alleges that circa 1960 he met Fr X when Fr X came to his parish to give a retreat. The complainant was 15 years old at the time. Reportedly, Fr X kissed and rubbed himself against the complainant. He became friends with Fr X and accompanied him on a trip to Tijuana to deliver blankets to a seminary. They stayed overnight. Fr X got into bed with the complainant and began fondling him. After the trip he met Fr X at a retreat house where Fr X kissed and rubbed himself against the complainant. Fr X was an order priest and was in the diocese from 1959 until 1977 when he died.

Case Sta.

June 24, 2009	The Board concluded that the religious order should be notified and this case should be moved to the inactive files.
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Follow Up

Follow Up Date

Legal Proceedings

Legal Proceedings?

Court Cases Settled

Response

Response Date

Sent To Rome?

Date Sent To Rome

Canonical Trial

Canonical Trial Date

Canonical Disposition

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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Henry Vetter, C.P.

Current Primary Assignment

Birth Date

Age:

Birth Place

Deanery:

Diaconate Ordination

Priesthood Ordination

Diocese Name

Date of Incardination

Religious Community

Passionists (Congregation of the Passion)

Ritual Ascription

Ministry Status

Deceased

Seminary

Ethnicity

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check

Virtus Training Date

Assignment History

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Deceased	5/24/1977	
Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, Sierra Madre, Assignment and status not known	2/1/1959	5/23/1977

Background Information

- Salutation*
- Social Security Number*
- Citizenship*
- Immigration Status* Citizen
- Green Card End Date*
- Payroll in lieu of stipends*
- Enrolled in Pension Plan*
- Receiving Pension?*
- Retired in Rectory?*
- Will Filed?*
- Reference*
- Power of Attorney Health Care*
- Power of Attorney Finance*



MEMORANDUM

July 27, 2009

TO: File

FROM: REDACTED
Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board

SUBJECT: Father Henry Vetter, C.F.P. (CMOB 188)

The Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board considered the allegations against Father Thomas Vetter on June 24, 2009.

A complaint was received from an adult male that states that when he was a minor he was sexually abuse by Fr Henry Vetter. The abuse reportedly happened around 1960. Fr. Vetter was in this Archdiocese from 1959 until he died in 1977. The Board concluded that the religious order should be notified and that the case be moved to the inactive file.
REDACTED

Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board

ACCUSED NAME: FR. HENRY Vetter (R.I.P.) DATE: 4/20/09
C.P.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Child Abuse Report - Internal Routing Form

This report involves allegations of:

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

Sexual abuse:

Physical abuse:

Harassment:

Brief Summary: On a trip to Tijuana, priest fondled adolescent while sleeping in hotel room. (49 years ago)

To:

- Msgr. Gonzales - Vicar of Clergy
- REDACTED
- REDACTED
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Submitted by: REDACTED Office: REDACTED

Date distributed: 4/20/09

Comments: Clergy with prior allegation. Vicar of Clergy office - please inform order. Victim may chose counseling.



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING FORM

<input type="checkbox"/> MANDATORY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-MANDATORY
Date Reported to the Archdiocese:	April 15, 2009
Reported to Archdiocese by:	Victim
Alleged Victim :	REDACTED
Current Address:	
Telephone:	
Date of Birth:	REDACTED 1944
Alleged Perpetrator:	Fr. Henry Vetter, C.P. (RIP)
Reported Date of Incident: (s)	1959 or 1960
Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):	<p>REDACTED (14 or 15 years old) met Fr. Henry when he came to their parish, Dolores Mission, to give retreat. At the church, Fr. Henry would kiss, hug and rub himself up against REDACTED. He became friends with the family REDACTED accompanied him on a trip to Tijuana to deliver blankets to a seminary. They got there late that night and stayed in a hotel. Fr. Henry got into the same bed with REDACTED and started fondling him REDACTED started shaking at which point Fr. Henry left him alone. On the way back, Fr. Henry told him to never mention this to anyone. REDACTED also visited him at the Little Sisters of the Poor house on 1st and Soto. Fr. Henry would hug, kiss and rub up against him there but he does not recall the fondling REDACTED remembered that Fr. Henry was associated with the Mater Dolorosa Rosa Retreat House. REDACTED also has a postcard dated 1965 of Fr. Henry writing to him to reconnect.</p>
Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:	Sexual Abuse
Reports to Public Authorities with dates:	Advised victim his right to report.
Comments:	
Report initiated by:	REDACTED



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INVESTIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY FORM

CLERGY NAME: FR HENRY Vetter DATE 1ST REPORT/INVESTIGATION: 4-15-09

Office Responsible	Y/N/NA Circle one	Target Date	Completion Date
Vicar for Clergy			
• Assign Investigator (other than current minor) Name: _____	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Advise Religious Superior	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Advise Other Diocese(s)	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Meet with accused clergy	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Investigation complete & disposition in file	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Other	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
Vicar for Canonical Service/Promoter of Justice			
• Decree opening preliminary investigation/Canon 1717	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Assign Investigator (current minor) Name: _____	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Advise Religious Superior	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Advise Other Diocese(s)	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Advise accused to engage Canonical counsel	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Meet with accused clergy	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Investigation complete & disposition in file	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Report to Rome with Votum of the Cardinal	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Other	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
Legal			
• Report made to Law Enforcement	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Other	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
Victims Assistance			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Pastoral Outreach	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y/N/NA	<u>4-16-09</u>	_____
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Further Assistance	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y/N/NA	<u>Consulting client with deaconess</u>	_____
• Other	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board			
• Reported to Chair/ Matter opened	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• CMOB case opened (Assigned # _____)	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Recommendation Made	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Case Closed	Y/N/NA	_____	_____

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/ACTIONS: _____

MAIN FILE NUMBER: _____ FOLLOW UP PERSON ASSIGNED: _____