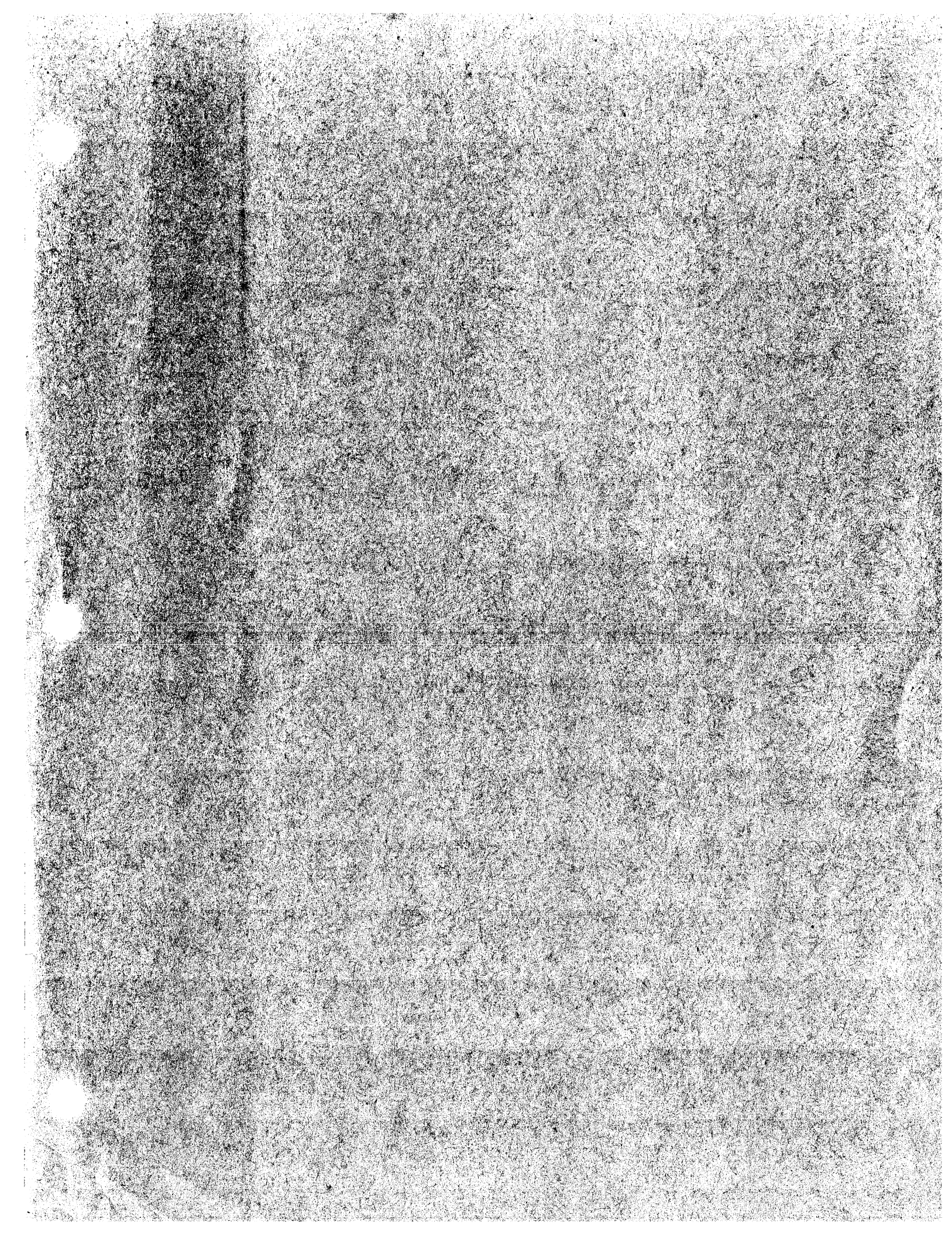
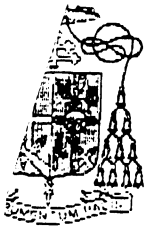


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February 17, 1993

Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Christian, Ph.D.  
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Dear Monsignor Christian:

This is a response to our conversation on February 17, 1993 concerning a priest of your diocese by the name of Father Wilfred Bombardier. The nature of the conversation pertained to sexual allegations made against Fr. Wilfred Bombardier while he served as a priest at Saint Charles Parish in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The first reported victim was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was 9 - 12 years old when the sexual abuse took place. It was the years 1966 to about 1970. The abuse took place over several years. The place of the abuse was a cabin in the mountains and also it took place in an area off from the altar of the church and in the rectory as well. It is reported by [REDACTED] that the actual abuse took place in front of the Consecrated Host, but [REDACTED] did not elaborate on that point. The sexual abuse consisted of fondling, kissing, and attempted sodomy. [REDACTED] indicated that he does not need counseling. It did affect his sexual identity and I feel, however, that he has worked out the problems. The mother has severe guilt because of the fact that she did encourage [REDACTED] to associate with Fr. Bombardier. The family heard of this sexual abuse through a hairdresser and in turn, over a dinner table. This was a tremendous shock when the family first heard of this incident. The mother did contact Fr. Bombardier in Manchester, New Hampshire. He admitted to the mother the sexual abuse. There is no legal action pending.

The second incident pertains to a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] claims that he was sexually abused sometime during the period 1966 - 1967. [REDACTED] reports that he was 8 years old at the time and an altar boy at St. Charles Church. The sexual abuse took place over several months and also occurred in the sacristy of the church. It is reported by [REDACTED] that the priest kissed him and fondled him several times in the church. It is also reported by [REDACTED] that sexual advances took place again at this remote cabin. [REDACTED] indicated that oral sex took place on [REDACTED] himself. There was no anal penetration. [REDACTED] claims that there were many visits to this cabin. [REDACTED] indicates that he told his parents about the sexual abuse only five years ago. [REDACTED] as since divorced. He had alcohol abuse treatment. He has minor drug problems and he is definitely worried about "sexual addiction." [REDACTED] indicates that at the present time he has problems relating to women. I am not sure about any legal action that may be pending concerning [REDACTED]. He was in a state of great agitation. This may be a case for litigation, but only time will tell.

I hope, Father that this information will be of assistance to you.

Fraternally,

Reverend Ron Wolf, J.C.L., Ph.D.  
Chancellor

Fax 505-831-8345

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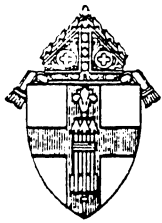
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- self Strada - someone else with sexual name
- getting ready for her - wrestling match
- advised of kind by [redacted] but of one another
- he put [redacted] around him and gave a hug:
- kid went - thought [redacted] more of:
- no kissing, fondle etc.
- claims he was 13 at time
- never in [redacted] etc
- mother a Marched girl - visited him at 51
- Pat in 1971
- she claimed no molested - he told story
- no admitted of abuse [redacted] no interest for sex
- and he agreed to not contact kid again

- [redacted] remembers [redacted] & [redacted] for several [redacted] - had all.
- claims never ad [redacted] with [redacted]
- denies oral sex - never ever saw [redacted]

- [redacted] - [redacted]
- one boy in Manhattan [redacted] - [redacted]
- 12-15 for 1975 - no in social [redacted] [redacted]
- visit ad house - [redacted] alone in house in
- short
- he sit on sofa & hold him
- did expose [redacted] a couple of times
- was mutual [redacted] fondling but not
- [redacted]
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- he named [redacted] in Mass

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Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
Diocese of Manchester

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February 24, 1993

Rev. Ron Wolf, Chancellor  
Archdiocese of Santa Fe  
4000 Saint Joseph Pl., N.W.  
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Dear Father Wolf:

I write in summary of our telephone conversation of yesterday regarding my meeting with Father Wilfrid Bombardier over the allegations of child abuse in the period of 1966-70, while he was stationed in St. Charles Parish in Albuquerque.

In the matter involving [Redacted], Father Bombardier admitted having been to the cabin with him on one occasion with two other boys, one of them being a [Redacted]. He could not remember the other boy's name. He admits that there was some wrestling between the boys which occurred, and that on one occasion he and [Redacted] wrestled. When he fell to the ground [Redacted] fell on top of him, and he "gave up". He then put his arms around [Redacted] and hugged him. A second attempt to hug him while in the same position met with resistance from [Redacted] who might have felt that Father Bombardier was becoming too familiar. Father claims that he had no ill intent in mind. This event took place in 1969.

In a meeting with [Redacted] mother in Manchester in 1971, he admitted to this indiscretion, although it is possible that she thought he was admitting to more because the specifics of her charges were not clearly discussed. Father Bombardier claims that nothing else ever happened before or after this incident.

In regard to the allegation of [Redacted] Father Bombardier denies everything. [Redacted] was an altar boy in the parish, but Father Bombardier claims that he never was at the cabin with him. He denies any sexual molestation or any physical contact with [Redacted] with the exception of friendly hugs in the sacristy of the church before or after serving Mass.

When I impressed upon Father Bombardier the importance of total honesty if the Church is to be of assistance to him, he admitted some sexual difficulties he had over the years in some specific detail. He absolutely denies, however, the allegations made by [Redacted] and [Redacted]. Obviously, it is possible that Father Bombardier is either lying or blocking and any proven information that you uncover will certainly be of great importance to the Diocese of Manchester.

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If I can offer you any further assistance, please be in touch with me.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis J. Christian". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
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Chancellor

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October 25, 1993

VIA FAX 603-669-0377

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Christian  
Chancellor, Diocese of Manchester  
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RE: Fr. Wilfred Bambardier

Dear Rev. Christian:

I am writing to you at the request of my client, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Rev. Ron Wolf, has been in contact with Mr. [REDACTED], a victim of Fr. Wilfred Bambardier. [REDACTED] currently resides at the [REDACTED]. Rev. Wolf believes that his contact with [REDACTED] has controlled the potential for litigation. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] are requesting information about the current status of Fr. Bambardier. They would like to know if the Diocese of Manchester has taken any steps to prevent any reoccurrence of the abuse to which [REDACTED] was subjected.

We have certainly found in this Diocese that providing this type of information to victims of clergy abuse has furthered our efforts to settle threatened and potential claims. We urge you to cooperate in this endeavor by providing the [REDACTED] family with the reassurances that they currently seek.

**Simons,  
Cuddy  
&  
Friedman**

*Attorneys at Law*

Rev. Msgr. Francies J. Christian  
October 25, 1993  
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned or the Chancellor directly.

Very truly yours,

*Karen Kennedy*  
KAREN C. KENNEDY

KCK/mam  
cc: Rev. Ron Wolf



November 2, 1993

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Atty. Karen C. Kennedy  
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Albuquerque, NM 87110

Dear Atty. Kennedy:

In response to your letter of October 25th, in reference to Father Wilfrid Bombardier, I am pleased to provide you with the following response of the Diocese of Manchester to the allegations raised against him by [REDACTED]

- a. After being informed by Father Ron Wolf, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Santa Fee, of the allegations against Father Wilfrid Bombardier, I had a personal lengthy meeting with Father Bombardier who admitted to improperly hugging and touching [REDACTED] in late 1969, at a cabin outside of Albuquerque. Father Bombardier was truly ashamed of this indiscretion and indicated his sorrow for it in a conversation with [REDACTED] mother in Manchester in 1971. Father Bombardier claimed to me that he had not been improperly involved with anyone for more than twenty years.
- b. I told Father Bombardier that the Diocese must have proper oversight in regard to this problem, and that as a result I would need to share everything with Father Peter Dumont, the pastor of Guardian Angel Parish in Berlin, where Father Bombardier lives as a retired priest and provides occasional help in sacramental ministry in the parish.  
  
I shared in detail the allegations raised, and was assured by Father Dumont that while Father Bombardier currently has no ministerial or social contact with the youth of the parish, he would certainly exercise thorough oversight in this regard, and would hold Father Bombardier accountable for anything that would put him in harm's way.
- c. I also told Father Bombardier that he would be required to visit with Dr. Michael Noonan, a psychologist utilized by the Diocese for priests with problems, to be sure that he understood his past indiscretions and was no longer a risk of any sort to any other young person. I provided Dr. Noonan with all the pertinent background information for his meetings with Father Bombardier.

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As of this date, given Father Bombardier's openness and contrition about his past problems and with the oversight situations in place, I am confident that the limited ministry Father Bombardier is performing does not place any young people at risk.

Trusting that this information is helpful to you, and assuring you of my willingness to be of any further assistance I can, I am

Sincerely,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor

cc: Rev. Ron Wolf, Chancellor, Archdiocese of Santa Fe

November 2, 1993

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Dr. Michael A. Noonan, Director  
Consultation Services for Clergy and Religious  
282 Concord Street  
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Dear Dr. Noonan:

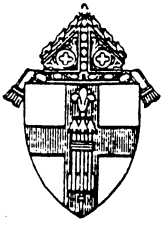
In response to our recent telephone conversation, I send the enclosed to assist you in your therapy with Father Wilfrid Bombardier. Once you have met with him, will you please be in touch with me to advise me of your assessment and recommendations in this regard.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
chancellor

Enclosures



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*Diocese of Manchester*

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November 2, 1993

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

FROM: Monsignor Francis J. Christian

RE: Father Wilfrid F. Bombardier

In response to a telephone conversation with Father Ron Wolf, the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe (cf Fax enclosed), I met on February 23rd, 1993, with Father Wilfrid Bombardier. In the course of our conversation Father Bombardier admitted the following facts.

- a. He had some sporadic problems with self abuse during his seminary days, but no other sexual problems.
- b. While he was stationed as a Blessed Sacrament Father in the Philippines he had a short term relationship with a Philipino man about 30, and admits to mutual masturbation with him on two or three occasions.
- c. In the late 1960s, while stationed as a Blessed Sacrament Father in Albuquerque, he admits to taking some young men to the cabin owned by the community, and on one or two occasions wrestling with them, which brought them into close bodily contact, e.g., lying on top of one another. At the end of such wrestling bouts he admits to giving a hug to [REDACTED], which [REDACTED] apparently misunderstood, and he stopped. In 1971, when confronted in Manchester by [REDACTED] mother, a native of Manchester who was visiting her relatives here, he admitted to his indiscretion although it appears that she believed he was admitting to something more.
- d. He admits as well to being familiar, e.g., hugging, kissing, fondling one boy in Manchester in 1975, whom he had known when he was stationed at St. Patrick's and whom he visited on one or two occasions in Manchester after being stationed at Sacred Heart Parish in Laconia. He says he quickly brought a halt to this behavior and this young man is now married and living some place in Massachusetts.

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I told Father Bombardier I would share the pertinent parts of this information with Father Wolf in Albuquerque, and that he in turn would share it with the [REDACTED] family.

I told Father Bombardier that it would be necessary for us to divulge all of this information to Father Peter Dumont, the pastor of Guardian Angel Parish in Berlin, with whom he was living, to assure appropriate oversight. I also told him that it would be necessary for him to meet with Dr. Michael Noonan of the Clergy Counseling Service, to make sure that Father Bombardier had truly come to grips with this behavior and was no longer a danger to anyone.

Father Bombardier agreed to these conditions.

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(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor

[REDACTED]

January 28, 1994

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Christian  
Chancellor, Diocese of Manchester  
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Re: Fr. Wilfred Bombardier

Dear Rev. Christian:

We have recently received a copy of your response to Karen Kennedy dated November 2, 1993.

We want to thank you for your endeavors for providing us the with the information of Fr. Bombardier's whereabouts and his current involvement with the Church. We are gladden to hear that he has acknowledge his transgressions against [REDACTED] and that he no longer is in the position to be involved with children.

[REDACTED] does not hold the Church accountable for the circumstances but does hold Fr. Bombardier accountable for his **indiscretions** as we do. To be aware for twenty years that we did not protect our child from harms way has been a struggle and difficult to forgive one's self. To help the healing process and to bring this episode behind us, we feel that one more step is necessary and that is for Fr. Bombardier to write to [REDACTED] I know that Our Lord has forgiven him, but it is difficult for us mortal souls to be so understanding and forgiving even though we ask it in our daily prayer of Our Father.

I have come to realize that pedophile men are very sick and that Fr. Bombardier has repented but it does not ease our daily grief and for my husband's hatred for the leadership of the Church and for Fr. Bombardier.

Please pass on to Fr. Bombardier [REDACTED] address and if he wishes ours, so that he may write to [REDACTED] it may also help Fr. Bombardier in his healing process.

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Christian  
January 21, 1994  
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Your prompt reply is greatly appreciated,

Your sister in Christ,

[REDACTED]

cc: Chancilor Fr. Ron Wolf  
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March 5, 1994

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Christian  
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re: Fr. Wilfred Bombardier

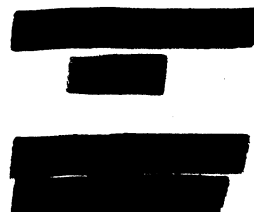
Dear Rev. Christian,

I am writing to you after much debate and struggle within myself. I have tried to lay to rest much of the past regarding the abuse I suffered as a pre-teen, but feel the need to bring to your attention, my thoughts concerning this matter. I have read your letter responding to my parents attorney's letter dated November 2, 1993 and feel I need to share openly the fear, frustration and the struggle I underwent because of Fr. Bombardier repeated sexual advances and abuse during the years of my association with him.

In your letter, you stated the Father Bombardier admits to improperly touching me outside of the cabin in late 1969. It sounds to me like a feeble attempt to admit that something went on, but nothing major. I reported to Fr. Wolf in detail on the many sexual encounters that Fr. Bombardier and I had; from genital fondling, french kissing, attempting anal sex with me on several occasions, playing nude games, etc...

Because of the sexual encounters with Fr. Bombardier, I have had to struggle internally for most of my life with my own sexual identity and activity. I have feared that within myself, there is a "monster within" that might explode with little or slight provocation to abuse my own children or someone elses. You've heard the many reports that those who were abused, most likely will abuse someone else. You have no idea how hard it is to raise three daughters fearing that I might do something improper with them or even to be accused at some later date. Every time one of them has sat in my lap or ask for a back rub, I think of the damage of my innocence. It has been very difficult to enjoy the sexual development of my own children.





Fr. Bombardier abused my love for the church, for him in the authority figure over my love and abused the love of our family. I think that there needs more to be said and done by Fr. Bombardier than a weak admission that something happen that is barely worth mentioning. Every time I turn on the TV and here of another sexual abuse case by a Catholic priest, I relive the pain and agony of the abuse. The fact that it has never been resolved adds to the pain.

I am surprised to the fact that Fr. Bombardier is still alive and functioning in some capacity in the church. I thought he might have died by the time this came into the open. I am 38 years old now and in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ and I feel the Fr. Bombardier needs to make personal contrition to me and to our Holy Father in Heaven.

I trust you will pass this information onto Fr. Bombardier for I do expect a reply and acknowledgment from the both of you. Please write to me at my home address:



Sincerely,



March 23, 1994

PERSONAL

Dear 

Please excuse the delay in my response to your letter of March 5th. With the various demands of the Lenten Season I have been somewhat tardy in my correspondence.

May I begin by stating that I understand fully the pain and the personal struggle that Father Bombardier's abuse of your trust has caused you over the years. I understand in a special way the stress it has put on your relationships with your own children. I am sincerely sorry that a priest of the Church was responsible for so much difficulty in your life. I can only pray that the Lord with His healing power will enable you to find peace and wholeness in the days and months ahead.

I have been in touch with Father Bombardier, and suggested that he write to you. I believe that you will be hearing from him in the very near future. Based on my personal conversations with him and on the consultations I have had with the psychologist to whom we referred him last year after becoming aware of the problems you brought to the attention of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, I can honestly state that I believe Father Bombardier fully comprehends the gravity of what he did to you, and that he is sincerely repentant. Obviously, he is now under careful monitoring in the very limited ministry that he does. Frankly, he is now a very old man with somewhat failing mental capacities, who, I believe, daily carries the shame of his earlier problems. I hope that you will experience some of what I am saying in whatever letter he writes to you.

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In closing, I again assure you of my prayers for your personal healing, and my gratefulness to you for making us aware of Father Bombardier's problems so that we could be sure that they are not ongoing and that no other young people would be victimized.

Sincerely in Christ,

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor

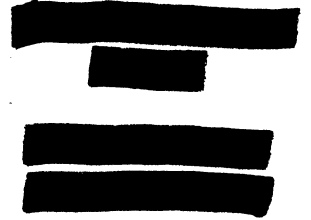
March 23, 1957

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Dear [redacted],

I've been informed by Monsignor Christian that you are still disturbed by the memory of your experience while up at the cabin in Albuquerque. I am glad to express to you personally my honest regrets I should have done this long ago. But then, you see, back in the early seventies, I paid your mother a visit at your grandmother's home in Manchester. As I was leaving she said to me: "I don't want you to ever communicate in any way with any of my family." I recognize and regret the abuse of your trust at the cabin. I am truly sorry for anything I did that had been harmful to you. For these many years I have lived with regret for my indiscretion. The pain will be with me for my remaining years. Daily I beg of God the pardon of my failings. I do hope you also will be able to forgive me. God bless you and your family in every way!

Yours, Philip Bombardier



April 4, 1994

Re. Msgr. Francis J. Christian  
Chancellor, Dioceses of Manchester  
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re: Fr. Wilfred Bombardier

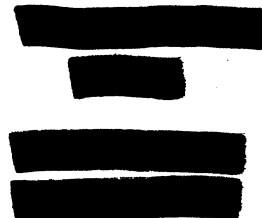
Dear Rev. Christian,

Thank you for your very warm and responsive letter encouraging me and Father Bombardier to write to each other. I have received a nice letter from Father Bombardier and I have subsequently written him and letter of which I have given you a copy.

Thank you for your efforts in helping me and my family deal with this unfortunate situation. I realize that myself being in the Lord's service of difficulty these things can be. Again thank you for your empathy and sincerity.

Sincerely,





April 4, 1994

Dear Father Bombardier,

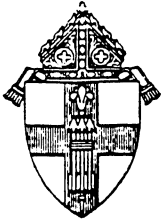
Thank you for writing your letter of March 23, 1994. Your letter seem sincere and I appreciate your willingness to ask forgiveness. I do want you to know that I have forgiven you a long time ago. I do not have any anger towards you personally. I know that you must stand before God and answer to your sins as well as must I. I will not stand in judgment of you, for all sin is worthy of punishment and death, but for the grace and mercy shown to us through Jesus Christ we can stand in that hour and receive forgiveness for our sins and receive eternal life.

Over the years I have been concerned for you and for possibly others that might have experience the same abuse that I did. I trust that you are making attempt to be reconcile with God and with those whom you have hurt. I have suffered much with the pain of my past but the Scriptures tells us that God will redeem the past and work together for good our past experiences for His kingdom..

If you are interested in further correspondence, I am open to it. God Bless you in your repentance and restoration of God's love for you.

Sincerely,

cc/ Chancellor Francis Christian



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Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
*Diocese of Manchester*

June 14, 1994

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Msgr. Francis J. Christian

On June 13, 1994, I had a lengthy conversation with Fr. William Babineau, the newly named administrator of Guardian Angel Parish in Berlin.

We discussed in detail the situation involving Fr. Wilfrid Bombardier that is contained in these files. Fr. Babineau understands completely Fr. Bombardier's background and has agreed to carefully monitor this situation as Father Peter Dumont has done before him. He will notify the Diocese immediately if there are any indications of a problem.



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## Guardian Angel Parish

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Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Christian  
Diocese of Manchester  
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Manchester, NH 03105

June 18, 1994

Dear Msgr. Christian:

This letter is the response to your request in which you asked me to state in writing the specific condition which the Diocese of Manchester asks Father Wilfrid F. Bombardier, presently residing at Guardian Angel Parish, to abide by if he is to continue residing at this Parish. The condition is that Father Bombardier is not to administer the sacraments privately to minors. It is also my understanding that Father Bombardier is a conversation with has agreed to accept me, as the administrator of Guardian Angel Parish, to be his supervisor in this matter while he resides here. The need for making this matter clearer arises from a possible misunderstanding of a situation in which Father Bombardier heard the confession of a minor in the Angel Guardian Rectory.

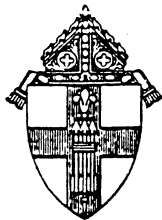
I wish to add that I have always seen Father Bombardier acting in accord with his priestly vocation.

In concluding this letter I wish to add that I explained to Father Bombardier I was writing this letter to you stating my understanding of my responsibility as supervisor. I also explained to him that this letter would not be copied here and kept in file, but that if you so choose you have my permission to send him a copy of this letter.

Sincerely Yours,  
*Rev. William E. Babineau*  
Rev. William E. Babineau

*"Il a pour toi donné ordre à ses anges de te garder en toutes tes voies."  
"He will put you in his angels' charge to guard you wherever you go."*





Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
*Diocese of Manchester*

January 26, 1995

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL


MEMORANDUM TO FILE

FROM: Msgr. Francis J. Christian

On January 25th and 26th, 1995, I spoke respectively with Sister Denise Therriault and Father Arthur Pare in regard to Father Wilfrid Bombardier who, on January 25th, took up residence in St. Kieran House.

I notified them of Father Bombardier's history in regard to sexual abuse, and told them that while we are confident that there has been no repetition of these problems for many years, it was still necessary to monitor him. Specifically, he should not be allowed to keep company with minors in the house, and particularly in his room. Furthermore, should they become aware of his developing any kind of friendship with a young person, they should confront him with that fact and notify the Diocese.

Sister Denise and Father Pare indicated that Father Bombardier had already shared with them his past problems and knew that they would be assisting him in this sort of monitoring process.

  
(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
Secretary  
Chancellor

