# FR. ANDREW RONAN

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🗄 Nevember 24, 1983

Very Reverend and Dear Father,

After much thought I feel that I should bring the following matter to your attention.

In the course of giving spiritual direction I have been told that Fr. Andrew Ronan, while at Benburb, manipulated the reproductive organ of a young religious until, in spite of several warnings, the religious arrived at organs. The person involved consented to let me do what I found necessary in regards to this information.

I wish to point out, Father, that I'm making no accusation but merely stating a fact. I ask you to keep in mind that the incident occured some seven or eight years ago. There was no attempt made to do the same thing a second time with the same person and is might meaning in an incident importing better left ignored.

Nevertheless, since I cannot myself look any further into the matter, considering the fact that Fr. Renam's way of acting has always struck me as slightly strange, and considering also that he is working in the high-school, I feel that you should be informed so that, if you deem it wise, you can assure the isolation of the fact.

I regret, Father, having to send you a letter like this. God grant that it do no harm to an innecent person.

> Bespectfully years, John M. Dorbet, O.S. M.

> > PD-HO 0082

#### THE SERVITE FATHERS OUR LADY OF SORROWS PROVINCE BILL W. VAN BUREN STREET CHICAGO 12. ILLINOIS

Veno re Fr. Ronan.

As my term of office draws near to an end, I am reminded by a letter from Fr. Doherty of Louvain, that I must put on record some and facts about fr. Roman. I removed him from penturb because he was accused by a reli gious there of homosexuality, and admitted same to the frior who mas Fr. Daniel O'Malley. The Prior referred the details to me and Fr. Roman was removed immediately. Fortunately his removal coincided with a trip to the U.S. A. anyway so no wonderment was caused. It seems from his own admission that this fault goes way back to his early life, and even though he overcame it for many years, it is still deeply rooted within him, and comes out too it would seem when he takes a few drinks. I wanned Fr. Roman that drastic action would have to be taken if office - I am vertain he can never be trusted. Fr. Vincent O'Shea who was socius and Fr. Daniel O(Malley and myself, and now Fr. Doherty (JOHN) are all to my knowledge who know anything specific of his difficuities.

In L. Contray, ort.

FR. LOUIS M. CORTNEY OSM. (Provincial at the time)

Nov. 29, 1963

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THE SERVITE FATHERS OUR LADY OF SOBIOWS PROVINCE SILE W. YAN BURGH STREET CHICAGO 12, ILLINOIS

Jan. 31, 1965

Memoranda:

Fr. Andrey M. Ronan was accused by three different priests of homosexual activities with students of St. Philip High School. The accusations were made during the month of December, 1964. The priests are: Frs. Anselm Dennehy, Mark Dennehy, and Brendan LaFave. All were certain of the truth of their accusations, and all approached me independently of each other. On all I imposed secrecy for the pood of all concerned.

Wehn I told Fr. Ronan of this, he did not densy. He stated that this has been a long term problem for him and he turned himself in to Fr. O'Malley at Benburb years ago. When he was removed from Benburb, he does not understand why he was assigned to work at a boys' high school in a counsellor's private office, where temptation would be maximized. He anticipated that his homoserual activity would come to light eventually and asked not to be assigned another high school

Fr. Ronan readily admits his tendencies, thinks he can control them under more favorable circumstances with the help of God, and is resolved to do so. He is grateful to the men who reported him.

In all his future assignments this trait must be taken into consideration.

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## Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

THE CHANCERY OFFICE

2838 E. BURNSIDE

P. O. BOX 351

Portland, Oregon 97207

7eh. 15, 1966

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

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1 et , civis St. F. Septmtri., alumnus in Scola Media sic dicta Grant High School, domicilium habens in via 47, 3144 cui delato Iureiurando de veritate dicenda, quod praestitit tactis SS. Dei Evengeliis, exposuit proti infra, videlicet: As I told The Archbishop last week, I met Fr. Andrew Ronan of the Order Of the Servant of Mary, Servite Father, attached to the santuary of the Sorrowful Mother herein Portland, ab-out 3 months ago. At first ti me I went to him for counseling. Then one night I had trouble at home wich my parents. My mother was gone and Fr. Ronan called at our house while she was gone. Apparently she had told him about the trouble. He said he would meet me at the corner of 53th and Sandy N.E.. Apoint about 30 blvd from the sanctuary. I wemt there and got into his car. I had a broken hand at the time. And he said he would get a bangage for it as I had just broken that night. We stop at the pharmacy and he got the bandage. We returned to the car and he drove me to the office building of the seanctuary We went into the kichen of the office. He put the bandage on my hand and then he brought out soft drink. We spaint about a hour x talking about things in general. Then I said that was the time for to go back to home. Then he started to ask me if I felt any pain elsewhere in my body, particularly in my groan.

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Then he said he wants to see for himself. Then he opened my trousers and looked at my private part. Then I told him I must go. Then he said that he wants to feel with his hands which he did taking my private part with his right hand. He said he was doing this to be sure that I was all right. We both started to the kichen and we got as far as the main office room. Then he said he wants to examine me again, and I would not let him. He kind insisted but I said I had to go. Then he drove me home and make a appointment to see me a week later. He called a week later to meke sure that I would meet him in the office building. I told my mother that I would did not want to go but she said that I should go. I went to the monastery by mistake. Priest from the monastery called Fr. Ronan at the office building and Fr. came out from the menastery down to the buiding. He said he would show me around the office building. He let down corridor to a guest room which we entered and then he locked the door. He sat down of on the couch and I sat down on separate chair, then he told me to come over to sit beside him on the couch. As he insisted I did so. We talked about a haflf in general. Then he began to make advances. He put his arm around me and hour began to question me again if I had any pain in my proan. I said "No". He insist ed kupon finding by himself, first touching my private part outside of my trousers, I kept insisting that I was all right. But he said he wants to see for himself. Then he opened my trousers and hand my private part with both his hands. Then he wants to put hands inside his trousers and I said I would not do it. Then He tried to put my hands in his trousers but I said I would not do it. Then he said: Now let see how you take pressure. Then he forced me down about half way twice and got on top of me. He is a big man about 6.2 in hight and quite strong. Finally he forced me into prone position and tried to put poll my NOTARY

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But that is all I know !

Respondit: I heard He was going to go to the cabin with a boy whose

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Resp.: No. Actually I liked very much before this happened. He was a trueted counsailers until this time! Quibus omnibus absolutis .....

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Interrogatus: Have you made this statement because you have any hadred

for Fr. Ronan?

Resp.: No. Actually I liked very much before this happened.

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Die 17 Mense January Anno 1966

Vocatus personaliter comparuit coram me infrascripto Bertram F. Griffin sistenti in Portlandensi, Archidoecesi Portlandensis in Oregon ad hunc actum tantum a R.P.D. Eduardo Howard specialiter delegato, prout ex Eiusdem literis mihi directis et datis sub die 17a mense januarii anno 1966 praesenti oositioni alligandis, <u>Rev Jourfu Maan</u> qui/quae, delato ei iureiurando de veritate dicenda, quod praestitit tactis Ss. Dei Evangeliis, fuit per me...

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2. Please give your opinion of his manner of life, his morals and the reputation which he has. is good muchly but series to destine demotionally. He cames from a broken home. We is whethere gesents without at home and at school. He is with the is whethere are the folder 1965. His mathere had made a Day of Recollection under 7. Roman r bod desensed with Fr. Fr. Maran The o and for remaind much before anything bothered. Ho one in the paint has puestion rund.

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Rev. Joseph Black

Acta sunt haec per me Bertram F. Griffin a R.P.D. Eduardo Howard ad hunc actum tantum specialiter delegatum.

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Nomen, Cognomer	Joseph Black	<b>.</b> .
Nomen patris	George Bluch .	<u>-</u> ,
Patria	Aetas	35
Conditio	Cattalie Griest	
Habitatio	A. Rore, rectory.	

cui delato iureiurando de veritate dicenda, quod praestitit tactis Ss. Dei Evangeliis fuit:....

1. Do you know or suspect the reason for your summons and the present examination?  $\mathcal{Y}_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{S}}$ 

2. Are you a Catholic? How frequently do you attend Mass? Do you receive the Sacraments? Have you made your Easter duty?

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3. Are you personally acquainted with your Pastor or other priests? Have you ever received special counselling from a priest? Have you been well treated? PD-HO 0095

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5. Please give the name, age, office, parish or religious house of this Priest. Rev. Ranan - Sanctuary of due Socouful Walter, Semete, aubuw ahout 40

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6. Please state seriously, sincerely and clearly, and as discretely as you can what you know or have heard concerning improper relations between this Priest and the person whom he was counselling. From whom did you hear this? When did this occur? How many times? Have you heard that the same thing has occured with others? after talking to due boys institue & annot, the bay came Wales me. The hay said the piest offenes to transvers and arbeed the boy to tauch him. Chis bead hear preceded on the premises the work by some fendling. The boy's zerme is . The bey cloumed that the piecest had pullis annoorand him intues accasions. We had been seeing the piecest fen 5006 weeks premised. . More also awaled, atthe Shuow J. Renon had anaged & bring some hay to die headh over Churtmos.

7. If you know or have heard that the same thing has occured with others, please state their names and if possible their addresses.

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8. What is the reputation of this priest? I mentioned the matter to Fr. Kalloway the priests nifering. He was surprised & admined me & go to the ashiskop . Os for as drow the priest has a good reputation

9. Have you testified solely out of love for justice and truth or is there a 1so some reason for ennity or hatred between you and the above priest? NO. I Reball a long time before refiningthis. I conducant to hund a fellow priest. But the threatened of o the police and the religious sufficience administrate to relate and hundred.

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Rev. Joseph Black.

Acta sunt haec per me Bertram F. Griffin,

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1. Do you know Rev. Andrew Ronan of the Order of the Servants of Mary, attached to the Sanctuary of the Sorrowful Mother in Portland, Oregon? Yes, I hum him, hud nation well.

2. Please give your opinion of his manner of life, his morals and the reputation which he has with the people. We the hest of my knowledge A prior very lettle abaut him. Italhed Thim about 3 yrs of as ter as I know his reputation is great. I have keard nathing agains I him

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6. Do you know whether there has ever been any reason for hatred or enmity

between and Rev. Andrew Ronan? I know of us reason for rated or emity between him & Fr. Monan, Fr. Black tald me that mais receiving religious instruction from Fr. Roman. "- didn't continue his religious metuchon in the painsh.

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Rev. Marcus C. Gothe

Acta sunt haec per me Bertram F. Griffin a R.P.D. Eduardo Howard ad hunc actum tantum specialiter delegatum.

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#### ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

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Die) 7 Mense January Anno 19/66

Vigore decreti R.P.D. Eduardi D. Howard dati sub die 17a mense januarii anno 1966 vocat Appersonaliter comparuit coram melinfrascripto Bertzam F. Griffin, sistente in Portlandensi, Archidioecesis Portlandensis In Oregon,

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Dei Evangeliis fuit:....

1. Do you know or suspect the reason for your summons and the present examination?  $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{O}}$ 

2. Are you a Catholic? How frequently do you attend Mass? Do you receive the Sacraments? Have you made your Easter duty?

I am a Cethalic, Sattend Man on Sundays & receive the sacraments. I made my Easter duty PD-HO 010 PD-HO 0102

3. Are ou personally acquainted with your Pastor or other priests? Have

you ever received special counselling from a priest? Have you been well treated? I know A. Black new well. He is a manelaus mon. I have had no reason for special Counselling.

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4. Do you know or remember that at one time you said or heard that a **Priest** had not acted toward someone whom he was counselling with propriety and due respect? Have you heard talk against a Priest in this regard?

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5. Please give the name, age, office, parish or religious house of this Priest. Aler, arthrug Roman - at the heatto of den Iorrowful Mather, I ne vener met him nupelf.

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6. Please state seriously, sincerely and clearly, and as discretely as you can what you know or have heard concerning improper relations between this Priest and the person whom he was counselling. From whom did you hear this? When did this occur? How many times? Have you heard that the same thing

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Acta sunt haec per me Bertram F. Griffin,

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Vigore decreti R.P.D. Eduardi D. Howard dati sub die 17a mense januarii anno 1966 vocat personaliter comparuit coram mefinfrascripto Bertram F. Griffin, sistente in Portlandensi, Archidioecesis Portlandensis In Oregon,

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cui delato iureiurando de veritate dicenda, quod praestitit tactis Ss. Dei Evangeliis fuit:....

1. Do you know or suspect the reason for your summons and the present examination? . Jes, Annulucause of the submations with I. Ama

2. Are you a Catholic? How frequently do you attend Mass? Do you receive the

Sacraments? Have you made your Easter duty? Dam Catholic - Latting Man greecine the wecoment.

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3. Are you personally acquainted with your Pastor or other priests? Have

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4. Do you know or remember that at one time you said or heard that a Briest had not acted toward someone whom he was counselling with propriety and due respect? Have you heard talk against a Priest in this regard?

propriety with him. ( is my son)

5. Please give the name, age, office, parish or religious house of this Priest. Fr. Andrew Roman, Gratto star Schowfel matter oge-abant 40 Semile

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6. Please state seriously, sincerely and clearly, and as discretely as you can what you know or have heard concerning improper relations between this Priest and the person whom he was counselling. From whom did you hear this? When did this occur? How many times? Have you heard that the same thing

has occured with others? Lattended a Retura & al die Heatto started seems to Kenan 7. Talder that he had & sure in F. Kman. hi deficult hays. I saw Father about Jou 1. malhun ling Cuteshim at the un ustinthing decen lengues . Kurape theen began taking Pare suil, eu Done me even Mora Tuercha 1 crai com then 560 mascelucture my sister me then he went He also told his & toldme. he called 7.

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please state their names and if possible their addresses.

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9. Have you testified solely out of love for justice and truth or is there

a lso some reason for enmity or hatred between you and the above priest? No chere is no cumity between we & Fr. Karan. Huy first thought when tald we was to may for Fr. Rowan. I have haven wary nices I know they can make installes. I suce wish this rechen had ut happened

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#### EXAMINATION OF WITNESS

On Tuesday, January 18, 1966, the undersigned Rev. Bertram F. Griffin duly appointed by the Most. Rev. Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland in Oregon to the office of Inquisitor in the case of Paul Valenti vs. Rev. Andrew Ronan Made arrangements by telephone to interrogate Mr.

counsellor at the Donald Long Juvenile Home.

The undersigned identified himself as representing the Archdiocese and asked for an appointment. Mr. asked the nature of my business. I told him I was interested in a character reference for one of his counselees. After a pause, Mr. stated "Oh, yes. I know about the matter." Appointment was then made for Thursday, January 20.

At 9:30 A.M., Thursday January 20, 1966, the undersigned interrogated Mr. in his office at the Donald Long Juvenile Home. Mr. stated that he was not Catholic, he was aware of the matter which I wanted to discuss with him, but he did not know our procedure. When asked if he would testify under oath or mind if I wrote his answers down or sign a statement, he requested that the conversation remain unofficial. He preferred not to sign anything because of his professional status. He realized how= ever that I would write a report of the interview. I am convinced of the **a** report of the interview as memory permits.

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Q. Do you know or suspect the reason for this interview?

A. Yes, told me about the matter. He said that he had been to the Archbishop's office to fill out a complaint. He told me what the compliant involved.

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Q. When did you first become aware of the matter? A. Actually, the priest came in to see me about it first. The priest is Father Ronan from the Sanctuary; I had know him previously. He came in to see me, I believe the day that he talked with the Archbishop. He said that

had accused him of some sexual matter although he was not specific. Father denied the incident and state that such accusations are "an occupational hazard for a Priest". He has since called me a few times to ask if I have been contacted by anyone from the Chancery office.

I had to call in anyway for parole violation. He had skipped several days of school. I asked him where he had been. He claimed that he had spent the two days at the Chancery office. When I pinned him down he finally admitted that he was with the Bishop only for one morning. When I asked him what the matter was all about, he said that he had to report Fr. Ronan. He said Fr. Ronan was a "bad guy." He claimed that some time ago, Fr. Ronan had seen him at the Sanctuary. They went to one of the guest room, a room with a high window a bed and a chair. Father sat on the bed and on the chair. Father asked

to sit beside him. He asked if he felt any pain in the groin. He then tried to touch He said he wanted to see how responded to pressure. Then he tried to force . down and get on top of him. I didn't believe

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at first and asked him what he was doing all this time. claimed that he couldn't believe it was happening and was unable to do anything. Finally he said he had to go.

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Q. Did say that this had happened on other occasions?

A. At first said it had happened on three or four occasions. Then he admitted that this specific thing happened only once. Perhaps the former occasions were advances which only now was able to interpret.

Q. Do you believe \_? Is he capable of lying in the matter? A. I had see a staff psychiatrist. The psychiatrist told me that has a psycopathic personality. He manipulates people and tries to obtain thier sympathy. He is unable to cope with authority. is perfectly capable of projecting his only feelings or desires into an innocent situation or even of lying. However I can't discover any motive why would lie in this matter. Because I can't see any motive, I suspect that is somewhat telling the truth. However, has very little emotionaly feeling. He puts on a front of great emotional disturbance and anxiety whereas he actually feels very little. I was unable to pin down on specific dates or occasions.

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Q. You say that you knew Fr. Ronan previously. What is your opinion of his character?

A. Actually I don't know Father very vell. I am not Catholic and don't know any priests personally. I knew that Fr. Ronan was doing counselling and was

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interested in his approach. It impressed me that a clergyman would take that much interest in problem boys. I had lunch wone day with Father at the Sanctuary. He told me that he had workd in Chicago with problem boys; that he had written to the Portland Police asking to be their chaplian and had been accepted. He had also written to the Sherrif's office but had received no reply. I asked him how he contacted these boys living way out in the woods as he did. He said that he did not search them out, but people referred them to him. I asked him what approach he used. He said that it was a compinabion of religious help and counselling. However he did not force religion on them; they went to church for that. I don't know anything about Father's reputation. However I understand that MY Father has been doing this kind of work for many years (20?); I know that homosexual activity breaks out long before this. If statement is true, Father must have been in troubl before. On the other hand, is lying, I can't understand what his motive would be.

Q. Do you know if anyone else is involved in similar matter?

Α. No, I don't.

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Q. Is this matter on record?

I will keep the matter confidential. However, insofar as the matter affects Α. I will have to make a repart. However I will not involve any names. I understand that you are not out to punish anyone. If the story is false, you want to clear the matter up, if possible. If the story is true, you want to help Father and protect others. PD-HO 0113

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Q. Would you be willing to sign a statement or testify under oath?
A. I would rather not. I have only stated my impressions; these are quite subjective. Objectively, I am aware of no facts. All I can say is what and Father Ronan have told me and estimate personal involvement.

After the interview, the undersigned recorded what he could remember, in so far as possible in the words of the witness.

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1. Do you know Rev. Andrew Ronan of the Order of the Servants of Mary, attached to the Sanctuary of the Sorrowful Mother in Portland, Oregon? Jps. Scur his relepans sufferer. PD-HO 0115

2. Please give your opinion of his manner of life, his morals and the reputation which he has with the people.

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5. Do you think that he is worthy of belief? Or do you think that he is capable of lying, of bearing false witness and even of perjuring himself?

6. Do you know whether there has ever been any reason for hatres or enmity between and Rev. Andrew Ronan? No. I don't.

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January 27, 1966

The Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, D.D. 2838 East Burnside, P.O. Box 351 Portland, Oregon 97207

Your Grace,

It's with a very heavy heart that I write this letter to you, fearing that it will mean another cross added to you shoulders - and in the 60th year of your wonderful work on behalf of Christ and the Church.

The day after I was elected Provincial (in June of '65), Fr. Loftus, my predecessor, went through the entire sacerdotal personnel of our Province with me, informing me of all secret social, physical, and moral problems that afflict individual priests. In the course of this meeting he informed of Fr. Ronan's problem.

Since then I've been under the impression that everything was working out for the best, and haven't received a word of accusation against Fr. Roman - in fact, on the contrary, he's been praised on several occasions for the fine work he was doing.

Your letter arrived about an hour ago, and I went through Fr. Ronan's file. The enclosed photostats were all sealed, and marked "For the Provincial Alone." The copies may not be very good, but I've never run the machine before, and wouldn't entrust the contents to my secretaries. I presume some accusations have been made to you against Fr. Ronan.

I spoke to Fr. Cortney, who was Provincial at the time these records were made, and he believes, if concrete charges have been made against Fr. Ronan, that I should apply to the Sacred Congregation for a decree of laicization. If you concur in this opinion, I'd appreciate your supplying me with whatever information you may have. Last summer, while the General was here, Fr. Victor Leonard, O.S.M., Provincial of the St. Joseph Province, and I requested the laicization of another priest who suffers from a similar problem. Our appeal was refused pending documentation - names, dates, witnesses, and the like - for otherwise the Congregation and the Order could be liable to a defamation of character lawsuit.

Please forgive us for adding this case to your many problems. But I'm sure God will reward you richly for your solicitude and kindness to the unworthy brothers of his Son Jesus.

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Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you on my visit to Portland in February, Your Grace, I remain

Sorrowfully yours in Jesus and Mary,

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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This morning a lawsuit was filed against the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. We believe that plaintiff, John Doe, is the same individual who complained to the Archdiocese in 1966 about Father Andrew Ronan a Servite priest assigned by his community to the Grotto. On hearing plaintiff's allegations, the Archdiocese took swift and decisive action. Judicial proceedings were initiated under Church law. Ronan was laicized in March 1966, and left Portland shortly after. Even the plaintiff does not allege that the Archdiocese of Portland had any prior knowledge of complaints against Ronan.

In the interest of accuracy, there has never been a St. Albert's Parish in Portland.

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