FR. MARTIN THIELEN
P R O T L A N D
PACIFIC-LLOYD PROPERTIES

Mgr. Phelen

Castor - St. Stephen
6/17/54 - 9/8/64
Summary of a conversation conducted by Father Wayne Jenkins with

About a year and a half ago called Archbishop Kelly and asked for an appointment to discuss allegations of sexual misconduct situation. An appointment was made but Mr. backed out because of anxiety. Mr. called again asking to see the archbishop and the case was referred to me.

The nature of the allegation is: Mr. claims that a Father Martin Thielen of Saint Stephen's Parish in Portland, Oregon was involved with him sexually and emotionally between the years of 1956 and 1959.

In the fifth grade (1956 or 1957) when was eleven years old Father Thielen came to Saint Stephen's as the new pastor. made it a point to indicate he suffered from ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder). This disorder resulted in his being the class clown--few friends. Also due to ADD he had many, many questions. His many questions led him to Father Thielen (the new pastor). Hence, they became friends. added almost parenthetically that even though he had passing grades Father Thielen suggested he be detained. often wonders if Father Thielen suggested this for some ulterior motive--a question which remains.

Father Thielen would often take young boys to Oliver's Motel on McLaughlin Boulevard in Milwaukee, Oregon for swimming. Father Thielen never touched the boys but would often compare their bodies.

The next year (6th or 7th grade) became an altar boy. felt he was Father Thielen's favorite server. would often serve the last high Mass of the day. Father Thielen would have and other servers (a and ???) undress and put their cassocks on. Still no sexual activity.
In the summer between the seventh and eighth grades, Father Thielen took to Los Angeles. He met several other priest friends of Father Thielen. Father Thielen stayed with the priests whereas was put in a Travel Lodge Motel on Sunset Boulevard. His companion was a lay person—he does not remember his name. The first night at the motel, after had gone to bed, the lay person came to his bed and fondled him genitaly and much more. He did not explicate. The next night one of the priests came to the motel (not Father Thielen, another priest) and there was all kinds of sexual activity and sexual experience which he did not care to express. On the way back to Portland, Oregon (the third night) Father Thielen and stayed in a motel in Sacramento, CA and this was the first and only time that Father Thielen had sex with

The following year joined the Boy Scouts and there was often sexual play with older boy scouts and Father said this was okay.

In the eighth grade and another boy were experimenting sexually at one of their homes and was caught by one of the parents. Since had been detained one year and was the older boy he was accused and blamed for this sexual activity between the two boys. This resulted in being kicked out of the Boy Scouts. He was sent to the University of Portland to see a Father Martin who was a priest-psychologist (who has since left the priesthood). He was told by Father Martin that this was a one-time thing. It never should/would happen again. When he came back and went to school for the eighth grade it was one "hell of a year." Everyone knew that had been sent to the psychologist. Everyone knew that he had been kicked out of the Boy Scouts. He was basically the point of conversation in everyone’s lives and in the town.

During the eighth grade, decided he wanted to go to Benson Polytech because they were just getting into computers. Father Thielen said that he should go to Central Catholic. hated Central Catholic High School but Father Thielen had talked him and his parents into sending him there because of his ADD was put into remedial classes which made the situation only worse.

In his sophomore year, Father Thielen left Saint Stephen as pastor and became the principal of Central Catholic. This was more than could bear so half way through his sophomore year he dropped out of school and out of the Church.
The rest of his life has been lived in the context of a drop out. He went to the Navy. He eventually did get his GED. He could not be admitted to Oregon University but he did audit some classes. He basically has learned to bluff his way through life. He has held many jobs and has lied to get these jobs. He is very adept in applying and interviewing and getting a job only to lose them once the truth of whom he is found out—that he has lied and that he does not have a college degree, etc., etc.

He presently is an operating room technician at a local hospital and lives in fear of the day when they will find out who he really is. He has not been successful at anything. He does have a significant other and they have been friends for fifteen years. He has lived in Portland, Los Angeles, Honolulu and found his way to Kentucky in 1990.

He is angry because he had to drop out and had to bow to someone else's sexual needs—specifically Father Thelen's.

Two years ago, his father passed away and he returned to Saint Stephen's for the funeral. (It needs to be noted that he is the black sheep of the family. He basically had to make a choice between his parents and his lover/way of life. But prior to this in view he was loathed by his father ever since the day he was caught playing around sexually with the other grade school boy. Every time he would come into a room where his father was present, his father would leave the room. They basically did not speak to each other from that time forward. His brothers and sisters have also treated him as the black sheep. He has been able to keep in contact with his mother and one sister. But that has been limited.) When he returned for the funeral, sitting in the front row, all of this experience with Father Thelen began to rush over him. And it was at this time that he made the first appointment with Archbishop Kelly but did not have the nerve to talk about it.

The bottom line is that he says Father Thilen ran his life and his Mom's and Dad's. An example of this (besides the Central Catholic suggestion) was that when he celebrated his Confirmation the pastor made him take the name of Martin which is Father Thelen's given name. He feels that if he had been left alone he could have been something.

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I asked if he wanted to press charges against that Father Martin Thielen. He said: "O God, no." I asked if he were still living and he said: "Yes." He thinks he is in a nursing home now.

Part of what brought all of this to surface in addition to the father's funeral is that a couple of years ago ... was robbed as the manager of a fast food institution. He was hit in the head and as he recovered he was in conversation with psychologists and psychiatrists and all of this experience of 1956 through 1959 began to surface. He does not wish to press charges against Father Thielen because of the public nature and afraid to get his name and Father Thielen's name in the papers. He simply stated: "I want the anger to stop. I want a life. I want to stop living this lie. I am a very lonely man." Asked what he wanted the Church to do. He said: "Will they help me now? How can they help me now?" I told him that I would share this information with the Archbishop Kelly and would respond at a later date.

Reverend J. Wayne Jenkins
Director
Office of Clergy Personnel
MEMORANDUM

TO: Father Chuck
FROM: Georgiana
SUBJECT: A Telephone Call to Archbishop George Re: Father Martin Thielen
DATE: October 4, 1996

Archbishop George received a call from Archbishop Thomas Kelly, the Archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky. Archbishop Kelly received a call from someone in his Archdiocese accusing Father Martin Thielen of sex abuse sometime between 1956 and 1959 when he was the pastor of St. Stephen Parish. Archbishop explained that you should be contacted, but that today was your day off. Father Wayne Jenkins, the Vicar for Clergy in Louisville, probably will contact you on Monday. In case you would like to call him, the Chancery number is (502) 585-3291.
To Arch of Portland OR

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Clergy Personnel

October 7, 1996

FAX to: Reverend Charles Lienert
Portland, Oregon
503-230-1477 — FAX number

From: Reverend J. Wayne Jenkins
Louisville, KY FAX 502-585-2466
Mother P said Cath
Father did not allow
Mother asked to take
When Fr had to go to CA
Parishioner went invited to visit mother

Lost wallet - regained
Helped with Nun
Young man went to San Fran
Felt he had left him with his mother

Went to San Fran or CA
Return with the coat
When on return he had lost wallet - Fr paid for his food
in K Fair he lost wallet again

St Anthony's Parish in San Francisco had
was in FDH
Fr went to see him
Wed at St. Kd at her Opm
at Friends
Fr. Jenkins.  Age app. 1957
Archdiocese of Louisville

- Alleges that Fr. Martin
Thielan - St. Steven
Parish OK
1954 - 1959 Sexual
Emotion

About 5th gr. - 11 years
old. Became friends because
he had ADD
- Also in
- took boys to Oliver's Motel
- companions boys

1954

- On a trip with lay person
had sex once with
Fr. Thielan had a lay friend.
Fr. Thielan would have sex with
others.
Fr. Thielan suggested that he be one

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Says he cannot keep a job

He wants anger to stop.

Went back to father's funeral
— robbed, the hat over the head
Then stared to remember.

2 years ago —

his brothers & sisters have treated him
as a black sheep.
Facts of Case

Thielan did not go from
St Stephen to principal of Central.
He became Superintendent of Schools.
In 1967, he was transferred to St Thomas
More.

He was Superintendent of Schools
from 1954 to 1963.

Father

Passed away May 11, 1963

Is

Is wife's name
MEMORANDUM

TO: Archbishop George
FROM: Father Charles Lienert
SUBJECT: Msgr. Martin Thielen
DATE: October 15, 1996

I have enclosed the notes of Father Wayne Jenkins about his meeting with Mr. in which he accused Msgr. Martin Thielen of sexually abusing him between 1956 and 1959. I have also enclosed my notes from my meeting with Msgr. Thielen. He categorically denies any emotional or sexual involvement with Mr.

There are some clear discrepancies between Mr. statement and some historical facts. Msgr. Thielen became pastor of St. Stephen in 1954 and not 1956. He was principal at Central Catholic from 1949 to 1950 and not while attended Central.

When I spoke with Father Jenkins from Louisville, he said he had some misgivings about the voracity of Mr. based on the way he recalled this abuse and his general demeanor.

I would like to speak with you about this before taking any further action.

CJL:gg

Enclosure
MEMORANDUM

TO:  File
FROM: Father Charles Lienert
SUBJECT: Interview with Msgr. Martin Thielen
DATE: October 15, 1996

I met with Msgr. Thielen on October 15, 1997. I asked him to review the summary of a conversation conducted by Father Wayne Jenkins with Mr.

Msgr. Thielen remembered Mr. He said that his mother was a practicing Catholic but his father did not attend Church. His mother asked Father Thielen to take her son to L.A. when he was planning a trip there. He reluctantly agreed to take him with him. He is not completely certain, but he believes that had relatives in Los Angeles.

He took another layman with him whose mother lived in San Francisco. He was returning to San Francisco and asked Father for a ride.

On the way down said that he had lost his wallet. The layman then paid for his meals until they got to San Francisco. After leaving the layman in San Francisco Father Thielen and continued to L.A. They returned to Portland together. On the way back again said he had lost his wallet so Father Thielen paid for his meals. When they reached Klamath Falls, he discovered that still had some money.

They stopped in a motel one night on the way back. There was no sexual contact of any kind on that night or at any other time.

Msgr. Thielen remembers visiting in the Juvenile Detention Home. stated that he would rather be in JDH than at home because he had friends there and they had a gym.
Msgr. Thielen said that it was ridiculous to think that he would have servers undress before putting on their cassocks.

He also stated that he may have encouraged mother to send him to Central because he encouraged every family to send their children to a Catholic high school. He was not principal at Central Catholic during the time that he was in school there.

Msgr. Thielen said he did not know well. Even when they went to Los Angeles they would not talk very much. He denies that he was ever involved sexually or emotionally.

CJL:gg
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COMMENTS:

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2835 E. Burnside Street, Portland, Oregon 97214-1895  503/234-5334
MEMORANDUM

TO: Archbishop George

FROM: Father Charles Lienert

SUBJECT: The Allegation from Louisville, Kentucky about Msgr. Martin Thielen

DATE: November 18, 1996

I spoke with Father J. Wayne Jenkins concerning the allegation made by Mr. against Father Martin Thielen. He is the Director of Clergy Personnel.

I have enclosed the summary of my interview with Msgr. Thielen. I sent a copy of this to Father Jenkins.

CJL:gg

Enclosure