Father Tom,

If possible, I would like to meet with you. We are new to the area and I am looking for a "fresh start" - a new beginning to say.

Please find enclosed a very confidential letter. My wife and I are interested in marriage counseling through the Parish. I need prayer and direction also for new work. Please call if possible.

I am also interested in any volunteer work you may be in need of within the Spanish community of the Parish.
October 5, 1992

To Whom It May Concern:

I have seen him for counseling since June 2, 1991.

When I first saw him, he was depressed about being unable to work productively or to have a happy relationship with a woman. His self-esteem was very low, which appeared to have resulted from his having been controlled and sexually abused by a Catholic priest (Father Goodrich) to whom he had gone for counseling. Also, at that time he was very worried about the welfare of his daughter, suspecting that she was being neglected and abused. He wanted to have her live with him instead of with his estranged wife, but he was unable to afford either a suitable home or child care services.

His symptoms were severe anxiety, depression and anger. Those symptoms moderated to normal levels by the time he stopped seeing me regularly at the end of 1991. At that time he was working productively at a suitable job. Furthermore, he had largely finished the process of divorcing from his first wife, and he was in love and engaged to be married. He had been unable to get custody of his daughter, but he had secured regular visitation rights and had a suitable living situation for her visits. Most recently, he has remarried and is residing with his wife in Newberg, Oregon.

diagnosis was chronic post-traumatic stress disorder, brought on by the unfortunate experiences which occurred when he came under the influence of Father Goodrich. Though his symptoms had moderated and his self-esteem and self-confidence were markedly higher after six months of therapy, he was still susceptible to relapse of his symptoms during times of stress.

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Recently, stress has been high for because of some misunderstandings with his wife and continuing dissension with his ex-wife, mostly about issues of support and visitation. These stresses have produced a partial relapse of the symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder. Relapse involves his experiencing the same symptoms for which he originally came into counseling. Again he is experiencing severe anger, anxiety, and depression, including low self-esteem and low self-confidence. Again his work productivity has fallen and he doubts his ability to ever have a happy, loving relationship with a woman, fearing that his past history with Father Goodrich makes him a man marked for frustration and rejection.

Relapses in cases of this type are not uncommon. Though the symptoms have returned, they are not as severe as they were in 1991. I expect that this will be a temporary relapse and that he will soon again (within a few months) begin to function within normal ranges with respect to work, relationships, and emotions. During this time of recovery from his relapse I am willing to continue seeing if that is his wish.

Sincerely,
November 5, 1992

Dear,

I represent the Archdiocese of Portland. My client recently sent me a copy of your letter dated October 5, 1992, "Re: " letter, addressed "To Whom It May Concern."

I do not know to whom and for what purpose this letter is being distributed. Please be advised that my client considers it extremely inappropriate that you have mentioned Father Goodrich by name in the letter. Neither the alleged abuser's occupation, nor certainly his name, are relevant to the issues addressed in your letter.

On behalf of my client, I demand that you cease further distribution of and retract your October 5, 1992 letter. We will look to you for reimbursement of any damages resulting from the publication and re-publication of your October 5, 1992 letter.

Very truly yours,

G. Kevin Kiely

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