

Background and Process

Delegate's Office provides "a variety of pastoral, clinical, legal, financial and administrative activities which together constitute a continuum of services that is critical to the spiritual and emotional life of the clients involved in the program."

The data and information in this current report will be compared with the data included in previous Reports.

Section I: Staffing

The following changes took place during this year.

A. **Sr. Rita McCarthy** Sister will continue as Co-Delegate on a part-time consultant basis dealing with special cases as needed.

B. **Fr. Edward O'Flaherty** ended his regular part-time work in the program but is available as needed in special cases.

Otherwise, **Fr. Murphy** Continues as Delegate, **Fr. John Dooher**, and **Neil Hegarty** continue on a part-time basis. **Ms Toni Terenzi**, continues as full time secretary

Section II: Caseload

1. DEFINITIONS:

a. Open:

A case in which one or more of the following issues are present or pending: canonical, pastoral, clinical or legal.

b. Inactive:

Although there have been unresolved canonical, pastoral, clinical or legal issues in the past, there is no present need to pursue the case.

c. Closed:

A case in which there have been canonical, pastoral, clinical or legal activities all of which have been resolved.

2. STATISTICS

A. Clergy:

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
<u>Open at year's end</u>				
Review Board:	90	68	57	39*
"Other":				19**

(There are 19 "Other" cases that over the years were not appropriate for the Review Board but are included now to present a total caseload number. This number was decreased by 22 cases this year by "administrative closings" by staff.)

* Case List: Appendix A

** Case List: Appendix B

Total number of individual clergy identified by complainants to date: 188

B. Client Complaints

	<u>94/ 95</u>	<u>95 /96</u>	<u>96 \97</u>	<u>97\98</u>
Diocesan	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>39*</u>
Religious Order:	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
Other:(E.g., Deacon,)	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>51</u>

*(Most of these cases were related to one priest and began with a legal demand).

Total complaints from previous years: 285

TOTAL COMPLAINTS TO DATE: 336

C. Client Cases (Cases involved in pastoral support services)

	<u>94\95</u>	<u>95\96</u>	<u>96\97</u>	<u>7-1-97\6-30-98</u>
<u>Carried over:</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>51</u>
<u>New cases:</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Closed:</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>Active Cases:</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>46*</u>

ACTUAL COUNSELING CASES: 38

* (There are additional cases that may begin with a legal action and are not processed by the Co-Delegate. These cases are not counted among the 46 Active Cases but are reflected above in "B. Client Complaints").

Section III Treatment Services / Related Expenses

A. Clergy

a. In-patient

	<u>94\95</u>	<u>95\96</u>	<u>96\97</u>	<u>97\98</u>
In-patient <u>assessments</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>

In-patient treatment:

Active:	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
New Cases:	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Closed in year:	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Carried over:	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

b. Out-patient:

Out-patient assessments 9 1 1 1

Out-patient treatment:

	<u>94\95</u>	<u>95\96</u>	<u>96\97</u>	<u>97\98</u>
Active:	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>
New Cases :	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Closed in year:	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Carried Over:	<u>28</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>

<u>c. Total Costs:</u>	<u>In-patient Care</u>	<u>In-patient Assessments</u>	<u>Out-patient Care</u>	<u>TOTAL COSTS</u>
<u>7-1-94 \ 6-30-95</u>				\$189,073
<u>7-1-95 \ 6-30-96</u>	\$132,087.27	\$10,312.09	\$57,594	\$194,993
<u>7-1-96 \ 6-30-97</u>	\$80,619.61	\$19,173.47	\$53,941	\$153,734
<u>7-1-97 \ 6-30-98</u>	\$9,898.00	\$6,466.00	\$23,317	\$39,681
<u>1997 VARIANCE</u>	(51,468)	8,861	(3,653)	(41,256)
<u>1998 VARIANCE</u>	(70,722)	(10,312)	(30,624)	(114,053)

B. Clients

a. Outpatient psychotherapy

	<u>94\ 95</u>	<u>95\ 96</u>	<u>96\ 97</u>	<u>97\98</u>
Active:	<u>70</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>39</u>
New cases:	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>9</u>
Closed in year:	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>10</u>
Carried over:	<u>55</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>38</u>

b. Total costs:

<u>94 \ 95</u>	<u>95 \ 96</u>	<u>96 \ 97</u>	<u>97\98</u>
\$351,292.	\$218,085.	\$164,155	\$142,814

1998 VARIANCE: (\$21,441)

(NOTE: Of the funds available for out-patient psychotherapy for clients, there remains

approximately \$235,000. If expenditures were to remain about the same for the next two years, this fund would be exhausted at that time.

C. STAFF TRAVEL EXPENSES

1. Training Conferences:

* Father Murphy: Canon Law Conference, Washington, D.C. 3-8-98

Costs: Airfare, hotel & conference fees: **\$614.44**

2. Treatment Conferences

* St. Luke Institute: Individual Case Conference

Costs: Airfare, etc, **\$3,165.73**

TOTAL COSTS: **\$3,780.17**

VARIANCE from prior year: **(\$5,308.07)**

Section IV Legal Settlements

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Total settlements:	29	19	18	47
Total Costs:	\$1,535,000	\$1,018,000	\$2,365,482 *	10,689,000 **
Average Settlement:	53,000	53,578	131,415	227,426

*(NOTE: 1997: \$1,904,804 recovered from insurance. RCAB cost: \$460,677)

** (NOTE: 1998: \$9,274,000 recovered from insurance. RCAB cost: \$1,415,000)

Section V Review Board And Case Review Activities

A. Review Board

	<u>94\ 95</u>	<u>95\96</u>	<u>96\97</u>	<u>97\98</u>	
Number of meetings:	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
Cases reviewed:	<u>27</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>15</u>	<u>45*</u>

Average attendance 7 of 9 (78%) 9 of 11 (81%) 7 of 9 (78%) 7 of 9 (78%)

* (The high number of cases reviewed during this year represents the work that the Board did in revisiting earlier cases to determine if they could be categorized as "Closed". A "Closed Case" means that all of the restrictions remain in place but that all legal, canonical or victim related issues have been resolved.)

B. Case Reviews

The Delegate and staff continued to review cases on a regular basis.

Number of cases reviewed

<u>1994-95</u>	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>
<u>72</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>60</u>

Section VI Support Services

A. Healing Masses

A series of Healing Masses were held by the Bishops in each Region. This was a pastoral response to those who may have been adversely effected by sexual misconduct. Sr. Rita McCarthy organized this effort and a total of close to 1,000 people attended.

This effort attracted positive media attention and Sister received comments from Dioceses in other States and Ireland. There have been some requests from clients that this effort be repeated in the future.

There were also a group or picketers at each of the Healing Masses who represented themselves as victims of clergy abuse. There were no incidents with the picketers and inn some cases there was a cordial dialogue with the Regional Bishop after the Mass.

The Delegate and staff were in attendance to deal with any clients who wished to discuss individual cases.

B. Support Groups

Sr. Rita McCarthy provided a **group experience for parents** of complainants. This was a voluntary group. and was co-lead with Sr. Rita by Sr. Marie Connolly, CSJ. In the past, there were other groups for complainants that were not conducted during this year.

	<u>94 / 95</u>	<u>95 / 96</u>	<u>96 \ 97</u>	<u>97/98</u>
Number of sessions:	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Length of sessions:	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>2 hours</u>
Number of attendees:	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

C. Priest/Monitor Workshops

Monitor consultations decreased this year as the number of new priest cases has diminished and meetings between Monitors and priests in the program have lessened.

Fr. Edward O'Flaherty, S.J., organized the training session/consultation for Priest Monitors which were held on November 14, 1997 at St. Clement's Hall.

Fr. James J. Gill, S.J., M.D., Director of The Christian Institute for the Study of Human Sexuality was presenter / consultant.

	<u>94 \ 95</u>	<u>95 \ 96</u>	<u>96 \ 97</u>	<u>97 \ 98</u>
Training sessions:	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Attendees:	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>

D. Program staff consultation

a. The delegate's staff continued meeting periodically **with the out-patient psychiatry staff at Massachusetts General Hospital**. The meetings are chaired by Ned Cassem, S.J., M. D., Chair of the Out-patient Psychiatry Department.

	<u>94\95</u>	<u>95 \96</u>	<u>96 \97</u>	<u>97\98</u>
Number of meetings:	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

Delegate's office attendees:	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
MGH staff attendees:	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

b. The Delegate and staff attended a meeting in Manchester, N.H. of the Delegates from the Dioceses in the New England Province on September 23, 1997. This was the only meeting of the Delegates during this year.

Section VII Unmet Needs and Trends

A. Unmet needs identified in the past and responses to these needs:

Need: "The need for a supervised residential program for priests".

Response: A supervised living program for priests was begun in May, 1997 in collaboration with McLean Hospital. Over the course of this year, changes were made in the life circumstances of the priest residents and there was no need to continue the residence past June 30, 1998.

Need: "A "Job Bank" or other mechanism to provide some types of work for priests in the treatment program".

Response: Some efforts were successful in this regard during the year with the placement of two priests in supervised chaplaincy programs, the return of a priest to limited ministry, support for a priest leaving ministry. The formal position of Research Assistant was effective. However, the caseload for this work has diminished.

Need: "Short term financial support for priests who were seeking laicization".

Response: Support was offered to two priests who were making a transition to the lay state. Limited use was made of this offer but the response continues to be available.

Need: "Group work support for family members".

Response: Sr. Rita McCarthy offered a group for parents during this past year and may continue as consultant for this group during this year.

Need: "Pastoral support for complainants who came through the legal system and were not interviewed by the Co-Delegate"

Response: There is no effective way to discuss these matters with those complainants who seek legal counsel and may be advised to avoid discussions of their claim with others.

One very significant development that has taken place in terms of responding to the issues raised by complainants is the formulation of Delegate's Advisory Committee. This is a group of six complainants who have had an organizational meeting with Fr. Murphy and who will be meeting on a regular basis to provide a complainant's perspective on how the Church is dealing with clergy sexual misconduct.

B. Trends within the program are as follows.

There will continue to be a **significant down-turn in clergy who are identified as perpetrators**. Although there was an increase in complaints, a significant majority of these complaints were related to one priest. This is a trend that could continue during this coming year because of the publicity generated by this case.

The management of out-patient counseling for complainants, while successful during this past year, has reached a plateau. There are a number of cases that have continued in long term psychotherapy and treatment planning will need to address this matter during the year.

Treatment planning for priests who have moved from the supervised residence or who are taking on other forms of limited ministry need to be continued.

The Review Board will be meeting less frequently during this coming year, reflecting the decreased number of cases needing its attention. The process of returning cases to the Review Board for administrative closing or other action will continue and the Open Caseload will diminish significant during the coming year.

Legal matters and Community / Press relations are areas that will be significant during the coming year and will be dealt with by Archdiocesan staff who are skilled in and responsible for these areas of work.