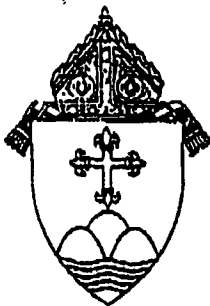


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The Archdiocese of Boston was recently notified of an allegation of an incident of sexual abuse against Fr. Richard Coughlin, a priest of the diocese of Orange County, California and formerly of the Archdiocese of Boston. Fr. Coughlin left the Boston area in 1965 to serve in the archdiocese of Los Angeles and what is now the diocese of Orange. He was formally separated or excommunicated in 1971. The alleged incident is said to have occurred while Fr. Coughlin was serving in ----parish, in ---- MA.

The Archdiocese of Boston has no record of any allegations of improper conduct against Fr. Richard Coughlin. Neither Fr. John McCormack, Secretary for Ministerial Personnel, nor any other officials of the Archdiocese have any recollection of notification of alleged incidents until very recently.

Still, the Archdiocese takes the current allegations very seriously and will listen respectfully to any individual who feels that he or she may be a victim of the terrible offense of sexual abuse.

Comprehensive procedures for dealing with such allegations are in effect in the Boston Archdiocese. These policies emphasize responsive assistance to the victims of sexual abuse as well as a thorough review of all pertinent facts. We will scrupulously follow these procedures in this case as in all others.