

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - (WITH PERMISSION) CONTROL S H E E T [LOACNTRL/1]

08-27-2001

REMINDER LETTER/TICKLER - [LOA/10/11] 2 MNTHS BEFORE ENDING DATE CC: FR. MICELI
 [1 MONTH BEFORE ENDING DATE-CHECK W/FR. MICELI WHETHER OR NOT HE REC'D.RESPONSE]
 EXTENSION LETTER CC: FR. MICELI
 FR. DI PERRI

PUT IN TICKLER 1ST WEEK IN OCTOBER

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CLERGY FUND [LOACL FND/1FORM] MAIL 1ST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER
[LOACL FND/2LETTER]

ONCE LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS EXTENDED - ADD TO CLERGY FUND RE: COVERAGE

<u>N A M E</u>	<u>1ST LEAVE</u> <u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>EXTENDED</u>	<u>TO</u>
MALLOY, STEPHEN J. '96	07-12-1999	07-12-2000	07-12-2000 [TICKLER 05-14-2001]	07-12-2001
CROWLEY, KEVIN J. '64	04-16-1999	04-16-2000	11-16-2001 [TICKLER 02-16-2000]	11-16-2002
PERILLO, CHRISTOPHER G. '97	12-01-1999	12-01-2000	12-01-2001 [TICKLER 10-04-2001]	12-01-2001
MORRISSETTE, ROBERT H. '75	01-01-1999	01-01-2000	[TICKLER 10-01-1999] <u>CLRGYFND REMINDER LETTER/SENT</u> 10-03-2000	
KEARNS, JOHN P. '88	01-01-1999	01-01-2000	[TICKLER 09-13-2001] <u>CLRGYFND REMINDER LETTER/SENT</u> 10-03-2000	
DALEY, JAMES J. '93	07-01-1999	07-01-2000	[TICKLER 05-01-2000] <u>CLRGYFND REMINDER LETTER/SENT</u> 10-03-2000	
WALSH, MARTIN J. '74	05-26-2000	05-26-2001	[TICKLER 03-26-2001]	
RILEY, MARK J. '90	06-01-2000	06-01-2001	[TICKLER 03-30-2001]	
HEALY, THOMAS C. '95	09-01-2000	09-01-2001	[TICKLER 06-03-2001]	
HENDRICKS, SCOTT B. '86	10-24-2000	10-24-2001	[1 YR.REMINDER LETTER/SENT 08-24-2001]	
PARKER, PAUL M. '82	08-27-2001	08-27-2002		

MORRISSETTE-2 006

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Date of Birth June 27, 1949 Place of Birth _____

Date of Ordination May 17, 1975 Place of Ordination Cathedral

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Date Assigned	Office	Place Assigned	Date Detached
6/3/75	Assoc, Pastor	St. Mary, Lynn	11/30/76
11/30/76	Assoc. Pastor	St. Joseph, Salem	12/18/84
12/18/84	Parochial Vicar	Assumption, Bellingham	9/1/93
9/1/93	Unassigned		9/18/93
9/18/93	Sick Leave - Exempt		12/1/98
12/1/98	Unassigned-Special		1/1/99
1/1/99	Leave of Absence - With Permission		

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MORRISSETTE-2 011

July 1, 1975

Rev. Robert H. Morrisette
St. Mary Rectory
8 South Common Street
Lynn, Massachusetts 01901

Dear Father Morrisette:

Upon the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Chairman of Court Chaplains and after consultation with the Personnel Office, I am hereby appointing you as Juvenile Court Chaplain of the District Court of Southern Essex in Lynn.

This assignment becomes effective immediately and is in addition to your present assignment at St. Mary Parish in Lynn.

I am confident that you will minister to these troubled youngsters and their families with Christ-like priestly zeal.

I take this occasion, Father Bob, to ask a remembrance in your Masses and prayers that I may be a worthy instrument of Our Lord as Archbishop of Boston.

Kindly notify Most Rev. Thomas V. Daily, Chancellor, and Reverend Joseph P. Smyth, Personnel Director, that you have received this letter.

With kind regards, I am

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

Humberto Cardinal Medeiros
Archbishop of Boston

MORRISSETTE-2 014

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON
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SEP 27 1979
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

September 25, 1979



Reverend Arthur I. Bergeron
Reverend Marc A. Piche
Reverend Robert Morissette
Saint Joseph's Rectory
135 Lafayette Street
Salem, Massachusetts 01970

Dear Fathers:

Bishop D'Arcy and Father Powers have informed me of their meetings with you regarding the Campus Ministry Program at Salem State College. I appreciate very much your willingness to assume this additional pastoral work since I am aware of the extensive program that you have already developed at Saint Joseph's.

I have confidence that you, as the campus ministers for Salem State College, will bring to the students a caring, pastoral presence that will nourish and enrich the community of faith on that campus.

With kindest personal regards and renewed thanks, I remain

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

Archbishop of Boston

Mr. Robert Morrisette - unconv. Pastor - Sept 5 Salem

Denies any improper conduct.

Has not seen the young man in his
mother since October.

Took young man into custody for 2 days
because he had no place to go at the
time (Oct 5-3)

Mother's allegations about him are false he
says.

Has not had contact since Oct 5 & 8
intends none.

Works at Grand and Salem State going well.

I told him that nothing further need
be done - that if anyone of the family
tried to contact him in any way
they were to be referred to this office. Where
we will seek legal counsel.

I conveyed the above to J. Ann Martonje
- currently filling in at O. Lord of Tidings
Parish. He in turn will refer any and
all further contacts from the family to this
office - as above.

FJD

'91 [REDACTED]

- Surprises

+ Housing to be sold

+ limited job cost

+

Morrisette (Pp Had) 448-6633

R. Bayum: Bob + I never had a conversation about this. About two months ago he called and said he was going to take up a couple of kids. I said no problem. Then I had second thoughts.

11/9/84

Robert Morrisette - as reported by Larry Roudace - St. Joseph, Salem

1. Family A: August, 1987 a boy 16(?) reported to Larry about an hour after incident. He had been under to F. M. room + M. made admission. Ran his hand up and down his leg (still in balling suit) kid got panicky + ran home + told his parents.

Parents were made to feel + threatened + legal action, How satisfied if he moves.

2. Family B. Their son was very friendly with M. Family B learned about abuse from Family A. Allegations from father that there had been other incidents involving the Boy Scouts. Also that F. Dad had been seen in gay bar in Boston (leisurely)

3. Someone at Salem St. has been saying there is a gay priest at St. Joseph.

4. Bob M. has admitted facts of family A out of court. But he denied it to Berkeley + then pointed admission to me.

5. Mulcahy, when I went to her 2nd time, sent Roudace to [redacted]

6. ~~For~~ M. has applied for transfer but has not said why

7. Fellow stayed in M's room all night. I heard next day from [redacted]

Interview with Robert Morrissette - Nov. 11, 1984

Bob admitted that he had made advances to the young man, as reported by Fr. Rondeau. He also admitted briefly that he had been involved for a while in the gay scene, but that he had been out of that for the past couple of years. He said that the rumors being spread by Family B in Rond-au's report were not true.

He agreed that he would be in touch with the Personnel Board and that he would transfer to Bellingham. He also agreed that once there he would contact the director of the House of Affirmation and take a complete evaluation. He would inform the Director that he had been referred by me and he would give the Director permission to send me the results of the evaluation. We also talked about sharing some information with the pastor down there, but ~~xxx~~ the pastor is ~~being~~ resigning, so we'll think about that later.

Bob is going to be in contact with me after he completes the evaluation.

Bob seems to me to be very sincere and also repentant. He mentioned, without any prompting, his concern for the boy and for the family.

I am hopeful that with appropriate help he'll be able to handle this situation.

He does have a spiritual director whom he sees, and he makes a directed retreat with him each year.

MORRISSETTE-2 034

Alex O' Hanley on Robert Morrisette :
12.10.84

- he has h.s. orientation
- history of alcohol in family, none
- probably stry to do with loneliness
- probably can be fairly easily taken care of with some new relationship
- nty. promiscuous
- thinks he'd be a low risk
- no problem with kids - an isolated kind of event
- no bad history; just recent.
- just a problem the past 3 years.
- he doesn't establish relationships easily. Haven't had lots of friends they can talk to.

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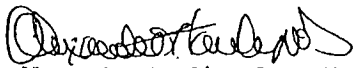
Rev. Robert J. Bahks
Vicar for Administration
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

re: Rev. R.H. Morrissette

Dear Fr. Banks:

Fr. Morrissette gave me your letter in which you requested a second report. He has been faithful in keeping his appointments and diligent at looking at the significant issues of his life. I retain my first assessment that his assignment to parish ministry is sound and reasonable. I feel strongly that he should remain in therapy so that he may more carefully evaluate the quality of his day to day relationships so that they become more meaningful and gratifying to him thus strongly decreasing the likelihood of any problems in the near or distant future. If you should have any further questions, do not hesitate to call or drop me a note.

Sincerely,


Alexander L. O'Hanley, M.D.

MORRISSETTE-2 037



ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE

2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON MASSACHUSETTS 02135

December 13, 1984

Reverend Robert H. Morrissette
Saint Joseph Parish Rectory
135 Lafayette Street
Salem, MA. 01970

Dear Father Morrissette:

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Board of the Archdiocese, I am ending your assignment as Associate Pastor at Saint Joseph Parish in Salem. I am appointing you Parochial Vicar at Assumption Parish in Bellingham. The effective date of this course of action is December 18, 1984.

I am confident that you will render fine priestly service to the People of God in Assumption Parish.

Please notify Reverend Robert J. Banks, Vicar General, and Reverend Thomas F. Oates, Personnel Director, that you have received this letter.

With warm personal regards and best wishes for you and all whom you serve so well, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

MORRISSETTE-2 040



January 15, 1985

Alexander L. O'Hanley, M.D.
404 Common Street
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MA 02178

new file?

Dear Doctor O'Hanley

Thank you for your recent report of January 12. I am glad that Father is being so cooperative, and I share your optimism about his future.

Thank you for your helpful assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Robert J. Banks
Vicar for Administration

RJB/mbg

FROM THE DESK OF

ALEXANDER L. O'HANLEY, M. D.
404 COMMON STREET
BELMONT, MASS. 02178

TELEPHONE (1-617) 876-7420

1/12/85

Dear Fr. Bank,

Just wanted to let you know that Fr. Morrisette has been keeping his appointments with me and although we have only met a few times it is evident that he is most cooperative that he wishes to gain insight into the relevant issues of his life.

From all indications at this time I do not see him at risk for any compulsive or compulsive behavior.

Sincerely,

A. L. O'Hanley

MORRISSETTE-2 044

July 5, 1988

I met today with Fr. Robert Morrissette to discuss with him the reports from Fr. Matte. I mentioned to him that there were reports of a relationship with some young man and that the young man referred to Bob as his lover. Bob denied that there was anything improper in the relationship. The person is a former seminarian, [REDACTED]. It seems that [REDACTED] could have seen more in the relationship. IN any case, [REDACTED] is seeing Bob only one a month, to go out for supper or a movie. I said that Bob should be careful of the relationship and make sure that there is no misunderstanding on the part of [REDACTED] and the community.

I also mentioned about his not working in the parish. He says that he feels he gets out into the parish more than Dick did. He works with the RCIA and the liturgical ministries, and he goes to the homes of the parishioners for dinner and for counseling or visits. He is not as good as Dick in mixing at big affairs.

I thanked him for his cooperation when the report came in from Salem four years ago, for his truthfulness and his cooperation in seeing the doctor. He said that the visit with the doctor was helpful and ~~gave~~ gave him a lot of insight. He said that there was not problem with any young people and that whole thing was behind him.

I also said that I might have to speak to his new pastor when the new pastor comes.

Morrissette

MORRISSETTE-2 049

7/15/85

I spoke to Mr. Morrissette today about the report that I had from
Re. Arthur Bergeron concerning his wanting to use Bergeron's
cabin to take some kids away overnight.

He said that the boys had been after him to take them skiing and that
he thought that it should be an overnight if they were to go skiing.

I told him that going away overnight with youngsters was all over
for him. That he simply couldn't do that any more, because people
would inevitably think the worst.

He agreed with me that he should no longer think of going away overnight
with youngsters.

He has been seeing Dr. O'Hanley regularly since our last conversation.



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— Frank Matto - tel. call
5/20/88

Two things after June 1.

1/ He is involved with a 25 year old guy in Pawtucket. Guy is known as gay by parents in Providence.

I've asked Bob not to have him in parents.

2/ Bob should do whole re-building program. I told him administrators would be there.

Secretary will take care of it.

3/ He is very immature.

4/ He does nothing in the parish. Reads day + night.

5/ [redacted] has called a priest in R.I. - answering machines -

he's found a new love in Bob Morissette.

6/ I don't know anything first-hand.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON
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370 Pulaski Blvd.
Bellingham, Mass. 02019
7 July 1988

OFFICE OF VICAR FOR
ADMINISTRATION

Dear Bishop Banks:

After our conversation of the other day, I feel compelled to write to you over a number of concerns. I was so astounded by your words that I don't think I responded very well. I realize that I will probably never be trusted fully again in any situation after the incident in Salem. Because of that I will probably never be allowed to be a pastor; it will be a terrible frustration all of my life, but I hope and pray that I can deal with it.

What particularly disturbed me was the sense of being set back, in a sense, in whatever redemption I could make of myself and my ministry when I was reported for being in a relationship with [REDACTED]. I know that, when we first started to be friends last October and November, he began to speak and write to me constantly about an intense love relationship. I made it clear to him then that I did not want to get involved in such a relationship and that I just wanted to be friends. Since that time, it has been clear between us that this is all there will be--a friendship in which we might go to a show or out to eat. He has wanted me to go away with him on vacation, but I have said no all along. I don't know how recent were the reports you received, but I can't imagine him saying anything like that to anyone since well before Christmas. I guess I'm too honest in trusting other people, or perhaps the wrong people, with the knowledge that I'm gay.

Another concern that upset me greatly was the thought that everyone associated with me becomes suspect. I was particularly concerned that I had mentioned the seminarian who worked here last year and perhaps had given the impression that he was involved. I want to make it clear that [REDACTED] was in no way involved with this, nor with [REDACTED]. He isn't even particularly a friend of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] first introduction to us here was when he came to dinner at the rectory with some other seminarians from the Providence diocese who were friends of [REDACTED]. It was Dick Matte who actually encouraged all of them to come by to visit frequently. I just want to make it clear that Mike is not associated with this at all.

As to the concern for my work in the parish, once again I am astounded and perturbed that this is the impression given. I can only think that because Dick and I are so different in temperament and approach that some things he would have expected I did not show to him; but neither did he voice any complaint nor ask for anything more. Dick would be very free in talking about discussions he had had with people (but not revealing confidences), but I feel a reluctance to talk even to other priests about the

MORRISSETTE-2 056

lives and concerns of people who have talked to me. Maybe because of this he felt I wasn't giving any time to people in that I wouldn't talk about it with him. People would occasionally comment on how different our personalities are and wonder if we could get along. I would always answer quite truthfully from my perspective that we go along quite well. We certainly had our disagreements and debates on our views of how we should do things (here's the frustration of never being a pastor, always under someone else's thumb), but it didn't cause any enmity. His comment that I spent a lot of time reading is to some extent true, but I don't think to the detriment of the parish as much of it is from theological, scriptural and liturgical journals. I confess a weakness for British murder mystery novels, but they are saved for late night reading in bed or on my day off. I suppose I could go on and on in what might seem to be an attempt to justify myself, but that is just a reaction to the sense of loss I feel in what I have wanted to give to the Lord and to the Church.

I guess I am just unburdening myself because there is no one else, even among my best friends, other than Dr. O'Hanley and my spiritual director, to whom I have ever spoken of these things. I just hope to be able to continue to serve the Church to the best of my ability as I am and with the Lord's grace. Thank you for listening to me.

Sincerely,

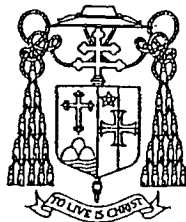
Bob Morissette

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Morrisette, R.

1. - hearsay report (w. [redacted]) (RJB)
2. 2/8/89 - porno v.c.r. and trunk filled w. material RJB
3. 7/15/85 - wanted to take his away w. night RJB
4. 3/8/85 - letter of RJB quote Hanley - "no problem on his being assigned to joint ministry"
5. 7/5/88 - Matt's reports relating to young men
6. 11/9/88 - Condon reports: Mrs. Touchel boy in thigh RJB
+ hearsay - Boy Scouts + gay bars
7. 12/10/88 -
O'Hanley - homosexual orientation - attracted by loneliness, apathy;
- low risk
- no problem w. children - isolated event
8. 1983 - T. Daly receives deval from Morrisette about
and improper conduct w. young men
9. confidential deo passed name of young boy from upstairs
Mastel sitting in dark

Morris - from response to all report
- for his good + protection
Sallen - reintroduced



CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135

March 27, 1991

The Reverend Robert H. Morrissette
Assumption Rectory
370 Pulaski Boulevard
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

Dear Father Morrissette,

I am writing to you to announce that I have accepted the recommendation of the Priestly Renewal Advisory Board that you be authorized to enter the fall, 1993, semester of the Vatican II Institute for Clergy Education at Menlo Park, California.

I am happy to inform you that you will receive a grant of \$3,000 to help you in your expenses. Since \$500 has already been forwarded to Menlo Park as a deposit, the remaining amount of \$2,500 will be sent to you prior to your departure.

It is my hope that the program will provide an especially graced opportunity for the kind of renewal in mind, body, and spirit that will enable you to return to parish work refreshed and strengthened in the Lord. I offer you my prayer that this may be so.

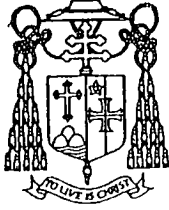
With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Edward Cardinal Gosselin
Archbishop of Boston

Withdrawn - 9-1-93

MORRISSETTE-2 062



CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON MASSACHUSETTS 02135-3192

May 24, 1993

MAY 27 1993

MASSACHUSETTS ARCHDIOCESE

Reverend Robert H. Morrisette
Assumption Parish Rectory
370 Pulaski Boulevard
Bellingham, MA 02019

Dear Father Morrisette:

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Board of the Archdiocese, I am ending your appointment as Parochial Vicar at Assumption Parish in Bellingham. The effective date of this course of action is September 1, 1993.

It is my understanding that in line with my previously granted permission under date of March 27, 1991, you will be participating in the Priestly Renewal Program offered for the Fall semester at the Vatican II Institute for Clergy Education, Menlo Park, California. It is also my understanding that you will be in touch with one of the priests at the Clergy Personnel Office upon your return in December so that he can assist you regarding your next assignment.

Please send written notification to Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes, Vicar for Administration and Reverend James J. McCarthy, Clergy Personnel Director, indicating that you have received this letter.

Allow me to use the opportunity of this letter to express once again my gratitude for the zealous and dedicated efforts you have contributed in behalf of the people of Assumption Parish. As well may I use this opportunity to extend my wishes that the months of renewal ahead will be both stimulating and relaxing and above all refreshing. I will look forward to the support of your ministry upon your return.

With my warmest personal regards and my blessing upon you and all whom you serve so well, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

MORRISSETTE-2 065

Bob Morrisette

✓ JBM

KJD

6.21.93

→ JBM outlined what we are meeting →

- in light of past concerns raised
here & in light of present climate &
to assist him →

- we need to look & review his situation -

- he is aware of past concerns &
aware of our policy to look at yes

→ asking him to go for an assessment
to Jim for living - England
details

→ went over 2 incidents

1
Dads - collage student came to
rector, in the room - parent was
drunk alcohol & he was having
sexual identity concern (gay) -
stayed over - mother made big
uproar - Bob - 'mother happened'

2
16 yr old in
locking suit - at rector -
Bob admits to touching his leg &
genitals & says there was kissing
going on -

→ This just you has been rough -
he's been thinking about all of this -
know that he would be very
upset if people knew because
he does not want to hurt them.

Very true he tries to distance himself from
this & say it doesn't apply to him -
he realizes his this is him -

Morrisette, Robert

Recent mtg. w/ Dr. Joghin?

Summary of assessment

1. He reports low self-esteem, lack of confidence, no one cares about him
2. Psych test reports - loneliness, isolation; ^{ability} no assertiveness;
 - experiencing stress leading him to impulsive response
 - submissive (careless + passive)
 - maintains equilibrium between dependency needs + denial of them by sexual acting out.
 - phantasmic consent on part of adult male.
3. Interview
 - inconsistent in revealing what he knows about incidents to his interviewers due to his
 - guardedness (legal)
 - defensiveness - separates self from his needs + opinions
 - irritability at evaluation + interruption of plans (irrelevant for family to witness since it does not care)
- ✓ 3. Recommendation:
 - twice weekly therapy for period of 2 to 3 years
 - not a place where contact a adolescent male.
4. Observation
 - ✓ "He is at a point of choice in his life"
 - He should be direct to us about his past contacts w/ adolescent.
 - HIV test - anonymous sep every 3 mos.
 - none - 2 other males in Salem
 - ✓ Not compare vocational choice with self-awareness/uncertainty + indecisiveness.
- ✓ 5. Test results
 - depression: affect
 - genuine self judgment
 - stress causes emotional acting out
 - dependent personality disorder -

End assignment //

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
REPORT
Reverend Robert H. Morrissette
June 29, 1993

The following concerns have been raised about Father Morrissette in recent years.

In 1983 Chancery was contacted after reports that a college student had stayed over at the rectory with Father Morrissette. The student's mother was very concerned about what was happening. Father Morrissette denied any improper conduct.

In August, 1984, the Pastor of his parish reported that a sixteen year old boy had reported that Father Morrissette had made advances towards him. The allegation was that while they were in bathing suits, Father Morrissette invited the boy to his room. The boy alleges that Father Morrissette ran his hand up and down his leg. Father Morrissette touched the boy's genitals and there was kissing involved. The boy got panicky and ran home and told his parents.

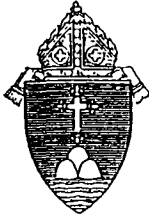
When these allegations were presented to Father Morrissette in 1984, he admitted that he had made advances to the young man as reported by the Pastor. He also admitted briefly that he had been involved for a while in the gay scene, but that he was no longer involved in that.

Following this, Father Morrissette went for counseling. His counselor reported later that Father Morrissette could be assigned to parish ministry after meeting with him for a series of sessions over a period of time.

In May, 1988, in a new parish the pastor called with the concern about a relationship of Father Morrissette with a 25 year old man who was known as gay by people in the area. This young man referred to Father Morrissette as his lover. Father Morrissette denied anything improper in the relationship. Father Morrissette felt that the young man saw more in the relationship than he did.

In light of these past concerns and in light of the present climate and to assist Father Morrissette, a meeting was arranged with him. It was shared with him that there was a need to review his situation. He is aware of these past concerns and aware of our policy to review these. He agreed to go for an assessment. In reviewing with him these incidents, he responded to the situation in 1983 by relating that a college student came to the rectory at 1:00 A.M. in the morning. The student's parents were abusing alcohol and the student was having sexual identity concerns. The student thought he might be gay. The student stayed overnight and his mother made a big uproar. Father Morrissette relates that "nothing happened".

In regards to the situation in 1984, Father Morrissette admits to kissing the boy and touching him.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON
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SECRETARY FOR MINISTERIAL PERSONNEL

July 12, 1993

Heidi McCloskey
The Institute of Living
400 Washington Street
Hartford, CN 06106

Dear Ms. McCloskey:

Enclosed is a summary of Reverend Robert H. Morrissette. Father Morrissette is scheduled to see you on July 19, 1993 to begin an assessment.

If you have any questions or concerns about this report, please contact Father John B. McCormack or myself.

With much appreciation for all that you do for the priests of the Archdiocese, I am

Sincerely,

Reverend Kevin J. Deeley
Assistant to the
Secretary for Ministerial Personnel

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Enclosure

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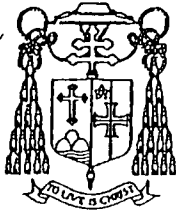
TO: REVEREND RICHARD G. LENNON
FROM: JENA PASCALE - CLERGY PERSONNEL OFFICE
DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 1993
SUBJECT: REVEREND ROBERT H. MORRISSETTE(I.D. #007509) CHANGE OF ADDRESS/STATUS

Dear Fr. Lennon:

Effective immediately, so that he will continue to receive future Archdiocesan mailings, all correspondence/mailings for Reverend Robert H. Morrisette (Unassigned - Status "00") should be sent to the Clergy Personnel Office and we will forward.

As always, thanks for your attention to this request.

MORRISSETTE-2 091



CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135-3192

September 18, 1993

Reverend Robert H. Morrisette
25 Farmland Road
Lowell, MA 01850

Dear Father Morrisette:

I was sorry to learn of the allegations made about you. I am writing to advise you that I am rescinding the permission previously granted to you to participate in the Priestly Renewal Program this Fall.

In light of the steps being taken to address those allegations, which includes your assessment completed at the Institute for Living, and in line with the agreement you reached with Reverend John B. McCormack, Secretary for Ministerial Personnel, I am placing you on Sick Leave effective September 18, 1993.

It is my understanding that you will be in residence temporarily at your family home in Lowell.

During this period, you are free to celebrate Mass privately. Otherwise, I ask that you refrain from all pastoral activity until a resolution has been arrived at regarding the allegations. During this period of Sick Leave your remuneration will be provided through the Clergy Benefit Trust of the Archdiocese.

I realize this is a difficult time for you and for those close to you. If I can be of help to you in some way, please contact me. Be assured you are remembered in my prayers.

Please send a written notice to Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes, Moderator of the Curia, and Reverend James J. McCarthy, Director of the Office of Clergy Personnel, indicating that you have received this letter.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Richard Cardinal Lewis
Archbishop of Boston

cc: Reverend John B. McCormack

MORRISSETTE-2 099

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: The File
FROM: Rev. Kevin Deeley *KJD*
RE: Rev. Robert Morrissette
DATE: November 28, 1994

I met with Fr. Morrissette today at the Chancery. He continues to see Dr. Rizzuto three times a week and is finding this very helpful. He will ask Dr. Rizzuto to send me another six-month report.

In regard to the new health care plan, we went over how it will work. He understands this, but informs me that Dr. Rizzuto does not wish to receive payment from Tufts. She wonders if Fr. Morrissette could pay her directly and then he would be directly reimbursed by Tufts. I told him that I doubted that this would happen, but that I would check on it.

Fr. Morrissette is working for 25 to 30 hours a week at Marklin Candle Company in Nashua, New Hampshire. He is doing packaging, shipping, decorating candles, and developing a new catalog. The owner is Martin Marklin.

Fr. Morrissette has been in contact with his monitor, Paul Keyes, but needs to make that a more regular contact. He stays in contact with his Spiritual Director, Fr. Simeon Gallagher. At some point, he knows he needs to address the vocational issue.

I discussed with him our plans to have a supervised residence. I also asked him to keep in contact with me about any vacation plans, etc. I explained that we see ourselves as responsible and need to know and approve of those plans.

KJD:tt

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Case #28:

The Review Board amended the delegate's recommendation to read as follows:

"The priest enter into twice-weekly therapy for a period of two to three years. He not receive an assignment in ministry with a further review in one year by an independent reviewer. That he not reside where there is contact with adolescent males and that he be engaged in an academic/formative experience."

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6576M
10/14/93

- met with Bob Morissette at the house
- I gave him my notes re: the area he was
Tyrsgator. He will call her to set
up a meeting.
- He agreed to plan for Feb. 1981
she will probably agree to let
them write it down, then he
bring it to the board.
- re: billing - in past dates, but
amounts + long in the
confid. over the illegy find
mail he may be given to be
- Confidence + trust is crucial
- He is preparing his notes
in Tyrsgator to have it
- He is presently helping a friend
who is getting started in the
candle business - he's not sure
if there is a job there
- He is considering an application
at Filene's -
- I offered him the job
conductor - he will think about
- told him we need to review what jobs
will be done, things over a week
by phone - will have to
Plan the story -
- explained review board - no minutes
for 1 year in review - no journal
of Ministry - no contact w/
advis. + 1. 2.

Ana-Maria Rizzuto, M.D., P.C.
75 Gardner Road
Brookline, Massachusetts 02146-4523.
Phone 617 232 5363

November 30, 1993

Robert Henri Morrissette
P. O. Box 312
Tyngsboro, MA 01879-0312

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Procedure: Psychotherapy, two times a week.

Duration: 50 minute hour

Place: office

Diagnosis Code: A I: 300.02; A II: 301.60

Dates: November 3, 9, 10, 15, 17, 23, 24, 30= 8 sessions

Total due: \$ 800.00

Mr & Mrs David H. Coon
580 Palo Alto Blvd
South Bellingham, MA. 02019

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE
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MAY 25 1994

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 23, 1994

Cardinal Law
Cardinal of Boston Archdiocese
Brighton, Ma

Dear Cardinal Law,

I am writing this letter because I am hurting inside as I am sensitive to conditions that could be better served. Let me begin at what I feel is the beginning. I am a member of Assumption parish in Bellingham and I feel there is an injustice being done to Father Bob Morrisette who recently had to go out of the parish, as his time was up, according to "Old rules of the Church".

Father Bob Morrisette is a gifted priest, a bit shy perhaps who may take a bit longer to become familiar with the warmth of a parish family. I believe we, you and I, are about to lose a talented priest who really felt wanted and needed by the people of Bellingham's Assumption parish. I would like to see Father Bob return to Bellingham before he decides to leave the active priesthood. I think the action as it is, is affecting Fr. Bob by tearing him up inside and making him really ask, "who am I" and "what value am I" and "to whom"?

I have gotten to know Fr. Bob and through the Cursillo movement and other movements in the parish, and how well he relates to the youth of our parish as well as all the jobs he used to accomplish. Yes! we have lost a great priest from our parish. Fr. Bob sponsored me for Cursillo in "86", and has become a trusted friend as well as a priest. If you could just find it in your heart to waver the obsolete rule that a priest "must" move out of a parish after so many years. I believe we could both benefit and by retaining a good priest, which we need so badly and to reassign Fr. Bob to Assumption Parish.

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June 7, 1994

Mr. David H. Coon
580 Pulaski Boulevard
South Bellingham, MA 02019

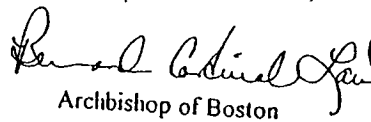
Dear Mr. Coon:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of May 23, 1994 in which you express your concern about Reverend Robert Morrisette. It pleases me to learn of your very sensitive concern for Father Morrisette and your high regard for him and his priestly ministry.

It would not be appropriate for me to comment about any interaction I may have with Father Morrisette or any priest of the Archdiocese for that matter in regard to their assignment. Currently Father Morrisette is on health leave and I assure you that every effort is being made to assist him. I am confident that you will continue to support him especially with your prayers.

With my warmest personal regard and my blessings upon you and yours, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston

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Rev. Robert H. Morrissette

On November 14, 1995 Father Morrissette met with me at Chancery. I had requested this meeting after receiving letters from Father Morrissette and his psychiatrist, Ana Maria Rizzuto, M.D. telling me how upset they were by my letter of October 11, 1995. In that letter I had asked if Doctor Rizzuto could accept the eighty percent fee formula that Tufts uses. Doctor Rizzuto refuses to deal with insurance companies. She was also upset because she had an agreement with Rev. Kevin Deeley that there would be no direct communication between this Office and her except for a periodic report of the evaluation of the treatment.

Father Morrissette came at 7:00 P.M. It was snowing lightly. He was obviously anxious about this meeting. In his letter he asked to see me to discuss this and other matters. I asked him why he was so upset. He said that this was another in a series of events that has made him feel intimidated by the authority figures and a problem for the Archdiocese. He feels that his therapy with Doctor Rizzuto is not valued, and his underlying fear is that one day he will be told that the Archdiocese will no longer support that therapy.

I thanked Father Morrissette for his honesty. I told him that although we had not talked before, I was aware from his file that he has a great deal of trouble expressing anger, especially toward authority figures. I told him that I felt that his ability to express his anger in this case was a sign to me that he is making progress in his therapy. I tried to reassure him that I was supportive of his therapy and did not wish to undermine his understanding that he could continue in therapy with Doctor Rizzuto.

I explained to Father Morrissette that the letter I sent to Doctor Rizzuto was at the request of the Clergy Fund that all therapists who are not part of the Tufts's Total Health Care Plan be asked to discount their fees. I pointed out that I do not apologize for sending the letter. Managed care is a reality of health care today. We work with many highly qualified therapists, and Doctor Rizzuto is the only one who has taken this absolute and uncompromising approach. I told him that we were aware that Doctor Rizzuto's fees were lower than we would have expected, and so we were anticipating hearing that she had already discounted her fees for Father Morrissette. I pointed out that I work within a system, and when asked to contact therapists I did so.


Father Morrissette seemed to understand this. We then moved to other issues. Father Morrissette is still working at the candle company, but is interviewing for a position at the Boston Harbor Hotel. He would like to get into hotel work but presently the only position open to him is a room service waiter. He hopes to be hired soon and sees this as a way of getting into the hotel business. His uncle, Father Perras, left most of his estate to the Archdiocese, and his home is about to be sold. Father Morrissette has used this home as his home, so he will have to get an apartment, probably in Boston. He sees this as an economic problem but looks forward to being in the City which he loves.

November 13, 1995

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Father talked about possibilities of non-parish ministry. Father Deeley has made it clear to him that Parish ministry is not a possibility. He says that he is not ready to make career choices at this stage of his therapy, but if he knew that there was no chance for reassignment this would make his choices easier. He recognizes this as a regression to his pattern of letting others, specifically authority figures, make choices for him. I told him that we are researching areas of ministry within the Archdiocesan that are not specifically parish but that I do not see many of the opportunities becoming available. I encouraged him to work with Doctor Rizzuto in coming to the point when he is able to make a decision for himself.

Doctor Rizzuto sends a report of Father Morrisette's progress to this Office every six months. Father Morrisette and I agreed that this is the appropriate time for another report. He said that he and Doctor Rizzuto would begin work on it and that I should have the report within a relatively short time.

Rev. Brian M. Flatley 

November 13, 1995

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29 December 1995

Rev. Brian Flatley
2121 Commonwealth Ave.
Brighton, MA 02135

Dear Brian:

Thank you for your Christmas greetings and prayers. In return I send my greetings and prayers in this holy season and my best wishes for the New Year.

Earlier this month I began a new job at the Boston Harbor Hotel. I'm at a telephone taking orders for the room service department. I am working evenings from 3PM to 11PM. This leaves me free during the day to continue seeing Dr. Rizzuto. The job is going well and I am enjoying the new environment. The only draw-back is the long commute in the awful weather we've been having.

I am submitting the statement from Tufts Total Health for reimbursement for the month of October. I assume, as has been the case with the last two reimbursements, that it will be added to the August/September amount.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Morrisette". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Robert Morrisette".

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VICAR GENERAL
MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

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November 5, 1998

*cc: Msgr. Lennon
Bill Murphy*

The Reverend Robert H. Morrisette
P.O. Box 181301
Boston, MA 02381

*currently on
sick leave.
\$20./month*

Dear Father Morrisette:

I am writing in hopes that you are well, and to ask you ab... would begin with Monsignor Richard Lennon. Monsignor Lennon has indicated that he has not heard from you. This is somewhat of a surprise to me, as I had come to understand you were ready to move towards seeking laicization.

I am aware that you have received recent correspondence from Father William Murphy, Delegate to the Archbishop, regarding a clarification of your assigned status. Father Murphy informed me that you have not replied to his letter.

Bob, it serves neither you nor the Church as a whole to leave your situation unresolved. I am writing to inform you that your status will be automatically changed to that of "Unassigned" as of December 1, 1998. This is in accordance with the new classification document approved by the Cardinal. If you have a difficulty with this then you can speak with Father Murphy and discuss it with him.

More important to me, is my desire that you continue the discussions which were begun with Monsignor Richard Lennon. I do believe that it would be in your best interest to move forward in that regard.

You know I have a personal affection for you, Bob, and I am writing this letter out of respect for that care. You and I both know in our hearts what is the best path for you. Know that you are in my prayers. If you would like to discuss this with me I am at your disposal.

With my prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

William Murphy
The Most Reverend William Murphy
Moderator of the Curia

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Bob Morissette 11/23/98

PT desk PT concierge →

8/98 w.i.d. concerned re therapy. Not in therapy
some depression

Mary Ann McLoughlin - wants to get back to her

difficult to motivate

laicization - ambivalent

feels he won't be able to meet requirement esp for witnesses
MAME discouraged laicization

articulating desire for laicization since '83

AMR: Is it from him or just an acceptance of restrictions

MAME 10's ^{feelings for} such as why B may have a vocation
sense of connectedness w/ community. It's different in going to Mass.
distancing from church, Mass

if disresused, what feelings - tears, sense of abandonment, rejection
cynical about community - connectedness

\$ extended?

On a LOA.



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December 11, 1998

Rev. Robert H. Morrisette
P.O. Box 181301
Boston, MA 02381

Dear Father Morrisette,

I have received your letter in which you request a Leave of Absence from priestly ministry. I am writing to end your assignment to Sick Leave status and grant your request for a Leave of Absence. This one year period will begin on January 1, 1999.

I know that making this decision was difficult and that your relationship to the Church is not entirely resolved. I invite you to make use of this time with renewed reliance on professional assistance and spiritual direction. The perspective of others often allows us to see more clearly.

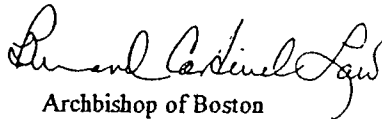
I would be happy to sit down and discuss this with you if you would like. If so, please contact Reverend William Murphy, with whom you have been working. He will arrange an appointment for you. It is important to me that you know you have the support of the Church during this time of discernment.

As you may already know, Monsignor Richard Lennon is leaving his current position to become Rector of Saint John's Seminary. He is no longer be the person you would speak with regarding a possible dispensation from the Holy See. Father Murphy will be able to direct you to the appropriate individual.

Please send written notification to Most Reverend William Murphy, Vicar for Administration, indicating that you have received this letter.

Know that you are in my prayers, Bob. May God bless you during this season of hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston

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