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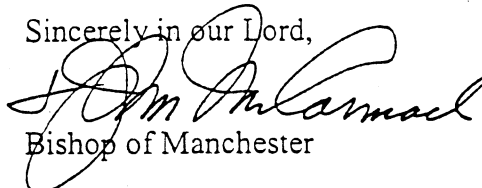
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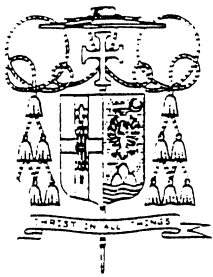
Last July I responded to your letter of interest in returning to active priestly ministry. Since that time, as I mentioned I would be away on vacation and retreat, I have looked into our files about our past correspondence regarding this matter and am unable to find them. My sense is that when Monsignor Norman Bolduc's files were cleaned, that your papers must have been in them and were shredded. I am not sure whether you know this but Monsignor Norman Bolduc, who was my close associate, died last summer.

In view of all this, my suggestion is that you contact my secretary and arrange for an appointment where we can reenter our conversation about this matter.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely in our Lord,


Bishop of Manchester



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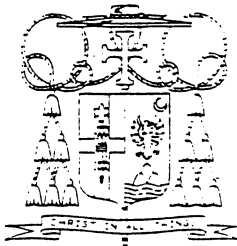
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MEMORANDUM

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had letter sent to him*

TO: Father Arsenault
FROM: Bishop McCormack *JCM*
DATE: July 5, 2001
RE: [REDACTED]

Would you look up in the confidential files to see if there is a file on [REDACTED]. He came to me a couple years ago looking for being reactivated as a priest. If you cannot find it you could ask Brenda Donroe if she remembers what happened to the file. Thanks.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 5, 2001

Dear [REDACTED]

I apologize for not responding to your letter sooner. This has been, as you mentioned in your letter, a hectic time for me. Things are now beginning to quiet down and I am able to address some of the correspondence I have received during these weeks.

I do remember you clearly, [REDACTED], and, as I recall, you were living in a rectory at the time. What I wonder is have you been doing any kind of pastoral work in a parish?

Before we converse about your future I would like to have an opportunity to review our past correspondence so as to be sure of the current status you hold within the Church. Once I have been able to do this I will be back in contact with you to set up an appointment.

In the meantime I will be on retreat and I will be taking a vacation. My sense is that it will be about a month before I will be writing to you. In the meantime know that you are in my prayer and I ask for a remembrance in yours.

Sincerely,


Bishop of Manchester

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May 31, 2001

Dear Bishop McCormack,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and that all is well in your Diocese.

I am writing to you in regards to my continued interest in getting back into the active priesthood and your Diocese. It has been a couple of years I believe since I last made contact with you. I did this shortly after I left, and this probably, was not wise. Since then I have been working as a substance abuse counselor for the Worcester County House of Corrections. Needless to say, the job has been a challenge but an area I am comfortable & qualified, in working

During this period of time, I have been seeing my spiritual director, regularly and still believe that I am called to the priesthood within a parish setting.

all communication & contact should be made

would consider my request for coming
into your office?

If there are any questions about
my first visit & interviews please
feel free to contact me. I realize
your schedule is quite hectic and
for you to remember me and my
situation would be asking a lot.

Thank you for your time & consideration


Sincerely in Christ,


[Redacted signature]

P.S. I have a new address & phone #
since my original contact with you.

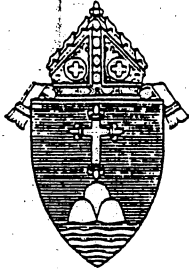
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TO: +JBM
FROM: EJA *Eja*
RE: 
DATE: 4 August 2001

I have checked the confidential files and the regular personnel files and have no file on  I also checked with Brenda Donroe and she did not recall any specific file regarding prior correspondence with this man.

We may have to admit that hiss correspondence may have been destroyed/lost when Msgr. Bolduc passed away. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in this matter.



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SECRETARY FOR MINISTERIAL PERSONNEL

November

Rev. George C. Berthold
 [redacted]
 [redacted]

Dear George,

I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving and the upcoming season of Advent will be a graced time for you.

Recently the Rogers Law Firm informed me that a complaint will be filed against you for sexual assault and battery. The complainant is [redacted] who will be represented by Attorney Timothy O'Connell.

Knowing that you have suggested out of the country placement for your ministry, I recommend that you permanently refrain from this possible avenue. Out of country, as well as out of state placements have legal risks to you and the Archdiocese.

Any ministerial placement must follow the intent of the Archdiocese of Boston policy concerning misconduct and should be very specific concerning the time frame, location and details of ministry. Your past arrangements for ministry; academic placement or workshops have been very general. Specific dates, times and length of position are necessary so a proper examination of the potential placement may be made in light of your restrictions. The Archdiocese is also responsible to inform any proper placement supervisor of your ministerial situation. That is why it is necessary to inform this office of any circumstances that deviate from your present residence in New Hampshire.

I know that this seems somewhat restrictive, but it is necessary so we can be responsive to the Policy of the Archdiocese.

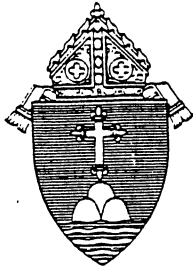
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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Charles J. Higgins
 Rev. Charles J. Higgins
 Delegate of the Archbishop

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cc: Most. Rev. John B. McCormack ✓



SECRETARY FOR MINISTERIAL PERSONNEL

Rev. George C. Berthold

[Redacted address]

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*Francesca,
Bishop McCormack is familiar with this case. Fr. Berthold is living in NH - address of MA in error. Fr. Higgins sent this as an FYI. per Fr. Higgins' office*

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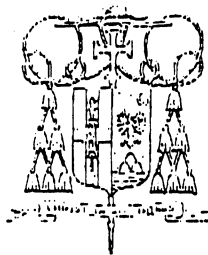
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cc: Most. Rev. John B. McCormack ✓



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

August 5, 2002

[Redacted]

Manchester, NH 03105-6272

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I am mindful that these last several weeks have been challenging ones for you. As the Church struggles to cope with the crisis of trust in her ministers, there are many people whose lives have been affected. I need to do everything that I can to help them to be confident in the Church and hopeful in the Lord. It is with this in mind that I write to you.

As you are aware, the Bishops' Conference finalized a Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People that contemplates specific pastoral and canonical responses to priests who have been credibly accused of sexual misconduct with a minor. The provisions of the Charter have yet to be developed specifically enough for me to act further on them. We must wait patiently as the Holy See evaluates our work and determines that it conforms to the tradition of the Church. What I can tell you is that whatever actions the diocese will take regarding your status as a diocesan priest, we will not leave you without support. I will do all that I can to assist you.

I cannot begin to describe how the current crisis has affected my own life and ministry as bishop. I am sorry that I have not been as present to you as I would want to be. In an effort to be helpful, I have asked a trusted colleague, an inactive priest, Dr. Jesus Morca, to contact you on my behalf. It is my hope that he can help you by listening to your concerns and letting me know how the diocese or I can be of service.

Dr. Morca will contact you soon. I encourage you to accept his offer to visit with you. You remain in my prayer.

Sincerely in our Lord,

John J. Carmack
Bishop of Manchester

Jesus Morea, Ph.D.

[REDACTED]

August 15, 2002

[REDACTED]

I am sure that by this time you have received the letter that Bishop McCormack has written to you, and in which he mentioned my name as a contact person between both of you, if you so wish.

As the bishop stated, I have been an inactive priest for the last 30 years. I spent all those years working as a psychologist for the state of NH. I also in private practice and worked part time for the Marriage Tribunal Office for over 20 years. Presently I am retired and enjoying my private life. My educational background includes a master degree in Theology, doctoral degree in Canon Law and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Mindful of the terrible time you are going through, I wrote to bishop McCormack offering my free services to help you, if you so wish. I am very well aware of the feelings of loneliness, anger, abandonment, humiliation, uncertainty, hopelessness and depression you are going through, as I did when I decided to leave the priesthood. As I recall it was a very difficult time in my life, mostly feeling abandoned by my own brothers in the priesthood.

If you think that I can help you, I want to let you know that our meetings will be confidential unless you wish them to be otherwise. Also in order for us to meet more privately, arrangements have been made for me to use one of the offices at the Tribunal, and if for any reason you think that even this arrangement is not private enough, we could meet in a place more convenient for both of us. Finally I want to state that all my services will be voluntary and free of any charge.

You can contact me at the above mail address, or by phone: [REDACTED] during summer time, [REDACTED] from October to May, and if you have access to a computer, my email address is: [REDACTED] The latter would be better for me.

Sincerely,

Jesus Morea