

32. Becker, Franklyn

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Yesterday, Heffron contacted me with the information that the mother of one of the seventh grade boys told him that Becker was associating rather intimately with her son. The son claimed that he held his hand in the movie and touched him rather improperly in a swimming session. I told Heffron that we had to move on this immediately and decided to meet with him, Becker, and the parents of this boy on Saturday. When we met, Becker was completely floored at the accusation. He admitted that he had been rather closely associating with this boy, who was one of the very first he met at the parish. The parents commended him for taking some interest in their boy and they rather apologetically inferred to Becker about what the boy had said. Becker swore up and down that his motives were good and that nothing was out of order. The parents believed this, in fact the father of the boy apologized to Becker for even accusing him of this. There was little I could do at this stage but knowing Becker's background I am sure that his judgement was very poor. After the parents left, I asked Becker to get in touch with Dale Olen. I had spoken to Olen the day before and told him that I was considering relieving Becker of his job at the parish. After meeting with the parents, however, I decided to not press the issue at this point. Heffron seemed pleased with the outcome also.

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I spoke to Dale Olen about Becker's progress. He said that recently Becker has been avoiding him. He wants to see Becker once a week and Becker is making all kinds of excuses to get out of those meetings. Olen feels as though Becker is not facing up to his personal problems. I explained my fears to Olen that Becker is now grinding his ax in a public forum. Olen felt that Becker, himself, and I ought to sit down together and confront the implications of such a situation. I am going to ask Becker to meet at Olen's office next week Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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Dale Olen reports that there is some progress being made with Becker. He finally is beginning to see that his biggest problem stems from his impetuosity under stress. Olen told me of a couple of instances recently when Becker was able to control himself. He continues to see Olen and I reminded him of the celibacy statement we are looking for. He said he has been after Becker to do this and will remind him of it.

6/8/81

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I called him in because he wrote a nasty letter to the Personnel Board applying for Whitewater and at the same time derogating the characters of Wagner and Budzynski. He told me that he was in an angry mood when he wrote the letter. I told him how the new policy on open listing worked and we discussed Wagner and Budzynski briefly. I put him on the spot to produce evidence against the two but as I thought, it was hearsay and rumor only. He told me he is doing fine at the parish where he is stationed and enjoys it there. I warned him not to do anything rash or it could hurt not only others but himself as well. He seemed to take the warning well but one never knows.

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