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PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

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DOB: 07-26-23 DATE: 07-29-94

EXAMINER: R. CHRISTOPHER ESKELI, PH.D., LMFT, CAS

PRESENTING PROBLEM: Father Aldo was referred to this office by Reverend Charles Lienert of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese in Portland. The reasons for referring Father Aldo for evaluation are regarding recent allegations by a young man that Father Aldo had been inappropriate with him sexually several years ago.

Father's Aldo's attitude toward the interview was courteous, if guarded. His memory and reliability about incidences of the past were limited and he did not provide a great deal of in-depth information. He denies having been sexually inappropriate with the young man in question, but does admit that 20 years ago or so, he had a period where he would act out sexually with young men. He denied having homosexual tendencies and states he does not know what got into him during that period of time.

The MMPI which Father Aldo took suggested this is a man who uses a great deal of repression in his life. He is certainly of an age where psychological insight and interpretation may be difficult for him to accept. He appeared to me to be rather depressed but stated he had no real concern that the allegations would amount to anything. He expressed deep faith in God and felt that whatever God's will would be for him, he would accept.

Father Aldo expressed to me, that he was retiring from the priesthood and would leave his parish in Tillamook to take up residence in Portland with his brother. His retirement would include working at Mount Saint Joseph's Retirement Home, continuing a radio show he has had for quite a long time and helping out in various parishes on weekends.

Father Aldo came into see me two or three times after his initial visit of June 13, 1994. The recommendation was that he continue therapy for a while and also come into a priests' therapy group that would begin in August. In the last few weeks, I have not heard from Father Aldo, so I have no idea of he is going to attend the group or if he will continue in ongoing therapy.

My concern for this man is his repression and minimization. He seemed to be very unconcerned and almost naive about the

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possible allegations and even about rumors that have persisted in almost every parish in which he has served in the last several years. He does not offer any explanation for the rumors and simply states he is outgoing and likes people and often times this is misinterpreted.

I also feel Father Aldo may need some continuing support around his retirement. While he has set up a very active retirement life, he could possibly benefit from some ongoing support in this area.

Thank you for referring this priest to me. I look forward to offering him whatever help I can.

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MEMORANDUM

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July 24, 1996

TO:

Father Lienert

Patrick J. Reilly

FROM:

Rhonda Kv

RE:

Father Lienert and Pat, this afternoon I received a telephone call from Dr. Barry Moletzky, the psychiatrist who examined on this date.

Dr. Moletzky was calling to review his impressions and recommendations. Dr. Moletzky indicates that he previously saw some 20 years ago. He advised that as previously indicated he is a transsexual. He states that is currently active in a methadone treatment program, which is usually provided to people who have a history of serious street drug abuse with heroin and crack.

Dr. Moletzky noted there is "no clear psychological diagnosis", and that has a very long history of drug and alcohol abuse and stated several times that if, in fact, there was a previous molestation, that this is not contributing to current status. He stated that the Archdiocese of Portland is not responsible for current life status, and that long before the "alleged abuse" was involved in drug alcohol abuse and was apparently an inpatient at Pacific Gateway, which is now Riverside, when he was approximately 15 years old. Per Dr. Moletzky there is "no clear psychological diagnosis".

Dr. Moletzky noted that, because "lacks human contact", the Archdiocese of Portland may choose to continue a pastoral connection with him, which may be helpful; however, he has no recommendations for a formal therapy program, which he noted is "very unusual" that he not have any treatment recommendations.

I asked Dr. Moletzky if r shared with him any information about entering a training program, and Dr. Moletzky stated that he had not. He stated that primary concern was that the doctor complete a "stack of welfare forms" on his behalf. Dr. Moletzky also noted that made the statement that he is "not able to work or enter a training program".

A report will be forwarded concerning today's examination, outlining his findings and recommendations in more detail. I thanked him for his time and prompt phone call to discuss this matter.

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