

2/9/80



Rev. John J. Geoghan '62

Associate - St. Andrew's, Forest Hills.

Rev. John Thomas - Pastor, St. Thomas, Jamaica Plain & Episcopal Vicar - visited Chancery 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. to report that a woman from Blessed Sacrament Parish, Jamaica Plain called him to report homosexual activity by Fr. John Geoghan with her sons (ages 6-14) and her nephews who were living in her home at the time. The time period approximately is for 1 year.

Father Thomas reported to Bishop Lawrence Riley who suggested he document report and speak to me. Father Thomas spoke to Fr. Geoghan who admits the activity but according to Fr. Thomas he does not feel it serious nor a serious pastoral problem. Father Thomas disagrees because of growing antagonism and reaction by the boy's father (uncle) and the expressed concern of Fr. Thomas DiLorenzo of Sacred Heart, North Quincy and (Fr. Dan Twomey now of monastery in N.Y.) expressed indirectly through the mother.

I called Fr. Geoghan and asked him to come to Chancery, at 1:30 P.M.

I met with Fr. Geoghan at Chancery as scheduled. He indicated that he had engaged in the homosexual activity (touches, etc.) as indicated - felt badly "ashamed" - had been very open with his confessor/spiritual director. Had asked about professional psychological help but confessor said to "hold" for now.

In the light of current situation & basically for pastoral reasons I indicated he should be (or would be) terminated at St. Andrew's, Forest Hills - He would leave February 12 - seek counsel & depending on what he was advised - take some time off at home or go to another parish immediately. Father Geoghan will call here. He will also tell his pastor, Father Delaney, that for reasons of health - tension etc. he must leave the parish. I gave him OK to use my name. Obviously, replacement is necessary at St. Andrew's, for with Fr. Geoghan - 2 will have left (Fr. Mooney) leaving the pastor alone. To be noted also is that work of 15 yrs. also left.

Father Geoghan was amenable - grateful for interview and looks forward to fruitful pastoral ministry in another setting.

2/18/80 - Reported to Cardinal - Agrees in action taken

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