

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED]

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Telephonic [REDACTED]

DATE OF INTERVIEW: March 21, 2002

INTERVIEWED BY: Michael Bahan, Chief Investigator


[REDACTED] was telephonically interviewed regarding Father ALFRED JANNETTA in a sexual assault that occurred approximately in 1975 in Nashua, New Hampshire. [REDACTED] provided the following information, in substance:

[REDACTED] an attorney who practices in [REDACTED] graduated from Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, New Hampshire and at the time he and his family were living in Nashua, New Hampshire. [REDACTED] said that during 1975, he developed a relationship with JANNETTA and when he was 15 years old JANNETTA gave him alcohol and after he was drunk JANNETTA sodomized him.

[REDACTED] said that his brother and himself reported this to Assistant Bishop ODORAN GENDRON who was told of the full aspects of this incident. [REDACTED] said that JANNETTA was good personal friends with GENDRON and GENDRON had him transferred from St. Patrick's in Nashua to New Mexico where he stayed for several months. He was later transferred to Merrimack, New Hampshire.

[REDACTED] indicated that he is not looking forward to coming forward with this information, but feels he must pass the information on to the authorities. He said that he regrets never having passed the information to law enforcement before but he is concerned for other children that might also be involved with JANNETTA. [REDACTED] said that he wants to protect his privacy as much as possible and cautioned that he has elderly family members in New Hampshire who do not have a full knowledge of this situation. [REDACTED] stated that he has substantiation that would indicate the date and time this took place and that it was reported to the Manchester Diocese.

[REDACTED] said that he also reported this incident to two brothers at Bishop Guertin High School. One was Brother ALAN AUBIN and also the Chaplain. He did not recall the name of that individual.

 stated that he is willing to meet with Detectives of the Nashua Police Department to relate all aspects of this incident.

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TO: FILE
FROM: Paul E. Brodeur, Inv.
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
Complaints re: Priest
DATE: 21 February, 02 1404 hrs.

This date received call from: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he has kept this to himself for a number of years. Just recently his mother asked if anything had ever taken place and he admitted that something had but did not get into the particulars. [REDACTED] advised that he is leaving for [REDACTED] on March 2, 2002 to establish a location. He is then moving to the [REDACTED] area permanently in April 2002.

[REDACTED] advised that he saw the Union Leader yesterday with a comment from Fr. JANNETTA. He felt that JANNETTA should not get away with what he did and decided to call this date.

[REDACTED] advised that he lived in Franklin, NH. His father passed away in 1970 and his mother continued to live there and raise 4 children. [REDACTED] was having a hard time in school etc. and his mother suggested they go talk to the priest. 1973 he began speaking with JANNETTA at the rectory. He advised that this all began very professional and casual. "Come to see me if you have a problem" etc.

[REDACTED] described the rectory as a Rexall Pharmacy. There were a number of medications etc. [REDACTED] advised that at the age of 15 JANNETTA began giving him drinks. [REDACTED] feels there was more than just alcohol because he described himself as "not knowing who he was." He feels that some type of medication was placed in the alcoholic drink. [REDACTED] advised the acts took place in the winter of 1973. He recalls that JANNETTA drove a 1968 or 1969 Dodge Coronet 4-dr. color cooper.

[REDACTED] advised that acts took place in two particular rooms. The office he recalls had a rubber duck tied to a string that was attached to the light fixture. There was a second room that had a TV, stereo, 2 windows, 2 chairs and a gadget that rotated and made the light flicker around the room (like in a nightclub).

[REDACTED] advised that in the office is where drinks were served. There was an incident in the office where JANNETTA was naked from the waste down and tried to get [REDACTED] to blow. He refused. There was another incident in the office where [REDACTED] was laying on the floor face up with his clothes on. JANNETTA with clothing on crawled over him and was French kissing him.

[REDACTED] advised in the second room (he described as psychedelic) he was lying on the floor face down with his clothes on. JANNETTA was naked from the waste down and was "rubbing his dick against his ass". [REDACTED] believes this went on for 8 months.

[REDACTED] advised that in the spring he was 16 and had a nervous break down. He was taken to the psyche ward at the Laconia Hospital. He remained there for approximately 1 ½ weeks and then released under heavy medication. He recalls that JANNETTA showed up at the hospital to visit him and brought him a book of Charlie Brown. [REDACTED] advised that he still had the book in his home.

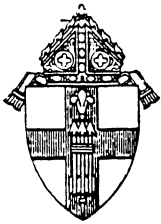
[REDACTED] advised after this he was angry and got enough strength to turn himself around. He graduated from high school. [REDACTED] advises that he befriended a deacon who is now Fr. DEVEAU. He says that he told DEVEAU what had taken place.

[REDACTED] advised that later believes he was about 25, JANNETTA had taken a motorcycle trip across Canada and upon return had photos of the trip with a male party. Fr. ANDRE THIBODEAU was also at the church at the time and supposedly brought these photos to the attention of [REDACTED] asking what he was going to do.

[REDACTED] advised that he is aware of others. A cousin of his that was killed in an industrial accident. A second person who still resides in Franklin by the name of [REDACTED] and a third in Texas by the name of [REDACTED].

Advised the above would be reviewed re: statute of limitations etc. and someone would be in contact with him. [REDACTED] advised while he is away the cell phone will be on but once he moves unsure at this time.





Secretariat for Pastoral Services
Diocese of Manchester

August 11, 1993

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FROM: Msgr. Francis J. Christian

RE: Father Alfred L. Jannetta

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Dear Dr. Ouellette:

With his knowledge and permission, I write to you in reference to Father Alfred Jannetta, with whom I met to discuss these matters on January 10th, 1989. In this meeting I shared with Father Jannetta that a [REDACTED] a young man approximately twenty-seven years old, was referred to me by Sister Edwin Bourgeau, a Sister of Mercy who works with AIDS patients in Derry.

[REDACTED] is suffering from Aids himself, and strikes me as being a highly unstable young man, emotionally. For some reason, which I am not sure I understand, he felt impelled to share the following facts with me.

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4. That Father Jannetta has under his bed a number of homosexual pornographic photographs and paintings which he tapes up in his room when no one else is in the house.
5. That in February Father Jannetta is going on an all gay cruise which he had originally invited [REDACTED] to go on with him, but then changed his mind.

In discussing these matters with Father Jannetta, he admitted that he had been in the Front Runner and had brought [REDACTED] back to the rectory with him because of the terrible psychological and emotional situation he was in, plus the fact that he had no place to live in at the time. He claims that he slept in the same bed with him on two or three nights because of [REDACTED] mental and emotional situation, and that he did stay in the shower with him at least on

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In our cordial and productive discussion of these matters I explained to Father Jannetta that he was putting himself at great risk by these activities. I explained that someone like [REDACTED] who had an axe to grind, for some reason could sue him; that on the gay cruise he could run into someone from his parish in Wilton, with the subsequent loss of his good reputation which this would cause him, etc. In short, I tried to explain to Father Jannetta that any public notoriety about him would most likely result in the loss of his good reputation and in the inability of the Diocese to offer him ministry. Father Jannetta seemed to understand this point and to agree that he was taking unnecessary risks. As a result, we agreed to the following points:

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Father Jannetta seemed open to all of these requirements, and suggested that I write to you regarding them so that he might discuss them with you. After your meeting and discussion if there is any need for further discussion with me I will be pleased to meet with him and/or you at any time.

I am sure you understand that the concern of the Diocese is to maintain Father Jannetta in an active and fruitful ministry. However, as you know, the public revelation of a gay lifestyle would make that very difficult, if not impossible. My meeting with Father Jannetta and the requirements to which he has agreed are to insure, insofar as possible, that he can remain a happy and effective priest.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

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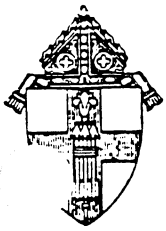
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