

October 13, 1972

S. Grace Kenning (Birmingham) - 2 -

S. Grace was notified by parents - one mother <sup>strongly remembered</sup> and, as she recalls, others whom she saw one-on-one.

1970's 1 At the time she did not go to Fr. Curtin, Pastor or the other curate Fr. Muldown, but she had an appointment with Father Jennings, then head of the Priests Personnel Board. She cannot put the exact year yet and does not remember what amount of time it took before Fr. Birmingham left the parish. (She wonders if he was reassigned to another parish or if he received therapy) She remembers saying in effect to Fr. Jennings that Fr. Birmingham should not be near these boys, that he should not be near any children, that he should be helped.

(All three priests of parish at that time - deceased)

In addition she called upon a local doctor to take the boys aside - not sure whether in group totally or one-on-one also. He came back to her feeling that no boy was severely harmed - that they were alright. Name: sp. Casanough

She does not know whether the doctor might have been mentioned in letters to the Globe correspondent - she is going to call him

Oct. 14 call from S. Grace Doctor saw boys in group - but must have talked with mother(s) as a result of boys going home

October 13, 1992

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S. Grace Kenning SND

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S. C  
Catherine will  
about Fr Leonard  
+ encourage  
referrals to us.

all from a globe correspondent (Name?)  
is been doing a series on the Church  
and received mail from 1 (possibly 3) families in  
Salem in which past incidents concerning Father  
Birmingham and young boys was described. He would  
bring individual boys (possibly altar boys as Sister  
recalls) up to his room - fondle them. The  
correspondent told S. Grace that her name was  
mentioned as the principal who handled things  
discreetly. When S. Grace was questioned about  
the cause of death of Fr. Birmingham (removed - AID  
by family or correspondent???) - she said she did  
not know - answered, "In my judgement there  
is no cause for concern.

not closed  
in 1973

Boys - probably eighth grade - 8 to 10 of them  
S. Grace's concern is that she wants to deal with  
this appropriately" - She does not want to  
be conveying information - or having conversations  
with the globe.

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She had gone to her pastor - Father Johnson - to share  
call and obtain advice - Hence her call to JBM & CEM

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