

Archdiocese of Boston  
Secretary for Ministerial Personnel

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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██████████ made an appointment to see me at Chancery. He inquired about Reverend Richard T. Coughlin who at one time was stationed at St. Patrick's Parish in Stoneham.

Father Coughlin was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1971 after five years of lend-lease service there.

██████████ lived in St. Patrick's Parish, Stoneham where Father Coughlin was stationed. When he was about age nine to eleven years old, he reports that Father Coughlin fondled him on several occasions.

Presently, ██████████ is a recovering alcoholic who has been attending AA meetings for eight weeks. He also has been in psychotherapy for a period of time and wondered if his experience of depression and difficulty in relationships is related to his experience with Father Coughlin. He also wondered about whether Father Coughlin was still doing this. He felt obliged to come and tell me.

I encouraged him to continue in his involvement in AA and to seek therapy if needed. I also assured him that we would look into this matter and follow through with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

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