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Confidential Memorandum

To: Cardinal Law
CC: Bishop Murphy
Reverend Paul Miceli
From: Reverend Charles Higgins CTH
Date: 05/31/00
Re: Reverend William Scanlan

I spoke with Father Scanlan today. He is angry and feels that I am treating him with little respect. He is also angry about the policy that restricts him for ministry until the situation is resolved. I reiterated that since he had retained Attorney Ken Sweder to solve his situation, our relationship remained distant for one week. During the past ten days I have been examining the accusation with the help of Attorney Rodgers III so that we could determine the proper parameters in dealing with the witnesses that need to be interviewed. Fr. Scanlan is irritated that his own attorney can't interview these archdiocesan employees (E.g. the secretary at St. James in Stoughton, the Religious Education Director and Housekeeper.) Attorney Rogers will interview these particular employees today.

The preliminary report from the polygraph test indicates that Fr. Scanlan passed the test denying all of the allegations. There is also substantial information that we have received exonerating Fr. Scanlan. However, it would not be prudent to solely rely upon his attorney's report. We need to let the policy procedures work so we can be of support to everyone.

There is to be a meeting of the misconduct board on June 22, 2000. Following this meeting a decision could be made concerning Fr. Scanlan's ministerial situation by July 1, 2000.

Father Scanlan is in Middleboro, MA. He is staying with Deacon Joseph Arsenault. Telephone # 508-946-0272