

Monsignor Peter Garcia

D.O.B.: 02/12/40

Referred by: REDACTED

Referral Question: Psychological Evaluation & Testing

Sources of Evaluation: Interview, Personal History Sheet, Shipley Scale, Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Edwards Personal Preference Schedule, MMPI, & Self-Directed Search

Place of Evaluation: Servants of the Paraclete, Foundation House, Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Date of Evaluation: 11/27/84

Peter is a 44-year-old man who is a Roman Catholic priest with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is referred to Foundation House for evaluation at the request of his Archbishop because he has been reported to have had sexual involvement with three boys in a family with whom he was involved in a helping relationship. Peter is open about the reality of what happened and feels extremely badly about it. He also admits that this was not the first time that this has happened, such behavior having occurred on and off since his ordination in 1966. Once before in 1980 he was reported and at that time he sought psychiatric help but was discharged after only about six months.

He has been extremely successful in his priestly work and has had an excellent response from the people with whom he has worked. In general he feels that his life has been happy and fulfilled but he has not really had much in the way of intimacy or succorance from others and talks about himself as being an extremely private person. He has difficulty sharing his feelings with others and feels uncomfortable in this area. In addition to the other problems he lost this very close friend less than a year ago to a sudden death. He says other people know only one side of him and nothing more and that he really has no confidence. He is experiencing extreme distress, anxiety, and remorse at the present time and is highly confused about himself, his feelings, and what he really thinks of himself. He tends to put himself down because of his problem and fears that he is possibly just a "evil person." He is also quite fearful that his family will find out and that he will have let everyone down.

Peter is highly motivated to seek help at this time and genuinely wants to gain self-knowledge and self-acceptance. He hopes to be able to get help to find out what his true feelings are and to learn to express them. Despite his difficulty sharing himself he was quite open and candid in our interview and seemed genuinely to be trying to share himself.

Results of Testing:

The Shipley Scale indicates that Peter is functioning in the normal range of intelligence as measured by a combined abstract reasoning and vocabulary score. His scores on these two areas do not really differ significantly. Although there is some mild suggestion that he may be having difficulty in concentrating and thus having difficulty in thinking problems through with a clear head, this might well be expected in his present situation. It certainly does not indicate any major difficulty with intellectual functioning.

The Myers-Briggs type indicator describes Peter as introverted, sensing, feeling, judging type. This would mean that he would tend to use his favorite process, sensing, in his inner life and so would tend to base his ideas on a deep, solid accumulation of stored impressions. His ideas and judgments would tend to be rather unshakable as well being private. He would tend to have a

complete and practical respect both for the facts and for whatever responsibilities these facts created, and he would always try to carry out his responsibilities diligently. He would tend to be able to remember and use any number of facts but would want them all to be accurate. It would be important for him that everything be kept factual, clearly stated, and not too complex.

One would have to know him well before he would discover that, behind his outer calm, he would tend to be seeing facts from an intensely individual angle. The way that things would strike him would often be quite unpredictable. He would tend to be thorough, painstaking, systematic, hard-working, and patient with detail and routine. He would be dependable and would tend to stabilize the things with which he was connected. He would also not tend to do things impulsively but, once into a project, he would be difficult to distract, discourage, or stop. When impulsivity or spontaneity did break through it might tend to do so surprisingly and in possibly harmful ways, particularly if feelings have been repressed. It would tend to be difficult for him to stay in contact with his own needs and feelings. And it would be difficult for him to see the sense in needs or feelings that differed widely from his own prescribed judgment of the way things were.

The weakness of this particular personality type would be a tendency to retreat into silent preoccupation with inner reactions to sense impressions as well as a tendency to get out of touch with immediate needs and feelings. He would, however, be very much in contact with the needs and feelings of others and would tend to stress loyalty, consideration, and common welfare and would also tend to be sympathetic, tactful, kind, and genuinely concerned with others.

Peter's results on the Edwards Personal Preference Schedule do indeed suggest that he may be somewhat out of touch with his own underlying needs and drives, because he is moderately inconsistent in reporting these needs (Consistency = 29th percentile). Furthermore his very highest need at the present time is a need to gain succorance from others (95th percentile). That is, he feels a very strong need to have others help him, understand him, give him sympathy, care, affection, affirmation, and love. He has a similarly high need to provide this for others (93rd percentile). Both of these needs together suggest that he has a very high need for intimacy which is probably not being met in his present life.

Consistent with the Myers-Briggs results, Peter also shows a high need for order (94th percentile), indicating that he needs to have things ordered, understood, organized, and clearly spelled out, and that he would be uncomfortable with open-ended situations, inconsistencies, or disorganization. He does have a moderately high need for dominance (80th percentile), indicating that he feels comfortable in leadership positions and in positions where he is the one in charge and the organizer. He has a simultaneously moderately low need to defer to the leadership of others (12th percentile). This is consonant with his leadership position in terms of his ministry but taken together it may also increase his tendency not to get his needs for intimacy and succorance met.

The MMPI validity scales indicate that Peter answered the questions in a reasonably open and honest manner, and that the resulting profile can be taken as valid. No major psychopathology is suggested.

There are indications of a good deal of turmoil and unresolved problems. A high degree of social isolation and withdrawal is indicated with a tendency to feel somewhat suspicious of others and to avoid deep emotional involvement. He would tend to be passive in relationships and to have very high needs for caring and sympathy but to not be able to get these needs met. He would have tended to have repressed any feelings of anger, resentment, or regression and would have a great deal of difficulty expressing these directly or in any way that would be functional. Any regression would tend to come out in a passive manner. In general, he would tend to be over-controlled most of the time with a tendency to have emotions and feelings break through in brief episodes of acting out followed by remorse and guilt. He would not, however, tend to be successful in inhibiting these in the future without a greater knowledge of himself and the needs that he is trying to repress.

He would, in general, when not under external pressure, tend not to feel terribly anxious or to experience psychological conflict directly. He would tend to overuse denial and repression as defenses against psychological discomfort and could occasionally become somewhat depressed and withdrawn.

The Self-Directed Search indicates that Peter's highest areas of perceived interest and competence are in the enterprising and the conventional spheres in terms of vocational pursuits with backup areas of interest in several other spheres including realistic, investigative, and social. This is a relatively unusual combination for someone in the area of direct ministry because the social interests are relatively low in comparison to other areas, and artistic interests are very low. This particular pattern of scores would suggest that Peter would be particularly interested in leadership and administrative aspects of his ministry, that he would be exceptionally good at conducting and supervising programs, that he would be patient with detail and routine, and that he would be able to deal with the ongoing problems in these areas with ease.

Summary and Recommendations:

Peter is at a crisis point in his life in that he is being confronted with the reality of his behavior. This has been a burden for him throughout the years, but he has been unable to really talk to anyone about it and has been unable to find any adequate ways of dealing with it himself other than trying to assert willpower. Other areas of his life which cause some problem for him and are undoubtedly unrelated to this are a tendency to be extremely private and have difficulty forming intense or intimate relationships with others.

He has, in general, been happy with his ministry and priesthood but is at a point in his life where he feels that something is wrong and is highly motivated to try to deal with both his acting out and his difficulty being open and relating to others in an interpersonal situation. I highly recommend that Peter attend the upcoming program at Foundation House.

Psychological Evaluation/Msgr. Peter Garcia

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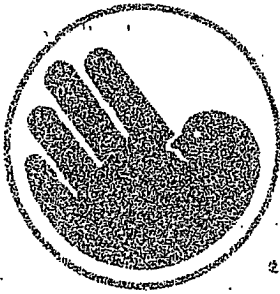
Thank you for the opportunity of helping to evaluate Msgr. Garcia.

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October 7, 1987

CONFIDENTIAL

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Re: Monsignor Peter Garcia
SLI #11683

Dear Excellency:

This letter will serve to document our evaluation of Monsignor Peter Garcia, a 47 year old priest from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This evaluation was somewhat atypical for us in that Monsignor Garcia, as you well know, has already undergone treatment with the Servants of the Paraclete in Jemez Springs, New Mexico. As we understand it, conflict developed over the past year between Monsignor Garcia and the aftercare program prescribed by the Servants of the Paraclete. The disputed issues involved the use of the sexual appetite suppressant Depo-Provera, the degree of disclosure which was deemed appropriate for Father Garcia, and the therapy relationship with Doctor REDACTED, his designated psychiatrist. Given the acknowledgement of a sexual disorder our evaluation was aimed more at assessing the current state of Monsignor Garcia's recovery and to offer our opinion regarding the dimensions of an ongoing aftercare plan.

You are well familiar with Father Garcia's history but to put this report in context a brief summary is appropriate here. The first allegation of sexual impropriety was placed against Monsignor Garcia in 1975. In his own mind he has had a long struggle to recognize the reality of his behavior with adolescents. A second complaint was registered in 1980, and when similar charges were made in November of 1984 he was confronted for the third time about his behavior. This confrontation had an impact on him and it was followed by a suicide attempt using a sleeping medication and alcohol. Subsequent to this he was referred to the Servants of the Paraclete for evaluation and he entered treatment at Jemez Springs in 1985. In Monsignor Garcia's own view his surviving the suicide attempt worked an important internal change. He came to acknowledge the nature and extent of his behavior and felt committed to eliminate it. It appears that he made significant progress in treatment and since that incident in 1984 has had no further sexual contact with minors, or for that matter adults. After completing the residential phase of his treatment he has worked as a parish priest in the Santa Fe Diocese in New Mexico. While so doing he has been involved in aftercare with the Servants of the Paraclete. As accurately as we can determine the last year of this aftercare has been increasingly problematic.



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Things have reached an impasse where Monsignor Garcia is no longer working in New Mexico, and he has yet to be given a priestly assignment in the Los Angeles Archdiocese pending clarification of the current state of his recovery and his prognosis.

Against this background Monsignor Garcia came to the Saint Luke Institute on September 21, 1987 and participated in a comprehensive physical and psychological assessment process. It seemed obvious to us that the outcome of the evaluation could impact Monsignor Garcia's life in a way that would argue against his being fully disclosing about his current situation. Despite this anticipated obstacle he was very forthcoming in giving extensive information about himself and in our opinion we came to a reasonably accurate understanding of him. We see human behavior as affected by a wide array of motivations, experiences and even physical factors. In assessing behavior that is problematic we take a very broad approach. Our assessment protocol includes the following elements:

1. Structured interview by three members of the professional staff, including a psychiatrist
2. Physical examination and neurological examination,
3. Electrocardiogram (EKG),
4. Chest x-ray,
5. Electroencephalogram (EEG),
6. Computerized tomographic brain scan study (CT brain scan),
7. Neuropsychological testing including Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Revised, Wechsler Memory Scale, Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, and Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory.
8. Informal meetings with current residents in the Saint Luke Institute rehabilitation program
9. Formal psychological interview with mental status examination
10. A dexamethasone suppression test. This is a biochemical challenge test which assesses the way the pituitary gland controls certain adrenal function. A positive test correlates highly with depressions that have a strong biochemical component and are frequently helped by antidepressant medication.

On Friday, October 2, 1987 after all of the elements of the assessment had been completed our team met together to discuss our findings and then share them with Monsignor Garcia. He was attentive throughout this process and I assured him that he would be getting a copy of the written report so that he would not have to worry about remembering everything that was said. The remainder of this report will largely recapitulate what was shared with Monsignor Garcia at that feedback session.

PSYCHOSOCIAL HISTORY: Monsignor Garcia is the second of two children born to his parents who resided in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The family lived there until Peter was approximately 12 years old when they moved to Los Angeles. His early family experience had many positive features but some problem areas as well. His father was a hard working construction contractor with whom Peter could talk about many things. His mother served a more traditional homemaking role and was seen as a quiet strength in the family. Some difficulties were caused by his father's episodic abuse of alcohol. When drinking, he would become quite loud and abusive in his language and was seen as a somewhat threatening figure.

As a newborn Father Garcia suffered a serious episode of pneumonia and has had recurrences of pneumonia perhaps a half a dozen times in his life. He recalls his early years quite positively. He had many friends in the neighborhood and did reasonably well in school. Early adolescence and puberty, however, were quite traumatic for him. It was at that time that his father declared bankruptcy and moved the family to relatives in Los Angeles. Young Peter lost many of his friends, familiar surroundings and a degree of security and comfort. Masturbation became somewhat compulsive and was a daily occurrence at this phase of his life. He apparently did not feel particularly conflicted about this in a moral sense.

Monsignor Garcia entered seminary training at age 14 and then went on to St. Johns Seminary College in Camarillo, California. He was ordained in 1966 and has served in a variety of priestly assignments since that time. The years of 1971 to 1984 were spent in the Chancery. He was first made pastor in 1984 and the loss of this parish as a result of his inappropriate behavior was a great personal loss. He has remained in fairly close contact with his family and in fact the frequent visits home were a cause of concern to Dr. REDACTED and others during the aftercare phase of his treatment. His parents are elderly and apparently do not know the true nature of his sexual disorder.

SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT HISTORY: Because of the nature of the referral extra care was taken in reviewing Monsignor Garcia's development of his sense of his own sexual nature. His early experiences of childhood curiosity and sexual play seem within cultural norms. At the age of 10, however, a 20 year old cousin was sleeping in the house and attempted to have sex with him in the middle of the night. He got up and sat in a chair for the remainder of the night in some confusion and possibly fear. The compulsive nature of his masturbation after puberty has been noted above. We have no history of sexual acting out through seminary. In theology, however, Monsignor Garcia became aware of sexual arousal to members of the same sex.

He first had sexual interaction with a minor shortly after ordination. Since that time he has had perhaps 15 to 17 relationships with youngsters in the age range from 12 years to perhaps 17 or 18. Some of these relationships have endured over time for between two and four years with recurrent sexual interaction occurring on an intermittent basis. Through his treatment Monsignor Garcia has come to recognize the "modus operandi". He would befriend an adolescent, become friendly with the family, and eventually ask the youth to vacation with him. While on vacation he would engage him in sexual acts. Although Father Garcia does not perceive himself as coercive in these behaviors it is our understanding that many, if not most, of the minors with whom he was involved were undocumented aliens. They may well have felt threatened by the consequences of their making formal allegations, to one archdiocese or legal complaints against Monsignor Garcia. Although he expressed concern and paternalistic feelings about many of these children the pattern of sexual interaction seems quite aggressive. Monsignor Garcia at this point seems to have a rather thin understanding of the harm he may have caused. Despite his own memory of being sexually mistreated as a youngster on at least one occasion he has difficulty putting into words any clear understanding of why sexual behavior between adults and minors is generally considered harmful, and the basis for legal penalties for such behavior.

Father Garcia has suffered a variety of side effects from the drug Depo-Provera. He has difficulty identifying any benefits from its use. It is of interest that he has resumed masturbation since February of 1987. He had stopped that since entering treatment in 1985. Our own experience suggests that Depo-Provera often is helpful in diminishing a compulsion to masturbate. His fantasies during this behavior include memories of previous sexual interaction. Our understanding is that that such behavior tends to pose a certain element of risk for an individual in recovery from a sexual disorder. Monsignor Garcia does not seem to appreciate this element of risk. In our view his history makes the diagnosis of ephebophilia unequivocal. He has come a long way in treatment. He recognizes that this is an incurable condition that needs a life-long management plan. Continued growth is needed in recognizing the full role of others in establishing a secure management plan. The situation is quite analogous to the alcoholic in recovery who must learn to count on others to monitor his program. One must learn to strike a balance between accepting responsibility for ones own recovery and yet not moving to a position where one again assumes that they know in all instances what is the best course of action for themselves. This perspective is enshrined in the Third Step of the 12 Steps of the AA recovery program where the individual recognizes a need to hand over to God and to others a part of their life. Yet another way of describing this point is to fully accept the need for an external structure of accountability. The individual is not the best judge in these matters.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION: While with us Monsignor Garcia was given an extensive physical and laboratory examination. He has generally enjoyed good health with the exception of the pneumonias mentioned above. Except for Depo-Provera he takes no regular medication. He does not smoke and he uses alcohol rarely. While with us he received a physical examination by Dr. REDACTED our consultant in internal medicine. On examination he was noted to be 68 inches tall and slightly over-weight at 204 pounds. His pulse was 91, his blood pressure 126/84. Examination of the head and neck was normal without evidence of any thyroid pathology. His appearance was somewhat flushed and tremulous. His chest was clear. His cardiac examination was normal. The abdominal examination showed no liver or other organ enlargement. There was no evidence of hidden gastrointestinal bleeding. With the exception of a mild tremor associated with anxiety, his neurological examination was normal with symmetrical reflexes and good coordination.

An extensive laboratory review was undertaken yielding results almost entirely within normal limits. Important normals included blood sugar and tests of kidney and liver function. He did have an elevated serum cholesterol at 315 milligrams/deciliter. His uric acid was also high at 8.9 milligrams/deciliter. One of the thyroid indices, the T3 uptake, was minimally depressed. Given the absence of any symptoms of hypothyroidism this is not considered any cause for concern. Antibodies to Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and the HTLV-3 virus were all negative. The Dexamethasone Suppression Test was negative with both 4 and 10 PM post suppression values close to 1 microgram/deciliter. In summary, Father Garcia appeared in reasonably good physical health and he is encouraged to reduce the amount of saturated fat in his diet in the hope of lowering his blood cholesterol. It is recommended that he have medical follow up for this condition lest he develop premature coronary artery disease.

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION AND PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT: The human brain is the organ of the body responsible for the highest level of integration of both experience and behavior. In reviewing behavior that is problematic it is important to establish the health of this organ. To this end we use the CT scan, the EEG and an extensive battery of specialized tests. With regard to the CT scan, Monsignor Garcia's study was normal without evidence of tumor, atrophy or any structural problem. His EEG was also normal in both the awake and asleep modes. Nasopharyngeal leads were used to enhance yield.

The neuropsychological tests themselves yielded results that were generally in the normal range. His verbal IQ was 100, his performance IQ 114, yielding a full-scale IQ of 106. His verbal memory was within normal limits but some delayed recall problems were noted. This finding is consistent with the verbal IQ which is relatively low when compared with nonverbal measures of intellectual capacity. His visual memory on the other hand was excellent including delayed recall. A test of abstract thinking and logical problem solving capacity was in the impaired range although our interpreting neuropsychologist did not believe there was any acute neurologic process. More difficult and abstract elements of the neuropsychological battery showed some inconclusive signs of mild frontal lobe impairment. The left hemisphere functions showed a subtle trend of reduced efficiency. The cause of these mild deficits is probably developmental in origin. They are mentioned because they may have some contributing role in Monsignor Garcia's deficient analysis and judgement regarding his own behavior. It does appear that for many years he was able to deny the significance of what he was doing with youngsters and only repeated confrontation helped him to appreciate the true extent and nature of his behavior.

The formal personality testing yielded some information which we believe useful in planning ongoing aftercare. His MMPI profile was valid but defensive. There were no elevations of the basic clinical scales. The profiles suggested a person with a degree of narcissism and self-righteousness. The projective record indicated a level of self-esteem that has eroded under assault in recent months. He would generally present himself as confident and competent but behind that is a timidity and feelings of inadequacy.

His thinking is somewhat rigid and he has difficulty accepting alternative perspectives. He tends to underutilize information available to him. Specifically, his understanding of his sexual problem is simplified and he has difficulty thinking through some of its dimensions and consequences. His characteristic optimism about himself and his life is not holding up well. His major defense mechanisms appear to be repression, intellectualization, denial and displacement. Regarding the degree of current stress, he recently appears moody and anxious and prone to impulsive and orally aggressive outbursts. He is considered emotionally uncertain at this time. It is likely that he is more depressed than he appears.

A major emotional conflict in his life appears to be between the urges toward independence and dependence. He very much wants the support and nurturance of others, particularly those close to him, but on the other hand he wants very much to be in charge of himself and able to manage on his own. He appears to be having difficulty experiencing strong emotions of any type. His defenses hold up but for

short periods of time and his tendency would be to flee emotionally charged situations. Underlying reservoirs are noted of hostility, anger and depression. He entertains feelings of being treated unfairly and is prone to conflicts with authority. Given his emotional instability and his difficulty in fully utilizing his psychological resources at this time, he is considered at some psychological risk. Continued therapy is indicated to help insure that he not act out in some harmful way.

DIAGNOSIS: Axis I: 1. Sexual disorder not otherwise classified, (ephebophilia).
2. Dysthymic disorder. Rule out major depression.

Axis II: Mixed personality disorder.

Axis III: Hypercholesterolemia.

RECOMMENDATION: Given the degree of emotional distress which was primarily identified through the projective test results, we think it important that Monsignor Garcia have continued outpatient treatment. Although his restraint and psychological growth in not acting out with minors over the last three years must be recognized and affirmed, he has to be helped to understand that his recovery program must be as secure and certain as possible. I think there is something in him that would like to see treatment as behind him and he could return to a business as usual frame of mind. The fact is that the condition is incurable and requires vigilant and aggressive life-long management. In our opinion it is inadvisable that he be assigned to regular parish ministry. In such a context the avoidance of minors which he must pursue at all costs is simply too difficult. Additionally, the aggressive nature of his sexual behavior in the past argues strongly for the continued use of the sexual appetite suppressant, Depo-Provera. If allergic reactions preclude the use of this drug the appropriateness of ministry must be carefully reviewed. We see Monsignor Garcia as in need of extensive work on the independence/dependence conflict and a more constructive and comfortable way of managing his feelings, particularly those of depression and loss. At some point the use of antidepressant medication might be relevant. Given the complexity of his therapy we would recommend that his outpatient treatment be administered by a psychiatrist or at least by a treatment team where psychiatric consultation is readily available. Needless to say, such therapists should be familiar with the specific nature of sexual behavior disorders. We would also commend to Monsignor Garcia participation in the self help recovery groups such as Sexaholics Anonymous. Many have found the support of others struggling with similar problems tremendously important.

I suspect that Monsignor Garcia might object to the stringency of our recommendations. The social and cultural reality is such that a relapse would be a disaster. An individual in recovery from such sexual behavioral problems has to come to the understanding that they must go to any lengths to insure sexual sobriety. If they can come to this awareness and commitment their prognosis is good.

In closing I would like to thank you for the referral of Monsignor Garcia to us. We hope that our evaluative services prove useful both to him and the Archdiocese. Asking for your continued prayers in support of our work and those we try to help,

Respectfully,
REDACTED

REDACTED M.D.
Medical Director

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CC: Monsignor Peter Garcia

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November 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO ARCHBISHOP HICKEY:

Sister Manuela of the Capilla Latina came to see me today, with this story of her serious accusation concerning a priest in charge of Hispanic affairs in the Los Angeles Diocese (Director of Spanish Affairs in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles).

A Mexican woman came with three children to see Sister Manuela. She spoke of her sister who was very poor, who came from Mexico four years ago to Los Angeles. A priest there was very helpful, rented a home for them, put the children into Catholic school, and this family was undocumented. Presently the woman has eleven children and her husband remains in Mexico until he can arrange his papers. The oldest child was 16 years of age at the time of the arrival. The priest asked the 16 year old to come and live with him. The boy was unwilling. The parents encouraged him to do so, seeing nothing wrong. The boy never talked about the relationship, but he is now 20 years old and has become over the years a mental patient. He forgets, he is absent-minded and has difficulty in working. The priest also took the eleven year old boy at one time with him but after advances the boy went screaming to his mother, painting a horrible picture of what happened between himself and the priest. He told his mother and the psychiatrist the whole story. The psychiatrist seeing the 20 year old son insisted that he must leave the area. The boy 20 is therefore now in Washington area with his aunt, who spoke with Sister Manuela.

The story is that the young man was under the influence of the priest for four years; after their initial meeting the priest took him to the jail and instructed him to either behave or else he would end up either in jail or back in Mexico. He was supposedly told if you talk, I have lawyer friends and I will surely have you deported. The aunt says the boy is suffering severe mental illness at this time. His room, for example, is surrounded by numerous pictures of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The story is that the youngster was psychologically intimidated for the entire period.

The mother is not anxious for publicity, nor the aunt, and the name of the priest is Monsignor Peter Edward Garcia, who lives at San Marcellino, or St. Marcellinus Church in Commeric City, Los Angeles. The priest is an American, born here of an Hispanic father. There has been no publicity on this issue in the Los Angeles area. The priest's family is very influential, has extensive properties. Groups of young boys were taken on camping trips to the family property. Sister Manuel would like to refer the young man to Dr. REDACTED Virginia, 23707. The family wants to keep the issue private. They worry about other boys who may be similarly treated by this priest, they say.

Sister Manuela wonders if the Archbishop could speak to the Archbishop of Los Angeles during the upcoming Bishop's conference. The aunt's name (who spoke to Sister Manuela) is REDACTED the boy's name she thinks is REDACTED (?).

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In the National Directory, Monsignor Garcia is listed as "Director, Spanish Speaking Vicar's Office", 1530 West 9th Street, 90015, 213-388-8101.

I told Sister Manuella not to do anything by way of referral to a local psychiatrist until I spoke with the Archbishop. The whole family feels they must move away, because they fear the priest is powerful. He could send the whole family back and they do not rule out even physical violence, of which they are also afraid.

The aunt testifies that the sister, mother of the children, has a good reputation. The mother is not involved with the priest personally. She has removed all of her children from the school. They do not want court action. Sister Manuela did not know the family. She knows the aunt only fairly well, but initially came into contact with the aunt through a mutual friend.

Sister Manuela's phone number at work: 483-1520; Home 726-4499.

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Dear REDACTED

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 1, 1986 and the report on Monsignor Peter Garcia who was at your Foundation House for a follow-up workshop.

I am very grateful to you and to your staff for the care and concern which you are giving Monsignor Garcia, and I feel strongly that it would not be possible for Monsignor Garcia to return to California and to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for the foreseeable future. The two young men who were involved with him and their parents have switched attorneys on several occasions, and I believe that if Monsignor Garcia were to reappear here within the Archdiocese we might very well have some type of legal action filed in both the criminal and civil sectors.

Since he is functioning well under your supervision and within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, I would strongly recommend that we keep him on this course and not attempt anything different.

Thanking you again for your tremendous assistance in treating Monsignor Garcia and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Most Reverend Juan Arzube
Most Reverend Robert F. Sanchez
Monsignor Thomas Curry

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CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

May 3, 1987

To: Archbishop Mahony

From: Msgr. Thomas Curry

Re: Visit to Jemez Springs

I met at length with REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED, the directors of the Villa Louis Martin and Foundation House Programs, and with Dr. REDACTED, the psychiatrist on staff. I also met more briefly with a number of the other staff members.

Peter Garcia: No one I talked to expressed any confidence in Peter. Neither REDACTED nor Dr. REDACTED thought that he had ever applied the program to himself. They used words such as "slippery, sneaky," and "untrustworthy" to describe him. I found Dr. REDACTED almost emotionally involved, in that he feels he has taken risks no other doctor would take for Peter; and yet Peter does nothing but blame him and the program and imply that he is being forced to do things against his will.

REDACTED feels he can support the current arrangement worked out with Archbishop Sanchez, but cannot see Peter returning to Los Angeles. He thinks Archbishop Sanchez will be willing to keep Peter, but does not know if the Personnel Board there will have any say in the matter. Recently, a Franciscan Brother, a principal of a Catholic high school, was indicted on one hundred and seventy counts of child abuse. The Franciscans are treating the matter foolishly, believing his denials and doing little about the matter, and Archbishop Sanchez is apparently very upset about it.

Dr. REDACTED mistrusts Peter deeply. For instance, Peter did not show up for his monthly appointment last November. Dr. REDACTED did not contact him, in order to see what would happen. Eventually, after four months had gone by, he had to contact him. Having missed four meetings, Peter blithely dismissed the matter, saying he had only missed one meeting. Contrary to all the medical literature and the experiences of all Dr. REDACTED other patients, Peter claims that the Depro-Provera has no effect on his sexual urges. In fact, he claims to have no attraction to minors at all, and that the drug's only effects, again contrary to others' experiences, are harmful side ones. These are some of the many examples Dr. REDACTED recounts of his frustrations with Peter.

I pushed Dr. REDACTED several times to consider the possibility of Peter's returning here if Archbishop Sanchez is not willing to

have him,
but could not engage him in conversation on that matter. He
would not budge beyond the fact that the liability of his
returning here is too great. According to Dr. REDACTED there are
numerous--maybe twenty--adolescents or young adults that Peter
was involved with in a first degree felony manner. The
possibility of one of these seeing him is simply too great.
Although we did not discuss this specifically, Dr. REDACTED and
the program there would have to be partners in an agreement with
us for our protection if Peter were to return, and I do not
believe they would be willing to enter into such a partnership.

Dr. REDACTED is forming a support group of priests, all of whom
have been involved in this problem. He believes that if Peter
joins and is faithful to that group and continues to take Depro-
Provera, he will be able to function there.

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Dear Bishop Juan,

This afternoon you called me up to say that Msgr. Curry had told several persons that I had said that REDACTED and REDACTED were "very angry" with you about how you had handled the case concerning what Peter Garcia had done to their sons.

I told you that Mr. and Mrs. REDACTED were not angry with you. I told you that I would call Msgr. Curry and tell him this. Msgr. Curry was not available when I called him.

But on reflection concerning your call, I want to share these thoughts with you, and Msgr. Curry and the Archbishop.

The REDACTED parents are in fact very disappointed with you. I in fact was angry with you, as well as disappointed.

On May 23, 1988, while giving spiritual direction to a young man whom I had years earlier introduced to the REDACTED family, in concluding our conversation he asked me if I knew that Peter Garcia had sexually molested REDACTED and REDACTED. I was shocked. I said, "No. I never have known this." On reflection I thought that I should speak with you because of two reasons: first, you would know if Peter Garcia's leave of absence was for this reason; secondly, during the past years you were closer to REDACTED than myself... I felt you could ask REDACTED about this better.

The following day, I tried getting an appointment with your secretary but was unable until Friday, June 3, 1988.

At that appointment you registered shock that Peter Garcia had molested REDACTED and REDACTED. You also assured me that you would speak with REDACTED about this and get him into counselling. But you readily admitted that rumors had been heard that Peter Garcia had molested children. From June 3, 1988, through Tuesday, August 16, 1988, I assumed that you had spoken to REDACTED and REDACTED about this.

REDACTED came to speak to me about some problems he was having at home. This meeting was on Tuesday, August 16, 1988.

Towards the end of that meeting with REDACTED I asked him if he had talked with Bishop Arzube about any problems or things in his life.

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REDACTED said, "No, I haven't talked to Bishop Juan for a long time." I asked REDACTED if he remembered this priest who had worked at San Gabriel Mission; and if he knew about what he had been accused of doing--(molesting children)? I asked REDACTED "Has this ever happened to you?" REDACTED looked surprised. He looked straight at me. He finally said, "Yes, Father Peter Garcia molested REDACTED and myself." I again asked REDACTED if he had talked to Bishop Arzube about this. REDACTED said, "No."

At that moment I was very angry with you. You had not done what you had said you would do. Two months and a half months had passed and you had not spoken to REDACTED about this, and gotten him and REDACTED into counselling.

I asked REDACTED if he would agree to counselling if I could find a good counselor. He finally said, "Yes."

Though I was angry with you, I still sought your help. (I respected you since you were my ordaining bishop.)

I tried calling your office for an appointment. I was told you were on vacation.

Several days later, Mrs. REDACTED called me to say that they had been told by REDACTED what Peter Garcia had done to them both. They wanted an appointment with you. They also respected you, and appreciated your friendship.

When Mr. REDACTED, his brother-in-law, REDACTED and myself met with you on Friday, August 26, 1988, you began the session by telling us that we should be concerned with the state of mind of Peter Garcia. In fact you read part of a letter that he had sent you in which he said that he had thought of taking his life. I was shocked at your behavior. You seemed to be at that moment more concern for the criminal rather than the victim! I registered this objection and you thereafter said that we indeed had to be concerned with REDACTED

I asked you if REDACTED and REDACTED could see a counsellor-- which the Archdiocese could suggest-- you said that you would have to talk with Peter Garcia and the Archbishop first. You would talk with Peter Garcia over the weekend to ask him if he had in fact called the REDACTED home on several occasions! I thought this was unbelievable that you would ask Peter Garcia if he had lately called the REDACTED family and said to REDACTED "When are we going to see each other?" And Peter Garcia had asked REDACTED, "Why don't you come and work with me at my brother's store." What did you expect that Peter Garcia would say to you?

You also said to us that you were on vacation until September 3, and thus wouldn't be able to speak to the Archbishop until then. This was incredible to me. REDACTED had just told us that Peter Garcia had taken him to Lancaster and had tied him and had sexual intercourse on him, and you were telling us that you couldn't do anything because you were on vacation! I also did not understand the later "relaxing" exercise you did on REDACTED How could you believe that you or any unprofessional therapist could help REDACTED

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After we left your office all of us expressed our deep disappointment with you, your comments and behavior.

The following Tuesday, September 6, 1988-- Monday was Labor Day holiday-- I went in person to present this case to Msgr. Thomas Curry. (Before our August 26 appointment with you, a priest had told me to call the Chancery Office and speak to Msgr. Fortier about possible counselors. Msgr. Fortier said that they had counsellors for this but that I should speak with Msgr. Curry because he was appointed by the Archbishop to handle these cases. I told Msgr. Fortier that the parents of these boys wanted to speak with Bishop Arzube and that they had an appointment. Msgr. Fortier told, "Well see Bishop Arzube but later see also Msgr. Curry."

Bishop Juan, I respect you but I became very angry and disappointed with you.

When I took this second-hand information for you to verify-- and you told me that you would-- and two and a half months passed and I found out that you had not acted on this. This is nothing but negligence!

Remember when I called you in late August to ask for an appointment with the REDACTED family! Your first words were not about REDACTED but rather, "How did they (the parents) find out about this?" I told you that REDACTED had told them.

During all of these years you knew that REDACTED and REDACTED had been close to Peter Garcia; you also probably knew that Peter Garcia took them to work with on weekends to his Chancery office; you probably later heard from Peter or the boys of other trips that they went on. When you later found out that Peter Garcia was being accused of molesting a child, why did you not ask yourself, "Since REDACTED and REDACTED were the closest boys to Peter Garcia, could Garcia have done anything to them?" This is a very logical question to have asked yourself. Why didn't you ask yourself this? Why didn't you discreetly ask REDACTED if something harmful had ever happened to him?

If you had asked yourself these questions years ago, REDACTED would have been able to have begun therapy much earlier. Some years of his life would have been salvaged!

But why did you not speak with REDACTED about this after I spoke with you on June 3?

Mr. and Mrs. REDACTED are not angry with you. I was angry with you. All of us experienced a great disappointment at how you responded to this. You should have realized that you were not qualified to deal with this. You should have referred us to Msgr. Curry.

If you should see REDACTED please do not ask him about his therapy, or anything related to his trauma.

Please do not call or write to me. (If I was the father of REDACTED Peter Garcia would be in prison now; and I would probably have begun a lawsuit against the Archdiocese.) The parents of REDACTED and REDACTED and in fact the two boys-- are more forgiving and compassionate than I would be!

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July 30, 1990

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Dear Msgr. Curry,

Thank you for the meeting of July 20, 1990, with you and Father Terrence Richey.

From the notes I took at this meeting the following points were discussed in response to the written report and recommendations of REDACTED in his counselling with REDACTED (I have discussed this meeting and discussion with REDACTED)

You said that the Archbishop will be able to meet with REDACTED and myself in mid-August, after his vacation and trip to Eastern Europe. Thank you for this promised meeting.

The other points of our discussion were:

1. You said that you--Archdiocesan officials-- did not know of Peter Garcia's misconduct until a religious sister informed you of something she had heard. You again said that prior to our going to you with REDACTED names, you did not have specific names of possible abused boys.
2. You said that Peter Garcia will not ever function as a priest in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and if you hear that he is applying to another diocese you will work to prevent this.
3. You see no problem with me talking to Peter Garcia's brother in order to inform some relative of Peter Garcia's very serious problem and the need for them to constantly be vigilant. You offered to talk with Peter Garcia's brother if he should need confirmation of this.
(REDACTED and his family have been constantly asking that Peter Garcia's family be informed of this. They have had a fear in case Peter Garcia should again explode in this behavior! The last time we met you were going to check with Garcia's psychologist to see if this should be done; at the same time REDACTED and his family indicated their fear about Garcia living closely. You were also going to discuss this with Garcia's counsellor.

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4. REDACTED his parents and myself have always pointed out to you the necessity of identifying other boys who may have been abused by Peter Garcia, and should receive treatment.

You and Fr. Richey indicated a lack of knowledge of how to do this.

I mentioned that I have received names of some persons who may know of these abused youngsters. I talked with Mrs. Taide Guerrero who does not know of any specific boys who may have been abused. She remembers boys being around the parish office of Peter Garcia's last parish.

REDACTED who may know of these incidents. A REDACTED also has a son who may know something of these things.

REDACTED was a janitor at the Chancery Office around 1980. He told a friend of mine that Peter Garcia had abused one of his sons. (This information was not given me until recently.)

At our meeting I suggested that you talk with the pastor of Peter Garcia's former parish, so that he can quietly make inquiries with trusted parishioners who lived there in the early 1980's. (I would think that the National Conference of Bishops must have some suggested procedures on how to discover boys that have been abused and assaulted by priests like Peter Garcia?)

5. On the specific Recommendations of REDACTED :

(1.) You both are in agreement with REDACTED receiving a complete physical examination with a physician experienced in treating urinary and bowel illnesses. (In fact last year you consented to this.)

(2.) You both pointed out the possible need of REDACTED needing a behavioral therapist. You asked whether REDACTED REDACTED is a behavioral therapist. If he is one, you said that REDACTED may continue seeing him-- also that REDACTED could ask the additional help of another therapist. (I talked with REDACTED and he informed me that he is a behavioral therapist. I informed him of the availability of him securing another therapist to help him. He appreciates this offer.

REDACTED wants to continue his therapy with REDACTED . REDACTED REDACTED also is willing to continue this therapy with REDACTED

(3.) Later REDACTED will response more concretely to the need for "employment and education training." We only point out that REDACTED's education was violently effected. He was in our Mission Grammer School. He talked one day of college, and in fact of entering the seminary to study for the priesthood!

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(4.) The recommendation of REDACTED "Safety and Security" produced the following discussion:

- a. Fr. Terrence Richey directed very strong words towards me in that he felt I held the Archdiocese of Los Angeles responsible for the criminal behavior of Peter Garcia.

A discussion followed about the Archdiocese not being responsible for Garcia's criminal acts. I reminded both of you that we have never said that the Archdiocese approved or condoned this behavior. A discussion followed with myself and Fr. Richey on "justice".

I do not intend to have Fr. Richey engage in a similar discussion on "responsibility" for Garcia's acts. I would hope that we would not have to decide between my further involvement in this incident, or Fr. Richey's presence in our discussions! (Let me remind you that I have individually represented REDACTED and his parents-- with all of my inadequacies; while you, Msgr. Curry, have had Fr. Richey by your side and I am sure the legal staff of the Chancery.

REDACTED and his parents always had the right to have this criminal scandal and crime adjudicated in a court of law, and exposed in the news media! Their love of God and our Church, made them choose this other procedure-- with me as their advisor and spokesperson.

REDACTED makes the important points that Garcia be involved in ongoing psychological treatment; and that those "associated with the perpetrator should also be informed of his disease in order that they can assist in the process"-- this goes to our concern that Garcia's family be informed of his criminal disease.

REDACTED also recommends that "the church should also responsibly pursue identifying and getting treatment for any other children who may have been victims fo the perpetrator"-- (This concern of ours was expressed in # 4, above.)

We believe that REDACTED concern in this section, and again repeated under, "General Recommendation," be responded to by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. REDACTED also extends an offer to help the church in establishing a committee to help in similar cases-- this help would be at "no charge."

We look forward to our mid-August meeting with the Archbishop.
Thank you. God bless you.

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