

***REV. RICHARD COUGHLIN***

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February 1965

from the desk of . . .

**BISHOP MANNING**

*Memo  
Synagogue*

*Memo  
re  
Mr. Richard Cozlin  
1 West 8  
Boston*

*Re: January 20, 1965  
Boston  
to  
the pastor of U.S.  
Re: U.S. for ordinance*

**CHANCERY  
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON  
2181 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02132**

REDACTED

**April 27, 1965**

**Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
Saint Mary's Rectory  
8 South Common Street  
Lynn, Massachusetts**

**Dear Father Coughlin:**

**I write to inform you that His Eminence the Cardinal has graciously granted your request to explore the possibility of working in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. You may write to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to inform them that you have the permission of REDACTED REDACTED to seek acceptance there with a view to eventual incardination.**

**When you have received word from Los Angeles relative to your request, I shall be grateful for this information.**

**With kindest regards, I am**

**Sincerely yours in Christ,**

REDACTED

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St. Mary's Rectory

Lynn, Mass.

April 29, 1965

Most Reverend Timothy Manning, D.D., V.G.  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Your Excellency:

In accord with your directions during my short visit with you last February I am writing to inform you that I have received permission from REDACTED REDACTED to "explore the possibility of working in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles" and to "write to the Archdiocese and inform them that I have the permission". I enclose a copy of the letter I received today from REDACTED

By way of some further introduction of myself, I was ordained on September 29, 1953 and was stationed at St. Patrick's, Stoneham, Massachusetts under REDACTED REDACTED who is still pastor there, until February 16, 1960, when I was transferred here to St. Mary's, Lynn, Massachusetts, under REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED former Superintendent of Schools in the Archdiocese and present Vicar General. I received my Master of Arts Degree in Education, (Remedial Reading Specialist) in May, 1964, from Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Among my reasons for wishing to go to the Los Angeles Archdiocese is a desire to join with the other members of my family, who live in the Orange County area, in their efforts to REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED

REDACTED I can assure you, though, that such an effort would not be allowed to interfere with my priestly duties.

I'll be happy to furnish you with any other information you may desire and will be most grateful for whatever consideration I may be given in my request to go there to work in your Archdiocese.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

*Richard T. Coughlin*  
(Rev.) Richard T. Coughlin

Copy given to Father REDACTED

May Sixth  
1965

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
ST. MARY RECTORY  
8 South Common Street  
Lynn, Massachusetts

Reverend and dear Father Coughlin:

This is to acknowledge your letter of April 29th, with enclosures, addressed to His Excellency Bishop Timothy Manning.

Please be assured that we will be happy to give you hospitality here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, subject, of course, to a letter from REDACTED recommending you for an assignment in the Archdiocese. Since you now have a Master's Degree in Education I am sure that we would be able to add you to our faculty at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana with residence in one of the neighboring parishes. This is presently our largest high school, and is located in Orange County.

If you would be kind enough to advise us as to your decision, and date of availability, we will proceed to make plans accordingly.

With personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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May Seventeenth  
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Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
ST. MARY RECTORY  
8 South Common Street  
Lynn, Massachusetts

Dear Father Coughlin:

I am writing as a follow up to the  
letter of REDACTED REDACTED dated May 6th.

I would be most anxious to know  
when we might anticipate your arrival in Los Angeles as  
there is a particular appointment in Orange County where  
we would need your services as an Assistant as soon as  
possible.

Sincerely yours,

(Timothy Manning)  
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles  
Vicar General

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St. Mary's Rectory

Lynn, Mass.

May 21, 1965

Most Reverend Timothy Manning, D.D., V.G.  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Your Excellency:

In response to your letter of May seventeenth,  
REDACTED REDACTED , REDACTED  
informed me yesterday that I would be allowed  
to leave my assignment here at St. Mary's, Lynn,  
on June fifteenth.

Unless I might be able to dispose of my car, I  
would have to drive across the country and, I  
feel, I should allow six or seven days for the  
trip. Thus it would seem that it would be about  
June twenty-second that I would be in the Los  
Angeles area.

I certainly hope that this will make my services  
available to you soon enough to alleviate your  
problem in Orange County.

I will do all that I can to be at your disposal  
as quickly as possible and will be most willing  
to receive whatever instructions or suggestions  
you may have in the matter.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin

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May 24th, 1965

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I would propose that this man be assigned to Immaculate  
Heart of Mary in Santa Ana.

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BISHOP MANNING

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CHANCERY  
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON  
3121 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
BRIGHTON 35, MASSACHUSETTS

May 25, 1965

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear REDACTED REDACTED

I write concerning the request of Reverend Richard T. Coughlin of this Archdiocese to serve in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His Eminence the Cardinal has graciously granted permission for Father Coughlin to seek this assignment and is happy to give him the highest recommendation.

REDACTED REDACTED will be deeply grateful for whatever assistance you may give to Father Coughlin. We feel that Father Coughlin will be available to leave Boston on June 15th.

Assuring you of our gratitude for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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July 22nd, 1965

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory  
1100 South Center Street  
Santa Ana, California 92704

Dear Father Coughlin:

A few days ago you were in to see me  
and I was very grateful for the interview.

Could you kindly telephone me at your  
convenience so that I may pursue some of the  
questions that you asked?

Very sincerely yours,

REDACTED

Timothy Manning  
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles  
Vicar General

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June 22, 1965

Reverend <sup>REDACTED</sup> Richard T. <sup>REDACTED</sup> Coughlin  
 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH  
 1100 South Center Street  
 Santa Ana, California 92704

Reverend and dear Father Coughlin:

Enclosed please find your official appointment as

**ASSISTANT (Pro tem)**

to the

Reverend <sup>REDACTED</sup>  
 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH  
 Santa Ana, California,

which His Eminence, the Cardinal, has directed me to forward to you. This assignment is effective as of this date.

The faculties of the Archdiocese have been extended to you. However, these will expire as of October 31, 1965, at which time application for renewal will be necessary.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Right Reverend <sup>REDACTED</sup>  
<sup>REDACTED</sup>

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**ON CHANGE LIST**  
 JUN 30 1965

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## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

1100 SOUTH CENTER STREET  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA - 92704

Aug. 5, 1967

REDACTED EDATED  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear REDACTED :

Some time ago you agreed that a change should be made here and said that reasons would have to be given. If a change comes as a surprise to Father Coughlin, it is because my attitude has continued to be friendly and, for the most part, patient even when deeply disturbed over things that were not right.

Underlying our problem is, perhaps a lack of communication. I have not been able to impress him with the importance of cooperating with me in the work most needed in the parish. For example, he prefers to spend a lot of time with non-essentials in our school, including a boy's choral group and coaching the teams. On the other hand, he has to be asked repeatedly to visit C.C.D. classes or some of our thirty five released time groups. He will not take a day off but usually takes off in the afternoon for sports and other activities with our boys or affairs of a personal nature.

Father Coughlin brings from the East the attitude that he is available for people who arrange to see him but he prefers not to make calls. I keep him busy with our many marriage arrangements and instructions. When not busy, he is gone. On the credit side, I must say that he is always willing to see people when they ask him. He is good about taking weddings, funerals and a second or third Mass when needed. He is friendly and cheerful. Perhaps another pastor will be able to work with him better than I. It should also be noted that during the first six months he was here from Boston, he had very little supervision. He became set in his routine and was not able to adjust to my administration.

Our 2,000 families need an assistant who will do a day's work and be able to assume responsibility. (It will need two when this administrator gets further along in his sixties and starts to slow down.)

Appreciating your interest and concern over our problem and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,  
REDACTED

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SEP 15 1967  
ON CHANGE LIST

September 6, 1967

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH  
1100 S. Center Street  
Santa Ana, California 92704

Reverend and dear Father Coughlin:

Enclosed is your official appointment as

ASSISTANT

to Reverend REDACTED, ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH,  
Anaheim, which His Eminence, the Cardinal, has directed me to  
forward to you.

This assignment will become effective on Thursday,  
September 14, 1967.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

1100 SOUTH CENTER STREET  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA - 92704  
(714) 845-7115

SEPT. 7, 1967

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH ST  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF., 90015

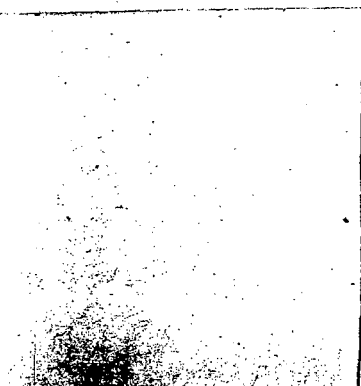
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THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT  
OF YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1967 INFORMING  
ME OF MY ASSIGNMENT AS ASSISTANT TO  
REV. REDACTED AT ST. ANTHONY CLARET  
CHURCH, ANAHEIM.

I WILL REPORT AS DIRECTED  
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1967

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin



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April 1, 1968

Reverend Richard Coughlin  
ST. ANTHONY CLARET  
1450 East La Palma Avenue  
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Father Coughlin:

The enclosed letter has been received by His  
Eminence, and I write to ask your recommendations as to  
how the reply should be made.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend REDACTED  
REDACTED

REDACTED

Encl.

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April 8, 1968

Your Eminence:

The attached is Father Coughlin's answer to an earlier letter that you sent him using my name.

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Monsignor

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Telephoned Fr. C on 4-10-68  
offering any assistance that I  
can give to him. REDACTED

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St. Anthony Claret Church

1450 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE  
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92805

18 Nov 1968

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Benjamin G. Hawkes  
Chancellor  
1531 W. Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90015

Dear Msgr. Hawkes:

I hereby request that I be granted a renewal of the  
faculties of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Respectfully yours,

*Rev. Richard T. Coughlin*  
Richard T. Coughlin  
Assistant Pastor

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facultates ordinarias et  
diem 31am Octobris, 1969

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St. Anthony Claret Church

1450 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE  
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92805  
TELEPHONE 776-0270

OCT. 30, 1969

RT. REV CHANCELLOR  
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH ST  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90015

RT. REV. AND DEAR MONSIGNOR:

I WRITE RESPECTFULLY  
TO REQUEST RENEWAL  
OF FACULTIES FOR MY  
PRIESTLY WORK IN THIS  
ARCHDIOCESE

I AM STILL AN EXTERN  
BUT INTEND TO ASK FOR  
INCARDINATION INTO THE  
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
AT COMPLETION OF FIVE YEARS  
WORK HERE WHICH WILL TAKE  
PLACE IN JUNE 1970

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin

REDACTED

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## St. Anthony Claret Church

1450 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE  
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92805  
TELEPHONE 776-0270

17 Sept. 1970 *l.c'd*

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1531 W. Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90015

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You may remember while attending our last clergy retreat I inquired as to what procedure I should follow in making application for incardination into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

You recommended that I write you a letter asking to be incardinated so please except this as my request.

I have been serving in this archdiocese since June 19, 1965 having been stationed at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Santa Ana, (briefly with Fr. REDACTED and Fr. REDACTED and later with Fr. REDACTED and then here at St. Anthony Claret Parish, Anaheim with Fr. REDACTED

These have been happy and, I hope, fruitful years and it is my wish to become a member of the clergy of the archdiocese.

By way of information, I studied at St. John Seminary, Brighton, Mass. and was ordained September 29, 1953 for the Archdiocese of Boston. I obtained a Masters Degree in Special Education (Remedial Reading) in 1964. If I have an avocation it is my interest in fostering vocations to the priesthood. God has been good. There are at present twelve boys at Queen of Angels Seminary whom I have been able to guide there. I would consider it the finest of privileges to help in any way in finding and assisting boys with vocations.

I will be grateful to you for giving this request your attention and for advising me as to any further steps I should take in this matter.

Respectfully yours,  
*Richard T. Coughlin*  
Richard T. Coughlin

REDACTED

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October 9, 1970

Reverend REDACTED  
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH  
2640 East Orange Grove Boulevard  
Pasadena, California 91107

My dear Father <sup>REDACTED</sup>

Reverend RICHARD T. COUGHLIN has made application for Incardination into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His Petition must be evaluated by the Archbishop. Accordingly, I would appreciate it if you would convey to me in strict confidence your Votum regarding this proposal.

Father Coughlin has brought to our attention the fact that you have been associated with him.

Thanking you in anticipation for your graciousness in this regard, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

REDACTED

REDACTED

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October 9, 1970

Reverend REDACTED  
ST, ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH  
1450E E La Palma Avenue  
Anahaim, California 92805

My dear Father <sup>REDACTED</sup>

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Sincerely,

REDACTED

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October 9, 1970

Reverend REDACTED  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH  
1100 South Center Street  
Santa Ana, California 92704

My dear Father REDACTED

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Thanking you in anticipation for your graciousness in this regard, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

REDACTED

REDACTED



October 9, 1970

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH  
1450 East La Palma Avenue  
Anahelm, California 92805

My dear Father Coughlin:

Your letter of September 17th has come to my attention today, upon my return from vacation.

Please be assured that I shall begin to process this matter at once.

With every good wish and prayer, I am

Sincerely,

REDACTED

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October 9, 1970

Reverend REDACTED  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
3722 Boyce Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90039

My dear Father REDACTED

Reverend RICHARD T. COUGHLIN has made application for Incardination into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His Petition must be evaluated by the Archbishop. Accordingly, I would appreciate if you would convey to me in strict confidence your Verdict regarding this proposal.

Father Coughlin has brought to our attention the fact that you have been associated with him.

Thanking you in anticipation for your graciousness in this regard, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
 2640 East Orange Grove Boulevard  
 Pasadena, California 91107

October 14, 1970

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1531 West Ninth Street  
 Los Angeles, California

REDACTED

REDACTED

In regard to the application  
 for incardination of Father Coughlin,  
 he was at Immaculate Heart  
 Parish in Santa Ana for a time.

He applied himself in his  
 priestly duties quite well, and  
 seemed to be liked by the  
 parishioners.

I would vote for his  
 incardination.

With kindest personal  
 regards, I remain sincerely

REDACTED

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Church of the Holy Trinity

3722 Boyce Avenue

Los Angeles, California 90039

October 15, 1970

Most Rev. John J. Ward  
Chancellor  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Bishop Ward:

Your letter of October 9 arrived yesterday regarding Fr. Coughlin. I won't attempt to give my "Verdict" - whatever that means - but I will give my impression of him.

I lived with him at Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory for about 24 months and that was 5 years ago. At the time I arrived the pastor was not in residence and the whole burden of running the parish was on the shoulders of Fr. Coughlin. He was occupied from morning until late at night, actively interested in the 16 class-room school, the large C.A.W. Legion of Mary and, while I was there, started the St. Vincent de Paul Society with meetings at 107.M. Being new to the parish and having been told that I was to be there for only a couple of months, I'm afraid I wasn't too much help in relieving him. I spoke to the REDACTED - about his being on the go all the time. His opinion was that he had just come from a large eastern parish with several priests where his own participation was quite limited and now, with this opportunity and need, he plunged wholeheartedly into the work at Immaculate Heart. He wonders so that it didn't result in a nervous breakdown.

At a time when we were not as yet supposed to say the Canon out loud he, perhaps taking a cue from REDACTED REDACTED pronounced the words in a strained hoarse voice and quite slowly, indicating to me - perhaps - scrupulosity. He would finish Mass with his face wet with perspiration.

He did not drink in so far as I know but, if I remember correctly, did have REDACTED who were on alcoholic, which could happen in any family. He had a brother (or sister) whom he visited on his day off.

That's about all I can recall about him. I suggest you get Fr. REDACTED opinion. They were together much longer than I was. I have never mentioned these things to anyone else. He got along all right with the help, i.e., housekeeper, etc.

Sincerely yours in Christ  
REDACTED

One thing more: at a time when both control and the pill were very much in the news and everyone was wondering what stand the Pope would take, he surprised me at L'Annonciation one day by saying that if the Pope changed his teaching on the subject - permitting birth control - he would leave the Church. As I recall, he had reference to the 'pill'. My attitude is that, if the Pope were to say the pill is O.K., then it's O.K.

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

1100 SOUTH CENTER STREET  
 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA - 92704

O.J. 17, 1970

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1531 West Ninth Street  
 Los Angeles, Calif 90015

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With regard to Father  
 Coughlin's application, I would recommend  
 that he be accepted for the Archdiocese. He  
 is a good priest.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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# St. Anthony Claret Church

1450 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE  
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA  
TELEPHONE 776-0270

Oct. 24 1970

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Chancery Office,  
1531 W 9 St.  
Los Angeles, 90015

Your Excellency,

You asked me about Father Richard Coughlin's incardination into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Father Coughlin has been with me in this parish for about three years.

Since in fairness to all concerned it is very hard to put everything that should be said into a letter I presumed to call you on the phone.

As an associate pastor he is singular in the fact that he believes in the Holy Ghost rather than the Holy Spirit. He takes a great deal of interest in sending young boys to the seminary. Working with boys takes a great deal of his time and attention. He is a good singer and a good preacher.

Since I have another assistant here to take care of the C.C.D. programme I am very pleased with the combination.

Father Coughlin will, I suspect, find it very hard to accept responsibility when the time comes. But to date he has been very happy working in our archdiocese.

All considered I definitely approve of his incardination.

Yours respectfully in Christ,

REDACTED

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October 28, 1970

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MEMORANDUM

To: CONSULTORS  
From: REDACTED

Re: PETITION FOR INCARDINATION - Rev. Richard T. Coughlin

The Reverend RICHARD T. COUGHLIN, an Extern, petitions Incardination.

Father Coughlin was Ordained September 29, 1953 for the Archdiocese of Boston. He came to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles June 19, 1965, and served at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Santa Ana, and is now stationed at St. Anthony Claret in Anaheim.

His Pastors, Father REDACTED, Father REDACTED, Father REDACTED REDACTED and Father REDACTED, his present Pastor, give favorable Votum for Incardination.

Father Richard T. Coughlin holds a Masters Degree in Special Education for Remedial Reading.

He has had special success in recruiting young men for the Priesthood. He has been responsible for sending 12 boys to the Queen of Angels Seminary.

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October 28, 1970

MEMORANDUM

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From: REDACTED

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Rev. Richardum T. Coughlin  
Bostoniensis  
facultates ordinarias et  
diem 31am Octobris, 1970

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## MEMORANDUM

To: REDACTED

November 18, 1970

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
 ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH  
 1450 E. La Palma Avenue  
 Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Father Coughlin:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop,  
 REDACTED, Excardination in the Archdiocese of  
 Los Angeles, and the Archdiocesan Board of  
 Consultation met on November 12,

The Consultation gave their approval to your petition  
 subject to the receipt of a formal document from your own  
 Ordinary, the Archbishop of Boston, signifying his consent to  
 your Excardination.

May I ask you to write to

Most Reverend REDACTED  
 Archbishop of Boston  
 2121 Commonwealth Avenue  
 Brighton, Mass. 02135

asking him to signify his consent to your excardination. You might  
 enclose the copy of the letter from the Chancellor of Boston dated  
 April 27, 1965, for his information.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
 Chancellor

REDACTED

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January 27, 1971

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
St. Anthony Claret Church  
1450 E. La Palma Avenue  
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Father Coughlin:

Please refer to our letter of November 18,  
concerning your incardination into this Archdiocese.

May we ask if you have received any word  
from the Archbishop of Boston concerning your excardination  
from that Archdiocese.

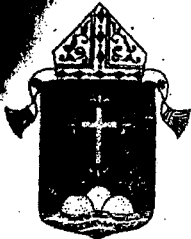
With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

REDACTED

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ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON  
2121 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135

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*Rec and  
Return*



February 1, 1971

Most Rev. Timothy Manning, D.D.  
Archbishop of Los Angeles  
1531 West 9th Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015.

Your Excellency:

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin has written to REDACTED REDACTED requesting to be incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Father Coughlin is a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston who now serves in Los Angeles on a "lend lease" basis.

REDACTED is inclined to grant this request, but before doing so, he wishes to be assured of your full approval.

A second matter of concern to REDACTED REDACTED is the fact that although Father Coughlin is a member of the Clergy Fund Society of the Archdiocese of Boston and thus has been protected from the burden of medical and hospitalization expenses, to date he is \$400.00 in arrears in payment of his yearly assessments. The Clergy Fund is facing staggering financial demands and will only be able to fulfill its obligations if each priest pays his personal assessment. REDACTED REDACTED would request Father Coughlin to meet this financial obligation to the Archdiocese of Boston before acting on his request.

If your Excellency would kindly favor us with your advice concerning these two matters, I would be most grateful.

With every best wish, I am

REDACTED in Christ.

REDACTED

23712

February 3, 1971

ARCHBISHOP MANNING

Your Excellency:

Father Coughlin has been accepted by the Consultors on November 12, 1970, for incardination.

If you are disposed, Monsignor Hawkes feels that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles could pay the \$400.00 to the Archdiocese of Boston.

Monsignor Rawden

REDACTED

*So arrange  
and acknowledge  
letter of Manning*

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February 5, 1971

REDACTED

REDACTED

Archdiocese of Boston  
2121 Commonwealth Avenue  
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear REDACTED REDACTED

Please accept our appreciation for your kind letter of February 1, indicating the mind of REDACTED regarding the excardination of Father Richard T. Coughlin.

Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$400 to the Clergy Fund Society of the Archdiocese of Boston to satisfy the indebtedness of Father Coughlin.

Could we impose upon you to issue the letters of excardination.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

REDACTED

encl.

cc - Father Coughlin

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REDACTED

REDACTED BOSTONIENSIS

Dilecto Filio in Christo, Reverendo Ricardo T. Coughlin, Sacerdoti,  
Salutem in Domino!

Petiisti a Nobis ut tibi concederemus litteras excardinationis ex Nostra Archidioecesi, cui ratione nativitatis adscriptus hucusque fuisti, et in qua ad presbyteratus honorem promotus es, quo itegrum tibi sit ad Ecclesiam et Archidioecesim Angelorum in California transire, eique adscribi. Quum igitur Nobis compertum sit Excellentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum REDACTED Archiepiscopum Ecclesiae Angelorum paratum esse ad te adscribendum Ecclesiae suae, et tu nullo alio canonico vinculo Archidioecesi Nostrae ligatus sis, nec in ea habeas beneficium, iustae praeterea habeantur causae huius excardinationis concedendae, nec tu ad eam petendam levitate aut ambitione movearis, gratiam quam exostulasti tibi diximus concedendam. Quare Nostris hisce Litteris te Ricardum T. Coughlin, Archidioecesis Nostrae sacerdotem, ex Archidioecesi Nostra absolute et in perpetuum excardinamus et excardinatum edicimus et declaramus, ad norman can. 112, in eum tantum finem ut Archidioecesi Angelorum adscribi valeas et sub conditione, ut hae Litterae suum plenum sortiantur effectum tunc solummodo, quum Archidioecese Angelorum rite fueris adscriptus.

In quorum fidem has Litteras manu Nostra subscriptas expediri iussimus.

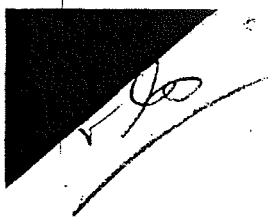
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CHANCERY  
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON  
2121 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135

REDACTED

February 22, 1971

Rev. Msgr. John A. Rawden  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Monsignor Rawden:

I am writing to acknowledge your gracious note and the enclosed check in the amount of \$400 to discharge the indebtedness of the Rev. Richard T. Coughlin to the Clergy Fund Society of the Archdiocese of Boston.

I am grateful to Archbishop Manning and yourself and I am pleased to have been of service in assisting Father Coughlin in his plans to serve permanently in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

I am enclosing a letter of excardination, signed by REDACTED as of February 19, 1971.

With kindest regards.

REDACTED sincerely



REDACTED

Enclosure

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Ego RICHARDUS T. COUGHLIN

jurajurando affirmit me animum habere mancipandi me in perpetuum Archidioecesi Angelorum  
in California.

Sic me Deus adjuvet et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

Datum in Civitate Angelorum, die 25a mensis Februarii A.D. 1971.

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin

Testis:

REDACTED

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.AE INCARDINATIONIS



**Timotheus Manning**  
**Dei et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia**  
**Archiepiscopus Angelorum**  
**in California**

Dilecto Nobis in Christo \_\_\_\_\_ **RICHARDO T. COUGHLIN** \_\_\_\_\_

Nos, considerantes Nostrae dioecesis necessitates, salvis iure praescriptis circa ordinationis tuae titulum, postquam ex legitimo documento Nobis constat de obtenta canonica excardinatione tua ex \_\_\_\_\_ **Archidioecesi Bostoniensis** \_\_\_\_\_

praevils etiam de tuis natalibus, vita, moribus ac studiis opportunis testimoniis et relationibus Nobis exhibitis, emisso etiam iuramento coram Nobis (vel sacerdote a Nobis delegato), quo declarasti te in perpetuum Nostrae dioecesis Angelorum in California servitio velle addici, ad normam sacrorum canonum, ad tuam petitionem et instantiam, praedictae Nostrae dioecesi te praesentium virtute incardinamus incardinatumque declaramus. In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Datum in Civitate Angelorum, sub signo sigilloque Nostris, ac cancellarii Nostri subscriptione, anno Domini \_\_\_\_\_ **1971** \_\_\_\_\_, die vero \_\_\_\_\_ **25a** \_\_\_\_\_ mensis \_\_\_\_\_ **Februarii** \_\_\_\_\_

*+ Timotheus Manning*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**ARCHIEPISCOPUS ANGELORUM IN CALIFORNIA**

DE MANDATO REVERENDISSIMI ARCHIEPISCOPI

*Thomas J. Gordon*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**CANCELLARIUS**

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February 25, 1971

REDACTED REDACTED

Archdiocese of Boston  
2121 Commonwealth Avenue  
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear REDACTED REDACTED

Thank you for your letter of February 22 and  
the Excardination papers for Reverend Richard T. Coughlin.

Enclosed please find Letter of Incardination  
into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for Father Coughlin.

With kindest best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rowden  
Chancellor

REDACTED

encl.

23704

February 25, 1971

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
St. Anthony Claret Church  
1450 E. La Palma Avenue  
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Father Coughlin:

Enclosed please find Letter of Incardination  
into the Archdiocese of Los Angeles which His Excellency, the  
Archbishop, has directed me to forward to you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

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February 27, 1971

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Immaculate Conception Church  
1433 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear REDACTED REDACTED

This is to advise you that as of February 25,  
1971, the following priest was incardinated into the  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
(Ordained: September 29, 1953)  
St. Anthony Claret Church  
1450 E. La Palma Avenue  
Anaheim 92805

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

REDACTED  
REDACTED  
cc

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**CHANCERY  
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON  
2121 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135**

REDACTED

March 8, 1971

Reverend Msgr. John A. Rawden, Chancellor  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Msgr. Rawden:

I write to acknowledge your letter of February 25  
with the enclosed Letter of Incardination into the  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles for Reverend Richard T.  
Coughlin. Please accept my sincere thanks for your  
cooperation in this matter.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
REDACTED

REDACTED

## St. Anthony Claret Church

1450 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE  
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92805  
TELEPHONE 776-0270

MAY 11, 1971

REV. REDACTED  
REDACTED

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 W. NINTH ST., LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

23701

REV. AND DEAR FATHER REDACTED

WITH THE PERMISSION OF MY PASTOR I HAVE BEEN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOME MONTHS TO TAKE A SMALL CHORAL GROUP TO AUSTRIA ON A SINGING TOUR. I WILL MAKE USE OF MY VACATION TIME DOING THIS.

IN MY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THREE DIFFERENT AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRIA IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT EARLY JUNE WAS THE ONLY PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH THE TOUR COULD TAKE PLACE.

I HAVE, THEREFORE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO HAVE THE GROUP SING FOR THE "KATHOLISCHE JUNGSCHAR" OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF VIENNA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH, AND ALSO HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT WITH THE VIENNA CHOR BOYS AT THE AUGARTEN PALACE TWO OR THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THAT SUNDAY.

THIS WILL NECESSITATE MY BEING AWAY AT RETREAT TIME SO I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT I BE EXCUSED FROM THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED RETREAT AND BE ALLOWED TO MAKE ONE PRIVATELY.

SINCERELY YOURS

Rev. Richard T. Coughlin



MAR 16 1972  
ON CHANGE LIST

March 3, 1972

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
ST. ANTHONY CLARET CHURCH  
1450 E. La Palma Avenue  
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Father Coughlin:

Enclosed is your official appointment as

**ASSISTANT**

to Reverend REDACTED ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH, Costa Mesa, which His Excellency, Archbishop Manning,  
has directed me to forward to you.

This appointment will become effective on Wednesday,  
March 22, 1972.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

REDACTED

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March 6, 1972  
 Anaheim, California

Chancellor, Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
 1531 West Ninth Street  
 Los Angeles, California 90015

Reverend Chancellor:

We have recently been informed that Reverend Richard Coughlin will be transferred from St. Anthony Claret Parish in Anaheim.

Within the last four months we have lost a seasoned assistant, Father REDACTED. Father Coughlin's transfer would leave our parish without any assistants who are fully familiar with our problems, with the exception of our pastor, Father REDACTED.

We respectfully request that Father Coughlin's transfer be delayed. You are probably not familiar with Father's work with young groups in the parish. In addition to his normal duties, he works with altar boys, Legion of Mary, Candy Strippers at a convalescent home, St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Anthony Barbershop Chorus consisting of 20 parish school boys.

We are parents and close associated friends of this chorus, who would like to see this transfer delayed, because of the tremendous work that Father and his chorus are doing for the Catholic Church.

We feel you should be made aware of the fact that his work is of an ecumenical nature, singing before all religious groups. He has singing engagements booked for several months including a planned summer trip to Rome and Vatican City. Cancelling or delaying his transfer would allow him to complete his plans.

Father's first love is his faith and his second love is this youth group which brings joy and happiness to their audiences, particularly the elderly in convalescent homes who, as you know, are so often forgotten.

With all due respect to your office, we are enclosing a list of signatures of those who would like you to reconsider the transfer of Father Coughlin.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED

REDACTED

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REDACTED



Chancellor, Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

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*Mr & Mrs*

REDACTED

REDACTED

*Mr. & Mrs.*

REDACTED

REDACTED

*Mr + Mrs*

REDACTED



REDACTED

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REDACTED

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REDACTED

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES****1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015****DUnkirk 8-8101****March 9, 1972**

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind letter of March 6th with enclosures and signatures.

It is indeed a pleasure to read of the respect and appreciation that parishioners have for their priests.

Please be assured that Father Coughlin and I discussed his excellent projects in St. Anthony's parish at some length.

With kindest best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
CHANCELLOR

REDACTED

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
DUnkirk 8-8101

March 9, 1972

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With kindest best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
CHANCELLOR

REDACTED

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SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1015 Baker Street  
COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA 92626

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JULY 3, 1972  
REV. MSGR JOHN A. RAWDEN  
CHANCELLOR - ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 W. NINTH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015

REV AND DEAR MSGR RAWDEN

IT WAS A VERY PLEASANT THING FOR ME TO MEET YOU AT THE PAPAL AUDIENCE ON JUNE 21ST, IT PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON WHAT WAS A THRILLING EXPERIENCE FOR THE BOYS AND FOR ME. THE BEST ASPECT OF THE AUDIENCE IN MY EYES WAS THE OVERFLOWING AFFECTION FOR HIS HOLINESS THAT WAS SHOWN BY THE PEOPLE. IT WAS QUITE REASSURING

THE REASON FOR MY WRITING THIS LETTER IS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST THAT INTERESTS ME GREATLY

ON MY RETURN TO THE PARISH I HAD A MESSAGE WAITING THAT INFORMED ME OF THE SUDDEN DEATH OF FR.

REDACTED

A FINE JESUIT PRIEST WHO TAUGHT AT ST. MICHAELS SCHOOL IN ORANGE FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS

## SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1015 Baker Street

COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA 92626

I HAVE HAD A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS SO I CALLED FR <sup>REDACTED</sup> TO OFFER MY SYMPATHY AND DURING THE COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION HE ASKED IF I WOULD CONSIDER TEACHING AT THE SCHOOL, AND, AS IT WERE, FILLING FR <sup>REDACTED</sup> PLACE IF IT COULD BE ALLOWED FR <sup>REDACTED</sup> TOLD ME THAT ENROLLMENT AT THE SCHOOL HAD INCREASED FROM FORTY TO FIFTY SIX AND THAT HE DESPERATELY NEEDS A RELIABLE TEACHER PARTICULARLY FOR THE RELIGION COURSES.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN VOCATIONS, I HAVE A REAL CONCERN FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORTHODOXY AND A SENSE OF THE SACRED, I THINK MY AVOCATION IS WORKING WITH BOYS AND I HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE IN EDUCATION.

FR <sup>REDACTED</sup>

FELT THAT, IF I WISHED

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I SHOULD WRITE AND ASK COULD I BE ALLOWED TO GO TO ST MICHAELS TO TEACH.

IN HIS EAGERNESS FATHER WANTED TO STRESS THAT HE FELT THAT ONE OF HIS PRIME OBLIGATIONS WAS TO HELP SUPPLY MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL WITH WHAT FACULTY MEMBERS HE COULD AND THAT HE HAD ALREADY MARKED HIS FIRST ORDAINED PRIEST IN JULY OF 1972 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO MATER DEI.

I MUST SAY THAT I AM TRULY INTERESTED IN HIS PROPOSAL AND THAT I AM WRITING ASKING THAT YOU GIVE IT GENUINE CONSIDERATION. IT JUST MIGHT BE THAT I COULD RENDER A REAL SERVICE TO THE CHURCH BEFORE MY YEARS OF STRENGTH AND VIGOR RUN OUT. I WILL BE GRATEFUL TO HEAR FROM YOU IN THE MATTER

RESPECTFULLY, OBEDIENTLY  
YOURS

Fr. Richard T. Coughlin

July 10, 1972

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
St. John Church  
1015 Baker Street  
Costa Mesa, California 92626

Dear Father Coughlin:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind letter of July 3.

I sincerely regret that we are unable at this time to honor your most worthy request. This year we have supplied the Archdiocesan school system with eight priests. We have had other men go into special work and find that we have now seriously endangered our priest personnel coverage of the parochial ministry.

Please be assured that I mean this only as a delay and not as a refusal of your request. In all honesty, I can't see how your request could be honored for at least a year. Please be assured of my concern for your request.

It was one of the highlights of my trip to see you and your boys' choir in, of all places, the audience hall in the Vatican. Just another indication of the universality of our Holy Faith.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rowden  
Chancellor

REDACTED

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January 23, 1974

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
 St. John the Baptist Church  
 1015 Baker Street  
 Costa Mesa, California 92626

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Father Coughlin:

Consequent to our conversation of the 17 of January, I made the following recommendations to His Eminence:

- 1) That you be considered on vacation during the month of February in order to reside at the Benedictine Monastery of St. Charles at Oceanside, or another monastery of your choice.
- 2) That near the end of February, you contact me regarding your proposal to teach with the Norbertines with Father REDACTED

In reference to the latter, would you kindly have Father REDACTED indicate to me his disposition in this matter.

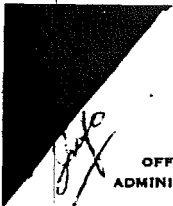
The Cardinal approved the above. Would you please telephone me indicating your personal disposition on both of these recommendations.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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REDACTED in A. Rawden  
 Chancellor



*JAC*

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR-PRIOR

ST. MICHAEL PRIORY  
OF  
THE NORBERTINE FATHERS OF CSORNA  
1042 STAR ROUTE, ORANGE, CALIFORNIA 92667

AREA CODE 714  
633-2041

Msgr. JOHN A. RAWDEN  
Chancellor  
1531 W. Ninth Street  
Los Angeles , CA.90015

January 25 , 1974

Dear Monsignor ,

Father RICHARD T. COUGHLIN has informed me that you - most graciously - are willing to recommend him for getting His Eminence's permission to teach at St. Michael's . Such permission would enable me to leave Father REDACTED , our newly ordained priest , at Mater Dei High School for further services .

I wish to assure you , dear Monsignor , that - permission granted - Father Coughlin may move immediately to St. Michael's and that he will receive from us room , board and the same salary with other benefits our full-time teaching priests are enjoying at Mater Dei .

Thanking you again for your kind consideration ,  
I am very gratefully yours in Christ :

REDACTED

Father REDACTED

*1- Recommendation approval*  
*2- Appt effective 1 Mar 74*  
REDACTED

*Witness at registration Jan 31, 74*

February 1, 1974

Reverend REDACTED  
St. Michael Priory  
1042 Star Route  
Orange, California 92667

Dear Father REDACTED

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind letter of January 25.

We will await a conversation with Father Richard T. Coughlin in late February as to his disposition in this matter. At present, we have no objection to Father Coughlin being a member of your teaching staff.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

REDACTED

cc Father Coughlin

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MAR 20 1974  
ON CHANGE LIST

March 1, 1974

Reverend Richard T. Coughlin  
St. John the Baptist Church  
1015 Baker Street  
Costa Mesa, California 92626

Dear Father Coughlin:

His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, has directed me to  
confirm your appointment to teach at

ST. MICHAEL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL,  
Orange.

This assignment will become effective on Friday, March  
15, 1974.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

REDACTED

cc REDACTED REDACTED  
REDACTED

, St. John, Costa Mesa

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PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. Richard Thomas Coughlin

NAME IN FULL

C: 1987

Date November 3, 1965

ORDAINED FOR DIOCESE OF Boston  
 Date and Place September 29, 1953  
 Ordaining Prelate REDACTED  
 If incardinated in Los Angeles, Date FEB. 25, 1971  
 IF NOT INCARDINATED IN LOS ANGELES:  
 Date of Arrival June 23, 1965  
 What letters from own Ordinary or Superior? Letter from REDACTED  
 Length and purpose of stay: indefinite-incardination  
 Residence: 1100 South Center, Santa Ana Phone No. 545-4309  
 FACULTIES GIVEN UNTIL \_\_\_\_\_

Birth: Date and Place June 13, 1924 Worcester, Mass.

Baptism: Date and Place June 1924 St. Stephen's, Worcester, Mass.

Present Citizenship United States

If Naturalized, Date and Place \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School—Dates and Places 1930 - 1938 Immaculate Conception, Everett, Mass.

High School—Dates and Places 1938 - 1942 St. Clement's - Somerville, Mass.

College—Dates and Places \_\_\_\_\_

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Seminary—Dates and Places 1946 - 1948 St. Clement's Hall Minor Seminary  
Brighton, Mass.

1948 - 1953 St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass.

Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places 1955 - 1965 Cardinal Stritch College  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Degrees—Dates and Places 1964 Master of Arts (Reading Specialist) Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

What foreign languages can you speak? None

Father's and Mother's (maiden) Name REDACTED

Name and address of nearest relative or friend REDACTED

Please type answers in full and return to the Chancery Office, 1531 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles 15, California

(Over)

List of Appointments since Ordination

TOWN	PARISH	CAPACITY	DATES
Stoneham, Mass.	St. Patrick's	Assistant	Oct. 12, 1953 - Feb. 16, 1960
Lynn, Mass.	St. Mary's	Assistant	Feb. 16, 1960 - June 19, 1965
Santa Ana, Calif.	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Assistant	June 23, 1965 -
ANAHEIM INCARDINATED INTO	ST. ANTHONY CLaret THE ARCHDIOCESE OF	ASSISTANT LOS ANGELES	Sept. 14, 1967 Feb. 25, 1971
Costa Mesa	St. John Baptist	Assistant	March 22, 1974
Orange	St. Michael Pupillo	Teachers in ps.	March 15, 1974
COSTA MESA INACTIVE LEAVE	All Amer. Boy's Choir	DIRECTOR	10-23-89 2-10-93

List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception.....  
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State any special work or assignment and give dates.....  
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Please type answers in full and return to the Chancery Office, 1531 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles 15, California

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PLACENTIA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FOLLOW-UP REPORT  
DR 98-0450

CRIME: 288(a) PC Lewd Act on Child

DATE: approximately 1970 to 1972

VICTIM: REDACTED

SUSPECT: COUGHLIN, Richard Thomas  
212 S. Kraemer Blvd. #202  
Placentia 92870  
DOB 061324 CDL S0411848

On 111299 at approximately 2005 hours, I spoke with victim REDACTED on the phone. The conversation was tape-recorded; following is a synopsis.

REDACTED joined the chorus in 1969, when he was an 11-year old 5<sup>th</sup>-grader at St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church/School, Anaheim. REDACTED was a charter member of the chorus, which began as a barbershop choir. Initially, the choir was a class elective and as such, attracted boys whose musical abilities and true dedication were questionable. Coughlin decided to reconstitute the choir by personally auditioning and selecting boys who possessed musical talent and a real interest in participating. REDACTED; best friend, REDACTED, was selected and asked REDACTED to also join.

Practices were held at the church after school, so Coughlin never took REDACTED to or from practice. The chorus performed locally at convalescent homes, women's clubs, Elks Clubs, etc. REDACTED went on two European tours in 1971 and 1972.

REDACTED estimated that he was in the choir approximately one year before Coughlin sexually molested him. REDACTED could not recall where this occurred or which specific act occurred first. REDACTED estimated that he was in the choir for five years and that the last molestation incident occurred when he was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. REDACTED explained that in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, he joined the baseball team and his voice changed. REDACTED quit the choir just prior to their U.S. tour that year, but was asked to stay on as a tour assistant. REDACTED served in that capacity until June 1973. He estimated that he had the last sexual contact with Coughlin around April/May 1973.

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LOOMIS 4025 Inv.

APPROVED BY: REDACTED

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DR 98-0450

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REDACTED was reluctant to speak with me for a variety of personal reasons. Further, he had great difficulty discussing the specifics of Coughlin's abuse when I asked what form the sexual contact took. I asked REDACTED if there were any acts of sodomy or oral copulation and he said no. REDACTED was never asked to touch Coughlin's genitals. REDACTED recalled five to ten incidents where Coughlin touched REDACTED's genitals. Some of these incidents took place in the shower.

REDACTED described sexual molestations that took place in San Clemente and San Diego hotel rooms, as well as at Coughlin's REDACTED's house. REDACTED told me that Coughlin "had favorites who he obviously liked" and took small groups on trips. On occasion, REDACTED roomed with Coughlin. REDACTED thought that they stayed at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego three or four times. A couple of times, they went to (possibly) the San Clemente Inn. REDACTED recalled that the facility was near what was, at the time, President Richard Nixon's Western White House. Coughlin's REDACTED had a tri-level home, and the choir often went there as a group. REDACTED was there alone one time with Coughlin.

I asked REDACTED to describe the sexual touching in San Diego. REDACTED told me, "He had this thing for washing me." While Coughlin remained dressed, he accompanied REDACTED into the shower. REDACTED was not circumcised and Coughlin told him that he was going to teach him how to keep himself clean. Coughlin explained that REDACTED needed to be "extra careful" about his hygiene. I asked REDACTED if Coughlin just explained what to do or actually demonstrated on REDACTED. He said that Coughlin actually washed his penis. REDACTED recalled that Coughlin also did this when they were in Austria on tour.

REDACTED then recounted what happened at Coughlin's REDACTED's house. First, REDACTED had a vague memory of Coughlin helping him dress in an outside dressing area. He did not remember any specific sexual touching that may have occurred. REDACTED did recall a sexual encounter in Coughlin's REDACTED's room. The two were alone and Coughlin kissed him on the mouth. As Coughlin kissed him, Coughlin touched REDACTED's penis. He could not remember if it was over or under his clothing. This act did not last long for two reasons. REDACTED told Coughlin that "I had to go to the bathroom bad." Next, REDACTED had recently seen an episode of Gilligan's Island. In it, Ginger and Maryanne ate something that acted as an aphrodisiac. They wanted to kiss the Professor, who was much too straitlaced. The Professor explained that kissing would not be a good idea because it transferred germs. REDACTED said that he told Coughlin the

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APPROVED BY: REDACTED

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same thing. REDACTED was sitting down as Coughlin kissed and fondled him.

Regarding the incidents in San Clemente, REDACTED remembered being washed in the shower, as in San Diego. REDACTED did not remember ever being taken to an Orange County motel, saying that there would not have been any reason to do that. By the same token, he could not recall any sexual molestation occurring on or in a motel bed.

I asked REDACTED if there was anyone else in the room when he was sexually molested. He replied, "I wanna say yes." REDACTED had memories of showering with other chorus members "a couple of times," but could not remember exactly who they were. I asked REDACTED if he was aware of any other victims. He said, "I don't think so." As for how Coughlin chose his victims, REDACTED explained, "It was stereotypical. He chose the shorter, youngest, younger-looking boys." REDACTED speculated that his best friend, REDACTED, may have been molested by Coughlin. REDACTED suspected this because Coughlin liked him and REDACTED committed suicide in his late REDACTED's. REDACTED came from a large family (REDACTED children). REDACTED knew that some of Coughlin's victims did come from large families, citing the fact that he (REDACTED) had REDACTED brothers and sisters and REDACTED had either REDACTED siblings, as well.

REDACTED never confronted Coughlin about his actions and essentially put the incidents behind him. Eight or 9 years ago, victim REDACTED called REDACTED explaining that he was trying to pursue Coughlin for molesting him. REDACTED "went public," but REDACTED "wanted to go on with my life" and did not want to get involved. Until I spoke with REDACTED, he had never disclosed Coughlin's sexual abuse.

REDACTED did say that a friend, REDACTED, had a REDACTED, REDACTED REDACTED told REDACTED that Coughlin "tried to do something" to REDACTED and "he bailed on the chorus." REDACTED could provide no further details.

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DOE SECTION/DESCRIPTION

388(a)PC LEWD ACT ON CHILD

7 INCIDENT TYPE

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT

8 LOCATION OF INCIDENT

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DOE V - VICTIM W - WITNESS R - REPORTING PARTY P - PARENT S - SUSPECT

CODE	11 NAME (LAST FIRST MIDDLE GEN/HRM NAME)	12 DOB	13 SEX	RACE	15 HT	16 WT	17 HAIR	18 EYE
V	REDACTED	REDACTED	M	M	506	140	brn	brn

RESIDENCE ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	20 RESIDENCE PHONE
REDACTED				REDACTED

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	STATE	ZIP	22

OCCUPATION	24 DAYS OFF	25 WORK HRS	26 RELATIONSHIP TO SUSPECT	27
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VICTIMS OF SEX CRIMES  
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 293(a), you are informed that your name will be a matter of public record unless you request that it not become a public record; pursuant to Section 6254 of the Government Code.

I have been informed of the above rights to privacy section. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby elect to exercise my right to privacy, pursuant to Section 6254 of the Government Code. By not signing this, your name may become available for publication.

\*DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MULTIPLE VICTIMS, TOO MUCH CONFUSION WOULD RESULT IF THEY WERE ALL LISTED AS JOHN DOE. THEREFORE, EACH VICTIM'S INFORMATION WILL APPEAR ON THE 293(a) PC FORM WITH THE CORRESPONDING NARRATIVE IDENTIFYING HIM BY HIS FIRST NAME AND LAST INITIAL.\*

OFFICERS: This form is to be used for the specific violations under PC 293 (listed on the back). Please fill out ALL victim information on the top of this page. On the face page, continuations, and in the narrative, refer to the victim only as "JANE OR JOHN DOE."

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Arch Dioceses of Orange  
Bishop Tod Brown

March 19, 2002  
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Attached hereto, is a statement taken by Placentia Police Department with reference to "Lewd Act on Child". The statement was taken on November 17, 1999. My client confirms the testimony taken by the Police Department as being true and correct, but would add that on occasion, the Bishop would not only touch his penis, but would fondle his penis.

The actions imposed upon my client by the Roman Catholic Church through the actions of Bishop Coughlin has seriously damaged my client and will remain so the rest of his life. On behalf of my client, I am asking the church to consider negotiating for a payment of damages of a reasonable amount to compensate REDACTED for the reprehensible conduct of Bishop Coughlin toward my client as outlined in this statement taken by the Placentia Police Department.

My client, REDACTED falls within the Code of Civil Procedure, Section 340.1, which allows him to proceed with a complaint against the church, in that he has most recently discovered the psychological injuries that occurred from the sexual abuse of Bishop Coughlin during the period of time he owed Mr. REDACTED the duty of care.

I trust REDACTED claim against the church can be settled without the necessity of litigation. It is necessary that I have a response to this letter within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Respectfully submitted

REDACTED

REDACTED

Enclosure

cc: REDACTED

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## DIOCESE OF ORANGE

REDACTED



25 March 2002

Reverend Monsignor Craig Cox  
 Vicar for Clergy  
 Archdiocesan Catholic Center  
 3424 Wilshire Boulevard  
 Los Angeles, California 90010-2241

RE: Claim of Sexual Abuse/Misconduct  
 Rev. Richard Coughlin 1970-1973

Dear Monsignor Cox:

Enclosed is the correspondence we recently received from attorney REDACTED REDACTED regarding the claims of his adult client, REDACTED Also enclosed is a copy of the November 11, 1999 Placentia Police report relating incidents of child molestation which allegedly took place between 1969 and 1973.

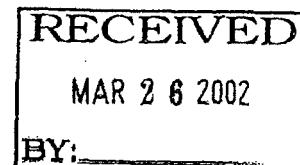
I believe that these allegations against Fr. Coughlin would fall in the purview of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles because of the dates of occurrence. I have responded to Mr. REDACTED that I forwarded his correspondence to you. A copy of that letter is enclosed as well.

If there is any further information you need, please do not hesitate to call. We continue to pray together for the Church in these troubled times and all victims of abuse that the Risen Christ might bring us healing and renewed hope.

Sincerely,  
 REDACTED

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Encl.



## DIOCESE OF ORANGE

REDACTED



25 March 2002

REDACTED

RE: Claim of Sexual Abuse/Misconduct  
Rev. Richard Coughlin 1969-1973

Dear Mr. REDACTED

We are in receipt of your March 19, 2002 letter regarding your client REDACTED  
REDACTED

I believe that these allegations against Fr. Coughlin would fall in the purview of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles because of the dates of occurrence. The Diocese of Orange was not established until 1976. For that reason, I have this date forwarded your correspondence along with the copy of the Placentia Police report of November 19, 1999 to the Reverend Monsignor Craig Cox, Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Monsignor Cox's address is Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 3424 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90010-2241.

Please extend to your client our expressions of concern for him. I believe you should be hearing from Monsignor Cox in the near future.

Sincerely,  
REDACTED

Encl.

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