

REV. DONAL O'CONNOR

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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev Donal O'Connor*Current Primary Assignment*

<i>Birth Date</i>	2/21/1931	<i>Age:</i>	81
<i>Birth Place</i>	Umeraboy, Knocknagree, County Cork, Ireland	<i>Deanery:</i>	0
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>			
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	6/12/1955		
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Archdiocese of Los Angeles		
<i>Date of Incardination</i>	11/1/1950		
<i>Religious Community</i>			
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Retired with No Faculties		
<i>Canon State</i>	Diocesan Priest	<i>Incard Process</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Begin Pension Date</i>			
<i>E-mail</i>	stchr@get.net		
<i>Home phone</i>	(520) 398-6671		
<i>Seminary</i>	St. Patrick College, Carlow, Ireland		
<i>Ethnicity</i>	Irish		

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check
Virtus Training Date

Assignment History

Assignment	Beginning Date	Completion Date
Retired with No Faculties, Living Privately. San Leandro, CA, address as of 3/12/2009. Arizona address as of 7/6/2010.	10/1/2002	
Administrative Leave	4/29/2002	9/30/2002
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Lancaster Senior Priest, Active Service	2/1/2002	4/28/2002
St. Christopher Catholic Church, West Covina Pastor, Active Service	2/1/1998	1/31/2002
St. Emydius Catholic Church, Lynwood Pastor, Active Service	12/16/1974	1/31/1998
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Baldwin Park Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	8/30/1974	12/15/1974
St. Norbert Catholic Church, Orange Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/23/1970	8/29/1974

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Altadena Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/14/1963	1/22/1970
Visitation Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	8/27/1957	5/13/1963
St. Barnabas Catholic Church, Long Beach Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	8/18/1955	8/26/1957

*Mrs. Loomer***Clergy Misconduct**

Suspected Sexual Abuse

Name: REDACTED Case: REDACTED / O'Connor

Address: Birth: REDACTED

Phone: REDACTED

Initial call: Fr. REDACTED called and presented case.
4/11/02 REDACTED REDACTED**Initial Phone complaint:**

Fr. REDACTED called and said that a woman by the name of REDACTED had a complaint to make. The priest was a **Fr. Donal O'Connor** who had been moved from West Covina recently. He was currently a Senior priest and **was ministering in Lancaster.** REDACTED had spoken to three other priests. She was coming to see him over the weekend. He is a trained counselor. He didn't know REDACTED last name but wanted to know what to tell her to do.

He was told to have her call the Assistance Ministry Office and make her complaint.

Victim's Call:

In 1961, Fr. Donal O'Connor was constantly at our house. He came Tuesday and Sunday for dinner. He came even when my parents were not home. I work for the Church. I know many good priests.

What angers me most is that Fr. O'Connor has put me through Hell. He has no idea. It effects my relationships. I've stuffed it all down.

It happened at Visitation Church in 1961. (Age 12)

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Request for an interview:

An interview was scheduled for Wed. 4/17/02. REDACTED was asked where she wanted the interview to take place. She said the ACC in L.A. She called on Monday and cancelled the Wed. appointment and requested a new appointment be at Marywood Center in the Diocese of Orange.

Since the priest is in active ministry the Interview Team will need to include a Canon Lawyer.

Mrs. Loomer as Auditor?

Clergy Misconduct

Case: REDACTED – O'Connor

Special Auditor's Interview

Mrs. REDACTED
 (See Fr. REDACTED for contact info)

Tuesday, April 23, 2002
 Marywood Offices, Diocese of Orange

At c. 3:35 p.m., in the company of Dr. REDACTED of the Assistance Ministry Office, I met with and interviewed the above-named party who had lodged certain allegations of misconduct against Father Donal O'Connor. She was accompanied by Fr. REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED who was present as a close friend rather than in any official capacity. (Until recently Mrs. REDACTED worked as REDACTED REDACTED)

Mrs. REDACTED introduced herself as REDACTED. After the other three of us explained our roles at the meeting, Mrs. REDACTED was asked to tell her story as she saw fit. It became immediately obvious that this was a very painful and stressful thing for her to do. She fought back tears and cried intermittently throughout the hour-and-a-half-long session. As an aid in presenting her story and concerns, she had prepared approximately ten pages of typewritten notes, but said she did not want to provide me with a copy of them.

The time period was around 1960 or 1961 when she was about 11 years old. Her youngest brother was born in 1960 and was baptized by Father O'Connor. [REDACTED in answer to a question after recounting her story, stated that she was the third oldest of seven siblings.] Father was at the family home, it seemed, every Tuesday and Sunday for dinner. Sometimes when she came home from school, he would be there in the house even though the parents were not home.

When she was about 11 years old, she was at the telephone when Father O'Connor came up to her from behind. He reached for her breast and, holding her, tried to spread her legs. He kept rubbing himself against her until he "became hard." She cried and asked him to get away from her.

When the news came out that there were about ten or twelve priests from Los Angeles who had been accused, her reaction was, "Is he on the list?" She wanted to know that. She knew that he had been removed as pastor from St. Emydius in Lynwood. As the time passed during the past four months, she started to relive the nightmare of her experience with him.

Returning now to the account of the episode above, she stated that he turned her around and placed her hand on his penis. While she was scared, he was laughing and making a game out of the whole thing. She does not remember how the incident ended.

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But it was not the last time. Another time when she came home, he was already there again. She knew what was going to happen and ran around the dining table to get away from him.

The events were occurring while she was in sixth grade. During recess she would spend the whole time by her teacher's side, never leaving her. She would not play with the rest of the kids. This went on the whole year. What she could not articulate then was that she was looking for protection. She never told her parents. After all, he was a priest and who would believe a ten or eleven year old girl. "You didn't bring scandal against the Church in those days."

Another time when she came home from school, the class was going to have a spelling bee. Father O'Connor asked her to let him quiz her, but she said no. Her mother was standing there with them and told her, "He only wants to help you." "No, he doesn't!" is what she wanted to say.

Her youngest sister (about six years younger) once answered the door, and Father O'Connor was there. She was an outspoken type and blurted out, "You're here again?!" He never came again.

Mrs. ^{REDACTED} stated that the same pattern of behavior occurred at her aunt and uncle's down the street. She also once asked a friend if O'Connor (she explained that she would just call him by his last name instead of saying Father O'Connor) came to her home. The friend said yes and that she could not stand him, that he was a dirty old man.

"Did he penetrate me?" Mrs. ^{REDACTED} asked rhetorically. She answered her own question by saying no, but that that did not make any difference. Her second oldest sister cannot stand his guts. [Toward the end of the interview, she was asked if Fr. O'Connor exposed himself to her or if just placed her hand on his pants over his penis. She stated she could not remember. She insisted this does not mean that he did not expose himself. She was concerned to convey the idea that there were most likely more details than she can presently recall.]

What angers her the most is that he has no idea of the pain and suffering she has endured for the last forty years. She lost her childhood. She has lost her intimate relationship with her husband. [She recounted a time when her husband, not knowing about her experience, approached her from behind in the same manner that Father O'Connor had done when she was a child, and the violent reaction she had.]

She finds it ironic that she has worked for the Church since 1985, the same institution that ^{REDACTED} betrayed her. She worked for Father ^{REDACTED} until 1994. She and her husband moved to ^{REDACTED} in 1995, where she worked for two churches. They moved back to California in 1998, when she started working for ^{REDACTED}. After about six months she became ^{REDACTED}. ^{REDACTED} She recently left that position because of the emotional turmoil that she is now going through.

Her sister works for a parish in Los Angeles and told her pastor what Mrs. ^{REDACTED} was dealing with [in reliving the nightmare]. The sister encouraged her to call the pastor, which she did. He in turn encouraged her to call the ACC hotline, which she did, speaking with Sr. ^{REDACTED} on April 12. She has explained her story to her husband, and the two of them agreed that she needed to tell their own [grown] children. She has done this only in general terms. She then met

with Fr. REDACTED on April 14 for support as a very special friend. Without explaining what she meant, she stated that her daughter and son were victimized by the Church once again.

In coming to this meeting, she knew it was the right thing to do but needed both Fr. REDACTED and her family's support in order to do it. She does not believe that the Los Angeles Archdiocese has been handling these cases well and her case in particular. [She recounted in chronological detail her experience since her first call to the hotline, and how she felt victimized all over again, basically being put off and not being taken as seriously as she deserved.] She stated that for this interview a woman should have been present.

As to her expectations, she stated that she wants Father O'Connor removed as a priest, that she wants an apology from him for the forty years of pain she has endured, and that she wants the financial support for individual therapy for herself, couple therapy for herself and her husband, and family and individual therapy for her three grown children and her siblings. She also mentioned compensation for her pain and suffering.

I found Mrs. REDACTED to be very credible. The preeminent quality that she presented is the intense suffering that she is going through in "reliving the nightmare." She stated more than once that she finds herself forced to trust the very people who betrayed her, and repeatedly blamed the institution for individuals' actions – I take this to be typical of the self-focused viewpoint of one who is seeking emotional survival, which at this stage strikes me as very normal. Given the extreme emotional difficulty she had throughout the session, there was little opportunity to ask questions or obtain collateral details (such as whether she remembered what parish they lived in when the alleged abuse took place). I did assure her that her story would be taken very seriously and dealt with soon, albeit probably not as speedily as she would like. I also indicated that while I had enough information for now, it might be necessary to get back to her for additional information.

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Special Auditor

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Clergy Misconduct

Case: REDACTED. O'Connor

Special Auditor's Interview

Rev. Donal O'Connor
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
45007 N. Cedar Ave.
Lancaster, CA 93534-2507
REDACTED

Monday, 29 April 2002
Vicar for Clergy Offices

At c. 9:40 a.m., in the company of Msgr. Craig Cox, Vicar for Clergy, I met with and interviewed Father Donal O'Connor, now senior priest at Sacred Heart Church in Lancaster. While he had been informed of the opportunity to have a priest friend accompany him for the meeting, he came alone. Monsignor Cox briefly reviewed his rights and the nature of this interview. Because of the time delay in scheduling this meeting, Monsignor Cox had met with him the previous Friday to give him a general idea of the allegation brought against him.

I proceeded by giving him the name of the complainant and pertinent biographical information about her, and then set forth the details of the alleged encounters he had with the complainant at the time she was a sixth grader, c. 1960-1961.

As he had no comment once I finished my account, I began to ask questions. At first, he gave very short, direct answers, but after about the fourth question he began to speak more freely, volunteering information.

He acknowledged that he knew the REDACTED family. When asked if he visited on any kind of a regular basis, he said he did so "fairly regularly." When asked on what kind of occasions did he visit, say as for dinner, he replied that he was "seldom there for dinner, if at all." He then explained that the parents and he were friends, as was the mother's sister and her husband, who lived down the street. He recalled that this sister [the complainant's aunt] was named REDACTED and that she became the secretary at the parish after he had left for another assignment. This was Visitation Parish in Los Angeles. He recalled that the husband's [the complainant's uncle] name was REDACTED, and the last name was REDACTED. These folks also had a family of seven or eight children. He then recalled that the complainant's mother was named REDACTED and that her husband, whose name he could not remember, died at a fairly young age. He believed the mother remarried; "at least that is what was said." He believed that Father REDACTED (pastor emeritus resident at Visitation; associate there 8/20/63 to 5/13/66, returned as pastor 7/19/82 to 6/30/99) kept in touch with the family.

When asked if he took a regular day off, Father O'Connor replied, "She mentioned Tuesday, but I can't be sure." Further questioning showed that Father's previous conversation with Monsignor Cox (noted above) gave him the information that Sundays and Tuesdays were the supposed

days of his regular visits to the family, and the idea that she had suggested that Tuesday might have been his day off. I clarified that she had not spoken of his day off. He reiterated that he could not remember which weekday he had off, that it could have been Tuesday but was not sure. Regardless of which day it was, it was very unlikely that he would have visited the family on his day off, since the associates only had one car between them. They took the same day off and would go off together. His companion was Fr. REDACTED. Usually they wanted to get away from the parish. Moreover, REDACTED (the pastor) required them to be in by 10 o'clock at night, so visiting families at night was not something he normally did.

When asked if he had known the REDACTED family from before, he said no, that he got to know the parents and the sister (complainant's aunt) when he was assigned to Visitation parish. He then added that the mother did not work, so she stayed home to be with the children. If she was not at home, she was likely at her sister's. Also, in those days people left their doors open, so you could walk right in. This meant that the children were always coming and going. That being the case, "so how could I do those awful things?" Someone could have come in at any time. "I never did these awful things." The allegation is a "total lie"; it's "slander"; it's a "fabrication" – 'or some other explanation.'

When asked if he could recall any kind of behavior on his part that might have given the complainant a basis for her allegation, he stated there was none at all. "I would remember this kind of thing." Frankly, he did not pay much attention to the children anyway; it was the parents that he was interested in. He wouldn't have known the children's names.

He indicated that he was an associate at Visitation for about six years, from about 1957 to 1963 or 1964. [The database shows the time period to be 8/27/57 to 5/13/63.] When asked if he kept in touch with the family after he left Visitation, he stated that he went to Altadena [St. Elizabeth] and visited the family once or twice thereafter. In those days Altadena was pretty far away, so this precluded much visiting. The REDACTED (complainant's aunt and uncle) invited him to the high desert – Apple Valley or the like, where they had moved – once, but he never went.

Since I had heard him state earlier that he did not do the things the complainant accused him of, I asked him formally for the record if he had done them, and he stated no, he did not. "I hate that kind of stuff. I'm not interested in it. I didn't do it."

In looking at the parish routine for the time, he stated that he and his fellow associate would visit homes during the day, taking the parish census. This was usually between 3 and dinnertime, since this is when people would usually be getting home. They also did this to get away from the rectory, where life was pretty boring.

When asked about Sunday afternoons, since there was no evening Mass in those days, he indicated that at least one of the associates had to stay around to take calls. So it was conceivable that he could visit families on Sunday afternoon. He verified that he was one of two associates at the parish, along with the pastor. Associates with him during his assignment were Father REDACTED REDACTED [The database confirms REDACTED dates, 10/21/58 to 8/7/61, and REDACTED REDACTED 8/8/61 to 11/22/65.]

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He wanted to know what the complainant wanted. I explained that she wanted him out of the priesthood, an apology from him for what he had done to her, and compensation from the Archdiocese. It was unpredictable whether she would go to the police or file a lawsuit.

In terms of possible follow-ups, he suggested that the complainant's first cousins, REDACTED children, would probably know something, if they could be contacted.

I found little reason to question Father O'Connor's veracity. His statements that he never so much as touched either of the complainant's sisters (and by implication, any of the children) even on the arm or the head, and that he would not have known the children's names sound a bit extreme. On the other hand, he presents himself as very subdued or controlled emotionally. Even his strongest statement – that the allegation was a lie or slander or a fabrication – while expressed forcefully was still very restrained. On this basis it makes sense to me that he would not likely take much interest in children at all. He was at a loss to explain how such an accusation could have been made against him, and stated that it hurt him very much.

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FROM: REDACTED
RE: REDACTED - O'Connor, Preliminary Investigation
DATE: 3 May 2002

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The accounts of these meetings are attached.

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I believe further investigation is warranted. Two avenues appropriate for me, I think, would be (1) to talk with REDACTED to get a sense of rectory life under REDACTED and (2) if she would be willing, to interview Mrs. REDACTED, sister, who urged her to make her complaint REDACTED. Beyond this, I think only a professional outsider, such as a private investigator with a background in social work or psychology, would have both the expertise and the credibility to determine the merit of the allegation.

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To: REDACTED

Subject: Re: Touching Base

** Reply Requested When Convenient **

Good Afternoon, Sister,

Welcome back...hopefully, it was a vacation you were on.

Thanks for the information. E-mail the additional info when you can (O'Connor and [REDACTED]).

Do you have the name of the priest that you referred to at the press conference in front of the cathedral the afternoon?

Welcome back...
REDACTED

>>> REDACTED /22/02 10:41:48 AM >>>

Good Morning, Detective,

I'm back and yesterday was my first full day in the office. I have a few items for you.

1. [REDACTED]

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2. Back in June, I mentioned to you by phone a complaint of a woman her 50's against Donal O'Connor. I was supposed to give you further information but this slipped through a crack. Presently he is living with his sister and in no ministry. The reason my memory was jogged that we received a representation letter yesterday from a lawyer representing the woman and now her sister. I will e-mail you his sta this afternoon. Sorry about the slip-up.

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

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Thank you, Sister,

Have a great weekend.

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The data on Donal O'Connor is:

O'Connor, Donal

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St. Barnabas, Long Beach 8/18/55

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- St. Elizabeth, Altadena 5/14/63
- St. Norbeth, Orange 1/23/70
- St. John Baptist, Baldwin Park 8/30/74
- St. Emydius, Lynwood 12/16/74
- St. Christopher, West Covina 2/01/98
- Sacred Heart, Lancaster 2/01/02
- Administrative Leave 4/29/02

Current Status: Active Priest

Address: He is living with his sister and we have no address but a phone contact is REDACTED

The complaintants are REDACTED (1960-1960) and REDACTED (1959-1961) blood sisters. According to their lawyer, the abuse occurred in their home located at REDACTED, LA. The law writes that each was under the age of 14 and the abuse consisted of fondling breasts and pubic area, spreading their legs and thrusting groin into theirs until his penis became erect. Ms. REDACTED was forc to touch his penis.

Assistance ministry people met with Ms. REDACTED in April/May. At the time her sister denied any misconduct. Fr. O'Connor denied any misconduct and was shocked by Ms. REDACTED allegations. So, it was on one until we received letter from a lawyer.

All for now.

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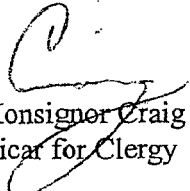
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May God bless you!

Your brother in Christ,


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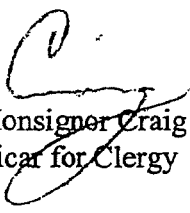
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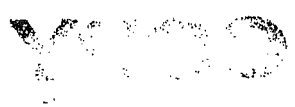
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04-01-03



Dear Monsignor.

I talked to you last year on the last Thursday of April. How time flies. My sabbatical will be up this May so I want to go back to work doing parish work where needed. Many other priests my age & older are so doing.

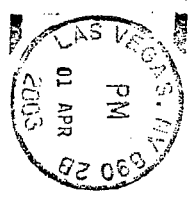
Sincerely,

Fr. Daniel O'Connell
Ordained June '55

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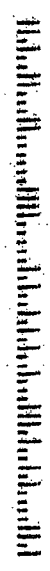
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Dear Donal:

I am grateful that we had the opportunity to speak on the phone earlier today. As I explained to you, the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles has issued a subpoena seeking our clergy files on you.

Given that the subpoena indicates the District Attorney is conducting a criminal investigation, it is not possible to end your Administrative Leave and return you to any priestly ministry as you requested in your letter of April 1. I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

As we also discussed on the phone, you may wish to consult a criminal defense attorney for advice on your rights and interests. Enclosed is a list of a number of attorneys who have indicated that they are willing to assist priests who have been accused. Of course, you are free to seek other legal counsel, especially if you already know some attorneys and would prefer to work with someone you know.

May God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
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Criminal Attorneys Available for Priests to Consult

The following attorneys have agreed to be available for a priest to consult regarding questions of criminal law. They will provide basic consultation and referral only, and will bill the Archdiocese for the services they provide priests.

By their willingness to serve as consultants, these attorneys have not necessarily agreed to be available to represent a priest should he need legal assistance beyond that of basic consultation. If a priest wishes to have one of these attorneys represent him, that is a private arrangement between the priest and the attorney. In accord with Archdiocesan policy, the cost of such legal representation is the responsibility of the individual priest (page VIII-5).

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