

REV. CARL SUTPHIN

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Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Mr Carl Maurice Sutphin*Current Primary Assignment*

<i>Birth Date</i>	6/24/1932	<i>Age:</i>	80
<i>Birth Place</i>	Santa Barbara, California, USA	<i>Deanery:</i>	23
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>			
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	5/1/1958		
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Archdiocese of Los Angeles		
<i>Date of Incardination</i>	5/1/1958		
<i>Religious Community</i>			
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	To Lay State		
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Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training*Date Background Check**Virtus Training Date***Assignment History**

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Dismissed from Clerical State	12/16/2005	
Retired with No Faculties, NO FACULTIES. OUT OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY.	2/26/2002	12/15/2005
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	3/14/2001	2/25/2002
St. Vibiana Cathedral, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	6/1/1995	3/13/2001
Nazareth House, Los Angeles Chaplain, Active Service	8/1/1992	5/31/1995
Sick Leave	9/1/1991	7/31/1992
In Transition	8/2/1991	8/31/1991
St. John Regional Medical Center, Oxnard Chaplain, Active Service	4/21/1975	8/31/1991

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Camarillo Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/7/1971	4/20/1975
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Maywood Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/15/1964	1/6/1971
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hawthorne Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/16/1958	5/14/1964

Dear Cardinal Mahoney,

I believe a real and serious problem exists within the Church that must be dealt with without cover up from the diocese. The problem is molestation.

I speak from personal experience. Starting in 1964 and continuing through 1970, I was molested by a Catholic priest, Carl Sutphin. This happened while he was stationed at St. Rose of Lima parish in Maywood, California.

My parents were both very involved with the parish and this priest was often in our home. He very often took me to his parents house to visit which gave him many opportunities to molest me.

I also feel that my REDACTED may have been subjected to the same atrocities that I was.

Carl Sutphin is now a chaplain at a hospital in your diocese with access to children twenty four hours a day, in the pediatric ward. This also must present many opportunities for him to molest. I hope and pray daily that my silence has not allowed him to inflict the same suffering that I have experienced, on others.

I know that the priesthood is a close brotherhood that protects its members, but the time has come to deal with this problem openly, justly, and immediately. The Church is

driving away people, like myself, who still must try to heal these deep emotional scars caused by someone in a position of trust and confidence.

Please take immediate steps to protect the children in the hospital he serves from any harm he may cause.

I look forward to your reply outlining the actions you intend to take that will ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children in your diocese from this terrible ordeal.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

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REDACTED

Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 W 9th St.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90015
Attn: Cardinal Mahoney



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July 19, 1991

REDACTED

Dear Mr. REDACTED

Cardinal Mahony has asked me to respond to your letter regarding Father Carl Sutphin.

Obviously, I am very concerned about the matter and want to act on it immediately.

The first thing I need to do is to talk to you personally. Since you did not include a phone number in your letter, I ask that you call me either here at my office--REDACTED or on my private phone at home--REDACTED

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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MEMORANDUM

July 27, 1991

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Carl Sutphin

I received a letter last week from Mr. REDACTED who claims that he was sexually abused by Fr. Carl Sutphin beginning in 1964 and continuing through 1970. This corresponds to the assignment Fr. Sutphin had at St. Rose of Lima in Maywood. At the time Mr. Cicchillo's family REDACTED Presently, he lives in REDACTED

I called him over the weekend and his story seemed credible. He says that Fr. Sutphin attached himself to the family and was often at the house. He would constantly engage in rough-housing with the children -- giving them "charlie-horses" and "Indian burns" -- to the point of hurting them. REDACTED grew terrified of him but the mother was most trustful and encouraged the boys to accompany Father Sutphin on daysoff and vacations. The first molestation happened at June Lake in a motel while on vacation. Fr. Sutphin would watch the boys undress and one of them would sleep in his bed each night. Thereafter, the molestations took place for the most part on daysoff in the trailer behind the Sutphin home in Santa Barbara. Mr. REDACTED says Fr. Sutphin would sometimes watch him as he took a shower. Then, in bed there would be genital fondling -- at least once to the point of masturbation. There was no intercourse of any kind throughout the years. Mr. REDACTED says, further, that Fr. Sutphin would tell the boys stories of how he himself was molested as a youngster.

Fr. REDACTED and I met with Fr. Sutphin yesterday. His first response to the allegation was denial of all but having fondled REDACTED once. However, when I said "I realize that you deny most of what Mr. REDACTED has told us," he reponded, "No, I didn't say I deny it. I just don't remember." He did admit to taking the boys up to his parents' trailer on daysoff at least 20 times during the years in question. He denied ever having watched the boys in the shower. When asked about the last 20 years, he looked somewhat puzzeled and finally said "yes" that he had taken other boys on daysoff and on vacations during that time but could only remember taking a boy to bed once.

yes!
I told Fr. Sutphin that we would set up a 5-day evaluation as soon as possible at St. Luke's. I think we should remove him immediately to another place -- perhaps a house of prayer or retreat facility. I have not yet made any arrangements but told him I would call today with instructions.

I concur - really sad. + RMM

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7/27/91. Spoke to Mr. REDACTED after receiving his phone number. Says that Fr. Sutphin molested him and, he suspects, his REDACTED as well during the time Carl was Associate at St. Rose of Lima, Maywood -- 1964-'70. The REDACTED lived REDACTED from the church and Carl attached himself to the family -- often coming to the home. The boys' father did not like Carl at all and would "kick him out of the house" when he was around. He was often not around and Mrs. REDACTED was most trusting and would encourage Carl's presence and companionship with the boys. Whenever he would come to the home he would engage the boys in rough-housing -- giving them "Charlie-Horses" and "Indian burns" to the point of hurting them. He would make them sit on his lap and tease them. He'd come by the house and bang on the window and "scare us half to death". The boys grew terrified of him./

Carl then began to ask the boys to accompany him on daysoff and vacations. Though they did not want to, their mother would urge them -- saying, "Oh, he needs the company." The first molestation took place in the summer of 1964 ('65?) when the REDACTED went to June Lake where Carl's parents had a trailer. Each night was spent at a hotel -- Mr. and Mrs. REDACTED in one room and Carl with the 2 boys in an adjacent room. He made the boys take off their underwear and wanted to snuggle with REDACTED. He took one of the boys to bed with him each night. REDACTED has vague memories of being fondled in his sleep./

Thereafter the molestations took place for the most part on Carl's daysoff when he would take the boys with him to his parents' home in Santa Barbara. In back of that home they had another trailer. Each night they were there one of the boys would sleep with him. (On occasions like this and on the vacations the boys would fight over who would "have" to spend the night in Carl's bed.) On one of these occasions REDACTED clearly remembers being fondled to the point of masturbation (the memory haunts him still)./

There was another vacation in the summer of '69 (when the boys were between 7th and 8th grade). Carl would watch him taking a shower -- giving the excuse that he just wanted to see how he was "developing". At night Carl could lay behind him in bed and "I could feel him." REDACTED says he cannot remember exactly but figures that over the years he was in bed with Fr. Sutphin somewhere between 30 to 60 times. He says he has blocked this out of his memory for a long time and now that he has begun counseling, it is coming back./

Apart from his own experiences he suspects that his REDACTED was likewise molested. While he never saw Carl do anything to his brother REDACTED he says his brother "hates" Carl to this day and doesn't want to hear his name mentioned. Of his mother, REDACTED says "Carl had a control over my mother that I can't describe. She'd let him do whatever he wanted because he was a priest."/

There is also a niece whom Carl used to tease in cruel ways -- holding her over the flame on the stove and threatening to burn her. This happened many times and to this day she gets physically sick at the mention of Fr. Sutphin./

Mr. REDACTED also recounted how Fr. Sutphin would tell him about how he himself was molested as a child. He would tell these stories about himself "constantly".

7/30/91. REDACTED confronted Carl with the allegations presented by Mr. REDACTED. Almost immediately he admitted to genital fondling of REDACTED on one occasion. He made a big denial of ever having watched him in the shower. At one point I said (referring to the notes I had taken from my conversation with Mr. REDACTED, "I realize that you deny most of what I have written here." Carl responded "No, I didn't say I deny it. I just don't remember." REDACTED asked "Would you say you took the boys up to Santa Barbara 20 times?" Reluctantly, he replied "Over the 7-year period -- maybe." REDACTED continued, "Over the last 20 years have you taken (other) kids on daysoff or on vacations? Carl said "Yes". "Did they sleep

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with you in bed?" Carl gave a vague look and said "No". I asked "Never?"
-- He replied "Once."

7/31/91. Called Mr. REDACTED. Asked him to look for a clinical
psychologist in REDACTED and begin therapy. I explained that the counselor
he had begun to see at Catholic Charities was probably not adequately
trained to handle his case. I said I would investigate myself and give
him a referral if I can find someone. I explained that the billings can
be sent to Carl c/o the Archdiocese./ I also told him to contact his
brother and encourage him to speak to me; he said the brother was willing
to do so./ As to the niece, I said I would also be more than happy to
speak to her should she want to contact me.

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August 14, 1991

Dr. Frank Valcour
St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Dr. Valcour:

Father Carl Sutphin is a priest of this Archdiocese ordained in 1958, who is now 59 years of age. Due to his own poor health, he has been in chaplaincy work for the last sixteen years. Prior to that, he served in a number of parishes.

Until the present, we have never received anything that would indicate a serious psychological or ethical problem in his life. His reputation among the priests is one of being very kindly, self-effacing, and also introverted.

On July 27, 1991, I received a call from an REDACTED. He alleged that Father Sutphin, while serving as an Associate Pastor, had molested him on many occasions from 1964 to 1970. REDACTED also suspects that his REDACTED was likewise molested. Their family REDACTED and Father Sutphin attached himself to the family--often going to the home. The boys' father did not like Father Sutphin and would frequently "kick him out of the house" when he found him around. Often, Mr. REDACTED was not present, and his wife, who was most trusting, would encourage Father Sutphin's presence and companionship with her boys.

When Father Sutphin came to the REDACTED home, he would engage the boys in rough housing, giving them "charley horses" and "Indian burns" to the point of hurting them. These visits began when the boys were only eight years old, and REDACTED first memory is of Father Sutphin's making him sit on his lap and teasing him. Father Sutphin would frequently come by the house and bang on the boys' bedroom window and "scare us half to death." The boys grew terrified of him.

Father Sutphin then began asking the boys to accompany him on days off and vacations. Although they did not want to, their mother would urge them, saying "Oh, he needs the company." The first molestation took place in the summer of 1964 (65?), when the REDACTED went to June Lake in Northern California. The family spent the night at a hotel--Mr. and Mrs. REDACTED in one room and Father Sutphin and the two boys in an adjacent room. He made the boys take off their underwear and wanted to snuggle with REDACTED. He took one of the boys to bed with him each night. REDACTED has vague memories of being fondled in his sleep.

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Dr. Frank Valcour

Thereafter, the molestations took place for the most part on Father Sutphin's days off, when he would take the boys with him to his parents' home in Santa Barbara, some ninety miles from their home. In the backyard in Santa Barbara, there was a trailer. He would spend the night with both boys in the trailer, with one of them sleeping in his bed. (On occasions like this, and on the vacations, the boys would fight over who would "have to spend the night in Father Sutphin's bed.") On one of these occasions, REDACTED clearly remembers being fondled to the point of masturbation. The memory haunts him still. He clearly remembers another vacation, in the summer of 1969 (when the boys were between 7th and 8th grades), when Father Sutphin would watch him taking a shower--giving the excuse that he just wanted to see how he was developing. At night, Father Sutphin would lie behind him in bed and, REDACTED says, "I could feel him." REDACTED says he cannot remember exactly, but figures that over the years he was in bed with Father Sutphin somewhere between 30 and 60 times. He says he blocked this out of his memory for a long time, but now that he has begun counseling, it is coming back.

While he never saw Father Sutphin do anything to his brother, REDACTED he relates that his brother "hates" Father Sutphin to this day and does not like to hear his name mentioned. Of his mother, REDACTED says "Carl had a control over my mother that I can't describe. She would let him do whatever he wanted because he was a priest."

There was also a niece, whom Father Sutphin would tease in cruel ways--holding her over the flame of the stove and threatening to burn her. This happened many times, and to this day she gets physically sick at the mention of Father Sutphin.

REDACTED also recounted how Father Sutphin would tell him about how he himself was molested as a child. He would tell these stories about himself "constantly."

On July 30, 1991, REDACTED and I confronted Father Sutphin with the allegations presented by REDACTED. Almost immediately, he admitted to genital fondling of REDACTED on one occasion. He made a big denial of smaller points, such as having watched him in the shower. At one point, I said (referring to the notes I had taken from my conversation with REDACTED): "I realize you deny most of what I have written here." Father Sutphin replied "No, I didn't say I deny it--I just don't remember."

REDACTED asked Father Sutphin: "Would you say you took the boys up to Santa Barbara 20 times?" Reluctantly, he replied "Over the seven-year period, maybe." REDACTED continued: "What about during the last 20 years, from 1970 to the present? Have you taken other kids on your days off or on vacation?" Father Sutphin answered "Yes." REDACTED asked: "Would they sleep with you in bed?" Father Sutphin assumed a vague look and said "No." I asked Father Sutphin in a firm voice: "Never??" He instantly replied: "Once."

Dr. Frank Valcour

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At present, I am awaiting a call from REDACTED brother, REDACTED REDACTED and I have extended an invitation to the niece to contact me should she desire to do so. I suspect the brother will call, at which time I will relay to you further information.

We are obviously most concerned about this case. It came as a total surprise to us. However, in looking back, we see Father Sutphin's isolation from other priests, his living alone in a house adjacent to the hospital where he ministered, his introversion and apparent lack of close priest friends as symptomatic of a deeper problem. At this point, we have serious reservations about his continuing in ministry.

I will look forward to your contacting me should you need any further information, and I will be in touch following your testing and recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Timothy J. Dyer
(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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St. John's Regional Medical Center

August 14, 1991

Rev. Timothy Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
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Dear Father Dyer,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Fr. Carl Sutphin who is a member of the Chaplaincy team at St. John's Regional Medical Center. As Director of Chaplain Services I have worked closely with Carl for 10 years and have been his immediate supervisor for 7 years.

Carl has been a staff chaplain at St. John's for 16 years. He has worked as the evening chaplain for many years and is responsible for pastoral care for patients, families and personnel throughout the hospital, including crisis intervention, sacramental ministry and follow-up on referrals given to him by the day staff. Although he works evenings he is very much a part of the chaplaincy team at our hospital. This team consists of 7 staff members, including two Protestant Chaplains, another Catholic Priest, two laywomen, a Sister as well as Chaplain Interns in our Clinical Pastoral Education Program. Carl is well liked by the other members of the team. He is patient and kind, generous with his time and energy. He seems to love his work and is very compassionate with the patients, families and hospital personnel. He has been faithful and steadfast in his commitment to the chaplaincy team and the persons he serves. He meets with the other chaplains daily to receive a report regarding patients and families in need of follow up care during the evening shift and he participates in weekly staff meetings and other special functions of the department.

Carl and I meet weekly to talk about concerns; this time has given us the opportunity to come to know each other better and build mutual trust. Carl often has difficulty expressing his feelings or making his needs known. I feel he has made progress over the years.

Carl has talked with each of the chaplaincy staff to tell them that he will be going to St. Luke's Institute for an evaluation. During this two week interim period while he has been at the retreat center he has received several phone calls from his fellow chaplains, expressing their care and concern for him. It is our hope that he will be able to return to St. John's.

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It is my hope that this letter will assist the personnel at St. Luke's Institute in their evaluation process. If I can be a further resource please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

August 16, 1991

Fr. Timothy Dyer
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, Ca. 90015-1194

Dear Fr. Dyer,

I want to thank you for your concern for me and the prompt action you have taken to protect other children from Carl Sutphin.

I also want to tell you how much I need and appreciate the Archdiocese enabling my therapy to continue by ensuring the bills incurred by this therapy are paid. Without this financial assistance I am not sure how much more counseling I could afford.

REDACTED

I have been making progress in my sessions and now know that one day I will put this behind me and lead a normal life, without all of the hate and anxiety associated with molestation. I also hope that I will eventually return to the Church when I have dealt with the fear, hate, and anxiety I still have for it.

I know this must have been a difficult situation for you, and I want to thank you once again for the kindness and compassion that you have shown me. Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely,

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REDACTED

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August 20, 1991

REDACTED

Dear Mr. REDACTED

First of all, I want to thank you for the information you have provided us. While it is about a most difficult subject to discuss, at the same time it will lead, I am sure to a good result for everyone involved. I was also glad to hear when we talked on August 14 that you are pleased with the actions we have taken with regard to Father Sutphin.

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Rev. Carl Sutphin
c/o Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth St.
Los Angeles, CA 90015

When we receive such bills, we will see to it that they are promptly paid--either directly to the counselor involved or by reimbursement to you if you have already paid them.

I am continuing to try to get in touch with your brother, who told me he will be calling me back. If you yourself should have anything further you wish to share--or any questions--please do not hesitate to call me. My office number is REDACTED my private number at the rectory is REDACTED

Again, thanks. Wishing you the best of blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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REDACTED

Dear Staff:

I am sending you attached a letter I received from the Director of Chaplain Services at REDACTED REDACTED the hospital where Father Carl Sutphin has been working for the last 16 years.

After reading this letter, I spoke directly with the Director, REDACTED and feel that a few of the things she told me were somewhat significant--actually more so than what she wrote in her letter.

She said that during her ten years at the hospital she has never had any reason to suspect inappropriate behavior at the hospital on the part of Father Sutphin. She said, however, that on his days off Father Sutphin spends all his time at a little Mexican community by the name of REDACTED. She said she knows there are a number of young boys there who look up to him as a "father figure," that people there seem to revere him and look to him as their Pastor (although the community is actually a mission within a parish). She also said that Father Sutphin does not seem to have close friends--his main support being the hospital staff and his mother.

I also wanted you to know that just before Father Sutphin left for St. Luke's, I spoke with him and found that he was deeply anxious about the prospect of going there. As you no doubt know by now, he is very simple. Indeed, he relates to me almost like a child. He has exhibited great fearfulness about his future. He asks permission for every move he makes. He is hungry for reassurance and comfort.

I have decided to FAX this information to you because it may possibly be of some help to you during this week of evaluation.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy J. Dyer
(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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Sutphin

FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

DATE: August 20, 1991

TIME: 11:15

TO: REDACTED
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FROM: Rev. Timothy J. Dyer

FAX # (213) 251-2607

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CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

August 25, 1991

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Carl Sutphin

Dr. Valcour of St. Luke's Institute called with a preliminary report following the 5-day evaluation of Fr. Sutphin. He said that Fr. Sutphin is a "troubled man" whose self esteem is poor. He described him as "very dependent" as well as "chronically tense and anxious". He said that while Fr. Sutphin was basically cooperative, they had to "tease" some of the information out of him. His sexual problems are significant -- the most recent acting out being three years ago. Dr. Valcour said, however, that Fr. Sutphin is not a terrible danger to minors; his sexual inclination is "almost voyeuristic". He suspects that the lack of complaints from children is probably due to the low degree of intrusiveness in Fr. Sutphin's behavior.

The recommendation is for treatment at St. Luke's. Earliest admission will be early October and Dr. Valcour foresees no danger nor need for strong supervision until then; he even said he thought Fr. Sutphin could go back to work at the hospital. I spoke to Fr. Sutphin this morning and he would like to stay at his mother's until his departure for St. Luke's and I told him I thought that would be best.

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The full report should arrive in 10 days. I will keep in touch with Fr. Sutphin and keep you posted.

*Thank you - good progress -
+ RMM*

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Saint Luke Institute

August 27, 1991

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Reverend Timothy J. Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 1531 West 9th Street
 Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
 REDACTED

Dear Father Dyer:

Thank you very much for the referral of Reverend Carl Sutphin, a 59 year old priest from the Los Angeles archdiocese who was ordained in 1958. Thank you also for the careful documentation which helped guide our approach to this evaluation. Although quiet and somewhat isolated, Father Sutphin was not known to have any behavioral problems nor were there complaints about him. The complaint you received in July from a man who alleged that Father Sutphin had abused him some twenty years ago came as a surprise. The specificity of this man's complaints clearly made a comprehensive evaluation necessary.

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Reverend Timothy J. Dyer

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August 26, 1991

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REDACTED Because of the nature of the referral, extra care was taken in reviewing the development of Father Sutphin's sense of his own sexuality. REDACTED REDACTED

REDACTED REDACTED With repeated questioning and soul searching on his part, he was able to describe a number of incidents where he had touched boys in their genital area. REDACTED REDACTED

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Reverend Timothy J. Dyer

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Sexual disorder not otherwise specified - unintegrated
sexuality and ephebophilia REDACTED

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Our recommendation for Father Sutphin is that he come to the Saint Luke Institute for comprehensive treatment. A variety of early life experiences, several of which have been mentioned above, have rendered Father Sutphin vulnerable to low self-esteem and sexual acting out. In fact, the form of his sexual misbehavior with young people clearly echoes his own deep felt personal concerns originating in his delayed puberty. His low stress tolerance and significant unmet dependency needs give him little reserves in terms of coping appropriately with sexual impulses and opportunities. It is important that he learn to associate in more satisfying and gratifying ways with peers rather than children. REDACTED

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eighteen and, specifically, he should not have them spending time with him in his personal quarters or on vacation. Other than that, I do not think his continuing in his present ministry position until he comes for treatment poses significant risks to himself or others.

In closing, I would like to thank you again for your cooperation with us, and I ask for your continued prayers in support of our work and those we serve.

Respectfully,

REDACTED

REDACTED

cc: Rev. Carl Sutphin

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St. John's Regional Medical Center



August 30, 1991

Rev. Timothy Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy
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Dear Father Dyer,

I am both disappointed and frustrated that I did not receive a call from you this week as promised regarding Fr. Carl Sutphin's status. I left three messages with your assistant and secretary on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday indicating it was necessary for me to speak with you by the end of the week. When I called again this afternoon I was told you could not be reached until September 3rd. As I indicated in my messages, I will be away until the afternoon of September 4. I am writing this letter to express the hospital's concerns and our need for a prompt response.

Father Carl has indicated that he will be returning to St. Luke's Institute for treatment next month. We need the Archdiocese's confirmation of this and clarification of whether he will be reassigned to St. John's following the completion of this program. We have been unable to communicate with hospital personnel and patients who are asking about his status. He has been away from the hospital for a month and this communication is overdue.

His absence has caused a significant staffing problem for the chaplaincy department who provide 24 hour coverage, 7 days a week. It is necessary for us to replace Fr. Carl's clinical hours with a trained and certified hospital chaplain as soon as possible. The hospital operates within serious budget constraints and it is important for us to know if we are recruiting for a temporary or permanent staff chaplain position. It may be very difficult for us to fill a temporary position with a qualified person, especially if this requires relocation to accept the position. For this reason, it is imperative that the Archdiocese inform us now if Father Carl will not be re-assigned to St. John's following his program at St. Luke's. If it is a strong possibility that he will return to the hospital we would like to keep the position available for him. If this is the case we need to have a definite time frame so we can plan accordingly.

Your assistant, ^{REDACTED} called to ask for Fr. Carl's Social Security number. It is REDACTED We assume that the Archdiocese will begin paying Fr. Carl's salary effective September 1, 1991. Please advise us regarding this matter.

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 Oxnard, CA 93030
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I will be returning to the hospital on Wednesday, September 4 and will be here all evening. I would appreciate a call from you.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

cc: REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

September 8, 1991

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Sutphin

The evaluation report from St. Luke's for Fr. Sutphin is attached. As you know from my previous memo which outlined the initial phone conversation with Dr. Valcour following the testing, the recommendation was made for residential treatment beginning in early October. Plans are proceeding in that direction.

*Please proceed - thanks!
+ RMD
9-9-91*

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*I believe you
will have to communicate
w. Fr. Sutphin
as I believe he leaves
while I'm away
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Saint Luke Institute

October 11, 1991

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Rev. Carl Sutphin
 c/o Rev. Timothy J. Dyer
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 1531 West 9th Street
 Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Father Sutphin:

We look forward to your arrival on October 23, 1991. To facilitate your entry into Saint Luke Institute, we would like for you to know the following:

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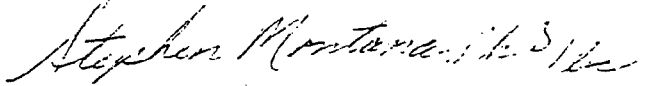
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wishes you the best as you begin in the program.

Our entire staff

Sincerely,



Stephen Montana, Ph.D.
Director
Outpatient Department

REDACTED

cc: ✓ Rev. Timothy J. Dyer

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Saint Luke Institute

October 24, 1991

CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Timothy J. Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy
 1531 West 9th Street
 Los Angeles, California 80015

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
 Saint Luke Institute - REDACTED
 Admission Date: October 24, 1991

Dear Reverend Dyer:

This brief note is to inform you that Father Sutphin has been officially admitted to the Saint Luke Institute.

Father Sutphin's individual therapist during his treatment here is REDACTED. REDACTED will write you monthly to apprise you of Father Sutphin's progress during his time here at Saint Luke Institute.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and the important ministry of service you undertake on behalf of Christ's Church.

Sincerely,
 REDACTED

Frank Valcour, M.D.
 Vice President for Medical Affairs

REDACTED

cc: Reverend Sutphin

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Saint Luke Institute

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December 17, 1991

Reverend Timothy J. Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy
 1531 West 9th Street
 Los Angeles, CA 80015

Re: Rev. Carl Sutphin
 SLI #: REDACTED

Dear Father Dyer:

Father Sutphin has been in treatment almost for two months. REDACTED
 REDACTED

We will keep you appraised of Father Sutphin's work, please call if you have any questions or concerns. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your ministry during this advent season.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

cc: Rev. Carl Sutphin

REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

December 27, 1991

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Carl Sutphin

Attached is the latest progress report for Fr. Sutphin from St. Luke Institute.

Please keep me informed,

+ RMM

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January 28, 1992

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Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
SLI REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

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REDACTED We have encouraged him to discuss with his friends and the treatment team the impact his delayed and stunted sexual development had on him and then to explore the relationship between this emotional wound and his acting out. REDACTED

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Sincerely,
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REDACTED

cc: Rev. Carl Sutphin

CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUMFebruary 9, 1992

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Carl Sutphin

Attached is the latest progress report on Fr. Carl Sutphin from St. Luke's. I will shortly be giving you further information from my visit with Fr. Sutphin last week.

Reverend - hopeful,

+ RMD

2-11-92

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March 5, 1992

Dr. Frank Valcour
St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, MD 20746

Dear Dr. Valcour:

I write to give you an update as to our thinking regarding Father Carl Sutphin following on our visit February 4, 1992.

I would say from the outset that both REDACTED and I find Father Sutphin's to be a rather pathetic case. He tugs at our heart strings and yet frustrates us. I must say that at this point we are not comfortable with the idea of his returning to ministry following his residence at St. Luke's.

Our conversation with Father Sutphin, though brief, left us thinking that he has progressed very little since his arrival there at the Institute. He seems still to hide behind his "anxious little boy" approach to life. Throughout our discussion he would look up at me and whisper "Just let me go back to the hospital."

I am in no way confident that he has broken down the walls of denial that surround his past behavior with youngsters. During the luncheon conversation, he told me that he had had no incidents since taking the chaplaincy at St. John's Hospital in Oxnard. I shot back at him: "Never?" To which he responded "Well, once."

Further, we are not satisfied with his explanations regarding the testimony of REDACTED. He began his comments by saying that he was very disturbed by the allegations made. When I questioned him about that, the only real dispute was about the number of times involved, rather than the involvement itself.

I think there needs to be a great deal more exploration in re REDACTED brother and the niece whom Father Sutphin is said to have terrorized. Granted he does not remember it in this way, but REDACTED says that the niece still suffers from the effects. In addition, there is still the whole question of involvement with the youngsters at Cabrillo Village. While no allegations have been forthcoming, we do know from the Administrator of the hospital that Father Sutphin was often in the company of children. He was unsupervised while volunteering to take on a pastoral role in that community.

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March 5, 1992

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All this leaves us most concerned and doubtful about Father Sutphin's future in ministry. I think it would be wise for his therapist to approach him with this letter. I do not think that Father Sutphin really contemplates being withheld from ministerial assignment upon his return, and perhaps the shock of knowing how serious we are will stimulate him to work at more depth in his residence treatment.

As soon as possible, I would like to hear from you and his therapist regarding possible dates for his release from St. Luke's. If you see a need to extend his care beyond the time in April that we talked about, please let me know--as we would be likely to approve that.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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March 9, 1992

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Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 80015

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
SLI REDACTED

I need to dictate another letter to St. Luke's - which I'll attach to this report before sending it on to Carl. Pls pull my last (recent) letter to St. Luke's re Carl Sutphin. Rwa

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

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REDACTED We believe he could return to hospital chaplaincy without posing any real threat to youth, the Church or himself. We do not recommend any parish, community or youth work at this time.

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March 9, 1992

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin

Please be assured that our prayers are for you and the ministry you undertake on behalf of Christ's Church.

Sincerely,
REDACTED

REDACTED,

cc: Rev. Carl Sutphin

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March 27, 1992

REDACTED

St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Mr. REDACTED

I received your progress report on Father Carl Sutphin of March 9, and I suspect that perhaps our correspondence crossed in the mails. I had sent a letter to Dr. Valcour on March 5 and realize now that I mistakenly did not send you a copy. If for any reason you have not yet received that letter, a copy is attached.

In my March 5 letter, I outlined my very strong reservations about Father Sutphin at this time. In addition to those reservations, I will shortly be speaking with Dr. REDACTED and the rest of the staff about the obstacles we are running into in setting up after-care programs, due to California State laws on the "reporting of child abuse."

In sum, I am doubtful as to Father Sutphin's having experienced an in-depth change and understanding while at St. Luke's, and I am not hopeful about the ongoing recovery we can offer him once he returns here. I think he must be faced with the fact that he very possibly may not be able to return to active ministry. I would hope that to some extent one of the consequences of this would be his facing more clearly the gravity of the issues that confront him.

My own experience with Father Sutphin at the lunch table in February --when we were discussing such issues--remains with me. In the middle of the conversation, he leaned forward and said; "Just let me go back to the hospital. That is all I want." My reading of that interjection in the middle of our treatment of his problems is that he was avoiding the issues and hoping to put St. Luke's behind him, so he could get back to the safety of his hospital chaplaincy. I must also add that I feel a great deal of sympathy for him, and I am trying not to allow his almost pathetic pleading to blur the need for a decision that will serve his best interests and protect the community. Thus I would like to hear a good deal more in response to my concerns, as expressed in my letter attached, before making a final judgment as to Father Sutphin's future.

If you have any questions. please contact me by phone. My number at home is REDACTED

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer'
Vicar for Clergy

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Notes re Fr. Carl Sutphin

4/28/92

Mtg. with Carl and his therapist, REDACTED

- Accountability and structure will be needed for recovery in the post-St. Luke's living situation.
- Frank Valcour, REDACTED do not see Carl as a high risk for acting out again.
- He can go through a normal work schedule of 40 hrs./wk.
- Needs to transfer affection needs from kids to adults.
- Need for someone to be able to support Carl in such a way as to challenge him.

Mtg. with Carl's group therapist:

- Carl is not assertive in "group". He is passive unless challenged to speak out.
- The next step is for Carl to integrate this into his own life, i.e. learn to challenge himself... put tacks under himself...

Mtg. with REDACTED

- Carl demonstrates reliability around consistent service.
- Still, a big concern around "aggression". "You, Carl, do not have harmless ways to discharge aggression -- which is the motivator of your acting out.
- Therapy needs to be prescribed for personality work -- to learn from a group how to be more aggressive.
- "A lot of what you present to others -- your 'timid, fearful self' is a defense, not you."

T.D.Y.



Saint Luke Institute

CONTINUING CARE CONTRACT

PATIENT: Reverend Carl M. Sutphin

SAINT LUKE INSTITUTE NO: REDACTED

ADMISSION DATE: October 24, 1991

DISCHARGE DATE: June 23, 1992

PRIMARY THERAPIST: REDACTED

ADMITTING PHYSICIAN: Frank Valcour, M.D.

This contract is entered into freely between the undersigned, Reverend Carl M. Sutphin and the Saint Luke Institute for a period of six months, beginning June 23, 1992 and ending December 23, 1992. At the end of the six month period, the undersigned and his continuing care therapist shall review the terms of the contract and make any changes/revisions deemed necessary. The terms of the contract are confidential and may be shared only with the expressed permission of the undersigned. This contract was written by Father Sutphin and approved by his therapist, REDACTED As of this date, the terms of the contract are as follows:

A. PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH:

1. I will avoid all circumstances and/or events that could lead me to sexual addiction.
2. I will guard against all such activities that may be a hindrance to my vow of celibacy, especially with teenage boys to the 18th year.
3. I shall bond with SA fellowship both inside and outside of the meetings.
4. I shall keep in mind the continuing care practices of Saint Luke Institute.

B. PHYSICAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

1. I will continue medications as prescribed by Saint Luke Institute.
2. I will have regular medical check-ups by my internist REDACTED MD.
3. I will strive to follow a special diet for REDACTED

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Continuing Care Contract
Rev. Carl M. Sutphin - 12452

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4. I will strive to sleep at least 7 hours each night.
5. I will continue daily walks for physical fitness.

C. EMOTIONAL HEALTH:

1. I will obtain a therapist.
2. I will join speciality groups (assertiveness training, conflict management).
3. I will avail myself of time off for personal vacations each year.
4. I will limit work to 30 hours a week for my first three months at home, to counteract compulsive "yes saying" and my tendency to do more than reasonable amounts of work.
5. I will talk about negative or uncomfortable feelings when they occur and discuss these in therapy or SA meetings.
6. I will talk to a support group person when faced with traumatic or fearful feelings.

D. SOCIAL AND INTERPERSONAL HEALTH:

1. I will maintain regular contact with my family and personal friends, maintaining more intimate bonds.
2. I shall continue to develop healthy relationships with other members of the 12-Step programs.
3. I will share in enriching social activities on a regular basis with members of my local community.
4. I will develop relationships with priests in my area.

E. SPIRITUAL LIFE AND GROWTH:

1. I will spend at least 1/2 hour each day in private personal prayer.
2. I shall be fervent in the recitation of the Divine office daily.
3. I shall choose spiritual director/confessor with whom I will meet monthly to discuss my spiritual health.
4. I shall make a yearly retreat.
5. I will continue to read current books and periodicals on theological and spiritual topics for my enrichment.

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F. CONTINUING CARE:

1. I will be in contact with my continuing care therapist on a monthly basis.
2. I will attend the Continuing Care workshops at Saint Luke Institute every six months for two years; then once a year for three years.
3. I will select people to be members of my support group.
4. I will have a re-entry workshop within ten weeks after my discharge.

G. ACCOUNTABILITY:

1. I shall be directly accountable to my sponsor in the 12-Step program, to my support group membership, to my therapist, continuing care therapist and my Ordinary.

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Carl M. Sutphin
Reverend Carl M. Sutphin

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Frank Valcour
Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

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CONFIDENTIAL

June 29, 1992

Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 1531 West 9th Street
 Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

RE: Reverend Carl Sutphin
 SLI NO: REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

Father Sutphin was discharged on June 23, 1992. Enclosed is a copy of Father Sutphin's Continuing Care Contract which is in effect for six months. REDACTED REDACTED who is the Coordinator of Continuing Care Services, will negotiate another contract with Father Sutphin after the six month period is over. REDACTED will be your contact person during Father Sutphin's five year continuing care program.

You are well aware that treatment was difficult work for Father Sutphin. Some of the factors which contributed to the difficulty were his shame regarding his sexual misconduct, an interactional style which attempted to manipulate through a display of weakness and which precluded honest disclosure.

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REDACTED His acting-out had some characteristics of addiction, like secrecy, shame and denial, but lacked the driven quality so often found in sex addicts.

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Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
June 29, 1992

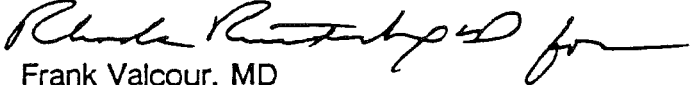
RE: Reverend Carl Sutphin
SLI NO: REDACTED

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Church and anticipate that a chaplaincy placement in a setting without youth will provide enough structure for Father Sutphin to minister and maintain his recovery.

Please be assured of our prayers for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and your ministry in Christ's Church.

Sincerely,
REDACTED


Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice President for Medical Affairs

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cc: Reverend Carl Sutphin
Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM

July 14, 1992

TO: CARDINAL MAHONY
FROM: FATHER TIMOTHY DYER
RE: FATHER CARL SUTPHIN

This is to make formal the recommendation that Father
Carl Sutphin be assigned as Chaplain (along with Father
REDACTED at [REDACTED] beginning August 1, 1992.

This has been approved by [REDACTED], and the
Archdiocese will remain the source of salary and benefits
for Father Sutphin.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 1992
FROM: Father Dyer
TO: Cardinal Mahony
RE: Rev. Carl Sutphin

Attached is post-discharge report from St. Luke's on Father Sutphin, together with copy of his Continuing Care Contract.

*Many hopeful signs here!
+ RMK*

8-14-92

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California
90015-1194

DATE: November 25, 1992
FROM: Rev. Timothy J. Dyer, Vicar for Clergy
TO: REDACTED
RE: Rev. Carl Sutphin
Reports from St. Luke Institute

Attached are copies of reports received from St. Luke Institute regarding Father Carl Sutphin:

- report dated June 29, 1992 (Copy of Continuing Care Contract attached)
- report dated March 9, 1992
- report dated January 28, 1992
- report dated December 17, 1991
- report dated August 27, 1991

Also attached is copy of my letter to REDACTED Inpatient Therapist at St. Luke Institute dated March 27, 1992 in response to the March 9, 1992 evaluation from St. Luke Institute.

Father Sutphin has given permission for these reports to be released to you.

REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 25, 1992
FROM: Mary
TO: FILE
RE: Rev. Carl Sutphin

Father Dyer called and told me to photocopy reports from St. Luke Institute regarding Father Carl Sutphin and send them to Dr. REDACTED

Father Dyer indicated that he had obtained premission from Father Sutphin to release the reports to Dr. REDACTED

The following reports from St. Luke Institute were mailed to Dr. REDACTED today:

- June 29, 1992
- March 9, 1992 with cover letter dated March 27 to Mr. REDACTED at St. Luke Institute from Father Dyer (per T.D.)
- January 28, 1992
- December 17, 1991
- August 27, 1991



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December 29, 1992

Monsignor Timothy Dyer
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
SLI No: REDACTED

Dear Father Dyer:

Father Sutphin attended a workshop with us the week of December 14 to 18, 1992 as part of his Continuing Care program. REDACTED
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December 29, 1992

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin - SLI No: REDACTED

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We thank you for the support you offer to Father Sutphin. REDACTED
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Sincerely,
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Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

cc: Reverend Roger Mahoney, DD
Reverend Carl Sutphin

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December 29, 1992

Monsignor Timothy Dyer
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 1531 West 9th Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
 SLI No: REDACTED

Dear Father Dyer:

Father Sutphin attended a workshop with us the week of December 14 to 18, 1992 as part of his Continuing Care program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months. REDACTED
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December 29, 1992

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin - SLI No: REDACTED

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Sincerely,
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Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

cc: Reverend Roger Mahoney, DD
Reverend Carl Sutphin

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January 4, 1993

Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 1531 West Ninth Street
 Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

RE: Reverend Carl Sutphin
 SLI NO: REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

Father Carl Sutphin recently attended a workshop with us the week of December 13 - 17, 1993 as part of his Continuing Care Program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months. The following is our perception of Father Sutphin's progress in his ongoing recovery:

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2. Current Living Experiences/Vocational Functioning: Father Sutphin reports he continues to enjoy his current ministry working as assistant chaplain at the hospital as well as saying Mass two times per week at the Cathedral. He states he is very comfortable with his current work load schedule and finds it very satisfying. Father Sutphin continues to struggle with the fact that he cannot fully inform certain members of his community of his situation, however, realizes it is important to be selective with regard to who he confides in regarding his history. REDACTED

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RE: Reverend Carl Sutphin - SLI NO: REDACTED

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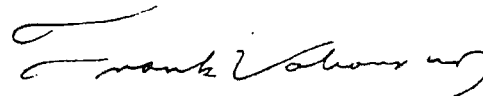
A copy of this letter is being sent to Father Sutphin for his reflections. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact us.

We thank you for the support you offer to Father Sutphin. We believe that a life of sobriety helps him to continue in his life-giving ministry with God's people. We ask for your prayers in behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and for continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely yours.

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Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice President for Medical Affairs

cc: Reverend Carl Sutphin

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*Carl Sulphin*

MEMORANDUM

April 12, 1993

TO: Monsignor Timothy Dyer
FROM: Monsignor Thomas Curry *T.C.*
RE: Fathers REDACTED and Carl Sulphin

I promised Terry Fleming to check with you to see if either or both of these priests could be available on a regular basis to assist at St. Vibiana.

My understanding is that it would not be good for either presently to reside at a parish, and I told Terry that was my understanding. However, they do need priests to assist with Masses on a daily basis at St. Vibiana, and both of these priests also speak Spanish.

Let me know what you think. I well realize how careful we have to be these days.

Many thanks for your help.

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*Returned
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letter for
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by fr. J. Sullivan
no action on
this one*

Saint Luke Institute

To: The Official Work Supervisor of Carl Sutphin

Carl will be returning to Saint Luke Institute in the near future to participate in a Continuing Care Workshop. In order to assist us in assessing his/her progress, we would ask that you take a short period of time to answer the following questions and to return this form to us in the accompanying envelope.

1. How often have you been in contact with the client over the past six months? Have these contacts been initiated by them or by you?
2. How would you characterize the relationship between the client and yourself? To what do you attribute the character of this relationship?
3. How would you characterize his/her progress in recovery? You may want to address some issues such as ministerial functioning, relations with those with whom they live, relationships with authorities, participation in support group or recovery oriented activities, such as Twelve Step meetings, psychotherapy, priest's/religious support groups, community activities, etc.
4. What other information are you aware of that you feel would be relevant to our assessment that has not been covered by the first three questions?

You may also wish to share your concerns with the Continuing Care client at this time. We encourage our clients to seek out and take advantage of your observations.

Thank you again for your help, and do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns at REDACTED

Sincerely,
REDACTED

Please identify yourself:

Name: _____

Relationship to Client: _____

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Coordinator, Continuing
Care Services

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

1531 West Eighth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015-1124

June 9, 1993

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St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear REDACTED

In response to the questions regarding Father Carl Sutphin asked of me in your recent letter:

- (1) My contacts with Father Sutphin have for the most part been by phone, initiated by him as often as they are by me, usually to discuss permissions or business matters.
- (2) I would characterize the relationship between Father Sutphin and myself as gradually becoming less tense for him over the past six months. While we had had a very good rapport on a personal level prior to his going to St. Luke's, I believe he now relates to me much more in my role as Vicar for Clergy and authority figure than at the former personal level.
- (3) I would characterize his progress in recovery as very good. He has been completely cooperative in informing me of his activities when they extend in any way beyond the original agreements we had made as regards his ministry. My associate, REDACTED who works with the retired priests and those in convalescent homes, visits Nazareth House regularly and reports that Father Sutphin has become well established there and is highly regarded by the staff and the patients. This is similar to the high esteem in which he was held at St. John's Hospital in Oxnard, where he formerly ministered for ten years. Father Sutphin has cooperated with regular therapy visits to Dr. REDACTED and will very soon become part of the therapy group for priests being formed by him. I presume Father Sutphin is continuing with his 12-Step meetings.
- (4) We are pleased that the ministry of a very fine priest has been saved through intervention therapy and ongoing care. I would like Father Sutphin to feel more relaxed in dealing with my office, so that he will make his needs known and I can be of service to him.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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July 14, 1993

Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 1531 West Ninth Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90015-1194

RE: Reverend Carl Sutphin
 SLI NO: REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

Father Sutphin recently attended a workshop with us the week of June 27, 1993 as part of his Continuing Care Program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months. The following is our perception of Father Sutphin's progress in his ongoing recovery:

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RE: Reverend Carl Sutphin - SLI NO: 12452

July 14, 1993

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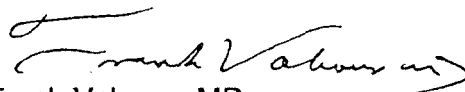
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Sincerely yours,

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Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice President for Medical Affairs

cc: Reverend Carl Sutphin

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*C-File
Carl Sutphin*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 28, 1993
FROM: REDACTED
TO: Monsignor Curry
RE: REDACTED

REDACTED is the sister of REDACTED who is a victim in the Carl Sutphin case.

The Archdiocese paid for therapy for REDACTED for some months, at which time the social agency in REDACTED providing the therapy recommended he go instead for marital therapy and wrote us to that effect.

We wrote back to the agency saying we needed to know to what extent the original problem was involved in the marital difficulties, but never received a reply.

REDACTED called here on 7/23 after Msgr. Dyer had left to say her brother was again in need of and willing to undergo therapy and asking if we would pay for same. She stated no marital therapy was undertaken as his wife refused to participate and she said they were now divorced.

She mentioned that she would be very angry if we did not now agree to pay for further therapy.

I asked her to put the request in writing for Msgr. Dyer and told her that when it came in I would see that someone in authority responded and she agreed readily.

REDACTED phone at work is REDACTED and at home is REDACTED

My recollection is that REDACTED and his sister came in together to see Msgr. Dyer at the beginning of this case. I believe, however, that Msgr. Dyer did subsequently speak personally with REDACTED by phone. Also I think there was a brother of REDACTED also involved who was to have contacted us. I do not think he ever did so.

I have told REDACTED to forward the letter from REDACTED to you when it comes in, along with the Sutphin file.

17160

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 3, 1993
FROM: Monsignor Dyer
TO: Cardinal Mahony
RE: Rev. Carl Sutphin

Attached is the most recent report from the Continuing Care Program of St. Luke's
re Father Carl Sutphin.

Seems to be making out satisfactorily -

- Rmk

8-4-93

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VICAR FOR CLERGY NOTES CARL SUTPHIN

JANUARY 11, 1994

Carl Sutphin: Call from Rev. Richard Loomis

Met with Mrs. REDACTED (knows her as good Catholic). [She] reported fondling of her two boys (brothers) when they were 9-10 years old by Carl Sutphin. Mrs. REDACTED said "Father Carl was a family friend and took kids on fishing trips..."

REDACTED is willing to speak:

Get: REDACTED

Calls to Mother and REDACTED

Mrs. REDACTED

Both my sons need to be contacted. REDACTED = very angry (going through marital problems. REDACTED = keeping things locked up inside. Both = very anti-Church and anti-priest. Overnight fishing trip. Stayed at the mother's trailer. Brought in one at a time to fondle them in his bed.

REDACTED (01//11//94:

Police officer...yes, I'll think about coming in to talk to you.

REDACTED (01/11/94):

O.K....I'll talk with my brother about a time to meet with you.

On 01/11//94, I called the mother and both sons to offer counseling and help.

I called again in early February to remind them I was awaiting their getting in touch, so that I could arrange for therapy as well as a more complete account of the molestation (if they wanted to give it).

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C-File Carl Sutphin

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

January 15, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Carl Sutphin

Attached is the latest report from St. Luke's Institute for Fr. Carl Sutphin. I concur in its conclusion that Fr. Sutphin seems to be truly committed to his recovery program. He is probably the best at staying in contact with me (regarding his ministry, vacations, permissions) among any of those who have returned from residential treatment during my time in this position.

Apart from this, I was contacted this past week by a family in Oxnard whose two sons REDACTED were molested by Fr. Sutphin in the early '70's. This family is well known to both Msgr. Fleming and Fr. Loomis. I have invited both men to meet with me and have assured them that we will offer all the therapeutic treatment necessary for their recovery.

Does sound positive -

+ RMM

1-20-94

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 Street

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 California
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February 4, 1994

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

I am writing to follow up on our phone conversation of January 11 regarding Father Carl Sutphin.

I realize that this is a painful memory and one that is distasteful to discuss with someone outside your family.

At the same time, I believe your having an opportunity to speak with me and to ask me questions, as well as to understand the ways in which the Church can offer you resources for healing, will be beneficial in the long run.

I am ready to meet with you whenever it is most convenient for you, and in whatever setting would be most comfortable for you. I can meet with you alone, or you can bring others. You may reach me at my office REDACTED or at my home phone REDACTED

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

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Saint Luke Institute

To: The Official Superior of Carl Sutphin:

Carl will be returning to Saint Luke Institute in the near future to participate in a Continuing Care Workshop. In order to assist us in assessing his/her progress, we would ask that you take a short period of time to answer the following questions and to return this form to us in the accompanying envelope.

1. How often have you been in contact with the client over the past six months? Have these contacts been initiated by them or by you?
2. How would you characterize the relationship between the client and yourself? To what do you attribute the character of this relationship?
3. How would you characterize his/her progress in recovery? You may want to address some issues such as ministerial functioning, relations with those with whom they live, relationships with authorities, participation in support group or recovery oriented activities, such as Twelve Step meetings, psychotherapy, priest's/religious support groups, community activities, etc.
4. What other information are you aware of that you feel would be relevant to our assessment that has not been covered by the first three questions?

You may also wish to share your concerns with the Continuing Care client at this time. We encourage our clients to seek out and take advantage of your observations.

Thank you again for your help, and do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns at REDACTED

Sincerely,
REDACTED

Please identify yourself:

Name: _____

Relationship to Client: _____

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June 14, 1994

REDACTED

St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland MD 20746-5294

Dear REDACTED

I write in response to the questions in your form letter preceding the upcoming Continuing Care Workshop in which Rev. Carl Sutphin will be participating.

(1) I have been in contact with Carl several times by phone/once with his therapist and group--initiated by therapist.

(2) Relationship over the past year has shown marked increase in trust.

(3) I have no questions about Carl's being in recovery and following his program. His reviews at Nazareth House are very positive in re his ministry to patients.

(4) I have some questions regarding the need at this point for continuing care workshops at St. Luke's, as Carl seems stabilized. REDACTED is of the opinion, however, that they continue to enforce the understanding that his involvements with minors were very serious. I would appreciate your comments as to specific reasons why he should or should not continue.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

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Saint Luke Institute

July 8, 1994

Confidential

Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
1531 W. Ninth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
SLI # ^{REDACTED}

Dear Monsignor Dyer,

Father Sutphin attended a workshop with us the week of June 20, 1994 as part of his Continuing Care program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery.

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REDACTED

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin REDACTED

July 8, 1994
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REDACTED

REDACTED

We would like to encourage Father Sutphin to continue confiding in those who he feels comfortable with in his recovery program. Father Sutphin was very much an active participant in this Continuing Care workshop and we appreciate his presence during the week. During the Continuing Care week, the need for Father Sutphin's continued participation in the Continuing Care workshops was discussed among the team and with Father Sutphin. The research suggests that many persons with compulsive sexual disorders experience the most serious challenges to their sobriety two to three years after treatment, usually because they begin to pull back on their recovery activities. REDACTED

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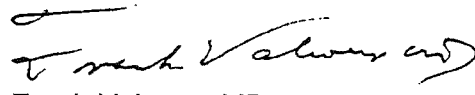
Reverend Msgr. Timothy J. Dyer
Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin #^{REDACTED}

July 8, 1994
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your prayers in behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and to continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely,
REDACTED

REDACTED



Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

cc: Rev. Carl Sutphin

17142

MEMORANDUM

August 8, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer
RE: Fr. Carl Sutphin

Attached is the latest report from St. Luke's Institute re Fr. Carl Sutphin.

Sounds like very good progress!

+ Rnk

8-12-94

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F. Carl Sutphin

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September 1, 1994

Rev. Carl Sutphin
 REDACTED

Dear Carl:

I must begin this letter with an apology. I have been remiss in not sending you information regarding your group therapy with Dr. REDACTED

As I am sure you know by now, the Los Angeles Times published a notice early this summer regarding Dr. REDACTED involvement in a professional matter that resulted in a review of his conduct by an investigatory Board. At that time, I was not sure whether the matter involved a revocation of his license or a period of probation that would have restricted his practice of therapy.

I am sorry for not having written promptly to tell you at least that much, so that you would understand that his relationship with you and with the Archdiocese was under review.

Since then, our Legal Department has been studying the matter, and Dr. REDACTED himself made available to me just last week all the material from the Board of Review that dealt with a matter of misconduct with one of his patients a number of years ago. Having now read that material, I am prepared to meet with him soon to consider the advisability of his continuing in his previous relationship with you and other priests of the Archdiocese.

I can tell you that Dr. REDACTED has been most cooperative in disclosing the matter involved, and once I have talked it over with him I will be in touch with you for input before making a final decision. You can expect a letter or phone call from me within one month, so that we can resolve this matter, which has caused disruption to you, as well as confusion, I am sure, as regards your relations with him.

With thanks for your patience, I remain

Yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy

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Saint Luke Institute

December 21, 1994

Confidential

Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
 Vicar for Clergy
 1531 W. Ninth Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
 SLI No: REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

Father Sutphin attended a workshop with us the week of December 11, 1994 as part of his Continuing Care program. The following is our perception of Father Sutphin's progress in his ongoing recovery:

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Father Sutphin reports that he is no longer in group therapy since June, 1994 when his group broke for the summer. In August, 1994 he learned that his therapy group had been disbanded because the Archdiocese had discontinued the services of Dr. Chase. While Father Sutphin did not benefit from group therapy because of strongly divergent understandings of treatment among group members, he still feels the need to be in individual therapy on a monthly basis. It is our opinion that his therapy needs to be reinstated as soon as possible. Currently, Father Sutphin reports that he participates in three SA meetings per week and feels very good about the support he receives there. REDACTED

REDACTED

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Reverend Monsignor Timorthy J. Dyer
Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin - SLI No: REDACTED

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REDACTED Occasionally, he struggles with flashbacks of his sexual experiences and deals with them through prayer, talking with his support group members, and engaging in helpful distractions, like listening to the radio.

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REDACTED

We would like to encourage Father Sutphin to continue with his serious commitment to his recovery program and 12-step spirituality. As mentioned earlier, we recommend him going back to individual therapy even if it were on a monthly basis. We are also of the opinion that spiritual direction on a consistent basis will be beneficial to his recovery process. During the Continuing Care workshop, Father Sutphin was very much an active participant and we appreciated his presence during the week. We would like to thank Father Sutphin for his participation in this Continuing Care workshop and look forward to seeing him for his next workshop from June 19-23, 1995.

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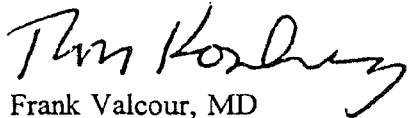
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Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin -REDACTED

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We thank you for the support you offer to Father Sutphin. We believe that a life of sobriety helps him to continue in his life-giving ministry with God's people. We ask for your prayers in behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and to continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely,
REDACTED

REDACTED



Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

cc: Reverend Carl Sutphin

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December 23, 1994

REDACTED

St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Mr. REDACTED

I apologize for not having returned the enclosed form, completed, prior to Father Carl Sutphin's recent six-month evaluation.

I see no change in the positive directions of his life and ministry since my last report.

I send you this now for your records.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

Enclosure

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CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUMJanuary 9, 1995

TO: Cardinal Mahony
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer ^{TD}
RE: Fr. Carl Sutphin

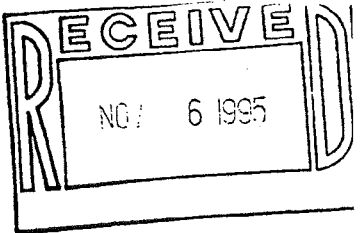
Attached is the latest report from SLI on Fr. Sutphin following his most recent Aftercare Workshop.

You will note the need to find a therapist to replace Dr. ^{REDACTED}; I have been working on this but, unfortunately, have not yet found the right person. Drs. ^{REDACTED} and ^{REDACTED} are assisting in the search.

*Thanks - please proceed Journal -
+ RHM*

1-18-95

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Saint Luke Institute

October 18, 1995

Confidential

Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
SLI REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Dyer:

Father Sutphin attended a workshop with us the week of June 19, 1995 as part of his Continuing Care program. In our transition period in July, we unfortunately did not mail this report. Please accept our apologies for the lateness of this update. The following is our perceptions of Father Sutphin's progress:

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Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer
Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin - SLI REDACTED

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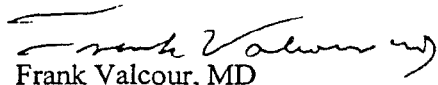
Father Sutphin presents as one who is following his recovery program. After discussion, it was determined that Father Sutphin will complete his continuing care workshop contract plan on an annual basis. Therefore, his next continuing care workshop will be in June of next year. We would like to congratulate Father Sutphin on his new assignment and encourage him to continue utilizing his recovery resources. We would like to thank Father Sutphin for his participation in this continuing care workshop and look forward to seeing him in the future.

REDACTED

We thank you for the support you offer to Father Sutphin. We believe that a life of sobriety helps him to continue in his life-giving ministry with God's people. We ask for your prayers in behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and to continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely,
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Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice-President for Medical Affairs

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cc: Reverend Carl Sutphin

17125

MEMORANDUM

To: Cardinal Roger Mahony
From: Monsignor Richard Loomis
Date: Monday, February 26, 1996
Re: Father Carl Sutphin

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Eminence,

I reviewed Father Sutphin's file. There is no expression of any specific restrictions on his ministry. However, he has been carefully placed so that he is not involved with minors on any kind of regular basis. We do not have Father on one of our CPIP protocols. I am not sure why not.

The only material which might establish limits to ministry or lifestyle that I can find in his file is the attached "Continuing Care Contract" from Saint Luke Institute. I have highlighted certain points which you might want to be aware of when you speak with him.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

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Saint Luke Institute

To: The Official Superior of Carl Sutphin

Carl will be returning to Saint Luke Institute in the near future to participate in a Continuing Care Workshop. In order to assist us in assessing his/her progress, we would ask that you take a short period of time to answer the following questions and to return this form to us in the accompanying envelope.

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4. What other information are you aware of that you feel would be relevant to our assessment that has not been covered by the first three questions?

You may also wish to share your observations with the Continuing Care client at this time. We encourage our clients to seek out and take advantage of your observations.

Thank you again for your help, and do not hesitate to contact if you have any concerns at REDACTED

Sincerely,
REDACTED

Please identify yourself:

Name: RICHARD A. LOOMIS
Relationship to Client: VICAR FOR CLERGY

17113

Dear Monsignor -

This form should be completed in preparation for my June visit to SCL. June 97 is my last visit as my contract ends then.

I attend three twelve step programs each week one of which is on the leader in Spanish for those with court orders.

Thank you
Carl

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BY: _____



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April 30, 1996

Reverend Carl M. Sutphin
St. Vibiana Cathedral
114 East Second St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3796

Dear Carl:

This letter is simply to place in written form what I will already have discussed with you in person, namely, that it is really important for you and for the Archdiocese that we formalize the Continuing Care Contract which you signed at St. Luke Institute on June 23, 1992.

For some reason, our system within the Office of the Vicar for the Clergy, failed to work out an ongoing protocol with you as is required in all these cases.

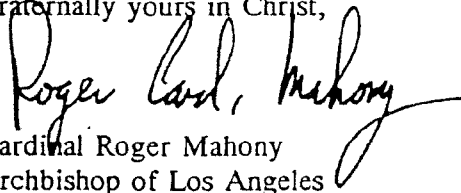
I hasten to assure you that there are no problems of any kind, and on the contrary, we have been delighted with your presence and pastoral ministry at St. Vibiana's Cathedral. It is a joy to have you in the house, and it is wonderful working with you at the Cathedral Parish.

When REDACTED joins us in mid-May, he will be working with all of the priests to make certain that their aftercare protocols are current and that the regular monitoring proceeds as required.

I will ask REDACTED to be in touch with you sometime following his arrival so that you too can be included with our other priests in this care and concern for each one of you.

Thanking you for your understanding in this matter, and assuring you of my prayers and support, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Monsignor Richard Loomis

REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

Responses concerning Father Carl Sutphin

1. I have been in contact with Carl perhaps four times. Twice we met by chance. Once he contacted me concerning this form. Once I called him.
2. Our relationship is cordial. We served in the same Deanery in Ventura County. I was in parish ministry. Carl was hospital chaplain. The relationship is cordial because our dealings were based on the fraternity of priests within a Deanery. Carl's service as chaplain was valued by the priests in the area. Also, he was well-known and well-liked.
3. From my limited contact, I believe he is doing well in recovery. While living at Nazareth House, he was well-received by the retired priests and people who lived there. I believe his experience as a hospital chaplain was helpful in that assignment. The priests in his current assignment are happy to have Carl living with them and working with them in the parish.
4. Several months ago, I received a complaint from the family in Oxnard whose children Carl abused. They were somewhat shocked that he had dropped by the house to say "hello." They thought he would not dare come to their home. I told Carl that he was not to be in contact with them in any way since they were very disturbed by the visit. When I brought this to Carl's attention, he did not have any kind of strong reaction. His affect was quite flat.

I think perhaps some discussion of appropriate boundaries with victims and victim's families would be in order. I think it would be very beneficial to have Carl begin a Clergy Performance Improvement Protocol (CPIP) as part of the follow-up to his treatment. This is a protocol we use with our priests which involves the pastor, therapist as well as the priest himself in a relationship to support recovery. There are three formal evaluations each year. The priest's spiritual director is also involved, but only as the recipient of information. The goal is to offer maximum support for recovery. It dovetails well with the continuing care programs of our priests who have been in residential treatment. If you wish more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I have shared this information with Carl and hope it is helpful in your continuing support of his recovery.

Msgr. Richard A. Loomis
Vicar for Clergy

5/21/96

17114

June 4, 1996

Continuing Care Program
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Continuing Care Team:

This report constitutes Father Carl Sutphin's fourth annual report on the quality of his recovery during the past year. It is a personal pleasure to report on Carl's progress as my first official interaction with you in a new capacity.

Upon prudent inquiry and attested by the signature of his Parish Administrator, Carl Sutphin is now engaged in full-time parish work as sacramental and pastoral minister. There are no limits placed on Carl's ministry at this time though he is careful to monitor his behavior with regard to the confessions of children.

Additionally, he has maintained a schedule of attending three S.A. meetings a week. He has exercised leadership in a spanish speaking S.A. meeting, sponsors a priest in recovery, and provides spiritual direction to a number of recovering persons.

Carl is in good recovery. He has already accumulated six and a half years of continuous S.A. sobriety. He evidences clear gratitude for all the good that is happening to him with which he has been free to respond.

We look forward to your report after a week's re-entry and the suggestions for continuing care in what will be Carl's final year in continuing care at SLI.

Respectfully submitted,

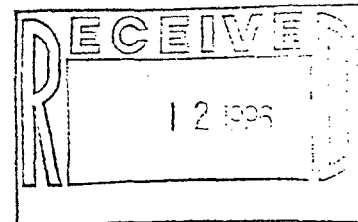
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read and witnessed:

Reverend Carl Sutphin

Msgr. Terence Fleming
Chancellor and Cathedral Administrator

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Saint Luke Institute

CONFIDENTIAL

July 1, 1996

Reverend Monsignor Richard A. Loomis
 Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of Los Angeles
 1531 W. Ninth Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90015

RE: Reverend Carl Sutphin
 REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Loomis:

Father Sutphin attended a workshop with us the week of June 17-21, 1996, as a part of his continuing care program. The following is a report of our evaluation of his progress in recovery based on a June 19, 1996 structured interview, collateral letters, including yours, REDACTED REDACTED received from his support network, and his participation in group sessions.

1. Recovery Program: This was Father Sutphin's seventh and penultimate continuing care workshop. His final workshop will be scheduled this time next year, completing his contractual treatment agreement. REDACTED REDACTED

We appreciate your concern, Monsignor Loomis, about Father Sutphin's contact with a victim's family. This concern was raised in both his individual and group sessions. We feel it is important that Father Sutphin continue to revisit the issue, perhaps in group therapy. The Clergy Performance Improvement Protocol you outlined in your letter could also be a context in which to empower Father Sutphin to better use his recovery skills in recognizing potentially problematical situations, such as the one you described, in time to avoid them.

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Reverend Monsignor Richard A. Loomis
RE: Reverend Carl Sutphin -REDACTED

July 1, 1996
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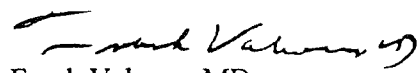
We commend his active participation in 12-step fellowship, and his intention of engaging a sponsor with whom he can work his recovery more closely. We recommend he keep his current schedule of meetings, adding his therapy group when it is available. As his therapeutic contract with St. Luke Institute reaches its completion, this is an appropriate time to begin your Clergy Performance Improvement Protocol for continuing support of Father's recovery.

REDACTED

Sincerely,

REDACTED

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Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director
and Vice President for Clinical Services

REDACTED

cc: Reverend Carl Sutphin

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Title:Rev.

First: Carl

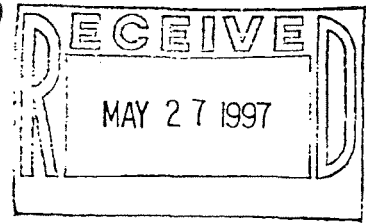
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REDACTED , victim. He wrote to REDACTED in July of 1991 to let him know that he and his brother had been sexually abused by Father during the time that he had been assigned to St. Rose of Lima, Maywood -- 1964 through 1970. Victims were offered therapy, and Father was sent to St. Luke's for a psychological evaluation. In January, 1994 other victims surfaced: REDACTED -- two boys, brothers. They were molested in the early '70s. The family lives in REDACTED

He attended his last workshop at SLI the week of May 5 - 9, 1997.

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Saint Luke Institute

May 16, 1997

Confidential

Reverend Monsignor Richard A. Loomis
Vicar for Clergy
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Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin
SLI#: REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Loomis:

Father Carl Sutphin attended a workshop with us the week of May 5-9, 1997, as part of his continuing care program. The following assessment is based on an individual structured interview held on May 6, 1997, collateral data sent on his behalf, and his participation in the workshop week.

- 1. **Recovery Program:** This was Father Sutphin's last workshop according to his continuing care contract. He reports no inappropriate sexual behavior over the past year. REDACTED
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Reverend Monsignor Michael A. Loomis
Re: Reverend Carl Sutphin - REDACTED

May 16, 1997
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REDACTED

We thank you for the support you offer to Father Sutphin. His life of recovery is a blessing for himself and for others. We ask for your prayers on behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve.

Sincerely,
REDACTED

REDACTED

Stephen Wojcisz, M.D., for
Frank Valcour, MD
Medical Director and
Vice-President for Clinical Affairs

REDACTED

cc: Reverend Carl Sutphin

17105

REVEREND CARL M. SUTPHIN

Appointments

St. Joseph, Hawthorne - Associate 05/16/58
St. Rose of Lima, Maywood - Associate 05/15/64
St. Mary Magdalen, Camarillo - Associate 01/07/71
St. John's Hospital, Oxnard - Chaplain 04/21/75
Sick Leave - 09/01/91
Nazareth House, Los Angeles - Chaplain 08/01/92
St. Vibiana's Cathedral, Los Angeles - Associate 06/01/95
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles - Associate 03/14/2001
Retired, living privately 02/26/2002

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January 3, 2005

Dear Monsignor Cox:

I acknowledge your kind letter of December 20, 2004, with enclosure.

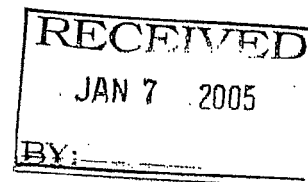
Rest assured that the check in amount \$500.00 in payment of the taxa for the case of Father Carl Sutphin will be duly forwarded through the diplomatic pouch to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nuncio

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
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December 20, 2004

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, J.C.D.
Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

RE: Reverend Carl Sutphin (Nunciature Prot. N. 25.831)


Your Excellency:

Enclosed, please find a check made out to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith as payment of the *taxa* for the case of Father Sutphin that you forwarded to the Congregation on our behalf on November 21, 2004.

Would you please be so kind as to forward this check to the Congregation on our behalf?

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter. May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,



Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

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Check Date: 14.Dec.2004

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November 21, 2004

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Dear Monsignor Cox:

I acknowledge your kind letter of November 18, 2004,
with enclosures.

Rest assured that the correspondence concerning
Reverend Carl M. Sutphin will be duly forwarded through the
diplomatic pouch to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger,
Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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November 18, 2004

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, J.C.D.
Apostolic Nunciature
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RE: Reverend Carl M. Sutphin

Your Excellency:

Enclosed, please find a letter from Cardinal Roger M. Mahony to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger at the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, regarding Reverend Carl M. Sutphin. With his letter are copies of the completed summary pages requested by the Congregation. All materials are submitted in triplicate.

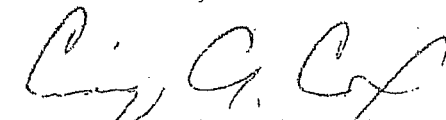
Cardinal Mahony is seeking the assistance of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in this matter.

Would you please be so kind as to forward this to the Congregation on our behalf?

I regret that I am unable to enclose a check to cover the usual *taxa* with this letter. I will forward a check in the near future.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter. May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,



Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

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17 November 2004

His Eminence
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza Del S. Ufficio, 11
00120 VATICAN CITY

Re: Rev. Carl M. Sutphin

Your Eminence:

By this letter I seek your advice and instruction in regard to the particularly troubling matter that involves Reverend Carl M. Sutphin, a priest of this Archdiocese. He has been one of our most egregious offenders in the area of sexual abuse of minors, but also among the most repentant and cooperative.

The summary table lists over a dozen complainants, all of them boys of pre- and early pubescent age. The misconduct is alleged to have occurred over a twenty-year period, dating from his first priestly assignment. Some of the acts are alleged to have been perpetrated in the context of sacramental confession. While he has admitted to sexually abusing some of the complainants, there has not been time to investigate the veracity of all the complaints we have now received.

Upon returning from treatment at St. Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland, Father Sutphin was placed in two low profile assignments where he could be monitored closely. He was granted retirement in view of the moral impossibility of allowing him to continue in ministry owing to the previously reported sexual misconduct. In view of the Stogner decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, he no longer faces criminal liability for his actions, but he is named in various civil lawsuits for damages.

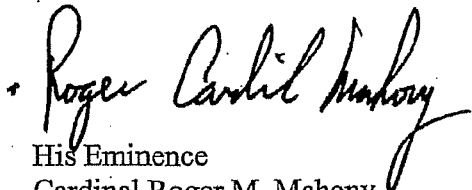
Father Sutphin is now 72 years old and lives with his ailing mother. While he no longer has the faculties of the Archdiocese, he does say daily Mass in private for his mother, one of her few remaining consolations in this world.

There is no question that Father Sutphin could ever be allowed to resume any priestly ministry. The egregious nature of his offenses, even if some of the allegations should not be substantiated, demands the strongest of penalties. Yet his mother's dependence on him and his attitude of repentance and cooperation suggest that it would be reasonable to delay an imposed dismissal from the clerical state as long as his mother remains alive.

In view of these circumstances, I request the grant of an exception to prescription for all offenses ~~against canon 1395, §2 that apply in this case. I propose to complete a preliminary investigation~~ of all the allegations. Obstacles presented by the current civil litigation will delay completing this investigation. Unless the facts should call for a judicial trial, I expect that I will eventually request the authorization to use the administrative process of canon 1720 to remove Father Sutphin from the clerical state. As he is fully vested in our pension plan, he would continue to receive suitable support in his final years.

If the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has other thoughts about how to proceed in the matter, I would be most happy to hear them. I entrust this matter to your discretion and await your instructions. Please know that you remain in my prayers.

Fraternally yours in Christ,


His Eminence
Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

DIOCESE	Los Angeles in California
NAME OF ORDINARY	Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
CDF PROT. N. (if available)	145/03
NAME OF CLERIC	Reverend Carl M. Sutphin

PERSONAL DETAILS OF THE CLERIC	Date of Birth	24 June 1932	Age	72
	Ordination	1 May 1958	Years of ministry	44
ORIGINAL DIOCESE OF INCARDINATION		Los Angeles in California		
MINISTRY IN/TRANSFER TO OTHER DIOCESE				
CONTACT ADDRESS OF THE CLERIC		157 Dahlia Way Ventura, California 93004		
PROCURATOR (include original signed mandate)				
CONTACT ADDRESS OF THE PROCURATOR				
ASSIGNMENTS				
Year	Parish	Location	Appointment	
1958	St. Joseph	Hawthorne, California	Parochial Vicar	
1964	St. Rose of Lima	Maywood, California	Parochial Vicar	
1971	St. Mary Magdalen	Camarillo, California	Parochial Vicar	
1975	St. John Regional Medical Center	Oxnard, California	Chaplain	
1991			In Transition	
1991			Sick Leave	
1992	Nazareth House	Los Angeles, California	Chaplain	
1995	St. Vibiana Cathedral/ Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels	Los Angeles, California	Parochial Vicar	
2002			Retired without Faculties	

ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE CLERIC				
Year	Victim	Age	Imputable Acts	Denunciation
1974	REDACTED	9	Conversations involving sexual topics with the boy, touching and fondling under the guise of wrestling, attempts to masturbate the boy, with one or more of these activities taking place on several occasions over a period of a year.	1994
1977	REDACTED	10	Force the boy to sit on his lap, fondling the boy under the guise of tickling and wrestling, brought the boy to his bed, masturbated the boy, on several occasions	1994
1964	REDACTED	9	Sexual conversations, physical abuse, kissing, forced boy into bed with him naked, forced the boy up against him naked while the priest was having an erection, fondling the boy's genitals both over and under clothing, masturbating the boy, threatening the boy with going to hell if he told anyone of these actions, numerous time over a period of many years.	1991
1968	REDACTED	10	Some physical abuse, sexual talk in and out of the confessional, kissing on mouth, fondling of genitals both over clothing and directly, forced the boy to masturbate the priest, priest masturbated the boy, attempt at having the boy orally copulate the priest, threats of going to hell if he told, numerous occasions over a three year period.	1991
1965	REDACTED	14	Instructed the boy to lower his pants and masturbated the boy, had the boy fondle the priest's penis through clothing, sodomizing the boy, fondling of the boy's genitals, oral copulation, occurring numerous times over a period of a year.	2003
1963	REDACTED	13	Engaged in sexual conversations, stroked the boy's inner thigh and then began to rub his penis, and then had the boy go to confession (for other sexual items) on one occasion. The boy indicates that he resisted several other attempts by the priest to get him into a private place alone because he feared the priest would continue to engage in abusive activities.	2003
1971	REDACTED	12	Priest placed his hands on the boy's crotch and masturbated him, one two occasions.	2003

1972	REDACTED	13	Touching and masturbating the boy, forcing the boy to masturbate the priest, placing the boy's face in his crotch, with these actions occurring fifteen to twenty times over a period of three years	2003
1972	REDACTED	8	Putting the boy's face in his crotch, attempting to masturbate the boy, occurring five to ten times over a four year period	2003
1972	REDACTED	9	Fondled and masturbated the boy while performing prayers and engaging in religious speech, several times over a period of three years	2003
1976	REDACTED	11	Under the pretext of hearing his confession, touching the boy's anus area and fondling his buttocks, fondling the boy's genitals and masturbating the boy, forcing the boy to masturbate him, kissing of the boy on the mouth, approximately once a month over a three year period	2003
1958	REDACTED	13	During confession, the boy confessed masturbating and priest recognized his voice. Afterwards the priest approached the boy in the sacristy and asked him to demonstrate how he masturbated. The priest then exposed himself to the boy and demonstrated how one "should" masturbate. On other occasions the priest would masturbate the boy. The priest threatened the boy if he told. This occurred over a period of approximately a year.	2003
1958	REDACTED	12	Exposed the boy to pornography, wrestle, physically abuse, fondle and masturbate the boy numerous times over a period of approximately three years.	2003
1970	REDACTED	10	Fondled genitals and attempted to masturbate the boy while he was naked, multiple times, two with very clear memories, over a period of a year.	2003
1962	REDACTED	11	Sexual talk, touching, fondling, masturbation on several occasions over a three year period.	2003
1975	REDACTED	14	One occasion, took the boy to his apartment, engaged in sexual talk, brought the boy to his bed, had the boy fondle and masturbate his genitals, simulated intercourse	2003

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CLERIC			
Year	Type/Case	Conviction	Sentence (include copies of civil documents)
2002-2003	Grand Jury Investigation	none	Father Sutphin was arrested in 2003 as a result of alleged criminal molestation of minors. Eventually, the investigation was closed and charges were dismissed because prosecution of the alleged criminal activities was barred by the expiration of the criminal statute of limitations as determined by the United States Supreme Court in its Stogner decision.
2003	Civil lawsuit for damages (BC304904) REDACTED and REDACTED REDACTED s and	pending	
2003	Civil lawsuit for damages (BC308213), REDACTED	pending	
2003	Civil lawsuit for damages (CIV224515) REDACTED	pending	
2003	Civil lawsuit for damages (CIV224635) REDACTED	pending	
MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESE			
Year			
1991	In July 1991, REDACTED wrote to Cardinal Mahony and reported sexual abuse by Father Carl Sutphin. He was removed from ministry and sent to The Saint Luke Institute for evaluation in August 1991, and entered treatment there in October 1991.		
1992	Upon discharge from treatment he engaged in aftercare activities by mutual agreement. He was given an assignment as Chaplain at a Catholic convalescent home that did not involve direct ministry to minors.		
1994	The Archdiocese received additional allegations of sexual misconduct on the part of Father Sutphin. These reports alleged abusive activities with two minor males dating to the early and mid 1970's.		
2002	Father Sutphin was asked to retire without faculties and willingly did so.		
SUSTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE DIOCESE TO THE CLERIC			
While on sick leave in 1991-1992, Father Sutphin received the usual sustenance provided for priests.			
Costs related to his treatment and aftercare counseling were paid by the Archdiocese.			
REDACTED			

RESPONSE/RECOURSE MADE BY THE CLERIC	
Year	
BISHOP'S VOTUM	
<p>From the claims that have been made involving him, it is clear that for the first several decades of his priesthood Father Sutphin harmed many young people. It also appears that, subsequent to intervention and treatment in 1991-1992, he apparently did not re-offend when returned to a monitored and limited ministry.</p> <p>There are very few priests of this Archdiocese who have had more allegations of such an egregious nature made against them.</p> <p>Since several of the denunciations took place in 1991 and 1994, I hereby request that prescription be dispensed for the purpose of pursuing an appropriate canonical penal action with regard to those charges as well as the allegations that have only surfaced in the past year.</p> <p>It has not yet been possible to do an investigation of the more recent denunciations. Thus, at this time I am not requesting the authorization of any particular process. It remains to be seen whether the facts in this case will call for a trial or whether it would be more appropriate to request the administrative process of canon 1720. I did not, however, want to lose the opportunity to address the denunciations made in 1991 and 1994 in any eventual process. Therefore, I am reporting the matter to the Congregation and making the request for dispensation of prescription at this time.</p>	



CONGREGATIO
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00120 Città del Vaticano,
Palazzo del S. Uffizio

21 January 2006

PROT. N. 145/2003...21976
(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Eminence,

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith received your correspondence regarding the case of the **Rev. Carl M. SUTPHIN**, a priest incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, who has been accused of the sexual abuse of minors.

This Dicastery, after a careful and attentive study of the facts presented, and in light of the faculty granted to this Congregation by the Supreme Pontiff on 7 February 2003 to dispense from Article 17 of the *motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela* requiring a penal judicial process, decided, on 25 November 2005, to request that the above mentioned priest be dismissed from the clerical state *ex officio*.

In an audience granted on 16 December 2005, the Supreme Pontiff decreed that the Rev. Carl M. Sutphin is dismissed *ex officio et pro bono Ecclesiae* from the clerical state, and is, moreover, released from all obligations of the Sacred Priesthood, including that of celibacy. Any censures, under which he may be labouring, are remitted by this decree.

You are kindly asked to inform Rev. Sutphin of this grave decision according to paragraph 7 of the enclosed decree. A signed and notarized copy of the decree should be returned to this Dicastery at your earliest possible convenience

With fraternal regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain

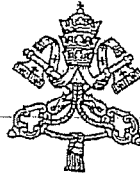
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CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI
(Dimissio e statu clericali ac dispensatio ab oneribus)

Prot. N. 145/2003

Angelorum in California
(Los Angeles, U.S.A.)

D.nus Carl M. SUTPHIN

Die 16 m. Decembris a. 2005

Summus Pontifex Benedictus, Papa XVI

audita relatione Exc.mi et Rev.mi Praefecti huius Congregationis circa gravem agendi rationem supradicti presbyteri archidioecesis Angelorum in California (v.d. Los Angeles, U.S.A.), praemissis praemittendis, suprema atque inappellabili decisione nullique recursui obnoxia,

decrevit

pro bono Ecclesiae dimissionem e statu clericali dicto presbytero irrogandam esse.

Eidem presbytero etiam dispensationem concedit ab omnibus oneribus sacrae Ordinationi conexas iuxta sequentes rationes.

1. Dimissio ac dispensatio vim habent ab ipso momento decisionis Romani Pontificis.
2. Dimissionis ac dispensationis Decretum presbytero a competenti Ordinario loci notificetur, cui numquam fas est duo illa elementa seiungere. Idemque insuper secumfert absolutionem a censuris, quatenus opus sit.
3. Notitia dimissionis ac dispensationis adnotetur in Libris baptizatorum paroeciae praedicti presbyteri.
4. Quod attinet si casus ferat, ad celebrationem canonici matrimonii, applicandae sunt normae quae in Codice Iuris Canonici statuuntur. Ordinarius vero curet ut res caute peragantur sine exteriori apparatu.
5. Auctoritas ecclesiastica, cui spectat Decretum praefato sacerdoti notificare, hunc enixe hortetur, ut vitam Populi Dei, ratione congruendi cum nova eius vivendi condicione, participet, aedificationem praestet et ita probum Ecclesiae filium se exhibeat. Simul autem eidem notum faciat ea quae sequuntur:

- a) *presbyter dimissus eo ipso amittit iura statui clericali propria, dignitates et officia ecclesiastica; ceteris obligationibus cum statu clericali conexas non amplius adstringitur;*
- b) *exclusus manet ab exercitio sacri ministerii, iis exceptis de quibus in can. 976 et 986 § 2 CJC ac propterea nequit homiliam habere, nec potest officium gerere directivum in ambitu pastoralis neve munere administratoris paroecialis fungi;*
- c) *item nullum munus absolvere potest in Seminariis et in Institutis aequiparatis. In aliis Institutis studiorum gradus superioris, quae quocumque modo dependent ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit;*
- d) *in aliis vero Institutis studiorum gradus superioris ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica non dependentibus nullam theologiam disciplinam tradere potest;*
- e) *in Institutis autem studiorum gradus inferioris dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit. Eadem lege tenetur presbyter dimissus ac dispensatus in tradenda Religione in Institutis eiusdem generis non dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica.*

6. Ordinarius curet ne presbyter dimissus, propter defectum debitae prudentiae, fidelibus scandalum praebet. Haec pastoralis sollicitudo Ordinarium a fortiori gravissime urget si adest periculum quamvis remotum minoribus abutendi.

7. Notificatio dimissionis et dispensationis fieri potest vel personaliter per notarium aut ecclesiasticum actuarium vel per «epistulas perscriptas» (*registered*). Sacerdos dimissus unum exemplar restituere debet rite subsignatum ad fidem receptionis et acceptionis eiusdem dimissionis ac dispensationis ac simul etiam praeceptorum, quod si non faciat integer manet effectus huius Decreti.

8. Tempore autem opportuno, Ordinarius competens breviter ad Congregationem de peracta notificatione referat, et si qua tandem fidelium admiratio adsit, prudenti explicatione provideat.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

Ex Aedibus Congregationis, die 16 m. Decembris a. 2005

REDACTED

Dies notificationis _____

Subsignatio Presbyteri in signum
acceptionis

Subsignatio Ordinarii

ID 14
CMOB # 014
Case Name Hospital Chaplin (Carl Stupin)
Active Case?
Cleric Name Sutphin, Carl
Cleric Age 70
Cleric Ethnicity
Incardination
Date Of Ordination 1958
Clergy Status Retired
Date Referred To Vicar 10/23/2002
Claimant Minor Male
Date Of Alleged Incident 2001
Investigation Complete
Investigator Name
Date Investigation Initiated
Date Investigation Completed
Case Disposition Substantiated
Intervention
Description Ordained in 1958. Parish assignments until 1975. Hospital Chaplain 1975-1991. First complaint made in 1991 by a man alleging abuse between 1964-1970 when he was 6 to 14 yrs old. Father X evaluated as an ephrophile. Residential treatment program. Second complaint made in 1994 by mother of two boys who reported Father X fondled her sons in 1976 when they were 9 and 10 yrs old. Follow-up therapy provided. Father X transferred to Cathedral as associate pastor in 1995 without restrictions and under close supervision. Retired in February 2002 and now living privately. Named as an abuser in L.A. Times article in April 2002. LAPD and Ventura County Sheriff investigating.

Case Status
 October 23, 2002 Report received no action required.
 November 10, 2004 A decision was made to submit this case to Rome but to hold a decision until the death of Fr's mother.
 February 22, 2006 February 22, 2006: Rome was notified that Fr's mother had died and in response sent a notice of dismissal from the clerical state. Fr has been advised of Rome's action.

Follow Up

Follow Up Date

Legal Proceedings

Sent To Rome?

Canonical Trial

Canonical Disposition

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Criminal

Date Sent To Rome

Canonical Trial Date

Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record

Mr Carl Maurice Sutphin

REDACTED

<i>Current Primary Assignment</i>		<i>Age</i>	77
<i>Birth Date</i>	6/24/1932	<i>Deanery</i>	23
<i>Birth City</i>	Santa Barbara, California, USA		
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>			
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	5/1/1958		
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Archdiocese of Los Angeles		
<i>Date of Incardination</i>	5/1/1958		
<i>Religious Community</i>			
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	To Lay State		
<i>Seminary</i>	St. John's Seminary, Camarillo		
<i>Ethnicity</i>	American (USA)		

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training*Date Background Check**Safeguard Training***Assignment History**

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Dismissed from Clerical State	12/16/2005	
Retired with No Faculties, NO FACULTIES. OUT OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY.	2/26/2002	12/15/2005
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	3/14/2001	2/25/2002
St. Vibiana Cathedral, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	6/1/1995	3/13/2001
Nazareth House, Los Angeles Chaplain, Active Service	8/1/1992	5/31/1995
Sick Leave	9/1/1991	7/31/1992
In Transition	8/2/1991	8/31/1991
St. John Regional Medical Center, Oxnard Chaplain, Active Service	4/21/1975	8/31/1991
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Camarillo Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/7/1971	4/20/1975

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Maywood Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/15/1964	1/6/1971
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hawthorne Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/16/1958	5/14/1964



Los Angeles Times
DEFENDANT: Carl Sutphin
is charged with 14 counts.

LA Times
4/23/03

Priest to Face Further Charges

Two more men accuse Father Carl Sutphin, 70, of molesting them as boys. His lawyer plans to contest a state law on sex-abuse prosecution.

By TRACY WILSON
Times Staff Writer

Ventura County prosecutors filed additional criminal charges Tuesday against a retired Catholic priest after two more men came forward with allegations that they were molested as boys three decades ago.

~~at the same time~~ Sutphin now faces 14 counts of child molestation involving six boys during the late 1960s and 1970s.

During a court appearance Tuesday, Sutphin's attorney, James Farley, told a judge he will seek a complete dismissal of charges by challenging a controversial state law that allows prosecutors to file sex-abuse counts years after an alleged crime has occurred.

Sutphin was arrested April 4 at his 99-year-old mother's home in Ventura on suspicion of molesting four boys.

Released on \$200,000 bail, Sutphin appeared in Ventura County Superior Court on Tuesday to answer those charges, but the matter was postponed after prosecutors presented him with a second criminal complaint involving two more victims.

Judge James Cloninger consolidated the cases and set arraignment for May 5.

Prosecutors sought a bail increase, but the request was denied.

Sutphin is now accused of molesting six boys, ages 7 to 12, between 1968 and 1978 while serving as an associate pastor at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Camarillo and as a chaplain at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard.

Farley and his associate, Kay Duffy, are representing Sutphin for free. The lawyer said Tuesday that Sutphin is penniless, in poor health and caring for his elderly mother.

He declined to identify the friend who secured Sutphin's release from County Jail, but said the clergy were not involved in posting bail.

Sutphin most recently worked at St. Vibiana's Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles and at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels while it was under construction.

LA Times 4/7/02

Priest Accused of Molesting 4 Retires Early

Religion: Cardinal Mahony says the allegations were made long before his 'zero tolerance' policy took effect, and he expresses sympathy for the cleric.

By RICHARD WINTON and BETH SHUSTER
TIMES STAFF WRITERS

A 69-year-old Catholic priest assigned to the new cathedral in downtown Los Angeles has been reported to police and forced to retire by Cardinal Roger M. Mahony because of allegations that the priest sexually abused four boys in the 1960s and 1970s.

The retirement earlier this year of the priest, Sutipin, came more than a decade after a man said he notified officials of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles that Sutipin had molested him and his brother as children.

The man, now 46, said he told church officials in 1989 that he and one of his brothers were molested by Sutipin in the 1960s when the priest worked at Maywood's St. Rosa of Lima church. Two years later, he said, he wrote a letter to Cardinal Mahony making the same allegations. "They promised me he'd retire and not be allowed to wear a collar," the man said. The Times has a policy of not identifying alleged sex crime victims unless they step forward publicly.

Separately, in 1994, a Ventura County Catholic school teacher reported to the archdiocese that her sons were molested on a 1976 fishing trip by Sutipin, then an Oxford priest, said Jeffrey B. Anderson, the family's attorney.

Cardinal Mahony talks about zero tolerance for priests who abuse now. Well, there was zero tolerance when this mother went to the church," said Anderson, who also represents the brothers, who live in Arizona and Texas. "For years he did nothing."

Mahony said the allegations against Sutipin were made long before implementation of his zero tolerance policy. The policy, adopted last year, requires the removal of any priest involved in a single instance of sexual abuse.

Sutipin was one of seven priests who were forced to leave the archdiocese this year because of allegations of sex abuse that occurred prior to 1997, Mahony said. Sutipin's name was given to the Los Angeles Police Department's Sexually Exploited Child Unit, an archdiocese attorney said in a letter last week to the alleged victims' lawyer.

Mahony said he required Sutipin to retire several months before his planned July retirement after reviewing sex abuse cases reported to the L.A. archdiocese. Sutipin, who Mahony said is living outside of Los Angeles, could not be reached for comment.

"I felt badly for all of [the priests forced to retire early], but particularly for him because if this had been a few months from now, he would have been gone anyway," Mahony said.

But Mahony said Sutipin "understood what he had to do for the good of the church."

The cardinal said he had sent Sutipin for psychological treat-

ment years ago, after learning of abuse allegations.

"It was one of those cases where I felt he had followed the treatment program successfully; honestly, and was rehabilitated to the extent anyone can be rehabilitated," Mahony said in an interview.

Mahony transferred him to work in a Catholic retirement home as chaplain before moving him to St. Vibiana's Cathedral to live and work.

"He was probably in the safest supervised situation," said Mahony, who lived with Sutipin at St. Vibiana's before moving into the new cathedral. "In some ways you couldn't have a safer place."

Church records show Sutipin was assigned to the new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels last March as associate pastor.

Mahony said Sutipin was bilingual, personable and "very good" with the homeless, who often came to St. Vibiana's. Sutipin also celebrated Mass at County Jail.

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Drivers OK Contract and End Walkout

Education: Workers are expected to return to school bus routes today. Pact includes 3.5% raise.

By LAURA LOH
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Striking Los Angeles school bus drivers are expected to be back at work today after members of Teamsters Local 572 voted Sunday to end their 26-day walkout and approve a contract that gives them pay raises but leaves some health-care issues unresolved.

The three-year contract with Laidlaw Education Services gives the drivers a 3.5% annual wage increase—retroactive to August—and a week of paid vacation each year. The union had sought a 5% annual increase.

Before the raise, Laidlaw drivers made \$8 to \$15 an hour. District-employed drivers earn \$13 to \$24 an hour.

During the strike, which affected nearly 20,000 students, the Los Angeles Unified School District relied on smaller contractors and its own buses and drivers to cover Laidlaw routes.

Medical benefits, the final sticking point in the negotiations, will be written into the contract after an arbitrator decides in coming weeks whether to accept the union's medical plan or Laidlaw's current plan.

The union said its plan would provide coverage for every employee, while the company's is so expensive that many drivers are forced to rely on public assistance for their medical care.

Only 35% of Laidlaw bus drivers are currently enrolled in the medi-

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PRIEST: He 'Took Away ... the Innocence'



Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Four men have accused the Rev. Carl Sutphin of abusing them.

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Anderson, the attorney, said Mahony's handling of Sutphin is similar to a case in the Stockton diocese when Mahony was in charge there. Anderson in 1998 won a \$30-million jury verdict for two brothers molested by a priest, an amount later negotiated to \$7 million.

During the trial, records were produced that showed the priest, Oliver O'Grady, was accused of molestation and then moved to another parish, where he continued to molest.

Mahony was the bishop who moved O'Grady. The cardinal testified in the civil trial that he was unaware of certain allegations against the priest when he transferred him.

Anderson said Sutphin's alleged victims stepped forward because they feared that Sutphin, like O'Grady, would target others.

The 46-year-old Arizona man said he was molested by Sutphin numerous times from 1964 through 1970. "The first time we were on vacation with him," he said. "I think it was June Lake near Mammoth." Sometimes, he said, it would be at Sutphin's parents' home in the Santa Barbara area.

The man's younger brother, 44, said he was molested in 1968 and 1969 by the priest. "I couldn't believe when I saw him in a photo with a collar still on," said the man, who lives near Houston. "It was mother's 80th birthday and someone had a recent picture of him."

Another brother, now a Los Angeles County sheriff's sergeant, said he recalled his brother revealing the molestation to the family in the late 1980s, and later writing to archdiocese officials. "The diocese promised he wouldn't wear a collar again," said the sergeant. He added that Sutphin had helped preside at his 1984 wedding.

Anderson said he sent a letter to Mahony on April 11, detailing the Ventura County allegations and asking that other accusations of sexual misconduct against Sutphin be immediately given to police. He also demanded Mahony answer a personal letter from the mother of the Ventura County brothers.

John McNicholas, an archdiocese attorney, replied in an April 22 letter that he advised Mahony not to write her.

In the letter, the mother, who said she spent 20 years teaching re-

ligion in Catholic high schools, said she has been waiting years for a "suitable response" from church officials.

She wrote that in January 1994 one of her sons alleged he had been sexually abused by Sutphin. Soon she learned that both of her sons recalled being molested in 1976 when they spent the night with him before a fishing trip. One boy, she alleged, was taken into the priest's room—and then the other. "The one who went first till this day feels he let his brother down for not telling him to stay put," she wrote.

She said the next morning in 1994 she called Msgr. Terrance Fleming to report the alleged abuse. Msgr. Timothy J. Dyer, who then oversaw priests, called her back and took names. He called her sons and invited them to Los Angeles. "Needless to say, they never made the trip," she wrote.

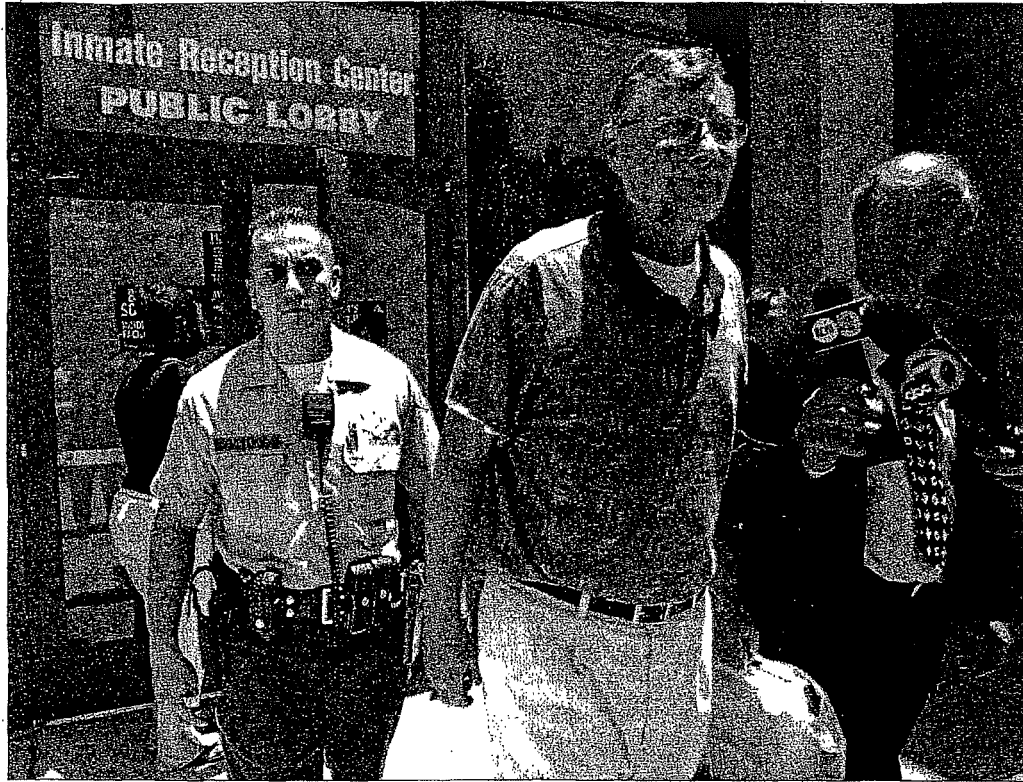
Dyer declined to comment. At Thanksgiving that year, Sutphin "arrived at our door like nothing had ever happened," she wrote. Her husband escorted him to his car. The next day, she said, she reported his visit to church officials.

"I have heard the cardinal saying that he believes the church has responded appropriately. I have to disagree," she wrote. "Any teacher with those accusations made against them would have the police at their doorsteps. ... Father Carl took away the most precious gift we had. The innocence of our children."

The mother said she wonders why zero tolerance for sexual abuse by priests was not imposed long ago. "I'd like to ask Cardinal Mahony, does he know what this priest took away from us?" she said in an interview.

Jail is the place for such priests, she said. "If I committed this crime that's where I'd be."

One of her sons said he never told a soul until 1994. "I am going to pursue it now," he said. "Changes have got to be made. There might be another kid like me out there."



GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

FREED: Retired priest Michael Wempe, center, walks out of County Jail in Los Angeles after a judge ordered his release on his own recognizance. He had been held on \$2-million bail on charges of molesting five boys 20 years ago.

Cell Doors Swing Open After Ruling on Molestation Cases

By TRACY WILSON AND MEGAN GARVEY Times Staff Writers

It was 2:26 a.m., and Lawrence Lovell was one of the first out. The 55-year defrocked priest awaiting trial on charges of molesting four altar boys at the historic San Gabriel Mission left Los Angeles County Jail after less than a week behind bars.

Twelve hours later, Michael Wempe left his jail cell with a smile on his face. The 63-year-old retired priest, whose bail had been set two weeks ago at \$2 million, had been charged with molesting five boys 20 years ago.

Both men have denied the charges against them. As hearings next week, their cases are likely to be dismissed, prosecutors say.

And so it went Friday as prosecutors, defense attorneys and the state attorney general's office scrambled to come to grips with the repercussions of a U.S. Supreme Court decision invalidating a California law that had allowed decades-old child molestation cases to be prosecuted.

Lovell and Wempe are among hundreds of people — some convicted, some acquitted — some still awaiting trial — who will be released from jails and prisons across California or whose cases will be dropped as a result of Thursday's decision.

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nia had violated the Constitution's ban on ex post facto — after the fact — laws when the Legislature decided to change the time limit for bringing criminal charges in child sex-abuse

cases and made the new limit retroactive to cover long-ago cases.

For many prosecutors, victims' advocates and police, the court's decision was hard to take.

The affected cases all involve not just allegations of abuse, but strong corroborating evidence which was required under

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Freedom for Many in Child Molestation Cases

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1994 law that the high court struck down.

"These are cases where almost always the perpetrator admitted the abuse in either direct interviews with investigators or the victims played a role in gathering evidence, making ... phone calls or meeting with the person while they were wired," said Kevin Murphy, a sex crimes prosecutor in Alameda County.

Friday morning, Murphy dismissed the case against Stephen Kiesle, a former priest who had told investigators that he molested a number of children three decades ago.

Kiesle had served time in the late 1970s in a separate child molestation case.

In Santa Clara County, Assistant Dist. Atty. Chuck Willingham spent long hours after the ruling, calling victims to let them know the outcome. About 100 cases in his county will be affected.

"I'm sorry," he told nearly a dozen men and women with whom he had worked to build strong cases. "This is terrible, and there's really nothing we can do about it."

The response, Willingham said, has been "anger, disdain, confusion, a lacking of understanding as to how this could have possibly happened, resignation to outrage. These are not easy conversations to be a part of."

Willingham mentioned one case involving a husband and wife convicted on multiple counts of molesting children. A sentencing hearing had been scheduled for them for next week and they faced life in prison. Instead, they will be released.

"The reality is, they won the child sexual predator lottery yesterday," Willingham said. "They won the jackpot." He also noted that, with their convictions overturned, those getting out of jail will not be required to register as sex offenders.

"You're scot-free," he said. "Thank you very much."

But Kay Duffy, attorney for victims of Sutipin, 71, who is charged with 14 counts of molestation, disputed that evaluation.

Her client may no longer face prison as a result of the court ruling, but his life has been turned upside down by being publicly labeled a child molester, she said.

"I don't think anybody is walking away from this thinking they got away with something," Duffy said.



PROTEST: Members of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests demonstrate against court ruling outside the Reagan state office building in downtown Los Angeles. ANNETTE WELLS/Los Angeles Times

"These people have been tried and convicted in the press already and they still have to live with that stigma for the rest of their lives."

Sutipin's lawyers have agreed to wait until after his alleged victims are contacted before seeking dismissal of the charges against him.

Ventura County Chief Deputy Dist. Atty. Michael Frawley, who has been part of the prosecution effort against Sutipin, sighed as he talked about the slow and painstaking process now facing prosecutors.

"Here's our problem," Frawley said. "Not only is there a lot to do, but there is a great deal of disappointment walking the halls here. A lot of people put in a lot of effort to make those cases happen."

His prosecutors have not yet dismissed any cases but they have identified at least 20 that

are likely to be overturned as a result of the decision.

The case against Sutipin is one example.

Silva, a Catholic priest who from 1978 until 1986 ran the altar boy program at a church in Oxnard, was charged with 25 counts of child molestation in March, after a yearlong investigation.

Frawley, a supervisor on the case, said 12 to 14 alleged victims had been interviewed.

The process was emotional and time-consuming and, now, for naught.

California Atty. Gen. Bill Lockyer sent a letter Friday to all district attorneys across the state, advising them to act quickly to comply with the court's decision. "Immediate motions for dismissal in the interest of justice would be appropriate," the letter said.

But Lockyer's office is taking the position that crimes that occurred between Jan. 1, 1988, and Jan. 1, 1994, are still prosecutable, according to Robert Anderson, chief assistant attorney general. That's because the statute of limitations for some sex crimes against children had been six years. For others, it had been three years.

Crimes that occurred after 1994 were not affected by the Supreme Court's decision.

Los Angeles Dist. Atty. Steve Cooley has estimated that at least 200 cases in the county may be affected by the ruling. But determining which cases are still viable is a slow process, officials said.

In San Mateo County, Deputy Dist. Atty. Rick Good said having to call the victims was even more upsetting than the news of the ruling.

On Thursday, Good phoned a

woman who had been sexually abused in the 1970s, when she was 13 years old, by Ramiro Jack Long, a Redwood City karate teacher. Good told her that Long, convicted by a jury and expected to serve at least 16 years, would instead be released.

"She was devastated," Good said.

The victim, now in her 40s, told Good she feared that Long might now come after her. She wanted to know when he would be released, saying that she planned to move.

Many alleged victims risked a lot by coming forward to testify, said San Bernardino County District Atty. Michael Ramos.

"That's the saddest part of this whole decision, but we will do our best to understand what this fully means and then gently give the news that these people will no longer be held responsible," Ramos said.

"We're calling them and we're trying to keep their spirits up, but we're being very blunt with them. It doesn't appear that they're going to be able to achieve closure with law enforcement and justice. It's been taken away," said Elliot Beckelman, assistant district attorney in San Francisco.

Frawley said his Ventura County prosecutors will continue to reassure people who went to police with allegations of abuse that their efforts made a difference.

"We'll tell them that they definitely did the right thing in coming forward," he said.

"It exposed a huge problem out there, and it served to educate the public about what a dirty secret this is."

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Last Jailed Priest in County Is Released

As court ruling's effects unfold, the D.A. vows to press an inquiry into alleged sex abuses by clergy.

By STEVE BERRY
AND RICHARD WINTON
Times Staff Writers

The only priest still jailed, while awaiting trial in Los Angeles on child molestation charges was released Monday as the county's top prosecutor vowed to press forward with his

investigation of alleged wrongdoing in the Roman Catholic Church.

"This is not over by any means," Dist. Atty. Steve Cooley said Monday. "The fat lady hasn't sung yet."

"There is no doubt there was a huge moral institutional failing and personal moral failing," Cooley said. "Whether that amounts to criminal culpability remains to be seen. We don't have the facts yet."

Across California, prosecutors struggled Monday with the legal ramifications of a controversial U.S. Supreme Court ruling that prohibits prosecution in decades-old child molestation offenses. The decision affects about 800 cases statewide involving people who have been convicted, who have confessed or who have charges pending. About 200 cases are in Los Angeles County.

Prosecutors are finding an average of about 10 cases per county in California that are affected by the ruling, said Nancy O'Malley, head of the sexual assault committee of the California District Attorneys Assn.

In other developments Monday:

■ Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David Horwitz ordered former priest Carl R. Riera Rodriguez released from County Jail pending a court appearance July 9.

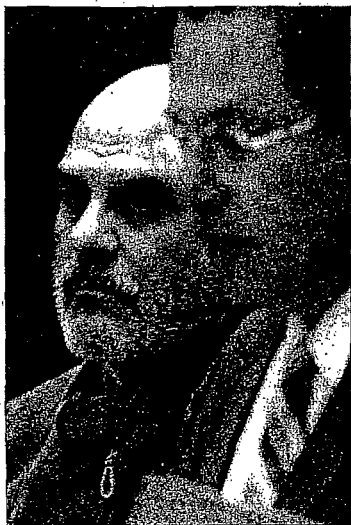
■ Superior Court Commissioner Jeffrey Harkavy said he probably would dismiss child molestation charges against John Anthony Salazar on Wednesday.

■ In Ventura County, a judge dismissed molestation charges against retired priest Carl S. [redacted]

In each case, judges cited the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Last week's ruling overturned a portion of a California law that allowed prosecution of certain sex offense cases, even if the stat-

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Associated Press

ARRAIGNMENT: Former priest John Salazar appears in court for his arraignment. Molestation charges against him may be dismissed Wednesday.



RICHARD HARTON Los Angeles Times

RELEASED: Carlos Rodriguez, an ex-priest accused of child molestation, appears in court prior to his release because the Supreme Court overturned a state law that allowed the filing of charges beyond the statute of limitations.

Last Priest Still Jailed in L.A. County Is Released by Judge

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ute of limitations had expired, if district attorneys filed charges within a year after the offense was reported.

In Rodriguez's case, Deputy Los Angeles County Public Defender Arthur C. Braudrick said he expects the case to be dismissed, probably on a motion by the prosecution.

Rodriguez, 46, of Commerce, was charged with molesting an altar boy from 1985 to 1987 when he served at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Rodriguez has been in jail since September, awaiting trial. His bail was \$400,000.

Salazar's case is expected to be dismissed Wednesday with the defendant's having to return to court, unless the district attorney's office decides to try to continue prosecuting him, the court commissioner said.

Salazar was charged last No-

ember with molesting a youth at the rectory house at St. Bernard High School in Playa del Rey.

"It's a kick in the head," said Carlos Perez-Carillo, 37, the complaining witness in the Salazar case. "I've been in therapy for a year, and I feel like I'm back to square one," he said. "The criminal case would have been priceless for me, because I would have received justice and there would have been a message sent out to people who molest children that they were not going to get away with that."

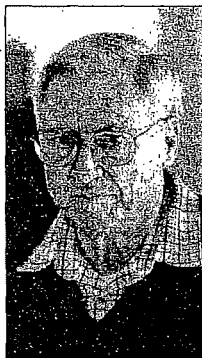
In Ventura County, the charges against Sutphin, 71, were dismissed at the request of the district attorney's office.

Sutphin was accused of molesting six boys, ages 7 to 12, between 1968 and 1978 while he was an associate pastor at a Camarillo church and a chaplain at an Oxnard hospital.

Saying that those who claimed to have been attacked by Sutphin are extremely disappointed "doesn't even come close to describing the emotions they are feeling right now," Deputy Dist. Atty. Doug Ridley said outside the courtroom. "It's a sad day for victims of child molestation in this state and in this county."

Sutphin, who had pleaded not guilty, had tears in his eyes after Judge James Cloninger granted the dismissal, said defense lawyer James Farley.

In San Diego, authorities have said that they would seek the dismissal of charges against a retired San Diego priest accused of molesting a 15-year-old church worker in the late 1970s. The priest, Franklyn Becker, was



STEPHEN OSMAN Los Angeles Times

DISMISSAL: A Ventura County judge dismissed charges Monday against former priest Stephen Sutphin.

arrested in May 2002 in Mayville, Wis., and was to be extradited to California next week. The California attorney general's office has decided not to pursue extradition, said Peter Quon, deputy attorney general in San Diego.

As prosecutors, defense attorneys and state corrections officials struggled with the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision, the non-criminal claims against priests continued to advance in court.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Marvin Lager, who is overseeing hundreds of claims against the Catholic Church, Monday agreed to let lawyers for alleged victims issue subpoenas

to priests accused of molesting children.

"There was concern that accused priests would leave the country as their criminal cases were dismissed to try to avoid being deposed in the civil litigation," said Venus Soltan, a Costa Mesa attorney. Soltan has filed 30 suits against the dioceses in Southern California and is expected to file at least 20 more.

Once subpoenaed, if they flee, "we can have an order of attachment issued to bring them back to the state of California," said Beverly Hills attorney Raymond P. Boucher, who represents more than 200 alleged victims of sexual abuse by priests. "It significantly limits their ability to hide."

Lager also granted a request by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to halt all other proceedings, at least until the next court hearing on July 17.

Cooley is scheduled to meet today with his top managers and prosecutors to decide how to proceed on the 200 child molestation cases affected by the ruling.

"These cases involve not only priests, but doctors, fathers, boyfriends and scout leaders," Cooley said.

A pending ruling by a retired judge on whether prosecutors are entitled to more than 2,000 pages of church communications may be key to that decision. Cooley's office is seeking the information through a grand jury subpoena. Lawyers for Mahony and individual priests are fighting to keep them secret.

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Prosecutor Says Church Could Help Priest Flee

Los Angeles Times

Assertion is made at a Ventura County bail hearing for a retired cleric accused of abuse. An aide to Mahony demands an apology.

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By Steve Chawkins
Times Staff Writer

To the apparent dismay of a judge, a Ventura County prosecutor claimed in court Wednesday that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles might finance the possible flight of a retired Roman Catholic priest charged with child molestation.

Told later about the allegation, a spokesman for Cardinal Roger Mahony called it "reprehensible" and demanded an apology.

The scenario surfaced at a bail hearing for Father Carl Sutphin, 70, who was arrested in Ventura last week on charges that he had sexually abused four boys in the 1970s.

Arguing for increased bail, Deputy Dist. Atty. Doug Ridley pointed out that Sutphin had lived with the cardinal and a few other priests in a Los Angeles chancery during his final years as a priest. Earlier in his career, he had worked at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Camarillo and as a chaplain at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard.

"He's a friend of Cardinal Mahony," Ridley contended, saying that the connection could make him a flight risk through potential access to church funds.

The assertion brought a question from Superior Court Judge James Cloninger.

"You're suggesting that the church would help him flee and secrete him from law enforcement?" the judge asked.

Ridley confirmed the judge's impression, arguing that the church "hasn't shown a good-faith effort to help law enforcement" in the case. He said that church officials sent Sutphin to the Washington, D.C., area for treatment after allegations against him first emerged in 1991, but did not notify police.

Later in the hearing, Cloninger said the prosecutor had offered "no evidence that the church would aid [Sutphin] in becoming a fugitive from justice."

"I don't subscribe to that," the judge added.

The charge angered archdiocese spokesman Tod Tamberg.

"The church's policy is not to post bail on these kinds of cases and that should be proof enough of Cardinal Mahony's commitment to the justice system," he said.

To suggest that Mahony might engage in criminal behavior to help Sutphin "is completely irresponsible and deserves an apology," Tamberg said.

Sutphin was arrested Friday at the home of his 96-year-old mother. He has been held in Ventura County Jail, unable to raise his \$100,000 bail. He also is hard-pressed for money to pay his private attorney, according to Don Steier, a Los Angeles lawyer defending Sutphin in a lawsuit brought by two of his alleged victims.

On Wednesday, the attorney for the plaintiffs in that suit, Jeffrey R. Anderson of St. Paul, Minn., called the accusation against Mahony "a bold and courageous statement."

A number of abusive priests in the Los Angeles archdiocese "have been allowed to operate for one reason: They're colleagues and close associates of the cardinal and he has protected them for two decades," Anderson contended.

At the hearing, Cloninger turned down the prosecution's bid to increase Sutphin's bail to \$500,000. However, he said the bail had been set lower than recommended by state guidelines and raised it to \$200,000.

Representing Sutphin at the hearing, Deputy Public Defender Bruce Freed said the bail hike was unnecessary. Sutphin had not fled during the year he knew about the district attorney's investigation, Freed pointed out. And, with the alleged incidents of molestation more than 20 years old, he contended there was no evidence that Sutphin currently poses any danger to the public.

But prosecutor Ridley alluded to the case against convicted rapist Andrew Luster, who during his trial in January skipped out on his \$1-million bail. He likened the trust fund at Luster's disposal to the church funds that he claimed could be made available to Sutphin.

Sutphin worked as an associate pastor at St. Mary Magdalen from 1971 to 1975, and as a chaplain at St. John's from 1975 to 1991. The charges against him stem from two sets of alleged incidents.

Dating from 1971, the earlier involves twin boys at a church in Maywood, where Sutphin worked before coming to Camarillo. The latter involves two Ventura County brothers allegedly molested by Sutphin on a 1976 fishing trip.

No more recent allegations against Sutphin have been made public. His last jobs in the church were at the earthquake-damaged St. Vibiana's Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles and at the then yet-to-be-opened Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

"He was placed at St. Vibiana's when it was basically a ruin and then at the new cathedral site when it was still under construction," said archdiocese spokesman Tamberg. "That wasn't a function of some alleged close personal friendship with the cardinal. It was in line with what the cardinal thought was the most pastorally responsible thing to do at the time."

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Retired Priest Faces Sex-Abuse Charges

LOS ANGELES -- A former Roman Catholic priest who worked at parishes in Los Angeles and Ventura counties is set for arraignment Tuesday in Ventura Superior Court on 10 counts of felony child molestation.

Carl Sutphin, 70, was arrested Thursday by Ventura police at the home of a relative, according to court spokesman Douglas Ridley.

Sutphin, who retired last year as associate pastor of the new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles in Los Angeles, is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Sutphin allegedly molested four victims, ages 9 to 12, in the mid- to late 1970s, Ventura County prosecutors say.

Two of the alleged molestations took place when he was alone with two boys on a fishing trip, another while returning from a local mission and the fourth while serving another boy the sacrament of confession in the boy's bedroom.

If convicted, Sutphin faces up to 17 years in state prison.

Two men filed civil lawsuits against Sutphin late last year.

In other developments in the church sex scandal, Los Angeles Superior Court commissioner Jeffrey M. Harkavy refused Friday to drop child molestation charges against retired Los Angeles priest George Neville Rucker. Rucker, 82, is accused of molesting 12 girls between 1947 and 1977.

He has pleaded not guilty.

Rucker is one of eight retired or former judges charged with child molestation in an ongoing investigation by the Los Angeles district attorney's office.

Members of the U.S. Coast guard took Rucker from a cruise ship in the Pacific Ocean. The ship reportedly was headed to Russia.

He remains free on bail.

- Anne La Jeunesse

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Retired Priest Is Held in '70s Sex Abuse

Carl Sutphin, accused of molesting four boys in Oxnard and Camarillo, is arrested at his mother's home and jailed on \$500,000 bail.

By JENIFER RAGLAND AND STEVE CHAWKINS Times Staff Writers

A retired Catholic priest accused of molesting four boys in Camarillo and Oxnard in the 1970s was arrested Friday morning by Ventura County authorities.

Father Carl Sutphin, 70, who was forced to retire from his job at the new cathedral in downtown Los Angeles last year because of sexual abuse allegations, was arrested at his mother's home in Ventura. Sutphin was charged with 10 counts of felony molestation.

The boys, two of whom were brothers, were 9 to 12 years old when the abuse allegedly occurred, Deputy Dist. Atty. Douglas Ridley said. Sutphin is accused of molesting the children while on a fishing trip, on the way home from a trip to a local mission and while administering confession in one boy's home.

Sutphin became close with the boys while working as an associate pastor at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Camarillo from 1971 to 1975 and when he worked as a chaplain at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, starting in 1975 and running through 1991, Ridley said.

"This is a guy who was trusted to lead these boys into their adulthood, and instead he took advantage of that, using his position in the church to mess them up for the rest of their lives," Ridley said.

Sutphin is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday in Ventura County Superior Court. He remained in Ventura County Jail on Friday in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Don Steier, Sutphin's Los Angeles attorney, said his client had offered to surrender but authorities "chose to take a different approach."

Steier called his client's bail amount "outrageous."

"He cares for his mother," Steier said. "He's known about this investigation for more than a year. He's no more of a flight risk than [Ventura County Dist. Atty.] Greg Totten is."

Steier declined comment on specifics of the case, but said that Sutphin would plead not guilty.

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Los Angeles Times

Assertion is made at a Ventura County bail hearing for a retired cleric accused of abuse. An aide to Mahony demands an apology.

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*By Steve Chawkins
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To the apparent dismay of a judge, a Ventura County prosecutor claimed in court Wednesday that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles might finance the possible flight of a retired Roman Catholic priest charged with child molestation.

Told later about the allegation, a spokesman for Cardinal Roger Mahony called it "reprehensible" and demanded an apology.

The scenario surfaced at a bail hearing for Father Carl Sutphin, 70, who was arrested in Ventura last week on charges that he had sexually abused four boys in the 1970s.

Arguing for increased bail, Deputy Dist. Atty. Doug Ridley pointed out that Sutphin had lived with the cardinal and a few other priests in a Los Angeles chancery during his final years as a priest. Earlier in his career, he had worked at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Camarillo and as a chaplain at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard.

"He's a friend of Cardinal Mahony," Ridley contended, saying that the connection could make him a flight risk through potential access to church funds.

The assertion brought a question from Superior Court Judge James Cloninger.

"You're suggesting that the church would help him flee and secrete him from law enforcement?" the judge asked.

Ridley confirmed the judge's impression, arguing that the church "hasn't shown a good-faith effort to help law enforcement" in the case. He said that church officials sent Sutphin to the Washington, D.C., area for treatment after allegations against him first emerged in 1991, but did not notify police.

Later in the hearing, Cloninger said the prosecutor had offered "no evidence that the church would aid [Sutphin] in becoming a fugitive from justice."

"I don't subscribe to that," the judge added.

The charge angered archdiocese spokesman Tod Tamberg.

"The church's policy is not to post bail on these kinds of cases and that should be proof enough of Cardinal Mahony's commitment to the justice system," he said.

To suggest that Mahony might engage in criminal behavior to help Sutphin "is completely irresponsible and deserves an apology," Tamberg said.

Sutphin was arrested Friday at the home of his 96-year-old mother. He has been held in Ventura County Jail, unable to raise his \$100,000 bail. He also is hard-pressed for money to pay his private attorney, according to Don Steier, a Los Angeles lawyer defending Sutphin in a lawsuit brought by two of his alleged victims.

On Wednesday, the attorney for the plaintiffs in that suit, Jeffrey R. Anderson of St. Paul, Minn., called the accusation against Mahony "a bold and courageous statement."

A number of abusive priests in the Los Angeles archdiocese "have been allowed to operate for one reason: They're colleagues and close associates of the cardinal and he has protected them for two decades," Anderson contended.

At the hearing, Cloninger turned down the prosecution's bid to increase Sutphin's bail to \$500,000. However, he said the bail had been set lower than recommended by state guidelines and raised it to \$200,000.

Representing Sutphin at the hearing, Deputy Public Defender Bruce Freed said the bail hike was unnecessary. Sutphin had not fled during the year he knew about the district attorney's investigation, Freed pointed out. And, with the alleged incidents of molestation more than 20 years old, he contended there was no evidence that Sutphin currently poses any danger to the public.

But prosecutor Ridley alluded to the case against convicted rapist Andrew Luster, who during his trial in January skipped out on his \$1-million bail. He likened the trust fund at Luster's disposal to the church funds that he claimed could be made available to Sutphin.

Sutphin worked as an associate pastor at St. Mary Magdalen from 1971 to 1975, and as a chaplain at St. John's from 1975 to 1991. The charges against him stem from two sets of alleged incidents.

Dating from 1971, the earlier involves twin boys at a church in Maywood, where Sutphin worked before coming to Camarillo. The latter involves two Ventura County brothers allegedly molested by Sutphin on a 1976 fishing trip.

No more recent allegations against Sutphin have been made public. His last jobs in the church were at the earthquake-damaged St. Vibiana's Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles and at the then yet-to-be-opened Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

"He was placed at St. Vibiana's when it was basically a ruin and then at the new cathedral site when it was still under construction," said archdiocese spokesman Tamberg. "That wasn't a function of some alleged close personal friendship with the cardinal. It was in line with what the cardinal thought was the most pastorally responsible thing to do at the time."

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Carl Sutphin, 70, was arrested Thursday by Ventura police at the home of a relative, according to court spokesman Douglas Ridley.

Sutphin, who retired last year as associate pastor of the new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles in Los Angeles, is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Sutphin allegedly molested four victims, ages 9 to 12, in the mid- to late 1970s, Ventura County prosecutors say.

Two of the alleged molestations took place when he was alone with two boys on a fishing trip, another while returning from a local mission and the fourth while serving another boy the sacrament of confession in the boy's bedroom.

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Two men filed civil lawsuits against Sutphin late last year.

In other developments in the church sex scandal, Los Angeles Superior Court commissioner Jeffrey M. Harkavy refused Friday to drop child molestation charges against retired Los Angeles priest George Neville Rucker. Rucker, 82, is accused of molesting 12 girls between 1947 and 1977.

He has pleaded not guilty.

Rucker is one of eight retired or former judges charged with child molestation in an ongoing investigation by the Los Angeles district attorney's office.

Members of the U.S. Coast guard took Rucker from a cruise ship in the Pacific Ocean. The ship reportedly was headed to Russia.

He remains free on bail.

- Anne La Jeunesse

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The boys, two of whom were brothers, were 9 to 12 years old when the abuse allegedly occurred, Deputy Dist. Atty. Doug-

glas Ridley said. Sutphin is accused of molesting the children while on a fishing trip, on the way home from a trip to a local mission and while administering confession in one boy's home.

Sutphin became close with the boys while working as an associate pastor at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Camarillo from 1971 to 1975 and when he worked as a chaplain at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, starting in 1975 and running through 1991, Ridley said.

"This is a guy who was trusted to lead these boys into their adulthood, and instead he took advantage of that, using his position in the church to mess them up for the rest of their lives," Ridley said.

Sutphin is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday in Ventura County Superior Court. He remained in Ventura County Jail on Friday in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

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Four Sue Cardinal Mahony, Using Racketeering Laws

The Lawsuits

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By James Sterngold

Los Angeles -- A lawyer for four men who said they were repeatedly molested by a priest here decades ago filed suit today against Cardinal Roger M. Mahony and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, charging the cardinal with racketeering for failing to remove the priest.

The lawsuits indicated an aggressive effort to hold a respected church leader accountable for having protected the priest despite having received reports that the priest was accused of abusing the men when they were boys.

The suits - one by two brothers and another by two men identified only as John Does - were filed in civil court, but they charge Cardinal Mahony with aiding and abetting the sexual abuse by not removing the priest or keeping him away from children and with obstructing justice for not reporting the priest to the police promptly, both of which are criminal offenses.

The brothers, Andrew and Joseph Cicchillo, said that the cardinal promised them in 1991 that, in response to their complaints of the years of abuse, the priest, Carl Sutphin, would be removed. But they said they were shocked to learn this year that not only had Father Sutphin remained in the priesthood but he held a prominent position at the downtown cathedral with Cardinal Mahony.

Outraged by what they said was inaction by the church, the men chose to take their case public, and to speak openly, in order to draw attention to a cardinal who has worked hard in his own aggressive media campaign to portray himself as being completely intolerant of sexual abuse by priests.

The diocese did not respond to the lawsuits. It made an announcement today that Cardinal Mahony was hospitalized on Sunday night for a blood clot in his lung. The announcement said he was in good condition and that he was expected to remain hospitalized for several days.

Cardinal Mahony was quoted in The Los Angeles Times today as saying that he sent Father Sutphin for treatment when he received the accusations and that he believed the priest had been rehabilitated "to the extent anyone can be rehabilitated."

The cardinal said he had not forced Father Sutphin out of the priesthood because his abusive behavior took place before the archdiocese put in place a zero-tolerance policy toward abusive priests. Recently, however, Father Sutphin was forced to retire because of the accusations, church officials said, and his name was given to the police.

Capt. Sharyn Buck, the head of the juvenile crime division of the Los Angeles Police Department, confirmed that an investigation was under way and that the church was cooperating.

The Cicchillo brothers and their lawyer, Jeffrey R. Anderson, held a news conference outside the courthouse after their filing in State Superior Court and then walked to the cathedral to symbolically present their papers. The two men in the other suit, listed as John B. Doe and John F. Doe, did not come forward.

The group was met at the cathedral by a security guard who stopped them at the sidewalk, but a church worker came to the gate and accepted the papers, as numerous television cameras videotaped the event.

"Let the healing begin," Mr. Anderson said afterward, as he exchanged hugs with the Cicchillos as well as with men and women who are members of a group of victims of abuse by priests.

"As far as we're concerned," said Mary Grant, the head of the local chapter of the group, Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, Cardinal Mahony "poses a greater threat than the child molesters because he protects them."

Ms. Grant added, "I'm sorry to see this happen, but it's a step closer to the court where it should be heard, the criminal court."

The Cicchillo suit says the abuse took place from 1962 through 1976 at St. Rose of Lima Church in Maywood, a few miles south of downtown, and on trips with the boys. The brothers said they were from a devout Catholic family and that they had been too afraid to report the abuse as it was happening, only later.

Andrew Cicchillo said he had been motivated to come forward because of his anger over what he described as Cardinal Mahony's duplicity. He released a letter he wrote in 1991 and said Cardinal Mahony had given his assurance that Father Sutphin would be removed from the priesthood.

But Mr. Cicchillo said that at an 80th birthday celebration for his mother a few months ago, a guest displayed a picture of church officials. Father Sutphin was in the shot, wearing his clerical collar.


"I wouldn't have done this 10 years ago," Mr. Cicchillo said. "But when I saw that, I thought this was something that just had to be done."

Mr. Anderson added: "I think we have to get the police interested in this cardinal. Until these people are held criminally and civilly liable, nothing will happen to prevent it from happening again."

Mr. Anderson filed at least four previous lawsuits this spring under the terms of federal racketeering laws, accusing American bishops, and in one case the Vatican, of conspiracy to obstruct justice. The federal racketeering statutes were written to allow victims of organized crime to sue the Mafia in civil court for financial damages. No court has ever found these laws applicable to the church's handling of sexual abuse cases, said James Geoly, a Chicago lawyer who represents a bishop who is a defendant in one of Mr. Anderson's previous conspiracy suits.

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CARL SUTPHIN

L.A. Times: Age 70, retired as associate pastor of Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. LAPD and Ventura County sheriffs investigating claims that he sexually abused two pairs of brothers in 1960s and 1970s.

REDACTED

Is being monitored by being assigned to REDACTED. He did abuse in the 1960s and 1970s. There are no newer cases. After treatment, he has stayed involved in sex anonymous.

Facts: Anglo, ordained 1958; retired since February 2002 and living privately.

Victims: REDACTED (1976) [source: REDACTED LA Times] – represented by counsel.
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 John Doe B & John Doe F REDACTED

Sequence of events per file:

- July 15, 1991 Ltr to REDACTED from victim REDACTED, alleging abuse by Father from 1964-1970 at the age of approx. 6 to 14, and possible abuse of his REDACTED
- July 19, 1991 REDACTED responded to victim requesting a telephone conversation. Spoke with him on 7/27 and 7/31 – offered therapy and asked to speak to his brother.
- July 27, 1991 Memo to REDACTED from REDACTED advising him of allegation and confrontation with Father who admitted fondling on one occasion – “doesn’t deny, just doesn’t remember.”
- August 14, 1991 Letter of support to REDACTED re Father’s 16-year career as Chaplain at St. John’s Hospital in Oxnard. No problems, well liked, would like to see him return – spends off days at a little Mexican community where there are young boys (not many close friends)
- August 16, 1991 Victim’s letter grateful for assistance w/therapy.
- August 18-23, 1991 Father went to St. Luke’s, Maryland – evaluation.
- August 25, 1991 REDACTED advised of preliminary report on Father from St. Luke’s. Residential treatment to begin in October. Therapist sees no danger nor need for a strong supervision until then – no contact with minors.
- September 8, 1991 REDACTED concurs with residential treatment.
- October 1991 Father enters residential treatment.

February 2, 1992 REDACTED and REDACTED visit Father in treatment. Concerned about his future in ministry – hides behind “anxious little boy” approach to life.

April 28, 1992 Diagnosed w/ephebophilia. Therapists do not see Father as high risk for acting out again – needs support, accountability and structure in post-St. Luke's living situation.

June 23, 1992 Father discharged. Father was REDACTED
REDACTED Must avoid contact with males under 18, attend 12 step meetings and develop strong network of peer relationships. If this is followed, he will pose little or no threat to others or himself.

June 14, 1992 REDACTED recommends Father be assigned as Chaplain at Nazareth House.

September 1992 Ltr from victim's therapist terminating therapy because of wonderful progress (however, additional marriage counseling was not successful, divorced).

December 1992 Father attends follow-up workshop at St. Luke's- report is positive.

June 9, 1993 Ltr from REDACTED to St. Luke's re progress – very positive.

July 14, 1993 Report from St. Lukes on 6/27/93 Continuing Care Program Father attended. Father is working his program w/ commitment. Positive report.

July 28, 1993 Sister of REDACTED is requesting further therapy for her brother and children REDACTED. Asked to put request in writing. She does. Follow up ltr to victim.

August 3, 1993 REDACTED is advised of progress and responds.

December 1993 Father attends aftercare visit at St. Lukes.

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- June 1996 Report from psychological consultant REDACTED re progress – engaged in full-time parish work at St. Vibiana's – no limits – continues in ministry under close supervision and without any negative indications or reports [until retirement in Feb. 2002] careful to monitor his behavior with children. 6-1/2 years of continuous "sobriety" – very positive.
- June 17, 1996 Father attended 7th Continuing Care workshop at St. Lukes.
- May 1997 Father attends workshop at St. Luke's (last one). Very positive report – continues attending meetings, has connected and made friends with other priests, lunch w/friends, converses with sponsor regularly, leads a group himself.
- February 2002 Father retires – living privately.
- April 29, 2002 LA Times article on Father
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