

CONVERSATION WITH PROFESSOR BRAZINSKI - 12/6/92

I had requested Father John Farrell to provide me with evidence of his progress under the counselling of Professor Brazinski.

Professor Brazinski advised me that John had refused him permission to put anything into writing but had agreed that he could speak to me and give me a summary of his condition.

This is the conversation with Professor Brazinski:

He informed me that Father John Farrell says he is enjoying his work and his anger is reducing. At the same time Professor Brazinski queries Father Farrell's insight into the risk associated with his past behaviour as he tends to intellectualize his problem.

To paint a true picture of Father Farrell which one cannot get from him, it would be necessary to question collaborative sources who know him closely. His insight into himself is limited, he is shallow, self-centred, blames the environment not himself for his problems. He has no insight into himself.

Father Farrell will be an on-going risk, even when independent of his priestly status. His proclivity to offend is not reducing as is usual with age. He has revealed a minimum about himself and the area of sexual activity is practically untouched. Professor Brazinski sees in him a high risk of recidivism.

Father Farrell according to Professor Brazinski will almost certainly react to any move on the part of the Church against him. He will react with bitterness to the detriment of the Church. Almost certainly he will see the matter ends up in court. His advice to me is to handle Father Farrell with care for he will almost assuredly go public to defend his rights. He has already written articles under a pseudonym.

Professor advises me that there will be minimum gain in any future counselling. It won't break through Father Farrell's personality. In two words the prognosis is not good.

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