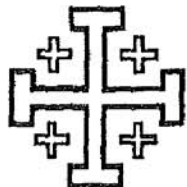


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Greetings Bishop Mulkearns,

It is not with good news that I write to you. I am writing with regards a priest of your diocese, namely Rev. Paul D. Ryan. In the late 1970's he came to the United States with your permission (letter dated 25 May, 1979) to assist in one of our parishes in the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia - Star of the Sea, Virginia Beach, while Father Paul Gaughan was Pastor. In his time there he was accused of having sexually molested one young man, [BWB] [BWB] and perhaps two others. When this was discovered, Father Gaughan told Fr. Ryan to leave. Father Gaughan met with several families regarding these incidents. Nothing evolved further at that time and "things got laid to rest". Through the years nothing came forth.

In 1994, Mr. [BWB] came forward with these accusations. He has requested financial support for his counselling expenses, past and future, from Bishop Walter Sullivan and the Diocese of Richmond. Our diocesan lawyer, Mr. Nicholas Spinella has been in negotiations with Mr. [BWB]'s lawyers. In a gesture of pastoral care and compassion, we offered \$5,000 to cover last year's counseling expenses and the expenses for one further year. The offer was declined and a counter request for \$25,000 for five years of counseling was made.