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Sent: Friday, May 28, 2004 11:59 AM
To: james washburn

Subject: "Pellegrini" murder case (on or about May 30, 1984)

Dear Detective Washburn:

Thanks for the call Wednesday letting me know you hadn't found the McKenna letter yet. I'm sure you'll find it because I was told that you had a copy. You mentioned that you didn't have all of the files yet.

You were inquiring as to my motivation for pursuing this. There are many, but the primary one is Justice. The exposure and arrest of the murder/murderers. Pedophiles don't stop. It is incurable. I don't want to see new victims. The old victims scream out for justice. I understand you can't do anything if the only crime was pedophilia, the sexual abuse/rape of children, credit card theft and fraud, because of the statute of limitations. However, as I told you, I believe that the Boys Club must be exposed because there is no statute of limitations on murder, and I know you agree that the murderer(s) of Frank Pellegrini must be found.

Father Greeley has the evidence you need "in safekeeping." He rubs it in your face, the face of all of the police, of the promoters of justice. He tells the world he has information which will "implicate" the ring of predators. As I told you on the phone, I don't understand why this wasn't followed up on in the beginning. Do you think the group goes beyond the names we have and implicates one or more persons in a position(s) of power?

I know Cardinal Bernardin knew Pellegrini. I also know that he showed up at the house and spoke with Frank's mother. His mother gave out that information. I know that Father Greeley knew Pellegrini. He helped him get into the University of Chicago. I also mentioned to you that Father Greeley is friends with the Daley's. I was told that Pellegrini wrote speeches for Richie Daley. I plan to contact Mayor Daley and ask for his help. He may be able to get Fr. Greeley to talk and come forward with what he has. If not, I'm sure he wouldn't let friendship stand in the way of justice.

You asked me why didn't some underling come forward after all this time? My response was that Father Greeley is a powerful, famous and wealthy person and he is afraid of them...even though he says he's not. So anyone else would be terrified. By the way, Greeley clearly shows he is afraid of these people when he says to all in his book: "They know that I have in safekeeping information which would implicate them. **I am more of a threat to them dead than alive.**"

In fact, he's not the only one who put things away in safekeeping. If I remember correctly in the Annerino murder case they found a white, legal sized envelope with "In case of death" written across the front. Its contents were missing.

When we talked about motives, you mentioned Pellegrini was a homosexual. But is there a greater motive for Pellegrini's death than he was going to expose a group of priests and other people and all the crimes they were committing? John Annerino was a member of this group, so was Barone. They were a part of and liasons and recruiters for the Boys Club. This was a tremendous threat to each and every member of the group. The ones we know about and the ones we don't.

Another thought...Annerino was a city clerk, the number three person in the city clerk's office. Do you think there is a possibility that other city officials might have been involved as well?

I am interested in what your plan of action is. I assume the first person you will be pursuing is Father Greeley and the evidence he has. Will you be taking his statement? If he is still not willing to cooperate voluntarily will you go to the District Attorney's office to get a grand jury involved where they can summons/subpoena him to testify? If he does not, a judge can cite him with criminal contempt. I assume that you will also be taking a statement from Father Edward McKenna. I'm sure he has kept a copy of his letter for the same reason I believe Greeley has a copy as well. They were friends. McKenna can testify as to what he saw and knows. Did the officers ever talk to the priests? Did they talk to Fr. John Tilford? David A. Nowicki? John C. Hergenrother? Richard E. Bulwith? Scarlata? Klajbor? Prendergast? Any of them? Did they talk to Bishop Kicanas, then a priest? He knew David Nowick at Quigley. Did they talk to Fr. Tom Ventura? Interestingly, Bishop Kicanas was promoted to Rector of Mundelein Seminary in December of 1984.

Greeley knows. He shouts to the world in his book that he knows about the "**ring of predators.**" He says there is no evidence against them because no one has complained about them and "**none of their fellow priests**" have denounced them. None of their **fellow priests!** That is why I'm telling you they must be exposed. They must be brought to justice. He's covering up the evidence he has. He is obstructing justice. He is withholding State's evidence. He says: "They are a **dangerous** group. There is **reason to believe** that **they are responsible for at least one murder,** and **may perhaps have been involved in the murder of the murderer.**" I believe there is no doubt that we are talking about the Pellegrini murder ("they are responsible for at least one murder") and ("may perhaps have been involved in the murder of the murderer") the Annerino murder. This is not fiction. These books are autobiographies.

I know you told me that you could stand pressure if any were applied. If you think this is a local hot potato, would it be helpful to you if we were to ask a friend of ours to get involved? Rob Bonner? He is with the Federal Government in customs, which also is in charge of child pornography. I was told that child pornography was found among Annerino's things. Federal funds were used to re-open the case, which I understand was, again, after a time closed. Let me know what you think.

You said Pellegrini was a homosexual and that in and of itself opens him up to violence. My question is: how could there be a greater motive for his murder than exposure of the group....of each and every one of its members? He said he was going to the authorities. This is huge!

Detective Washburn, I feel confident that you will do what others have failed to do in this case and, as a result, solve this terrible crime no matter where it leads. You have available to you forensics experts and new technology, which were not available in 1984.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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JMJ

Also Andrew Greeley did indeed serve on Francis Pellegrini's dissertation committee. Pellegrini's folder has no application documents so we don't know who recommended him for admission to Education.

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Dear [REDACTED],

I dug into some of our other records a bit more and
discovered the following:
Pellegrini took a Sociology course in Winter, 1967 taught by
Andrew Greeley. I hope this helps.

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Mr. Francis Eugene Pellegrini was born in Chicago, IL
on August 14, 1936. He entered the division of Social Sciences
on October 2, 1961 and received a Ph.D. in Education in
December, 1971. He was enrolled at the University: Autumn '61,
Winter '62, Spring '62, Autumn '64, Winter '65, Spring '65,
Summer '65, Autumn '65, Winter '66, Spring '66, Winter '67,
Spring '71, Autumn '71 passing his final examination August 27,
'71. His home address of record was 2953 S. Parnell Ave.,
Chicago, IL. He received a BA from St. Procopius College,
Lisle, IL in 1958 and an MA from DePaul University in 1960.

I hope this is of value to you.

Detective Jim Washburn
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Dear Detective Washburn:

Here is the information that you asked for when you called this morning concerning the Greeley autobiographies:

In Greeley's "*Confessions of a Parish Priest, an Autobiography*," paperback edition, on page 129 Greeley describes four kinds of priests who are not heterosexuals:

".....c) Those whose sexual orientation is clear to themselves and to others and who engage in the 'gay life-style' (bars, hang-outs, parties, friends) and who may or may not engage in homosexual love affairs.

d) Those who are pederasts; that is to say, those who prey on boys or very young men."

On page 130 he says:

"....But now the problem is epidemic. Many of the priests in the latter two categories have become important personages in diocesan administration around the country.....

.....The problem is especially acute in the Archdiocese of Chicago.....

.....The network of such priests in Chicago is so blatant as to almost seem to be flaunting its power and influence and immunity from retribution....."

On page 131 he says:

...."It is not unlikely, in my judgment, that sexuality, indeed perverse sexuality, will be to the Bernardin Archdiocese of Chicago what financial corruption was to the Cody Archdiocese of Chicago...."

Then in "*Furthermore! Memories of a Parish Priest*" in his chapter entitled "Pedophile Problems" on page 80 he says:

"....But even in Chicago, the ring of predators about whom I wrote in the paperback edition of *Confessions* remains untouched. There is no evidence against them because no one has

complained about them and none of their fellow priests have denounced them. (Footnote 47) Those who have been removed are for the most part lone offenders who lacked the skill to cover their tracks. The ring is much more clever. Perhaps they always will be. But should they slip, should they get caught, the previous scandals will seem trivial..."

"⁴⁷They are a dangerous group. There is reason to believe that they are responsible for at least one murder and may perhaps have been involved in the murder of the murderer. Am I afraid of them? Not particularly. They know that I have in safekeeping information which would implicate them. I am more of a threat to them dead than alive."

Unless that evidence was concrete, there would be nothing to put "in safekeeping." Greeley is obviously threatening these perpetrators with the evidence he has that if they harm him in any way that evidence will be released.

In my original e-mail to you I found I had not mentioned several other names that I was given: Father Ronald Scarlata, Fr. Richard Klajbor, a Paul Tawich.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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May 6, 2004

Dear Father Greeley:

I have followed your career and writings for many years now, reading the many stories you've written about the sexual abuse crisis in our Church...the problems, the solutions.....stories you have written denouncing the Bishops and "their cover-ups." **"Are the bishops sorry at all?"** you asked 8/3/2003. They all sound so right, so self-righteous and yet, when it comes to your personal life, doing the right thing yourself, your silence is deafening!

I had to laugh when I read that Bishop Wilton Gregory said: "I can assure you, known offenders are not in the ministry." Yet you and I both know that is not true. We both know of at least six. While I do not yet have the proof in my hands, you do.

For over a year now I have been investigating the Boys Club in Chicago.

In light of the arrest of Father Gerald Robinson of Toledo, isn't it time you do something about the Chicago Boys Club, including the priest, now bishop, whose name has been included with it? They are still in the ministry...active... in parishes. Some of those parishes have schools. They have not yet been exposed. You have made it clear to all...that you know who they are. Knowingly allowing evil conduct to evade justice is to cooperate with evil.

In your autobiographical books, **"Confessions of a Parish Priest"** and **"Furthermore! Memories of a Parish Priest,"** you clearly acknowledge that you know who they are:

".....But even in Chicago, the ring of predators about whom I wrote in the paperback edition of 'Confessions' remains untouched. There is no evidence against them because no one has complained about them and none of their fellow priests have denounced them. Those who have been removed are for the most part lone offenders who lacked the skill to cover their tracks. The ring is much more clever. Perhaps they always will be. But should they slip, should they get caught, the previous scandals will seem trivial...."

That statement remains as true today as when you wrote it...because we are talking, not only about sexual encounters with children...truly evil... but we are also talking about ritualistic and satanic abuse of children...the ultimate evil...murder, and credit card theft and fraud.

You say:

"There is no evidence against them because no one has complained about them and none of their fellow priests have denounced them."

You are "one of their fellow priests." You were in Chicago at the time. You know who they are.

If you don't denounce them, do you think **you** are any different from the Bishops you denounce? Are you not even worse because you hide the proof of evil predators' guilt "in safekeeping?" Who is being kept safe? You? Remember these are satanic ritual abusers. Do you not think about the potential for other victims...children whose violation you have the power to prevent? As for those who have already been violated, you have the power to bring these predators to justice.

You announce to anyone and everyone who reads your books: **"They are a dangerous group. There is reason to believe that they are responsible for at least one murder, and may perhaps have been involved in the murder of the murderer. Am I afraid of them? Not particularly. They know that I have in safekeeping information which would implicate them. I am more of a threat to them dead than alive."**

I know that some of the information you obtained came from connections with the Chicago police department....and some from the priest who wrote the letter to Cardinal Bernardin about the group and their activities. I know that you worked closely with that priest and that he gave you some of that information because he lived with one of them and found out what was going on. I believe you have a copy of that letter which contains the names of the perpetrators, among other things, in "safekeeping."

I know that you knew "at least one" of those murder victims.....Frank Pellegrini from the University. I know the police talked with you during the investigation. One

of them told me you wouldn't give them any information. I know that you know that Pellegrini wrote a letter to Vicar of Priests - Tom Ventura revealing the sexual conduct and his plan to go to the authorities with the information. But before he could do that, he was found murdered...a satanic murder. (It has been reported that Father Ventura left the priesthood in 2002.)

You trumpet the fact that you have "in safekeeping" information which would implicate the members of the Boys Club! Why don't you, and Father M, shall we call him, give it to the Bishops. Give it to Rome. To Cardinal Ratzinger. Give it to the police in Chicago and in Tucson. Give it to the FBI Task Force...before it appears in the newspapers, along with the fact that you knew and did nothing except brag that you knew! If you do the right thing, you will be protected! You will be a hero! Stories will be written about you and your courage...that you stood up against true evil.

It will all come out in the end, you know, as it has in the case of Father Gerald Robinson. Because too many people know about the case and one of us will keep digging and digging until the truth comes out. Even as recently as March 4th in the United States CatholicCitizens.org there was a story about Bernardin and Hubbard which included you:

"Bernardin's 'Gay-Friendly' Ghost"
<http://catholiccitizens.org/press/pressview.asp?c=12748>

and in Europe, February 28, 2004, *the Irish Examiner* carried a story about the Pellegrini murder which included you:

"Clerical abuse in US compounded by crimes and cover-ups"
<http://archives.tcm.ie/irishexaminer/2004/02/28/story759782519.asp>

If you do not come forward and expose these predators yourself, when it does come out, will you be charged as a co-conspirator, an accomplice after the fact, withholding state's evidence, obstructing justice? The statute of limitations doesn't apply. **"There is reason to believe that they are responsible for at least one murder, and may perhaps been involved in the murder of the murderer."**

Yes, you are right, "the previous scandals," certainly, "will seem trivial," but more than that, the scandalous fact that you knew....you know....and don't expose them yourself will crowd all else out! Your own words....in your own books will be damning evidence against you. In the end this will ruin your life, your reputation and all that you have been able to accomplish. It will shame your family.

But even more important is your answer to this question....Do you believe? Remember what He said about the children and the millstone? You have it within your power to protect other children from abuse! To bring the offenders to justice for those who have already been abused! Release the information that you have!

I look forward to your response. In the meantime, I will pray for you.

Sincerely,

