

Southdown

1335 St. John's Sideroad East
R.R. #2
Aurora, Ontario L4G 3G8
Canada
Telephone (905) 727-4214

December 20, 1993

Monsignor Eugene LaRocque
Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall
220 Montreal Road., P.O. Box 1388
Cornwall, Ontario.
K6H 5V4

Dear Monsignor LaRocque:

Re: Reverend Charles E. MacDonald

This letter is to let you know that Father Charles has been with us since November 28th and is settling well into the program here at Southdown. I find him cooperative and willing to share with me, and various groups, areas of conflict and difficulty that have caused him and others concern.

My initial impression of Charles is of a friendly person who tends to be guarded and has a high level of anger under control. Charles spoke with conviction about the falsity of the charges against him and the injustice of the current police and Children's Aid Society's investigation. He maintains his innocence and has assured me that no further charges are possible because there was never any abuse in the first place.

Charles did speak about a number of gay sexual relationships, the last of which occurred eight years ago. Charles does not appear to be as confident in accepting his homosexual orientation and this should be an area for indepth therapy.

There has been a history of anxiety attacks that are possibly traced to childhood trauma. These attacks, and what has caused them, will also be matter for indepth therapy.

I attach to this letter a copy of the Protocol for the treatment for those who have been implicated in any sexual abuse issue. This Protocol is a guideline for treatment here at Southdown. Although Charles denies the charge against him, he does admit that there has been homosexual activities with parishioners.



Charles has the following four goals for his time here at Southdown.

- (1) to become better able to integrate the emotional aspects of his sexual orientation.
- (2) to deal with anger regarding the accusations placed against him.
- (3) to deal with anxiety related to childhood trauma.
- (4) to deal with issues relating to authority.

I will be writing to you when Charles has been with us for approximately three months with a more detailed account of his progress. If you have any questions relative to his stay please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime. Thank you for sending Charles to us. He is a valuable asset to our healing community.

Yours sincerely,

William C. Carroll

William C. Carroll, S.J., Ph.D.
Primary Therapist.

The contents of this letter have been read and approved by the Executive Director

Donna J. Markham
Donna J. Markham, O.P., Ph.D.

C. MacDonald
cc: Charles E. MacDonald