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WITHDRAWAL OF ECCLESIASTICAL MANDATE  
K39 624 447 CAPT L.P. WHALEN - CHAP(RC) 62A

Ref.: Directory of the Military Ordinariate of Canada para 19

1. In accordance with Ref, it is requested that the ecclesiastical mandate of Capt Lorne P. Whalen, a priest of the Diocese of Pembroke presently serving as a Chaplain in the Regular Force, be revoked for unacceptable conduct and behavior as a military chaplain as displayed in the following occurrences:

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26 Aug 94.
- a. a first incident at CFB Gagetown in April 1992 involved improper touching of a sexual nature on the person of the wife of a pastoral associate in the presence of witnesses; Capt Whalen was strongly admonished by the Base Chaplain; no complaint was filed by the victim at the time;
  - b. a second incident at 4 Wing Cold Lake in the Spring of 1993 occurred when Capt Whalen delivered a very inopportune homily laced with political overtones during the constitutional referendum in which he told the people they should vote for the "NO" again, he was reprimanded by the Wing Chaplain and the Wing Administration Officer;
  - c. at about the same time, a third incident involved a particularly improper letter written to a man he hardly knew and in which he suggested by innuendos a sexual relationship; this letter was sent by the addressee to the Command Chaplain who met with Capt Whalen and arranged a referral to the Wing Surgeon and a military psychiatrist at Cold Lake for evaluation and therapy;
  - d. in December 1993, a fourth incident of a similar nature brought a formal complaint from a young Private for sexual harassment; in spite of a severe written warning from the Command Chaplain to cease any further indiscretion of the sort, Capt Whalen had sent a similar piece of correspondence to this young man inviting him to his house, followed by notes and phone calls at his place of work; a summary investigation concluded that there was indeed harassment on the part of Captain Whalen; and

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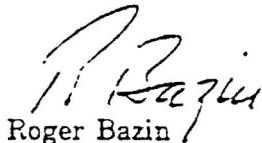
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- e. In June 1994, a fifth incident occurred when Capt Whalen wrote from Ottawa an open letter to the Grand Centre Journal in Cold Lake in which, among other things, he made public gratuitous and racist insults to the Wing Chaplain (RC) who is of Polish origin, for having retained a letter he had addressed to the parishioners while the previously mentioned summary investigation was taking place.

2. Taken separately, none of those events may warrant a revocation of his ecclesiastical mandate. However, the accumulation of all those incidents having taken place in a very short period of time since his enrolment in 1991, has led me to conclude that he is not suitable for ministry in the Canadian Military Chaplaincy. We cannot afford more scandals to tarnish our reputation and permit further harm to our personnel. It is simply not possible to allow Capt Whalen to remain in the Chaplaincy when he has shown that, in spite of written warnings and admonitions, he has provoked one incident after the other. Furthermore, he did not follow up on two initial sessions with the counsellor he had been referred to by the military psychiatrist. At this point, Command Chaplains have indicated they do not want his services in their respective Commands and military authorities in Cold Lake have made clear that they do not want him either. Because of his inappropriate behavior, Capt Whalen has lost credibility in the Canadian Forces.

3. It is clear from these incidents that Capt Lorne Whalen cannot function any more as a military chaplain.



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