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I, Diane Toler, of 1020 Cardinal Lane, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, affirm the following:

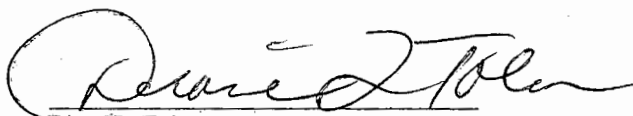
On January 12, 2002, I wrote a letter to Father Dominic Carey of the Society of St. John. A copy of this letter is attached. At the time, my husband and I were continuing to receive requests for donations from the Society. My knowledge of the allegations of sexual misconduct prompted me to write the letter.

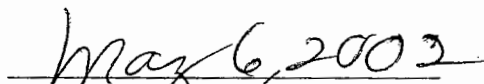
On February 12, 2002, I received a phone call from Father Dominic Carey. He expressed concern about the allegations and said he wanted to respond. He said the rumors about the Society were very damaging to their work and that he wished people would speak to the Society about these rumors instead of just assuming they were true.

Father Carey gave his explanation about the first two points in the letter regarding the misapplication of funds for the College of St. Justin Martyr and the inflated price of the Shohola property.

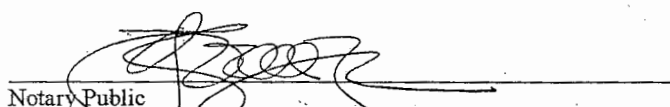
Father Carey then answered the third allegation. He stated that some Society priests did, indeed, sleep with young boys. He said that this was no secret and that they had no reason to hide this or deny this. Father said that this was Father Urrutigoity's method of having the Society priests bond with the boys. Father Carey said that there was nothing sexual about this. He said that in many societies in other times and places, including Ireland, it was common for men to share beds. He said that there is nothing wrong with this and we in America at this time are upset about it only because we are seeing it through the eyes of a sexually promiscuous society. I told Father Carey that, given the problems in the Church today with molestation of teenage boys by homosexual priests, this practice of sleeping with boys was not very prudent. He restated that nothing sexual was happening. When I told him that teenage boys were easily aroused sexually and that this sleeping with the priests was an occasion of sin, he replied that it would only be an occasion of sin if the boys were sleeping with women, since men are naturally attracted to women. For two men to sleep together is not an occasion of sin, since there is no natural attraction between men. Father Carey also told me that if I would go to St. Gregory's Academy on any given night, I would probably find boys sharing beds. He said he couldn't swear to it, but that it was just natural for the boys to do this: that two boys may be studying together and just naturally fall asleep with each other. He said that it was all very innocent.

These are my recollections of my conversation with Father Carey.

  
Diane L. Toler

  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me this 6th day of May, 2002, in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

  
Notary Public  
Cesar Lorenzana  
Notary Public, Camden County, New Jersey  
My Commission Expires December 27 2004

