

***REV. DONALD FARMER***

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PURSUANT TO JCCP 4286 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**Vicar for Clergy Database**

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Mr. Donald G. Farmer**

**5692 N. Cleo Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93722**

*Current Primary Assignment*

<i>Birth Date</i>	8/3/1937	<i>Age:</i>	75
<i>Birth Place</i>	Chicago, Il, USA	<i>Deanery:</i>	22
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>			
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	5/1/1963		
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Archdiocese of Los Angeles		
<i>Date of Incardination</i>			
<i>Religious Community</i>			
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	To Lay State		
<i>Canon State</i>	Layperson	<i>Incard Process</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Begin Pension Date</i>			

<i>Seminary</i>	St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
<i>Ethnicity</i>	English

**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training**

<i>Date Background Check</i>	
<i>Virtus Training Date</i>	

**Assignment History**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Beginning Date</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Returned To Lay State	3/3/1972	
Inactive Leave	7/1/1971	3/2/1972
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Carpinteria Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	3/8/1971	8/31/1971
SS. Felicitas and Perpetua Catholic Church, San Marino Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	9/18/1970	3/7/1971
Inactive Leave	6/15/1969	9/17/1970
Holy Family Catholic Church, Glendale Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/14/1966	6/14/1969
St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church, Thousand Oaks Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/14/1963	5/13/1966

June 24, 1994

Re: Child Abuse by a Priest

REDACTED

REDACTED received a call at 4:20 P.M. this afternoon from a REDACTED

REDACTED REDACTED said she is presently living in REDACTED , and the REDACTED Diocese told her to call the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

REDACTED said she need to talk to someone about being molested by a priest between 1967 and 1969. She said the name of the priest was Father Donald Farmer at Holy Family in Glendale. She believes he is no longer a priest.

I told her that she had to put her complaint in writing to Msgr. Dyer, Office of Vicar for Clergy and I gave her the address.

REDACTED asked me to give you the above information.

REDACTED

*Attached  
pages from  
1967 + 1969  
Friday Directory  
show him at  
Holy Family  
Glendale*

June 24, 1994

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

MEMO OF TELEPHONE CALL

**RE: REDACTED - Telephone REDACTED  
Report of Molestation by a Priest in Los Angeles Archdiocese**

I received a call from a woman asking to whom she could speak with regard to a molestation report. I told her I would need to check if one of the priests was available and asked if this was a recent incident to which she was referring.

She said that the matter she wished to discuss occurred a long time ago, during 1967-1969 to others and to herself in the Diocese of Los Angeles. She went on to comment that she had called "someone" in the Los Angeles Diocese who said they would not or could not talk to her about this. She then called Catholic Community Services and was told that this was not within their area. She said she got a referral to our number, but it was not clear to me from whom the referral came.

At this point, I asked her if she was calling locally and she said from the REDACTED area. I then asked if she would not mind holding while I checked with a priest.

I consulted Father REDACTED and REDACTED who was at the Chancery at the time and REDACTED recommended that she get in touch with the REDACTED (sp?) and ask him to call the woman.

I conveyed this information to the woman and asked if she felt comfortable in giving me her name. She said she did and didn't want to cause us any problems, but felt a need to deal with this situation and would appreciate our putting her in touch with the appropriate person. She did ask that when the REDACTED from Los Angeles calls her home, should someone other than herself answer (e.g. her children) to please ask for her and if she were not available to please leave a name and phone so she may call back. She does not mind him indicating that he is an attorney and where he is from, but to PLEASE NOT indicate the subject matter to anyone else. I told her that sensitive matters such as these are handled very discreetly, but I would be sure to pass on her concerns.

She then gave me her name and phone number as listed above and thanked me for the help.

This information is being provided to REDACTED so that she may contact the REDACTED is the ArchDiocese of Los Angeles.

REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 30, 1994  
FROM: REDACTED  
TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
RE: MATTERS BEING REFERRED TO MSGR. RICHEY

Fr. Dyer is giving Msgr. <sup>REDACTED</sup> copies of material on the <sup>REDACTED</sup> case  
and the Fr. Don Farmer/<sup>REDACTED</sup> matter.

A letter will be coming in from <sup>REDACTED</sup> . Copy to go to Msgr. <sup>REDACTED</sup>  
for handling.

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# Local & State



THE FRESNO BEE • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2003

## Former priest held on molest charges

Fresno family therapist is accused of abusing preteens in mid-'60s.

By LOUIS GALVAN  
THE FRESNO BEE

The sign Thursday outside the northwest Fresno office of Donald Farmer, a former Southern California Catholic priest turned marriage and family counselor, reads, "Family Emergency, Appointments Cancelled."

The office was shut down Wednesday shortly after Farmer, who retired from the priesthood in 1969 and moved to Fresno, was arrested on suspicion of sexually molesting four preteen youths in San Bernardino County in the mid-1960s.

Cindy Beavers, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, said Farmer, 65, was arrested at work

by Fresno County sheriff's deputies on a warrant for 14 counts of lewd and lascivious acts allegedly involving two boys and two girls, all of them younger than 13 at the time of the alleged offenses.

Bail was set at \$100,000 and Farmer was expected to be transported to the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga today.

Beavers said Farmer is accused of molesting the children between 1966 and 1967 in a family-owned mountain cabin in the Lake Gregory area near Big Bear.

Beavers said Farmer reportedly became a trusted friend of the youths' parents and would get permission to take the youths to the cabin on outings.

The outings, she said, were not connected to any church-sponsored programs.

Beavers said none of the children reported the alleged offenses and that an investigation was

Please see ARREST, Page B5

REDACTED

2/28/03

F. V. I.  
(no reply or response needed)

REDACTED

REDACTED

cc

REDACTED

7/23/03

Thank you for the arrangements for the February meeting

REDACTED

# Arrest: Former priest became family therapist

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not started until July, when one of the alleged male victims came forward and filed a complaint against Farmer.

The investigation, she said, led to the three other alleged victims.

Beavers said she is not aware of any other law enforcement investigation involving Farmer.

According to Beavers, Farmer was assigned as a priest at Holy Family Church in Glendale at the time of the alleged offenses.

After leaving the church, Farmer became a licensed marriage and family therapist.

His office for about the past year has been at a business complex at 5588 N. Palm Ave., across from Bullard High School, where he reportedly worked alone and where he was taken into custody.

A man who answered the door at Farmer's home in northwest Fresno shook his head and shut the door when a Fresno Bee reporter identified himself and asked for an interview.

► The reporter can be reached at lgalvan@fresnobee.com or 441-6139.

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April 17, 2003

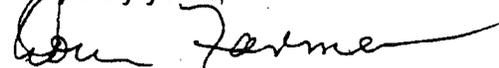
Most Rev. Cardinal Archbishop Roger Mahoney  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
3424 Wilshire Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

Dear Cardinal Mahoney:

This letter is to request a copy of my archdiocesan personnel file. As you are probably aware, I have been charged criminally in San Bernardino Superior Court with 14 counts of child molestation, allegations going back to the time period I was assigned to Holy Family Church in Glendale, 1966 – 1969. These are false charges which appear to be part of a well-orchestrated campaign to discredit priests and the Church. Unfortunately, false or not, I am being compelled to endure legal proceedings which have great risk attached to them. In addition, my livelihood as a Marriage and Family Therapist is at risk; I have already had a severe loss of 60% of our family support just from the publicity surrounding my arrest. There seems to be no recognition of the fact that I was laicized in 1972, 31 years ago, and that there has never been even a whisper of complaint about any of my work or relationships. I have been married to the same woman since that time, and have <sup>REDACTED</sup> children between <sup>REDACTED</sup>. I have remained an active participant in Catholic life; <sup>REDACTED</sup> and I are members of a Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community, City of the Lord.

I appreciate any help you can offer and will do whatever it takes to cooperate in meeting my request. My contact address and telephone numbers are listed below. In addition, you may wish to contact <sup>REDACTED</sup> with whom I have been in contact periodically since we both ended up in Fresno. If it is necessary to use the diocesan office in Fresno to assist with my request, I will be glad to cooperate with that. I have not yet spoken to anyone in the diocesan office about this, but many of the local Pastors are aware of my circumstances.

Very truly yours,



Don Farmer  
<sup>REDACTED</sup>

Don Farmer  
5692 N. Cleo Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93722-2592



Most Rev. Cardinal Archbishop Roger  
Mahoney  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
3424 Wilshire Blvd  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT  
MINUTE ORDER

CASE NO: FSB038203 DATE: 08/11/03  
CASE TITLE: PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
vs.  
DONALD GEORGE FARMER

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DEPT: S21 08/11/03 TIME: 9:00 am PRE-PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE  
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CHARGES:

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JUDGE W ROBERT FAWKE  
Clerk K NEYSES  
Reporter K ERNST  
Bailiff S KEIGER  
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APPEARANCES  
Deputy District Attorney L ROBLES present.  
Attorney JOHN SMURR present.  
Defendant present.  
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PROCEEDINGS  
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MOTIONS  
On motion of Deputy District Attorney, case is dismissed  
pursuant to 1100 PC.  
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CUSTODY STATUS  
Cash Bail Exonerated.  
Defendant Released.  
Defendant released as to this action only.  
Copy of Minute Order given to defendant.

# Fax

To: REDACTED

From: DON FARMER : REDACTED



Fax: REDACTED

Pages: 2 including cover

Phone:

Date: September <sup>18</sup> 17, 2003

Re: Personnel file

CC: NA

- Urgent
- For Review
- Please Comment
- Please Reply
- Please Recycle

It occurred to me that you might want to have a copy of this dismissal order for my personnel file.



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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Father Thomas C. Anslow  
Vicar for Canonical Services

FROM: Monsignor Craig A. Cox  
Vicar for Clergy

RE: Donald G. Farmer

DATE: 27 July 2002

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Our database indicates that Donald G. Farmer, ordained in 1963, was laicized in 1972.

Could you please check the laicization files and see if you have anything on him. I'd appreciate the opportunity to look at the file.

Thanks.

Los Angeles (USA)SUB SECRETO

SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

PROT. N. 3635/71

Excellentissime Domine,

NN. DONALDUS GEORGIUS FARMER, sacerdos Archidioe-  
sis Angelorum in California  
petiit reductionem ad statum laicalem cum dispensatione ab omnibus oneribus e sacris Ordinibus (et a religiosa Professione) manantibus, non excepto onere servandi legem sacri coelibatus.

**SS.mus D. N. PAULUS, Divina Providentia Papa VI, die 3 Martii**  
**1972**, habita relatione de casu a Sacra Congregatione Pro Doctrina Fidei, adnuere dignatus est pro gratia iuxta sequentes Normas:

1. Rescriptum complectitur inseparabiliter reductionem ad statum laicalem et dispensationem ab oneribus ex sacris ordinibus manantibus. Numquam oratori fas est duo illa elementa seiungere, seu alterum accipere et prius recusare. Si orator est religiosus, Rescriptum continet etiam dispensationem a votis.

Ipsam in super, quatenus opus sit, secumfert absolutionem a contractis censuris et legitimationem prolis.

Rescriptum vim suam exserit a momento notificationis a competenti Praelato oratori factae.

2. Si orator est sacerdos dioecesanus extra propriam dioecesim versans, vel religiosus, Ordinarius loci incardinationis vel Superior religiosus maior Ordinarius loci commorationis habitualis oratoris certiore faciet de pontificia dispensatione, eumque, si casus ferat, rogabit ut Rescriptum cum oratore communicet et necessariam delegationem pro matrimonii canonici celebratione concedat. Si vero peculiare circumstantiae aliud suadeant, praedictus Ordinarius ad Sacram Congregationem recurrat.

3. Per se sacerdos ad statum laicalem redactus et ab oneribus cum sacerdotio conexas dispensatus, et a fortiori sacerdos matrimonio iunctus, abesse debet a locis in quibus notus est eius status sacerdotalis. Ordinarius loci commorationis oratoris, de communi consilio, quatenus opus sit, cum Ordinario proprio incardinationis vel cum Superiore maiore religioso, dispensare poterit ab ista clausula Rescriptum afficiente, si oratoris dispensati praesentia scandalum paritura non praevideatur.

4. Quod attinet ad celebrationem canonici matrimonii, per se Ordinarius curet ut a quacumque pompa vel adparatu abstinence et coram sacerdote probato et secreti tenaci ac sine testibus vel, si opus fuerit, cum duobus testibus, illud peragatur, cuius acta in secreto Curiae tabulario adserventur.

Ad Ordinarium loci commorationis una cum Praelato proprio oratoris, sive dioecetano sive religioso, pertinet determinare quomodo dispensatio, et pariter celebratio matrimonii, secreto sit tegenda vel communicari possit, debitis sub cautionibus, cum oratoris propinquis, amicis et conductoribus (datore di lavoro, employeur, employer), ut bonae famae ipsius oratoris consultum sit iuribusque oeconomico-socialibus ex novo statu laici et uxorati manantibus.

5. In Libris baptizatorum paroeciae sive oratoris sive compartis adnotetur consulendum esse Ordinarium loci si quando notitia vel documenta exquirantur.

6. Ordinarius, ad quem spectat Rescriptum cum oratore communicare, hunc enixe hortetur, ut vitam Populi Dei, ratione congruente cum nova eius vivendi condicione, participet, aedificationem praestet, et ita amantissimum Ecclesiae filium se exhibeat. Simul autem eidem notum faciat cuilibet sacerdoti ad statum laicalem redacto et ab oneribus dispensato vetitum esse ne:

a) ullam ordinis sacri functionem peragat, salvis iis quae habentur can. 882 et 892 par. 2;

b) ullam partem liturgicam agat in celebrationibus cum populo, ubi eius condicio est nota, neve umquam homiliam habeat;

c) ullum officium pastorale gerat;

d) munere Rectoris (vel alio munere directivo), Directoris spiritualis et Docentis fungatur in Seminariis, Facultatibus Theologicis et similibus Institutis;

e) itemque ne munere Directoris scholae catholicae neve munere magistri religionis in quibuslibet scholis, catholicis aut secus, fungatur. Attamen Ordinarius loci, pro suo prudenti iudicio, potest in casibus particularibus permittere ut sacerdos ad statum laicalem redactus et ab oneribus cum sacra ordinatione conexis dispensatus religionem doceat in scholis publicis, ex exceptione etiam in scholis catholicis, dummodo ne scandalum aut admiratio sit timendum.

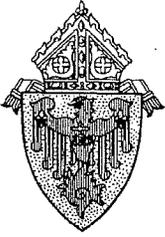
Denique Ordinarius ei aliquod opus pietatis vel caritatis imponat. Tempore autem opportuno curet brevius referre ad Sacram Congregationem de peracta executione, et si qua tandem fidelium admiratio exoriatur prudenti explicatione providere.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

Ex Aedibus S. C. Pro Doctrina Fidei, die 3 Martii 1972.

REDACTED

*Donald G. Farmer*  
*March 30, 1972*



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL

Office of the Archbishop

April 17, 1972

REDACTED

Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

REDACTED  
Dear

In accordance with your request of April 7, 1972,  
I am happy to enclose a copy of our correspondence to the effect  
that the usual notation has been made in the record of baptism of  
DONALD G. FARMER.

With all good wishes and cordial regards, I am,

Very truly yours in Christ,

*+ John Card. Cody*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Encl.

DONALD G. FARMEROut-of-town Baptismal Notation

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL

Office of the Archbishop

April 10, 1972

O. T.

REDACTED

St. Rita of Cascia Rectory  
6243 S. Fairfield  
Chicago, Illinois 60629

Dear REDACTED

Would you be good enough to make personally the following entry in your baptismal register in the record of baptism of DONALD G. FARMER, born August 3, 1937, and baptized on August 29, 1937, in St. Rita Church:

"Consulendus est Ordinarius loci si quando  
notitia vel documenta exquirantur."

I shall appreciate your notification to the effect that you have made the above annotation in your records, returning this letter with the statement indicated below.

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter, and with every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear REDACTED

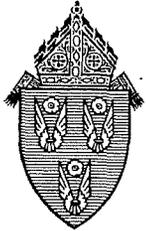
Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Your Eminence:

I wish to advise you that I have made the above annotation today,  
April 13th, 1972.

REDACTED



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
DUnkirk 8-8101

April 7, 1972

REDACTED

SUB SECRETO

St. Joseph's Rectory  
P. O. Box 186  
Carpinteria, Ca. 93013

RE: PAX 41/71

REDACTED

Dear

May I ask that you make the following annotation in the baptismal register of your parish under the baptismal record of REDACTED REDACTED who was baptized at your Church on October 19, 1952.

"Si hujus baptismi documentum exquiratur, confer File Prot. Num. 3635/71, Los Angeles Archdiocese."

When said entry is made, I would appreciate the return of this notice with your signature attached below.

Thanking you, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours,  
REDACTED

mr

       I have made the above notation in the baptismal register of this parish.  
REDACTED

Date April 8, 1972



ARCHDIOECESSE OF LOS ANGELES  
 1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
 DUnkirk 8-8101

Congregatio pro Doctrina Fidei  
 Roma, Italia

REDACTED

Omnibus condicionibus in rescripto Prot. N. 3635/71

a Cong. pro Doctrina Fidei impletis, vi dispensationis a PP. Paulo VI datae, Donald G. Farmer, olim sacerdos Archdiocese Los Angeles, California, cum REDACTED catholica, simplici modo sine testibus die 30-III-72 matrimonium contraxit apud Culver City coram REDACTED delegato Nostro.

Donald G. Farmer, natus die 3-VIII-1937, apud ecclesiam St. Rita, Chicago, Illinois U.S.A., die 29-VIII-37 baptizatus est. REDACTED, nata die 5-X-1952 apud ecclesiam St. Joseph, Carpenteria, Calif., U.S.A. die 19-X-1952 baptizata est.

Uti in rescripto quaeritur, notitia de peracta re Ordinariis Locorum baptizatorum missa est.

Eminentiae Tuae Rev.mae

ob.mum hu.mum dev.mum famulum verum

Donald G. Farmer  
 Ordinarius Angelorum  
 in California

PAX :

DATA FOR FILE 41171

Prot. 3635/71

NAME :.....DONALD GEORGE FARMER.....  
 BIRTH, DATE :.....AUGUST 3, 1937.....  
 PLACE: ..CHICAGO, ILL.....  
 COUNTRY.....U.S.A.....  
 BAPTISM, DATE ..AUGUST 29, 1937.....  
 PARISH : ..ST. RITA.....  
 CITY.....CHICAGO, ILL.....COUNTRY..U.S.A..  
 DIOCESE..CHICAGO.....

REDACTED

NAME :.... Religion..CATHOLIC  
 BIRTH, DATE.....OCTOBER 5, 1952.....  
 PLACE.....SANTA BARBARA, CA.....  
 COUNTRY.....U.S.....  
 BAPTISM, DATE.....OCTOBER 19, 1952.....  
 PARISH.....ST. JOSEPH.....  
 CITY.....CARPINTERIA, CALIF.....COUNTRY..U.S.A.....  
 ARCH-DIOCESE.....LOS ANGELES.....

DISP. from Relig. vows...of Relig. Congr.,Order .....

DISP. for Mix. Relig..... Disp. of Cult.....BY.....

DATE.....

DATE OF MARRIAGE ..March 30, 1972  
 PLACE.....St. Augustine, Culver City, Calif.

REDACTED