

CONFIDENTIAL FILE: REV. JAMES FORD

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Both Monsignor Nierderausser and I agreed we would not inform Jim Ford for the reason that the people involved in these activities usually are aware of these matters.

## CLERGY DATABASE

Last:Ford

Title:Rev.

First: James

Middle:M.

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01/31/83 Msgr. Rawden met with Fr. at Msgr's request in consequence of the information received from the Very Rev. Stafford Poole, C.M. at St. John's Seminary College. Mr. REDACTED a seminarian, who was about to be dismissed from the Seminary College, but who withdrew on his own, as a result of a moral problem he was having. He REDACTED, implicated Father and others as companions in this **moral difficulty**. Father absolutely denied any association with REDACTED in any immoral context. Fr. acknowledged that he knew him from Ventura; that the latter was a convert of Fr. Donald Mulcahy. Fr. said that he has not associated with him since leaving Ventura six months ago. 11/23/87 Msg. George Niederauer, the Rector at the Seminary, called the office. A second-yr Theology student had come to him to let him know that a former seminarian, REDACTED REDACTED who had been in this student's class, was dying of AIDS. Both had been in the seminary earlier and left. This man had been very involved in indiscriminate sexual activity. Only one other student had been involved with him. However, the student informed Msgr. Niederauer that REDACTED had a long involvement with Father while he was in St. Rose of Lima Church in Simi Valley. The seminarian also told him that Father tended to be involved with high school boys and that, in his estimation, inappropriate activity was involved. Both Msgr. Niederauer and Msgr. Curry agreed they would not inform Father for the reason that the people involved in these activities usually are aware of these matters. 02/01/93 Excerpts from REDACTED 's **letter to Ab. Mahony**: He has had a sexual relationship with Fr. They met in Ventura; they were on a gay cruising spot near the condominiums where Fr. lives. Fr. invited him over his condo. They took an AIDS test together along with others prior to the consummation of their relationship. He slept with him at the parish. The relationship lasted eleven months. Apparently, he also sent copies of this letter to Fr. Ford's parents, the LA Times and the Catholic Council in NY. 02/11/93 Fr. wrote to Msgr. Dyer in response to the letter from Mr. REDACTED to the Ab. He denied everything. 03/05/93 Ab. gave his approval to refer him to Dr. REDACTED for a psychological evaluation. 04/27/93 Msgr. Dyer wrote to the therapist to let him know that people in Oxnard as well as in Sepulveda have made comments about his lifestyle for over a period of ten yrs. 07/01/94 He was appointed Pastor of San Roque Church in Santa Barbara.