

CONFIDENTIAL

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ARCHBISHOP

An accusation was made to Father Peter Scannel, St Calistus, Garden Grove, that his associate, Father LYNN CAFFOE, was overly affectionate to some of the altar boys. The complaint was made by the parents of the boys. (Tuesday, 21 Jan 75)

Fathers Scannel and Caffoe came to the Chancery and discussed this matter with me. Father Caffoe wanted an immediate transfer in spite of the fact that he claimed innocence of the charge. He felt it better for the well being of the parish. Father Scannel seemed to agree with this.

I indicated that, in light of Fr. Caffoe's innocence, I felt they both should spend a few days in trying to evaluate the situation and possible scandal.

Father Caffoe called me, Tuesday, January 28, indicating that after consultation with the parents involved and clearing up some misunderstanding on their part, he and Fr. Scannel believed that an immediate transfer was NOT called for.

Father Caffoe will be assigned there four years in May. No doubt there will be a regular change for him before the end of 1975.

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