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June 3, 2012

Mary Elizabeth Heffernan
Secretary of Public Safety
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Re: CAVALIER RESPONSES TO SUICIDE CRISIS CONTINUATION REPORTS

Dear Secretary Heffernan:

Enclosed you will find a response I received from MCI Shirley Superintendent Kelly Ryan about complaints I made to Undersecretary Sandra McCroom about the continued suicide crisis here in the Massachusetts prison system. I am appalled at the cavalier response, as well as perplexed as to why I am instructed to seek, "help through this troubling time."??? I am fine. My complaints were about the insanity of some operating procedures which create an atmosphere of hopelessness: hopelessness which causes men to choose death by hanging over another day of incarceration.

We truly need for you to come to the prison and meet with myself and some other motivated men on what is broken and how we can work together to fix it. This prison suicide crisis has been going on for too many years now and the prison administrators have dropped the ball as far as effecting and real solutions. You must speak to the men and women who are subjected to the systemic failures.

Thank you for your time and anticipated serious consideration of coming in soon to meet with us. Please allow me to assist you in organizing the meeting.

Respectfully Yours,



Timothy J. Muise

cc: file
ATTACHMENT



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May 29, 2012

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Dear Mr. Muise:

The Internal Affairs Unit is in receipt of your letter dated April 13, 2012. More specifically, your letter is in reference to your allegations of staff misconduct against a Dr. and Lieutenant at MCI-Shirley.

Please be advised your letter has been forwarded to Superintendent Ryan as she is currently reviewing this matter.

Sincerely,

Duane MacEachern, Chief
Internal Affairs Unit

C: Kelly Ryan, Superintendent
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May 31, 2012

Kelly A. Ryan
 Superintendent

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Dear Mr. Muise:

I am in receipt of your letters dated May 25, 2012 and May 26, 2012 to Undersecretary Sandra McCroom which was forwarded to Commissioner Spencer and then my office for a response.

I understand your concerns regarding an attempted inmate suicide and would recommend that you speak with your counselor, a Chaplain or Mental Health so that they may help you through this troubling time.

As far as your concerns regarding cell shakedowns, please be advised of the following:

Medium Inmate Handbook - Searches

At any given time or place, inmates are subject to a search of their person, living quarters, or place of work. Searches are routine in nature to control contraband. The fact that you are asked to submit to a search does not mean that you are under suspicion. Refusal to submit to a search will result in disciplinary action.

MCI Shirley 506, Search Policy

Scheduled bed/bunk searches: Housing unit searches are prescheduled via IMS. Each housing unit officer will review the search screen via IMS to determine which cells/bunks are scheduled to be searched. All results are to be logged into the search screen.

I trust this addresses your concerns in these matters.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Ryan
 Superintendent

cc: Luis S. Spencer, Commissioner C12-INM15189/C12-INM15188
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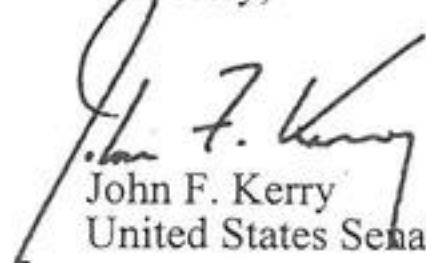
Dear Mr. Muise,

Thank you for contacting my office to request assistance regarding the current situation at Massachusetts Correctional Institution Shirley.

I have sent your letter along to the Massachusetts Department of Corrections with a note asking them to look into the matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact Meagan Greene of my Boston office for additional information at 617-565-8519. Thank you again for writing to me and I look forward to being of service to you.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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June 7, 2012

Ms. Karen DiNardo
Deputy Superintendent
MCI Shirley
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Re: JESUS CHRIST

Deputy DiNardo:

You took Christ from us?

Dispondently Yours,

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June 7, 2012

Deacon James Greer
Director of Prison Ministry
Archdiocese of Boston
66 Brooks Drive
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Re: BANNING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT MCI SHIRLEY

Dear Deacon Greer:

My prayers are that this letter finds you well and enjoying many successes in your work there. I know that Deacon Art Rogers has Emailed you about what is going on here, but I also wanted to express our urgency in the need for the Diocese to back us up in this persecution we are experiencing.

As Artie told you the deputy here, Karen DiNardo, has BANNED all Eucharistic Ministers taken from the population here. This is outrageous and we will not tolerate this. It is imperative that the Cardinal's Office back us up on this issue. The men here who served as Eucharistic Ministers are men of deep faith who want to serve their brothers and sisters, and ultimately Christ. The forces of evil are working through the prison administrators and we must battle them with the truth. This is a major issue Deacon Greer as it will undoubtedly spread through the other facilities in the Diocese and beyond. We need your immediate and swift intervention.

Please get in touch with Artie as soon as you can. He can be reached at;

arogers@doc.state.ma.us
(978) 425-4341, Ext. 4818

The Church is the ONLY vehicle which rehabilitates. Please do all within your power and authority to keep serving Christ here. I am,

Yours In Christ,



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June 7, 2012

His Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley
Archbishop of Boston
Archdiocese of Boston
66 Brooks Drive
Braintree, MA
01824-3839

Re: **BANNING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT MCI SHIRLEY**

Your Eminence:

The Catholic Community here at MCI Shirley must beg your intervention in a very serious situation which jeopardizes rehabilitation here and is indicative of the continued persecution of the Church. Deputy Karen DiNardo has banned the use of prisoner Eucharistic Ministers here at the prison. Our Deacon, Art Rogers, had installed about one dozen (12) Eucharistic Ministers after holding a three part training class. These Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (myself included) have been serving Christ here for the past year, as well as have been serving at other facilities (Norfolk, Gardner, Old Colony, SBCC, etc.) for decades.


This act of Deputy DiNardo was fully retaliatory after members of our community made complaints about conditions causing suicide, conditions with our end of life patients here, as well as access for the sick and disabled to the Sacrifice of the High Mass. After being made aware of these legitimate complaints the deputy banned the use of the prisoner Eucharistic Ministers as many of them had authored complaint letters. This is truly an unholy act.

When are Muslim brothers face such acts of abuse they have the Islamic leaders in the community step forward. When our Jewish brothers are subjected to mistreatment the Jewish Defense League comes to their aid. All we have your Eminence is the Archdiocese. We need you now more than ever!

Please contact our Deacon, Art Rogers, at: arogers@doc.state.ma.us or (978) 425-4341, Ext. 4818. He is being persecuted as well over this.

Thank you so much for your time and prayed for intervention in this matter. I am truly,

Yours In Christ,


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June 7, 2012

Most Reverend Robert T. Kickham
Secretary to the Cardinal
Office of Cardinal Sean O'Malley
Archdiocese of Boston
66 Brooks Drive
Braintree, MA
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Re: BANNING OF "EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS" AT MCI SHIRLEY

Dear Reverend Kickham:

We need your advocacy to the Cardinal on an issue of the utmost importance to our faith community here. The Deputy Superintendent, Karen DiNardo, recently ordered our Deacon, Art Rogers, to "cease & desist" the use of Eucharistic Ministers, taken from the ranks of the population, here at the facility. We are devastated. Please know that Eucharistic Ministers are used at all of the DOC facilities and the actions of the Deputy here are based on some of the men who were chosen by the Deacon, as well as their criminal histories. Christ died for us all!

Our Deacon, Art Rogers, was accused of malfeasance in this matter (by installing the Eucharistic Ministers). He needs the full support of the Diocese, as do we all. Please contact Deacon Art at:

arogers@doc.state.ma.us
(978) 425-4341, Ext 4818

We really need your advocacy on this one as the faith is under attack here. My hopes are to hear back from you soon and to hear from Art that you have contacted him.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you very soon, I am,

Yours In Christ,

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Mark Dunderdale
Office for Professional Standards & Oversight
Archdiocese of Boston
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Re: BANNING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS at MCI SHIRLEY

Dear Mr. Dunderdale:

The Catholic Community here at MCI Shirley is in desperate need of the intervention of your office in a matter of great importance. The Deputy Superintendent here, Karen DiNardo, recently banned the use of all prisoner Eucharistic Ministers here at the facility. This is a practice that is used widely throughout the Massachusetts prison system. Ms. DiNardo's decision was in retaliation due to the fact that members of the Catholic Community here, many Eucharistic Ministers, filed complaints about the care of our end-of-life brothers, the disabled Catholics, and many other aspects of abuse being visited upon the Catholic community which is our duty to report. Deputy DiNardo took this opportunity to persecute us and hopefully secure our silence about the abuses. As our Christian duty cries for compassion we will not be silent.

Can you please advocate for our community. You can reach our Deacon here, Art Rogers, and get his view on the situation. He can be reached at;
arogers@doc.state.ma.us - (978) 425-4341, Ext. 4818

Can you please also contact Cardinal O'Malley about our plight. This unholy act is another example of the persecution of the Church. We truly need your intervention. (617) 782-2544

Thank you so much for your time and anticipated prompt attention to this matter. Please get back to me as soon as you can. I am truly,

Yours In Christ,

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Most Reverend Bryan K. Parrish
Assistant Vicar for Administration
Office of the Vicar General
Archdiocese of Boston
66 Brooks Drive
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Re: BANNING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS at MCI SHIRLEY

Dear Reverend Parrish:

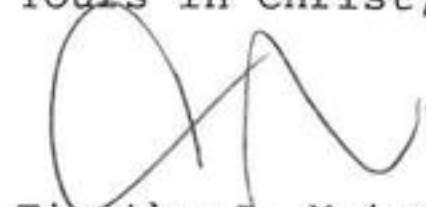
The Catholic Community here is in desperate need of the intervention of the Vicar General in a matter of Church persecution we are experiencing here at the prison. Deputy Superintendent Karen DiNardo recently banned the use of all prisoner Eucharistic Ministers here at the prison, a practice used in all of the Commonwealth's prisons. This act was in retaliation for complaints our Catholic Community made about suicides, end-of-life care for our aging brothers, as well as many other abuses being perpetrated against our brothers here at the facility. Many of these complaints were filed by men who serve as Eucharistic Ministers and as such the deputy abused her authority in an effort to silence us. Under our Christian duties we will not be silenced.

Can you please advocate for us with the Vicar General and seek his full involvement in this matter. You can contact our Deacon here, Art Rogers, who could provide you the details of the unholy act. Deacon Art is also being persecuted because of this. He can be reached at:

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Our Catholic Community here truly needs the intervention of the Vicar General. Please do all you can for us to secure his involvement. I am truly,

Yours In Christ,



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SAMPLE FORM
LETTER

Re: BANNING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS at MCI SHIRLEY

I need your help in addressing a very serious situation which has reared its ugly head here at MCI Shirley. Recently our deputy here, Karen DiNardo, made a retaliatory decision to ban all prisoner Eucharistic Ministers. Her decision was rendered after her office was made aware of complaints about medical care and conditions of confinement made by the Catholic community here at the facility. These legitimate complaints involved our brother's lives here as they dealt mainly with suicide, end of life health care, and access of the sick to our Eucharistic service(s) as well as the Sacrifice of the High Mass. All other facilities in the Commonwealth's prison system employ prisoner Eucharistic Ministers. This has been the case for decades. The blessed community here is appalled by the actions of the deputy and must seek your assistance in righting this terrible wrong. We cannot allow the Church to be further persecuted as it is the only entity which truly rehabilitates men and women.

We are asking to you contact the Office of Cardinal Sean O'Malley and let him know that you would like to see him act as strongly as possible to right this wrong. His phone number is: (617) 782-2544. We also hope you can contact the office of DOC Commissioner Luis Spencer and ask him to immediately overturn the decision of Deputy DiNardo. His phone number is: (508) 422-3300. You could also call our Deacon here, Art Rogers, to afford him support in correcting this unholy decision. He can be reached at: (978) 425-4341, Ext. 4818 or arogers@doc.state.ma.us

Thank you so much for your time and anticipated support of our blessed Catholic community. I am truly,

Yours In Christ,

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AS YOU. GET YOUR FAMILY
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STAMPS!**

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