

DONALD MCGUIRE
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Talked with Br. Ricardo Palacio, the director of the Christian Brothers Retreat House in St. Helena, CA. Don McGuire had been there recently to give a retreat to students from the Coby Academy in Napa, CA, a conservative Catholic school. He has been travelling since January with a 16 or 17 year old boy, of Anchorage, AK.

Palacio became quite suspicious of this whole arrangement and began to check up a little about it. The boy claimed that he slept in a room across from the room occupied by Don--Palacio questioned the boy a bit--but in fact that room is an office. The boy does not seem to have slept in a separate room; nothing was disturbed in any room that he could have used. Palacio also came to Don McGuire's room at one point during the retreat and heard, just as he was about to knock, giggling inside. He then knocked, there was a sudden silence, and the boy rather than Don came and unlocked the door. His hair was askew and his shirt was untucked; Don himself, when Palacio pushed in, was lying on his bed, but fully clothed.

Palacio took the trouble to call the mother of the boy, _____ in Anchorage to voice his concerns to her. She felt that her son has in some way changed, she is concerned about him, concerned about his travelling with Don.

I thanked Palacio warmly for this information, the first that I have heard about this form of behavior on the part of Don. I know of no previous complaints on this score but will certainly need to pursue the matter. As Palacio and I agreed, this travel business is at least very imprudent, perhaps much more serious.

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