

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT OF THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT

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 v.)
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 THE REV. BRUCE W. JACQUES)

July 8, 1997

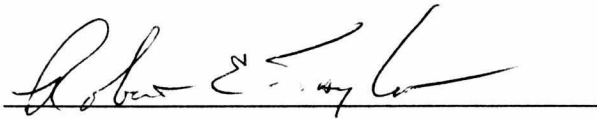
The Court rules as follows on the matters listed below:

1. Respondent's Motion for Mistrial. One July 1, 1997 Respondent moved for a mistrial in connection with the Court's review of the documents produced by the Church Attorney in response to the Court's order of June 21, 1997 arising out of Respondent's document production request. The Court has considered the motion and Respondent's statement in support thereof, and rules that the Motion is DENIED.
2. Matter of the Failure of Witnesses to Appear. At the Court session on July 1, 1997, Respondent offered proof of the testimony expected from three witnesses who had refused to appear as requested by Respondent and urged by the Court. The Court considers that the failure of that testimony, a proffered by Respondent, to be part of the record was insufficient to cause any action to be taken by the Court with respect to either of the Counts in the Amended Complaint.
3. Count ONE of the Amended Complaint. Voting in accordance with applicable Canonical requirements , the Court finds that the Respondent is GUILTY of the Violation of his Ordination Vows in that he disobeyed or disregarded Pastoral Directions of the Bishop dated May 30, 1995 and September 6, 1995, as charged.
4. Count TWO of the Amended Complaint. Voting in accordance with applicable Canonical requirements, the Court finds that the Respondent is GUILTY of Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy in that he used inappropriate language on or about June 4, 1994 to a minor child and on or about June 17, 1994 to another minor child as charged.

5. **Sentencing.** The Court is scheduled to convene on September 2, 1997 to adjudge sentence. During the intervening period, the Respondent may submit written statements in mitigation or excuse, the Church Attorney may submit written recommendations as to the sentence to be adjudged, and the Complainant or Victims may submit written statements pertaining to the sentence to be adjudged. To be considered, all such written material must be received by the Presiding Judge, copy to the Lay Assessors, on or before August 20, 1997.

**THE COURT REGARDS THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT AS
CONFIDENTIAL AND REQUESTS THAT YOU TREAT IT AS SUCH.**

So ordered,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert E. Taylor", is written over a horizontal line.

The Rev. Robert E. Taylor, Presiding Judge