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'I JUST WANT IT TO GO AWAY. BUT IT CAN NEVER GO AWAY'

Two brothers come forward to describe repeated sexual abuse by priest in the 1960s

By JAY TOKASZ

NEWS STAFF REPORTER

James A. McCarthy hasn't seen the Rev. Norbert F. Orsolits in years. But the face of the priest still creeps into his mind anytime he enters a Catholic church, he said.

McCarthy, 69, says a short prayer to make the image go away: "Lord, help me to do the right thing and let this pass."

It gets him past the awful memory of the sexual abuse that McCarthy said he endured from Orsolits in his childhood bedroom some 50 years ago.

Orsolits, now 78, made the startling admission on Tuesday that he had molested "probably dozens" of boys prior to entering a Canadian facility for treatment in the early 1980s.

On Friday, McCarthy and his younger brother became the second and third men to publicly accuse Orsolits of sexually abusing them as adolescents while he worked as a Catholic Diocese of Buffalo priest.

Orsolits' abuses span more than a decade and date back to the earliest years of his priesthood, according to the accounts of the McCarthy brothers and a third victim, Michael F. Whalen.

McCarthy said he was about 17 years old when Orsolits sexually abused him in 1966 or 1967, while Orsolits was assigned

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Rev. Norbert F. Orsolits was assigned to St. John the Baptist Church in Alden in the 1960s. Two brothers who were teens at the time said Friday that Orsolits sexually abused them several times.

Advocate for victims says she believes actual number of perpetrators is perhaps triple of what's been reported

By DAN HERBECK

NEWS STAFF REPORTER

For the past 22 years, Judith Burns-Quinn has listened to the shocking and heartbreaking stories of people who were sexually abused by priests.

Most of them, she said, are adult men who were molested as young boys and teenagers.

"Every victim I've talked to has their own story, but for every one, the experience of being molested by a priest has had a profound impact on their life," said Burns-Quinn, 74.

Burns-Quinn said she has spoken to about 40 such victims since 2002, when she became Buffalo coordinator for a national organization called Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, or SNAP.

"Every one I've talked to has had trouble with either drugs, alcohol, anger issues, parental issues, divorces, or all those things," she said. "They have problems with trusting people, especially people in authority. Their lives have been devastated ... because a priest was someone



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Judith Burns-Quinn calls sexual abuse by priests "an enormous problem in this community."

they thought they could be trusted."

She has been closely following the latest developments this week, including Thursday's announcement from the diocese that it will create a fund to compensate people who were abused by clergy.

In the view of Burns-Quinn, the diocese is taking those steps because its leaders are worried about the poten-

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Municipalities are turning the corner on zombie homes

By BARBARA O'BRIEN

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Vanessa Krnjaich may not have thought she was saving a neighborhood when she bought her fixer-upper for \$45,555 at auction in August 2013.

But the 26-year-old transformed a West Seneca house that had been vacant for five years, taking it from the rolls of the "walking dead" and restoring it to vibrant and living housing stock.

She spent months fixing up the Rose Avenue house: 17 new windows, a new roof, foundation work, new paint. "It needed a lot of love," she said.

Before Krnjaich got her hands on it, the house had been a zombie home,

caught in foreclosure limbo. In the Buffalo area, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of them. Now towns, cities and villages are using new tools, including grants from new programs, to get the upper hand on vacant homes caught in an incomplete foreclosure process. The effort is needed because the abandoned properties are a blight and can encourage crime, but it doesn't have to get to that point.

The first thing local leaders will tell someone who gets the dreaded foreclosure notice is to stay in the house.

"A lot of times people just leave," said Hamburg Community Development Director Christopher Hull.

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Amid new battle, Kelly toughness endures



Gregory Shaver/Special to The News

Jim Kelly said of his appearance at Saturday's Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation ball, "If I can still go, I'm going."

Cancer foundation award accepted with grace, humor

By VIC CARUCCI

NEWS SPORTS REPORTER

MILWAUKEE – The obvious question came up Thursday with the people in charge of the Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation when they, along with the rest of the world, learned Jim Kelly's oral cancer had come back for a third time.

Kelly was to supposed to receive the organization's award of excellence at its 28th annual dinner and ball Saturday night.

Would he cancel? How could he even think about something that, in the grand scheme of things, could now be easily regarded as trivial? The organizers would have understood, so

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