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**DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
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REPORT SUMMARY ~ CIVIL AUTHORITIES

Date of Complaint: [REDACTED] **Complainant:** [REDACTED] **MacDonnell**

Complainant Name: [REDACTED] **(Maiden Name):** [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Telephone: [REDACTED]
DOB: [REDACTED] **E-mail:** [REDACTED]

Name of Reporter (if not Complainant): Peter Hutchins **Relationship:** Attorney
Telephone: [REDACTED] **Address:** 80 Merrimack Street, Manchester, NH 03101

Name of Accused: Rev. Romeo Valliere

1. **Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:** Claremont
Place of alleged abuse: St. Mary Parish
Date of alleged abuse: 1966-1969
Nature of alleged abuse: oral sex and masturbation
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse: 12-15 years old

Name of Accused: Rev. Paul Aube

2. **Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:** Claremont
Place of alleged abuse: St. Mary Parish
Date of alleged abuse: 1970-1971
Nature of alleged abuse: fondling and masturbation
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse: 16-17 years old

Complainant has been informed that the Diocese of Manchester will report this allegation to law enforcement (Attorney General/ DCYF if applicable/local law enforcement) Yes ☐ No ☐
Specific Concerns:

Report to DCYF (if complainant under age of 18) 800-894-5533
Date of Contact: / /200 **Time:** :
Name of DCYF Intake Rep:

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Date of Contact: / /200 **Time:** :

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Re: New Case # 93
 Client: [REDACTED]
 Priest: Father Romeo J. Valliere
 Father Paul Aube
 Location: St. Mary's Parish
 Claremont, NH
 Date(s): [REDACTED] 1970-1971
 Relationship: Altar Boy
 Victim's Age: [REDACTED] 12-15
 [REDACTED] 16-17
 Level: 3
 Frequency: [REDACTED] 40
 [REDACTED] 25-30
 Insurance Coverage: No

Dear Gordon:

Kindly add the above captioned case to our list as case #93 to be included in our settlement mechanism / process.

This is a very serious "Level 3" case which involved sexual abuse committed against [REDACTED] by two different priests, Romeo Valliere and Paul Aube, both of whom were actively investigated by the New Hampshire Attorney General's office. The case also has significant factors enhancing evaluation.

This is an "uncovered" claim due to the fact that the abuse claimed occurred prior to 1972.

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Client Background

[REDACTED] is a 49 year old resident of [REDACTED]. He was married 16 years ago, however is currently separated from his wife. He has two children, [REDACTED] age 15, and [REDACTED] age 13. He is currently [REDACTED].

He attended St. Mary's school in Claremont from grades 1-8, and graduated St. Mary's High School [REDACTED]. He has [REDACTED] brothers and sisters. He received a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from [REDACTED], and a Master's degree in Theology from [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. He attended the Theological College seminary through 1979.

He was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Manchester [REDACTED], and a priest in the Diocese on [REDACTED]. While a Catholic priest in this Diocese, he was assigned to St. [REDACTED], and St. [REDACTED] in Concord. He took a leave of absence in [REDACTED], and permanently left the Catholic priesthood in the [REDACTED]. He was married in July of 1987. He has been a [REDACTED].

Abuse by Father Romeo J. Valliere (1966-69)

The sexual abuse committed by Father Romeo J. Valliere against [REDACTED] involved approximately 40 incidents of oral sex and masturbation.

[REDACTED] first encountered Valliere while a 7th grader at St. Mary's school. [REDACTED] had become an altar boy during the 6th grade (1964-65), and Valliere was assigned to St. Mary's on August 3, 1965. Their initial contact was through the altar boy connection, and Valliere befriended the 12 year old [REDACTED] almost immediately upon his assignment to St. Mary's.

[REDACTED] recalls the abuse beginning in the St. Mary's rectory in Valliere's room. This abuse, which most likely occurred prior to the summer of 1966, involved french kissing, displaying pornographic films, and coaxing the 12 year old boy to take his clothes off. He recalls that this occurred 2 or 3 times during that first school year that Valliere was present (1965-66).

The majority of the sexual abuse occurred at Valliere's

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parent's home in Berlin. Apparently Valliere would take 2-3 vacation weeks each summer at the Berlin home. He invited [redacted] to come with him, and [redacted] did accompany Valliere to this home during these vacation weeks for three summers - 1966-1968.

Valliere would have [redacted] sleep in the same bed as him, and the abuse always involved Valliere performing oral sex on the boy to the point of ejaculation, and then force the boy to masturbate the priest, also to the point of ejaculation. Both the boy and the priest would be completely naked and under the covers. [redacted] recalls that Valliere would always give him beer, and that the priest would drink beer himself. This same pattern of abuse continued for the three summers noted, and [redacted] estimates that it took place on a total of approximately 40 occasions.

[redacted] also recalls several instances of sexual abuse that occurred at locations other than the Berlin home.

He recalls one occasion that occurred at a home on Cape Cod that [redacted] parents were renting in the summer of either 1967 or 1968. His parents, brother and sisters were present on the trip. Members of the family had their own rooms, and Valliere slept in a separate bed in [redacted] room. During the night, Valliere came into [redacted] bed, and performed oral sex on him.

[redacted] recalls another occasion where he, Valliere, Valliere's teenage brother and a teenage friend went to a drive-in movie. Valliere's brother and the friend were a year or two older than [redacted] at the time. [redacted] and the brother's friend sat in the back seat of the car with Valliere in the middle. Valliere's brother was in the front passenger seat. During the movie, Valliere unzipped [redacted] pants and began to fondle and masturbate him. [redacted] then realized that Valliere was doing the same thing, simultaneously, with his other hand to the brother's friend. Valliere leaned over to [redacted] and whispered for him to reach to the front seat and fondle/masturbate his brother. [redacted] refused.

A third occasion that [redacted] recalls was when he was a 9th grader on the freshman basketball team. Valliere had volunteered to drive his car to help transport the team. On the way home from a game, Valliere stopped with the team at the Margate hotel in Laconia. He took the players into the hot tub at the resort, and while they were in the hot tub, Valliere fondled his genitals. On the ride the rest of the way home to Claremont,

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Valliere also attempted to fondle [redacted]'s genitals, but [redacted], fearful the other boys would notice, pushed his hand away.

The abuse stopped when Valliere was transferred from St. Mary's in the spring of 1969. [redacted] had no further contact of any type with Valliere after that time.

Abuse by Father Paul Aube (1970-71)

[redacted] encountered Paul Aube within the first week of Aube's assignment to St. Mary's in 1970. By this time, [redacted] had begun to develop a serious interest in pursuing a vocation in the priesthood, and Aube was made immediately aware of this fact. Aube was very friendly and outgoing, and befriended [redacted] immediately.

He recalls his first encounter of a sexual nature with Aube occurring during the summer of 1970. Like Valliere, Aube's parents also apparently lived in Berlin, and again [redacted] was invited to spend a week with Aube at the Berlin house. [redacted] was 16 years old at the time. [redacted] recalls that at night when they were going to bed, Aube insisted that they both sleep in the nude, telling [redacted] how it was more healthy for the body's blood circulation to sleep naked. [redacted] recalls that Aube would keep the light on until 2:00-3:00am talking to [redacted] while they both lie there naked. Every time [redacted] would try to go to sleep, Aube would awaken him, often by placing a lit cigarette under [redacted]'s nose. The sexual abuse involved genital fondling. Apparently Aube's form of perversion was to cause [redacted] to have an erection, and to continue to fondle him to a point just short of ejaculation, and then stop. [redacted] recalls this occurring on 6 or 7 nights during that trip. He recalls a total of four (4) one week trips to the Berlin home, for a total of 25-30 incidents of this naked masturbation.

[redacted] also recalls abuse at locations other than the Berlin house. He recalls once that Aube rented a cabin somewhere in the mountains for 3 days. He recalls the similar naked fondling, however on these nights the fondling did progress to masturbation and ejaculation. He also recalls accompanying Aube to Maine where Aube was scheduled to give some type of talk or speech. They stayed together at a hotel for one night, and the same form of abuse took place on that occasion as well.

[redacted] further recalls one extremely bizarre incident that

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occurred when he accompanied Aube to Gardez, Massachusetts for a wedding of a 20-21 male that Aube apparently knew. [REDACTED] was 17 years old at the time. He remembers that on one evening prior to the actual wedding, he, Aube and the groom-to-be were together in a hotel room, and all three, at Aube's request, were naked. At the beginning of the evening Aube sat facing [REDACTED] and the groom-to-be while he fondled the genitals of them both. Aube then directed the groom-to-be to essentially mount [REDACTED] and simulate a sex act. After going to bed that evening, Aube engaged in masturbation with [REDACTED] to the point of ejaculation for Aube.

Conclusion

This is a very serious "Level 3" case. The value of this case, under our settlement system, is enhanced for several reasons:

- 1- Multiple priests;
- 2- Instances involving multiple victims;
- 3- Pornography;
- 4- Simulated sex acts with victims; and
- 5- Alcohol.

The sick and perverted nature of the acts as described in this letter speak for themselves, and I will not expound further.

This is an "uncovered" claim, and as such, we will need to choose a date to meet and discuss this and other cases not covered by insurance.

Very truly yours,

Peter B. Hutchins

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c: [REDACTED]