MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: FR. LEO LANDRY

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: NH ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE

DATE OF INTERVIEW: OCTOBER 17, 2002

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
     FR. LEO LANDRY

INTERVIEWED BY: ANTHONY FOWLER, INV.
      KATHY KIMBALL, INV.

On OCTOBER 17, 2002, FR. LEO LANDRY was re-interviewed by above investigators. Present for the interview was myself, INV. KATHY KIMBALL and ATTNY. ROBERT MCDANIEL—counsel for LEO LANDRY. The interview was audio-taped with the permission of all attending, including LANDRY.
LEO LANDRY INTERVIEW

AF: Okay, this is Investigator Anthony Fowler of the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office. We are conducting an interview of a former priest Leo Landry. It is October 17, 2002 at 1:04 p.m. by my watch. Um, we are at, I think I said this, but we’re at the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office in a conference room. I’ll go around the table and have everyone introduce themselves.

KK: Detective Kathleen M. Kimball of the New Hampshire State Police.

LL: Leo Landry.

RM: Robert E. McDanie counsel for Mr. Landry.

AF: And ah, Mr. Landry do you give us permission to audio tape this interview?

LL: Yes I do.

AF: Okay. Ah, we’re just going to make this, this is going to be fairly quick Leo. Do you mind if I call you Leo again?

LL: Please do.

AF: Okay. I want to talk to you about the conversations of calls that you had this year with ah the Diocese of Manchester. In particular ah, Father Arsenault, Ed Arsenault and ah we are being audio taped. This is a very good system, but I would just ask you to speak up if you would okay.

LL: Sure.

AF: Um, when was the first, in what month was the first contact that you had with Father Arsenault?

LL: I, I don’t remember. I don’t know. Right now I don’t know the month right now.

AF: Okay.

LL: Well I just don’t. If I can go back. Can I take a step back?

AF: Sure.
LL: Okay. What happened was whenever the article appeared in the Manchester Union Leader.

AF: Explain the article, Leo.

LL: Okay. There was an article in there accusing me of, of ah being a pedophile from some who was from Somersworth. Previously there was another person who had been, said he had been molested for about three or four weeks. He had been searching for somebody and then he came along and then all of a sudden there was an article in the paper about three allegations. One happened in the third floor of the school that this young attended: Ah, the other one was had to do with confession and the other one had to do with being assaulted coming back from mass of serving mass in the Rectory. Those three things were in the paper and I didn’t know what to do with them, about it so I went.

AF: If I may interrupt you. Was this the first time that you were aware by reading these articles that there had been allegations or some type of formal action at that point taken against you?

LL: Yes.

AF: By these people?

LL: Yes.

RM: Leo, I think do you remember in February, the middle of February, there was an article in the Union Leader in which your name was reported to have been released to the Attorney General by the Diocese along with about a total of 14 names?

LL: Yes.

RM: Okay. The article that you’re talking about now relating to which appeared several weeks later, isn’t that right concurrent with a law suit that had been filed against the Diocese by Attorney Abramson?

LL: I’m trying to remember.

AF: Let me see if I can help you out here. The first contact that you had with the Diocese, did you call them or did they call you?

LL: No, I called them because I, I went to mass at Holy Rosary in Rochester and Father Paul Montminy ah Father Paul Montminy was there and I asked him. I said you know I says I’m being accused and I says you know I don’t know
what to do and he says well you call Father Arsenault at the, he is the Chancellor of the Diocese and you call him and ah and that was it. He gave me the number and so after church I went home and around nine o’clock or so in the morning I called him.

AF: All right. And I want you to think about this. When approximately did you make that call to Father Arsenault? Was it February, March, April?

LL: I

RM: Use your best memory.

AF: Your best memory.

LL: The only thing I can remember that it was when that article came out in the newspaper it was a day or two after that article, whenever that article appeared that I asked Father Montminy and the day that I, ah that day you know I called the Chancery Office.

AF: This was in 2002 is that correct?

LL: 2002 yeah.

AF: Would it be fair to say that it was in the spring or early spring?

LL: Possible.

RM: Let, let me help you.

LL: Okay.

RM: Your first phone call with Father Arsenault was that before or after you first came to visit me in my office?

LL: That was, my first visit that phone call was before I called you.

RM: Okay. And as a result of talking to Father Arsenault, did you call me as a result of that conversation?

LL: No. He told me to call Brad Cook.

RM: Okay.

LL: And ah I called Brad Cook and Brad Cook says you know hold on, we’ll get you somebody. And then you called me you know ah day or two afterwards
and then after that you introduced yourself. You gave your credentials and I said yes I want to see you.

RM: So your first meeting with me would have occurred a few days after the first contact with Father Arsenault?

LL: Yes.

AF: And that would have been.

RM: Do you want me to make a phone call?

AF: No, no that's all right. That's okay. I think we went through this before, but all right you called and you spoke to Father Arsenault.

LL: Yes.

AF: The first time?

LL: Yes.

AF: What was that conversation about?

LL: The conversation was about I didn't, I told him that I had been accused. That I'm a former priest, that I've been accused of these people from Somersworth and I didn't know what to do and I had, and I why I know this in particular because I mentioned [REDACTED] name and in the conversation I said to him about [REDACTED] I says you know I'm surprised that he came out and accused me. He says I met him because he was being, he was being abused by his brother and he shushed me right up.

AF: Who?

LL: Arsenault.

AF: Okay.

LL: Arsenault shushed me right me up. No, no, no don't say that over the phone. I mean I don't want to hear anything you know. Ah, you know he became very defensive and I says well all right, okay, so what do I do. He says well he says the Diocese has Brad Cook and he's the one who told me you know to call him, which I did.

AF: Okay. Why didn't Father Arsenault want to hear the information from you about this boy being abused by someone else? Any idee?
LL: Yeah. I thought, I can't get his exact words, okay, but I thought that he said something about you know, if you say those things over the phone then I, I don't know if it was the word witness, but something like that and he says don't say those things.

AF: Okay. Now, at some point during that call with Father Arsenault was he trying to refresh your recollection in anyway as to when you were assigned to Somersworth?

LL: I don't know if it's that particular call or another call.

AF: Okay.

LL: Because I think there, I think there was another call to Father. I think so. There was another call to him. I don't know why I called him or anything like that or maybe I called him to tell him that I did have a lawyer.

AF: Okay.

LL: And that ah and he said, he said to me over the phone he says I don't know, he says you know he says he told me the dates I were there. I says you know because you know the article in the newspaper that I just mentioned.

AF: Yes.

LL: And he says well he says you know the guy doesn't have his dates correct. He says you were there from I think, you were only there 9 months. I remember him saying 9 months and I don't know if it's December or January.

AF: Okay, so it was apparent at least whether it be the first conversation or second conversation that Father Arsenault had some type of information or had found out something through possibly records checking on when you were in Somersworth, is that accurate?

LL: Yes. That is very accurate, yes.

AF: Okay.

LL: Yeah.

AF: Did it appear to you at the time whether it be the first call or the second call that Father Arsenault was referring to some type of document or file that he may have found pertaining to you Leo?
LL: Yes.

AF: Okay. Did he tell you he had a file?

LL: No. All he told me, well he mentioned the word file because he said, he says in the file he says there is nothing there. We have no record of you being accused of anything in the four years that you were there. Okay.

AF: Okay. But he knew when you were in Somersworth, is that correct?

LL: That is correct.

AF: Okay. At some particular point, well let me ask you this. You said you had a couple of calls or a couple of conversations with Father Arsenault.

LL: Yeah.

AF: After the first call and he referred you to Brad Cook.

LL: Huh, huh.

AF: How soon after that was the second conversation with Father Arsenault?

LL: I would say within a couple of days.

AF: Okay.

LL: Because if I remember correctly it was to tell him you know, that I had, I have a lawyer and it seems to me that in that second conversation, okay, because of what I, I said to Brad Cook there was something about, Brad Cook brought this up that there could be, I could have a case against Abramson for about a two and a half million dollar case because of what was in the newspaper.

AF: Okay. Is this the second phone call, did you make that call or did he call you?

LL: Brad Cook?

AF: No.

LL: Arsenault?

AF: Arsenault.

LL: I called him.
AF: Both times?

LL: Yeah.

AF: Okay.

LL: But it was Brad Cook who told me about the case, not Father Arsenault.

AF: About some possible civil litigation against Abramson for.

LL: Having put this.

AF: Divulging your

LL: Yeah.

AF: Okay. During your second conversation with Father Arsenault. Is this when he asked you to refer all inquiries about you to the Chancery or was that on the first phone call?

LL: That’s a tough one. Ah, ah, I want to say, I want to say first one and no, no, no second one and the reason being is because of that, that litigation that I just said about Abramson and because of the fact that he says that if you need money we can help you.

AF: So he offered money?

LL: Yeah.

AF: What was the money for, Leo?

LL: Because if I didn’t have enough money to take this to court. Now, it was like I was being pushed. Bad word, I’m sorry, bad word. But I was being lead to the idea of trying to take this case to court and I, I may have mentioned you know that I don’t have money or you know I can’t afford all this.

AF: What case, Leo?

LL: The case of the Abramson taking that thing to court.

AF: So he’s offering you money if you decided to do that, is that correct?

LL: That was my impression.
RM: Are you talking about a potential civil law suit by you against Attorney Abramson on the basis that the statements Abramson made in the newspapers or in his pleadings were not accurate?

LL: Yes.

RM: And it was your impression that the Diocese was willing to help you financially to conduct such a piece of litigation?

LL: Yes.

RM: Okay.

AF: Did he offer to pay you or give you money, for example to retain Attorney McDaniel?

LL: No.

AF: Okay.

LL: No.

AF: Go ahead.

LL: These are after thoughts of course and you know, but I got the impression even now that the only reason why I am being offered money is if I’m taking this case to court. Now, if it was, if it was with him then imagine that money, that money offer would have been for him as well, but.

AF: Him meaning?

LL: Meaning, I’m sorry. Ah, yes, Bob McDaniels, okay. Now, that’s my impression okay, but if you know, but you know I, I said you know the more you stir this, the more it’s going to stink.

AF: Who was Father Arsenault speaking about when he told you to refer all questions to the Chancery?

LL: I imagine to him because he’s the Chancellor.

AF: Who was Father Arsenault speaking about? Was he speaking about anyone that called you to ask about it?
LL: No. Cause nobody has ever called me and that was the last time I ever saw or heard from Father Arsenault and I got the impression it was because I didn't go forward.

AF: In what, in one, I remember the last time we spoke you mentioned Father Arsenault telling you and I think it was in this context that if somebody called inquiring refer all questions to the Diocese. Is that correct?

LL: To the Chancery Office.

AF: To the Chancery Office.

LL: Yes.

AF: Who was Arsenault speaking about? Anyone that called to inquire or anyone in particular? Was that a general statement or was it aimed in particular at some entity or person?

LL: It wasn't, I didn't get it was to an entity or a person unless it was concerning of some allegation.

AF: All right. Well let me ask you this. If, if I as law enforcement had called you and said I want to speak to you Leo about these allegations, would that be a situation where you would refer me to the Chancery as Father Arsenault asked?

LL: Yeah, I think so yeah. Anyone.

AF: Anyone. That's what I'm asking.

LL: Yes.

AF: Was that a general statement made by him?

LL: Yes.

AF: Okay. And if someone from the media called you asking about you, would you have then referred them to the Chancery?

LL: I did.

AF: Okay. If local law enforcement called you about speaking to you, would you, what would you have done?
LL: I would have told the law enforcement officer that I you know that the Chancery Office is taking care of this and they’ve asked me not to say anything about the case.

RM: And you would do that because those were your instructions from Father Arsenault?

LL: Yes.

RM: Okay.

AF: That’s what I was trying to figure out here. At any time, how many times have you spoken to Father Arsenault?

LL: To the best of my knowledge, twice.

AF: Have you received any calls from him at all recently?

LL: No sir. No I haven’t.

AF: Okay. Have you been in touch in any way shape or form with anyone from the Diocese, whether it be through letter, phone, message?

LL: Nothing.

AF: Okay. Um, do you know whether or not the Diocese has some type of for a lack of a better word, term, file or some record about Leo Landry’s position when he was with the Diocese of Manchester?

LL: The only way I know how to answer that is what he said to me when I called him.

RM: Whose he?

LL: Father Arsenault and told him you know that I was accused and then he and in that second call he said you know that we have no record of any mis, any records of misdoings in the 4 years of it. As a matter of fact if you look in the newspapers he said the same thing in the newspapers about, we have no record on him.

AF: Right. And from what you said though it appears that they have some record because he was able to tell you. He being Father Arsenault.

LL: Yes.
AF: When you were assigned to Somersworth.

LL: Yes. Yes.

AF: Is that correct?

LL: That is correct.

AF: Okay.

LL: Yeah.

AF: Has anyone from the church, from the Diocese at all ever instructed to not speak to law enforcement using law enforcement as a specific term?

RM: Just answer the question as honestly as you know how to answer it.

LL: Well, okay, did they directly ask me to not?

RM: Leo.

LL: Okay.

RM: I want you to hold nothing back. I want you to provide your impressions, your facts what you heard, what was suggested to you and what you understood what was suggested to you to mean.

AF: We need to know that.

LL: Okay.

RM: Going completely clean.

LL: Now I understand, okay.

RM: Okay, just unload.

LL: Could you say that question again?

AF: Were you ever directed by anybody at the church, the Diocese, the Chancery, anyone to specifically not make any statements or talk to law enforcement?

LL: Not specifically.

AF: Okay.
KK: Can you explain that?

LL: Okay.

RM: I’m hearing a but there.

LL: But, yeah. But again I was told you know don’t speak to anyone about, if any questions come up about the case, please refer them back to the Chancery Office.

AF: Were you told by anyone at the church not to speak to anyone about this, were those words used?

LL: Not to speak to anyone? I don’t, I don’t know if that word.

AF: All right. You were told, let me, let me backup. You said to me or said to us that you were told to refer all questions to the Chancery.

LL: Yes.

AF: You were told that. Were you told specifically using these words or similar words by the church, not to speak to anyone about this?

LL: I don’t know if that would be accurate. To use the word every, anyone because that could go to my wife and you know or anything.

RM: It’s not so much what you understood it to mean. One of the words that were used here. Let me ask you this. You did have conversations with the Chancellor about your case, correct?

LL: Yes.

RM: In the course of those um conversations he instructed you to direct any inquiries or any questions back to him, is that right?

LL: That is correct.

RM: And by doing that he didn’t carve out any exceptions did he?

LL: No.

RM: He didn’t tell you that there were groups of people to whom you could speak, correct?
LL: No.

RM: And was it your understanding that those instructions included not speaking to members of the press? We're not speaking to members of law enforcement.

LL: Yes.

RM: Okay. So you, did you consider yourself to be under orders not to talk to members of the press?

LL: Kind of yes.

RM: Okay. And also not to talk to members of the law enforcement community, right?

LL: Yes.

RM: Great, excellent.

AF: Let me ask you this. We're almost at the end here.

LL: That's all right. I'm just having a tough time under, I see so many variables in some of your questions.

RM: Here's what we need you to do, Leo. And it's important to have this on the record. I don't want you to analyze the questions that you're being asked. I just want you to hear the question and think of the information that the question is trying to get.

LL: Okay.

RM: And then provide an honest answer.

LL: All right. Sorry.

AF: During the time that you were at the Diocese of Manchester, did you ever see any files at all for a lack of a better term, personnel files or any types of files that pertained or had documents about Father Leo Landry?

LL: No.

KK: I have no questions.

AF: Okay. I'm all set. End this interview. It is 1:26 p.m. by my watch. This is the end of the interview with Father Leo Landry. It's October 17, 2002.
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Re: Trustees of the Stigmatine Fathers, Inc./Leo P. Landry

Dear Mr. Delker:

Further to our telephone conversation of last week, I am enclosing herewith biographical and chronological information regarding assignments and professional status of Leo P. Landry. [Redacted]

Very truly yours,

Adam B. Paton
CHRONOLOGY: LEO LANDRY

Parents: Arthur and Helen Vienneau

Born: December 11, 1929 - Concord, NH

Entered: September 17, 1950 – Waltham, MA

Postulancy: March 16, 1951 – Waltham, MA

Novitiate: August 15, 1951 – Springfield, MA

First Profession: August 16, 1952 – Springfield, MA

First Renewal of Vows: August 16, 1953 - Malosco, Italy

Second Renewal of Vows: August 16, 1954 – Malosco, Italy

Perpetual Profession: August 16, 1955 – Malosco, Italy

Sub-Diakonate: June 30, 1957 – Rome, Italy

Diaconate: October 27, 1957- Rome, Italy

Ordination to the Priesthood: May 31, 1958 – Rome, Italy

Exclaustration: August 29, 1966
Leo P. Landry

Chronology

Date of Birth: December 11, 1929
Concord, New Hampshire

First Profession: August 16, 1952

Ordination: May 31, 1958

Excastration:

(1) requested: February 1, 1966

(2) incardinated *ad experimentum*: July 1966
Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire

Laicization Process:

(1) *Leave of Absence*: July 29, 1970

(2) requested laicization: 1971

(3) granted laicization: June 1972
Curriculum vitae — Leo Landry

1st assignment July 28, 1958 — Sacred Heart Church, Waltham
Pastoral year at Elm Bank, Wellesley
June 8, 1959 — Sault Ste. Marie, Canada
May 7, 1960 — Sacred Heart, Waltham
Aug. 1960 — asked for transfer, assigned to Mt. Carmel Church, Pittsfield

June 17, 1961 — St. Anthony, Agawam
Jan. 16, 1962 — So. Procupine, Canada
May 22, 1963 — Retreat House, Waltham
Aug. 22, 1963 — Timmins, Canada

June 17 — 1965 — St. Ann’s, West Springfield
Aug., 1965 — excaustrated ad experimentum to Manchester, N.H.
MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [Redacted]

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: NH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TELEPHONE

DATE OF INTERVIEW: DECEMBER 5, 2002

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER FATHER LANDRY

INTERVIEWED BY: ANTHONY FOWLER, INV. (4)

Interviewed [Redacted] by telephone this date. They are the parents of [Redacted] who is a sexual abuse victim of FATHER LANDRY. Their telephone number is [Redacted]. I explained the reason for my call, and assured them I did not want to ask them questions about sexual abuse, as he had indicated to me earlier he preferred not to speak to me. [Redacted] indicated they would speak to me and asked their names remain anonymous unless they gave me permission in the future to use them. Assured both that we would ask their permission prior to any release of their names.

[Redacted] spoke to me during the interview, and initially indicated that as a mother, she always had bad feelings about FR. LANDRY. She recalled that early in the school year of 1967, LANDRY was transferred out of HOLY TRINITY, but continued to want to see [Redacted] and other boys in town. He would take [Redacted] to get ice cream and also did this with other boys also. She stated LANDRY would take [Redacted] and the other boys on these trips before he was transferred, and continued contact with them after.

[Redacted] recalled the day LANDRY took [Redacted] to a camp in MILTON. She stated the day of the trip, LANDRY called her and asked if he could take [Redacted] for a ride to MILTON, NH. She stated that LANDRY was taking [Redacted] to MILTON THREE PONDS to a camp that belonged to [Redacted]. [Redacted] agreed to let [Redacted] go with LANDRY, and further recalled LANDRY showing up at their house, and she made him a tomato sandwich. [Redacted] stated she went to school that day and picked up [Redacted] who was 11 years old at the time, and she stated this trip occurred in late SEPTEMBER or early OCTOBER 1967.

[Redacted] related that LANDRY and [Redacted] took off for the camp. Asked her if she drove to the camp to check up on things that day, and stated she did not. She did not know anything about LANDRY being caught by anyone with [Redacted] that day either. She recalled that when [Redacted] arrived back home that night, he was very quiet and went downstairs to change his clothes. She recalled it was cold, and very, very quiet. She asked [Redacted] what was wrong, and [Redacted] started to cry and told her what LANDRY was doing to him. She described the incidents that LANDRY was doing to [Redacted] as sexually abusing [Redacted] and this had been going on all through the summer of that year. She also stated [Redacted] was an altar boy at that time.

[Redacted] stated that within 2-3 weeks of [Redacted] telling her about being sexually abused, she and her husband went to see BISHOP PRIMEAU to complain about LANDRY and made an appointment to see the BISHOP at the DIOCESE. They had a face-to-face meeting with BISHOP PRIMEAU in his office and no one else was present. She recalled this meeting took place in OCTOBER 1967. [Redacted] stated they told the BISHOP everything about LANDRY sexually abusing [Redacted] and specifically told the BISHOP that [Redacted] was touching [Redacted] genitals. They also told the BISHOP that LANDRY had wanted to touch his penis and this had been going on for awhile. They told the BISHOP everything and they told them.
Asked what the BISHOP told them in response, stated the BISHOP told them that he would make sure that LANDRY would be placed where he wouldn’t be around children anymore. The BISHOP also apologized. Asked if the BISHOP offered them anything like counseling or assistance, and stated the BISHOP did not offer them anything. Asked if the BISHOP wanted them to keep quiet and not tell anyone about this, and stated the BISHOP did not ask this. The only thing she remembered of the conversation was the apology and the assurance LANDRY would not be around children anymore.

Asked how they felt after the meeting with the BISHOP, stated they both felt disappointed with his response and felt like they did not get any satisfaction. They both felt this complaint would not go anywhere. Asked if they ever had any other contact with the BISHOP or anyone in the church to follow-up with them. She stated they never heard from anyone at the DIOCESE again, and never received any calls or correspondence about this matter and haven’t to this day. Asked if they ever heard anything from LANDRY again, and she stated no. She does not believe anything was done to LANDRY for what he did to ______. Asked if they reported this to the police or anyone else, and she stated no. I thanked them for their time, and the interview was terminated.