Father Barry M. Hudock

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH: 1969

YEAR OF DEATH: Unknown

ORDINATION: N/A

Employment/Assignment History

8/01/1997 – N/A Catholic University, Faculty, Washington, DC

Summary

Father Barry Hudock was a 27-year-old priest in 1996 when he engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with a girl in her junior year of high school. Bishop Donald Trautman's notes detailed that the victim was a 17-year-old high school junior at Mercyhurst Preparatory when she was targeted by Hudock. This sexual abuse occurred in several different locations within the victim's local parish community, as well as in different states. In 1997, the Diocese of Erie assigned Hudock to The Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Prior to that appointment, Hudock, the victim, and another high school student traveled to Washington in the summer of 1997. Trautman documented that Hudock and the victim had engaged in kissing prior to the trip in the church rectory. He also wrote that a "major episode occurred" in a hotel room where the three stopped to stay for the night. Subpoenaed Diocesan records revealed that Hudock groped and kissed the victim on numerous occasions. It was also reported that Hudock showed the victim pornographic videos, undressed her in his rectory and sexually assaulted her.

In 2008, the victim was having a difficult time dealing with the psychological issues stemming from her victimization at the hands of Hudock. She had been seeing a professional counsellor in Texas when she contacted the Diocese of Erie. The Diocese agreed to pay for her medical bills and provided her with airfare to be seen by the team at St. Luke's Institute in Suitland, Maryland.

Trautman notified Hudock's then-employer, Christian Brother Academy, a Catholic Preparatory high school in Syracuse, New York. Hudock was working there as a teacher. Trautman also notified the Bishop of Syracuse and Hudock himself. Soon after this notification, the school terminated Hudock. Trautman also notified the Erie County District Attorney's Office. At that time, Hudock was no longer a priest, was living in the Syracuse area, and was married with 7 children.

Hudock's current employment status is unknown, but he operates his own religious website titled, "Faith Meets World" and has written several religious books for Liturgical Press under his given name, as well as under the pen name "Barry Michaels." On his webpage he lists his credentials in the "About" section. His service as a priest is not listed.