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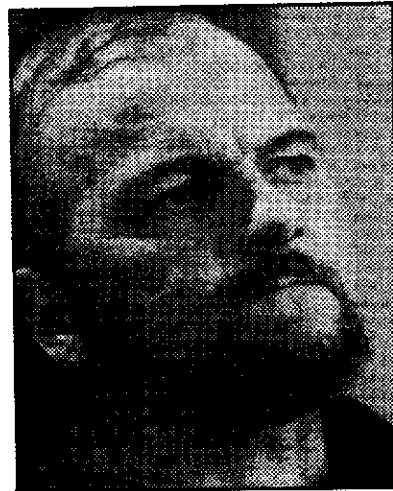
## Ex-Boylston man accuses priest

### Sexual advances in '60s alleged

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Staff Reporter

A former Boylston resident said yesterday he is seeking charges against the Rev. David A. Holley, alleging the priest made sexual advances to him in the 1960s while serving as assistant pastor of St. Mary of the Hill Church in Boylston.

William L. Schultz, now of Natick, said he expects to meet today with representatives of District Attorney John J. Conte's office to discuss repeated sexual advances and harassment that Schultz says occurred while he was growing up.



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Paul T. Roughan

Schultz and another alleged victim, Paul T. Roughan of Worcester,

said in separate interviews that they and other teen-age boys had rebuffed Holley numerous times when he attempted to touch their genitals.

Roughan, 43, said he fought off about 15 such advances by "pulling away or saying I had to go home." He is asking other "good old boys from Boylston," as he calls them, to publicly tell their stories about Holley.

Liz Noonan, a spokeswoman for Conte, said the district attorney's office had been contacted by someone who said he was a victim, "but as of yet he has not provided us with any information." No investigation is in progress, she said.

Schultz and Roughan are the latest of several men, and the first two from Massachusetts, to describe themselves as victims of abuse by

Holley, now 65. A lawyer in New Mexico, where the priest later served, has filed a civil lawsuit on behalf of other men who allege the priest molested them.

The suit, which originally named two men, was expanded yesterday to encompass 10. It accuses the priest of "performing a variety of non-consensual sex acts" on the plaintiffs, and exploiting children in pornographic pictures and films.

Holley served in parishes in East Douglas, Grafton and Worcester before being sent to New Mexico in 1972 by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, then head of the diocese. The lawsuit names the Worcester Diocese as a defendant, alleging that it allowed him to continue serving despite having ordered him

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# Man seeks charges

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to be treated for pedophilia.

Bishop Timothy J. Harrington responded last week to the allegations by setting up telephone hot-lines.

Monsignor Edmond T. Tinsley said "a few calls" have come in, but declined to provide any other information. Tinsley said meetings are being set up with people who have called. He said that to his knowledge, Holley is not in the Worcester area.

Harrington was out of his office yesterday afternoon and has an unlisted home telephone number.

## SHATTERED FAITH

Schultz and Roughan both said their experiences with Holley shattered their religious faith, and since then neither has gone to Communion or received other sacraments of the Roman Catholic church. They said family members wonder why they refuse the sacraments, but they have not explained until now.

Roughan said that while the women and older men of the Boylston parish considered Holley to be a wonderful priest, the boys saw a different side. Both he and Schultz said Holley used to visit schoolyards and the local variety store, where teen-age boys hung out.

Holley used "filthy language" and told dirty jokes they did not want to hear, Roughan said. He said Holley asked whether they had hair on their bodies and told the boys he masturbated because it made him feel better and fall asleep faster. He asked the boys if they masturbated or were involved in oral sex, Roughan said.

Another tactic of Holley's was "one-on-one" in the church basement, according to both Roughan and Schultz. They said he showed selected boys copies of Playboy magazine and a set of playing cards that depicted people in sexual acts.

Holley used "fear and intimidation" on the youths, Roughan said. He said he once saw Holley hit a boy hard after the boy told the priest to go away.

Schultz said he met earlier this week with Bishop Harrington, who "was very nice and receptive."

"I believe he sincerely feels bad about what happened," said Schultz, who serves in the Merchant Marine.

## RECORDS NOT DISCLOSED

Schultz said he wants the diocese to release records concerning Holley's service in the Worcester area from 1962 to 1972. He said Harrington had informed him that diocesan lawyers would not allow such disclosure.

Recalling the 1960s, he said his parents made all of their children go to confession every Saturday. He said he would go into the confessional and say, "Well, Father Holley, I'll just say a couple of Our Fathers and we'll call it even." The priest got the gist of the jibe and laughed, he said.

Roughan, who was 15 at the time of the alleged abuse, said the boys of the parish came from "good Catholic families" and that they feared being "condemned to hell" by their elders for saying things about a priest. They also feared commitment to a mental hospital, he said.

"We were taught that a priest was chosen by God," he said.

Holley was ordained in 1958. He served at St. Mary's, St. Philip's Church in Grafton, St. Denis Church in East Douglas and Our Lady of Fatima Church in Worcester, moving about every two years. He went to New Mexico for treatment by a religious order called Servants of the Paraclete, which also treated James R. Porter, who is accused of molesting numerous youngsters while a priest in the Fall River area.

## NEW MEXICO AND TEXAS

The New Mexico lawsuit, filed by Albuquerque lawyer Bruce Pasternack, says Holley continued to molest young men while serving as a fill-in priest in that state and in Texas. Holley later served as a hospital chaplain. He is retired and was last known to be living in Denver.

The news of the allegations against Holley took some longtime members of the Boylston church by surprise.

"He was a good priest," said Leon Bartholomew of the church Finance Committee. "I have no memories of anything out of the ordinary."

George P. Olson of Boylston said he had vague memories of Holley. He recalled that some altar boys were reluctant to serve Mass with the priest.

"I can remember maybe some kids being uneasy, that's the word I would use," said Olson, who was about 30 when Holley served at the church.

Olson said he did not attach any meaning to the youths' dislike of Holley at the time and does not know if it is significant today. A cantankerous priest might just as easily draw the same reaction, he said.

Staff Reporter Mary Frain and The Associated Press contributed to this report.