

## Boston man settles molestation suit

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A Boston man who accused a Roman Catholic priest of sexual molestation has accepted a settlement offer from the Diocese of Worcester.

Philip Saviano, 43, said he will get 60 percent of the \$12,500 settlement; he could have received \$3,000 more if he had agreed to stop talking publicly about the case, he said.

Saviano said the Rev. David Holley, 68, forced him into sex when Holley was pastor at St. Denis Church in East Douglas in 1964 and 1965. Saviano was 11 years old when the molestation began; he delivered newspapers to the church.

Holley is serving a 275-year prison term for sexually abusing children in New Mexico. He was a priest in the Worcester Diocese from 1962 to 1969, then went on to churches in Texas and New Mexico. He was arrested in January 1993 while a chaplain at a hospital in Denver, Colo.

Diocesan Communications Director Raymond Delisle refused to confirm or deny whether a settlement had been reached.

The diocese said as recently as October that it would not settle without a confidentiality provision.

But Saviano said he was less con-

cerned with the amount of the settlement as he was with his ability to talk about the case.

"There have been a lot of these cases in the last few years and it's only because people have had the courage to come forward and speak," Saviano said.

Keeping silent "would contribute to the church's ongoing effort to keep this hidden from the public," he said. "I can't in good conscience do that."

Three other people that had been included in the same lawsuit as Saviano settled with the diocese in the fall.