

"NOTICE" TO THE ARCHDIOCESE

At the very latest, the Archdiocese was notified sometime in the last year of Father Cotter's tenure at St. Theresa's.

[REDACTED] contacted Monsignor McNeill and Monsignor Sheehan at St. Theresa's Rectory after she was informed of Cotter's predatory activities by the mother of Supporting Witness No. 2. The mother of Supporting Witness No. 2 also directly spoke with Monsignor Sheehan.

Mr. Robert Birkemier of the National Counsel of Boy Scouts also informed the Archdiocese of the accusations while Father Cotter was at St. Theresa's.

The mother of Supporting Witness No. 1 reported her son's molestation by Father Cotter to the Chancery within days of its occurrence.

The mother of the [REDACTED] reported her son [REDACTED] disclosures to the priest in charge of St. Theresa's while Father Cotter was still assigned to the parish.

Apparently other parish members recently contacted acknowledged that people "knew" about Father Cotter at the time. This level of "knowledge" has not yet been developed by further investigation. Further investigation may reveal that simple due diligence would have exposed Father Cotter's predatory behavior.