

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Paul Finegan  
St. Margaret's Parish, Lowell

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She was accompanied by Miss [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] remained for the interview.

[REDACTED] is formerly a parishioner of St. Michael's, North Andover, where she [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] while in high school.

She reports that Father Paul Finegan sexually abused her while she was in high school.

The first time it happened was when he was locking the church and she was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Before leaving he asked that she give him hug. It became a long hug.

After that for a period of about a year during her sophomore and junior years with the average occurrence of about two times a week, she would spend time in his room with him behind locked doors. They would talk and watch TV. Before leaving, for a period of ten to fifteen minutes, they would engage in the following activity:

He would ask for a hug. Then he would unbutton her blouse and take it off. He would then undo her bra and take it off. He would then touch her and kiss her. Sometimes he would undo his shirt and hold on to her tight for a long period of time. He told her that she had a special friendship with him, that he loved her and didn't want her to tell anyone.

This activity stopped when one day she told him she was going to tell someone. He became angry and he never touched her afterwards. For a short period, he did not talk to her and then he would pass comments to her, would buy her stuffed dolls, and when she moved to [REDACTED], gave her a couple gifts.

[REDACTED] reports that during this period of time that she worked in the rectory, he also had activity with another girl named [REDACTED]. She is now a roommate with [REDACTED]. There were also three other girls who frequently went to his room with him. She doesn't now whether there was any similar activity. Their names are [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] wondered what would happen with Father Finegan. I told her of the process, how it would be handled. I told her that I would meet with him, require that he undergo an assessment, and, if needed, in-patient or out-patient treatment. I would also need to assure that any future assignment would not put him in a position to do this again.

[REDACTED] seemed relieved, were grateful for the interview and thanked me. I offered her the assistance of the Church if she needed help in handling this matter personally. She said she was getting help and is doing okay.

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