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STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
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COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

AFFIDAVIT

I, **M-021**, of Simsbury, Connecticut, being first duly sworn upon oath, hereby depose and say that:

1. This affidavit is made of my own personal knowledge.
2. I am over the age of eighteen years. My date of birth is , 1964.
3. I believe in the obligations of an oath.
4. From at least 1970 through 1985, I was a parishioner of the Church of the Assumption, a Roman Catholic parish in Westport, Connecticut, under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Bridgeport. During that time, I served for several years as an altar boy and then as a member of the folk choir. I was trained as an altar boy at the Church of the Assumption in approximately 1973 by the Rev. Joseph P. Moore ("Father Moore").

5. During the Summer of either 1978 or 1979, another boy and I traveled to Block Island, Rhode Island, with Father Moore. At the time, Father Moore remained a priest under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Bridgeport, but was no longer assigned to the Church of the Assumption in Westport.

6. With the permission of our parents, the other boy and I had planned to spend a vacation of several days with Father Moore at a small vacation house on Block Island, after which Father Moore was to drive the other boy and I back to our homes in Westport.

7. During our first night at the vacation house on Block Island, our plans changed. That night, the other boy and I literally jumped out of a bedroom window to escape Father Moore's sexual advances. The other boy and I spent the night at a neighboring house and telephoned our parents the next morning to explain what had happened. Later that morning, the other boy and

I returned by ferry to the Rhode Island mainland where we were retrieved by our mothers.

8. A few days or weeks after our trip to Block Island, the other boy and I, accompanied by our fathers, met with Msgr. Andrew Cusack for the purpose of reporting Father Moore's conduct directly to Msgr. Cusack in his capacity as a representative of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This meeting occurred in the evening at the Notre Dame School Sisters Mother House in Wilton, Connecticut.

9. During our meeting with Msgr. Cusack, the other boy and I explained in detail what had transpired between us and Father Moore on Block Island. We told Msgr. Cusack, for example, that, at bedtime, (a) the other boy and I initially went to bed in separate bunk beds in one of the two bedrooms of the vacation house; (b) Father Moore then instructed me to sleep instead in the second bedroom, leaving the other boy alone in the first bedroom; (c) Father Moore repeatedly returned to the second bedroom, in

which he had placed me, insisting each time that I remove my clothes; (d) during one of his visits to the first bedroom, in which the other boy remained, Father Moore sexually assaulted the other boy; and (e) the other boy and I subsequently escaped from the house by jumping from a window in the second bedroom.

10. After we told these things to Msgr. Cusack, Msgr. Cusack informed us that Father Moore previously had been evaluated and that it had been determined that Father Moore was not a homosexual.

11. I was never offered counseling services by the Diocese of Bridgeport or any of its representatives.

M-021, Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of
December, 1996.

Scott P. Myers
Commissioner of the Superior Court