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1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT
2 SUPERIOR COURT
3 JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD
4 HELD AT BRIDGEPORT
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7 SHARON SEE, ET AL., :
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9 Plaintiff, :
10 :
11 vs. : CV93 0300948S
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13 BRIDGEPORT ROMAN CATHOLIC :
14 DIOCESAN CORP., ET AL., :
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16 Defendants. :
17 -----X
18 GEORGE ROSADO, ET AL., :
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20 Plaintiffs, :
21 :
22 vs. : CV93 0302072S
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24 BRIDGEPORT ROMAN CATHOLIC :
25 DIOCESAN CORP., ET AL., :
26 :
27 Defendants. :
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15 S E A L E D

18 D E P O S I T I O N

19 The deposition of REV. RAYMOND PCOLKA was
20 taken pursuant to Notice at the law offices of
21 Tremont & Sheldon, 64 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport,
22 Connecticut, before Viktoria V. Stockmal, a
23 Notary Public in and for the State of
24 Connecticut, on Monday, January 16, 1995 at 9:30
25 a.m.

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3 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED TO
4 by and among counsel for the respective parties
5 hereto that all technicalities as to the proof of
6 the official character of the authority before
7 whom the deposition is to be taken are waived.
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9 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED TO
10 by and among counsel for the respective parties

11 hereto that any objections to the sufficiency of
12 the Notice are waived.
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14 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED TO
15 by and among counsel for the respective parties
16 hereto that all objections, except as to form,
17 are reserved to the time of trial.
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1 MR. TREMONT: We are commencing
2 the deposition in the matter of George
3 Rosado, et al versus the Bridgeport
4 Diocese, and the court stenographer --
5 MR. SWEENEY: Pardon me,
6 Counselor, you noticed it for both
7 cases, didn't you? At least the
8 deposition notice I received was for
9 Sharon See and --
10 MR. TREMONT: And Rosado, yes.
11 The stenographer is Ms. Stockmal, and I
12 would ask Ms. Stockmal to mark as
13 Exhibit A a protective order entered by
14 Judge Bruce L. Levin and suggest to you
15 that you agree to be bound obviously by
16 the protective order which precludes
17 the dissemination of the contents of
18 this deposition except to persons
19 authorized.
20 MR. MURPHY: I agree that it
21 should be marked, but the copy that's
22 -- after it's marked should be signed
23 by everybody present because that's
24 what the judge's order requires.
25 MR. TREMONT: Where does it

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1 require that it be signed?
2 MR. MURPHY: The end of the first
3 paragraph on the second page.
4 MR. SWEENEY: Last line signifies
5 his or her agreement by signing both
6 pages of this order.
7 MR. TREMONT: I don't see that,
8 I'm sorry. I'm probably looking at
9 something differently than you. I
10 guess I am.
11 MR. SWEENEY: There were two
12 separate orders that were issued. Is
13 it the order on your motion?
14 MR. MURPHY: Yes.
15 MR. SWEENEY: Yes, all right. I
16 think this is the document that's
17 entitled order re: motion number 221 of
18 defendant Raymond Pcolka and I think --
19 MR. TREMONT: Order re: motion 221
20 of the defendant Pcolka, yes.
21 MR. MURPHY: I'm looking at the
22 protective order itself.
23 MR. SWEENEY: Oh, that's the other
24 one.
25 MR. MURPHY: Entitled at the top

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1 "addendum."
2 MR. TREMONT: Let me see that.
3 MR. SWEENEY: I think, Mr. Murphy
4 is correct on that issue. It appears
5 to be -- it's labeled page 25.
6 MR. TREMONT: Well what it says
7 is, as I see it, and it's pretty clear,
8 no information or document shall be
9 disseminated, shown, disclosed or
10 divulged to any person other than to
11 the parties or their attorneys unless
12 such other person is shown a copy of
13 the order. So obviously the parties
14 and attorneys don't sign this order.
15 It's very clear. Other persons do.
16 So anybody other than the parties
17 or attorneys are required to sign the
18 order. So can we mark this?
19 MR. MURPHY: I think we ought to
20 mark that, I think we ought to mark the
21 other document.
22 MR. TREMONT: All right, let's
23 mark them both.
24 (Plaintiff's Exhibit A was marked
25 for identification: Order re: Motion

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1 #221.)
2 (Plaintiff's Exhibit B was marked
3 for identification: Addendum -
4 Protective Order.)
5 MR. TREMONT: Ms. Stockmal you
6 will sign this addendum as Exhibit B;
7 is that correct?

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- (1) RAYMOND PCOLKA
- (2) first having been duly sworn, was examined and
- (3) testified as follows:
- (4) MR. MURPHY: The witness will not
- (5) be giving his address today.
- (6) DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TREMONT:
- (7) Q Would you please give me your address,
- (8) Mr. Pcolka.
- (9) A On the advice of my attorney, I would
- (10) like to agree with what he just said.
- (11) MR. TREMONT: I'm going to start
- (12) right now, Mr. Murphy. This is a lot
- (13) of garbage, okay. You tell me why,
- (14) state on the record right now what
- (15) privilege is the witness exercising,
- (16) what constitutional privilege in
- (17) refusing to give his address.
- (18) MR. MURPHY: There is an objection
- (19) pending in the Superior Court in
- (20) response to one of your motions which
- (21) has not been ruled on by the Court to
- (22) the giving of his address; and suppose
- (23) you state on the record exactly the
- (24) basis upon which you claim you're
- (25) entitled to his address or better yet

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- (1) perhaps we ought to just state it on
- (2) the record in the court. I am not
- (3) going to put this witness in the
- (4) position where he and the persons
- (5) residing where he is residing are
- (6) harassed by you and by other persons.
- (7) MR. TREMONT: Mr. Murphy, that's
- (8) - I don't have to state my reason for
- (9) anything. I ask a question and-
- (10) MR. MURPHY: Nor do I, Mr.
- (11) Tremont.
- (12) MR. TREMONT: You certainly do,
- (13) because you are violating the law.
- (14) MR. MURPHY: I don't think so.
- (15) Ask your next question.
- (16) MR. TREMONT: All right. Next
- (17) question.
- (18) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (19) Q Have you had homosexual relations with
- (20) anybody in 1970?
- (21) MR. MURPHY: I'm going to
- (22) recommend to my client that he exercise
- (23) his privilege against self-
- (24) incrimination provided by the Fifth
- (25) Amendment of the United States

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- (1) Constitution and by Article I, Section
- (2) 8 of the Connecticut Constitution and
- (3) as provided by Section 52-199 of the
- (4) Connecticut General Statutes and
- (5) Section 51-35(b) of the Connecticut
- (6) General Statutes.
- (7) MR. TREMONT: Again, I'm going to
- (8) state for the record that there is a
- (9) statute of limitations in regard to
- (10) criminal offenses. That statute of
- (11) limitations has long expired otherwise
- (12) this man would be prosecuted criminally
- (13) both in the state and federal court for
- (14) the acts that he committed; and
- (15) therefore, it is my claim that there is
- (16) no reasonable basis to raise the issue
- (17) of self-incrimination and I think that
- (18) it's brought facetiously and
- (19) improperly.
- (20) MR. MURPHY: I would note for the
- (21) record, Mr. Tremont, that you have
- (22) stated publicly and in open court that
- (23) you intend to seek a criminal
- (24) prosecution of Father Pcolka so that
- (25) your stated position is inconsistent

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- (1) with your statements to the Court and
- (2) otherwise to the public.
- (3) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (4) Q Will you give me your social security
- (5) number?
- (6) A [REDACTED]
- (7) Q Where are you presently employed?
- (8) A Diocese of Bridgeport.
- (9) Q What is your position at the Diocese of
- (10) Bridgeport?
- (11) A Inactive status.
- (12) Q Are you paid?
- (13) A Yes, I am.
- (14) Q How much are you paid?
- (15) A The basic amount that any priest would
- (16) be entitled to.
- (17) Q How much is that?
- (18) A Before taxes?
- (19) Q Gross.
- (20) A Gross would be \$1156.25.
- (21) Q How often?
- (22) A Once a month.
- (23) Q Do you get any living allowance?
- (24) A Absolutely not.
- (25) Q Are you living with your parents?

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- (1) Answer yes or no, please.
- (2) MR. MURPHY: Well, I'm not going
- (3) to allow you to get into questions
- (4) about his present address. As I said,
- (5) there's an objection pending on that
- (6) that's not been ruled on by the Court.
- (7) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (8) Q Do you have an automobile?
- (9) A Yes, I do.
- (10) Q Is the license plate CIC?
- (11) A Yes, it is.
- (12) Q What does that stand for?
- (13) A They are initials for a Latin
- (14) terminology for church law.
- (15) Q And what is the terminology?
- (16) A Codex iuris canonici.
- (17) Q How do you translate that?
- (18) A Code of Canon Law.
- (19) Q How long have you had that license
- (20) plate?
- (21) A I believe since approximately 1964 or
- (22) '65.
- (23) Q Do you say mass?
- (24) A I do not, not at present.

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- (1) Q When was the last time that you said
- (2) mass?
- (3) A On or about January 3rd or 4th, 1993.
- (4) Q Why do you not say mass at this time?
- (5) A The Diocese has indicated that I am on
- (6) inactive status.
- (7) Q Who put you on inactive status?
- (8) A To my knowledge, the diocese.
- (9) Q You don't know how you became on
- (10) inactive status? Specifically?
- (11) A The reasons that were indicated in the
- (12) newspaper - the reasons indicated in the
- (13) newspaper were because of the present legal -
- (14) what we call legal - present charges.
- (15) Q Mr. Pcolka, you never received formal
- (16) notice that you were put on inactive status?
- (17) A I received notification by way of the
- (18) press.
- (19) Q You never received notification from
- (20) the diocese?
- (21) A No.
- (22) Q So you're telling me up to this date
- (23) you never received a communication from the
- (24) diocese advising you that you were on inactive
- (25) status?

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- (1) A I was told, when the charges were
- (2) brought forth, that I would be put on leave
- (3) and --
- (4) Q Who told you?
- (5) A Monsignor Bronkiewicz.
- (6) Q Where were you when he told you that?
- (7) A I believe we had a meeting in his
- (8) office.
- (9) Q Was that in Bridgeport?
- (10) A In Bridgeport.
- (11) Q Subsequent to that meeting or at the
- (12) time of that meeting, you never received any kind
- (13) of paper from the diocese advising you that you
- (14) were on inactive status?
- (15) A Nothing.
- (16) Q Did you have any discussion with the
- (17) diocese in regard to the payment of attorney's
- (18) fees for this lawsuit?
- (19) A At the time, I believe I was told that
- (20) there was an insurance policy that covered such
- (21) activity.
- (22) Q You were told at that time that there
- (23) was an insurance policy that covered this
- (24) activity. All right, what were you told in
- (25) regard to an attorney?

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- (1) A At the time, I was of the opinion that
- (2) the diocese would provide the attorney.
- (3) Q Did they provide an attorney for you?
- (4) A They have indeed.
- (5) Q Is that Mr. Murphy?
- (6) A Mr. Murphy.
- (7) Q Is it fair to say that the diocese is
- (8) paying Mr. Murphy?
- (9) A I don't believe the diocese is. I
- (10) believe the insurance policy is.
- (11) Q Insurance policy is. You're not paying
- (12) Mr. Murphy?
- (13) A No.
- (14) Q Do you know Joseph Sabco?
- (15) A Yes, I do.
- (16) Q How do you know Joseph Sabco?
- (17) A He is an indirect relative. He's
- (18) related by marriage.
- (19) Q Where does he live?
- (20) A He lives in Seymour.
- (21) Q When was the last time you saw Joseph
- (22) Sabco?
- (23) A Perhaps two weeks.
- (24) Q And where did you see him?
- (25) A At his home.

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- (1) Q Did you discuss this case with Joseph
- (2) Sabco?
- (3) A I have not.
- (4) Q Have you ever discussed any of the
- (5) allegations of sexual abuse against you with
- (6) Joseph Sabco since this case started?
- (7) A Only what's in the papers.
- (8) Q The answer is yes?
- (9) A The answer is no if we are talking
- (10) about directly discussing it. If we're talking
- (11) about hearsay in the papers, the subject has come
- (12) up.
- (13) Q So you discussed it. What did you
- (14) say --
- (15) MR. MURPHY: That's not his
- (16) answer, Mr. Tremont. I think his
- (17) answer stands the way he stated it, not
- (18) the way you stated it.
- (19) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (20) Q What did you talk to him about? What
- (21) did you say in regard to this business?
- (22) A We talked about the fact that there
- (23) were allegations.
- (24) Q What did you say?
- (25) A I don't understand the question.

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- (1) Q It's very clear. What did you say to
- (2) him in regard to the allegation?
- (3) MR. MURPHY: You are asking the
- (4) witness to tell you the specific words
- (5) or the general topic?
- (6) MR. TREMONT: Yes, what the
- (7) specific words were.
- (8) MR. MURPHY: All right, if you
- (9) remember, you can answer the question.
- (10) BY THE WITNESS:
- (11) A I don't know.
- (12) Q What was generally the topic?
- (13) MR. MURPHY: I think he's answered
- (14) that question, Mr. Tremont.
- (15) BY THE WITNESS:
- (16) A I agree with that.
- (17) Q Would you please answer the question.
- (18) MR. MURPHY: State generally what
- (19) the topic is.
- (20) MR. TREMONT: I would ask Mr.
- (21) Murphy not to interfere with these
- (22) comments. I think there's interference
- (23) and I think it's a violation of the law
- (24) of this state.
- (25) MR. MURPHY: It's not a violation

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- (1) of anything, Mr. Tremont.
- (2) MR. TREMONT: Would you please
- (3) answer the question.
- (4) MR. MURPHY: The question has been
- (5) asked and answered. If you would like
- (6) to ask the question again as to what
- (7) the general nature of the conversation
- (8) was, we can have the witness state it
- (9) again.
- (10) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (11) Q What was the general nature of the
- (12) conversation?
- (13) A General nature of the conversation was
- (14) simply the newspaper allegations.
- (15) Q And what did Mr. Sabco say?
- (16) A He sympathized.
- (17) Q With whom?
- (18) A With the fact that allegations were
- (19) brought forth.
- (20) Q Was he surprised at the allegations?
- (21) A I have no knowledge.
- (22) Q Did he indicate to you that he was
- (23) surprised?
- (24) A He indicated that he was disappointed
- (25) or sad to hear about such allegations.

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- (1) Q Isn't it a fact that Mr. Sabco
- (2) participated with you in the touching and abusing
- (3) of children when you were a parish priest?
- (4) MR. MURPHY: Well I'm going to
- (5) object to the form of that question.
- (6) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (7) Q Would you answer the question?
- (8) A I would just like to use my privilege
- (9) of Fifth Amendment in that regard.
- (10) Q What's your birth date?
- (11) A May 21, 1939.
- (12) Q Where were you born?
- (13) A In Bridgeport.
- (14) Q Where in Bridgeport?
- (15) A Bridgeport Hospital.
- (16) Q Where did you go to grammar school?
- (17) A St. Cyril & Methodius.
- (18) Q Where was that?
- (19) A East Side, Bridgeport.
- (20) Q At the time that you went to St.
- (21) Cyril's, where did you live?
- (22) A I lived on Hallock Street.
- (23) Q And that's in Bridgeport?
- (24) A East side of Bridgeport.
- (25) Q When did you graduate from St. Cyril?

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- (1) A I believe in 1952.
- (2) Q What was your grade level at the time
- (3) of graduation?
- (4) A I was an A student.
- (5) Q Grade level.
- (6) A I don't understand the question.
- (7) Q What grade were you in -- I understand
- (8) St. Cyril's, if I'm not mistaken, went through
- (9) two years of high school?
- (10) A Oh, excuse me. Eighth grade.
- (11) Q Now when you left St. Cyril's, where
- (12) did you go?
- (13) A To Fairfield Prep.
- (14) Q And when did you commence your
- (15) education at Fairfield Prep?
- (16) A I was at Fairfield Prep in 1952 to
- (17) 1956.
- (18) Q Did you graduate from Fairfield Prep?
- (19) A Yes, I did.
- (20) Q And that was in 1956?
- (21) A 1956.
- (22) Q And during the time that you went to
- (23) Fairfield Prep, where did you reside?
- (24) A I believe it was in Trumbull. Long
- (25) Hill section.

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- (1) Q And what was the address?
- (2) A I believe it was 95 Lake Avenue.
- (3) Q And with whom did you reside?
- (4) A My parents.
- (5) Q And what are their names or were their
- (6) names?
- (7) A Still alive, Stephen and Mary.
- (8) Q Did you have any siblings?
- (9) A One brother.
- (10) Q And what's his name?
- (11) A Robert.
- (12) Q Where does he reside?
- (13) A He resides in Trumbull.
- (14) Q What's his address?
- (15) A His address is 427 Church Hill Road.
- (16) Q Was an addition recently put on his
- (17) house?
- (18) A Yes.
- (19) Q And do you live in that addition?
- (20) MR. MURPHY: Once again, we are
- (21) not going to answer questions about his
- (22) current address and living
- (23) arrangements.
- (24) MR. TREMONT: Again we will get
- (25) into these things, I think this is

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- (1) improper and we are asking for
- (2) sanctions.
- (3) MR. MURPHY: Be my guest.
- (4) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (5) Q While you were at Fairfield Prep, did
- (6) you work during any of the summers?
- (7) A Yes, I did.
- (8) Q Where did you work?
- (9) A I worked at the -- at a bakery. It was
- (10) Bork & Stevens Bakery.
- (11) Q When did you work there?
- (12) A Summers.
- (13) Q Which summers?
- (14) A I believe it would have been, subject
- (15) to correction, I think summer of 1955.
- (16) Q Any other summer?
- (17) A Regularly on six summers.
- (18) Q Subsequent to 1955, is that what you're
- (19) saying?
- (20) A Subsequent to.
- (21) Q Up until the time that you graduated
- (22) from Fairfield Prep, did you have any homosexual
- (23) relationships with anyone?
- (24) A I refuse to answer that question.
- (25) Q On what grounds?

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- (1) A On the grounds of Fifth Amendment.
- (2) Q When did you graduate from Fairfield
- (3) Prep, sir? When did you graduate?
- (4) A 1956.
- (5) Q Do you believe homosexuality is a
- (6) crime?
- (7) A Do I believe it is a crime or --
- (8) Q Yes.
- (9) A I'm not sure what the civil law is.
- (10) Q Well criminal law. There's no crime of
- (11) homosexuality?
- (12) A That's what I'm saying. You are
- (13) asking me criminal law, I couldn't tell you.
- (14) Q There is no, you can be assured that
- (15) there is no crime of homosexuality. I'm asking
- (16) you now whether you had any homosexual
- (17) relationships up until the time you graduated
- (18) from Fairfield Prep?
- (19) A I choose to exercise my privilege of
- (20) the Fifth Amendment.
- (21) Q Your attorney who is saying he wants
- (22) to help you so much will advise you that
- (23) homosexuality is not a crime in the State of
- (24) Connecticut. So there's no Fifth Amendment
- (25) privilege to something that's not a crime.

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- (1) Now I'm asking you whether you had any
- (2) homosexual relationships.
- (3) MR. MURPHY: I think you have the
- (4) witness's answer to the question.
- (5) MR. TREMONT: I'm going to ask it
- (6) again.
- (7) MR. MURPHY: You have asked it and
- (8) he's given you his answer.
- (9) MR. TREMONT: Mr. Murphy, you have
- (10) instructed him to plead the Fifth
- (11) Amendment to this question.
- (12) MR. MURPHY: I have not instructed
- (13) him on anything with regard to that
- (14) question. You've asked the question
- (15) twice and you've gotten the answer
- (16) twice.
- (17) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (18) Q So you refuse to answer; is that
- (19) correct?
- (20) MR. MURPHY: That's exactly what
- (21) he told you.
- (22) BY THE WITNESS:
- (23) A Yes.
- (24) Q Did you have any relationships with
- (25) any, when you were at Fairfield Prep, with any

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- (1) females, sexual relations with any females?
- (2) A I refuse to answer that, also, on the
- (3) grounds of Fifth Amendment.
- (4) Q The grounds of Fifth Amendment any
- (5) relationships --
- (6) A Yes.
- (7) Q Do you have of any law --
- (8) A Excuse me. Can I interrupt? Is there
- (9) any chance I can get some water or is that out of
- (10) the -- Sorry about that.
- (11) Q Do you know of any criminal law that
- (12) says it's a crime to have heterosexual
- (13) relations? Would you answer the question?
- (14) A I'm not aware of it. I'm not qualified
- (15) to determine.
- (16) Q You are not aware. Would you explain
- (17) to me why you are taking the Fifth Amendment to
- (18) the question of whether you had any heterosexual
- (19) relations with an individual up to the time you
- (20) graduated from Fairfield Prep?
- (21) A I choose to invoke the Fifth Amendment
- (22) privilege in that regard.
- (23) Q Now, you graduated from Fairfield Prep
- (24) and then what did you do?
- (25) A After Fairfield Prep, went to St.

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- (1) Thomas Seminary.
- (2) Q And where was that?
- (3) A In Hartford.
- (4) Q And when did you commence St. Thomas Seminary?
- (5) A I was in St. Thomas from 1956 to 1958.
- (7) Q What was your motivation for going to St. Thomas Seminary?
- (9) A I felt the calling to work in the priesthood.
- (11) Q At the time that you were at Fairfield Prep, what parish were you active in?
- (13) A Excuse me? Would you repeat.
- (14) Q What parish were you active in during the time that you attended Fairfield Prep?
- (16) A Oh, St. Cyril & Methodius in Bridgeport.
- (18) Q Did you remain a parishioner at St. Cyril's during the time that you went to St. Thomas?
- (21) A Yes, I was.
- (22) Q Now St. Thomas was a minor seminary, was it not?
- (24) A That's correct.
- (25) Q And at the time that you went to St.

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- (1) Thomas, who was the rector?
- (2) A I believe it was Monsignor John Burns.
- (3) Q And do you recall what diocese he was associated with?
- (5) A He was associated with Hartford.
- (6) Q And the Diocese of Bridgeport had been formed --
- (8) A An affiliation --
- (9) Q Approximately three or four years before that?
- (11) A 1953, I believe.
- (12) Q You started in '56?
- (13) A That's right.
- (14) Q Now, you say you were motivated. You had a calling. How did you get that calling?
- (16) A It's hard to answer. It's just
- (17) something that developed along the line -- along the way.
- (19) Q And did you interview with anyone before you went into St. Thomas?
- (21) A Yes, I did. I interviewed with the pastor and the assistant at St. Cyril & Methodius, the director of vocations of the Diocese of Bridgeport.
- (24) Q Who was the pastor at that time at St.

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- (1) Cyril?
- (2) A Monsignor John Murcko.
- (3) Q Is he alive?
- (4) MR. MURPHY: Could you repeat the name?
- (6) THE WITNESS: M-U-R-C-K-O.
- (7) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (8) Q Now you also said that you interviewed with who was it from the diocese, the director of vocations?
- (11) A The director of vocations.
- (12) Q What was his name?
- (13) A I believe it was Monsignor McLaughlin.
- (14) Q And is he alive?
- (15) A No, he's not.
- (16) Q What was the substance of your conversation with Monsignor McLaughlin?
- (18) A We were exploring the possibilities of my going to the seminary.
- (20) Q Did you make an application to go to the seminary?
- (22) A Yes, I did.
- (23) Q To whom is that application directed or was it directed I should say?
- (25) A It was directed to the bishop of

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- (1) Bridgeport requesting permission to enter St. Thomas Seminary as a student for the priesthood.
- (3) Q So as I understand it, then at that time in order, you tell me if this isn't correct, in order to enter the seminary, you would have to have the approval of the -- of a bishop?
- (7) A Yes.
- (8) That's subject to correction. I believe that's the case.
- (10) Q Why did you choose the bishop of Bridgeport?
- (12) A It was the bishop of the diocese in which I was residing and which the parish to which I attended was part of it.
- (15) Q Did you intend that if you completed your seminary activities that you would wish or desire to be ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport?
- (19) A Yes.
- (20) Q Now who was the bishop at that particular time?
- (22) A Lawrence Shehan.
- (23) Q Did you have any interview with Bishop Shehan at that time --
- (25) A No.

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- (1) Q -- before entering the seminary?
- (2) A No.
- (3) Q Now you entered the seminary. At the time that you entered the seminary, would you explain to me the nature of the education at the seminary? Specifically I'm interested, if I -- you tell me if I'm incorrect, that the seminary would not necessarily require its applicants to have a -- well I will withdraw that.
- (10) Would you explain to me what was the nature of the education at the seminary?
- (12) A It was basically a liberal arts education.
- (14) Q Was there a degree process?
- (15) A Associate of arts.
- (16) Q When you entered the seminary, were you sexually active prior to entering the seminary?
- (18) A I refuse to answer that question on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment.
- (20) Q So it's your contention that it's a criminal violation to be sexually active in the 1950's; is that it?
- (23) A I choose to exercise my privilege to the Fifth Amendment in that regard.
- (25) Q You are doing that knowingly and you're

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- (1) doing that because you have fear of prosecution for any sexual activities that you may have committed or been involved with in the 1950's; is that correct, sir?
- (5) A I choose to exercise my privilege of the Fifth Amendment.
- (7) Q Are you able to answer that question?
- (8) I know you are refusing to answer it. Are you able to answer it? Capable of answering it?
- (10) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment.
- (12) Q So you are saying now the Fifth Amendment -- you've been advised or are you coming up with this yourself that the Fifth Amendment precludes you from saying whether you are capable of answering the question?
- (17) A I choose to exercise my right of the Fifth Amendment in that regard.
- (19) Q What was the application process for the seminary?
- (21) A The application was to have a recommendation from the director of vocations, from your pastor, transcript of grades.
- (24) Basically that's it.
- (25) Q Was there any physical examination

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- (1) required?
- (2) A My recollection, I really don't know.
- (3) I don't remember.
- (4) Q Was there any psychological examination
- (5) that was required?
- (6) A I don't recall that either.
- (7) Q Now at the time that you commenced your
- (8) education at St. Thomas's seminary, was there any
- (9) kind of moral restrictions that were imposed upon
- (10) you as a seminarian at St. Thomas at the time
- (11) that you started?
- (12) A Any kind of moral requirements?
- (13) Q Yes.
- (14) A To abide by the laws of the Catholic
- (15) church.
- (16) Q Well let me ask you this for example:
- (17) You obviously didn't take any vows, did you, at
- (18) that point?
- (19) A No.
- (20) Q You were a student at a junior college,
- (21) if you will. That was a junior college level;
- (22) correct?
- (23) A Yes.
- (24) Q Was there any particular restriction
- (25) upon the clothing that you wore?

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- (1) A No.
- (2) Q Was there any restriction on the places
- (3) where you might visit or stay during vacations or
- (4) during the summers?
- (5) A Can you explain what you mean by
- (6) restrictions?
- (7) Q That you were told, for example, that
- (8) you couldn't stay at your -- you couldn't stay --
- (9) live in an apartment by yourself or that you had
- (10) to stay in a certain place?
- (11) A No, no restrictions of that nature.
- (12) Q Were there any restrictions in regard
- (13) to your sexual activity which would have required
- (14) you to be dismissed if you engaged in such
- (15) activity?
- (16) A Can you repeat that, please?
- (17) MR. TREMONT: Yeah, could we have
- (18) it read again.
- (19) (Whereby, the pertinent question
- (20) was read.)
- (21) BY THE WITNESS:
- (22) A Yes.
- (23) Q What was that?
- (24) A Any activity that would be in violation
- (25) of the directions or commandments of the church.

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- (1) Q For example?
- (2) A Stealing.
- (3) Q I said sexual activities.
- (4) A Oh, sexual, excuse me. Anything that
- (5) would be in violation of the Sixth Commandment
- (6) would be any unlawful sexual activity outside of
- (7) marriage.
- (8) Q For example?
- (9) A I would presume homosexual activity.
- (10) Q All right. So that if you had
- (11) homosexual activity -- if one had homosexual
- (12) activity, are you saying that that would cause
- (13) him to be dismissed from the seminary?
- (14) A I'm unable to answer. I really don't
- (15) know.
- (16) Q If somebody stole, if indeed one of the
- (17) seminarians happen to steal something, went and
- (18) shoplifted and it was brought to the attention of
- (19) the seminary that he had shop lifted, does that
- (20) mean that he would be dismissed from the seminary
- (21) because of that one act?
- (22) A I am unaware of what penalties would be
- (23) imposed in that regard. I would imagine it would
- (24) be discussed by the dean and they would make a
- (25) decision.

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- (1) Q At the time that you were in St. Thomas
- (2) Seminary, as I say, you were under no vows;
- (3) that's a fair statement?
- (4) A That's correct.
- (5) Q Now did you engage in any homosexual
- (6) activities in the seminary?
- (7) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (8) it might be incriminating to me.
- (9) Q Are you able to answer that question?
- (10) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (11) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (12) Q Did you engage in any heterosexual
- (13) activity while you were in -- during the period
- (14) of time that you were attending St. Thomas?
- (15) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (16) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (17) Q Did you observe any other students or
- (18) priests at the faculty at St. Thomas engaging in
- (19) homosexual activity?
- (20) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (21) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (22) Q Mr. Pcolka, I'm not asking about your
- (23) activity at the moment. I'm asking whether you
- (24) observed any priest or members of the faculty or
- (25) other students at St. Thomas engaging in

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- (1) homosexual activity?
- (2) A I refuse to answer on the grounds of
- (3) the Fifth Amendment.
- (4) Q And you understand that I'm clearly
- (5) asking not of your conduct but whether you
- (6) observed it of others? You understand that.
- (7) A Would you repeat that, please?
- (8) Q Yes -- Please, I'm going to ask you not
- (9) to communicate with counsel.
- (10) MR. MURPHY: All right, then --
- (11) MR. TREMONT: And I'm going to ask
- (12) it --
- (13) MR. MURPHY: Well I think he has a
- (14) right to communicate with counsel, but
- (15) in that case. We want to try to move
- (16) this along. Ask your question. He can
- (17) make his own decision.
- (18) MR. TREMONT: All right.
- (19) BY THE WITNESS:
- (20) A Would you repeat.
- (21) Q You understand that I'm not asking you
- (22) about your conduct. The question is whether you
- (23) observed any homosexual activity at St. Thomas
- (24) Seminary between priests or members of the
- (25) faculty either among themselves or with students.

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- (1) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (2) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (3) Q Who -- when you were at the seminary,
- (4) approximately how many students were at St.
- (5) Thomas? Do you remember?
- (6) A Well there were two types of students.
- (7) There were students that came in daily for class
- (8) and students that resided. Can you be specific
- (9) as to what you're asking.
- (10) Q What was the distinction between those
- (11) classes? Was there any?
- (12) A It was just in the seminary it was a
- (13) matter of what particular advanced tier you were
- (14) attending.
- (15) Q Why don't you explain that to me?
- (16) A The seminary itself was a high school,
- (17) it was a junior college and it was also an
- (18) institution to make up courses in preparation for
- (19) college.
- (20) Q So there were three functions of the
- (21) seminary?
- (22) A Three functions.
- (23) Q As far as the students at the seminary,
- (24) what would be the age spread, generally, between
- (25) the students? You can do it grade-wise if that's

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- (1) easier.
- (2) A It was a high school, junior college
- (3) and intermediary. So it would be anyone from
- (4) freshman high school to the ordinary college
- (5) years would have been 19 or 20. But we had -- in
- (6) the intermediary some were in their 30s and 40s.
- (7) Q Were the students separated? For
- (8) example the high school students from the people
- (9) that were in the junior college? Or for example
- (10) did high school students live there, reside at
- (11) the seminary --
- (12) A Yes.
- (13) Q They did as well.
- (14) A Some did, some didn't.
- (15) Q So that what were the living
- (16) arrangements for students at the seminary?
- (17) A Dormitory.
- (18) Q How many dormitories did they have?
- (19) A Four, I believe.
- (20) Q Four dormitories?
- (21) A Right.
- (22) Q And was there any allocation of
- (23) students in the dormitories in regard to age?
- (24) A I believe there was.
- (25) Q What dormitory did you live in?

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- (1) A The junior college dorm.
- (2) Q Was there a name for it?
- (3) A There were no names. It was the
- (4) seminary. We lived in a dorm and they assigned
- (5) you a room and --
- (6) Q So there were four separate buildings
- (7) that you recall?
- (8) A The building itself is one structure
- (9) with --
- (10) Q It's one building?
- (11) A And it has separate wings, but all
- (12) attached.
- (13) Q So there's one building and there are
- (14) how many floors did the building consist of? As
- (15) best you remember.
- (16) A As best I remember, three.
- (17) Q In this one particular building, there
- (18) might have lived high school students as well as
- (19) persons such as yourself?
- (20) A That's correct.
- (21) Q Now, did any faculty members or --
- (22) and/or priests live in that building?
- (23) A Yes.
- (24) Q Would all the priests that were at the
- (25) seminary live there or would it be limited to

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- (1) proctors or priests of that nature?
- (2) A I believe, subject to my recollection,
- (3) I believe all the faculty lived there.
- (4) Q What were your living arrangements when
- (5) you went up there in your freshman year in regard
- (6) to, in other words, to how many people were in a
- (7) room or what have you?
- (8) A I had a single dormitory room.
- (9) Q It was a single room. Now did all the
- (10) seminarians have a single room that you know of
- (11) or not?
- (12) A Most, perhaps all, I'm not aware.
- (13) Q Now in the second year that you were
- (14) there, did you also have a single dormitory room?
- (15) A Yes, I did.
- (16) Q And was it the same room or a different
- (17) room?
- (18) A Different room.
- (19) Q Did you have any voluntary sexual
- (20) relations with any priest or any other student
- (21) while you were at St. Thomas Seminary?
- (22) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (23) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (24) Q I asked whether you had any voluntary
- (25) sexual relations with anyone.

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- (1) A I refuse to answer it on the grounds of
- (2) the Fifth Amendment.
- (3) Q Would you tell me whether you observed
- (4) priests having sexual activity with students at
- (5) St. Thomas while you were there?
- (6) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (7) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (8) Q Now, what would be your ordinary
- (9) routine when you were a freshman at St. Thomas in
- (10) regard to the activities of the day?
- (11) A Morning mass, classes, perhaps a study
- (12) hall, lunch, classes, study hall, dinner.
- (13) Q Did you have a spiritual advisor during
- (14) your freshman year at the seminary or not?
- (15) A I believe I did.
- (16) Q What was the name of your spiritual
- (17) advisor?
- (18) A The name escapes me. That's not in my
- (19) recollection. I don't remember.
- (20) Q Did you have a spiritual advisor during
- (21) the second year that you were at St. Thomas?
- (22) A Yes, I did.
- (23) Q Do you remember --
- (24) A I do not remember.
- (25) Q You don't remember his -- What was the

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- (1) function of the spiritual advisor?
- (2) A His basic function was to be available
- (3) if you had any questions concerning priesthood,
- (4) if you had any question, you would seek
- (5) counseling; and to be sure that, to the best of
- (6) your ability, you were being a seminarian to the
- (7) degree required by the diocese.
- (8) Q So that it was your understanding, that
- (9) is as you were going through St. Thomas Seminary,
- (10) the spiritual advisor or the seminary itself was
- (11) reporting your progress back to the diocese to
- (12) which you had made an application for the
- (13) seminary? The Bridgeport diocese?
- (14) A Specifically I'm not aware, but the
- (15) presumption was that yes.
- (16) Q Were you yourself ever sexually abused
- (17) by anyone as a minor?
- (18) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (19) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (20) Q So you are refusing to answer on the
- (21) Fifth Amendment grounds whether anybody abused
- (22) you as a minor?
- (23) A I refuse to answer on the grounds of
- (24) the Fifth Amendment.
- (25) Q We are using the Fifth Amendment rather

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- (1) widely in this and I want you to understand that
- (2) if a judge determines that you are not giving
- (3) that answer in good faith of fear of prosecution,
- (4) that sanctions apply.
- (5) Now, did you have any psychological
- (6) testing that was conducted while you were a
- (7) student at St. Thomas Seminary?
- (8) A I believe there was, but specifically,
- (9) I have no recollection.
- (10) Q Well did anyone ever discuss with
- (11) you -- any individual that might be associated
- (12) either with the seminary or the diocese -- any
- (13) particular results of psychological testing or
- (14) problems which one thought that you might have
- (15) had?
- (16) A Did I see any results?
- (17) Q Or --
- (18) A I saw no --
- (19) Q Or discuss the results?
- (20) A No.
- (21) Q Now, getting back to the question that
- (22) I had asked you before, assuming that the -- that
- (23) we're talking about the seminarians that were
- (24) living at the seminary, how many seminarians
- (25) approximately would have been living at the

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- (1) seminary during that first and second year you
- (2) were there?
- (3) A An approximate number would be 400.
- (4) Q 400?
- (5) As far as your graduating class, do you
- (6) recall approximately how many seminarians would
- (7) have graduated along with you at the end of that
- (8) second year for an associates degree?
- (9) A I'm not aware of the total exactly.
- (10) Q Approximately?
- (11) A I would say approximately 45. That's
- (12) subject to correction.
- (13) Q Out of those who graduated, do you have
- (14) any idea as to the number that went on to a major
- (15) seminary?
- (16) A I have no exact determination, but I
- (17) would estimate between 40 and 42.
- (18) Q So a majority of them?
- (19) A Yes.
- (20) Q Now were you ever reprimanded at St.
- (21) Thomas Seminary for any reason? Disciplinary
- (22) reason?
- (23) A Not to my knowledge.
- (24) Q What were the courses that you took at
- (25) St. Thomas? That you recall?

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- (1) A Liberal arts courses. Latin, English,
- (2) math, science.
- (3) Q Was there any religion?
- (4) A Religion -- well excuse me, yes.
- (5) Q What was the nature of the courses in
- (6) religion?
- (7) A They were Scripture courses, liturgy
- (8) courses, dogmatic courses, courses in the
- (9) sacraments.
- (10) Q Were you requested, while you were in
- (11) the seminary, to live the same life you might
- (12) have to live as a priest or was that not the
- (13) case?
- (14) A At the time, it was expected I lived
- (15) the life of a seminarian.
- (16) Q Well --
- (17) A I had no idea at the time what the life
- (18) of a priest would be.
- (19) Q Well what was the life of a seminarian?
- (20) When you say you were expected to live the life
- (21) of a seminarian, what did that include? I mean
- (22) what did you understand that to mean?
- (23) A To attend classes, to follow the
- (24) directives of the seminary.
- (25) Q Were those directives any different for

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- (1) example than you living the life of a Catholic in
- (2) that first and second year at the seminary?
- (3) A Basically not.
- (4) Q So that you hadn't taken any vows;
- (5) that's correct?
- (6) A No.
- (7) Q Do you understand that the life of a
- (8) priest might be a little different than the life
- (9) of an ordinary Catholic?
- (10) A Yes.
- (11) Q That's why I'm asking you the question.
- (12) So that you lived the life of a seminarian, but
- (13) you understood the seminarian -- that's why I say
- (14) what directives did you get from the seminary
- (15) that you understood, in regard to your conduct,
- (16) that might be different than a practicing
- (17) Catholic of your age should have followed?
- (18) A One expected exemplary conduct in
- (19) regards to the specifically in regards to the
- (20) directives of religion.
- (21) Q What do you mean by that, "the
- (22) directives of religion"?
- (23) A Well the ordinary Catholic would be
- (24) required to keep the Commandments and adhere to
- (25) the regulations of the Church and we were

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- (1) required to be examples of that.
- (2) Q Did you ever own a piece of property
- (3) in New Hampshire or Vermont?
- (4) A Yes, I did.
- (5) Q Where?
- (6) A At Washington, New Hampshire.
- (7) Q Do you still own it?
- (8) A No, I don't.
- (9) Q When did you sell it or transfer it?
- (10) Approximately?
- (11) A Approximately 1976, 1977.
- (12) Q Did you sell it or transfer it?
- (13) A We sold it.
- (14) Q And you sold it to whom? Do you
- (15) remember?
- (16) A Really the name is not familiar. It
- (17) was done through an agent.
- (18) Q You said "we." Who owned it?
- (19) A Well I owned it. I didn't mean to
- (20) say --
- (21) Q So you owned it in your own name?
- (22) A Yes.
- (23) Q And you sold it then in your own name?
- (24) A Yes.
- (25) Q And when did you purchase that?

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- (1) A Approximately 1969.
- (2) Q How did you purchase that?
- (3) A Bank loan.
- (4) Q Why did you purchase it?
- (5) A As a summer residence or vacation
- (6) residence.
- (7) Q What did the property consist of?
- (8) A Originally simply the land. Eventually
- (9) a house.
- (10) Q What kind of a house?
- (11) A I don't understand the question.
- (12) Q Well describe the house to me.
- (13) A It was a cedar house, living room,
- (14) kitchen, two bedrooms and I believe we had a
- (15) family room.
- (16) Q Was it on one floor?
- (17) A Two floors.
- (18) Q Two floors. Who built the house?
- (19) A It was a combination. I had
- (20) contractors who built the actual structure and
- (21) then I, with friends, built the -- or completed
- (22) the inside.
- (23) Q Who were the friends that helped you
- (24) complete the inside?
- (25) A Specifically, I'm not -- I really don't

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- (1) know.
- (2) Q You don't remember the names of any of
- (3) them?
- (4) A Well -- this Mr. Sabco that we had
- (5) mentioned.
- (6) Q Mr. Sabco?
- (7) A Right.
- (8) Q How old would he have been that the
- (9) point? How old is he now?
- (10) A Mid 30s.
- (11) Q He is now in his mid 30s?
- (12) MR. MURPHY: You asked two
- (13) questions, Mr. Tremont. So which one
- (14) do you want answered?
- (15) MR. TREMONT: I understand. Well
- (16) that's what I'm asking.
- (17) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (18) Q Is he now in his mid 30s?
- (19) A 36 or 37.
- (20) Q And you built this house in 19, what,
- (21) 70?
- (22) A It would have been '71 or '72.
- (23) Q So he would have been, if he's 36 or
- (24) 37, he would be 12, 13 years old at that point?
- (25) A 15, 16 maybe.

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- (1) Q So he helped you build the house. Who
- (2) else helped you build the house?
- (3) A We had friends from the parish to which
- (4) I was attending who were electricians, plumbers.
- (5) Q Yeah. What's their names?
- (6) A Electrician was Joseph Voytek.
- (7) Q Do you know where he is now?
- (8) A I believe he lives in Bridgeport.
- (9) Q Who else?
- (10) A I'm trying --
- (11) Q Anyone else?
- (12) A There was a person by the name of
- (13) Landrou.
- (14) Q Landrou?
- (15) A Thomas.
- (16) Q When was the last time you saw Thomas
- (17) Landrou?
- (18) A It has to be ten years.
- (19) Q Ten years ago?
- (20) A Give or take, yes.
- (21) Q And do you recall what Thomas Landrou's
- (22) age was when he was helping you build this house?
- (23) A He had to be 16, 17 or 18.
- (24) Q You were a priest at the time that you
- (25) were building this house?

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- (1) A Yes, I was.
- (2) Q And what parish were you associated
- (3) with?
- (4) A St. John's in Bridgeport.
- (5) Q These were young people, they were
- (6) minors that were up there helping you build the
- (7) house?
- (8) A No, Mr. Voytek was maybe 28, 29. A
- (9) few other adults who were, you know, capable.
- (10) Q Mr. Landrou was a minor?
- (11) A I believe his father was also helping.
- (12) Q What's his father's name?
- (13) A Thomas.
- (14) Q So the father and son were both
- (15) helping?
- (16) A Yes.
- (17) There were a number of others, too,
- (18) names --
- (19) Q Do you know a Joseph Vince?
- (20) A Yes, I know Joseph Vince.
- (21) Q When was the last time you spoke with
- (22) Joseph Vince?
- (23) A It has to be ten years at least.
- (24) Q Did he ever help you build the house?
- (25) A I don't recall.

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- (1) Q How do you know Joseph Vince?
- (2) A Parish.
- (3) Q What parish?
- (4) A St. John's.
- (5) Q Did you only know him as a parishioner?
- (6) A What do you mean?
- (7) Q Well did you know him as a parishioner
- (8) in the parish or did you also see him on a social
- (9) basis?
- (10) A I knew the family, so I would visit the
- (11) house, certainly. So in answer, I --
- (12) That would be social.
- (13) Q Was Mr. Vince ever up in Vermont -- or
- (14) I'm sorry, New Hampshire?
- (15) A Yes.
- (16) Q Did you ever invite children up to that
- (17) place in New Hampshire?
- (18) MR. MURPHY: I'm going to advise
- (19) him to invoke his privilege against
- (20) self-incrimination.
- (21) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (22) Q When did you --
- (23) MR. MURPHY: On the identity of
- (24) visitors to New Hampshire.
- (25) BY MR. TREMONT:

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- (1) Q When did you sell the place in New
- (2) Hampshire?
- (3) A I believe it was either '76 or '77.
- (4) Q So I'm asking you questions regarding
- (5) events that occurred 18 years ago.
- (6) So I'm asking you about events that
- (7) occurred 18 years ago and I'm asking you whether
- (8) you had any minor children visit New Hampshire,
- (9) and you are refusing to answer?
- (10) A Yes.
- (11) Q Now, while you were in the seminary,
- (12) was there any discussion regarding chastity.
- (13) This is the minor seminary. Do people have
- (14) discussions regarding that?
- (15) A It's part of the religion courses,
- (16) yes.
- (17) Q Was there any discussion among the
- (18) students regarding homosexuality which might have
- (19) been occurring at the seminary?
- (20) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (21) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (22) Q What I'm asking you is not any activity
- (23) of yours, I'm merely asking you whether there was
- (24) any discussion among the students regarding
- (25) homosexuality which might be occurring at the

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- (1) seminary in the 1950s?
- (2) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (3) it might incriminate me.
- (4) Q Now, have you ever seen your records
- (5) from the seminary?
- (6) A Briefly.
- (7) Q And when was it that you saw those
- (8) records?
- (9) A Within the past year.
- (10) Q Within the past year? Had you ever
- (11) seen them before that time?
- (12) A No.
- (13) Q And where were you when you saw those
- (14) records?
- (15) A I believe I was in my counsel's office.
- (16) Q In your attorney's office? Is that Mr.
- (17) Murphy's office?
- (18) A Mr. Murphy's office.
- (19) Q And Mr. Murphy had the records from
- (20) your seminary?
- (21) A It would appear so.
- (22) Q What other records did he show you?
- (23) MR. MURPHY: Well --
- (24) BY THE WITNESS:
- (25) A I believe that's all --

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- (1) MR. MURPHY: I think you are
- (2) getting into an area of attorney/client
- (3) privilege, aren't you?
- (4) MR. TREMONT: No, I'm not. I'm
- (5) asking for records. I'm not asking
- (6) what he told you. I'm not asking --
- (7) I'm asking about -- these are this
- (8) man's records. I'm asking the records
- (9) that you saw.
- (10) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (11) Q What other records did you see.
- (12) MR. SWEENEY: Mr. Tremont, let me
- (13) state one thing for the record that
- (14) might help to accelerate this whole
- (15) thing.
- (16) As you know, the issue of Father
- (17) Pcolka's personnel records of the
- (18) diocese developed several months ago
- (19) and in advance of the evidentiary
- (20) hearings before Judge Levin as counsel
- (21) for the diocese, I furnished to
- (22) Attorney Murphy as counsel for Father
- (23) Pcolka a complete set of the diocese
- (24) records so-called personnel file-type
- (25) records regarding Father Pcolka which

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(1) had been submitted -- the same records
(2) which had been submitted to Judge
(3) Levin. So I think if it will save you
(4) from having to go through these piece
(5) by piece, the record -- and I stated
(6) this before Judge Levin in open court,
(7) all of those records were submitted to
(8) Attorney Murphy so he could deal with
(9) the discovery issues which of course
(10) went before Judge Levin.
(11) MR. TREMONT: The problem with the
(12) comment, Mr. Sweeney, is that
(13) unfortunately I don't have all the
(14) records which you submitted to Judge
(15) Levin. So I don't know what those
(16) records consisted of; and until we get
(17) some identification through the court
(18) inquiry that we are presently making,
(19) I'm in the dark about that and that's
(20) why I'm asking these questions.
(21) BY MR. TREMONT:
(22) Q So let's take the seminary records.
(23) What seminary records were you shown, did you
(24) see?
(25) A Grades.

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(1) Q Grades? And this is at St. Thomas?
(2) A St. Thomas.
(3) Q What else besides grades?
(4) A Specifically, I don't recall.
(5) Q You don't recall anything else?
(6) A No.
(7) Q Now, how long have you known Bishop
(8) Egan?
(9) A Since he was installed as bishop.
(10) 1988.
(11) Q How many times have you personally met
(12) Bishop Egan?
(13) A A number of times. I don't recall the
(14) exact number.
(15) Q How many times have you met with Bishop
(16) Egan specifically? Let's say at the chancellery
(17) or at his home?
(18) A Again a number of times, but --
(19) Q Well when's the last time you met with
(20) Bishop Egan?
(21) A Excuse the delay, I'm just trying to
(22) go back here. It had to be sometime in '92. I
(23) don't recall specifically when.
(24) Q You say that you were relieved from
(25) your duties as a priest sometime in January of

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(1) '93?
(2) A I believe so.
(3) Q Since January of '93, have you met with
(4) Bishop Egan personally?
(5) A No, I have not.
(6) Q You haven't talked to him? Well I'll
(7) withdraw that.
(8) First, you have not met with him?
(9) A I have not met with him.
(10) Q Have you spoken with him on the
(11) telephone?
(12) A My recollection, possibly once.
(13) Q What was the nature of the
(14) conversation?
(15) A I'm trying to recall it.
(16) Specifically, it was only about a two
(17) minute conversation and we had just kind of
(18) expressed concern for each other under the
(19) present situation, his volunteering to continue
(20) to pray for me and to say mass and my, you know,
(21) expression of thanks for that.
(22) Q Did you call him or did he call you?
(23) A I believe the call was placed on my
(24) part.
(25) Q You called him. What was the purpose

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(1) of your call?
(2) A I was led to believe that he would
(3) like to hear from me.
(4) Q Well who told you that?
(5) A Monsignor Bronkiewicz.
(6) Q What did Monsignor Bronkiewicz tell you
(7) that the bishop wanted to hear from you?
(8) A I have no idea.
(9) Q You don't know. He just told you call
(10) up Bishop Egan?
(11) A From the conversation it seemed to be
(12) just a concern.
(13) Q When you called Bishop Egan, what did
(14) he have to say to you?
(15) A Specifically --
(16) Q He said he wanted you to call?
(17) A Specifically it was a concern. He was
(18) advising me that he was continuing to offer
(19) prayers and masses on my behalf.
(20) Q He was concerned for what? What did he
(21) indicate?
(22) A The difficulties I presume of the
(23) present situation.
(24) Q So he was concerned for you?
(25) A Yeah, that exactly.

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(1) Q Did he ever mention he was concerned
(2) for the victims of child abuse?
(3) A Specifically, I don't recall if that
(4) was part of the conversation.
(5) Q Did you ever know Bishop Egan before he
(6) became the bishop of this diocese?
(7) A No.
(8) Q Did you ever have any conversations
(9) with Bishop Egan regarding the sexual abuse of
(10) children?
(11) A I would choose to exercise my right to
(12) claim the Fifth Amendment in that regard.
(13) Q You are refusing to answer?
(14) A Yes -- using the Fifth Amendment.
(15) Q Now, did Bishop Egan ever loan you
(16) money?
(17) A Did he ever loan me money?
(18) Q Yes.
(19) A Not to my knowledge.
(20) Q Did you ever loan him money?
(21) A Not to my knowledge.
(22) MR. TREMONT: We can take a break
(23) for a few minutes.
(24) (Whereby, a brief recess was
(25) taken.)

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(1) BY MR. TREMONT:
(2) Q Do you know who James A. Egan is?
(3) A Do I know James A. Egan?
(4) Q Yeah.
(5) A I'm afraid I do not.
(6) Q Do you know anything about the Midwest
(7) Bank & Trust Company of Elmwood Park, Illinois?
(8) A No, I'm afraid I don't.
(9) MR. TREMONT: I would like to mark
(10) this as Exhibit C, please.
(11) (Plaintiff's Exhibit C was marked
(12) for identification: Certificate of
(13) deposit.)
(14) BY MR. TREMONT:
(15) Q Now I show you this certificate of
(16) deposit in the name of Edward M. Egan and James
(17) A. Egan maturing on January 25th, 1988. Would
(18) you tell me why this was in your personnel file?
(19) THE WITNESS: Do you want to see
(20) this?
(21) MR. TREMONT: No, I'm asking you.
(22) Would you please look at it.
(23) MR. MURPHY: I know, but I'm
(24) entitled to look at the exhibit. So is
(25) anybody else who is here.

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(1) MR. TREMONT: Would you answer the
(2) question, please.
(3) MR. SWEENEY: May I see it,
(4) please?
(5) BY THE WITNESS:
(6) A I have no idea.
(7) May I look again?
(8) Q Certainly.
(9) Mr. Pcolka, I'm showing you a document
(10) which is Plaintiff's Exhibit C which is in your
(11) personnel file and which was submitted to the
(12) Superior Court as a document contained in your
(13) personnel file which file apparently was kept
(14) separate and apart and wasn't tampered with, and
(15) in it is a certificate of deposit for \$32,562.46
(16) issued from the Midwest Bank & Trust Company of
(17) Elmwood Park, Illinois, made out to Edward M.
(18) Egan or James A. Egan, 1011 First Avenue, New
(19) York, New York. Do you know anything about this?
(20) A I do not.
(21) Q Do you know who Edward M. Egan is?
(22) A That's the bishop of Bridgeport as far
(23) as I know.
(24) Q And that's his name, Edward M. Egan, is
(25) it not?

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(1) A Edward Michael, yes.
(2) Q Do you know who James A. Egan is?
(3) A No, I'm afraid I don't.
(4) Q Do you know anything about the address
(5) 1011 First Avenue, New York, New York?
(6) A No. I'm afraid I don't.
(7) Q Pardon?
(8) A I'm afraid I don't know what it is.
(9) Q Now, when you completed your course at
(10) St. Thomas Seminary, what did you then do?
(11) A I was appointed to St. John's Seminary
(12) in Massachusetts.
(13) Q Now, did you have a choice of attending
(14) more than one major seminary?
(15) A No.
(16) Q Did you request attendance at any
(17) particular major seminary?
(18) A No, I did not.
(19) Q Before you could attend a major
(20) seminary, was there any other application or
(21) process that you had to go through?
(22) A Not to my knowledge.
(23) Q How long a course was there at St.
(24) John's Seminary?
(25) A I believe it was six years.

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(1) Q It was a six year course? And did you
(2) attend six years?
(3) A I did.
(4) Q When did you commence your education at
(5) St. John's?
(6) A 1965.
(7) Q 1965?
(8) A That's correct.
(9) MR. SWEENEY: Pardon me, did you
(10) say commence or conclude?
(11) THE WITNESS: I thought
(12) commencement was graduation, but I
(13) could be -- subject to correction. I
(14) began --
(15) BY MR. TREMONT:
(16) Q When did you start?
(17) A I began in 1956, concluded in 1965.
(18) Q And you attended each year?
(19) A Yes, I did.
(20) MR. SWEENEY: Did the witness say
(21) '58 or '56.
(22) BY THE WITNESS:
(23) A Excuse me, '58. Correction. '56 was
(24) St. Thomas, '58 was St. John's.
(25) Q So you are mistaken?

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(1) A Yes.
(2) Q So that you started the -- you
(3) commenced in 1956. Isn't it a fact that you
(4) skipped a year?
(5) A Yes, it is.
(6) Q You missed a year? Is that correct?
(7) A That's correct.
(8) Q So you didn't attend continually; did
(9) you?
(10) A You didn't ask. The question I
(11) believe was did I spend six years there.
(12) Q All right.
(13) A Which I did.
(14) Q All right. So you -- in order to --
(15) where was that, in Brighton?
(16) A In Brighton.
(17) Q Who was the rector of the seminary when
(18) you went there?
(19) A I believe it was Matthew Stapleton.
(20) Q And did he remain rector of the
(21) seminary while you were there?
(22) A Yes.
(23) Q And do you know where he is today?
(24) A Deceased.
(25) Q Now, did you have any physical

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(1) examinations in order to enter St. John's?
(2) A Not to my knowledge.
(3) Q Did you have any psychological
(4) examinations in order to enter St. John's?
(5) A Not to my knowledge.
(6) Q Did you have any psychological or
(7) psychiatric examinations while you were at St.
(8) John's?
(9) A I believe that might be privileged
(10) information.
(11) Q No, I'm asking you whether you had any
(12) psychiatric examinations. It's not privileged.
(13) Just answer.
(14) MR. MURPHY: You can answer yes
(15) or no and then we'll get to the next
(16) question.
(17) BY THE WITNESS:
(18) A Can you ask the question again.
(19) Q Did you have any psychiatric
(20) examinations while you were at St. John's?
(21) A Yes.
(22) Q Did you have any physical health
(23) problems, if you will, physical problems while
(24) you were at St. John's?
(25) MR. MURPHY: Once again, you can

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(1) answer yes or no.
(2) BY THE WITNESS:
(3) A Yes. To my knowledge.
(4) Q What were the physical problems that
(5) you had?
(6) MR. MURPHY: Well, I think his
(7) medical record and history is governed
(8) by a privilege and we are going to
(9) exercise his privilege on that.
(10) MR. TREMONT: There's no privilege
(11) for medical information. The privilege
(12) that applies to medical information
(13) relates to the dissemination of the
(14) information through the doctor. The
(15) privilege doesn't apply to the
(16) individual. An individual can't take
(17) as a privilege answers to medical
(18) questions. The statute is very clear
(19) and the statute precludes the
(20) dissemination of information. And the
(21) objection that you raised in court, Mr.
(22) Murphy, related to the dissemination of
(23) psychiatric information and medical
(24) information from the medical provider
(25) and not the patient.

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- (1) So that is not a grounds and --
- (2) MR. MURPHY: Well --
- (3) MR. TREMONT: You've instructed
- (4) him not to answer any medical --
- (5) MR. MURPHY: I am now, yes.
- (6) MR. TREMONT: That's what I'm
- (7) saying. You are instructing him
- (8) that --
- (9) MR. MURPHY: I'm instructing him
- (10) not to answer that question.
- (11) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (12) Q Now I'm going to ask you what
- (13) psychiatrist did you see?
- (14) A I believe that's privileged
- (15) information.
- (16) Q You are going to refuse to answer that;
- (17) is that correct?
- (18) A As privileged information, yes.
- (19) Q As privileged information?
- (20) Did you ever see a Dr. Green who was at
- (21) the Fairfield state hospital, a psychiatrist,
- (22) while you were a student at St. John's Seminary?
- (23) A Yes, I did.
- (24) Q You did. And why did you see him?
- (25) A It was part of my assignment when the

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- (1) seminary -- one of the psychological courses we
- (2) were taking. I had to do some research work and
- (3) we needed his okay to use the facilities at
- (4) Fairfield Hills.
- (5) Q What was the research work that you
- (6) were doing?
- (7) A Some sort of psychological difficulties
- (8) and specifically, I don't recall.
- (9) Q You don't remember. Did you ever see a
- (10) Dr. Sires as a psychiatrist?
- (11) A I believe that's privileged
- (12) information, too.
- (13) Q Are you refusing to answer that
- (14) question?
- (15) A As privileged information, yes.
- (16) Q What is the grounds of the privileged
- (17) information?
- (18) A I believe it's privileged information.
- (19) Q Have you seen reports of Dr. Sires
- (20) regarding your psychological state?
- (21) A I believe that's privileged as well.
- (22) Q Did you see Dr. Meshken as you were a
- (23) seminarian for psychiatric problems?
- (24) A I believe that's privileged.
- (25) Q You are refusing to answer that?

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- (1) A As privileged.
- (2) Q Were you ever treated in the Institute
- (3) of the Living because of the sexual proclivities
- (4) and problems that you had?
- (5) A I refuse to answer that on two grounds,
- (6) Fifth Amendment and privilege.
- (7) Q On Fifth Amendment and privilege?
- (8) A And privilege.
- (9) Q At the time that you entered St. John's
- (10) Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, was there
- (11) any contact that you had with the Diocese of
- (12) Bridgeport in regard to your training as a
- (13) seminarian?
- (14) A At the time I was at St. John's, was
- (15) there any contact --
- (16) Q Contact specifically with the
- (17) Bridgeport diocese.
- (18) MR. SWEENEY: Pardon me,
- (19) Counselor, are you saying before or
- (20) during? I thought your question was at
- (21) the time he entered.
- (22) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (23) Q At the time he entered, yes.
- (24) A Was there a connection -- Would you
- (25) repeat.

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- (1) Q A contact with an individual at the
- (2) Diocese of Bridgeport?
- (3) A Regarding what, sir?
- (4) Q Regarding your seminary training.
- (5) A Yes, I believe there was.
- (6) Q Well who was it?
- (7) A It would have been the director of
- (8) vocations.
- (9) Q Was there a director of vocations for
- (10) Bridgeport Diocese?
- (11) A I believe there was.
- (12) Q And did you see that director of
- (13) vocation on a regular basis?
- (14) A I believe I did.
- (15) Q How often would you see him?
- (16) A I would say any time I was in the area.
- (17) Q Well what does that mean?
- (18) A Well the seminary required living on
- (19) the grounds, so it would have been vacation
- (20) times.
- (21) Q So that you would -- was there a
- (22) specific pattern that was required of you
- (23) visiting or reporting to the director of
- (24) vocations?
- (25) A Not to my knowledge.

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- (1) Q Did you have any discussions with the
- (2) director of vocations regarding the problems you
- (3) were having at St. John's Seminary?
- (4) A I refuse to answer on the grounds of
- (5) the Fifth Amendment.
- (6) Q Were you engaged in homosexual
- (7) activity, voluntary and consenting homosexual
- (8) activity with students and faculty members while
- (9) you were at St. John's Seminary?
- (10) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (11) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (12) Q Were any complaints made against you
- (13) while you were at St. John's Seminary because of
- (14) homosexual activity between you and other
- (15) students and/or faculty members?
- (16) A I refuse to answer that on the Fifth
- (17) Amendment grounds.
- (18) Q Did you see a psychiatrist because you
- (19) were having sexual problems while you were at St.
- (20) John's Seminary?
- (21) A I refuse to answer that on the Fifth
- (22) Amendment.
- (23) Q Are you an alcoholic?
- (24) A No.
- (25) Q Were you an alcoholic at any time?

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- (1) A No.
- (2) Q Did you ever go for any type of alcohol
- (3) counseling?
- (4) A Never.
- (5) Q Did you tell anybody in the Bridgeport
- (6) diocese about your homosexual activity?
- (7) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (8) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (9) Q Let me ask you, you told us that -- how
- (10) Mr. Murphy was hired as your attorney. At the
- (11) present time you have no other attorney for this
- (12) case, do you, outside of Mr. Murphy?
- (13) A That's correct.
- (14) Q And could you tell me whether you hired
- (15) any attorney to represent you for any allegation
- (16) of sexual abuse in the last 30 years? Outside of
- (17) Mr. Murphy?
- (18) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (19) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (20) Q This is not a Fifth Amendment question.
- (21) I'm asking you whether you hired any attorney,
- (22) all right? Have you hired -- the answer is
- (23) either yes or no. Have you hired any attorney to
- (24) represent you in regard to claims of sexual
- (25) abuse?

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(1) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that.
 (2) Yes or no.
 (3) BY THE WITNESS:
 (4) A A qualified yes.
 (5) Q Why qualified? I mean you qualified
 (6) it. You're saying that's qualified?
 (7) A Well that's -- Correction to yes.
 (8) Q Yes, all right. And who was that
 (9) attorney? Just the name.
 (10) A I believe that would be privileged.
 (11) Q Would you please give me the name of
 (12) the attorney. I'm not interested in what you
 (13) talked about. I just want the name.
 (14) MR. MURPHY: You can tell the name
 (15) of the attorney.
 (16) BY THE WITNESS:
 (17) A Richard Bepko.
 (18) Q And that would be the only attorney?
 (19) That would have been in regard to the
 (20) claims that were made by the accuseds. Is that
 (21) correct?
 (22) A I would claim a privileged claim.
 (23) MR. SWEENEY: Pardon me, Mr.
 (24) Tremont, I notice it's quarter past 11.
 (25) We have been going since 9:30. I

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(1) wonder if it would be appropriate to
 (2) take a morning break.
 (3) (There was a discussion off the
 (4) record.)
 (5) (Whereby, a brief recess was
 (6) taken.)
 (7) (Plaintiff's Exhibit D was marked
 (8) for identification: Signed pledge.)
 (9) MR. SWEENEY: Mr. Tremont, can we
 (10) work an arrangement so counsel can at
 (11) least see these things before
 (12) questions --
 (13) MR. TREMONT: I just want to
 (14) identify it first and then I'll pass it
 (15) around.
 (16) BY MR. TREMONT:
 (17) Q Is that your signature, Raymond J.
 (18) Pcolka?
 (19) A S. Raymond S., not J. That's my
 (20) signature, yes.
 (21) Q Could you explain to me how it came
 (22) about that you signed that pledge?
 (23) A That was a customary requirement prior
 (24) to ordination in '65. I'm not aware if it's
 (25) continued to be a custom.

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(1) Q What do you mean by a customary
 (2) requirement?
 (3) A Prior to ordination, it was the custom
 (4) of a preordained that for five years that would
 (5) refrain from any alcoholic drinks.
 (6) Q That would be between 1965 and 1970?
 (7) A I believe so, yes.
 (8) Q Did you refrain for five years from
 (9) alcoholic drinks?
 (10) A To the best of my knowledge.
 (11) Q You did?
 (12) A To the best of my knowledge.
 (13) Q Well the answer is you did; is that
 (14) correct? Or you didn't.
 (15) A The answer is I don't recall.
 (16) Q You don't recall. So you may have or
 (17) you may not have.
 (18) A That's correct.
 (19) Q Now why was it that you did not go
 (20) through six straight years at St. John's
 (21) Seminary?
 (22) A I took one year off.
 (23) Q Why did you take a year off?
 (24) A I believe that's personal and
 (25) confidential.

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(1) Q Yes, well would you answer it, please.
 (2) Why did you take a year off?
 (3) A I believe it's confidential to answer
 (4) that.
 (5) Q There's no such thing as confidential.
 (6) You must answer the question that's been asked.
 (7) A Privilege of confidentiality.
 (8) Q Well there is no privilege of
 (9) confidentiality. You have to answer the question
 (10) unless you believe that you may be incriminated
 (11) by the answer. Counsel's explained that to you.
 (12) Would you answer the question.
 (13) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
 (14) question.
 (15) BY THE WITNESS:
 (16) A Would you repeat the question.
 (17) Q Why did you take off one year?
 (18) A I felt that I needed a break from the
 (19) seminary training.
 (20) Q Why?
 (21) A Perhaps doubts as to whether or not I
 (22) should be continuing.
 (23) Q What doubts did you have?
 (24) A Specifically, I don't recall.
 (25) Q Well you must -- you stopped -- how

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(1) long were you in the seminary before you took the
 (2) break?
 (3) A Three, perhaps four years.
 (4) Q When you took the first -- when you
 (5) first entered St. John's Seminary, what were the
 (6) living arrangements at St. John's Seminary?
 (7) A Dormitory.
 (8) Q That's a large seminary; is it not?
 (9) A Yes.
 (10) Q And do you recall what seminarians it
 (11) prepared for what diocese?
 (12) A Many diocese, primary Boston. But any
 (13) bishop could apply there to have a seminarian
 (14) placed in studies.
 (15) Q And that's the largest seminary, is it
 (16) not, in the United States?
 (17) A I really don't know that.
 (18) Q Now let me ask you, when you were at
 (19) St. John's Seminary, do you recall how many of
 (20) the students, those 45 or 40 students from St.
 (21) Thomas went up with you?
 (22) A No, I was it.
 (23) Q You were the only one?
 (24) A Just myself.
 (25) Q So there were no other seminarians from

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(1) the -- from your graduating class that went up?
 (2) A Correction. I was the only one from
 (3) the Diocese of Bridgeport.
 (4) Q All right, there might have been
 (5) some --
 (6) A There might have been some from other
 (7) diocese.
 (8) Q Now could you tell me where the other
 (9) seminarians went?
 (10) A Catholic University; Mt. St. Mary's in
 (11) Emmitsburg, Maryland; St. Mary's in Baltimore;
 (12) St. Bernard's in Rochester.
 (13) Q Is there any reason, do you know, why
 (14) you went to St. John's?
 (15) A I believe it was academic. The reasons
 (16) were academic. They chose some of the top people
 (17) to go to St. John's.
 (18) Q And you were top --
 (19) A In that particular year, yes.
 (20) Q What was your --
 (21) A It was -- the two top seminaries were
 (22) Catholic University and St. John's. And it's my
 (23) understanding that they chose the top academic
 (24) members of the class or whatever other reasons
 (25) they had for enrolling seminarians in these two

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- (1) particular seminaries.
(2) Q When you went to St. John's Seminary,
(3) do you recall who the vocational advisor was?
(4) A I believe it was still Monsignor
(5) McLaughlin.
(6) Q And you would meet with him?
(7) A Yes.
(8) Q Was there anything different in the
(9) routine at St. John's Seminary than the routine
(10) at St. Thomas Seminary?
(11) A Same basically.
(12) Q There were no vows that you took at St.
(13) John's?
(14) A No.
(15) Q Were you allowed basically to live
(16) freely and do whatever you chose during the
(17) summer vacations?
(18) A Again, within the perimeters of living
(19) exemplary life and reporting to the vocations
(20) director.
(21) Q Now while you were working -- while you
(22) were matriculating at St. Thomas Seminary, you
(23) had the summers off?
(24) A Yes.
(25) Q And did you work?

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- (1) A Once I became -- Yes, I would imagine.
(2) Correct. Excuse me, I was trying to retrace my
(3) age at the time. I worked every summer from the
(4) time I was 16.
(5) Q You told us that you had worked while
(6) at Fairfield Prep at Bork & Stevens?
(7) A That's right.
(8) Q Where did you work when you were at St.
(9) Thomas?
(10) A Also at the bakery.
(11) Q And how many summers did you work at
(12) the bakery then?
(13) A Up to the year prior to ordination.
(14) Q So that during four or five years at --
(15) A At least.
(16) Q At St. John's you worked at Bork &
(17) Stevens?
(18) A That's correct.
(19) Q And where was this plant located or
(20) bakery?
(21) A In Bridgeport. I'm trying to recall.
(22) Q Was it off Housatonic Avenue?
(23) A Off Housatonic, correct. It became
(24) the Grand Union Bakery.
(25) Q Who were some of the people you worked

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- (1) with during the summer?
(2) A Oh, I couldn't even remember names at
(3) this stage. It was many years ago.
(4) Q While you were at the seminary at St.
(5) John's, did you drink at all, alcoholic
(6) beverages?
(7) A Rarely.
(8) Q Rarely?
(9) A Rarely if any, yes.
(10) Q Did you have a car?
(11) A Not until the final year. As a matter
(12) of fact, the last few months of the final year.
(13) Q Where was your family living while you
(14) were working at Bork & Stevens?
(15) A They were living in Trumbull.
(16) Q How did you get to work each day?
(17) A Oh, excuse me, all right, there's a
(18) correction on there. We had a second car in the
(19) family, so --
(20) Q You had a car that was available --
(21) A Yeah, a car that was available, yes.
(22) Q Are there any particular friends you
(23) had at that time?
(24) A Other than co-workers, not to my
(25) knowledge. Or recollection.

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- (1) Q You didn't hang around with anyone?
(2) A Seminarians.
(3) Q Who were the seminarians you hung
(4) around with?
(5) A All those who would have been in the
(6) academic area of the seminary.
(7) Q Yeah, who are they? What's their
(8) names?
(9) A There's a Father Green who is
(10) presently in Catholic University,
(11) Washington; Monsignor Shied who is presently in
(12) Norwalk; there was another who was ordained with
(13) me.
(14) Q Who was he?
(15) A I have no idea.
(16) Q Were these people from Bridgeport area?
(17) A Mostly from the Bridgeport area, yes.
(18) Q Anyone else?
(19) A I had friends in Massachusetts who were
(20) in the same class in the seminary. I don't know
(21) where they are now or --
(22) Q Let me ask you this: You're Slovak?
(23) A I am.
(24) Q Your parents both Slovak?
(25) A They are.

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- (1) Q And belong to a national church?
(2) A Not any more.
(3) Q During the times that you were at the
(4) seminary?
(5) A At that particular time.
(6) Q And you belonged to a national church?
(7) A I did -- National insofar as ethnic.
(8) Q And you remained at St. Cyril's until
(9) it closed?
(10) A I'm trying to -- No, it's still open.
(11) Q All right, but you remained -- you were
(12) a parishioner of St. Cyril's at the time you were
(13) at the seminary?
(14) A Yes.
(15) Q Do you have aunts and uncles?
(16) A Yes, I do.
(17) Q Outside of the people that you just
(18) mentioned, the seminarians, were there relatives
(19) that were either your age or younger than you
(20) that you might have hung around with while you
(21) were going to the seminary, while you were home?
(22) A As family, certainly.
(23) Q For example?
(24) A Cousins.
(25) Q What are their names?

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- (1) A There's F-001 F-002
(2) Q Where does F-001 live?
(3) A In Stratford.
(4) Q And where does F-002 live?
(5) A In Stratford as well.
(6) Q Where does she live in Stratford?
(7) A Off of Huntington Road.
(8) Q Anyone else?
(9) A Presently, I don't recall any other
(10) names at the present time.
(11) Q While you were at the seminary, did
(12) you have any psychological testing at St. John's?
(13) A Mandated by the seminary?
(14) Q Yeah.
(15) A Not to my knowledge.
(16) Q Did you have any kind of psychiatric
(17) examination or testing mandated by either the
(18) seminary or the diocese?
(19) A Not to my knowledge.
(20) Q You did see a psychiatrist while you
(21) were attending St. John's Seminary?
(22) A I believe we indicated yes to that
(23) before.
(24) Q Pardon?
(25) A I believe I said yes to that before.

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- (1) Q You saw Dr. Sires?
- (2) A I would like to invoke the privilege
- (3) of --
- (4) MR. MURPHY: Well you can answer
- (5) that question.
- (6) BY THE WITNESS:
- (7) A Yes, I did.
- (8) Q Why did you see Dr. Sires? What were
- (9) your complaints?
- (10) A That's privileged.
- (11) MR. MURPHY: I think you are
- (12) getting into his medical records and I
- (13) think that that is privileged.
- (14) MR. TREMONT: I'm not asking about
- (15) your medical records.
- (16) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (17) Q Let's make it very clear. I'm not
- (18) interested in your medical records. I'm asking
- (19) you --
- (20) MR. MURPHY: You are asking him --
- (21) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (22) Q Why did you see Dr. Sires. I don't
- (23) care what his records say. Why did you see him?
- (24) MR. MURPHY: You are asking him
- (25) questions that will lead to discussion

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- (1) about what his confidential
- (2) communications were with a
- (3) psychiatrist. And I think that is
- (4) privileged and so you ought to move on
- (5) to your next --
- (6) MR. TREMONT: I'm claiming that
- (7) question.
- (8) MR. MURPHY: Well you can claim it
- (9) all you want and I'm telling you --
- (10) MR. TREMONT: I am claiming it all
- (11) I want and I'm going to continue to ask
- (12) it and have him --
- (13) THE WITNESS: I'm going to agree
- (14) with my attorney.
- (15) MR. MURPHY: I will not sit here
- (16) while you ask questions repetitiously.
- (17) MR. TREMONT: Listen, Mr. Murphy,
- (18) I have a right to ask questions and I
- (19) have --
- (20) MR. MURPHY: And I have a right to
- (21) object.
- (22) MR. TREMONT: -- that this is
- (23) improper and that's why I'm letting him
- (24) go and say each time he's taking the
- (25) Fifth Amendment or he doesn't want to

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- (1) incriminate himself because I want a
- (2) record of the questions and the
- (3) answers.
- (4) MR. MURPHY: And I don't agree
- (5) that it's improper and I'm instructing
- (6) the witness that he may refuse to
- (7) answer the question. If you want to
- (8) waste a lot of time going over the same
- (9) question time and time again, we will
- (10) let you do that to a limited extent,
- (11) but I will not waste time either.
- (12) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (13) Q What did Dr. Sires tell you was wrong
- (14) with you?
- (15) MR. MURPHY: Same objection.
- (16) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (17) Q Will you answer?
- (18) A I agree --
- (19) Q You don't agree, you answer, please. I
- (20) want your answer.
- (21) A I will invoke my privilege,
- (22) patient/doctor.
- (23) Q Now did you see Dr. Meshken, a
- (24) psychiatrist?
- (25) A Yes, I did.

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- (1) Q Why did you see Dr. Meshken?
- (2) A Again I invoke privilege,
- (3) patient/doctor.
- (4) Q I'm asking you why you saw him.
- (5) A Right.
- (6) Q What did Dr. Meshken do for you?
- (7) A Again, I think that's privileged by a
- (8) patient/doctor.
- (9) Q Did you discuss with individuals either
- (10) at the seminary or with the Diocese of Bridgeport
- (11) your physical or mental condition that required
- (12) you to see a psychiatrist?
- (13) A I believe that's privileged as well.
- (14) Q I asked if you discussed it --
- (15) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
- (16) yes or no.
- (17) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (18) Q -- with people at the seminary.
- (19) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
- (20) yes or no.
- (21) BY THE WITNESS:
- (22) A Would you repeat?
- (23) Q Did you discuss your physical and
- (24) mental condition which required you to see a
- (25) psychiatrist with individuals either at the

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- (1) seminary or at the Diocese of Bridgeport?
- (2) MR. MURPHY: I'm going to object
- (3) to the form of that question because
- (4) it's unclear whether you are asking
- (5) whether he had a general discussion or
- (6) whether you are specifically asking him
- (7) whether he discussed with other
- (8) individuals any conversations or advice
- (9) or consultation specifically that he
- (10) had with a physician and what the
- (11) physician informed him. If you are
- (12) just asking a general question, I have
- (13) no objection. If you are asking him
- (14) something beyond that, then I may have
- (15) an objection. So I think you need to
- (16) clarify your question.
- (17) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (18) Q Would you please answer the question.
- (19) A My answer to the general question is
- (20) yes.
- (21) Q What did you tell them?
- (22) A That, I believe is privileged.
- (23) Q I'm asking what you told, not the
- (24) doctor, I'm asking you what you told the people
- (25) at the seminary. Would you please answer.

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- (1) A No, I believe that's privileged
- (2) information as well.
- (3) Q You are refusing to answer that?
- (4) A Since I believe that's privileged.
- (5) MR. MURPHY: Also I'm objecting to
- (6) the form of your question, because I
- (7) think it's unclear.
- (8) MR. TREMONT: It's quite clear if
- (9) he's taking the privilege, then he
- (10) understands what I'm talking about.
- (11) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (12) Q Now did you have any consensual
- (13) homosexual relations with faculty or students at
- (14) St. John's Seminary in Brighton?
- (15) A I wish to use my privilege of the Fifth
- (16) Amendment in that regard.
- (17) Q Did you have any homosexual relations
- (18) with any minors while you were attending St.
- (19) John's Seminary whether the acts occurred at the
- (20) seminary or at any other place?
- (21) A I wish to use my privilege of the
- (22) Fifth Amendment in that regard.
- (23) Q Did you have any heterosexual relations
- (24) with any minors while you were attending St.
- (25) John's Seminary whether those acts occurred at

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- (1) the seminary or outside of the seminary?
- (2) A I wish to use my privilege of the Fifth
- (3) Amendment in that regard.
- (4) Q Did you discuss with individuals at the
- (5) seminary or individuals at the Diocese of
- (6) Bridgeport while you were attending the seminary
- (7) any homosexual conduct that you observed at the
- (8) seminary?
- (9) A I wish to use my privilege of the Fifth
- (10) Amendment in that regard.
- (11) Q In the first year that you went up to
- (12) the seminary, you indicated that you lived in a
- (13) dorm. How many dorms did they have up there?
- (14) MR. MURPHY: At St. John's?
- (15) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (16) Q St. John's.
- (17) A Many. There were multiple buildings.
- (18) Q How large was the enrollment there?
- (19) A The enrollment there was about between
- (20) four and 500 I would say.
- (21) Q Were they all individuals that were
- (22) pursuing generally a six year course or were
- (23) there younger people there as well?
- (24) A No, I believe they were all pursuing
- (25) already third year college work and beyond.

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- (1) Q What was the degree that you would get
- (2) when you concluded at St. John's?
- (3) A Bachelors was ordinary, master's was
- (4) optional.
- (5) Q What do you mean it was optional?
- (6) A A bachelors degree was given at the
- (7) completion of the course and if you chose to work
- (8) for a master's, they had special arrangements
- (9) made with the -- with Boston College that you
- (10) were able to work with -- for a master's degree
- (11) at the same time.
- (12) Q Within the same six years?
- (13) A Within the same six years, yes.
- (14) Q Did you do so?
- (15) A I did.
- (16) Q What did you get your master's in?
- (17) A Basically in psychology.
- (18) Q In psychology?
- (19) A Yes.
- (20) Q So you have a master's degree in
- (21) psychology.
- (22) Did you have use of your knowledge of
- (23) psychology, did you use that in dealing with your
- (24) parishioners during the course of your ministry?
- (25) A Would you repeat the question.

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- (1) Q A simple question.
- (2) MR. TREMONT: Would you repeat it,
- (3) please.
- (4) (Whereby, the pertinent question
- (5) was read.)
- (6) BY THE WITNESS:
- (7) A Yes.
- (8) Q Now, as a priest you have to take
- (9) certain vows?
- (10) A No.
- (11) Q No, you don't take any vows?
- (12) A Correct.
- (13) Q When you were ordained a priest, you
- (14) take no vows? All right, as a deacon you take
- (15) vows?
- (16) A No vows.
- (17) Q Did you take any vows at any time?
- (18) A Vows are taken by people in religious
- (19) orders.
- (20) Q In religious orders. What do priests
- (21) do? They take nothing?
- (22) A They take a promise which is lesser
- (23) than a vow I would --
- (24) Q What's the difference? Would you
- (25) explain to me what the difference is between a

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- (1) vow and a promise?
- (2) A To my recollection, a vow is taken by
- (3) someone in religious orders and it's binding for
- (4) life.
- (5) Q And?
- (6) A A promise is a serious -- we would have
- (7) to get a definition.
- (8) Q Is a serious what? Tell me what you
- (9) think.
- (10) MR. MURPHY: He's about to. He's
- (11) thinking about it.
- (12) MR. TREMONT: Oh, all right.
- (13) Think about it.
- (14) BY THE WITNESS:
- (15) A It's a commitment to do something, but
- (16) it's not binding for life. Vows would have
- (17) religious implications as well. They would be
- (18) binding under a spiritual penalties. A promise I
- (19) don't believe would have the same involvement.
- (20) It's subject to correction. But that's my
- (21) recollection.
- (22) Q So you do not believe you ever took --
- (23) A Taken seriously, but not --
- (24) Q So you don't believe you ever took a
- (25) vow of celibacy; is that correct?

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- (1) A I believe that's correct.
- (2) Q That is of course in line with the
- (3) policy of the Diocese of Bridgeport? Was you
- (4) were ordained a priest in the Diocese of
- (5) Bridgeport?
- (6) A You take a promise of celibacy not a
- (7) vow.
- (8) MR. SWEENEY: Pardon me, can I
- (9) suggest the word "oath" be used?
- (10) MR. TREMONT: No, thank you, Mr.
- (11) Sweeney, but I'll use my own
- (12) terminology.
- (13) MR. SWEENEY: I would just like to
- (14) suggest it's a resolvable issue.
- (15) MR. TREMONT: Whatever you use,
- (16) that's okay. I'll use my own.
- (17) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (18) Q Now, why did you put on your license
- (19) plate that CIC? Why did you choose that?
- (20) A Because in connection with the
- (21) master's program, Canon Law was one of the, for
- (22) lack of a better word, I'm trying to find a word,
- (23) it was one of the primary courses that I took in
- (24) working toward that master's degree.
- (25) Q So you know something about Canon Law.

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- (1) A Yes.
- (2) Q Incidentally, what do you have an
- (3) Infinity?
- (4) A Yes.
- (5) Q What year is that '91?
- (6) A A '91 Infinity.
- (7) Q How much does did that car cost?
- (8) A About 20,000.
- (9) Q How did that pay for that car?
- (10) A A bank loan issued.
- (11) Q How?
- (12) A A bank loan.
- (13) Q When did you get that car?
- (14) A It was '91.
- (15) Q Do you own any real estate?
- (16) A No, I don't.
- (17) Q Outside of the property in New
- (18) Hampshire, did you own any real estate?
- (19) A Not to my knowledge.
- (20) Q So the answer is you never did?
- (21) A Never did.
- (22) Q Now, you're aware of the fact that
- (23) students at a seminary are prepared, through
- (24) their education, to observe the state of
- (25) celibacy; is that correct?

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- (1) A Excuse me, again?
(2) Q Are you aware of Canon 247 that
(3) students are to be prepared through suitable
(4) education at the seminary to observe the state of
(5) celibacy and they are also to learn and honor it
(6) as a special gift of God?
(7) A I don't know if it's the Canon you
(8) quote, but yes in answer to the question.
(9) Q You agree with the principal?
(10) A I agree with the principal, yes.
(11) Q What was done at St. John's Seminary in
(12) regard to preparing you for the state of
(13) celibacy?
(14) A Spiritual direction, courses,
(15) general --
(16) Q What kind --
(17) A General seminary practices.
(18) Q What kind of courses?
(19) A Courses in spiritual theology, what we
(20) used to call moral theology which had to do with
(21) the practice of the virtues and the carrying out
(22) of the Commandments. It was also spiritual
(23) direction that was in that regard. There were
(24) seminars, retreats, workshops.
(25) Q Did you at any time while you were at

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- (1) the seminary break your vow of celibacy?
(2) A I choose to invoke the Fifth Amendment
(3) in that regard.
(4) Q Are you suggesting that a violation of
(5) the vow of celibacy is a criminal act in the
(6) State of Connecticut?
(7) A I'm unaware of what --
(8) Q Well are you aware of a crime in this
(9) state --
(10) A Celibacy is not a crime to my
(11) knowledge.
(12) Q No, it isn't a crime, no. So let me
(13) ask you, have you ever broken the vows of
(14) celibacy?
(15) A I choose to use my privilege of the
(16) Fifth Amendment in that regard.
(17) Q Are you capable of answering that
(18) question, but just refuse to answer?
(19) A I refuse to answer on the grounds of
(20) the Fifth Amendment.
(21) Q Now, did you have any discussions with
(22) any of your advisors at the seminary regarding
(23) sex?
(24) A Certainly.
(25) Q Could you tell me with whom would you

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- (1) discuss let's say those topics?
(2) A It would have been the professor or
(3) the one managing the workshop or the one in
(4) charge of the retreat.
(5) Q What kind of a workshop or retreat are
(6) we talking about?
(7) A One that specifically had, in this
(8) particular case, the topic of sex or celibacy or
(9) things of those natures.
(10) Q Did you yourself discuss with anybody
(11) specifically any of your particular feelings in
(12) regard to sexual desires or sexual activity?
(13) A Can you rephrase that? I don't
(14) understand what you're --
(15) Q Well did you have -- I assume that it's
(16) fair to say that someone, both yourself and
(17) either a spiritual advisor or someone at a
(18) seminary determines whether you are a proper
(19) person to become a priest; is that correct?
(20) A I'm sure that was the case, yes.
(21) Q And in the course of that, part of the
(22) consideration is you living up to your duties as
(23) a priest and the requirements of the Catholic
(24) church, the Roman Catholic Church and its
(25) priests; is that correct?

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- (1) A I'm sure that was taken into --
(2) Q Did you ever discuss with anyone at St.
(3) John's Seminary your particular interests or
(4) desires or lack of desire regarding sexual
(5) activity or the vow of celibacy?
(6) A Can I answer part of that?
(7) Q Yes.
(8) A Part of it, I would consider it to be
(9) privileged or personal, the confessor --
(10) Q What part would be privileged?
(11) A If you can rephrase, I'll tell you
(12) which part.
(13) Q Well I mean you are saying a confessor.
(14) I'm not asking a confessor what was said. I'm
(15) asking you what --
(16) A If you are asking generically did I
(17) discuss with professors their views and my views
(18) and hopefully harmonious views regarding sex and
(19) capacity and celibacy, certainly the answer would
(20) be yes.
(21) Q You consider yourself heterosexual?
(22) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
(23) it might incriminate me.
(24) Q Is it a crime to be a heterosexual?
(25) A I'm not aware of any civil --

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- (1) Q But you refuse to answer whether you
(2) consider yourself heterosexual; is that correct?
(3) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
(4) of the Fifth Amendment.
(5) Q Do you consider yourself homosexual?
(6) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
(7) of the Fifth Amendment as well.
(8) Q Do you consider yourself a pedophile?
(9) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
(10) of the Fifth Amendment.
(11) (Plaintiff's Exhibit E was marked
(12) for identification: Financial
(13) agreement.)
(14) BY MR. TREMONT:
(15) Q I show you Plaintiff's Exhibit E which
(16) is a financial agreement between the Institute of
(17) the Living and the Diocese of Bridgeport.
(18) I ask you whether you have ever seen
(19) this particular document before.
(20) MR. SWEENEY: Forgive me. What is
(21) that letter, D or E?
(22) MR. TREMONT: E.
(23) BY MR. TREMONT:
(24) Q Have you ever seen that document
(25) before?

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- (1) A I don't recall specifically seeing that
(2) document.
(3) Q For how long a period were you in the
(4) Institute of the Living during 1993?
(5) A I believe that's privileged medical
(6) information.
(7) Q I'm asking you, are you refusing to
(8) answer the question?
(9) A On the basis of being privileged
(10) information.
(11) Q So you are refusing to answer how long
(12) you were in the Institute of the Living. All
(13) right.
(14) When did you leave the Institute of the
(15) Living in 1993?
(16) A I refuse to that answer also on the
(17) basis of --
(18) Q You refuse to answer that as well?
(19) A -- Confidentiality.
(20) Q Confidentiality.
(21) When you left the Institute of the
(22) Living, why did you leave it?
(23) A I would also consider that as part of
(24) the confidentiality.
(25) Q You are refusing to answer that.

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- (1) Where did you go when you left the
- (2) Institute of the Living?
- (3) A I went to my family.
- (4) Q Where?
- (5) A That, I decline. I'm available through
- (6) my attorney.
- (7) Q You refuse -- I didn't ask whether you
- (8) were available. I'm asking you where you went at
- (9) the time you left the Institute of the Living?
- (10) MR. MURPHY: You are asking him
- (11) the day he left where he actually
- (12) went?
- (13) MR. TREMONT: Yeah. I think the
- (14) answer is pretty -- the question is
- (15) pretty clear.
- (16) MR. MURPHY: So you can tell him
- (17) on the day you left where you went.
- (18) BY THE WITNESS:
- (19) A I went to visit family.
- (20) Q Where? Where did you stay overnight
- (21) that night?
- (22) A With family.
- (23) Q Where? Specifically.
- (24) A I would just answer that with my
- (25) family.

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- (1) Q I'm asking you where. I'm asking you
- (2) an address.
- (3) A In Trumbull.
- (4) Q I'm asking you for an address. I'm not
- (5) asking you where you live. I'm asking you where
- (6) you went. On the day that you left with family,
- (7) stayed overnight, where did you stay?
- (8) A I would just answer that as stating
- (9) that I went to my family's place.
- (10) Q Are you refusing to answer my question?
- (11) A I went to stay with family.
- (12) Q I asked the address and the name of the
- (13) family member. Now would you answer that
- (14) specific question.
- (15) MR. MURPHY: Well I think the
- (16) question's been asked and he's given
- (17) you his answer.
- (18) MR. TREMONT: He hasn't given me
- (19) an answer. He wants to refuse to
- (20) answer, let him say that, Mr. Murphy,
- (21) but --
- (22) MR. MURPHY: That's the question
- (23) -- you asked the question three times,
- (24) he's given you the same answer.
- (25) MR. TREMONT: I'll keep asking it

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- (1) until you answer it.
- (2) MR. MURPHY: No, you won't.
- (3) MR. TREMONT: Yeah, I will.
- (4) MR. MURPHY: Then we will leave.
- (5) MR. TREMONT: If you want to
- (6) leave, you can leave.
- (7) MR. MURPHY: I will not sit here
- (8) until 5 o'clock today while you ask the
- (9) same question over and over again. You
- (10) know what the witness's answer is,
- (11) you've established a sufficient record
- (12) so that if you want to test the
- (13) witness's answer on a motion to compel,
- (14) you can do so. But other than that,
- (15) you are just waste -- either wasting
- (16) time or trying to harass the witness
- (17) and I'm not going to put up with that.
- (18) MR. TREMONT: Mr. Murphy, I asked
- (19) a specific question. He can answer it
- (20) specifically or refuse, and I am not
- (21) harassing the witness. The witness is
- (22) not answering the specific question.
- (23) MR. MURPHY: You are when you ask
- (24) the same question three, four, five
- (25) times.

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- (1) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (2) Q With whom did you go that evening?
- (3) What's the name of the family member? The name
- (4) of the family member.
- (5) A I will just say with family. That's --
- (6) Q I'm asking you the name of the family
- (7) member. Would you answer that specific question.
- (8) A My answer would be I stayed with
- (9) family.
- (10) Q I'm asking you to answer the question
- (11) what is the name of the family member. If you
- (12) refuse to answer the question on any grounds,
- (13) state the grounds. But you've got to answer the
- (14) question; or if you refuse on a ground, state the
- (15) ground.
- (16) MR. MURPHY: He's already refused
- (17) twice.
- (18) MR. TREMONT: He hasn't refused.
- (19) MR. MURPHY: Actually we are up to
- (20) about ten times now.
- (21) MR. TREMONT: He has not refused.
- (22) He hasn't refused. I haven't heard
- (23) that. If he says that, we have it on
- (24) the record. He hasn't said that.
- (25) MR. MURPHY: I think he has,

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- (1) but --
- (2) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (3) Q Would you answer the question or if you
- (4) are going to refuse to answer it, I'm asking you
- (5) specifically the name of the family member that
- (6) you stayed with. The name. First and last name
- (7) of the family member.
- (8) A My simple answer is I stayed with the
- (9) family.
- (10) Q I'm asking you again to give me the
- (11) name of the family member.
- (12) A And my answer again is I stayed with
- (13) family.
- (14) Q I'm asking you again, would you give me
- (15) the name of the family member and if you refuse
- (16) to answer that question, you so state. Your
- (17) lawyer is here and your lawyer can tell you that
- (18) you either have to answer the question or you've
- (19) got to state a privilege.
- (20) A Is it possible to consult with him?
- (21) MR. TREMONT: Consult with him.
- (22) I'll let you do it now.
- (23) THE WITNESS: Can this be done?
- (24) MR. SWEENEY: Can we call a brief
- (25) recess?

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- (1) MR. MURPHY: If he wants to call a
- (2) recess, we can go and talk.
- (3) MR. TREMONT: All right. We'll
- (4) wait here for you.
- (5) (Whereby, a brief recess was
- (6) taken.)
- (7) MR. TREMONT: If the record will
- (8) indicate that Mr. Pcolka is back with
- (9) Attorney Murphy, his counsel, after
- (10) discussion. Now could we have the last
- (11) question read.
- (12) (Whereby, the pertinent question
- (13) was read.)
- (14) MR. MURPHY: After consulting with
- (15) me, the witness has decided that he's
- (16) going to refuse to answer the question
- (17) because he is concerned about the
- (18) events that have taken place over the
- (19) last two years and concerned about
- (20) people contacting his relatives and
- (21) would consider it detrimental to some
- (22) of the relatives in the nature of
- (23) harassment of them. He recognizes you
- (24) may very well go to court to seek an
- (25) order compelling that answer in which

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(1) case we will be heard in court on
(2) whether or not this is information
(3) within the rules of discovery or
(4) reasonably calculated to lead to
(5) discoverable information.
(6) MR. TREMONT: It obviously is, and
(7) I'm going to ask for sanctions.
(8) MR. MURPHY: You may do whatever
(9) you would like, Mr. Tremont.
(10) BY MR. TREMONT:
(11) Q Why did you leave the Institute of the
(12) Living?
(13) MR. MURPHY: If you are inquiring
(14) into anything in the nature of his
(15) treatment there, he's going to exercise
(16) the privilege in that regard.
(17) BY MR. TREMONT:
(18) Q Why did you leave the institute of
(19) living?
(20) A I am exercising my privilege of
(21) confidentiality.
(22) Q Confidentiality? I asked why you left.
(23) A That's right.
(24) Q Did you leave voluntarily or
(25) involuntarily?

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(1) A Again, I believe that would be a
(2) violation of confidentiality to answer that.
(3) Q Why did you enter the Institute of the
(4) Living?
(5) A I believe that's -- that involves
(6) confidentiality as well.
(7) Q Did anyone ask you to enter the
(8) Institute of the Living?
(9) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
(10) yes or no.
(11) BY THE WITNESS:
(12) A I believe the diocese asked me to
(13) enter.
(14) Q Who asked you?
(15) A Specifically Monsignor Bronkiewicz.
(16) Q Where was he when he asked you to do
(17) so?
(18) A I believe I had a meeting at his
(19) office.
(20) Q Who was present besides you and
(21) Monsignor Bronkiewicz that the meeting?
(22) A I believe that's privileged
(23) information.
(24) Q No, I asked who was present.
(25) MR. MURPHY: You can answer who

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(1) was present.
(2) BY THE WITNESS:
(3) A I believe it was Monsignor Bronkiewicz
(4) and Attorney Durant.
(5) Q Attorney Durant. And Attorney Durant
(6) was never your attorney; was he?
(7) A Possibly.
(8) Q Well you say possibly, did you ever
(9) retain Attorney Terry Durant?
(10) A I say possibly, because through the
(11) diocese, he was representing the diocese and as a
(12) part of the diocese, it's possible that he was
(13) representing me.
(14) Q Now, let me ask you --
(15) A I'm not aware of the legalities.
(16) Q Let's get down to legalities. Did you
(17) ever ask Attorney Durant to represent you as an
(18) attorney?
(19) A Specifically, I don't recall.
(20) MR. SWEENEY: Counselor, if it
(21) will save time, on behalf of the
(22) diocese, I will state on the record
(23) that Attorney Durant has served as
(24) counsel for the diocese relating to
(25) personnel matters including this case;

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(1) and the diocese clearly states that
(2) Attorney Durant was involved in
(3) responding to these issues when they
(4) came up in December of '92.
(5) MR. TREMONT: Mr. Sweeney, you're
(6) not -- are you telling me then that
(7) Attorney Durant was counsel for --
(8) MR. SWEENEY: No.
(9) MR. TREMONT: -- Father Pcolka.
(10) MR. SWEENEY: No, not at all. His
(11) role here was as counsel for the
(12) diocese.
(13) MR. TREMONT: As opposed to
(14) counsel for Father Pcolka.
(15) MR. SWEENEY: Yes.
(16) MR. TREMONT: Two distinct
(17) entities.
(18) MR. SWEENEY: Yes, yes.
(19) MR. TREMONT: So the diocese
(20) doesn't accept the proposition that the
(21) attorney for the diocese would
(22) necessarily be an attorney for the
(23) defendant Pcolka.
(24) MR. SWEENEY: That's correct.
(25) There are separate interests here.

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(1) MR. TREMONT: That's why we have
(2) separate lawyers here.
(3) MR. SWEENEY: Yes, yes.
(4) BY MR. TREMONT:
(5) Q So you never then asked him to be your
(6) attorney?
(7) A Again under the legalities expressed, I
(8) would say no.
(9) Q So Mr. Durant was present, Monsignor
(10) Bronkiewicz, and yourself?
(11) A Correct.
(12) Q How did it come about that you went
(13) over to the office of the diocese?
(14) A I received a phone call from Monsignor
(15) Bronkiewicz to come to his office.
(16) Q Now did he explain what the reason was?
(17) MR. MURPHY: The reason for the
(18) invitation to the office?
(19) MR. TREMONT: Yes.
(20) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
(21) question.
(22) BY THE WITNESS:
(23) A I believe he indicated that there were
(24) -- there was a complaint with regard to
(25) misconduct and he wanted to speak to me about

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(1) this.
(2) Q Now, were you ever, just answer yes or
(3) no, ever shown any psychiatric records regarding
(4) your care and treatment? By anyone?
(5) A Based on my answer before, I would say
(6) that's privileged information.
(7) Q So you are not answering, you are
(8) refusing to answer?
(9) A Attorney, medical privilege, yes.
(10) Q So you are refusing to answer whether
(11) anyone showed you any psychiatric records?
(12) A And I refuse to answer on the grounds
(13) of medical patient/doctor relationship.
(14) Q Are you aware of the fact that parts of
(15) your psychiatric records and conclusions appeared
(16) in newspaper publications released by the Diocese
(17) of Bridgeport?
(18) A Specifically what, if you would
(19) explain.
(20) Q Are you aware that --
(21) A I'm aware that there were a number of
(22) items, specifically, I don't recall which.
(23) Q But do you -- are you aware of the fact
(24) that the diocese released information regarding
(25) your stay at the Institute of the Living to the

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(1) press, that it appeared in the local press.
(2) MR. SWEENEY: Counsel, I just have
(3) to correct one thing on the record. I
(4) think you are crossing the wires. I
(5) don't know that you recognize the
(6) difference. At the evidentiary hearing
(7) before Judge Levin, the diocese did
(8) offer as evidence, and Judge Levin of
(9) course made his ruling, the report that
(10) the Institute of the Living made to the
(11) diocese in August of 1989. That is
(12) separate and distinct from any medical
(13) care given at the Institute of the
(14) Living in 1993.
(15) I think just so we don't mix
(16) apples with oranges here, the evidence
(17) already before us is that in August of
(18) 1989 this witness was sent to the
(19) Institute of the Living for an
(20) out-patient evaluation. And that was
(21) the subject of what found its way into
(22) the newspaper story. At no time has
(23) the diocese revealed anything,
(24) published anything relating to what
(25) went on at the Institute of the Living

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(1) during Father Pcolka's stay there in
(2) early 1993.
(3) I just think that should be
(4) clarified so we don't mix the two
(5) together.
(6) MR. TREMONT: I don't think we
(7) have to clarify it, but thank you for
(8) the speech, Mr. Sweeney, it's on the
(9) record. Unfortunately, I have to pay
(10) for the transcript.
(11) BY MR. TREMONT:
(12) Q Let me ask you, Mr. Pcolka, in 1989 as
(13) Mr. Sweeney said, you were treated at the
(14) Institute of the Living?
(15) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
(16) yes or no.
(17) BY THE WITNESS:
(18) A Yes, I was.
(19) Q What was the reason you were up there
(20) at that time?
(21) A That's what I consider privilege
(22) between patient and doctor.
(23) Q You refuse to answer?
(24) A On the grounds of the privilege
(25) patient/doctor.

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(1) Q You are aware of the fact that your
(2) treatment there was reported in the newspapers?
(3) A Not --
(4) Q Were you not?
(5) A I don't recall --
(6) MR. SWEENEY: Pardon me again,
(7) Counsel.
(8) BY MR. TREMONT:
(9) Q Let me ask you, did you authorize the
(10) Diocese to release information that you were
(11) treated at the Institute of the Living in 1989?
(12) A I'm not recalling any information that
(13) was in there, so I don't know if --
(14) MR. SWEENEY: Counsel very --
(15) BY MR. TREMONT:
(16) Q Assume that there was information in
(17) the newspaper, did you authorize the diocese to
(18) release information regarding your treatment at
(19) the Institute of the Living?
(20) MR. MURPHY: Well I'm going to
(21) object to the form of that question.
(22) MR. TREMONT: He can answer.
(23) MR. MURPHY: I don't think he has
(24) to assume anything.
(25) MR. TREMONT: He can. Answer the

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(1) question, please.
(2) MR. MURPHY: He doesn't have to
(3) assume anything. He is only required
(4) to testify as to what he does and
(5) doesn't know.
(6) MR. TREMONT: At a deposition --
(7) MR. MURPHY: I'm saying he does
(8) not have to assume.
(9) BY THE WITNESS:
(10) A I never assume; and if it were correct,
(11) I wouldn't know what I would do.
(12) Q Did you ever authorize your records,
(13) 1993 records from the Institute of the Living to
(14) go to the Diocese of Bridgeport and/or Bishop
(15) Egan?
(16) A I believe that's confidential, medical,
(17) doctor --
(18) Q That's not what I'm asking you. I'm
(19) not asking you about the contents of the records.
(20) I'm merely asking you whether you authorized
(21) Bishop Egan or the Diocese of Bridgeport to
(22) receive your medical records from the Institute
(23) of the Living in 1993?
(24) MR. MURPHY: If you know the
(25) answer to that question, you can answer

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(1) yes or no.
(2) BY THE WITNESS:
(3) A Yes.
(4) Q The answer is you did.
(5) A The answer is yes.
(6) Q Did you also see a copy of those
(7) records?
(8) A To my recollection, no.
(9) Q Do you know if the bishop has a copy of
(10) those records?
(11) A I really don't know.
(12) Q You don't know. Did you ever inquire?
(13) A No.
(14) Q You've never asked to see a copy of
(15) your '93 records?
(16) A No.
(17) Q Now, did you, as a result of your
(18) treatment in 1989 at the Institute of the Living,
(19) did you ever review those records? Did you ever
(20) see those records?
(21) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
(22) yes or no.
(23) BY THE WITNESS:
(24) A Yes, I have.
(25) Q When did you see them?

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(1) A I believe it was in 1989.
(2) Q Under what circumstances did you see
(3) them?
(4) A I received a copy. I requested and
(5) received a copy.
(6) Q To whom did you request the record?
(7) A To the institute.
(8) Q To the institute? And you received
(9) them directly from the institute?
(10) A That's correct.
(11) Q Did you ever discuss with any member of
(12) the Diocese of Bridgeport those -- that record?
(13) A Not to my recollection.
(14) Q You never did?
(15) A Not to my recollection.
(16) Q Did you have any discussion with anyone
(17) in 1989 regarding -- in the Diocese of
(18) Bridgeport, regarding charges brought or claims
(19) against you for molesting minors?
(20) A Would you repeat the question again,
(21) please.
(22) Q Yeah. Did you ever discuss with any
(23) representatives of the Diocese of Bridgeport the
(24) charges that were made in 1989 regarding your
(25) conduct with minors?

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- (1) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
 (2) yes or no.
 (3) BY THE WITNESS:
 (4) A Yes.
 (5) Q With whom?
 (6) A Monsignor Bronkiewicz.
 (7) Q Anyone in addition to Monsignor
 (8) Bronkiewicz?
 (9) A Not to my knowledge.
 (10) Q Did you ever discuss it with Bishop
 (11) Curtis?
 (12) A I don't believe I did.
 (13) Q Was there any time during your ministry
 (14) that you discussed with Bishop Curtis any
 (15) allegations of sexual misconduct with minors?
 (16) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
 (17) yes or no.
 (18) BY THE WITNESS:
 (19) A I don't believe I did.
 (20) Q Was there any time during your ministry
 (21) that you ever discussed with Bishop Shehan, later
 (22) Cardinal Shehan, any allegations of misconduct
 (23) with minors?
 (24) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
 (25) yes or no.

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- (1) BY THE WITNESS:
 (2) A I don't believe I did.
 (3) Q Was there any time that you discussed
 (4) with Bishop Egan directly any misconduct or
 (5) sexual activity with minors?
 (6) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
 (7) yes or no.
 (8) BY THE WITNESS:
 (9) A Would you repeat the question again,
 (10) please.
 (11) Q Yes. Was there any time when you
 (12) discussed with Bishop Egan, present bishop,
 (13) directly, any claims of sexual misconduct which
 (14) you may have had with minors?
 (15) A Other than the brief phone call where
 (16) generalities were discussed, namely the fact of
 (17) the allegations, the answer is no.
 (18) Q So that the only discussion you ever
 (19) had up until today from the time that you entered
 (20) this diocese regarding sexual misconduct with
 (21) minors with a bishop of the diocese was the
 (22) telephone call which you previously had testified
 (23) to which was done at the suggestion or
 (24) instigation of Monsignor Bronkiewicz in which he
 (25) expressed interest for your well-being?

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- (1) MR. MURPHY: I'm not sure I
 (2) understood the question. You are
 (3) referring to the Egan - Bishop Egan
 (4) telephone?
 (5) MR. TREMONT: Yes.
 (6) MR. MURPHY: Did he answer the
 (7) question?
 (8) MR. TREMONT: Yeah.
 (9) MR. MURPHY: What was his answer?
 (10) MR. TREMONT: His answer was yes.
 (11) MR. MURPHY: No --
 (12) MR. TREMONT: Well read it back.
 (13) MR. MURPHY: Let's read back the
 (14) question and--
 (15) THE WITNESS: I don't recall
 (16) answering.
 (17) MR. TREMONT: I thought he said
 (18) yes.
 (19) MR. TREMONT: Did you get an
 (20) answer?
 (21) THE COURT REPORTER: I didn't get
 (22) an answer.
 (23) MR. MURPHY: She didn't get an
 (24) answer. Maybe instead of your
 (25) comments, maybe we ought to have it

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- (1) read.
 (2) MR. TREMONT: I see we are not
 (3) getting very many answers.
 (4) MR. MURPHY: You are getting a lot
 (5) of answers, Mr. Tremont. You are
 (6) asking a lot of improper questions,
 (7) too.
 (8) MR. TREMONT: I think when we are
 (9) claiming sexual abuse, the essence of
 (10) our claim then it's certainly relevant
 (11) if he abused children or he didn't.
 (12) MR. MURPHY: Well I guess we are
 (13) going to have to debate that in court.
 (14) MR. TREMONT: Yes, we are.
 (15) MR. MURPHY: Now would you like to
 (16) have that question read back so you get
 (17) an answer or not?
 (18) MR. TREMONT: Could you answer the
 (19) question?
 (20) MR. MURPHY: Well I would like the
 (21) question read back.
 (22) THE WITNESS: Perhaps I can recall
 (23) it more if I heard it. Sorry about
 (24) that.
 (25) (Whereby, the pertinent question

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- (1) was read.)
 (2) MR. MURPHY: Well I think the
 (3) question is confusing as to whether he
 (4) is referring back to Monsignor
 (5) Bronkiewicz or Bishop Egan. So I think
 (6) you should rephrase the question.
 (7) THE WITNESS: Can you simplify.
 (8) BY MR. TREMONT:
 (9) Q Is that the only time you've ever had a
 (10) discussion with the bishop of this diocese
 (11) regarding sexual abuse?
 (12) MR. MURPHY: Why don't you just
 (13) ask him if this telephone conversation
 (14) with Bishop Egan was the only time he
 (15) had a conversation with the bishop.
 (16) Then the question's clear.
 (17) MR. TREMONT: Do you want to
 (18) answer his question?
 (19) BY MR. TREMONT:
 (20) Q Is that so?
 (21) A If that's your question, the answer is
 (22) yes.
 (23) Q All right.
 (24) Now, did you have any discussions with
 (25) Monsignor Cusack - is it Cusack? Or

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- (1) Cusiak? (ph.)
 (2) MR. SWEENEY: Cusack.
 (3) BY MR. TREMONT:
 (4) Q - regarding claims of sexual abuse
 (5) brought against you?
 (6) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
 (7) yes or no.
 (8) BY THE WITNESS:
 (9) A And the question again?
 (10) MR. TREMONT: Could you re read
 (11) the question, please.
 (12) (Whereby, the question was read:
 (13) "Q Now, did you have any
 (14) discussions with Monsignor Cusack ...
 (15) regarding claims of sexual abuse
 (16) brought against you?")
 (17) BY THE WITNESS:
 (18) A Yes.
 (19) Q And when was that?
 (20) A Early '80s.
 (21) Q How did it come about you had that
 (22) discussion?
 (23) A Telephone call, he asked me to come
 (24) down to his office.
 (25) Q Who was the Monsignor at that time?

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- (1) What was his title?
- (2) A He was director of -- Monsignor
- (3) Bronkiewicz's present title.
- (4) Q Which is what?
- (5) A Director of ministry of clergy and
- (6) religious.
- (7) Q What parish were you at at that time?
- (8) A I believe I was at Holy Name in
- (9) Stratford.
- (10) Q What did he tell you -- well I'll
- (11) withdraw it. When you were there, who was
- (12) present at that conference?
- (13) A Monsignor Cusack and myself.
- (14) Q Anyone else?
- (15) A Not to my recollection.
- (16) Q What did he tell you?
- (17) A I believe that's privileged
- (18) information.
- (19) Q I'm asking what he told you?
- (20) A Excuse me. I would like to invoke the
- (21) Fifth Amendment in regard to that question.
- (22) Q I'm asking what he told you, not what
- (23) you told him.
- (24) A I would like to use my privilege of the
- (25) Fifth Amendment in that regard.

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- (1) Q What did you tell him?
- (2) A I would like to use my privilege of the
- (3) Fifth Amendment in that regard.
- (4) Q As a result of that conference, did you
- (5) see a psychiatrist?
- (6) A I would like to use my privilege of the
- (7) Fifth Amendment in that regard.
- (8) Q Do you know George Rosado?
- (9) A Yes, I do.
- (10) Q When was the last time you saw George
- (11) Rosado?
- (12) A Late 1970s, to my recollection.
- (13) Q For how long a period did you know
- (14) George Rosado?
- (15) A A few years I would presume. I don't
- (16) recall exactly.
- (17) Q How did you get to know him?
- (18) A He's a parishioner.
- (19) Q At what parish?
- (20) A St. John's.
- (21) Q Was that in Bridgeport?
- (22) A That was in Bridgeport, yes.
- (23) Q How old was George Rosado when you knew
- (24) him?
- (25) A I don't recall his age.

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- (1) Q Did you ever have sexual relations with
- (2) George Rosado?
- (3) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (4) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (5) Q Did you ever sodomize George Rosado?
- (6) A I refuse to answer on the grounds of
- (7) the Fifth Amendment.
- (8) Q Did you ever have oral sex with George
- (9) Rosado?
- (10) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (11) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (12) Q Was George Rosado one of your alter
- (13) boys?
- (14) A Subject to my recollection, yes.
- (15) Q Do you know William Slossar?
- (16) A Yes, I do.
- (17) Q When was the last time you saw William
- (18) Slossar?
- (19) A Maybe 12, 15 years.
- (20) Q How did you know William Slossar?
- (21) A Parishioner.
- (22) Q At what parish?
- (23) A St. John's Bridgeport.
- (24) Q And for how long a period did you know
- (25) William Slossar?

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- (1) A I don't know exactly.
- (2) Q How old was William Slossar when you
- (3) knew him?
- (4) A I couldn't give you an exact age on
- (5) that either.
- (6) Q Well generally.
- (7) A Nine, ten, eleven, maybe.
- (8) Q Was William Slossar an alter boy?
- (9) A I believe he was, yes.
- (10) Q Did you ever sodomize William Slossar?
- (11) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (12) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (13) Q Did you ever have oral sex with William
- (14) Slossar?
- (15) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (16) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (17) Q Did you ever tie him down to a bed and
- (18) beat him?
- (19) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (20) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (21) Q Was William Slossar ever up to New
- (22) Hampshire?
- (23) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (24) of Fifth Amendment.
- (25) Q Was George Rosado ever up to New

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- (1) Hampshire?
- (2) A I refuse to that answer on the grounds
- (3) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (4) Q Did you know a F-003 [REDACTED]?
- (5) A I believe I did.
- (6) Q Who was F-003 [REDACTED]?
- (7) A A friend. I met her through one of the
- (8) parishes. A member of one of the youth groups.
- (9) Q A friend, I'm sorry, of what?
- (10) A A member of one of the youth groups.
- (11) Q What parish was that?
- (12) A I'm not sure. Possibly St. John's.
- (13) Q When was the last time you saw F-003 [REDACTED]?
- (14) [REDACTED]?
- (15) A Possibly 12, 15 years.
- (16) Q Did you ever have sexual relations with
- (17) F-003 [REDACTED]?
- (18) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (19) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (20) Q Did you have any discussions with
- (21) anybody in the Bridgeport diocese in 1976
- (22) regarding the sexual activity that you had with
- (23) F-003 [REDACTED]?
- (24) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (25) of the Fifth Amendment.

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- (1) Q Who is Father Pitonák?
- (2) A He was the pastor of Holy Name in
- (3) Stratford.
- (4) Q Did you have any discussions with
- (5) Father Pitonak in regard to Sharon See?
- (6) A Specifically? She was a parishioner so
- (7) the generic answer would be yes.
- (8) Q Did you have any discussions with
- (9) Father Pitonak regarding complaints that were
- (10) made by parishioners regarding your relationship
- (11) with Sharon see?
- (12) A I wasn't aware of any complaints.
- (13) Q So your answer is no?
- (14) A Would you ask the question again? It
- (15) seems to be no, but I want to be sure.
- (16) MR. TREMONT: I'll ask for the
- (17) question. I'm sure you want to be
- (18) accurate. Would you read the question,
- (19) please.
- (20) (Whereby, the pertinent question
- (21) was read.)
- (22) BY THE WITNESS:
- (23) A My answer is no.
- (24) Q What kind of a room did you have at St.
- (25) John's Seminary the first year you were there? I

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- (1) mean was it a single room, a double?
- (2) A A single room, yes.
- (3) Q Did you have a single room there during
- (4) the entire period you were there?
- (5) A I believe so.
- (6) Q Now, the -- was there a specific
- (7) individual who -- with whom you dealt with during
- (8) the years at St. John's Seminary as a spiritual
- (9) advisor or was it more than one person?
- (10) A More than one. One at different times.
- (11) Q Could you name either person that you
- (12) recall being your spiritual advisor?
- (13) A Father Murray.
- (14) Q And where was he -- what was his
- (15) first --
- (16) A He was on the staff.
- (17) Q Do you remember --
- (18) A I don't recall his first name.
- (19) Q Anyone else?
- (20) A There were others, but I don't recall.
- (21) Q That's the only name you remember is
- (22) Father Murray?
- (23) A He was the last, toward the end of my
- (24) stay there. That's the only reason I remember.
- (25) I don't recall at the present time the names of

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- (1) the others.
- (2) Q Were you taught anything at the
- (3) seminary in regard to trying to keep your vow of
- (4) chastity? Were there any rules or regulations or
- (5) suggestions?
- (6) A There were no vows. We --
- (7) Q Well your promise of chastity?
- (8) A Oath is what Mr. Sweeney said and it's
- (9) probably correct. I'll use that word.
- (10) Q Call it whatever you want. Are you
- (11) changing your testimony? I think you said it was
- (12) a promise.
- (13) MR. MURPHY: He used the word
- (14) "promise." If he wants to use the word
- (15) "oath," I think he can do so without
- (16) changing his testimony.
- (17) MR. TREMONT: He can use whatever
- (18) word he wishes. I used the word
- (19) "promise" because it was the witness's
- (20) word and I didn't want to suggest
- (21) something different than what the
- (22) witness suggests. If you want to call
- (23) it an oath, call it an oath.
- (24) MR. MURPHY: If he wants to use
- (25) the word "oath," I think he may do so

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- (1) without being accused of changing his
- (2) testimony, Mr. Tremont.
- (3) MR. TREMONT: That's the least
- (4) important thing he's being accused of,
- (5) Mr. Murphy.
- (6) THE WITNESS: So would you repeat
- (7) the question.
- (8) MR. MURPHY: We can deal with
- (9) that --
- (10) MR. TREMONT: Yes.
- (11) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (12) Q Let me ask you, as far as the oath then
- (13) of celibacy, was there any kind of instruction
- (14) you had that attempted to teach you how to live
- (15) within the perimeters of celibacy?
- (16) A Certainly.
- (17) Q What kind of courses?
- (18) A Again, workshops, courses regarding
- (19) celibacy itself, retreats.
- (20) Q What did you understand to be the
- (21) position of the seminary in regard to an
- (22) individual who broke the vow of celibacy -- or
- (23) the oath of celibacy?
- (24) A Well celibacy first of all is to remain
- (25) unmarried. That's --

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- (1) Q That's celibacy?
- (2) A To remain single and unmarried.
- (3) Q So let me ask you, do you believe
- (4) then -- and I'm asking you your belief as a
- (5) person who you've indicated has studied the Canon
- (6) Law in addition to being a priest of the diocese,
- (7) that your -- you would not break your oath of
- (8) celibacy if you had sexual relations with a woman
- (9) but did not marry her?
- (10) A Your question again, specifically.
- (11) Q Do you believe -- it's your belief that
- (12) under Canon Law that if you had sexual relations
- (13) with a woman but did not marry her, you remained
- (14) single, you would not break your vow of celibacy?
- (15) A To my recollection, that would be a
- (16) yes.
- (17) Q And if you had a homosexual
- (18) relationship with a man, an individual of your
- (19) same sex, but did not marry, if you will, you
- (20) would not have -- you would not break your vow of
- (21) celibacy?
- (22) A That's correct.
- (23) Q And if you had relations with a minor
- (24) under the age of 18 at the present time but
- (25) remained unmarried, that you would not break your

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- (1) oath of celibacy?
- (2) A I believe under the definition we are
- (3) using, that would be correct.
- (4) Q Incidentally, is that the definition
- (5) that you believe was also followed, I assume,
- (6) while you were a minister in the Diocese of
- (7) Bridgeport? The same definition you had in the
- (8) same --
- (9) A To remain celibate, unmarried and
- (10) single, yes.
- (11) Q Do you agree with me that it's a
- (12) violation of the Code of Canon Law to have sex
- (13) with children?
- (14) A Yes, I agree with that.
- (15) Q I want to ask you then, as a result of
- (16) those questions, was there any discussion
- (17) regarding, in the seminary, regarding homosexual
- (18) relationships that a priest might engage in? Was
- (19) that considered a violation of something?
- (20) A You mean was there a discussion
- (21) concerning that?
- (22) Q Yes.
- (23) A Yes, I'm sure there was.
- (24) Q What would be the violation of that?
- (25) A That it would be contrary to the

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- (1) church's teachings and therefore forbidden.
- (2) Q Because of the homosexuality? Of the
- (3) relationship?
- (4) A Because there would be sexual relations
- (5) outside of marriage, yes. Any kind of sexual
- (6) relations. Homosexual, heterosexual.
- (7) Q How was it that the church -- what did
- (8) the church suggest under the circumstances, and
- (9) again as you're being taught in the seminary,
- (10) what did the church suggest or the seminary
- (11) instructor suggest that you do through the
- (12) workshops and so forth when a person might be in
- (13) temptation or into a situation where -- whereby
- (14) they might become involved sexually with a
- (15) person?
- (16) A Do you mean someone coming to you for
- (17) counseling and --
- (18) Q No, you having the problem as a sem--
- (19) as a priest, in other words, what did they
- (20) discuss about that? You are now a priest and you
- (21) have this oath and you are in temptation. Were
- (22) there suggestions? Were there instructions?
- (23) A If I were in that position, they would
- (24) suggest talking to a confessor or to someone who
- (25) would be trained in this.

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(1) Q All right. Now let me ask you this:
 (2) While you were in the Diocese of Bridgeport, what
 (3) was the policy of the Diocese of Bridgeport – I
 (4) will withdraw that. Is there presently – I'm
 (5) asking you what you know, is there presently a
 (6) policy in the Diocese of Bridgeport regarding
 (7) confessions of a priest?
 (8) A It's recommended that the priest have a
 (9) confessor.
 (10) Q Does a priest have a specific
 (11) confessor?
 (12) A Every priest should, yes.
 (13) Q So has an individual as oppose –
 (14) that's what I'm saying, a specific confessor?
 (15) A That would be normally the case, yes.
 (16) Q Does the priest choose the confessor
 (17) or are there specific priests that, if you will,
 (18) are available for that purpose? How does that
 (19) work?
 (20) A Presently, I believe you are free to
 (21) choose whomever you would like.
 (22) Q So that you could choose anyone as your
 (23) confessor?
 (24) A To my knowledge, that's correct.
 (25) Q And would you have to advise anyone

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(1) that a particular priest was your confessor?
 (2) A I'm not aware of any obligation there.
 (3) Q Has the policy of the diocese – has it
 (4) been different at any other time? Were you
 (5) specifically assigned a confessor?
 (6) A During the time I was ordained to the
 (7) present, I believe that's been the policy. You
 (8) may choose your own.
 (9) Q Is there a difference between a
 (10) confessor and a spiritual advisor that you might
 (11) have?
 (12) A There can be. Usually it's the same,
 (13) but it's not necessarily so.
 (14) Q If a priest has a problem in the
 (15) diocese with alcohol for instance, alcohol abuse,
 (16) is there someplace, someone he can turn to at the
 (17) present time?
 (18) A I'm sure there is.
 (19) Q Are you aware of who that is?
 (20) A Specifically, I'm not.
 (21) Q Well has that information ever been
 (22) disseminated to you as a priest of the diocese?
 (23) A On occasion the diocese has published
 (24) lists of priests and counselors and places that
 (25) are available for such counseling; but I'm not

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(1) specifically aware at the present time.
 (2) Q Now if a priest has sexual problems,
 (3) problems with his sexuality or unusual
 (4) temptations regarding his sexuality, is there
 (5) available in the diocese persons who can help
 (6) that priest?
 (7) A I'm sure there are.
 (8) Q Has that been published?
 (9) A I don't recall at the present time.
 (10) Q You don't recall it – seeing it or?
 (11) A I don't recall specifically seeing
 (12) that. But I'm sure it's available.
 (13) Q Well let me ask you, is there any
 (14) policy in regard to priests that have sexual
 (15) problems? Are they to seek certain help? Is
 (16) there any kind of protocol to follow?
 (17) A I wouldn't be able to tell you
 (18) specifically what the program is. I would
 (19) suggest perhaps someone in the diocese would give
 (20) you that.
 (21) Q Well you don't know anything about it?
 (22) A Well I'm aware of the fact that there
 (23) are policies in the diocese, but specifically
 (24) what, I have no itemized list in my possession
 (25) that I would be able to give you.

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(1) Q Did you ever seek such help yourself?
 (2) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
 (3) of the Fifth Amendment.
 (4) Q While you were at the seminary, did you
 (5) have a confessor?
 (6) A Yes, I did.
 (7) Q Was that a confessor who was assigned
 (8) to you by the seminary? Or anyone you could
 (9) choose?
 (10) A No, anyone I could choose.
 (11) Q Did you also have a spiritual director?
 (12) A Yes, I did.
 (13) Q Was it one in the same person?
 (14) A Sometimes it was, sometimes it wasn't.
 (15) Q Would you tell me whether during your
 (16) time at the seminary you expressed any problems
 (17) regarding the vow of chastity?
 (18) A That, I believe, would be confidential
 (19) between myself and the confessor or director.
 (20) Q I'm asking you to answer it. Do you
 (21) refuse to answer?
 (22) A I am exercising confidentiality between
 (23) priest and confessor.
 (24) Q Are you saying that each time you
 (25) talked about sexuality with a priest or a

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(1) spiritual advisor, you were confessing?
 (2) A Not necessarily.
 (3) Q All right. So let's take the times,
 (4) although I don't agree that there's any
 (5) confidentiality, the confidentiality only applies
 (6) to the confessor and not to the penitent, the
 (7) penitent always has to answer, but take the
 (8) situation of when you were talking to a spiritual
 (9) advisor or spiritual director. Did you ever
 (10) discuss what the spiritual director problems you
 (11) had with the vow of celibacy?
 (12) A I would say that's confidential between
 (13) myself and the director.
 (14) Q So you are not answering it?
 (15) A Because I believe –
 (16) Q On that basis?
 (17) A On that basis, correct.
 (18) Q I guess it's the same thing as far as
 (19) the confessor. Your answer is you refuse to
 (20) answer any discussions you had with the confessor
 (21) regarding –
 (22) A Yes.
 (23) Q Now, who was your – who at the present
 (24) time is your medical doctor? At the present
 (25) time.

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(1) A At the present time...
 (2) Q Yes.
 (3) A It would be Dr. Myra Waynik.
 (4) Q Myra Waynik?
 (5) A Right.
 (6) Q And she's in Bridgeport?
 (7) A She's in Bridgeport, yes.
 (8) Q For how long a period have you seen Dr.
 (9) Waynik? Approximately?
 (10) A A couple years.
 (11) Q Before you saw Dr. Waynik, who was your
 (12) doctor?
 (13) A Dr. Glasser.
 (14) Q Dr. Glasser? And where is he?
 (15) A Greenwich.
 (16) Q Is he an internist or –
 (17) A General practitioner I would presume.
 (18) Q How long did you see Dr. Glasser?
 (19) A About three or four years.
 (20) Q Before that, who was your physician?
 (21) A Dr. Blum.
 (22) Q Where was he?
 (23) A In Bethel.
 (24) Q How long had you seen him?
 (25) A A couple of years.

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- (1) Q And before that, who was your doctor?
- (2) A Dr. Casper.
- (3) Q Where was he? In Bridgeport?
- (4) A He was in Bridgeport.
- (5) Q How long did you see Dr. Casper?
- (6) A Many years. I don't recall how many.
- (7) Q Were you related to Dr. Casper?
- (8) A No.
- (9) He died, I had a change.
- (10) Q Dr. Casper died of AIDS, did he not?
- (11) A I'm not aware of what specifically he
- (12) died of.
- (13) Q That was Dr. Richard Casper?
- (14) A Richard, that's correct.
- (15) Q Now, before Dr. Casper, who was your
- (16) doctor?
- (17) A Now we're getting back. That, I don't
- (18) recall.
- (19) Q Was Dr. Homza ever your doctor?
- (20) A I don't recall.
- (21) Q Do you know Dr. Homza?
- (22) A Yes, I do.
- (23) He's a parishioner of St. James in
- (24) Stratford.
- (25) Q Did you know him socially? Or only as

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- (1) a parishioner?
- (2) A I don't recall if I knew him socially,
- (3) but I did know him as a parishioner.
- (4) Q I'm just going to show you a physical
- (5) examination dated July 31st, 1962 signed by Dr.
- (6) Homza, does that refresh your recollection that
- (7) he was your physician at some time?
- (8) A The doctor would have been Dr. Corbett.
- (9) Q Pardon?
- (10) A Dr. Corbett was the --
- (11) Q He was your doctor?
- (12) A He was the one before Dr. Casper, yes.
- (13) Q Do you know why you had an examination
- (14) by Dr. Homza?
- (15) A No. And I can't read what he's saying
- (16) so --
- (17) Q Obviously you had no parish in 1962;
- (18) did you? You didn't have a parish, you weren't a
- (19) priest in 1962?
- (20) A That's correct.
- (21) Q And you didn't know Dr. Homza at that
- (22) time that he conducted that examination?
- (23) A Apparently not.
- (24) Q But you later knew him as a
- (25) parishioner?

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- (1) A Yes.
- (2) Q Now, how did you do that first year at
- (3) St. John's Seminary?
- (4) MR. MURPHY: You mean
- (5) academically?
- (6) MR. TREMONT: Yes, academically.
- (7) BY THE WITNESS:
- (8) A Well, I presume --
- (9) Q Have you ever seen your records from
- (10) St. John's at all?
- (11) A Just quickly. They would give us
- (12) reports.
- (13) Q When did you see the record quickly?
- (14) Have you seen --
- (15) A The first time they were given.
- (16) Q Have you seen it recently?
- (17) A Yes, I have.
- (18) Q Now, what did those records consist of
- (19) that you saw?
- (20) A Academic grades.
- (21) Q Anything besides academic grades?
- (22) A Usually with the grade would be an
- (23) evaluation by the staff as well.
- (24) Q So there were evaluations as well?
- (25) A Hm.

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- (1) Q Were there any psychiatric reports that
- (2) you saw?
- (3) A I'm trying to recall. I don't recall
- (4) at the present time, no.
- (5) Q Now did you ever attend a seminary in
- (6) Ridgefield?
- (7) A No.
- (8) Q You're sure of that?
- (9) A Reasonably sure.
- (10) Q Was there a seminary in Ridgefield?
- (11) A I'm not aware of it. It's possible,
- (12) but I didn't attend.
- (13) Q Now could you tell me the first time
- (14) in your life that you ever consulted a
- (15) psychiatrist?
- (16) A I don't recall the first time. It
- (17) would have possibly been one of the ones that we
- (18) have mentioned, but I don't know by year. I
- (19) don't recall.
- (20) Q Well did you ever consult a
- (21) psychologist or a psychiatrist while you were --
- (22) well before you attended Fairfield Prep?
- (23) A I don't recall.
- (24) Q Did you ever consult with a
- (25) psychologist or a psychiatrist while you were --

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- (1) during the years that you were at Fairfield Prep?
- (2) Not necessarily physically in the school, but
- (3) during those years, high school years?
- (4) A I don't recall that either.
- (5) Q In other words the answer is no?
- (6) A The answer to my recollection, no.
- (7) Yes.
- (8) Q Did you ever consult with a
- (9) psychologist or psychiatrist during the two years
- (10) and summer that you were at St. Thomas Seminary?
- (11) A I'm trying to recall. That memory is
- (12) not clear either. To my knowledge, no. But I'm
- (13) not saying -- you know, I don't recall.
- (14) Q Well what is the first -- who is the
- (15) first psychiatrist or psychologist that you
- (16) remember consulting with?
- (17) A As I mentioned, I'm not sure which of
- (18) the ones, who chronologically came first or
- (19) second.
- (20) Q Which ones are we talking about?
- (21) A Can you read back the names of the ones
- (22) that --
- (23) Q Well don't you remember?
- (24) A I know we had talked about a Dr. Sires.
- (25) Q And Dr. Meshken?

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- (1) A But chronologically, I don't know when
- (2) that took place.
- (3) Q Dr. Meshken? Those two?
- (4) A I believe his name came up.
- (5) Q Now, I want you to take a look at --
- (6) well it's 1:00 o'clock. I think perhaps it's
- (7) time to stop.
- (8) (Whereby, the luncheon recess was
- (9) taken.)
- (10) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (11) Q Now, you apparently saw Dr. Jacob
- (12) Meshken in December of 1960. I want to show you
- (13) this letter dated March 20th, 1962 from Jacob
- (14) Meshken to Monsignor Curtis of the chancellery
- (15) office of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Please just
- (16) look at that letter to refresh your memory --
- (17) A Certainly.
- (18) Q -- as to Dr. Meshken.
- (19) A Shall I disseminate or --
- (20) Q No, we didn't do anything with it
- (21) here.
- (22) You've read the letter?
- (23) A I have.
- (24) Q Now would you be good enough to tell
- (25) me what caused you -- well I'll withdraw that.

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- (1) You were born what year?
- (2) A 1939.
- (3) Q 1939. So in 1960, you would have
- (4) been —
- (5) A Twenty-one.
- (6) Q Twenty-one years old.
- (7) Why did you consult with Dr. Meshken
- (8) in December of 1960?
- (9) A As your letter that you have
- (10) describes, it was some sort of anxiety neurosis
- (11) or psychosis, I don't remember the exact term.
- (12) Q How was it affecting you? What were
- (13) the symptoms that you were having?
- (14) A Anxious.
- (15) Q What were you anxious about?
- (16) A Again, that would be medical
- (17) information that would have been exchanged
- (18) between me and the doctor.
- (19) Q No, I'm asking you. I'm asking you to
- (20) tell us back in December of 1960 what mental
- (21) problems were you having or what physical
- (22) problems were you having that caused you to see
- (23) the doctor?
- (24) A I believe that falls under
- (25) doctor/patient relationship.

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- (1) Q Your attorney has instructed you that
- (2) that is the case? You have reached that
- (3) conclusion?
- (4) A I've reached that conclusion, but —
- (5) Q You've reached it. Are you familiar
- (6) with the law?
- (7) A No.
- (8) MR. MURPHY: Well — I'm
- (9) instructing him that he may exercise
- (10) the privilege on that and you may file
- (11) your motion.
- (12) MR. TREMONT: All right.
- (13) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (14) Q Now who was the family physician in
- (15) December of 1960 that sent you over to Dr.
- (16) Meshken?
- (17) A It was possibly Casper, possibly I
- (18) believe the other doctor's name was Corbett.
- (19) Q But you do not —
- (20) A I don't recall when we transferred
- (21) from one to the other.
- (22) Q Now, the letter which I showed you of
- (23) March 20th, 1962 — and I will mark as an Exhibit
- (24) F.
- (25) (Plaintiff's Exhibit F was marked

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- (1) for identification: Letter of March
- (2) 20, 1962.)
- (3) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (4) Q It indicates that you had seen another
- (5) psychiatrist before you saw Dr. Meshken in
- (6) December of 1960. What psychiatrist was that?
- (7) A I don't recall that.
- (8) Q When did you see a psychiatrist before
- (9) December of 1960?
- (10) A As we mentioned previously, I wasn't
- (11) sure of the exact dates, or the sequence.
- (12) Q Approximately.
- (13) A I really have no idea.
- (14) Q Why did you see a psychiatrist before
- (15) December of 1960?
- (16) A That again would be physician/patient
- (17) relationship.
- (18) Q So you are refusing to tell us?
- (19) A Under the confidentiality of
- (20) doctor/patient.
- (21) Q Could you tell me, were you 19 years
- (22) old when you started to get psychiatric care?
- (23) A If I recall, I would have mentioned.
- (24) I don't recall.
- (25) Q You don't know whether you were — at

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- (1) what age you were getting psychiatric care?
- (2) A No. Sorry.
- (3) Q Obviously —
- (4) MR. TREMONT: May I have that
- (5) letter back at some point?
- (6) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (7) Q The letter that I'm showing you is
- (8) addressed from Dr. Meshken to Monsignor Curtis of
- (9) the chancellor's office; right?
- (10) A Yes.
- (11) Q You see that.
- (12) A I see it.
- (13) Q Is Monsignor Curtis, did you know him
- (14) to be a physician?
- (15) A No, Monsignor Curtis was the
- (16) chancellor.
- (17) Q He was a priest?
- (18) A A priest, yes.
- (19) Q Did you authorize Dr. Meshken to send
- (20) his reports to the Bridgeport chancellor's office?
- (21) A I don't recall having done so.
- (22) Q Did you pay for Dr. Meshken or did the
- (23) chancellor pay for it?
- (24) A If anything, it probably would have
- (25) been covered by insurance.

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- (1) Q What kind of insurance? Upon who?
- (2) A Possibly on my own, possibly diocesan
- (3) insurance that's given to seminarians.
- (4) Q So you had diocesan insurance when you
- (5) were at the seminary?
- (6) A I'm not too clear on that.
- (7) Q Did you speak to anybody at the
- (8) seminary before you started to get psychiatric
- (9) help?
- (10) A Again, I would say that's privileged
- (11) information in treatment.
- (12) Q In other words you are refusing to
- (13) answer whether you spoke with anyone at the
- (14) seminary before you received psychiatric help?
- (15) A Based on the fact that I would be —
- (16) that would be related to medical and patient
- (17) information.
- (18) Q So it's your answer that anything that
- (19) relates to medical, your medical condition is —
- (20) or any impressions you had of medical symptoms or
- (21) illnesses you have a privilege not to answer?
- (22) A Yes.
- (23) Q Now, was it common for priests that
- (24) were going to the seminary, candidates for the
- (25) priesthood to get psychiatric care?

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- (1) A I'm unaware.
- (2) Q You as a priest were not aware of
- (3) whether your fellows at the seminary required the
- (4) psychiatric care that you did?
- (5) A Would you rephrase that? Are you
- (6) talking about myself —
- (7) Q Yes, was it common for candidates at
- (8) St. John's Seminary and St. Thomas Seminary to
- (9) receive psychiatric care?
- (10) A I would have no way of knowing that.
- (11) Q Did anyone ever raise to you the fact
- (12) that if you were having psychiatric problems as a
- (13) seminarian, you might have some problems living
- (14) the life of a priest? Was that ever discussed
- (15) with you?
- (16) A It's possible, but I can't recall.
- (17) Q You don't recall that?
- (18) A No.
- (19) Q Did you ever have any contact with
- (20) Monsignor Curtis?
- (21) A Yes.
- (22) Q What — who was Monsignor Curtis at
- (23) that point?
- (24) A He was the chancellor of the diocese.
- (25) Q What contact did you have with

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- (1) Monsignor Curtis?
- (2) A Professional I suppose you might call
- (3) it.
- (4) Q In what sense?
- (5) A Once I was a seminary in the diocese
- (6) and he had an administrative position in the
- (7) chancellery office.
- (8) Q Was he in charge of seminarians?
- (9) A No. Again, the chancellor is one of
- (10) the officials of the diocese, so perhaps
- (11) indirectly, yes.
- (12) Q Do you know why this report was sent
- (13) to Monsignor Curtis?
- (14) A No, I have no idea.
- (15) Q Have you ever been arrested?
- (16) A Not to my knowledge.
- (17) Q So the answer is no?
- (18) A Answer is no.
- (19) Q Now I want to show you this report.
- (20) (Plaintiff's Exhibit G was marked
- (21) for identification: Letter of March
- (22) 21, 1992.)
- (23) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (24) Q Would you take a look at that report
- (25) and see if you've ever seen that report before.

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- (1) Plaintiff's Exhibit G.
- (2) Who is Dr. Sires?
- (3) A A psychiatrist.
- (4) Q How did you get to see Dr. Sires?
- (5) A If I recall correctly, it was -- he
- (6) was recommended by the diocese.
- (7) Q By the diocese. Why did the diocese
- (8) recommend that you see a psychiatrist?
- (9) A That again I would say is under the
- (10) confidentiality of the patient/psychiatrist
- (11) relationship.
- (12) Q So you are refusing to answer that
- (13) question?
- (14) A On that basis.
- (15) Q Now you saw two psychiatrists then
- (16) while you were a student at St. John's Seminary;
- (17) correct?
- (18) A The first date on F was what date?
- (19) Q Was December of 1960.
- (20) A F was 1960.
- (21) Q Yes, December of 1960, was it not?
- (22) A Right. So that would have been in
- (23) Boston. And G would have been -- the other one
- (24) was subsequent? The other --
- (25) Q I don't know, you tell me.

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- (1) A May I see that, please?
- (2) Okay. Yes, in answer to your
- (3) question.
- (4) Q Did you see any other psychiatrist
- (5) while you were attending St. John's Seminary?
- (6) A That I think would be privileged,
- (7) medical and --
- (8) MR. MURPHY: Well you can answer
- (9) that question yes or no.
- (10) BY THE WITNESS:
- (11) A Not to my knowledge.
- (12) Q Is the answer no?
- (13) A The answer is no.
- (14) Q Now, did you see any psychiatrist
- (15) before you were ordained? Was that recommended,
- (16) outside of these two psychiatrists?
- (17) A No.
- (18) Q When you left the seminary, you came
- (19) back to Bridgeport -- I'm sorry, you came back to
- (20) Connecticut, did you not? After you left St.
- (21) John's Seminary and then became ordained?
- (22) A After ordination I came back to
- (23) Connecticut, yes.
- (24) Q Where were you ordained?
- (25) A In Bridgeport.

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- (1) Q Where?
- (2) A St. Augustine's Cathedral.
- (3) Q You were assigned to which parish?
- (4) A St. Benedict's in Stamford.
- (5) Q At the time you were ordained up to
- (6) today, were you always a resident of the State of
- (7) Connecticut?
- (8) A I believe so, yes.
- (9) Q So your answer is yes?
- (10) A Yes.
- (11) Q You've always been a domiciliary of
- (12) the State of Connecticut?
- (13) A By that, you are asking --
- (14) Q You consider this your domicile.
- (15) A Yes.
- (16) MR. MURPHY: If he knows what
- (17) domicile is.
- (18) BY TREMONT:
- (19) Q Do you know what domicile is?
- (20) A Domicile I do. Domiciliary, I don't--
- (21) Q A domiciliary is one that comes from a
- (22) specific domicile?
- (23) A Thank you.
- (24) Q Now, when you had a place in New
- (25) Hampshire, that was merely a summer place?

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- (1) You've mentioned it was a summer place. That was
- (2) a vacation place; was it not?
- (3) A It was meant to be a vacation place.
- (4) Q You never actually lived or had a
- (5) domicile in the state of New Hampshire; did you?
- (6) A Not knowing the terms of -- or
- (7) restrictions of domicile, I would say no to that
- (8) question.
- (9) Q Yeah, in other words you never
- (10) considered yourself a resident or a citizen of
- (11) the state of New Hampshire as opposed to being a
- (12) citizen of the State of Connecticut?
- (13) A That's correct.
- (14) Q You filed all your income tax returns
- (15) in the State of Connecticut?
- (16) A Yes.
- (17) Q You have registered to vote in the
- (18) State of Connecticut?
- (19) A Yes.
- (20) Q And your automobile was registered in
- (21) the State of Connecticut?
- (22) A Yes.
- (23) Q Now, as a psychologist, will you tell
- (24) me what problems of late adolescence is?
- (25) MR. MURPHY: Well I object to the

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- (1) form of the question. The witness has
- (2) not testified that he's a psychologist.
- (3) MR. TREMONT: All right.
- (4) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (5) Q Let me ask you this: Dr. Sires
- (6) reports that you have problems of late
- (7) adolescence when he saw you in 1960. What were
- (8) those problems of late adolescence that you had?
- (9) MR. MURPHY: That he consulted Dr.
- (10) Sires about?
- (11) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (12) Q Yeah, I'm saying what are the problems
- (13) of late adolescence that you had in 1960?
- (14) A I would say again, that's confidential
- (15) between the doctor and myself.
- (16) Q I'm asking you. I don't care what you
- (17) told the doctor.
- (18) MR. MURPHY: I think the essence
- (19) of your question, Mr. Tremont, is what
- (20) he told the doctor and why he consulted
- (21) the doctor.
- (22) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (23) Q I'm not asking him. I'm asking what
- (24) his problem is. Will you answer the question?

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- (1) A I don't understand the question.

- (2) Q It's very simple. Did you have
(3) problems of late adolescence in 1960?
(4) A And my answer is I believe that's
(5) confidential between the doctor and myself.
(6) Q So you will not tell me whether you
(7) had problems of late adolescence; correct?
(8) A Yes, based on that confidentiality,
(9) yes.
(10) Q Did you exhibit a neurotic reaction in
(11) 1960?
(12) A Again, I would say that would be
(13) involved in a confidential between doctor and
(14) patient.
(15) Q Were the problems that you had sex
(16) related in 1960?
(17) A I would say that would be involved in
(18) a confidentiality between doctor and myself.
(19) Q Did you ever express your sexual
(20) frustrations or desires to any of the individuals
(21) that were in charge of your education in the St.
(22) John's Seminary?
(23) A Would you repeat that, please? At
(24) least the first part.
(25) MR. TREMONT: Why don't you read

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- (1) it back.
(2) (Whereby, the pertinent question
(3) was read.)
(4) BY THE WITNESS:
(5) A I would say under confidentiality of
(6) doctor/patient and Fifth Amendment, I decline to
(7) answer that.
(8) Q Now, Dr. Sires concludes on his report
(9) directly to the seminary with a copy to the
(10) Bridgeport chancellery office dated March 21st of
(11) 1962 final recommendation, "if there is any
(12) question of this man's stability or ability, I
(13) would recommend psychological testing before
(14) final vows." Did you ever have any psychological
(15) testing before you received your final vows?
(16) A I would again state the
(17) confidentiality between doctor and patient in
(18) that regard.
(19) Q So you are going to refuse to answer
(20) whether you yourself ever took any psychological
(21) testing from the time that you saw Dr. Sires up
(22) until the time of your final vows; is that
(23) correct?
(24) A Based on that confidentiality,
(25) certainly.

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- (1) Q Now, you told us that you left the
(2) seminary for one year; is that correct?
(3) A That's correct.
(4) Q And it was suggested that you leave
(5) the seminary; is that correct?
(6) A That's again I believe confidentiality
(7) between doctor and patient.
(8) Q So you are refusing to answer that
(9) question?
(10) A Based on that confidentiality.
(11) Q Are you telling us then it was a
(12) doctor that suggested that you leave the
(13) seminary?
(14) A Based on the confidentiality of
(15) medical and patient, I would call upon that
(16) privilege.
(17) Q Did you discuss with Father Curtis who
(18) was the chancellor of the diocese the fact that
(19) you wanted to have one year off?
(20) A Yes.
(21) Q What was the nature of the
(22) conversation with the Monsignor -
(23) A I discussed with him that I would like
(24) to take a year off and he agreed and we did.
(25) Q Why did you tell him you wanted to

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- (1) take a year off?

- (2) A I believe there's confidentiality
(3) between doctor/patient relationship there.
(4) Q Monsignor Curtis is Doctor Curtis? Is
(5) he a physician; is that correct?
(6) A That is not correct.
(7) Q You have just taken the - you said
(8) that you are not answering the question because
(9) there's a physician relationship, doctor
(10) relationship between you and Monsignor Curtis.
(11) A No. The subject matter is
(12) confidential.
(13) Q The subject matter -
(14) A Between doctor/patient.
(15) Q Between doctor/patient.
(16) A Mm-hm.
(17) Q What you and the Monsignor Curtis
(18) discussed?
(19) A I think I indicated that I asked for a
(20) leave and he granted it.
(21) MR. TREMONT: Would you mark this
(22) March 15th, letter as an exhibit,
(23) please.
(24) (Plaintiff's Exhibit H was marked
(25) for identification: Letter of March

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- (1) 15, 1962.)
(2) MR. TREMONT: I want to state for
(3) the record that these things that I'm
(4) marking with the exception of
(5) Plaintiff's Exhibit A and B which are
(6) in order all purport to come from the
(7) personnel file of the Reverend Raymond
(8) Pcolka and there are a number of items
(9) that apparently are missing here.
(10) MR. SWEENEY: Thank you, Counsel.
(11) BY MR. TREMONT:
(12) Q The March 15th, 1962 letter which I'm
(13) going to show you discusses a letter to his
(14) Excellency Bishop Shehan of May 17, 1961
(15) regarding you. Did you ever see the May 17th,
(16) 1961 letter which relates to you and relates to
(17) your psychiatric problems?
(18) MR. MURPHY: Well I'm not -
(19) MR. TREMONT: I'm asking.
(20) MR. MURPHY: I know you're asking
(21) the witness, but I'm objecting to the
(22) form of the question because I think
(23) that's a mischaracterization of what
(24) the letter says.
(25)

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- (1) MR. TREMONT: Will you answer the
(2) question, please.
(3) MR. MURPHY: If you can answer in
(4) that form, you can answer it.
(5) Can you repeat the question -
(6) BY MR. TREMONT:
(7) Q Did you ever see this May 17th, 1961
(8) letter to Bishop Shehan?
(9) MR. MURPHY: That's a different -
(10) BY MR. TREMONT:
(11) Q Regarding your psychiatric problem.
(12) MR. MURPHY: I'm objecting to the
(13) form of the question, because I don't
(14) think that the letter says what you
(15) added to the end of the question.
(16) MR. TREMONT: Will you answer the
(17) question?
(18) MR. MURPHY: If you can answer it
(19) in that form.
(20) BY THE WITNESS:
(21) A I have seen the March 15th letter.
(22) Q When did you see the March 15th
(23) letter?
(24) A I saw that recently.
(25) Q Recently? Where did you see it?

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- (1) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that.
(3) BY THE WITNESS:

(4) A I saw that in my attorney's office.
(5) Q We now understand that all that
(6) information that's in the personnel file was sent
(7) to your attorney by Mr. Sweeney, by the diocese.
(8) What else did you see in that file besides the
(9) items that you've already described?
(10) MR. MURPHY: Well Judge Levin has
(11) already ruled, Mr. Tremont, as to what
(12) portions of those files are subject to
(13) disclosure; and you have a copy of the
(14) items that are subject to disclosure
(15) and disclosure within the context of
(16) this confidentiality order and his
(17) memorandum of decision. And Father
(18) Pcolka reviewed in my office those
(19) documents.
(20) MR. TREMONT: I'm asking him to
(21) tell me the documents that he saw.
(22) MR. MURPHY: He saw the documents
(23) that were ordered disclosed --
(24) MR. TREMONT: Well you --
(25) MR. MURPHY: Excuse me. Let me

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(1) finish. He saw the documents that were
(2) ordered disclosed by Judge Levin.
(3) MR. TREMONT: Well you're saying
(4) that, Mr. Murphy, but I don't have any
(5) letter from the bishop that I just
(6) mentioned and this is a document that
(7) your client saw and I don't have.
(8) MR. MURPHY: No, he said he saw
(9) the letter that you marked Exhibit H.
(10) He didn't say any other letter.
(11) MR. TREMONT: That's certainly --
(12) that's not what --
(13) MR. MURPHY: I disagree.
(14) MR. TREMONT: Let's go back and
(15) have the question and answer read.
(16) (Whereby, the following questions
(17) and answers were read:
(18) "Q Did you ever see this May
(19) 17th, 1961 letter to Bishop Shehan?
(20) "A I have seen the March 15th
(21) letter.
(22) "Q When did you see the March
(23) 15th letter?
(24) "A I saw that recently."
(25) BY MR. TREMONT:

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(1) Q This letter refers to a May 17th, 1961
(2) letter to Bishop Shehan, all right? Did you ever
(3) see that letter?
(4) A You're saying this letter refers to --
(5) wasn't that the one we just looked at?
(6) Q No, I'm asking you. Take a look --
(7) A But the letter we're talking about,
(8) wasn't that the one that I was asking for a year
(9) off?
(10) Q Do you remember whether you saw the
(11) May letter to Bishop Shehan?
(12) MR. MURPHY: Look, Mr. Tremont,
(13) I'm sure you want to develop an
(14) accurate record here and the witness
(15) asked you if he can see another letter
(16) to see if it was the letter referred
(17) to. So why don't you show him the
(18) other letter --
(19) MR. TREMONT: First I would like
(20) to get an answer from this witness. I
(21) want to get an answer, please, Mr.
(22) Murphy.
(23) MR. MURPHY: Please, Mr. Tremont
(24) if --
(25) MR. TREMONT: He can go on and if

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(1) he doesn't understand it he can say
(2) whatever he wants.
(3) MR. MURPHY: What is your

(4) objection to letting the witness see a
(5) prior exhibit to see if it's the letter
(6) referred to?
(7) MR. TREMONT: I am asking him
(8) specifically whether he remembers. His
(9) answer could be yes or no or I don't --
(10) MR. MURPHY: Or he can say, as he
(11) did, he would like to look at the
(12) earlier letter that you showed him to
(13) see if it's the same -- to see -- of
(14) May 17th, 1961. Do you remember that?
(15) BY THE WITNESS:
(16) A Without seeing it, I don't recall
(17) seeing it.
(18) Q Without seeing it, you don't recall
(19) seeing it. All right.
(20) Now, do you recall Monsignor Stapleton
(21) writing a letter to Bishop Shehan about your
(22) returning to the seminary?
(23) A I would have no way of knowing if he
(24) wrote one.
(25) Q Did you ever discuss with Bishop

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(1) Shehan, who was the bishop of Bridgeport, your
(2) return to the seminary?
(3) A Yes, I believe I did.
(4) Q And when did you do that?
(5) A It would have had to have been -- are
(6) we talking '61? '62?
(7) Q Did you visit with the bishop?
(8) A Prior to the year of my returning to
(9) the seminary.
(10) Q You visited with the bishop?
(11) A At the chancellery office, yes.
(12) Q What was the nature of the discussion?
(13) A My returning back to the seminary.
(14) Q Did you explain to him what problems
(15) you had at that time?
(16) A I don't know. Would you rephrase that
(17) question?
(18) Q Well what did you say to the bishop
(19) and what did he say to you?
(20) A Basically I asked if it would be
(21) possible to return to the seminary and he said
(22) yes, it would be and I did. That's the gist of
(23) the meeting.
(24) Q Was there any requirement of -- that
(25) you had to do before you could be allowed to

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(1) return to the seminary?
(2) A No, there wasn't.
(3) Q You were required -- Do you recall
(4) having this physical examination which I showed
(5) you previously by Dr. Homza in July 31st of 1962
(6) because it was requested by the seminary? Do you
(7) recall?
(8) A I recall the examination. I don't
(9) recall who performed the examination.
(10) Q Take a look at this --
(11) MR. MURPHY: Are you going to mark
(12) this?
(13) MR. TREMONT: We will mark this
(14) first. Mark this June 1st, 1962 memo
(15) from St. John's Seminary.
(16) (Plaintiff's Exhibit I was marked
(17) for identification: June 1, 1962
(18) memo.)
(19) BY MR. TREMONT:
(20) Q Now, does that refresh your memory to
(21) the fact that you were requested by the seminary
(22) to have the examination which you did have on
(23) July 31st of 1962?
(24) A Yes, it does.
(25) MR. TREMONT: Would you mark this

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(1) particular page and I'll call the
(2) record's attention to this is again a
(3) document that we received from

(4) disclosure and it's dated August 10th,
(5) 1962; and there are two copies of the
(6) same document which is a physical
(7) examination form and only that physical
(8) examination form which is attached to
(9) the letter to Monsignor McLaughlin.
(10) MR. MURPHY: It is, however, three
(11) pages.
(12) MR. SWEENEY: One plus two
(13) duplicates.
(14) MR. TREMONT: Correct.
(15) (Plaintiff's Exhibit J was marked
(16) for identification: Letter of August
(17) 10, 1962 with two pages of physical
(18) examination.)
(19) BY MR. TREMONT:
(20) Q Who is Monsignor McLaughlin?
(21) A He's director of vocations.
(22) Q Now for how long was Monsignor
(23) McLaughlin director of vocations?
(24) A I really am not aware. I don't know.
(25) Q You met him I assume?

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(1) A Yes.
(2) Q How many times did you meet him?
(3) A A number of occasions.
(4) Q Did you discuss with him any problems
(5) that you had with your sexual drive or adequacy?
(6) A And again I feel that is
(7) confidentiality of doctor/patient relationship.
(8) Q Anything that you said to Monsignor
(9) McLaughlin you are making the doctor/patient
(10) relationship claim about it?
(11) A That's right.
(12) Q I assume to your knowledge Monsignor
(13) McLaughlin is not a physician?
(14) A That's correct.
(15) Q Now during that year that you took off
(16) from the seminary, what did you do?
(17) A I worked.
(18) Q Where did you work?
(19) A Bork & Stevens.
(20) Q You worked full-time there?
(21) A During that year, yes.
(22) Q Who did you work with? Did you know
(23) any people there? Did you get friendly with
(24) anybody there?
(25) A Co-workers. The names escape me at

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(1) the present time, I don't remember.
(2) Q Do you remember who your supervisor
(3) was?
(4) A I believe it was a man by the name of
(5) Jensen.
(6) Q How did it come about that you started
(7) to work at Bork & Stevens?
(8) A My father worked there for many years.
(9) Q What did your father do there?
(10) A He was a baker.
(11) Q And did he remain at Bork & Stevens?
(12) A He remained as a baker, the business
(13) changed hands.
(14) Q He remained there --
(15) A Until retirement.
(16) Q And he retired from Bork & Stevens --
(17) or from that --
(18) A From his employment which had been
(19) consistent, but the management didn't.
(20) Q They are no longer there, are they?
(21) A No.
(22) Q And whatever was there, the Grand
(23) Union terminated its bakery; did it not?
(24) A That's correct, to my knowledge.
(25) Q When did your father --

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(1) A Over 15 years ago.
(2) Q Now during that summer -- during that
(3) year that you were out, were you receiving

(4) psychiatric care?
(5) A I would say that's -- that falls under
(6) the patient/doctor relationship.
(7) Q So you are not answering that question
(8) whether you received any psychiatric care?
(9) A That's correct.
(10) Q During that year that you were out,
(11) did you have any homosexual relations with
(12) anyone?
(13) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
(14) of the Fifth Amendment.
(15) Q Did you have any heterosexual
(16) relations with anybody?
(17) A I refuse to answer that, also, on the
(18) grounds of the Fifth Amendment.
(19) Q Have you ever had any unusual
(20) attraction to young children both male and
(21) female?
(22) A I would refuse to answer that on the
(23) grounds of the Fifth Amendment.
(24) Q Now when you went back to the seminary
(25) after that year of absence, did you continue on

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(1) until you became ordained?
(2) A Yes, I did.
(3) Q Could you tell me when you actually
(4) graduated or completed your courses at the
(5) seminary?
(6) A It would have been February 10, 1965.
(7) Q When did you become ordained?
(8) A February 10, 1965.
(9) Q So the same day you completed your
(10) courses you became ordained?
(11) MR. MURPHY: You asked graduation.
(12) BY MR. TREMONT:
(13) Q On the same?
(14) A You did ask -- graduation is
(15) ordination.
(16) Q Graduation is ordination?
(17) A In the seminary, yes.
(18) Q So that when you became ordained, you
(19) graduate?
(20) A That's the completion of your course,
(21) yes.
(22) Q Well, is there any time that you got a
(23) degree? Or that you stopped classes?
(24) MR. MURPHY: Those are two

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(1) different questions.
(2) MR. TREMONT: I'll ask two
(3) different questions.
(4) MR. MURPHY: Ask them one at a
(5) time. Make it easier for the witness.
(6) MR. TREMONT: I'm sure the witness
(7) isn't having any difficulty.
(8) BY MR. TREMONT:
(9) Q How do you terminate your class at the
(10) seminary? How does it stop?
(11) A The final day of the academic year.
(12) Q When was the final day of your
(13) academic year?
(14) A I don't recall exactly.
(15) Q Approximately?
(16) A It would have had to have been within
(17) one or two days -- no, excuse me, it would have
(18) been about a week prior to ordination.
(19) Q So that you went on through February
(20) -- what I'm trying to understand is you started
(21) at the seminary in September; is that correct?
(22) A Started when in September?
(23) Q When did you start at St. John's
(24) Seminary?
(25)

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(1) A In September of 19 --
(2) Q Whatever the year was?
(3) A Right, but...
(4) Q And you said it was a six year course.
(5) A That's correct.

(6) Q And you missed one year?
(7) A That's correct.
(8) Q So when would the academic year end if
(9) you started in September? When would your
(10) academic year end?
(11) A Apparently it ended at the end of
(12) January or first part of February, 1965.
(13) MR. SWEENEY: Counselor, just to
(14) save you at least for a technical
(15) point, I think if you ask the right
(16) question, you'll determine that for the
(17) graduating class, they would go the
(18) preceding summer so as to accelerate
(19) the academic year. So it would
(20) conclude in February rather than late
(21) spring. He can explain that to you.
(22) MR. TREMONT: But he didn't
(23) explain it.
(24) THE WITNESS: You didn't ask.
(25) MR. SWEENEY: Rather than spending

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(1) ten minutes on this point, I just --
(2) MR. TREMONT: See, I don't have
(3) the advantage of talking to --
(4) BY MR. TREMONT:
(5) Q Let me ask you something.
(6) MR. MURPHY: Neither has he.
(7) BY MR. TREMONT:
(8) Q Have you had conversations with Mr.
(9) Sweeney?
(10) A Have I talked to Mr. Sweeney?
(11) Q Yes. And Monsignor Bronkiewicz?
(12) A Yes.
(13) Q And since the commencement of this
(14) action, you've had discussions with Monsignor
(15) Bronkiewicz and Mr. Sweeney?
(16) A Yes.
(17) Q And you indicated before that you were
(18) advised that you have insurance that covers these
(19) claimed incidents?
(20) A That's what I was advised, yes.
(21) Q Did you ever, if you recall -- do you
(22) recall signing under oath, I think the word is
(23) oath, and maybe it's a promise, an affidavit in
(24) answer to a motion for disclosure? Do you recall
(25) seeing one? I'm asking you.

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(1) A Oh, you are asking me.
(2) Q Yes. I'm sorry, I'm asking you.
(3) A I'm not sure I know what you mean by a
(4) disclosure or --
(5) Q Do you recall going to Mr. Murphy's
(6) office and filling out a disclosure which
(7) indicated whether you had insurance for this
(8) incident?
(9) A I don't recall.
(10) Q Well we'll find that in a moment. I
(11) thought I had that with me.
(12) A Excuse me, while he's gone, can I get
(13) a refill?
(14) Q I want to show you this particular
(15) document and ask whether that indeed is your
(16) signature. On the last page.
(17) MR. MURPHY: I understand, but the
(18) witness is entitled to look at the
(19) entire document and you know that --
(20) MR. TREMONT: I'm asking him first
(21) if he identifies it as his signature.
(22) MR. MURPHY: And he's entitled to
(23) look at the entire document.
(24) MR. TREMONT: He's entitled answer
(25) my question specifically.

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(1) MR. MURPHY: I will instruct the
(2) witness, and you can take it up with
(3) the judge if you want to, I will
(4) instruct the witness to look at the
(5) entire document before he answers your

(6) question.
(7) MR. TREMONT: Mr. Murphy, I am
(8) asking one question whether he
(9) identifies that as his signature. I
(10) have a right to have an answer to the
(11) question.
(12) MR. MURPHY: And you'll get an
(13) answer.
(14) MR. TREMONT: I am asking him
(15) first would you please tell me if
(16) that's your signature. If it isn't,
(17) that's the end of our inquiry.
(18) MR. SWEENEY: Gentlemen, please.
(19) MR. MURPHY: When he finishes
(20) looking at the document, he will answer
(21) your question.
(22) MR. TREMONT: You have no right to
(23) instruct him in that fashion, Mr.
(24) Murphy.
(25) MR. MURPHY: Take it up with the

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(1) judge, Mr. Tremont.
(2) MR. TREMONT: Unfortunately,
(3) there's no judge available and --
(4) BY MR. TREMONT:
(5) Q Would you answer the question. Is
(6) that your signature?
(7) MR. MURPHY: We will when -- when
(8) he's ready to --
(9) MR. TREMONT: I note the witness
(10) has refused to answer on the advice of
(11) counsel.
(12) MR. MURPHY: He did not refused to
(13) answer.
(14) MR. TREMONT: Answer the question.
(15) Is it your signature or not.
(16) MR. MURPHY: We will take a
(17) recess.
(18) MR. TREMONT: I want the document.
(19) I have a right to that. Mr. Murphy,
(20) it's not marked and you can't take that
(21) document out of the room. This is a
(22) violation of the order of Judge Bassick
(23) and every other judge of the Superior
(24) Court and I want it on the record that
(25) you are walking out of this deposition

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(1) with the document that I'm inquiring
(2) the witness about. You have no right
(3) to talk to this witness. You have no
(4) right to instruct this witness even
(5) though he's your client and I'm putting
(6) it on the record right now because what
(7) you are attempting to do right now is
(8) in specific violation of our law,
(9) discuss with the witness part of his
(10) testimony in relation to a document
(11) which you cannot do. And the
(12) Connecticut cases are directly in
(13) point.
(14) MR. MURPHY: Why don't you let me
(15) know when you are finished making your
(16) speech.
(17) MR. TREMONT: You can just listen
(18) to the speech because I'm putting it on
(19) the record.
(20) MR. MURPHY: Finish making your
(21) speech.
(22) MR. TREMONT: I refer you to
(23) Beckenstein versus United Technologies,
(24) 12 Connecticut Law Reporter 254;
(25) Thomson versus Thomson, 12 Connecticut

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(1) Law Reporter; and I'm telling you right
(2) now I'm asking for sanctions again.
(3) You cannot do this. You are
(4) attempting now to frame this man's
(5) testimony.

- (6) He should sit here and he should
- (7) not be able to speak with you during an
- (8) intermission in this deposition.
- (9) MR. MURPHY: Are you finished?
- (10) MR. TREMONT: I'm all finished.
- (11) MR. MURPHY: Good. There are one,
- (12) two, three, four, five, six, seven,
- (13) eight people in this room other than me
- (14) and Father Pcolka and there is not one
- (15) person that can say I stepped out this
- (16) door. Now there's nine now that Mr.
- (17) Freibott is back. Would you like to go
- (18) back, Mr. Freibott?
- (19) MR. FREIBOTT: Yes. I just wanted
- (20) to catch what you were saying.
- (21) MR. MURPHY: What you are -- first
- (22) of all, aside from your grand standing
- (23) which we will address at the
- (24) appropriate time, you are trying to
- (25) have a witness not look at a document.

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- (1) I think the witness has the right to
- (2) look at the document. He's standing in
- (3) this room and he's looking at the
- (4) document. When he finishes looking at
- (5) the document, he will be happy to
- (6) answer your question.
- (7) Now there's a tenth person who
- (8) walked in the room with a glass of
- (9) water who can attest that I have not
- (10) left the room.
- (11) BY THE WITNESS:
- (12) A Would you repeat the question, please.
- (13) Q You don't remember the question?
- (14) MR. MURPHY: I would like to have
- (15) the reporter read the question back.
- (16) MR. TREMONT: You don't remember
- (17) the question, Mr. Pcolka?
- (18) MR. MURPHY: You have the answer
- (19) Mr. Tremont. Would the reporter please
- (20) read the question back.
- (21) (Whereby, the pertinent question
- (22) was read.)
- (23) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (24) Q Will you answer the question?
- (25) A Could I see the document to make sure

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- (1) it's the same one.
- (2) Q Oh, you haven't seen it?
- (3) A I just want to make sure it's the same
- (4) one. Yes, that is my signature.
- (5) Q Is it your signature?
- (6) A Yes, it is.
- (7) Q And you signed that under oath, did
- (8) you not?
- (9) A I believe I did.
- (10) MR. MURPHY: Are you going to mark
- (11) that as an exhibit, Mr. Tremont?
- (12) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (13) Q Now let me ask you --
- (14) MR. TREMONT: Eventually.
- (15) MR. MURPHY: Rudeness prevails.
- (16) Are you going to ask --
- (17) MR. TREMONT: I will eventually.
- (18) Please.
- (19) MR. MURPHY: If you are going to
- (20) question the witness from a document,
- (21) and you've had him identify his
- (22) signature, I would like the document
- (23) marked now so we have no confusion in
- (24) the record as to what document you are
- (25) talking about.

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- (1) MR. TREMONT: It's pretty obvious
- (2) the document I'm talking about since
- (3) you prepared it.
- (4) MR. MURPHY: Then mark it as an
- (5) exhibit.

- (6) MR. TREMONT: This is notice of
- (7) so-called compliance of a motion for
- (8) disclosure of September 30th, 1994,
- (9) signed by the defendant Pcolka.
- (10) MR. MURPHY: It's a notice of
- (11) compliance.
- (12) (Plaintiff's Exhibit K was marked
- (13) for identification: Notice of
- (14) compliance.)
- (15) BY MR. TREMONT:
- (16) Q And you were asked this question,
- (17) seven, if at any time of this incident alleged in
- (18) the complaint you were covered by an insurance
- (19) policy under which an insurer may be liable to
- (20) satisfy part or all of the judgment or reimburse
- (21) you for payments to satisfy part of all of the
- (22) judgment state the following: The name and
- (23) address of the insured, the amount of coverage,
- (24) the name and address of the insurer. And your
- (25) answer is none. Is that correct?

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- (1) Is that correct?
- (2) A This statement as printed is correct,
- (3) yes. Number seven.
- (4) Q So you say that you have no insurance
- (5) coverage for this incident, these alleged
- (6) incidents; is that correct?
- (7) A To my knowledge, there was coverage
- (8) for legal fees. But if I understand correctly,
- (9) there's nothing available for judgment or --
- (10) Q Who told you there was coverage for
- (11) legal fees?
- (12) A I believe I was informed by the
- (13) diocese of this.
- (14) Q Who specifically informed you?
- (15) A I'm not sure specifically. I don't
- (16) recall.
- (17) Q Well, did you talk to more than one
- (18) person at the diocese regarding coverage for
- (19) legal fees?
- (20) A I don't recall who I talked to.
- (21) Q How many people did you talk to at the
- (22) diocese regarding this particular case? Name me
- (23) the people.
- (24) A I would say offhand, it would have
- (25) been Attorney Sweeney, Attorney Murphy and

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- (1) Monsignor Bronkiewicz.
- (2) Q Let's forget Attorney Murphy.
- (3) Monsignor Bronkiewicz, was there anyone else
- (4) besides Monsignor Bronkiewicz who is an officer
- (5) or an employee that you know of the Diocese of
- (6) Bridgeport that discussed this case with you?
- (7) A None to my knowledge.
- (8) Q Now, Attorney Sweeney also discussed
- (9) this case with you?
- (10) A I've met with Attorney Sweeney, I'm
- (11) not sure what you mean by discussing the case.
- (12) Q Let me ask you, what did you -- well
- (13) firstly, is it your understanding now that there
- (14) is no insurance coverage that covers this
- (15) incident?
- (16) A Is it my understanding now that there
- (17) is no insurance covering this incident?
- (18) Q Yes.
- (19) A I was under the impression that --
- (20) that may or may not indicate it, that legal fees
- (21) were covered.
- (22) Q Well did you discuss that with anybody
- (23) at the time you signed this motion for
- (24) disclosure, Plaintiff's Exhibit K?
- (25) A I don't recall if I discussed that at

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- (1) the time that we signed that.
- (2) Q Did anyone read the questions and
- (3) answers to you when you signed this?
- (4) A Well I know I read the answers -- or I
- (5) read the questions.

(6) Q And do you agree with the questions
(7) and the answers?
(8) A To the extent I understand them,
(9) certainly.
(10) Q How did you understand number seven?
(11) If at the time of the incident alleged in the
(12) complaint you were covered by an insurance policy
(13) under which an insurer may be liable to satisfy
(14) part or all of the judgment or reimburse you for
(15) payment to satisfy part or all of a judgment,
(16) state the following: The name and address of the
(17) insureds; and your answer is none. Didn't you
(18) discuss that with anyone?
(19) A That's exactly what I said. My
(20) interpretation of that and my understanding of
(21) that is that there is no money available through
(22) an insurance policy for a judgment in this case.
(23) Q But there is for attorney's fees?
(24) A I'm not aware legally of what the
(25) implications are of what you're asking.

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(1) Q Well didn't you say that?
(2) A That's what I said, yes.
(3) Q Did they tell you what insurance
(4) company would cover?
(5) A No, they didn't.
(6) Q Did they ask you to do anything in
(7) order to have coverage?
(8) A No, they didn't.
(9) Q They didn't?
(10) Did you orally discuss this matter
(11) with Attorney Sweeney?
(12) A I don't believe I did.
(13) Q You've never told Attorney Sweeney
(14) anything about these alleged incidents?
(15) A The only information I have is that I
(16) was told that there was an insurance policy
(17) available to cover the attorney's fees.
(18) Q How much did they say they would
(19) cover?
(20) A They gave me no figure.
(21) Q Did they tell you they would continue
(22) to cover it?
(23) A No, they didn't.
(24) Q Didn't you inquire about that?
(25) A No, I didn't.

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(1) Q Did anyone tell you that you should
(2) get your own attorney in addition to the attorney
(3) that's being provided to you by the diocese?
(4) MR. MURPHY: Are you talking about
(5) conversations that he had with me or
(6) with any other attorney?
(7) MR. TREMONT: I said anybody. Not
(8) necessarily an attorney.
(9) MR. MURPHY: Well --
(10) MR. TREMONT: If he talked to
(11) Attorney Sweeney, he told us --
(12) MR. MURPHY: Excluding myself or
(13) any other attorney who you consulted as
(14) an attorney, you can answer the
(15) question.
(16) BY THE WITNESS:
(17) A Again the question?
(18) Q I'm asking you --
(19) A Was I advised --
(20) Q Were you advised by Attorney Sweeney
(21) or Monsignor Bronkiewicz --
(22) A No.
(23) Q -- that you should get an attorney on
(24) your own besides the attorney that was provided
(25) to you by the diocese?

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(1) A I don't believe I was, no.
(2) Q During the course of all these
(3) proceedings, are you following the advice or
(4) instructions that had been given to you by the
(5) attorney representing the insurance carrier for

(6) the diocese?
(7) A I'm following my own attorney.
(8) I don't --
(9) MR. MURPHY: I object to the form
(10) of that question.
(11) BY MR. TREMONT:
(12) Q Have you been told at all by the
(13) diocese what would happen to you if indeed this
(14) case is won by the plaintiffs? Have they
(15) discussed that with you?
(16) A In general, yes.
(17) Q And what was the discussion?
(18) A That there could be a judgment against
(19) me.
(20) Q And what would happen?
(21) A And basically that's it.
(22) Q They only said there could be a
(23) judgment?
(24) A Mm-hm.
(25) Q Did they indicate who would satisfy

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(1) that judgment?
(2) A If a judgment was against me, I was
(3) under the impression that I would be responsible
(4) for that judgment.
(5) Q Did they indicate what would happen to
(6) you as a priest in the diocese if there was a
(7) judgment?
(8) A No, they haven't.
(9) Q You did not discuss that with them?
(10) A That was not part of the discussion,
(11) no.
(12) Q You never asked Monsignor Bronkiewicz
(13) about it?
(14) A We never discussed anything about a
(15) judgment with Monsignor Bronkiewicz.
(16) Q Did they ask you to cooperate?
(17) A They asked me to tell the truth.
(18) Q To tell the truth?
(19) A Yes.
(20) Q And did you tell them the truth?
(21) A I told them the truth.
(22) Q Tell me, what did you tell Monsignor
(23) Bronkiewicz about these incidents?
(24) A Again, I feel that's confidential
(25) information.

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(1) Q Well I'm asking what you told
(2) Monsignor Bronkiewicz. If you told it to him,
(3) it's not confidential. Now would you answer the
(4) question, please.
(5) MR. MURPHY: Well I'm going to
(6) instruct him not to answer as to any
(7) conversation he had with Monsignor
(8) Bronkiewicz during the time I was
(9) present or during the time that he was
(10) meeting with corporate counsel. Those
(11) are both covered by privilege.
(12) MR. TREMONT: This is fairy land.
(13) I never knew that attorney/client
(14) privilege applies when other people are
(15) privy to a conference.
(16) MR. MURPHY: If you want to waste
(17) time trying to insult me...
(18) MR. TREMONT: I am not wasting
(19) time because you keep raising
(20) objections which are improper
(21) objections.
(22) MR. MURPHY: I don't care whether
(23) you like it or not. I don't care to
(24) hear your comments. You are wasting my
(25) time.

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(1) MR. TREMONT: I am not wasting
(2) anybody's time. If you have this
(3) witness answer candidly and following
(4) in accordance with our cases, we
(5) wouldn't have this problem.

(6) MR. MURPHY: He is, he is.
(7) MR. TREMONT: I don't agree.
(8) BY MR. TREMONT:
(9) Q What did you tell Attorney Sweeney
(10) with regard to this case?
(11) A I believe that's restricted or
(12) confidential under attorney/client information.
(13) Q All right. And Attorney Sweeney is
(14) obviously not your lawyer; is he?
(15) A No, Attorney Murphy is my lawyer.
(16) Q You don't look at Attorney Sweeney as
(17) your attorney; do you?
(18) A I would say not.
(19) Q But you're not going to tell us what
(20) you told him in regard to this case.
(21) A I believe that falls under
(22) confidentiality.
(23) Q Now, did you give any written
(24) statements to anyone in regard to this case?
(25) A I don't believe I have.

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(1) Q Did you give any oral statements that
(2) were being transcribed either by tape or by
(3) stenographer in regard to this case?
(4) A I believe that falls under
(5) confidentiality.
(6) Q I'm asking whether you gave it. The
(7) answer is -- There's no confidentiality.
(8) A I feel that's under confidentiality as
(9) well.
(10) Q I'm instructing you must answer
(11) whether you gave a statement. I am not asking
(12) the contents. I am asking whether you did and to
(13) whom.
(14) MR. MURPHY: You can answer yes or
(15) no.
(16) BY THE WITNESS:
(17) A We spoke orally about the case, yes.
(18) Q To whom?
(19) MR. MURPHY: You can answer that
(20) question, also.
(21) BY THE WITNESS:
(22) A Monsignor Bronkiewicz and Attorney
(23) Murphy.
(24) Q And Monsignor Bronkiewicz was present?
(25) A Not -- you mean in every or if there

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(1) are more than one?
(2) Q Did you ever talk --
(3) A I talked to Attorney Murphy when
(4) Monsignor Bronkiewicz was not there.
(5) Q You also talked to Monsignor
(6) Bronkiewicz in the presence of Attorney Murphy?
(7) A Yes, I did.
(8) Q Did you talk to Monsignor Bronkiewicz
(9) without the presence of Attorney Murphy?
(10) A Yes, I have.
(11) Q Was there any stenographic record made
(12) of any of these conversations?
(13) A I'm not aware of any.
(14) Q You didn't see anybody taking anything
(15) down?
(16) A No.
(17) Q No one told you that -- you didn't
(18) observe a tape going?
(19) A No.
(20) Q Have you been given any promise
(21) whatsoever by the diocese regarding this matter
(22) if you would cooperate with the diocese?
(23) A No.
(24) Q None at all?
(25) A No.

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(1) Q And you never asked for one?
(2) A Never.
(3) MR. TREMONT: I just want to state
(4) for the record just so we understand
(5) where we are in addition to the other

(6) cases that I mentioned as far as the
(7) Fifth Amendment is concerned, we
(8) understand the law to be Malloy versus
(9) Hogan at 150 Connecticut 220 which
(10) requires a witness to answer a question
(11) unless the risk of incrimination is
(12) real and not an imaginary or remote
(13) danger; and specifically where the
(14) statute of limitations has run, the
(15) risk of incrimination is imaginary and
(16) as a result the witness must answer.
(17) BY MR. TREMONT:
(18) Q When you graduated from the seminary,
(19) let me get back to this point in February --
(20) before you are ordained, is there any interview
(21) or procedure that you have with the diocese to
(22) which you are going to be assigned?
(23) A Interviews are ongoing in the course
(24) of the seminary career.
(25) Q Who are the people that you were

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(1) interviewing with in that last year of training
(2) at St. John's?
(3) A It would have been the staff and
(4) faculty at the seminary, more than likely it
(5) would have been the chancellor and director of
(6) vocations of the Diocese of Bridgeport.
(7) Q Was there any record made, any record
(8) made of evaluation of you when you left the
(9) seminary, St. John's Seminary, at the end of your
(10) last year?
(11) MR. MURPHY: Evaluation by whom?
(12) BY MR. TREMONT:
(13) Q I don't know. Was there any made?
(14) A Evaluations were customary.
(15) Q Have you ever seen such an evaluation?
(16) A I don't recall seeing the one that you
(17) mentioned. In other words, prior to ordination.
(18) Q Do you know --
(19) A I don't even know if that exists. At
(20) least to my recollection.
(21) Q Now how was it determined where and
(22) when you were to be ordained? How was that
(23) determined?
(24) A I believe the priest in charge of the
(25) seminary would contact the individual bishop and

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(1) we would inform the bishop that the person had
(2) satisfactorily completed their course of studies
(3) and was not eligible to be ordained. The bishop
(4) would then approve of this and set up a time and
(5) place for ordination.
(6) Q Before you were ordained, did you have
(7) any knowledge of where you would be assigned as a
(8) priest?
(9) A No.
(10) Q Were you given any right to make any
(11) requests as to where you might be assigned or
(12) what duties you might have as a priest?
(13) A I had the right to make a personal
(14) recommendation, but subject to their approval.
(15) Q When did you make that personal
(16) recommendation? Is that before or after you are
(17) ordained?
(18) A I would say that had to be -- it would
(19) have had to have been done before ordination.
(20) Q To whom would it have been made?
(21) A Either the bishop or director of
(22) vocations.
(23) Q Was that --
(24) A Or to the seminary director.
(25) Q Was that on a regular form? Or do you

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(1) remember?
(2) A I don't believe so, no.
(3) Q How was that done?
(4) A Vocally.
(5) Q Vocally? And did you make such a

- (6) recommendation?
- (7) A I believe I may have. But I'm not 100
- (8) percent sure.
- (9) Q What did you ask for?
- (10) A I was looking for an ethnic parish.
- (11) Q What do you mean by an ethnic parish?
- (12) A St. Raphael's down the street for
- (13) example is an Italian parish.
- (14) Q You were looking for St. Raphael's?
- (15) A No, no. You asked me what an ethnic
- (16) parish was.
- (17) Q No, I said what were you looking for?
- (18) A I was looking for a Slovak parish.
- (19) Q So you were looking specifically for a
- (20) Slovak parish?
- (21) A That's correct.
- (22) Q Why were you looking for a Slovak
- (23) parish?
- (24) A My background is Slovak, I understood
- (25) the language to a degree; and having grown up in

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- (1) Slovak parishes, I was more familiar with that
- (2) particular type of priestly activity; customs and
- (3) so forth.
- (4) Q You say your knowledge of Slovak.
- (5) Were you able to read Slovakian?
- (6) A I can read Slovak.
- (7) Q Were you able to write it?
- (8) A I have a writing ability of it.
- (9) Q Back at the time that you became
- (10) ordained as a priest, were you able to read
- (11) Slovak?
- (12) A Reading, yes.
- (13) Q Could you write it?
- (14) A Basically.
- (15) Q Did you speak it?
- (16) A Basically.
- (17) Q Did you ever go to school, take any
- (18) education in the language?
- (19) A No.
- (20) Q Did you have church school or anything
- (21) where you learned Slovakian --
- (22) A Yes, I did.
- (23) Q At St. Cyril's?
- (24) A Yes, I did.
- (25) Q As a youngster?

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- (1) A Yes.
- (2) Q And did your parents speak Slovakian?
- (3) A Yes, they did.
- (4) Q When you were ordained, who performed
- (5) the ordination?
- (6) A Bishop Curtis.
- (7) Q Bishop Curtis. And do you recall at
- (8) that time how long he was bishop? Do you
- (9) remember? You may not --
- (10) A No, I don't know.
- (11) Q So it's fair to say then from the day
- (12) you were ordained up until the time that Egan
- (13) became bishop of Bridgeport, you were always
- (14) under the jurisdiction of Curtis as your
- (15) ordinary?
- (16) A As a priest, yes.
- (17) Q What was your first assignment?
- (18) A St. Benedict's in Stamford.
- (19) Q What kind of a parish is St.
- (20) Benedict's?
- (21) A It's a Slovak parish.
- (22) Q It's a Slovak parish.
- (23) And that's what you wanted?
- (24) A Yes.
- (25) Q How long were you at St. Benedict's?

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- (1) A I was ordained in '65. I believe
- (2) until '67, possibly '68. But I'm leaning toward
- (3) '67.
- (4) Q Now when you were at St. Benedict's,
- (5) -- where is that parish physically?

- (6) A Stamford.
- (7) Q What's the --
- (8) A The Cove section.
- (9) Q How many priests were at that parish?
- (10) A Myself and a pastor.
- (11) Q Who was the pastor?
- (12) A Grivalsky, Stephen.
- (13) Q Is he alive?
- (14) A No.
- (15) Q Do you know when he died?
- (16) It doesn't matter.
- (17) A No.
- (18) Q It was just the two of you?
- (19) A Just the two of us.
- (20) Q That was the entire time that you were
- (21) there?
- (22) A That's correct.
- (23) Q Did you ever have any sexual relations
- (24) with any of the alter boys at St. Benedict's?
- (25) A I refuse to answer that on the basis

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- (1) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (2) Q Did you ever molest or sexually --
- (3) well I will withdraw that.
- (4) Did you ever fondle or touch any of
- (5) the alter boys at St. Benedict's parish?
- (6) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (7) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (8) Q Do you know a M-001 ?
- (9) A The name is familiar.
- (10) Q How do you know M-001 ?
- (11) A I believe, if memory serves me
- (12) correctly, he was a parishioner of St.
- (13) Benedict's.
- (14) Q Was M-001 an alter boy at St.
- (15) Benedict's?
- (16) A Very possibly.
- (17) Q Could you tell me did you ever have
- (18) any sexual activity with M-001 ? In the
- (19) church at St. Benedict's?
- (20) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (21) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (22) Q We agree you were at St. Benedict's
- (23) sometime during 1965 through 1967?
- (24) A You are asking was I at St.
- (25) Benedict's.

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- (1) Q That's the years we are talking about
- (2) 1965 through 1967. I mean those two years?
- (3) A Would you repeat the question again.
- (4) Q Yes, those are the times you were at
- (5) St. Benedict's, you left there sometime in 1967?
- (6) A You are asking was I at St.
- (7) Benedict's.
- (8) Q Yeah, you left sometime in 1967 from
- (9) St. Benedict's?
- (10) A If you are asking did I leave St.
- (11) Benedict's in '67, yes.
- (12) Q So any activity that you had would
- (13) have -- at St. Benedict's or whatever might have
- (14) happened would have had to have terminated in
- (15) 1967, seeing that you left there in 1967.
- (16) A Can you rephrase that specifically.
- (17) Q That's no problem.
- (18) Now could you tell me what were the
- (19) living arrangements at St. Benedict's?
- (20) A I had -- well downstairs were the
- (21) living room, kitchen, parlors and upstairs was
- (22) living quarters and an office.
- (23) Q Now, was this a rectory?
- (24) A It was a rectory.
- (25) Q Was the building attached to the

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- (1) church or separate from the church?
- (2) A Separate.
- (3) Q Do you know who owned the building?
- (4) A The parish.
- (5) Q How did you get assigned to St.

- (6) Benedict's?
- (7) A I was appointed by Bishop Curtis.
- (8) Q How did it come about that you were
- (9) living at the rectory?
- (10) A That's ordinary -- it's expected.
- (11) Q Were you told to live at the rectory?
- (12) A It's hard to say being told to live.
- (13) It was expected that a priest assigned to a
- (14) parish would be expected to live at a rectory.
- (15) Q Let me ask you, who paid -- did you
- (16) pay rent?
- (17) A No.
- (18) Q Who fed you?
- (19) A The rectory cook.
- (20) Q The rectory cook. Did you pay for the
- (21) cook?
- (22) A I did not, no.
- (23) Q Housekeepers?
- (24) A No.
- (25) Q That was all furnished to you?

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- (1) A It's all furnished.
- (2) Q Was there somebody that took care of
- (3) the linens and washed?
- (4) A I'm sure there was, yes.
- (5) Q Well you didn't do your own washing;
- (6) did you?
- (7) A No.
- (8) Q Who paid for that?
- (9) A The rectory.
- (10) Q Who paid for the electricity?
- (11) A Rectory.
- (12) Q At that time back in 1965 while you
- (13) were at St. Benedict's, did -- what kind of garb
- (14) would you normally wear in public?
- (15) A Black suit and collar.
- (16) Q Was there any requirement that you
- (17) wore that?
- (18) A I believe it was the custom at the
- (19) time.
- (20) Q Could you wear anything you chose to
- (21) wear?
- (22) A I believe the custom at the time was
- (23) that if you were on parish business, you wore the
- (24) black suit and collar, otherwise you can wear
- (25) whatever you want.

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- (1) Q When you say the custom at the time,
- (2) was that -- in other words was that a rule, if
- (3) you will, of the diocese?
- (4) A It was -- I suppose you can call it a
- (5) rule if you will, yes.
- (6) Q In other words, when you were on --
- (7) when you were on duty, if you will, or you were
- (8) in public on business as opposed to --
- (9) A You were expected to dress clerical --
- (10) Q You were expected to dress clerically?
- (11) A Yes.
- (12) Q To identify yourself as a priest if
- (13) you would?
- (14) A That's correct.
- (15) Q Now, were you able to take vacations
- (16) at that time?
- (17) A Yes.
- (18) Q Could you take vacations as much as
- (19) you wanted?
- (20) A No.
- (21) Q Who determined your vacations?
- (22) A Well I would recommend to the pastor
- (23) when I would like to take a vacation and he would
- (24) approve or not approve.
- (25) Q As far as the rectory itself, you told

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- (1) us that there were -- well there were bedrooms on
- (2) the second floor, is that what you said? Living
- (3) quarters on the second floor?
- (4) A Living quarters.
- (5) Q For the two priests?

- (6) A And the housekeeper.
- (7) Q And the housekeeper. Who was the
- (8) housekeeper?
- (9) A The pastor's sisters.
- (10) Q The pastor's sister?
- (11) A Two sisters.
- (12) Q So there were two housekeepers?
- (13) A Yes.
- (14) Q Do you remember their names?
- (15) A Betty and Rita.
- (16) Q Are they alive?
- (17) A Betty is, Rita, not.
- (18) Q Where is Betty?
- (19) A I have no knowledge.
- (20) Q Were there any rules in regard to the
- (21) rectory as to -- let me go piece by piece.
- (22) Any rules in regard to persons using
- (23) the rectory, living in the rectory?
- (24) MR. MURPHY: In other words, who
- (25) could live in the rectory?

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- (1) MR. TREMONT: Yes.
- (2) BY THE WITNESS:
- (3) A Other than the housekeeper and -- do
- (4) you mean to ask in this particular rectory who
- (5) lived there?
- (6) Q I'm asking when you were at St.
- (7) Benedict's in 1965 and '66 and part of '67, were
- (8) there any kind of rules in regard to who could
- (9) live in the rectory?
- (10) A I'm not aware of any specified rules,
- (11) no.
- (12) Q Was it your impression that anyone
- (13) could live in the rectory?
- (14) A My impression was that clergy or --
- (15) clergy or clergy-related people would be at the
- (16) rectory.
- (17) Q Was there any rules in regard to
- (18) persons, let's say females outside of the
- (19) housekeepers coming up into the living area or
- (20) the bedrooms? Any restrictions or rules about
- (21) that?
- (22) A Well there was an office on the second
- (23) floor, the secretary would be there.
- (24) Q That's the same floor as the bedrooms?
- (25) A Yes.

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- (1) Q So there was no restrictions regarding
- (2) whom you might have in your bedroom?
- (3) A I'm not aware of any restrictions as
- (4) such.
- (5) Q So that when you were at St.
- (6) Benedict's, in other words, there was nothing
- (7) from the diocese, there was no rule or there was
- (8) no order or there was nothing that came through
- (9) that stated for example that you could -- that a
- (10) priest could not have a woman in his bedroom?
- (11) A Are you asking was there a law to
- (12) that --
- (13) Q Well not a law, a rule?
- (14) A I wasn't familiar with anything
- (15) written down of that nature.
- (16) Q Nothing was described that you knew
- (17) of?
- (18) A Nothing, no.
- (19) Q What about having children in your
- (20) bedroom? Was there any diocesan rule or any
- (21) promulgation that you couldn't have children up
- (22) in the bedroom?
- (23) A Same answer. Nothing that I've seen.
- (24) Q That disallowed that?
- (25) A Nothing in print, right.

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- (1) Q And you did in fact have children up
- (2) in your bedroom when you were at St. Benedict's
- (3) did you not?
- (4) A I refuse to answer on the grounds of
- (5) Fifth Amendment.

- (6) Q You are not answering that on the
(7) grounds of the Fifth Amendment?
(8) A Yes.
(9) Q Did you have any women in your room at
(10) St. Benedict's?
(11) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
(12) of the Fifth Amendment as well.
(13) Q Did you have any discussions with the
(14) pastor regarding any complaints made by
(15) parishioners regarding the activity -- any
(16) activity that you might be involved in while you
(17) were at St. Benedict's?
(18) A Can you repeat that, please?
(19) Q Yes. Did you ever have any discussion
(20) with the pastor about complaints which may have
(21) been made regarding your conduct at St.
(22) Benedict's?
(23) A No.
(24) Q Now outside of yourself and the
(25) pastor, were there any other priests that either

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- (1) stayed at the rectory on a long-term basis or
(2) might have come and stayed regularly to serve at
(3) the parish such as a priest from a religious
(4) order that might come down and say mass on a
(5) regular basis to help out on --
(6) A That was possibly the case. I don't
(7) recall exactly, but from time to time there were
(8) visiting priests who stayed at the rectory, yes.
(9) Q Was there any visiting priest that
(10) stayed there on a more regular basis?
(11) A Possibly. I'm not totally sure of
(12) that.
(13) Q Do you remember the name of --
(14) A I don't remember a name.
(15) Q Incidentally, when you were up at
(16) Bethel, was there a Jesuit that stayed up at
(17) Bethel that was -- that was taking courses at
(18) Fairfield University from India?
(19) A He was not a Jesuit, but he was at
(20) residence at the rectory.
(21) Q What was his name?
(22) A Anthony. Don't ask me to spell the
(23) last name.
(24) Q Try to pronounce it?
(25) A Kirupakaran.

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- (1) Q And he stayed there while he was
(2) taking courses at Fairfield?
(3) A That's correct.
(4) Q Do you know where he is now?
(5) A I haven't the slightest. I really
(6) don't know.
(7) Q How long was he up at Bethel?
(8) A I don't know.
(9) Q Approximately?
(10) A He was there when I got there, but I
(11) don't know prior to that how long he had been
(12) there.
(13) Q Did you have young men in the bedroom
(14) with you sleeping overnight when you were in
(15) Bethel at St. Mary's parish?
(16) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
(17) of the Fifth Amendment.
(18) MR. SWEENEY: Counselor, we just
(19) passed the 3:30 point. That would be a
(20) convenient point to have a mid
(21) afternoon break.
(22) MR. TREMONT: Do you want a five
(23) or ten minute break?
(24) MR. SWEENEY: I think we can
(25) benefit from it.

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- (1) (Whereby, a brief recess was
(2) taken.)
(3) BY MR. TREMONT:
(4) Q Now during the time that you were at
(5) St. Benedict's -- I will withdraw that.

- (6) Could you explain to me what you
(7) believed, your relationship was with Bishop
(8) Curtis at the time you became ordained and you
(9) became a priest attached to the Diocese of
(10) Bridgeport?
(11) A My relationship with him?
(12) Q Yes.
(13) A He was my bishop.
(14) Q What did you understand that to mean?
(15) A Spiritual director of the diocese of
(16) which I was working.
(17) Q What is that? What does that mean in
(18) regard to your duties to him and his duties to
(19) you, if you will?
(20) A Well basically I would say that after
(21) the pastor, I was an extension of the Bishop
(22) Curtis working with the people in the parish to
(23) which I was assigned.
(24) Q What do you mean when you say after
(25) the pastor?

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- (1) A Well the pastor is technically --
(2) technically the pastor is the direct arm of the
(3) bishop to make the bishop's task easier in the
(4) diocese. The bishop is the spiritual leader of
(5) the diocese. Since he can't be in all places all
(6) times, pastors are appointed. And since they
(7) can't be in all times, assistants are appointed.
(8) Q Did you believe that you had a duty to
(9) obey your bishop?
(10) A Certainly.
(11) Q In matters of faith and morals?
(12) A Certainly.
(13) Q Was it in fact the bishop who
(14) determined your assignment? In other words,
(15) ultimately it was the bishop who determined your
(16) assignment --
(17) A Yes.
(18) Q -- of any church.
(19) Was it the bishop who directed your
(20) general policy and conduct in regard to the
(21) community? If you understand that question?
(22) A No, I don't understand that.
(23) Q For instance we mentioned dress --
(24) A Yes.
(25) Q -- that in effect depending on the

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- (1) ordinary of the diocese, you might be requested
(2) or required to dress in a certain fashion?
(3) A Certainly.
(4) Q Did that also apply to living
(5) accommodations that the bishop --
(6) A Yes, I would imagine so.
(7) Q Would it be the -- in order to avoid
(8) scandal for example, would it be -- did you
(9) understand that if the bishop chose to say that
(10) for example this priest in this diocese should
(11) not go to a race track or go to highly --
(12) A Certainly.
(13) Q -- in clerical garb, that this would
(14) be conduct that you would have to follow?
(15) A Certainly.
(16) Q So that in effect, is it fair to say
(17) that you consider yourself more than an employee
(18) of the Diocese of Bridgeport?
(19) A Based on what you just described?
(20) Q Generally, yes.
(21) A Not based on what you've described.
(22) Q But did you consider yourself --
(23) A If I were the director of a business,
(24) I would expect the same of my employees.
(25) Q That the bishop does of you?

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- (1) A And the -- in the areas you've
(2) described.
(3) Q Well, do you consider yourself just an
(4) employee of the Diocese of Bridgeport?
(5) A No, I consider myself a priest and a

- (6) employee of the diocese.
- (7) Q What is the difference between being a
- (8) priest and being an employee?
- (9) A To me it's being a member of the
- (10) spiritual family.
- (11) Q While you were at St. Benedict's,
- (12) what were your duties? As assistant pastor?
- (13) A As assistant pastor, right.
- (14) Q What were your duties?
- (15) A To function in whatever capacity the
- (16) pastor wanted me to.
- (17) Q What were those functions?
- (18) A Since there were two of us there,
- (19) basically it involved a little bit of all the
- (20) activities in the parish. Men's clubs, women's
- (21) clubs, youth groups, liturgy.
- (22) Q As far as the men's club is concerned,
- (23) what is --
- (24) A Holy Name society is the --
- (25) Q What would be your duties in regard to

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- (1) something like that?
- (2) A To spiritually preside at meetings, to
- (3) give the officers suggestions on how they would
- (4) benefit the parish.
- (5) Q What youth groups were there?
- (6) A There was what used to be called a
- (7) CYO. Catholic Youth Organization.
- (8) Q What was the CYO?
- (9) A It was the parish youth group.
- (10) Q Who ran the CYO in a sense?
- (11) A If you're asking who was given charge
- (12) of that, I was.
- (13) Q You as what, as an assistant pastor?
- (14) A As an assistant, right.
- (15) Q Was it run through the parish? In
- (16) other words -- let me make two suggestions to
- (17) you. You have a boy scout troop, okay, and the
- (18) boy scout troop meets at St. Benedict's Church.
- (19) I would not consider the boy scout troop as being
- (20) run by the parish.
- (21) A Correct.
- (22) Q Now what I'm asking in regard to the
- (23) Catholic Youth Organization, the CYO, is that
- (24) specifically a parish organization?
- (25) A It's a diocesan organization that's

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- (1) broken down into the --
- (2) Q So the CYO is run by the diocese in
- (3) the sense that it -- well you tell me.
- (4) A The organization as such had a
- (5) director on a diocesan basis and each parish was
- (6) responsible for its own CYO activities.
- (7) Q So each parish, through the diocese
- (8) was required to have a CYO?
- (9) A Where possible, yes.
- (10) Q There were certain programs that
- (11) related to the CYO throughout the diocese?
- (12) A That's correct.
- (13) Q And you, as the assistant pastor or
- (14) associate pastor, at St. Benedict's was in charge
- (15) of the CYO there?
- (16) A For -- right, I would say most of the
- (17) time.
- (18) Q What were the ages of the youth at the
- (19) CYO?
- (20) A Usually high school age.
- (21) Q Was there a parochial school at St.
- (22) Benedict's?
- (23) A No, there was not.
- (24) Q Did you have anything to do with the
- (25) alter boys at St. Benedict's?

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- (1) A Yes, I did.
- (2) Q What did you have to do?
- (3) A Training procedures, how to serve
- (4) mass, making schedules.
- (5) Q Let me ask you, when you got to St.

- (6) Benedict's, did you replace anyone?
- (7) A Yes and no. The priest that I
- (8) replaced was an elderly priest who was really
- (9) more in residence than an actual assistant. The
- (10) parish itself, to my knowledge, called for only
- (11) one priest, namely a pastor. But the pastor was
- (12) ill and so it necessitated an assistant pastor at
- (13) that particular time.
- (14) Q So --
- (15) A And that's why I was appointed.
- (16) Q In other words, the pastor of the
- (17) parish whom you mentioned before, what was his
- (18) name?
- (19) A Grinvalsky.
- (20) Q He was ill?
- (21) A He was, yes.
- (22) Q Before you got there, there was
- (23) someone else that was assisting him?
- (24) A It was someone else assisting him.
- (25) Q But because he was ill?

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- (1) A He was ill and aged. So yes.
- (2) Q That you --
- (3) A He left when I came.
- (4) Q Oh, --
- (5) A No, Grinvalsky stayed, the other
- (6) priest left.
- (7) Q But the other one left. So was
- (8) Grinvalsky?
- (9) A Grinvalsky.
- (10) Q Was he ill or was he healthy?
- (11) A No, he was ill.
- (12) Q So the one that left was also ill?
- (13) A Right.
- (14) Q There were two ill pastors?
- (15) A Correct. Able to work, but modified.
- (16) Q In effect both of them trying to do
- (17) one job?
- (18) A Correct, exactly.
- (19) Q Part-time each?
- (20) A That's correct.
- (21) Q Now, how many alter boys were over
- (22) there?
- (23) A I have no recollection.
- (24) Q How did you train the alter boys?
- (25) A I would teach them the various places

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- (1) at the mass and their activities in mass and
- (2) processions and other liturgical functions.
- (3) Q Was this the training of the alter
- (4) boys and the teaching of the alter boys, was this
- (5) specifically part of the church function, was it
- (6) not, for the -- for mass and funerals --
- (7) A The facilitating a function, right.
- (8) Q That was the only reason you would use
- (9) alter boys, is that a fair statement? You would
- (10) use them for liturgical purposes only?
- (11) A Liturgical purposes, right.
- (12) Q The liturgical purposes of the
- (13) Catholic church?
- (14) A That's correct.
- (15) Q In teaching the alter boys, is there a
- (16) certain procedure that --
- (17) A There's a manual of sorts.
- (18) Q Who puts out the manual; do you know?
- (19) A Could be obtained most anywhere.
- (20) Q But there is some kind of an official
- (21) church manual, --
- (22) A I don't know if you would officially
- (23) call it such, but there is a manual in
- (24) procedures.
- (25) Q That is given to priests or pastors

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- (1) that can be used, in other words to train --
- (2) A Yeah, it's available to the priests
- (3) certainly.
- (4) Q So that there's some kind of
- (5) uniformity?

- (6) A Uniformity, exactly.
- (7) Q In the manner in which alter boys aid
- (8) in the liturgical process in the diocese in
- (9) Bridgeport?
- (10) A That's correct.
- (11) Q I assume from what I've read that the
- (12) ordinary of the diocese has something to say in
- (13) regard to who might be a server, male, female for
- (14) instance?
- (15) A Yes.
- (16) Q And at the time that we're talking
- (17) about back in 1965 through '67 at St. Benedict's,
- (18) you only had male alter servers?
- (19) A That was true of most every parish.
- (20) Q At that time.
- (21) A At that time, yes.
- (22) Q When you were at Sacred Heart in
- (23) Greenwich in 1989 through 1993, were there only
- (24) male servers or were there both sexes?
- (25) A There were only male, but the

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- (1) speculation was coming in until ultimately now
- (2) it's available to --
- (3) Q But at that point it was only male?
- (4) A Only male.
- (5) Q It's presently --
- (6) A Either or.
- (7) Q At the discretion of the pastor, is
- (8) it?
- (9) A At the discretion of each bishop and
- (10) then at the discretion of the pastor.
- (11) Q In this diocese?
- (12) A I couldn't tell you what's exactly
- (13) mandated in this diocese.
- (14) Q Now, were you ever advised that Bishop
- (15) Egan personally was holding your personnel file?
- (16) Did he ever tell you that?
- (17) A Did he ever tell me that he was
- (18) personally holding my --
- (19) Q Holding it, yeah, physically?
- (20) A No.
- (21) Q Did Monsignor Bronkiewicz tell you
- (22) that?
- (23) A That Monsignor Egan was personally
- (24) holding my personnel file?
- (25) Q Yes.

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- (1) A I don't believe so.
- (2) Q While you were at St. Benedict's did
- (3) you teach any place?
- (4) A I taught at St. Mary's Boys High
- (5) School.
- (6) Q Where is St. Mary's Boys High School?
- (7) A Well it was on North Street in
- (8) Greenwich.
- (9) Q What was the configuration of the
- (10) enrollment in that school? Was it four years
- (11) or --
- (12) A It was a four year high school.
- (13) Q Four year regular high school that we
- (14) know of as freshman through senior?
- (15) A Yes.
- (16) Q From its name, I assume there were
- (17) only boys there at that time?
- (18) A At that time there were only boys.
- (19) Q What did you teach there?
- (20) A I taught a course in religion.
- (21) Q How often did you teach there?
- (22) A Possibly three times a week.
- (23) Q What were the -- I will withdraw that.
- (24) You taught there for one year?
- (25) A One year.

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- (1) Q During that year, do you remember what
- (2) class you taught?
- (3) A I taught the freshman class.
- (4) Q The freshman class.
- (5) Who was the principal in charge of

- (6) that school?
- (7) A I think there was a change of
- (8) principals while I was there, but I believe
- (9) Father Galla was the principal when I was there.
- (10) Q Was that Father Galla from the
- (11) Bridgeport Diocese?
- (12) A In the Bridgeport Diocese, yes.
- (13) Q Was that Frank Galla?
- (14) A Frank.
- (15) Q Now he was the principal. And about
- (16) how many students were at that high school? If
- (17) you recall?
- (18) A The entire high school?
- (19) Q If you recall?
- (20) A Between 350, 400.
- (21) Q What kind of a religion course did you
- (22) teach?
- (23) A I don't recall specifically, it was
- (24) basic freshman religion.
- (25) Q Did you ever sexually touch or fondle

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- (1) any of the students at St. Mary's High School as
- (2) you taught at that school?
- (3) A I refuse to answer that on the grounds
- (4) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (5) Q Now, how did it come about that you
- (6) left St. Benedict's?
- (7) A It was simple transfer to another
- (8) parish.
- (9) Q Did you request the transfer?
- (10) A At the time if I recall correctly, I
- (11) did request -- at least I requested that they
- (12) look into a possible transfer, yes.
- (13) Q Did you do that in writing?
- (14) A I don't recall if I did or not.
- (15) Q Was there a procedure whereby you made
- (16) such a request in writing?
- (17) A I'm not sure what that procedure was
- (18) at that particular time in history.
- (19) Q To whom would you have made that
- (20) request?
- (21) A At the time it would have been one of
- (22) the members of the priest personnel board.
- (23) Q Do you recall who was in charge of the
- (24) priest personnel board at that time?
- (25) A I'm trying to think. I believe it

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- (1) could have been Monsignor Toomy.
- (2) Q Could you tell me as you understood it
- (3) how did the priest personnel board work in 1967?
- (4) A I have no idea.
- (5) Q Why did you request the transfer?
- (6) A My relationship with the pastor wasn't
- (7) overly friendly.
- (8) Q Could you explain that to me.
- (9) A We had I guess some personality
- (10) difficulty.
- (11) Q How did that manifest itself?
- (12) A We would constantly be arguing with
- (13) each other and we had difficulties, I guess,
- (14) communicating.
- (15) Q Do you know whether he requested that
- (16) you be transferred?
- (17) A I have no knowledge as to whether he
- (18) did or not.
- (19) Q Well did you ever discuss with him the
- (20) difficulties that you had?
- (21) A We made efforts on a number of
- (22) occasions and when that didn't work, I went to
- (23) see Monsignor Toomy, I believe it was, to see if
- (24) something could be done.
- (25) Q Could you tell me to where you were

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- (1) transferred?
- (2) A To St. John's in Bridgeport.
- (3) Q When were you transferred to St.
- (4) John's; do you remember?
- (5) A Subject to correction, I believe at

- (6) the end of 1967.
- (7) Q Where was St. John's located?
- (8) A On the east side of Bridgeport.
- (9) Q Specifically.
- (10) A Jane Street.
- (11) Q That would have been not far from
- (12) where you originally were brought up on Hallock
- (13) Street?
- (14) A That's correct.
- (15) Q Was St. John's a Slovak parish?
- (16) A Yes, it was.
- (17) Q What's the difference between -- is
- (18) there any difference between St. Cyril's and
- (19) St. John's or was there any difference in
- (20) regard to the parishes? I mean --
- (21) A No difference.
- (22) Q They were both ethnic Slovak parishes?
- (23) A That's correct.
- (24) Q Before you got to St. John's, did you
- (25) know people that were members of that parish?

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- (1) A Very many.
- (2) Q How did you know those people?
- (3) A As you stated, I grew up in the
- (4) neighborhood.
- (5) Q Is it fair to say that you knew
- (6) persons, let's say, that were about your age,
- (7) maybe a little younger, maybe a little older that
- (8) had remained members of that parish and that were
- (9) in the -- that were married and had families that
- (10) you had either grown up with or gone to school
- (11) with?
- (12) A That would be a fair assumption, yes.
- (13) Q When you got to St. John's, where did
- (14) you live?
- (15) A At the rectory.
- (16) Q Was the rectory attached to the church
- (17) or separate from the church?
- (18) A Separate.
- (19) Q Who was the pastor of St. John's?
- (20) A Albert Tomasko.
- (21) Q Is Father Tomasko alive?
- (22) A No.
- (23) Q Who else was at the parish?
- (24) A Assigned to the parish was myself and
- (25) Father Tomasko.

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- (1) Q You remained at the parish through
- (2) September of 1973? Does that seem about right?
- (3) A That seems about right.
- (4) Q Do you remember when the parish
- (5) closed?
- (6) A I would say five, six years ago. But
- (7) that's again subject to correction.
- (8) Q From the time that you were in the
- (9) parish approximately six years, correct?
- (10) A '67 to '83?
- (11) Q '73.
- (12) A Excuse me. '67 to '73? Yes, give or
- (13) take. That's --
- (14) Q Was there any other priest that lived
- (15) on a regular basis in the rectory besides you and
- (16) Father Tomasko?
- (17) A I'm trying to recall. There were
- (18) priests who came in for various parish functions.
- (19) I don't think it was anybody who regularly lived
- (20) there, no.
- (21) Q Do you play the piano?
- (22) A Do I play the piano? No.
- (23) Q Do you play an organ?
- (24) A I dabble.
- (25) Q You dabble. Did you ever own an

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- (1) organ?
- (2) A I had an organ, yes.
- (3) Q Did you have an organ at St. John's?
- (4) A Yes, I did.
- (5) Q You didn't have one at St. Benedict's,

- (6) did you?
- (7) A I don't think so, no.
- (8) Q There were no other priests then that
- (9) were assigned on a permanent basis besides
- (10) yourself and Father Tomasko at any time?
- (11) A Not my recollection, no.
- (12) Q Now as far as priests that would come
- (13) over, were there any priests that remained there
- (14) for -- when I say a period of time, a time more
- (15) than a month or so?
- (16) A Usually for never more than a month.
- (17) Q Do you remember any of the priests
- (18) that stayed over there?
- (19) A There was one by the name of Mihok,
- (20) Louis is the first name.
- (21) Q What was he?
- (22) A He was a Franciscan priest, came to
- (23) cover for vacations.
- (24) Q But the church itself was a diocesan
- (25) church?

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- (1) A Diocesan church.
- (2) Q It wasn't run by an order?
- (3) A Not an order.
- (4) We had Jesuits who came regularly on a
- (5) Sunday.
- (6) Q To say mass?
- (7) A But different ones every time and they
- (8) wouldn't...
- (9) Q Now, could you tell me, describe the
- (10) rectory at St. John's?
- (11) A Living room, kitchen, dining room,
- (12) offices.
- (13) Q On the first floor?
- (14) A On the first floor. And apartments on
- (15) the second floor.
- (16) Q Was there a third floor?
- (17) A I believe there was a third floor,
- (18) yes.
- (19) Q As far as the second floor is
- (20) concerned, when you say apartments, what do you
- (21) mean by apartments? Can you explain that to me?
- (22) A Well the pastor had an area where he
- (23) lived, I had an area where I lived, visiting
- (24) priests would have an area where they lived.
- (25) Q So there were three areas. Now what

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- (1) did your area consist of for instance?
- (2) What did your area consist of?
- (3) A I had a two room suite.
- (4) Q And what do you mean by -- what was a
- (5) two room suite?
- (6) A It was a bedroom and a study.
- (7) Q Did you have a bathroom?
- (8) A And a bathroom.
- (9) Q That was part of your suite?
- (10) A It was outside, but --
- (11) Q Well did you share the bathroom
- (12) with --
- (13) A No.
- (14) Q So it was part -- it was your own
- (15) private --
- (16) A Yes, right.
- (17) Q During the time that you were at St.
- (18) John's, did you have a beard or did you shave?
- (19) A Did I have a beard?
- (20) Q Did you wear a beard or did you shave?
- (21) A No, I shaved.
- (22) Q And did you have a mustache or were
- (23) you clean shaven?
- (24) A I don't believe I had that at St.
- (25) John's.

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- (1) Q Did you use an electric razor or did
- (2) you use just a regular razor?
- (3) A I don't know.
- (4) Q You don't remember?
- (5) A Sorry.

- (6) Q You don't remember?
- (7) A No.
- (8) Q You don't remember whether you shaved
- (9) with an electric razor or regular razor?
- (10) A That's correct.
- (11) Q Let me ask you now, how do you shave?
- (12) A Now mostly with electric.
- (13) Q Electric?
- (14) A Mm-hm.
- (15) Q And did you ever shave with a straight
- (16) razor or -- I say not a straight, a Gillette or a
- (17) a safety razor --
- (18) A Yes, sure.
- (19) Q Do you remember using safety razor
- (20) back in the '60s and '70s?
- (21) A I really don't recall, no.
- (22) Q You don't remember?
- (23) A No.
- (24) Q Not at all?
- (25) A No.

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- (1) Q Now there was a boy scout troop, was
- (2) there not, at St. John's?
- (3) A Yes, there was.
- (4) Q Where did the boy scout troop meet?
- (5) A I believe they met in the church hall.
- (6) Q Did you have any relationship or
- (7) involvement with the boy scout troop?
- (8) A Can you be more specific?
- (9) Q Yeah, I mean did you have anything to
- (10) do with the boy scouts?
- (11) A I was -- I suppose you would call it a
- (12) chaplain.
- (13) Q Their chaplain. So you did attend --
- (14) A I attended meetings, yes.
- (15) Q As far as your duties at St. John's,
- (16) were they different than your duties at St.
- (17) Benedict's?
- (18) A Basically the same.
- (19) Q Now, was Father Tomasko, was he in
- (20) good health?
- (21) A He was in good health, yes.
- (22) Q Was this a parish that required two
- (23) priests?
- (24) A Yes, it did.
- (25) Q As opposed to St. Benedict's?

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- (1) A That's correct.
- (2) Q Larger parish?
- (3) A Larger parish.
- (4) Q Did not St. John's also have a
- (5) parochial school attached to it?
- (6) A Yes, they did.
- (7) Q Now, the parochial school was staffed
- (8) by nuns?
- (9) A Nuns, yes. Lay teachers and nuns.
- (10) Q Lay teachers and nuns.
- (11) Do you recall the order of nuns that
- (12) were there?
- (13) A The Notre Dame nuns of Wilton.
- (14) Q Of Wilton; and they had a convent?
- (15) A Yes, they had a convent.
- (16) Q And where was the -- let's talk for a
- (17) moment about the location of the church, the
- (18) school, the rectory and the convent.
- (19) MR. MURPHY: The physical
- (20) location?
- (21) MR. TREMONT: Yes, just generally.
- (22) BY THE WITNESS:
- (23) A The church was on the corner of Jane
- (24) and Brook Street. Rectory was on Jane Street
- (25)

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- (1) directly behind the church. The school was at
- (2) the next block of Jane Street diagonally across
- (3) the street and the convent was directly opposite
- (4) the church on Brook Street.
- (5) Q Now, did you have anything to do with
- (6) the school?

- (7) A Only as an assistant pastor at the
- (8) parish.
- (9) Q What did that mean?
- (10) A I didn't teach, but I would go over
- (11) and give lectures occasionally, have a workshop
- (12) in religion, celebrate various liturgical
- (13) functions.
- (14) Q That was a grammar school?
- (15) A It was grammar school and two years of
- (16) high school.
- (17) Q So it was similar to St. Cyril's?
- (18) A Very similar to St. Cyril's yes.
- (19) Q 16 years being the age that you no
- (20) longer had to compulsorily attend school and the
- (21) school terminating -- when I say the second year
- (22) or the age of 16?
- (23) A Two years, right.
- (24) Q Do you recall the principal of the
- (25) school? While you were there?

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- (1) A No, I don't recall her name, no.
- (2) Q That school closed down at some point?
- (3) A Yes, it did.
- (4) Q And the school I understand closed
- (5) down before the church did, the parish?
- (6) A Yes.
- (7) Q Did the school close down while you
- (8) were there?
- (9) A Yes, it did.
- (10) Q Do you recall approximately when the
- (11) school closed down?
- (12) A Approximately '70, '71.
- (13) Q Sometime roughly in the middle of your
- (14) term there?
- (15) A Yes.
- (16) Q At the time the school closed down,
- (17) did the nuns leave the convent?
- (18) A Yes.
- (19) Q So the convent became vacant?
- (20) A Vacant building.
- (21) Q Did you ever have sexual relations
- (22) with a female student in the convent?
- (23) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (24) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (25) Q Was there any complaint made to the

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- (1) pastor regarding your activity with the female as
- (2) well as male students while you were an assistant
- (3) pastor at St. John's?
- (4) A Would you repeat that, please?
- (5) Q Yes, was there any complaints made to
- (6) the pastor at St. John's that you know of
- (7) regarding your conduct with the students and the
- (8) children that were parishioners at St. John's
- (9) while you were an assistant pastor?
- (10) A Not to my knowledge.
- (11) Q Was there any policy in the Diocese of
- (12) Bridgeport that might have been promulgated by
- (13) the bishop or his officers, his representatives
- (14) regarding the persons who could live in the
- (15) rectory at St. John's while you were there?
- (16) A I wasn't aware of ever seeing anything
- (17) written of that nature.
- (18) Q Was there any restrictions as to
- (19) individuals who might be allowed in the living
- (20) quarters of the rectory at St. John's?
- (21) A Was --
- (22) Q Promulgated by the bishop or the
- (23) diocese?
- (24) A Unknown to me. I really don't
- (25) remember ever seeing anything in print.

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- (1) Q Were you ever told about anything?
- (2) A Don't recall.
- (3) Q Well, were you ever told for example
- (4) that you could not have a minor, a child in one
- (5) of the bedrooms --
- (6) A Was I told that?

- (7) Q In the rectory?
- (8) A Was I told that?
- (9) Q Yes.
- (10) A Not to my knowledge.
- (11) Q Did the pastor ever indicate to you
- (12) that that was a prohibition?
- (13) A Not to my knowledge, no.
- (14) Q Do you recall seeing children on the
- (15) - in the living apartments that were on the
- (16) second floor of the rectory at St. John's?
- (17) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (18) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (19) Q You refuse to answer whether you ever
- (20) saw children there? Is that what you're saying?
- (21) A That's what I said, on the basis of
- (22) the Fifth Amendment privilege.
- (23) Q Did you ever have any children in the
- (24) - in your quarters in the bedroom of St. John's
- (25) in your apartment?

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- (1) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (2) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (3) Q Did you ever tie any students naked to
- (4) the bed while you were an assistant pastor on the
- (5) second floor rectory at St. John's in Bridgeport?
- (6) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (7) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (8) Q Was there a housekeeper that lived in
- (9) at St. John's?
- (10) A Yes, there was.
- (11) Q And where did that housekeeper live?
- (12) A She had her own quarters in the
- (13) rectory.
- (14) Q On what floor?
- (15) A On the second floor.
- (16) Q On the second floor? And do you
- (17) recall who the housekeeper was?
- (18) A The pastor's sister.
- (19) Q It was the pastor's sister. And what
- (20) was her name?
- (21) A Dorothy.
- (22) Q Is she alive or dead or do you know?
- (23) A I have no knowledge at the present.
- (24) Q Were those the only persons that were
- (25) living there with the exception of a visiting

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- (1) priest on occasion? Yourself, Dorothy and the
- (2) pastor?
- (3) A Yes.
- (4) Q Now, did you have altar boys at St.
- (5) John's?
- (6) A Yes, we did.
- (7) Q Who was in charge of the altar boys?
- (8) A I was.
- (9) Q In regard to the altar boys, did you
- (10) train these boys as well?
- (11) A Yes.
- (12) Q How would you train them?
- (13) A The same as at St. Benedict's. In the
- (14) functions of the mass and the liturgical
- (15) processions and activities.
- (16) Q In the course of training these boys,
- (17) would you ever fondle them?
- (18) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (19) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (20) Q As you trained these boys, and as they
- (21) said mass and left the altar, would you ever hug
- (22) them, kiss them or touch them on the buttocks?
- (23) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (24) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (25) Q Now, did you ever bring any of the

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- (1) altar boys that were at St. John's up to your
- (2) place in New Hampshire?
- (3) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (4) of the Fifth Amendment.
- (5) Q While you were at St. Benedict's, did
- (6) you ever seek psychological or psychiatric

- (7) attention?
- (8) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (9) of medical doctor/patient relationship.
- (10) Q While you were at St. John's in
- (11) Bridgeport, did you ever seek psychological or
- (12) psychiatric care and attention?
- (13) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
- (14) of doctor/patient relationship.
- (15) Q Did you have any interviews - I will
- (16) withdraw that.
- (17) Were you ever contacted while you were
- (18) at St. Benedict's or St. John's up through the
- (19) time you left St. John's by a representative of
- (20) the diocese regarding a complaint which may have
- (21) been made against you?
- (22) A Not to my recollection.
- (23) Q Did you ever discuss with a spiritual
- (24) advisor the fact that you had a problem keeping
- (25) your hands and the rest of your body away from

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- (1) children?
- (2) MR. MURPHY: I'm going to object
- (3) to the form of that question.
- (4) BY THE WITNESS:
- (5) A I was just going to object.
- (6) Q You are going to object.
- (7) A My attorney just objected for me,
- (8) but -
- (9) Q Will you answer the question?
- (10) A I object based on the Fifth Amendment
- (11) and medical doctor/client relationship.
- (12) Q How many times - let's get back to
- (13) St. Benedict's and St. John's. How many times
- (14) did you meet Bishop Curtis, let's say, during
- (15) those first five, six, seven years of the
- (16) diocese? How many times would you meet him
- (17) privately, I say privately, let's say sit down in
- (18) his office or some other place as opposed to a
- (19) general function that he was giving, communion at
- (20) the church or something, or having confirmation?
- (21) A Very few times. But I don't recall
- (22) how many.
- (23) Q What would be the reasons for such
- (24) meetings?
- (25) A Transfers.

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- (1) Q Why don't you explain that to me. You
- (2) were transferred from St. Benedict's to St.
- (3) John's, okay, I believe we've established that?
- (4) A Yes.
- (5) Q Would you have met the bishop, do you
- (6) remember, in regard to that transfer?
- (7) A It's very possible. I don't recall
- (8) exactly. But it's possible.
- (9) Q What was the procedure that would be
- (10) followed in that regard? I mean what would be
- (11) the normal procedure?
- (12) A I have no idea what the normal
- (13) procedure would be.
- (14) Q What was the procedure in your case?
- (15) A How a transfer was handled?
- (16) Q In other words, in regard to meeting
- (17) with the bishop.
- (18) A If I recall correctly, I was called by
- (19) the personnel board to advise me of the transfer
- (20) and then I believe, subject to correction, but I
- (21) believe I also spoke with the bishop as he
- (22) announced that I was being transferred.
- (23) Q In other words you went to see him?
- (24) A I'm not sure I went to see him. It's
- (25) very possible -

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- (1) Q Did he come to see you?
- (2) A No, I went to his - but I mean I
- (3) don't think I initiated the visit.
- (4) Q In other words, he asked to see you?
- (5) A I would say that he asked, right.
- (6) Q Let me ask you this: Would that

- (7) normally be the situation in this diocese that
 (8) you didn't ask to see the bishop, but if the
 (9) bishop wanted to, he would ask to see you; is
 (10) that it? Is that the way –
 (11) A I don't know what the policy is, but
 (12) – well I have to answer I don't know what the
 (13) policy is.
 (14) Q Let me ask you, did you feel free that
 (15) you could see the bishop any time you wanted to?
 (16) A I believe his door was open to anybody
 (17) who wanted to...
 (18) Q Had you attempted to see the bishop
 (19) then? I mean over the course of your years as a
 (20) priest in the diocese in Bridgeport, did you
 (21) request to see the bishop?
 (22) A Specifically what time period?
 (23) Q I mean at any time. Just yes or no,
 (24) did you request to see the bishop? Did you
 (25) initiate a request to see Bishop Curtis, Bishop

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- (1) Egan, bishop – well I guess Bishop Shehan wasn't
 (2) here. Bishop Curtis or Bishop Egan?
 (3) A Okay, can you repeat what you are
 (4) asking? There seems to be a number of questions
 (5) and I'm not –
 (6) Q I'm asking you whether you at any
 (7) time that you were a priest in the Diocese of
 (8) Bridgeport, did you request an audience with the
 (9) bishop?
 (10) A It's possible, but I don't recall
 (11) specifically. I'm – in other words, I don't
 (12) remember anything specific, but –
 (13) Q So you don't remember any occasion,
 (14) you have no memory of any occasion where you
 (15) might have requested that you had a desire to see
 (16) the bishop?
 (17) A You're talking about Bishop Curtis.
 (18) Q Or Egan?
 (19) A I was under the impression you were
 (20) talking about Bishop Curtis.
 (21) Q Let's talk about both of them. Let's
 (22) take Bishop Curtis first?
 (23) A I have no recollection.
 (24) Q Do you have any recollection of any
 (25) time when you wanted to initiate a visit, an

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- (1) audience with Bishop Egan?
 (2) A Yes.
 (3) Q When was that?
 (4) A I don't recall the times, but again, I
 (5) would – well I'm sorry, I just don't recall the
 (6) exact times.
 (7) Q Well at the time that you requested
 (8) this, you were a pastor at what church?
 (9) A The time variance is important because
 (10) I was – when he was installed as bishop, I was
 (11) still at St. Benedict's and I'm not sure of the
 (12) exact date that I requested.
 (13) Q That you requested to see Bishop
 (14) Egan?
 (15) A I recall requesting to see him, but I
 (16) don't remember the exact time.
 (17) Q Why did you request to see him?
 (18) A I would decline to answer that on the
 (19) basis of priest – I don't know what the
 (20) technical term would be.
 (21) Q I don't know what the technical term
 (22) would be either. Why don't you tell us what it
 (23) is. Priest what?
 (24) I'm asking you why you asked to see
 (25) Bishop Egan. Why you requested it. You are not

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- (1) answering. Now what is your reason for not
 (2) answering?
 (3) A I would say based on confidentiality.
 (4) Q Just general confidentiality? It's
 (5) none of my business; is that it?
 (6) A Oh, no, that's –

- (7) Q I mean that's your grounds, is
 (8) confidentiality? You are not going to answer it
 (9) because of confidentiality?
 (10) A I'm thinking.
 (11) Well I recall asking to see him in
 (12) regard to the present charges.
 (13) Q And that was the only time you recall
 (14) asking to see him after the present – let me
 (15) withdraw that.
 (16) Was that after the present charges
 (17) became known? I mean by known, publicized.
 (18) A Yes.
 (19) Q Did you in fact see him?
 (20) A No.
 (21) Q So he refused to see you?
 (22) A I have no knowledge of that.
 (23) Q Well you asked to see him.
 (24) A Mm-hm.
 (25) Q And he didn't see you; is that

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- (1) correct?
 (2) A I asked to see him and he did not see
 (3) me.
 (4) Q In what manner, in what form did your
 (5) request take? Was it through a messenger,
 (6) Monsignor Bronkiewicz or was it – I mean was it
 (7) by letter, telephone?
 (8) A No, it was by way of Monsignor
 (9) Bronkiewicz.
 (10) Q Did Monsignor Bronkiewicz indicate
 (11) therefore to you that the bishop didn't want to
 (12) see you?
 (13) A I have no recollection of that.
 (14) Q Well if you wanted to see him, didn't
 (15) you push it?
 (16) A No, I was perhaps strong in my
 (17) request, but it wasn't being acknowledged, so –
 (18) Q Well did Monsignor Bronkiewicz give
 (19) you a reason why Bishop Curtis – I mean Bishop
 (20) Egan didn't want to see you?
 (21) A No reason.
 (22) Q Have you ever met, when I say met
 (23) Bishop Egan, sat in Bishop Egan's office or in a
 (24) living room or in your own apartment sitting with
 (25) Bishop Egan and spoke with Bishop Egan?

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- (1) A Yes, I have.
 (2) Q On how many occasions was that?
 (3) A Perhaps two.
 (4) Q Could you tell me about those
 (5) occasions? How did they come about?
 (6) A One was the announcement of my
 (7) transfer from Bethel to Greenwich.
 (8) Q When you were transferred from Bethel
 (9) to Greenwich, where did you meet with the bishop?
 (10) A In his office.
 (11) Q Where was his office at that time?
 (12) A At the chancellery on Jewett Avenue,
 (13) Bridgeport.
 (14) Q Bishop Curtis's office, was that over
 (15) by St. Augustine's –
 (16) A Yes.
 (17) Q So Bishop Egan moved his office to
 (18) the –
 (19) A Excuse me, wait. Bishop Curtis had an
 (20) office at the chancellery as well, but he lived
 (21) at the cathedral.
 (22) Q And Bishop Egan has a private home in
 (23) Stratford?
 (24) A He has a private home...
 (25) Q What was the substance of your

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- (1) conversation at that time?
 (2) A It was the transfer from Bethel to
 (3) Greenwich.
 (4) Q What was the nature of your
 (5) conversation with him?
 (6) A He officially told me that I was going

- (7) to be the pastor in Greenwich, congratulated me
 (8) and I thanked him and that was the extent of the
 (9) conversation.
 (10) Q Now, was that the first time that you
 (11) met with him or the second time?
 (12) A Oh, we met in confirmation and we met
 (13) at clergy meetings but you asked if we met
 (14) personally.
 (15) Q And you said two times.
 (16) A Yes.
 (17) Q Was the other time before or after
 (18) that?
 (19) A The other time was after.
 (20) Q When was that?
 (21) A That was at his home about two months,
 (22) three months later.
 (23) Q That was at his home in Stratford?
 (24) A In Stratford.
 (25) Q What was the purpose of that meeting?

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- (1) A That was, from what I can determine, a
 (2) routine follow-up after an assignment. Asking if
 (3) we were in the parish, if there were any
 (4) difficulties, if we needed any assistance up in
 (5) the chancellor's staffing and in the transition.
 (6) That's basically --
 (7) Q Was anyone else present at that
 (8) meeting?
 (9) A Just his housekeeper, but she wasn't
 (10) present at meeting. We had dinner there.
 (11) Q Just the two of you had dinner there?
 (12) A That's correct.
 (13) Q Approximately when would that have
 (14) been?
 (15) A Approximately two months after -- it
 (16) would have been either May or June of '89.
 (17) Q Of '89, all right. At that particular
 (18) time, was there any discussion regarding the
 (19) sexual complaints that were made by a parishioner
 (20) against you?
 (21) A I wasn't aware that any complaints
 (22) were made.
 (23) Q Was there any discussion about you
 (24) going into the Institute of the Living in 1989?
 (25) A At that meeting?

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- (1) Q Yes.
 (2) A No.
 (3) Q Let me show you this August 16th, 1989
 (4) letter and ask you whether you recognize that
 (5) signature.
 (6) A That's the bishop's signature.
 (7) Q And that's about August of 1989. Were
 (8) you aware of the fact that in August of 1989 that
 (9) Monsignor Bronkiewicz was asked by Bishop Egan to
 (10) handle a complaint that was made by Mrs. Krug
 (11) regarding the sodomization of her son allegedly
 (12) by you while you were at the Holy Name parish in
 (13) Stratford?
 (14) A I was made aware by Monsignor
 (15) Bronkiewicz of allegations of sexual misconduct,
 (16) yes.
 (17) Q Was not your meeting at the bishop's
 (18) home in regard to those allegations?
 (19) A It was not.
 (20) Q It was not.
 (21) Bishop Egan normally, you are telling
 (22) us when he transfers a priest, he has dinner with
 (23) them a couple months later at his home?
 (24) A I believe that's customary.
 (25) Q Did he play the piano for you at that

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- (1) time?
 (2) A No, he did not.
 (3) Q Now, you indicated that when you were
 (4) at St. John's you were in charge of the altar
 (5) boys. Did you ever give the altar boys any
 (6) presents?

- (7) A Yes, it was customary.
 (8) Q What kind of presents did you give
 (9) them?
 (10) A I don't recall.
 (11) Q Did you ever give any of them a set of
 (12) drums?
 (13) A At St. John's?
 (14) Q Yes.
 (15) A It's possible.
 (16) Q Do you remember who you might have
 (17) given a set of drums to?
 (18) A No, I don't.
 (19) Q Do you remember for what reason you
 (20) gave the boy a set of drums?
 (21) A If I gave them, it was probably just
 (22) to encourage his musical abilities.
 (23) Q That would be a fairly expensive gift,
 (24) would it not?
 (25) A Not necessarily.

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- (1) Q No?
 (2) A No.
 (3) Q Do you know how much a set of drums
 (4) cost? Do you have any idea how much you paid for
 (5) the set of drums you may have given to this young
 (6) man?
 (7) A No, I have no idea.
 (8) Q Now, were you required, again while
 (9) you were at St. Benedict's, and St. John's, were
 (10) you required by the regulations of the diocese to
 (11) take any kind of a retreat or have any kind of
 (12) spiritual activity?
 (13) A Yes, it's customary.
 (14) Q What was the nature of that?
 (15) A The nature of the retreat?
 (16) Q I mean what was sort of required at
 (17) that time?
 (18) A That you spend some time in reflection
 (19) on how your personal spiritual life has been
 (20) developing and seek counsel in how to improve
 (21) your spiritual life.
 (22) Q Was there any particular place that
 (23) those retreats were done?
 (24) A At first I believe -- it was not
 (25) Sacred Heart. At Fairfield University. I

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- (1) believe there were some held at the -- the name
 (2) escapes me now. It's a retreat house I believe
 (3) either in Norwalk or -- in that area. And after
 (4) that, they became instead of organized by the
 (5) diocese, you were allowed to either participate
 (6) in one of the diocesan retreats or take your own.
 (7) Q When you first started they were
 (8) organized by the diocese?
 (9) A That's correct.
 (10) Q And you were required to attend that?
 (11) A That's correct.
 (12) Q How long would they last?
 (13) A Usually a week.
 (14) Q A week? Were they done in a staggered
 (15) fashion throughout the diocese?
 (16) A Yes, so that priests who went would
 (17) have someone to cover for them.
 (18) Q So that if for example you were at St.
 (19) John's, Father Tomasko would be required to take
 (20) such a retreat and you would be, but you wouldn't
 (21) be taking it at the same time?
 (22) A That's correct.
 (23) Q So --
 (24) A Not normally.
 (25) Q So somebody would be covering the

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- (1) parish theoretically.
 (2) And do you recall during the course of
 (3) those retreats whether you told anyone that you
 (4) had had sexual relations with young men or young
 (5) women?
 (6) A I refuse to answer that on the basis

- (7) of the Fifth Amendment.
(8) Q Did you discuss with any
(9) representative of the diocese the fact that
(10) during those retreats that you had sexual
(11) relations with young men and women under the age
(12) of majority?
(13) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
(14) of the Fifth Amendment.
(15) Q Now did you receive any kind of review
(16) or evaluation of your performance by either a
(17) pastor or other officers of the diocese?
(18) A Did I personally?
(19) Q I mean was that a custom at that time?
(20) A Not -- No, I've never received
(21) anything of that nature.
(22) Q You were a pastor at some point?
(23) A That's correct.
(24) Q Were you required to make an
(25) evaluation of assistant pastors that were under

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- (1) your care?
(2) A No, I was not.
(3) Q So that was never required of you?
(4) A No.
(5) Q As a pastor of the -- in the Diocese
(6) of Bridgeport, was it your obligation to
(7) determine whether an assistant pastor under --
(8) within your parish and living in your rectory
(9) followed the rules and canons of the church as
(10) enunciated in the Code of Canon Law?
(11) A That's correct.
(12) Q If you received any complaints when
(13) you were pastor by any individual regarding
(14) conduct which was claimed to be a violation of
(15) church rules or law, what would you be required
(16) to do as pastor of the church?
(17) A To make a report of this.
(18) Q To whom would you make the report?
(19) A To the diocese. The bishop's office
(20) or director of personnel.
(21) Q Then you would forward that to them
(22) for their own investigation; that was the
(23) requirement?
(24) A That's correct.
(25) Q So I assume that that same requirement

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- (1) would have applied to pastors in the '60s and
(2) '70s?
(3) A I'm not assuming anything. I really
(4) couldn't say.
(5) Q You don't know. Do you know when that
(6) rule started?
(7) A No, I don't.
(8) Q Did you ever make any complaints to
(9) the diocese about assistant pastors that were
(10) under your jurisdiction when you were the pastor
(11) of St. Mary's or Sacred Heart?
(12) A I refuse to answer that on the basis
(13) of confidentiality.
(14) Q So you're not answering that either.
(15) I'm not asking about yourself. I'm asking
(16) whether you made any complaints about anybody
(17) else?
(18) A Again, I refuse to answer it on the
(19) basis of confidentiality.
(20) Q Now, were there any seminars that
(21) discussed homosexuality and the priesthood that
(22) were run either at these retreats or within the
(23) diocese since you've been associated with the
(24) diocese?
(25) A I'm sure there were.

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- (1) Q Where would they be run?
(2) A I really couldn't answer that.
(3) Q Well --
(4) A I had no recollection.
(5) Q Did you attend any?
(6) A Very possibly.

- (7) Q Well, who would run them? I mean --
(8) A Either some member of the diocese,
(9) there might be an expert in a particular field
(10) that was being discussed or a visiting priest or
(11) counselor would be brought in. A doctor might be
(12) brought in.
(13) Q Where would that be run? I mean what
(14) kind of --
(15) A Presently probably it would be run at
(16) the chancellery office, there's a meeting hall
(17) there.
(18) Q When such meetings would take place,
(19) would they be -- would there be a required
(20) attendance or would it merely be a program that
(21) was announced that anybody who felt like it could
(22) come?
(23) A Usually it was strongly encouraged.
(24) Q Strongly encouraged means it was
(25) basically they wanted you to attend?

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- (1) A Yes.
(2) Q Would there be programs such as this
(3) that you were required to attend as a priest, I
(4) mean so many times a year generally, general
(5) programs regarding --
(6) A I have no recollection of a
(7) timeframe.
(8) Q Could you tell me when you were at St.
(9) John's, was there any housekeeper different than
(10) the housekeeper you mentioned who was the sister
(11) of the pastor?
(12) A I don't believe -- well there was a
(13) part-time housekeeper. She was also a relative
(14) of the pastor,
(15) Q Do you remember her name?
(16) A Mae.
(17) Q You don't remember her last name?
(18) A Kascak, K-A-S-C-A-K.
(19) Q Do you know where she is now?
(20) A She's deceased.
(21) Q Now, during your time at St. John's,
(22) this is after 1970, did you take alcoholic
(23) beverages?
(24) A After 1970?
(25) Q Yeah, you took an oath you told me for

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- (1) five years when you were ordained in regard to
(2) alcoholic beverages?
(3) A That's correct.
(4) Q And that you weren't sure whether you
(5) did or didn't take them during that those five
(6) years?
(7) A That's correct.
(8) Q I'm asking after the five years
(9) whether you drank alcohol?
(10) A After 1970?
(11) Q Yeah.
(12) A I would say very likely.
(13) Q Was there any reason or did you at any
(14) time stop drinking alcohol?
(15) A In what timeframe?
(16) Q Any time after you started drinking
(17) it.
(18) A Well let's rephrase the question. I
(19) didn't start drinking.
(20) Q You indicated that you -- 1965 you
(21) took a vow?
(22) A Yes.
(23) Q And that as a result of that vow, you
(24) were going to abstain for five years?
(25) A That's correct.

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- (1) Q And you didn't recall whether or not
(2) you may have had alcohol beverages during those
(3) five years?
(4) A That's correct.
(5) Q But you have now told us that at some
(6) point at least after those five years you did

1 be able to serve as a priest? Did you expect
2 that to happen in 1993?

3 A. Can you explain what you mean?

4 Q. Sure. You said that based on your
5 meeting with Monsignor Bronkiewicz in 1989, you
6 thought you might have to go for an
7 evaluation.

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. Did you have any sense that as a
10 result of the allegations in 1993, you would be
11 put on a leave of absence, as you call it?

12 A. I had nothing specific that I knew.
13 As things transpired, that's what occurred.

14 Q. But you didn't have any sense based
15 on what the diocese had told you in the past,
16 either you personally or the clergy in general,
17 how sexual abuse complaints would be handled?

18 A. I have no specific recollection at
19 this time, no.

20 Q. Okay. And you told us that Bishop
21 Egan had given a directive sometime in the late
22 '80s at a clergy meeting, that no one outside
23 of the diocese would be allowed above the first
24 floor. Do you remember telling me that?

25 A. I recall something similar to that,

1 yes.

2 Q. Okay. Well, I don't want to misquote
3 you. What do you recall him saying?

4 A. I recall him simply stating that it
5 was -- it was the diocesan policy that -- well,
6 that children should not be allowed above the
7 first floor rectory, yes.

8 Q. Was it actually children he stated?

9 A. I'm not 100 percent certain but that
10 seems to be my recollection, yes.

11 Q. And why did you think he was giving
12 this directive?

13 A. I have no idea.

14 Q. This wasn't talked about among you
15 and your other priests that you might be
16 friends with, why he was suddenly giving this
17 particular directive that children shouldn't be
18 above the first floor?

19 A. Not at a meeting that I was present,
20 no.

21 Q. At any time following the meeting?

22 A. Not to my recollection.

23 Q. Were the bedrooms -- or are the
24 bedrooms and the quarters for the priests
25 always above the first level?

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