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 JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD
 AT BRIDGEPORT

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 GEORGE L. ROSADO, JR.,
 ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

-versus- : No. CV 93 0302072S

BRIDGEPORT ROMAN CATHOLIC
 DIOCESAN CORP., ET AL.,
 Defendants.

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- (1) have -- did that as an associate.
- (2) Q. Okay.
- (3) A. It's pretty -- I'd -- it's fairly common.
- (4) Q. All right. And on any of those occasions where either you yourself have taken a youth group on an overnight trip, or your associates have, has there ever been an occasion where either you or your associate was the only adult on the trip?
- (5) A. No.
- (6) Q. Okay. And have you ever had the situation where one of your associates inquired of you whether he could go on an overnight trip where he was the only adult?
- (7) A. No.
- (8) Q. All right. If -- in 1980, for example, when you first became pastor at Holy Rosary Parish in Bridgeport, if one of your associates had asked you if he could go on an overnight trip with the youth group, perhaps a ski trip, would that be something you would allow him to do or would you have him go with another adult?
- (9) A. I would make sure there were more

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- (1) than one. Depending on the numbers, of course.
- (2) Q. Okay. And why would -- why is that, Monsignor?
- (3) A. Well, just to -- in other words, just to cover yourself, in case of any accusations.
- (4) Q. All right. And when you say "accusations," I know it's obvious, but to what are you referring?
- (5) A. Could be anything. Sexual misconduct, allegations which, you know, someone might be accused of. It's better to be covered.
- (6) Q. Okay. And you yourself -- earlier you told us when you were an associate, you had gone on those trips as well.
- (7) A. Correct.
- (8) Q. Is that something that your pastors had required of you as well, that you not go on the trips alone?
- (9) A. Well, I don't think they had to tell that. I think when we were ordained, usually our age is 26 years old or 27, by that time I think we're -- I guess we're considered professional, and you've got some understanding

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- (1) of dos and don'ts, and I think we've all read the guidelines written by the diocese, the pastoral book, and everything is spelled out.
- (2) So for the most part, when a guy is ordained as a priest, he knows the dos and don'ts of what to do, yeah.
- (3) Q. And you mentioned the pastoral book, Monsignor. What is that?
- (4) A. That's a listing of all the -- the directives that came out several years ago, I'm not sure of just how long. But every priest receives a copy of it, is expected to know all the norms and directives of the diocese, and it's a little -- good guideline, it's a good outline of where we are, where we stand, and what we're expected.
- (5) Q. And does the pastoral book that you just described refer to -- provide guidelines for situations like we've just been discussing, overnight trips, things like that?
- (6) A. I don't believe so.
- (7) Q. All right.
- (8) A. But I'm not sure. I -- you know, it's been a while.
- (9) Q. The pastoral book, you said it's got

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- (1) all the dos and don'ts in it. What do you mean by that? Can you give me some examples of the things that are in there?
- (2) A. Well, it goes into everything from the sacraments -- it mentions the various sacraments, the procedures, the rituals. It goes into priests' time off, sabbatical time, it goes into obligations of a priest and the rectory, the rectory should be a home. It goes into ecumenical guidelines. It's all -- many chapters, yeah.
- (3) Q. And are the priests of the diocese expected to follow it?
- (4) A. Oh, yes.
- (5) Q. All right. And is it something that people in the private sector might call almost a personnel manual or a personnel book?
- (6) A. Yeah, guess you could call it that, yes.
- (7) Q. Okay. Now, who -- you said it's something you got in the last few years. Would that be something you received in the '90s or the '80s, do you recall?
- (8) A. I believe it was in the '80s.
- (9) Q. The '80s, okay. And is that --

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- (1) A. Could have been -- excuse me, could have been -- it was before the '80s.
- (2) Q. Oh, it was, okay. So it was obviously during Bishop Curtis' tenure?
- (3) A. Correct, it was.
- (4) Q. Okay. And is that pastoral book updated periodically, to your knowledge?
- (5) A. Yes. To my -- well, I know it's in a current revision right now and it's about to be promulgated very soon, the newest edition.
- (6) Q. And how often is it revised?
- (7) A. When it was first put out, I guess they -- they did revisions periodically, in which we were sent inserts to include in, and then I don't know how many years it's been now since the last time, but I know the past year, year and a half, there's been a whole revisionary process and it's ready for publication, as far as I know.
- (8) Q. And who writes the pastoral book?
- (9) A. Different department heads are asked to do different parts of it, I'm -- I'm led to believe.
- (10) Q. And is it promulgated through the bishop's office?

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- (1) A. Yes, it is.
- (2) Q. All right. And is that pastoral book something that's unique to the Diocese of Bridgeport? And by that I don't mean that other dioceses don't have them, but this is a book just for the Diocese of Bridgeport?
- (3) A. Just for the Diocese of Bridgeport.
- (4) Q. Okay.
- (5) A. Yeah.
- (6) Q. Now -- okay.
- (7) Now, does the pastoral book, in any one of its editions, has it ever addressed the issue of reporting sexual abuse of children?
- (8) A. I have to say I don't think so.
- (9) Q. Okay.
- (10) A. But I'm not sure.
- (11) Q. Okay. Are you aware of any written policies promulgated by the diocese regarding reporting suspected sexual abuse of children?
- (12) A. Yeah, the diocese has promulgated a whole listing of -- in fact, every parish, everyone who works in every parish is responsible to read and to sign. We, as priests, have done it and all who work or are