

20 Q. Do you believe that it would be improper  
21 conduct for a priest to pinch the nipples of a young man  
22 under the age of 18?

23 **A. Yes, I think I do.**

24 Q. Have you ever done that in your lifetime?

25 **A. It would seem I have.**

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12 Q. Are you admitting you did that?

13 **A. I think I probably did.**

4 Whether it is a flaw  
5 in his theology, a flaw in his administrative ability,  
6 or a personality quirk, it has created problems for some  
7 students."

8 Now, that was a paragraph that your attorney,  
9 on your behalf -- and he copied you in on that letter --  
10 sent to the chancellor of the Davenport Diocese back on  
11 September 25th of 2003.

12 Can you tell me, Bishop Soens, what was meant  
13 by your attorney saying that -- referencing a flaw in  
14 your theology?

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20 **A. When I said a flaw in my theology, it was,**  
21 **you know, maybe somewhere along the line I misunderstood**  
22 **the truth of the theology that we teach, or**  
23 **misinterpreted it or ignored it. It could have been any**  
24 **of those things.**

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2 **A. I think, basically, what I mean is that**  
3 **unconsciously, not deliberately, but unconsciously I may**  
4 **have made a bad judgment of some kind.**