

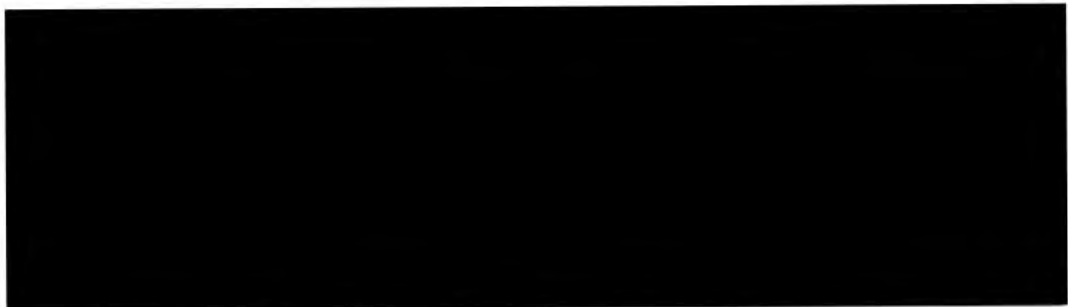
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A. Yes.



Q. Alright. Could you tell me the context in which -- By the way, this conversation -- Not conversation, this -- this recollection that you had that something might've happened to me, was that a recurring theme that you had discussions with your roommate about or other people, or was it an isolated incident?

A. It was an isolated incident.

Q. Did -- We've chatted about this before. I'm going to ask you if this is a fair statement and you tell me yes or no.

A. Okay.

Q. Is it a fair statement that you did not know that you had been sexually abused as of your sophomore year in college and you did not know that you were injured by any sexual abuse at that point in time, but you wondered whether this "might've happened to me." Is that a fair statement?

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1 A. That would be a fair statement.
2 Q. Would it also be a fair statement that
3 the first time that you believed that you were, in
4 fact, sexually abused by Father Burnett and that
5 you came to realize that you were also injured
6 from that abuse would be in the spring or early
7 summer of 2005, in the weeks or so before you
8 first told your wife? Would that be a fair
9 statement?
10 A. That would be a fair statement. Yeah.
11 Q. Do you believe that this thought that
12 you had as a sophomore in college that this
13 might've taken place confirms your memory in 2005
14 and 2006 that, in fact, this sexual abuse took
15 place?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. Alright. I read a quotation from the
18 Cardinal's Commission on the Clerical Sexual
19 Misconduct With Minors Report to Joseph Cardinal
20 Bernardin of the Archdiocese of Chicago as of June
21 of 1992, and I'd like to see if I could ask you a
22 couple of questions about some things that they
23 say as it relates to you and your outlook.
24 A. Sure.

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Q. It states on page 10, I believe, impact on the victims, quote, sexual misconduct by a priest with a minor in addition to being a violation of celibacy and chastity almost always has serious harmful effects on the victims, whether the matter becomes publicly known or not. They suffer loss of self-esteem. It continues they may feel guilty. It continues they may keep the matter hidden or repress it, displacing their anger at the church, the priesthood, even God. It continues "victims capacity to develop a trusting relationship with other clergy is impeded. They may begin to lose faith in the sacraments of the Eucharist, capital E, and Penance, capital P, because they are administered by priests. If diocesan leaders do not respond effectively to victims' reports of sexual abuse by clergy, the victims often become further alienated from the church. They also ask themselves why God is allowing all this to happen to them. Often they cease being an active member of the Church, a tragic loss for the community of faith."

My question is, since your recollection of this abuse in the spring and summer and fall of

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2005, have you suffered some of the things that have been talked about in the passage that I've just read?

A. Yeah.

Q. Have you become, in your mind, alienated from the Catholic Church, and have you ceased to become an active member of the church as a result of this abuse?

A. Yeah.



Q. Alright. You were aware, generally, that Father Burnett has denied allegations of any misconduct in the [REDACTED] case. Is that fair?

A. That's fair. Yeah.

Q. And you're aware generally, from

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discussions with your mom and things that you've heard, that Bishop Imesch, at least in certain statements, has downplayed the issue of clerical abuse by priests, of minors, in the Archdiocese of Joliet. Would that be fair?

A. Yeah.

Q. Alright. What are your thoughts about whether people who have perpetrated sexual abuse should take responsibility for it and higher-ups in the Catholic Church should take responsibility for it?

A. Well, first and foremost they -- the party responsible for the abuse, yeah, they -- they need to come clean and -- I don't even know. Admit it and not hide it and try to resolve the situation as best as it can be, and their higher-ups need to take action and not push the whole matter to the side.

Q. If you were to try to, say, have some parting words to the Review Committee of the Archdiocese of Joliet about your recollections of Father Jim Burnett and what you think they should do, what would you try to tell them?

A. I would tell them that they definitely

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1 have to remove him from the parish and I would say
2 that he would have to be on the sex offender list
3 just like you see on the Will County web site, so
4 everybody else, you know, knows about the person
5 and can keep children away from them.

6 Q. From what you've read, you haven't seen
7 testimony of [REDACTED] but do some of the
8 reports that you have read in the popular press in
9 2006 seem to be that [REDACTED] made against
10 Father Burnett seem to be somewhat consistent with
11 issues in abuse that you have suffered at the hand
12 of Father Burnett?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. I think certainly the claim, as I read
15 it, in the [REDACTED] case was that there were far
16 more incidences of sexual abuse.

17 A. Yeah. His -- He recalled a lot more
18 like as it went on as he was older, from what I
19 read, but I mean I recall the one incident, but it
20 seems there's similarities because his -- said
21 that his happened when he was in confession or
22 confessional and that's exactly when -- when mine
23 happened as well.

24 Q. And this is at the -- similar times.

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A. Mm-hmm.

Q. Let's go back to the recollection of the abuse at the hands of Father Burnett. You recall being abused one time in that confessional, is that right, at your first confession?

A. Yeah.

Q. Can you testify on oath that for sure no other abuse took place by Father Burnett, or is it just that you don't remember anything other than this one incident?

A. I don't remember anything other than the incident, but I could never say 100% for sure that this was an isolated incident or this is the only time it happened. This is all that I can remember.

Q. Okay. Fair enough. I would like to take a short, brief time to review my notes and see if I have any questions. I may not, but --

A. Okay.

Q. Alright. Thanks.

THE REPORTER: Going off the record.

The time is 5:51 p.m.

(WHEREUPON, a short recess was taken.)

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THE REPORTER: Back on the record at
5:56 p.m.

BY MR. JOHNSON:

Q. It is unusual when I say I think I have
no more questions that I really mean that, but I
don't have any other questions, save for the one
specific one we ask at the end of all affidavits.
You have testified on oath today, to the best of
your ability about the facts as you remember them.
Is that true?

A. That is true. Yeah.

Q. If called, you could competently testify
to the facts you testified to today at a
deposition or trial. Is that fair?

A. Yeah.

Q. Alright, that's all we have. Thank you.

THE REPORTER: This concludes the
affidavit. The time is 5:56 p.m. The running
time of this videotape is 56 minutes and 22
seconds.