

<p>Cahill, William Jesuit Not of the Diocese DECEASED</p>	<p>XXX (male)</p>	<p>Portland (Cheverus)</p>	<p>1959</p>	<p>Victim sent email to Governor's Office 3/27/2002 in which he alleged that a teacher attempted to molest him. However, the victim reported that he successfully rebuffed the attempt.</p> <p>Allegation of sexual misconduct, including fondling of the genitals, when victim was a freshman in the 1950s.</p> <p>From counsel for the Jesuits 9/2/03 – The Society of Jesus of New England received an accusation of sexual misconduct against a now deceased Jesuit, William Cahill. Fr. Cahill served at Cheverus High School from approximately 1950 to 1960. He died in February 1986. The Society of Jesus has received a complaint from XXX of Yarmouth, Maine, asserting that Fr. Cahill engaged in sexual misconduct, including fondling of his genitals, while XXX was a freshman at Cheverus High School in the early 1950s. The New England Province is providing financial assistance to XXX to cover costs with respect to counseling he is undergoing presently. No lawsuit has been filed.</p>
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From: XXX

Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 3:39 PM

To: governor@state.me.us

Subject: catholic priests

In 1958 to 1960, two years, I attended cheverus high school in portland. As you know a catholic boys school (at the time) now coed I understand...run by jesuit priests..... I am 59 years old now and have not thought of this in many years..but in 1959 a jesuit priest,, math history teacher and athletic director by the name of William b Cahill sj attempted to molest me...I resisted and started hollering and he allowed me to leave his office...His picture and history are in my year book...born in 1916 according to my year bookHe would have been 44 years old at the time..hardly a senile old priest who had lost his marbles....

Several months later He was caught by a staff member...a young boy was tied to his chair ,in Cahills room, with his pants down...father cahill disappeared from cheverus...We now know just reassigned to plague others...So this has been going on for years.... This pervert had been the athletic director ,,daily spending his time in the boys shower and locker room...

When my family left Maine [redacted] at the terms end....I left the church.....In those days you did not speak of such things ,,especially when it concerned a priest....For 42 years I spoke to no one of this.....

One of my best friends is a devote catholic and he spoke highly of many positive changes made in the catholic church...So after 37 years , in 1997, I returned to the church , after a few retreats with my friend...

When all this broke out recently he and I were dumbfounded...He had doubts it was true until I broke my silence and told him of my experience....Needless to say it all comes back in a rush...I am married with three grown sons and of sound mind..others have not been so lucky...but I am now deeply disturbed and angry.....

I have my yearbook from that year with all the names and pictures of the students and I wonder how many were successfully attacked by this priest and probably many other jesuits at that school...and are not of sound mind and body because of it....you must come to the bottom of this holocaust once and for all....

Three officials on my list to receive this email do not give the courtesy of listing their email address on their web sites....maine attorney general,,,director of investigations,,,and cumberland county da....

In May 2000 I laid [redacted] to rest in our family plot in [redacted] me....this year in [redacted] I return to put a new stone on my [redacted] grave at [redacted] and visit my mom and dad...I fear I will now never again forget cheverus and this tragedy.....

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From: MacMaster, Brian
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2002 9:29 AM
To: XXX
Subject: priest abuse

Dear XXX -

The Governor's Office referred your recent email concerning William Cahill to this office. Thank you for reporting this information. It will be included in other information we are presently gathering concerning alleged abuse by priests.

Sincerely,

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Dear Michael:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on August 27, I am summarizing in this letter the information which we discussed and also providing copies of the documents that you asked to receive copies of. As I indicated, my client, the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, wishes to cooperate fully in the work you are doing. This letter and our conversation are in response to your request for information to assist your investigation.

You stated at the start of our telephone conversation that you were inquiring whether the New England Province has files with regard to complaints of sexual misconduct with minors by Jesuits serving in Maine. As you requested, I summarize, by individual priest, the information which we discussed in our telephone conversation.

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3. Fr. William Cahill.

I indicated to you that the Society of Jesus of New England had received an accusation of sexual misconduct against a now deceased Jesuit, William Cahill. Fr. Cahill served at Cheverus High School from approximately 1950 to 1960. I enclose (as Exhibit B) a copy of his assignment card. He died in February 1986. The Society of Jesus has received a complaint from a [REDACTED] of Yarmouth, Maine, asserting that Fr. Cahill engaged in sexual misconduct, including fondling of his genitals, while Mr. [REDACTED] was a freshman at Cheverus High School in the early 1950s. The New England Province is providing financial assistance to Mr. [REDACTED] to cover costs with respect to counseling he is undergoing presently. No lawsuit has been filed. I enclose a copy of a letter dated February 25, 2002 from Mr. [REDACTED] in which he notified the Society of these accusations. (Exhibit C).

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Michael J. Pulire, Detective

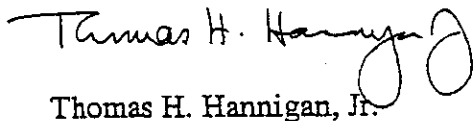
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The above summarizes the information which we discussed. I understand that my letter, on behalf of the Society, will not be published but is submitted to you as part of your investigative work. I also understand that you will not identify by name those persons who are mentioned above who have presented assertions of sexual misconduct.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Very truly yours,


Thomas H. Hannigan, Jr.

THH:rq

Enclosures

cc: Fr. John P. Murray, S.J.

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0042087 CAHILL, WILLIAM BENEDICT
 Born in Lynn, Mass. Jul. 11, 1916
 Studied at Bos. College Freshman (St. Mary's, Lynn) Nov. at Shad'k
 Juniorsate
 TheologW 1943-47 Weston Long's
 Taught 1942-43 Cranwell, Deringim pabel, boat
 1947-49 Fairfield, I. Jr. High
 1949-50 Amherst, N.Y. Tutor
 1950-60 Portland, Me. phys., math, et. rel. (1952 with funds
 1953 - Math 1959 at last rel.)
 1960 - 1962 Pomfret, Open. (Served in St. Bernard's. F. talking most of the period)
 Nov. 1962 - 1964 St. Mary's, Open.
 1964 - 1966 B.C. High, Westbury
 1966 - '67 Pomfret, Open.
 1967 - 71 Immaculate, Asst. Chaplain, Eastern City & Union Hosp.
 Remarks 1971 - 72 Weston College - Collab. local apost.
 1972 - '77 St. Joseph's HSPH, MT. Clemens, MT. Asst. Chaplain
 1977 - 78 Vietnam Administration HSPH, W. Roxbury Asst. Chaplain
 1978 - 81 Immaculate Conception North Cambridge
 1981 - 85 Boston City Hosp. Asst. Chaplain
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February 25, 2002

Re: Sexual Abuse

Dear Father Provincial:

After following closely the sexual abuse accusations made by victims against priests both in The Boston area and here in Maine, I am compelled to write you about a situation that happened to me while I was a student at Cheverus High School back in the 50's. Over the years, I never told anyone about the Jesuit Priest who fondled me on more than one occasion. I have not had a pleasant life because of it. After reading some of the stories that victims told, I could identify. At the time I was a freshman and very naive. I looked up to priests and didn't understand what was happening. He was rough with me always grabbing my arm and twisting it behind my back while fondling my genitals.

I need to talk with you or someone. Presently, I am worked disabled and taking anti-depressant medication. I was recently divorced by my wife of years and presently have no health insurance.

Sincerely,

Yarmouth, Maine 04096

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