

27 February 2004

Carrier, Herve DECEASED	XXX (8)	Lewiston	1958	Sexual abuse (being forced to perform oral sex) of which she had no memory until she developed a "recovered memory" while in therapy in 1993. Psychological evaluation disclosed history of memories of sexual abuse beginning at age 2 by various family members.
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Father Herve G. Carrier:

XXX stated that in therapy she recovered a previously repressed memory of being abused many years before. She reported that at the age of 8, in 1958 she was walking home from the supermarket and she saw Father Herve Carrier standing at the door of the rectory motioning her to come in. She went in and he made her perform oral sex on him. This memory came back to her after she had been in therapy. She also reported being abused by family members. XXX underwent a psychological examine at the request of the diocese and the results were inconclusive. XXX was in therapy at the time she came forth to the diocese.

Father Herve Carrier was born in 1920 and ordained to the priesthood in 1947. He retired in 1996 and lived in Lewiston until his death in 2002 at the age of 82. Father Carrier served in Waterville, Madawaska, St. Agatha, Lewiston, Lille, Grand Isle, and Biddeford.

March 19, 2002

Father Herve Carrier. On April 7, 1993, XXX spoke to a priest about abuse she had experienced at the hands of another priest in about 1958 when she was approximately 8 years old. She was born on XXX. She apparently had no memory of any such abuse until decades later, when she developed a recovered memory in therapy. She alleged that there had been contact at the rectory in Lewiston and she had been obliged to perform oral sex. The victim agreed to meet with a licensed therapist, at the expense of the diocese, for a psychological evaluation. The evaluation revealed a history of memories of sexual abuse experienced by a victim beginning at age two by various family members. Her memory of being abused by a priest came after she began therapy. She describes it as follows: she was walking home from the grocery store and saw the priest standing at the door of the rectory motioning for her to come to him. She went up to the door and entered a big room and on the other side of the room the priest was sitting. She saw something on his lap and as she approached realized it was his penis and she knew what was expected of her. The evaluation was inconclusive and it was suggested that some corroboration be found.

In the course of the victim's story there were references to a child sex ring. An informal inquiry was not made of the local police who had never heard of any child sex ring in that area nor had the name of this particular priest ever been raised in their circles.

Father Carrier was confronted with the allegation on July 30, 1993. Our investigation reveals that the rectory in question had no privacy. Three priests were living there at the time. People would enter the house through the back door and go through the kitchen. Off the kitchen was the dining room and the living room. There was a small office where visitors could be seen. Another priest who had lived in that rectory was asked about the likelihood of this occurring as described and he could not see how it was possible given the layout of the house.

Father Carrier was born in 1920. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1947. Upon retirement in 1996 he assisted periodically in a local parish. He lived in his own home. In the last couple of years he has been undergoing some form of chemotherapy and, more recently, dialysis. In the last month has suffered a mild heart attack. Two weeks ago, he was admitted to a nursing home as his health continues to decline.

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Portland Press Herald

April 3, 2002

Rev. Herve G. Carrier, 82

LEWISTON - Rev. Herve G. Carrier, 82, of Dawn Avenue, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Pavilion. He was born in Lewiston, April 1, 1920, a son of Stanislas and Cordelia Vaillancourt Carrier. He was educated at Holy Cross School and Lewiston High School. He went on to study at St. Charles Seminary in Sherbrooke, Canada and graduated from St. Paul University in Ottawa. Fr. Carrier was ordained to the priesthood in 1947 by Bishop Daniel Feeney. As associate pastor, he served in parishes in Waterville, Madawaska, St. Agatha, and Holy Cross Parish in Lewiston, where he ministered for 14 years under the guidance of his beloved mentor, Msgr. Felix Martin. 'We are priests to serve the people, not ourselves' was a phrase emphasized by Msgr. Martin, which also summarized Fr. Carrier's vocation. As pastor he served in Lille, Grand Isle, and Biddeford. For the last 20 years of full-time active ministry, he was pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Lewiston, retiring in 1996. Wherever he served, he brought spiritual renewal as well as financial stability. Throughout the past six years, though retired, he continued his ministry to the sick and shut-ins and was always delighted to celebrate Mass at Holy Cross and St. Mary's Churches or local nursing homes whenever invited to do so. In his home, he continued to celebrate daily Mass and to offer spiritual guidance to many who visited him. Fr. Carrier will best be remembered for his outstanding devotion to the Eucharistic Lord and to the Virgin Mary - devotions which he encouraged throughout his priestly life. In addition, because he understood well the human condition, he approached people with the greatest of compassion and with great humility. His sensitivity to the pain of others, as well as his keen sense of humor, will long be remembered by all whose lives touched his. Fr. Carrier is survived by a brother, J. Robert Carrier of Westbrook; 14 nieces and nephews; several grandnieces and grandnephews and his closest friends, Bishop Odore Gendron and Msgr. Roland Tancrede of Manchester, N.H., with whom he corresponded weekly for over 50 years; and his devoted housekeeper, caregiver, and companion, Miss Priscilla Simpson of Lewiston. He was predeceased by his parents and five brothers, Rev. Joseph Carrier, Rev. Normand Carrier, Lionel, Roger, Adelard Carrier, and his a sister, Irma Roy. Visitation Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. The Reception of the Body will be held on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, where visitation will follow until 8 p.m. and from 11 a.m. Friday. Funeral Friday 12 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. Committal at St. Peter's Cemetery. A service of The Fortin Group Funeral Home, Lewiston, Ash & Horton Sts. 784-4584. www.dignitymemorial.com Rev. Herve G. Carrier Fortin Group Funeral Homes 784-4584

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response
2/26/02
4:40 pm

[REDACTED]

February 21, 2002

Stephanie Anderson, District Attorney
Cumberland County
142 Federal Street
Portland, Me. 04101

Dear Ms. Anderson:

I am writing to inform you of my struggle with the Diocese of Portland. I reported Fr. Herve Carrier, in April 1993, for having molested me in the rectory of Holy Cross Parish in the spring of 1958. I interviewed with [REDACTED] in the office of my therapist. At the request of the Diocese, I was interviewed later in Windham by a psychologist by the name of [REDACTED] who was referred by the Church. I did not hear from the Church until I sent them a negative letter a year later. Then I met with [REDACTED] and went through the process all over again. [REDACTED] informed me that Fr. Herve Carrier had met with [REDACTED] in the summer of 1993 to discuss my reporting. According to [REDACTED] Fr. Carrier denied my allegation and went back to ministering in Little Canada at St. Mary's Church in Lewiston. By way of added information, [REDACTED] was subsequently arrested a few years later in a police sting operation in Lewiston for procuring a prostitute.

In light of the Diocese's "new policy" of reporting all perpetrators to you, I want to make certain that Herve Carrier is on that list. If needed, I can supply written material concerning above meetings.

You have indicated that you would pursue those cases that pose a threat to children. Presently Fr. Carrier is 82 years old, retired and in ailing health. If you maintain your present position, I realize Fr. Carrier's name would not be released to the public. I have never been validated by the Diocese. I would like the opportunity to meet with you personally when or if you receive his name. This would help in my healing knowing that the Diocese acknowledges that he is a reported perpetrator. That is the most action that I can expect from the Diocese.

Thank you for pursuing this issue. I'm hoping that the public is beginning to realize the impact of abuse of power and the suffering of the children/adults.

I request a reply. You can reach me at my e-mail address: [REDACTED] or you may call me at home, [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Investigation Division

Date: March 14, 2002
To: Brian MacMaster
From: Det. Mark Walsh *MW*
Subject: Report of sexual abuse by clergy

On March 14, 2002, I returned a call to [REDACTED]

Date of Call: 03/14/02

Name of Caller: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Name and Position of Accused: Herve Carrier, Roman Catholic Priest, Holy Cross Church, Lewiston, Maine.

Approximate Date of Event: Spring, 1958

Location of Event: Holy Cross Church Rectory, Lewiston.

Description of Event: One act of Gross Sexual Assault. The accused forced the caller to perform oral sex on him.

Present Whereabouts of Accused: resident of D'Youville Pavilion Nursing Home in Lewiston, Maine.

Synopsis- [REDACTED] reported that in the Spring of 1958, when she was 8 years-old, she was forced to perform oral sex on Father Herve Carrier, a priest at the Holy Cross church in Lewiston, Maine. The incident occurred in the parish rectory. There were no witnesses. Ms. [REDACTED] said Herve Carrier is now 82 years old, retired, and residing at the D'Youville Pavilion Nursing Home in Lewiston. [REDACTED] also described that as a youngster, she was sexually abused over a period of years by her grandfather, male friends of her grandfather and an older male cousin.

Details- [REDACTED] described that she grew up [REDACTED] the Holy Cross Church in Lewiston. [REDACTED] said she and her family were members of the church and the family was friendly with the priests. [REDACTED] said that in the Spring of 1958, her mother asked her to walk down the street to pick up an item from the local store. [REDACTED] when she came out of the store, Father Carrier waved to her from the front doorway of the church rectory, which she described as being across the street from the store. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier waved to her to tell her to come see him. [REDACTED] said she did so and he then told her to come inside. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier directed her to a room inside the rectory where Father Carrier sat down in a chair. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier told her to come closer and she said as she did she saw something on his lap. [REDACTED] said as she got closer, she saw that Father Carrier has his penis exposed. [REDACTED] added that she was sure it was in 1958, as she was not wearing eyeglasses at the time, and that was a reason she could not make out at

first what Father Carrier had on his lap. [REDACTED] said that in third grade, in 1959, she had her eyes tested and she said she has been wearing glasses ever since. [REDACTED] said because she had been sexually abused previously by a family member, she knew what was "expected of" her to do. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier pulled her head and pushed it down on his penis until the act was completed. [REDACTED] said she did not recall Father Carrier saying anything to her during the act.

[REDACTED] described that she was also severely sexually abused by her grandfather, the late [REDACTED], of the Little Canada section of Lewiston, from the time when she was very young. [REDACTED] said that in May of 1963, he raped her after tying her hands behind her back. [REDACTED] said that she was impregnated as a result. [REDACTED] said that in July of 1963, her grandfather [REDACTED], her grandmother, A [REDACTED] (also deceased), and an aunt, a [REDACTED], performed an abortion upon her in the bedroom of the [REDACTED] apartment. [REDACTED] said that her aunt [REDACTED] could corroborate the fact that she had an abortion, but [REDACTED] said she did not think [REDACTED] would cooperate. [REDACTED] currently resides at [REDACTED] in Lewiston. [REDACTED] said she recalled that the next day, as she was recovering, she heard Father Carrier talking in the kitchen to her grandfather.

[REDACTED] described that she mentally repressed most of these memories. [REDACTED] said that in 1993 she attended therapy and it was through therapy that she was able to recall what had happened to her at a younger age. [REDACTED] said a short time later, she reached out to tell the Diocese about her experience and spoke to a [REDACTED] who listened to what she said about Father Carrier. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] was later arrested in a "sting" operation for soliciting a prostitute in Lewiston.

[REDACTED] said that she a year later, in 1994, after not hearing back from [REDACTED] she wrote a letter to the Diocese about her experience and was shortly thereafter visited by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she then learned that [REDACTED] had confronted Father Carrier about her accusation the previous year (1993), but that Father Carrier denied that the incident ever occurred. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier retired in 1996. [REDACTED] said he is currently a patient at the D'Youville nursing home in Lewiston.