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| <p>Dooley, Joseph Jesuit priest Not of the Diocese DECEASED</p> | <p>XXX (3-11)</p> | <p>Portland Cape Cod</p> | <p>1956- 1964</p> | <p>Victim called AG's Office on 3/21/2002 and reported Dooley had abused her for 8 years that included acts of rubbing her vagina with his fingers and rubbing his unexposed penis up and down on her leg.</p> <p>From counsel for the Jesuits 9/2/2003 -- There was in fact a Jesuit named Joseph Dooley who served in Portland, Maine, at Cheverus High School from approximately 1954 to 1958. Fr. Dooley died in July 1983. The [Jesuit] Society had not received complaints of sexual misconduct with regard to Fr. Dooley in Maine. However, Fr. Dooley was accused of sexual misconduct in the fall of 2000 by a woman named XXX of Massachusetts. This accusation was made by telephone. XXX never followed up on any accusations of sexual misconduct by Fr. Dooley. The Society is not sure of her age at the time of the alleged abuse.</p> |
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The Associated Press, June 24, 1999

Jesuit Priests Accused of Indecent Assault on Pupils

BLACKBURN, England (AP) -- Three Jesuit priests were charged Thursday with indecent assault on former pupils at a leading Roman Catholic school, police reported.

The charges brought to eight the number of former staff at Stonyhurst College and its elementary school, St. Mary's Hall, accused of assaults on boys during the 1970s and '80s. The schools are in the north England county of Lancashire.

Police said the Rev. Joseph Dooley, 79, the Rev. Clifford Taunton, 82, and the Rev. George Earle, 73, will appear in court in Blackburn, north England, on Friday. They were all connected to the schools at the time of the alleged offenses.

Five other men, including an 87-year-old priest, have already been charged with indecency offenses at the schools.



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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.

2. Fr. Joseph Dooley.

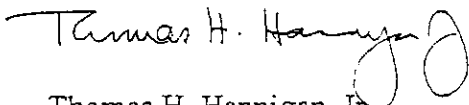
You inquired in your letter and during our telephone discussion about a Jesuit named Joseph Dooley. I confirmed that there was in fact a Jesuit named Joseph Dooley who served in Portland, Maine at Cheverus High School from approximately 1954 to 1958. I read to you the summary of Fr. Dooley's assignments. I also enclose a copy of the card from which I was reading (as Exhibit A). Fr. Dooley died in July 1983. I told you that the Society had not received complaints of sexual misconduct with regard to Fr. Dooley in Maine. However, Fr. Dooley was accused of sexual misconduct in the fall of 2000 by a woman named [REDACTED] of Massachusetts. This accusation was made by telephone. [REDACTED] never followed up on that initial accusation as I understand it. Other than that accusation, the Society is not aware of any accusations of sexual misconduct by Fr. Dooley. The Society is not sure of her age at the time of the alleged abuse.

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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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Dookey, Joseph Charles

Margaret G. Fay

Born Roxbury, Mass. June 1, 1909

Ingress. Jul. 30, 1927

Studied at B.C. High, 4 years.

Nov. at Lenox

Juniorate

Lenox

Philosophy

Newton 1931-34

Theology: 1936-40 Weston School C.

Taught: 1934-36 B. C. High. II yr high. 1935-36 yr.

1940-41 Pomfret, Vermont

1941-42 Jamaica, Highgate, open. 1943 - Post-Antony, Parish.

1944-45 Highgate.

1946-51 B. C. High, Prep. since 1949 - Math.

1951-54 Fairhill, Prep., brief. duty.

1954-58 Paitland, Math & sci.

1958 - B. C. High, Aly. (+ geom.) 1970 Team only

1976-80 Geometry

Remarks:

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1980-82 Prof Emeritus Math. B. C. High

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Investigation Division

Date: March 25, 2002

To: Brian MacMaster, Chief

From: Bruce Densmore, Detective

Subject: Report of sexual abuse by clergy

On March 21, 2002 I returned a call to [REDACTED]

Date of the Call: 03/21/02

Name of Alleged Victim: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Yarmouth, ME 04096

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Allegation: Unlawful Sexual Contact

Name and Position of Alleged Perpetrator: Joseph Dooley, Roman Catholic Jesuit Priest, St. Dominic's Church, Gray Street, Portland, ME

Approximate Date of Alleged Conduct: 1956 – 1964, age 3 thru 11

Location of Alleged Conduct: 45 Gray Street, Portland & Cape Cod, Ma.

Description of Alleged Sexual Contact: Numerous acts of "directly" touching the genitals ("rubbing vagina w/ fingers") and rubbing the penis (not exposed) in a up & down motion on the side of the victim's leg.

Witnesses: None

Present Location of Alleged Perpetrator: Unknown/ possibly teaching at Boston College.

Synopsis: [REDACTED] reported that from the age of three to the age of eleven she was the victim of molestation perpetrated by Fr. Joseph Dooley. Allegedly, Fr. Dooley "would pull the victims pants down and rub his fingers on her vagina while rubbing himself at the same time to get off" (ejaculate). It's also alleged that Fr. Dooley would rub his erect penis up and down on the side of the victims leg until he "got off", ejaculated. [REDACTED] reported the sexual contact occurred in her home located across the street from St. Dom's Church on Gray Street and at the home of [REDACTED] located in Cape Code Ma. There were no witnesses and [REDACTED] did not disclose the violations to anyone at that time.

Details: Reportedly, [REDACTED] parents were devoted Catholic's who had established a very close relationship with Fr. Dooley over the years. Generally, Fr. Dooley was always at Ms. [REDACTED] home for Sunday Dinner. Fr. Dooley would arrive at the residence after Mass or shortly after 11AM and leave between 1 & 2 PM. Ms. [REDACTED] said as a child she like most children had developed a couple of habits, one being sucking her thumb and the other being that she was always carrying her favorite blanket around.

Reportedly, when Fr. Dooley arrived for dinner [REDACTED] mother was usually in the kitchen preparing dinner, her father was doing various things around the house and she was usually setting on the living room couch, with her favorite blanket over her watching TV. Ms. [REDACTED] said that Fr. Dooley would come into the living room and set down beside her on the couch. Ms. [REDACTED] said Fr. Dooley would place his hand under the blanket that was covering her "pull her pants down and with his fingers rub her vagina". [REDACTED] said Fr. Dooley would "rub his penis with his other hand until her got off".

As [REDACTED] got older she said the contact became less frequent and the acts would occur in different rooms in the house such as the dining room or play room. She said the pretext to the contact was generally Fr. Dooley wanting to read her a story. [REDACTED] also reported that there were times when she was laying on the floor watching TV when Fr. Dooley came in to living room. She said that Fr. Dooley would lie down on the and start "horsing around" with her and then put his hand down in side of her pants and rub her vagina with his fingers. She said that Fr. Dooley would always say to her "this is our secret, don't tell anyone about it".

[REDACTED] said that it was not until age 7 or 8 did she realize what Fr. Dooley was doing to her was for "self satisfaction only". She reported that Fr. Dooley continued molest her until she was age eleven. [REDACTED] reported that the most difficult times for her was when Fr. Dooley would rub his erect penis up and down on the side of her leg until he "got off", ejaculated. She said that Fr. Dooley would make groaning sounds during these events and as soon as he "got off" he would act as if nothing had ever happen. [REDACTED] said at times Fr. Dooley would be forced to stop molesting her because he would hear her parents walking towards the room or hear a noise that would indicate that they were near by.

[REDACTED] described the last incident occurring at [REDACTED] in Cape Code, MA. She said after Fr. Dooley had been transfer from St. Dominic's to Massachusetts, her family went to the Cape one weekend to visit with him at his mother home. While there, Fr. Dooley under the pretext of getting drinks for everyone asked [REDACTED] if she would help him gets the drinks from the kitchen. In the kitchen, Fr. Dooley as in the past embraces [REDACTED] and starts rubbing himself, "erect penis in and up & down motion on the side of her leg". [REDACTED] said that Fr. Dooley kept her in the kitchen for approximately 15 to 20 minutes. She said at one point [REDACTED] asked if he needed some help. After "replying no" [REDACTED] said that Fr. Dooley told her to be quite and not say anything. [REDACTED] said that she was afraid and did not dare to tell anyone what Fr. Dooley had been doing to her in the kitchen. [REDACTED] said that she did not disclose what Fr. Dooley had been doing to over the years until after both of her parents were decease. She said that her mother died when she, [REDACTED] was 15 and her father died approximately 10 years ago. Ms. [REDACTED] during the family gathering following her father funeral, she disclosed to her oldest sister what Fr. Dooley had done to her over the years. She said that was the first time she had disclosed Fr. Dooley abuse to anyone other than her counselor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that she did not know Fr. Dooley where a bouts. She said that her recollection was that he was teaching at Boston College.