IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR JOHNSON COUNTY

MICHAEL KASPER, ROBERT KASPER,)
and ARDEN KASPER,

VS.

DAVENPORT,

Plaintiffs,

LAW NO. 53102

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DEPOSITION OF BISHOP GERALD O'KEEFE

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individually and as agent
of Diocese of Davenport and
Roman Catholic Bishop of
Davenport; MOST REVEREND
GERALD O'KEEFE, FATHER HARRY
LINNENBRINK, and MONSIGNOR
W. ROBERT SCHMIDT, all
individually and as agents
of the Diocese of Davenport;
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF

DAVENPORT; and THE DIOCESE OF

FATHER JAMES ELMER LEU,

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DEPOSITION OF BISHOP GERALD O'KEEFE,

taken at the Law Offices of Lane & Waterman,

Defendants.

19 600 Davenport Bank Building, Davenport, Iowa, on

June 12, 1991, commencing at 9:10 a.m., below D

Alanna G. Jeffery, Certified Shorthand Reporter and AUG 25 1992

Notary Public in and for the State EDWARD F. STEINBRECH

23 present: Defendants Monsignor W. Robert DESTRICT COURT

and Father Harry Linnenbrink; and Kathy Flynn from

25 The Aetna.

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1	initiated against him, or began?
2	A. I'm not sure. It was sometime in the
3	spring of '89.
4	Q. Was it before you suspended his
5	faculties?
6	A. No, afterwards, I think.
7	Q. What, then, prompted you to suspend his
8	faculty?
9	A. His leaving the Kahl Home.
١٥	Q. Why did he leave the Kahl Home?
L1	A. I can't tell you what his own disposition
12	was. I don't know.
13	Q. Was that an action that he took on his
14	volition?
15	A. Yes. That's correct.
16	Q. You didn't ask him to leave.
17	A. I did not ask him.
18	Q. Why would the leaving the Kahl Home in
19	itself, if it did, result in suspension of his
20	faculty?
21	A. Because he wasn't ministering to body,
22	and the criminal action had become more Management.
2 3	pefore Father Leu was accuse 1040 92 32 4 4 1
2 4	misconduct, Bishop, have you had appwarDessTEINBRECH CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
25	Diocese accused of sexual misconduct?

1	A. Yes.
2	Q. When, in time, did it happen before?
3	A. I think about a year before.
4	Q. Was any canonical proceedings initiated
5	against the priest accused of that conduct?
6	A. No. We suspended his faculties, and
7	he went away for treatment.
8	Q. And before that time, a year before
9	Father Leu was accused, any other priest accused
10	while you've been Bishop?
11	A. No.
12	Q. There was no criminal proceeding in
13	connection with that priest, was there?
14	A. That is correct. There was not.
15	Q. Now, you are aware that Father Leu
16	ultimately got charged in the criminal courts and
17	ultimately pled guilty to a matter and that the
18	public record reflects that it happened very
19	quickly.
20	My question to you, Bishop, is, did you
21	become involved in any way in that mattel? ED p.M.
22	A. Only after he pleaded gulltry, was asked
23	to write a letter to the judge. AUG 23.5 AUG 25.5 AUG
2 4	to write a letter to the judge. Q. Who asked you to do that? EDWARD F. STEINBRECH CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
25	A. His attorney, Mr. Berger. Mr. Lane was

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- Q. Had the policy began to be formulated before it was disclosed that Father Leu had been engaged in sexual conduct with children?
 - A. I don't know. I'm not clear on my dates.
- Q. The other priest of the Diocese of Davenport that you had mentioned had been accused of sexual misconduct that has resulted in some sort of civil lawsuit; has your deposition been taken in that matter?
 - A. No. No, it has not.
- Q. Has that matter been concluded, do you know?
 - A. No.
 - Q. It is pending?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Other than that priest and Father Leu, to this day, have any other priests, to your knowledge, been accused of sexual misconduct with youths since you've been Bishop?
 - A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. And so the only times you had too dell purification with that situation would be this involving Transfer Court EDWARD FOR STRICT COURT EDWARD FOR OF DISTRICT COURT EDWARD FOR THE CHERK OF THE CHERK
 - A. That is right.