

1 A. At Our Lady of Victory.

2 Q. And, according to the rumor, how old were
3 the boys that had been spanked with their pants
4 down?

5 A. There wasn't any -- that was not part of
6 it.

7 Q. Where did you hear this from?

8 A. I can't remember. I simply don't know.

9 Q. And with whom have you discussed this
10 rumor to this day?

11 A. I suppose with Mr. Miller.

12 Q. Other than with Mr. Miller.

13 A. I think Monsignor Schmidt.

14 Q. When did you talk with Monsignor Schmidt
15 about it?

16 A. A couple of days ago, I think.

17 Q. Before that, had you discussed it with
18 him?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Before a couple of days ago, had you
21 discussed it with anybody?

22 A. I don't think so.

23 Q. Bishop, was any record made by you or
24 any of your representatives about the information
25 contained in this rumor?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. When you say "rumor," that would be
3 information imparted to you by someone else who
4 didn't see it. Is that why you call it a rumor?

5 A. That's right. I hear this kind of thing,
6 but I was never able to find out.

7 Q. When in time is the first time that
8 you heard that information or rumors of that
9 information?

10 A. Again, it will be a guess. But I guess
11 it was sometime in the spring of -- what is
12 this? -- '89.

13 Q. And did you hear this information from
14 more than one source?

15 A. No.

16 Q. It was one source.

17 A. I think it was one source. I'm sorry.
18 I'm vague on it.

19 Q. As you sit here today, you are not able
20 to identify that source?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. And you made no notes of that
23 nothing can refresh your recollection of that it
24 exists, as far as you know.

25 A. That's right.

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1 Q. Anything else that you recall about that
2 information that you received that we haven't
3 described?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Evidently it involved boys or young
6 men --

7 MR. MILLER: The rumor?

8 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

9 Q. -- who were students?

10 A. Altar boys.

11 Q. When you say "older," what --

12 A. No, not older. Altar.

13 Q. I'm sorry. Altar boys.

14 Is that your total recollection as you
15 sit here today about what you learned at that time?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. Bishop, I would like to ask you some
18 questions, then, about Father Leu's service at the
19 Lone Tree parish, St. Mary's at Lone Tree.

20 What contacts, if any, did you have with
21 him while he served there as pastor? A. M. P. M.

22 A. The usual. I was there for confirmation,
23 I remember that. And probably clerical things,
24 that kind of thing.

25 Q. Do you remember confirming Michael Kasper

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1 and his brother?

2 A. You know, I do not, although I'm sure I
3 did. I remember Daniel, because he was pointed out
4 to me, but I don't remember those two boys.

5 Q. Why was he pointed out to you?

6 A. At the reception, we were having cake
7 and coffee, and the pastor simply said, "There
8 is Mrs. Kasper, and you just confirmed her son
9 Donald (sic)."

10 Q. You said you had the usual meetings with
11 Father Leu while he was at Lone Tree. Did you have
12 any unusual meetings with him while he was at Lone
13 Tree?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did you ever meet with him one-on-one
16 while he was pastor at Lone Tree?

17 A. Well, when I was there for confirmation.

18 Q. The clergy record reflects that he was
19 there from April 10th, 1985, to November 30th,
20 1988. Is that right?

21 A. That's right.

22 Q. And, to your knowledge, is that correct?

23 A. To my knowledge, that is correct.

24 Q. On August 1st, 1988 -- to be
25 roughly three months before he left Lone Tree -- he

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1 was given an additional assignment to St. Mary's in
2 Nichols. Is that right?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. Why was he given that?

5 A. Because we were reassigning some
6 parishes, and we took Nichols from the pastor of
7 Columbus Junction and gave it to the pastor of Lone
8 Tree, who had no mission. Columbus Junction had
9 Wapello and Ardon. So in order to kind of even the
10 work out, we assigned Nichols to Lone Tree.

11 Q. When you say "we," you are referring to
12 whom?

13 A. Myself, principally, and Personnel
14 Board's advice.

15 Q. Why was Father Leu chosen to assume the
16 Nichols assignment?

17 A. Because Nichols is very close to Lone
18 Tree. It was easy to get to.

19 Q. And are you president of the corporations
20 of both the St. Mary's church at Lone Tree and
21 St. Mary's church at Nichols?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you know that Michael Kasper and
24 perhaps, his brother Rob Kasper were
25 of the St. Mary's church at Lone Tree?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Father Leu, evidently, took at least
3 annual vacations, at least, went to Chicago and/or
4 Missouri on several occasions. Did you know that
5 he was going to Chicago and Missouri?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Is it customary, if a priest takes a
8 vacation or leaves his parish physically, to get
9 the permission or give notice to the Bishop?

10 A. In the last two years we have such a
11 policy. But before that, no, as long as he covers
12 the place.

13 Q. And what happened two years ago to cause
14 a policy to be formulated?

15 A. I think it was a requirement. I am not
16 sure, but I think it was a requirement of the Holy
17 See, that priests should give notice when leaving
18 their assignments.

19 Q. So you had no knowledge that -- if Father
20 Leu went to Chicago for a week or two in 1986, you
21 had no knowledge of that.

22 A. I had no knowledge of it.

23 Q. And, similarly, if he had gone to Chicago
24 and/or Missouri in 1986, '87, and/or 1988, you had
25 no knowledge of that?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. Was Father Lench the dean of that
3 deanery when Father Leu was assigned to the Lone
4 Tree parish, do you remember?

5 A. No. I think Father Henry Greiner.

6 Q. Can you spell that?

7 A. G-r-e-i-n-e-r.

8 Q. And is Father Greiner alive?

9 A. He is alive.

10 Q. Where is he now?

11 A. In California.

12 Q. What's he doing there?

13 A. He is helping to administer Jesuit
14 Retreat House near to San Jose, in that same area,
15 San Jose, San Francisco.

16 Q. He is a priest of this Diocese, though.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So he is doing that with your permission?

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. When is the first time you received any
21 information from any sources of any unsatisfactory
22 performance or alleged misconduct by Father Leu
23 the St. Mary's church of Lone Tree?

24 A. I would think it was when Father
25 Linnenbrink and Monsignor Schmidt told me.

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1 Q. And when do you estimate that was,
2 Bishop?

3 A. November of '88.

4 Q. That was the same month that he was
5 removed, right?

6 A. Or resigned.

7 Q. Did he resign?

8 A. He did resign.

9 Q. At your request?

10 A. Yes. That is -- let me modify that.
11 I think at the recommendation of the priests.

12 Q. And how long before he resigned at your
13 request and the recommendation of the priests did
14 Father Linnenbrink and Schmidt speak with you?

15 A. A couple of weeks, I think.

16 Q. And when Father Linnenbrink and Schmidt
17 spoke with you, did you make any record or notes
18 of what they told or reported to you?

19 A. No.

20 Q. And it's your testimony, then, that prior
21 to the time that Father Linnenbrink and Schmidt
22 Schmidt -- is that right?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. -- reported this information to you,
25 you had received no information of misconduct or

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1 unsatisfactory performance at St. Mary's, Lone
2 Tree, by Father Leu?

3 A. That's right.

4 Q. I will ask you -- I'm going to ask you
5 some questions, now, then, Bishop, about what
6 Father Linnenbrink and Monsignor Schmidt told you.

7 Where was that conversation?

8 A. In Iowa City. I think at the Ironmen
9 Inn.

10 Q. What were the circumstances? Did they
11 say, "We've got to meet with you," or were you just
12 meeting with them, or how did it come about?

13 A. No. They asked for the meeting.

14 Q. And why was it in Iowa City?

15 A. The clergy was meeting there. It was one
16 of those overnights.

17 Q. And when they asked for the meeting, did
18 they tell you what the subject was or that it was
19 of some import or sensitive nature?

20 A. That's right. They said it was sensitive
21 and important, and they did not disclose until they
22 came.

23 Q. That was at a restaurant? AUG 25 1992

24 A. No. It was in a motel

25 Q. The motel. I see.

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1 At that time how long was your meeting
2 with the Monsignor and Father?

3 A. I'm sorry. I just can't tell you that.
4 I don't know.

5 Q. Who did most of the talking in that
6 meeting?

7 A. Subject to correction, I would say Father
8 Linnenbrink.

9 Q. And Father Linnenbrink is a priest of the
10 Diocese?

11 A. Yes. He is here present.

12 Q. And what is his title, if any, at the
13 present time?

14 A. At the present time he is pastor of
15 St. Wenceslaus church and Vicar of Iowa City,
16 Episcopal Vicar of Iowa City.

17 Q. What does Episcopal Vicar of Iowa City
18 mean?

19 A. What it means is, in Iowa City -- this is
20 unique to our Diocese, although it's quite common
21 other places, unique to our Diocese that we have a
22 vicariate of Iowa City. The parishes within Iowa City
23 within Iowa City itself, are part of a vicariate.
24 Vicar is my personal and special representative to
25 that area.

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1 Q. How did that come about and why?

2 A. It came about, oh, back in early
3 1970s, '71, something like that, because of the
4 various ministries of Iowa City. We have the
5 University, we have University Hospital, we have
6 Mercy Hospital, we have Veteran's Hospital, so we
7 have a health complex. We have a unified school
8 system, parochial schools. It was just my thought
9 that all of those ministries could be coordinated
10 better if I had a vicar. It was also an experiment
11 to see how a vicariate system might work.

12 Q. Was Father Linnenbrink a vicariate of
13 this Vicar?

14 A. He was.

15 Q. I'm going to ask questions about that
16 meeting. I appreciate nobody recalls conversations
17 verbatim, at least nobody that I've met. But I
18 would like you to give us your best recollection of
19 what was said by whom, and perhaps you could tell
20 us what you were told and by whom at that meeting.

21 A. Father Linnenbrink reported to me
22 telephone call which he had from Monsignor
23 Kollasch. Many of the priests were residing
24 motel. Because Father Linnenbrink
25 rectory in Iowa City, he was staying at home. And,

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1 therefore, Father Kollasch was able to reach him.

2 Father Kollasch -- now, this is my
3 recollection, and it may be foggy. Father
4 Kollasch, as I understand, reported that
5 Mrs. Kasper, at least, maybe Mr. and Mrs. Kasper,
6 had come to see him in his parish at Humboldt, I
7 think, and had reported to him that their younger
8 boy had said something to them about Father Leu
9 doing funny things. And so we concluded after
10 discussing
11 it that we probably should -- somebody should
12 intervene in this. So Monsignor Schmidt and Father
13 Linnenbrink said they would do that, and I asked
14 them to do it.

15 Q. Was the implication by Father Linnenbrink
16 or Monsignor Schmidt that these funny things
17 involved some kind of inappropriate sexual conduct?

18 A. I believe so, yeah. I believe that was
19 the import of it. We didn't know what.

20 Q. Was there any discussion at this time of
21 the topic of rumors at Our Lady of Victory Church
22 and spanking?

23 A. No. I didn't know anything about it
24 then.

25 Q. Did Father Linnenbrink or Schmidt make

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1 mention of that?

2 A. Not to my recollection.

3 Q. And what else, if anything, was said
4 either by Monsignor Schmidt or Father Linnenbrink?

5 A. Well, simply that they would undertake to
6 talk to Mrs. Kasper, and I think then subsequently
7 they went to see her -- went to see him with her.

8 Q. And you made no notes of the meeting you
9 had with Monsignor Schmidt and Father Linnenbrink?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did they make notes contemporaneous to
12 the meeting? In other words, were they making
13 notes while they were speaking to you?

14 A. I'm not aware that they were.

15 Q. Anything else you remember about that
16 meeting, what was said either by them or by you
17 that you haven't already addressed?

18 A. I don't think so.

19 Q. When is the next time, then, you either
20 heard or did anything in connection with Father Leu
21 and his conduct at the Lone Tree

22 A. I think -- I would like to be precise,
23 and I can't be. I'm sorry. It was a few days later
24 that Monsignor Schmidt, then, reported on the
25 meeting that they had with Father Leu and

1 Mrs. Kasper.

2 Q. Was that you and Father Schmidt on this
3 occasion -- or, Monsignor Schmidt?

4 A. I think so.

5 Q. Well, was any record made by you of this
6 meeting?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And your best estimate of the time after
9 the first meeting would be --

10 A. Five, six days.

11 Q. What did Monsignor Schmidt tell you,
12 then, Bishop?

13 A. He is here and he will probably correct
14 me.

15 Essentially, it was something like
16 this: That he and Father Linnenbrink had met
17 Mrs. Kasper. They went with her to the rectory.
18 She confronted Father Leu, who denied everything,
19 or at least denied complete responsibility. That's
20 probably not a good phrasing. But anyhow -- so
21 at that time she expressed to them her desire that
22 Father Leu be out of Lone Tree and have
23 kind of contact with youngsters.

24 Q. Did Monsignor Schmidt on this occasion
25 tell you that they had received information of

1 sexual abuse by Father Leu of at least two of the
2 Kasper boys?

3 MR. MILLER: Could I have the
4 question? I didn't understand it.

5 (The reporter read the record as
6 requested.)

7 MR. MILLER: Are you asking at the
8 meeting that Bishop and Monsignor had after the
9 confrontation with Leu?

10 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

11 Q. (CONTINUING) I'm referring to the
12 meeting where a couple weeks after the first
13 meeting with Father Linnenbrink and Monsignor
14 Schmidt, you met with Monsignor Schmidt.

15 MR. MILLER: So we can have a clear
16 record, I will clarify the record. I think the
17 record, after we get into it, is going to show
18 there was a five- or six-day span of time from
19 first notice to Linnenbrink and resignation by
20 Leu. So if you want to characterize it as two
21 weeks, we can go ahead and do that. But I think
22 the record will be clear and more understandable if
23 we clarify right now or if you want to first
24 Bishop when the meeting was in reference to
25 Thanksgiving and when Leu's resignation was in

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1 reference to Thanksgiving. I think we will find
2 out -- we can do it now and have a clean record or
3 clarify it later.

4 MR. ANDERSON: I'm happy to do it.

5 MR. MILLER: I don't want you to
6 go off on a tangent which will confuse everything
7 later.

8 MR. ANDERSON: That's fine.

9 A. My problem was with precisely sexual
10 abuse. I'm uncertain now as to what the
11 implication of that is. But that there was -- it's
12 my recollection that they said there was some kind
13 of improper touching or something like that.

14 Q. When Monsignor Schmidt met with you --
15 maybe I should try to establish that.

16 MR. ANDERSON: Is that what we want
17 to clarify?

18 MR. MILLER: The first meeting with
19 Father Linnenbrink and Monsignor Schmidt and --

20 Q. (CONTINUING) Can we tie it down when you
21 first met with Monsignor Schmidt and Linnenbrink?

22 A. It was the Tuesday before that
23 Thanksgiving.

24 Q. Tuesday before Thanksgiving that will
25 help us.

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1 A. Whatever it was that year.

2 Q. Then the next meeting in connection
3 with anything having to do with this is with
4 Monsignor Schmidt?

5 A. That's my recollection.

6 Q. And that is when?

7 A. Five -- four or five days.

8 Q. And in that meeting, then, with Monsignor
9 Schmidt four or five days later, Monsignor Schmidt
10 did communicate to you that there was a claim of
11 some inappropriate touching by Father Leu?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. What did he tell you about that, Bishop?

14 MR. MILLER: You mean the
15 inappropriate touching, what it consisted of?

16 MR. ANDERSON: On that topic, yes.

17 Q. (CONTINUING) How did he describe it and
18 what did he say?

19 A. I want to be accurate. My memory is just
20 not good enough to give you precise terms. But it
21 was something like putting his hand under their
22 pants or something like that.

23 Q. And did he identify the boys as being the
24 Kaspers, or not?

25 A. Yes, I think he did.

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1 Q. Did you know who they were?

2 A. No.

3 Q. And anything else that Monsignor Schmidt
4 told you on this meeting?

5 A. I don't think so.

6 Q. What did you tell him?

7 A. Well, that we would -- I think the
8 recommendation of them to Father Leu was, perhaps,
9 it would be better for him to resign. So he did
10 that. I at that point said that I would try to
11 set up some kind of psychological evaluation and
12 treatment for him.

13 Q. And you said "they." You are just
14 talking about what Monsignor Schmidt was telling
15 you in this meeting, weren't you?

16 A. I'm sorry. Yes.

17 Q. Did Monsignor Schmidt -- was Monsignor
18 Schmidt a dean or anything like that?

19 A. No. He is Vicar for Priests.

20 Q. Vicar for Priests. Yes. **FILED**
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21 Did Monsignor Schmidt tell you that he
22 believed that it had happened even though
23 Leu was denying it, or not, or anything of that
24 kind?

25 A. I don't know. I'm not sure of that.

1 Q. Was there any discussion of the fact
2 that -- with Monsignor Schmidt on this occasion
3 of the fact that this may involve some criminal
4 wrongdoing by Father Leu?

5 A. I don't think so.

6 Q. Was there any discussion by Monsignor
7 Schmidt or yourself about any obligation, if there
8 is any, in law or otherwise, to report this conduct
9 to the authorities?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Were you aware at that time whether or
12 not there was any obligation under the law to
13 report certain kinds of sexual misconduct to
14 authorities?

15 A. I did not think that we had such
16 obligation.

17 Q. Have you since changed your thinking
18 about that?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Anything else that Monsignor Schmidt told
21 you in this meeting that we've been asking about
22 that you recall?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Anything else that you recall about him?

25 A. No. I don't recall.

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1 Q. Did you tell him you would arrange for
2 this counseling for Father Leu?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you tell him that you would arrange
5 for some counseling for the boys who had been the
6 object of his advance?

7 A. This, we had agreed would be offered.

8 Q. When was that agreement?

9 A. At our first meeting.

10 Q. And when was that offered, if it was? Do
11 you know?

12 A. I don't know. It was offered, but I
13 don't know when.

14 Q. And what, then, after the meeting with
15 Monsignor Schmidt, happened? At least that you
16 were a party to.

17 A. What I recall is that Father Leu
18 resigned. I assigned him to the Kahl Home,
19 restricting his ministry simply to that, and asked
20 him to see Dr. McEchron.

21 Q. Did you choose McEchron?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. Why McEchron?

24 A. Because he was doing work for our
25 seminarians at that point.

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1 Q. The evaluations?

2 A. The evaluation, right.

3 Q. That's for screening for ordination?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. What does he do? MMPI?

6 A. Yes, and then he has an interview and he
7 makes a report.

8 Q. Did you send Father Leu to McEchron for
9 treatment or evaluation?

10 A. Both. As he deemed appropriate.

11 Q. Had McEchron, to your knowledge, treated
12 any priest before for any misconduct or disorder
13 surrounding sexual misconduct?

14 A. I had sent a priest to him, and it did
15 not turn out successfully because the priest did
16 not relate to him.

17 Q. Was that the same priest that you
18 referred to before as having gotten a report about?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And that priest, you understood, didn't
21 relate to Dr. McEchron.

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. Is that priest in a parish?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Is that priest unassigned?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Dr. McEchron is a psychologist. Did you
3 know that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Had he -- the screening work that he had
6 done had been at the behest of the Diocese, paid
7 for by the Diocese?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. And when you sent Father Leu to
10 Dr. McEchron, did you impart to Father Leu that you
11 would be receiving information from Dr. McEchron
12 about his progress in evaluation or treatment?

13 A. I'm not sure.

14 Q. Did you assume that you would?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. You assumed you would want to get some
17 input from the doctor?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And did you talk to Dr. McEchron about
20 Father Leu before Father Leu went to him?

21 A. No. I asked Monsignor Morrissey to set
22 up the appointment.

23 Q. And how did Monsignor Morrissey get into
24 this? Monsignor Morrissey is Chancellor of the
25 Diocese, isn't he?

A. No. He is Vicar-General. I asked him if

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1 he would undertake that.

2 Q. Evidently you had to have told Monsignor
3 Morrissey what the concern was in the information
4 he received, is that correct, in order to have him
5 set that up?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Do you know if he knew anything about
8 this matter before you told him?

9 A. I don't think he did.

10 Q. What did you tell Monsignor Morrissey
11 when you asked him to set up the evaluation and/or
12 treatment with Dr. McEchron?

13 A. Well, my recollections, again, aren't
14 precise, you know. But I asked him if he would
15 arrange the appointment with McEchron and send Leu
16 to him and assure McEchron that the Diocese would
17 assume the expense.

18 Q. And was anything else done or said by
19 you, then, in connection with this before Father
20 Leu went to McEchron --

21 A. I don't think so.

22 Q. -- that we haven't covered

23 A. I don't think so.

24 Q. Any records made of any of this stuff
25 that we have asked about and you've reported? The

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1 meetings --

2 A. No.

3 Q. Any letters sent to Dr. McEchron by you
4 or your staff?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Any letters sent to you or by you in
7 connection with this?

8 A. I don't think so.

9 Q. Father Leu's resignation, I trust, was in
10 writing?

11 A. Yes. It's here.

12 Q. I trust your acceptance of his
13 resignation was in writing.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Customarily when you assign or accept a
16 resignation, you would ultimately memorialize that
17 and send it to the priest, and it goes into the
18 file of the priest?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What happened then, at least that you
21 know of or were a party to, after you asked the
22 Vicar-General to arrange for the contact with
23 Dr. McEchron and Father Leu?

24 A. My recollection is that
25 he and Father Leu began to discuss the situation,

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1 and Dr. McEchron apparently felt he was a mandatory
2 reporter.

3 Q. Had you ever heard the notion of
4 mandatory reporter before that time?

5 A. I've heard the notion, but I did not
6 think it extended to those that dealt with the
7 perpetrator. So he did not consult me, McEchron,
8 or anyone, as far as I know. He simply made the
9 report.

10 Q. Are you aware of whether or not
11 Dr. McEchron talked to Monsignor Morrissey,
12 Monsignor Schmidt, or Father Linnenbrink before he
13 reported?

14 A. As far as I know, he did not.

15 Q. If you had known that he was, in fact, a
16 mandatory reporter, would you have sent Father Leu
17 to him?

18 MR. MILLER: Wait. That's assuming
19 he is a mandatory reporter. I'm going to object
20 to that. I think the law is to the contrary. I
21 think you are asking this witness to make a legal
22 judgment as to whether he is or is not. As 1992
23 that, there is no foundation the witness is
24 qualified to answer. Object to the form.
25

MR. ANDERSON: I will ask it in a

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1 different form.

2 Q. (CONTINUING) If you had known that he
3 perceived himself to be a mandatory reporter, one
4 obliged to report the information received by him
5 to law enforcement authorities, would you have sent
6 him to Dr. McEchron?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And the reason you would not have would
9 have been what?

10 A. Because I felt that this would be a
11 confidential matter. It would be like physician-
12 patient relationship, and that's what I thought,
13 so I would not have.

14 Q. The next thing you either did or learned
15 about this matter was what? The Father Leu
16 situation.

17 A. That it had been reported.

18 Q. How did you learn that, Bishop?

19 A. I don't know. I don't know. I know I
20 heard it.

21 Q. Do you recall receiving information that
22 somebody from Department of Human Services or an
23 investigator had contacted Father Linnenbriek or an
24 Monsignor Morrissey?

25 A. Might be. I'm not sure. I just don't

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1 know.

2 Q. In any case, you don't have any notes of
3 what you next learned that you could refresh from.

4 A. No.

5 Q. What, then, is the next thing you
6 remember happening or being told or doing?

7 A. Okay. At that point, then, with that
8 underway, I think that Father Leu then decided to
9 leave the Kahl Home and simply go out and live in
10 Iowa City. He employed an attorney, and that was
11 as much as I know.

12 Q. You requested that he resign the Kahl
13 Home, did you not?

14 A. No, not really. It was kind of his idea
15 that he should.

16 Q. You had requested his resignation at the
17 St. Mary's Lone Tree church, though.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. But the departure from the Kahl Home was
20 more on his initiative than your own, is what you
21 are saying.

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. If he had not initiated his departure
24 from the Kahl Home, would you have
25 yourself?

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1 A. I don't know. I don't know at this point
2 what I would have done.

3 Q. When in time and how did you learn that
4 Father Leu was going to be charged with a crime?

5 A. I suppose it was in that spring, but how,
6 I don't know. I can't remember.

7 Q. And was it before Father Leu resigned
8 the Kahl Home assignment or after that you learned
9 that?

10 A. Probably about the same time.

11 Q. And when in time did you, then, restrict
12 Father Leu's faculty?

13 A. When he left the Kahl Home.

14 Q. The same day?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Immediately?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Is there a letter or a memo to him
19 indicating your restrictions of his faculty?

20 A. I'm not sure. There might be.

21 Q. If there was, it would be in Exhibit 1?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. If it exists, it would be ~~in~~ Exhibit 1?

24 A. If it exists, it would be ~~in~~ Exhibit 1?

25 MR. ANDERSON: Would you like to

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1 take a break here for a lunch? I'm not going to
2 finish by lunchtime here.

3 We can go off the record.

4 (A discussion was held off the
5 record.)

6 Q. (BY MR. ANDERSON) I guess I would like
7 to ask you some more questions about the chronology
8 of what was happening here and what you were
9 learning and doing in connection with Father Leu.

10 After his resignation from the Kahl Home,
11 then, what is the next thing, if anything, you did
12 in connection with Father Leu and the allegations
13 that have been made about his misconduct?

14 A. I don't know. He went to Iowa City. He
15 employed an attorney. And that was pretty much the
16 way it was. I didn't have much contact with him.

17 Q. Do you know if any of the Chancellory
18 staff or the Vicar for Priests or the Vicar-General
19 or anybody at the Chancellory interacted with the
20 police authorities or the prosecutors in handling
21 the criminal matter?

22 A. I don't think so. I don't think we were
23 asked.

24 Q. To your knowledge, did any of the police
25 or investigators contact any of them seeking

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1 information?

2 A. I don't think so.

3 Q. Have you received any information from
4 Dr. McEchron?

5 A. Never.

6 Q. In other words, you haven't spoken with
7 him?

8 A. No.

9 Q. About Father Leu?

10 A. No.

11 Q. You haven't received any notes or letters
12 from him?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And, to your knowledge, have any of the
15 others at the Chancellory spoken with him or
16 received any information from him?

17 A. So far as I know, they have not.

18 Q. Father Michael Spiekermeier evidently
19 served at some point at the Holy Family school or
20 parish with Father Leu. Is that right?

21 A. Yes. He was an associate at Holy Family
22 with Father Leu.

23 Q. Did you ever receive any information from
24 Father Spiekermeier about any concerns he had
25 about -- if he did, about Father Spiekermeier's conduct at

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