

1 A. Immediately prior to that, he was at Our  
2 Lady of Victory.

3 Q. Where is that located?

4 A. In Davenport.

5 Q. Do you know what he was doing there?

6 A. He was assistant pastor, parochial vicar.

7 Q. What would his duties include given that  
8 position?

9 A. I don't know specifically his duties at  
10 Our Lady of Victory, but it would generally be  
11 saying mass, hearing confessions, maybe visiting  
12 the hospital, shut-ins, instructions, counseling,  
13 responding to people that came for whatever  
14 business to the rectory, general things that go  
15 on in a parish.

16 Q. And do you know the reason why he was  
17 transferred from Our Lady of Victory to Lone Tree?

18 A. Specifically, no, because I notice it on  
19 the parish bulletin boards, or the Bishop has the  
20 final say when a person gets an assignment. But he  
21 was of an age when priests were getting assigned to parishes,  
22 and I presume that they needed someone to replace him there,  
23 and he was at the top of the list, at least in terms  
24 of age, which is a fairly common factor in  
25 assigning a priest to a parish as pastor.

1 Q. Besides age, what other factors do you  
2 look at?

3 A. Some of that would be need in the parish,  
4 I suppose. They just need someone to become  
5 pastor, whether it's death or retirement or what-  
6 ever that's going on there; and, possibly, an  
7 appropriate match between the personality or skills  
8 or ability of the priests that they have in mind to  
9 the parish situation.

10 Q. What's your understanding as to whether  
11 Father Leu approached the Diocese about a  
12 particular appointment or whether the Diocese  
13 approached Father Leu about this particular  
14 appointment?

15 A. I didn't have anything to do with that at  
16 the time. It's my understanding since then that he  
17 was approached to become pastor there.

18 Q. What is Father Leu's present status with  
19 the Diocese?

20 A. He is not able to operate as a priest,  
21 except he is able to say mass privately.

22 Is that what you were after?

23 Q. It's a starting point.

24 Where is he located?

25 A. He has a condominium, apartment -- I

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1 think a condominium, it is -- in Iowa City, Iowa.

2 Q. He doesn't belong to any particular  
3 church in terms of he doesn't have duties at any  
4 one place. Is that correct?

5 A. He has no assignment.

6 Q. Is there a particular term that's used  
7 for a priest in his present situation?

8 A. The term I would use is suspended.

9 Q. How are his needs met in terms of  
10 financial needs?

11 A. He is taking care of himself, except for  
12 his medical insurance. The Priest Aid Society,  
13 which the Diocese is paying for.

14 Q. Otherwise, whatever he saved or whatever  
15 money he is able to earn in some other way, that's  
16 how he takes care of himself?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Now, before assigning a priest to a  
19 particular parish, is there any type of evaluation  
20 made or investigation made of that priest as to his  
21 appropriateness?

22 A. In our Diocese, not in any normal way,  
23 no.

24 Q. Now, you said that you are  
25 in the personnel. Who would be involved in

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1 personnel decisions?

2 A. Well, the Bishop is the one that assigns  
3 priests. He has a Priest Personnel Board that  
4 advises him in that regard.

5 Q. Do you know who is on the Personnel  
6 Board?

7 A. Monsignor Schmidt is an ex-officio,  
8 non-voting member. They just changed a couple  
9 members right now. I'm sorry. I'm going to say  
10 Father Charles Gannon, but I'm not certain about --  
11 no. It's Father John Morrissey, maybe. Father Ken  
12 Kuntz was on it. Father Francis Henricksen.  
13 That's the best I can do right now. I'm sorry.

14 Q. Am I to understand that there would have  
15 been a Priest Personnel Board back in 1985 when the  
16 decision was made to --

17 A. Yes, I believe so.

18 Q. So that we are clear, when the decision  
19 was made to transfer Father Leu from Our Lady of  
20 Victory in Davenport to St. Mary's in Dope Tree,  
21 there was a Personnel Board at that time, correct?

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. Is it your understanding that the  
24 Personnel Board would make an initial recommenda-  
25 tion and the priest -- excuse me -- and the Bishop

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1 would make the final decision?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Excuse me. Would you repeat the  
4 question?

5 Q. Sure. I will repeat it for you  
6 without --

7 A. Whatever.

8 Q. Is it your understanding that back in  
9 1985 that the Priest Personnel Board would have  
10 made a recommendation as to where -- as to whom to  
11 place at Lone Tree and that the final decision  
12 would have been the Bishop's?

13 A. The final decision is always the  
14 Bishop's. It wouldn't be the Personnel Board  
15 always works with the Bishop in coming to a  
16 decision on who that should be. I've never been  
17 in a meeting, and the contents of that are  
18 confidential, so I'm not sure entirely how they  
19 operate. But ordinarily my understanding is that  
20 the Bishop would go and say, This parish is open  
21 and we need to fill it, or, The parish is open  
22 these priests have applied or indicated an interest  
23 in serving in that parish. Then talk about  
24 who they are going to put there. That's how that  
25 works.

1 Q. As opposed to a separate decision made by  
2 the Personnel Board?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. Are you aware if there is any type of  
5 investigation made now, today, or this time period  
6 which would relate in any way to attempting to  
7 avoid the problems that were created in the  
8 Martinez instance and in the Leu instance with  
9 future appointments to parishes?

10 A. Are you asking about already ordained  
11 priests?

12 Q. Correct.

13 A. No, there is no specific investigation  
14 that's made in that regard.

15 Q. Now, as to those priests that have not  
16 been ordained, is there any type of investigation  
17 made?

18 A. Investigation is made about their general  
19 moral character.

20 Q. Is that any different than it was 20  
21 years ago, 25 years ago, when you went through  
22 this? If you know.

23 A. No, not substantively. No, I don't think  
24 so.

25 Q. Are you aware of any directive that says

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1 that given the types of problems that have occurred  
2 in the last few years with lawsuits related to  
3 sexual misconduct by priests with minors, that,  
4 from now on, we are going to specifically inquire  
5 about this type of personality trait in our  
6 priests?

7 A. In our Diocese, I am not aware of any  
8 specific directive that's been given to do that.

9 Q. What about by any national conference or  
10 any type of overseeing board?

11 A. No, I'm not aware of that.

12 Q. Now, when was the first time that you  
13 were made aware of any problem that Father Leu had  
14 with sexual misconduct with minors?

15 A. Whatever the specific date was, the  
16 week of November 22nd, 24th, or whatever it was,  
17 of 1988.

18 Q. How did you come to learn of it?

19 A. My best recollection is, the Bishop told  
20 me about it.

21 Q. Any idea how the Bishop came to learn of it?

22 A. He had a meeting with Monsignor Schmidt  
23 and Father Harry Linnenbrink.

24 Q. What did the Bishop tell you about the  
25 problem at that time?

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1           A.    My best recollection of that is that he  
2   told me that there was some problem which had been  
3   reported to Father Linnenbrink about Father Leu,  
4   and that Father Linnenbrink and Monsignor Schmidt  
5   were going to look into it. They were meeting with  
6   Mrs. Kasper and they were going down to confront  
7   Father Leu to see what further information or --  
8   see what further information they could find.

9           Q.    Why did the Bishop come to you with this?

10          A.    He was -- this all surfaced, I believe,  
11   on a Tuesday. He was leaving Wednesday afternoon,  
12   as he does every year, to go spend a few days with  
13   his sister in Minneapolis. Whenever he leaves on  
14   something like that, we are always -- we always  
15   talk about any problems that are going on or things  
16   that I need to know about that need to -- perhaps  
17   a response needs to be made while he is gone, a  
18   general discussion on the state of the Diocese for  
19   the period of time that he is going to be gone. He  
20   told me about that in case something specific came  
21   up while he was gone; whatever response might  
22   make, that I should be aware that those kinds of  
23   things were going on.

24          Q.    Did he make any recommendation as to what  
25   you should do?



1 A. Not that I remember.

2 Q. Did he give you any indication as to  
3 whether he believed the allegations, or not?

4 A. Well, to the extent that he didn't  
5 dismiss them and that he agreed that Monsignor  
6 Schmidt and Father Linnenbrink should go down there  
7 and look at that, I presume that he was certainly  
8 concerned about the allegations and when to make  
9 response to them.

10 Q. But if I understand correctly, there had  
11 been no decision yet made to remove Father Leu. Is  
12 that correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And was that one of the courses of action  
15 that could be taken after investigating it?

16 A. Certainly.

17 Q. Did you have any contact with Father Leu  
18 before Father Linnenbrink and Father -- Monsignor  
19 Schmidt met with Father Leu?

20 A. No.

21 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did Father  
22 Leu aware of the complaints when he met with either  
23 Father Linnenbrink or Monsignor Schmidt?

24 A. No. They obviously called for an  
25 appointment. I presume that he must have known

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1 something was going on, but it could have been  
2 anything. I suppose. I can't read his mind. I  
3 can't do that. I would have to say, no, in my best  
4 judgment.

5 Q. Now, prior to -- well, when the Bishop  
6 told you about this allegation, what was your  
7 reaction?

8 A. I was probably somewhat surprised.

9 Q. Now, besides being made aware of it, was  
10 there anything you should specifically do about  
11 this problem while the Bishop was away?

12 A. At that time, no. While he was away, no.

13 Q. Did you go back and look at Father Leu's  
14 file?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you look at any notes of any kind  
17 that related to Father Leu?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you take any notes of any kind about  
20 what the Bishop had told you?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you speak with either Father  
23 Linnenbrink or Monsignor Schmidt before they met  
24 with Father Leu?

25 A. I spoke with Monsignor Schmidt simply to

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1 ask him when they were going and make sure -- not  
2 to make sure, but I suppose curiosity, to make sure  
3 an appointment had been set up. So it was those  
4 terms.

5 Q. In the course of that discussion, did  
6 Monsignor Schmidt give you any specifics about what  
7 the allegations were?

8 A. No, only in the sense that there had been  
9 some inappropriate behavior between Father Leu and  
10 a young man -- or is it two young men? -- in the  
11 parish.

12 Q. Were you aware of any specifics about  
13 that when you had spoken to the Bishop?

14 A. You mean during that week when the Bishop  
15 was talking to him? He just said an allegation of  
16 inappropriate behavior had been made. So, no --  
17 more than that, I was not aware of any specifics.

18 Q. You knew who the family was, though,  
19 which family, that had made that allegation?

20 A. Only in that they had been named. I  
21 didn't know them.

22 Q. So if I understand correctly, Priest Linnenbrink  
23 Father Linnenbrink and Monsignor Schmidt reporting  
24 back to you or back to the Bishop about their  
25 investigation, you had no knowledge as to what

1 specifically had been asserted by the children.

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. Did you meet with Kathy Kasper or any of  
4 the Kasper family before the investigation was  
5 complete?

6 A. I don't know what investigation -- what  
7 investigation are you talking about?

8 Q. I will clarify it.

9 Is it my understanding that Father  
10 Linnenbrink and Monsignor Schmidt were to  
11 investigate the allegations?

12 A. They were to look into the matter, yes.

13 Q. You hesitate, so I'm trying to figure out  
14 why you are hesitating.

15 Why don't you tell me what the role of  
16 Father Linnenbrink and Monsignor Schmidt was, as  
17 you understood it.

18 A. They were to go down and to confront  
19 Father Leu with the allegations that had been made.

20 Q. Were they to discuss the matter with  
21 anybody other than Father Leu?

22 A. They were to report back to the shop.

23 Q. So their only assignment at that time was  
24 to meet with Father Leu.

25 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. And did you meet with Kathy Kasper or  
2 anybody in the family before they met Father Leu?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Now, what were you told about the  
5 confrontation or the meeting with Father Leu by  
6 either Father Linnenbrink or Monsignor Schmidt?

7 A. My best recollection is that Monsignor  
8 came back on that Saturday, I think, and said that  
9 they had met with Father Leu; that it was kind of a  
10 vague meeting; at the same time, that Father Leu  
11 said that he would leave the parish. That had been  
12 kind of, to my best memory, how that matter was  
13 resolved at that point in time.

14 Q. Did Monsignor Schmidt -- I'm sorry. Go  
15 ahead. Complete your answer.

16 A. I was going to go ahead into next week.  
17 So go ahead.

18 Q. Before we go into that, is it my under-  
19 standing that what the Monsignor had related to you  
20 was that Father Leu had not made any admissions to  
21 anything but had simply agreed that he would step  
22 down?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Now, at this point in time, had you been  
25 aware of any prior allegations of misconduct of a

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1 similar nature against Father Leu?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Had you been aware of any allegations or  
4 complaints made by a parent or a child about Father  
5 Leu prior to this one?

6 A. I have a difficulty here because I  
7 related to Dr. McEchron about spanking. I know how  
8 that came about in that particular time when I was  
9 talking to Father McEchron. I am not certain at  
10 all that I even reflected on that particular  
11 incident during this particular period of time.  
12 So I want to say no. But I'm not sure what was in  
13 the back of my mind at that particular time.

14 Q. Let me ask you this: You related  
15 something to Dr. McEchron.

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. What did you relate to him?

18 A. There had -- at some prior period -- it  
19 may have been a year or two earlier -- three years  
20 earlier than that -- some story going around about  
21 a priest that had supposedly -- the parents were  
22 upset because the priest was spanking the boys  
23 after -- if they made a mistake while serving mass,  
24 or whatever.

25 When I called Dr. McEchron to line up

1 an evaluation between himself and Father Leu,  
2 Dr. McEchron asked me whether there had been  
3 anything else going on. That incident or rumor  
4 popped into my mind. And I related that at that  
5 point with Father Leu, which I think since then --  
6 I don't think, I know -- was in error. But at that  
7 point I related that incident as if Father Leu had  
8 done it and suggested -- or, I thought he had done  
9 that and suggested that Dr. McEchron might  
10 investigate or at least question Father Leu about  
11 that. That's how that came about.

12 Q. Let me go into more detail about this  
13 rumor. Where had you heard the rumor?

14 A. That, I don't -- it was just clergy --  
15 conversation among priests, I suppose. I can't  
16 come down at some specific point where I heard  
17 that.

18 Q. Do you know where this had occurred, what  
19 parish?

20 MR. MILLER: Wait. I'm going to  
21 object to the form of the question. The  
22 the question assumes it did occur. Form of

23 Q. (CONTINUING) Go ahead and answer.

24 A. I have a personal problem with this  
25 because I made a mistake about the rumor once,

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1 and I don't want to just compound all of this on  
2 something that I'm very uncertain of.

3 Q. Why don't you tell me what you know.

4 A. I'm having difficulty in that.

5 Q. Why don't you tell me what you know about  
6 this rumor, about where this had occurred.

7 A. I believe now that it was at Holy Family  
8 and involved a different priest.

9 Q. You say you believe now. But what about  
10 back then? What was your understanding as to where  
11 this rumor about a priest spanking kids --

12 A. I would have to say the same thing.

13 Q. Holy Family, where is that located?

14 A. Here in Davenport.

15 Q. Let me see if I understand your  
16 testimony.

17 Back in 1988 or '89 when you had a  
18 discussion with Dr. McEchron, you related to him  
19 what you understood at that time to be a rumor  
20 about an incident that had occurred at Holy Family  
21 in Davenport. Is that correct?

22 A. I think that I related to Dr. McEchron  
23 that it had taken place in Our Lady of Victory,  
24 because it just popped in -- when he asked me the  
25 question, it just popped into my mind that with the



1 and all of that, that this was connected with him.  
2 I'm not even sure I named the place. It's  
3 something that I think since then I was very unjust  
4 in saying, because it was simply a rumor and one of  
5 those vague stories that goes around, and I  
6 connected wrongly, at least at that particular  
7 moment in conversation.

8 Q. I'm a little confused. I thought you  
9 earlier testified that back then it was your  
10 understanding that this rumor was about an incident  
11 that had taken place at Holy Family in Davenport.

12 A. Since talking to Dr. McEchron and  
13 reviewing all of that, yes. Dr. McEchron took  
14 me by surprise. I just related that. Once I  
15 connected that rumor and somewhat made up my own --  
16 I just connected that with Father Leu at that time,  
17 and I should not have. So what else was going on  
18 and just kind of a story floating around --

19 Q. Had you ever made a connection between  
20 Father Leu and that story prior to your conversation  
21 with Dr. McEchron?

22 A. Not that I remember.

23 Q. So what made you make that conclusion at  
24 the time that you had a telephone conference with  
25 Dr. McEchron?

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1           A.     Simply the fact that we were talking  
2 about alleged sexual abuse, and I would have put  
3 those two together, or I did put them together at  
4 that time.

5           Q.     So you viewed the rumor about priests  
6 spanking children as a form of sexual abuse?

7           A.     At that point, yes, I did.

8           Q.     What was it about the priest spanking  
9 children that made you connect it as an act of  
10 sexual abuse?

11          A.     Supposedly bare-bottomed. He would have  
12 that -- or at least drop their outer pants. That's  
13 how the rumor was going around.

14          Q.     Were you aware that any investigation had  
15 been made to determine whether or not that rumor  
16 was accurate or not?

17          A.     I'm not aware of any investigation.

18          Q.     Now, you were aware, though, of the fact  
19 that Father Leu had been having problems with  
20 discipline at Our Lady of Victory. Is that  
21 correct?

22          A.     No.

23          Q.     You were not aware of that?

24          A.     No.

25          Q.     Now, both Holy Family and Our Lady of

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1 Victory are located in Davenport. Is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What's the relationship between those two  
4 churches?

5 A. They are both Catholic. Otherwise, I  
6 suppose there isn't any.

7 Q. Beyond that, that's all that there is,  
8 that they both happen to be in the Diocese. Is  
9 that right?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. Did they ever share -- have a sharing  
12 arrangement between priests where, for example, if  
13 one priest left, another one would come there and  
14 help out during that absence?

15 A. Not that I'm aware of. I don't think  
16 there would be any need for that in those two  
17 parishes.

18 Q. Was there ever any connection between  
19 Father Leu and Holy Family?

20 A. I think Father Leu was assigned there a  
21 one time to Holy Family.

22 Q. Is that correct?

23 A. I believe so.

24 Q. When was that?

25 A. I think that was his first assignment as

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1 a priest. So whenever he was ordained. I forget  
2 when that was. '70s.

3 Q. Let me back up a little bit here now.

4 Let me see if I understand correctly.  
5 The Bishop told you on Tuesday there was this  
6 problem out there.

7 A. That's what I remember.

8 Q. On a Saturday, Monsignor Schmidt reported  
9 back to you about his meeting with Father Leu.  
10 Correct?

11 A. That's right.

12 Q. Now, based upon that meeting, what  
13 recommendations, if any, were made to the Bishop?

14 A. It would have been reported back to the  
15 Bishop that Father Leu was resigning the parish.  
16 The recommendation or the -- how much we would  
17 share back and forth was that there would be  
18 further investigation of that, and that was to  
19 start with an evaluation by a psychologist.  
20 That was kind of general thinking in the County, that  
21 that that's what should be done to make a proper  
22 response -- two things: Proper response to  
23 the family and not try and hide anything; and,  
24 secondly, to see what response might be made to the  
25 individual priest that was involved in that. So

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1 that's how that psychological evaluation came  
2 about.

3 Q. Now, was Father Leu aware that that  
4 was going to be part of the deal? That is, his  
5 agreement to resign, that he would have to undergo  
6 some type of psychological evaluation.

7 A. Not to my knowledge. Not at that point.  
8 When he offered his resignation, I don't know that  
9 he knew anything that was going to happen in the  
10 future.

11 Q. Had you had any contact with Father Leu  
12 to confirm that, in fact, he was giving up his  
13 parish?

14 A. I didn't, no.

15 Q. Did you meet with the family before you  
16 spoke to Dr. McEchron?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you remember when you spoke with  
19 Dr. McEchron?

20 A. Specific time, I don't  
21 after the Bishop came back from vacation. He would  
22 have been back in the office on the following  
23 Monday, received Father Leu's resignation from the  
24 parish. And it would have been sometime not too  
25 long after that that the Bishop would have asked me

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1 to set up an appointment between -- yeah, between  
2 McEchron and Father Leu.

3 MR. MILLER: Are we at a point to  
4 take five minutes?

5 MR. DIAZ: Okay. Take a break.

6 (A five-minute recess was taken.)

7 Q. (BY MR. DIAZ) Now, Monsignor, in terms  
8 of the choice of Dr. McEchron, is there any  
9 particular reason why Father Leu was referred to  
10 him?

11 A. Dr. McEchron had done psychological  
12 evaluations for seminarians. He was a psychologist  
13 in town that I was familiar with.

14 Q. Was there any psychological assessment  
15 ever made of Father Leu, to the best of your  
16 knowledge, prior to this one that was made?

17 A. Not that I'm aware of.

18 Q. Now, you said that he had done some --  
19 Dr. McEchron had done some psychological  
20 assessments of seminarians.

21 A. Or prospective seminarians, I would say.

22 Q. Is that only done here in this diocese,  
23 or is that something that's done nationwide?

24 A. I know it's done in other dioceses. I  
25 don't know whether every diocese does it or not.

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1 Q. Is that something that --

2 A. I'm thinking these days it's probably a  
3 common thing.

4 Q. Would you have access to those kinds of  
5 psychological evaluations on priests that come into  
6 your Diocese that have been evaluated someplace  
7 else? In other words, do they bring those with  
8 them?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Do you ask for those psychological  
11 evaluations?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Is it possible that Father Leu had had an  
14 evaluation, a psychological evaluation, when he was  
15 a seminarian?

16 A. Not that I'm aware of. Back in that  
17 period of time, I would doubt it. It's a  
18 possibility, but I'm not aware of one.

19 Q. For whatever -- moving on, Dr. Monch  
20 was chosen because he had done some work for the  
21 Diocese before.

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. And whose particular idea was it that a  
24 psychological evaluation be done? Was it yours as  
25 opposed to anybody else's?

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1           A.    I suppose that that's something that the  
2 Bishop and I in conversation concurred with.  Who  
3 initiated that, I don't know.  I suspect the  
4 Bishop.  It may have just been in a general  
5 conversation that he and I had, he looking for what  
6 response should be made.

7           Q.    And what went into that decision?  What  
8 kind of discussion did you have that made you  
9 decide that that's the thing you wanted to do?  By  
10 "you," I mean yourself and the Bishop.

11          A.    Well, it would be a matter of trying to  
12 discover exactly what had happened, if possible,  
13 and also what response we should make to that  
14 particular situation, primarily on how we should  
15 relate to Father Leu in the particular situation  
16 that he was in at that time.

17          Q.    Was part of your thinking at that  
18 time that Father Leu had had prior problems and,  
19 therefore, that this may be an appropriate thing to  
20 do?

21          A.    No.  We were not aware of any prior  
22 problems, so that wouldn't have come into it.

23          Q.    Were you aware that he had had any  
24 problems with disciplining children while he  
25 was at Holy Family?

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1           A.    I vaguely remember that.  It wouldn't  
2 have been something that I would have been  
3 concerned with at that time.  Since then, I have  
4 learned that he did have discipline problems at  
5 Holy Family.

6           Q.    And do you know what those problems were  
7 about?

8           A.    Just that classes were unruly, is my  
9 understanding of that.

10          Q.    And was there anything more to it, as far  
11 as you are concerned, than that?

12          A.    No.

13          Q.    Was there any --

14          A.    It would just be a matter of, like,  
15 any beginning teacher or a teacher might have  
16 discipline problems in their class.  I never  
17 thought of it as anything more than that.

18          Q.    Did you approach Father Leu with your  
19 recommendation that he go through a psychological  
20 evaluation and counseling?

21          A.    Did I do that?

22          Q.    Yourself or the Bishop.

23          A.    I did it at the Bishop's request  
24 agreement.  Those kinds of things are  
25 to do, and I oftentimes take that job on rather

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1 than have the Bishop do it. So I made that contact  
2 with him, yes.

3 Q. What was Father Leu's response?

4 A. He agreed to do that.

5 Q. Was he resistant at all?

6 A. Not that I remember. I don't know that  
7 he was very enthused for it, but he didn't say  
8 absolutely no.

9 Q. Now, when you decided to contact  
10 Dr. McEchron, is it with the expectation that the  
11 Diocese is going to pay for the evaluation and any  
12 treatment follow-up?

13 A. With the expectation that we would pay  
14 for the evaluation. We hadn't discussed any  
15 follow-up because we didn't really know what was  
16 going on.

17 Q. Were you satisfied at that point in time  
18 that Father Leu had been guilty of any misconduct  
19 with these children?

20 A. Well, to my own mind, I believe that  
21 something inappropriate had gone on. I believe that  
22 was, I did not know, except that it had some  
23 overtones, from what had been alleged by the mother  
24 and --

25 Q. So if I understand it, at the point

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