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- A. Yes. It wasn't a formal meeting or anything. It was on Saturday. I said, Pinky, did you get everything done, or, Did you get down to meet Father Leu? And he said, Yes, and he was going to resign the parish. And I remember thinking, Well, we didn't have to do anything that weekend with what was going on; we could wait until the Bishop got back.
- Q. So I understand -- I just want to try to set the time line here. You meet with Monsignor Schmidt and he gives you his report. You then discuss it with the Bishop, and it's decided that psychological evaluation needs to take place.
 - A. That's right.
- Q. You then have a discussion with Father Leu about that. Correct?
 - A. Right.
- Q. And then you at that point was not let be correct?
 - A. I'm not sure who I called -- whether I

- But, at a minimum, you had spoken with Q. the Bishop about what the next step was. Correct?
 - That's correct. Yes. Α.

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- And is it your testimony that throughout Q. the time that you first heard the allegation come up, which would have been on a Tuesday before Thanksgiving -- is that correct?
 - Uh-huh (affirmative response). Α.
- From that point in time to the point in time that you picked up the phone and spoke to Dr. McEchron, that at no time prior to that period of time you had considered this prior rumor about a priest having spanked children?
- But that all of a sudden when are Q. Dr. McEchron brings up this fact, tell him that it's your belief that Father Leu had been involved with some type of spanking of

children in the past?

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- A. That's correct.
- Q. Did you tell him -- Dr. McEchron -that part of the reason that you had gone to
 Dr. McEchron for an evaluation was the fact that
 this was not the first instance of misconduct that
 had been alleged, but that this was, in fact, a
 second report?
 - A. No.
- Q. You didn't tell him that that was part of the motivation of the Diocese?
 - A. No.
- Q. I want to understand it. Did you tell him that this was a rumor or did you tell him that this was a fact? What exactly did you tell Dr. McEchron about this prior incident?
- telephone conversation; I have nothing else to go back on -- I told him Father Leu had been accused of sexual misconduct. I didn't know what he details were, but I wanted to set up a appointment between the two of them for an evaluation of where we would go from there. Someone talked about for that.

Then he said, Is there anything in the

That's when the -- background, and that's when that came into my mind, and that's what I related to him. I thought this was something, a rumor, or whatever. I thought that Father Leu had been involved in that and this might be something that he wanted to ask him about. That's my best recollection of that conversation.

- Q. Do you have a recollection of when you first heard that rumor in terms of time, something along that line? It doesn't have to be exact.

 Some time period.
 - A. 1985, '86. I don't know.
- Q. How long had that rumor gone on, by the way? Was it a short-lived rumor, or was it something that continued up until 1988?
- A. Short-lived. It wasn't something that was in conversation every month. It was a story, and it popped up and then it was gone, I guess.
- p. Didn't it strike you as part in your responsibility, or at least the Diockse's responsibility, to determine whether or not that rumorty in fact, true or not?

MR. MILLER: Objection

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Go ahead and answer it. (CONTINUING) Q. THE WITNESS: Is it all right? MR. MILLER: Go ahead. The rumor was that parents were concerned that that was going on. I thought, as long as parents were aware of all of that, the Diocese did not have to do anything further with that. What about in this particular case? Q. parents may have become aware of this. Is it your 9 testimony that the Diocese has no responsibility in 10 this instance, either? 11 MR. MILLER: Objection. 12 Argumentative. 13 14

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There is a distinction between a rumor going around about what parents might know something or object to something and a specific allegation that was made. Yes, I think in this instance with the Kaspers, we had a great deal of obligation to respond to that, and I think we did.

I'm not quite sure why there was not of children by spanking that

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It was simply a rumor, that parents were

upset that he was doing this with their children. 1 There was never any allegation made and it was only 2 a rumor. 3 But who was doing it with the children? Q. 4 This other priest. Α. 5 You never tried to figure out what the Q. 6 basis for this rumor was? 7 Α. I didn't, no. 8 Are you aware of anybody that investi-9 gated that? 10 No. 11 Α. Do you know a Father Greg Miller? 12 Q. 13 Α. Yes. Who is he in terms of where would he be 14 Q . located? 15 At the present time, Father Miller is 16 pastor at St. Alphonses Church in Mount Pleasant, 17 1.8 Iowa. Have you ever had any conversation with 19 Q. Did Father Miller ever indicate 1998 you lt that Father Leu war. him about Father Leu? 20 21 Α. 22 Q. that he felt that Father Leu was homosexual? TCOURT

A. Not that I remember. EDWARD DISTRICT COURT 23 24 Had you ever heard that rumor about 25 Q.

Father Leu?

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- A. No.
- Q. Had you ever entertained the idea that Father Leu was homosexual?
 - A. No.
- Q. Now, after you referred Father Leu to McEchron and after you had contacted Dr. McEchron, a meeting of some kind was scheduled between Father Leu and Dr. McEchron.
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. Did you have any further contact with Dr. McEchron after had you had that phone conversation in which you set up the meeting?
- A. I had a phone conversation with him that Father Leu was being reported to the proper authorities. I'm not sure whether that was social service or just how that is handled. But I learned that from that phone conversation, tried to find out something was going on, and Dr. McEchron said that he couldn't tell me. So more than that, that was the end of it right there, except that I, inew the reporting had gone on or was going to happen.
- Q. Did you call Dr. McEchron, AUG-2 did hartch! 1
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 - A. I don't remember.

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- But is it fair to say that the phone Q. conversation was limited to this statement by him that he had had to report Father Leu to some authority and that he was not able to provide you with any information?
- It may have been more extensive And I was very surprised that reporting had to take place. I think we had some conversation about that. I never learned, aside from the fact of the reporting, of any of his conversations with Father Leu.
- Did you at any point in time tell the doctor that story you told me about that Father Leu may have been involved with prior disciplining of children by spanking them on the butt, that that was a mistake? Did you ever tell the doctor that?
 - No, not that I remember.
- As far as you know, did anyone let Dr. McEchron know that the information that you had provided to him at that first phone cony may not have been wholly accurate?
- No, because I was the only one one of that I didn't do : that, and I didn't do it, so I presume else did, either.
 - In other words, you didn't say to someone Q.

else, Hey, why don't you let Dr. McEchron know that 1 the story I told was --2 No. Α. 3 Did you have any conversations with 4 anybody about what you had related to Dr. McEchron 5 regarding the possible prior incident? б I have since then, yes. 7 But you said since then. I want to know, Q. 8 at or about the time you hung up the phone with 9 Dr. McEchron, did you do anything? 10 Α. No. 11 You said no, right? 12 Q. That's right. 13 You said later on you've had conver-14 sations with people about that. With whom have 15 you had conversations? 16 Probably four or five months ago, 17 Monsignor Parizek is the only one I really 18 remember. 19 I'm sorry. I'm not as familiar 20 Who is He? litigation as other people. 21 Just a -- he is a vicar -- A 22 for the Diocese. He lives at the 23 We have lunch together frequently. 24

What brought up that topic?

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- A. Specifically, I don't remember, except that I remember being concerned at that time, you know, that I had given misinformation to McEchron.
 - Q. With whom else have you spoken?

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- A. With the Bishop, I guess, just in conversations and general way about it. I don't remember anybody else.
- Q. And when did you have conversations with the Bishop about that incident?
 - A. Probably a couple months ago.
- Q. Would that have been the first time you had spoken to the Bishop about that incident?
- A. I don't remember. I could have spoken about it earlier than that. I just don't remember.
- Q. Did you or anybody that you are aware of make any investigation into whether or not Father Leu had made any improper contact with children at Our Lady of Victory or Holy Family?
- A. I don't know. We didn't have by cause P.M. to make any investigation prior to Athis incident. What transpired since then would be whatever social services or the police do. I BOWARD F. STELLING CONTROL WHETHER any of that was done or not. Prior to this incident, we didn't have any reason to. Since then, we've tried to not interfere with the legal

- Q. Is it your testimony that after you got off the phone with Dr. McEchron, that you didn't go back to the Bishop and say, Hey, by the way, I told them -- excuse me -- I told Dr. McEchron that there was this rumor going around and maybe Father Leu had something to do with it?
- A. I don't have any memory of doing that. There could have been a conversation that we had a week or two later. I certainly didn't go back and report to him the contents of our phone conversation.
- Q. Besides Monsignor Parizek and the Bishop, is there anybody else that you've had conversations with about the fact that you had spoken with Dr. McEchron regarding the possible prior incident?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Have you reviewed any documentation in preparation for today?
- A. I saw the depositions for -- thent Bishop O'Keefe gave and Father Schmidt -- For, Monsioner Schmidt and Father Linnenbrink, EDWARDF. STRICT COURT What the Diocese -- or, whatever that paper was.

MR. MILLER: Answers to

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- (CONTINUING) Answers to interroga-I saw those last week.
- Is there any of the testimony of Father Q. Linnenbrink that you disagree with?
- The only thing that struck me is that he Α. says that I was at a meeting at the Ironmen with the four of them. I don't remember that. I can visualize the motel because we've had meetings there frequently, and I've tried to picture the four of us meeting together there, and I don't.
- Was there anything in particular about Q. the conversation or the meeting that he discussed in his deposition that you have no recollection of?
- I didn't notice anything in reading that that I strongly disagreed with, except the meeting at the Ironmen Inn.
- What about Monsignor Schmidt's testimony? Is there anything in his that you disagree with?
- struck me Not that I remember. AUG 25 1992 as --
- There was nothing in the that T remember objecting to or saying, No, that's not

- Did you review Father Leu's testimony? Q.
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- Is there anything in there that you disagree with, if you recall?
- A lot of that was stuff that I had heard the first time, so it wasn't a matter of disagreeing with. In terms of what he had done, that is the first information I had of even what had gone on. I don't remember anything that T strongly disagreed with or thought that was in error.
- Do you recall any telephone conversation with Dr. McEchron in which Dr. McEchron had contacted you about this allegation of a prior incident at the request of Father Leu, because Father Leu believed that it was not accurate you have any recollection of that telephone conversation taking place?
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- Now, in terms of your contactive the clerk of the large transcription of the contactive the contactive the large transcription of the contactive the large transcription of the large t Kasper family, might I understand that you had

limited, if any, contact with them prior to Father Leu resigning?

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- A. I had no contact with them prior to that time.
- Q. And what contact did you have with the parents, Kathy and Arden, after Father Leu resigned?
- A. After he resigned, I called the Kaspers and I talked to Kathy, and we talked about counseling. And I believe that she said that she was already in counseling with Lutheran Social Services, or was going to be; she had that contact, anyway. And I told her that the Diocese would pay for counseling services. Since she already had somebody lined up, then, I said, we are prepared to help her in that regard. She said it wasn't necessary, and it went from there. I said, That's fine. We will take care of that.
 - Q. I'm a little confused. What man't. W
- a. That I line -- help her to white some books up, or whatever. She said that, no, she was RICT CORR already in that.
- Q. But in terms of paying for the counseling, that was something that the Diocese was

going to do.

- A. That's correct.
- Q. Now, what about any discussion regarding attorneys' fees and payment of those?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Did you have any discussion with them?
 - A. No.
- Q. Now, was that the only conversation you had with Kathy? Or, for the most part, the conversations you had with her was about obtaining counseling and paying for it?
- A. I don't remember any further points in that conversation. Father Leu had resigned. This had -- my recollection, was in that following week after Thanksgiving. I may be off on my time in that regard. But it seems to me that is when that -- there really wasn't much else to talk about at that point.
- Q. Was there anything said by Kathy or by Arden that you have specific recollection
- A. I didn't talk to Arden at that time COIR met with them again sometime after Charles and s.
- Q. In terms of Kathy, do you have any recollection of what she may have said to you about either the incident itself or anything else that

you think is relevant?

- A. I don't have a strong memory of that conversation except for counseling. We may have talked about getting counseling for Father Leu, and I may have told her that that was in process.
- Q. Did you have any contact with Arden after Christmas, you said?
- A. I had a call from Arden and Kathy, that they were very concerned about what was going on and they wanted to meet with me. I said, Fine, I would be happy to do that.
 - Q. What was their concern?
- A. At the meeting -- I invited them. They came to Davenport. They said they would be happy to do that. I met with them. Their concerns were Father Leu's future and some -- what they had expected was going to happen. We reviewed that. We talked about family counseling in general terms and just affirming whatever was going on the re...

They asked about Father Leu succinseling, and I told them that that had been granged. INFOURT don't think it had taken place at that points RCI told them that we were working with Incerescency, so that was in the plan -- or, planning stages.

I talked about Father Leu's future. I

think at that point they had an expectation that he would just be fired from the priesthood and be gone. When they asked that he be removed from the parish, I thought particularly Arden thought he would just be fired and he was gone and that kind of thing.

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We talked about some of the processes and some of the facts of that and what we were doing, that certainly he would not be assigned where children might be involved until all was resolved. We talked about firing a priest and the limitations of that and what went on in that particular situation.

If I remember right, we talked for maybe 45 minutes or an hour, and that was it. They seemed to be happy when they left, and we worked through that. I'm not sure that Arden was ecstatic with the future of Father Leu. I thought at that point he thought he should be treated more harshly immediately. But I thought that we left on an amicable basis. I told them that I would keep them informed in the future of what was happenings.

- Q. Did you have any discussion of them later on after that?
 - A. I don't ever remember talking to Arden

I don't remember any conversations with again. Kathy, either. I think I may have dropped them a note or two simply about what was happening. not sure if I had a phone conversation with Mrs. Kasper about counseling, or not. I may have.

- Whatever you did have, it doesn't stick Q. in your mind right now.
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- Now, you indicated to them at some point Q. that there are some facts that they need to know about being able to fire priests. Is there some difficulty with that that we should know, or is it just simply the fact that you had to wait to determine whether or not the allegations were, in fact, true?
- Well, in firing a priest, in the sense of suspending a priest, there isn't any problem in doing that. Of having a priest not be a priest anymore, there is problems with that.
- Well, theologically, once A percontage they are alward a priest, they are always a priest. stops. The activity of that priest status, there are different stages of that. Generally, if a priest is dispensed from his

obligations -- that's in terms of marriage or something like that -- that takes on a particular status for him personally and different relation—ship to the Church in that he is not active anymore and then agrees to that. Suspension is something where the priest is told that he can't operate anymore.

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Q. What's the severest form of punishment or sanction that the Church can -- or, the Diocese can give out to a priest?

MR. MILLER: Excuse me. It's vague and indefinite. It's also compound. Do you want to know what the Church can do or what the Diocese can do?

MR. DIAZ: The Diocese.

- A. In the practical area, it would be to suspend a priest.
- Q. What more can be done to Father. Leu than has already been done?
- would have no standing whatsoever. For sexample, we talked about him being able to say may privately. He can't publicly function in any way. If we were to force laicization on him, he wouldn't be able to offer mass even privately.

How does one offer mass privately? Q. 1 You do it by yourself. Α. 2 Nobody else present. Q. 3 That's correct. Α. 4 I term that praying. Q. 5 The mass is a prayer. Α. 6 I appreciate that. But not in the 7 confines of what an individual may do. 8 are saying that he can actually go through the 9 ceremony, but he cannot have anybody else present? 10 That's correct. 11 Do you have any knowledge about this 12 issue of the attorneys' fees and the payment by 13 the Diocese of it? 14 No, I do not. 15 For example, you don't know why they went 16 Q. to a particular law firm or anything like that? 17 I have no idea. 18 Did the Diocese, in fact, pay, as far as 19 Q. you know, for the attorneys' fees incurred. 20 and Kathy Kasper? 21 Not that I remember, no. 22 Α. EON BARG agree-Was there ever any promise 23 ment made with the Kaspers that that would, in 24

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fact, be done?

A. Not to my knowledge.

- Q. Now, apparently, it's my understanding that either or both of the Kaspers lost some wages in the process of going through this counseling and the aftermath of what had occurred. Are you aware of that fact, or not?
- A. I am not aware of that as a fact. Arden may have mentioned that during our meeting in whatever it was, January, or early 1989. I don't remember more about that.
- Q. Was there any promise made to the Kaspers that they would have any of their lost wages reimbursed to them by the Diocese as a result of what had occurred?
 - A. Not that I know of or that I remember.
- Q. Did you have any discussions with any of the attorneys for Father Leu during the criminal process?
 - A. Not that I remember.
- Q. Did you provide a statement to anybody else -- strike that.

Did you provide any statements to rectify there the police, county attorney's office war Canybody else involved in the criminal process, including, by the way, the Department of Health and Human

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- A. Not that I remember.
- Q. Have you had any contact with any other counselors that provided services to the Kasper family?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Did they --
 - A. Excuse me.

 To the Kasper family?
 - Q. Yes.
- I paid the bills, of course. When the counselor that was with Lutheran Social Services went on her own, or with Adams & Baumbach, I was concerned that there would be an increase in the fees, and I said that that was all right at that She called me at a further time when -- I believe the Kaspers have a young daughter. the daughter was having problems because of the It didn't have anything to do with this divorce. andasked Counselor called me action as such. we would pay the fees for that, and Again, that was, I believe, to be a show thing. It wasn't going to go on forever,
- Q. Did you see any reports of any kind, any documents, other than bills, that was submitted by

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- A. No. I didn't think I had a right to that, and I never asked for them.
- Q. I want to go back to just one area that I have some interest in, and that is the psychological evaluations that are done of seminarians or prospective seminarians. Is that done for all of them or only for some of them?
 - A. It's done for all of them.
 - Q. That's policy here at the Diocese?
 - A. It is now.
 - Q. When did that policy go into effect?
- A. I'm uncertain. Up to maybe ten years ago, or something like that.
- Q. You say it's done now. I guess I'm confused. As you were trying to distinguish maybe what may have been done 15, 20, 25 years ago?
 - A. Right.
- Q. But for the last ten years, that's what's done of prospective seminarians?
 - A. That's correct.
 - Q. What's the reasoning behind
- A. Primary reason would be to help them in their studies, relationships with other people as they are going through school, in case a person

might be so outgoing that they won't get their studies done and just to be aware of those particular things, or a person tends to be a little bit withdrawn, they should be encouraged to participate in more group activities, and that kind of thing. That's generally the results and purpose of that interview or psychological evaluation. It might turn up somebody that was just extremely unfit for the life of a priest and might particularly call awareness to observe that person under those circumstances.

- Q. Would you say that it's done for the best interest of the Diocese as opposed to the individual, or is it for both?
 - A. It's for both.

- Q. And that's why it's mandated that everyone have it done as just opposed to making it optional for the individual.
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. And has Dr. McEchron been doings those evaluations for the ten years or for some shorter period of time?
- A. I think he has been doing of the for all of that period of time.
 - Q. Other than in the instance in this

particular case, are you aware of any other psychological evaluations that have been given of priests, not prospective seminarians?

- A. Where the Diocese -- not that the Diocese has required. Well, in one instance, yes. A person was having -- one of the priests was having mental problems, and we asked him to get an evaluation in that regard.
- Q. Without mentioning the priest's name, what kind of mental problems was he having?
- A. I believe that he is manic-depressive.

 He was certainly having problems with depression.
- Q. In relationship to Dr. McEchron, what does he charge for the evaluations that he does for you on a routine basis, the ones that are done for the seminarians?
- A. It's about \$200, but I might be off one way or the other on that.
- Q. Do you know what he charged you for Dr. Leu -- for Father Leu? Excuse
 - A. No, I don't.

MR. DIAZ: Let me take one michute

here.

We will take a short break. I will

(A five-minute recess was taken.) 1 (BY MR. DIAZ) A few more questions, then Q. 2 we are done. 3 Α. Sure. 4 You indicated that at some point Q. 5 Mrs. Kasper had contacted you about their youngest 6 Is it Annie, I believe is her name? 7 I have no idea. 8 The youngest child is a girl. Q. 9 The counselor contacted me; Mrs. Kasper Α. 10 didn't. 11 So the counselor that was dealing with 12 Q. the child contacted you, looking to see whether or 13 not you would be willing to pay for the counseling 14 session regarding that particular child. Is that 15 correct? 16 It was Kathy and the child, as I Yes. 17 Α. understand it, went to counseling together. 18 maybe.

Q. And the counselor related to You the 19 20 21 while it was not a direct result of this inclident, it was an indirect result of the stressed upon the 22 23 24 Is that correct? family?

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She said it was because of the divorce,

pending divorce, or whatever. Kathy and Arden were separated at that time, and the young girl was having some problems with that. The counselor said, It doesn't pertain to what's gone on before, but that Kathy would like to get some counseling Because she had been coming through this for this. already, would we be willing to help, and T said yes.

- The records that you've provided -- we've Q . got quite a handful. It looks like we've counted approximately 25 pages worth of records relating to billing that was done by either Lutheran Social Services or the counseling service of Adams & Baumbach Associates. Is that correct?
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- Are these what were provided to you for Q. the counseling of different members, including Kathy and Arden and arguably even the child, as well? Are these the bills that you pato we ative to that counseling that you agreed that you would provide?
 - That's correct. Α.
- Why don't the amark this as MR. DIAZ: We have already numbered the page at an exhibit. the bottom of it. You can just check to make sure

that they are done. 1 MR. MILLER: Why don't we call it 2 Morrissey 1. 3 (BY MR. DIAZ) Do you remember receiving Q. 4 any letters from Mrs. Kasper at all? 5 If I did, they were in -- I presume, in 6 the file, or I've discarded them. No, I really 7 don't. 8 MR. DIAZ: Fair enough. Thank you. 9 That's all. 10 (Morrissey Deposition Exhibit 1 was 11 mark'd for identification.) 12 (The deposition was concluded at 13 4:15 p.m. on January 13, 1992.) 14 15 16 EDWARD F STEINGTOUR 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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