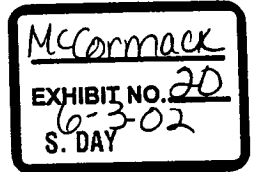


Case of [REDACTED] 15 yrs old



Phone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and his mother came to my office at 3 P.M. on Thursday - February 12, 1987. [REDACTED] told me the following story.

He worked as a receptionist on the first floor of the rectory. Sometime before the following incidents, Father Joe Birmingham asked [REDACTED] this question, "do you know who gay people are?" and answered that in a general way he knew about gay people.

Last March [REDACTED]'s kidney was hurting. He told Fr. Birmingham about this. Fr. said that he wanted [REDACTED] a massage when he got back. He left the room and when [REDACTED] returned, he took [REDACTED] upstairs and told him to lie down.

on the couch. Father Birmingham started to massage [redacted] on the shoulder and the kidney, then down and touched [redacted] private parts. He asked [redacted] to massage him but then the door bell rang and [redacted] left the room to answer the door.

This past summer [redacted] Birmingham asked [redacted] to bring him some water. At this same time, [redacted] was due to receive his check and Fr. asked him to come over and get it. [redacted] sat down and Father started to massage him from the shoulder down to his private parts.

On another time, [redacted] was in his first floor office. Fr. came in and said, "turn the T.V. to the news." After the news was over, Fr. told [redacted] to turn down the volume and pull down the shade. Fr. Birmingham sat down and grabbed [redacted] the arm and said, "are we friends [redacted]" said yes. Then Fr. sat [redacted] down on his knee and started to touch the [redacted] private parts.

[redacted] said that he is angry.

His mother who brought him to my office spoke of getting counselling for [redacted].

His mother also said that Fr. Birmingham was concerned as to why there was not a youth ministry in the parish. [redacted]. He wanted to build it up.

[redacted]'s mother wanted to know if Fr. Birmingham would stay in the parish!

Finally, [redacted] said that there is a chance that another boy might be involved with Fr. Birmingham.

Submitted by
+ John J. McElroy

2/14/87 - I spoke to Fr. Birmingham. He admitted there had been some difficulty. He agreed it would be helpful to resign from parish & to seek assessment and therapy. He has shown himself most cooperative in every way.

I gave name of counselor to Rev. McElroy so boy could receive help.