

**Court File No.: 2299/96**

**Ontario Court (General Division)**

**Between:**

**Irene Deschenes and Joanne Morrison (Plaintiffs)**

**and**

**Charles H. Sylvestre and the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of London in Ontario (Defendants)**

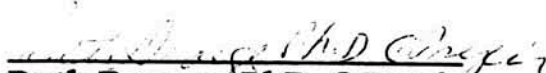
**AFFIDAVIT**


I, Ruth Droege, Ph.D., C.Psych., of North York and the Province of Ontario, am the Director of the Assessment Program carried out at the Southdown Institute, Aurora, Ontario. Southdown Institute, founded in 1965, is a comprehensive residential mental health treatment facility serving church professionals from across the English-speaking world. As Director of the Assessment Program and as a Registered Clinical Psychologist in the Province of Ontario, I coordinate and conduct psychological evaluations of persons referred to Southdown Institute. This includes the administration, scoring and interpretation of psychological tests.

The defendant in the lawsuit, Father Charles H. Sylvestre, was evaluated at our facility December 14-18, 1992. He was referred because of allegations of sexual abuse on Fr. Sylvestre's part. His assessment consisted of a psychiatric evaluation, psychological testing, a health evaluation, a comprehensive psychological interview, a spiritual life assessment and an addiction assessment.

Prior to beginning the assessment, Father Sylvestre was given assurance of confidentiality within the limits of the laws of the Province of Ontario. He signed a release of information authorizing the release of the written assessment report to Reverend Richard W. Tremblay of the Diocese of London, Ontario.

Sworn before me at the <sup>City</sup> ~~Town~~  
of <sup>Aurora</sup> ~~Aurora~~, in the County of York  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1998.

  
**Ruth Droege, Ph.D., C.Psych.**

  
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