Accusers of ex-Creighton Prep priest describe haunting secrets. He asks for proof

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D.A. was 14 years old when a priest made a disturbing proposition.

Father Daniel Kenney offered to look at the boy’s penis.

The encounter happened in the 1980s, D.A. says, when he was a freshman at Creighton Prep. It happened in Kenney’s bedroom, in the priest quarters attached to the all-boys Jesuit high school in Omaha. And it happened in secret.
D.A., now an Omaha professional who spoke on the condition that he not be identified beyond his initials, said he turned down the offer and didn’t tell a soul back then. He’s only talking about his experiences now because, after all these years, Kenney’s history of alleged abuse has been made public.

Late last year, the Omaha Archdiocese and Midwest Jesuits publicly named Kenney as a sexual abuser. The Jesuits say they believe Kenney sexually abused eight others, all minors, during his 1965-1989 tenure.

Jesuit officials have declined to specify the nature of that abuse, or to say whether the abuse was physical or verbal — just that they believe it happened. Kenney was removed from Prep in 1989 and from public ministry in 2003 because of what has been alleged.

Reached by phone in Milwaukee, Kenney questioned whether there is proof that he did anything wrong. The 86-year-old man asked: “Is this guilty until proven innocent?”

Kenney has no criminal record. There are no apparent public records to corroborate the allegations.
D.A. and three other Prep graduates recently and independently came forward to tell The World-Herald of disturbing encounters with Kenney that happened decades ago. All gave similar accounts. All rejected Kenney’s offer. None ever reported their recollections to church officials. Their accounts are in addition to the eight abuse reports disclosed by the Jesuits.

The men allege inappropriate sexual propositions — not physical contact.

The Rev. Brian Paulson, provincial of the Chicago-based Midwest Jesuits, which governs Nebraska, said he believes the victims and apologized for Kenney’s behavior.

“The failures of the Society of Jesus and the church to protect those entrusted to its care fill our hearts with sorrow and shame,” Paulson said. “We have learned from these tragic failures.”

Kenney remains in the Jesuit order but under restriction: He cannot identify himself as a priest, wear a Roman collar or conduct public ministry. And he must be accompanied in public. All are steps the order said were put in place for public safety.

That was well after 1989, when Prep quietly removed Kenney following what the Jesuits say was the first reported allegation against him.

Very few people were apparently told. No announcement was made at school about the reason behind his sudden departure. And no one was informed at either charity that Kenney started, the youth food help program, Operation Others; and the summer camp in Wyoming, Camp Buford.

Even though Kenney was dismissed from Prep, the Jesuits continued to allow him to serve in ministry and even return to Prep. He was allowed to live in the Jesuit residence attached to Prep one summer.

“They kept a good secret,” said David Mangelsen, a 1969 Prep graduate who serves on the board of the foundation that supports the camp.
The Jesuits say there is no record of correspondence between them and Camp Buford leaders about Kenney’s dismissal from Prep.

“The Province — indeed the entire Church — has acknowledged that prior to 2002, notifications about concerns were not adequate, and the proper steps were not taken,” Paulson said in a statement. “The Church has learned a lot from this tragic history.”

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The sexual abuse of children is a pervasive societal problem not limited to the Catholic Church. The church, however, has been in the public eye on this issue for decades, and especially since 2002, when the abuse and cover-up scandal exploded in the U.S.

Church reforms were instituted that officials say have lowered incidences of clergy abuse. They say the bulk of cases coming to light now, like Kenney’s, are years and even decades old. But the Catholic Church again is under scrutiny because of state investigations, including the one underway by the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office.

Kenney could not be prosecuted now even if what he’s accused of was proven to be true. The alleged behavior is too old. Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine, whose office is receiving priest abuse records as part of the state investigation, declined to comment.

When reached recently by The World-Herald, Kenney said he would need permission from his superior before offering further comment. He did not return a subsequent phone call from the newspaper.

Creighton Prep and the Omaha Archdiocese referred questions to the Midwest Jesuits.

Advocates say the people most likely to sexually abuse minors are family members and other known and trusted adults. Yet it can be hard to see abusers as anything other than their public personas. The popular coach. The favorite teacher. The doting uncle. The good priest.
Kenney was the best known among the five Jesuits with ties to Prep who have been accused of abuse. He was a welcome guest at family dinners and a sought-after celebrant of weddings and baptisms for Prep graduates.

The naming of Kenney sent shockwaves through Prep circles. And it prompted the four additional 1980s-era Prep students, including D.A., to come forward to the newspaper on the condition that they not be identified.

None was eager to relive the experience, and they felt conflicted. They loved their Prep experience and didn’t want to be viewed as hurting the institution. They also felt guilty for not speaking up sooner.

The recollections of the four also help show how easy it can be for an adult to manipulate the trust of a teenager, why that kind of behavior often stays underground and how it leaves a lasting effect.

“It’s just going to sit there in a box and pop out like every year or so, and I’ll never get rid of it,” said Erik, who has worked in security and lives in Minnesota. “I ignore it and forget about it for a while. But it’s always (there). It’s like this monster in my basement.”

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The 140-year-old Creighton Prep has a proud tradition.

It’s grounded in the ethos of Jesuit priests who take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and who prize education and service.

The Jesuits have founded high schools and universities across the world, and if you go to any Jesuit campus in the United States, you’ll hear about social justice. Students are encouraged to feed the hungry, serve the homeless, be people for others.
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Kenney embodied that. Within a few years after coming to Prep in 1965, he launched the food box give-away program, Operation Others, that still is in existence today. Local Catholic high schools pitch in, and every year teenagers collect, sort, box and deliver food to 1,200 needy families.

This was so inspirational to 1966 Prep grad Bill Laird that he followed Kenney’s path: teaching in Catholic schools, including at Prep, and later running Operation Others.

Laird now works for the north Omaha-based Heart Ministry Center and grapples with Kenney’s legacy. Laird said he is “gravely disappointed,” but also “immensely grateful” because he said Kenney put him “on the path of love I am on right now.”

In the 1970s, Kenney founded Camp Buford, which took disadvantaged middle schoolers to a camp built on donated land near the Grand Tetons of Wyoming. Kenney managed and ran the camp, but Prep parents, graduates and students pitched in. People who attended described it as life-changing and positive.
In the 1980s, Kenney was involved in overnight freshman retreats intended to help Prep freshmen bond to each other and to the school.

He also taught religion and sex education and was known for the funny, down-to-earth ways he presented those topics. Kenney would pretend to smoke a stick of chalk to ham up a lesson on why smoking is bad. He’d use his hand puppet Buford to break the ice.

“Buford” had been Kenney’s sidekick ever since he landed in Omaha, serving first as a chaplain at Bergan Mercy Hospital in the 1960s. Kenney used the monkey puppet to get sick kids to laugh and once told The World-Herald the puppet’s name had no significance — but it stuck.

Buford became the Wyoming camp’s name and the name of the nonprofit foundation used to support it. “Buford” was so ubiquitous that Kenney was sometimes called “the monkey priest.” He once told the newspaper he went through a lot of monkey puppets — 18 Bufords to be exact.

One 1977 Prep grad remembers how Kenney — with Buford in hand — would hold court outside the Prep gym, entertaining younger siblings of Prep students during home basketball games.

“He was Prep’s brand,” said the grad, who lives in Omaha.

He also had a down-to-earth charisma that drew people to him. A recovering alcoholic, Kenney was...
Kenney had also developed a reputation for saying eyebrow raising things. According to some Prep grads, Kenney would ask students in one-on-one chats or during their Confession whether they masturbated and then would sometimes follow up with gratuitous, gritty questions about that.

Masturbation is a sin in the Catholic faith, but it’s not generally something a priest would ask about. Nor would it be remotely appropriate for a priest to ask to see a student’s penis.

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But that’s what D.A. said happened in Kenney’s bedroom.

Kenney, like other Jesuits, lived at the school. It is not uncommon for religious orders to also house priests, brothers and nuns in the buildings in which they work. Five Jesuits currently live at Prep.

Though no Prep student today would get access to Jesuit bedrooms, in the 1980s it was common practice for work-study students like D.A. to clean them.

D.A. remembers this: One day in the mid-1980s, he was tidying up Kenney’s bedroom as part of his work-study program. Kenney surprised him by popping in unexpectedly. The priest closed the door, sat on his bed and invited D.A. to sit, too.
D.A. was the shy outsider who had come to Prep from a public school. Kenney was then in his early 50s. D.A. was into the arts, which put him outside athletic Prep’s social circle. Kenney always was nice to D.A., leaving him candy bars for the room-cleaning.

D.A. recalls Kenney launching into a talk, asking about how freshman year was going. D.A. said fine. Kenney asked if D.A. felt he fit in, noting it can be hard coming from a public school. D.A. said he did.

Kenney then asked about showering, noting it can be uncomfortable doing that with other boys. Did D.A. feel physically adequate? Yes, D.A. said.

D.A. said Kenney then went further: Did he worry his penis might not be big enough? Did he need some help figuring that out?

Kenney then used an anecdote that the other men interviewed by The World-Herald also recounted: that one’s perspective is skewed. From the top bleacher row, football players can seem small. Up close, you get a better sense of their actual size. Looking down at one’s penis, the perspective is off, he said.

Then came the offer, D.A. said.

“If you ever want an honest opinion, you could drop your pants, and I’d tell you straight out,” D.A. recalls the priest telling him. “And you could go over to that mirror over there and drop your pants and you’d have a better idea than just looking down at yourself.”

D.A. remembered saying something like, “No, I’m doing good. I’m all right.” Then Kenney gave him a couple of candy bars, and D.A. said thank you “and that was pretty much about it.”

“And then I stayed away,” D.A. said of Kenney, “until I was done with work-study.”

Why didn’t D.A. tell anyone?
Being a freshman and Kenney being a priest, he said, “of course I wasn’t going to say anything.”

D.A. wasn’t alone in deciding to stay quiet. Erik said he never considered telling. It would be embarrassing, and he doubted himself. What if he was wrong? What if no one believed him? What if saying something came back to hurt him?

He saw only one recourse.

“You take this thing that happened to you, and you hide it,” he said. “And you focus on the fact (that) you liked this person.”

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Sexual abuse is believed to be under-reported. Victims’ advocates say that not all victims come forward; of those who do, many wait until much later. They delay or stay silent because of shame, fear and worry that no one will believe them.

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**Unknown time.** One incident. Reported in 1997.  
**Unknown time in the 1980s.** One incident. Reported in 2012.  
**Source:** Midwest Jesuits

This appears to have been borne out in Kenney’s case. The Jesuits have on record eight allegations against him. All but one of the allegations were made years after Kenney left Prep. Three of those allegations were made as recently as 2012 about abuse that allegedly occurred three decades prior.
The Catholic Church has been criticized for not handling past abuse allegations promptly. But the first allegation against Kenney, made in June 1989, resulted in the priest’s dismissal from Prep six weeks later.

According to Mike McGrath, a Jesuit spokesman, a minor and his parents told Prep of the alleged abuse, which they said happened in 1988. Prep’s attorney reported it to the state’s child welfare investigation department, Child Protective Services. McGrath said he doesn’t believe that CPS ever pursued the matter.

A state official said recently she could not confirm the abuse was reported in 1989, and Omaha police have no record. The official said that even if she could find the file, she could not share its contents.

Kenney left Prep in the summer of 1989. His association with Camp Buford and the Buford Foundation ended.

His next assignment, in 1990, was at the Church of the Gesu on the Marquette University campus in Milwaukee. Kenney sometimes met with Prep grads then attending Marquette.

He didn’t stay away from Omaha nor from the public eye. Kenney gave interviews to The World-Herald’s longtime columnist, Michael Kelly, talking about Buford the puppet and his mission work.

That first interview, in 1992, three years after he had been dismissed, was held at Creighton Prep, where Kenney said he was living for the summer.

He gave another interview in 2000, after coming to Omaha for a $50-a-plate fundraising dinner at Prep for Operation Others and Camp Buford.
Kenney’s subsequent assignments included parish work at Holy Rosary Mission in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and ministry to recovering addicts in Nairobi, Kenya.

He returned in 2003 to Marquette University’s Jesuit community. There he was removed from ministry. By that time, the Jesuits had received more allegations against him and church reforms called for removing accused priests.

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Source: Midwest Jesuits

Still, the allegations against Kenney were kept under wraps. No one told Mangelsen, who had taken over the Buford Foundation after Kenney left.

“No one had any indication,” Mangelsen said. “My assumption? He’s a Jesuit priest. They do missionary work. I believed he was a good man. I admired him. A lot of other people did.”

Mangelsen said he has received no complaints about Kenney from campers or their parents. He said he is proud of the record of the camp, which was renamed before the Kenney allegations came to light. It is now called Camp Confidence.

The Buford Foundation that supports it is being renamed because of the Kenney abuse allegations.
Sexual abuse of children has been reported in numerous settings, and it’s a problem that goes well beyond the walls of Catholic churches and schools.

Recent World-Herald stories detail sexual abuse of children that happened at the hands of a day care provider’s husband, a former assistant principal at Millard South High School and a Sarpy County woman accused of sexually assaulting two boys. In the case of an Omaha Public Schools teacher accused of molesting children, he and the school’s principal have been arrested. The teacher is charged with sexual abuse and the principal with not reporting it.

What to do if you suspect child abuse

*If you suspect child sexual abuse, call 911 or the child abuse hotline.*

- **Nebraska:** 1-800-652-1999
- **Iowa:** 1-800-362-2178

**Ways to protect children include:**

1. **Learn the facts.** 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthdays. In 9 out of 10 cases, the child knows the abuser.
2. **Minimize the opportunity.** Most child sex abuse incidents happen when children are alone with an adult in one-on-one situations.
3. **Talk about it.** Use proper names for body parts. Tell children what sexual abuse is, and when age appropriate, talk about sex. Tell children what parts of the body others should not touch. Teach children they have the right to say no.
4. **Recognize the signs.** Know the signs of abuse to protect children from future harm. Signs could be physical as well as emotional and behavioral.
5. **React responsibly.**

**Source:** Project Harmony

» **Experts offer tips to talk with kids about abuse.**

And sexual abuse and misconduct is so widespread in general that other institutions — most recently, the Southern Baptist Convention, are reeling. An investigation of America’s largest evangelical denomination revealed 380 alleged offenders and some 700 victims over a 20-year period.

In 9 out of 10 child sex abuse cases, the abuser is someone the child knows, said Colleen Roth of Project Harmony, an Omaha nonprofit that specializes in investigating claims of child abuse.

Roth said abusers include people previously considered nice guys “who look like your average, normal person.”

She said it’s important to recognize signs of abuse and report suspected abuse to authorities promptly.

“Reporting is key,” she said because the information about one case can help investigators see patterns and take action.

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The four men who spoke to The World-Herald — D.A., Erik, E.O. and Dan — all tell similar stories about their experiences with Kenney.

E.O., an educator in Omaha, can recall being pulled out of class for an impromptu counseling session in a room by the school’s switchboard.

E.O. said he froze when Kenney asked him about masturbation and whether he needed help judging his penis size. He doesn’t recall much after that but says he didn’t drop his pants and Kenney didn’t touch him. He said he knew what Kenney was asking was wrong. He said he spent the rest of his time at Prep trying to stay away from Kenney.

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— Erik, one of Kenney’s alleged victims
The encounter made him wonder, why him? Was it because he was the only child of a single mom? That he came from public school? Or did this kind of attention mean something was wrong with E.O.? Could he, E.O. worried at the time, be gay? Being gay in the 1980s at all-boys Prep would have been a social curse.

E.O. was left questioning that fundamental part of his identity. Now married to his wife of 21 years, and a father of two daughters, E.O. spent years trying to forget what happened. It made him realize much later — in marriage counseling — that even a brief encounter like that could be damaging.

Dan, who now works in banking in Minnesota, came from a big Catholic family and from a big Catholic grade school. He played football. But he was on work study, which put him in more regular contact with the campus priests.

Looking back, Dan said he didn’t speak out earlier because he was embarrassed, uncertain and conflicted about Kenney. His parents had been close to the priest and visited Kenney when he was living in Milwaukee.

Dan had gone to Camp Buford and had loved it. He had seen the positive ways Kenney had affected students’ lives. It was hard for Dan to reconcile the two sides of Kenney.

“He did a lot of good,” Dan said, quickly adding: “I don’t want to make it sound like I’m a fan. I’m not apologizing for what he’s done. ... I still think about it.”
Erik is twice a victim.

He said he was molested by someone his family trusted over a period of four years, from the age of 12 to 16. That person, who was not connected to Prep, ended up going to prison for sexually abusing children, though Erik wasn’t formally a part of that criminal case.

Erik, who now lives in Minnesota, said he came to Prep withdrawn, nerdy and desperate for attention. Kenney seemed caring and friendly, a “down-to-earth” priest who showed concern.

Erik recalls Kenney paying particular attention to him. Kenney never touched Erik, but Erik said the priest pursued him during his entire four years at Prep.

During “counseling” sessions, Erik recalls Kenney pressing him for details on his masturbation habits and penis size, even asking Erik if he thought his penis could fit in the priest’s hand.

Once during Confession, Kenney asked Erik if he masturbated and Erik said no. Then the priest said all boys do it and those who say they don’t are lying. He then asked Erik to disclose other sexual experiences, which Erik said he tried to deflect by saying he was a virgin or by bringing up other “sins,” like talking back to his mom.

Why not tell someone about Kenney?

“That’s the thing,” Erik said. “If you were going to make a complaint about what he said or did, who was going to believe you?”

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Erik also wondered: Would reporting Kenney make everyone hate him?

Looking back, Erik said he’s haunted by how the experiences might have influenced his life. His first marriage ended in divorce. He said he was overprotective with his son, who is now 20. He’s not fully confident in his career moves.

“If you’re a victim of this sort of thing, there is always the connotation that there might be something wrong with you,” he said.

Seeing Kenney’s name in news reports, he said, made him feel validated.

He sent an electronic copy of The World-Herald story on the named priests to a friend. Attached was a simple but direct message: “We were right.”

Clergy named in Archdiocese of Omaha's report

The names of those in the Archdiocese of Omaha's report on clergy who it says had been credibly accused of misconduct or abuse with minors since 1978. Five clergy — John Fiala, Deacon Emilio Morales Jordan, Francis Nigli, Andrew Syring and Deacon Duane Thome — were named in claims that came after 2002. Names link to World-Herald coverage when applicable. Source: report.archomaha.org

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- Omaha, Lincoln dioceses seek more time to comply with subpoenas for abuse records

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