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Crozier, John DECEASED	XXX (6 or 7 to 13) XXX (14-15) XXX XXX, XXX (XXX's sister)	Orono	1967- 1974  1962- 1963 1978	<p>XXX told the Diocese that Fr. Crozier abused her son XXX, born in 1961, over a period of 6 to 7 yrs from the time he was 6 or 7 to about 13. That was from about 1967 to about 1974. XXX also believes her older son XXX, born in 1958, and her younger son XXX, born in 1972, may have also been abused, as well as a daughter, LXXX, born in 1966.</p> <p>XXX, the sister of XXX, XXX and XXX recently reported that though there was never any physical contact with Father Crozier, he approached her several times. XXX was offered and accepted counseling.</p>
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✓ Father John Crozier

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Father John Crozier:

XXX informed the diocese that her son XXX, born in [redacted], had been abuse by Fr. John Crozier over a period of 6 to 7 years, from the time he was 6 or 7 to about 13 years old. That was from about 1967 to about 1974. XXX also believes that her older son, XXX born in [redacted] and her younger son, XXX born in [redacted] may also have been abused. Father was very close to the family, would visit often, the boys hung around the rectory and she thought of him as a kindly grandfather. This happened in Orono. Her oldest daughter said Father approached her but she resisted whereas the youngest, XXX, born in [redacted] was also abused by Father when she worked at the rectory. XXX was offered and provided counseling. She was asked to encourage her family to come forward. They eventually did and were flown to Arizona for residential counseling at the expense of the Diocese.

XXX described the abuse as Father Crozier getting him drunk and then doing whatever he wanted with him. It would happen a couple times a week. He knows it happened to this brother XXX because Father brought them to his camp and locked them in different rooms and would go from one to the other. Father got rough and it stopped when XXX got big enough to resist. XXX was provided residential treatment and ongoing therapy upon his release.

XXX described the abuse he experienced as Father Crozier getting him drunk and then taking advantage of him. XXX was about 14/15 years old (about 1962/63) when Father Crozier began to abuse him and it continued for about four years. This would happen at the rectory in Orono or at Father's camp. XXX was offered counseling and had some therapy.

There is no description of the abuse experienced by XXX other than Father promised that if she did what he wanted he would not touch her younger brother, XXX. XXX was provided residential treatment and ongoing therapy for her and her family.

XXX described the abuse that he experienced at the hands of Father Crozier as beginning about 1978. From the age of 4½ he spent a lot of time at the rectory. At the age of six, after breaking an arm, the "bath scene" began. Father would draw his bath and fondle him. When XXX got older he would have an erection when fondled and Father wanted XXX to perform oral sex on him but he resisted. Father never performed oral sex on XXX. Over the years, XXX said that he would bring other boys to meet Father and often wondered if anything happened to them. XXX was offered and provided treatment.

Father John Crozier was born in 1919 and ordained in 1949. He died at the age of 70 in 1990. He was stationed as pastor of St. Mary in Orono from 1969 to 1981. He was transferred to Sacred Heart in Portland and was there from 1981 to 1983. He spent some time at Guest House for alcohol abuse treatment. The files do not indicate when this occurred. He never was able to maintain sobriety. After 1983 he never had an assignment in the diocese. He went to the Virgin Islands. In 1988, Father Crozier returned to Maine, resided at Mount St. Joseph Home in Waterville until his death in 1990.

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