Complainant has been informed that the Diocese of Manchester will report this allegation to law enforcement (Attorney General/DCYF if applicable/local law enforcement) Yes ☐ No ☐ Specific Concerns: Unknown. The Diocese has not yet contacted the Mustphas.

Report to Brian Quirk (603-410-1530) for report to AG/law enforcement**: Date of Contact: 04/11/08 Time:
** Report made to Portsmouth Police Department Date of Contact: 04/09/2008 Name of Contact: Capt. J. Champlin

Notification to Chair, Diocesan Review Board (or in his/her absence, another member): Date of Contact: 04/10/08 Time: 4:10 p.m.

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Brodeur, Paul

From: Quirk, Brian M. [BQuirk@preti.com]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2008 2:14 PM
To: Brodeur, Paul
Subject: Civil Report -

Paul,

Please find attached a civil report. The accused, Mr. [redacted] is an 81-year-old usher at [redacted] Parish in Portsmouth who we are told is suffering from a form of dementia. As you will note, the Portsmouth PD and [redacted] have been notified. I spoke with Captain Janet Champlin of the Portsmouth PD this morning who stated that she was fine with the Diocese notifying Mr. [redacted] of the allegation. Thus, the notification will be made today and Mr. [redacted] will be instructed that he is not to be involved in any volunteer activities with the Church pending the results of the investigation. I will keep you updated on all developments.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Brian

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Complainant Name: [Redacted]  (Maiden Name): [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]
Telephone: [Redacted]
DOB: // E-mail: 

Name of Reporter (if not Complainant): [Redacted]  Relationship: [Redacted]
Telephone: [Redacted]  Address: [Redacted]

Name of Accused: Paul E. Groceau (ordained in 1969; returned to lay state in 1989)
Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse: unknown
Place of alleged abuse: In a car
Date of alleged abuse: 1967 or 1968
Nature of alleged abuse: sexual contact as set forth in RSA 632-A:1, IV
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse: Approximately 11 or 12 years old

Complainant has been informed that the Diocese of Manchester will report this allegation to law enforcement (Attorney General/DCYF if applicable/local law enforcement) Yes x  No [ ]
Specific Concerns:
Report to DCYF (if complainant under age of 18) 800-894-5533
Date of Contact: / /200 Time: :
Name of DCYF Intake Rep: Not applicable

Report to Brian Quirk (603-410-1530) for report to AG/law enforcement:
Date of Contact: 4/18/08 Time: 2:00 PM

Notification to Chair, Diocesan Review Board (or in his/her absence, another member):
Date of Contact: 4/21/08 Time: 9:25 a.m.
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Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 3:55 PM
To: Brodeur, Paul
Subject: Civil Report - Paul Groleau

Paul,

Please find attached a civil report regarding an allegation against Paul Groleau. As the report indicates, Mr. Groleau was ordained after the date of the alleged abuse. Mr. Groleau was returned to the lay state in 1989 and thus he no longer can serve as a priest. The Diocese was advised that Mr. Groleau had undergone therapy and was encouraged by his therapist to disclose the alleged abuse to the Diocese, which he recently did.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Best regards,

Brian

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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
OFFICE FOR MINISTERIAL CONDUCT

ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR
REPORT SUMMARY ~ CIVIL AUTHORITIES

Date of Contact: 04/29/2008
Time: 07:02 AM
Received by: email
(Maiden Name):

Complainant Name:
Address:
Telephone:
DOB:
E-mail:

Name of Reporter (if not Complainant): NA
Relationship:
Telephone: NA
Address:

Name of Accused: Sr. Patricia Long CSC (now Reverend - Congregational minister in CT)
Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse: Concord, NH
Place of alleged abuse: Rectory
Date of alleged abuse: 1973-1978
Nature of alleged abuse: Sexual contact as set forth in RSA 632-A:1, IV;
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse: 11-15

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Specific Concerns: The Complainant initially emailed the diocesan webmaster on 04/29/08 at 7:02 a.m. and then emailed Fr. Arsenault on 04/29/08 at 10:16 a.m. Fr. Arsenault replied to her at 11:08 a.m. and scheduled a telephone intake with Mr. Naff and Mr. Lundt for 04/30/08 at 10:00 a.m.

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Date of Contact: / /200 Time: :
Name of DCYF Intake Rep: NA

Report to Brian Quirk (603-410-1530) for report to AG/law enforcement:
Date of Contact: April 30, 2008
Time: 2:45 p.m.

Notification to Chair, Diocesan Review Board (or in his/her absence, another member):
Date of Contact: April 30, 2008
Time: 2:40 p.m.

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Will and Karen: I spoke with victim this AM. She advised abuse 1973 - 77. I brought to her attention the report of 11 to 16 therefore 72 to 76/77. She advised activity ceased at the age of 15 because of the ulcer. She recalled that Long lived at the rectory and was the Youth Ministry leader. She relates that Long would baby-sit children of parishiners over weekends. Long would invite the victim to spend the weekend and would invite her into bed with Long. She relates Long touching her breast but does not recall any vaginal touching. She does recall touching the vaginal area of Long. Victim indicates she came to Concord at age 21 (1982) and went to the rectory to confront Long. Long stated that she thought _______ (vic) was lesbian and wanted the contact.

______ advised that in the 90s at BU she and Long ended up in the same class for Pastoral Psy. Supposedly Long told the teacher that _______ might make accusations re: sexual abuse but that they were not true.

______ is now a Psychologist working in the Boston area.

I advised her that from all indications the SOL had expired. She understood and thanked OAG for our concern and contact with her. She advised that Jim Lunt and ____ are supposed to go to Boston to speak with her within the week.

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Brodeur, Paul

From: Brodeur, Paul
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2008 11:18 AM
To: 'Quirk, Brian M.'
Cc: Delker, Will; Huntress, Karen; Spath, Kristin
Subject: RE: Civil Report - Sr. Patricia Long

Brian: I reached Sr. Descoteaux. She had the Long file and advised 8/20/73 Long was liaised from order. From 1973 to 1986 she was the Director of Youth Ministry at St. John (civilian). She and Pastor, Msgr Murray later married and were in Marblehead, MA. He passed away and she is now in CT. I noted on original report DOB 8/23/61 acts 1973 to 1978 at ages 11 to 15. Math would make it 1972 to 76/77 the latest. In that Long was in Concord, NH until 1986 the SOL expired. I also spoke with [redacted] today. She confirmed the dates and related at 15 she was diagnosed and treated for an ulcer and there was no further sexual contact.

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Sent: Monday, May 05, 2008 12:17 PM
To: Brodeur, Paul
Subject: RE: Civil Report - Sr. Patricia Long

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Sent: Monday, May 05, 2008 1:29 PM
To: Delker, Will; Huntress, Karen
Cc: Spath, Kristin; Brodeur, Paul
Subject: FW: Civil Report - Sr. Patricia Long

Will and Karen: Brian determined that Sr. Long was with Sisters of Holy Cross. I contacted Sr. Carol Descoteaux who was able to advise that Sr. Patricia Long:
1969 St. Anthony is New Bedford, MA.
1969 to 1971 Webster School in W. Franklin, NH. Lived there while taking classes at Notre Dame College
1971 to 1972 St. Joseph School in Nashua, NH
1972 to 1973 in residence at St. Leo in Gonic, NH while teaching at Holy Rosary in Rochester, NH
08/20/73 Sr. Long received a dispensation and was laïcized.
1973 to 1986 as a civilian was a Youth Minister at St. John Evangelist in Concord along with Msgr. George Murray.
Msgr. Murray was transferred to St. Christopher in Nashua, NH. He then left the church and he and Patricia Long married. They moved to Marblehead, MA where she continued her pastoral studies at BU. She became an Associate Minister and then Co-Sr. Pastor at the Old North Church in Marblehead, MA 1995 to 2005. While in Marblehead, MA George Murray passed away. Patricia Long became the Pastor in Canaan or New Canaan, CT at the United Church of Christ April 1, 2005.

I have a call into the reported victim in an effort to determine dates more accurately. The report gives DOB of [redacted] with alleged acts at ages 11 to 15 and date of alleged abuse 1973 to 1978. My calculations are if 11 that would be 1972 the earliest and if 15 would be 1976/77. Patricia Long was in Concord until 1986 therefore appears would be 8/10 yrs. after the possible last incident. Presume SOL expired?

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Phone w Diocese 2/20 2/27
Abuse 73-77
In 90s met thru a graduate class together at B.U.
Pastor Day.
Developed alcoh & 15 + issues stopped.
She lived in milony & was youth ministry leader
Baby matter of
- made her own bed w her.
- under her control. Most of mental & physical abuse
- mental & physical b/c of vagina.
Age 21 talked to long.
She stated thought she was lesbian.
She was fired at milony
She now psychoanalyst in Boston

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The Reverend Patricia A. Long
Minister of Pastoral Care

Reverend Patricia A. Long has served as Minister of Pastoral Care at our church since April 1, 2005. Prior to moving to Connecticut, Reverend Long served at the Old North Church in Marblehead, Massachusetts for the past ten years. She served as Associate Minister for nine years and then took on the role of Co-Senior Pastor. In this capacity, she designed and implemented a wide range of pastoral care programs for all segments of the congregation. Rev. Long trained community therapists on bereavement counseling, organized youth summits and designed discussion groups for parents and teens on issues such as drug use. She also facilitated monthly forums with doctors and nurses to discuss the emotional and spiritual needs of patients at the Northshore Medical Center. From 1999 through 2003, she served as President of the Marblehead Ministerial Association.

Rev. Long received her M.A. from Boston College and her Masters in Theological Studies from Boston University, Magna Cum Laude. Reverend Long describes her philosophy of ministerial behavior as "ministry by Starbucks." She believes "it's impossible to understand the greater spiritual need in any town if you're only working when in a church office or behind a pulpit. Presence in a community must be personal to be effective." She believes that "church members need and deserve a high quality of personal pastoral care", which must include; "listening, suspension of judgment and the ability to call individuals out of isolation and into the community."
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The Reverend Patricia A. Long
Minister of Pastoral Care

Reverend Patricia A. Long has served as Minister of Pastoral Care at our church since April 1, 2005. Prior to moving to Connecticut, Reverend Long served at the Old North Church in Marblehead, Massachusetts for the past ten years. She served as Associate Minister for nine years and then took on the role of Co-Senior Pastor. In this capacity, she designed and implemented a wide range of pastoral care programs for all segments of the congregation. Rev. Long trained community therapists on bereavement counseling, organized youth summits and designed discussion groups for parents and teens on issues such as drug use. She also facilitated monthly forums with doctors and nurses to discuss the emotional and spiritual needs of patients at the Northshore Medical Center. From 1999 through 2003, she served as President of the Marblehead Ministerial Association.

Rev. Long received her M.A. from Boston College and her Masters in Theological Studies from Boston University, Magna Cum Laude. Reverend Long describes her philosophy of ministerial behavior as "ministry by Starbucks." She believes "it's impossible to understand the greater spiritual need in any town if you're only working when in a church office or behind a pulpit. Presence in a community must be personal to be effective." She believes that "church members need and deserve a high quality of personal pastoral care", which must include; "listening, suspension of judgment and the ability to call individuals out of isolation and into the community."

The Reverend Dr. Ivy J. Beckwith
Minister to Children and Families

Ivy Beckwith was called in May, 2006 to serve as our Minister to Children and Families. In this capacity, Ivy will lead our Church in the development of a comprehensive vision for Christian ministry to children and their families. She is charged with involving children in the life of the Church and in developing practices which will nurture children and families in their faith journeys. Ivy desires to see families joyfully involved in the spiritual nurture and soul care of their children.

Ivy grew up in Guilford, CT and graduated in 1976 from Gordon College in Wenham, MA with a degree in English. She received her Masters in Religious Education from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1981. Ivy earned a...
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Join us! We gather as a company of God's children in order to experience God's presence, learn Christ's ways, and serve our neighbors – all toward the end of making faith a way of life. We invite you to learn more about us by exploring our website.

Worship with Us

Sunday Services
8:00am
9:30am
11:15am

Church School Fellowship
9:30am
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Our History

Celebrating our 275th Anniversary Year

On June 20, 1733, the New Canaan Congregational Church was formed. Twenty-four residents of Canaan Parish who were members of congregational churches in Norwalk and Stamford transferred their memberships to the new church. Within 10 years, membership increased to 93 members from 46 families. The second, larger Meeting House was built in 1752. A "society house" with a fireplace also was built nearby for comfort and to warm food for those who stayed between the long morning and afternoon worship services. A lightning strike caused considerable damage to this Meeting House, which served for ninety years. A third Meeting House, consecrated on June 14, 1843 continues to serve as our sanctuary to this day. In 1902, the current church was formally incorporated under the laws of Connecticut as "The Congregational Church of New Canaan."

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Our Ministers

The Reverend Harold E. Masback, III
Senior Minister

Reverend Masback has served as our Senior Minister since February 2001. He first joined our church in 1994 as an Associate Minister, coming to us from the First Congregational Church in Guilford, CT where he had served as a Pastoral Associate and an Interim Associate Minister. Skip's responsibilities included youth programming, and he created the dynamic youth groups that continue to serve the youth of our congregation and community today. In 1997, Skip was called as Minister and in February of 2001, was unanimously called to serve as Senior Minister. Prior to beginning his ministry, Skip was a founding partner of Ross, Dixon and Masback, currently a 65 lawyer, 130 employee law firm with offices in Washington, D.C., San Diego, California, Orange County, California, and Chicago, Illinois. While practicing law, Skip served as Assistant General Counsel for the Democratic National Committee from 1976-1983, helped start the National Endowment for Democracy in 1983, and helped to start and served as General Counsel on the Commission for Presidential Debates.

Skip grew up in White Plains, NY and graduated from White Plains High School in 1969. He graduated cum laude from Williams College in 1973 where he received highest honors in Political Science and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He went on to receive a JD degree in 1976 from the Columbia University School of Law.

He left his law career in 1989 to pursue a career in ministry, and graduated with a Masters of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School in 1994.

In addition to his responsibilities at the church, Skip is a founder of I Have a Dream, New Haven, Inc., a program to assist inner-city youth from fourth grade through high school. Upon successful completion of high school, IHAD will pay for the children's college education. Reverend Masback also serves as a member of the Advisory Board and National Working Group for the Faith As A Way of Life program, a Yale Center for Faith and Culture initiative which helps to equip pastors for excellence in the central task of Christian ministry: helping to mediate faith to persons, communities, and cultures as a life-integrating and life-transforming reality. He also served as a member of the Consultation on
Ph.D. in Education in 1991 from Trinity International University in Deerfield, IL and was ordained as a Congregational minister in November, 2000.

Ivy brings over 20 years of experience in Christian education. From 1978-1994 she served as Director of Christian Education at churches in New England and the Midwest. She then worked as a Christian education representative for Gospel Light Publications, consulting with Midwestern churches about their educational ministries and later joined Group Publishing, where she was Senior Editor for Curriculum. In 2000, Ivy returned to church ministry at Colonial Church in Edina, Minnesota, where she served as Minister to Children and Families through 2004.

In addition to her church ministry, Ivy has been a sought after speaker and trainer in the areas of Children’s Ministry and church educational ministry. She has been a workshop leader at Children’s Pastors Conference and the Emergent Convention. Ivy is a member of the Board of Directors of Emergent and of Mars Hill Graduate School in Bothell, WA. She has authored several publications including her 2004 book, Postmodern Children’s Ministry: Ministry to Children in the 21st Century and her 2007 release, The Ultimate Survival Guide for Children’s Ministry Workers.
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