

CLAIMANT NO. 2 - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] grew up in St. Theresa's parish from 1951 through 1973. She is currently 42 years old, married with three children. She is a registered nurse.

[REDACTED] was a member of the CYO youth group under the direction of Father Cotter during 1965 and 1966. She and her family were very involved with many church activities. She also attended school at St. Theresa's.

Father Cotter sexually molested [REDACTED] between 1965 and 1968. She was between the ages of 14 and 17. In her role as recording secretary for the CYO, Father Cotter was able to arrange to be alone with her ostensibly to review CYO business. During those private meetings he molested her. His acts of abuse included fondling her [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He also caused [REDACTED] to fondle his [REDACTED]. These acts occurred in an area behind the altar and in a downstairs room at the rectory and in his car. She recalls one occasion in the rectory when he was wearing a cloak with no pants on underneath. [REDACTED] wore a uniform with knee socks and Father Cotter tried to touch her under her skirt. She recalls his verbal efforts to persuade her to not wear underwear. She also recalls an area between the rectory and the garage where he pushed her up against the wall and pressed his body against her while touching her chest.

[REDACTED] has lived with a sense of shame for virtually all of her adult life. It is only within the past eighteen months that she has been able to disclose her abuse and deal with it in therapy.