

SUPPORTING WITNESS NO. 1

SW No. 1 is currently 27 years old and single. He grew up in the Beverly parish of St. John from 1970 through 1988. He was active in the church for a number of years.

SW No. 1 recalls how father Cotter asked SW No. 1 to work around the church with other children. He recalls that Father Cotter was very involved in the community and would come to his elementary school to teach first aid.

On one occasion SW No. 1 was invited to go swimming with Father Cotter alone. He went and Father Cotter fondled SW No. 1's genitals in the shower. Father Cotter also exposed his erect penis to SW No. 1. SW No. 1 disclosed to his parents immediately and they in turn confronted Cotter who admitted that he "had a problem and was seeking help".

SW No. 1's mother also reported the incident to the chancery. The individual at the chancery who spoke with her expressed his awareness to her of Cotter's "sexual problem".

SW No. 1 does not wish to press any claim against the Archdiocese, however, he is fully willing to support the other claimants with his testimony if necessary to assist them in resolving their claims.