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[REDACTED] Cell  
HOLY SPIRIT, NAPERVILLE

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[REDACTED] called from Naperville and said he grew up in St. Andrew's Parish in Romeoville, [REDACTED] Fr. Phil Dederer was at the Parish at the time. [REDACTED] alleges that Fr. Dederer touched him in Fr.'s bedroom, his cars, etc. when [REDACTED] was between the ages of 12 and 14 yrs. old. Whenever he had to pass the rectory he would run past it so Fr. wouldn't see him or call him in.

Another boy [REDACTED] was also molested. [REDACTED] father a letter telling him what had happened in detail, including anal sex. [REDACTED] father also contacted Fr. Valentino, the Pastor, who "talked to" Fr. Dederer. Two years ago he learned that [REDACTED] was also molested by Fr. Dederer.

[REDACTED] is more affected by reading the letters than to his own previous abuse. Fr. Dederer held wild parties on weekend nights including drugs and booze. [REDACTED] holds no grudges, etc., and claim he is very well adjusted. [REDACTED] is a recovering alcoholic for 15 years now, but is also addicted to porn. He needs help with that and I gave him referrals. They are: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], also of Naperville.

He asked me to arrange a meeting with Bishop Sartain anytime between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm. I arranged with Rosemary, the Bishop's secretary, to meet with the Bishop on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. [REDACTED]

At the end of the conversation, [REDACTED] asked about Fr. Nowak, saying that "he is very strange." I made no comment.

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[REDACTED] was very upset with me because I didn't call him with additional names. He hadn't checked out the two I gave him since he was waiting for the third. I told him why I hadn't called (the one I was going to give him had not been approved by the Diocese yet and we have no records of the person except oral recommendations.) We talked awhile and I apologized but encouraged him to call the other names.

I talked to Bishop Sartain about this and he suggested I obtain the files of all the counselors we recommend. We have nothing other than names and phone numbers of the counselors given to me by the Review Board. I don't know who checks them out or how their names are approved or put on the list. I will write to all the listed counselors and request their credentials.

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June 13, 2009 -

This writer spoke with [REDACTED] this a.m. after consulting with Jim Bryne, diocesan attorney. [REDACTED] is currently on temporary leave from work. He

[REDACTED] His mother was the only person who knew about the alleged abuse with Fr. Dederera at St. Pious, in Lomard when he was in sixth grade. He had good insurance which

[REDACTED]

I asked him what he needed, he did not mention settlement, but just that he feels worried about his insurance running out. He is seeing his counselor, [REDACTED] again Wednesday, June 18. I advised him that I would email forms for release and diagnostic report and review and we would go forward from there. I reassured him that we would assist him with counseling. ([REDACTED])

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[REDACTED]

08/13/09: Mr. Jim Byrne call regarding the case [REDACTED] and asked if I would refresh his memory up to date on this case. He asked me to [REDACTED] and after my general conversation regarding how he is feeling ETC. to convey this message to him.

"BISHOP SARTAIN WANTS TO ASSIST YOU FINANCIALLY FIRST WITH COUNSELING AND CONSIDER OVERALL COMPENSATION." (A SETTLEMENT OFFER)

MR. JIM WRIGHT WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU REGARDING THIS MATTER BUT YOU CAN ALWAYS CALL ME FOR ANY ASSISTANCE/AND OR QUESTIONS.

08/14/09: I did attempt to Reach [REDACTED] on his cell phone number at 10:52 A.M. but had to leave a voice mail stating I would like to speak with him either today before 3 P.M. or on Monday. I would also leave a message on his home phone which I did as there was no answer.

08/17/09: I still have heard no word from [REDACTED] and have had the Diocesan phone on all weekend. I attempted to reach [REDACTED] this evening at 6:42 P.M. to verify if he had received my message from 08/14/09 on his cell phone. I left a voice message for him to contact me at his convenience.

08/18/09: I phoned Mr. Jim Byrne to inform him that I had been unable to contact [REDACTED] and had left several messages for him. I had simply left a message that I had called to see how he was progressing. I will attempt to call [REDACTED] the end of the week.

08/21/09: I left a voice message for [REDACTED] on his cell phone stating I was calling this evening wondering if perhaps I had missed his phone call or if he was possibly on vacation. Since I had not heard from him I was wondering how he was doing and asked him to call me and wished him a blessed weekend.

08/27/09: I spoke with Mr. Byrne and informed him that I had left another voice message for [REDACTED] on 08/21/09 and have had no response.

Judith Speckman  
Victim Assistance Coordinator

*10/20/09: Attorney Jim Byrne called to inform me that he had heard indirectly that [REDACTED] had retained an attorney.*

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[REDACTED]

07/20/09: I received a phone call at 12:13 P.M. from [REDACTED] and asking me to return his call which I did at 4:01 P.M. [REDACTED] indicated it was okay to return any phone calls to this number as it is his cell phone and no one else would answer.

He went on to say that in the past he had been talking to Barb and I introduced myself and stated I was not real familiar with his case but that I would be happy to help him. He went on to say that he has been seeing his therapist [REDACTED] in Joliet and that his therapist had not completed the necessary forms as yet but would be doing so and sending them to us.

I inquired as to how he was doing and he stated, "A lot better." He has been treated for anger management, depression, and spent a week at St. Joe's; and has had 12 sessions with [REDACTED]. He is currently on four medications.

At present he is worried about the loss of his job for six months and now is worried about losing his insurance. [REDACTED]

His main concern is how his case is going. I assured [REDACTED] I would be contacting the Diocese on his behalf and again after I received any pertinent information from the Diocese.

Shortly after I hung up I found some of his case information and called to reassure him I did have a copy of his letter regarding the abuse. I again encouraged him to continue with treatment and said I would notify him as soon as I had some information for him. In the meantime he was free to call me. He expressed his appreciation for the return call.

07/21/09: Per Sr. Judith's request I spoke [REDACTED] this afternoon to verify that the information regarding his case is complete with 2 pages of information. He did verify the information as being complete and also gave me his [REDACTED] stating his fiance would be the only other person answering the phone and it would be okay to give her a message although he would be more available on his cell phone. All other information is correct.

Regarding the document for Treatment: [REDACTED] counselor, [REDACTED] at Joliet Center for Clinical Research yesterday and [REDACTED] did have the correct form previously mailed to him and would be sending it. In fact he stated he may have already mailed it.

He thanked me for keeping him informed and I assured him I would continue to do so.

Judith Speckman, Victim Assistance Coordinator

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**MISC. RECORDS RECEIVED FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET ON 7-25-12 NO. 723  
VICTIM FILES ON COU TORAL ASSISTANCE**

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December 11, 2002

Mary Frances,

The attached arrived at the Chancery. Although the letter is addressed to me, it belongs in your area of expertise and so I am sending it you way.

Some information about Fr. Formusa:

Born in 1911.

Retired in 1985.

Currently residing in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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*91 yrs. old*

God bless you.

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Sister Judith Davies  
Chancery Office  
425 Summit Street  
Joliet, IL 60435-7193

Re: Clergy Abuse by **Father Salvatore Formusa**

Dear Sister Judith:

I recently found your name on the Diocese of Joliet website as the contact person for reporting cases of clergy abuse. For many years I have wanted to report a case of adult clergy abuse that happened to me in 1977. 25 years is much too long to carry this around unresolved, but it has taken me that long just to get to the point where I can talk about it. Now I just need to get it out. I am glad that these cases are now being acknowledged, and am especially encouraged to see that the person to whom to report these cases is a woman. Perhaps you can imagine how you would feel if this person did these things to you. I hope you will feel, as I do, that this behavior was very improper. The perpetrator's name is **Father Salvatore Formusa**, and no matter how old he is now, or even whether or not he is still alive, I need to report it.

I first met Father Formusa in late 1975, when I was 29 and living in Joliet. I had gone to the Catholic Charities (back when it was on Bridge Street in Joliet) for marriage counseling, with my husband at the time. Father Formusa was the counselor there. Both the marriage and the counseling were off-and-on, and then on the first of the year of 1977, my husband moved out of the house, demanding a divorce. Shortly afterwards, I talked to Father Formusa alone a few times at the Catholic Charities office, and the abuse began. After I stopped going to the Catholic Charities because of his behavior, he showed up at my home on several occasions, unexpected and uninvited. All the abuse happened from about January until September of 1977, growing progressively worse.

**My main complaints** about Father Formusa's behavior are:

*At the Catholic Charities office:*

- **Sitting in my lap**
- **Grabbing me and hugging me tightly, pressing up against me, then saying, "Why are you so cold?" when I tried to pull away**

*At my home:*

- **Sitting in my lap (this happened many times)**
- **Pulling me up against him and hugging me tightly so I couldn't get away**
- **Pressing up hard enough so I could feel his heart pounding**
- **Pulling me into his lap and wrapping his arms tightly around me**
- **Putting his arm around my waist, then moving his hand upwards**
- **Tickling me under my arms, on the ribs, midriff, and stomach**
- **Running his hands up and down my ribs**

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- Grabbing and jiggling a handful of flesh on my midriff
- Pulling me down on my couch, then sitting right next to me, putting his arm around me so tight that I couldn't get away
- Leaning his head against mine
- Trying to put his face up close to mine
- Heavy breathing in my ear
- Telling off-color jokes
- Telling me about his prostate trouble
- Whispering remarks with explicit sexual content in my ear, including "When's the last time you had a good orgasm?"
- Saying things like, "It might do you some good to have an affair," and "When you get your divorce, we can get married."
- Stretching out on my couch and resting his head in my lap

These actions were too repeated and too persistent to leave any chance for misinterpretation. The sexual content in his talk was very obvious. I consider Father Formusa guilty of **sexual harassment, sexual abuse, assault and battery, unlawful restraint, invasion of privacy, psychological abuse, abuse of power, and infliction of emotional distress**. His taunting remarks like "Why are you so cold?" and "What's the matter?" made it sound like there was something wrong with me instead of with him. If he was at all qualified to be a counselor, he had to know the damaging effects on me.

**Below is a Timeline** with a history of Father Formusa's behavior, and more detailed back-up information as best I can remember, with my best estimates of when they happened. It shows a pattern of repeated and escalating misconduct. The events in 1975 and 1976 are mainly background information, with the real problems from roughly January – September, 1977, beginning after he had known me a little over a year.

*Late 1975: I began going to Father Formusa at the Catholic Charities for marriage counseling with my then-husband. My husband attended sessions for a while, then stopped coming.*

*April, 1976: My husband moved out of the house.*

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*May, 1976: I took a job at St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet, and made the mistake of telling Father Formusa about it. One day he showed up in my department, where he had no business, asking for me. This annoyed and embarrassed me. I was new on the job, and visitors were not allowed. He got away with it just because he was a priest.*

*Around July, 1976: I quit my hospital job, which wasn't working out well. Around that same time, Father Formusa suddenly showed up at my house, saying, "I can't find Spencer Road." I was shocked. I had no idea that he knew where I lived. He must have gotten the address from the Catholic Charities records. He couldn't have come there by accident. I told him how to get to Spencer Road, but he just stood there smiling smugly, making no move to leave. Just to be polite, and because he was a priest, I let him in the house, but I resented this intrusion. He made some small talk and then left. He did not make any physical advances at this time. He stopped at the house again a few more times*



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*after that, still not making any physical advances. I thought these visits were inappropriate and embarrassing, and certainly an invasion of my privacy.*

*August or September, 1976: My husband had moved back into the house. Father Formusa showed up at the house once while my husband was there, and then didn't come to the house again for quite some time after that.*

*December, 1976: Father Formusa called me and asked how things were going, and asked if he should close the case. I told him he might as well close it. But the worst of it was to come in just a matter of weeks.*

*January, 1977: I talked to Father Formusa again on the phone. On the first of the year my husband had moved out of the house again, demanding a divorce. I went alone to an appointment with Father Formusa at his office at the Catholic Charities. I knew by then that the marriage was never going to work out, and wanted the church's point of view on the situation, and information on how to get an annulment. Since Father Formusa already knew my husband, I thought he may have some helpful information. I think I went to his office for three or four appointments. I don't remember exactly.*

*When I was getting my coat on to leave at the end of an appointment, Father Formusa started to help me with it, then suddenly grabbed me and hugged me tightly, pressing up against me, saying, "This is what you need." When I pulled away, he said, [REDACTED] why are you so cold?"*

*I went for another appointment, thinking this wouldn't happen again. During this session, his phone rang, and he answered it. He then left the room for a few minutes. When he returned, he stood by the door for a minute, staring at me, with a peculiar smile that made me feel uneasy. Keeping his eyes fixed on me, like an animal does as he circles his prey, he walked toward his chair, started to sit down, then suddenly came over and sat on my lap. I was stunned. I said something like "What are you doing?" and tried to push him away. He laughed, and then leaned back harder, pressing back against me. I kept trying to push him away, but he stayed on my lap until my legs went numb from his hard bones pressing into my thighs. I thought of yelling to get someone's attention, but was too embarrassed. I was afraid the people in the office downstairs wouldn't believe me if I told them what happened, that they would believe a priest before they would believe me. When he finally let me go, I was debating whether to tell the ladies in the office what had happened, but when I went downstairs, the people were gone and the lights were off. I realize now that he had probably set the appointment for a time when he knew the office people would be leaving early.*

*I made the mistake of going for another appointment, and he sat in my lap again. I stopped going to the Catholic Charities after that.*

*February or March, 1977: Some time after my last appointment at the Catholic Charities, Father Formusa showed up unexpectedly at my home. I was taken aback, even though he had done this a few times the previous summer. I didn't think he would do anything in front of my kids, and I thought that he would respect my wishes in my own home. I didn't want him there, but I had a lot of trouble asserting myself, which was one*

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*of the reasons I had gone for counseling in the first place. I don't think anything happened at my house for the first couple of visits. But then he started touching me again, putting his arm around me and sitting in my lap. As time went on, he became more and more aggressive and insistent during his visits. There was more sexual content in his talk, first innuendoes, then becoming more specific and overt. At least my children were too young to understand the things he said, but they saw a lot of the things he did.*

*Once, in desperation, I even told my ex-husband about it, hoping against hope for some kind of support from him, but he only said, "I doubt that he was making a pass at you. He's a priest." I didn't tell anyone else after that, for fear of the same reaction.*

*April, 1977: I began seeing another counselor at a different agency. It worked out very well. She helped me deal with the issues that had made me so vulnerable, but I was too embarrassed to tell her about Father Formusa's behavior. When he stopped at my house again, I told him I was seeing another counselor, someone who didn't sit in my lap, and who kept their hands off me, and showed him her card.*

*May, 1977: I found a lawyer and filed for a divorce. I continued to see my new counselor, who never intruded at my home or workplace. Father Formusa still showed up at my house, once under the pretext of giving me a copy of an article about annulments. I showed him a copy of the divorce papers I had filed, and told him I didn't need marriage counseling anymore. Instead of staying away from my house, he showed up several more times, becoming more aggressive and insistent with the unwanted touching. Perhaps it was because he knew that the marriage was over, and I hadn't yet built myself a good support system.*

*July, 1977: The divorce was final. Father Formusa continued showing up the house at times, his behavior becoming even more aggressive. As his aggressiveness grew, so did my anger. I was learning how to assert myself better, probably because of the help from the new counselor.*

*Fall, 1977: I would guess there were around 8 or 10 visits to my home, between around January or February 1977 to around September of 1977. I had never once invited him to my home. The visits always caught me off-guard. I always felt put "on the spot," wanting to be polite, unable to bring myself to tell him to go away, even though I didn't want him there. There were just enough times that nothing happened to make me think that the misconduct had stopped, but then it started up again. Just when I thought he wouldn't come to the house anymore, he would show up again. I didn't want him around, but I had a mental block about defying a priest. I couldn't find a solution to it.*

*Once, maybe around September, I'm not sure, I actually managed to pull away from his grasp and yell at him after he whispered a particularly offensive remark to me. I was finally becoming convinced that, priest or not, he had no right to treat me like this. Nobody would expect me to put up with such offensive behavior from anyone else. My anger at him was finally getting stronger than my fear. My capacity for embarrassment was diminishing somewhat. This may have been the last time he came to my house, but I'm not sure. I don't remember when was the last time, but I think it was sometime in early fall of 1977.*

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*Some months after he had last been at my home, I thought I saw him driving toward my house as I was driving away. I just kept going. I realized then that, whether or not it was him, I would not have let him in the house again. I got away from him before anything worse happened, but I often wonder if he moved on to someone else even more vulnerable and unable to fight back.*

*For several months afterwards, the memories would float up and catch me off-guard at odd times. For instance, at one point, while shopping, I had been thinking about his behavior, and became so angry that I almost passed out. Other times I tensed up if I saw someone who looked like him, or a tall man dressed in black, or even a car similar to his copper-colored Plymouth Volare. For many years afterward I felt stigmatized and angry. I hated him for doing this to me, and hated myself for not knowing how to handle it.*

**It doesn't matter to me whether or not any of this is legally actionable.** I'm more concerned with the moral aspect than the legal aspect. The statute of limitations does not make the facts go away, nor does it make the impact on me go away. It doesn't reset my belief system, or restore my faith in the church. If Canon Law considers a priest "home free" just because the victim has been too afraid to come forward, it only protects priests who prey on those who are the most vulnerable.

If there had been only a single incident of misconduct, I probably could have worked through it and let it go. But this behavior was repeated and increasingly aggressive over a period of several months. He showed up when there was nobody around except for my two small children, who were no protection, and might not be considered credible witnesses. He got away with more because of the children being there, because I tried to avoid upsetting them. My son was 4 at the time, and my daughter was 6. They would only cry if I screamed or made too much of a scene, so I tried to play things down. My daughter, who is now 32, remembers seeing him sitting on my lap, pulling me onto his lap, and tickling me. She said she especially remembers how angry I got at him. In addition to his giving a bad example to my children, he made a spectacle of me in front of them, and in one case, in front of a neighbor child who had come over. I felt so degraded and humiliated.

**All of this behavior was unwanted** by me. There is no way Father Formusa could have thought otherwise. I told him to stop. I tried to push him away. I tried to pull away from his grasp. Other times I just froze in fear, trying to think how I could get him away without risking him coming back at me. He would say I shouldn't be so cold, that this is what I needed, and grab me so tightly that I couldn't get away. When I would try to push him away, he would become even more aggressive, and restrain my movements more forcibly. I was afraid to provoke him, because he was bigger and stronger than I was. He even seemed to enjoy my discomfort and embarrassment. I was afraid the situation would get even more out of hand. I was also afraid to tell anyone about it. I didn't think anyone would believe that a priest would do such things. I wouldn't have believed it myself, until it happened to me.

**I don't want to make any of this sound worse** than it was. There was no sex, and no touching of intimate body parts, other than pressing up against me. I know that many

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people have had far worse experiences than mine, but that does not trivialize mine. It was unwanted touching, which is legally **assault and battery**. All the specific sexual content of his talk made me very uncomfortable, especially coming from a priest. He was blocking and restraining my movements. This is **unlawful restraint**. My intimidation did not give him an excuse for what he did.

**The impact on me from Father Formusa's behavior** was stress, anger, emotional trauma, insomnia, and depression. I felt degraded, humiliated, embarrassed, and concerned about gossip and damage to my reputation because of him showing up at my home. I felt almost like I was being stalked. The only feeling I can think of to compare it to, and I can only imagine it, would be as a victim of rape or incest—something unthinkable, unspeakable, dirty, too shameful to talk about. I just didn't want anyone to know about it, and I felt like a fool for not knowing how to handle it. Besides, in spite of my objections, I wondered if I had done something to invite the behavior of this old, repulsive, obnoxious creature. Intrusive thoughts still surface sometimes, especially during times of stress, or whenever there is a news story about clergy abuse. This whole memory is like a low-grade infection that flares up from time to time, and then goes back into remission for a while.

Certain images are indelible in my mind: Father Formusa lurking in my doorway in his cassock, with a smirk on his face; the stunned look on a neighbor child's face as she looked into my living room and saw Father Formusa sprawled across me on my couch; my children whispering, "What's he doing to Mom?"; my legs going numb from him sitting in my lap so long; his hoarse whisper in my ear "When's the last time you had a good orgasm?" I don't even want to go further with this list. It's making me sick.

I don't see how the church could have allowed this to happen. I would think they would know somebody better before they would let them do counseling. He did not seem to be accountable to anyone, but seemed free to do whatever he wanted. I wish I had reported this sooner, but didn't know where to report it, and was afraid of not being believed, or of being blamed for it. At the time I thought I was the only one he had done these things to. It never occurred to me that there may have been others.

**Father Formusa has taken the church away from me.** His assaults on me were not only physical, but spiritual. He has robbed me of the solace I used to get from the church. I am unable to trust priests. I can't tell which ones can be trusted, and can't afford to take a chance on being alone with one. I never register in any parish, because they ask your name, address, and telephone number, and I don't want any surprise visits at my home. I wanted an annulment, and felt that Father Formusa had information that could help to get it, but gave up on the idea. I didn't want anyone contacting him, for fear that it would trigger him trying to contact me. Keeping him away was more important than getting the annulment. If I were sick, I would be too afraid to let a priest visit me, either at home or in the hospital. As I get older, this is an increasing concern.

**My purpose in writing this letter** is not just to vent, but to find an end to this story. I need for this unfinished business to be finished. For many years I've done nothing about it, hoping that time would heal these wounds, but doing nothing has accomplished nothing. Time has not made these ugly memories go away. Once I've done all that I can,

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even if that is just reporting it, then maybe this memory will at least stop festering. I can only come to terms with this if some kind of justice is done, if Father Formusa is punished, or at the very least, reprimanded. This is the only way I can feel that it is really over. If he retires or dies with no consequences to his behavior, then no justice will be done. I also want to warn others that these things do happen. Reporting my experiences may also help to corroborate other possible complaints about him. I don't want this to happen to anyone else.

**I am looking for** validation of my belief that Father Formusa's behavior was wrong. This may help me free myself of it. If anyone is going to make excuses for him, or trivialize what happened, I need to know that, too, so I can find a way to deal with it.

**I am not looking for** an apology from Father Formusa—it would mean nothing to me. I would doubt its sincerity. Nor am I looking for sympathy or pity from anyone. All I want is justice, and protection for other people from predators like that.

**A priest should not be exempt** from the behavior standards that apply to everyone else. If anything, he should be held to a higher standard, since he is in a special position of trust. His status as a priest does not excuse his outrageous behavior. Most workplaces have policies against this kind of behavior. I have seen people lose their jobs on grounds of sexual harassment for much less offensive behavior than this. I have even seen men removed from bars for similar behavior. Yet Father Formusa got away with behavior that would not be acceptable in any other situation or by anyone else. The fact that he was a priest got in the way of the fact that he was a pervert. At the very least, he should be expected to meet conduct standards required in the workplace.

**Please tell anyone who does counseling** not to touch their clients, not to sit in their laps, not to go to their homes or workplaces, but to keep a professional distance and objectivity. I hope you will consider some of my suggestions, if they are not already in place: posting in the waiting room a code of conduct, as well as a place to report misconduct; a system for client input (anonymous, if desired), such as comment cards similar to those used in restaurants, or evaluation questionnaires similar to those used in colleges; a spot check on suspect counselors, such as opening the door momentarily under some pretext.

**In retrospect**, I think Father Formusa has very likely done the same things, or worse, to others. In fact, I now think he may have been dangerous, that he could have hurt me, or worse yet, my children. I always felt threatened when he was there, afraid to make him angry. I think I can now understand more about how it happened. He had probably been setting me up for a long time, gradually and intermittently building up more contact. By the time he started coming on to me, he had known me for a little over a year, and knew a lot about me. I was a good target. He knew that I was not a confrontational person by nature, that I tried to avoid conflict; that I was a "people pleaser" who tried to maintain harmony. He knew my tendency to defer to authority, and my view of a priest as some kind of ultimate authority. My life experience back then was too limited for me to be able to assert myself. I had been raised in a very strict, traditional, even scrupulous, Catholic environment, where people over-idealized priests. They made excuses for them, thought that whatever a priest did must be all right, that he must have a good

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reason for doing what he did. I couldn't be a match for this professional predator. In my mind, he was bigger than life. Hindsight tells me that I should have never let him in my home, and that I should have called the police, no matter how embarrassing that would have been. If this happened today, I would be able to handle the situation very differently.

**Marriage counseling was a perfect set-up** for a pervert like this. It made him privy to all kinds of personal information about people, such as their backgrounds, their weaknesses, their reactions to things, as well as where they lived, and whether they were alone. He knew which people were too naïve and inexperienced and intimidated to know how to handle unexpected situations. He used all that information for his own personal agenda. It provided him with a pool of victims. I think I was carefully selected from that pool. He knew my weaknesses, and took advantage of them: my inability to stand up for myself, my tendency to freeze when frightened, my embarrassment. He knew what he was doing. He probably knew I would be afraid to say anything about what happened.

**He took advantage of my vulnerability** at a particularly turbulent point in my life. I was a newly-single parent, a little overwhelmed with challenges such as finding a suitable job, child care, home repairs, car repairs, etc. I had not yet even begun to recover from a damaging marriage that was full of verbal and emotional abuse. Instead of his counseling helping me, I ended up with more problems than I started out with.

**Writing this letter** has been difficult and embarrassing, but I hope I can at least accomplish something by it. If nothing else, it has helped me define some of the issues. If it had been anyone but a priest, it would not have haunted me for so long, and I would have managed to come to terms with it many years ago. Only someone who is Catholic can understand the tremendous power that a priest has over people, particularly when it is combined with a counseling relationship. This man is a disgrace to the church.

**Thank you** for your attention to this matter. I would appreciate an acknowledgement of this letter, and your reaction to it. I hope there is at least something you can do about this, because I really need some closure. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to use the contact information below.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature area]

[Redacted address line]

[Redacted address line]

*Isadora Buttery -  
asked her about St. A.  
married one  
other -*

*Married name  
Hate revenge! Don't  
want counseling -  
Agreed to meet to see -*

*12/14/02 - 8:20 pm.  
Cried hard - didn't always  
understand what she was saying -  
confirmed all the above informat  
added info - took her + 2 kids out  
for pizza - went to Rectory - start  
to molest her - ( [Redacted]  
in front of kids - (St. Anthony's in  
Breakfast)  
Came to house - a bottle of wine  
got me drunk? Later fell asleep -  
she could! Made himself at home  
her house -  
Not interested in seeing - Was  
to see it doesn't happen again,  
Re: Father Salvatore Formusa  
How to Church but when pri  
asks her names of the never returns  
still afraid of priests - "*

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A letter from [redacted] was sent to Sr. Judith Davies, dated 11/30/02. It is contained in [redacted] file.

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[redacted] was crying very hard on the phone. I didn't always understand what she was saying. She confirmed all the information in the letter and added some details.

One day she took her two kids out for pizza – went to the rectory (St. Anthony's in Frankfort) where he started to molest her in front of the kids.

Once he came to the house with a bottle of wine. Was his intention to get me drunk? Later he fell asleep on her couch. Frequently made himself at home in her house, coming and going at will.

Goes to church but when priest asks her name – she never returns again. She's still afraid of priests.

At one time her friend, [redacted], asked her about Fr. Formusa. [redacted] is married to [redacted]. 30

She is not interested in suing the Diocese. She wants to see that it doesn't happen again. She wants revenge. Doesn't want counseling. Agreed to meet with me.

DECEMBER 26, 2002

I met with [redacted] today at 1:00 in the parlor of OLA. The conference lasted until about 2:50 pm. [redacted] talked the first 45 minutes non-stop about her situation and the various ways she has tried to solve/resolve the issue.

She repeated the ways in which Fr. Formusa has abused her which consisted in inappropriate touches, suggestions, innuendo, and outright invitations to inappropriate behavior. While she was repulsed by his words and behavior, she could never resist him to the point of telling him to leave her house. He would arrive unannounced and uninvited, sit or lay anywhere, primarily on the sofa where he either invited her to sit beside him, on his lap, or would pin her down with his arms if she was already seated there. At times her children witnessed this behavior. A full accounting of this is in her written notes sent to me via e-mail and contained in her file.

[redacted] is studying to become a legal assistant so she sometimes used words such as "discoverable" actions, etc. She was uncertain as to whether her complaint would be taken seriously since there were many whose abuse was more serious than hers. She kept saying she wanted to punish him and make sure he never abused again.

[redacted] vacillated between physically punishing him in some manner to get revenge and reporting him publicly to ruin his reputation. We discussed his possible physical condition (91 yrs. old and in a nursing home) and the likely hood of him abusing anyone again. She seemed somewhat calmed afterward thinking that through but still wanted to physically punish him in some way. In her words, she wanted to vomit over

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him and then mock him. She also wants to write an article, essay, or story about her situation, using an alias, but exposing him to ridicule.

Several options were discussed, some humorous since direct physical violence was out of the question both because of his unavailability and her unwillingness to behave in that manner.

She is not inclined to sue for monetary damages since she felt money would not resolve the problem. She may have the money but the problem is still there, i.e., she is still hurting and he is still alive and "getting away with it scott free." We talked about God's justice when all else fails but she still wants revenge herself.

Counseling was offered but she didn't want to get involved with anyone else. She also didn't think she'd continue talking with me since she felt she needed to think it through first.

██████████ had shared her story with others, perhaps as many as five other people. Her sister and daughter are supportive, one friend told her not to meet with me since I'm "on their side," and the others give her conflicting advice. She also talked to someone at SNAP and ██████████ but didn't find the groups satisfying. I suggested she limit her confidences to those whom she trusts since she's found nothing but confusion in the advice given her by too many people. She is quite computer literate and had looked up my credentials on the net, as well as spending time looking up any information about the national abuse problem in the church. She is adding to her confusion and inner conflict by constantly searching for information which keeps the problem alive for her and prohibits any potential resolution. She was satisfied with my suggestions and will consider them in the immediate future. I offered to be available to her at any time. She left in a somewhat more relaxed state. She cried throughout the session, laughed at times, but said she had a lot to think about before she contacted anyone.

OBSERVATION: I suspect the problems that ██████████ experiences from the breakup of her marriage are prompting the search for resolution of the abuse issue. It is, perhaps, misplaced anger and direction in the search for peace. While I believe the abuse took place as she described it, there was no physical violation of her person. It is perhaps no worse than some women experience in the workplace and learn to ignore or prevent it. The abuse was made worse for ██████████ because she was experiencing the breakup of her primary relationship and had turned to a trusted clergyman who compounded the problem with his behavior. Being clergy, whom she had been taught to trust and respect, she couldn't draw boundaries when the behavior became inappropriate and allowed it to continue for a period of time.

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Released April 2014  
Subj: **Clergy abuse by Father Salvatore Formusa**  
Date: 12/18/02 8:26:39 PM Central Standard Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: [mfranseley@aol.com](mailto:mfranseley@aol.com)  
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Sister Mary Frances,

Thank you for your call last Saturday. I really appreciate your listening to everything I had to say, and I am relieved that you seemed to believe me. If you are available at a time when I can come down there to meet in person, I would appreciate it. Going to Joliet is no problem for me, as I sometimes have other reasons for going there, and I enjoy the drive.

I will be off work starting December 24, and will return to work on January 2, so probably the best days for me would be December 26, 27, 30, or the morning of the 31st. If this would not work for you, I am flexible about other times, including weekends and most evenings.

As I said in my letter, I'm not just trying to vent, but to find an end to this story. I hope Father Formusa has been contacted. I would like very much to know if he responds, and what he says, even if he just denies it or says he doesn't remember. I would also like to know what measures are in place to prevent this from happening to others. The more facts I get, the more it will help me be able to deal with it. I need to feel that I've done everything I can, so this doesn't happen to anyone else. I would hate to think of any of my granddaughters, or anyone else, for that matter, going through something like this.

Thanks again for your attention to this. I hope to hear from you soon.

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from Dec. 23 (at 12:30) to Jan. 3.<sup>rd</sup>  
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Released April 2014 Date: 12/21/02 4:42:01 PM Central Standard Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: Mfranseley@aol.com  
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Sister Mary Frances,

December 26 at 1:00 p.m. would work out fine for me. I know I've passed by Our Lady of the Angels at some time, and won't have any trouble finding it. I assume I just go to a front desk and ask for you.

Just to let you know--my modem at home isn't working right now. The reason I'm telling you is that, for the time being, until I can get it fixed, I'm relying on outside computers, and only checking e-mail every few days. I do hope to get the modem fixed in the next few days, though. So if anything changes and you need to get hold of me quickly, a phone call would work best. I have an answering machine, in case you call and I'm not home. I live alone, so leaving a message is no problem.

I'll plan on meeting with you on December 26.

Thanks again,

[REDACTED]

>From: Mfranseley@aol.com  
>To: [REDACTED]  
>CC: Mfranseley@aol.com  
>Subject: Re: Clergy abuse by Father Salvatore Formusa  
>Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 14:30:18 EST  
>  
>Dear [REDACTED]  
> Thanks for the e-mail I received yesterday. The Diocesan offices are  
>closed from 12/23 to 1/3/03 so meeting there is out. Do you know where Our  
>Lady of Angels Retirement Home is on Wyoming and Plainfield Rds. in Joliet?  
>If you come down on Rt. 30 from I 55, go into Joliet (East). You'll see the  
>sign, Rt. 30, Joliet. Follow it to Wyoming Ave. and you'll see it on the  
>right side of the street.  
> OK, take I 55 to Rt. 30, go East on Rt. 30 which is Plainfield Rd. The  
>block after Theodore St. (Rt. 7) will be Wyoming Ave. Make a right turn and  
>OLA will be on the right side.  
> Can we meet there on Dec. 26th at 1:00 p.m.? If that isn't convenient  
>please suggest another time or date.  
> Thanks, [REDACTED] I look forward to seeing you. Have a great Christmas.  
>  
>Sr. Mary Frances Seeley  
>Victim Assistance Coordinator  
>Diocese of Joliet

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**Your telephone message (follow-up re Father Salvatore Formusa's abuse)**

Date: 4/1/03 11:22:41 PM Central Standard Time

From:

To: [Mfranseeley@aol.com](mailto:Mfranseeley@aol.com)

Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Sister Mary Frances,

Thank you for your telephone message yesterday. I have been getting home late because of my night classes, so I thought that instead of calling, I'd e-mail you, to at least acknowledge your call. I have been preoccupied with a more immediate issue, [REDACTED] So the issues with Father Formusa are kind of on the back burner right now.

I don't know yet how this will all play out, but I do have a few questions. I just need a few days to sort out my notes and journals, and organize some of the leftover issues. I will e-mail you soon, hopefully by the weekend, with a few questions and comments. My main concern, though, is what is being done to prevent clergy abuse from happening to other people, and how the incidents will be handled if they do happen. I would hate to think of anything like that happening to any of my three granddaughters, two of whom live in the Diocese of Joliet. For that matter, I'd hate to think of it happening to anyone else, either. I'm trying to find some kind of silver lining in all this, some way that other people could benefit from the things that happened to me.

You will hear from me again soon, once I get the issues a little more organized.

Thanks,



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Wednesday, April 02, 2003 America Online: Mfranseeley

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Subject: Hello  
Date: 4/2/03 10:53:07 AM Central Standard Time  
From: Mfranseeley  
To: [REDACTED]  
CC: Mfranseeley

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Hi [REDACTED]

It was good to hear from you this morning. I hope your classes are going well. Yes, studying at night can be a real drag and certainly limits the time we can spend on other "important" things!

[REDACTED] share your concerns. However, can I make a few observations? I'm glad you're taking time to sort out your feelings, journals, etc.. Yes, leftover issues need to be taken care of to prevent them from taking over your life. It seems you are progressing in the right direction.

You stated the main concern is the question of what's being done to prevent clergy abuse. [REDACTED] there is plenty being done! First of all, there is a small number of priests with the inclination to abuse. The greater majority of priests are good, holy men who respect themselves and others. They are fulfilling their vocational role in the best way they can. The problem is an old one - perhaps as old as the clergy line goes back. What we have to do, and our main concern and efforts should lead us to, is to isolate the men who are so inclined. Much of the problem we are faced with today stems from the openness of the 1960's and the "liberation," if you want to call it that, of personal and interpersonal strictures. [REDACTED] lived through it and remember well the openness of many life styles at the time. Clergy are no less humans, with all their faults, inclinations, and loves as the rest of us. Those so inclined felt free enough to act on their inclinations. Now, it is catching up with them. Not every clergyman (and now some women in other denominations) will readily admit to such behavior - so we wait for reports, etc. to inform us of these offenses. For my part, I think most of them have been identified by now. There may be a few who are still too traumatized to report such behavior, but I sincerely think they are a relatively small number. Most have come forward by now, thankfully. It is one of the worst forms of betrayal imaginable!

One of the ways this behavior is being prevented is by being more observant in the applications to the seminaries. They need to be screened more thoroughly. I think with the scandal now - the Rectors, Bishops, etc. are extremely aware of the need for this screening. But - you know human nature! One can be disciplined enough to deny oneself for a long period of time - even the 12 to 15 years it takes to get to ordination. After that it's the excitement of the priesthood and parish life. When the guard is down - it may circumvent the denial and acting out behavior can begin. I'm not sure all the abusers would have identified themselves as such during their early formative years in the priesthood. It may have been seen as a temptation that had to deny or think about. I'd guess that at one point they'd even agree as to how repulsive this behavior would be. But, at some point they succumbed. I point this out only to say that the problem cannot be totally avoided. Human nature will take its toll. What I'm saying is that Rectors, Bishops, personnel managers, even family and friends, can do only so much. The individual must take responsibility for his own behavior. The church suffers because these men are the representatives of the church in the parish.

[REDACTED] be like everyone else. Be on your guard, but don't be overly suspicious of others. After all, this is primarily a male problem and it happens in families too. Should we then be suspicious of all men, especially fathers or grandfathers, because a few take advantage to abuse others? I think not. Be aware, but not suspicious. Be friends, but until you are sure of the other person, be guarded.

I feel so sorry for the many good priests who are painted with the same brush as the perpetrators! They are really suffering! I know many of them and they are ashamed to admit that they are priests now. How sad!

[REDACTED] this is longer than I anticipated. I hope it is helpful in thinking through the process. I look forward to your comments and questions. Take care, and God bless.

Sr. Mary Frances

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Subject: Re: Hello  
Date: 6/5/2003 1:36:22 AM Central Daylight Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: Mfranseley@aol.com  
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Sister Mary Frances,

I'm sorry this response to your e-mail has been such a long time coming. I had said I would get back to you soon, but too many things were competing for my attention. Besides, I realized that I needed to process these issues in my own time, rather than setting some kind of schedule. I've been culling my journals, trying to consolidate the issues in my rambling tome. I'm sure you don't have time to read everything I've written about clergy abuse, and I'm not sure I would want anyone reading all of it, anyway. Not much is happening for me with this right now to make me think about it very much. Clergy abuse isn't even in the news much lately (as you predicted), except as filler on a slow news day. The war in Iraq, SARS, and other things are taking precedence.

I really appreciate all the time you've taken with this. I needed to be heard, and I needed to be believed. I've gotten both. Plus you have given me some other insights and perspectives, which helps me put the whole issue into a larger context. For instance, you mentioned all the changes during the sixties. I remember the sixties very well, since I was a student at Mundelein College back then. It was a turbulent time, with talk about Viet Nam, civil rights, ecumenism. People talked about things that they had only whispered about before. I hadn't seen the parallels between the changes in society and changes in the church, nor had I thought of any connection with clergy abuse. It's given me a lot of food for thought.

All in all, I feel better. I can go off this subject much more quickly now. I'm containing the experience more, instead of it being all over the place. Writing about it, even though it feels like I'm talking to myself, has helped tremendously. I feel that I've gotten the bulk of it out, like having an abscess removed. Maybe I can gradually absorb what's left of it. I'm also relieved that it's no longer such a secret, so it's not feeding on itself so much anymore. It was like a dark, scary corner that I was afraid to explore. When I was finally able to shine a light on it, unpleasant as it was, I was able to make it a little smaller, no longer bigger than life. Nobody I've told about this has condemned me, at least not that I know. A few people are entertained by it, though. To quote my daughter, "People loooooove pervie priest stories." As prurient as it is, I feel better when I can make jokes about pervert priests, and find a way to laugh about it, so even the entertainment value helps some.

I wasn't sure what to expect in reporting this abuse. I don't know much about Canon Law, but my idea of the Chancery Office was as something similar to an administrative agency, perhaps with an option for judicial review remedies were not exhausted at this level. I was halfway expecting something similar to litigation, with pleadings and responses, and a chance to face that pervert in a courtroom-like situation. I would still love to do that. I have no sympathy for his age and infirmity now. He took advantage of my weaknesses and inability to act appropriately in my defense. Maybe the tables are turned now.

I still have a few loose ends to tie up, so I'm putting down the points that concern me the most.

I still can't shake off the feeling:

- That you were trying to "pace and lead me" by first sympathizing, then talking about forgiveness. I can't imagine a judge doing that. And soothing words are kind of like a pain pill that doesn't address the root of the problem.
- That you were trying to do a balancing act between my pain and Father Formusa's status as a priest. It felt a little like damage control, though I do understand that you have a job to do. Still, I'm not totally comfortable with this.
- That talking about counseling for me was a red herring—focusing on me, like there was something wrong with me, rather than Father Formusa.
- Although I think children should have top priority in clergy abuse cases, I can't help feeling that women are kind of forgotten in this area.

What I am still concerned about:

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When I met with you back in December, you had mentioned something about a "friendship" with Father Formusa. I let it go at the time, because I was focused on something else, but this has bothered me. So I want to make it clear that this was NOT a friendship. It was more like a stalking. Father Formusa may have given the impression that it was a friendship, or maybe even put something in his records to cover himself in case of complaints later on. It was NOT a friendship. Friends don't act like that.

- **Unanswered questions** – Also when I met with you, I asked several questions that you said you didn't know answers to. Some of the questions have lingered with me. Even if you don't have the answers, somebody knows them, so maybe you could put me in touch with them.

You did admit that there had been other complaints about Father Formusa. This made me feel a lot better, knowing I wasn't alone in it, because it was one of the most isolated experiences I had ever had, something I couldn't talk to anyone about. The more information I have, the better I can come to terms with this. Facts will help me crowd out suppositions. If I can't get answers, I can't help wondering if they are hidden in that "secret file" that the news has so often talked about. Maybe it's a kind of Pandora's box, or a way of sweeping things under the carpet. It really scares me. It especially scares and angers me that there have been so many cases of clergy abuse, over such a long period of time. If there had only been a few isolated cases, I could understand how the church may not have been able to prevent it.

The more facts I have, the more I can set myself free of this experience. I'm sure some general information could be given without betraying any confidences or giving identifying details. Basically what I'm looking for is assurance that there was some kind of attempt at justice, that complaints were investigated, and if credible, that there was some price to the perpetrator. So, here are the questions that bother me the most:

- How many complaints have there been about Father Formusa? Over how long a period of time? (I'm assuming the complaints were similar to mine)
- Has he ever admitted any of the allegations?
- How were these complaints handled? Such as a hearing, a reprimand, etc. (I doubt that everyone took as long as I did to report him. There were probably complaints about him before his age and infirmity got him off the hook.)

**I admit that:**

- I was naïve and insecure. But this does not in any way mitigate his behavior. Beliefs instilled during childhood had lingered, a kid taking things too literally, the idea that it was some kind of a big, huge deal to be a priest. In my mind, priests were bigger than life. These mistaken beliefs kept me from acting effectively in my defense. Perhaps this is why priests are so used to getting what they want. Perhaps there are a lot of people trapped by beliefs like this.
- I did not anticipate his assaults. I was blindsided. If he had been young and good-looking, I probably would have had my guard up. But I was 31, and he was 66, an old, repulsive creature, even older than my father.
- The conflicting thoughts "This can't really be happening, this is a priest" played against the fact that it was happening, kind of paralyzed me, rendering me unable to act appropriately. In addition, simplistic thinking and taking things literally, left over from childhood, made me afraid that it would be some kind of sacrilege to hit or scratch him.
- Maybe I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. But then again, how could I be in the wrong place if I was at my own home, minding my own business? That's the part that bothers me the most. If the assaults had stopped when I stopped going to the Catholic Charities, I may have been all right. But I couldn't even feel safe in my own home because of him.
- I have experienced assaults by other men, some worse. Although I was angry, the impact was not as great, because they weren't priests. My expectation was different. I hadn't invested any trust in them. But if you can't trust a priest, who can you trust?

**I submit that:**

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Father Formusa's crass behavior would have been offensive to anyone. It wouldn't take an especially sensitive person to be offended by it.

- He knew exactly what he was doing. None of this happened by accident or on impulse. His behavior got worse and worse, until after several months, I finally lost my temper and yelled at him. Just because I didn't know how to handle the situation doesn't justify what he did. While I was trying to get my bearings, he was trying to get his jollies. It is especially a betrayal from somebody who knows so much about you to use that knowledge against you and for his own advantage. And counseling is a perfect set-up for this kind of thing.
- I really had no place to report the assaults. It doesn't take a witch hunt to find information on some of the people I might have turned to. Instead of resources, these people were obstacles:
  - Bishop Daniel Ryan, the chancellor at the time, the same Bishop Ryan that was transferred to Springfield, and about whom there are numerous allegations, would probably have been no help.
  - Father Arno Dennerlein, pastor of St. Anthony's in Frankfort where Father Formusa lived in the rectory, was recently named in an article in the Sun-Times as being accused of abuse back in the seventies by two men. So there were at least two perverts in the same rectory at the same time. (It makes me think maybe rectories are like fraternity houses)
  - Father John Slown, at St. Mary Magdalene's parish, where I lived at the time, has been proven to have molested people, and was de-frocked.

Anywhere I could think of to turn, I would have run into perverts, whether or not I knew it at the time (except for a few rumors I had heard about Father Slown). I feel that I would have likely been stonewalled. Besides, the Joliet area seems especially full of pervert priests. So maybe there was a good reason for my feeling too comfortable to approaching any of these people. Besides, back then, during the seventies, "blame the victim" mentality was very popular. It could have backfired on me, and I just wasn't up to dealing with that during this turbulent time of my life.

You said that only a small number of priests have the inclination to abuse. I've also read that the percentage is about the same as the population in general. But those numbers didn't mean much to me when one of them was sprawled across me, pinning me down. And now, when I realize that there were also perverts in the places I might have turned to, it makes me wonder who I can trust. If you can't trust a priest, who can you trust?

I've always been under the impression that there was a shortage of priests. I thought maybe the Church is so hard-up for priests that they lower their standards, and just have to take anything they can get, including people like Father Formusa. But that would certainly compromise the integrity of the church.

#### Some things I like are:

- This isn't specifically about Father Formusa, but I wanted to comment on the Diocese of Joliet home page. I like the links to sites about abusive relationships. That would have been extremely helpful for me back when I was younger, but at least maybe it will help others now. The list of signs of abuse showed things that applied to me almost without exception. Young people need to be educated about healthy relationships. Parents, however well-intentioned, are often not well equipped to teach their children these things. And peers are often only concerned with whether he is "cute" or "cool." I was seriously lacking in information on this subject and how to handle it, which resulted in my falling into inappropriate relationships and a marriage that almost destroyed me.

I mention this because it is the root of the problem that eventually led to my meeting Father Formusa in the first place, for marriage counseling. So, with the right information, perhaps at least some people can be saved from getting this far into a situation like this. Probably because of the abuse, I had absolutely self-esteem at the time. This kind of problem invites predators. Also, probably because of this, I was unable to fight back appropriately, either in the marriage, or in the case of Father Formusa's assaults. I'm sure he knew that, too.

- My only problem with the link is that it was kind of hidden under the button "Protecting our Children." It doesn't apply only to children, so it's a little misleading to put it there. Most people that need that

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information wouldn't think to look there. For that matter, I hope the information about abuse is also being propagated in other ways, since a lot of people still don't have computers. Places such as libraries and laundromats, and such would be very helpful. Perhaps this is already in place anyway. There are similar postings in the public library where I live. There is a real need to address this issue, because so many other problems spin off from this. So I'm glad it's there now. I just hope more people have access to it.

- I also like the way some of the online church bulletins have something about where to report clergy abuse. I can't even imagine that back in the seventies, or even having it acknowledged. If I had tried to report anything back then, I would probably have been shamed, accused of lying, and dismissed.

I think I've touched on most of the issues now. Before I can totally move on, I just need to know that I've done everything I can about this. That way I won't slip back when the going gets rough. I've gone around and around with the issues so many times, that I've kind of worn a lot of them out.

As for any future problems with this, I really don't know whether or not it will come back and bother me again to this extent. Mostly I think I have a better grip on it. I hope it doesn't lurk around the edges of my life and find its way into whatever conflicts may come up. But maybe this is getting close to the end of this story. It's not the ending I wanted (I'd rather see him hung), but at least maybe it's just about over.

Thanks again for your attention to this. I appreciate it immensely.



>From: Mfranseley@aol.com  
>To: [REDACTED]  
>CC: Mfranseley@aol.com  
>Subject: Hello  
>Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2003 11:53:07 EST

>Hi [REDACTED]  
>It was good to hear from you this morning. I hope your classes are  
>going well. Yes, studying at night can be a real drag and certainly limits  
>the time we can spend on other "important" things!  
>[REDACTED] I share your concerns. However, can I make a few observations?  
>I'm glad you're taking time to sort out you feelings, journals, etc.. Yes,  
>leftover issues need to be taken care of to prevent them from taking over  
>your life. It seems you are progressing in the right direction.  
>You stated the main concern is the question of what's being done to  
>prevent clergy abuse. [REDACTED], there is plenty being done! First of all, there  
>is a small number of priests with the inclination to abuse. The greater  
>majority of priests are good, holy men who respect themselves and others.  
>They are fulfilling their vocational role in the best way they can. The  
>problem is an old one - perhaps as old as the clergy line goes back. What we  
>have to do, and our main concern and efforts should lead us to, is to isolate  
>the men who are so inclined. Much of the problem we are faced with today  
>stems from the openness of the 1960's and the "liberation," if you want to  
>call it that, of personal and interpersonal strictures. [REDACTED] lived  
>through it and remember well the openness of many life styles at the time.  
>Clergy are no less humans, with all their faults, inclinations, and loves as  
>the rest of us. Those so inclined felt free enough to act on their  
>inclinations. Now, it is catching up with them. Not every clergyman (and now  
>some women in other denominations) will readily admit to such behavior - so  
>we wait for reports, etc. to inform us of these offenses. For my part, I  
>think most of them have been identified by now. There may be a few who are  
>still too traumatized to report such behavior, but I sincerely think they are

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> a relatively small number. Most have come forward by now, thankfully. It is  
> one of the worst forms of betrayal imaginable!  
> One of the ways this behavior is being prevented is by being more  
> observant in the applications to the seminaries. They need to be screened  
> more thoroughly. I think with the scandal now - the Rectors, Bishops, etc.  
> are extremely aware of the need for this screening. But - you know human  
> nature! One can be disciplined enough to deny oneself for a long period of  
> time - even the 12 to 15 years it takes to get to ordination. After that  
> it's the excitement of the priesthood and parish life. When the guard is down  
> - it may circumvent the denial and acting out behavior can begin. I'm not  
> sure all the abusers would have identified themselves as such during their  
> early formative years in the priesthood. It may have been seen as a  
> temptation that had to deny or think about. I'd guess that at one point  
> they'd even agree as to how repulsive this behavior would be. But, at some  
> point they succumbed. I point this out only to say that the problem cannot be  
> totally avoided. Human nature will take its toll. What I'm saying is that  
> Rectors, Bishops, personnel managers, even family and friends, can do only so  
> much. The individual must take responsibility for his own behavior. The  
> church suffers because these men are the representatives of the church in the  
> parish.  
> [REDACTED] be like everyone else. Be on your guard, but don't be overly  
> suspicious of others. After all, this is primarily a male problem and it  
> happens in families too. Should we then be suspicious of all men, especially  
> fathers or grandfathers, because a few take advantage to abuse others? I  
> think not. Be aware, but not suspicious. Be friends, but until you are sure  
> of the other person, be guarded.  
> I feel so sorry for the many good priests who are painted with the  
> same brush as the perpetrators! They are really suffering! I know many of  
> them and they are ashamed to admit that they are priests now. How sad!  
> [REDACTED] this is longer than I anticipated. I hope it is helpful in  
> thinking through the process. I look forward to your comments and questions.  
> Take care, and God bless.  
>  
> Sr. Mary Frances

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Subject: Thanks  
Date: 6/5/2003 8:38:31 AM Central Daylight Time  
From: Mfranseeley  
To: [REDACTED]  
CC: Mfranseeley

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for the e-mail. I'm sorry I'm leaving in a few minutes for a meeting in Pennsylvania and cannot respond right now. However, be sure that I'll get to it when I return next Wednesday, the 11th. I'll give a lot of thought to what you've written and try to respond as honestly as I can.

Be assured that when I suggested counseling I did not for a moment think that the problem was yours! It remains with FF. You are left with the residue, the effects of his perverse behavior. As long as this problem remains with you - he still controls you in some manner. Let's get rid of it - and it is usually through talking it through with someone - usually a counselor. If I can do that with you, fine. If not, let's look for someone else.

I'm sorry I have to go now. You'll hear from me next week. Write again if you have time. Thanks [REDACTED] and God bless.

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Subject: Just a P.S.  
Date: 6/11/2003 1:19:53 AM Central Daylight Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: Mfranseeley@aol.com  
Sent from the Internet ([Details](#))

**Just a P.S.** to my latest e-mail: I just wanted to clarify a few things. First, I hope that the length of my message and the late night time stamp didn't make you think I was obsessing or losing sleep about this Father Formusa business. At this time of the year, most days are too nice to sit in the house writing about a creepy old pervert, anyway. Sometimes when I come home late, I check my e-mail, and then get on a roll, answering e-mails, or working on a book I'm writing (memoirs, funny little stories in response to my grandkids' questions about my life when I was their age). Anyway, while checking e-mail, I realized how long it had been since I had told you I would get back to you. So I opened up a file of things I had been copying from my journal entries, added a little bit, and sent it to you, mostly to get rid of it, to dump what's left of it. In my haste, I missed a few things that I wanted to say. I should have fine-tuned it a little more before sending it.

**As for my questions** about other complaints about Father Formusa (how many complaints, whether he admitted any allegations, how they were handled), my concern behind it is: has the Church imposed *any* consequences on him because of his behavior in *any* cases similar to mine? Such as reprimanding a license? (Actually, I don't even know if there is any kind of license for counseling. My daughter, who is a nurse, said that a nurse's license can be reprimanded. So I thought there might something similar for counseling.) Was he barred or suspended from counseling after complaints about him? Was there any punishment at all? The idea of impunity just because he is a priest really bothers me. If there were *any* consequences to his abuse of *anyone*, I would feel much better, somewhat vindicated. It might help me feel that the Church has some of the credibility and integrity I thought it had before this whole thing happened.

Because of the lack of facts, I can only guess what else has happened. So my guesses are:

- that there were similar complaints about him from other people
- that most of those people didn't take as long as I did to come forward
- if others came forward much sooner than I did, then he wasn't too old to take the consequences to his behavior, if he wasn't too old to harass people. (When he wouldn't keep his hands off me back in 1977, he was 66 years old, but slick enough to always take me by surprise, showing up out of nowhere at my house, sometimes catching me in my yard, so I couldn't hide and pretend not to be home. I just *wish* I had been able to come forward back then, and that it might have done some good if I had.

Guesses are about all I have to go on at this point. I'm still trying to make some kind of sense out of this nonsense. I keep thinking, "Why me? Did I do something to deserve it?" I know that's what cancer patients often say, and maybe there isn't an answer, I don't know. I guess this is just a rhetorical question. Anyway, facts are what would displace my guesses. Blind faith doesn't work, except maybe for children. Blind faith was what got me into this whole problem, and was a result of being steeped in the attitude that whatever a priest did must be OK, that he wouldn't do anything wrong. I know I was raised in a stricter environment than most people, but I'm getting a little better at finding the right balance between facts and faith. I don't think there is anything to be gained by denying reality or withholding facts.

One thing that prompted me to send this now was a recent article in the Herald-News about a Joliet psychologist, Lawrence Egel, who was convicted of molesting women clients. Even though it happened a while back, I only recently found out about it, since I only read the Herald-News once in a while. I know this has nothing to do with the Church, but there were so many parallels that I see it as a case on point. The situations, behavior, and impact on clients were similar in Dr. Egel's and Father Formusa's cases. According to what information I have, however, the outcomes were different.

**Situation:** Both Father Formusa and Lawrence Egel were in positions of trust and power, counseling women clients, some of whom were going through divorces, had no power, were not aware of their rights, and were dealing with sensitive issues.

**Behavior:** Both abused a position of authority and trust, preying on women clients, and taking advantage of their vulnerability. One lawyer called Egel's behavior "psychological violence." This term would also apply to Father Formusa's behavior. Both made explicit and repeated sexual talk, gestures, and unwanted physical contact with

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women clients. It sounds like the touching was worse in Egel's case, but the explicit sexual talk sounds very similar. The paper doesn't say whether Dr. Egel went to people's houses, as Father Formusa did, so maybe Egel's misbehavior was limited to his office.

**Impact:** The impact on Egel's clients sounds similar to the impact of Father Formusa's behavior on me. Clients suffered loss of dignity, self-worth, and honor during these sessions. Intimidation, embarrassment, and shame kept them from telling anyone what happened.

**Outcome:** Dr. Egel was convicted of misdemeanor battery (though not the sex charge or jail sentence he should have been given). He was barred from practicing psychology, lost his license (not sure whether it's Ph.D. or M.D., but I guess it doesn't matter for this purpose) and his job, was fined, and was sentenced to court supervision and community service. So at least Lawrence Egel had some consequences for his actions. Even though I thought the sentence was inadequate, at least it was *something*. And at least the power that Egel abused has been taken away from him. Egel's lawyer said he has suffered public degradation, professional scorn, and loss of income as a result of his conviction. WELL, HE DESERVED IT!

I didn't know Lawrence Egel, but he's been around for a long time, and is well-known, so it was really a shock to read this. When I was on jury duty in about 1990, I heard him testify in court. And several years before that, during the mid-seventies, when I was working at Joliet Answering Service, he was listed as one of the people on call, I think for Help Line. (I don't know why I remember these things. I just have a good memory, which is both a blessing and a curse.)

**What distinguishes** Father Formusa's case is the added dimension of being a priest. This raised it to a metaphysical, supernatural level, making it much more frightening, and therefore constitutes a higher level of psychological and spiritual abuse, as well as physical assault and battery. Father Formusa deserved at least some of the consequences that Lawrence Egel got. But so far I don't know of any consequences at all to him. I hope to find out, though, that there were some. (I'm not talking about eternal stuff here, I don't get a vote in that, and I can't imagine a judge saying anything about it, either.)

If I had been able to come forward within the statute of limitations, perhaps this issue, whatever the verdict, would have been laid to rest long ago. The trouble with a statute of limitations, though, is that the more traumatized a person has been, the longer it will take him or her to come forward, if at all. I would bet that there are some loose cannons out there, people who may still come forward, or maybe never at all, that have been affected even more than me. I heard Cardinal George say on TV that Canon Law has statutes of limitations, just like civil law. So however I might have pursued the issue, within the church or civilly, maybe it's "Speak now or forever hold your peace."

**Separation of church and state** wasn't meant to protect pervert clergy, I'm sure. It was meant to protect the right to practice religion, not to endanger people who believed in a church. Going to church or a church agency shouldn't constitute an assumption of the risk or a waiver of rights. Just because someone is a priest is no reason to cut him any slack. Assault and battery should be dealt with the same way for everyone, no matter what their status, whether within a church or not.

Because of what happened, one big fear I have is of getting sick or in a car accident, and being brought to a hospital unconscious. I've heard that pervert priests are often sent to hospitals to serve as chaplains. So the thought of waking up to a chaplain hovering over me terrifies me, especially if I'm unable to protect myself. I've heard of pervert doctors, too, but at least patients have a right to request a nurse in the room, and some doctors have a nurse in the room anyway, to protect themselves against accusations.

I feel pretty sure that Father Formusa will not bother me again. He probably doesn't have many years left. But I really had hoped to tell my story right in front of him, even if he didn't remember me. I wanted him to know that I complained about him. I wanted to see his reaction, to find out whether he admitted or denied the allegations, or told a different version of the story. If there had only been a one-time slip-up, maybe I could have let it go. But what he did was too repeated to be a slip-up; it was calculated, deliberate, and kept getting worse, like he had an agenda.

If he hadn't assaulted me, he would most likely have assaulted somebody else. So it's not so much about me anymore, but about the bigger issue of clergy abuse. It's still the same problem, only attached to a different person instead. After Father Formusa is gone, the Church will still be around. I just hope the Church won't ignore things, only seeing what they want to see. Whatever happens or doesn't happen in this case, I just need to give this my best shot. When I reach that point, I'll know it. Then I can probably lay it to rest.

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>To: [REDACTED]  
>CC: Mfranseley@aol.com  
>Subject: Thanks  
>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2003 09:38:31 EDT  
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>Mary Frances

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Subject: Hello  
Date: 7/18/2003 4:10:32 PM Central Daylight Time  
From: Mfranseley  
To: [REDACTED]  
CC: Mfranseley

Hi [REDACTED]

I've been out of town for awhile and I'm trying to catch up with some of my backlog of things to do. Thanks for your call. I tried returning it but you weren't in - hence the e-mail.

How are your studies coming? I hope they are OK for now and you're looking forward to the Fall semester. Or are you finished?

How is your son? Is he still in the Persian Gulf? That's such a mess, isn't it? I hope and pray that he is safe.

May I pick up your last e-mail on 6/11? I hope it won't be too long, but I'll walk through it and make if that's OK with you.

I'm glad you're not spending time and losing sleep over "a creepy old pervert." He certainly isn't worth it!!! But, pray for him. Think what his conscience must be doing to him now in his dotage, preparing to meet God! As for your questions about him - I'll have to find out. I don't know if he ever had a license for counseling.

You keep thinking, "why me." I'd say, why not you? You are an attractive woman and I'm sure other men have been attracted to you. In NO WAY am I indicating that his behavior was due to your beauty or but, with someone with such perversion, it gave him added impetus. Other men can control their behavior with lovely women. Perverts use it as an excuse. So, as for "why me," there is no reason for it, only excuses.

No, please don't deny the reality of the facts you presented. Denying it only serves to keep you in the dark and not able to attack the real problem.

Interestingly you mention Dr. Lawrence Egel. Larry was a trainer with me at the Crisis Line. No one, NO had any indication that he was an abuser! His words and behaviors were so unique anyway that no one paid any attention. "That's Larry." I've known him for several years and he never was out of line in any way. You never know! That's why the perpetrators get away with their behavior for so long. Yes, he is suffering much. I don't feel sorry for him, but for his lovely wife! She is devastated!

Yes, Formusa deserved what Larry got, but if he didn't, God will take care of him. God's justice is unique and God will remember YOU when Formusa appears before Him!

No, the church is not ignoring anything right now. In fact, we've been on "heightened alert," as the government would say. NOTHING is getting past us now, as far as we can help it. I hope you are able to lay it to rest soon. Let's work toward that.

OK, this is long enough for now. Please contact me again, either by phone or e-mail. Let's talk. Take care and God bless.

Sr. Mary Frances

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From:

To: Mfranseley@aol.com

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Dear Sister Mary Frances,

Thanks for your message and e-mail on Friday. I'm sorry I missed your call. You said you were returning my call, but I hadn't called. It must have been somebody else. I guess I'm kind of hard to reach. I work from 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday, but can't talk at work—there's no privacy. I usually get home around 5:30 or 6:00, except Monday and Wednesday nights, when I have class. The rest of the time I'm in and out of the house, but I can always schedule a time to be at home or to call. For several days I've been trying to answer your e-mail, but it keeps getting too long. Once I get started writing, I can't stop. I've been trying to shorten all this stream-of-consciousness writing, but am not succeeding too well. But I'm trying to start wrapping things up, and get closer to the last chapter of this story.

In answer to your questions: school is going very well, thank you for asking. I have one more week of Family Law, and then have two more courses (six semester hours) to go. I hope to take both classes this coming fall term, and get my paralegal certificate in December. I'm pretty excited about it.

And my son is fine, thank you. He's safely back home in Hawaii, with his wife and daughter, whom he had not seen for the eight months that he was in the Persian Gulf. I've talked to them on the phone several times, and it sounds like everything is OK. I'm just glad they're all back together again. I only hope the Persian Gulf isn't going to turn into another Viet Nam.

I feel like I'm getting closer to laying this Father Formusa business to rest. I've pretty much played it out, played all the balls that are in my court. My initial letter back in December listed most of the facts. Once in a while another memory will float up, but it's mostly just small details. I don't think anything major is lurking just below my consciousness, waiting to grab me. For the most part, I think I've said everything I had to say about it. There isn't much left to say or do. In my Legal Research class, they said that you're usually finished with your research when you keep coming back to the same things. I feel kind of like that here, like I've gotten a lot of stuff out, and now just keep coming back to the same things, without it generating new topics. The only thing that's happening now is that I occasionally see a connection between things, or come up with an insight that I hadn't thought of before.

Only a few "live" issues remain: **anger, lack of information, and lack of trust.**

I still feel **anger** that all this happened, that he got away with so much for so long, and that as far as I know, nobody did anything about him. I feel a little guilty about not reporting it sooner, because it might have helped prevent him from messing with someone else. But I just couldn't bring myself to come forward, and wasn't sure where to go with it. Now I think there really wasn't anyplace I could go that would do anything about it, even if they believed me. I'm also angry that clergy abuse is so widespread and has been going on for so long. It's mind-boggling. Maybe the anger will never go away entirely, but at least my anger toward myself is almost gone. The anger that is left doesn't attack me anymore, or dump guilt trips on me. Embarrassment and not knowing how to handle the situation are not crimes.

As for the **information** I was looking for, the questions in my prior e-mails, what I'm mostly looking for is whether Father Formusa has known about my accusations, or similar allegations from other people, whether he has admitted any of them, and whether he has suffered any consequences, maybe similar to the consequences to Lawrence Egel, for instance. The more facts I can get, the better, but anything at all that you can tell me would help me to at least get some closure. Otherwise I'll feel like I'm left hanging.

The scenario in my head, what I was hoping to hear, went going something like: "Oh, yes, there have been 20 similar complaints about him. He was banned from doing counseling for two years." That's my fantasy. If he has suffered consequences of his perverted behavior toward anyone, I think I might be satisfied. I would still feel like some kind of justice was done. I would feel kind of like I was "piggybacking" on it, like in a class action suit, where the main goal is to make a point. It would reassure me that the Church doesn't condone or deny this kind of behavior, and might serve as a deterrent to others.

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I was wondering: how big of a deal is it to find out the answers to my questions? Is it just a matter of asking somebody, looking on microfilm, or doing a computer search? Or does it involve going through paper files packed away in off-site storage? On one hand, I don't want anyone to go to a whole lot of trouble, but on the other hand, the more I know, the more I can come to terms with it.

My biggest problem right now is wondering **whether I can trust the Church**. I find it difficult to believe that only in the last few years they are waking up to all this abuse. I can't help wondering if they're only doing something about it now because all the publicity forces them to face up to it. I used to think of the Church as a peaceful oasis in a world that has gone crazy. But now I wonder if the Church has gone crazy along with the rest of the world.

A couple of other trust issues: can you shed some light on this "secret file" that they keep mentioning in the news? At first I had thought it was just something like a personnel file, with information on salary, medical stuff, disciplinary actions, etc. But now I'm wondering the only thing that happened when there was a complaint is that they wrote up a memo, then just filed it and forgot about it. If that's all they did, why bother?

Another trust issue, just my own issue, is that I will probably never allow a priest in my home again. The occasion might not even present itself again, but if it did, I would at the very least only allow him in if there were other adults in the house.

On the other hand, though, here's my two cents worth about more additions to the Diocese of Joliet website: I like the way they have listed standards of behavior that spell out what kind of touching is OK and what is not OK. That should be very helpful to children as well as adults, and will help clarify things. I also like what it said about having transparent windows or open doors in counseling areas, and an adult in the vicinity. So at least it looks like the Church is paying more attention now. I hope they also consider putting something in there about not going to clients' homes or workplaces, unless invited.

I guess the most comforting thing is that what happened is no longer a dirty secret. It's out. My credibility seem to be at issue. People believe me. And they are much more supportive than I had expected. They don't think it was my fault, and now, neither do I. I don't feel so much shame anymore. The shame is on him, not me. Just because he's a priest doesn't give him a right to degrade and humiliate people this way.

I was so buffaloed by the fact that he was a great almighty priest. I remember a teacher back in grade school explaining to us about sacrileges (I always seem to slip back to being a little kid where Church issues are concerned). The teacher had said that it was not only a mortal sin, but a sacrilege, to hit a priest or nun. I had pretty much forgotten about this, until I wanted to hit Father Formusa when he was sprawled across me and I was trying to push him away. That's when this old memory popped into my mind. I'm sure the teacher wasn't talking about adult situations like this. So this memory was probably just a holdover, coming out of third-grade mentality, the literal and simplistic thinking of a kid. Nothing had happened to change my thinking on it, since the issue had never come up again. I had the idea that a priest had supernatural powers that could do something to you, I don't know what, maybe like putting some kind of curse on me, or something scary. It just now occurred to me, though, it must be a sacrilege of some kind for a priest to mine clients from records in a Church agency, and use them for his own perverted thrills. So at least I'm getting a shift in perspective on this, and not looking at it so much from a little kid's point of view anymore. Now I just have to figure out a way to reconcile a little kid's with an adult's points of view. But I no longer see a priest as some kind of absolute authority or deity.

In trying to sort out my own reactions and decisions from back then, I've carried on a lot of long, tedious dialogues with myself. Basically what I did was list two columns, one with questions like "Why did I stay home, where he could find me?" and then in the other column I would counter it with a logical response, like how I couldn't stay away from home all the time, that's impossible. The list went on for several pages, with "Why did I..." and a response. In the end I felt a lot better. I had never looked at these things so closely or so objectively. I concluded that most of the stuff I did was perfectly valid, that I did what a lot of other people would have done in the same situation. I wasn't blaming myself so much anymore.

I stopping going to the Catholic Charities when he started coming on to me. After that he started showing up at my house, always catching me off-guard. It threw me off-balance. I didn't know what to do. But that doesn't give him an excuse to treat me like that. And he didn't try anything every time he was there, so there was no pattern to his behavior. And each time he came, I thought it would be the last. Other times he wouldn't try anything at first, then would start pawing me or pressing up against me, or telling me weird things, like that he had prostate (Back then I didn't even know what that meant, but from the gleam in his eye, I knew it was something pretty

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personal. I didn't ask what it meant, I just looked it up later.) Or he would start talking about how good massage was for you. (Imagine what kind of massage he was talking about!) How bizarre! I can't believe how long it took me to get enough distance from this to see it for what it was. It took me so long to get rid of my own shame, and I hadn't even done anything wrong!

I had blamed myself for not seeing it coming, for giving my address to the Catholic Charities, for being taken by surprise, for not knowing how to handle the situation, wondering if I had done something to turn him on. But I think back to other unwanted attention I've gotten from certain men. If you make it clear that you're not interested, they will usually leave you alone and move on. They want a return on their investment. But Father Formusa was exceptionally persistent, and his behavior was exceptionally crass. I was just intimidated by the fact that he was a priest. I wouldn't so afraid to try and get rid of some drunk in a bar, but he was no better than they were. Sometimes I wonder if he was just sick or wacko or something.

For some reason, this makes me think of a lady that people used to call "Crazy Kate" (a.k.a. Crazy Mary). You have probably heard of her. She used to walk around downtown Joliet yelling obscenities at people. A lot of people were afraid of her. She called me a few nasty names, too, but it didn't traumatize me the way Father Formusa's treatment did. Anybody could tell there was something wrong with her. It wasn't something personal against me, it was a problem she had. So maybe Father Formusa was a different version of a Crazy Kate. In some ways, I'm not sure he made much more sense than she did. Sometimes his behavior seemed to come out of nowhere.

Now, instead of asking myself what I should have done, I think a better question would be, "What did I learn from this?" For one thing, I've learned not to over-idealize priests. It's just a job, like anything else. They aren't any better than anyone else. They should be held to the same standards as everyone else. What he did wasn't a result of how I reacted. And respect isn't a one-way street. I don't need to respect a priest no matter what he does. And he should respect me. I know that the abusive marriage I had been in had a lot to do with setting the stage for this abuse, like it picked up where my ex-husband had left off. And Father Formusa knew the issues, that I had never been respected. I hardly even know that I had rights. But even though I've always had trouble standing up for myself, that does not justify treating somebody that way. I'm still working on figuring out what all I learned from all this. I think that more lessons will come into focus in time.

[REDACTED]

I'm beginning to feel this whole thing wearing away now. News reports about clergy abuse don't hit me as hard as they used to. Maybe I'm just getting numb to them because there are so many reports like this. I don't think it's hibernating in my head so much anymore, coming loose and flying around until it settles back down again.

You said to pray for Father Formusa? NO WAY!!!! (Or for Lawrence Egel, either, though I will pray for his wife. What an awful thing for her to have to go through! What a betrayal, and all the publicity, too!) As for a conscience, I doubt that he has one. What kind of person could use the power of his position to do this kind of thing to people? This behavior was deliberate and premeditated. He knew what he was doing. He couldn't have gone to my house by accident. He had such a perfect set-up, with access to a steady supply of women, knowing all their business and their addresses, too. I don't see how this disgusting creature could have thought I would be interested in him. He was more than twice my age at the time.

**Now I need for this story to end.** If the ending I wanted isn't going to happen, this story still has to end anyway, even if it means cutting my losses in order to move on. What I really, really, really wanted was some kind of "day in court," or a face-to-face confrontation, to give him some kind of figurative slap in the face, for the sake of closure. I wanted him to know that I complained. Even if he doesn't remember me, or understand the accusations anymore, I think this would be cathartic for me. Now that this whole experience has surfaced, I'm sure it will eventually wear itself out, but I had hoped for a quicker resolution to it. I've tried. I've done the best I could. I came forward when I was finally able to do so, and I did everything I could then. As I read back through this letter, a couple of things make me laugh. I can even do a bit of a comic take on some of it. But now I have to move on, even if it feels unfinished. However this story ends, it has to end. I don't have the time or energy to invest in something with no return on it. I have other things to do. I can't focus any more on that disgusting pig.

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finish the memoir book that I'm writing for my grandkids, and then maybe even look into self-publishing it. And in the next couple of years, I want to fulfill my decades-long dream of moving out west (California or Arizona). I need to focus my energy on whatever will get me a little further down the line toward these goals. I can't afford to drag the weight of this old baggage along with me.

So, once again, thanks for all your attention to this. And any information at all that you can give me will help me get this more into perspective.



>From: Mfranseley@aol.com

>To: [REDACTED]

>CC: Mfranseley@aol.com

>Subject: Hello

>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 17:10:32 EDT

>

>Hi [REDACTED]

> I've been out of town for awhile and I'm trying to catch up with some of my backlog of things to do. Thanks for your call. I tried returning it but you weren't in - hence the e-mail.

> How are your studied coming? I hope they are OK for now and you're looking forward to the Fall semester. Or are you finished?

> How is your son? Is he still in the Persian Gulf? That's such a mess, isn't it? I hope and pray that he is safe.

> May I pick up your last e-mail on 6/11? I hope it won't be too long, but I'll walk through it and make comments, if that's OK with you.

> I'm glad you're not spending time and losing sleep over "a creepy old pervert." He certainly isn't worth it!!! But, pray for him. Think what his conscience must be doing to him now in his dotage, preparing to meet God! As for your questions about him - I'll have to find out. I don't know if he ever had a license for counseling.

> You keep thinking, "why me." I'd say, why not you? You are an attractive woman and I'm sure other men have been attracted to you. In NO WAY am I indicating that his behavior was due to your beauty or attractiveness, but, with someone with such perversion, it gave him added impetus. Other men can control their behavior with lovely women. Perverts use it as an excuse. So, as for "why me," there is no reason for it, only excuses.

> No, please don't deny the reality of the facts you presented. Denying it only serves to keep you in the dark and not able to attack the real problem.

> Interestingly you mention Dr. Lawrence Egel. Larry was a trainer with me at the Crisis Line. No one, NO ONE, had any indication that he was an abuser! His words and behaviors were so unique anyway that no one paid any attention. "That's Larry." I've known him for several years and he never was out of line in any way. You never know! That's why the perpetrators get away with their behavior for so long. Yes, he is suffering much. I don't feel sorry for him, but for his lovely wife! She is devastated!

> Yes, Formusa deserved what Larry got, but if he didn't, God will take care of him. God's justice is unique and God will remember YOU when Formusa appears before Him!

> No, the church is not ignoring anything right now. In fact, we've been on "heightened alert," as the government would say. NOTHING is getting past us now, as far as we can help it. I hope you are able to lay it to rest soon.

>Let's work toward that.

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TMJA > OK, this is long enough for now. Please contact me again, either by

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> phone or e-mail. Let's talk. Take care and God bless.

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>Sr. Mary Frances

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Re: [REDACTED] v. Formusa

Date: 7/31/2003 3:33:40 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Mfranseley

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Mfranseley

Dear [REDACTED],

Wow! What a letter!

[REDACTED], I want to reply to your wonderful letter but until I can do so in a worthy manner I'll have to wait. I'm sorry. I'm involved in a weekend meeting with over 200 Sisters and Associates, etc., etc.. You know about busyness.

From my first reading of your letter you sound great! Healing is coming and I want to be part of that. Please allow me the time to respond appropriately. What I may do, if this rush of busyness continues, is to reply a few paragraphs at a time instead of the whole letter. Would that be OK with you?

Thanks, [REDACTED] Talk to you later. God bless.

Sr. Mary Frances

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10/8/03 – 9:43 AM – 9:50 AM

██████████ had left a phone message for me to return his call. I did on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 9:43 AM.

██████████ was an altar boy at Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst, IL and repeatedly abused by Fr. Gibney. He has been in therapy at the Veterans Hospital in North Chicago for about 9.5 months now with Dr. Chalasani. He also has a personal counselor.

In conversations with Dr. Chalasani it was determined that a financial settlement would bring closure to the memories and repay him for his hurts. He doesn't want to take legal action against the church and he is no longer angry. He is seeking payments since others have received it and he feels he deserves it also. He is asking the lowest average payment (according to reports he's read in the news media) of \$80,000.

I requested he write about the abuse; when it happened, where, by whom, and other details he wishes to share, and make his request for compensation, which will then be given to the Review Committee. He agreed to do so. I gave him the address.

I also invited him to meet with me personally if he wishes to look at healing beyond what the monies can/will provide. He seemed interested and said he'd call me when he felt it was helpful to meet. I told him I'd await his letter and future call.

10/30/03 – 10:00 – 10:35 a.m.

I met ██████████ at the Borromeo Center in Romeoville. ██████████

██████████ He primarily wants a monetary settlement.

██████████ He claims to have a healthy attitude re the church and abuse. He had problems with Fr. Fred Lynzicki. ██████████ when it closed. According to him they were given no options for continuation of seminary studies. Everyone, including himself, thought he'd make an excellent priest. He has continued in the church.

Lynzicki was "extremely forward." He intimidated students, but never sexual. He was fun and outgoing but there was some harshness. Lynzicki liked "staring him down," and crushing their hands when shaking it.

The sum of money he's asking for is the "usual low amount;" wants the lowest amount offered. Doesn't want to burden the church. Money will bring closure. This was suggested in therapy. He doesn't pay for therapy at the VA hospital.

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October 12, 2003

Sister Mary Seeley  
425 Summit  
Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Sister Mary,

Thank you for your warm phone conversation with me on October 8, 2003. I plan on accepting your offer, in the very near future, to discuss this in person. Per that conversation, I am writing you this letter with some of the details you requested from me regarding my experience with Father Gibney.

I lived at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was very active in school and participated in the church choir and as an alter boy. Through these activities I developed a close relationship with all of the clergy of the parish; Father Corbino, Father Maher (pastor at that time), and of course Father Gibney. My Mother insisted on a Catholic education for me and my sister both. She worked hard to finance the expensive tuition, and made every effort to involve me in any and all aspects of a good and solid Christian upbringing. My indications to her that I was interested in attending a seminary excited her further and when the opportunity to take weekend "retreats" with a parish priest arose, we both loved the thought of such an opportunity. I and several other boys that I had become friends with, began weekend trips to the Indiana Dunes State Park with Father Gibney in his mobile home. We drove as a group in Father Gibney's orange and white striped mobile home to the main lot of the state park, and when it was time for bed Father Gibney would choose one of us and suggest that we share the private camper bed with him. He was a very large


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man, intimidating and in short, I was raped on several occasions and lost my virginity to a Catholic priest, a child molester and to someone my family and I trusted. I firmly believe that, through long term intensive counseling, this being the earliest and most traumatic experience of my youth, that my guilt and shame issues have snowballed from there. In light of recent publicity, relating to these incidents, it has remained an issue for me until the



institution at my disposal. At this point, my intention is not to make this a public matter or contact any of the others involved. Healing and forgiveness through learning how to costantly process my feelings has already begun and continues. In light of recent exposure to this type of behavior, rampant in the Catholic church, I feel that financial compensation is due. It seems to make a point that this behavior will not be tolerated in the Catholic institutions of our country. I am seeking the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, as it has been suggested to me that it will help me in my continued search for closure to these incidents that have irrevocably changed my life forever. I am prepared and willing to provide any other information you may need to promptly solve this matter outside of the public and legal realm. I would appreciate a prompt response to this matter in order to guarantee my continued progress in my efforts to bring closure to this.

 These events occurred 1975 to 1976.

Sincerely Yours,



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[REDACTED] was abused by Fr. Gibbney at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, in Elmhurst, IL. The abuse was inappropriate touching that happened only once when he was about age 13, going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade [REDACTED] with whom he went to school all eight grades and who also was abused by Fr. Gibbney. They have remained friends through the years spending time with each other's families but never knew the

[REDACTED] reported the abuse to a Social Worker at the DuPage Health Dept. who referred him to SNAP. He talked to Barbara Blaine who referred him to Jeff Anderson and a Jessica (?). He did not like talking to them so did not cooperate with them.

[REDACTED] has been in therapy for several years and still has a lot of anger. He believes Bishop Imesch tried to hide the abuse and deny it. He needs help with paying for his continued therapy. He sees a Social Worker in Elmhurst and a woman psychiatrist ([REDACTED]) but she recently gave birth and cannot continue with him. He now sees a psychologist, [REDACTED] LCSW of Elmhurst and [REDACTED] of Willow Brook for his medications. He has no insurance.

After a lengthy conversation I assured him we would assist him the best we can. I authorized six counseling sessions with the billing to be sent in care of Sr. Judith Davies at the Chancery.

At the end of the conversation we agreed to the following:

1. Have [REDACTED] send me a letter concerning his need for medication and an estimate for how long he might need them.
2. I authorized six counseling sessions with [REDACTED]
3. I will set up a meeting with Bishop Sartain [REDACTED]. He was not particular about the day or time but afternoons would probably be best.

9/20

I set up the meeting between [REDACTED] and Bishop Sartain for November 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at the Chancery. [REDACTED] I also called Mr. Jim Byrne, the Diocesan Attorney and Sr. Judith Davies to tell her to expect the billings.

Mr. Byrne asked me to keep in touch [REDACTED] and to continue to authorize the counseling sessions as needed.



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9/25

I received a call from Mr. Jim Byrne who asked that my notes [REDACTED] be faxed to him. The Diocese will make efforts to settle [REDACTED] over and above the counseling, perhaps a lump sum settlement. Mr. Jim Wright will contact [REDACTED] Mr. Wright is from the Catholic Mutual Office at the Charles Borromeo Center in Romeoville.

9/27

I received a call from Mr. Vincent Long concerning how to process [REDACTED] I gave him the information: billings to be sent to the Diocese, c/o Sr. Judith Davies, and that a report will be expected after each series of six sessions. This report will not include confidential information per professional ethics, but will include information such as that [REDACTED] is keeping his appointments and is talking about the appropriate topics.

10/10

I called [REDACTED] to tell him Mr. Jim Wright is not an investigator but works for the Diocese. The purpose of their conversations is to make an overview of the situation to resolve the issue of abuse, and in some way to make other compensation other than counseling. It is simply an outreach by the Diocese.

I had to [REDACTED] what the abuse involved, what actually happened. He said that Fr. touched him at the crotch over his clothes while they were in a camper on a Canadian trip. He was very disturbed by that and determined not to remain on the trip. They were close to Duluth so [REDACTED] flew out of there to return home. He phoned his parents who met him at the airport.

10/16

Left a message at both his numbers. No call back yet. I met with Bishop Sartain who said to continue counseling as needed.

10/24

Jim Byrne called. Mr. Jim Wright met with [REDACTED] and will arrange a second meeting. Will try to resolve with a settlement.

10/24

[REDACTED] called. It is difficult to talk about a situation but Jim was easy to talk to. I will authorize six (6) more sessions. He feels good about the situation now. The counseling is helping and he's looking forward to the meeting with the Bishop. He also feels I'm easy to talk to and always makes him feel better. I assured him he can call at any time. I told him about Jim Wright going to contact him again. All is OK. I offered our help whenever he needs it.

10/31

Dr. Bernardino called and asked for a renewal of the six (6) sessions [REDACTED] He has mood instability and need meds. I sent three (3) forms to be completed. I called Sr. Judith and informed her of additional professional assistance [REDACTED] She agreed with me.

[REDACTED]

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October 31, 2006

[REDACTED]  
Willow Brook, IL 60527

Dear Dr. Bernardino,

Enclosed are the three forms that we discussed this morning. I appreciate your calling about [REDACTED] and we at the Diocese are most interested in assisting him in his need.

Please complete the forms and return them to me at the address below. The billings should be sent to:

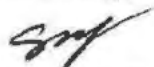
Sr. Judith Davies  
Chancellor  
Diocese of Joliet in Illinois  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, IL 60435

Please mark the envelope Confidential. She will take care of all billings. I will authorize further sessions with you upon receipt of the evaluation papers which are to be sent to me.

Thank you again, Dr. Bernardino, for assisting [REDACTED] to come to some resolution of his concerns.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me again. God bless.

Sincerely,



Sr. Mary Frances Seeley, Ph.D.  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, IL 60435

Encl: Consent to Disclose Records  
Concurrent Review Form  
Outpatient Evaluation and Treatment Report

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[REDACTED]  
Willowbrook, IL 60527  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] called to thank me. The Dr. told him we authorized medical help. He is not satisfied with Mr. Wright who offered him a settlement that was not satisfactory (He was offered \$120,000). He didn't sign anything and was insulted with the offer.

There is no rush on anything. Everything is going well. Will keep working on it. Otherwise, everything is OK. We talked about 10 minutes.

11/29

[REDACTED] called and said he is working on getting him on disability [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Six (6) sessions have been completed and they are now at the fourth (4) session in the next series of six (6). He wanted authorization to add an additional series of six (6). I gave it on condition that I receive an evaluation after the current series is finished.

12/8

The evaluation report was received. A copy will be given to Sr. Judith for her files. See originals at end of file.

1/15/07

Dr. Bernardino [REDACTED] Cell) called and asked about continuing therapy [REDACTED] They met yesterday which was the 6<sup>th</sup> session. He needs six more and would I authorize them.

[REDACTED] His next appointment is next week and could he keep it. According to Dr. Bernardino, he "seems better," but an issue came up and he needs to deal with it. He has half hour sessions and is doing better but needs psychiatric care the rest of his life. They do not meet regularly, but about once a month. If he has help at least for an additional year then he should be stabilized. She regulates his meds. After that they may meet only two or three times a year. I authorized this last session next week but said I'd consult with Sr. Judith for additional ones.

I called Sr. Judith for consultation who will consult with Jim Byrne, Diocesan Attorney and let me know.

1/15

Sr. Judith, after consulting with Jim Byrne, said that further assistance from the Diocese will not be forthcoming since [REDACTED] received a sizable settlement from the Diocese which should cover any further therapy he might need over an extensive period of time. I relayed this to Dr. Bernardino.

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An e-mail from Sr. Judith asked me to contact [REDACTED] to see if he "might be willing to be interviewed in person or by phone during the wee of October 22...at a convenient time for the [Auditors]...

I contacted [REDACTED] and he said he'd get back to me.

12/26

Dan Hann, (630-407-8094) the prosecuting attorney from the States Attorney's office called. He met with the Bishop on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The case is already settled with the Diocese and the Catholic Mutual Group. [REDACTED]

He asked [REDACTED] would contact him within two days. I called about an hour ago, about 9:30 this morning.

I encouraged [REDACTED] to talk to him, even informally to discover [REDACTED] goal. He did meet with him at the States Attorney's office. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] sounded crass.

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Proposed Draft

Date

*Re:*

Dear

The Diocese has entered into a Settlement Agreement [REDACTED] which specifically provides that payments for counseling sessions will be provided only up to January 15, 2007.

Enclosed is a Diocese check in the amount of \$375.00 for payment of counseling [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for December 20, 2006, January 2, 2007 and January 17, 2007.

All further statements should be sent directly [REDACTED]

My Best Regards,

Sr. Judith A. Davies

Enclosure

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FILE MEMORANDUM

June 14, 2005

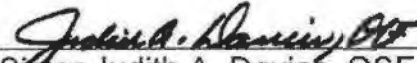
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

This morning I received a call from Ms. Leah McClusky of the Archdiocese of Chicago who stated that she had received a call from a

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he had been abused by a priest back in 1981/1982 while at St. Francis Assisi in Bolingbrook.

This afternoon I was unsuccessful in attempting to reach [REDACTED] but left her a voice mail message: that Ms. McClusky had conveyed her message, that [REDACTED] that Sister Mary Francis Seeley is our Victim Assistance Coordinator and so she and her husband would be welcome to speak with her and if she chose to speak with me, I would be available on Thursday or Friday morning.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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FILE MEMORANDUM

June 16, 2005

FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

RE: [REDACTED]


This morning I received a call from [REDACTED] who had been abused by Father Michael Gibbney in 1983. At the time, [REDACTED] was about 12 years old.

[REDACTED] stated that he had not received any calls from Sister Mary Frances Seeley. His concern was the status of Fr. Gibbney. I assured him that he was no longer in ministry and had left in January of 1991. He replied yes when I asked if he would wish counseling.

[REDACTED] had called on Tuesday, June 14 because [REDACTED] had just told her of his abuse. He said that he felt relief because he had finally told someone. The reason he told his wife was because their daughter is of the age he was when abuse took place.

I told [REDACTED] that I would contact Sister Mary Frances Seeley and have her call him; that should he wish to speak with Bishop Imesch about what he experienced, the Bishop would be happy to speak with him; all he would need to do is call the Chancery to make an appointment.

Sister Mary Frances said that she had never received any calls yesterday and thought that perhaps [REDACTED] had the wrong number.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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Fr. Gibbney in Bolingbrook abused [REDACTED] in about 1983 from the age of 11/12 to about age 13/14, about 2/3 years total. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] primarily [REDACTED] His mother is very upset and is blaming herself for the abuse. She had always encouraged him to be an altar server and to be around the church. He grew up in Bolingbrook. They had spoken to Leah McClosky from Chicago about Gibbney and was referred to Joliet.

[REDACTED], according to [REDACTED], has a lot of problems. [REDACTED] had been holding back emotionally, but last week, about 10 days ago, he finally told her about the abuse.

[REDACTED] but my mother died on the 21<sup>st</sup> and they were kind enough to change the dates.) During the conversation I also offered counseling and suggested [REDACTED] from Naperville and [REDACTED] from Joliet. He took both numbers and would think about it.

6/28/05

[REDACTED] has severe self-esteem issues, feels cheated from life and wants to continue counseling and some monetary help. He says he spent most of his money in counseling as well as on his son. He is somewhat afraid of counseling because he doesn't want his records subpoenaed in Court.

I asked [REDACTED] to write in as much detail as he feels comfortable with telling about the effects of the abuse and to send it to me to forward to the Bishop. I arranged a meeting with [REDACTED] with Bishop Imesch on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. at the Chancery.

Since I would be in San Diego that week I asked him to give the letter to the Bishop directly since the information therein would be the topic of conversation that day.

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I talked [REDACTED] today. Both had good impressions of their talk with Bishop Imesch. They said the Bishop didn't have much to say but he did apologize. They felt he was very receptive and [REDACTED] finally feels he is being heard. [REDACTED] will continue counseling. They prefer to settle privately and ask for \$750,000 minimum. [REDACTED] wanted more for the suffering, etc. that he's endured, but will settle for this amount. If the Diocese does not settle he will get a lawyer who will ask for more. [REDACTED] gave the letter to Bishop Imesch but when I asked Natalie, Bishop's Secretary, to see it before the meeting with the Review Board tomorrow morning I was told to depend only on the information [REDACTED] gave me in conversations. I meet with the Review Board tomorrow, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM.

7/20 - 7:30 AM

I met with the Review Board this morning. I submitted the information I had concerning the sincerity and concerns [REDACTED]. It was received well and the issue will be taken under advisement of Mr. Jim Byrne, Diocesan Attorney. I called [REDACTED] to say that I'd met with them and hope for a satisfactory resolution. He was satisfied that the meeting was held.

7/29 - 2:00 PM

[REDACTED] played phone tag for a few days calling each other. I was in a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>, but I returned his call at 5:00 PM with no answer. I called again on the 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 PM and left a message when there was no response.

[REDACTED] and I talked four to six times over the next few days for about 1.5 hours about his personal feelings on the situation. Nothing new except a lot of depression. I again encouraged him to begin counseling.

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[REDACTED] called and was disheartened because he hadn't heard from anyone on the Review Board yet. He expected that someone would call and tell him something about the meeting or at least to apologize for what happened.

I called Fr. Jim Lennon and Dr. Carger, both of whom said that the Review Board had decided it was outside the parameters of their service to talk to the victims.

I talked to [REDACTED] and explained the decision not to call him but not to think that he was forgotten or neglected. On the contrary, the Board is taking their work very seriously and will expedite the resolution as soon as possible.

[REDACTED] had not started counseling yet and asked for the names I'd given him. One of them was no longer active as a counselor so I gave him another. The two I gave him are, [REDACTED] of Naperville and [REDACTED] of Joliet. I encouraged him to begin counseling as soon as possible.

I will try to call [REDACTED] more often before he calls me to be supportive to him.

8/14 - 9:00 PM

I called [REDACTED] but he was on his way out to pick up his daughter. He will call me tomorrow.

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MEMORANDUM

September 26, 2005

TO: Sister Mary Frances Seeley, OSF

FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

RE: [REDACTED]

Please communicate the following to [REDACTED] at your earliest convenience:

- The Diocese apologizes for the delay in communicating with him regarding the status of his case.
- His case is still under consideration by our insurance company.
- We will continue contacting the insurance company in an attempt to come to an early resolution.
- We ask for his patience because it may take as much as up to 60 to 90 days before anything is definitely received back from the insurance company.

Thank you very much.

*Judith A. Davies*  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

*From 9/27 - 6:20 pm. [REDACTED]*  
*Appreciated talking to the auditors - they were very nice - Had a long conversation w him - Will be 37 yrs. old in January - Wants to talk to Bd. - NB - Wants to talk to Bishop - Have Natalie call him & set the date. [REDACTED] became very agitated & expressed his anger at the decision. He was very negative about receiving*

*a positive response from the insurance company. I tried to make him see the 'other' side - but only at the end he said he felt better, & thanked me. We ended the conversation at 7:05 pm. (45 mins)*  
*wed - 8:5 am - [REDACTED] called back & said to cancel the mtg. w the Bishop. Will wait the 60/90 days to see what will happen.*

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*asked me to call him back  
which I did at about 9:00 am. He felt  
better today so cancelled the mtg. but  
- he undergoes counselling when he can  
get an appointment. He'll let me know.*

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10/03/05

I haven't heard from [REDACTED] lately so I called him to see how he was doing. I again encouraged him to go for counseling. I had authorized 6 sessions for him. He said he'd think about it.

12/8/05

I received a call at 6:45 pm from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]). She had finished six sessions with [REDACTED]. He is talking on target and making progress. She wanted me to authorize an additional six sessions, which I did. However, shortly after that she said she will not put anything in writing. I asked if there was anything I could do, to which she replied, no. She also didn't know how [REDACTED] found her as a counselor.

I talked to Sr. Judith about the lack of a written report. She suggested to go ahead with the counseling sessions and see what happens.

12/30 /05

[REDACTED] called this evening to ask about the 60/90 days in which he was promised a resolution. I called the Diocese but the offices were closed for the holidays. I promised [REDACTED] I'd call on Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, when the offices would re-open. I left a message for her to return a call to me. I told her what I needed in case she had to research the information.

1/3/06

[REDACTED] called again in the afternoon and wanted to know what was decided. I was still waiting for a call from Sr. Judith. She was at a meeting.

Sr. Judith called about 3:00 and said there was no decision that she knew of yet. She will research it and let me know.

Sr. Judith called later and said the Diocese is not in a position to talk about compensation yet but will continue to pay for counseling. [REDACTED] was not too happy about this but will continue to wait for a resolution.

1/6/06

[REDACTED] called at 5:15 pm saying no one from the Diocese had contacted him about Fr. Gibbney. He wanted some news. He feels like he's being swept under the rug and ignored by the Review Board. Should he get an attorney? I reassured him he was not being ignored and discussed the cost of an attorney who will take about one-third of any settlement. I did no influence him in any way and told him he was free to get an attorney but to think of the long-range consequences. All the money of the settlement would not be his. I asked him to be patient.

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[REDACTED] has called repeatedly asking about information concerning the decision of the Review Board. I regretfully told him there was nothing to report. However, the Review Board will meet in mid-February and perhaps something will be decided.

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[REDACTED] called again asking if any decision was made. The response was no.

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[REDACTED] called, very angry. It must be a clear cut case, according to him, otherwise why is no investigating?

He was told it would be 60 to 90 days and it would be resolved. It's almost a year now and nothing has been done. "Why won't anyone call and express concern?" Maybe it should be a court case and he would get an attorney! It's a show of the Catholic Church! They don't really care.

[REDACTED] had called last week also, (the 17<sup>th</sup>) and I had nothing to tell him.

I suggested that perhaps he might want to talk to the Bishop himself. He agreed so I said I'd call and arrange an appointment. We were disconnected but I called back to finish the conversation.

I called Mr. Jim Byrne, the Diocesan Attorney \

2/3/06

[REDACTED] called and asked why nothing is happening. [REDACTED] to call to find out.

I told her the Review Board is meeting next week. I will try to get back to him by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

3/7/06

[REDACTED]

Sr. Judith said I should call Jim Byrne and tell him how much [REDACTED] is asking of the Diocese (\$750,000). She is uncertain that he knows or remembers that total. I called her on another matter and began also talking about [REDACTED]

I called Jim Byrne

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Resolution -

Jim Byrne -

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[REDACTED]  
FATHER MIKE GIBNEY - 2004 ALLEGATION

01/25/10: Voice message at 10:30 A.M. from Sr. Judith Davies informing me of a gentleman who had called with **allegations in 2004 involving Fr. Mike Gibney**. Sr. stated he had already met with the Bishop and the VAC at the time she thought was Sr. Mary Fran Seeley.

Sister requested I call [REDACTED] and **make arrangement for counseling** since he has already come forward with the necessary information. **"No history is needed."**

I attempted to reach [REDACTED] at 2:30 P.M. and left a voice message stating it was Judy and I was returning a call. I then asked him to return my call regarding an earlier matter.

01/26/10: I again called and left a voice message with the 815-263-6467 return call number.

I emailed Sr. Judith regarding the fact that I did not hear from [REDACTED]  
In speaking with [REDACTED] regarding any Counseling, I would like [REDACTED]

VERIFY THE CORRECT SPELLING OF HIS NAME [REDACTED]

WOULD HE PREFER A MAN OR WOMAN COUNSELOR: (It didn't matter)

WHAT AREA WOULD HE PREFER? Plainfield or Joliet

HIS CORRECT AGE? 41

02/04/10: I received a phone call today at 1:00 P.M. from a [REDACTED] who asked me if I knew who he was and I affirmed that I did. I informed him that I had called him and was reluctant to leave other than a very vague message in the hopes he would know who I was. He stated he appreciated that. **He did confirm for me that this was his work cell phone which he carries with him at all times and I was free to call and Just say to call Judy and he would respond.**

I suspected [REDACTED] could possibly be interrupted so I tried to make the call concise. I informed him I did not need much information as I had spoken with Sr. Judith briefly and was ready to move as quickly as possible for him. He was very appreciative for this. He stated, **"The sooner the better."** **"This has affected my family and children."**

He stated he had seen a counselor years ago but could not remember who it was and I offered to call Sr. Judith to see if she had any record and Brian stated he would start with someone new.

We discussed several options and since [REDACTED] he stated he would go to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asked if I would call Jim for him and find out when [REDACTED] might be able to contact Jim directly. I agreed to do this [REDACTED] was anxious to begin as soon as possible with treatment. I assured him I would call him back as soon as I heard from Jim. I assured him I could deliver the necessary forms to begin treatment directly to Mr. [REDACTED]

I immediately called [REDACTED] and left a message on his recorder to return my call.

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[REDACTED]

02/05/10: (Continued) 4:40 P.M. I immediately called [REDACTED] and discussed the possibilities of the two recommended counselors and it is his wish to call the counselors and talk to them himself and then he would have them call me for verification of payment. He has some questions he would like to ask the Counselor and felt it would be in his best interest to call them himself. I explained that both Counselors are highly qualified [REDACTED] said that his last Counselors have been women so maybe this is a good change for him. (I suspected he possibly may have been drinking when he called.)

I informed [REDACTED] I would need to send the necessary forms to whatever Counselor he chose so he must keep me informed. I would be available any time even over this weekend for him to contact me or have his Counselor phone me. He thanked me and I encouraged him to attempt to call the Counselors as soon as possible. He thanked me for being here for him and being supportive.

Finding of Confidential Memorandum from Jim Byrne:

02/08/10:

02/09/10: I immediately attempted to reach Sr. Judith around 10 A.M. and I kept receiving a recorded message from the DOJ main phone number that the operator was busy. At 4 P.M. I EMAILED Sr. Judith regarding the information I found and asked if the DOJ might continue to pay for Counseling when a case has been "settled."  
I also informed her [REDACTED] was to call me when he decided which Counselor he had chosen to see...either Dr. [REDACTED] of Naperville or Dr. [REDACTED] of Plainfield who both came highly recommended from [REDACTED] of USF.

I received an email response from Sr. Judith dated at 8:20 a.m. today stating that she had emailed a copy of my note to Jim Byrne regarding the Counseling matter.

I called Jim Byrne and left a voice message. Jim returned my call.

I IMMEDIATELY CALLED [REDACTED] LEFT AN URGENT VOICE MESSAGE FOR HIM TO CALL ME.

02/10/10: (8:20 a.m.) Sr. Judith's email response for confirmation from Jim Byrne.

1:47 P.M.: I received an email from Sr. Judith regarding the decision from Jim Byrne.

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[REDACTED]

02/05/10: 1:15 P.M. Since I did not hear back from Mr. [REDACTED] I recalled him at his office to make sure he had gotten my previous message from the day before. I again left a voice message as I felt [REDACTED] was making the step to call me he would be calling back in spite of the fact that I assured him I would contact him.

3:30 P.M. I received a call [REDACTED] wondering if I had heard back from Mr. [REDACTED] and/or if he had missed a call from me. I informed him that I had indeed called Mr. [REDACTED] several hours ago and left another Voice message. I encouraged him not to give up and assured him that I would return the call again to make sure Mr. [REDACTED] is not on vacation. I knew [REDACTED] was becoming anxious to hear something. He responded, "I won't give up this time."

3:35 P.M. I called the University of St. Francis to see if Mr. [REDACTED] was in the office today and I was informed by the operator that he had a fall and was injured and went home early but they expected him to return on Monday.

3:45 P.M. Before I could call [REDACTED] back he called me and I relayed the message to him about Mr. [REDACTED] injury and assured him that if I heard anything I would call him. [REDACTED] he would be available any time and if he could not talk he would call me back. He then asked,

[REDACTED]

4:30 P.M. From [REDACTED] at: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] for not contacting me and as of now he is unable to commit to following the present case I had called him for. He will not know until next week if he will need surgery to repair injuries from his fall today.

We discussed at length several recommendations he rated very highly. Those Counselors names he had given to me at another time also. They are:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I wished [REDACTED] well and he stated he will call in June when he will cut his hours at USF and consider doing private practice. At that time he will consider adding his name to our list of counselors in the area.



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2010 4:01 PM  
**To:** Sr Judith Davies  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Hi Sister, I have heard back [REDACTED] and he is going to call me when he decides which Counselor he wishes to see. I last spoke with him on Friday and we discussed some possibilities. He decided on either [REDACTED] of Naperville or [REDACTED] of Plainfield. (They both came highly recommended by [REDACTED])

Are we going to pay for Counseling even though the case was apparently settled? I wanted to speak with you but apparently the phone lines are tied up since early morning.

I will ask for license and credentials from whichever [REDACTED] chooses.

Please call me if this is not satisfactory.

Peace, Judy

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**From:** Sr Judith Davies **Sent:** Wed 2/10/2010 8:20 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'James Byrne'  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:**

Dear Judy,

If someone's case was settled, then, to my knowledge we do not pay for their counseling because they have already received money to be used for that purpose.

As you see, I'm copying this message to Jim Byrne so he can confirm with you what I wrote.

God bless you.

Sister Judith

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**Judith Speckman**

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**From:** Sr Judith Davies  
**To:** Judith Speckman  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Wed 2/10/2010 1:47 PM

Dear Judy,

Jim Byrne said that since [REDACTED] received a settlement, he would pay for his own counseling.

God bless you.

Sister Judith

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**From:** Sr Judith Davies (jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org)

**To:** Judy Speckman

**Date:** Fri, February 19, 2010 10:51:38 AM

**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Dear Judy,

I contacted Jim Byrne about the matter. Should you hear from [REDACTED] tell him that his request for the diocese to pay for his counseling even though he received a settlement, is under review.

God bless you.

Sr. Judith

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**From:** Judith Speckman (jspeck236@att.net)

**To:** Sr Judith Davies

**Date:** Thu, February 18, 2010 11:53:44 AM

**Cc:** Jspeck236@att.net

**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Hi Judith, Thanks for the update.

I received a phone call last evening and informed [REDACTED] of the response regarding counseling. In summation, after almost 90 minutes, this is what was requested [REDACTED] who want to settle this peacefully:

The DOJ pay for Counseling [REDACTED] understood the DOJ would.

To please contact [REDACTED] by Friday or as soon as possible with an answer so he can continue the appointments he has set up with his Counselor on a weekly basis.

They are asking for a peaceful solution (to avoid hiring an Attorney) and if need be a meeting with Bishop Sartain to discuss the matter further.

Please call if you need further details.

Peace, Judy

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[REDACTED]

02/12/10: I sent an email to Sr. Judith Davies that I have not as yet heard [REDACTED] since my last phone call and informed her that I will encourage him to attend AA meetings if he chooses not to pay for his own therapy.

02/17/10: 10:53 a.m. I received a phone call from Counselor [REDACTED] of Plainfield, IL. ([REDACTED]) He introduced himself and I thanked him for calling. [REDACTED] stated that he had seen [REDACTED] in his office for one Counseling appointment and [REDACTED] had asked [REDACTED] to call me as [REDACTED] stated that the DOJ was going to pay for his Counseling treatment.

I apologized to [REDACTED] informing him that I had not heard back [REDACTED] as to what Counselor he had chosen and in the meantime I had left him an urgent message to contact me and as of this time I still had not heard from him.

Again I apologized stating that in the interim of waiting for [REDACTED] to return my call I had learned that the Diocese would not be paying for his treatment. [REDACTED] graciously offered to call [REDACTED] informing him he would not see him any more. I suggested I would like to inform [REDACTED] of the DOJ decision and promised [REDACTED] that I would call him back as soon as I heard from [REDACTED] to convey that message to him. [REDACTED] was very gracious regarding the situation and was very professional as we both agreed to the confidentiality of the situation. [REDACTED] assured me that he would like to continue working with [REDACTED] in spite of the present situation. He agreed to my speaking with [REDACTED] first and then contacting him if [REDACTED] did not. They had an appointment set up for the following MONDAY. (02/22/10)

While speaking with [REDACTED] a restricted call came into the cell phone and I was unable to answer. They left no message.

I then asked [REDACTED] if he would (in spite of our present situation) agree to have his name put on our registry for Counselors in the Joliet area as I had been attempting to contact him and he agreed and stated he felt honored. He will be sending license and credentials to Sr. Judith Davies.

I assured [REDACTED] I would keep him informed of the present situation so that he might decide how he would handle his contact with [REDACTED] regarding treatment. (Perhaps there was a way [REDACTED] could continue with his therapy.)

11:10 A.M. : I again left a message for [REDACTED] asking him to return my URGENT call.

I then spoke with Sr. Judith and we discussed the complexity of the situation at hand. She agreed to call Jim Byrne to discuss how we can avoid another such situation.

SEE EMAIL RESPONSE OF 02/17/10 4:47P.M.  
Subject: How to Proceed

Judith Speckman - Victim Assistance Coordinator

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[REDACTED]  
FATHER MIKE GIBBNEY - 2004 ALLEGATION

02/17/10: 6 P.M. I received a call from [REDACTED] who was very excited that he had found a wonderful Counselor in [REDACTED] of Plainfield, IL. He went on to say that he had seen him this past Monday and felt they had a wonderful relationship and he felt he would get the help he needed from [REDACTED].

It was then that I had to inform [REDACTED] that I had been waiting for his phone call as to his choice of Counselor so that I could OK his visits and send the necessary papers to his choice of Counselor. I also informed him that in the interim I found out from the Attorney that the DOJ would not be paying for his Counseling. I apologized and stated that at this point there was nothing I could do to help him except to encourage him to continue with [REDACTED] if there was any way possible. I applauded his courage in coming this far.

[REDACTED] then asked me if I had spoken with [REDACTED] and I informed him that [REDACTED] had called me and we had spoken and that I had planned on returning his call only, "After I had spoken with you first." [REDACTED] then informed me that he had planned on calling [REDACTED] this evening anyway and he would see what could be worked out between them. I asked [REDACTED] to keep me informed as to what was decided between [REDACTED] and himself.

I sensed the disappointment in [REDACTED] and I listened as he vented his anger and frustration in the refusal of the Diocese not wanting to pay for his treatment. In several phone conversations [REDACTED] wanted me to express his feelings to the Diocese on his behalf. I stated I would do as he asked. He went on to say that he was so appreciative of all I had done for him. He was getting angrier as I listened.

[REDACTED] MESSAGE FOR THE DIOCESE:

"I can promise you this: The Diocese can afford to pay me to go to counseling. They allowed this to happen to me and they are responsible for the "fallout" (He then alluded to getting an Attorney to represent him) He then stated the only reason he has not done anything is because of the fact that now someone was listening to him and he thanked me for what I had done for him.

He again turned his anger to the DOJ and stated, "If they do not comply with what is a bare minimum.....they owe me that much.....I got not close to what I deserved from them."

[REDACTED] have been affected. "You will be hearing from my Attorney." "I don't want to fight as I am a peaceful man." "The Diocese allowed this to happen to me and there are 3 others besides me that have been affected." He then began to ask about the Priest involved and if the diocese was paying for him and if they are housing him. "I did sign under duress and the Diocese owes me this much."

[REDACTED] went on to talk some of his job and his weekly contributions to the Church by his family. He feels he is also one of God's children and is fighting now for his family. He did admit that he fought also at home and it stems from the abuse. I encouraged [REDACTED] to continue with his therapy and that it was essential for all involved.

I [REDACTED] I was doing whatever I could to help resolve this matter and offered prayerful support for his family and himself.

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[REDACTED]  
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(02/17/10 Continued) SUMMARY:

[REDACTED] questioning whether the Diocese is paying for housing for the Priest [REDACTED] wants to know WHY and IF the Authorities were ever informed about the incident and why there were no follow up phone calls as she was assured she would hear from someone. [REDACTED] and by law must report any abuse.

[REDACTED] IS REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING: (Per [REDACTED])

1. The Diocese of Joliet take responsibility and pay for the Counseling [REDACTED] understood they would do.
2. [REDACTED] asking for an answer regarding Counseling by this Friday, 02/19/10 or as soon as possible so that he will have time to call his Counselor. [REDACTED] to work out his standing appointments for each Monday at 5 P.M. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] would like to reach a peaceful solution to this situation and if this cannot be done they are requesting an appointment with Bishop Peter Sartain to discuss the matter and avoid hiring an Attorney.

[REDACTED] and please leave a message and he will return the call as quickly as possible. He is open to hearing from anyone who wishes to call him other than myself.

I assured [REDACTED] I would do all I could in my position to keep them informed and do as they asked me to do. I have handled this matter very delicately and with compassion and in a peaceful manner and assured them of our prayers.

02/18/10: Email to Sr. Judith regarding conversation and requests from [REDACTED]

12 noon: I CALLED DR. TED WELSCH: I left a voice mail regarding the fact that I am working with the DOJ to resolve the payment issue [REDACTED] had indeed contacted him. I later learned from Dr. [REDACTED] had called and stated he wanted to continue in spite of the present situation. I informed Dr. Welsch that I would contact him again when I find out the final decision by the Diocese. He was very agreeable and willing to continue [REDACTED] in spite of the circumstances.

02/19/10: 8:20 p.m. [REDACTED] after I checked my email and informed him of the decision made by the Diocese regarding his request for an answer to his requests of February 17. He became very angry and stated he wanted to be part of the decision. ( I did not know if he could have been asleep when I called or perhaps he had been drinking.) I wondered if something else could have precipitated his response in such a manner as I had never before experienced in speaking with him.

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[REDACTED]  
FATHER MIKE GIBBNEY - 2004 ALLEGATION

02/19/10 (8:20 P.M. continued)

Regarding his appointment with [REDACTED] on Monday [REDACTED] stated he would keep the appointment but very loudly stated, "I can't afford \$100 a week or whatever it costs."

He then went on to demand that he wanted an answer within a week and then wanted an answer ASAP as he felt he deserved that. Then he interjected, "No this is what I would love: "To hear from your supervisor or whoever is in charge." "I know their games."

I attempted to diffuse the situation but then [REDACTED] needed to vent his hostility and anger. He then stated, "By the end of next week" and then changed his mind, "No, you call me by next Wednesday and let me know what was decided." I assured him I was attempting to assist him and did not take things personally. I wished him well on Monday in his appointment with [REDACTED].

03/04/10: I retrieved several phone messages from earlier today indicating from Rosemary of Bishop Sartain's office that [REDACTED] had called her and was threatening to go to the press within an hour if she did not get a response to her demands. I had received no messages from [REDACTED] about the matter since I last spoke with [REDACTED] 7:20 P.M. [REDACTED] hoping to reach him. He did not answer and I left a voice message stating I had no word as yet regarding his matter but that I would definitely call him by 10 A.M. after I had time to pursue the matter. (I made no mention of any calls [REDACTED])

7:30 P.M. I called and left a voice message for Rosemary apologizing for not being able to be reached and explained I would be traveling early morning and call her directly when I got in.

7:40 P.M.: I called Sr. Judith at her residence to discuss the situation and she informed me that the matter will be decided by the Review Committee in "April." She also stated that Jim Byrne gave the information to the Bishop this afternoon about the case.

03/05/10: I arrived back home by 9:30 A.M. and immediately [REDACTED] who was very sullen and informed him that I learned that the REVIEW COMMITTEE will meet in April to decide his case.

[REDACTED] if he is seeing [REDACTED] in Plainfield and he answered, "Yeah." I then asked if he was working something out. He stated, "I think it will work out." He was very sullen.

He thanked me for being so cooperative and was glad that I had called. I then added: "EVEN THOUGH THE COMMITTEE IS MEETING IN APRIL - I DO NOT KNOW THE DATE (IT COULD BE THE BEGINNING, MIDDLE, OR END) SO DON'T GIVE UP HOPE. I WILL CALL YOU AS I HAVE DONE IN THE PAST AND KEEP YOU INFORMED."

9:50 a.m. I called Rosemary to inform her of my actions and my conversation [REDACTED] and apologized for the verbal abuse she had to endure. (Apparently they had just decided yesterday regarding setting the date for April.)

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[REDACTED]  
FATHER MIKE GIBBNEY - 2004 ALLEGATION

03/22/2010: I spoke today with Jim Byrne

I then received the call from Sr. Judith who told me to go ahead and make arrangements for Counseling and I didn't need to ask [REDACTED] for any information. I then went ahead and we discussed therapists and [REDACTED] was so happy with his first appointment with [REDACTED] and as far as I knew at present [REDACTED] is still seeing [REDACTED] and we are possibly not going to pay him for his services.

I pointed out the need for justice and fairness that we were now faced with plus the fact that Dr. Welsh came highly recommended and agreed to handle some of our Diocesan cases.

[REDACTED]

Jim said he was not aware of everything and he certainly would present this information to the board which will meet the end of April.

03/23/2010: [REDACTED] this morning to inform him that the date for the hearing will be some time the end of April. I was hoping to allay some of his anxiety. I asked him if he was continuing with treatment and he stated that, "[REDACTED] has been awful nice to me so I am seeing him every other week." (He did not want to take advantage of [REDACTED] goodness.)

I encouraged [REDACTED] not to give up hope and to continue his Counseling for not only his sake but for the sake of his family. I reassured him I would call him as soon as I heard something more. He thanked me for calling and I promised to pray for him and his family that everything would work out well for them. In all of our phone calls [REDACTED] is always polite and grateful for anything I do for him. (Except the phone call when his wife was involved.) He is sounding depressed over the whole situation.

I asked [REDACTED] if he would convey the time of the meeting to [REDACTED] as I wanted to keep [REDACTED] informed that the DOJ was doing something to resolve the matter for payment.

04/23/10: I spoke with Jim Byrne

05/11/2010: In speaking with Jim Byrne

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## MEMO

Date: 05-17-10

To: Ernie Starky, Chair of Review Committee

From: Cindy Power, (Chair of Sub Committee) and  
Members Tim Brown and Shirley Robinson

Re: Pastoral Assistance / Compensation on [REDACTED] case

### Recommendations of Sub-Committee

1. Yes, provide additional Counseling compensation
2. Pay therapist directly (Therapist bills monthly to the Diocese)
3. Cap the compensation at \$20,000.00
  - Suggested time frame: 50 sessions (at \$100.00 a session – or less) a year for 4 years (\$20,000.00 total)
  - 4 years is seen by the Sub-Committee therapists as adequate time for working through trauma, grief and alcohol abstinence (if EMDR is pursued, this trauma treatment time can even be shortened). Therapist needs to be licensed and certified
4. Therapist, familiar with trauma and with alcohol treatment, should be selected from our Diocesan List of Therapist Referrals.
5. If [REDACTED] is already seeing a therapist and that therapist is from our Diocesan Referral List, [REDACTED] could continue but the allocated capped monies would not be for retro-active sessions (our suggestion), only for sessions going forward. If [REDACTED] is seeing a therapist not on our List, records of therapy done to date would be requested before giving the green light with continuing with that therapist.
6. [REDACTED] needs to be informed of the Cap and Sub-Committee recommendations, and to know this is a one-time only Pastoral response, above and beyond the finalized, completed Settlement Agreement of [REDACTED], 2006.

Cc: Timothy Brown  
Shirley Robinson

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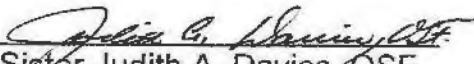
May 24, 2010

TO: Bishop J. Peter Sartain  
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
RE: Recommendation from the Review Committee

Mr. Ernest Stark formed a subcommittee to review the request of Mr. [REDACTED] for counseling assistance. Attached is the subcommittee's recommendation.

If you are in accord with the terms of the recommendation or any adjustments to it, you might consider having Mr. James Wright communicate with Mr. [REDACTED] since it was Mr. Wright who dealt with Mr. [REDACTED] settlement of [REDACTED] 2006.

God bless you.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

cc: Mr. James Byrne

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██████████ - ██████████ (PHONE)  
FATHER MIKE GIBBNEY - 2004 ALLEGATION

05/11/2010:(Continued)

12 Noon: As VAC I decided to call ██████████ as I had promised to do and inform him as to the status of his payment for Counseling services from Dr. ██████████ of ██████████ IL.

I spoke with ██████████ and told him I was calling as I had promised I would and told him that his case had gone to the sub committee and there would be no word for maybe 3 more weeks. His response was, **"I thought you guys had forgotten all about me."** He sounded depressed. I assured him that was not the case and I would continue to call him as I had promised. I asked how he was doing and he answered, "Fine."

I then asked if he was seeing Dr. ██████████ and he stated, "Not really." He remarked he does not feel right about not paying him. I assured him I would keep my word and call him when I hear anything more about his case. He thanked me. He seemed pleased that I had called and kept my word.

06/01/2010: I called ██████████ at work to inform him that his case is now with the Bishop and that I would inform him as soon as I knew something and it should be soon. He responded, "I really appreciate you." This should have been settled long ago but I guess they have to go through channels." I assured him I would call and he responded, I know you will."

09/09/2010: In my meeting today with Bishop Sartain I discussed with him the facts concerning the case and the non-payment of Dr. ██████████ of ██████████. Bishop Sartain expressed that he thought Mr. ██████████ was also asking for additional payments and I said that Mr. ██████████ had never mentioned any payment to me but only for additional counseling. I also spoke with Jim Byrne who also believed ██████████ is asking for more money.

\*\*See pages 6 and 7. I do believe that ██████████ wants to settle peacefully with just fees for counseling. He became aggressive after his wife became involved.

09/13/2010: I called ██████████ at 9: a.m. and informed him that the Bishop still had his case open and would be discussing it. I asked ██████████ how he was doing and he said ok. He sounded depressed. He is working. I reviewed his first conversations with me and said, "When you called me is it correct that you were only asking for counseling to be paid for?" He responded, "The Diocese should do something." I asked him for how many visits he had seen Dr. ██████████ of ██████████ and he said, "2-3." I informed him that the DOJ would take care of those visits. (As I understood with my meeting with Bishop Sartain the week prior.) I had informed Jim Byrne yesterday of the circumstances regarding the case and updating him that ██████████ had not asked for any monetary compensation except counseling.

Judith Speckman - Victim Assistance Coordinator

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[REDACTED] (CELL PHONE)  
FATHER MIKE GIBBNEY - 2004 ALLEGATION

07/21/11: I have kept in touch with short messages for [REDACTED] and reminding him of therapy and always expressing concern. Our relationship is based on trust and one of genuine concern.

Email from Sister Judith: "Just wanted you to know that [REDACTED] has returned to therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] as of June 27. I am waiting a return call from Mr. James Wright who had handled the terms of the settlement with [REDACTED] in March of 2006.

08/10/11: PHONE CALL FROM DR. [REDACTED] REGARDING [REDACTED]  
Dr. [REDACTED] expressed his concern after seeing [REDACTED] last evening and related that [REDACTED] had been extremely upset by a phone call from someone by the name of Jim who he was not sure of just who he was.

"[REDACTED] is very uncomfortable with the fact that he received a call regarding his intentions for therapy through the Diocese by a man named [REDACTED]." Vac suggested Dr. call Sr. Judith Davies and discuss the matter with her as Dr. expresses concern that, "the therapy process is being interfered with."

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██(CELL PHONE)  
**FATHER MIKE GIBBNEY - 2004 ALLEGATION**  
**Dr. ██████████ - Counselor**

08/10/11 (8:50 a.m.) I received a phone call from Dr. ██████████ the counselor for ██████████ who had returned to therapy recently.

Dr. ██████████ expressed his concern regarding an incident related to him by ██████████ last evening. Dr. ██████████ stated that, "Prior to returning to therapy ██████████ had experienced several setbacks but was now doing better until he received a disturbing phone call recently from someone by the name of "JIM." (He was wondering if it could have been the Attorney for the Diocese since his name is Jim) I was not sure but would check into the matter.

From the information given by ██████████ to Dr. ██████████ the man began asking questions of ██████████ that ██████████ allegedly said made him feel like he wanted to go to the paper. Allegedly ██████████ was asked questions such as, "Why did you call the Diocese now? What's going on? How long do you plan on going to therapy?" Dr. ██████████ stated that ██████████ is very upset with the Church.

Dr. ██████████ has offered to continue seeing ██████████ free of charge and suggesting that perhaps a meeting with the new Bishop is needed between VAC, and Dr. ██████████ I assured Dr. ██████████ of the commitment by our new Bishop and suggested that we attempt to work through this problem with him. I assured him that Bishop Conlon is very committed to working with the victims.

At the suggestion of Dr. ██████████ he suggested he call me back this afternoon to discuss the information about the phone call and how it has affected his client and what needs to happen. I agreed to wait for his call before any action would be taken to help resolve this issue.

**I remembered the email from Sr. Judith on 07/21/11 stating she was waiting for a response from James Wright who handled the settlement with ██████████ in March of 2006.) Perhaps he is the one who called ██████████**

**In a return phone call from Dr. ██████████ I suggested he call and speak with Sr. Judith personally to handle the matter and he said he would.**

10/04/2011: Unable to contact ██████████ as his cell phone has been disconnected. Had tried several times previously as I always had a good rapport with ██████████ I Left a voice message for Dr. ██████████ to inform ██████████ that VAC had called regarding her genuine concern and not regarding his appointments or for any other reason than her concern.

Judith Speckman-Victim Assistance Coordinator

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**Therapy Again!**

Sr Judith Davies

**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2011 5:13 PM

**To:** Judith Speckman

Dear Judy,

Just wanted you to know that [REDACTED] has resumed therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] as of June 27. I am waiting a return call from Mr. James Wright who had handled the terms of the settlement with [REDACTED] in March of 2006.

Blessings.

Sr. Judith

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (H)  
[REDACTED] (W)  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called on May 28<sup>th</sup> and left a message to return a call. I returned the call at 7:29 AM and left a message for him.

Talked to [REDACTED] June 3, 2003 at 11:00 AM. He is a [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported the following: He lived in Bolingbrook, IL through age 10, was abused [REDACTED]. Last 1.5 years he's been exploring the issues with a therapist. He never sent a letter to the Bishop. The abuser was Fr. Michael Gibney in about 1982.

[REDACTED] says that he was an altar boy and was taken on camping trips, which was the enticement. Gibney counseled him about telling the truth. Gibney invited him to go on short trips the first time ever. There were two beds but told [REDACTED] to sleep with him. Gibney was drinking and offered some to [REDACTED] who said no. He woke during the night when Gibney fondled him. He was about 10 years old at the time. [REDACTED] went to the bathroom to escape saying he was ill. Gibney put his arm around [REDACTED] when he returned but nothing further happened.

[REDACTED] couldn't tell his parents [REDACTED]. A year later [REDACTED] was invited to go with Gibney again. He was not afraid but very disgusted. He wore jeans to bed and nothing happened.

There was another boy who was very morose [REDACTED] was 11 years old and wanted to help but couldn't.

At about age 15 [REDACTED] parents found out. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] knew that Gibney left the priesthood and married. Gibney didn't do anything about his abuse. What bothered him was that Gibney will continue to ruin other boys. This effected his ability to trust others including obedience to Superiors. The event colored his vocation desires. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He is not in therapy now [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has three concerns:

1. Is he still a priest? (see above) What effect does this have on the Diocese?
2. What can be done to him? Need more information about current status.
3. When did the Bishop know? Did he know the gravity of the decision to let Gibney continue to take trips with the boys?

6/24 - [REDACTED] called to say he had a new phone number: [REDACTED]

7/18 - Called to say hello and ask how he is. He was out but will return a call.

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7/23: 5:30 pm

I called [REDACTED] and left a message since there was no answer.

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I hadn't heard from [REDACTED] so I called him [REDACTED]. The answering machine responded and a male with an accent said to leave a number. It is not [REDACTED] but I left the message for [REDACTED] to call me, in case it was his roommate.

I then called his home in [REDACTED] but no one answered. He is supposed to be at [REDACTED] but have no number to contact him. I'll wait for his call.

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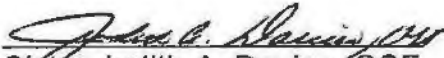
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

RE: Allegation against Michael Gibbney

This afternoon I received a call from Lea McClusky of the Archdiocese of Chicago (312-751-5205) regarding an allegation made against Michael Gibbney by a Mr. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]). Mr. [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] 1956 and currently lives in [REDACTED] Wisconsin.

Mr. [REDACTED] alleges that at the age of 11, Michael Gibbney took him at night to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and abused him.

I contacted Sr. Mary Frances Seeley this afternoon, provided her with Mr. [REDACTED] name and telephone number and asked to contact him. I also relayed all of the above information to Mr. James Byrne.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

C.C. *Birby Sartin*  
*James Byrne*

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] called and was alternating between anger and tears. He talked about Fr. Michael Gibbney who was a seminarian at the time, about 1968/69, and was allowed to bring him to his private room where he always locked the doors behind them. At least three other boys were also abused by him. [REDACTED] is now age 51 and was about age 12/13 when the abuse began.

He claims this went on until Fr. Gibbney was ordained, and then a short time afterwards. He was very angry and said it was unpleasant to talk about. "People in his age group" cant' be done...anything... the damage was done. He was sometimes difficult to understand and his emotional state did not encourage me to keep asking for repeats. I just listened.

He is not in counseling now, but he just brought it out although he always remembered it.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] spoke negatively about the Joliet Diocese, but claims he will take it all the way to Rome. He blames his age, nobody cares, will go to the press. He is angry and now crying. He then asks what we are willing to do for him. He again reminded me that he will take it all the way to Rome. He's gotten advice from his sister [REDACTED] and they are guiding him on what to do. I offered him counseling and financial help to pay for it.

I explained minimally what the procedures would be, e.g., the counseling would include initial evaluation (after six sessions), perhaps spiritual direction, pastoral assistance, a retreat. In order to receive financial assistance he would have to write a letter stating what happened, the circumstances, etc. and if he expected compensation, what he had in mind.

After a lengthy conversation I invited him to call back at any time. I encouraged him, however, to write the letter we talked about.

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[REDACTED] called and said he is still a practicing Catholic in spite of everything. He doesn't want to get rich on the Church. He doesn't want the Church involved with his therapy, etc., no financial responsibility.

He was confused about the Diocese of Joliet and the Archdiocese of Chicago, thinking they were accountable to each other; or responsible to each other in some way because he kept saying he'd take this further; to Chicago, then to Rome.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
We talked about a half hour. He read me the letter while crying vehemently. He is in touch with others (unspecified) who speak negatively about the Joliet Diocese. The sexual abuse was triggered by an incident in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I asked if he would want to talk to the Bishop and there was a resounding No! He doesn't care about the statute of limitations. He will take it to the press. He has many clients who are attorneys and have offered to help him. He then said he'd have a conversation with an attorney and let me know. He will hold off any legal option until he hears from me about any offering from the Diocese.

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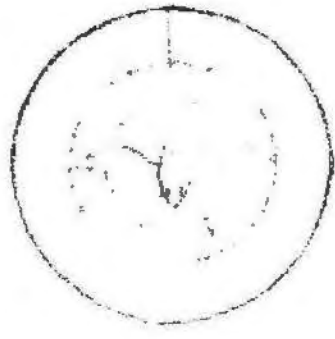
I talked to Sr. Judith. The letter must be submitted before any decision is made. I called [REDACTED] and left a message about it. I also encouraged him to write about the [REDACTED] incident that was the catalyst in bringing this to the fore.

1/3/08

The letter arrived from [REDACTED] and was FAXed to Sr. Judith. It is included in this record.

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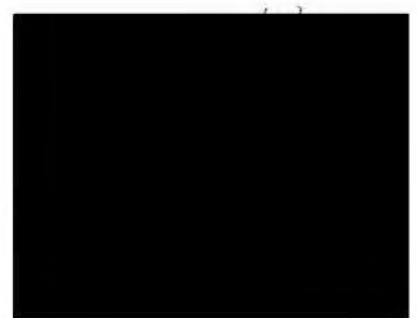
### FAX COMMUNICATION

TO: Sr. Judith Davics

FROM: Sr. Mary Frances Seeley

DATE: 1/3/08

COMMENTS:



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Bishop Sartain  
425 Summit  
Joliet IL 60435

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Dear Bishop Sartain,

As requested by Sister Mary Frances Deely in a phone conversation on Friday 12/7/07 I am writing this letter which includes information regarding the abuse that was inflicted upon me by Father Gibney, as well as the financial compensation I am requesting.

The abuse began when Gibney was a Seminarian at Courton-Dieromeo Seminary and lasted for roughly four years involving four different episodes that I can recall.

This was a time when parents had the utmost respect for anyone associated with the Clergy, and Gibney fit the bill perfectly. He was very well liked by my parents, who met him through a friend of the family. My parents thought I might have a calling to the Priesthood, and so encouraged my association with him. The times spent with him when the abuse would take place, were always cleverly arranged by him, through my Mother, who thought he walked on water. Obviously, if I ever did have a calling to the

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priesthood it was destroyed by this man:

The first episode of abuse took place when a trip to the Seminary, was arranged to use the Gym to play basketball with myself, and three other friends, attending. As the game progressed Gibboey would take us one by one to the photo dark room under the guise of learning about photography. Instead he showed me how he would create a negative of his penis, and then he insisted I do the same with my penis. Then he showed me his testicles, and insisted I touch them because he only had one Godard. When I reflect back on that day I understand now why one by one as we returned from the dark room nobody wanted to continue the basketball game. Now the innocence of life was gone, and the terror of being trapped, and the suffering in silence began.

The next encounter that I recall was once again arranged by Gibboey through my mom, for another trip back to the Seminary, only this time alone, and at night. Now he would show me his extensive, and very expensive electronic equipment he owned. What a manipulator this guy was. Feeling confident Gibboey took me to the Seminary and was allowed to take me behind locked door of his quarters late at night where he proceeded to remove his clothing, insisting I do the same so he could take measurements, and keep a record of my height, weight, and penis size, so he could show me my progression into manhood. Before I knew what was

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happening he had me on my stomach on his head, and proceeded to put vaseline between my thighs and rub his penis between them until he ejaculated. I remember being there frozen in terror, feeling so trapped and helpless.

Gibbney was a big man, and I as an adult am 5'8" tall. I didn't even know how to get home from where I was.

The nightmares I have endured of being locked in a room and seeing Gibbney's face have been difficult to endure. How was this man allowed to bring a minor into the Seminary, and put him behind locked doors of his quarters in the first place. This makes me angry to this day.

The next incident took place again at the Seminary on a trip once again to use the Gymnasium, and again it was done through my mom. He knew I just couldn't say anything to my parents. It would absolutely crush my mother, and then there was always the fear of would they believe me? So once again a late night at the Seminary using the facilities at the Gym. He timed everything perfectly. When everyone had left the Gym it was now time for us to go to the shower. Once again he was all over me as I was forced up against the wall until he ejaculated. I remember sitting under the water with tears running down my face frozen while he dressed.



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The fourth and final episode took place when he was a deacon assigned to a parish. I don't think he had yet been ordained. He drove me to the parish rectory, and shortly after arriving I soon realized no one else was there. He took me downstairs to a bar that they had, and made himself a drink and then made something for me to drink. This was a first experience for me as I was underage and not able to drink. Then after the drink he proceeded to remove his clothes and wanted me to do the same, but now I had reached a level of maturity, and confidence in myself, and told him I would not. He proceeded to masturbate himself until he ejaculated and then took me home. When I returned home I became physically ill and vomited from the drink he had given me, but I didn't care because I knew I was finally free from this disgusting human being.

The shame and embarrassment I have endured for all these years buried deep inside has been something no person should have to experience and of course was very misplaced. The shame is on Gibbney for what he did to me, and on the Diocese of Joliet and the Catholic Church for not having better guidelines in place to protect innocent children from this ever happening in the first place. As Sister Mary Francis Seeley put it "we are very familiar with Father Gibbney."

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There was a time after this nightmare that I turned away from the Church, but after witnessing the miracle of my sons, and daughters, birth I slowly found my way back. I continue to practice my Catholic faith to this day, and have raised my children in the faith which includes Catholic grade school education.

As I told Sister Mary Frances Seely I am reaching out to the Diocese of Joliet, initially, in a discreet, and respectful manner, in order to save the Diocese, and the Church, any further embarrassment, which she acknowledged and thanked me for. Under no circumstance will I agree to any threats, provided by the Diocese. I have already been controlled once by an Individual associated with the Diocese. It will not happen again.

After researching similar cases such as mine, and taking into consideration the severity of the abuse as well as the duration of the abuse, I have reached a conclusion that \$250,000 is a fair, and equitable amount for damages, pain, and suffering I have endured over the years in silence. There is no amount of money that can compensate me for the Horror I was subjected to by Father Galaney, however this will assist me in the long and arduous process of putting my life back together again, and will allow me to begin to have some closure.

In Closing, Sister Mary Frances informed me that the Diocese wishes to handle this as expeditiously as possible.

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With that being said, I will expect a response from  
the Diocese within 10 Days of receipt of this letter.

I will continue to pray for the religious in the Church,  
and all other victims like myself who have suffered  
so greatly because of these tragedy's.



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Sister Mary Frances Dechy

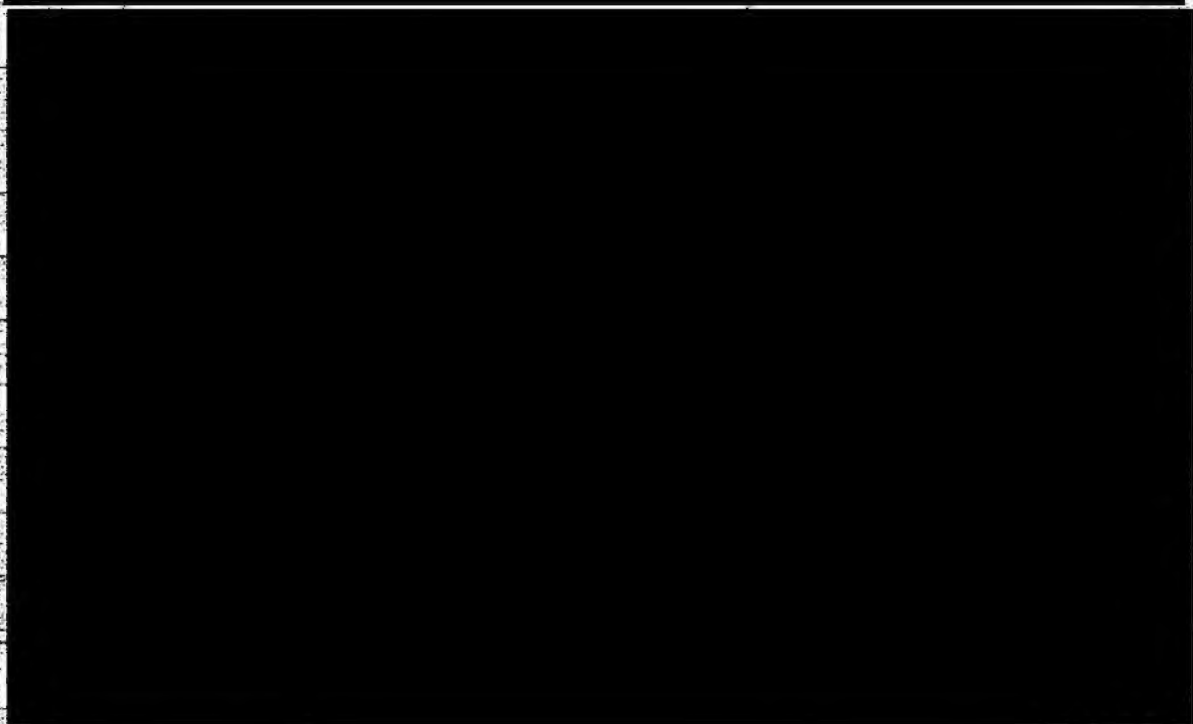
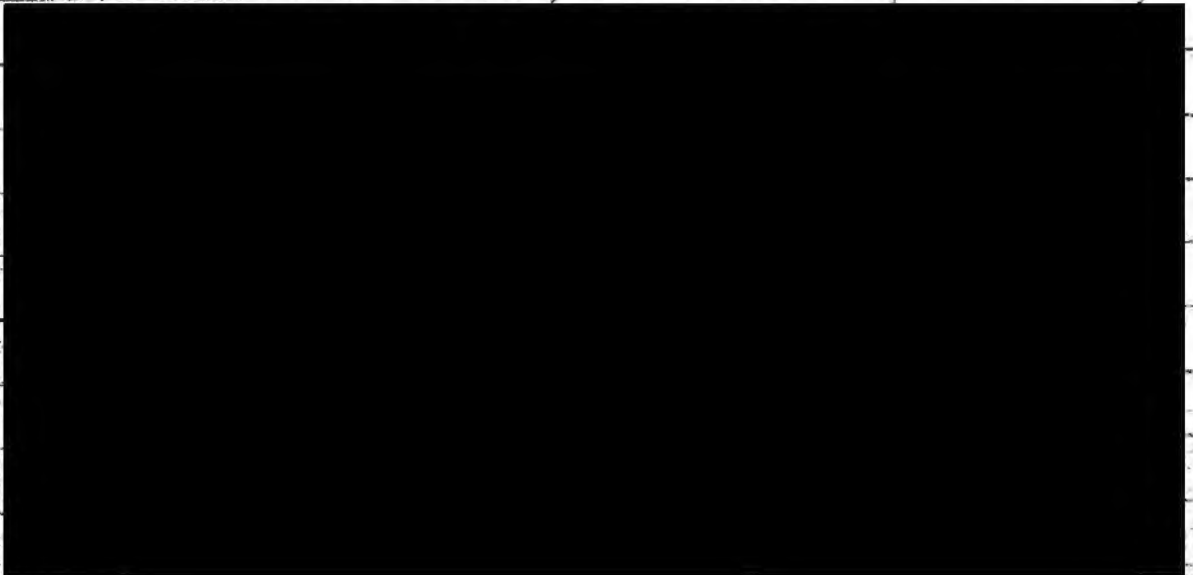
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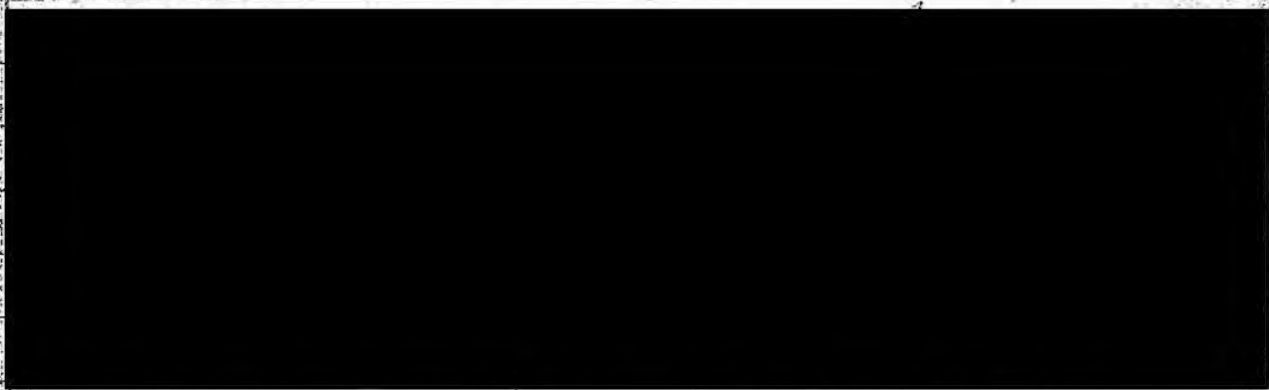
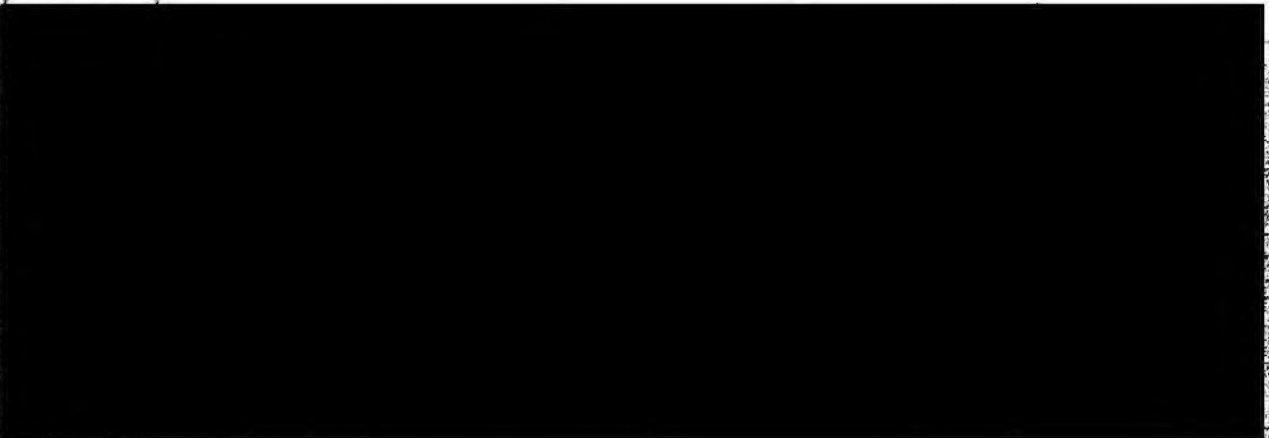
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After receiving a message from Sister  
Mary Francis Sedley, on 12/13/07 requesting that I  
explain the scenario that triggered this nightmare  
to surface on... again, I am enclosing the following:



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She then instructed me that I would receive  
a phone call from the Archdiocese of Chicago because the  
abuse must be reported, and they would assist me in  
teaching the proper parties involved. I have had enough.

Sincerely,



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**To:** James Byrne

**Subject:** FW: Victim

Jim, below is an email that I sent to Bishop Sartain today. As soon as I receive a copy of the letter I will send it your way.  
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Dear Bishop,

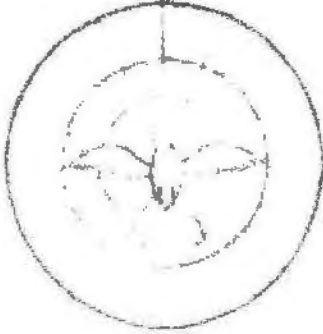
Sr. Mary Frances Seeley was contacted last evening for the second time by a [REDACTED] age 51, who alleges abuse by Michael Gibbney. In a letter Mr. [REDACTED] will be sending detailing the abuse, he will state the amount of money he wishes as compensation for counseling received as well as for the pain and suffering he endured. He has been in contact with Mr. [REDACTED]. He vehemently refuses counseling as well as the offer to meet with you.

God bless you.

Judith

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2005 6:48 PM  
To: jfcullen@aol.com  
Subject: Fwd: letter to editor

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Slowik, Ted" <TSlowik@suburbanchicagonews.com>  
Date: June 20, 2005 6:46:44 PM CDT  
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: letter to editor

[REDACTED]  
Got another letter to the editor we're running tomorrow.  
Ted.

In regard to the story about [REDACTED], who as a young boy [REDACTED] claims) was sexually abused by a Roman Catholic priest, (the Rev. Michael Gibbney). It is appalling enough to read about another attempt of covering up by our Bishop Joseph Imesch, who knowingly passed this man to another parish. Also appalling was the comment by Bishop Roger Kaffer, who told [REDACTED] that Gibbney was confronted about the abusing and he said he was sorry. Wow! How comforting, that must have gone a long way with [REDACTED]. What was even more appalling was the response from [REDACTED] parents, who, when he confronted them after years of living in torment, their answer was to throw him out of their family and have nothing to do with him. As parents, one of our main jobs is to raise our children with truth and honesty. We are supposed to teach them that if they have a problem that they can come to us and we will listen. That is what good parents do. Apparently, that was not so with Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], who let their religion get in the way of common sense. Did they ever stop to realize what torment their son must have been going through? Apparently not. And to the Catholic Church, which was and has been in denial and hiding for years about abuse from its clergy, the agony you have inflicted on the victims of abuse can never be fully stated. For years, the church tried to hide these priests. And to the cardinals and bishops who passed pedophile priests from parish to parish, you are as guilty as they are. Shame on you. Bishop Imesch, what could you even possibly say to [REDACTED]. Maybe an "I'm sorry" will also be in order.

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That's the situation [redacted] found himself in when he was 35 years old, in 2002. [redacted] had been sexually abused by a priest beginning when he was 11 years old, he says. The authority figure he confided to in 1993 was an official of the Joliet Diocese.

That official dutifully sent [redacted] a letter in 2002 when prosecutors from Will and DuPage counties demanded that the diocese hand over thousands of pages of documents about priests who had abused little boys and vulnerable teen males, and in the rare instance, young girls.

If you could put yourself in [redacted] shoes, imagine how you'd feel, knowing that total strangers were reading your deeply personal, 15-page, confidential account of the trauma you endured. What would you do?

It turned out to be a cathartic moment in [redacted] life, one that led to an angry confrontation with his parents and a heart attack two days later. While recovering, he gave up the alcohol that helped numb the memories of his experiences. He realized he needed intense counseling if he was going to make it.

And he wanted justice. Not money, not empty apologies. He wanted the truth known, maybe if only to persuade some disbelievers who refuse to accept that a priest could even do such awful things to a child. The type of people not unlike the revisionists who would like you to believe that Hitler wasn't responsible for the deaths of 6 million Jews, that the Holocaust never happened.

Because it's weird when you're in [redacted] shoes. You're a smart guy, articulate and funny — a comedian who appeared on David Letterman's show when you were 22 in 1989. You've got an incredible story, and thanks to therapy you're ready to tell it. And you happen to be a computer geek who creates Web sites for a living.

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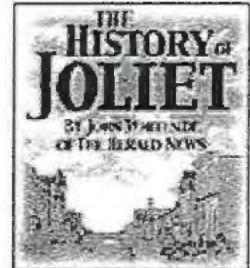
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So when you're [REDACTED] in this situation, you post your tale in all its graphic detail on a Web site, complete with a disclaimer that its content isn't for those with weak stomachs or under the age of 18. Because you're not holding back any of the gory details about an adult male having sex with a prepubescent boy.

And that's just what he's done. For an inkling of what some good Catholic boys like [REDACTED] experienced, go to [www.jolietcatholicdioceseneews.com](http://www.jolietcatholicdioceseneews.com).

So, if you're [REDACTED] now what? You'd like as many people as possible to read your story, to understand how and why these atrocities happened to you. More importantly, you want accountability from those responsible for what happened to you.

[REDACTED] says he doesn't want an apology from the priest who molested him, unless it was a public and sincere admission. He doesn't want any money for himself, mind you, but he would like the diocese to pay the more than \$200,000 in counseling bills he's racked up, along with something extra for the outstanding clinic in Austin, Texas, that is helping him.

And he'd like Joliet Bishop Joseph Imesch to sit down, take up a pen and write a letter to his parents, who disowned [REDACTED] and haven't spoken to him in nearly three years. [REDACTED] wants the bishop to tell his folks that it wasn't the kid's fault, and not to blame him for bringing shame to the family name.

Because despite all of the Catholic Church's self-congratulatory statements about its efforts to reach out to victims, [REDACTED] has never once received a personal phone call from someone representing the church. All he's got is a bunch of letters, including creepy notes about how a bishop is praying for him.

Oh yeah, he'd like those to stop. They're a slap in the face.

And [REDACTED] wishes that bishops who he believes shuffled child-molesters around like they were playing Chinese checkers wouldn't escape accountability and go off to enjoy happy retirements.

But that's not likely to happen.

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## Abuse allegations go online

Against priest: Ex-Joliet student goes to 'court of public opinion'

By Ted Slowik  
STAFF WRITER

JOLIET — [REDACTED] grew up in a devout Roman Catholic household, where his parents often entertained priests and addressed them on a first-name basis.

So [REDACTED] parents never questioned why their son spent so much time with the Rev. Michael Gibbney, a priest at their Bolingbrook parish when [REDACTED] was between the ages of 11 and 13. In 2002, when he finally told them that the priest had sexually abused him, [REDACTED] parents disowned him. Two days later, he suffered a heart attack at age 35.

Now 38, [REDACTED] is using the Internet and other media to reveal the most detailed public account to date alleging how a Joliet Diocese priest manipulated a young boy into a sexual relationship. He says he's now able for the first time to candidly discuss his experiences publicly.

"What people fail to understand is that (years after the) sexual trauma on an 11-year-old and the power, booze and pills, we tend to suddenly remember things we blocked out. Why? Because I am finally the age of my perpetrator," [REDACTED] said from his home in Austin, Texas.

On the eve of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' meeting in Chicago this weekend, [REDACTED] story takes on added significance. The bishops are expected to make subtle changes to their policies regarding abusive priests, and critics say the bishops are watering down the safeguards.

### Account of abuse

[REDACTED] built on his education at Joliet Catholic High School and went on to earn a master's degree in communications. He runs a computer and marketing consulting business, but his true love is stand-up comedy, and he says he has appeared on David Letterman's show.

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He describes his experiences with the priest in disturbing, graphic detail on a Web site, [www.jolietcatholicdiocesenews.com](http://www.jolietcatholicdiocesenews.com). The site contains a disclaimer warning viewers about its content. The site went live a month ago and is receiving 1,100 hits a day, he said.

Others who were abused by priests have used the Internet to tell their stories, said David Clohessy, executive director of the group Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests.

"As time goes by, because of our archaic laws that favor child molesters, more survivors are having to be resourceful and creative about getting justice and the truth exposed," Clohessy said.

Diocese spokesman John Cullen said on Wednesday that he had not yet talked to Joliet Bishop Joseph Imesch about his reaction to the Web site.

"Any individual is free to disclose their issues any way they want to," Cullen said. "If that's how he chooses to discuss what he believes happened to him, he's free to do that."

█████ recounts his relationship with Gibbney, who was ordained in 1975 and served at all three parishes in his hometown of Elmhurst before being transferred in 1978 to St. Dominic Church in Bolingbrook. █████ remembers going to Elmhurst to help the priest move photography equipment to Bolingbrook.

Later, Gibbney moved to a new Bolingbrook parish — St. Francis of Assisi — and that is where █████ says the abuse occurred.

Gibbney's career as a priest is marked by an unusually high number of transfers.

█████ believes Imesch removed Gibbney from the Elmhurst parishes because of reports of misconduct with youths, a claim also stated in a lawsuit against Gibbney and the diocese.

█████ said he escaped his father's physical and mental abuse at home by working at the rectory, where Gibbney befriended him. The priest isolated the boy, gave him alcohol and pills, and that led to sex, he said. The sex happened in the priest's car, at the rectory and on out-of-state trips, he says.

The boy eventually was able to break off the relationship when he started high school at Joliet Catholic, he said.

### Response to allegations

█████ said he first contacted the Joliet Diocese about the abuse in 1993. He received a letter from Auxiliary Bishop Roger Kaffer saying the priest had been confronted, was sorry for what he had done, and that the cleric was receiving counseling and no longer serving in active ministry.

Records indicate that Gibbney last served at a parish in Morris in 1991, and he left the priesthood in 1991, Cullen said.

█████ sent the bishop a 15-page account of his experience, asking that it be kept confidential. He attended a few group counseling sessions, which the diocese offered to pay for. But █████ didn't find the sessions helpful and spent the next decade

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"I've had to pull a .38 out of my mouth, twice," he said. "When you've given up hope, all you have is freedom." • New Le serve mc

His despair had eased by 2002, when the Catholic Church's abuse scandal erupted worldwide. [REDACTED] received another letter from Kaffer explaining that prosecutors had subpoenaed all of the diocese's records about abusive priests, including [REDACTED] confidential account. • New Le of Deer F

"That had a tremendous amount" to do with his decision to seek intensive counseling and eventually go public. He's since accumulated more than \$200,000 in counseling bills, he said. • Pet proj budget

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Later in 2002, [REDACTED] said, he learned that others had been abused by the same priest, and that one had filed a lawsuit. He contacted a lawyer, but was told that the Joliet Diocese was successfully getting civil cases tossed out of court despite a change in state law that extended the statute of limitations for child-abuse cases. • Simple unveiled

"I simply want a jury to try the case in court," [REDACTED] writes on his Web site. "The final pieces of evidence are now in hand, so we will go to the court of public opinion. No judge wants to hear the case. So I bring it to you." • Teache going we

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Two civil lawsuits dismissed by Will County judges have been appealed, and oral arguments before the appellate court in Ottawa may happen as early as July, said Ketih Aeschliman, a Shorewood attorney. CATCH

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One plaintiff is [REDACTED], who says Gibbney molested him at Mary Queen of Heaven parish in Elmhurst in 1978-79, before Imesch transferred the priest to Bolingbrook, according to Fonck's suit. The other is [REDACTED] suit against the Rev. Lawrence Mullins.

Attempts to contact Gibbney at his last known address in Alsip were unsuccessful.

[REDACTED] says that within the past week, he's received letters from the diocese offering to pay for his counseling. He says he doesn't want any money for himself, but that he wants the diocese to make a substantial donation to the clinic that is treating him. At the ne

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Also, he wants Imesch to write a letter to his parents, who reacted angrily and haven't spoken to their son since he told them of his childhood experiences in 2002. When [REDACTED] parents entertained Imesch at their home, they called him "Joe," [REDACTED] said. At the W

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"I want (Imesch) to say, in his own hand, that their job as parents is not done. That an atrocity happened to their son. That they should be proud of their son for putting himself back together."

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 20, 2005 5:52 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd:

So, he's saying, "Give me what I want or I'll kill myself." And that it's all Bishop Imesch's fault.

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[REDACTED]  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Mon, 20 Jun 2005 16:10:39 -0500  
**Subject:**

He's got mail waiting from my dr's, and therapists clinic. I asked them to write from their perspective and I hope he takes a good look at it.

well, if he's not going to do the right thing by me ... the .38 still has some appeal.  
how can you even stand to look into his eyes... with proof over 20,000 people want to know and half of them read the book.

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if he helps me he's gonna look like a hero.  
if he doesn't help me  
why the hell should i breath anymore... this is my last effort at asking the man who orchestrated the destruction of my life -  
if he does nothing - it will spray my own blood all around his lfe and legacy.

he lives above the law and below the human motivation to heal his brother - he must live in a beautiful place.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 25, 2005 9:32 AM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: grab a coffee! RADIO show 7:18 WJOL SCOTT

More from Mr. [REDACTED] Did he ask to meet with the Bishop? When will the Bishop be answering his letter?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Ted Slowik <TSlowik@suburbanchicagonews.com>  
**Sent:** Fri, 24 Jun 2005 10:46:26 -0500  
**Subject:** grab a coffee! RADIO show 7:18 WJOL SCOTT

Ted, Keith and friends... WJOL 7:18am Scott Slocum -

TED, you have made a defining moment in your career. I will be in Chicago over the next few months for as many media activities and I plan to meet your editors directly. Your selfless artistry with words has changed a life and from what I see nearly 50,000 people now have done a double take because of your courage. I hope the Bishop will make time for me. So far I have not heard from him.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**nt:** Monday, June 27, 2005 5:49 PM  
**cc:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Subject:** 48,000 visits and 18,500 ebooks. new record!

Did you catch that radio show this morning? WJOL. I have it on tape if you'd like it.  
Got about 400 emails here as well looking for answers to why I'm being ignored.  
I publicly offered a compromise live on the air this morning for all of Joliet to hear.  
- my Dr's wrote on my behalf while I was in the trauma center.  
Pay my clinical accounts past due and write my parents a scathing letter about ditching  
their only son to protect their group of priest friends.  
Bob Calarisi, Bernie Baurle, Jim Dougherty, Gibbney, Imesch, all the clergy at JCHS/JCA  
that we knew so well.  
Did he get that communication?  
Amazing what a person has to do to get a Bishops attention these days...

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 Diocese of Joliet

Office of the Bishop

425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

June 27, 2005

  
Dear 

Thank you for your most recent letter. I regret that I was unable to respond to you before now. As you know, I was recently at the Bishops' conference and thereafter I had several commitments that took me away from my office. I apologize for my delay.

I am aware that Bishop Kaffer apologized to you over the telephone some years ago. I also want to apologize for the abuse you suffered as a child and for the pain you continue to experience because of that abuse. While I realize that nothing I can say will erase the past, I truly regret that the trust you placed in a priest was violated. Serious damage has been done to you. My concern is that you become as well as possible under the circumstances.

In my previous letter, I mentioned that some years ago the diocese provide counseling for you and that assistance for counseling would again be provided. That offer still remains. However, I am thinking that it might be best to delay discussion of specifics at this time. I want to give you the opportunity to fully communicate what happened to you and its impact on your life to whomever you wish and to the extent that you believe it is in your best interest. To reach an understanding prior to that might give the impression that the diocese was providing assistance in order to prevent you from further communication with the media and the general public. That is definitely not my intent.

I would be happy to speak with you about specifics of assistance once you have accomplished the above. However, should you

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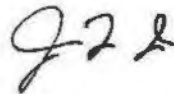
wish to talk to me before that time, please feel free to call me. If I am not in the office, I will return your call as soon as possible, so that we can speak directly.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the Bishops in Dallas prohibits the diocese from entering into confidential agreements with victims of child sexual abuse. However, it is not my intention to make any public disclosure regarding past or future assistance from the diocese.

I sincerely regret that you have suffered estrangement from your parents and from family members because of what happened to you. No child is ever at fault or should be blamed when abused by an adult. I will certainly communicate to your parents that the abuse you underwent as a child was not your fault.

I pray for your well being. With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch  
Bishop of Joliet

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✓ Sister Judith Davies, OSF

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2005 8:59 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED] received June 27

I don't see your response on the site.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thu, 30 Jun 2005 22:42:04 -0500  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] received June 27

Hello,

Please inform the Bishop that I have received his letter of June 27. Instantly,

My response is on the website - and let me know on a scale of 1 to 10 the "fairness" value over the previous flavor.

Doesn't that seem more heroic, supported and active in unison with true leadership in Joliet.

Amazing this Internet thing....

[REDACTED]

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2005 8:36 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pay [REDACTED]

He's relentless.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Fri, 1 Jul 2005 16:05:22 -0500  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pay [REDACTED]

I blanked out this person name - just a note but asked me to send on anonymously  
It's helping people to heal hundreds of these.

**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2005 11:16 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** your web page

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I hope that you can give me some HOPE that there is still time for him to have a future.

I sincerely hope that you are on the road to recovery!

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2005 12:50 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hello, pls copy and fwd

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Fri, 1 Jul 2005 12:38:53 -0500  
**Subject:** Hello, pls copy and fwd

Please forward John,

I have no further need to discuss this entire matter  
outside to anyone, except with my therapist or doctor and the Bishops assigns.

Is that an agreeable first step?

The first step is the hardest and I believe we have both done that sufficiently.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2005 12:51 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: Forward to Bishop please my folks from Marriage Encounter  
**Attachments:** Forward to Bishop please my folks from Marriage Encounter (883 KB)

Dis you listen to his radio interview? A new low in journalism. [REDACTED] made vague accusations and called Bishop Imesch "The Mastemind," but never said what he masterminded.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Fri, 1 Jul 2005 11:35:25 -0500  
**Subject:** Forward to Bishop please my folks from Marriage Encounter

[Original message attached...]

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2005 12:53 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: return

I never asked him a question, so why is he giving an answer?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Fri, 1 Jul 2005 10:45:07 -0500  
**Subject:** return

The answer is simple.

What I wanted was undivided understanding and for the Bishop not to sweep me under the rug.  
What I wanted was his attention, not anyone else's.

I didn't start this, I didn't create this, and my life has been a mess even in best efforts to leave it behind.

So, have I achieved me goal? I discuss this with my therapy team.

Yes - I did accomplish my goal. I got to speak. I had a voice for 15 minutes. I got to help a lot of people get their own answers.

That was painful in it's own process. Please see that he gets this thought urgently.

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2005 12:57 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: BD-004

Bizarre. What HBO story? What Trib story? The email HBO sent seemed to be a polite "thanks but no thanks." And how does he get the right to tell HBO and the Trib "put the story on hold?" Who is [REDACTED]? And why does he say that he's only discussing it with his therapist when he blasted everything onto his website?

I think the man is delusional.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Fri, 1 Jul 2005 10:27:25 -0500  
**Subject:** BD-004

I also put the hold on the Trib story and will tossed the HBO nda in the shredder.

Which both were not happy about.

But isn't the world full of other far more interesting and critical stories?

Therefore,

the site is the answer, that's where people are going to get information, I feel the best way to do good and restore trust is to tone that copy down.

And, I have not shared the Bishops letter with [REDACTED] not intend to if English is still the American lexicon.

Now, there's 4 responses...

I do reserve the right to just talk this over with my therapist only.

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 04, 2005 4:00 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: Expect mail

Like most of these, I'm not really sure what he's saying.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Mon, 04 Jul 2005 12:06:16 -0500  
**Subject:** Expect mail

The bishop has a highly confidential document mailed today.  
Please slip a note to expect it regular mail. There is only one copy.

7/1/05 8:59 AM jfcullen@aol.com [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2005 12:31 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: others coming forward

More from you-know-whom.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thu, 7 Jul 2005 12:25:06 -0500  
**Subject:** others coming forward

John,

I have a flood of emails and the most important being the mother of the "next" Gibbney victim.

[REDACTED]

I feel it's fair to keep your interests in mind - so I'm politely just sending them on to victims assistance.

It's their story - not mine. I'm sorta pushing them onto their own path and letting them air their pain. Beyond that, I just forward them and advise mail

I don't have any business but to tend my own but NEW Gibbney people are adding up - sadly without the courage to simply speak up.

Pretty sad.

Relay that to Bishop and remind him to check the mail today.

Peace. ;

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
rt: Friday, July 08, 2005 1:18 AM  
jfcullen@aol.com  
Subject: [REDACTED] blog

Thank you's are all one can say to an audience of 50,000 visitors. I thank you and the calls and letters keep flooding this site. It's a life of it's own now.

Your help is needed very simply - BLOG. 1500 emails I don't really have time to ask permission to post them now can i?  
If you've received this - then we have prior contact and BOY are we getting attention! So, to save me time. Please revisit and REFRESH [www.JolietCatholicDioceseNews.com](http://www.JolietCatholicDioceseNews.com)

There's new articles, links, Audio MP3 Interview, and a BLOG - say anything you'd like - it just got installed - so please come back and by doing so - you can hear the interview in MP3 format, request a CD of case files and Intercoheres in print.

That 40 page book is a child sexual abuse Survivor story. How little is being done and why we don't here more voices. Cut and paste your sent emails into the blog, write a new thought,

Bitch at someone or something and get mad or get healed and have a place to yell.

50,000 hits came from the Joliet area alone. Webtrends proves the traffic so please.

Come back to [www.Intercoheres.com](http://www.Intercoheres.com) (same) and BLOG something you feel for a couple moments.

The Bishop did make a kind gesture to write to my parents and in his own way, and kindly expressed a personal affirmation about my case admitting how painful it is and I believe feels that pain. That is progress and leadership.

All of us have to put so many of these things behind us and grow.  
Just stop by and BLOG  
because I can't handle 1500 emails every week.

BLOG - it's faster than email! The MAC podcast runs 24/7 for MAC folks.

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 09, 2005 1:32 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: updated blogs

The man wants the Bishop's FULL attention.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sat, 9 Jul 2005 13:13:35 -0500  
**Subject:** updated blogs

Hi John,

The new blog is very convenient. You can post there as well.

Visit [www.JolietCatholicDioceseNews.com](http://www.JolietCatholicDioceseNews.com)

I haven't heard from the Bishop lately.

I mailed at least 2 communications via regular mail. Is he busy?

Seemed like we were making some progress but I guess this isn't important now?

Just curious.

[REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

July 25, 2005

TO: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch  
Mr. James C. Byrne

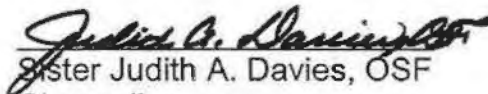
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

RE: Mr. [REDACTED]

This morning at about 9:20 a.m., I received a call from Mr. [REDACTED]. He wondered what had happened with the Review Committee. My response was that Bishop Imesch had sent him a letter on Friday, that he would be receiving it today or tomorrow, and to contact me if he did not receive it tomorrow.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he took his website down since he was able to get the Bishop's attention which he wanted. He said that he did not want any money outside of what was spent for therapy bills and that once he has been compensated, he was going to burn all of the papers he had about the matter. He had spent a lot of money on therapy these past four years, that his physical health had been affected by the abuse and that Michael Gibbney was a sick individual to prey on 10/11 year old kids. He said that he [Mr. [REDACTED]] was not like other people who were looking to make money. He just wanted to pay his therapy bills. I told him that the Review Committee has its process for dealing with abuse cases, that there would not be an instant turnaround. He said that he understood.

Mr. [REDACTED] said that he felt the Bishop realized the pain that he was feeling. I suggested that Mr. [REDACTED] call the Bishop whenever needed and the Bishop would speak with him if he were in his office.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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Diocese of Joliet

Chancery

425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606  
Fax 815-722-6602

July 25, 2005



RE: Mr. [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. [REDACTED],

It is the understanding of the Joliet Diocesan Review Committee that you are currently treating Mr. [REDACTED]. He has recently given permission for us to contact you.

As you are presumably aware, Mr. [REDACTED] is requesting reimbursement for past and future counseling as a result of significant abuse by Michael Gibbney. You can understand the need the Committee has for verification of the nature and the extent as well as the verification of related costs.

The Diocese does have a record of counseling expenses from the early 90's incurred by Mr. [REDACTED] and paid by the Joliet Diocese. Shortly thereafter Mr. [REDACTED] notified the Diocese that he declined further counseling.

We write to you, Mr. [REDACTED] current therapist, as a person who has good rapport with him and as a person acutely aware of his needs and present condition. Because we do not wish to add any additional stress to Mr. [REDACTED] your help is requested in moving the request for records forward so that a decision can be reached in relation to past, current and future counseling.

Specifically, we are asking that you, in your therapeutic setting, facilitate Mr. [REDACTED] completing release of information forms that will:

- 1) release all treatment records and payment records of your work with him;

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- 2) release all treatment and payment records of any other counseling he has received since our last notification in the early 90's;
- 3) release all future records of his counseling and permit you to disclose his present and future treatment plans.

Enclosed is a release form, the contents of which are required by Illinois Statute. Please have Mr. [REDACTED] sign one of the forms for the release of your records and also sign several copies to be used for the release of records from his other mental healthcare providers.

Please return the signed forms together with your complete records relating to Mr. [REDACTED] to me at 425 Summit Street, Joliet, IL 60435. These records should include but ought not be limited to all progress notes, patient history, evaluation and testing, and related itemized costs.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in both helping your client in yet one more way, and in helping us, the Review Committee, more readily respond to his request for reimbursement.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Power, MA, LCPC, CSAT, CSC, CCGC  
Vice-Chair  
Joliet Diocesan Review Committee

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**Re: Judith Davies**

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2005 9:09 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: package arriving fedex for Ms. Powers

This one is a complete mystery to me.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Mon, 8 Aug 2005 15:44:46 -0500  
**Subject:** package arriving fedex for Ms. Powers

John,

Please be expecting a fedex package for Ms. Powers. Please also make available a DVD player for her. There is an important information that she specifically asked for, reports, dates, etc. is conveyed best via video if you would please make accommodations for her to view.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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Bishop Imesch, if you're a good priest you can handle this.

I'm so glad you got the process started before your vacation. Thousands of people waiting for your show of leadership and follow through.

I look forward to bringing them the upbeat and positive conclusions in next press briefing and radio updates. I haven't heard any activity.

Why hasn't this call to [REDACTED] occurred sooner and more often?  
[REDACTED] is still waiting today for whatever call 24/7, ready for deposition. I'm ready for cameras too, send the deposition team if you require, I'm sure that Mr. Byrne will have some documents for me to review soon as well.

My treatment and recovery restitution may seem insignificant but I assure you this process is very courageous, necessary and thousands of people will begin to heal as the result of good care. This cycle of kids getting hurt I hope comes to a close. I recently read that a former Episcopal priest was allowed to work as a married priest in the Catholic church. I've seen the light of death and returned from it.

I have done all on my part to make your life easy. I mean we really should talk more.

I've provided only treatment costs, which are crushing to me and insignificant in the global view, I'm sure this is old hat but it's my first time dealing with the level of vocalizing the most horrific of situations.

Bishop, restitution can heal the church. It is healing, concluding, moral and where to do clearly unto others, as far lies the golden rule.

Within me there is a kid. That kid doesn't trust me. Barely trusts his therapists and certainly doesn't trust you or [REDACTED] at this point. Can you wrap an astute perception of disassociation at that level? Daily, even hourly

The kid is looking at me to be heard finally. and for the adults out there to take actions, no more words - words we left a long time ago....  
I can't give that kid - [REDACTED] can't give that kid anything! but bad news today.

It's criminal, it hurt, no one cares, and because it's such a distasteful topic; because it's overplayed like a record - that kid thinks the rest of life is a waste

Do you think I didn't know how much a clearly outlined, undeniable and fearless testimony hurt my folks to hear as well as thousands upon thousands of people?

I will scream my experience down to the last detail and if 1% of it is off, doesn't scare me for three whole years of trickery and sexually dungeon like circumstances - - and a drunken pre-teen doesn't do well there in Gibbneyland.

I've been clean over a year - still Seizures, nightmares and vomiting on the pure injustice and inaction that enrages this kid to violence against himself, others and everyone in the tornado's pathway, only this time he has adult toys like websites, media, and a digital toybox and tall buildings to get hopeless on with

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when everybody including the emerging adult person has lied once again- *and we haven't even touched on where this kid thinks GOD is..... Yet. Who's gonna help me with that? This is way over your skill set.*

I have nothing to tell that kid today but bad news.

██████████ has no good news for him either.

I did my work - and now have one large "Looney Bin" bill that is past due.

You said past and future treatment and I've done it -

I'm sure you keep notes of this nature. Perhaps we'll feel better one day. The medications work and keep my seizures and nightmares away.

Bishop, you must be an educated man. If a 38 year old man's daily thought patterns are of this nature - I'm clearly out of my gord with a hint that I can see a light that doesn't end with a loud bang. The movie the Prince of Tides - just that one violent act of one evening trapped a mind for nearly 30 years for the shame. This is painful but now it's in the light.

Please Kick this process of whatever you call it along for the good of a child - and I worry that this committee is out to put a pricetag on that kid - it's so far higher than what the cost to get him back has been. He's a shiny young kid with blue eyes, and freckles, he likes Frisbee and the Jackson 5 in his backyard - he's not a number value.

He got hurt bad and he's not very trusting. He's a kid that didn't have pubic hair or the ability to process this kind of rape and mental positions. In many ways even Mr. Gibbney is also stuck- in his own idea of 11 years old and thinking it's OK

That's what's so awful. He honestly must have thought at. At least once in 3 years he Had to think - "this makes perfect sense" Bishop - Good Golly I mean just legally - just in basic law 101 "be a good person" - be a basic good human being he signed up for...

Even if -- *any pre-teen, showed up to the Rectory in Elmhurst or Bolingbrook buck naked with a consent form signed in ink with my photo attached to it which said " Father Gibbney, I'm ██████████, I'm 11 and I'm buck naked - I want to drink booze and experiment with pornography and sodomy - will you help keep this a secret and I hold you harmless, this is purely consensual and I won't tell a soul."* **Even IF**

Under any God: **What should any adult** in the business of providing spiritual "anything" under your command or assignment **DO**.  
especially after having his hand slapped before  
**- exactly, he should have shut the door & called for Help like a Fire!**

Don't estimate a dollar value to that kid's pain.

Don't underestimate the kid's pain today.

Don't re-estimate that kid's pain any longer than necessary.

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I thank you for your courage to make this commitment and actually follow thru.

Let's skip to the part where [REDACTED] testimony is clear now and you can submit whatever draft of non-disclosure preferences you have. The next round will likely involve video and cameras. It is up to you and your honesty to tell me what your preference is for media communications. Please include your preferences right away. I'll have time to consider how the nationals are going to do with the follow ups for August.

There's a lot- I'm sensing should be of priority. I'm willing and able to make this a favorable and insignificant as possible. But I do have to take our results public in a some way. Follow up columns are normal and the web based connection spreads instantly. What is said is very much up to you.

I've never been here before. So I'm open to your input that is supportive and leadership building wherever possible. Make sense to everyone?

Please return communication at your earliest convenience.

Sincere thanks your safe return.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Imesch,  
425 Summit  
Joliet, IL 60435  
8/21/05

Dear Bishop Imesch,

Good Morning,

I will not be brief, if you would permit me to take your time to disclose some revelations and inspirations that for whatever reason are needed at this time.

To say that I have my share of time to read in this treatment is an understatement. Yet, I have been using this time to research the great tradition, history and continuity of your position as Bishop of Joliet. The lineage of which dates back hundreds of years and the dedication a Bishop must endure and prove - is a new learning for me. The therapy I'm in now (this week) is to write a paper on you.

The process, testimony and all of my documentation are delivered and therefore it is only by your courtesy that I'm able to write. As the massive heartache I have lessens, both with therapy and treatment to my physiology, so too have I engaged a new respect for your position as Bishop.

I can no more identify with your responsibility to guide your faithful, than I believe you can identify with the child who when in most need of the Church - was reduced to inner shambles. Positing this, we are both uninvolved, yet involved in an issue together.

Would one agree that verbal consolation is an insufficient medium to express your heartfelt regret and my admittedly lashing methods of taking my place at your table to which I wasn't invited. I realize that I sincerely owe you and your staff an apology.

As an adult, I can't imagine how you accomplish your work. I've read well over 100 pieces, news, norms from Dallas, the other diocesan position letters and new guidelines. I have read hundreds of "other" viewpoints than my own. To my surprise there is action taken, Joliet has helped others- your people really do care, and I have a strong feeling as I heal. In this exercise given to me in treatment I will share an insight and a petition.

Why would it ever be in your interest to hire men that would do such unspeakable damage to children? The documents, the opinions and articles both pro and con, are outweighed today by a new belief that you did not orchestrate or assist these men. You have over a half million people to attend to, and indeed global input in the future of your faith. Encouraging pedophiles, vile acts, manipulation and have this tied into a sexual satisfaction for a group of very very disturbed men could not be in your Lexicon.

Any man with that motive would have to be the embodiment of evil. This you cannot be at all. I am sorry for speaking to you in such tone. I'm sorry for those people that label

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or pin the entire scandal on your name. This is one of the reasons I purposely refuse to sue still today. This was not your intention nor your fault in what happened to me.

My inspiration from prayer or treatment or reflection, – call it spirit; these men lied to you, they deceived, manipulated and acted on their own; unfortunately fooled you and others under the disguise of robes. I believe their interaction and the disguise was the perfect cover. The church needed servants of pure nature and although I was an infant, history has proven that “not enough deep questions and processes” were commanded.

What child questions such a parish priest figure about motives anyway?

The amount of time, planning, premeditation and purpose to organize so many of these predatory men who desire sex with children; it would have taken all of your time. I don't subscribe to this idea, because there simply are not enough hours, willingness and pure evil present in you. If there is, tis' still none of my business anyway. It can't be.

I am offering that you made some shaky hiring decisions. I'm a little disturbed about the fast movements of Gibbney but I'm past. In hindsight, and with some education afforded me in therapy I see that All of Us today, would have been evaluated earlier, monitored, you took action as quickly as possible.

America enslaved an entire people, mistakes were made – lessons learned and Affirmative action taken. People got hurt and action was taken to make up for that and end that in the future across the globe, n'est pas?

The “language of speaking up” instead of covering-up would be in flow then as it is today. Maybe it wasn't then – but I got stomped on in the what people taught me was the safest house on earth.

So I must then give you back your position and join your common ground if our mutual healing is to take place before our lives end. In that I light I commence.  
I meditate on your pain this week and try in such a tiny way to imagine how betrayed you must feel.

Any man accepting the tremendous task of representing faith leadership is risking a lot. As a Bishop, I can't fit that task into my head. Yet, somehow your office is based on compassion in light of error, even the most heinous of crimes. After all, could you not console and feel compassion for a serial killer or the war monger?

Faith. Intangible and yet over thousands of years, here in the Earth – even the most evil believe in a connectedness of some kind. You cannot take away what Gibbney did to me as a child and the images, body sensation and loss of critical developmental years spent in isolation wherein there was nowhere to speak, no one interested in listening and in turn would be punished for “letting” these events happen to child mind.

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As an alter server, I held a bowl and towel – he would whisper “Lord, wash away my iniquity, cleanse me of my sin” right in front of me. I’d hand him that white pure towel in front of hundreds every week, only to have a few hours later my parents once again believing Gibbney’s “rest of the day” plan for me involving actions that indeed we’ve covered ad nauseam. All the while, a child thinks this is normal, alcohol is plentiful and the deception to my parents was not only applauded but masterfully done so it seemed “their” idea to have him whisk me off on trips, the gifts and the rest of the sexual nightmare. I swear to you Bishop, I thought I was the only one, special and this was normal.

After all sanctioned and orchestrated by all the adults around me. Who packed my suitcases? Why does an 11 year old have keys to the rectory? Who paid for gas and motel rooms? An 11 year old is resource-less but for his purity.

Therein my friend; lies the sickness of what pedophiles are in search of themselves. Your financial assistance helps me to compartmentalize his actions with specialists. The path to destruction of a child’s mind is swift – but not so the return to wholeness.

By this treatment sir, what I mean to explain is that – I have no interest in remaining in therapy for eternity. I will remain a perpetual spiritual student but past 08 I’m done with this intense reworking of my brain function. I want the results to walk out of here. It’s been accounted for (as I understand), and there has been a start and a planned end date with after care and a final amount for that care completely.

What I want you to expect is results.

What I expect of you, is that you or your board want progress from me.

What I would enjoy doing is being a resource for recovery and for what to watch out.

Somehow the victim survey website avenue was a piss poor idea and the creator of that idea should be not only reprimanded but made to take some sensitivity therapy themselves. I’d sign up for the job instantly.

Bishop, that was an understandable attempt “inlet” for information – I’m web savvy. but to the recipient? To the viewer? To the seeker in pain lookin for help?

That lacked the tactfulness as appropriate as my response. Offensive.

I offended you by my language and lack of tact. I was hurt, shocked and I have made my apology. I am sober and raw. I am also a courageous fighting human being that can see a future now where there was simply no point in living beforehand.

The plan for a completed program is for me to walk on my own two feet with confidence in my faith in a god of my understanding. None existed for many years. In just a mere few months ago I gained some belief of any sort. Please identify with this now.

Faith cracked open a door within just a short time ago- new eyes –

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the only way I could experience this was in professional care round the clock, medicated, and out of my ability to harm myself or others.

Today, I ask for food at a local church pantry or a foodbank. I have nothing except my computer left. I borrowed all the money in my home equity and pledged to pay for treatment in a heavily binding agreement. I didn't ask for permission or budget approval.

I haven't held a job or got summarily fired from the last few because I would simply crack up on the job. Seizures and being hospitalized has made me a poor employee. I couldn't go on anymore... I arrived in the ambulance and here we are today.

That, Bishop is a moonshot from the pistol experiences. I don't claim to know if you've been around suicidal people or patients – but it's a very simple thing to me. Just a matter of when it's finally convenient or all the resources are gone.

Perhaps as simple as manipulating a child is for a person like Gibbney, second nature and without a second thought. Just timing when it's the last resort to pain. I've learned that true pedophiles operate on a very different hard-wired logic system and so far, recovery isn't likely.

In the eruption of this nationwide discovery, the vivid memories and the disconnection for all things spiritual n' left for dead. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have both assured me that I was dead wrong about you and your team. To trust them to communicate. I'm not expected to understand. I am expected to take an active role in learning to walk again.

As I close, I again express an understanding that this has many layers of pain for both families, the community and yet in my own pain – I was given your desk as the point of accountability. I just attacked you because this is my first time. This whole process is new to me, and I had no idea that anything had been done for victims.

I assumed wrongly that you did not care. I assumed that you and those working for you are also going to forget the expenses to save a victim. It is your custom to care for these offending individuals with accommodations. I have read accounts describing the off-duty living quarters as quite pleasant. I assure you that I am soon to be without a home of 12 years due to foreclosure, a mental state that is precarious and a recent past that doesn't fly well in interviews.

I promise if you will please urge a partial payment of my expenses, to help my live I would be most grateful and most certainly start repaying my doctors to keep up with treatment appointments, get the medications that I'm out of now and I don't have any cash to pay since I am not insured. This treatment is less in comparison to the offenders lifelong room and board in quite nice accommodations. Can I please have slightly less?

Sir, my apology to you is one thing – regardless of your mercy in financial matters.

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I can't ask any more, and it appears no communication is coming back.  
I realize your process can take time. My facts and figures are known.  
I am not lazy nor am I greedy – I am however in dire need for even the mildest percentage of financial support.

However my appeal for some of my expenses urgently, perhaps a respectable percentage quickly will be enough until 2006 for me to call my creditors and tell them I can make restitution in part today and there will be a conclusion in my new life.

What I do understand today is my plea to please approve some funds towards my care today. I can only beg. If there has been any idea that I have enough to eat, steady water and electricity or steady work for these last two years without pure donations from others in treatment – all my pennies, is simply false.

There are no W-2's out there for me. And Bishop, I state to you honestly – I am not yet ready to "rejoin" a corporate cubicle or really any job that requires interpersonal relations for a least until the new year. I'm just out of the woods healthwise.

These are great people and all of them will be happy to meet with you, the board at any time. We can arrange a video conference if that would be helpful. Share my progress or have your groups ask me direct questions about healing, and explain how these healthcare expenses to save my life actually gave us both the value.

What I believe threw you for a loop, was that I sought the emergency psychiatric mental treatment help first : – then I assumed that the only way to express all this anger at everyone related to any church and indeed anyone around me (whom all have left already) was to lash out, cry loudly and use the media to broadcast this pain.

In my emotional state I treated you unfairly.  
I thought I could present my bill and demand people pay on my behalf with the same urgency that I felt in my last three years of retrauma. Forgive a frightened man, begging for my life and a reason Not to live. There were legitimate expert medical and psychological reasons why emergency care was needed. Now explained clearly in time.

Does my methodology although abrupt, make more sense? I didn't ask for approval or permission first - I went into the deepest therapy I could– in pure emergency. Again, you're communing with a man that has held the loaded .22 safety-off in my mouth twice.

I came to you after the major foundation and stabilization was needed. Yes, please sir. It was an emergency and I'm sorry it was expensive but I am alive.

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Forgive the lashing pain which is real. After much thought and research, I have reached a progress that it just doesn't make sense to me that a man who has accepted your charge would support these people –

To my limited knowledge, your huge responsibility to hundreds of thousands is both part innovator and priest deeply committed to the people who are asking for a place to worship and a family with a common belief across the globe. The other part, is the pure responsibility to make certain that stability and continuity remains without question. I can only humbly assume this responsibility takes a man of clarity, reason, pure intention and I repeat, with those requirements – you could Not have had room in your soul to go out of your way to encourage or facilitate men to abuse children as they have.

I am familiar with faith-shaking experiences. Faithful people that have been outraged that dishonest men walked among children must be an awful thing. I've read enough now to know that This is No part of being a Catholic. I do believe that Joliet doesn't understand my pain and psychiatric Therapy has taught me- the parishioners shouldn't really have to today. I think you do. I think your management does as well.

The masses are outraged, and easily aroused already. Spirit enlightens me or hell, some smart doctors told me that - in turn, the significance of [REDACTED] is lost. Pedophiles are not part of being Catholic, so hating them is also not a part of being a Catholic either.

My plea for urgent financial assistance until the committee has all they need to complete their recommendation has been made. Until 2006 I'm not able to afford the thirty six hundred a month and change for medications, sessions, board and food. Certainly by then the committee would reach a final resolution and I shall not ask for a penny on my behalf.

In one last note, you may find that there is only one living priest, Fr. Jim Nowak, who knew [REDACTED], that's me, and my family well. Please contact him. I had a great priest once.

He's the only priest I grew up with from being a newborn – in Naperville, at Edward Hospital. St. Dom's and St. Francis. He was a man that is truly a priest I loved and that was when 10 years old and younger.

Fr. Nowak served me with happy memories, service, he taught well and always encouraged me in school and anything a small child should think of his parish priest.

I hope that you speak with him soon. He knew me before I was damaged.

With urgency in God's care,



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FILE MEMORANDUM

August 25, 2005

FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

RE: Mr. [REDACTED]


Mr. [REDACTED] called yesterday afternoon around 12:25 p.m. He was very upset and appeared to be crying during the conversation. He wondered what was happening with his case. I explained that the clinicians on the Review Committee were only able to meet yesterday to review his records.

Mr. [REDACTED] proceeded to state that because of his lack of funds, his house was going to be foreclosed; that he did not have money to pay his electric bill; that he had no money for food or for gas; that he felt he was being neglected; that people were laughing at him; that because of his situation he could not hold a job; that anytime he went for a job interview he would fall apart. He then said that if the Diocese would give him \$2,000 per month until Christmas, it would get him back on his feet. He repeated that he did not have money for food, gas, electricity and that he did not have money to pay his rent.

When the moment presented itself, I asked Mr. [REDACTED] the cost of his therapy sessions. He became agitated, saying that he did not know, that he was not concerned with money, that he has debt consolidation, that a dollar was all the money that he had, that he had no money for food, to attend his groups, etc.; that the Diocese should be able to provide him with funds on a temporary basis; that all he wanted to do was to put his abuse behind him and heal; that I should read the letter he recently sent to Bishop Imesch so that I would understand how he feels.

I told Mr. [REDACTED] that I would see what I could do to move things along for him and promised to call him yesterday (August 24) or sometime today.

At approximately 11:25 a.m. today, I called Mr. [REDACTED] and left a message to the effect that someone from the Review Committee spoke with [REDACTED] (his therapist); that he should check with [REDACTED] regarding as to how things are progressing for him with the Diocese.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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Hello Father Jim Nowak

from Bolingbrook. St. Dominic, St. Francis '78

You are the only priest that met me  
before I was severely abused.  
You are the only person that I  
trusted  
I need you to contact Cynthia Powers  
and the Advisory Board immediately.

As you may remember, my  
home life wasn't all that  
wonderful but I  
appreciated playing  
racquetball with you. I  
wonder if you still drive  
10-2 in that old black  
Grenada.

I went off to Joliet Catholic  
in 81. Class of 85 and now  
live in

Austin Texas in severe  
psychiatric trauma care  
after 2 suicide attempts, 1  
heart attack,  
2 seizures and major  
surgery.

Please call Bishop Imesch  
and tell him you are the  
only living priest who  
knew me before Gibbney  
got to me. My sisters

and to this  
day you are the only priest  
who met me before the I  
came across Father  
Gibbney the predator.

Michael Gibbney provided booze,  
drugs, favortism, sodomy and  
oral sex with me as 11 year old  
with toys trips,  
money, gifts and  
immunity from my violent home  
life from which I sought safety.  
I stuffed his actions and that  
scared a child into such an  
identity peril that I qualify for  
Social Security  
Disability for Mental Illness.

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September 15, 2005

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This letter is in response to the faxes recently sent to the Chancery as well as to your telephone message of yesterday and today.

First of all, I think it is important to briefly review what has transpired regarding the numerous faxes and other information that has been sent. I regret that you feel that each piece of material had to receive an acknowledgement. There was no intent whatsoever on the part of anyone to cause you distress or cause you to feel that you were being ignored. I am sorry that you have felt otherwise.

It is my understanding that the information previously furnished to Ms. Power was insufficient and therefore the need for additional requests.

As I mentioned to you on Sunday, the members of the Review Committee serve in a voluntary capacity. I am sure you can understand that if they were employees of the Diocese, the review of information could have been better expedited.

The Review Committee will hold its next meeting on September 28, 2005. At that time, the Committee members who are therapists will give the full Committee its opinion about what further information may be needed. Ms. Power will contact Ms. [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] will then communicate with you.

I can understand that this is a very difficult time for you. The Diocese is concerned that you are receiving adequate care. You need to know that the Diocese will pay for your current therapy with Ms. [REDACTED] at the standard, customary rate that is used with most of her patients.

Thank you for your understanding. The Diocese is following its customary procedures as we do with all similar cases. Like you, we also hope that this matter can be brought to a speedy conclusion.

cc: [REDACTED]  
(her address is Cicada Recovery Services  
[REDACTED])

bcc: Dr. James Carger  
Mrs. Cynthia Power  
Mr. James Byrne

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So, other than that Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play?

1979,80,81 I was 11.

I wrote Imesch/Kaffer in 1993 when I was 25. Counseling wasn't doing the trick. From age 11 after Janesville Wisconsin and the premeditated orchestration of an ongoing limitless sexual relationship with a 34 year old priest seemed normal. He is a master of deception dressed in robes.

Imagine the late seventies with Fr. Frank at St. Dominic

Raquetball. The new pipe organ. Jim Monahan screaming something about Las Vegas night. My parents in Marriage Encounter. All those mornings shoveling snow with my dad. Serving beside the altar and training others. Playing music. I played trumpet with Mike Croy and lived on Pacific Drive. We sometimes used the auditorium at Bolingbrook High School for mass. I served on the anti-drug Bolingbrook police department project Snowball and Snowflake with Barbara Schuman. She will recall asking me if I wanted to be in foster care because I had mentioned my father wasn't a person to whom I felt safe around. I reached out several times and the one time I reached far enough - Gibbney arrived in Bolingbrook from Elmhurst in 1979- guess who was in the blue station wagon already hooked, [REDACTED]

I would like you to describe what you knew me as to Ms. Cynthia Powers and the Bishop as fast as you can please.

Fr. Jim, this is critical. I am healing in severe treatment that is extremely painful and bloody expensive. There is a review committee and a process. My case is severe, public, documented and extremely disgusting in terms of the fearlessness of my soul to tell the truth. My belief in any sense of self declined at 11 during critical development years and no child - even consensually should be given alcohol and controlled substances within a master planned pedophilic trauma including sodomy and a destruction of that child's ability to trust any environment for the foreseeable future. Took a few years but this is my first time through

I simply believe that Gibbney was moved from Elmhurst to Bolingbrook because of prior counseling and hot situations - I don't care about that. I care about my experience. Hired as a priest, Gibbney was a pattern predator and damaged me beyond my willingness to live. Thus the need for anti-suicide care and physical organ breakdown including a cardiac incident and seizures for the nightmare and nightsweats outlined in my psychiatric reports that the Bishop already has. Why am I bothering you? I live in Texas. The 11 year old boy

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## Please visit the Chancery urgently.

Meditate, Visualize and Pray about your memory of [REDACTED] Talk to the Bishop.

Hug me again in your mind, as I knew that I actually could trust you and we were always above board. I could trust you because you did not cross the border that Gibbney did.

When you could have you didn't. Parking lot, St. Dominic, Ford Grenada, conversation.

I loved you, my family loved you, and I felt like a kid should feel about his priest. Trusting and well on the path to discovering what a child should. I was 11 and I wasn't violated. There was a time when I was okay.

This is urgent that you speak with the Bishop, the Advisory Board, the Committee and whomever else. Fr. Jim. From the documents I have seen, Imesch knew Gibbney was a pedophile. I'm not suing anyone and won't, I just want my bill paid and I'll go away.

I give you permission to read:

Over 100 pages of graphic details and facts that only I could know about his anatomy. The descriptions of the path of deception over myself, my parents, Fr. Dougherty, my sisters. The involvement of so so so much alcohol from ages 11,12,13 that I got so hooked into that it ate my live and desire to live all the way to very hard core escape drugs and loaded pistols in depression. Please tell the bishop that bill I gave him is small whatever the price.

Where is God? Where was my connection? Do I deserve to have a connection to this Peace? Why do [REDACTED] shake? A 38 year old man has sober seizures in a Walgreen's and ends up in ICU because I had a flashback of this drunk sweaty priest in my head. Lord wash away my iniquity, cleanse me of my sin... - imagine what that looked like to the alter boy holding the bowl week after week after week for three years, this bowl and towel for Gibbney. 2 hours later he would arrange a sexual situation and trick my parents into saying "Sure". Sick and bottling that kind of stuff will make one physically breakdown- no? I have no voice to the Bishop or Cynthia. This damage effected me physically, spiritually and mentally. Here is what I urgently ask of you based on the following common posited practice: if [REDACTED] as a driver hit your car, you, the owner can take your care to the service station of your choice- right? Father Jim, it look some time for me sober up, find therapy that worked and it was worth it. I'm okay now. I'd like to pay for this treatment but I can't.

- You're the only living priest that knew me as a child before Gibbney.



Diocese of Joliet

Chancery

425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606  
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October 5, 2005

[REDACTED]  
Cicada Recovery Services  
[REDACTED]

RE: Mr. [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. [REDACTED],

This letter is written at the request of the members of the Joliet Diocesan Review Committee. They wish to convey their care and concern for the well-being of Mr. [REDACTED]

Members of the Review Committee are concerned that all abuse victims are treated with the utmost respect and fairness. Realizing that the healing process can be difficult for victims, there is great effort to expedite matters as quickly as possible. The Committee assesses the initial diagnosis, the type of therapy rendered, dates on which victims were treated, treatment plans, customary charges, etc.

However, the Committee Members have a grave concern about the documentation they have received concerning Mr. [REDACTED]. It is atypical of any documentation sent by other therapists and healthcare providers.

In the second or third week of October, Dr. Alex Spadoni, a Board Certified Psychiatrist, who is one of the Review Committee members, plans to be in the Austin vicinity on other business. While in the area, there is a possibility that he could meet with you in order to facilitate obtaining the necessary documentation and to evaluate the therapy that Mr. [REDACTED] has received. In addition, should he be able to arrange his schedule, he would like to meet with all former and current mental health inpatient and outpatient treatment providers who have rendered service to Mr. [REDACTED]. Dr. Spadoni has experience in program licensure and PTSD, therefore he would be seeking information on the Immersion Inpatient Program and an itemization of the program's per diem cost of \$3600.00. He would also wish to meet with Mr. Kenneth Shapiro of Harbor Management. These meetings, if they could take place, would be a

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significant attempt by the Committee to obtain all necessary documentation that it normally receives in all other cases.

If these meetings should take place with you and with persons listed above, Dr. Spadoni will not be speaking with Mr. [REDACTED] for professional reasons relating to the best interests of Mr. [REDACTED]

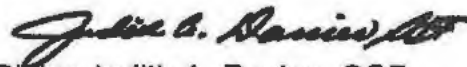
Enclosed are several copies of a release form. Please duplicate as necessary, add the appropriate names of Mr. [REDACTED] mental health providers, have Mr. [REDACTED] sign the forms, and return them to me at 425 Summit Street, Joliet, IL 60435.

If Dr. Spadoni is able to arrange his schedule to be in Austin, we will try to give you as much advance notification of his arrival as possible. I hope that your schedule would be compatible.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Joliet Diocesan Review Committee.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

Enclosures



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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** jfcullen@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2005 6:53 PM  
**To:** jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: LEOPED Global Podcasting iTunes Podcast Joliet Bishop's Committee Rigged to Silence Victims

I was wondering when he would surface again.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thu, 13 Oct 2005 18:49:28 -0500  
**Subject:** LEOPED Global Podcasting iTunes Podcast Joliet Bishop's Committee Rigged to Silence Victims

**Subject: bishop is disputing but sending someone via plane  
JOLIET, IL. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

AUSTIN, TEXAS 11 YR OLD BOY PRIEST SEX JOLIET BISHOP'S "LEOPED" DIOCESAN  
COMMITTEE INTIMIDATES VICTIM

In 1993 a personal account of a dangerous pedophile landed on the Diocese of Joliet. A ruthless 34-year old priest was on a spree of town-to-town relocations fostered by everyone's favorite Catholic boss of Joliet "LeoPed" on Summit Ave. The head job?: Deny, discredit, delay and destroy any 11 year olds that would like the priests penis out of their brain.

The Bishop of Joliet, Joseph "LeoPed" Imesch is no stranger to being questioned about his pedophiles in more than 27 cases of substantial accounts of boy-priest sex. Commonplace and understood by many and unspoken by most. The Diocese uses coy wording for criminal sexual pedophilia like "straying, sinning or didn't live up to their covenant". In civilized cultures this has been criminal longer than the age of any readers have lived to date.

The news breaks every day with another story - but [REDACTED] got his in 2003 and simply collapsed. His letter from the Diocese of Joliet said "We just wanted to let you know" "States Attorney's now have your records and we have to give them up.

2003 - [REDACTED] is reliving and re-feeling this in Intercoheres, a 60-minute independent film.

Hey We Just Weren't lookin! Ooops we slipped and 30 priest slipped into a bunch of pre-pubescent male orifices. No Harm. Don't Tell.

"Where were the plane fares in 1993? Where was the rush to justify my need for serious mental help in 1993 when everyone but [REDACTED] knew the exact extent the Joliet Diocese would go to hide, criticize and protect pedophiles, who eat 11 year olds like Tootsie Rolls. "We examine this for all of Illinois to see and use the court of public opinion - however a change of guard will help now but sex crimes on kids need to be paid for today. Any adult child should received treatment where and when they want it. A million or more is a 3-month cramp in the LeoPed's Plan to Hide

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Pedophiles."

██████████ says loudly. "Sex with an 11,12, 13 year old is true - combined with booze- and a whole bunch of priests? "LeoPed Thinks He's Immune. Where were the plane tickets in 1993? in 1987?

Today I again relive his henchmen pocket prick Shrink to tell him again - I was 11 years old and you've admitted it, you hired this prick Gibbney and knew he was a sick person -

I'm a broken record - and I'll track his successor like Herpes up his ass too so Bishop "new guy" is already in for a nice load of ██████████ as well. A change in administration will only be fuel. Parents in Joliet should Revolt"

██████████ 60-minute Intercoheres documentary and multimedia experience in November records the 2003 notification of his nauseating sexual abuse details to Bishop Imesch of Joliet Illinois. Phone transcripts. Radio Interviews and two hours of Interviews by noted experts.

These documents are well known to have been delivered in 1993 because ██████████ was notified that Illinois States Attorney's now had his account of child sex with a priest named Michael Gibbney. 4 years of intense weekly counseling and hospital hours of urgent uninsured care were needed when that shock occurred. The Diocese won't pay the overdue bill that they had asked for specifically. More than 100 pages of documentation are launching with the movie using Apple's new iTunes and Quicktime 7.0.3 software for global podcasting around the world 24.7

A letter that shook the 11 year old that was helpless.  
The near Gacy style premeditation techniques and polygraph proof details that only a rape victim knows are unrated.

-- more details in the press and the legal team awaits in Texas.

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October 31, 2005

Sister Judith Davies  
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Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Sister Davies:

Our law firm has been retained by [REDACTED] to assist him in negotiating a recovery of medical costs he has incurred as a result of sexual abuse he suffered as a child from the actions of the Reverend Michael L. Gibbney. Earlier this month [REDACTED] sent me a copy of a letter which indicated that a representative of your organization would likely be in Austin during the month of October and would like to meet with individuals involved in Mr. [REDACTED] illness and treatment. Obviously, that meeting did not occur. However, I would be happy to coordinate such an effort on behalf of Mr. [REDACTED] if you are still interested in sending a representative to Austin.

It is my understanding that you have already been provided the costs which Mr. [REDACTED] has incurred and which Harbor Management has consolidated. Mr. [REDACTED] has instructed me that any recovery he may obtain from the Catholic Church would be paid on the debt he owes to Harbor Management. Please contact me regarding the status of Mr. [REDACTED] claims and whether you desire to meet with Ms. [REDACTED] or Dr. Weary regarding Mr. [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

*W. Thomas Buckle*  
W. Thomas Buckle

cc: [REDACTED]

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Bishop Imesch, Diocesan Review Committee 10/29/2005

Hello Bishop Imesch,

I wrote recently very kindly and with an understanding of your position? Yes.  
Did I show perspective and progress from when I alerted the Diocese in 93? Yes.  
Dr.? from your committee hasn't shown up at my attorney's? No.

I presented what Your paid and still paid  
representative of God did to me at age 11-13.  
Your committee is seeking non-liability, deflection and denial.

I understood that The pedophile protection committee Diocese of Joliet, was sending a  
representative Dr. ? to resolve a reasonable contribution. This is offer towards my  
treatment without bringing such a tangible documentary to global public spotlight. The  
amount is a contribution to a debt - The Committee cannot touch a lien or argue amounts  
or details. It would benefit the Diocese to contribute a qualified delegate.

The treatment I needed was necessary and I indebted myself to that priority. This priority  
of recovering an 11 year old who should not have experienced what the Diocese of Joliet  
explained was part of God's plan. Don't claim to know "how or what is reasonable".  
The Diocese doesn't get to have 20 people decide if a priests penis is reasonable.

You hired a man that put a penis connected to God in my life, paid by Joseph Imesch,  
Bishop and Trustee of the Diocese of Joliet assets- a position clearly exhausted from my  
research. You are the legal trustee on The Diocese Assets. In fact, the Committee is your  
shield.

I sir, am the legal owner debt that legally is UCC-filed and requested politely that you  
confirm and send your delegate to Austin ,Texas to contribute. Please find an open  
receptive professionally experienced legal team today ready now.

You will be well advised not to question this clarity. Dr. Who is Welcome and bring it.  
That will be all comes back to you. Bishop - Yes, You. I'm asking for a contribution.

This bill is inclusive simply of when The Diocese/Kaffer said "your' 93 letters are now  
part of US Attorneys? " OK then up to today. Bishop Imesch, the blunder of continually  
hiring Gibbney. It's on you like a tattoo and you're not talking to the paperboy.

Tom Buckle at www.sbylaw.com is now the best firm that knows sexual child cases.  
Let's resolve action long overdue- contribute. Contribute to the bills my law firm have  
today. The Diocese of Joliet punched me FIRST for telling your blunder with Gibbney.

I'm throwing one last nice approach. You want to toy with God again?  
A proven team of sexual abuse legal people are here ready right now.

Tom and [REDACTED] have seen it, done it, and are waiting for this Committee.

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The Diocese of Joliet is NOT being tasked to pay the entire bill.  
I took the debt for my life treatment on my person. Sir, you're free of debt.

Legally the Diocese owes nothing - Hello?

You would be bloody Wise to make a contribution. A contribution is smart.

Just a contribution as a percentage.

There is full team of experienced people at my law firm today now [www.sbylaw.com](http://www.sbylaw.com)

Tom Buckle and Ms. [REDACTED] are the real deal in Texas. Check the court cases.  
Send on Dr. whomever! However understand that The Diocese is not responsible for the  
debts I incurred and support for my treatment.

If the Diocese wants to stop a convenient public nightmare exposing yet another true  
Joliet Catholic boys damage. I respectfully ask that the Diocese make funding payable  
toward my debtors – never to me. Or if you prefer – me personally.

In conclusion, I have debts and I ask the Diocese to pay the 3<sup>rd</sup> party a negotiated amount.  
That of which sir, I have kindly relayed in my last letter. Play time is over. Call my  
attorney Tom Buckle and Ms. [REDACTED].

Respond in kind Bishop Imesch with person or letter with your position immediately.

[REDACTED]

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4/1/08. Deferred to diocese to follow  
up. Detective to visit within 30 days.  
from diocese  
7 March 2008

Closed  
5/2008

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I am writing you because I haven't heard from that investigator who saw me over 3 months ago now and I haven't heard from you. Are we going to settle this case or what? This has been going on for way to long now, why are you dragging things out?

I answered all the investigators questions. I also agreed to the payment plan of 1 payment each year over 4 years as the church requested. Why can't we agree on an amount. The Catholic church has been settling for millions with people, I only ask for \$200,000 dollars. I'm not out to hurt the church like others. But your investigator insults me with a \$50,000 offer. This is what a lifetime of pain and suffering is worth? Come to me with a realistic offer and lets settle this and move on. I'd like to close this chapter in my life.

Please sister, get back to me on this. I await your answer. God bless.

Respectfully,



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Released April 2014

17 June 2008

Dear Sister Mary:

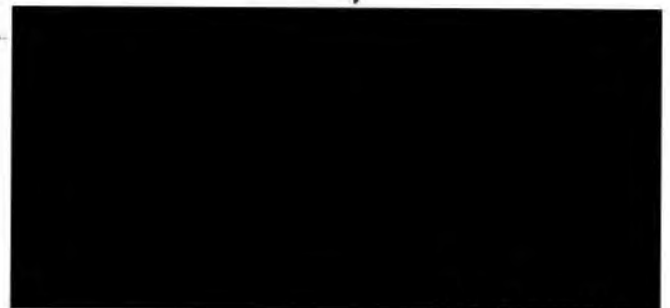
I am sorry to bother you again but I don't have the name and address to the investigator I spoke to so I can write him directly. I know my other letters to you were given to him, so I hope you can do it again. I appreciate your help.

On May 9, 2008 I signed the paperwork to accept the offer given to me. I was not given a copy of what I signed and I'd like it. I was also told I would get \$1,000 dollars within 30 days of signing. I still have not recieved this money and its now been 39 days since I signed and nothing has gotten to me as of this date. Will there also be a problem with the money once I start getting monthly checks starting July 1, 2009 as you said in the amount of \$300.54 for 7 years and 11 months (95 months) in total?

Please, someone get back to me and let me know what's going on. And what do I do when I get transferred? Who do I notify with change of address?

Thank you for all your help and assistance.  
God bless you!

Sincerely,



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7 March 2008

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[REDACTED]

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July 2, 2003

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[REDACTED] I'm not sure what help we can give you while incarcerated. Is counseling offered at [REDACTED]? Please let me know what help is available to you. We are willing to pay for some services but we need to know what is available to you while you are restricted in time, travel, etc. Please write to me at the address below.

Thank you, [REDACTED] I look forward to hearing from you. God bless.

Sincerely,

Sr. Mary Frances Seeley, OSF  
Diocese of Joliet  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, IL 60435

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Diocese of Joliet  
425 Summit St.  
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1/8/07

I received a letter from Bishop Stanley Schlarman who is now doing prison ministry in Belleville, IL at the Menard prison. He had met with [REDACTED] who complained that I had not responded to his initial letter of June, 2003. I had, indeed, responded but [REDACTED] claims never to have received it. My letter is dated July 2, 2003, as copied above. Nothing was heard from [REDACTED] after that so I assumed he agreed with me that nothing could be done as long as he is in prison.

I looked up his file on the prison website and found he is in prison for life without any chance of parole. This file follows in his records. I asked Bishop Schlarman to tell him that I had responded but I needed a response from him as to the abuse he suffered and from whom.

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4/17/07

Nothing has been heard from ██████ Bishop Schlarman, Sr. Judith or Mr. Byrne. I called Bishop Schlarman to see if anything has been done for ██████ in the way of counseling, etc., but he said that such services are not available to the prisoners. Bishop did not have his prison file so I faxed it to him while on the phone, and included the three-page letter from ██████, which he had not seen. He agreed with me that nothing could be done for ██████. Counseling, therapy, or other services are not available, and money is useless except for small things in the commissary. ██████ mentions two failed marriages, but no children – to leave an inheritance to them.

In conversing with the Bishop it was determined that he would seek out ██████ in the prison to see if he still wanted to talk. Perhaps a pastoral approach would help him come to some peace and help resolve the hurt he feels over the abuse. I told the Bishop we'd keep working with him but there doesn't seem to be any resolution to this situation. I tried contacting Mr. Byrne to ask about any legal redress, but he was out of the office.

4/3

Jim Byrne returned my call late yesterday afternoon. He suggested I write a letter to ██████ with the information that a representative from the Diocesan Review Committee will be there to interview him at the prison. The letter follows on next page:

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Dear Sister,

1/13/07

How good of you to be so prompt! Thanks very much, I'll convey your message to [redacted] on my visit at the end of this month. I'll be his "Widening lens," if he wishes.

Gratefully,  
Brother Steve

000020

Redacted February 2014  
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Released April 2014

25 January 2007

Dear Sister Mary:

I am in receipt of your letter to Bishop Schlarman and a copy of a letter you supposedly sent me back on 2 July 2003.

First, I'd like to say I never got this letter you wrote me on 2 July 2003. I remember getting a letter earlier than July and they said someone would write, but never did. I also remember them saying they would say a prayer for me. A lot of good that will do. I am hurt and disappointed that no one did anything for me. If I didn't answer your letter, couldn't you have sent a follow up letter?

Bishop Schlarman has opened his arms to me and said he would help in any way possible if he can. I told him very little to this point. I'm afraid to tell my story to this day! It is embarrassing and still hurts. That wound never healed. I am happy to hear Fr. Tibbs is no longer in the priest hood. I only pray he isn't hurting any more children.

You ask me to respond to your letter. Okay, I will. I'm a bit nervous as guards here tend to read our mail and I don't want this getting out where other prisoners hear of this. It could make life a lot more difficult.

I understand there is a new Bishop for the Diocese of Joliet. I hope he will help and maybe bring this to a close for me. I haven't been close to the church for many years. Last month was the first in many years.

You ask for my full story. I will do my best. This all started when Fr. Tibbs was a deacon. He wasn't ordained a priest yet. If I remember correctly, this all began in 1968 or 1969. I was an altar boy at St. James the Apostle Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. I also went to school there. I'm sorry I can't remember who our Pastor was. I think it was Fr. Lannon but it could of been Fr. Flomming. Over a span of a year to maybe a year and a half, Fr. Tibbs made me his favorite. I was the altar boy

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at all his Sunday masses and sometimes I did 2 masses on Sundays. I also got first choice for weddings and funerals. As time went along, he would invite me to the rectory. I never thought about it then, but no one else was there when I would be there. We would sit in a room where there were chairs and a sofa. While we talked, he would feed me ~~and~~ snacks and give me soda pop's. We talked at first about school, sports, my family, my friends. Then after a few visits, he asked about girls I saw and everything he talked about was on a sexual basis. Back then I was still a virgin. Then it all escalated. Then he got sexual with me. At first he made me take my clothes off and he examined me. He made me jerk off in front of him. Then he joined in. He took his pants off and jerked off in front of me. He had me do this for a few visits and then he made me suck him off and he did it to me. This went on for about 2 months. Then he used his fingers and probed in my ass. It hurt but he wouldn't stop. It was then about 1 year or so of doing all I told you so far, that is when he raped me. He said this was normal. I never went back to the rectory after that.

My parents saw a change in me. They saw I didn't want to be near Fr. Tibbs. It was many months later I told them all that happened. They said for me to forget it and to never speak of it again. Well they must of said something to my brother and his wife, they knew something happened.

So I blocked it all out and I thought I was okay until I heard of another boy or 2 that Fr. Tibbs hurt. That is when things started to come back to me. After talking to my friend [REDACTED] I realized Fr. Tibbs really messed me up. I see now why I mistreated women and forced them to do as I say. I could never stay in a relationship for long. My school grades were poor and I had very few friends. Now I am mad. It is from what Fr. Tibbs did to me that attributed to my actions and why I'm in prison now and failed in 2 marriages.

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I would like some help but there is more I want also. I believe I should be given a monetary sum for all the pain and suffering I went through. I am in the process of finding a lawyer. I've also been in contact with S.N.A.P.. If we can come to some kind of agreement, we can forego any court battle. It's up to you. I know millions have been paid to victims, I only want what is fair.

I am sorry I repressed all this for so many years. I am only guessing but I feel I was Fr. Tibbo's first victim. Now I feel guilty for those he hurt after me. This angers me and makes me angry at my parents.

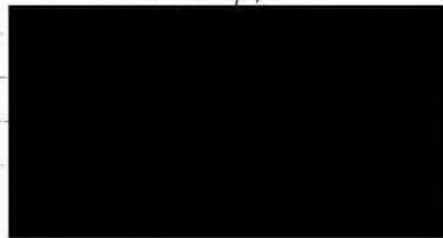
Please Sister Mary, help me get rid of this anger and hatred I have towards the church.

I don't believe conciling is offered here and I wouldn't feel comfortable talking to anyone here at the prison who works for the State of Illinois. As far as what is available to me, I have no idea. Maybe you could contact Bishop Schlarman and he can find out for you.

I'm sorry it took so long to answer your letter. I wish I would of gotten back then. Maybe by now, this all could of been resolved and I could get the help I need. I'm not asking for much but I want you to be fair with me. If not, I will go to lawyers and if need be, to the press.

Thank you for your concern and offer of help. I now wait to hear back from you. God bless.

Sincerely,



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April 3, 2007



Dear [REDACTED]

May the blessings of this Easter Season be your constant enjoyment. You have not been absent from our prayers and best wishes.

[REDACTED] after receiving your last letter, I sent it on to the Review Committee of the Joliet Diocese. They have asked me to inform you that a representative from the Diocesan Review Committee, Mr. Patrick Wilson, will come to Menard to interview you concerning your allegations. This interview will take place approximately within the next 30 days.

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If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to write again, possibly through Bishop Schlarman. God bless you, [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Sr. Mary Frances Sooley  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Diocese of Joliet, IL

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Released April 2014

Very Rev. Bishop Stan Schlarman  
Diocese of Belleville, IL  
2620 Lebanon Avenue  
Belleville, IL 62221

Dear Bishop Schlarman,

May this blessed Easter season find you in good health and may every blessing of the season be yours.

Thank you very much for attending to [REDACTED] at Menard. He does seem to be in great need. Enclosed please find a copy of the letter I'm sending to him through you, as you so graciously offered.

According to his correspondence, he is never sure of receiving any outside mail. I think it best if you would deliver this to him when you see him next. If there is anything else that I can do please let me know. Perhaps a listening pastoral ear is the best for him right now.

Thanks, again, Bishop. I would appreciate a response after you've seen him to let me know how he received the letter and if he is willing to continue with you.

God bless your efforts, Bishop Schlarman.

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Victim Assistance Coordinator  
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*Jim*

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7/23/07  
Dear Sr. Mary Frances,  
there's been a delay in pursuing  
the redress for [REDACTED]  
at Menard C.C. Flooding of (due to  
rains) & communication by (to me,  
that is) the penitentiary have been  
the snag. Plus, no communication  
from your lawyer to [REDACTED], I had  
forwarded your letter to him via  
the Chaplain there, even though I  
could not visit with him personally,  
Yesterday I finally saw [REDACTED] &  
we visited after Mass. Please be  
in contact with him. He suspects  
only a lawyer could gain access  
to him, but wants to know if he  
should put him on his visitors  
list, with any other info. in his  
judgment. Thanks for picking up  
the ball; [REDACTED] seems content in using  
me on the spiritual end. + Stan

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**Office of the Vicar for Priests**

October 24, 2007

Sr. Mary Frances Seeley  
Apt. 2N  
424 Bethel Drive  
Joliet, IL 60435-5381

Dear Sister Mary Frances,

Greetings from down-state! Time has been flying, but I still feel like I have one foot in Joliet my second home. More re: our mutual convict friend.

On my regular Friday visit this past week, [REDACTED] was at Mass and asked me whether I'd heard anything more from you. I asked why, and he said he's heard nothing either, and is still waiting for the representative from CSS of Joliet, or whomever, to make arrangements to visit. I'm assuming you've given him some name for his visitor's list; I forgot to ask him that. Anyway, I assured him I'd write you again and remind you that now they're off "lock-down." (They've been locked down all through the summer.

I'll tell him next time that I've written, and in the meantime maybe you could pick up the ball in some way. Thanks, and I hope all's well with you. Prison ministry is still a sizeable chunk for me as an old man to bite off, but while I struggle with it I feel it's worth it, so far.

God's blessings on your labors for Him too!

Fraternally yours in Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stan Schlarman".

Bishop Stan Schlarman, Ret.

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November 16, 2007

Bishop Stanley G. Schlarman  
Office of the Vicar for Priests  
2620 Lebanon Ave.  
Belleville, IL 62221

Dear Bishop Schlarman,


Thank you for the information concerning [REDACTED]. It was my understanding that someone had already interviewed him and that the process was continuing. I am grateful that you've brought this to my attention.

In contacting Mr. Jim Byrne of the Diocese of Joliet, I was informed that a Mr. A. Patrick William, Jr. will be interviewing Mr. [REDACTED] sometime before the end of November. Mr. William is not from the Diocese of Joliet but has been authorized to speak on behalf of the Review Board of the Diocese.

Bishop Schlarman, will you please inform Mr. [REDACTED] of the pending interview and to follow-up closely on this matter. If he is still not interviewed sometime before the end of this month, please let me know. With the Thanksgiving holidays upon us, it may be some time the following week, but I don't want it to be delayed any further. If there is still some lag time I will notify Mr. Byrne to see what we can do to resolve the matter.

Thank you very much, Bishop Schlarman. I appreciate your work on behalf of the victim and the Diocese of Joliet. Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving as well as a spiritually blessed Christmas and New Year. God bless.

Sincerely,

  
Sr. Mary Frances Seeley, Ph.D.  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Diocese of Joliet, IL

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██████ alleges that he was abused at age 14 by Fr. Lawrence Gibbs of St. James the Apostle Church in Glen Ellyn. The abuse took place in Fr.'s summer cottage in Wisconsin.

██████ now lives on the East Coast (New Jersey). His parents spoke to Bishop Imesch about the abuse.

He doesn't want anything, just to report.

His wife is seeking an annulment of their marriage. He is under counseling care.

I apologized to him for abuse and invited him to call at anytime.

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He wondered if he had to go to confession for what happened. His daughter goes to the Catholic School and he's left the Church but working his way back. He wants to go to Mass tomorrow but was uncertain if he should go.

I told him there is no need to confess this. He did not sin but was sinned against. He felt better and said he would go to Mass.

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██████ called and left a message for me to return his call. I've called twice thus far with no response from him. I'll continue to pursue this contact. He said it concerned spiritual matters.

██████ returned my call as I was updating these messages. He said his uncle, a veteran, is seriously ill in the hospital in New Jersey and his mother asked ██████ to pray for him. ██████ is not sure he still believes in God but blames him for the abuse and is very angry at Him. He was at St. Charles Borromeo for three years and had thought of becoming a priest and since he's left he'd been asked to study for the Permanent Diaconate. He claims to have lost his spirituality but wants to regain it, at least for his two daughters. ██████ He wants to set a good example for them. They go to a Catholic school and he wants to be a good Catholic parent for them.

I gave him a referral for a priest in New Jersey, Fr. Jim Dinneen, S.J. whom I know and would be helpful to him. I suggested, however, that Fr. Jim may not have time, etc., but he would recommend someone else in his area. I asked him to let me know if contact has been made with either Fr. Jim or someone else. He thanked me and said he'd call.

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[REDACTED]

From Sr. Judith Davies received on 08/23/11:

“On February 4, 2011, via letter, [REDACTED] attorney informed the diocesan attorney of an abuse.”

**10/05/11: In speaking with the Diocesan Attorney for the DOJ he informed me that he has been speaking with the attorney for [REDACTED].**

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JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES PA  
REACHING ACROSS TIME FOR JUSTICE

February 4, 2011

Mr. James Byrne  
Spesia & Ayers  
1415 Black Road  
Joliet, IL 60435

RE: [REDACTED] vs. Diocese of Joliet

Dear Mr. Byrne,

This is to advise you that we represent the interests of [REDACTED] in a claim against the Diocese of Joliet for claims of sexual misconduct by Lawrence Gibbs while he was serving within the Diocese of Joliet.

Please contact me to discuss a tolling agreement for this case.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey R. Anderson  
jeff@andersonadvocates.com

JRA:tat

cc: Marc Pearlman

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Jeff call

612-817-8665

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Douglas F. Spesia  
(1940-2010)

February 16, 2011

Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson  
Jeff Anderson & Associates, PA  
366 Jackson Street, Suite 100  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: [REDACTED] vs Diocese of Joliet

Dear Mr. Anderson:

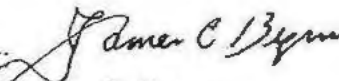
I called several days ago and left a message.

Please call at your convenience.

I am hopeful that we can enter into a Tolling Agreement.

My Best Regards,

SPESIA & AYERS

By:   
James C. Byrne

JCB/skm

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[REDACTED] (CELL) MAY CALL ANYTIME  
ALLEGATION CONCERNING FR. LARRY GIBBS

[REDACTED]

11/15/2011: (4:42 p.m.) I received a voice message as I was ending another call and immediately returned the call to [REDACTED] regarding an incident when I was a child in Christ the King grade school in Lombard concerning Fr. Larry Gibbs." [REDACTED] answered. He was very well spoken and apologized several times during the conversation stating he was sorry but he was trying to do his best to remember. I offered him reassurance and support and explained my role in walking with him during his healing process and reassuring him that Bishop Conlon would be most willing to meet with him at some point. I also offered to meet with him but he said for now it would not be necessary. He was very thankful for the compassion and stated at some point he would like to meet with me. For now he felt it was not necessary. **He has never reported the incident to anyone.** I explained the offer for therapy and a review of the process and he was very appreciative.

[REDACTED] years old and is married and has several children. The alleged allegations occurred when [REDACTED] was in Junior High at Christ the King in Lombard. He had been transferred there in the fifth grade from a Public school. (Later he informed me that the reason for the transfer was because he was involved in a scuffle with other kids who were picking on him.) He came from what he described as a "very large family" where he was the youngest.

"The abuse began when I was in grade 6 or 7. It began with intimate conversations when I would be pulled out of class and then there were trips to the cabin at Wonder Lake in McHenry County." He thinks almost surely that the abuse ended after the 8<sup>th</sup> grade." [REDACTED] stated that he never reported the incidents to anyone except most recently to his wife who he stated saw some emotional problems with him and he then added that she continues to be very supportive of him. **He calls himself Christian not Catholic.** His parents dismissed any remarks about Gibbs within the family and he also remembers Fr. Stefanich being the Parish Priest at Christ the King when he was younger and his parents were, "Very Catholic." and even the Stefanich issues were dismissed. His dad is now 81 and his mother is deceased.

During the last six months [REDACTED] related that he had attended Wheaton Bible Church and was involved in a support group where the participants discussed issues of traumatic experiences in their life. This he stated was his first attempt to get this out! I listened and then asked him if he would be more specific as best he could remember. I continued to reassure him as I sensed he was very private and he became hesitant with details and seemed too embarrassed to express himself. He also was apologetic for not being able to remember.

[REDACTED] then began to recall how some **investigators** approached him at work prior to the year 2000 and how he "blocked things out and did not want to revisit the events and gave them no information." Later he informed me that due to the nature of the content he felt they were only trying to take advantage of victims. He said they had talked to his classmates. There was to be a Class Action suit and they wanted him to sign on. He felt he was looking down the barrel of a gun. He wanted no part of it. He was more Christian than Catholic!

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████████████████████ (CELL) MAY CALL ANYTIME  
ALLEGATION CONCERNING FR. LARRY GIBBS

11/15/2011 (Continued) ██████ then sounded more comfortable and stated he recalled a framed cabin with a room in the back where he would be fondled and molested. "The trips to the cabin were overnight and it would be typical to play games involving stripping, alcohol and then later into the night fondling. At school Father would go to the room and initiate conversations regarding fantasies, pornography, going from boys to men, masturbation." ██████ stated he felt comfortable and found some of the topics titillating.

During their talks he said that Father did not touch him but on the rides to the lake he would at times put his hand on his leg on the way to the cabin. Much of the detail came in response to a few questions I posed. I sensed that ██████ was getting very uncomfortable and he said, "Honestly, this is all I remember. I can now feel lots of all the pent up anger I felt toward Bishop Imesh, my 81 year old father who should have been the gate keeper of the family and Catholicism was more in control of him than his own children. My mother is deceased."

I thanked ██████ for having the courage to come forward. He sounded relieved that he had come this far. I encouraged him to call me and he agreed it would be okay for me to call him with more questions. I spoke with him briefly about the Review Process. We spoke about the choice of a counselor and I explained that I would be in touch with him after I reviewed a list of Counselors in his area and he also will ask someone on the husband/wife team from Wheaton Bible Church. I suggested he think about the choice of a male or female therapist. He thought that was an excellent idea and would consider that since he had difficulty speaking within his group at Church.

I encouraged ██████ to call with any questions and offered our prayerful support for him and his family. ██████ was assured that Bishop Conlon is very concerned about victims and would be informed of his allegations and kept informed. He gave me permission to contact him at work should there be more questions or concerns.

Sister Judith Davies was immediately notified after a return call at 5:40 p.m. I suggested I would bring a copy of this report to the Chancery in the morning. In the meantime I will review the list of Counselors in the Wheaton area.

Judith Speckman  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Copy to Sr. Judith Davies on 11/16/2011

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Office of the Bishop



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Joliet, Illinois 60435  
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## DECREE

At this time, I have received information which appears indicative that a serious offense of Church Law has been committed by the former Reverend Lawrence Gibbs who had been removed from ministry in 1992.

Due to the seriousness of this information, and by virtue of Canon 1717 of the Code of Canon Law and number six of the Essential Norms, I hereby decree that the preliminary investigation of a penal process be opened and that a cautious investigation be undertaken concerning this allegation, and of Father Gibbs imputability to determine the necessity of taking further action in accord with the norm of law.

I hereby delegate Sister Judith Davies to oversee this preliminary investigation. However, because of the sensitivity of the individual who was abused, I am aware that the investigation may be delayed until that person exhibits a readiness to be interviewed. Once the investigation has concluded, I request a written report be provided to me as soon as possible.

Given at the Chancery this 22nd day of November in the year 2011.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Daniel Conlon".

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, JCD  
Bishop of Joliet-in-Illinois

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May 30, 2003

This afternoon I spoke with Margie Schack from the Diocese of Covington (859-283-6215). She told me that she had talked with [REDACTED] whose son had committed suicide. There was a tape that implicated Fr. Carroll Howlin in sexual misconduct. She asked that I convey her apologies for the delay because she was unable to locate the diocese to which Father Howlin belonged.

I then spoke with Mr. [REDACTED] and learned that his step-son, [REDACTED] related the incident with Fr. Howlin on an audio tape. This tape was found as Mr. [REDACTED] was going through the possessions of a woman who had died (either Mr. [REDACTED] mother or wife). Mr. [REDACTED] said that the tape was now in the possession of the sheriff of McCreary County, Kentucky. He was going to see the sheriff in a week or so.

Later, I spoke with Sr. Liz Wendel of the Diocese of Lexington (859-253-1993 xt 251). She said that Lexington wanted to appoint a permanent sacramental minister for the church where Fr. Howlin had ministered. When she spoke with Fr. Howlin today, he told her he was retired.

I asked Sr. Wendel to delay appointing a permanent sacramental minister until the Fr. Howlin case was resolved because I thought that a resolution would be reached soon.

When that conversation concluded, I spoke with Mr. [REDACTED] about reimbursement for his therapy expenses. On April 23, a check was mailed to him in the amount of \$100. On May 7, a check in the amount of \$50 was mistakenly mailed to his therapist. Today, a check in the amount of \$100 was mailed to him. Early next week, he will be sent another check in the amount of \$100.

*Julius B. Blawie, OCS*  
Chancellor

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██████████ is the father of a victim of sexual abuse perpetrated by Fr. Howlin. His son's name is ██████████ who attended Notre Dame Univ. in So. Bend, IN, but now lives in California. The abuse happened in 1975 when ██████████ was a student at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Romeoville. ██████████ is undergoing counseling, paid for by his parents, in Apple Valley, CA. He reported the abuse five (5) years ago.

His question to me was who is supposed to prepare him for the meeting with the Diocesan officials on/about June 1<sup>st</sup>. ██████████ case is in process and he will be a witness at the Tribunal. Fr. Donnelly will be the Prosecuting attorney, and Fr. Hock (?) the Judge at the Canonical Trial. After consulting with Sr. Judith, I told him that the proper person to call was Fr. Tapella, and I gave him the number.

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██████████ called back and said that Fr. Tapella was wonderful. All is OK. They are going to court on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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7/24/03 - 3:45 - 3:55PM

██████████ is from St. Mary of Gostyn of Downers Grove. He is a friend of Fr. Carrol Howlin in Kentucky. He thinks the legal process is almost complete and would like to e-mail or write to the review committee to speed up the process. Fr. Howlin's father died last week and he was not able to say the funeral Mass. ██████████ wants to be an advocate for Fr. Howlin.

I suggested a letter would be best since e-mails are not confidential. I gave him Sr. Judith's address for a letter.

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FR. PHILIP ERICKSON  
[REDACTED]

1/10/07

Fr. called to ask information about Fr. "Pud" Howlin of Whitley City, KY. Also, how was Fr. Lynzicki?

There is possibly misidentification and confusion between the two priests. He wanted to know if Fr. Lynzicki was still in the priesthood and if there was a contact number for him. I told him that as far as I know, Fr. Lynzicki was removed from ministry but didn't have any further information on him. I'd call and let him know.

I called Fr. Tapella for the information, which is as follows:

Fr. Howlin was removed from ministry, but not the priesthood.

Fr. Lynzicki was removed from ministry but not the priesthood, but is now in the state prison in Rushville, IL. No contact numbers are available.

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Bishop

Mr. [REDACTED] called and requested an appointment for himself and his wife [REDACTED]. They are coming to Joliet on June 4th & 5th. They live in [REDACTED]. They are reporting on sexual abuse by a faculty member at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary - Fr. Carroll Howlin. He said that his son is suicidal with all of this going on and he is not sure if his son will come. He would like Bishop Kaffer to be present because when this was reported earlier - he feels they were stonewalled by Bishop Kaffer and as a result their son did not pursue it. He said that he understands 4 other young men have come forward.

I gave him June 4th at 1:30 p.m. His phone number is [REDACTED].  
He did not ask that you call - just wanted an appointment.

Natalie  
4-23-02  
1:35 p.m.

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Bishop,

While I was on break - Mr. [REDACTED] left a voice mail message  
- he thought it would be good if someone from the Special Review  
committee was present for his meeting with you on June 4th [REDACTED]

Natalie  
4-24-02  
9:51 a.m.

*John P. Spadoni*

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From: [Redacted]  
To: [Redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2002 6:54 PM  
Subject: Re: [Redacted]

hi mom,

thanks! I've been only able to get two maybe three days a week's work for past few months and I need 4 days a week to meet bills and try to pay down bills thus its really caught up so badly that I had to reach out for help-selling stuff was only getting me bus money so i could go to work.

I have \$1500 owed right now to Master Card (past due) \$600 to Northwestern Medical Foundation (heart/stress attach and ER visit last November) which is now with a collection agency.  
\$185 due ASAP to another collection agency for past due bill,

SO, when I have daily calls about all this AND don't have enough to even get \$4 to take buses to and from work each day no less eat, it's been two months of living hell without telling anyone.

Thanks for ur support and I look forward to your care package.  
Love [Redacted]

Do You Yahoo!?  
Yahoo! Autos - Get free new car price quotes  
<http://autos.yahoo.com>

*Whisper*  
*Sr. Davies*  
FYI

*Sister,*  
*Over the year*  
*we have "helped"*  
*[Redacted] in their*  
*times of need.*  
*It's tough.*  
*YIC,*  
*[Redacted]*

*He has nothing left →*

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Bishop, Joseph Imesch" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Cc:** "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2002 2:36 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: C. Howlin

**Dear Bishop:**

I just received your letter of September 19. All thou not much changes, I always feel a sense of peace when I hear from you.

I guess the question of insurance will have to wait until all is concluded. Regarding You & Bishop Kaffer visiting with [REDACTED], I'm sure some more time must past with the help Of Dr. [REDACTED] & medications. He meets with him weekly. I believe you talking directly with [REDACTED] could be useful in restoring his faith in the Church. We'll keep your generous offer in mind.

May God bless you in a very tangible way. You are constantly in my prayers. Yours in Christ, [REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Bishop, Joseph Imesch  
**Cc:** Sr. Judith Davies  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 22, 2002 7:44 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: C. Howlin

**Bishop, I would very much appreciate an answer/responds. Thanks, [REDACTED]**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Bishop, Joseph Imesch  
**Cc:** Sr. Judith Davies  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2002 10:48 AM  
**Subject:** C. Howlin

**Dear Bishop Imesch:**

This past Saturday afternoon, my wife called the Good Shepherd Catholic Chapel in Whitley, Ky. and asked,

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Subj: [REDACTED]  
Date: 7/18/02 5:35:25 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: pspalsp@aol.com  
File: ClearDayBkgrd.JPG (5675 bytes) DL Time (33333 bps): < 1 minute  
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]:

you will recall that my wife & I met with you & Bishop Imesch, on June 4, 2002, concerning our Son [REDACTED]. I spoke with the Bishop today & he told me of the Review committee's meeting next Tuesday. Bishop said he would make sure the Committee re-consider [REDACTED]'s case. He also thought that you could recommend 2-3 psychiatrist in Chicago, that we may consider to work with [REDACTED]. Since we last met, Mrs. [REDACTED] & myself have been doing what we can to keep [REDACTED] head above water. I must say he is very reluctant to accept any advice he would feel came from the Diocese. I believe it is extremely important that the Committee rule in [REDACTED] favor this next week. Another "no" would be tragic.

Looking forward to your recommendations and thank you very much for your continuing interest.

Best regards, [REDACTED]

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DIOCESE OF JOLIET

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

MEMORANDUM

July 25, 2002

TO: Sister Judith Davies, OSF

FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

RE: [REDACTED] - Independent Review Board

I spoke with Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] on Wednesday, July 24th, informing them of the decision of the Board to provide 20 hours of professional therapy for [REDACTED]. I told them that Doctor [REDACTED] would be getting in touch with them in the near future about that.

Mr. [REDACTED] asked about other benefits for [REDACTED]. I told them that I had only sent a request for reimbursement for psychiatric counseling. He referred me to his letter of June 8th. I quote the relevant passages:


- Psychiatric counseling and medications (including institutionalization).
- Include [REDACTED] in the Diocese Benefit Plan (hospital, doctors, drugs, etc.). Due to his use of depression related drugs and poverty he has been unable to obtain adequate coverage.
- A lump-sum payment to partially compensate for the extensive damage done to his ability to maintain employment i.e. lost wages, years of medical related costs, etc., and the psychological damaged caused to [REDACTED] as a direct result of CH sexual abuse.

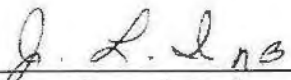
I told Mr. [REDACTED] that I would have this brought to the attention of the Board at their next meeting on August 13th.

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Some of the members of the Board may recall that one of  
 earlier letters indicated a specific lump sum amount.

  
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Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Alex J. Spodoni, MD" <pspalsp@aol.com>;  
"Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 27, 2002 8:40 PM  
**Subject:** Philip N. Chor, MD

Dear [REDACTED]

I just got off the phone with [REDACTED], MD, a member of the Review Committee for the Diocese of Joliet. Sr. Judith Davies, OSF, Chancellor of the Joliet Diocese, is also on this Committee. Dr. Spodoni has recommended that you make an appointment this next Monday with [REDACTED], MD. As I told Dr. S [REDACTED], this is indeed the work of the Holy Spirit! As you recognize, Dr. [REDACTED] is the Psychiatrist you used, and much admired, in the mid-1990's. This should make it more productive and "easier".

Dr. [REDACTED] will send his invoices to Sr. Davies for payment. Medications prescribed by Dr. [REDACTED] should be purchased by you with the receipts sent to Sr.

Judith, OFS, Chancellor for reimbursement, at:

Chancery Office

Diocese of Joliet

425 Summit St.

Joliet, Illinois 60435

Her phone number is 815-722-6606.

Dr. [REDACTED] will send the Review Committee a report(s) on your progress but, you will have a relationship with him that will keep your communications with him and his Counselors confidential.

[REDACTED] everyone, including Bishops Imesch & Kaffer, have your best interests in mind and have promised their Prayers & continued support. We are Praying for a great

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out come.  
Love, DAD

Ps. Feel free to contact Dr. [REDACTED] at:

[REDACTED], MD  
[REDACTED]

Joliet, Illinois 60435  
[REDACTED]

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, July 27, 2002 11:49 AM  
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Sr. Davies:

Bishop Imesch inform me, by phone, that the Review Committee has approved Psychiatric Counseling for My Son, [REDACTED]. I'm awaiting recommendations from Dr. [REDACTED] for Chicago based Therapists.

Will the therapist send his invoice directly to you?  
What's the process for Keven to be reimbursed for the related medications? Also, please forward the e-mail addresses for Bishops Imesch and Kaffer. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2002 11:22 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]

Thank you Sister for your prompt response. We are all Praying for a successful result. It will no doubt take time and a lot of "focused work" by [REDACTED] Sister, [REDACTED], MD needs a FAX today ([REDACTED]), from you on Diocese Stationary, authorizing him to start the treatment and the address he should send his invoices. [REDACTED] talked with him this morning and he said in addition to the (20) sessions with him that he will assign a Counselor to meet with [REDACTED] throughout the period of the (20) Sessions with the MD.

I will provide \$ [REDACTED] for his initial prescription, then he will submit a receipt for reimbursement thus allowing him to get a refill.

Thanks for being a liaison with the Bishops e-mail! Please send Dr. [REDACTED] the FAX ASAP indicating coverage for him & his counselor. He knows that [REDACTED] has no \$ and in debt, therefore it would be useful if, in your Fax, you informed him that the Diocese is also paying for medications.

Please keep [REDACTED] in your prayers, he is suffering bad from the horrid sexual abuses by CH.

Yours in Christ, [REDACTED]

— Original Message —

**From:** Sr. Judith Davies  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2002 11:25 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

Bills for therapy and medication should be sent to my attention at 425 Summit Street, Joliet, IL 60435. Should you wish to correspond with Bishop Imesch or Bishop Kaffer via e-mail, please send the message to

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Diocese of Joliet

Chancery

425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606  
Fax 815-722-6602

July 29, 2002

TO: [REDACTED], M.D.  
FAX: [REDACTED]  
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
FAX: 815-722-6602  
PHONE: 815-722-6606  
RE: Mr. [REDACTED]

Date	7-29-02	# of pages	1
From	Sister Judith A. Davies		
Co.	[REDACTED]		
Phone #	[REDACTED]		
Fax #	[REDACTED]		
Post-it® Fax Note	7671	To	[REDACTED]
		Co./Dept.	[REDACTED]
		Phone #	[REDACTED]
		Fax #	[REDACTED]

Bishop Joseph L. Imesch concurred with the recommendation of the Joliet Diocesan Review Committee that Mr. [REDACTED] receive therapy from a qualified psychiatrist. The Diocese is grateful that you have agreed to provide therapy for Mr. [REDACTED]. Please have the bills for your services sent to my attention at the Chancery, 425 Summit Street, Joliet, IL 60435. The Review Committee has authorized twenty visits for Mr. [REDACTED] to then be followed by an evaluation of his progress. Enclosed is an evaluation form as well as a consent to release records. Please send the evaluation directly to Dr. [REDACTED] since he will be reviewing it for the Committee.

Dr. [REDACTED] and I spoke this morning about medication for Mr. [REDACTED]. The Doctor said that he might have sample medications for Mr. [REDACTED] and thought perhaps you would as well.

Thank you very much.

*Sister Judith A. Davies*  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor



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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2002 11:22 AM  
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Thank you Sister for your prompt response. We are all Praying for a successful result. It will no doubt take time and a lot of "focused work" by [REDACTED] Sister, [REDACTED], MD needs a FAX today(312-243-7537), from you on Diocese Stationary, authorizing him to start the treatment and the address he should send his invoices. [REDACTED] talked with him this morning and he said in addition to the (20) sessions with him that he will assign a Counselor to meet with [REDACTED] throughout the period of the (20) Sessions with the MD.

I will provide \$ [REDACTED] for his initial prescription, then he will submit a receipt for reimbursement thus allowing him to get a refill.

Thanks for being a liaison with the Bishops e-mail! Please send Dr. [REDACTED] the FAX ASAP indicating coverage for him & his counselor. He knows that [REDACTED] has no \$ and in debt, therefore it would be useful if, in your Fax, you informed him that the Diocese is also paying for medications.

Please keep [REDACTED] in your prayers, he is suffering bad from the horrid sexual abuses by CH.

Yours in Christ, [REDACTED]

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From: Sr. Judith Davies  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2002 11:25 AM  
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Bills for therapy and medication should be sent to my attention at 425 Summit Street, Joliet, IL 60435. Should you wish to correspond with Bishop Imesch or Bishop Kaffer via e-mail, please send the message to

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2002 3:17 PM  
Subject: Rx

[REDACTED] what's your preferred e-mail address?

I mailed you a Cashier's Check this afternoon for \$200.  
This is to pay for your initial prescription(s) from Dr.

[REDACTED] Your reimbursement from Sr. Davies will allow to  
obtain a re-fill. [REDACTED] this \$200 is for Rx only...tempting  
as it may be to spend elsewhere. Trust Sr. Davies sent  
the FAX to [REDACTED] this after noon. Your on the way to full  
recovery!! Love ya, DAD

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July 30, 2002

Joseph Imesch, Bishop  
Diocese of Joliet  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois, 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

The healing has begun! The realization that the Bishop and Review committee "care" and will assist in his rehabilitation, has also proven therapeutic for [REDACTED]. He was devastated after his first attempt. On top of the abuse by a trusted Priest role model, the Church was forsaking him. Bishop, we are forever in your debt for re-opening [REDACTED] case with Review Committee and the Committee's offer of psychiatric counseling. Doctor [REDACTED] has recommended Dr. [REDACTED] of St. Luke's in Chicago. [REDACTED] is making arrangements to start ASAP, with the help of Sr. Davies. We are also grateful that you will advise the Committee to take up the issues of Insurance and Compensation at their August 11 meeting. Both of these issues are of equal importance to [REDACTED] well-being.

I've attached a few excerpts from the final of the Charter for the Protection of Children and young People. Some statements that "hit home" to us, such as in the Preamble; "The damage caused by sexual abuse of minors is devastating and long-lasting. We reach out to those who suffer, but especially to the victims of sexual abuse and their families".

Bishop, you have mentioned several times the need for "proof" and that there have been (4) cases of false acquisitions. A powerful part of proof is collaboration. [REDACTED] did not seek out the [REDACTED] boy, but they clearly collaborate the sexual abused suffered on each of them by CH. Sexual abuse is much like rape; the victims are scared for life while the perpetrator has but a few minutes of gratification. When it comes to a "he said-he said" debate, the victims have lost the most with the least to gain....they have

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already suffered a great loss. I've asked [REDACTED] if he could recall any unique physical characteristics of CH; he said "it was pitch dark but, when CH forced his hand to his crotch he could tell that CH had a "short & stubby" penis.

Bishop, I implore you and the Review Committee to place yourself in the place of a Seminarian (with what he believed was a Priestly Vocation) being forced upon by a Priest Faculty, Spiritual Adviser and role model. Surely any one of you would be confused, disillusioned, frightened, pained, etc. Part of CH's enticement to start a close relationship was to invite [REDACTED] to his room for Spiritual direction and the offer beer & cigarettes. [REDACTED] did not smoke at the time but, did take some beer. As you know, an adult giving beer & cigarettes to a minor is illegal....a crime onto itself. This week-long sexual abuse by CH has ruined [REDACTED] Priestly vocation, mental, emotional & spiritual health, career opportunities and financial well-being. By you and your Review Committee granting Insurance Coverage and some amount of Compensation for the years of turmoil, will help significantly in his rehabilitation and, it is only just & fair.

Bishop, again thank you most sincerely for your prayers and genuine interest in [REDACTED] rehabilitation. We have a soul at stake.

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

Cc: Roger Kaffer, Bishop  
Sr. Judith Davies, Chancellor  
[REDACTED], MD

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM

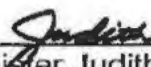
August 13, 2002

TO: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch  
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
RE: [REDACTED]

At this morning's meeting, the Review Committee decided that Mr. [REDACTED] should be informed that it would be impossible for [REDACTED] to be enrolled in the Diocesan Health Insurance Program.

The Committee explored the possibility of [REDACTED] receiving an amount of \$125,000 requested by his father. It was the Committee's decision that no consideration would be given honoring that request until [REDACTED] completes the therapy sessions authorized with Dr. [REDACTED]. Upon completion of the sessions, the Committee would make a decision regarding the request.

Since the requests from Mr. [REDACTED] were made to you, the Committee asked that you respond to him.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] "Alex J. Spodoni, MD" <pspalsp@aol.com>;  
"Bishop, Joseph Imesch" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2002 3:13 PM  
**Subject:** Aug 11 Meeting

Sister, Bishop Imesch told me in a recent phone conversation that the Review Committee planned to meet August 11, 2002. Did you meet and if so what were the conclusions related to our request(s)? If you didn't meet when is next meeting scheduled? I received a call from the Wisc. Dept. of Justice concerning C. Howlin.  
YIC, [REDACTED]

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Bishop, Joseph Imesch" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] "Sr. Judith Davies"  
<jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2002 10:15 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Aug 11 Meeting

**Dear Bishop Imesch:**

Look forward to hearing from you. I received another phone call this morning from an Investigator in the Wisc. Dept. of Justice. He an (2) Atty's. are working on the Howlin Case. They would like you to ask Howlin the name and location of the Wisc. campgrounds he visited with seminarians...if he is innocent he should have no abjection to providing this information. With or without this info. they are proceeding in support of the Will County States Atty's Office.

I pray you are well and the Review Committee voted in [REDACTED] favor. His mental, emotional and spiritual health depend on a positive response.

**Yours in Christ,** [REDACTED]

— Original Message —

**From:** Sr. Judith Davies  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2002 10:45 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Aug 11 Meeting

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

The Review Committee did meet. Because Bishop Imesch was designated by the Committee to communicate with you, I will defer to him.

May God bless you.

Sister Judith Davies, OSF

— Original Message —

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Sr. Judith Davies  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Alex J. Spodoni, MD ; Bishop, Joseph Imesch  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2002 3:13 PM  
**Subject:** Aug 11 Meeting

**Sister, Bishop Imesch told me in a recent phone**

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Bishop, Joseph Imesch" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] "Sr. Judith Davies"  
<jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2002 11:06 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Aug 11 Meeting

Bishop, I forgot to mention in my earlier e-mail that these Atty's 7 Lead Investigator also are prosecuting the [REDACTED] Case. Seems as a result of [REDACTED] & all the area publicity that they have the Joliet Diocese in their "sights". Wish you the very best. YIC, [REDACTED]

— Original Message —

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Bishop, Joseph Imesch  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Sr. Judith Davies  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2002 11:15 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Aug 11 Meeting

**Dear Bishop Imesch:**

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I pray you are well and the Review Committee voted in [REDACTED] favor. His mental, emotional and spiritual health depend on a positive response.

**Yours in Christ,** [REDACTED]

— Original Message —

**From:** Sr. Judith Davies  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2002 10:45 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Aug 11 Meeting

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Cc:** "Alex J. Spodoni, MD" <pspalsp@aol.com>; [REDACTED]  
"Bishop, Joseph Imesch" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2002 5:38 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Aug 11 Meeting

Dear Sister, I'm not surprised that Howlin will not talk but, I would ask that the Bishop pose the question of campground location anyway to get Howlin on record as being insubordinate to his Bishop. Surely in either the Diocesan Records or St. Charles archives.... or in Fr. Stempora, Bishop(s) Fitzgerald or Kaffer memories, this info. is available. Just requires some initiative & push...and desire to retrieve it. I'm of the impression that the (2) State Atty's Offices will flush this out. God Bless You in all that you do. Really wish neither you or Bishop Imesch had to deal with these tragic issues. YIC, [REDACTED]

— Original Message —

**From:** Sr. Judith Davies  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2002 4:58 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Aug 11 Meeting

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],  
Bishop Imesch asked that I relay the following to you.  
The Bishop was informed that Fr. Howlin has an attorney. That attorney advised Fr. Howlin not to answer any questions.  
You probably are aware that the diocesan records of Fr. Howlin have been turned over to the Will County States Attorney.  
May God bless you.  
Sister Judith Davies, OSF

— Original Message —

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Bishop, Joseph Imesch  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Sr. Judith Davies  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2002 11:06 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Aug 11 Meeting

Bishop, I forgot to mention in my earlier e-mail that

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Subj: [REDACTED]  
Date: 8/26/02 2:24:01 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: pspalsp@aol.com  
CC: [REDACTED] jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org  
File: ClearDayBkgrd.JPG (5675 bytes) DL Time (37333 bps): < 1 minute  
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Thank you for calling Dr. [REDACTED] and clearing-up for us the "counseling & reporting" issues.

As an after thought, I was too cryptic in responding to your question, "how is [REDACTED]"? For sure he is very despondent & angry. The anger is heightened by his recent knowledge that Howlin has been allowed to return to Ky. He is however appreciative of the care & concern expressed by the Bishop & your Review Committee.

I pray that God Blesses you & the work of this important committee.

Yours in Christ, [REDACTED]

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December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002

To: Dr. [REDACTED], MD  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Chicago, IL 60612

Re: Thank you and switching to therapist

Dear Dr. [REDACTED],

Thank you for all your support and assistance during this very difficult time in my life. I've always appreciated the tremendous dedication and compassion you've shown me.

As we discussed numerous times I'd really like to begin seeing a therapist who specifically has experience with sexual abuse and who I can see after hours, early evenings, [REDACTED]. His information is as follows:

Mr. [REDACTED], LCSW  
[REDACTED]

I've used him in the past about this issue and he was very helpful but I ran out of money paying for services, totally out of pocket, so I had to discontinue. For continuity I'm very interested in returning to using him via the diocese, using the last 9 out of 20 sessions they allocated for my care.

Again, thank you so much for your assistance and obvious care and well wishes you always imparted to me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED] (sp?)

*All approval & inquiries can be related to [REDACTED]*

[REDACTED]

*\*(not back to this will fax! thanks)*

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Subj: Therapists for [REDACTED]  
Date: 1/8/03 10:06:40 AM Pacific Standard Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: ospal@joi.com  
CC: [REDACTED]; jdavies@dioceseofjoi.org  
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]:

As you probably know, [REDACTED] has seen Dr. [REDACTED] 10-11 times. Dr. [REDACTED] has told [REDACTED] from the beginning that he has limited experience with sexual abuse cases. He has administered several medications at different dosages, the latest being Effexor @ 80mg. As with the other medications used (such as Celexa(sp?)), there has been little to no improvement in his depression and the side affects horrendous.

As you know, [REDACTED] has suggested to Dr. [REDACTED] that he be permitted to see another therapist:

[REDACTED], LCSW  
[REDACTED]

We are told that he has extensive experience in treating sexual abuse victims. Dr. [REDACTED] has advised [REDACTED] to obtain your approval to make this change. Perhaps Dr. [REDACTED] could continue to manage the case and prescribe medications that maybe need in the future. Doctor, please authorize [REDACTED] to see Mr. [REDACTED] without delay by asking Sr. J. Davies, OSF to send Mr. [REDACTED] the forms required for invoicing.

We spent Christmas in Joliet with 4 of our 5 children & their families, [REDACTED] joined the group for one day. He is very thin and very depressed.

Pray you had a Blessed Christmas and 2003 will be a great year for you and the Committee.

Yours in Christ,

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**MICHAEL G. RUSSELL, L.C.S.W.**  
PSYCHOTHERAPIST

January 16, 2003

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor  
Diocese of Joliet  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Sister Davies:

I am in receipt of your letter requesting various documentation to initiate and evaluate psychotherapeutic treatment for [REDACTED]. I am glad to provide treatment for Mr. [REDACTED] should he request it. However, I am not able to provide you the documentation you require.

It is my professional opinion that the diocese's involvement in the most intimate aspects of Mr. [REDACTED] treatment would compromise the therapy. Often, in these cases of abuse by a priest, the church itself and any administrative arm of it, can be seen by the victim as abuser. For the church to have access to detailed evaluations of Mr. [REDACTED], clinical boundaries would most definitely have to be compromised, and I am not willing to do this. It would likely be to the detriment of Mr. [REDACTED].

In the interest of accountability, however, I am willing to provide you a detailed curriculum vitae and to discuss my experience and training so that you may determine, in general, my appropriateness as a provider of treatment. I can mail that to you or discuss it with you by phone (312-345-9042).

In summary, I hope that you will approve payment of Mr. [REDACTED] treatment accounting for the reservations I have stipulated.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Russell, MSW, MA, LCSW

cc: [REDACTED]

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A letter was received from Sr. Judith Davies concerning the referral of [REDACTED] from the services of Dr. [REDACTED], M.D., of Chicago, to Mr. [REDACTED], LCSW of Chicago. See Notebook for letters.

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[REDACTED] left a message concerning a Mr. [REDACTED] I was to call her back.

9/29 - 10:55 am

I returned [REDACTED]'s calls several times in the past week, (23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>) leaving messages for her to call me back. We've been playing phone tag all week. Today she called again, asking for my e-mail address and told me she'd e-mail me the information.

9/30/03 - 2:30 pm - 2:45 pm

The e-mail message arrived today. See notes in book. I forwarded the e-mail to both Sr. Judith and Jim Byrne. I called the phone number in [REDACTED] SC and there was no answer and no way to leave a message.

I then called Chicago Directory Assistance for [REDACTED] number. It is listed above. I called and left a message for him to return my call.

10/01/03 - 1:20 - 1:30 pm

[REDACTED] returned my call. His counselor is [REDACTED] who just returned [REDACTED] evaluation forms to Sr. Judith [REDACTED] wondered how I got his name, but since [REDACTED] is a friend of the family, he correctly assumed his father contacted her.

[REDACTED] said that when he first reported the offense he was not believed since Fr. Howlin denied the accusation. He was very offended by that and eventually did not attend church which concerned his father greatly.

According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] is doing well in group therapy but needs individual counseling to support it. That was the purpose of the recent evaluation.

[REDACTED] works on the corner of Monroe and Canal in downtown Chicago where he counsels unemployed executives. We agreed to meet on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at noon, meeting on the corner of Monroe and Wells and then go to lunch.

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[REDACTED]

\* Sr. Judith Davies,  
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I've been trying since February (once I found out "permission" was granted) to use Mr. [REDACTED] for therapy sessions but after a couple of visits it became clear I was jeopardizing my job by having to meet him during lunch hours (only time available and that meant 1 and a half hours off given commuting time and session). Mr. [REDACTED] doesn't believe he'll have any after work hours open for another month and thus referred me to Mr. [REDACTED] (who has even more specialization and credentials).

The attached bio for Mr. [REDACTED] details his credentials as well as the group therapy sessions he recommends I begin ASAP (the first meeting of the new group begins this Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>). Since I just found out about him last week, met with him etc. then got this information it's short notice to ask approval to use the remaining 10 hour long sessions towards these group therapy sessions. Since they are group setting and cost half of one-one sessions would you approve paying for the length of this endeavor?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

A reply can be emailed to me at [REDACTED] since the fax # listed here is a general fax machine here at work and I can't have any replies coming to it.

Ps: since my father is in the hospital and has been for a month now I'm having to take up this request personally. For your information Mr. [REDACTED] will not be billing the diocese for the sessions he and I had earlier this year.

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2003 11:20 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Sessions

Hello Sister,

What address should I send counseling bills to? Dad had all that but as you know I can't get any info from him while he's hospitalized.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

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Do you Yahoo!?  
Yahoo! Tax Center - File online, calculators, forms, and more  
<http://tax.yahoo.com>

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** <JRLevyMSW@aol.com>  
**To:** <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2003 5:45 PM  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Dear Sr. Judith Davies:

Per the request of [REDACTED], I am e-mailing you the invoice for his therapy to date. I am e-mailing this information in an effort to expedite his reimbursement. Please make your check payable to [REDACTED] and mail to:

[REDACTED]

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED], LCSW, ACSW

4/1/03 Psychotherapy 90853 \$50.00 \$50.00 Cash  
4/9/03 Psychotherapy 90853 \$50.00 \$50.00 9695

Total Amount Paid by Mr. [REDACTED]: \$100.00

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** "Tim Wenzl" <twenzl@dcdiocese.org>  
**To:** <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2003 11:27 AM  
**Subject:** Bishop Schlarman

Sister Judith,

We understand that our retired bishop, the Most Reverend Stanley G. Schlarman, will be moving to the Diocese of Joliet soon. Can you assist me with the official wording of his assignment and what his duties will be?

We, of course, what to share this with the Diocese of Dodge City through the Southwest Kansas Register.

Thanks for you assistance.

Sincereley yours,

Tim Wenzl

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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From: "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 4:47 PM  
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],  
Thank you for the information about [REDACTED] therapy. I will make sure that a check is written to reimburse him.  
Is it possible for you bill the Diocese each month at the end of the month? It is preferred that you issue a bill rather than the Diocese reimbursing [REDACTED] for the therapy he has received.  
The fact that [REDACTED] is receiving therapy from you will be brought to the Review Committee for its approval.  
May God bless you.  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

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From: [REDACTED] >  
To: <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 5:45 PM  
Subject: [REDACTED]

> Dear Sr. Judith Davies:  
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> Per the request of [REDACTED] I am e-mailing you the invoice for his  
> therapy to date. I am e-mailing this information in an effort to expedite  
> his reimbursement. Please make your check payable to [REDACTED] and mail to:

> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]

> If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to  
contact  
> me.

>  
> Sincerely,  
> Jeff Levy, LCSW, ACSW  
> jrlevymsw@aol.com  
> 773.880.1473

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> 4/1/03 Psychotherapy 90853 \$50.00 \$50.00 Cash  
> 4/9/03 Psychotherapy 90853 \$50.00 \$50.00 9695  
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> Total Amount Paid by Mr. [REDACTED] \$100.00

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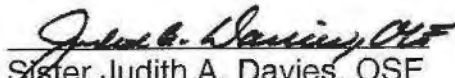
TO: Mary Jo Larsen  
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
RE: Check Request

Please process a check in the amount of \$100.00 payable to Mr. [REDACTED] as reimbursement to him for psychotherapy expenses incurred as a result of sexual abuse.

See the attached invoice from his therapist.

Once the check has been processed, please return the check to me so that I can mail it to Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you very much.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2003 4:16 PM  
**Subject:** Re: new contact person for committee?

Dear [REDACTED]

Although I have done work for the Review Committee, I have never "headed" it at anytime. Judge Orenic was the initial Chair of the Review Committee. He was replaced by Judge Barron, who was replaced by Dr. Carger.

Although I had been serving as Victim Assistance Coordinator, since last fall Sr. Mary Frances Seeley was appointed to serve in that capacity.

I'm rather puzzled by your statement that your therapist needs to know who is heading the Review Committee so that invoices for reimbursement may be sent to the person. I thought you were still seeing Mr. [REDACTED]. Has there been a change? If so, who is your new therapist? All invoices should continue to be sent to me.

God bless you.

Sister Judith Davies, OSF

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2003 11:45 AM  
**Subject:** new contact person for committee?

> Hello Sister,

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> My father informs me that you haven't been heading the  
> committee for some time but he didn't have a contact  
> person's name. My therapist also needs to know who he  
> should send invoices for reimbursement to.

> Thanks,

> [REDACTED]

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June 9, 2003

Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop  
Diocese of Joliet  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois, 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

It has been a year since we first met in your office to discuss the situation involving our son [REDACTED]. As you will recall, following our meeting the Review Committee authorized (20) sessions with a Chicago psychiatrist after which Dr. [REDACTED] recommended Dr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] completed several sessions with Cr. [REDACTED] when they mutually agreed that [REDACTED] would benefit from using other therapists. From the beginning Dr. [REDACTED] stated that he had limited experience with sexual abuse cases but would provide an overview of the problem(s) and needs. [REDACTED] since has been placed in an organized Group Therapy Treatment, which he reports, is helping.

Bishop, I believe we have reached a point where a financial settlement is appropriate to partially compensate [REDACTED] for his years of torment. We believe it would be in order, in keeping with the Dallas Accord, that you & the Committee approve a payment of \$125,000 minimum. Considering [REDACTED] many losses (employment, overall health, relationships, costs of medications & therapy, etc) the amount doesn't come close to an accurate reimbursement but, will be therapeutic in that it acknowledges the legitimacy of his claim.

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

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Cc. [REDACTED]

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July 11, 2003

Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop  
Diocese of Joliet  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois, 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

We have been prayerfully awaiting a positive response to my letter of June 9. Bishop, I strongly believe that this request for [REDACTED] is reasonable, modest and long over due. I most sincerely hope to hear from you within the next few days and will call you Friday July 18. Pray all's well with you and the most recent meeting of all Bishops useful on matters of sexual abuse.

Yours in Christ  
[REDACTED]

Ps. Please give our best to our old friend Bishop Kaffer. Also, by way of interest, we will have visitors this Saturday from Joliet. Our oldest Grandson, his wife and (2) of our Great Grandchildren (members of St. Mary's Church & School) with us for a week+.

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July 22, 2003

Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop  
Diocese of Joliet  
5425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois, 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

I just got off the phone with [REDACTED] reporting our conversation of yesterday. A sad conversation with a very wounded soul. Bishop, I beseech you not to delay a financial settlement beyond the August Committee meeting. It's essential to [REDACTED] mental health. After all this time that he has endured suffering of the weeklong episode caused by CH, he needs closure and vindication. I pray you come to believe the events as [REDACTED] has described really happened and caused his mental and emotional anguish. I am pleased that you reported that CH is on Administrative Leave and doing "nothing" requiring his priestly state.

Bishop, you have made it clear that the Committee is an independent body and that you do not participate in there deliberations however, I would expect that your encouragement of a financial settlement would be honored. To that end, [REDACTED] needs you as his advocate. Please find it in your heart to accept [REDACTED] claim.

As we anxiously look forward to the Committees positive response and know that you, and they, are in our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

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Diocese of Joliet

Office of the Bishop

425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

July 30, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

I received the letter which you sent me recently asking about financial compensation for your son, [REDACTED]. Specifically, in relation to the Committee's deliberation, you said, "...I would expect that your encouragement of a financial settlement would be honored."

[REDACTED] I would be very uncomfortable in providing any advice or encouragement to the Committee. As you noted, it is an Independent Review Committee. If the Bishop is still going to influence that Committee's decisions, then it can hardly be called independent. In addition, it would just verify what critics have said all along, that the Bishops still control their review committees. I simply cannot do what you are requesting.

What I have done and I have mentioned it to you, is that I have asked that the matter of financial compensation for [REDACTED] be included on the agenda for the Committee. I am told that it is on the agenda. For the rest, I need to leave that to the decision of the Committee.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch  
Bishop of Joliet

✓ bc-Sister Judith Davies, OSF

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August 7, 2003

James Carger, MD, Chairman  
Joliet Diocese Review Com.  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Dr. Carger:

In the mid-70's our son, [REDACTED] was sexually abused by C. Howlin during a weeklong camping trip in Wisconsin. [REDACTED] was a seminarian at the time at St. Charles Borromeo in Joliet. Howlin was a member of the faculty and his Spiritual Advisor. Howlin was also a family friend that we worked with on seminary projects and several times a guest in our home. We also, provided him with a trailer load of materials for use in Appalachia.

After St. Charles B., [REDACTED] went on to [REDACTED] Upon graduation he was selected to complete his graduate studies at the University [REDACTED]. He graduated with honors but to the surprise and disappointment of his family and advisors, decide not to pursue the priesthood. Some months later he confided in us that his emotional state and decision not to become a priest had its roots in the abuse by CH. He lives with these memories and confusion, which

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dramatically affected all avenues of his life (faith, relationships, employment, physical & mental health, etc.).

As this worsened, I suggested that he contact Bishop Roger Kaffer. Bishop Kaffer was Rector of St. Charles B. while [REDACTED] was there and also a family friend. Bishop arranged for a couple of members of the Review Com. To meet with [REDACTED] to determine how to proceed. After a long wait he was informed no help would be provided. His request was for psychiatric counseling and medications. [REDACTED] was penniless and devastated.

With our help and his few friends we struggled to keep his head above water. Then when the "scandal" broke a couple of years ago we decided to more aggressively take-up his defense. In June of 2002, my wife and I met with Bishops Imesch and Kaffer along with Review Com. Member [REDACTED], MD. Following this meeting the Committee authorized (20) sessions with Dr. [REDACTED], recommended by Dr. [REDACTED]. Mid way through this sessions both Dr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reached the conclusion that [REDACTED] should transfer to another therapist. Dr. [REDACTED] stated from the beginning that this was not his speciality and had little experience with sexual abuse cases. His main treatment was medications.

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██████████ is now in an organized Group Therapy that has provided some help.

Dr. ██████████, I'm writing you to provide a brief outline of ██████████ case in preparation for your August meeting.

We have carried on a correspondence with Bishop Imesch over this past year. I trust he has shared this with the Review Committee. I've attached a copy of my most recent letter to the Bishop.

██████████ needs closure and vindication....that he has been heard and helped. The financial settlement referred to in my letter would go a long way to bring this about. Dr. we are dealing with a wounded soul badly in need of compassion and understanding.

Yours in Christ,

██████████

cc. Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop

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August 11, 2003

Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop  
Diocese of Joliet  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Bishop:

Thank you for your letter of August 5, 2003. I agree that I should have described [redacted] academic and sports interests differently. He demonstrated, in many different ways, an unusual lack of interest in everything associated with St. Charles Borromeo.....his studies, friendships, activities, soccer, etc. It required an abnormal amount of "push" and encouragement by his parents to keep him from leaving the Seminary. Bishop, please accept that it is very difficult for his parents to put into "words" our experiences. I can tell you it has been gut wrenching and emotionally draining, taking a lot of pleasure out of raising a bright, caring and spiritually gifted son.

You point out that a Financial Settlement is not a "cure all" but it is a very strong symbol of our Church accepting some liability. Certainly the national experience has demonstrated that financial settlements are an important part of the healing process.

Bishop, I apologize if it appeared that my letter attempted to place greater emphases on [redacted] grades and activities than appropriate. Also, thank you for you prayers and continued interest in [redacted] well being.

Yours in Christ,

[redacted signature block]

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Cc. [redacted] . MD

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September 6, 2003

James Carger, MD Chairman  
Independent Advisory Group  
Diocese of Joliet  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr. Carger:

When [REDACTED] first approached the diocese through Bishop Kaffer, followed by meetings with your committee members, he was turned away. When I requested to talk with you before the August 19 meeting, you refused ( my intention was to clear-up any outstanding issues). Then the Committee denied any financial compensation and now you have not responded to my request for explanation. Do you believe this is the way Jesus would want [REDACTED] treated? Is there any wonder that the handling of sexual abuse of minors by priest is labeled a "scandal"?

I read recently in the Joliet newspaper that your committee does not have a single member with personal experience as a victim or parent of a victim. What a shameful oversight. Perhaps if you had such in-put, the committee & Bishop's views would be closer to reality, certainly you

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all would be more educated on the total subject and predicable consequences.

I ask that you place yourself in my place of trying to assist in managing the fragile mental/emotional health-life of an adult Son embittered by the initial assault followed by a unresponsive church hierarchy and their representatives. Does it take a lawsuit and public alarm for you to act in a Christian responsible manner? What Howlin did is criminal. Hiding behind the Statue of Limitations clause is unconscionable. Accept the liability for CH's actions and voluntarily pay damages. Don't you and the committee understand that a violated person needs justice to heal? The perpetrator must be punished and the victim compensated in order to be vindicated.

Perhaps a solution would be for both parties to take a polygraph Test administrated by a reputable professional. The results should clear up any doubts.

Regards,

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature and name of the sender.

Cc: Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop ✓

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Subj: ██████████ family  
Date: 9/30/2003 7:43:58 AM Central Daylight Time  
From: KMcChesney@usccb.org  
To: mfranseley@aol.com  
*Sent from the Internet (Details)*

Sister, (per our discussion) - I was contacted by Mr. ██████████ regarding his son ██████████. ██████████ attended St. Charles Borromeo seminary in Joliet in the 1970s. He was abused on a camping trip in the 1970s by Fr. Carrol Howlin. Also abused at the time was another student, ██████████

The ██████████ first reported this in 1991, the priest denied the allegation and the family was turned away. In 2002 they reported to Bp. Imesch and Bp. Caffer (sp) who is a family friend. Apparently the Review Board met and offered to pay for some therapy, and the ██████████ was referred to a psychiatrist who had no experience in sex abuse counselling.

What seems to be missing here is that there has been no involvement by the victim's assistance coordinator, who can explain what the process is. The Bishop has talked with the family and been supportive, but I believe ██████████ is spiraling. ██████████ lives in Chicago.

Thanks for your assistance and persistence! - KM

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Subj: Fwd: [REDACTED] family  
Date: 9/30/2003 11:45:16 AM Central Daylight Time  
From: Mfranseley  
To: Byrne1815  
CC: Mfranseley

Jim,

I forwarded this to Judith but thought you'd be interested. Let me know if these e-mails are helpful to you. Maybe they're a waste of time - too much information! Will talk to you this afternoon.

Mary Frances

Forwarded Message:

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The [REDACTED] first reported this in 1991, the priest denied the allegation and the family was turned away. In 2002 they reported to Bp. Imesch and Bp. Caffer (sp) who is a family friend. Apparently the Review Board met and offered to pay for some therapy, and then [REDACTED] was referred to a psychiatrist who had no experience in sex abuse counselling.

What seems to be missing here is that there has been no involvement by the victim's assistance coordinator, who can explain what the process is. The Bishop has talked with the family and been supportive, but I believe [REDACTED] is spiraling. [REDACTED] lives in Chicago.

Thanks for your assistance and persistence! - KM

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Subj: Re: [REDACTED] family  
Date: 9/30/2003 11:34:47 AM Central Daylight Time  
From: Mfranseley  
To: KMcChesney@usccb.org  
CC: Mfranseley

Dear Kathleen,

Thank you for the e-mail missive. It clarifies the little information I have on [REDACTED]. My files record a letter sent to a Mr. [REDACTED], LCSW of Chicago, informing him that [REDACTED] would be a client of his for nine sessions, and to please complete the forms, etc. The letter was sent by Sr. Judith Davies, Chancellor of the Diocese of Joliet. A copy was sent to me. Mr. [REDACTED] was given my number and encouraged to call if necessary or desirable. My personal notes indicate that therapy by Mr. [REDACTED] would compromise his current therapy (by whose decision I failed to note) and Dr. [REDACTED], from Joliet would talk [REDACTED]. I had no phone numbers, addresses, or any way to contact [REDACTED], Dr. [REDACTED], or Dr. [REDACTED], MD, from whose services [REDACTED] was being transferred. Dr. [REDACTED], of course, does not report to me, and nothing further has been done from my office.

I appreciate the information you sent this morning and I will contact [REDACTED] immediately to see what he feels is best for him at this time. Bishop Joseph Imesch has been most eager to be of assistance to the victims and told me to spare no assistance to any of them. I appreciate that Bishop Kaffer is a family friend and may have been some help to [REDACTED].

To give you a little background on my experiences; I have a Ph.D. in Law and Public Policy, an M.Ed. in Counseling, have over 30 years experience in crisis intervention, and specialize in suicidology. I am in international consultant in such services. Needless to say, I will expend every effort on behalf of [REDACTED] and other victims. Currently I am serving on the Governing Board of our Congregation as Councilor for Franciscan Spirituality.

Thank you again, Kathleen, for the information. I will let you know how it develops. God bless.

Sr. Mary Frances Seeley, OSF  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
815-263-6467

801 N. Larkin Ave.  
Joliet, IL 60435  
815-725-8735 (Office)  
815-725-3455 (Home)  
815-725-8648 (FAX)  
815-725-7005 (FAX)

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Subject: [REDACTED] family -Reply  
Date: 9/30/2003 3:59:09 PM Central Daylight Time  
From: [KMcChesney@usccb.org](mailto:KMcChesney@usccb.org)  
To: [Mfranseeley@aol.com](mailto:Mfranseeley@aol.com)  
*Sent from the Internet (Details)*

Sister- thanks for your assistance, and also for sending your background. I believe that you must be one of the most qualified and experienced victim's assistance persons out there, and I hope we can use your expertise more in the future. Thanks so much - let me know if you need a number for [REDACTED] - KM

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Subject: [REDACTED] family -Reply  
Date: 9/30/2003 4:19:31 PM Central Daylight Time  
From: [Mfranseley](mailto:Mfranseley)  
To: [KMcChesney@usccb.org](mailto:KMcChesney@usccb.org)  
CC: [Mfranseley](mailto:Mfranseley)

Thanks, Kathleen. I called his father's number in [REDACTED] to get [REDACTED] number but there was no answer or way to leave a message. I then called Directory Assistance in [REDACTED] and got a number. I called it and left another message. If I don't hear from him in the next week I'll let you know and see where we can go from there.

Thanks for your help in this matter. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to let me know. God bless.

Mary Frances

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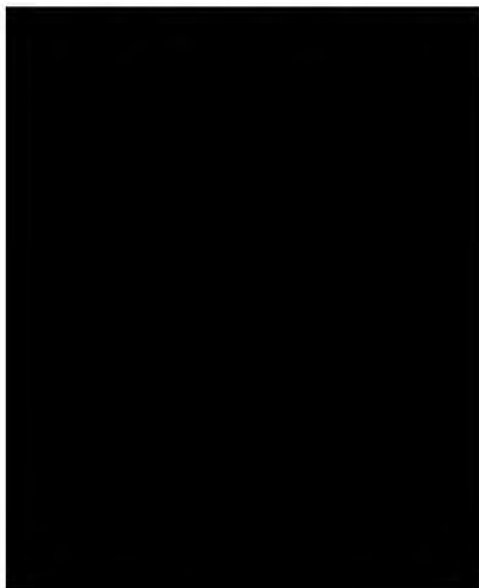
Subject: our meeting  
Date: 10/1/2003 1:41:50 PM Central Daylight Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: mfranseley@aol.com  
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hello Sister,

Attached is a somewhat recent picture for work. The entrance to our firm [REDACTED] so I'll come down at noon to meet you.

[REDACTED]  
ps: I don't know if you usually travel in a habit but I'd be much more comfortable meeting in lay clothes. To date I still even have the Catholic channel blocked off my cable tv service so I don't have to even see/hear that when I scan channels. I don't even walk by the Catholic Church in my neighborhood, haven't for years since that still bothers me. Actually anything related to the Church triggers terrible feelings so even meeting with a rep. from the Church who isn't a lay person gives me great pause. Thank you.

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Subj: Thank You  
Date: 10/1/2003 3:52:03 PM Central Daylight Time  
From: Mfranseley  
To: [REDACTED]  
CC: Mfranseley

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for the e-mail. No, I don't wear a habit, and haven't for several years now. I dress professionally in whatever is appropriate for the occasion. Next week's wardrobe will depend on the weather.

Another thing, [REDACTED] If calling me "Sister" is hurtful to you then please skip the title. I'm an old school teacher and principal and no matter what you call me - I've been called worse! So, please feel comfortable in addressing me. Mary Frances is just fine with me - or whatever you choose.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 10th, [REDACTED] God bless.

Sr. Mary Frances Seeley, Ph.D.  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Diocese of Joliet

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**Subj: Additional info**

Date: 10/2/2003 4:30:40 PM Central Daylight Time  
From: [kmcchesney@usccb.org](mailto:kmcchesney@usccb.org)  
To: [mfranseley@aol.com](mailto:mfranseley@aol.com)  
CC: [KMcChesney@usccb.org](mailto:KMcChesney@usccb.org)

Sent from the Internet ([Details](#))

Sister - I received a call from Mr. [REDACTED] and want to thank you for reaching out for [REDACTED]. I forgot to get the details from you re: Fr. Carroll Howlin - is he out of ministry? Are there other cases pending against him? Do you recall if this came up during the Joliet audit? - Thanks - KM

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

MEMORANDUM

November 24, 2003

TO: Sister Judith Davies, OSF  
FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch  
RE: Attached

Please see to it that the attached is given to Dr. Carger.

J. L. Imesch  
Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

*Dr. Carger,  
I think the following  
letter shows that Ms. Davies  
wants the Review Committee  
to give in to his demands.  
S. Judith*

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Joseph L. Imesch, bishop  
Diocese Of Joliet  
425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch:

No apologies required, I can imagine your demanding schedule. Also, we are grateful for your continued prayers. Regarding Dr. Carger, he refuses to talk to me by phone, does not respond to my emails nor reply to my letters. We call this "stone walling".

Having used Polygraph Test administratively many times I am well aware of both their benefits & shortcomings. There is an accepted "rule of thumb" that if a person(s) refuses to participate, they (you & CH) are most likely to be concealing/guilty 90+% of the time. Bishop, why don't you & the Carger Committee accept that CH committed the offense and make a financial settlement with [REDACTED] to allow him to get on with his life? As you know we have for a long time worked through your office instead of other avenues. Does it require a lawsuit, involvement by Ms.K. McChessney's NCCB Office or public scandal to get you & the Committee to move? Believe me, you & the Com. are in my prayers.

Yours in Christ  
[REDACTED]

Cc. Dr. Carger ✓

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██████████ - FORMER SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARIAN

██████████ is hard of hearing so his wife speaks for him while he is telling her what he wants said. She is his interpreter and throughout this conversation I could hear his voice in the background and she would repeat for him.

05/27/2010: 8:50 a.m. I heard the Diocesan phone ring and I was traveling out of state and did not pick up right away and before I could answer the caller hung up and I immediately heard the phone ring again and I picked up as she said out loud, "They answered the phone now."

It was a pleasant sounding woman who identified herself as ██████████ She explained that she interprets for her husband as he is hard of hearing and has a disability. I explained my situation and told her that her call was very important to me and that I did lack some privacy but that I would be willing to listen. All throughout the conversation she repeated for both her husband and myself.

She is calling for her husband ██████████ who is hard of hearing and she is calling," Regarding an incident of **abuse that occurred in 1979 with Fr. Lenczycki at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary while I was a Junior there.**" Again I repeated the importance of the call and I would do my best to answer and encouraged him to continue. "The incident took place with me off the property one time in a car." He is aware of 20-30 more incidents with other students." "He has been going to see a psychologist? For the past 3 or 4 months.

They offered to come to Joliet and I explained that I could speak with them at any time around two or three P.M. today when I reach my destination. Or I would be available all weekend.

It was because of the disability that they preferred to see me and wondered where we could meet. After several discussions they decided it would be best if I did not call them today as their child would be home from school around three and they preferred to wait but would be satisfied to speak and discuss details more possibly on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. I agreed I would cancel a meeting for Tuesday at 9 a.m. as I informed them that their concern was of greater importance. They would be coming from Chicago Area if they did come in person.

██████████ went on to say, **"In the other incidents Fr. James Frederick was involved. " I have over an hour of information."**

Because they did not now seem in a hurry to speak with me soon and were willing to wait until after the weekend I asked ██████████ "Did your husband call because he needed to tell someone?" She replied for him, "He called because he needed to come forward." (Perhaps the psychologist suggested he do it.) They both seemed as though a weight had been lifted.

Again, I informed them both that I would do everything I could to support them and assured them of our prayers. I assured them I would call and report this call to the Chancellor immediately and would look forward to hearing from them on Tuesday at 9 a.m. I thanked her husband for having the courage to come forward and Therese repeated it to him. They both thanked me for listening.

I immediately left a voice message for Sr. Judith after I arrived at my destination and she was in a meeting and she returned my call around 3 p.m. and we discussed the possibility of Mr ██████████ writing the names of those involved and mailing them to the VAC at the Chancery Office.

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██████████ FORMER SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARIAN

██████████  
- Home phone (use only to LEAVE a message)  
to speak with ██████████ and his wife ██████████

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Again, I informed them both that I would do everything I could to support them and assured them of our prayers. **I assured them I would call and report this call to the Chancellor immediately** and would look forward to hearing from them on Tuesday at 9 a.m. when they will call me. I thanked her husband for having the courage to come forward and Therese repeated it to him. They both thanked me for listening and I reassured them that I would do everything I could to support them and offered them both an assurance of our prayers as we move forward.

I immediately left a voice message for Sr. Judith after I arrived at my destination and to cancel our appointment for 9 a.m. on Tuesday and she was in a meeting and returned my call around 3 p.m. and we discussed the information I had been given by the ██████████ We discussed the possibility of Mr. ██████████ writing the names of those involved and mailing them to the VAC at the Chancery Office. **Mr. ██████████ will be asked to write a letter to the VAC and send it to the Summit Street Chancery office and mark it Personal.**

06/01/10: (9:00 a.m.) From ██████████ I received the call I was expecting and ██████████ asked, "What do we need to do? I explained that I had as I promised placed a call immediately to the Chancellor to make her aware of the incident and the surrounding list of names and the Priests involved. I asked regarding the age at the time of the incident and Mr. ██████████ wondered why and I explained I did not review my notes but it was no problem to figure it out. He then came forward with, "April, 1979 Age 17." **The Priest assigned to St. Charles Borromeo was Fr. Fred. Lenczycki, the spiritual director of the high school.**

██████████ made it very clear to me that **To the best of my memory with no hypnosis or reminders I have been working with the Psychologist**" He then mentioned that he had problems with the Diocese policies of recording of history from the past. (It did become difficult at this point with understanding what he was referring to.)

I asked ██████████ if he would be willing to write out the information he was wanting to share and he responded, "May I ask who would see it and where it would go?" I informed him that he could write to me personally and send the letter to the Diocese Office where I would then share it with the Chancellor. It would then go to Bishop Peter Sartain and a copy to the Attorney for the Diocese. His response was, "Would it be made public?" I assured him of the confidentiality of the information and he remarked that he had no problem with his name and that of his wife. He did not want any of the information known to any of his family. **It was his desire to tell the family first before anything became public. I assured him I would make this fact known.**

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██████████ - FORMER SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARIAN

██████████  
- Home phone (use only to LEAVE a message)  
to speak with ██████████ and his wife ██████████

06/01/10 (continued)

He then went on to say that some four years ago he had emailed Sr. Judith in response to the newspaper articles on abuse regarding the court transcripts and felt that she was defending Bishop Imesh and that was understandable. He stated he had spent 9 years in the Seminary. He voiced his distrust of Bishop Imesh and stated he has no issues with the church. He referred to a letter to the parents in which he thought Imesh was abrasive. He went on to say that, "The DOJ never ignored me but basically said that they could not do much." He referred to pages of incidents he has and the state Police being called on an incident.

He went on to say that he would be happy to give information in writing to me and "no more sweeping under the rug." He voiced concern regarding information going to Bishop Imesh and I informed him that Bishop is retired and would not be involved. He stated that the Truth needs to be known.

**"As a sideline...do not put in your report: "There is an official of the diocese I want to keep out. Bishop Siegel is a friend, married us and funerals, etc. He has nothing to do with this and I do not want him dragged into this. A report is okay for him to see if it's in the procedure." I informed him that it is up to Bishop Sartain to decide and that possibly for now it could be done but I could not promise anything. Again, he wants to protect Bishop Siegel as he was not involved and has nothing to do with what has happened."**

**He has a list of the Priests from the Web site and out of 20 has 17 he remembers incidents of. He also mentioned Bishop Ryan. He would like to bring all of this information to the attention of Bishop Sartain in the hope that others would come forward.**

**"Anyone can get in touch with me or my wife can speak for me legally but can't make decisions for me."**

I assured ██████████ I would speak with the Chancellor regarding his concerns and verify the information I had given him and the process of the Review Committee. I reviewed the correct phone numbers and informed them I would call after I had met with the Chancellor.

**7:15 P.M.:** After meeting with Sr. Judith this morning and discussing the issue of offering reimbursement for counseling and where to send his letter and to whom it should be addressed I returned a call to the ██████████ residence. They were having some phone difficulties.

I spent the time reassuring Mr. ██████████ that we do not contact the press. The letter would come to me and be seen for now by myself, the Chancellor, Bishop Sartain and the Diocesan Attorney who I explained was Jim Byrne. (██████████ had asked his name) Definitely, Bishop Imesh would not see the letter as he is retired; I would request that for now Bishop Siegel not be informed; We do not talk to the press. We would honor his confidentiality. I explained the process of the Review committee. I then asked if there were any further concerns and ██████████ wondered why the Diocesan Lawyer would be involved. I informed him that his information may be something legal. I admitted I did not know if perhaps, "He might want to speak with you." ██████████ agreed to speaking with him if necessary. Again, I stated that the Laws are different now and Sr. Judith reassured me that she followed the laws at the time (70's) and followed procedures.

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to speak with ██████████ and his wife ██████████

06/01/10 (7:15 p.m. continued)

I then offered to pay for ██████████ counseling sessions provided he supply me with the name and credentials of his present therapist who he states is now on vacation for several weeks and who he stated is the one who he has been working with on the abuse issue for the last 2 months. He stated he is under SS Benefits who pay for his counseling. I offered 6-12 sessions and explained the forms which would be reviewed by Dr. ██████████ of the review Committee after they were completed. He wondered if it mattered if he had seen a Psychiatrist in the past. I informed him it did not. Again, I encouraged them to send me the name and credentials of his Psychologist when she returns. They understood.

**IF I TOOK LEGAL ACTION AGAINST LENCZYCKI WOULD THE DIOCESE GET INVOLVED?" (I TOLD HIM I WAS NOT SURE AND COULD NOT ANSWER.)**

Mrs. ██████████ responded to ██████████ and then repeated to me that he wanted me to know he has a ten yr. old son and that is why they are restricted to phone times. He went on to say that he is a "Mr. Mom." I told him I was in favor of that and we all chuckled. He also wanted me to know he was ¾ of the way finished with his letter and I asked if they could give me a call when it was in the mail and I would respond when I received it. They agreed and ██████████ reminded me that, "I have not remembered all this through hypnosis."

(I felt as though he was mentioning the hypnosis fact to me now as he had in an earlier conversation several times in order for his words to be more credible and that he was not making things up. He was very passionate in wanting for the truth to be told. He was very emphatic when he spoke.

Again we reviewed the best times for them to call me and I encouraged them to leave me a message the night before for an early morning call as I sometimes attend Mass. I wished them well and encouraged them to stay in touch and offered them our prayers.

06/07/2010: I received a voice mail before 10 A.M. from ██████████. He began by identifying himself and spelling out his last name. He reminded me that "My wife talked to you last week and so did I." He was calm and his voice softer and deliberate (perhaps frustrated) and stated, "I'm not going to be sending you anything in the mail in writing because I feel that's not the way I want to go about it."

As of right now I would prefer not having contact with the Diocese or with anyone so you don't have to call me back. "I will have to wait for CAP(???) phone to come in or I'm gonna have to find some other people for support because it's very difficult for me to be on the phone. I will have to contact you when I know more. Thank you very much for your help."

*St. Juwita Klavies notified @ 10:26 a.m. OK to meet @ Pastoral Center in Lomeoville if requested.*

Judith Speckman - Victim Assistance Coordinator

*9-9-2010: copy to Jim Ryerson per Bishop's Victims request.*

*9/6/10: Juwita Speckman - VAC*

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I received a call from [REDACTED]. He stated that he was a victim and had come forth 7 years ago, but refused assistance for counseling that the diocese of Joliet offered him. He has since declined in his functioning. He is experienced serious relationship problems. His first wife, married outside of the church ended in divorce. His second marriage of four years in the Catholic Church is now failing. His wife is pregnant and they are "in house" separated. He reported that he has seen a counselor, [REDACTED], LCPC, CADC, three times but he cannot afford it. His father, who employed him in the family business for 13 years, has fired him. He stated that he has a sexual addiction and doesn't love his wife. I asked if there was issues about his sexual orientation and he stated no, that he was heterosexual.

This writer encouraged him to put he computer in the upstairs of the house instead of the basement, in the open, and not to make any decisions about his marriage until he received more counseling. I agreed to send the counselor forms for consent and updates and that we would help him with the fees.

I left a message for Ms. [REDACTED] and she returned my call. I mailed her the release forms on May 28, 2009, the day Mr. [REDACTED] had his next appointment.

The priest who allegedly abused him when he was in 2-rd grade till 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade is deceased, Fr. Mateo, a Phillipine priest, who was at Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst, then went back to the Philippines, according to Mr. [REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted, Barb Jarvis Pauls, D.Min, MA, LCPC

[REDACTED]  
Cell- [REDACTED]  
Home- [REDACTED]

Counselor - [REDACTED] LCPC, CADC.

[REDACTED]  
Indian Head Park, IL  
60525 [REDACTED] 4

Email: [REDACTED]

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Diocese of Joliet

Chancery

425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606  
Fax 815-722-6602

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July 9, 2009

Dr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

Would you please review the enclosed records from Judith Green concerning therapy for Mr. [REDACTED]?

I will be grateful for your recommendation regarding any continued service for him.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

Enclosure

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May 15, 2009 Mr. [REDACTED] - cell: [REDACTED], home: [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] called the crisis line wanting to talk to someone about his son. Reportedly, Mr. [REDACTED] suspects that his son, [REDACTED], was abused by Fr. Larry Mullens when he worked in the rectory then, at IC, in Elmhurst, (this may not be correct parish). Supposedly, Mr. [REDACTED] came to speak with Bishop Imesch before 2002. He was very intense when telling this account, labile in emotions. His son, [REDACTED], the alleged victim, is currently in Northwestern Hospital Psychiatric unit for alcohol addiction. He is married and has a new baby.

I listened to Mr. [REDACTED] for 15 minutes allowing him to explain and vent. He accused Bishop Imesch of lying to him when he first asked him in 2002 if Fr. Mullens had been removed or accused. He said Bishop Imesch avoided answering. He stated that if he had known that Fr. Mullens had been accused, he would have pursued getting more help for his son, [REDACTED] who essentially has denied anything happening with Fr. Mullen and himself. He did, however, have a relationship with him for three years. The dad, [REDACTED] stated that they were friends.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was meeting with the psychiatrist and the psychologist at Northwestern, Monday, May 18, 2009. I suggested that he keep in touch with us and update on his son's progress. I also indicated that there is not much we can do unless his son comes forth with an accusation about Fr. Mullens, but that if he does, we can then begin a process to try and assist them.

Mr. [REDACTED] wife died in December, 2008, so this has added to his pain observing his son's struggle. I offered support resources for him and compassionate listening.

May 18, 2009 - Mr. [REDACTED] called to update this writer about his son. He was released from Northwestern Hospital and referred to an outpatient intensive care program. He has no insurance to cover this and his father, [REDACTED] was looking into a place that is funded and in the suburbs to be more accessible. I again encouraged him to talk to his son about calling the crisis line to talk and he agreed that he would.

May 19, 2009 - This writer called Sr. Judith Davies at the Chancery to inform her of the conversations with Mr. [REDACTED] and the potential allegation regarding Fr. Larry Mullins.

June 4, 2009 - Met with Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] privately at Notre Dame Church for an hour and a half. Met with them individually and together as father and son. [REDACTED] privately told me his experiences with Fr. Mullen. He reportedly gave [REDACTED] between the ages of 15 and 17 years of age, access to the liquor, beer whenever he was there. He gave him his car keys, gifts, cash. He reported that Fr. Mullens displayed very jealous feelings of [REDACTED] girlfriend. He touched his chest and gave [REDACTED] creepy feelings sometimes. He worked at the rectory 5 days a week. He was very close to Fr. Larry. However, when Fr. Mullens got in trouble in Naperville, at St. Margaret Mary,

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██████████ came to see him several times and then found out he was removed from ministry. At that same time, ██████████ mom had cancer and the family was very dismayed that he never even returned the calls. I encouraged him to write the chronology of events and send them to me and I will present them to the chancery. I gave him a referral for counseling. ██████████ is soothing himself with alcohol, and spent five days in Northwestern Hospital after a blackout incident. ██████████ denies any genital contact with the priest, however giving an under aged child alcohol was very inappropriate and enough to warrant counseling assistance. The counselor I referred him to is ██████████, LCPC, in Indian Head Park.

Submitted respectfully, Barb Jarvis Pauls, D.Min., MA,LCPC

June 13, 2009

I received an email from ██████████ this week as a test, I replied back so to confirm the email address and after one week he has not followed up with the statement about Fr. Mullens that I requested. I explained to him when I met with he and his father together that this was his issue and he needed to take responsibility now and leave his father out of this. I also suggested that he ask his older brother if he had any experiences with Fr. Mullens.

Mr. ██████████ called June 15, 2009 to inform this writer that he set up an appointment with ██████████, LCPC for June 24, 2009. She will be sent the release forms.

Submitted by: Barbara Jarvis Pauls, D.Min., LCPC, Victim Assistance Coordinator

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My name is [REDACTED] I am 38 yrs. old, married to [REDACTED] and have an [REDACTED] I attended Immaculate Conception High School in Elmhurst, Illinois from 1985-1988. My brother [REDACTED] introduced me to Fr. Mullins during my freshman year. [REDACTED] Fr. mullins helped

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We used to go to a restaurant named Coletti's close to his mother's house, where his sister and niece worked. He would always start off with a cocktail or two, and said I could order a couple for myself. Then we would eat dinner. Here is somebody that's letting me drive a nice car, taking me out for dinner and drinks, and just giving me all of this special attention. During my

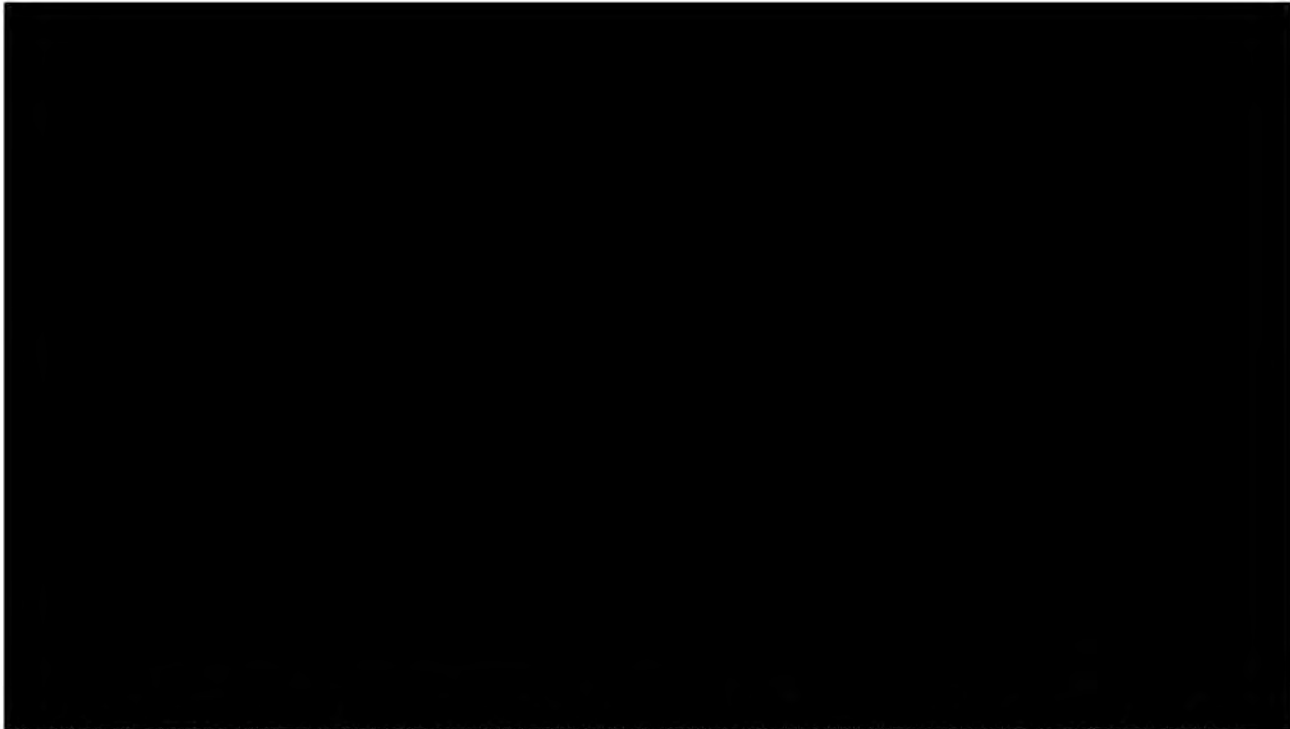
[REDACTED]

wrong. There were many times though, that he would get touchy with me, and most of these times were in his apartment in the rectory. I would usually just try to avoid these instances by getting up and going to the washroom, and then switching seats. He would like to rub my chest, and sometimes my belly, and inch his way toward private part. I guess I was still too young and naive to know this was wrong. But, I became to know and become close with his family very well. I believe he came from a family of 14. He always would have big family parties at the parish center, and would ask me to help him set up for them and attend the parties as well. I did plenty of drinking at these parties, both beer and hard liquor. Sometimes I would end up being drunk and spending the night in his parish apartment. He would usually call my parents telling them it was too late to drive, or whatever excuse he used. During my high school

[REDACTED]

in Chicago. There were a couple of places there that wouldn't card me. During this time, there were many episodes of the creepy touchy feely, and the kisses on the cheek, and hugs. I attended [REDACTED] after high school. I ended up leaving there after a couple of years due to expulsion for an alcohol involved incident. I still kept in touch with FM during this time. [REDACTED]

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On 2/20/13, 1997. From that time on, I never wanted to speak with Larry Mullins again. In years after that, when the news came out of him molesting and fondling grade school kids at St. Raymond's, I felt even more betrayed. And now I realize that maybe his main goal was to have sex with me. I still get very angry when I think of how the Bishop Imesch lied to my dad when my dad asked him if Larry Mullins was removed from the priesthood, and Bishop told him no. Yet he was, and it is very frustrating to think of how he treated me, but also what he did to those grade school kids. He was way too involved and controlling in my life, especially during my high school years. It is very sad that the diocese covered up a pedophile. I have been struggling with drinking incidents over the years, but more so recently. Through recent therapy, many of these bad memories are coming back to me.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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FILE MEMORANDUM

July 16, 2009

FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

RE: Mr. [REDACTED]

This morning I had a message from Mr. [REDACTED] saying that he was about to contact Mr. Keith Aeschliman.

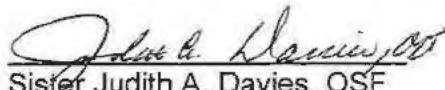
When I spoke with Mrs. Judith Speckman, Victim Assistance Coordinator, about Mr. [REDACTED], she said that she had received a similar message from Mr. [REDACTED] and that although she had left numerous messages with his therapist, [REDACTED], there were no return calls. Mrs. Speckman said she would call Mr. [REDACTED] before I would return his call at 10:00 a.m.

Shortly after 10:00 a.m., I spoke with Mr. [REDACTED] acknowledged his letter (postmarked July 13, 2009), and empathized with him. I made references to his letter, agreeing with him that a person of 15/16 wouldn't realize how Larry Mullins was leading him along, and pointed out that he had said in his letter that he thought Larry Mullins had done something sexually to him back in 1995.

Mr. [REDACTED] mentioned he had problems with alcohol, that his therapist recommended in-patient treatment, and that he was told that the diocese would not pay for that type of treatment. I explained that a psychiatrist on the Review Committee reviewed records and then made recommendations for treatment.

When I asked Mr. [REDACTED] about a 12-step program, he said he had attended a few meetings. He commented that his therapist said the diocese should recommend a psychiatrist for him. He had received anti-depressant medication when he was hospitalized in May, stopped taking the meds because only had a few tablets left, and hasn't taken a drink for about 10 days. I suggested that he continue with the 12-step program because it does work, take his meds, and that I would be in touch with Barbara Jarvis Pauls and with Judith Speckman to hopefully get things moving for him.

My words to Mrs. Speckman were that she was to get in touch with Ms. [REDACTED], have her recommend a reputable psychiatrist to/for Mr. [REDACTED], and get the doctor's name for us. I told her that both the therapist and the psychiatrist will need to complete the initial evaluation form because we have to keep track of treatment plans, etc. She said she would follow through.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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Dear Sister Judith,

Enclosed is the complete file I have on [REDACTED] I called him this afternoon and he verified that the information I have is complete and the information for his address and counselor are also correct and that his therapist, [REDACTED], did indeed have the necessary form to be mailed back to you. In fact, it may already be in the mail. He will follow through with his therapist to make sure it has been mailed.

[REDACTED] I also spoke with him and offered him our prayers and support for this evenings AA meeting. He stated he was definitely going and was in the process of calling Rush for an appointment with the Psychiatrist recommended by both you and [REDACTED]. He is to notify [REDACTED] tomorrow regarding the outcome of both.

[REDACTED] Dad [REDACTED] called requesting that I have you call him regarding the incidents some ten years ago involving the Bishop and how it should have been resolved then and blaming those involved with the process. I listened patiently and was compassionate and at some point I interfered and reassured him that you personally were doing all that you could for his son. I assured him I would convey his request to you but did not make any promises. I reminded him that we are not free to speak to him about [REDACTED] issues and policy changes have now been put into place and that I personally had no knowledge of his issues. He stated he understood and we ended the conversation on a positive note.

Peace, Judy Speckman

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MEMORANDUM

July 21, 2009

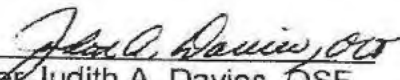
TO: Mr. Michael Bava  
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
RE: Check Requests Relating to Sexual Abuse Issues

Please have a check prepared in the amount of \$625 payable to Judith Green for services rendered to [REDACTED] and another check in the amount of \$750 also payable to [REDACTED] for services rendered to [REDACTED]

Once the checks have been processed, please send them directly to:

Judith Green  
125 Acacia Circle #504  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525.

God bless you.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

Attachments

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FILE MEMORANDUM

July 24, 2009

FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF

RE: Mr. [REDACTED]

This morning I spoke with Mr. [REDACTED] who said that Dr. Michael Easton, the psychiatrist who would provide an initial evaluation, needed a check in the amount of \$395 in advance of his appointment for August 4, 2009. (Dr. Easton's address: Rush Memorial Hospital, 1725 West Harrison Street, Suite 744, Chicago 60612)

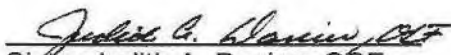
Mr. [REDACTED] mentioned that his dad, Mr. [REDACTED] wanted to speak with me. He was very angry about what he was told in the past about Larry Mullins.

Mr. [REDACTED] and I spoke around 11:00 a.m. He was very concerned about his son receiving the proper care. My response was that since [REDACTED] is 38 years of age, it would be an invasion of his privacy for me to disclose what steps the diocese has taken, and that he should speak to his son about what has been done already as well as the care that will be given in the future.

Mr. [REDACTED] went on to say that he felt that Bishop Imesch lied to him when he asked whether Larry Mullins was out of ministry. My response was that certainly Bishop Imesch had no intentions of lying to him but it was most likely a case of misunderstanding. I said that when a priest is sent for treatment, he is, on one hand, out of ministry because he cannot function as a priest, but on the other hand he has not been formally removed from ministry, so Larry Mullins was out of ministry, yet he was still in ministry.

Mr. [REDACTED] said that he told his first wife that he felt something was wrong with Larry Mullins and his relationship with [REDACTED]. She thought otherwise, and so he never took the steps which now, in retrospect, he feels he ought to have.

I suggested to Mr. [REDACTED] that he might think about some professional counseling because carrying anger and other feelings is not good for one's physical or mental health. If he would like to speak with someone, he should call and arrangements could be made. He should feel free to call me anytime if I could be of further assistance.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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Diocese of Joliet

Office of the Bishop

425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

July 23, 2004

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

A week ago Wednesday I learned that you had filed suit in Will County charging that you had been abused by Lawrence Mullins. I respect your right to take this action. I am sending you this letter so that you will know that I am concerned for you and for anyone who may have been victimized by a priest of our diocese.

You were quoted in the *Joliet Herald News* as having said, "For me, there's no acceptance on the diocese's part for all the things that went on. They're not owning up to anything." According to the article, you also said that you "...would like Church leaders to apologize and accept responsibility for childhood incidents that left people traumatized as adults."

On a number of occasions in the past I have said and now want to say to you personally that I am sorry for the pain caused to you, to all victims and their families. I am saddened that children and young people who trusted their priests received such shameful treatment from them. I have and continue to offer my apologies to all victims of abuse, to their families, to parishioners and others. I deeply regret that so many have suffered and continue to suffer because of the sins of a few.

I realize that nothing I can say will erase the past, but I want to give you the opportunity to tell me personally how your life has been affected so that I might offer you a pastoral response. While I fully recognize that the pending litigation may preclude anything like that happening at this time, I want you to know that the door is always open for you.

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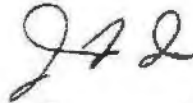
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Our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Sister Mary Frances Seeley, O.S.F. (815) 263-6467 is also someone with whom you might wish to speak. She can provide you with information about counseling, spiritual direction and/or other resources.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch  
Bishop of Joliet

bc-Mr. James Byrne  
Sister Judith Davies, OSF  
Sister Mary Frances Seeley, OSF

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DATE: MARCH, 2005

3/2/05 - 2:03 - 2:10 pm

██████████ called from Coal City to talk about her brother who had been abused by Fr. O'Conner. Her brother, ██████████ is now 48 years old and is just now sharing his experience as a reason for his not attending church. ██████████ had been badgering him to attend, not knowing why he didn't. After sharing some of his story with me, I suggested ██████████ himself, call me to give me the information first hand, not second-party information. She agreed.

4:10 - 4:45 pm

██████████ called me later that afternoon. ██████████ had reported the abuse to the Chicago Archdiocese but received no response from them. They only recommended that he contact the Joliet Diocesan offices, but he didn't have a contact number at the time so he let it go. Now that his sister, ██████████ has discovered the information, she is encouraging him to report it.

At the time of his abuse, about 1966/68, he was an altar boy whom Fr. O'Conner took a liking to. Fr. O'Conner took him to the Museum of Science and Industry. They followed that by a stay at a hotel. When he awoke, he had no clothes on; he suspects he was given medications. There was shaving cream on his stomach with a smiley face on it. There was someone else in the room but he doesn't know who it was. He was still drowsy.

This event changed his life; there is no respect for priests or the church. He goes to church only for weddings or funerals. He knows that Fr. O'Conner is no longer an active priest, but lives in Braidwood.

I asked how I could help him. I offered help: talk to another priest, but it was soundly rejected; counseling, no, again. He had gone to a counselor in the past, but alone since his wife would not go with him. They continue to have relationship problems. He wanted a cash settlement but could give me no amount.

I told him I'd be meeting with Bishop Imesch on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, and would discuss the information with him, although it would be the Review Board who would make any decision in his case. I asked him to put it in writing for me and I would submit it to Sr. Judith Davies.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from ██████████ again saying ██████████ did not have time to write the letter yet but would send it at a later date.

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After one year ██████████ called me again last night to talk about her brother. I did not have my records at home and it was late so we agreed to talk this morning. I called about

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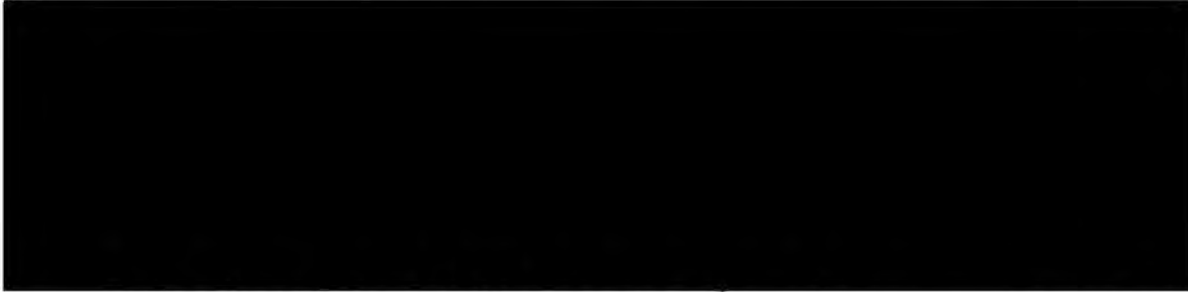
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9:45 on both her cell and home phone but there was no answer. I left a message for her to call me.

██████ did call me later in the morning and we talked about 20 minutes. She and her husband were on the speaker phone. ██████ said it took place in 1967/70, not the dates as above. She will send the information to me by mail after I read what I had in the record. She agreed that it covered about everything but it was written up so she will send it.



Both again stated they do NOT want any publicity on this; no names in the paper or identification of any sort. I assured them that I would discuss this only with Bishop Imesch. They were satisfied.

Again, they did not state what they expected from me or the Diocese in spite of my asking.

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**March 8, 2006**

**Sister Mary Frances  
425 North Summit Street  
Joliet, IL 60435  
ATTN: Joliet Diocese**

**SUBJECT: PRIEST ABUSE**

**I am writing this letter to report sexual abuse I received as an Altar Boy by a former Assumption Catholic Church, Coal City, IL, priest, Father Donald O'Connor (approximately 1967-1970). As I continue to hear so many horrible stories of priest abuse I decided to come forward with yet another incident.**

**I was an Altar Boy (there were probably more) that was invited by O'Connor to go on a field trip to Chicago to visit the Museum of Science and Industry and spend the night in a hotel. My parents and I were happy that I was invited to go on the field trip. I never did tell them what happened while I was on the field trip.**

**I did report the incident to the Chicago Archdiocese shortly after O'Connor was removed from priesthood (2002) following a disclosure from a local parishioner of O'Connor's abuse. I never did receive a response.**

**Below is my story of priest abuse:**

**As mentioned above I went on a field trip to Chicago. While at the museum he had me stand by a railing and told me was going to hear someone's confession, which seemed odd, so I complied. When he was finished we viewed the museum and then we proceeded to the hotel. I went to bed; fell asleep very quickly in my t-shirt and underwear. We stayed in the same room. When I awoke in the morning O'Connor was standing over me in his underwear and there was another person in the room. My underwear were removed, I was totally erected and the front portion of my body was covered with shaving cream or whipped cream and O'Connor drew a smiley face on my stomach. After this I fell back to sleep. I don't know if I was drugged or not. In retrospect, I was probably drugged. I do not remember drinking alcohol. I also find it unusual that another person was in the room when we entered the room alone. I always wondered whether pictures were taken.**

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**After the abuse I continued on as an Altar Boy and O'Connor fondled my crotch area several times in the sacristy.**

**I was always too scared and embarrassed to report the above abuse.**

**Please pray for me and other victims of priest abuse as this unfortunate situation has caused me a lot of pain and hurt.**

**I will be waiting for a quick response to develop a closure strategy to my inappropriate experience.**

**You can contact me at (Home)**

**[REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED]**

**Thank You.**

**[REDACTED]**

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**May 12, 2006**

**Sister Mary Frances  
425 North Summit Street  
Joliet, IL 60435  
ATTN: Joliet Diocese**

**SUBJECT: PRIEST ABUSE CLOSURE**

**References:**

- 1. Enclosed letter dated March 8, 2006, subject, Priest Abuse**
- 2. Phone conversation with Sister Mary Frances and myself on March 12, 2006**

**In response to the referenced phone conversation I am submitting this letter.**

**Due to the sexual abuse I received from Father O'Connor I have been insecure the better part of my adult life. My life has been inhibited with low self – esteem, lack of confidence and limited success in the working environment. As a result, this has caused a recent divorce from my wife.**

**My return to the church might have more meaning with closure to the O'Connor circumstance, however, every time I read the paper there are more incidents reported within the Catholic Church which I think needs a thorough cleansing to reestablish its papal infallibility.**

**Due to the duration of my insecurity and resulting divorce I am asking for \$200,000 to close the issue.**

**Thank You.**

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[mfranseley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mfranseley@sbcglobal.net)

**From:** "Sr. Judith Davies" <[jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org)>  
**To:** <[mfranseley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mfranseley@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2007 3:47 PM  
**Subject:** Therapy

The Diocese will be paying for therapy sessions for a Mr. [REDACTED]. As you can see from the e-mails, he has been informed that you are the Victim Assistance Coordinator for our diocese.  
God bless you.  
Judith

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2007 11:45 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: Therapy Recommendation

[REDACTED]  
The address to send invoices for my therapy:

The Chancery  
c/o Sister Mary Frances Seeley  
425 Summit Street  
Joliet, IL 60435

As discussed on the phone the Diocese would like a copy of [REDACTED] C.V. Thank so much!

Please reply to this e-mail so I know you received it, thanks.

[REDACTED]  
> **From:** "Sr. Judith Davies" <[jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org)>  
> **To:** [REDACTED]  
> **Subject:** RE: Therapy Recommendation  
> **Date:** Sat, 31 Mar 2007 15:59:12 -0500

> Dear [REDACTED]  
> Certainly. If Ms. [REDACTED] would not accept payment from the Diocese, we can reimburse you directly.  
> God bless you.  
> Sr. Judith

> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** [REDACTED]

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> Sent: Friday, March 30, 2007 9:29 PM

> To: [jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
> Subject: RE: Therapy Recommendation

> Sister,

> I have sent your e-mail to [REDACTED] office. If she doesn't accept payment from the diocese may I pay her and then send you the receipt for payment directly to me?

> Thanks,

> --- "Sr. Judith Davies" <[jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org)> wrote:

>> Dear [REDACTED]

>> I'm glad to know that you have found a highly reputable therapist. As long as you are comfortable with [REDACTED] please continue your sessions with her. Would you be so kind as to send her c.v. to Sister Mary Frances Seeley, % The Chancery, 425 Summit Street, Joliet, IL 60435? Please ask that the bills be sent to my attention at the same address and I will make sure they are promptly paid. The Diocese will also reimburse you for the session for which you have already paid. Just send the documentation to me and I'll make sure that a check is prepared.

>> May God bless you!

>> Sister Judith

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: [REDACTED]  
>> Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007 12:43 PM  
>> To: [jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
>> Subject: RE: Therapy Recommendation

>> Sister,

>> Thanks for getting back to me! I started my first session last week with [REDACTED] (Therapist)

>> [REDACTED] was one of the most reputable organization's (recommended and contracted by the [REDACTED]) that I felt comfortable with.

>> If the committee doesn't approve this therapist please let me know and I will switch to one of your approved therapists. I am paying cash for this therapist [REDACTED] so please let me know if I need to continue or discontinue my sessions with [REDACTED]

>> Thanks,

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>> [REDACTED]  
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>> — "Sr. Judith Davies" <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org> wrote:

>>> Dear [REDACTED]

>>> Please excuse my delay in responding to your message. Having been out of my office for a couple of weeks, I am trying to navigate my way through everything that has found its way to my desk.

>>> Bishop Kaffer is grateful for your good wishes and is enjoying his retirement! From his busy schedule, it is difficult to realize that he is a retired bishop. I know he appreciates that he has had such a positive impact on your life.

>>> I am happy to inform you that yes, the Diocese will provide therapy sessions for you because of the harm you suffered from Father O'Connor. Sister Mary Frances Seeley, OSF, is now the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese. With your permission, I will has her to contact you in order to make arrangements for therapy sessions to begin. If that is agreeable with you, Sister will then serve as your primary contact.

>>> It is important that you know in advance that Sister Mary Frances will want to make sure that the person you will be seeing has the necessary credentials to provide you with quality treatment. She will then authorize a certain number of therapy sessions. From time to time she will request a progress report because of the Review Committee's necessary oversight. I know she will be happy to answer any questions you may have or that may arise.

>>> May God bless you.

>>> Sister Judith Davies

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: [REDACTED]

>>> Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 12:00 PM

>>> To: jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org

>>> Cc: mmcguire@dioceseofjoliet.org

>>> Subject: Therapy Recommendation

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>>> Hello Sister Davies and Bishop Kaffer,

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>>> Bishop Kaffer...congratulations on your retirement. Of course you aren't fully retired from the words of friends and family and this was to be expected. I hope all is well. In 2002 I wrote the diocese a letter and you replied (thank you) with a nice letter stating I could receive therapy for the sexual abuse I was subjected to from Fr. O'Connor when I was an altar boy. Believe it or not, life got in the way of my good intentions [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]...while this is not an excuse to get therapy it certainly filled my time. I don't want to sacrifice anytime with my family but feel that "I am not perfect" so I would like to seek therapy on the weekends.

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>>> Thanks so much and congratulations to Bishop Kaffer...I hope you are finding fulfillment in your retirement. I still use your lessons from Providence in my life and everyone that I touch, thank you!

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>>> Sincerely,

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Judith Speckman -Victim Assistance Coordinator

██████████ - ANONYMOUS

01/11/10: 8:18 P.M. I received a RESTRICTED phone call from a possibly middle aged man who was anxious and spoke in a hurried manner stating that, "I just found out the day before yesterday that someone close to me was abused by a Priest by the name of FR. O'CONNER." "He was at St. Rose and was also a Chaplain." I admitted I was not familiar with this case and asked him what information he could share with me and how I could assist him. I offered him my support and encouraged him to share his story.

He began reading from the Diocesan Web site that, "Fr. O' Conner was removed from Ministry." I assured him that Fr. would not be practicing and I had no other information at hand to answer his questions but I would try to assist him.

The caller went on to hurriedly read to me from an article some of the facts taken from the site. Namely, there was only one allegation against Fr. O'Conner and only one victim came forward and Fr. was the 11<sup>th</sup> Priest in the Diocese to be removed. He then asked, "What happened to him?" "Did he serve jail time?" I informed him I was not aware of what happened to Fr. O' Conner. Again, I had no knowledge at hand. I explained to the caller that I would indeed try to answer his questions but it might take me a day or two to speak with someone regarding this matter. He stated he understood.

THE CALLER WENT ON TO SAY, ██████████ WAS MOLESTED IN THE 70'S BY FATHER O'CONNER." I OFFERED HIM SUPPORT AND HE CONTINUED, I JUST FOUND OUT THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY FROM ██████████

I asked the caller if he would give me a name so I could identify with him as we spoke and assured him that Bishop Sartain would be very supportive to any family members. I then

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Judith Speckman -Victim Assistance Coordinator

██████ - ANONYMOUS (Regarding Father O'Conner)

He again asked me if I knew Fr. O'Conner and I admitted I knew of the name but did not know him personally. The caller went on to say that Fr. taught him how to play tennis and I recalled a friend of mine who taught tennis to Fr. O' Conner. I also recalled I had been to a funeral in his Parish but did not have any knowledge of the case. I asked ██████ if there was anything specific he wanted to know and informed him that he could call me back in several days and I would try to be of assistance to him. He remained anxious and needed someone to listen to him and to allay some of his doubts. (The conversation lasted 18 minutes)

The caller had asked several times if Fr. O'Conner had served jail time. I admitted I did not know. He hurriedly read me another article from the Joliet Herald News and I could sense he was searching for some sort of peace of mind. He mentioned some information he obtained hy: [www. Bishop-Accountability.org](http://www.Bishop-Accountability.org) (2002)

Again, I offered to confer with the Diocesan Office to answer his questions as best I could and asked him what he would like to know. He wanted to know:

Did Fr. O'Conner serve jail time?  
Is he dead?  
Where can I write him?  
I would like to talk to him.

I assured ██████ that I would do what I could to answer his questions and again offered support to the family. He asked my name and asked what telephone number he had dialed. He stated he was not sure even what number he called. Clearly he was searching for answers to allay his anxiety. I reassured our prayerful support and said I would be expecting his call in several days and thanked him for calling.

(OPENED NEW FILE-Conversation documented)

01/12/10; Spoke with Sr. Judith who informed me that I could share with the caller the following information;

Father O'Conner is very remorseful for anything he has done.

He is removed from Ministry as per the Diocesan web site.

██████ can write a letter to Fr. O'Conner addressed to the Diocese of Joliet Chancery at 425 Summit St. Joliet, Illinois 60435.

Fr. O' Conner did not serve any jail time.

\*\*It is very important for ██████ to come forward and speak with VAC regarding any allegations.

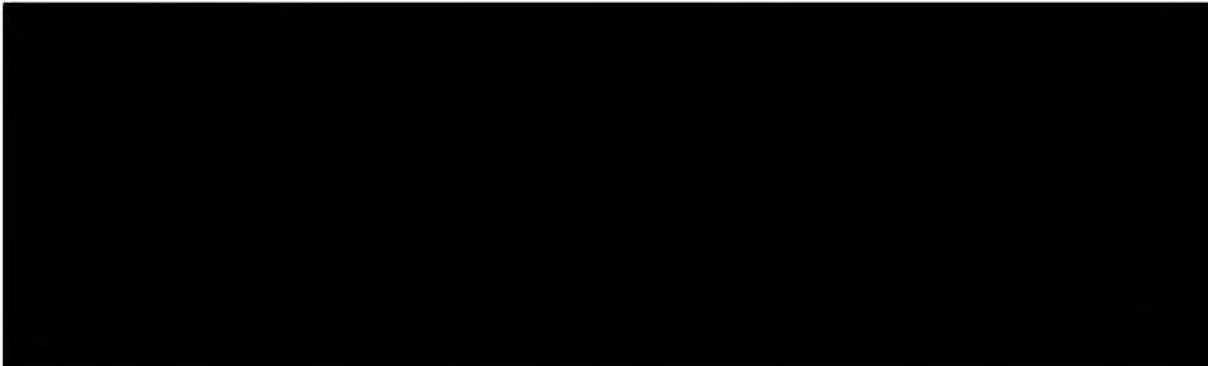
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MISCELLANEOUS CALLS -DIOCESE OF JOLIET  
Judith Speckman -Victim Assistance Coordinator

██████████ -REGARDING FATHER DONALD O'CONNOR  
01/13/10 (Continued)



I listened as ██████████ continued stating that we have so many good Priests, Bishops, etc. and one of the Priests does something wrong and the Church gets bashed from everywhere. I agreed that we all suffer from the outfall. Again, I encouraged him to write his letter and to have ██████████ call. I asked how his parents were and he stated that perhaps they were feeling guilty. It is too soon to really know much.

"I just hope Fr. O'Conner speaks with me because if he is so remorseful that is the very least he could do." "I will call him whenever or wherever he wants. All he has to do is let me know." I encouraged ██████████ to express this in his letter to Fr. I could tell he had spent quite some time looking for answers in the papers.

He wanted to know if the Diocese was supporting Fr. O'Conner; How does it happen that a Priest is charged and doesn't do jail time; How many ever came forward with accusations? Again, I informed him I did not have the answers to his questions but when ██████████ comes forward he could possibly find the answers to his questions.

██████████ thanked me for listening and I assured him of our prayerful support. He was thankful that someone was here to listen to him. I asked him if I might call him back when I receive the letter and he said he felt as though maybe he had said too much already. I told him I respected his privacy and would not require it. He said he would be calling me in several weeks.

*01/26/10 E-mail to Sr. Judith Speckman to ask if she had received any further information.*

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Sr Judith Davies

**From:** Jan Slattery [jsslattery@archchicago.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2010 3:46 PM  
**To:** Sr Judith Davies  
**Subject:** Fwd: New Blog Comment

Judith,

Attached is the blog comment received at the Archdiocese website today. Thank you for following up on this.

Jan

Jan Slattery  
Director Office for the Protection of Children and Youth  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
312-534-5319

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>>> <catholicchicagoblog@archchicago.org> 3/18/2010 12:44 PM >>>

Here is my comment. I plan on writing a book, my life as a catholic, and I use a small c because that is all it deserves.

My two boys were brought up in the catholic church, in Braidwood, IL. donald o'connor was the paster there. Many times he sat at my dinner table, took my son fishing, took them on as alter boys, when they got older, 12 13, years old, he even let my older son count the money on donation money on Sundays. Two weeks before my shot himself in the chest one Saturday night, I all of the rape and molestations came out in his sessions with his psychiatrist

I have a story to tell. You wanted a comment, print this. Are they giving lessons on child abuse? donald o'conner is now living in a house in Braidwood, scott free (thanks to the catholics) just blocks away from my, who attends My life as a catholic. Good title for a book, No? I know this won't be "catholic material", but then again, rape and murder are not either.

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Sr Judith Davies

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From: Leah McCluskey [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org]  
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 1:43 PM  
To: Sr Judith Davies  
Subject: Re: Fwd: New Blog Comment



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Hello Sr. Judith,

I hope that you are doing well.

I am forwarding to you an e-mail dated 4/1/10 that was forwarded to our Legal Office and then to me from a woman who alleges that her son [REDACTED] was sexually abused by Rev. Donald O'Connor of Braidwood.

I do know that while I was out of the office in mid-March, Jan Slattery contacted you and sent to you a similar e-mail from apparently the same woman who identified Fr. O'Connor as the priest who sexually abused her son [REDACTED].

If we receive any additional communications with regard to this matter, I will continue to send them to your attention.

Thank you--and I hope that you have a wonderful Easter.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review Archdiocese of Chicago  
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
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>>> Leah McCluskey 4/1/2010 1:34 PM >>>  
Hello Mike and John,

While I was out of the office the week of 3/15, a very similar e-mail from the same woman was forwarded to Jan Slattery. Jan in turn forwarded it to Sr. Judith Davies in Joliet. I will forward this series of e-mails to Sr. Judith as well.

Thank you.

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Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW

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>>> John O'Malley 4/1/2010 11:42 AM >>>  
I would get it to Leah and let her forward it.

John C. O'Malley  
Director  
Office of Legal Services  
Archdiocese of Chicago

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>>> Michael Baird 4/1/2010 11:30 AM >>>  
John,

Who in the Joliet Diocese should I contact in regards to this blog message?

Thanks,  
Mike

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Michael C. Baird  
Sr. Staff Attorney, Office of Legal Services  
Telephone: (312) 534-2553  
Fax: (312) 534-5252

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From: Jessica Schmidt  
To: Michael Baird  
Cc: John O'Malley  
Date: 4/1/2010 11:23 AM  
Subject: Fwd: New Blog Comment

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log comment we discussed; it is the second we've received from this individual.  
Thank you for looking into it.

Jessica

Jessica Schmidt  
Staff Attorney

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>>> <catholicchicagoblog@archchicago.org> 4/1/2010 11:12 AM >>>

[REDACTED]

I love your disclaimer above. You will not accept any misconduct on this site, but when Father Donald O'Connor of the Braidwood Parish, raped and molested my son [REDACTED] for 3 years, that was not misconduct. [REDACTED] shot himself in the chest one night due to our wonderful priest, who sat at my dinner table and shared meals with us. Your whole organization is a disgrace, to the whole world. Pope should resign. I'm sure you will classify this as misconduct.....ask me if I care. I was a catholic, not I'm a protestant, with a wonderful pastor who does not torment little children. Watch for my article, My life as a catholic.....and you returned that pig to Braidwood with all of those innocent children around his. you should all be punished for covering this all up. you are dispicable.

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Judith Speckman

**From:** Sr Judith Davies  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Donald O'Connor  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Thu 4/1/2010 2:48 PM

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

The Archdiocese of Chicago forwarded a copy of your email to me. Since Braidwood is located in the Joliet Diocese, it would be important for you to speak to someone from our diocese about what happened. Since I do not have your phone number, I'll give you mine: 815-722-6606. If you would rather speak to our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Judy Speckman, her phone number is 815-263-6467.

Although the diocesan offices are closed for Good Friday and for Easter Monday, Judy Speckman would be available by phone sometime during those days.

God bless you.

Sister Judith Davies

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04/05/2010: PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR SISTER JUDITH DAVIES/ [REDACTED]

Voice message left on DOJ phone at 10:41 a. m. and call returned immediately.

Call made from [REDACTED] and caller identified as [REDACTED]

On returning the call I identified myself and informed the caller that the DOJ office was closed today due to the Easter Holiday and I offered to be of assistance. Mrs. [REDACTED] responded, "You can't help me." She needed to speak with Sr. Judith regarding about events leading up to her son's death and was threatening, "Someone is going to be held accountable about the events leading to his death."

I assured Mrs. [REDACTED] I would give the message to Sr. Judith to return the call and if she wanted she could call the DOJ in the morning. She stated she had that number. I immediately called and left a voice message for Judith on the DOJ number to be expecting a call or Mrs. [REDACTED] would possibly be calling her first.

Copy to Sr. Judith on 04/06/10 with weekly Summary Report

Judith Speckman-Victim Assistance Coordinator

4/6/10 Sp Mrs. [REDACTED] Call back. go ahead  
and set up Counseling for her and her  
son if they decide (per Sr. Judith)

4/12/2010 Per Sr. Judith: "[REDACTED] saw Bishop - things  
progressing"

9/6/11 No further information.

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[REDACTED] (Personal for Sr. Judith Davies)

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On returning the call I identified myself and informed the caller that the DOJ office was closed today due to the Easter Holiday and I offered to be of assistance. Mrs. [REDACTED] responded, "You can't help me." She needed to speak with Sr. Judith regarding about events leading up to her son's death and was threatening, "Someone is going to be held accountable about the events leading to his death."

I assured Mrs. [REDACTED] I would give the message to Sr. Judith to return the call and if she wanted she could call the DOJ in the morning. She stated she had that number. I immediately called and left a voice message for Judith on the DOJ number to be expecting a call or Mrs. [REDACTED] would possibly be calling her first.

04/06/10: 9 a. m. Message from Sister Judith Davies: She has spoken with Mrs. [REDACTED] regarding counseling for her and her son. If she should call back I am to set up Counseling for either or both of them.

.Copy to Sr. Judith on 04/06/10 with weekly Summary Report

Judith Speckman-Victim Assistance Coordinator

04/06/10: 9 a. m. Message from Sister Judith Davies: She has spoken with Mrs. [REDACTED] regarding counseling for her and her son. If she should call back I am to set up Counseling for either or both of them.

04/12/10: Per phone conversation with Sr. Judith: "[REDACTED] has met with Bishop-things are progressing."

Judith Speckman - Victim Assistance Coordinator

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

May 24, 2003 – 3:10 PM

[REDACTED] (age 41) called to report abuse by Fr. John Sloan at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Joliet. I took place when he was in Junior High, about 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He was an altar boy at the time. He subsequently left this school and went to Washington Jr. High.

He reported the abuse to Sr. Pauline, the Principal, and to his parents. No one believed him. He thinks maybe Sr. Pauline did but he's not sure. School became hard for him. The abuse started out with Sloan's hands down his pants the progressed to asking for him to return the action – asked for mutual masturbation. There was no penetration at any point.

He has talked to the States Attorney. He has never had counseling. He has had rehabilitation for drug use. He used anything except for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wanted to put flyers on cars at St. Mary Magdalen's about what happened. "It HAS affected my life!"

[REDACTED] wants a letter from me stating his options for assistance.

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June 23, 2003

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sharing your story with me when I talked with you on May 24<sup>th</sup>. I'm sorry it's taken me awhile to get back to you. However, I have not forgotten and want to offer you whatever assistance you feel would help alleviate your pain.

I understand the pain of not being believed. It's a terrible experience to have, but then not to be believed when you ask for help compounds the hurt and deception. I'm sorry about that, [REDACTED]

What I can offer at this time is the following. If you are willing I can suggest a counselor for you to talk to. I believe that at least six sessions are approved and then we make a new decision depending on how you feel you have progressed. If more are needed we can arrange that whenever possible. Of course, I am usually available to talk to you whenever you feel it necessary.

[REDACTED] I want to help you get through this difficult process so you can be free to pursue your life without this excess and negative baggage. It seems you have made a good life for yourself but the lingering anger and hurt about the situation still affects you. It's time to get rid of it.

Please let me know if this is acceptable to you. I can recommend appropriate therapists in Joliet, Orland Park, Wheaton, Oak Park, Elmhurst, Addison, Chicago, Naperville, Elwood, Wheeling, Lombard, Oakbrook and Homewood. Are any of these locations more easily accessible to you? I know some are [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Let me know and I will give you the necessary information.

[REDACTED] please know that I trust your judgment about what you've said and the hurt you are experiencing. I understand how painful these memories are. I want to help in any way possible. I've begun by remembering you in prayer.

God bless.

Sr. Mary Frances Seeley, Ph.D.  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Diocese of Joliet

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**Madonna Turner**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** <mturner@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2003 6:19 PM  
**Subject:** ,father sloan

hi I asked sister Helen for assistance, what she hidding all the bad priest's ?

FATHER JOHN SLOAN

st john's winfield 1966  
7 men now that i can count on

me included... we will come forward and testify to any legal  
transitions against JOHN SLOAN

he has to pay i'm very close myself after all these years WHY?

he played with me and never knew why?

Bishop Imeash had no clue

i'm no longer a catholic because of sloan  
and I am enjoying a new Faith

same GOD

MY FRIENDS WANT TO SUE  
I SAY FOR WHAT?

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Sr. Helen Jean Kormelink

**From:** Sr. Helen Jean Kormelink [hjkormelink@dioceseofjoliet.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2003 2:22 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: father sloan

Dear [REDACTED] I do not know what articles you are referring to. Please me give a reference so I can find them or send me a copy if you have it. I do not know of any thing I have ever said that could be interpreted as sympathy for anyone who sexually abused children. I am appalled at any such behavior. I also regret any inaction or any ineffective action on the part of those to whom you reported the incidents. I am very sorry about whatever happened to you and any of your classmates. If you are not aware the diocese does have a Victim Assistance Coordinator, Sr. Mary Frances Seeley. She could make arrangements for counseling other help you might need. Her number is 815-263-6467. If there is anything else you think I might be able to help you with do not hesitate to contact me.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2003 1:10 PM  
**To:** hjkormelink@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** father sloan

sister

due respect to you, but the recent newspaper articles about the sexual behavior of father john sloan, i was one of his "victims" as was many of my c.c.d. classmates from St. John's in Winfield we, as i remmember we told father o'keefe and father ross about what he was doing to us, to no avail obviously. and yes Sister, his actions "has screwed me up" but am also glad he has be defrocked

[REDACTED]

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Diocese of Joliet

Office for the Diaconate

*Didn't he receive a letter  
from Deacon Worden?*

**CONFIDENTIAL**

MEMORANDUM

October 23, 2003

TO: File  
FROM: Deacon Will Worden  
RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Class of 2007 asked to talk and we met on the evening of October 20<sup>th</sup>. [REDACTED] disclosed that he has made allegations about a year ago re. sexual abuse in the past by Fr. Sloan. (This priest is now out of the diocese and living in Colorado?)

[REDACTED] is concerned because he has heard nothing from the diocese and is also worried that he may have been admitted to the program to keep him silent. (He reaffirmed that he is committed to formation and wants very much to continue.) I assured [REDACTED] that this is the first time that I have heard of his allegations and his admittance to the program was in no way based on allegations.

[REDACTED] also is worried that proceeding with the allegations may jeopardize his future in the program.

There is nothing more that I can do at this time about this matter.

Deacon Will Worden  
Director

cc: ✓ Most Rev. Joseph L. Inesch

OCT 30 2003

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Diocese of Joliet

Chancery

425 Summit St.  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606  
Fax 815-722-6602

March 31, 2005

Mr. [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

In my letter of September 27, 2004, I said that I would plan on contacting you in December to bring you up-to-date on your request for compensation. It was anticipated that the Diocese would be in a position by mid-December or January of this year to fully address your request.

Unfortunately, at this point, any decision has to be deferred. I expect that a determination will be reached sometime in June.

Should you wish to take advantage of counseling in the interim, the Diocese will help with financial assistance.

May God bless you.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
3/22/04

[REDACTED] had called on the cell phone while I was in Chapter and couldn't immediately return his call. I finally reached him on his cell phone and conversed with him.

He reported his abuse originally in 1992 to his pastor. The abusive priest was Fr. Sloan who was convicted in 1984. He talked to the State Policeman (retired) from the Review Board but heard nothing to this date, which will be two years ago in May.

Bishop Kaffer sent him to counseling which he continues to this day.

Bishop Imesch said he wanted to meet with the victims so [REDACTED] and his wife met with the Bishop. They have since corresponded and Bishop Imesch stated in one of the letters that he feels the Diocese owes something to [REDACTED] for his abuse. He offered counseling but [REDACTED] is already undergoing counseling. The Bishop then stated that money won't solve his problems.

[REDACTED] agreed, but he does want something. When the Bishop suggested he request in writing his needs, [REDACTED] asked for \$100,000, knowing the sum would be less. He wanted to negotiate with the Diocese, but they in return, have done nothing. [REDACTED] is angry that he's heard nothing. He will take anything, even a letter saying they will give him nothing.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He still doesn't trust the Diocese. Fr. Sloan was transferred too often and one of the victims has died by suicide. Fr. Sloan served as Associate from 1963 - 68.

I promised to discuss this with the Bishop when I see him on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

4/1/04

My meeting with Bishop Imesch was cancelled for 3/23. I will discuss this with the Bishop when I again meet with him on 4/13/04.

4/06/04

[REDACTED] called again to see if there was any information. None yet.

4/12/04

In my conversation with Bishop Imesch I learned that fr. Sloan lives in Denver and has not functioned as a priest since 1983.

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4/22/04

██████████ and I have been playing phone tag. We talked in the morning but just to say he was busy then and couldn't talk. He'd call back later.

When ██████████ called again he asked if any progress was made in his case. I had to tell him my appointment with the Bishop had initially been cancelled, but my subsequent meeting with him gave me some information. The Bishop had turned everything over to the Review Board and thought it had been resolved. ██████████ reminded me that it will be two years in May since he had last contact with anyone. ██████████ asked if they will honor reparations or make a counter-offer.

The Bishop thought that Jim Byrne had already responded by mail with a letter explaining the decision. I was to call Jim Byrne to find out. ██████████ said that Fr. Sloan is living in Colorado with his lover and they are running a flower shop. (@20 min.)

4/23/04

Jim Byrne returned my call but said he'd have to look at his records to see about the letter. He didn't think the case had been settled yet. He'll check and let me know. (@5 min.)

5/18/04

I called Jim Byrne to ask about the letter that was to have been sent. He said that the letter is prepared and that it will be sent under Sr. Judith's signature. It should go out today or tomorrow. It was something that fell between the cracks for several reasons, all of which were legitimate.

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SEE LETTER IN FILE FROM DIOCESE

2/18/04

Mr. Joe Naff is the Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese of Manchester, NH and left a message for me to return his call. (603-669-3030 X233)

A friend of Mr. Naff's was contacted by [REDACTED] and said that he was abused by a priest of the Joliet Diocese. He [REDACTED] claims the Diocese did nothing to assist him. Mr. Naff was calling to relay the information and to ask if help could be forthcoming. He said [REDACTED] does not live in New Hampshire but his friend does. He doesn't know where [REDACTED] lives.

Mr. Naff works out of Catholic Charities (according to the phone response when I called) so I felt comfortable sharing information with him.

I responded that the Diocese had, indeed, tried to assist [REDACTED] and read to him part of the letter sent to his attorney, since we do not have [REDACTED] address. Mr. Naff agreed that we've done as much as we could under the circumstances.

I asked Mr. Naff to request of his friend to relay the information to [REDACTED] that I would be very much interested in talking to him. I would like to repeat our offer of assistance and to talk to him about whatever he feels still needs to be resolved. Mr. Naff agreed to tell his friend about our conversation. He apologized for the call and said we were doing our best.



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3/22/04

[REDACTED] left me a message to return a call to him. There was no response when I returned a call several times.

4/8/04

[REDACTED] called again and said he was out of town and unavailable to return any calls. He still would like to call me, but since it was Holy Week he will wait until next week. I should still try to contact him.

4/13/04

[REDACTED] As a youngster he belonged to St. John's in Winfield and returned recently to attend services. While there he saw the flyer about reporting abuse.

When [REDACTED] was in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Fr. Sloan was the pastor. He would frequently invite the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys to the rectory where he would fondle them in front of the other boys. Nothing more happened. At the time, the boys chuckled at it; it was a "means to an end of getting into the rectory" to see what it looked like. As adults now, they are more concerned about the issue.

One day, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Sr. Davis, said they were never allowed to go into the rectory again. He doesn't know whether she knew what was happening or not but they never went there again.

[REDACTED] gave me names of other boys involved:

[REDACTED] asked if there was any way he could be of assistance to me. I found him courteous and happy with no after-effects of the abuse. He refused counseling saying he felt was well adjusted but just wanted to report this situation for our files. I thanked him and told him he could call back at any time and that I'd let him know if Fr. Sloan is deceased.

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

September 25, 2008

TO: Bishop J. Peter Sartain  
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
RE: Reverend John Slown

This morning I spoke with Mr. [REDACTED] who had attended a class reunion at St. Joseph Parish in Bradley. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Father John Slown, a former pastor of the parish, had fondled his brother, [REDACTED] in 1979/1980. After [REDACTED] told his mother, she called Father Joseph Butters who offered to provide counseling. [REDACTED] declined. (I explained to Mr. [REDACTED] that should his brother wish to take advantage of counseling now, to contact the Diocese.


While at the parish for the reunion, Mr. [REDACTED] noticed Father Slown's picture along with other pastors who had served the parish. When Mr. [REDACTED] asked a Father John (Antczak) whether or not Father Slown was still in the priesthood because he was a child molester, Fr. Antczak said that he did not know. I assured Mr. [REDACTED] that Father Slown had been out of ministry for about 20 years.

Mr. [REDACTED] asked that the picture of Father Slown be removed from the wall which honors all of the former pastors. I told Mr. [REDACTED] that more than likely, Father Slown's picture was hanging there not to honor him, but because he was part of the parish history.

(A similar situation existed at St. Mary Parish in Plainfield regarding the picture of Father Larry Gibbs who had served there as parochial vicar. Father David Medow removed the picture, moved the other pictures down, and no one noticed that a picture was missing.)

Mr. [REDACTED] would like a follow-up call as to the action taken regarding his complaint about the picture [REDACTED]

I told Jim Byrne of the conversation with Mr. [REDACTED] and will inform Sr. Mary Frances Seeley as well.

  
Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF  
Chancellor

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...amazed by LOVE.

may God bless you

at Christmastime

Sister Mary Frances Sealey  
Thanks for your calls +  
your kind words. My mom, my  
brother, me + my whole family  
appreciates it. You are doing  
great work + I will pray  
that God blesses you for it!  
Merry Christmas

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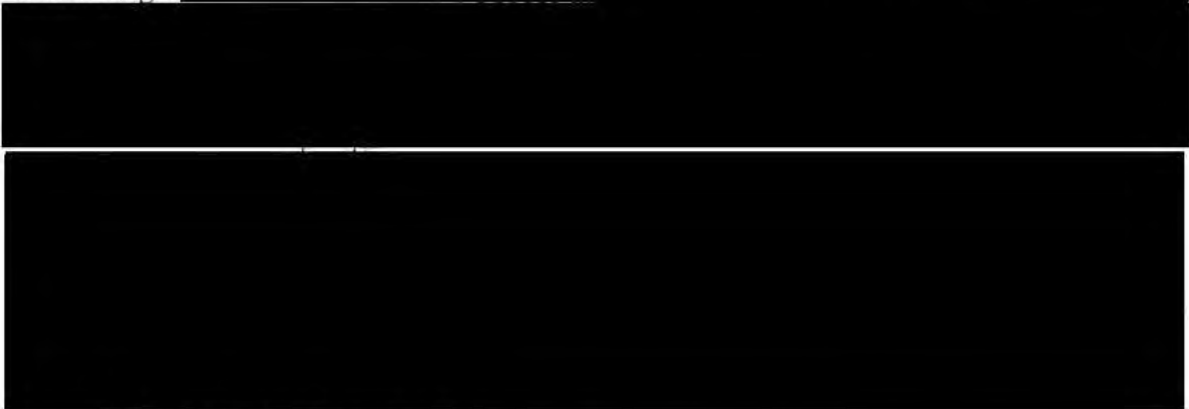


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grew up in [REDACTED] He is now 53 years of age. He [REDACTED] attended St. John the Baptist Church in Winfield. He attended the Parish school, K through 8, from 1960/68.

In the early 60's, perhaps 1962/3 Fr. John Slown was the priest. He was there until [REDACTED] was in the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade.

[REDACTED] said he doesn't want anything from the Diocese. He already has had counseling. [REDACTED]



Priests come to him for therapy.

"Let this run its course." He informed me, "and that's the end of it."

He says he doesn't always take good care of himself, especially in the area of mental health. I asked him what actually happened if he feels there was abuse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Everything happened in the boys sacristy. Fr. would call [REDACTED] over to his side, put his hands down [REDACTED] pants and gently fondle him. He was never aggressive. It happened a few times. Fr. Slown took the boys to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. He would join the boys in group showers after games and [REDACTED] felt he was grooming them.

The last day of school in 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade, the boys were in Fr. Slown's room. He still remembers the image; he was sitting in his apartment on the arms of a chair, then on the floor, etc., it looked like a "cat house." There was smoking. He stood there for a few minutes and thought how strange it was. He didn't stay - he just went home.

Fr. Tony Ross was also in the house at the same time but never did anything. He was still a Deacon. It is sad, but real.

"This is good." He said he was glad to talk to me.

11/16

I called to see if all was OK. There was no answer so I left a message. He never returned the call.

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