

OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

November 29, 2006

Date Report Taken:

Time: 10:30 am

Phone In Person

REDACTED

Received By:

Amy Peterson

Person Reporting:
Phone Number:
Address:



Allegations made by:
(if not same as above)

Name:
Address:
Phone:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Age at time of
Allegations: nine through thirteen

Allegations Against:

Time Period:

Where:

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)

Father Lawrence Murphy
1967, 1968, 1969
St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee

Alleged Abuse:

[REDACTED] was a residential student at St. Johns. He has already reported an incident of physical abuse to this reporter, but has now come forward with a report of sexual abuse. [REDACTED] reported that the first incident he remembers occurred around the age of nine. He was in his dorm getting ready for bed when he was escorted by the arm to Murphy's office by one of the nuns. When he was alone in Murphy's office [REDACTED] states he was very frightened. [REDACTED] stated that Murphy asked him questions. These questions were about sex. He reported Murphy instructed him to take off all of his clothes. [REDACTED] stated that he followed Murphy's instructions because he was afraid of Murphy. While he was naked, he noticed that as Murphy stared at him and that Murphy was "playing with himself" behind his desk. Murphy then instructed [REDACTED] to turn around. [REDACTED] stated that these incidents in Murphy's office were repeated several times over a period of two years.

[REDACTED] also reported that going to confession was very difficult. While in the confessional, Murphy would ask questions about what [REDACTED] was doing sexually with the other students, including questions about anal sex. [REDACTED] stated that going to Murphy for confession was embarrassing and anxiety producing for him. Most of the time there were two priests that heard confession. On one occasion, [REDACTED] reports that he chose the other priest. Afterwards, he said Murphy got very angry with him for choosing the other priest. [REDACTED] stated that Murphy instructed him to go only to him for confession.

[REDACTED] reported that Tom Tannehill, an older student, would go to the junior dorms in the evenings to assist the nuns. During those visits, he would molest the younger boys. While living in the dorms, [REDACTED] stated that the nuns were physically abusive. One nun, Sister Claude, would pinch his neck, twist his ears and use a baseball bat to hit him with. [REDACTED] witnessed this with other children as well. He also witnessed Sister Claude pulling the girls hair. [REDACTED] believes that much of what went on was because Murphy had so much power.

History:

[REDACTED] reports that all of the memories are still very painful. He is currently in counseling with Catholic Charities and is working through some of the emotions that have been stirred up. He made the decision to come forward after reading the article in the Journal Sentinel about Murphy. He stated that his time at St. Johns was difficult in many ways, but it was the only environment he knew. When his father pulled him out of St. Johns and sent him to a public school in Rockford Illinois, the transition for [REDACTED] was very difficult. [REDACTED] stated that he was a good basketball player and had a good team he belonged to at St. Johns. By having to leave St. John's he lost his friends as well as his other interests. [REDACTED] stated that he first came forward with the stories of physical abuse, but realized that he should also report the incidents of other abuse that occurred while he was a student at St. Johns.

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REDACTED

Next Steps:

has been connected to a counselor at Catholic Charities through the office of the Victim Assistant Coordinator.
expressed an interest in pursuing mediation. Victim Assistance Coordinator will assist as needed for mediation.
recently met with the Archbishop and stated that the meeting was helpful.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fr. Al Veik (Religious) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Tank (Non-Cleric) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Anne Cusack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Attorney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Knight | |
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Intake form
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