

OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES  
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SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Date Report Taken: April 22, 2006

Time: 11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone   X   In Person

Received By:

REDACTED

Person Reporting:

Phone Number:

Address:

Allegations made by:  
(if not same as above)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Date of Birth:

Age at time of

Allegations: 7 through 12 years old

Allegations Against: Father Lawrence Murphy

Time Period: 1968-1973

Where: St. Johns School for the Deaf  
Milwaukee Wisconsin

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?) \_\_\_\_\_ recently shared his story with his wife and his parents.

Alleged Abuse:

\_\_\_\_\_ began as a student at the age of seven, in 1968. He went to St. Johns because the school that served deaf children closer to his home was full. \_\_\_\_\_ reports his abuse began with Tom Tannehill. Tom graduated in 1972. He was Junior Boys' Dormitory Supervisor from 1972 to 1973. \_\_\_\_\_ reports the first incident occurred at the age of seven. \_\_\_\_\_ was in his bed in the late, late evening (maybe around 4:00 or 5:00 am). He remembers Tom coming into his room, laying down on the bed, and began fondling his genitals. \_\_\_\_\_ recalls the feeling of having to get up and run to the bathroom, not understanding the feeling. He was too young to ejaculate, but was masturbated by Tom. \_\_\_\_\_ reports that these incidents happened a lot, frequently until 1973. Eventually, Tom asked \_\_\_\_\_ to touch masturbate him and perform oral sex as well. \_\_\_\_\_ believes that Tom "broke him in" for Murphy. \_\_\_\_\_ remembers the feeling of not even being able to open his mouth because Tom was so big and \_\_\_\_\_ was so little. \_\_\_\_\_ said he felt Tom's affection made him feel "cool". He stated that he got to ride in Tom's car. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he began touching other boys, and they would engage in touching one another. \_\_\_\_\_ also reported that another student \_\_\_\_\_ a senior and altar boy molested him one time. \_\_\_\_\_ isn't sure why Murphy picked him, but thinks that maybe he had heard about the other incidents with Tom and other boys. The first incident \_\_\_\_\_ remembers with Murphy is during his first confession. He recalls that Murphy asked him if he "played with himself." At first \_\_\_\_\_ shook his head no, but then confessed that he did. Murphy said "show me, pull down your pants." He said, "play with yourself." \_\_\_\_\_ remembers Murphy looking down at him through the screen. Murphy said "God bless you" and told \_\_\_\_\_ to keep this a secret. \_\_\_\_\_ said he never went back to confession again. He feels that this incident has left a big scar in his mind and heart. \_\_\_\_\_ remembers Murphy having a station wagon. He happened to be in the front of the school when Murphy came around the drive. He got in the car with Murphy and got to drive around with him. During this drive, Murphy touched \_\_\_\_\_ genitals and had \_\_\_\_\_ touch his. He remembers feeling at the time that he was special. \_\_\_\_\_ recalls feeling very impressed by Tom Tannehill and with the idea of being an altar boy. He looked up to Tom. Eventually \_\_\_\_\_ became an altar boy. He reported that Murphy liked him a lot. When Murphy was teaching him to put on his garments he would hug and kiss \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ remembers the hugs being very tight. On one occasion after Mass, Murphy told him to take off his pants, while he was changing his clothes. Murphy took off his pants. \_\_\_\_\_ remembers seeing Murphy's uncircumcised penis and thought it was gross. As Murphy was pulling \_\_\_\_\_ head toward his penis, Murphy stopped abruptly and they both put their clothes on. \_\_\_\_\_ thinks that someone was coming, or saw them. \_\_\_\_\_ reported that the school would show movies. He said that he really liked watching the movies. He recalls that on some occasions, Murphy would come into the room and brush by \_\_\_\_\_, rubbing his penis against the back of \_\_\_\_\_ head. \_\_\_\_\_ parents pulled him out of the school in 1973 when allegations against Murphy surfaced.

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**History:**

[REDACTED] has carried the burden of what happened alone all of his life. He reported that when he went to Minnesota School for the Deaf in Faribault, Minnesota, that he missed his friends from St. Johns. He said on one occasion he was showering after gym class and began to masturbate in front of the other students. When he got strange looks and comments, he realized that it was different than St. Johns because that was a common occurrence. He also reported that he was lying in bed with his brother and began rubbing his brothers' stomach. But, before he got to his brothers penis, his brother slapped his hand and said to stop it. [REDACTED] reported that after he left St. Johns he began to realize that what was happening there wasn't normal. He had to adjust to a "new" normal. It was in recent conversations with his Uncle [REDACTED] that they both learned of their respective abuse. Both men realized what they have both carried all of these years. [REDACTED] is married and has two boys. He states that he has been very concerned and protective when they are in certain situations. He reported that although he believes in God, he can barely tolerate being in a church. He will go for funerals, weddings etc, but ends up moving to the back of church and reports having flashbacks. Until recently, [REDACTED] unwillingness to participate in church activities, and events like his son's confirmation was a big source of conflict in [REDACTED] marriage. His wife [REDACTED] did not understand why until recently when [REDACTED] shared his story. She states that their marriage was headed for divorce because of his refusal to participate in the family's faith life.

**Next Steps:**

Victim Assistance Coordinator gave the contact information for the mediation system. VAC will facilitate financial support for therapy if they want to pursue counseling. VAC is available for ongoing support as needed.

Archbishop Timothy D

Bishop Richard Skiba

Fr. Curt Frederick (Clergy)

Fr. Al Veik (Religious)

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