

Entry for the Chart of [REDACTED]  
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Today, I met with [REDACTED]. He is well known to me. He has been employed by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for twenty-five years. He came in at his request to report allegations of sexual abuse against Father Lawrence Murphy, a previous director, of St. John's School for the deaf. [REDACTED] reported, that when he was twelve or thirteen years old, he was a student at St. Johns and on a Friday night he went to confession. Because [REDACTED] is profoundly deaf, he ordinarily made a list of what he was to confess, and then would tell Father Murphy what happened in the confessional. He recalls that the fourth, fifth and sixth graders went upstairs to Church. He said there were two priests in the confessional and the line moved very slowly. He said that when it was his turn he got Father Murphy as his confessor. He said Father Murphy read the list that he had made of his sins and inquired "why are you dirty." [REDACTED] said Murphy looked him straight in the eye, and then told him you then have say three or four times the Our Father and the Hail Mary. [REDACTED] said that he had confessed some sexual behavior which was the reason for Murphy asking him the question about his feelings of feeling dirty. [REDACTED] said after he received his penance, he made the sign of the cross and he left. He said he went to Church in the morning. Later that day Murphy called him over to his office. He said, Murphy closed the door and locked it, and pulled down the shades, and once again asked him "Why are you dirty?" [REDACTED] reported that Murphy then said [REDACTED] take off your pants." [REDACTED] said that he thought Murphy was going to whip him with his belt. He said there was no discussion. [REDACTED] said he pulled down his pants and Murphy sat down next to him. He said Murphy kept touching his genitals for about one and half hours. [REDACTED] said he tried to talk to Murphy, but was instructed by Murphy that there was no time for that. He was to "shut-up and go back to your bed." [REDACTED] also said that he was instructed by Father Murphy that he was not to tell the children, the sisters and the other priests, or anyone else. [REDACTED] said that night after he was touched by Murphy, he had a hard time sleeping. He reported that this same behavior went on for a year or two. About two years later, [REDACTED] told his mom and dad about Murphy's behavior, but his parents did not believe him. He is now forty-six years old. He claims he was abused in 1962, when he was about twelve or thirteen years old. [REDACTED] can be reached on the [REDACTED]. He asked me to speak with Archbishop Weakland regarding this abuse of the confessional, and then I should get back to him through [REDACTED] who is his supervisor in [REDACTED].

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