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Accused	Victim	Location	Date	Synopsis of Allegation
Bigelin, Charles DECEASED	XXX (13)	Old Town	1953	XXX called AG's Office on 3/14/2002. Reported that Biglin tried to get him to unzip his trousers; XXX refused; Biglin attempted to fondle him through clothing but was not successful. In 1995 (42 years later), XXX wanted to go public with the incident, but was discouraged in doing so by XXX.

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Father Charles P. Bigelin:

XXX reported that Father Bigelin had abused him. XXX was born in 1940 and alleges that the abuse took place in Old Town when he was about 13 years old, thus in 1953. XXX describes the abuse as happening in the sacristy of the church. XXX was told to unzip his pants and when he did, Father tried to grab him: XXX left and from that point on avoided Fr. Bigelin. Mr. XXX was offered counseling but never followed through.

Father Charles Bigelin was born in 1886 and was ordained a priest in 1915. He died at the age of 76 in 1962. Father Bigelin was pastor of St. Mary Parish in Old Town from 1935 to his death in 1962. For the last 10 years of his life, Father suffered from a number of illnesses.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Investigation Division

Date: March 14, 2002
To: Brian MacMaster
From: Det. Mark Walsh
Subject: Sexual abuse by Clergy

Date of Call: 3/14/02

Name of Caller: XXX

Date of Birth: XXX

Telephone: XXX

Address: XXX

Name and Position of Accused: Charles Biglin, Roman Catholic priest, St. Mary's Church, Old Town, Maine

Approximate Date of Event: 1953

Location of Event: St. Mary's Church (Sacristy), Old Town, Maine

Description of Event: One incident of Attempted Unlawful Sexual Contact/

Caller reported that Biglin told him (caller) to unzip his pants and then he attempted to fondle his (caller's) genitals. There were no witnesses to event.

Present Whereabouts of Accused: deceased (1962).

I returned a call to Mr. XXX. Mr. XXX explained that in 1953, when he was about 13 years old, he attended a public school in Old Town, but attended St. Mary's Church. Mr. XXX said that one day in 1953, he went to Confession and Father Biglin heard his Confession. At the end of Confession, Father Biglin instructed him to go to the Church Sacristy and wait for him. Once there, he waited about ten minutes. Father Biglin then arrived and he met with Father Biglin privately. Father Biglin then told him "I need to have you unzip your trousers". Mr. XXX said he thought this was a strange request and knew that it would be wrong for him to do so. Mr. XXX said that he did not unzip his trousers, but about ten seconds later, Father Biglin tried to touch his (XXX's) penis. Mr. XXX said Father Biglin did not say anything further. Mr. XXX said that he does not know if Father Biglin actually touched him, but he was sure that Father Biglin was trying to do so. Mr. XXX said he decided to get out of there and left quickly. Mr. XXX said he did not tell anyone about the incident until he related it to his wife years later.

Mr. XXX said in the years following his incident with Father Biglin, he was wary of him. Mr. XXX added that a few years after the incident, he had to drop something off at St. Mary's Rectory and Father Biglin opened the door after he knocked on it. Mr. XXX said that when Father Biglin opened the door, he looked inside and observed that inside there was a man he knew to be XXX with two or three young kids. Mr. XXX said that they were not doing anything inappropriate, but it made him wonder what they were doing there with the children. Mr. XXX also said that Father Biglin was always taking orphaned children to live with him at the Rectory and he wondered if anything had gone on with them.

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Mr. XXX said that in 1995, he wanted to "go public" with what happened to him, so he could find out if Father Biglin had victimized other children from Old Town. Mr. XXX said he conferred with XXX about his intentions, and XXX discouraged him from doing so.

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Boltz, Henry (Monsignor) DECEASED	XXX (10-17)	Portland	1944- 1951	Victim reported that Msgr. Boltz abused him. The abuse was physical, mental and sexual. One time the physical abuse resulted in his head being split. Victim mentioned being taken to Monsignor's camp, which meant "trying to sleep with one eye open." Fondling is the extent of the description of the sexual abuse in Diocese files. Molested by Msgr. Boltz, but no details of the molestation. (Letter to DA Cumberland County dated 3/28/02 from victim claiming to have been "sexually accosted" twice in 1949 by Msgr Father 'Balty'.)
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Monsignor Henry A. Boltz:

XXX reported that Monsignor Boltz had abused him. XXX was born about 1934 and the abuse occurred from approximately the 5th grade to the time he left to join the Navy (so from age 10 to 17; approximately 1944 to 1951)). The abuse was physical, mental and sexual. One time the physical abuse resulted in splitting his head. XXX mentioned being taken to Monsignor's camp which meant, "trying to sleep with one eye open." Fondling is the extent of the description of the abuse in our files. Mr. XXX was offered counseling.

XXX reported to the diocese that Monsignor Boltz sexually abused him. The events took place in the fifties. He was in 8th grade in 1950. He came from a poor family and his father was dead. Monsignor would buy him presents, clothes and things but took advantage of him. There are no details of what the "molestation" entailed. Mr. XXX was just coming forth to inform the diocese, was expecting nothing, and he knew Monsignor was dead. He was offered counseling but indicated that he had dealt with the abuse.

Monsignor Henry A. Boltz was born in 1891 and ordained for the Diocese of Calgary in 1920. He came to the Diocese of Portland in 1931 and was incardinated in 1935. From 1931 to 1966, when he retired, he spent his entire time at the Cathedral in Portland where he was organist and built up a renowned boys and men's choir. In 1966 he retired in Washington State where he served as chaplain for a convent. He died at the age of 79 in 1970.

Mrs. Anderson

3-28-02

Just in case the Cochran process has not already informed you
I was religiously accosted when I was very young - Eight grade I
think by Megar/father Balty - twice, while attending Cathedral
grammar school in 1995?

You can add my name to the growing list

Sincerely



Post-it® Fax Note	7671	Date	# of pages ▶
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<p>Cahill, William Jesuit Not of the Diocese DECEASED</p>	<p>XXX (male)</p>	<p>Portland (Cheverus)</p>	<p>1959</p>	<p>Victim sent email to Governor's Office 3/27/2002 in which he alleged that a teacher attempted to molest him. However, the victim reported that he successfully rebuffed the attempt.</p> <p>Allegation of sexual misconduct, including fondling of the genitals, when victim was a freshman in the 1950s.</p> <p>From counsel for the Jesuits 9/2/03 – The Society of Jesus of New England received an accusation of sexual misconduct against a now deceased Jesuit, William Cahill. Fr. Cahill served at Cheverus High School from approximately 1950 to 1960. He died in February 1986. The Society of Jesus has received a complaint from XXX of Yarmouth, Maine, asserting that Fr. Cahill engaged in sexual misconduct, including fondling of his genitals, while XXX was a freshman at Cheverus High School in the early 1950s. The New England Province is providing financial assistance to XXX to cover costs with respect to counseling he is undergoing presently. No lawsuit has been filed.</p>
	<p>XXX</p>	<p>Portland (Cheverus)</p>	<p>1950s</p>	

From: XXX

Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 3:39 PM

To: governor@state.me.us

Subject: catholic priests

In 1958 to 1960, two years, I attended cheverus high school in portland. As you know a catholic boys school (at the time) now coed I understand...run by jesuit priests..... I am 59 years old now and have not thought of this in many years..but in 1959 a jesuit priest,, math history teacher and athletic director by the name of William b Cahill sj attempted to molest me...I resisted and started hollering and he allowed me to leave his office...His picture and history are in my year book...born in 1916 according to my year bookHe would have been 44 years old at the time..hardly a senile old priest who had lost his marbles....

Several months later He was caught by a staff member...a young boy was tied to his chair ,in Cahills room, with his pants down...father cahill disappeared from cheverus...We now know just reassigned to plague others...So this has been going on for years.... This pervert had been the athletic director ,,daily spending his time in the boys shower and locker room...

When my family left Maine [redacted] at the terms end....I left the church.....In those days you did not speak of such things ,,especially when it concerned a priest....For 42 years I spoke to no one of this.....

One of my best friends is a devote catholic and he spoke highly of many positive changes made in the catholic church...So after 37 years , in 1997, I returned to the church , after a few retreats with my friend...

When all this broke out recently he and I were dumbfounded...He had doubts it was true until I broke my silence and told him of my experience....Needless to say it all comes back in a rush...I am married with three grown sons and of sound mind..others have not been so lucky...but I am now deeply disturbed and angry.....

I have my yearbook from that year with all the names and pictures of the students and I wonder how many were successfully attacked by this priest and probably many other jesuits at that school...and are not of sound mind and body because of it....you must come to the bottom of this holocaust once and for all....

Three officials on my list to receive this email do not give the courtesy of listing their email address on their web sites....maine attorney general,,,director of investigations,,,and cumberland county da....

In May 2000 I laid [redacted] to rest in our family plot in [redacted] me....this year in [redacted] I return to put a new stone on my [redacted] grave at [redacted] and visit my mom and dad...I fear I will now never again forget cheverus and this tragedy.....

XXX

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From: MacMaster, Brian
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2002 9:29 AM
To: XXX
Subject: priest abuse

Dear XXX -

The Governor's Office referred your recent email concerning William Cahill to this office. Thank you for reporting this information. It will be included in other information we are presently gathering concerning alleged abuse by priests.

Sincerely,

Brian MacMaster
Chief of Investigations
Office of the Attorney General
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September 2, 2003

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Michael J. Pulire, Detective
Maine Attorney General
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Portland, Maine 04104-5018

Dear Michael:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on August 27, I am summarizing in this letter the information which we discussed and also providing copies of the documents that you asked to receive copies of. As I indicated, my client, the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, wishes to cooperate fully in the work you are doing. This letter and our conversation are in response to your request for information to assist your investigation.

You stated at the start of our telephone conversation that you were inquiring whether the New England Province has files with regard to complaints of sexual misconduct with minors by Jesuits serving in Maine. As you requested, I summarize, by individual priest, the information which we discussed in our telephone conversation.

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3. Fr. William Cahill.

I indicated to you that the Society of Jesus of New England had received an accusation of sexual misconduct against a now deceased Jesuit, William Cahill. Fr. Cahill served at Cheverus High School from approximately 1950 to 1960. I enclose (as Exhibit B) a copy of his assignment card. He died in February 1986. The Society of Jesus has received a complaint from a [REDACTED] of Yarmouth, Maine, asserting that Fr. Cahill engaged in sexual misconduct, including fondling of his genitals, while Mr. [REDACTED] was a freshman at Cheverus High School in the early 1950s. The New England Province is providing financial assistance to Mr. [REDACTED] to cover costs with respect to counseling he is undergoing presently. No lawsuit has been filed. I enclose a copy of a letter dated February 25, 2002 from Mr. [REDACTED] in which he notified the Society of these accusations. (Exhibit C).

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Michael J. Pulire, Detective

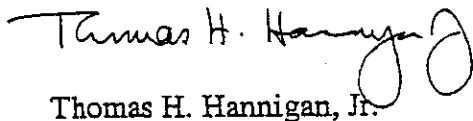
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September 2, 2003

The above summarizes the information which we discussed. I understand that my letter, on behalf of the Society, will not be published but is submitted to you as part of your investigative work. I also understand that you will not identify by name those persons who are mentioned above who have presented assertions of sexual misconduct.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Very truly yours,


Thomas H. Hannigan, Jr.

THH:rq

Enclosures

cc: Fr. John P. Murray, S.J.

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0042087 CAHILL, WILLIAM BENEDICT
 Born in Lynn, Mass. Jul. 11, 1916
 Studied at Bos. College Freshman (St. Mary's, Lynn) Nov. at Shad'k
 Juniorsate
 TheologW 1943-47 Weston Long's
 Taught 1942-43 Cranwell, Deringim pabel, boat
 1947-49 Fairfield, I. J. High
 1949-50 Amherst, N.Y. Teachers
 1950-60 Portland, Me. phys., math, et. rel. (1952 with funds
 1953 - Math 1959 at last rel.)
 1960 - 1962 Pomfret, Open. (Served in St. Bernard's, Fallburg meet of the period)
 Nov. 1962 - 1964 St. Mary's, Open.
 1964 - 1966 B.C. High, Westbury
 1966 - '67 Pomfret, Open.
 1967 - 71 Immaculate, Asst. Chaplain, Eastern City & Union Hosp.
 Remarks 1971 - 72 Weston College - Collab. local apost.
 1972 - '77 St. Joseph's Hosp. Mt. Clemens, MI Asst. Chaplain
 1977 - 78 Vietnam Administration Hosp. in Portbury Asst. Chaplain
 1978 - 81 Immaculate Conception North Cambridge Vic. Coop
 1981 - 85 Boston City Hosp. Asst. Chaplain

WBC
2/1/86

February 25, 2002

Re: Sexual Abuse

Dear Father Provincial:

After following closely the sexual abuse accusations made by victims against priests both in The Boston area and here in Maine, I am compelled to write you about a situation that happened to me while I was a student at Cheverus High School back in the 50's. Over the years, I never told anyone about the Jesuit Priest who fondled me on more than one occasion. I have not had a pleasant life because of it. After reading some of the stories that victims told, I could identify. At the time I was a freshman and very naive. I looked up to priests and didn't understand what was happening. He was rough with me always grabbing my arm and twisting it behind my back while fondling my genitals.

I need to talk with you or someone. Presently, I am worked disabled and taking anti-depressant medication. I was recently divorced by my wife of years and presently have no health insurance.

Sincerely,

Yarmouth, Maine 04096



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27 February 2004

Carrier, Herve DECEASED	XXX (8)	Lewiston	1958	Sexual abuse (being forced to perform oral sex) of which she had no memory until she developed a "recovered memory" while in therapy in 1993. Psychological evaluation disclosed history of memories of sexual abuse beginning at age 2 by various family members.
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Father Herve G. Carrier:

XXX stated that in therapy she recovered a previously repressed memory of being abused many years before. She reported that at the age of 8, in 1958 she was walking home from the supermarket and she saw Father Herve Carrier standing at the door of the rectory motioning her to come in. She went in and he made her perform oral sex on him. This memory came back to her after she had been in therapy. She also reported being abused by family members. XXX underwent a psychological examine at the request of the diocese and the results were inconclusive. XXX was in therapy at the time she came forth to the diocese.

Father Herve Carrier was born in 1920 and ordained to the priesthood in 1947. He retired in 1996 and lived in Lewiston until his death in 2002 at the age of 82. Father Carrier served in Waterville, Madawaska, St. Agatha, Lewiston, Lille, Grand Isle, and Biddeford.

March 19, 2002

Father Herve Carrier. On April 7, 1993, XXX spoke to a priest about abuse she had experienced at the hands of another priest in about 1958 when she was approximately 8 years old. She was born on XXX. She apparently had no memory of any such abuse until decades later, when she developed a recovered memory in therapy. She alleged that there had been contact at the rectory in Lewiston and she had been obliged to perform oral sex. The victim agreed to meet with a licensed therapist, at the expense of the diocese, for a psychological evaluation. The evaluation revealed a history of memories of sexual abuse experienced by a victim beginning at age two by various family members. Her memory of being abused by a priest came after she began therapy. She describes it as follows: she was walking home from the grocery store and saw the priest standing at the door of the rectory motioning for her to come to him. She went up to the door and entered a big room and on the other side of the room the priest was sitting. She saw something on his lap and as she approached realized it was his penis and she knew what was expected of her. The evaluation was inconclusive and it was suggested that some corroboration be found.

In the course of the victim's story there were references to a child sex ring. An informal inquiry was not made of the local police who had never heard of any child sex ring in that area nor had the name of this particular priest ever been raised in their circles.

Father Carrier was confronted with the allegation on July 30, 1993. Our investigation reveals that the rectory in question had no privacy. Three priests were living there at the time. People would enter the house through the back door and go through the kitchen. Off the kitchen was the dining room and the living room. There was a small office where visitors could be seen. Another priest who had lived in that rectory was asked about the likelihood of this occurring as described and he could not see how it was possible given the layout of the house.

Father Carrier was born in 1920. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1947. Upon retirement in 1996 he assisted periodically in a local parish. He lived in his own home. In the last couple of years he has been undergoing some form of chemotherapy and, more recently, dialysis. In the last month has suffered a mild heart attack. Two weeks ago, he was admitted to a nursing home as his health continues to decline.

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Portland Press Herald

April 3, 2002

Rev. Herve G. Carrier, 82

LEWISTON - Rev. Herve G. Carrier, 82, of Dawn Avenue, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Pavilion. He was born in Lewiston, April 1, 1920, a son of Stanislas and Cordelia Vaillancourt Carrier. He was educated at Holy Cross School and Lewiston High School. He went on to study at St. Charles Seminary in Sherbrooke, Canada and graduated from St. Paul University in Ottawa. Fr. Carrier was ordained to the priesthood in 1947 by Bishop Daniel Feeney. As associate pastor, he served in parishes in Waterville, Madawaska, St. Agatha, and Holy Cross Parish in Lewiston, where he ministered for 14 years under the guidance of his beloved mentor, Msgr. Felix Martin. 'We are priests to serve the people, not ourselves' was a phrase emphasized by Msgr. Martin, which also summarized Fr. Carrier's vocation. As pastor he served in Lille, Grand Isle, and Biddeford. For the last 20 years of full-time active ministry, he was pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Lewiston, retiring in 1996. Wherever he served, he brought spiritual renewal as well as financial stability. Throughout the past six years, though retired, he continued his ministry to the sick and shut-ins and was always delighted to celebrate Mass at Holy Cross and St. Mary's Churches or local nursing homes whenever invited to do so. In his home, he continued to celebrate daily Mass and to offer spiritual guidance to many who visited him. Fr. Carrier will best be remembered for his outstanding devotion to the Eucharistic Lord and to the Virgin Mary - devotions which he encouraged throughout his priestly life. In addition, because he understood well the human condition, he approached people with the greatest of compassion and with great humility. His sensitivity to the pain of others, as well as his keen sense of humor, will long be remembered by all whose lives touched his. Fr. Carrier is survived by a brother, J. Robert Carrier of Westbrook; 14 nieces and nephews; several grandnieces and grandnephews and his closest friends, Bishop Odore Gendron and Msgr. Roland Tancrede of Manchester, N.H., with whom he corresponded weekly for over 50 years; and his devoted housekeeper, caregiver, and companion, Miss Priscilla Simpson of Lewiston. He was predeceased by his parents and five brothers, Rev. Joseph Carrier, Rev. Normand Carrier, Lionel, Roger, Adelard Carrier, and his a sister, Irma Roy. Visitation Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. The Reception of the Body will be held on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, where visitation will follow until 8 p.m. and from 11 a.m. Friday. Funeral Friday 12 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. Committal at St. Peter's Cemetery. A service of The Fortin Group Funeral Home, Lewiston, Ash & Horton Sts. 784-4584. www.dignitymemorial.com Rev. Herve G. Carrier Fortin Group Funeral Homes 784-4584

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e-mail
response
2/26/02
4:40 pm

[REDACTED]

February 21, 2002

Stephanie Anderson, District Attorney
Cumberland County
142 Federal Street
Portland, Me. 04101

Dear Ms. Anderson:

I am writing to inform you of my struggle with the Diocese of Portland. I reported Fr. Herve Carrier, in April 1993, for having molested me in the rectory of Holy Cross Parish in the spring of 1958. I interviewed with [REDACTED] in the office of my therapist. At the request of the Diocese, I was interviewed later in Windham by a psychologist by the name of [REDACTED] who was referred by the Church. I did not hear from the Church until I sent them a negative letter a year later. Then I met with [REDACTED] and went through the process all over again. [REDACTED] informed me that Fr. Herve Carrier had met with [REDACTED] in the summer of 1993 to discuss my reporting. According to [REDACTED] Fr. Carrier denied my allegation and went back to ministering in Little Canada at St. Mary's Church in Lewiston. By way of added information, [REDACTED] was subsequently arrested a few years later in a police sting operation in Lewiston for procuring a prostitute.

In light of the Diocese's "new policy" of reporting all perpetrators to you, I want to make certain that Herve Carrier is on that list. If needed, I can supply written material concerning above meetings.

You have indicated that you would pursue those cases that pose a threat to children. Presently Fr. Carrier is 82 years old, retired and in ailing health. If you maintain your present position, I realize Fr. Carrier's name would not be released to the public. I have never been validated by the Diocese. I would like the opportunity to meet with you personally when or if you receive his name. This would help in my healing knowing that the Diocese acknowledges that he is a reported perpetrator. That is the most action that I can expect from the Diocese.

Thank you for pursuing this issue. I'm hoping that the public is beginning to realize the impact of abuse of power and the suffering of the children/adults.

I request a reply. You can reach me at my e-mail address: [REDACTED] or you may call me at home, [REDACTED]

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FEB 25 2002

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Investigation Division

Date: March 14, 2002
To: Brian MacMaster
From: Det. Mark Walsh *MW*
Subject: Report of sexual abuse by clergy

On March 14, 2002, I returned a call to [REDACTED]

Date of Call: 03/14/02

Name of Caller: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Name and Position of Accused: Herve Carrier, Roman Catholic Priest, Holy Cross Church, Lewiston, Maine.

Approximate Date of Event: Spring, 1958

Location of Event: Holy Cross Church Rectory, Lewiston

Description of Event: One act of Gross Sexual Assault. The accused forced the caller to perform oral sex on him.

Present Whereabouts of Accused: resident of D'Youville Pavilion Nursing Home in Lewiston, Maine.

Synopsis- [REDACTED] reported that in the Spring of 1958, when she was 8 years-old, she was forced to perform oral sex on Father Herve Carrier, a priest at the Holy Cross church in Lewiston, Maine. The incident occurred in the parish rectory. There were no witnesses. Ms. [REDACTED] said Herve Carrier is now 82 years old, retired, and residing at the D'Youville Pavilion Nursing Home in Lewiston. [REDACTED] also described that as a youngster, she was sexually abused over a period of years by her grandfather, male friends of her grandfather and an older male cousin.

Details- [REDACTED] described that she grew up [REDACTED] the Holy Cross Church in Lewiston. [REDACTED] said she and her family were members of the church and the family was friendly with the priests. [REDACTED] said that in the Spring of 1958, her mother asked her to walk down the street to pick up an item from the local store. [REDACTED] when she came out of the store, Father Carrier waved to her from the front doorway of the church rectory, which she described as being across the street from the store. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier waved to her to tell her to come see him. [REDACTED] said she did so and he then told her to come inside. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier directed her to a room inside the rectory where Father Carrier sat down in a chair. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier told her to come closer and she said as she did she saw something on his lap. [REDACTED] said as she got closer, she saw that Father Carrier has his penis exposed. [REDACTED] added that she was sure it was in 1958, as she was not wearing eyeglasses at the time, and that was a reason she could not make out at

first what Father Carrier had on his lap. [REDACTED] said that in third grade, in 1959, she had her eyes tested and she said she has been wearing glasses ever since. [REDACTED] said because she had been sexually abused previously by a family member, she knew what was "expected of" her to do. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier pulled her head and pushed it down on his penis until the act was completed. [REDACTED] said she did not recall Father Carrier saying anything to her during the act.

[REDACTED] described that she was also severely sexually abused by her grandfather, the late [REDACTED], of the Little Canada section of Lewiston, from the time when she was very young. [REDACTED] said that in May of 1963, he raped her after tying her hands behind her back. [REDACTED] said that she was impregnated as a result. [REDACTED] said that in July of 1963, her grandfather [REDACTED], her grandmother, A [REDACTED] (also deceased), and an aunt, a [REDACTED], performed an abortion upon her in the bedroom of the [REDACTED] apartment. [REDACTED] said that her aunt [REDACTED] could corroborate the fact that she had an abortion, but [REDACTED] said she did not think [REDACTED] would cooperate. [REDACTED] currently resides at [REDACTED] in Lewiston. [REDACTED] said she recalled that the next day, as she was recovering, she heard Father Carrier talking in the kitchen to her grandfather.

[REDACTED] described that she mentally repressed most of these memories. [REDACTED] said that in 1993 she attended therapy and it was through therapy that she was able to recall what had happened to her at a younger age. [REDACTED] said a short time later, she reached out to tell the Diocese about her experience and spoke to a [REDACTED] who listened to what she said about Father Carrier. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] was later arrested in a "sting" operation for soliciting a prostitute in Lewiston.

[REDACTED] said that she a year later, in 1994, after not hearing back from [REDACTED] she wrote a letter to the Diocese about her experience and was shortly thereafter visited by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she then learned that [REDACTED] had confronted Father Carrier about her accusation the previous year (1993), but that Father Carrier denied that the incident ever occurred. [REDACTED] said Father Carrier retired in 1996. [REDACTED] said he is currently a patient at the D'Youville nursing home in Lewiston.

27 February 2004

Corbeil, Ralph DECEASED	Anonymous male caller (informant, not victim) XXX (believed to be above caller) XXX	Fort Kent Lewiston	1948 1952- 1956	<p>Caller claims to have walked into a room during the molestation of a 15 yo girl. Caller reported this information to Cumberland County DA's Office on 3/19/2002.</p> <p>Wrote letter of 3/23/02 to DA Portland describing the above.</p> <p>Mr. XXX called the AG's Office on 2/24/2004. His DOB is XXX. He said that he was an altar boy at St. Mary's in Lewiston (Cedar St), and from the time he was 10 (1952) until he was 14 (1956), Father Ralph Corbeil sexually molested him. This consisted of Corbeil kissing him and having oral sex with him two or three times a week in the sacristy. He said that Father Corbeil paid him \$5 every time and that the payment was in exchange for him not talking. He said there was no one to tell and it was his parents who sent him to the priest talk to him about sex.</p>
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MAR 25 2002

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COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I witnessed a Catholic Priest, by the name of RALPH CORBEIL ^{RECEIVED} having sex with a fifteen ^{MAR 25 2002} half year old girl in her ^{DISTRICT ATTORNEY} home in Fort Kent, Maine in 1948.

There followed an angry confrontation in which he told me they were in love. This priest was approx. 40 years old.

I asked the girl where her mother was. She did not answer. She had her head on her knees, sitting in a rocking chair, half naked. I told her to get dressed. He had on a pair of pants. He answered that the mother had been driven to her sister's house in Clair, near Brunswick, (by Corbeil) Flabbergasted. I asked the girl, your mother knows about this?

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He answered, yes. I left the house.

The girl's father had been killed in a railroad accident in St. John or Saint Francis or near [REDACTED].

I looked it up at the rectory. Carleil was supposed to be counseling the mother and daughter.

~~After~~ A few days later, I went to the house again to talk with the mother. It was a very sad visit. The girl and I started first grade together, and three high school.

The mother told me she could not control the daughter since her father died. She missed her father terribly.

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a few years later some of the
Town fathers went to Portland
Maine to talk to the Archbishop
about the problem. I believe,
two years later, he was transferred
to Lewiston, Maine. Then a
few years later he was assigned
to the parish in Daigle, Maine.
I was gone from Fort Kent
by then. The girl was
 I was told, and
stayed with him, one way
or another till he died in
the 70's.

P.S. The mother asked me never to tell
anyone what I had witnessed.
Anyway, who the hell would I
have told?? Jan 1948?

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3/19/2002

Stephanie:

Got a call from a man today who would not give him name, but said he lived in the Fort Kent area. He said back in 1948 Father Ralph Corbeil molested a 15 year old and this gentleman walked in on the incident.

He says the "whole" town complained to the Cardinal back in the early 1950's but nothing much was done, except the "Father" was transferred to another town about 20 miles away from Fort Kent.

This priest has since passed away, but the man who called wants to make sure that Father Corbeil's name is on the "list".

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ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS INCIDENT REPORT

IR # 99-2004-0166

Date Duty Officer

Name

Street Address

Town State Zip

Telephone 1 Telephone 2

Calling About Coding

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[REDACTED] that Father Corbeil is dead. He stated that memories of the abuse have surfaced because now people talk about it, and victims have come forward. [REDACTED] stated that he lives in a boarding home and he cannot make long distance calls but he wanted the Diocese to know about his complaint.

*2/27/04 - Added to chart.
Diocese notified via Fred Moore*

Supervisor Review

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MacMaster, Brian

From: MacMaster, Brian
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2004 9:41 AM
To: Moore, Fred
Subject: New complaint against Father Corbeil

On February 24, 2004, Det. Margie Berkovich of our office returned a telephone call to [REDACTED]. His address is [REDACTED] in Lewiston, and his telephone number is [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was an altar boy at St. Mary's Church on Cedar Street in Lewiston, and from the time he was 10 years old until he was 14 years old, he was sexually molested by Father Ralph Corbeil. He stated that Father Corbeil kissed him and had oral sex with him two to three times a week in the sacristy. He stated that Father Corbeil paid him \$5 every time he took advantage of him, and that he paid him so that he would not talk. He stated that there was no one to tell and that it was his parents who had the priest talk to him about sex. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Father Corbeil is dead. He stated that memories of the abuse have surfaced because now people talk about it, and victims have come forward. [REDACTED] stated that he lives in a boarding home and he cannot make long distance calls but he wanted the Diocese to know about his complaint.

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Crozier, John DECEASED	XXX (6 or 7 to 13) XXX (14-15) XXX XXX, XXX (XXX's sister)	Orono	1967- 1974 1962- 1963 1978	<p>XXX told the Diocese that Fr. Crozier abused her son XXX, born in 1961, over a period of 6 to 7 yrs from the time he was 6 or 7 to about 13. That was from about 1967 to about 1974. XXX also believes her older son XXX, born in 1958, and her younger son XXX, born in 1972, may have also been abused, as well as a daughter, LXXX, born in 1966.</p> <p>XXX, the sister of XXX, XXX and XXX recently reported that though there was never any physical contact with Father Crozier, he approached her several times. XXX was offered and accepted counseling.</p>
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✓ Father John Crozier

██████████ the sister of ██████████ and ██████████
recently reported that though there was never any physical contact with Father
Crozier, he approached her several times. ██████████ as offered and accepted counsel.

Father John Crozier:

XXX informed the diocese that her son XXX, born in [redacted], had been abuse by Fr. John Crozier over a period of 6 to 7 years, from the time he was 6 or 7 to about 13 years old. That was from about 1967 to about 1974. XXX also believes that her older son, XXX born in [redacted] and her younger son, XXX born in [redacted] may also have been abused. Father was very close to the family, would visit often, the boys hung around the rectory and she thought of him as a kindly grandfather. This happened in Orono. Her oldest daughter said Father approached her but she resisted whereas the youngest, XXX, born in [redacted] was also abused by Father when she worked at the rectory. XXX was offered and provided counseling. She was asked to encourage her family to come forward. They eventually did and were flown to Arizona for residential counseling at the expense of the Diocese.

XXX described the abuse as Father Crozier getting him drunk and then doing whatever he wanted with him. It would happen a couple times a week. He knows it happened to this brother XXX because Father brought them to his camp and locked them in different rooms and would go from one to the other. Father got rough and it stopped when XXX got big enough to resist. XXX was provided residential treatment and ongoing therapy upon his release.

XXX described the abuse he experienced as Father Crozier getting him drunk and then taking advantage of him. XXX was about 14/15 years old (about 1962/63) when Father Crozier began to abuse him and it continued for about four years. This would happen at the rectory in Orono or at Father's camp. XXX was offered counseling and had some therapy.

There is no description of the abuse experienced by XXX other than Father promised that if she did what he wanted he would not touch her younger brother, XXX. XXX was provided residential treatment and ongoing therapy for her and her family.

XXX described the abuse that he experienced at the hands of Father Crozier as beginning about 1978. From the age of 4½ he spent a lot of time at the rectory. At the age of six, after breaking an arm, the "bath scene" began. Father would draw his bath and fondle him. When XXX got older he would have an erection when fondled and Father wanted XXX to perform oral sex on him but he resisted. Father never performed oral sex on XXX. Over the years, XXX said that he would bring other boys to meet Father and often wondered if anything happened to them. XXX was offered and provided treatment.

Father John Crozier was born in 1919 and ordained in 1949. He died at the age of 70 in 1990. He was stationed as pastor of St. Mary in Orono from 1969 to 1981. He was transferred to Sacred Heart in Portland and was there from 1981 to 1983. He spent some time at Guest House for alcohol abuse treatment. The files do not indicate when this occurred. He never was able to maintain sobriety. After 1983 he never had an assignment in the diocese. He went to the Virgin Islands. In 1988, Father Crozier returned to Maine, resided at Mount St. Joseph Home in Waterville until his death in 1990.

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Curran, John DECEASED	XXX (12-14)	Augusta	1957- 1959	Victim called the AG's Office on 3/22/2002 and reported that Father Curran sexually abused him on at least two occasions in Father's private study at St. Augustine School. The abuse consisted of Father Curran allegedly fondling the genitals of the victim.
	XXX (13)	Augusta	1950s	Victim says that Fr. Curran "touched" him. In a recent report to the Diocese, victim says that XXX of Augusta sexually abused him and that Father Curran was present in the XXX residence on some of those occasions. (Father Curran died in 1976.)

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Father John J. Curran:

XXX' claims that Father Curran "touched" him. Mr. XXX was born about 1952. This abuse would have taken place in Augusta. In 1994, the Kennebec Journal reported that Mr. XXX testified before a legislative hearing that Fr. Curran had abused him. In a newspaper article, Mr. XXX stated that his memories of abuse by Fr. Curran came out in therapy and were based on statements made to him by XXX, who also abused him for many years.

XXX reported that Fr. Curran abused him when he was 14 years old in the Augusta area. Mr. XXX was 50 at the time of the report (born approximately 1945), so the alleged abuse was about 1959. Fr. Curran approached XXX 2 or 3 times and then was told to quit. At the time of the report, Mr. XXX was just coming out of a deep depression. He approached other people in the Augusta area and all denied being abused by Fr. Curran.

Father John J. Curran was born in 1900 and ordained in 1927. He died at the age of 76 in 1976 and had retired in 1972. His assignment to St. Augustine in Augusta was from March of 1962 to October of 1972. He was not in Augusta in 1959 when Mr. XXX was 14 years old. He was in Augusta during Mr. XXX's later teenage years.

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Re: Report of Possible Abuse of a Minor

Gentlepersons:

I am writing in my capacity as counsel for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland to report a case of possible abuse of a minor. [REDACTED] called the Diocese to report on testimony he gave before the Legislature in the early 1990s and forwarded us an affidavit which we understand he read to the Legislature at that time. In it he describes being abused by a [REDACTED] at his house at [REDACTED]. He was about 13 at the time and had been fondled by five or six other men before in return for candy or money. He reports that [REDACTED] had albums with pictures of a number of nude boys and that a friend by the name of [REDACTED] would participate. [REDACTED] indicated that he returned to [REDACTED] house in 1984 and [REDACTED] reported that he was still into young boys and still had photographs. Apparently, [REDACTED] had revealed this information to [REDACTED].

He also reported that Father Curran was sometimes present during the abuse. He spoke to his mother about this but she threatened to wash out his mouth with soap if he ever called Father Curran a queer again. Father Curran died in 1976.

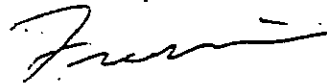
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[REDACTED] was offered counseling.

Please do not hesitate to call if I may be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,



Frederick C. Moore

FCM/mh

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Investigation Division

Date: March 25, 2002

To: Brian MacMaster, Chief

From: Bruce Densmore, Detective

Subject: Report of sexual abuse by clergy

On March 22, 2002 I returned a call to [REDACTED]

Date of Call: 03/21/02

Name of Alleged Victim: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Allegation: Unlawful sexual contact, touching of the genitals through the clothing.

Name and Position of Alleged Perpetrator: John J. Curran, Roman Catholic Priest, Deceased, St. Augustine Church, Augusta, ME.

Approximate Date of Alleged Conduct: 1957-59, age 12-14

Location of Alleged of Alleged Conduct: Fr. Curran's private study, St. Augustine School.

Description of Alleged Sexual Contact: It's being alleged that on at least two occasions while meeting with Fr. Curran during school hours in his private study at the school, Fr. Curran fondled the victim's genitals. There were no witnesses to the alleged violations nor did the victim report the alleged conduct to officials.

Present Location of the Alleged Perpetrator: Deceased.

Synopsis: [REDACTED] reported that during the period 1957 – 1959 he was the victim of sexual abuse on at least two occasions while meeting with Fr. Curran in his private study located at St. Augustine's School. [REDACTED] described a period in his life where he was experiencing tremendous difficulty coping with the domestic abuse situation at home involving material problems between his mother and father. [REDACTED] described his father as being an abusive alcoholic. [REDACTED] said that he was so emotionally effected over the situation at home that not only did his school grades and conduct drop from "A- F's", he actually would get sick and vomit in classroom at school. Not wanting to disclose the home environment to his teacher out of fear that his parents would find out, [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] at the time made arrangements for him to meet with Fr. Curran for counseling during school hours. [REDACTED] said that he met with Fr. Curran in his private study at the school.

[REDACTED] reported that during his first of two or meetings with Fr. Curran, he disclosed to Fr. Curran the situation at home between his mother and father and the impact that it was having on him as well as other siblings in the family. [REDACTED] said during this meeting Fr. Curran, did not appear to be interested in what he was telling him. He said that Fr. Curran kept repeating to him over and over again in French, "Mon beau beau [REDACTED] Tu shanties si bien et tu es si

beau". " My handsome [REDACTED]. "You sing so well and you are so handsome". [REDACTED] said that during the meeting Fr. Curran told him to stand so that he could bless him. [REDACTED] said that he did as he was told and stood up in front of Fr. Curran. [REDACTED] said instead of Fr. Curran placing his hand on [REDACTED]'s forehead to bless him, he place his hand on Mr. [REDACTED] genitals and began to fondle him. As stated by [REDACTED] "Fr. Curran grabs my groin area and begins massaging my Dick". [REDACTED] said that he responded to Fr. Curran's behavior by telling him "what he was doing to him, [REDACTED] was wrong" and then left room very up set and returned to class.

As described by [REDACTED] the home situation continued to deteriorate as well as did his grades and conduct at school. Eventually, [REDACTED] met with him again and insisted that he resume meeting with Fr. Curran. Not daring to disclose what Fr. Curran had previously done to him, [REDACTED] tells [REDACTED] he does not need to meet with Fr. Curran again. [REDACTED] not wanting to take no for an answer schedules an appointment for [REDACTED] to meet with Fr. Curran in his private study during school hours. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] escorted him to Fr. Curran's study. He said that she told Fr. Curran that she would wait outside in the hallway should he need her. [REDACTED] said, after a few minutes had passed Fr. Curran open the door to his study and told [REDACTED] that there was no need for her to remain outside in the hallway and that she could return to her office. [REDACTED] reports that during this meeting Fr. Curran repeats the verbiage of the first meeting and tells Mr. [REDACTED] women are to blame for all problem in the home". As told by [REDACTED] Fr. Curran then takes a hold of [REDACTED] hand and attempt to place it on his, Fr. Curran's " penis". Allegedly, [REDACTED] pulls free from Fr. Curran's grasp and strikes out at him, hitting him in the upper arm or chest area and immediately leaves the room and returns to class.

[REDACTED] reported no further allegations against Fr. Curran.

When asked, [REDACTED] told me that he did not disclose any of alleged conduct perpetrated by Fr. Curran to any officials. He said at the time he did not dare to report what had happen and if he had, no one would have believed him anyway given that a priest was considered to be the closest thing to God.

[REDACTED] said that he is Bi-Sexual and started receiving therapy at the age of 20. He said that [REDACTED]

Additionally, [REDACTED] said that he was not interested in public exposure of his issues or in filing a law suite against the church. However, he did say that he was strongly in favor of renaming the "Fr. John J. Curren Bridge", based upon his personnel knowledge that Fr. Curran was not the pillar of the community that everyone believes he was. [REDACTED] said that if others in the community step forward about Fr. Curran, he would be willing to go public in regards to renaming the bridge on Water Street.