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Resources are available if you or someone you know needs support for any reason.

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For crisis treatment in New Mexico: <https://www.nmhealth.org/contact/crisis/>

Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests resources: https://www.snapnetwork.org/resources_for_survivors

To report abuse:

- <https://archdiosf.org/report-abuse>
- <https://www.reportbishopabuse.org/>

To report child abuse:

- <https://www.childhelpline.org/>

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

In re:

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE, a New Mexico
corporation sole,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-13027-t11

CORRECTED SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM

This form has been corrected solely with respect to the address for hand delivery.

IMPORTANT:

**THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
June 17, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING MOUNTAIN TIME)**

Carefully read Notice and Instructions that are included with this **CONFIDENTIAL PROOF OF CLAIM** and complete all applicable questions. Send together with one copy to: Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico at the following address: Office of the Clerk of Court-ATTN SEALED DOCUMENTS, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico, Pete V. Domenici U.S. Courthouse, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 360 Albuquerque, NM 87102. If you prefer to hand deliver the completed Confidential Proof of Claim form to the Clerk, the physical address for hand delivery is Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 360 Albuquerque, NM.

If you mail or deliver the Confidential Proof of Claim form it must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Mountain Time) on June 17, 2019.

YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING THIS MATTER.

AND YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS BY CALLING TOLL FREE AT 888-570-6217.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN YOUR INABILITY TO VOTE ON A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE (THE "ARCHDIOCESE").

UNLESS YOU INDICATE OTHERWISE IN PART 1 BELOW, YOUR IDENTITY WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, UNDER SEAL, AND OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT. HOWEVER, THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROOF OF CLAIM WILL BE PROVIDED

PURSUANT TO COURT-APPROVED CONFIDENTIALITY GUIDELINES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE, THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS AND TO SUCH OTHER PERSONS AS THE BANKRUPTCY COURT DETERMINES NEED THE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE CLAIM.

THIS PROOF OF CLAIM IS FOR SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANTS ONLY.

For the purposes of this Proof of Claim, a **Sexual Abuse Claim** is defined as any Claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Archdiocese resulting or arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged sexual conduct or misconduct, sexual abuse or molestation, indecent assault and/or battery, rape, pedophilia, ephebophilia, or sexually-related physical, psychological, or emotional harm, or contacts, or interactions of a sexual nature between a child and an adult, or a nonconsenting adult and another adult, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual psychological or emotional abuse, humiliation, or intimidation, or any other sexual misconduct, and seeking monetary damages or any other relief, under any theory of liability, including vicarious liability, any negligence-based theory, contribution, indemnity, or any other theory based on any acts or failures to act by the Archdiocese or any other person or entity for whose acts or failures to act the Archdiocese is or was allegedly responsible.

For Purposes of this Proof of Claim, a **Sexual Abuse Claimant** is defined as the person asserting a Sexual Abuse Claim against the Archdiocese, or if a minor, then his parent or legal guardian.

TO BE VALID, THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE SIGNED BY YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY. IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT IS DECEASED OR INCAPACITATED, THE FORM MAY BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE. IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT IS A MINOR, THE FORM MAY BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S ATTORNEY.

Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

PART 1: CONFIDENTIALITY

THIS SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM (ALONG WITH ANY ACCOMPANYING EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS) WILL BE MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO COURT-APPROVED GUIDELINES UNLESS YOU EXPRESSLY REQUEST THAT IT BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY CHECKING THE BOX AND SIGNING BELOW. ONLY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT MAY WAIVE CONFIDENTIALITY IN THIS PART 1.

- I do not want this Proof of Claim (along with any accompanying exhibits and attachments) to be kept confidential. Please verify this election by signing directly below.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

PART 2: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

A. Sexual Abuse Claimant

#1
First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____ Jr/Sr/III _____

#2
Mailing Address (If party is incapacitated, is a minor or is deceased, please provide the address of the individual submitting the claim. If you are in jail or prison, your current address).

#2
City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip Code (Postal Code) _____ Country(if other than U.S.A.) _____

Telephone No(s):
Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: **#2** _____

Email address: _____ **#2** _____

Social Security Number: _____ **#4** _____

If you are in jail or prison, your identification number: _____ N/A _____

May we leave voicemails for you regarding your claim? Yes No (Please contact my attorney)

May we send confidential information to your email: Yes No (Please contact my attorney)

Birth Date: _____ **#2** _____ Male _____ Female _____
Month Day Year

Any other name, or names, by which the Sexual Abuse Claimant has been known:
#1 _____

B. Sexual Abuse Claimant's Attorney (if any):

Hall & Monagle, LLC
Law Firm Name

Brad D. Hall
Attorney's First Name Middle Initial Last Name

320 Gold Ave SW #1218
Street Address

Albuquerque, NM 87102
City State/ Prov. Zip Code (Postal Code) Country
(if other than U.S.A.)

(505) 255-6300 (505) 255-6323 brad@hallmonagle.com

Telephone No.

Fax No.

E-mail address

PART 3: NATURE OF COMPLAINT

(Attach additional separate sheets if necessary)

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE IN STATE OR FEDERAL COURT, YOU MAY ATTACH THE COMPLAINT. IF YOU DID NOT FILE A LAWSUIT, OR IF THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

a. Who committed the acts of sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct?

Father Frank Sierra sexually abused me. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Holy Cross parish and school, and The Sons of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph employed and empowered Fr. Sierra placing him in a position of authority and power over me, a vulnerable person and they knew or should have known that Fr. Sierra was sexually abusing children.

b. What is the position, title or relationship to you (if known) of the abuser or individual who committed these acts?

My family was very devout Catholics. Daily mass and daily rosary. Fr. Sierra was the pastor at Holy Cross parish. I attended Holy Cross School, which was located on the same property as the Parish. Fr. Sierra was the head of the School and was always at the school.

c. Where did the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct take place? Please be specific and complete all relevant information that you know, including the City and State, name of the School (if applicable) and/or the name of any other location.

The actual sexual abuse took place in the church, in the confessional, but he would give me wine and tell me to go clean upstairs choir area, in pews, and in the sacristy of Holy Cross parish.

d. When did the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct take place?

1. If the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct took place over a period of time (months or years), please state when it started, when it stopped, and how many times it occurred.

The abuse began in 1957 and continued through 1962. It happened regularly, at least one time per week, for four (4) years. It happened continually until Fr. Sierra left the parish, more than 100 times.

2. Please also state your age(s) and your grade(s) in school (if applicable) at the time the abuse or other wrongful conduct took place.

It began when I was in 4th grade when I was 9 years old.

- e. What happened (describe what happened):

Fr. Sierra would come to the classroom and select me, or sometimes any of a few other little girls, and told to go with him. Sometimes there would be a bizarre statement like "time to wash Fr. Sierra's boat." I never saw a boat. Fr. would give me red wine in the sacristy, I knew I had to drink it. Looking back on it, I think he gave it to me to "loosen me up." Then he would give me an assignment, like go to upstairs and clean the choir area, or clean the confessional or clean up the pews.

Sometimes several of us girls were selected to help Fr. Sierra in the church. He would give us the wine all together like it was the blood of Jesus and we were special to be able to drink wine with him. When there was several of us, Fr. Sierra would get us each alone where he sent us to clean. I never saw him abuse other girls but I know what he did to me that no one saw.

After I drank the wine, and was cleaning, Fr. Sierra would come get me and take me to the confessional. He would choose either the bigger room where the priest sat or the smaller room, both had doors that closed. He was always drunk, I could smell the alcohol on his smelly breath. At first he would rub his penis on my neck until he got off. He would rub it around my lips, and he would put it in his – on my mouth, inside my mouth, and then the semen would run down my mouth and he would always tell me to swallow it but I couldn't. He always had a Kleenex for me. And then he started going for my vagina, with his fingers and then his penis, and he would cum in me. And then, in later years, he would do it through my behind, my anus. He did that to me many times. He told me never to tell anyone; that what we were doing was ok but not to tell anyone. But then I went home, one time, and my panties were red with blood and I told m mother and she said "Oh, you're just starting your period early." But I never started my period again for two years afterwards. I would be dizzy or sleepy from the wine and would fall asleep in the pews. When I would wake up, my books would be outside the church, like the nuns knew that I would not be returning from Fr. Sierra. Sometimes I would be drunk when I was home and my family was saying the rosary. We said it as a family before dinner every day.

- f. Did you tell anyone about the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct and, if so, who did you tell and when (this would include parents; relatives; friends; the Archdiocese; attorneys; counselors; and law enforcement authorities)?

At the time I told my older sister. She did not believe me so I did not tell anyone else, until last year after I saw Fr. Sierra's name in the newspaper.

- g. Identify any church or religious organization you have belonged to or have been affiliated with.

I left Holy Cross school and went to a boarding school in El Rito, New Mexico, because my behavior got really bad and my parents were angry with me. My grades slipped. I never went back to Church after I went to boarding school. I was married in the Catholic Church only because my husband's family wanted it but I hated it, hated being in the Church, and it was a horrible way to have to start my marriage.

- e. State whether there were any witnesses to the abuse. If there were any witnesses, please list their name(s) and any contact information you have.

No witnesses to what Fr. Sierra did to me in the confessional, but I know the names of some of the other girls who Fr. Sierra gave wine to and had clean the church. I think they may have been abused too. Their names are: #1, #1, and one of the #1 either #1 or #1.

PART 4: IMPACT OF COMPLAINT

(Attach additional separate sheets if necessary)

(If you are uncertain how to respond to this Part 4, you may leave this Part 4 blank, but you will be required to complete this Part 4 within thirty (30) days after a written request is made for the information requested in this Part 4)

1. What injuries (including physical, mental and/or emotional) have occurred to you because of the act or acts of sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct that resulted in the claim (for example, the effect on your education, employment, personal relationships, health, and any physical injuries)?

There was excruciating pain when he first penetrated my vagina with his finger and later with his penis. I bled and stained my panties. I bled and stained my panties. My mother thought I was starting my period, but I wasn't. There was excruciating pain when he penetrated my bottom with his penis and I remember being sore on my bottom a lot, so I stood up a lot whenever I could. I bled and messed my panties when he entered my bottom with his penis.

I have abused alcohol ever since Fr. Sierra gave me wine. I have abused alcohol up to today. I also abused valium with alcohol. I know now that I have been self-medicating my entire life.

I have never engaged in sexual activity, ever, by consent. My wedding night was a disaster because I could not have sex. My husband was very patient with me for a while but over the years, when I wouldn't let him touch me sexually, he finally began to go to TD's and he has sought sex other woman for sex. He doesn't tell me, but I know. It has made me profoundly sad, depressed. My husband came home drunk once and forced me to have sex. I didn't want to and that one time, I got pregnant with my son. I only last year told my husband about the abuse. He was very angry at the Catholic church. This has impacted every other aspect of my marriage; it took away all intimacy in my marriage. My self-medication made me emotionally absent to much of my life. I was afraid to feel for what my come through and devastate me again. I never knew what I was running away from.

Last year I saw Fr. Sierra's name in the newspaper on the list the Archdiocese put out and I broke down and went crazy. I hadn't thought about him since I was a little girl – I blocked him out completely. I called my therapist to get an immediate appointment. I had been seeing my therapist for almost 10 years but never told him I was abused sexually by Fr. Sierra. I didn't think it was related to anything in my life now and I don't think I ever even thought about it.

Since seeing his name, I have PTSD, with flashbacks and intrusive memories of things like walking home from seeing the priest with blood dripping down my legs, or of his threats about telling anyone, or of his erect penis rubbing all over my face and neck. I now realize maybe why I've been unable to have sexual relations with my husband, but I never realized why that was the case. To this day, I have never sex or intimate relationship with my husband, #3 . We filed for bankruptcy because my husband used credit cards at TD's, a strip club and winning and dining other females for sexual favors.

I've had occasional nightmares going way back, even before I read his name in the paper, but seeing his name on a list caused everything to come up very aggressively, and the realization that I was not the only one, plus a deep anger at myself for not doing anything about it earlier and being frozen by his threats for so long, have me going back and forth over recent months, with deep anger and deep sadness and depression. I had it all stuffed away enough to function, but since September, 2017, its been debilitating. Devastating. I have also been totally against the Catholic religion because of the abuse by Fr. Sierra, and this alienated me from my family, including my older sister who is a nun and she has told me that I am going to hell because I am not a practicing Catholic. This has caused a deep alienation between me and my family. I go to a Protestant Church now so they all think I

am going to hell. My whole life would have been very different had Fr. Sierra not raped me for four years as a helpless little girl.

2. Have you sought counseling or other treatment for your injuries? If so, with whom and when?

I have been in counseling for more than 10 years but I never told my counselor about being sexually abused as a child because I did not think it had to do with my many, many problems. I now (since last year) am beginning to understand that the sexual abuse had everything to do with my life long problems.

PART 5: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Prior Claims: Have you filed any claims in any other bankruptcy case relating to the sexual abuse described in this claim.

Yes No (If "Yes," you are required to attach a copy of any completed claim form.)

If "Yes," which case(s):

2. Settlements: Regardless of whether a complaint was ever filed against any party because of the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct, have you settled any claim relating to the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct described in this claim?

Yes No (If "Yes," please describe, including parties to the settlement. You are required to attach a copy of any settlement agreement.)

3. Bankruptcy. Have you ever filed bankruptcy? Yes X (If "Yes," please provide the following information:

Name of Case: In re **#1** Court: U.S. Bankruptcy, New Mexico

Date filed: 3/20/96 Case No. **#6**

Chapter: 7 11 12 X 13 Name of Trustee: _____

4. State whether you have previously commenced any lawsuit seeking damages for the identified sexual abuse. If yes, please state: No previous lawsuits or action.

a. Where and when you commenced the lawsuit:

New Mexico State District Court, Bernalillo County

b. The parties to the lawsuit:

Myself, Jane Doe G v. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and the Sons of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the religious order that Fr. Sierra was a member of, and Holy Cross parish in Santa Cruz, New Mexico.

c. The case number if any:

#6

d. The result of the lawsuit:

The lawsuit was stayed pending the Archdiocese Bankruptcy.

Sign and print your name. If you are signing the claim on behalf of another person or an estate, print your title.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare the foregoing statements to be true and correct.

Date: 4-29-2019

Signature: _____ **#1**

Print Name: _____

Relationship to Sexual Abuse Claimant: _____

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. #6

JANE DOE "G",

Plaintiff,

vs.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE;
SONS OF THE HOLY FAMILY, INC.,
and HOLY CROSS,

Defendants.

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JANE DOE "G"
VOLUME I

Thursday, August 2nd, 2018

9:02 a.m.

LAW OFFICES OF BRAD D. HALL
320 Gold Avenue, Southwest, Suite 1218
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

PURSUANT TO THE NEW MEXICO RULES OF CIVIL
PROCEDURE, this Deposition was:

TAKEN BY: MS. SARA N. SANCHEZ
ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANTS ARCHDIOCESE
OF SANTA FE, AND HOLY CROSS PARISH

REPORTED BY: MICHELE M. TRUJILLO
NEW MEXICO CCR No. 226
WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES, LLC
1608 Fifth Street, Northwest
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

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1 Q. Do you remember any other priests there at
2 Holy Cross, aside from Father Sierra?

3 A. Not that I can recall at this time.

4 Q. Okay. And so you've indicated that there
5 were times when Father Sierra would come to the
6 classrooms at the school, and what would he do when
7 he would come to the classroom?

8 A. He would open the door and ask for me,
9 #1 , #1 , and one of the #1
10 twins, and the nun, and I don't remember what her
11 name was, to go wash the boat. And so they would let
12 us out. I didn't even know they had a boat.

13 Q. Let me just come back to the other names
14 that you mentioned. You said there was a #1
15 #1 ?

16 A. (Witness nods.)

17 Q. Yes?

18 A. Yes. A #1 .

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. And one of the #1 twins. It was either
21 #1 or #1 .

22 Q. #1 , like #1 ?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. Her mother's name -- her mother's name was

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1 #1 , and the reason I remember is because she
2 was the swimming instructor.

3 Q. Okay. And were all of these girls in your
4 same class?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. All right. And so Father Sierra
7 would ask for them and say what, again?

8 A. Call us out of class.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. And then he would tell us -- I don't know
11 if all together, but it was time for us to go wash
12 the boat.

13 Q. Okay. And would a nun go with you --

14 A. Oh.

15 Q. -- or they would -- they would stay back in
16 the classroom?

17 A. They would stay in the classroom.

18 Q. Okay. And so then where would you go?

19 A. Well, from the classroom, then we would
20 walk to the rectory, to the church, because where the
21 priests stayed was right here. So then we would go
22 into the church.

23 Q. So you're indicating that the house where
24 the priest lived was next to the church?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. Okay. But you and these other girls would
2 go with Father Sierra into the church?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And then what?

5 A. And then, one by one, he would take us,
6 take us to wherever place. One would go up to the
7 choir. One would go to a pew, or something. But,
8 first off, we would go to this one area, and he would
9 give us some wine, red wine.

10 Q. All together?

11 A. Sometimes.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. Or he would tell one of us, "Why don't you
14 go to the choir and clean up the place up there."
15 "Why don't you go to the pews over there and clean up
16 over there and to the confessionals and clean up
17 there," and then keep one of us, "and drink this
18 wine."

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. And for me, what he did was get pretty
21 drunk.

22 Q. You would get pretty drunk?

23 A. (Witness nods.)

24 Q. Is that a yes?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. And then he would take me to the
3 confessional.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. And this went on for two, three years.

6 Q. When he would take you to the confessional,
7 would you go inside the same part of the confessional
8 together?

9 A. Yes, because I was drunk. I could barely
10 walk.

11 Q. Okay. And what would happen inside the
12 confessional?

13 A. He would pull his pants down --

14 THE WITNESS: Do I have to go through the
15 whole part?

16 MS. FORD: I'm sorry.

17 Q. I know it's difficult. It's important that
18 I understand.

19 A. And I was just there, drunk, where I didn't
20 know where the other girls were. And at first, he
21 would rub his penis on my neck until he got off. He
22 would rub it around my lips, and he would put it in
23 his -- on my mouth, inside my mouth.

24 And then, other times -- that would happen
25 a lot of times, mostly, and then the semen would run

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1 down my mouth. And then he would try to tell me to
2 swallow it, and he would always have Kleenex for me
3 to clean me up.

4 But then it would get to where -- I don't
5 know if he -- and I was wondering about this, if he
6 would actually put something in the wine, because I
7 was out, more and more. And then he started going
8 for my vagina, including my mouth, and -- and he was
9 a little man. He didn't have a very big penis. But
10 he would put his finger in my vagina and then put his
11 penis, until he would -- until he would cum again.

12 And then, later in the years, then he would
13 do it through my behind. But then I went home, one
14 time, and my panties were red with blood and -- and I
15 told my mom, and she said, "Oh, you're just starting
16 your period early." But I never started my period
17 again for two years afterwards.

18 But I didn't know what he put in me. But
19 it tore me up. But it didn't stop him. And that nun
20 still let -- I didn't know if the girls kept going or
21 not. I don't know what. But every time he called
22 us -- and I don't recall if it were the same names
23 anymore, we were like robots. We kept going back for
24 more, like if we were already alcoholics, wanting
25 more wine and getting drunker faster, always telling

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1 us, telling me that I was special, but not to tell
2 anybody.

3 And I laid there like he wanted, like a
4 ragdoll. And he did what he did. And I was so
5 drunk, I didn't even know what he did, except just
6 feeling him all over me and him wiping the semen off
7 me, coming out of my mouth, him putting his penis in
8 and out of my mouth.

9 I was so young. And I couldn't go to my
10 oldest sisters, because they would not believe me. I
11 tried to tell one of my sisters, and she said, "Oh,
12 no, not Father -- you're talking about a priest.
13 That would never happen."

14 I tried to tell her, and she said, "No,
15 that would never happen."

16 Q. Which sister told you that?

17 A. #3 .

18 Q. #3 , she was one of your older
19 sisters?

20 A. (Witness nods.)

21 Q. Can you remember how much wine you would
22 drink during these incidents when Father Sierra --

23 A. About that much.

24 Q. You're holding up about a three-inch size?

25 A. Like a chalice.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. That's a lot of wine for a child.

3 Q. And would you generally drink the whole
4 cup?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. He would wait there until I drank it all.

8 Q. Did you ever see any of the other girls
9 drink wine?

10 A. (Witness shakes head.)

11 Q. Is that a no?

12 A. No, because they were busy doing other
13 stuff.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. Like cleaning the choir or the pews in
16 other places or cleaning the statues or -- so I
17 didn't know if he attacked them as well.

18 Q. Did the priest ever have you go do any of
19 those cleaning jobs?

20 A. No, I never did.

21 Q. Okay. And all of the sexual acts that
22 you've described, did all of those happen inside the
23 confessional?

24 A. In the confessional. That was because it
25 was a closed place.

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1 Q. Okay. Did Father Sierra ever abuse you in
2 any other place, besides inside the confessional?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. It was always in the confessional.

6 Q. Did he ever try to touch you or do anything
7 to you in the actual school part of the buildings?

8 A. Never. It was always in the confessional.

9 Q. And how big would you describe the inside
10 of the confessional?

11 A. Well, there was a sitting area. So he
12 would position me, because I was so drunk. So he
13 would position me in certain ways.

14 Q. On the seat?

15 A. On the seat, on the flooring, and on the
16 wall, standing on the wall, and also where the priest
17 sits, in the middle. It's bigger. So in there, as
18 well.

19 Q. Okay. So sometimes it would be in the
20 middle of the confessional, where the priest sits, or
21 sometimes it would be on one of the sides?

22 A. Where the people are at. It would -- but
23 it was always in that section.

24 Q. Okay. And in terms of what he would do, as
25 you've described it, it sounds like it -- did it

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1 begin with the oral -- forcing you to perform oral

2 sex on him or rubbing himself on you?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And --

5 A. It was awful.

6 Q. I understand.

7 When he would move to doing other things to
8 you, the touching you described or the penetration
9 that you described, would he take your clothes off
10 when he would do that?

11 A. My bottom, he would put down, but not my
12 top.

13 Q. Okay. Did you wear like a school uniform,
14 whatever --

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. -- uniform you had to wear to school?

17 A. (Witness nods.)

18 Q. And what did that consist of?

19 A. A skirt and top.

20 Q. Okay. And so when he would do these
21 things, would he take off your skirt and your
22 underwear?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And I think, just so I'm clear on what you
25 described --

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1 A. I can't remember if there were uniforms or
2 not. I think so, but I -- I think so.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. But I know that we always wore skirts and
5 underwear.

6 Q. Okay. It sounds like you described him --
7 go ahead.

8 A. I remember not having boobies. So he never
9 really -- he tried to, you know, touch my boobies,
10 and I think he would put his penis around my boobies.
11 But I didn't have any, so I don't think it turned him
12 on.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. It was mostly my mouth and my neck and my
15 butt hole and my vagina.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. And in between my legs.

18 I'm sorry.

19 Q. No, it's fine, and we can absolutely take a
20 break, any time you want to.

21 A. No, I want to just put this behind me.

22 Q. Okay. And --

23 A. I have nightmares. I wake up screaming,
24 and Ben freaks out. They prescribed medication for
25 the nightmares, and, oh, they make me weird. So I

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1 don't take them.

2 Q. Okay. I just need to make sure that I'm
3 understanding everything that you're describing.
4 Okay? And so it sounds like what you're describing
5 is that he would -- first, he would use his fingers
6 to penetrate you in your vagina. Is that correct?

7 A. At the beginning.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Because he was too little. But then he
10 started using his penis.

11 Q. Okay. And would he have you sit on top of
12 him? Would he --

13 A. Yes, he would have me sit on him.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. And he would bounce me.

16 Q. And you described there was also anal
17 penetration as well?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And was that with his fingers, or with his
20 penis, or --

21 A. Both.

22 Q. Every time -- did that kind of abuse happen
23 every time he came and pulled you out of the
24 classroom and brought you over to the church?

25 A. Every time.

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1 Q. And --

2 A. And every time, I was drunk. That's why I
3 wonder if he put something in the wine, because I
4 was -- or for that young, maybe -- I don't know.

5 Q. Did you see him pour the wine into the
6 cup?

7 A. No. It was already poured.

8 Q. So when you came into the church with the
9 other girls, there was already wine poured there?

10 A. Yes, but he was busy telling the girls what
11 to do.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. And I was waiting for my turn, thinking I
14 was going to do -- you know, do something. But he
15 had already had plans for me. So I don't know if the
16 girls knew what he was doing to me. And then, by
17 that time, it was time to go home.

18 Q. Was there ever a time that you were in the
19 confessional, in there with Father Sierra, and
20 anybody came and opened the door or looked in or
21 anything like that?

22 A. No. Not to my knowledge.

23 Q. How often would Father Sierra come to your
24 class and pull you out of class like that?

25 A. Every week, or more.

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1 Q. Was there a particular day of the week

2 or --

3 A. No.

4 Q. -- a pattern to it that you can identify?

5 A. It was at random.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. It wouldn't be, like, every Wednesday or
8 every Monday. It was at random, like you never knew.

9 Q. Okay. And --

10 A. Otherwise, I wouldn't show up for school,
11 if I knew that.

12 Q. Did you -- do you remember what grade you
13 were in when he first started doing this?

14 A. About -- I would guess about fourth grade.

15 Q. Do you remember who your teacher was when
16 he came to the classroom?

17 A. No. I was trying to think of who she was,
18 but I can't think of who she was.

19 Q. Besides the girls that you've already
20 named, do you remember any other girls getting pulled
21 out of class?

22 A. I can't think of any others. There might
23 have been, but I can't think of any others.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. I just remember them, because I wanted to

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1 Q. And when you were a girl and you were
2 trying to tell your sister #3 about what had
3 happened, what did you tell her?

4 A. I told her, "You better be careful, because
5 Father Sierra is not a good priest."

6 And she says, "How could you say that?
7 He's a priest. He's a very good priest, and you
8 shouldn't say anything bad about priests."

9 Q. Did you tell her anything about what
10 Father Sierra had done to you?

11 A. No. After she said that, why would I say
12 anything else? She was going to defend him, anyway.

13 Q. Okay. You said that there was one
14 incident, after one of these incidents with
15 Father Sierra, where you came home and there was
16 blood in your underwear. Is that right?

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. And I think you described a conversation
19 you had with your mother about that?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. So what did you tell your mother at that
22 point about the blood in your underwear?

23 A. I showed her my underwear, and she said,
24 "Well, I think it's -- you're probably starting your
25 period."

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1 So she says, "Well, we'll get those washed
2 and" -- and I don't know what she did, but I never
3 had my period for two years after, because I wasn't
4 even of age.

5 Q. Did you tell your mother anything at that
6 time that Father Sierra had done to you?

7 A. (Witness shakes head.)

8 Q. And why not?

9 A. She would not believe me. Nobody would
10 believe me. Because they were priests. They would
11 never do anything like that.

12 Q. Earlier, you shared with us some
13 conversations you had with your mother, where she
14 explained that there were bad priests, and the bad
15 priests went to the place in Jemez, correct?

16 A. And that was because they were alcoholics.

17 Q. Did she say that?

18 A. Yes. They were bad -- they were bad
19 priests because they were alcoholics.

20 Q. But you had had conversations with your
21 mother about bad priests at that point, correct?

22 A. Right, and the bad -- they were bad priests
23 because they were alcoholics, and that's not about
24 child abuse or stealing or anything of the sort.

25 Q. But, even after that conversation, you felt

1 me up.

2 Q. Okay. And I understand that those are what
3 you think he was thinking, but my question is really
4 more geared towards what you experienced. Okay? Did
5 there just come a time when he stopped pulling you
6 out of class?

7 A. After three years, I think so.

8 Q. Was there an event or something that
9 happened that was different that caused these
10 incidents to stop?

11 A. Well, after three years of that, I think he
12 probably thought that I was starting to catch on to
13 what he was doing was wrong, and I think he thought
14 that maybe I was going to report him, or something.
15 I think he thought that he found somebody new that he
16 could get more pleasure out of.

17 Q. And what makes you think those things?

18 A. Because he had already used me up. He had
19 already done everything he could to me, and so he
20 found a younger girl that he could use his little
21 penis on and had used me up.

22 Q. Did you see him pull out any other girls
23 from class or take other girls to the church?

24 A. No, and I didn't pay attention.

25 Q. I'm sorry?

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1 in after Father Sierra was gone?

2 A. I don't recall, but I know that there was
3 no boat.

4 Q. Okay. When Father Sierra would come to
5 pull you out of class, would the nuns say anything to
6 you when you were leaving class, that you remember?

7 A. They would say, "Go ahead."

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. "You're fine. Go ahead."

10 Q. And there was never a time that you came
11 back to class after --

12 A. No.

13 Q. -- any of these incidents?

14 A. No. That's why it was so surprising that
15 my books were right at the church.

16 Q. So can you put a number or an approximate
17 number on how many times this abuse happened?

18 A. So many times that I couldn't even sit down
19 because of the back of me, and of the -- I don't know
20 if he used other things on me, that I couldn't even
21 sit down.

22 Q. You're saying because you were sore or
23 uncomfortable?

24 A. I hate him. He has ruined my whole life.
25 I didn't even get to have a marriage, not even on my

Childhood trauma and risk for chronic fatigue syndrome: association with neuroendocrine dysfunction.

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Abstract

CONTEXT:

Childhood trauma appears to be a potent risk factor for chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS). Evidence from developmental neuroscience suggests that early experience programs the development of regulatory systems that are implicated in the pathophysiology of CFS, including the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis. However, the contribution of childhood trauma to neuroendocrine dysfunction in CFS remains obscure.

OBJECTIVES:

To replicate findings on the relationship between childhood trauma and risk for CFS and to evaluate the association between childhood trauma and neuroendocrine dysfunction in CFS.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS:

A case-control study of 113 persons with CFS and 124 well control subjects identified from a general population sample of 19 381 adult residents of Georgia.

MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES:

Self-reported childhood trauma (sexual, physical, and emotional abuse; emotional and physical neglect), psychopathology (depression, anxiety, and posttraumatic stress disorder), and salivary cortisol response to awakening.

RESULTS:

Individuals with CFS reported significantly higher levels of childhood trauma and psychopathological symptoms than control subjects. Exposure to childhood trauma was associated with a 6-fold increased risk of CFS. Sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and emotional neglect were most effective in discriminating CFS cases from controls. There was a graded relationship between exposure level and CFS risk. The risk of CFS conveyed by childhood trauma further increased with the presence of posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms. Only individuals with CFS and with childhood trauma exposure, but not individuals with CFS without exposure, exhibited decreased salivary cortisol concentrations after awakening compared with control subjects.

CONCLUSIONS:

Our results confirm childhood trauma as an important risk factor of CFS. In addition, neuroendocrine dysfunction, a hallmark feature of CFS, appears to be associated with childhood trauma. This possibly reflects a biological correlate of vulnerability due to early developmental insults. Our findings are critical to inform pathophysiological research and to devise targets for the prevention of CFS.

The role of childhood abuse in HPA-axis reactivity in Social Anxiety Disorder: a pilot study.

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Abstract

BACKGROUND:

Studies on depression have found that childhood abuse (CA) is associated with a persistent sensitization of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA)-axis to stress in adulthood. So far, it is unknown whether this HPA-axis sensitization is specific to depression, or whether this is a more general outcome associated with CA in patients with mood and anxiety disorders. The aim of this study was to investigate whether CA is associated with enhanced cortisol reactivity to psychosocial stress in Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD).

METHODS:

Salivary cortisol levels before, during, and after exposure to psychosocial stress (i.e., Trier Social Stress Task, TSST) in SAD patients with a history of childhood abuse (SAD+CA, n=9) were compared to cortisol levels in SAD patients without a history of childhood abuse (SAD-CA, n=9), patients with PTSD related to childhood abuse (n=16), and healthy controls without a history of childhood abuse (n=16).

RESULTS:

Analyses showed that the SAD+CA group had a strongly increased cortisol reactivity (mean peak: 17.5±1.9 nmol/l) compared to SAD-CA (mean peak: 9.0±1.1 nmol/l), PTSD (mean peak: 9.0±1.1 nmol/l) and healthy controls (mean peak: 9.6±1.4 nmol/l), whereas baseline cortisol levels did not differ. The enhanced increase in the SAD+CA group was not explained by stronger anxiety in response to the TSST.

CONCLUSIONS:

Consistent with the findings in depression, these results show for the first time that childhood abuse is also associated with strongly increased cortisol reactivity in SAD. When replicated in a larger sample, these findings may have important implications for the treatment of SAD.

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Chronic pain	G89.29			11/2/2010 - Present
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Fibromyalgia	M79.7			8/22/2011 - Present
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Vitamin D deficiency	E55.9			2/23/2012 - Present
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Reactive airway disease (CMS-HCC)	J45.909		HCC Chronic Conditions	11/28/2012 - Present
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Post-traumatic stress disorder	F43.10		HCC Chronic Conditions	1/31/2013 - Present
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Generalized anxiety disorder (CMS-HCC)	F41.1		HCC Chronic Conditions	4/28/2014 - Present
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	ICD-9-CM	Priority	Class	Notes Resolved
Obstructive sleep apnea	327.23			11/7/2014 -

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