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

For the National Sexual Assault Hotline, call 800-656-HOPE (4673) or go to <https://hotline.rainn.org/online>

For the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call or text 988, or go to <https://chat.988lifeline.org/>

For the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Helpline, call 1-800-662-4357

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/>

Keywords

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United States Bankruptcy Court
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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, ephedophilia, 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: _____

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?

Fr. Bernard Bissonnette and Fr. Michael O'Brien sexually abused my older brothers. They in turn sexually abused me, their little sister. Fr. Bissonnette and Fr. O'Brien, as agents of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, were empowered to abuse my brothers and thereby me. The Servants of the Paraclete also employed and empowered Fr. Bissonnette to abuse me, through my brothers.

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

We lived in Edgewood, New Mexico and had to drive to Moriarty for Sunday mass. A group of Catholic families in Edgewood agreed to open their houses up so that mass could be said in Edgewood and they could start to form a new parish in Edgewood. Fr. Bissonnette was the priest at Moriarty and he became a close friend of the family. He would come to our house on Sunday to say mass then spend the day with us and then stay overnight at our house. The families took turns hosting the mass but Fr. Bissonnette liked staying overnight with us. There were eight children in our family. Six boys and two girls.

When Fr. Bissonnette was transferred, Fr. Michael O'Brien got assigned to the Church of the Estancia Valley in Moriarty and continued to say mass at our house but we started attending church in Moriarty more often. Fr. O'Brien became a family friend. My brothers #3 and #3 spent a lot of time with Fr. O'Brien preparing for pilgrimages and attending pilgrimages. I believe they were abused during this time by Fr. O'Brien if they were not also abused by Fr. Bissonnette.

In 1973, my brothers #3 and #3 sexually abused me. I believe they were acting out sexually because they had been abused themselves.

- 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.

I understand that my brothers #3 and #3 were sexually abused by Fr. Bissonnette in 1972 and 1973 when they were 15 and 16. They were the oldest kids in the family. Next in line were my brothers #3 #3 #3 and #3 . I do not know if they were abused by Fr. O'Brien or Fr. Bissonnette but each of them (except #3) spent an extreme amount of time with Fr. Michael O'Brien. He trained them for pilgrimages and took them on pilgrimages – overnight trips.

My brothers #3 and #3 sexually abused me in our home.

- 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.

#3 and #3 abused me in 1973. It happened twice.

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.

I was 8 years old, in 3rd grade.

- e. What happened (describe what happened)

My family was a large Irish Catholic family. And yet, my family was ruined by Fr. Bissonnette and Fr. Michael O'Brien, Catholic priests.

When I was about 7, my older sister, #3 one day pulled me into the bedroom closet. She was very scared and told me to be very quiet. She said we were hiding from #3 our oldest brother. She said that he began wanting to touch her breasts and touching her all over. She put me on a shelf to hide me from him. I do not remember what else happened in that closet that day.

I know that #3 wanted to be a priest and Fr. Bissonnette used to take him places because of that. He came home once from a trip and was never the same. He was angry, mean and started to abuse #3 . #3 protected me though.

I recall that one day Fr. Bissonnette was staying overnight like he used to, sharing a bed with my brothers. He was always giving us stuff and even bought us all a fish tank with fish. He was always carrying my brother #3 in his arms and putting him and the other boys to bed. He didn't put us girls to bed and we had a separate bedroom. He was a good friend of the family – we thought. This particular morning #3 was on the couch not in his bed and he was upset about something. Something bad happened and my father took Fr. Bissonnette out and they had a fight. Fr. Bissonnette never came back into the house. We never talked about it ever again but everything changed for everyone.

One day, #3 and I were sick and stayed home from school. Our neighbor, a girl my age, #3 was also sick and she stayed at our house that day. Mom had to go pick something up. When Mom left, #3 laid on the floor and pulled me on top of him and starting touching me all over my body underneath my clothes. He started removing my clothes and would not let me get up and then got on top of me. I was crying telling him to stop but he would not. I do not remember what happened after that. I blacked out the memory. Later on that day, he did the same thing to #3 but I ran away when he was doing it to her.

Around this same time I had a nightmare one night. I crawled in bed with my mother. My brother #3 then came into the bed. He laid behind me and started thrusting and rubbing on my back. I did not know what was going on but he was acting like #3 had acted.

My brother #3 began to suffer depression and anxiety after being with Fr. Bissonnette. He had a brief marriage with lots of problems, got addicted to pills and alcohol and died alone and isolated, of these addictions and in a highly dis-functional manner. He was only 55 years old. He was a kind loving brother until something bad happened to him and he totally changed.

After Dad kicked Fr. Bissonnette out, #3 killed all the fish in the tank to get back at Fr. Bissonnette. He kept getting into fights with the other brothers and my father. He too had a failed marriage and addiction problems.

My brother #3 abused alcohol and heroin in high school. He watched a friend die of an over dose. He suffered a failed marriage and is currently addicted to alcohol and pills. He lives with my brother #3 because he cannot live by himself. He will die without someone taking care of him. He is 56 years. Something very, very bad took him off track and I know it was abuse by Frs. Bissonnette and Fr. O'Brien, in our very own home or in the pilgrimage training and overnight trips.

My sister left home at 18 and cut all ties with #3 and #3 She wants nothing to do with the family.

- 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)?

I told no one until I told my lawyer. My family does not talk about these matters.

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

I believe I am Catholic in faith but I do not attend Church anymore. I do not trust priests.

- h. State whether there were any witnesses to the abuse. If there were any witnesses, please list their name(s) and any contact inform.

#3 was a witness to what #3 did to me. My lawyer tells me there is confidential information she will attach to this Proof of Claim but she cannot tell me anything about what is in those documents. That in and of itself makes me very sad because I suspect it means my brothers were abused, as I know they were, but they never told anyone and they all suffered in silence about it. But I will never know that because they will never tell me if it happened. They are proud stubborn Irish men.

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)?

My life changed in 3rd grade. I suddenly started gaining a lot of weight. I was a very active girl and then I changed and got depressed. What depresses an 8 year old girl? I have suffered with weight problems ever since. At this same time, my brothers all changed in their character. The older ones got mean, as I described above. I feared #3 after #3 told me what he was doing to her and I stayed away from #3 and #3 after they did what they did to me. My loving, trusting family was now gone. I have suffered depression, anxiety, intimacy problems, lack of sexual pleasure and

performance problems my entire life. I had a nervous breakdown and was put on disability. I had a nursing degree and a great job but lost it all when my mother died and I realized my family was so fragmented and broken. All of the brokenness was magnified with her gone. I have been in counseling for more than 10 years. I never told my counselor about my brothers, what they did to me or what I suspect was done to them because I did not realize it was connected to my problems but with the advertising of the clergy abuse lately, I cannot get the thoughts out of my head of our broken childhood by these two priests. I have been diagnosed with PTSD.

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

I have been in therapy for about a decade but never knew my problems were related to what Fr. Bissonnette and Fr. O'Brien did to my family or what my brothers did to me. My counselor is Dr. Kathleen Carroll at Christian counseling and I saw Rose Langland in the past. Both are in Albuquerque.

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 No (If "Yes," please provide the following information:

Name of Case: _____ Court: _____

Date filed: _____ Case No. _____

Chapter: 7 11 12 13 Name of Trustee: _____

4. State whether you have previously commenced any lawsuit seeking damages for the identified sexual abuse. If yes, please state:

a. Where and when you commenced the lawsuit:

b. The parties to the lawsuit:

c. The case number if any:

d. The result of the lawsuit:

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

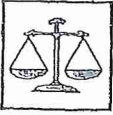
Under penalty of perjury, I declare the foregoing statements to be true and correct.

Date: 6/7/19

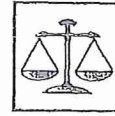
Signature: 

Print Name: Maura E. Alger

Relationship to Sexual Abuse Claimant: Self



DAN MC DONNELL



FAX: 877-2973

P.O. Box 1564, Albuquerque, N.M. 87102, Tel: (505) 243-0700

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

SEXUAL ABUSE INTERVIEW FORM

Name:
Address:

#1

Insured by:
Address of Insurance Company:
Home Phone: #2
Psychologist/Therapist:
Length of time of therapy:
Psychologist/Therapist Address:
Psychologist/Therapist Phone:

Incident Information: Father Bissonette spent the night at the #1 residence and slept on the couch. In the morning her son #1 was on the couch and Father Bissonette was in #1's bed. #1 says he remembers waking up and finding Father Bissonette in bed, but does not remember anything else. Mr. #1 argued with Father Bissonette outside of the house and sent him away. #1 is the brother of #3. #1 was offered counseling and asked the name and number of Chancellor Ron Wolf to be given to his wife in Albuquerque, because investigator located him in Phoenix, Arizona, on a business trip. #1 also believes something may have occurred in Father Bissonette's car, too, #1 would only say he had a bad feeling about it.

Perpetrator: Father Bernard Bissonette

Occurred at: Parents' home, #1

Incident date: 1973 to 1975

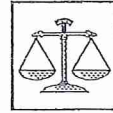
Age at time of incident: 12 to 15 Years of age

Interviewed by: Investigator Dan McDonnell on 7/12/93

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J. C. INVESTIGATIONS



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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

SEXUAL ABUSE INTERVIEW FORM

Name: #1
Address: #1

Insured by:
Address of Insurance Company:
Home Phone: #1
Psychologist/Therapist:
Length of time of therapy:
Psychologist/Therapist Address:
Psychologist/Therapist Phone:

Incident Information: Father Bissonette spent the night at the #1 residence and slept on the couch. In the morning her son #1 was on the couch and Father Bissonette was in #1 s bed. Mr. #1 argued with Father Bissonette outside of the house and sent him away.

Perpetrator: Father Bernard Bissonette

Occurred at: Parents' home, #1

Incident date: 1973 to 1975

Age at time of incident: 12 to 15 Years of age

Interviewed by: Investigator Dan McDonnell
interviewed Timothy's mother who reported the incident



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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

SEXUAL ABUSE INTERVIEW FORM

Name: #1
Address: #1

Insured by:
Address of Insurance Company:
Home Phone: #2 Work:
Psychologist/Therapist:
Length of time of therapy:
Psychologist/Therapist Address:
Psychologist/Therapist Phone:
Incident Information: #1 stated he took a trip with Father Bissonette to Las Vegas, New Mexico. They stopped at an older couple's house and stayed overnight there. #1 shared a bed with Father Bissonette, and thought that Father Bissonette was asleep. #1 had his back toward Father Bissonette and felt an erection against his backside. Father Bissonette told him he wanted to have sex. #1 got out of the bed and went to the living room. Investigator Dan McDonnell offered #1 counseling, and he said he would think about it. #1's brother #3 had a problem and his dad confronted Father Bissonette about it.
Perpetrator: Father Bernard Bissonette
Occurred at: Santa Fe, during trip to Las Vegas
Incident date: 1980 to 1971
Age at time of incident: 14 or 15 Years of age
Interviewed by: Investigator Dan Mc Donnell on June 25, 1993

Michael O'Brien 3/4 1977	Anthony. Saint called #3 - Mountain - Majority of town
went to AB out of dis of A	problems w/ Bissonette. Had spent time home on couch young son on couch Fr Bissonette was in bed report to AB ^{husband} never discussed with him - / now -
Husband said he was transferred	Husband #2 Young boy ^{young} 36 yrs old now Mentioned Communist father arguing w/ Fr Bissonette boy from Lima, Mountain committed suicide Housing #2

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SEXUAL ABUSE INTERVIEW FORM

#1

Name: _____

Date: 4/19/93

2

Address: _____

^{name} home

2

House sitting for Fr Kemper while his is out of country for 2 weeks Phone: _____

Insured by: _____

Policy #: _____

Address of Insurance Company: _____

Phone: _____

Psychologist/Therapist: _____

Length of time in therapy: _____

Address: _____

2

APPLICABLE AREA/SPONSOR

Perpetrator: Fr Bissonette

Relationship: _____

Occurred at: Home of Parents

Incident Date: 1973-74

Age at time of incident: 12-13-14-15

Details of incident: Fr Bissonette spent the night at their home. Slept on the couch. In the morning her son #1 was an coach & Fr Bissonette was in #1 bed. Her husband went outside and argued w. Fr Bissonette & sent him away. Her husband said that he went to the Archbishop & Fr Bissonette was transferred but Fr O'Brien came. She remembers that one boy named #1 (she thinks) who spent a lot of time with Bissonette committed suicide. #1 doesn't remember incident, but his brother #1 remembers the incident. Her husband has been dead for 10 years.

