

CASE HISTORY FOR REVEREND RONALD PAQUIN

Date of Birth	10/16/42		
Ordination	4/11/73		
Assignments	St Monica	Methuen	5/1/73
	St John	Haverhill	6/2/81
	Sick Leave		9/11/90
	Part Time Chaplain	Worcester Health Care	
	Suspended	Cambridge	7/15/98
			11/3/00

Complaints

June	1990	complaint	Pastor	involved with various boys
August	1990	complaint-1	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 13 years old
August	1990	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 12-14
August	1992	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 13-17
September	1992	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 12-16
September	1992	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest while patient in hospital
October	1992	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 14 years old
September	1993	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 15-16
January	1994	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 12-21
April	1994	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 13-14
April	1994	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 13-14
October	1994	complaint-2	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 13 years old
February	1995	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 13-14
January	1997	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest as a teenager
May	1999	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 16 years old
January	2000	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 13 years old
August	2000	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 13 years old
August	2000	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 14 years old
September	2000	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest as a teenager

Ron Paquin

[Notes of Bishop Hughes]

6/4/90

[redacted] on 6/4 [Rev. Frederick E. Sweeney '52, Pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Haverhill]

1. 1.1 [redacted] (police man approached [redacted] about son and 2 weeks later asked if he had done anything about it
6 to 3 years ago - 1-1-1 [redacted] helped in rectory (now age 22)
- bought alcohol
- Maine camp
- Son came, got him drunk, Maine & Canobie Lake (never touched personally)
- will some one sleep with me
- 1.2 [redacted]
- wanted him to come to Maine
- mentioned to [redacted] about the [redacted]
- 1.3 Mr. & Mrs. [redacted] (warned secretary not to let son go up)
- never resolved
- [redacted]
- Fr. Paquin fell asleep? slipped on ice? he claims he was tested & there was no alcohol involved!!
- family never ministered to
- 1.4 2 boys that hang around Ron are troubled
- another cannot go to school
- one a pipe bomb
- 1.5 [redacted] - a boy that Ron is trying to involve - comes from troubled home
- [redacted] "If he can't help, I (Ron) will never come again"
- 1.6 Dr. [redacted] (daughter) Home 617- [redacted]
- work for Archdiocese
- has known of problem
- boys hang in rectory (2 young men) Mail: Box [redacted]
1 a cousin [redacted] Tel (617) [redacted] Boston 02111
short time [redacted] (she's willing to talk,
- 1.7 [redacted] (works at Bingo)
- question of money Ron spends - where does it come from
[redacted] boy unresolved (he mentioned)
- 1.8 Woman came to Dennis Nason as Pastor about underage grandson being given alcohol about 4 or 5 years ago (in NYC - priest & boys drunk)
- 1.9 [redacted] works with Ron in Confirmation program
- money out of hand
- needs help for "other problem"

[redacted] supports & is very close to Ron & wouldn't say anything

2. Dr. [redacted] 6.11.90
- stories surrounding self
- Kinnebankport
- [redacted] living there two years
- [redacted] lived there short time helped
- boys afraid to go in him
- 2nd hand information about one boy
- observations
- defines self by appearance - no substance within, manifested by his concern
- money - [redacted] cars too important (money from mother of dead priest mother's house)
- impression that possibility of sexual involvement/alcohol
- unable to face truth

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Ronald Paquin
St. John's Parish, Haverhill

I met with [redacted] and [redacted], parishioners of St. John's, Haverhill, on Thursday evening, August 23, 1990 to receive their complaints about Father Paquin.

[redacted], age 23, lives at [redacted], Groveland, telephone number [redacted] (work [redacted]).

[redacted], age 22, lives at [redacted], Haverhill, telephone number [redacted].

[redacted] revealed the following:

At around age twelve to thirteen, Father Paquin would gather around a group of young boys who would be friendly with him for a period of a few months or a year or two. He would invite them down to the rectory frequently. Often they would be encouraged to sleep overnight when the pastor, Father O'Neil, was away. He would call them up if they were not showing up at the rectory. The boys he surrounded himself were often vulnerable boys whose folks were separated, divorced or as in [redacted]'s instance, [redacted]. When they slept overnight, he would ask different boys to sleep with him in bed. He said that healthy boys avoided him because they sensed that he was odd.

[redacted]'s complaints about Father Paquin are that he gave him his first beer at age twelve. He gave him two beers that time and he was sick all night. He had to ask him to stop putting his hand on his lap. Father Paquin lied to him about his father wanting Father Paquin to take over his role in his life. Father Paquin spent a lot of money on him. He gave him a stereo. At age fourteen he let [redacted] drive his white Toyota Celica from New Hampshire to Haverhill.

[redacted] was friendly with Father Paquin for a couple months at age thirteen. He was devastated at the time because his mother and father just divorced after being married [redacted] years. Father Paquin told him how mature he was and how he had his feet on the ground. He took him bowling, along with a lot of other boys, and to eat out. He remembers one night Father Paquin spent \$95 on him and another boy at the General Glover. He drove the car home from the General Glover. Father Paquin put his hand on [redacted]'s lap. [redacted] complained "I don't like to be touched." Father Paquin said "That's fine."

When they dropped the other boy off, Father Paquin told him that it was the first time that he was alone since [redacted]'s death. He said: "Would he want to stay at the rectory? [redacted] used to sleep overnight sometimes." When he got ready for bed, Father Paquin complained that [redacted] never wore sweats to bed like [redacted] was wearing. [redacted] said that he took his sweats off. During the night Father Paquin grabbed him in his private parts [redacted] objected. Father Paquin said "I won't do that again." [redacted] never went back to church at St. John's again. This was ten years ago.

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Other observations:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]'s mother doesn't like Father Paquin and didn't want [REDACTED] to be hanging around him. [REDACTED]'s brother said that Father Paquin was asked to leave Methuen because of rumors about his relationships with young boys.
3. [REDACTED] is the cook at the rectory and she cooked for the boys often when they stayed overnight.
4. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he was touched by Father Paquin while sleeping with him in a tent. He broke away from him. Many other boys complain about Father Paquin touching them on the lap, giving them beer to drink.
5. [REDACTED] was from Middleton. He stayed with Father Paquin often at the rectory over a period of two years and slept in bed with him. One time a friend reported that he saw them in bed with their pants down.
6. Some adults say "What is the story with Father Paquin?" Some other adults say that he takes money from the collection.
7. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are both angry about Father Paquin continuing to do this over the years and nobody ever intervening. They felt that it was about time that someone spoke up and this is why they reported it to Father Sweeney. [REDACTED] father is friendly with Father Sweeney. They both said that if the Church dug into this matter, they would find plenty of information about Father Paquin.
They found him to be manipulative. Telling vulnerable boys how wonderful they were and how they had their feet on the ground. He often told them not to say anything about what they did together, that they needed to be discreet.
They said he had a book of pictures which he used to use to teach boys about sex. They would laugh about the pictures and he would tell them they were not mature enough and put the book away.

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1. I met with Fr. Paquin and Mr. James Frasier, his therapist at St. Luke's, regarding Fr. Paquin's progress in treatment and his ensuing return to the Archdiocese. The purpose of the visit was to begin planning for his return to the Archdiocese.
2. Confidential background. Fr. Paquin was sexually abused as a youngster and is an adult child of an alcoholic. He finds young people sexually attractive. His impulses are not as strong as many persons who have this attraction. Fr. Paquin has had episodic sexual activity with young people at times when he experienced loss.
3. Fr. Paquin takes medication for blood pressure. He has experienced a significant amount of weight loss while at St. Luke's. This has helped lower his blood pressure. He does not take medication, such as depropavera, for this addiction.

4. [REDACTED]

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5. As a result of addressing these matters in treatment he now experiences a more friendly relationship with priests. He doesn't have to dress always in clerical clothing so as to protect and protect who he is. He has a greater awareness of God in his life and, thus, finds he is better able to care for his own needs and to sit with his own pain.
6. Although he has advanced well in treatment, he thinks there are three areas that he still needs to handle better in life: his anger at the person who abused him; the overcontrol of his mother; and his wish that everything would be over and done with.
7. Future ministry: We agreed that he is not free to work with young people, even though there is very little, if any, concern about his acting out impulsively. He wonders whether he can do hospital ministry and if not that, a nursing home or be a chaplain to sisters.

He will meet with me on Wednesday, March 20, to discuss his aftercare program and future options in ministry.

Part of his aftercare program will be to enter into therapy, attend twelve-step meetings, find a spiritual director and enter into some kind of support group.

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Reverend Ronald Paquin

Currently, Father Paquin is living at St. Joseph's Parish, Lincoln (259-8364) and enrolled in the clinical/pastoral education program at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen under the supervision of Reverend Gerald Wyras (687-0151). The program began the first part of September and will end November 27. He hopes to continue in the second quarter program which begins December 3 and ends February 20.

In early August, Father Sweeney reported to Father McCarthy that he had heard that Father Paquin had seen the son of a woman who lives in [REDACTED].

On September 23, Father Sweeney called me to inform me that [REDACTED] is nervous about Father Paquin being at St. Joseph's Parish, Lincoln. He also reported that he heard some youth from Methuen want to call a lawyer about Father Paquin being at Holy Family Hospital.

Father Sweeney informed me also that Father Paquin has been visiting a young man named [REDACTED]. He is age fifteen or sixteen. He was 'romancing him' when he left Haverhill. He comes from a broken home. His father is violent. Father Paquin has brought the boy to visit his mother in [REDACTED]. He has been sighted visiting the boy's home on [REDACTED] Road four times.

He also reported that the two friends of Father Paquin in the parish: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have left the parish because they see Father Sweeney as the 'bad guy.'

On September 25, I spoke with Father James Carroll at the urging of Father McAuliffe. He is a priest at St. Monica's in Methuen.

The following is a summary of his report:

It seems that Father Paquin was close to young boys in the parish. Sometimes he would have kids in his room until five or six in the morning. Six or seven boys were involved in counseling because of their relationship with Father Paquin. One of them, after being in counseling, moved to Florida, another would not go to Mass anymore and a third would never let his son go with a priest after his experience with Father Paquin.

The specifics seem to be that they would go on trips with Father Paquin and he would give them 'pot.' Sometimes he would talk about the 'birds and the bees' - that is, sex - with the boys and would encourage them to masturbate in front of him.

Father Carroll is upset that Father Paquin is working at the hospital in the Pastoral Education program. He thinks that it will cause some upset in the community. Already a probation officer, Paul Duby, is upset that Father Paquin is in the area. It seems that Paul Duby learned from [REDACTED] of Haverhill about Father Paquin's experiences in Haverhill.

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[redacted] telephoned me ([redacted]) and asked that I return the call and I left a message on the tape. He never returned the call back.

I spoke with Father Sweeney on April 27 and told him about the efforts to help Father Paquin find a ministry in which he would not be in contact with youth. I wondered if [redacted] and [redacted] would find it difficult if he continued to try to do this in Methuen through the rest of this program which ends in November. He said that he would speak with them.

I spoke with Father Paquin on Saturday, September 28 and reported to him my conversations with Father Sweeney and Father Carroll. He was upset. He thinks Father Sweeney is vicious and is behind all the complaints of [redacted] and [redacted]. He is surprised about Father Carroll's observations. He does not admit to any of them.

I told him that it is clear people are still upset with his behavior in the past and that he needs to accept this whether he sees it as vicious or not. I told him to remain out of Haverhill while such feelings are so strong and not to be visiting [redacted] either. He said that much of his support group is in Haverhill. I told him that he would need to meet with them away from their homes. He seems resistant but also agreeable.

He said that he would speak with Father Carroll. I told him that if he did, to do it in confidence. He will also ask one of his friends, [redacted], to speak to Father Sweeney about not fanning any upset in the Haverhill area.

*10/6 spoke w [redacted] to get reading on how things stand in
Boston regarding Ron P.'s presence + Fr. Carroll's position.
He has heard nothing except Fr. Carroll's concerns - which
could be mostly based on hearsay. He thinks Fr. Carroll
gets fairly excited. JSM*

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Reverend Ronald Paquin

I met with Father Paquin and Father Sawyer on August 21. We considered the options for hospital ministry and Father Paquin is interested.

1. Leonard Morse Hospital, Natick, is not a possibility due to the fact that it has a pediatric unit.
2. Lynn Hospital is not a possibility due to an alternate plan for the ministerial care of the patients outside of a full-time chaplain.
3. Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain, was thought to be a possibility but Father Goss is not retiring.
4. Marlboro Hospital is a possibility. The parishes are willing to fund a chaplain's position.
5. Youville Hospital may have a chaplaincy opening. They require a clinical/pastoral education background. Would it be possible for Father Paquin to be a chaplain while is involved in the training?
6. Father Sawyer telephoned at a later date to say that Tewksbury Hospital for the Emotionally and Mentally Sick had an opening for a chaplain. I told him I didn't think it would be a good placement.

I spoke with Father Richard Lennon about his observations about Father Paquin's ministry at Beth Israel and his residency at St. Mary's Parish, Brookline. He thought from what he could learn from the priests in the parish that Father Paquin worked only about three hours a day. It was in the morning. Sometime during the day he would again return for about an hour. He stayed away from the hospital and the parish not only on Friday and Saturday which were his days off, but sometimes on Thursday evening as well as Sunday and Monday morning.

His observation was that he did a minimal of hospital work. From the way Father Paquin describes it he spent a great deal of time in the oncology and bypass surgery units.

From my conversations with Father Paquin it is clear that he needs to be guided and assisted in developing an appreciation of what hospital ministry is about. He has a need for belonging and for settling in. He wants to move out of his home which is not a supportive or constructive situation. He would like to live in a parish outside a city. He would appreciate in addition to the hospital being his primary involvement if he could celebrate Mass in the parish and sometimes do baptisms and marriages. I told him that this would not all be possible. We then reviewed the restrictions placed on him due to civil and criminal liability.

I spoke with Dr. Messner on August 25 regarding Father Paquin.

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Father Paquin did well under a fatherly pastor. He tends to crave fatherly guidance. He sees himself as a compassionate priest. He is very much aware of his budding signs, that is, those signs which give signals that he is under tension and needs to watch how he is handling matters. Because he tends to block negative feelings or observations, he needs to hear how people perceive him more often than the average person. He has to learn to accept that one of his difficulties is that he tends to get too intimate with youngster and this is his disability.

Father Paquin reported to me that he had a meeting with the aftercare worker of St. Luke's Institute along with several of the persons whom he has asked to be part of his support group. These include Father Louis Bourgeois of St. Anne's Parish, Salem.

Arrangements are being made for him to live with Father Lawrence Drennan at his parish in Lincoln while he awaits an assignment.

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Re: Father Ronald Pacquin

Dear Will:

The purpose of my letter is to advise you of the claims for negligence which [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] possess against the Archdiocese of Boston (the "Archdiocese"), as well as various individuals associated with the Archdiocese. As you know, these claims arise from the sexual abuse and molestation of these individuals by Ronald Pacquin, an employee of the Archdiocese. As you will note, Father Pacquin's abuse of these individuals, albeit during different time frames, was strikingly similar and equally reprehensible.

1. [REDACTED]

As set forth above, at all relevant times hereto, Ronald Pacquin was a Roman Catholic priest who was assigned to St. Monica's Church in Methuen, Massachusetts. This church was under the control of the Archdiocese. While in the fifth grade at St. Monica's grammar school, Mr. [REDACTED] became an altar boy. As such, Mr. [REDACTED] had frequent and unsupervised contact with Father Pacquin. In fact, such contact between Father Pacquin and St. Monica's altar boys was encouraged by the school and parish. Father Pacquin was assigned the duty of overseeing all altar boys at St. Monica's. Shortly after assuming such duties, Mr. [REDACTED] became one of Father Pacquin's "favorite" altar boys. Such a distinction provided Mr. [REDACTED] with more privileges than the "average" altar boy at St. Monica's, such as going to funeral services away from the parish, as well as assisting Father Pacquin at weddings.

On numerous occasions, Father Pacquin would invite Mr. [REDACTED] over to the rectory to assist him with school projects, and a correspondingly close relationship between the two blossomed. Once Mr. [REDACTED] reached the 7th grade, there were times when he was alone in Father Pacquin's bedroom located on the third floor in the rectory. During one of these occasions, Father Pacquin invited Mr. [REDACTED] to his room to watch television. As he explained to Mr. [REDACTED] what an extraordinary individual he was, Father Pacquin began to stroke Mr. [REDACTED]'s hands, play with his

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fingers and caress his thighs. Father Pacquin then began to tell Mr. [REDACTED], quoting from the scriptures, that he should give no part of his body any more attention than any other part. As he did this, Father Pacquin unzipped Mr. [REDACTED] pants, pulled out his penis and informed Mr. [REDACTED] that he was going to give him "a good feeling"; that is, Father Pacquin was going to masturbate Mr. [REDACTED], which he did. Incidents similar to this occurred several times throughout the seventh and eighth grades and into Mr. [REDACTED] high school years.

In fact, while Mr. [REDACTED] attended St. John's Seminary upon Father Pacquin's urging, Father Pacquin invited him over to the rectory to assist him in moving his belongings from St. Monica's to a parish in Haverhill. Upon completion of this task, Father Pacquin asked Mr. [REDACTED] to go up to his room in the rectory and relax while he attended to other matters. While Mr. [REDACTED] laid on the bed, Father Pacquin arrived in the room, unzipped Mr. [REDACTED] pants, and placed his mouth over Mr. [REDACTED]'s penis. Sensing Mr. [REDACTED]'s repulsion at this act, Father Pacquin ceased performing oral sex.

As mentioned above, the abuse of Mr. [REDACTED] took place primarily in Father Pacquin's bedroom at St. Monica's rectory. This abuse occurred during the afternoon hours and sometimes well into the night. However, the abuse was not isolated to the confines of the rectory. In fact, on a trip back to St. Monica's from Brockton, Father Pacquin masturbated Mr. [REDACTED] while he was driving his automobile on Route 93.

2. [REDACTED]

Like Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] was also a student at St. Monica's grammar school. While in the fourth or fifth grade at St. Monica's, Father Pacquin recruited Mr. [REDACTED] to join the parish as an altar boy, a position Mr. [REDACTED] graciously accepted. Mr. [REDACTED] was, at the time, a friend of [REDACTED]. Despite their friendship, Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] never discussed the subject matter of this letter. Again, without sharing their experiences, Mr. [REDACTED] description of abuse suffered at the hands of Father Pacquin mirrors that of Mr. [REDACTED]. For example, Mr. [REDACTED] was considered by Father Pacquin as one of his "special" altar boys. As such, Mr. [REDACTED] was given the privilege of spending a lot of time with Father Pacquin, assisting him with several projects on an off the rectory's premises.

The first incident of the abuse occurred in Father Pacquin's car. While the vehicle was in operation, Father Pacquin reached over to the passenger seat and began caressing Mr. [REDACTED] thigh. Father Pacquin made his way up Mr. [REDACTED] leg

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and eventually began to feel his penis and testicles through his pants. Father Pacquin's actions brought Mr. ██████ to arousal, but left him with a sense of confusion and emptiness. Mr. ██████ was approximately 11 years old at the time.

As the abuse continued, however, Father Pacquin chose a different venue, namely, his bedroom at St. Monica's rectory. During one of the visits to his room, Father Pacquin asked Mr. ██████ to sit at the edge of his bed. While engaging in harmless conversation, Father Pacquin asked Mr. ██████ if he had ever masturbated. When informed that he had not, Father Pacquin reached over and began massaging Mr. ██████ penis through his pants, informing Mr. ██████ that such action was perfectly normal since no part of his body was more special than any other. Father Pacquin then proceeded to remove Mr. ██████ pants and underwear and began to masturbate Mr. ██████. When Mr. ██████ had not reached ejaculation, Father Pacquin asked that Mr. ██████ close his eyes and focus on his favorite girlfriend. Finally, after ejaculating, Father Pacquin wiped the semen off Mr. ██████ chest with his handkerchief, held it to his nose and recited, "manna from Heaven." Father Pacquin also told Mr. ██████ that he was amazed at how far the semen had proceeded up his chest. Scenes such as that occurred frequently. Like Mr. ██████, the abuse occurred at St. Monica's rectory on the third floor, during the afternoon and night while the other priests were present in the rectory.

In fact, when Mr. ██████ was a freshman in high school, he visited Father Pacquin at the rectory. While in his bedroom, and upon Father Pacquin's insistence, Mr. ██████ masturbated Father Pacquin. After ejaculation, Father Pacquin informed Mr. ██████ that the lack of semen produced was due to the fact that it had been "the fourth time" he ejaculated that day. After Father Pacquin cleaned himself off, sniffed his handkerchief's contents and proclaimed "manna from Heaven", someone knocked at the door. Father Pacquin asked who it was and two young boys responded promptly. Father Pacquin turned to Mr. ██████ and said "here comes number five for today."

Mr. ██████ left Father Pacquin's room and on his way out of the rectory he viewed Father Allen Roache, then Pastor of St. Monica's, watching television. Distraught by the event, Mr. ██████ confronted Father Roache. Mr. ██████ informed Father Roache that he must go to Father Pacquin's room because something terrible was going to happen. When asked what he meant, Mr. ██████ told Father Roache that Father Pacquin was going to masturbate two boys as he had done to Mr. ██████ during the past few years. Father Roache, as he passed by Mr. ██████ said "I always thought something funny was happening up there."

Father Roache went up the stairs and pounded on Father Pacquin's door. After the door was opened, Father Roache yelled at Father Pacquin, asked him to leave the room, and remained in Father Pacquin's room with the two boys. Father Pacquin then

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came down the stairs and asked Mr. [REDACTED] why he betrayed him. Despite meeting Father Roache at the rectory several times thereafter, neither he nor Father Pacquin ever discussed the incident with Mr. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

With regards to Mr. [REDACTED] Father Pacquin began his sexual molestation of him while Mr. [REDACTED] was in approximately the eighth grade at St. Monica's grammar school. During that time period, Mr. [REDACTED] was having a difficult time finding a girlfriend. To assist him in his minor dilemma, Mr. [REDACTED] went to seek advice from Father Pacquin. After listening to Mr. [REDACTED] Father Pacquin informed him that he needed "therapy." Part of this therapy was that Mr. [REDACTED] permit Father Pacquin to masturbate him. The first session occurred in Father Pacquin's car while on Route 110 in Dracut, Massachusetts. While the vehicle was stationary in a parking lot of a gas supply shop overlooking the Merrimac River, Father Pacquin began to caress Mr. [REDACTED] thigh and then his penis. Eventually, Father Pacquin unzipped Mr. [REDACTED] pants and masturbated him in his car.

This form of "treatment" continued for a period of approximately three years. During each meeting, Father Pacquin would begin to caress Mr. [REDACTED] penis, typically preceded by Father Pacquin's suggestion that he give Mr. [REDACTED] "a good feeling". As in Mr. [REDACTED] case, on several occasions, Father Pacquin would wipe Mr. [REDACTED] semen from his stomach, sniff its contents and hold it to his nose pronouncing the words, "manna from Heaven". In several instances, Father Pacquin directed Mr. [REDACTED] to bring a Penthouse magazine to his room so that it would be easier for Mr. [REDACTED] to become erect before masturbation.

Being the tender age of approximately 11, Mr. [REDACTED] did not question Father Pacquin's treatment. Indeed, Father Pacquin validated his therapy with books he said were from the College of Cardinals and works of the Pope. Finally, Father Pacquin's therapy expanded to encouraging Mr. [REDACTED] to masturbate him. The abuse eventually subsided upon Father Pacquin's departure from St. Monica's.

From the aforementioned summary, it is apparent that other employees of the Archdiocese either knew or should have known that Father Pacquin was engaged in improper sexual contact with children. Two employees of St. Monica's Parish, Father Jose Matos and Pastor Allen Roache, viewed Father Pacquin taking each of these individuals up to his room and remain behind closed doors for lengthy periods of time. Indeed, Father Matos' room was directly opposite Father Pacquin's. On a number of occasions, Father Matos viewed these boys entering Father Pacquin's room, the door being locked, and significant amounts of time elapsing before their departure. I am

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informed that Father James Carroll addressed the issue with Father Matos and Father Matos told Father Carroll that he knew strange things were happening in Father Pacquin's bedroom. Remarkably, as described above, Mr. [REDACTED] notified Pastor Roache of Father Pacquin's abuse, and rather than removing Father Pacquin from his active duties until an investigation was conducted, the matter was swept under the rug.

Moreover, Father Pacquin was given liberal leave to take students on various off-premises trips, frequently in situations where he would be alone with them. It is my firm belief that many other employees of the school and the Archdiocese were aware of Father Pacquin's improper conduct, and yet took no action to prevent it. To this end, if this matter goes forward, I inform you that my clients will take legal action against these individuals.

As one might expect, the damage which Messrs. [REDACTED] suffered as a result of Father Pacquin's actions has been substantial. For example, Mr. [REDACTED] began drinking alcoholic beverages in the 7th grade and became a teenage alcoholic, which almost ended his life. After being cited for several driving under the influence violations, he was involved in an accident which left him in a coma and temporarily paralyzed. Likewise, Mr. [REDACTED], while a teenager, experienced acute depression which led to a suicide attempt.

In short, with regard to all of these individuals, each suffers extreme low self-esteem, an inability to form lasting relationships, a great distrust of authority figures, severe depression, dissociative disorders, sexual disorders, substance abuse, nightmares, loss of religion, and post traumatic stress disorder. In my opinion, their claims clearly fall within the statute of limitations insofar as they only recently made the causal connection between Father Pacquin's abuse and their own psychological problems. See Riley v. Presnell, 409 Mass. 239 (1991).

In the opinion of this office, the above-named individuals have claims against the Archdiocese and the employees listed above under various theories of liability, including, without limitation, negligent hiring, negligent supervision, as well as a failure by the Archdiocese to protect the public against the predilections of Father Pacquin that were known or should have been known by the Archdiocese.

Clearly, these individuals are entitled to be compensated by those responsible for their injuries. Accordingly, Messrs. [REDACTED] therefore make demand upon the Archdiocese, as well as Father Matos, Father Carroll, and Father Roache for fair and reasonable compensation for the injuries which they have suffered. A similar demand will be made upon Father Pacquin.

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I would request that the Archdiocese, in consultation with you, make an initial determination as to whether or not the Archdiocese is interested in engaging in settlement discussions or whether this matter should proceed to litigation. I request that you respond to this letter within fifteen days of its receipt.

Moreover, if the Archdiocese intends to discuss this matter without resort to litigation, I expect that it, as well as its employees named above, will execute a Tolling Agreement. The Archdiocese has delayed in doing so in the past and is leaving this firm with no other option than to exercise our client's legal remedies.

Very truly yours,



Roderick MacLeish, Jr.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Reverend Ronald Paquin
August 30, 1993

1. Father Paquin has agreed to meet with Father Larry Drennan as his monitor.
2. Father Drennan has agreed to be the monitor for Fr. Paquin.
3. Father Paquin has agreed to be in touch by telephone with Drennan once a week. He will also meet with Father Drennan once every 3-4 weeks.
4. Father Paquin continues to see his Doctor one a week. He participates in four other meetings each week. He also meets on a regular basis with other members of his support group which includes nine people.

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Similarly, ██████████ asserts that he was also sexually molested by Fr. Pacquin while in the fourth or fifth grade at St. Monica's and thereafter. Like ██████████ Mr. ██████████ was considered by Fr. Pacquin to be one of his "special" altar boys. This gave them added privileges, like being able to serve at funerals and travel with Fr. Pacquin to serve at Masses outside St. Monica's. The abuse of Mr. ██████████ began in Fr. Pacquin's car. While the vehicle was in operation, Fr. Pacquin reached over the passenger seat and began caressing Mr. ██████████ thigh, making his way up Mr. ██████████ leg to the point where he began fondling Mr. ██████████ penis and testicles through his pants. Mr. ██████████ was approximately 11 years old at the time. On one occasion, Fr. Pacquin brought Mr. ██████████ up to his bedroom on the third floor of the St. Monica's rectory. The priest asked Mr. ██████████ to sit on the edge of the bed. While engaging in harmless conversation, Fr. Pacquin asked the boy if he had ever masturbated. When Mr. ██████████ replied no, Fr. Pacquin reached over and began massaging Mr. ██████████ penis through his pants, informing Mr. ██████████ that such an action was okay because no part of his body was more special than any other. Fr. Pacquin then removed Mr. ██████████ pants and underwear, and began masturbating the boy. When Mr. ██████████ had not ejaculated, Fr. Pacquin asked that Mr. ██████████ close his eyes and focus on his favorite girlfriend. Finally, after ejaculating, Fr. Pacquin wiped the semen off Mr. ██████████ chest with his handkerchief, held it to his nose, and said, "manna from heaven." Fr. Pacquin also expressed amazement at how far the semen had gone up Mr. ██████████ chest. Incidents such as this occurred frequently, during the afternoon and evening when other priests were in the rectory.

In fact, we have substantial evidence which proves that the Archdiocese knew or should have known about Fr. Pacquin's profoundly tortious actions, and yet did nothing to prevent him from injuring young boys again and again and again. Mr. ██████████ alleges that, when he was a freshman in high school, he visited Fr. Pacquin at the rectory. Upon Fr. Pacquin's insistence, Mr. ██████████ masturbated Fr. Pacquin. After ejaculating, Fr. Pacquin informed Mr. ██████████ that the lack of semen produced was due to the fact that it had been "the fourth time" he had ejaculated that day. After Fr. Pacquin had cleaned himself off, sniffed his handkerchief's contents and proclaimed, "Manna from Heaven," someone knocked at the door. Fr. Pacquin asked who it was and two young boys responded promptly. Fr. Pacquin turned to Mr. ██████████ and said, "Here comes number five today." On his way out of the rectory, Mr. ██████████ saw Father Allan Roche [see above, pp. 5-6], then Pastor of St. Monica's, watching television. Distraught by the event, Mr. ██████████ confronted Fr. Roche, telling him that he must go to Fr. Pacquin's bedroom immediately because something terrible was about to happen. When asked what he meant, Mr. ██████████ told Fr. Roche that Fr. Pacquin was going to masturbate two boys as he had done to Mr. ██████████ for the last several years. Fr. Roche, as he walked past Mr. ██████████, said, "I always thought something funny was going on up there." Fr. Roche went up the stairs and pounded on Fr. Pacquin's door. When the door was opened, Fr. Roche began yelling at Fr. Pacquin, who had been caught with the two young boys in medias res. Fr. Roche demanded he leave the room, and remained in Fr. Pacquin's room with the two boys. Fr. Pacquin came down the stairs and asked Mr. ██████████ why he had betrayed him. And yet, despite meeting Fr. Roche at the rectory several times thereafter, neither Fr. Roche nor Fr. Pacquin ever discussed the incident with Mr. ██████████.

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12. Father Ronald Pacquin (St. Monica's Church, Methuen, Massachusetts)

On September 13, 1993, we sent you a revised demand and new tolling agreements on behalf of three men who were similarly sexually abused by Fr. Ronald Pacquin. While we are hopeful that the Archdiocese will see fit to respond in a prompt and substantive fashion to these very real and alarming charges, our recent experience with the Archdiocese's attempts to needlessly prolong this otherwise straightforward process gives us good reason to be circumspect. For the record, I will restate the facts below, all of which were presented to your office over one month ago, in my August 12 letter to you:

██████████ reports that he was sexually abused by Fr. Pacquin while in the fifth grade at St. Monica's Church in Methuen, Massachusetts. At the time, Mr. ██████████ was an altar boy, which put him in direct and frequent contact with Fr. Pacquin who, at the time, was assigned the duty of overseeing all of the altar boys at St. Monica's. On numerous occasions, Fr. Pacquin would invite Mr. ██████████ over to the rectory to assist him with school projects. In one of these instances, Fr. Pacquin invited the boy to the priest's third-floor bedroom, ostensibly to watch television. Fr. Pacquin began telling Mr. ██████████ what an extraordinary person he was, all the while stroking the boy's hands, fingers, and thighs. Then, quoting from the scriptures, Fr. Pacquin began telling Mr. ██████████ that he should give no part of his body any more attention than any other part. Fr. Pacquin proceeded to unzip the boy's pants, pulled out his penis and said he was going to give Mr. ██████████ "a good feeling." Fr. Pacquin then began to masturbate Mr. ██████████. Incidents of this sort occurred several times throughout the seventh and eighth grades and into Mr. ██████████'s high school years. While Mr. ██████████ attended St. John's Seminary (at Fr. Pacquin's urging), Fr. Pacquin invited him over to the rectory to help him move some belongings from St. Monica's to a parish located in Haverhill. After finishing the task, Fr. Pacquin asked Mr. ██████████ to go up to his room and rest while the priest attended to some other matters. While Mr. ██████████ rested, Fr. Pacquin entered the room, unzipped Mr. ██████████'s pants, and

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placed his mouth over Mr. [REDACTED]'s penis. Sensing Mr. [REDACTED]'s revulsion, Fr. Pacquin ceased performing oral sodomy. Though most of the abuse perpetrated by Fr. Pacquin on Mr. [REDACTED] occurred in Fr. Pacquin's bedroom at the rectory (usually during afternoon hours, and sometimes lasting well into the night), the abuse was not confined to this location alone. One incident occurred while on a trip back to St. Monica's from Brockton, when Fr. Pacquin masturbated Mr. [REDACTED] while driving his automobile on Route 93.

Similarly, [REDACTED] asserts that he was also sexually molested by Fr. Pacquin while in the fourth or fifth grade at St. Monica's and thereafter. Like Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] was considered by Fr. Pacquin to be one of his "special" altar boys. This gave them added privileges, like being able to serve at funerals and travel with Fr. Pacquin to serve at Masses outside St. Monica's. The abuse of Mr. [REDACTED] began in Fr. Pacquin's car. While the vehicle was in operation, Fr. Pacquin reached over the passenger seat and began caressing Mr. [REDACTED]'s thigh, making his way up [REDACTED] leg to the point where he began fondling [REDACTED] penis and testicles through his pants. Mr. [REDACTED] was approximately 11 years old at the time. On one occasion, Fr. Pacquin brought Mr. [REDACTED] up to his bedroom on the third floor of the St. Monica's rectory. The priest asked Mr. [REDACTED] to sit on the edge of the bed. While engaging in harmless conversation, Fr. Pacquin asked the boy if he had ever masturbated. When Mr. [REDACTED] replied no, Fr. Pacquin reached over and began massaging Mr. [REDACTED] penis through his pants, informing Mr. [REDACTED] that such an action was okay because no part of his body was more special than any other. Fr. Pacquin then removed Mr. [REDACTED] pants and underwear, and began masturbating the boy. When Mr. [REDACTED] had not ejaculated, Fr. Pacquin asked that Mr. [REDACTED] close his eyes and focus on his favorite girlfriend. Finally, after ejaculating, Fr. Pacquin wiped the semen off Mr. [REDACTED] chest with his handkerchief, held it to his nose, and said, "manna from heaven." Fr. Pacquin also expressed amazement at how far the semen had gone up Mr. [REDACTED] chest. Incidents such as this occurred frequently, during the afternoon and evening when other priests were in the rectory.

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2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
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December 27, 2000

His Eminence, Angelo Cardinal Sodano
Secretary of State
Apostolic Palace
00120 Vatican City State
Europe

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Your Eminence:

I am writing in regard to a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston who has engaged in the molestation of young boys.

Following the indications of your memorandum 424.469 of December 19, 1997, I would like to submit for your consideration this case concerning Reverend Ronald Paquin. It is my judgment that he is the cause, potential and actual, of grave scandal.

In dealing with Father Paquin over the years, my predecessor and I have encountered a priest who has [REDACTED] this serious situation, as you can see from the enclosed report, has continued for ten years with the potential for even more reports of molestation to surface.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration of this case and I request that you present it to the Holy Father with your recommendation. I sadly conclude from all of the evidence that the best course of action would be dispensation from all the obligations of priesthood. This action would benefit the Church and the victims without causing any undue harm to the priest.

Your Eminence, I am grateful for your assistance. I ask your prayers for me and all who are deeply affected by this tragic situation.

Asking God to bless you and those you serve so well, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

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CASE HISTORY FOR REVEREND RONALD PAQUIN

Date of Birth	10/16/42		
Ordination	4/11/73		
Assignments	St Monica	Methuen	5/1/73
	St John	Haverhill	6/2/81
	Sick Leave		9/11/90
	Part Time Chaplain	Youville Health Care	
		Cambridge	7/15/98
	Suspended		11/3/00

Complaints

June	1990	complaint	Pastor	involved with various boys.
August	1990	complaint-1	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 13 years old.
August	1990	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 12-14.
August	1992	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 13-17.
September	1992	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 12-16
September	1992	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest while patient in hospital
October	1992	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 14 years old.
September	1993	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 15-16
January	1994	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 12-21
April	1994	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 13-14
April	1994	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 13-14
October	1994	complaint-2	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 13 years old.
February	1995	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest from age 13-14
January	1997	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest as a teenage
May	1999	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 16 years old.
January	2000	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 13 years old.
August	2000	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 13 years old.
August	2000	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest at 14 years old.
September	2000	complaint	[REDACTED]	sexually abused by priest as a teenager

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Archdiocesan Response

July	1990	assessment	Southdown Institute in Aurora, Canada
October	1990	residential treatment	St. Luke's Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
April	1991	discharge	St. Luke's Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
October	1991	aftercare	St. Luke's Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
Winter	1991	CPE training	
May	1992	workshop	St. Luke's Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
October	1992	aftercare	St. Luke's Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
April	1993	aftercare	St. Luke's Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
October	1993	aftercare	St. Luke's Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
October	1995	aftercare	St. Luke's Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
April	1997	evaluation	Massachusetts General Hospital
June	1991	Dr. Edward Messner	Psychotherapy until the present

The Advisory Board with the recommendation of the Delegate and with the acceptance of the Cardinal Law recommended the following:

June	1994	recommended to seek laicization	rejected by Fr. Paquin
March	1997	recommended re-testing	
October	1997	recommended to seek laicization	rejected by Fr. Paquin
October	1999	recommended to seek laicization	rejected by Fr. Paquin
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As of December 1, 2000 there have been eighteen (18) complaints against Fr. Paquin. These complaints represent fourteen (14) directed to the office of the Delegate and four (4) directed to the Archdiocesan legal representative. The Archdiocese of Boston has legally resolved (8) eight of the cases concerning Father Paquin in which there were allegations of sexual misconduct. Two other individuals are in the process of contemplating formal accusations against Father Paquin.

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Reverend Ronald Paquin

Currently, Father Paquin is living at St. Joseph's Parish, Lincoln (259-8364) and enrolled in the clinical/pastoral education program at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen under the supervision of Reverend Gerald Wyras (687-0151). The program began the first part of September and will end November 27. He hopes to continue in the second quarter program which begins December 3 and ends February 20.

In early August, Father Sweeney reported to Father McCarthy that he had heard that Father Paquin had seen the son of a woman who lives in Beverly. Previously, he had lived with her in Haverhill.

On September 23, Father Sweeney called me to inform me that [redacted] is nervous about Father Paquin being at St. Joseph's Parish, Lincoln. He also reported that he heard some youth from Methuen want to call a lawyer about Father Paquin being at Holy Family Hospital.

Father Sweeney informed me also that Father Paquin has been visiting a young man named [redacted]. He is age fifteen on sixteen. He was 'romancing him' when he left Haverhill. He comes from a broken home. His father is violent. Father Paquin has brought the boy to visit his mother in Beverly. He has been sighted visiting the boy's home on [redacted] four times.

He also reported that the two friends of Father Paquin in the parish: [redacted] and [redacted] have left the parish because they see Father Sweeney as the 'bad guy.'

On September 25, I spoke with Father James Carroll at the urging of Father McAuliffe. He is a priest at St. Monica's in Methuen.

The following is a summary of his report:

It seems that Father Paquin was close to young boys in the parish. Sometimes he would have kids in his room until five or six in the morning. Six or seven boys were involved in counseling because of their relationship with Father Paquin. One of them, after being in counseling, moved to Florida, another would not go to Mass anymore and a third would never let his son go with a priest after his experience with Father Paquin.

The specifics seem to be that they would go on trips with Father Paquin and he would give them 'pot.' Sometimes he would talk about the 'birds and the bees' - that is, sex - with the boys and would encourage them to masturbate in front of him.

Father Carroll is upset that Father Paquin is working at the hospital in the Pastoral Education program. He thinks that it will cause some upset in the community. Already a probation officer, Paul Duby, is upset that Father Paquin is in the area. It seems that Paul Duby learned from [redacted] of Haverhill about Father Paquin's experiences in Haverhill.

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[redacted] telephoned me [redacted] and asked that I return the call and I left a message on the tape. He never returned the call back.

I spoke with Father Sweeney on April 27 and told him about the efforts to help Father Paquin find a ministry in which he would not be in contact with youth. I wondered if [redacted] and [redacted] would find it difficult if he continued to try to do this in Methuen through the rest of this program which ends in November. He said that he would speak with them.

I spoke with Father Paquin on Saturday, September 28 and reported to him my conversations with Father Sweeney and Father Carroll. He was upset. He thinks Father Sweeney is vicious and is behind all the complaints of [redacted] and [redacted]. He is surprised about Father Carroll's observations. He does not admit to any of them.

I told him that it is clear people are still upset with his behavior in the past and that he needs to accept this whether he sees it as vicious or not. I told him to remain out of Haverhill while such feelings are so strong and not to be visiting [redacted] either. He said that much of his support group is in Haverhill. I told him that he would need to meet with them away from their homes. He seems resistant but also agreeable.

He said that he would speak with Father Carroll. I told him that if he did, to do it in confidence. He will also ask one of his friends, [redacted] to speak to Father Sweeney about not fanning any upset in the Haverhill area.

10/6 Spoke w/ Beth Ann Antiff to get reading on how things stand in Methuen regarding Ron P.'s presence + Fr. Carroll's reaction. He has heard nothing except Fr. Carroll's concerns - which could be mostly based on hear-say. He thinks Fr. Carroll gets easily excited. JBM

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CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE
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September 10, 1990

Reverend Ronald H. Paquin
Saint John the Baptist Parish Rectory
110 Lincoln Avenue
Haverhill, MA 01830

Dear Father Paquin:

I am writing to advise you that upon the recommendation of Reverend John B. McCormack, Secretary for Ministerial Personnel, I am ending your assignment as Parochial Vicar at Saint John the Baptist Parish in Haverhill and I am placing you on Sick Leave. The effective date of this course of action is September 11, 1990.

I realize that at this point it is impossible for you to attend to the health concerns which you have and at the same time be available to care for others and their needs. It would be my hope that this action which relieves you of parish responsibilities would also relieve you of any stress that might arise from feeling obligated to duties which are impossible to fulfill at this time.

Please be assured that you have my prayers and my full support. If there is anything which I am able to do for you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Please send written notification that you have received this letter to Most Reverend Robert J. Banks, Vicar for Administration, and Reverend James J. McCarthy, Clergy Personnel Director.

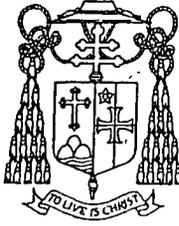
With my warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bernard Cardinal Law
Archbishop of Boston

cc: Reverend John B. McCormack

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CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135-3192

July 11, 1998

Reverend Ronald H. Paquin
35 Hovey Street #14
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Father Paquin,

I am writing to inform you that I am ending your Health Leave Status and I am assigning you as Part-Time Chaplain to Youville Healthcare Center in Cambridge. The effective date of this action is July 15, 1998.

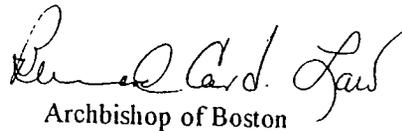
I am confident of your ability to minister competently and compassionately to the community at Youville. I must ask that you restrict your ministry to that which strictly pertains to the care of the patients at Youville Healthcare Center. I have asked Father William Murphy to further clarify this request.

I am grateful for your cooperation and openness during the period of your assignment to Health Leave. I know that there have been some very difficult moments for you. I trust that your own continued vigilance and the support of competent professionals will allow you to begin a new phase of ministry in the Archdiocese.

Please send written notification to Most Reverend William Murphy, Vicar for Administration, and Reverend James J. McCarthy, Director of the Office of Clergy Personnel indicating that you have received this letter.

Asking God to bless you and those you serve, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston

cc: Reverend Edward M. Flaherty, S.J.

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6/15/92

R. Quinn

1. ambitious = prayerful, aware of feelings + 'layers'!!
fearful of not being active at O.H. Hall
for some time.

2. [redacted] - troubled person; [redacted] is
also troubled // - Is she the one who
kipped off 'meds'??

3. Contract : - S.A.H. - ?

- A - R.A.C. O.H. Hall;
- R.C.P. @ Bradley;
- B - Alcohol/Drug Addict is sponsor. Comes from Haverhill
- monthly
- C - Dr. Messner ~~once~~ weekly on Tuesday
- ✓ D - Sp. Director - ~~Larry Brennan~~ Paul Lacey S.J. ?
- ✓ E - Weekend assignment: -
- ✓ F - Pay from Clergy Benefit Trust - mail to O.H. Hall P.O. Box, Salem
- ✓ G - Ask Beall to let him help where he can program
maintaining
- H - Consider reentering "Group + Therapy"
- I - Never to go back to Haverhill - a promise!
- J - Mentor - Larry Brennan

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Observations:

Father Roche is about seventy-four years old and lives in a modular housing unit in Seabrook, New Hampshire. He seemed cautious in his manner and responses. He gives the impression that he likes to keep to himself. He has not been sleeping well. He was hospitalized for a rapid heart beat several days after he learned about the allegations. When asked whether he knew much about Father Paquin's activities, as a pastor he said it was only hearsay and it was after Father Paquin had left. He did think that he had an unusual interest in boys. He would bring them up to his room. He never confronted him about this. He did not want to create any conflict.

JBM:mo'l
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Roche, Allan E.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
OF THE TRIAL COURT
SUCV 2002-04564
(CONSOLIDATED WITH SUCV 02-1296)
(ORIGINALLY ENTERED IN MIDDLESEX
COUNTY AS NO. 02-1741)

ANTHONY J. FACELLA,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON, A
CORPORATION SOLE, AND
RONALD PAQUIN

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF ANTHONY FACELLA

I, Anthony Facella, depose and say as follows:

1. My name is Anthony Facella and I live in New Hampshire. I am the son of John Facella.
2. In the 1970's, including 1977, my family were parishioners at St. Monica's Parish in Methuen, Massachusetts. Around that time my mother was sick with cancer.
3. I knew Father Ronald Paquin ("Fr. Paquin") from St. Monica's

Parish. He was a priest there.

4. In December of 1977, Fr. Paquin took me in his car to a hotel in Hyannis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. On the way, Fr. Paquin stopped to pick up another priest. Once at Hyannis, I went swimming and then got into the whirlpool with Fr. Paquin. At that time, Fr. Paquin fondled my penis. I was 13 years old and when he did this to me, I got very angry. I got out of the whirlpool and told Fr. Paquin that he had a problem. I had liked Fr. Paquin before that and I felt like a fool because I had trusted him.

6. I immediately went to the hotel room and packed my bag. I told Fr. Paquin that I was leaving.

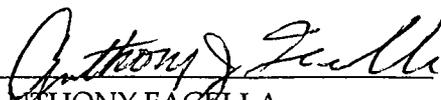
7. There was a huge snowstorm outside at this time, but I would not stay because of what he did. I started to hitchhike on the highway. About a half an hour later Fr. Paquin drove up in his car and asked me to get in. I told him I would not get in the car and he said that I had to. I got in the car and Fr. Paquin said, "I'm sorry. Your father told me to do that because he wanted to know if you had any gay tendencies." We said nothing else to each other all the way home.

8. When I got home my parents asked me why I had come home so early and I told them exactly what happened.

9. My father, John, died last year. Several years ago he told me that after I told my parents what Fr. Paquin had done, he called Fr. Roche, the pastor of our Church, who told him to immediately come down to the rectory. My father told me that Fr. Roche told him that, before he said anything about the incident, he wanted my father to read a little note. It said "Fr. Paquin abused/fondled your son." My father said he asked Fr. Roche how he knew what had happened and Fr. Roche said he had received other complaints about Fr. Paquin. My father asked him whether he would call the police. My father told me that Fr. Roche responded to him by saying "Don't you have enough problems at home - - enough on your plate? Do you need more? Your son will go on the witness stand and it will be his word against Fr. Paquin. It's going to be rough." My father told me that he did not pursue the matter further because my mother was so sick. My father felt bad for years after that for having not gone to the police that night.

10. My mom died that Christmas of 1977. She had been bedridden for ~~months~~ with cancer.

Years
ASF SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES
OF PERJURY THIS 19 DAY OF JULY, 2003.


ANTHONY FACELLA

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss

SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
OF THE TRIAL COURT
SUCV-2002-04554 T1
(originally filed in MICV-02-1169)
(consolidated with SUCV-2002-1296)

JOHN DOE,

Plaintiff,

v.

RONALD H. PAQUIN and THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON,
A CORPORATION SOLE,

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN DOE
(Name Given to Defendant and Court)

I, John Doe, depose and say as follows:

1. For purposes of this Affidavit, I am being referred to as John Doe.
2. I was born in January 1976 in Danvers, Massachusetts and I come from a broken home. By the time I was five years old, my parents were divorced and I visited my father every other week while I lived with my mother in Danvers. I moved from my mother's apartment in Danvers to my father's home in Haverhill in 1987. I was about 11 years old at that time.
3. I was introduced to Father Ronald Paquin ("Fr. Paquin") in June or July of 1987 by a friend of mine, who was an altar boy at St. John's Parish in Haverhill. St. John's

was located less than a mile from my father's house.

4. I was given twenty dollars by Fr. Paquin for the tasks we performed the first time I went to St. John's.

5. Fr. Paquin seemed very friendly to me and he began to take me for ice cream and long walks at Hampton Beach. He encouraged me to come to him with any problems or issues that I was dealing with and he began to buy me clothes when we went on trips, as well as other gifts, like a boom box radio and shoes.

6. In 1988, Fr. Paquin began to talk to me about psychology and sexuality and he asked me if I masturbated and how it affected me.

7. Fr. Paquin asked me to consider him a father figure and I did. He always wanted me to hug him and kiss him on the cheek when I first saw him. He would talk about being comfortable with my sexuality and how it was not a bad thing to have an erection. After a time, he persuaded me to allow him to just rub my groin area. Then he began to touch my penis and would ejaculate me by masturbation. Fr. Paquin then began to perform oral sex on me. This would happen in his car and on trips to New Hampshire and elsewhere. I continued to see Fr. Paquin for any problems I had.

8. In 1989 we went to Mount Mansfield. Sexual incidents happened there. We also went to the Killington Resort in New Hampshire and Lake Placid, where sexual incidents also occurred. We visited Sunday River in Maine and while we were there, Fr. Paquin put his mouth on my penis and he masturbated me with his hand.

9. In 1990 Fr. Paquin went to Maryland. He said it was to go to college to become a hospital chaplain. While he was away, Fr. Paquin sent me letters and some money, ^{And picture of us} When he returned, he contacted me and we continued our relationship, including the sexual parts of it. We even went to Canada together and had sex there.

10. In 1991, we went to Nantucket together a few times, including the summer of 1991. We stayed at The White Elephant in a room together. I was 15 years old at that time. Fr. Paquin performed oral sex on me and masturbated me.

11. We went on a few camping trips in tents. I remember one occasion in New Hampshire at a camp ground where my parents had been visiting. We went to Pine Acres in Raymond, New Hampshire in July of 1991 and also in August of 1992. I remember getting there and putting up the tent and the staking out the ropes we used to tie down the tent. We got a fire started and sat down and had some beers and talked. We finally decided to go to bed on Fr. Paquin's blowup mattress. I just wanted to go to sleep because I was exhausted from the day. Fr. Paquin reached over and started to fondle my penis. I pushed his hand away and told him I did not want him to touch me. Fr. Paquin asked me why. I tried to explain that I didn't want to do that. Fr. Paquin said fine and rolled over away from me. I decided to roll over on my side away from him. A few minutes later Fr. Paquin rolled back over and tried to grab my penis again. I rolled over on my stomach and placed my two hands on myself to cover my penis so that Fr. Paquin would not be able to touch me. Fr. Paquin then took my legs and spread them open. I

tried to keep them closed but Fr. Paquin was able to get his hand in between and under my legs as I lay on my stomach. Fr. Paquin then reached up and was able to get to where my hands were covering my penis. I clenched my penis hard so Fr. Paquin could not get through. Fr. Paquin then started to fondle the underside of my testicles and tease the spots that were exposed. I continued to keep my hands on my penis. Then Fr. Paquin got forceful and moved my hand out of the way and grabbed my penis and started to pump fast. I had been erect previously from him teasing my testicles. I became frustrated that Fr. Paquin was continuing these motions and gave in and allowed him to masturbate me for about a half a minute. I was on my back. Fr. Paquin then began to orally suck on my penis. He continued to do this until he could tell I was close to orgasm and then he finished off with his hand. Each time I tried to not allow the sexual event to happen, Fr. Paquin would say it was not a problem at first, but when it became nighttime and we were lying near, he would always start with the massaging and it would eventually end up in coerced sex.

12. In 1991 or so, Fr. Paquin lived in Lincoln, Massachusetts on Lincoln Road. I remember he lived there after he got back from Maryland. I went there on several occasions to visit Fr. Paquin. I went in his room one time. It was a small room overlooking the driveway. It was a Church and a rectory. It seemed small compared to the other churches I had seen. One time, in Fr. Paquin's Lincoln bedroom, the only time I had been in that room, Fr. Paquin made attempts to massage my genitals. I remember

trying to move his hand off of me. I remember Fr. Paquin trying to make me become erect as he had done in the past by just keeping his hand on my genitals and just wiggling really fast and massaging me. I had moved him away and nothing was said verbally about the incident. That was the only time I remember being in that room in Lincoln. Most of the time while Fr. Paquin was living in Lincoln, he would drive up to Haverhill to see me.

13. In 1992 – 1993, I remember Fr. Paquin moved to Milton, Massachusetts. It was a white mansion in a well-to-do section of Milton. There was a long driveway that forked halfway down the drive to the side of the house, or to the front of the house. There was what seemed to be a lot of land. I remember Fr. Paquin and I would go in his bedroom there and watch movies. On a few occasions in 1992 – 1993 I stayed over in the Milton mansion with Fr. Paquin. I remember Fr. Paquin would tell me to just stay in his room if I wanted food. I remember feeling awkward about this because everywhere else I had ever been I was able to get up and get my food or drink as I pleased. Fr. Paquin would tell me to just stay in his room and he would get the food downstairs in the kitchen. I did meet some of the priests there. Fr. Paquin would tell me when there was no one in the house and say that was a good time for me to come over so we would not have to worry about some of the priests there. Sexual events did happen there. I remember on two occasions lying on Fr. Paquin's bed watching television. He would start as he always did. He walked over to me and massaged my feet and then worked his

way up to my penis, and then the sexual acts began. I guess I knew it was coming because he was shutting the blinds in the room. I remember this happening two times. They occurred sometime in 1993. Fr. Paquin eventually held a job in Milton at a CVS store down the street. Fr. Paquin said that he thought a lot of the priests in that mansion seemed to be weird and crazy, and that he stayed away from them. Fr. Paquin told me how they had meetings downstairs in that mansion. I did not know what those meetings were for. I remember Fr. Paquin was on one end of the mansion in the beginning when he lived there. If you are looking at the mansion from the front where you drive in from the driveway, he was on the right side in the beginning in a large room with an adjoining bathroom. Later, he was moved to the opposite side of the house. Both rooms had easy access to doors to the outside. The second room I remember Paquin living in at the Milton mansion was just above the side door where the side driveway came to. In 1992 I had a Honda Interceptor motorcycle which I believe ^(OC5) Fr. Paquin bought for me and I used to drive to visit him in Milton. More often than not, however, Fr. Paquin would come to pick me up in Haverhill and bring me over to his house. My parents had allowed me to go wherever I wanted to go with Fr. Paquin. In 1993 I could sleep over at my girlfriend's home (my current wife). So it became increasingly easier to do as I wished as I became older and had a vehicle to move about in.

14. I eventually went and spoke to the State Police about Fr. Paquin. The Essex County District Attorney brought charges against him for what he did to me and he pled

guilty. He is now in prison for these crimes.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO UNDER THE PENALTIES AND PAINS OF
PERJURY THIS 21 DAY OF JULY, 2003.



JOHN DOE
(Name Appended)

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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JOHN DOE,
Plaintiff,

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ET AL.,
Defendants.

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DEPOSITION OF REVEREND FREDERICK E. SWEENEY,
a witness called on behalf of the Plaintiff, taken
pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts
Rules of Civil Procedure, before MaryJo O'Connor, a
Registered Professional Reporter/Certified Shorthand
Reporter and Notary Public in and for the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at St. John the
Baptist rectory, 110 Lincoln Avenue, Haverhill,
Massachusetts, on Wednesday, December 4, 2002,
commencing at 10:15 a.m.

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- 1 Q. What happened first? Strike that.
- 2 Did Father Paquin leave to go to
- 3 Toronto sometime after your meeting with Bishop
- 4 Hughes?
- 5 A. He told me. I don't even know when he went.
- 6 Q. At some point did he leave the parish to go?
- 7 A. Yeah, he had to. I didn't miss him, though. I'm
- 8 not being fresh.
- 9 Q. No, I know. But up until that time, as I understand
- 10 it, would Father Paquin be here all the time and say
- 11 mass on a weekly basis and assist with parish
- 12 activities?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. So was there a period of time after the meeting with
- 15 Bishop Hughes that he wasn't around to do that
- 16 because he was gone?
- 17 A. Could have been his day off, you know.
- 18 Q. How long did he go up to Toronto for?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. You don't remember?
- 21 A. Don't remember.
- 22 Q. Who told you that he was going to Toronto?
- 23 A. He did -- oh, no, not going. I didn't know he went.
- 24 Q. So did anyone from the Archdiocese let you know what

- 1 was happening as it related to him going to Toronto?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Did anyone follow up with you on the heels of the
4 meeting with [REDACTED] and young [REDACTED] to tell
5 you what was happening and what they had learned?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Were you given any documents regarding a meeting
8 between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and anyone from the
9 Archdiocese?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. At some point were you advised that Father Paquin
12 was going to be removed from Haverhill and
13 reassigned?
- 14 A. Bishop Hughes just said he has to be transferred --
15 no, he has to leave Saint John's. Nothing else
16 specific was said. Just he has to leave here.
- 17 Q. All right. And then was he in fact sent someplace
18 else?
- 19 A. To a hospital.
- 20 Q. Where?
- 21 A. Suitland, Maryland.
- 22 Q. Were you told why?
- 23 A. I only know that because he gave me his address.
- 24 Q. He did, okay. If you know, was Father Paquin