NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

STEPHEN MEADE

Plaintiff,

-against-

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK, REGIS HIGH SCHOOL, THE USA EAST PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, INC., and JESUIT CONFERENCE OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

Defendants.

-----X

# **SUMMONS**

Plaintiff(s) designate NEW YORK County as the place of trial.

The basis of the venue is Defendant Place of Business

Defendant Place of Business 1011 First Avenue New York, NY 10022

Index No.:
Date Summons &
Complaint Filed:

# To the above named Defendant(s)

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty days after the services of this summons exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated:

Port Washington, NY

July 27, 2021

By:

Brett A. Zekowski

Parker Waichman LLP

Office & Post Office Address:

6 Harbor Park Drive

Port Washington, NY 11050

(516) 466-6500 Our File # 0031631

TO:

Archdiocese of New York 1011 First Avenue New York, NY 10022

Regis High School 55 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10028

The USA East Province of the Society of Jesus, Inc. 39 East 83<sup>rd</sup> Street New York, NY 10028

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States 1016 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Ste 400 Washington, DC 20036

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

COUNTY OF NEW YOR	HE STATE OF NEW YORK K 	X
STEPHEN MEADE		VERIFIED COMPLAINT
	Plaintiff(c)	Index No :

Plaintiff(s),

index No.: Jury Trial Demanded

-against-

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK, REGIS HIGH SCHOOL, THE USA EAST PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, INC. AND JESUIT CONFERENCE OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

Defendant(s).	
 <u>-</u>	X

### **BACKGROUND**

In September 1980, Father Robert E. Voelkle sexually abused the then 16 year old plaintiff in his house. Defendants ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK, REGIS HIGH SCHOOL, THE USA EAST PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, INC., AND JESUIT CONFERENCE OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES was generally negligent in connection with this abuse, including, without limitation, by having negligently hired and retained Father Robert E. Voelkle and giving him unsupervised access to children, including Plaintiff. This lawsuit arises out of Plaintiff's significant damages from that sexual abuse, as described below. Plaintiff, by and through Plaintiff's attorneys, states and alleges, on personal knowledge as to himself and on information as to all other matters as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- At the time of the commencement of this action plaintiff, Stephen Meade, was a resident of the County of Queens, State of New York.
  - At the time of the incident(s) giving rise to this complaint, plaintiff was a resident 2.

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

of the County of Queens, State of New York.

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

This action is timely pursuant to New York Child Victims Act, CPLR 214-g. The 3. conduct at issue constituted a sexual offense against a minor in violation of at least one section within Article 130 and/or §263.05 of the New York Penal Law, or a predecessor statute that prohibited such conduct at the time of the act, and resulted in physical, psychological, and emotional injuries. A civil cause of action was previously time-barred, but was revived by the terms of the Child Victims Act, CPLR §214-g.

- At all material times, Plaintiff was a minor under 18 years of age when the sexual 4. abuse occurred.
- 5. At all times herein mentioned, defendant Archdiocese of New York was a religious corporation organized pursuant to the Religious Corporations Law, with its principal office at 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022 in New York County, New York.
- 6. At all times herein mentioned, defendant Regis High School was a religious corporation organized pursuant to the Religious Corporations Law with its principal office at 55 E. 84th Street, New York, NY 10028.
- 7. At all times herein mentioned, defendant The USA East Province of The Society of Jesus, Inc., was a religious corporation organized pursuant to the Religious Corporations Law with its principal office at 39 East 83rd Street, New York, NY 10028.
- 8. At all times herein mentioned, defendant The USA East Province of The Society of Jesus, Inc., was a foreign not-for-profit corporation authorized to do business in the State of New York.
- 9. At all times herein mentioned, defendant Jesuit Conference of Canada and The United States was a religious corporation organized pursuant to the Religious Corporations Law with its principal office at 1016 16th Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036.

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

10. At all times herein mentioned, Regis High School was a Roman Catholic School within and under the authority of Archdiocese of New York.

- At all times herein mentioned, Regis High School was a Roman Catholic School 11. within and under the authority of The USA East Province of the Society of Jesus.
- At all times herein mentioned, Regis High School was a Roman Catholic School 12. within and under the authority of Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States.
- 13. At all times herein mentioned Archdiocese of New York oversaw, managed, controlled, directed and operated Regis High School.
- 14. At all times herein mentioned The USA East Province of the Society of Jesus oversaw, managed, controlled, directed and operated Regis High School.
- At all times herein mentioned Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States 15. oversaw, managed, controlled, directed and operated Regis High School.
- 16. At all times herein mentioned Archdiocese of New York managed, supervised and controlled those who were employed or otherwise worked for Regis High School including, but not limited to priests, nuns and other personnel and volunteers, both while they were on premises and engaged in off-premises activities related to their employment with Regis High School.
- 17. At all times herein mentioned The USA East Province of the Society of Jesus Inc., managed, supervised and controlled those who were employed or otherwise worked for Regis High School, including, but not limited to priests, nuns and other personnel and volunteers, both while they were on premises and engaged in off-premises activities related to their employment with Regis High School.
- 18. At all times herein mentioned Jesuit Conference of Canada and The United States managed, supervised and controlled those who were employed or otherwise worked for Regis High School, including, but not limited to priests, nuns and other personnel and volunteers, both while

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

they were on premises and engaged in off-premises activities related to their employment with Archdiocese of New York

- At all times herein mentioned and relevant to the allegations set forth herein Father 19. Robert E. Voelkle was a priest assigned as by Defendant Archdiocese of New York to Regis High School.
- 20. At all times herein mentioned and relevant to the allegations set forth herein Father Robert E. Voelkle was a priest at Archdiocese of New York.
- At all times herein mentioned and relevant to the allegations set forth herein Father 21. Robert E. Voelkle was a priest at Regis High School.
- At all times herein mentioned and relevant to the allegations set forth herein Father 22. Robert E. Voelkle was a priest with The USA East Province of the Society of Jesus, Inc.
- At all times herein mentioned and relevant to the allegations set forth herein Father 23. Robert E. Voelkle was a priest with Jesuit conference of Canada and The United States.
- At all times herein mentioned, Father Robert E. Voelkle was employed by 24. Archdiocese of New York.
- 25. At all times herein mentioned, Father Robert E. Voelkle was employed by the Regis High School.
- 26. At all times herein mentioned, Father Robert E. Voelkle was employed by The USA East Province of the Society of Jesus, Inc.
- 27. At all times herein mentioned, Father Robert E. Voelkle was employed by the Jesuit conference of Canada and The United States.
- 28. Through his position with defendants, Father Robert E. Voelkle, was put in direct contact with Plaintiff, Stephen Meade, then an infant.
  - 29. In September 1980, Father Robert E. Voelkle sexually abused the plaintiff.

INDEX NO. 950928/2021 COUNTY CLERK 08/05/2021

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

30. At all times herein mentioned, Father Robert E. Voelkle was under the management, supervision, employ, direction and/or control of Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States.

- 31. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States knew and/or reasonably should have known and/or knowingly condoned and/or covered up, the inappropriate and unlawful sexual activities of Archdiocese of New York who sexually abused the Plaintiff Stephen Meade while Plaintiff Stephen Meade was an infant.
- 32. Defendants, Archdiocese of New York had the responsibility to manage, supervise, control and/or direct priests assigned to Regis High School.
- 33. Defendants, The USA East Province of the Society of Jesus, Inc., had the responsibility to manage, supervise, control and/or direct priests assigned to Regis High School.
- 34. Defendants, Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States had the responsibility to manage, supervise, control and/or direct priests assigned to Regis High School
- 35. At all relevant times, Archdiocese of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province of the Society of Jesus, Inc., and Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States had a duty not to aid pedophiles such as Father Robert E. Voelkle by assigning, maintaining and/or appointing he/she to positions in which he/she would have access to minors.
- 36. At all relevant times, Father Robert E. Voelkle used his position as a priest to entice, take control of Stephen Meade and sexually assault, sexually abuse or have sexual contact with Stephen Meade while plaintiff was a minor.
- In 1979, Father Robert E. Voelkle was a priest, assigned by Defendant Archdiocese 37. of New York to Regis High School.

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

38. In 1979, Father Robert E. Voelkle was a priest, assigned by Defendant The USA

Ĵ.

East Province of The Society of Jesus, Inc., to Regis High School.

39. In 1979, Father Robert E. Voelkle was a priest, assigned by Defendant Jesuit

conference of Canada and the United States to Regis High School

40. Through his positions at, within or for the other defendants, Father Robert E.

Voelkle were put in direct contact with infant plaintiff.

41. Father Robert E. Voelkle used his encounter with plaintiff, gained through his

position at Archdiocese of New York which granted him access to defendants' youngest

parishioners, to sexually assault, sexually abuse and/or have sexual contact with plaintiff in

violation of the laws of the State of New York.

42. Defendants, individually, jointly and/or severally, violated various New York

statutes, including, but not limited to N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law §§413 and 420, which require school

officials and teachers to report suspected cases of child abuse and impose liability for failure to

report.

43. Plaintiff suffered physical and psychological injuries and damages as a result of his

childhood sexual abuse by Father Robert E. Voelkle.

44. As a direct result of defendants' conduct, Plaintiff suffered and will continue to

suffer great pain of body and mind, severe and permanent emotional distress and physical

manifestations of emotional distress. As a result of his childhood sexual abuse, plaintiff has been

prevented from obtaining the full enjoyment of life, has incurred and will continue to incur

expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy and counseling and has incurred and

will continue to incur loss of income and/or loss of earning capacity.

45. Because of his childhood sexual abuse, Plaintiff Stephen Meade is unable to fully

describe all of the details of that abuse and the extent of the harm that he suffered as a result.

6

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENT HIRING, RETENTION, SUPERVISION AND/OR DIRECTION

46. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1

through 45 as if fully set forth herein.

The sexual abuse of children by adults, including priests and teachers, is 47.

foreseeable.

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

48. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province

Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States at all

relevant times represented and held out to the public that Regis High School to be safe places for

learning and participating in youth activities.

At all relevant times, defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, 49.

The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The

United States were each under an express and/or implied duty to protect and care for

plaintiff, Stephen Meade.

Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province 50.

Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States negligently

hired, retained, directed and supervised Father Robert E. Voelkle because they knew or should

have known that Father Robert E. Voelkle posed a threat of sexual abuse of children such as

plaintiff.

51. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province

Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States knew or

should have known that Father Robert E. Voelkle had a propensity to engage in the conduct which

caused plaintiff's injuries prior to or about the time of the occurrence of these injuries.

52. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States owed a duty of care to all minors, including plaintiff, who were likely to come under the influence or supervision of Father Robert E. Voelkle in their role as teacher, priest, counselor, trustee, director, officer, employee, agent, servant and/or volunteer to ensure that Archdiocese of New York did not use their assigned positions to injure minors by sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual contact with minors.

- 53. Father Robert E. Voelkle sexually assaulted, sexually abused and/or had sexual contact with plaintiff Stephen Meade.
- 54. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States k were put on notice of Father Robert E. Voelkle's improper and inappropriate actions toward minors.
- Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province 55. Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States were negligent in failing to properly supervise Father Robert E. Voelkle.
- 56. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States were negligent in failing to properly manage Father Robert E. Voelkle.
- 57. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States were negligent in failing to properly control Father Robert E. Voelkle.
- 58. At all relevant times, defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States were willful, wanton, malicious, reckless and/or outrageous in their disregard for the rights and safety of plaintiff.

INDEX NO. 950928/2021 RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

59. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' above-described omissions, plaintiff

has suffered and will continue to suffer the injuries described herein.

By reason of the foregoing, the Defendants are liable to plaintiff jointly, severally 60.

and/or in the alternative, for compensatory damages and punitive damages, together with costs and

interest in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have

jurisdiction.

NYSCEF DOC. NO.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENCE/GROSS NEGLIGENCE

Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 61.

through 49 as if fully set forth herein.

62. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province

Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States knew or

negligently failed to know that Father Robert E. Voelkle posed a threat of sexual abuse to children.

63. The acts of Father Robert E. Voelkle as described above, were undertaken, enabled

by, and/or during the course of their respective employment, assignment, appointment and/or

agency with defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province

Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States.

64. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province

Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States:

a. gave improper or ambiguous orders or failed to make proper regulations,

and/or employed improper persons in work involving risk of harm to others;

b. failed to adequately supervise the activities of Father Robert E. Voelkle;

c. failed to adequately supervise and safeguard minors attending Father Robert E.

Voelkle;

9

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

d. permitted and/or intentionally failed and/or neglected to prevent negligent or

tortious conduct by persons, whether or not their servants, agents or employees,

upon premises under their control; and

e. allowed the acts of omission and/or commission of any or all of the allegations

set forth in this Complaint to occur.

65. At all relevant times Father Robert E. Voelkle was under the supervision, employ,

direction and/or control of defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA

East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United

States.

NYSCEF DOC. NO.

66. At all relevant times, defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School,

The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The

United States were wanton, willful, malicious, reckless and outrageous in their disregard for the

rights and safety of plaintiff, which conduct was equivalent to criminal conduct.

As a direct and/or indirect result of said conduct, Plaintiff has suffered injuries and 67.

damages as described herein.

68. By reason of the foregoing, defendants jointly, severally and/or in the alternative

are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and for punitive damages, together with interest

and costs in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have

jurisdiction.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION **BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY** 

Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 69.

through 68 as if fully set forth herein.

At all relevant times, there existed a fiduciary relationship of trust, confidence, and 70.

10

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

reliance between plaintiff, on the one hand, and defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States, on the other, based upon the entrustment of plaintiff, while he was a minor child, to the care and supervision of the defendants and each of them, as a parishioner, worshiper, invitee, attendee or guest at Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States and as an, invitee, attendee or guest at Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States. The entrustment of the plaintiff to the care and supervision of the defendants and each of them, while plaintiff was a minor child, required the defendants to assume a fiduciary role and to act in the best interests of the plaintiff and to protect him while he was a minor and vulnerable child.

- 71. Pursuant to their fiduciary relationship with Plaintiff, defendants were entrusted with the well-being, care and safety of Plaintiff.
- Pursuant to their fiduciary relationship with Plaintiff, defendants assumed a duty to 72. act in the best interests of Plaintiff.
- 73. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States breached their fiduciary duties to plaintiff.
- 74. At all relevant times, the actions and/or inactions of Father Robert E. Voelkle were willful, malicious, wanton, reckless and outrageous in his disregard for the rights and safety of plaintiff.
- As a direct result of defendants' conduct, plaintiff has suffered injuries and damages . 75. described herein.

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

76. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants, jointly, severally and/or in the alternative are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and for punitive damages, together with interest and costs in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have

jurisdiction.

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF NON-DELEGABLE DUTY

77. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1

through 76 as of fully set forth herein.

78. When he was a minor, plaintiff Stephen Meade was placed in the care of defendants

Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus,

Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States for the purposes of providing

plaintiff with a safe environment in which to participate in youth activities. There was thus created

a non-delegable duty of trust between plaintiff and defendants.

79. Plaintiff Stephen Meade was a vulnerable child when placed in the care of

defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society

Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States.

80. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province

Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States, and each

of them, were in the best position to prevent plaintiff from being abused and/or to have learned of

the repeated abuse by defendant Archdiocese of New York and to have stopped it.

81. As evidenced by the fact that plaintiff Stephen Meade was sexually abused as a

minor child entrusted to the care of the defendants, these defendants breached their non-delegable

duty to plaintiff.

82. At all relevant times, Father Robert E. Voelkle was under the supervision,

12

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

employment, direction and/or control of defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States.

- 83. As a result of the sexually abusive conduct of Father Robert E. Voelkle, plaintiff Stephen Meade suffered the injuries and damages described herein, the full extent of which is unknown at present.
- By reason of the foregoing, defendants jointly, severally and/or in the alternative 84. are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and for punitive damages, together with interest and costs in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

## FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION **NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

- 85. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 84 above as if set forth at length herein.
- 86. As described above, defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States acted in a negligent and/or grossly negligent manner.
- 87. The actions of defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States, endangered plaintiff's safety and caused him to fear for his own safety.
- As a direct and proximate result of the actions of defendants Archdiocese Of New 88. York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States, which included, but were not limited to, negligent and/or grossly negligent conduct, plaintiff suffered severe injuries and damages as described

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

herein, including, but not limited to, mental and emotional distress.

89. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants, jointly, severally and/or in the alternative are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and for punitive damages, together with costs and interest in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

# SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK SOCIAL SERVICES LAW §§ 413, 420 TO REPORT ABUSE

- Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 90. through 89 as if fully set forth herein.
- 91. Pursuant to N.Y. Social Services Law §§413, 420, defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States, had a statutory duty to report the reasonable suspicion of abuse of children in their care.
- 92. Defendants Archdiocese Of New York, Regis High School, The USA East Province Of The Society Of Jesus, Inc. And Jesuit Conference Of Canada And The United States breached that duty by knowingly and willfully failing to report reasonable suspicion of abuse by Father Robert E. Voelkle of children in their care.
- 93. As a direct and/or indirect result of said conduct, plaintiff has suffered injuries and damages as described above.
- 94. By reason of the foregoing, defendants jointly, severally and/or in the alternative are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and punitive damages, together with costs and interest in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against defendants on each cause of action as follows:

- A. Awarding compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in any event in an amount that exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction;
- B. Awarding punitive damages to the extent permitted by law;
- C. Awarding prejudgment interest to the extent permitted by law;
- D. Awarding costs and fees of this action, including attorneys' fees, to the extent permitted by law;
- E. Awarding such other and further relief as to this Court may seem just and proper.

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

## **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: Port Washington, New York

July 27, 2021

Yours, etc.

Hren A. Zekowski

Parker Waichman LLP

Attorneys for Plaintiff(s)
Office & Post Office Address

6 Harbor Park Drive

Port Washington, NY 11050

516-466-6500

Our File # 0031631

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

### ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK	)	
		: ss :
COUNTY OF NASSAU	)	

Brett A. Zekowski, an attorney and counselor at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, affirms the following to be true under penalties of perjury:

I am an associate of the firm Parker Waichman LLP attorneys for the plaintiff(s) herein.

I have read the foregoing SUMMONS and COMPLAINT and know the contents thereof.

Upon information and belief, I believe the matters alleged therein to be true.

The source of your deponent's information and the grounds of my belief are communications, papers, reports and investigations contained in my file.

The reason this verification is made by deponent and not by plaintiff(s) is that plaintiff(s) reside in a county other than the one in which your deponent's office is maintained.

Dated: Port Washington, NY July 27, 2021

Brett A. Zekowsk

Parker Waichman LLP

INDEX NO. 950928/2021

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 08/05/2021

NYSCEF DOC. NO. 1

Index No.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

STEPHEN MEADE

Plaintiff(s),

-against-

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK , REGIS HIGH SCHOOL, THE USA EAST PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, INC. AND JESUIT CONFERENCE OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

Defendant(s).

## SUMMONS and VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Certification per 32NYCRR §130-1.1a

Brett A./Zekowski
Parker Waichman LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff(s)
6 Harbor Park Drive
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516) 466-6500

To:

Attorney(s) for

Service of a copy of the within

is hereby admitted.

Dated:

Attorney(s) for

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

NOTICE OF

ENTRY that the within is a (certified) true copy of a

entered in the office of the Clerk of the within named

Court on

2021.

**NOTICE** 

that an Order of which the within is a true copy will be presented to the Hon.

, one of the

OF

SETTLEMENT judges of the within named Court, at,

, on

2021, at M.

Dated: Port Washington, New York

July 27, 2021

Parker Waichman LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff(s)