

Sun.star: Another Teen Cries Rape Vs Priest

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BAGUIO CITY, Philippines - Seventen-year-old "Twinkle" (not her real name) filed five counts of rape and seven counts of acts of lasciviousness against Fr. Gabriel Madangeng Jr, the second complaint to be filed against the priest.

Madangeng earlier face rape charges filed by 15-year-old "Crystal" (not her real name). He filed a petition for review before the Department of Justice (DOJ) in relation to Crystal's complaint.

"I want him to be imprisoned because if he will only be suspended he will do it again to (somebody else)," Twinkle said in her statement.

Madangeng in reaction to Twinkle's allegations said, "I am a man of the cloth and I could not have committed the alleged acts which are in total violation of my vocation."

Twinkle alleged she was still 15 years old when Madangeng raped her. She further alleged that the priest molested her from August to December 2006.

Crystal, on the other hand, claimed she was molested by the priest starting July 2006. She was only 14 at that time.

The Philippine Mental Health Association (PMHA) in 2007 diagnosed Twinkle to have the age equivalent of a 9-year-old and evaluated her to suffer from emotional disturbance and manic depression.

"She exhibits covert anxiety, stemming from feelings of guilt and inadequacy," psychologist Lindsey Cosme Ekid reported.

Twinkle said Madangeng started molesting her August 3 until December 11, 2006 inside her room at the Sta. Rita Parish Convent in Bontoc. "Father Gabriel raped me many times," she said.

According to Twinkle's sworn statement Madangeng made it possible for her to get a scholarship at the Saint Vincent High School in Bontoc.

Madangeng said, "The charges hurled against me are without basis and false and are being made by the complainant to mitigate any reaction which her parents would have against her after she was discovered to have been dating a man in Bontoc."

Twinkle served as a convent girl and narrated on her first week at the Sta. Rita Parish suffered the first wave of abuse. "Father Gabby started coming inside my room (at) night

time (to) sleep with me. For one week he had been caressing my body especially my breast and vagina," Twinkle said.

Twinkle alleged that after her first week of stay in the convent, intercourse ensued many times with Madangeng sometimes leaving her money after. "He would leave cash amounting to P50 but sometimes he would leave P100 to P200 on top of the table as I don't like to accept it."

According to Twinkle she did not report the incident out of fear her scholarship would be revoked and was ashamed to admit the abuse transpired.

Twinkle started to fail her subjects in school and said "I cannot bear it any longer, I am being disturbed and I cannot concentrate whenever I think of Father Gabby coming into my room and doing everything against my will."