

## Eugene man sues Bend diocese for abuse

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**KLAMATH FALLS** — A Eugene man has filed a \$3 million lawsuit against the Baker Diocese claiming he was abused two decades ago by a priest at Sacred Heart Church.

The man, now 32, said that when he was 10 years old, he was abused by the Rev. Joseph Hayes and that it continued for

three years. Hayes died Oct. 3, 1995, in Klamath Falls.

The suit was filed Oct. 2 in Deschutes County Circuit Court. The plaintiff, identified by the initials D.D.W., has chosen to remain anonymous, said his attorney, Kelly Clark.

Bend attorney Greg Lynch, who represents the diocese, was not available for comment

Tuesday.

The Baker diocese, based in Bend, also is being sued by 16 other men who claim they were sexually abused in Klamath Falls by the Rev. David Hazen, who died in 1983.

Hayes was a priest within the Baker Diocese for 49 years. Hayes also served as a Boy Scout director.