

Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
*Diocese of Manchester*

December 28, 1993

To Whom It May Concern:

Between the years of 1962 and 1968, Father Gerald Chalifour, a priest of the Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire, was assigned to the parish of Saint John the Baptist in Suncook, New Hampshire. Unbeknown to the Diocese at that time, Father Chalifour had the sexual problem of ephebophilia. This problem has come to our attention within the past three years, and has caused the Diocese to obtain extensive care for Father Chalifour and ultimately accept his resignation from active ministry. Father Chalifour has admitted in the course of his treatment that, during this time of his life, he did in fact have this problem and that he was sexually affectionate with several teenage boys who were altar servers in the parish during that time. The Diocese currently is aware of three such cases.

One of these cases was [REDACTED]. Having discussed his problems at length with Father Chalifour and having investigated the situation thoroughly with [REDACTED], I am convinced that Father Gerald Chalifour did sexually victimize [REDACTED] during that period of time. There is no doubt in my mind that this victimization has caused serious psychological problems for [REDACTED] over the years, and was in large part responsible for his inability to properly choose and live out the vocation of the priesthood.

I am most hopeful that the Holy See, reflecting on these matters, will grant [REDACTED] dispensation from all the obligations of the priesthood, including celibacy, to allow him to begin again a healthy and full relationship with the Church.

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**Secretariat for Pastoral Services**  
*Diocese of Manchester*

April 21, 1993

MEMORANDUM

RE: [REDACTED]

I met today with [REDACTED]. He is currently in counseling with Dr. Leo Shea, a psychologist from Concord.

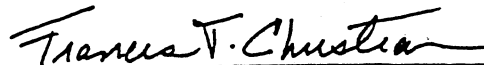
He reports that on several occasions while he was in junior high school and high school he was sexually fondled in one way or another by Father Gerald Chalifour. In one instance, he reports having slept in the same bed with him on an altar boy outing to the Bay of Fundy, and waking up with Father Chalifour fondling him. He remembers being invited to Father Chalifour's room after serving Mass one day and being asked to give Father Chalifour a massage with some sort of baby oil while Father Chalifour was naked on the bed. He recalls as well Father Chalifour bringing him to a camp on the river in Goffstown and trying to get him to undress. [REDACTED] reports that he suffered from nightmares of the massage, a difficulty in being intimate with his wife, and also depressed at certain times prior to recalling these events more fully. It was an inquiry from [REDACTED] (see related materials in this file) that began to trigger his memory and leading him into counseling.

I shared with [REDACTED] the following: (1) that the Diocese had not been aware of Father Chalifour's problems at the time he was in Suncook; (2) that when we became aware of them several years ago we required psychological assessment and therapy; (3) that such assessment indicated that Father Chalifour had not been abusing young men for at least the last 8 to 10 years; (4) that we have not placed him into any ministry where he could be in contact with young people since that time, and that he is currently retired; (5) that he is required to meet regularly with a spiritual director, psychologist, etc., to make sure that his addiction is under control.

[REDACTED] indicated that he was grateful to know these things, and I thanked him for coming forward with the information. I promised him that I would discuss his allegations with Father Chalifour so that Father Chalifour would be reminded of the harm he had done people and thus be motivated to continue to keep his problem under control. I asked [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] if there was anything further the Church could do for him, and while he made no claims at this time, he indicated that he might be grateful for some financial help with counseling in the future if that became necessary. I told him that the Diocese would be willing to consider that within reason, and he agreed to get in touch with us if he decided to make such a request.



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Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
Diocese of Manchester

April 22, 1993

MEMORANDUM

RE: Rev. Gerald F. Chalifour

I spoke at length today with Father Gerald Chalifour regarding the substance of the attached interview with [redacted] Father Chalifour believes that the money he paid to [redacted] is the real reason [redacted] [redacted] come forward, even though no demands have been presently made.

Father Chalifour cannot recall the substance of [redacted] allegations, and I reminded him that, given his past, it would be difficult to deny them at any kind of public hearing. Father Chalifour realizes the truth of this situation. He asked me to be in touch with him should anything more develop in this regard.

*Francis J. Christian*  
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(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian  
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Michael Bahan

RE: Fr. GERALD CHALIFOUR

DATE: April 25, 2002

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 1:47 p.m. and advised that he was sexually assaulted by Fr. GERALD CHALIFOUR in Allenstown, New Hampshire during 1964-1965.

[REDACTED] said that he is not interesting in obtaining any money from the diocese, but just to tell his story to the authorities. [REDACTED] was advised that this information will be passed the Merrimack County Attorney's Office and they would contact him. He said that he would be looking foreword to their call.

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April 25, 2002

Howard Helrich, Esquire  
Merrimack County Attorney  
4 Court Street  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Gerald Chalifour

Dear Howard:

Attorney Robert McDaniel informed that he represents Gerald Chalifour in the ongoing investigation regarding sexual assault. I met with Attorney McDaniel who indicated that he might be willing to discuss resolving the criminal matters involving his client. I informed Attorney McDaniel I would inform the appropriate County Attorney's Office of this information. I believe that sexual assaults by Gerald Chalifour took place in your county.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "N. William Delker".

N. William Delker  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Chief, Criminal Justice Bureau  
(603) 271-3671

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FILE SUMMARY

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Name</b>                             | Gerald F. Chalifour   |
| <b>Date of Birth</b>                    | 09/17/28  |
| <b>Date Ordained</b>                    | 06/07/52  |
| <b>Service</b>                          | 06/16/52 St. Martin, Somersworth  |
|   | 12/10/57 Guardian Angel, Berlin   |
|   | 03/12/59 St. Charles Orphanage, Rochester, Chaplain   |
|   | 05/03/60 Sacred Heart, Greenville   |
|   | 09/18/62 St. John the Baptist, Suncook  |
|   | 10/04/68 St. Kathryn, Hudson  |
|   | 10/08/69 Leave of Absence (health)  |
|   | 02/09/70 Holy Family, Gorham  |
|   | 06/03/70 St. Peter, Farmington  |
|   | 09/08/76 St. Theresa, Manchester, Pastor  |
|   | 12/08/83 Leave of Absence (6 months - health)   |
|   | 06/05/84 St. Theresa, Manchester  |
|   | 06/20/85 Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, Chaplain  |
|   | 06/24/87 St. Charles, Dover   |
|   | 09/30/87 St. Augustine, Manchester  |
|   | 06/20/90 St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, Associate Chaplain  |
|   | 1991 - St. Theresa Manor, Manchester, Temp. Chaplain  |
|   | 02/93   |
|   | 10/31/92 Retired  |
|   | 10/01/95 Bishop Peterson Residence, Manchester, residence<br>-- 01/96   |
| 01/96 Residence: Delany Residence 01/96 |   |
| <b>Date and Nature of Complaint</b>     | An adult male met with a Diocesan official on April 21, 1993. He indicated that when he was in junior high school and high school in the 1960's, he was sexually fondled by Gerald Chalifour, reported having slept in the same bed on an outing to the Bay of Fundy and having other inappropriate sexual contact. In 1995, a claim was brought against the Diocese through an attorney for medical bills and other costs, which matter was settled. |
| <b>Response Action Taken</b>            | Referred for psychological evaluation. Gerald Chalifour was retired at the time of receipt of the accusation.   |

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| <b>Additional<br/>Complaints</b> | There were additional complaints from adults who signed mutual confidentiality agreements with the Diocese upon settlement of civil claims for similar sexual abuse. These settlements were in 1991 and 1993 and referred to incidents dating from the 1960's and 1970's. |
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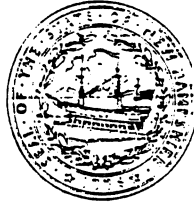
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April 23, 2002

Peter McDonough, Esquire  
Hillsborough County Attorney  
300 Chestnut Street  
Manchester, NH 03101

RE: Gerald Chalifour

Dear Peter:

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Attorney Gregory Swope also contacted me and informed me that he represents [REDACTED]. I have not had further discussions with Attorney Swope.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. William Delker".

N. William Delker  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Chief, Criminal Justice Bureau  
(603) 271-3671

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TO: FILE

FROM: Paul E. Brodeur, Inv.

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
Complaints re: Priest

DATE: 26 February, 02 1345 hrs.

This date received call from: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that in the 60s his family lived at [REDACTED] was a troubled kid and his mother had brought him to the church for counseling. [REDACTED] believes this was in the September 1969 time frame. He was in school and it was still warm outside. [REDACTED] advised that he was 15 years of age at the time and he was assisting with the renovations of an office in the rectory. [REDACTED] advised that he was pulling down horsehair plaster and there was a mess.

The priest was a Fr. GERALD CHALIFOUR at St. Catherine's Church in Hudson, NH. [REDACTED] advised that in his eyes CHALIFOUR was God. [REDACTED] advised when completed the work he ended up taking a shower. After the shower [REDACTED] ended up in the bedroom of CHALIFOUR. [REDACTED] had a towel wrapped around him and CHALIFOUR was naked. CHALIFOUR made the statement to [REDACTED] saying that he was a not a queer and not to think about it that way. [REDACTED] advised that CHALIFOUR did oral sex on him and he had to give CHALIFOUR a complete body message with a bottle of witch hazel. [REDACTED] advised even to this day if he smells witch hazel it turns his stomach.

[REDACTED] advised that he tried to stay away but his mother sent him back to do more work at the church. [REDACTED] advised that the same act took place a second time. [REDACTED] advised that he never told anyone what had taken place. He advised that his father was very protective and would have killed CHALIFOUR. His mother was heavy into the church and didn't feel he could tell her. [REDACTED] advised that one night he had gotten thrown out of the house and he was walking the streets. He doesn't know what he was thinking of but he walked up toward the rectory. [REDACTED] advised that there was a screened in porch on the side of rectory and as he approached he could see that CHALIFOUR was sitting there naked. [REDACTED] advised that he screamed and yelled at CHALIFOUR every word he could think of and continued on to some other location.

[REDACTED] advised that at the age of 16 he was sent to [REDACTED]. Upon his return, his mother asked if anything had happened with CHALIFOUR. He does not know why the question was asked but he was brought to a house and believes he was before the Church Council.

[REDACTED] advised that in 1989 or 1990 he was messed up on drugs and alcohol and went to the Lakes Region Mental Health for treatment. The counselor asked what the underlying issue was and [REDACTED] advised of the acts with CHALIFOUR. [REDACTED] advised that after the fact he found out that the counselor was a gay and ex-priest. [REDACTED] described this as "another instance where he tried to trust and he got kicked in the ass." [REDACTED] advised that he has repressed this for the past 35 years.

[REDACTED] advised he was at a recent family gathering and one of his sisters mentioned the articles covering two pages in the Sunday paper. [REDACTED] looked at the articles and saw CHALIFOUR's name. [REDACTED] advised at that point "it all came flooding back."

Explained to [REDACTED] about the Victim/Witness personnel and that they will be calling him. He appreciated the concern on the part of the Office of the Attorney General.

STRAFFORD COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
PO Box 799, County Farm Road  
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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

On March 7, 2002, a forensic interview was conducted at the Strafford County Attorney's Office as a result of the publicized news in the media involving a former priest,

*Gerard Chalifour*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New Hampshire  
1928/09/17

The victim,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 1959  
[REDACTED]

made contact with this office and agreed to be interviewed by,

*Carolann Jensen*  
Victim Assistant Coordinator  
Strafford County Attorney's Office  
Dover, New Hampshire  
749-2808

*Synopsis of interview:*

[REDACTED] first started out by giving information about his residency and background involving his family. [REDACTED] stated that he had [REDACTED] children and a wife. [REDACTED] as lived with his family in [REDACTED] most of his life. [REDACTED] presently works [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that he decided to call the County Attorney's Office because of the publicity in the news about priests in the State of New Hampshire sexually assaulting children. [REDACTED] said that he recognized a name of a priest:

Investigation on 03/18/02 at Dover, New Hampshire

File 02-108 Date of Report 03/12/02

By Thomas P. Hart, Chief Investigator, Strafford County Attorney's Office

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Reverend Gerard F. Chalifour

as the priest that molested him while he was an alter boy at Saint Peter's Church of Farmington, New Hampshire. [redacted] said that he was an alter boy at the church during the mid to late 1960's and Chalifour was the Pastor at the church starting in 1971. [redacted] said that he would work at the church as an alter boy once a week when he was approximately 12 years old. [redacted] said that he was living in Farmington at the time and was in the Farmington School System. [redacted] described his typical duties as an alter boy for Chalifour. [redacted] said that Chalifour was a "charismatic" person well liked throughout the parish. In 1972 Chalifour became friendlier with [redacted] inviting him to the movies. [redacted] said that he went to a drive-in movie that was located in Somersworth, New Hampshire. [redacted] said that he remembered the movie was the first Godfather movie that came out in 1972 which is how he can pinpoint the date of his service with the church. [redacted] described Chalifour as driving a Chevy Impala that he remembered being as brown. [redacted] said that during this movie there was a nudity scene that made him feel uncomfortable because he was with a priest; he said that he just did not feel right it felt weird. [redacted] then described going to a camp that was located on a lake in Manchester, New Hampshire, during the summer of 1972. [redacted] said that there must have been some arrangement with his parents to go to this camp but he could not remember. [redacted] said that his parents were very much involved with the church and would have absolutely trusted Chalifour. When they arrived at the camp he remembered the camp being on a lake and belonging to one of his friends. [redacted] said that not much happened during the daytime but at night while he was inside the camp with Chalifour, Chalifour asked him to go out "skinny dipping". [redacted] said that he thought it was an odd request but figured this is a priest and if it's ok with him than it must be ok with God. While they were in the water together Chalifour hugged him from behind and started to fondle his genitalia with his hands. They then went inside the camp and got ready for bed. [redacted] said that he remembered the inside of the camp as having tongue and groove wood throughout and the bedroom had one bed on each side of it. They slept in the same room. [redacted] said that he went to sleep dressed in his underwear. After falling asleep he was awakened by Chalifour getting into his bed with him, pulling down his underwear and putting his penis "inside" his anus. [redacted] said that he does not remember if he was penetrated or not but does remember facing the wall laying on his side when this was happening. [redacted] said that he was very confused during this incident. [redacted] said that the next day in the morning he remembered waking up laying on the couch, getting up off the couch and passing out. [redacted] said that Chalifour came over and picked him up from the floor. [redacted] said that he couldn't explain how he got to the couch during the night and why he passed out. [redacted] said that when he woke up he asked Chalifour to go home. They were supposed to spend three days at the camp but they left on the second day. Chalifour did

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apologize during the ride home and asked [REDACTED] not to tell anybody what happened. [REDACTED] described it as Chalifour "begging" him not to tell anybody.

[REDACTED] said that he did not tell anybody about this until now because Chalifour was so respected in the church and it would have devastated his parents. [REDACTED] said that he continued to be an altar boy until he was a senior in high school and remembered Chalifour as the pastor the entire time. [REDACTED] said that Chalifour never spoke about this again.

[REDACTED] said that he first disclosed this information to his wife during their engagement to be married in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that he later told his Mother in the early 1990's. [REDACTED] said that his Mother [REDACTED] was very upset to hear this information about Chalifour. [REDACTED] said that he never mentioned this again until this information became public. [REDACTED] described this camp as being on a lake in Manchester, New Hampshire, brown in color, windows at the front of the camp, a porch and stairs. It had a kitchen, bedroom with two beds and had tongue and groove boards inside on the walls and ceiling. [REDACTED] said that since this information has come out recently by the Diocese he has told his children for their own protection if they would happen to get into this predicament [REDACTED] explain that he has recently met with the Manchester Diocese about this incident and they have offered their assistance. Most of all [REDACTED] wanted to make sure that this incident was reported to prevent any other victims. See video for exact details.

On March 12, 2002, I made contact with Sgt. Kelley of the Manchester Police Department. I gave him my information and advised that we would pass on the information due to the fact that this happened in their jurisdiction.

Case referred to Manchester Police Department.

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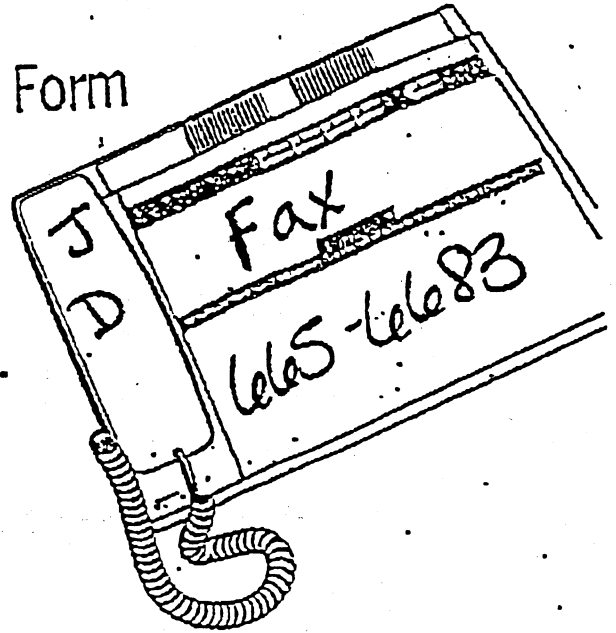
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# Fax Transmittal Form



Date: 03/25/02  
TO: MIKE BAHAN / A.G.'S  
FROM: Sgt. Kevin Kelly  
ATTN: MIKE BAHAN

COMMENTS: Re: [REDACTED] (Henshaw)

Number of pages including cover sheet: 5

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March 18, 2002

Sergeant Kevin Kelley  
Manchester Police Department  
351 Chestnut Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire 03101

Re: Gerard Chalifour

Dear Sgt. Kelley:

Attached is the information in regards to the above defendant Gerard Chalifour. I also gave you an audiotape copy of the forensic interview that was conducted by our office. I researched the defendants name and came up with the Manchester address, I not sure if it's the correct information, see my report. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Thomas P., Hart  
Chief Investigator  
Strafford County Attorney's Office

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October 15, 1992

[REDACTED]

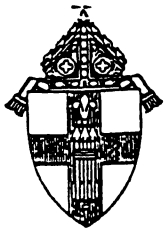
Dear [REDACTED]

Subsequent to my letter to you of September 21st I have had occasion to discuss your proposals both with Bishop O'Neil and with Father Chalifour. I have also been in contact with our diocesan attorneys. I believe that I am now in a position to meet with you to decide on a mutually acceptable agreement. Could you call me at (603) 669-3100 to arrange a time and place to get together.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Christian  
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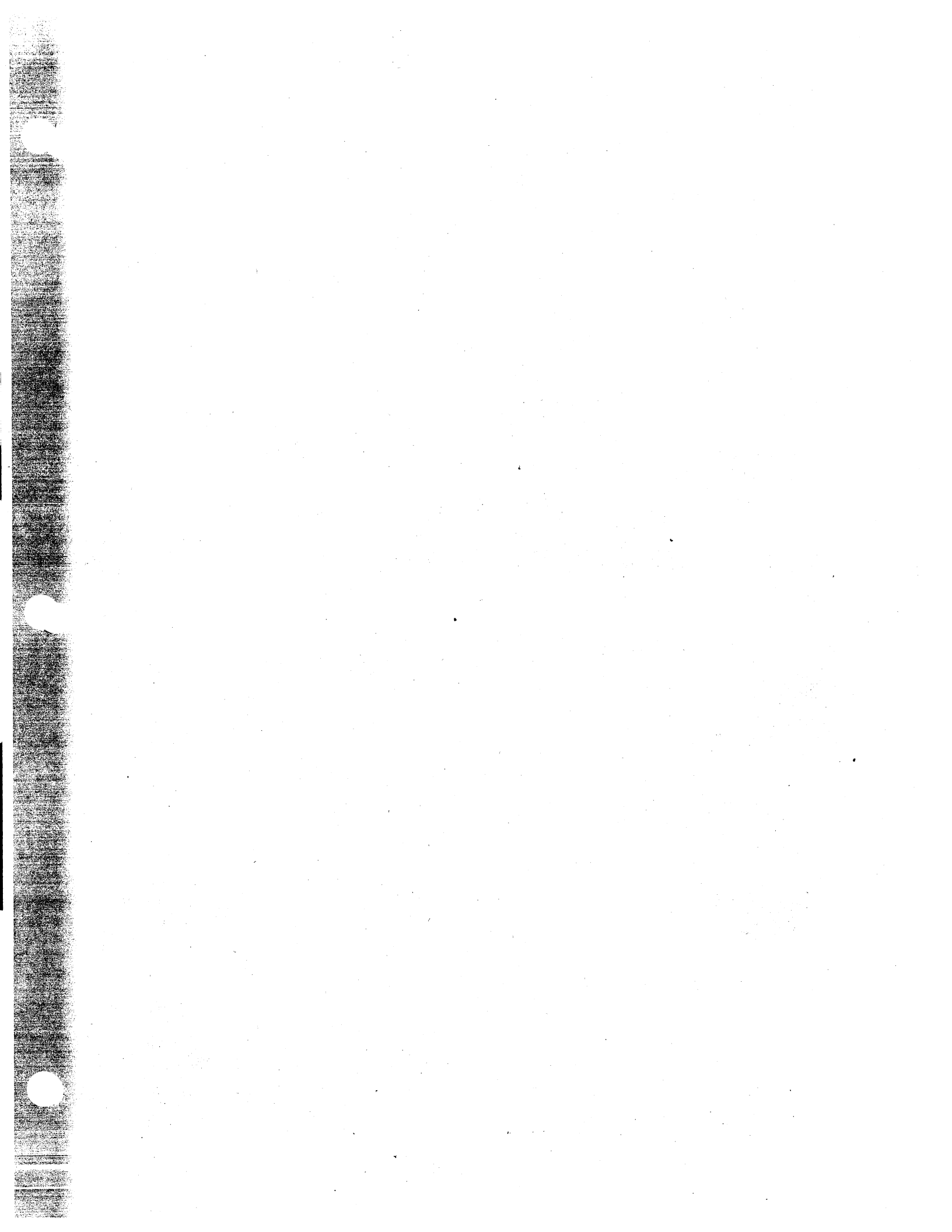
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# Memorandum




To: File (Gerald Chalifour)


From: Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD 

Date: 07-03-02


Re: 

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On 07-03-02, I spoke with Sgt. Kevin Kelly of the Manchester, NH Police Department regarding their investigation into an alleged sexual assault against  by Father Gerald Chalifour. The allegations involve an assault against  that was said to have taken place in the "Manchester, NH area" back in 1972. An initial interview of victim  was conducted by the Strafford County Attorney's office on 3-7-02, and the information was then forwarded to the Manchester Police Department for possible follow-up. I was advised by Sgt. Kelly that it had been determined that the date of the alleged assault was outside the Statute of Limitations and for that reason, no follow-up was completed.

Further inquiry with the Manchester Police Department showed no other contacts whatsoever with Father Gerald Chalifour or with victim 

# Memorandum

**To:** File (Gerald Chalifour)  
**From:** Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD   
**Date:** 07-09-02  
**Re:** Hudson PD


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On 07-09-02, I spoke with Sgt. Avery of the Hudson, NH Police Department regarding Father Gerald Chalifour. I inquired as to whether or not the Hudson PD had any history of contacts with Father Chalifour, or with alleged victims [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Sgt. Avery did a preliminary check which yielded no results, and said that he would check further into the department's history for contacts with these individuals--and advise right away if anything is found.



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

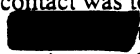
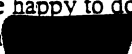
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From: Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD 


Date: 07-09-02

Re: 

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On 07-09-02, I made contact with  at his place of employment in   is an alleged victim of Father Gerald Chalifour and the purpose of my contact was to inquire as to whether or not  would agree to speak with me about his situation.  stated that he would be happy to do so and we agreed on the week of August 5<sup>th</sup> for an interview to take place at his office in .

# Memorandum

To: File (Gerald Chalifour)  
 From: Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD   
 Date: 07-10-02  
 Re: File breakdown

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## File Breakdown and Timeline

Fr. Gerald F. Chalifour  
 9-17-28 (73)  
 Ordained: 6-7-52

### FILE:

- 10-14-69: Letter from Rev. Aime Boisselle to Bishop Primeau RE: Parish board at St. Kathryn's in Hudson. [REDACTED] tell of assault against son--want Fr. Chalifour removed.
- 10-15-69: Letter from Rev. Boiselle to Bishop Primeau RE: interview w [REDACTED] about her son. Boiselle believes true and that Chalifour is sick and needs help prior to returning to ministry.
- 10-16-69: Letter from Chalifour to Bishop Primeau. Talks about medical tests/thyroid condition.

### \*\*\*13 years with no letters/memos

- 05-14-82: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Dr. Henry Ouellette. Says Chalifour had 2 visits and chooses to continue. Feels counseling will help w/ "stresses". Dr. hopes will help with "matter you presented".
- 05-19-82: Letter to Dr. Ouellette from "Bishop of Manchester". Thanks and hope counseling will help Chalifour return to ministry.
- 09-01-82: Dr. Ouellette to Bishop Gendron. Counseling ended 8-25-82 by mutual agreement. Feel he benefited from sessions and confident he will return to service.

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09-07-82: Bishop Gendron to Dr. Ouellette. Thank you.

Undated: Letter to [REDACTED] from Fr. Chalifour "Sorry for what I did".

04-07-88: To Msgr. Christian from [REDACTED]. Tells of abuse by Chalifour against him in Suncook in 1968. Refers to "another boy" in Suncook molested same time.

05-16-88: Memo from Msgr. Christian. Says met w/ Fr. Chalifour on 5-10-88 to discuss [REDACTED] matter. Says Chalifour admitted to problems w/ "young men". [REDACTED] anything with [REDACTED]. Other boys involved "embrace" and some mutual fondling. No ejaculation or intercourse. 5-6 yrs ago at St. Therasas, There was a "misunderstanding" w/ a young man....went to counseling w/ Dr. Ouellette...counseling helped and I've had no problems since.

Msgr. Christian called Dr. Ouellette to confirm counseling. Dr. not sure Effective cause Chalifour in denial. May be under control but may need Further therapy. Msgr. Christian reports calling [REDACTED] and telling him:

1. Fr. Chalifour admitted problems during that time period (late 60's).  
\*Msgr. Notes that he did not mention Chalifour's denial of contact w/ [REDACTED]
2. Tells [REDACTED] that Chalifour went to counseling 5 yrs ago for problem
3. Tells [REDACTED] that Chalifour claims ("and we have no reason to dispute") That no problems since therapy.

Msgr. Notes that [REDACTED] seemed satisfied with this and Msgr. Believes this Is the end of the matter as far as [REDACTED] is concerned. Msgr. Notes that he Believes there probably was sexual contact between Chalifour and [REDACTED]. Finally, Msgr. Does not believe Chalifour is currently sexually active, but Told him that if he feels weak, return for therapy out of concern for further Victims and for "fear of what law would do if slipped".

1 yr later?: Christmas card from [REDACTED] to Msgr. Christian saying that his request for dispensation was accepted and investigation will begin Jan 1994. Asks Msgr. To write a letter confirming sexual abuse. Says may contact Norm Bolduc "vice Chancellor".

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1991:

Psych interview of Chalifour by Dr. Robert Goodkind of Jemez program in New Mexico. Says Chalifour is reformed. Mentioned [REDACTED] reporting sex Abuse to her brother in 60's--says brother was a priest [REDACTED] Who since quit and another priest. Chalifour denied "sex", just back rub.

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Chalifour talked of pain in neck/back. Says used to have "boys" work out His tension by back rubs. Sometimes led to mutual fondling, no ejac. "One thing leads to another". Chalifour reported the following events.

1966-68: Chalifour reports three different boys--back rubs and touched their genitals during rubs.

1968: Chalifour transferred out of parish.

1971-75: 4-6 more occasions of back rubs with one 16 yr old boy. This boy told another boy who came with him one time and wanted to be involved. Chalifour says he turned the boy down and that there were many other opportunities that he turned down.

1976: Left that parish and only one "perceived incident" after that.

1982: 3 day trip with altar boy. Chalifour asked if they could "hold each other". Boy got the wrong idea and reported it to his father who told the Bishop. Counselor questioned "wrong idea". Chalifour says "it wasn't my intention to have sex w/ him. I'm not saying that it wouldn't have happened but I respected that boy". Chalifour says he was confronted by the Bishop so he went to the family and apologized.

Bishop told Chalifour to go to counseling. Went to Dr. Ouëlette for 2 Months. Was told "loner", need more friends. Says made an effort and Was able to avoid "couple opportunities" that arose. Says prior to Counseling, celibacy was a "theory", but now a way of life.

Chalifour denies homosexual--likes women. Dr. believes he's in denial About homosexuality and about sex with boys.

\*Concerning brother of [REDACTED] Chalifour's primary concern was why he was bringing this up after 20+ years. Chalifour believes affection is what he was seeking and that sex was a consequence.

Dr. conclusion: still a risk. Recommends the Jemez program for group Therapy.

11-20-91:

Interview of Chalifour by Dr. Lechner of Jemez program. Chalifour went to the program for an assessment on whether or not should continue ministry. Dr. believes he probably won't act out but should have an assignment that Precludes contact with children. \_\_

11-21-91:

Spirituality interview of Chalifour by Francis Dorff. Chalifour went to a week-long mini retreat. Felt good about himself despite "problem" with sexuality 20 years ago. That was turning point in his life, suffered a lot but learned to forgive himself. Been working with elderly lately. Seeking semi-retirement in which can fill in for priests who go away. Result: in a good place spirituality. Needs no help in that area.

11-21-91:

Psychiatric evaluation of Chalifour by Dr. Jay Feierman. Chalifour came

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due to allegations of sexual misconduct w/ boys. Admitted that had "inappropriate" sexual behavior with 4-5 pubescent HS boys between 1968 and 1982. Mostly fondling and 1 mutual masturbation but NO penetration. No sexual contact with females of any age.

Chalifour reports that he decided to become a priest while in college But didn't want to "be locked up all my life with adult men", so chose Diocesan priesthood.

Dr's impression is that Chalifour's mental state is normal. Calls him an Androphilic Ephebophile, an adult man who is sexually attracted to Pubescent boys. His secondary attraction is to adult females but he has Never acted on it. Not a pedophile cause not attracted to PRE-pubescent Boys.

12-06-91: Letter to Msgr Christian from [REDACTED] Says several years ago, while applying for laicization, I shared with you that I had been molested when I was a teenager by two priests: Fr. Eugene Belanger and Fr. Gerald Chalifour. Wants to continue counseling..already in with his wife. Asking For money. \*\*There is some scribble--looks like \$3500 X 2 = \$7000.

12-12-91: Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Dr. Lechner (Rev.)--director of Jemez program. Program attended by Chalifour from 11-15 to 11-22 (91?) was profitable for him. Recommend no contact w/minors and that he be supervised in ministry. Also, he should receive further therapy. Let us know if you plan to send him to our program.

01-07-92: Letter to Dr. Ouellette from Msgr. Chirstian advising of and providing copy of Jemez program evaluation. Asks Ouellette to meet with Chalifour and determine if you can treat him with individual therapy or if he needs in-patient service at Jemez program.

01-20-92: Letter to Msgr. Christian from Dr. Ouellette advising that requested evaluation of Chalifour is complete. Says Chalifour might benefit from residential treatment but choice should be his. Ouellette agrees he should be kept away from children in future.

02-20-92: Letter to Dr. Ouellette from Msgr. Christian. Thank-you and to advise you that we will allow Chalifour to continue ministry under strict guidelines.

02-20-92: Letter to Chalifour from Msgr. Christian. Happy to say you can return under strict guidelines--elderly and infirmary. Rules:

1. Meet regularly w/spiritual advisor Fr. Couture.
2. Consult and share w/priest friend any stresses or tension--Fr. Gregoire.
3. Continue w/Dr. Ouellette until he says not necessary.

03-12-92: Memo from Msgr. Christian regarding [REDACTED] Says met with him in December 1991 to discuss psych and marital problems [REDACTED] claims he was molested by Chalifour over period of years when he was in high school and in seminary school. Christian notes that "we" know Chalifour had some problems in this area at one time--recent testing shows No problems in this area past 10 yrs.

[REDACTED] says he doesn't blame the church or Bishop for Chalifour's

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Actions. Understands diocese unaware of Chalifour's actions at the time. Says he did suffer and asked for money for counseling. Christian notes That he spoke with Bishop and he said would pay for 2 yrs counseling for [REDACTED] wife. Not because we feel legally or morally obligated, But purely out of a sense of charity. Attorney Brad Cook suggested we Do a waiver to be signed by [REDACTED] wife releasing diocese of any Further responsibility.

03-26-92: Letter to Msgr. Christian from [REDACTED] requests:

1. Financial reimbursement for sex abuse counseling
2. That Chalifour be removed permanently from public ministry.
3. Wants info on how diocese deals w/reports of sex abuse and if abuse is confirmed, how do they deal w/offender and victim.

[REDACTED] says he left the priesthood in the late 80's and has needed much counseling due to the abuse by Chalifour--refers to Suncook, NH. Says he knows of 4 boys that Chalifour molested in Suncook. "You said I was the first person to report abuse, but there were rumors. A quick response to those rumors may have avoided further problems."

04-06-92: Letter to [REDACTED] from Msgr. Christian suggesting meeting.

04-07-92: Letter to Attorney Brad Cook from Msgr. Christian. Tells of Chalifour's counseling and results of Dr. Ouellette's sessions. Says Chalifour will return w/strict conditions--ie. Chalifour has been assigned to St. Theresa's home in Manchester.

Msgr. Christian notes in the letter that "it is possible" that [REDACTED] Has been in touch with [REDACTED] the person we paid. [REDACTED] Says he told no one but not sure we believe him. We should meet before I meet with [REDACTED]

06-18-92: Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Chalifour asking for retirement. Says he is sorry for the concern caused over the past few months by my "irresponsible" actions of the 60's and 70's.

06-22-92: Letter to [REDACTED] from Msgr. Christian saying he is happy about "our" meeting. Let me know about your request for assistance so I can present it to the Bishop.

09-10-92: Letter to Msgr. Christian from [REDACTED] saying can't believe the assessment on Chalifour said he was not a pedophile. [REDACTED] says he spoke with many professionals, clergy, law enforcement, etc. All agree that the assessment must be flawed. Suggest he get another assessment.

[REDACTED] asks for \$25,675 to be paid by Chalifour. If he pays this amount And follows counseling requirements by a new assessment, I will:

1. Won't file criminal or civil charges
2. I will sign agreement w/diocese waiving liability on their behalf
3. Diocese will not pay, Chalifour will

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"My goal is not revenge. If it was, I would have asked that he be removed from ministry altogether and I would have gone public."

09-21-92: Letter to [REDACTED] from Msgr. Christian saying he will run the above by the Bishop.

10-15-92: Letter to [REDACTED] from Msgr. Christian saying spoke w/Bishop, Chalifour and attorneys. We should meet.

10-30-92: Letter from Attorney Cook to Msgr. Christian--sends agreement to be signed by [REDACTED]

Copy of agreement. Settle all claims for the sum of \$1.00 and \$15,000 for Medical expenses. Agreement specifies that [REDACTED] don't bring criminal Or civil charges and that all parties will keep the matter confidential. [REDACTED] signs as well.

11-12-92: Letter to [REDACTED] from Msgr. Christian. Here is the agreement, let us know.

11-12-92: Letter to Chalifour from Msgr. Christian. Here is the agreement.

12-01-92: Letter to Msgr. Christian from [REDACTED] States concern over confidentiality part of agreement.

1. I contacted 3 priests about abuse. 2 were aware of Chalifour's history of sexual abuse. I told them of my wishes--money and therapy. Could you tell them that the matter was resolved?
2. What if someone comes to me and says abused in Suncook, what do I say?
3. If Chalifour arrested in the future for sex abuse, can I come forward?
4. If I'm subpoenaed in the future and I have to testify, what do I do?

12-08-92: Letter to [REDACTED] from Msgr. Christian.

1. You can tell the priests that your concerns have been met.
2. If someone comes to you and alleges abuse, send them to the diocese.
3. If Chalifour is arrested in the future, you can come forward only after you come to us. Your testimony may not be necessary.
4. You must testify if subpoenaed.
5. You may speak to your family but not to public, as this may subject you to subpoenas for other cases.

01-02-93: Agreement signed by [REDACTED] all parties involved including [REDACTED] for \$15,000.

01-13-93: Cancelled check for \$15,000 given to Msgr. Christian from Chalifour for his records.

04-21-93: Memo to file from Msgr. Christian regarding [REDACTED] reports abused by Chalifour while in JHS and HS at the Bay of Fundy camp in Goffstown, NH. Says he recalled the abuse when contacted by

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[REDACTED], who told him.

1. The diocese was not aware of Chalifour's problems at the time in Suncook, NH.
2. That when the diocese became aware several years ago, they required Chalifour to be assessed and to get therapy.
3. The assessment determined there has been no abuse in the last 8-10 years.
4. **There has been no ministry involving children since that time and Chalifour is currently retired.**
5. Chalifour is required to meet regularly with spiritual director/psychologist to keep addiction under control.

Memo says that [REDACTED] was happy to hear about the above. Says when asked if there was anything the diocese could do for him [REDACTED] did maybe money in future if necessary but nothing now.

04-22-93: Memo to file by Msgr. Christian saying that he met with Chalifour at length about [REDACTED] Chalifour believes that [REDACTED] probably wants money like [REDACTED] Chalifour claims he can't remember abusing [REDACTED]

12-28-93: Letter from Msgr. Christian "to whom it may concern" requesting dispensation on behalf of [REDACTED] Talks of sex abuse by Chalifour. Christian believes the abuse allegations are true. Says Should relieve [REDACTED] of responsibilities as priest so can become Healthy and regain relationship with the church.

05-02-94: Letter from Dr. Leo Shea (psychologist) to Attorney Cooper (represents [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] Shea believes [REDACTED] was abused by Chalifour and cost of counseling totals \$4345.40.

05-25-95: Letter to Rev. Dumont (pastor of St. John the Baptist in Suncook, NH) from Attorney Cooper (represents [REDACTED] asking for \$6917.00 for medical expenses and \$225,000 for pain and suffering. Says offer will avoid lawsuit and that the offer will remain open until 06-05-95.


05-26-95: Note to "Frank" (Christian) from Msgr. Paul Bouchard regarding the letter sent to Rev. Dumont from Attorney Cooper. "Much concern".

05-30-95: Letter to Attorney Cook from Msgr. Christian saying he thought [REDACTED] wanted medical reimbursement. Let me know.

**\*\*END OF FILE.**



# Memorandum

To: File (Gerald Chalifour)  
From: Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD.   
Date: 07-10-02  
Re: Victim Information

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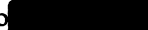
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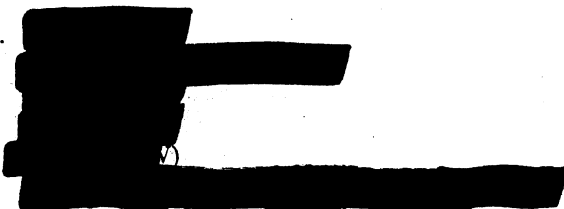
\*Parents first reported (in 1969) abuse of Paul by Fr. Chalifour at St. Kathryn's church in Hudson. They spoke with Rev. Boisselle, who passed the information on to Bishop Primeau, asking that Fr. Chalifour be removed. St. Kathryn's parish board met to discuss the situation.

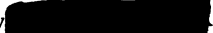
\*Nothing further documented regarding this event until the 1980's.

\*Documents discussing Chalifour's treatment by Dr. Ouellette in 1982. An undated letter is in the file to  from Fr. Chalifour saying that he is sorry.

\*Nothing further regarding  until he called the AG's Office on February 2, 2002. Told a brief story of sexual abuse at the hands of Fr. Chalifour when he was 15 yoa in 1969.

2.



\*Says he was abused back in late 60's at Bay of Fundy camp in Goffstown, NH and possibly Suncook, NH. Recalled abuse when contacted by  also refers to when he was an altar boy in Suncook, NH at St. John the Baptist Church in 1963-67--again abused by Chalifour.

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[REDACTED] first heard from in April of 1993, when he writes a letter reporting abuse by Chalifour--says he was contacted by [REDACTED] which caused him to recall the events. [REDACTED] says at that time that he is happy with what was done to correct the situation and that money may become an issue at some later date.

[REDACTED] next makes contact thru his attorney, Cooper, who writes a letter to Rev. Dumont--the pastor of St. John the Baptist in Suncook. Letter asks for \$6917 in medical and \$225,000 for pain/suffering.

3.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] first heard from in March of 2002 when he contacts the Strafford County Attorneys Office. Says he read about the Catholic Church Investigation and decided to contact authorities to tell his story.

[REDACTED] reports being abused at a camp in Manchester, NH in 1972 after serving under Chalifour as an altar boy at St. Peter's church during that time period. After assault, Chalifour "begged" [REDACTED] not to say anything. [REDACTED] It Chalifour was well respected and said his parents were very religious, so he felt it best not to say anything about the assault at the time.

[REDACTED] first told his story to his wife in 1984 and later told his mother in the early 1990's.

[REDACTED] recently met with the Manchester Diocese about the incident and they have offered their assistance.

4.

[REDACTED]

\*First hear from [REDACTED] December 1991 when he writes a letter to Msgr. Christian. Says he told Christian about abuse by Chalifour and Fr. Belanger during "teenage years" (and while at seminary school) while applying for laicization. Asks for money for counseling (\$7000?).

\*In 1992, church agrees to pay 2 years counseling for him out of sense of charity. Signs release.

5.

[REDACTED]

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\*First hear from [REDACTED] letter to Msgr. Christian in April 1988. Tells of sexual abuse by Chalifour when 12-16 yoa in Suncook, NH (late 1960's).

\*Chalifour is confronted and denies allegations.

[REDACTED] ks for \$25,675 in September of 1992 for counseling. He is paid \$15,000 in October 1992 and signs agreement.

6.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] st makes contact with AG's office in April 2002. Says was sexually assaulted by Chalifour in Allenstown, NH (Suncook?) in 1964-65.

\*That is the only contact with him to date.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: <sup>APV</sup> Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: Allenstown Police Department  
DATE: July 10, 2002

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On July 10, 2002 I spoke with:

Chief JIM MCGONIGLE  
Allenstown Police Department  
26 School Street  
Allenstown, NH 03275  
(603) 485-9500

I relayed to MCGONIGLE that the Diocese Task Force had been formulated and therefore I was inquiring about any contact, reports, or investigations in relation to Father GERALD CHALIFOUR.

MCGONIGLE stated that he had no reports/contacts on file. He also mentioned that when he read in the paper that there were reports of abuse in Allenstown and Suncook, NH he contacted the Attorney General's Office to inquire.

END OF REPORT.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: <sup>APV</sup> Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: Merrimack County Attorney's Office  
DATE: July 10, 2002

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On July 10, 2002 I contacted the Merrimack County Attorney's Office to inquire about any active cases that may be pending regarding Father GERALD CHALIFOUR, as well as what follow up may have occurred in relation to victim:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had contacted the Attorney General's Office on 4/25/02 to report abuse and this information was referred to the Merrimack County Attorney's Office by Chief Investigator MICHAEL BAHAN.

I spoke with:

STEVE CASSELL, Victim Witness Coordinator  
Merrimack County Attorney's Office  
4 Court Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 228-0529

CASSELL stated he was unfamiliar with [REDACTED] case and that he would research it further and contact me with more information.

On July 15, 2002 I had not received a call back, so I again contacted CASSELL to check on the status of his investigation. He stated that he had referred the matter to:

KAREN SOTILE, Victim Witness Coordinator  
Merrimack County Attorney's Office  
4 Court Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 228-0529

SOTILE handles sexual assault cases at the Merrimack County Attorney's Office. He told me he would have SOTILE contact me regarding this matter.

On July 16, 2002 I spoke with SOTILE and she stated that [REDACTED] was beyond the Statute of Limitation and therefore was not being prosecuted. There were no other charges pending regarding CHALIFOUR.

END OF REPORT.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)

FROM: <sup>AV</sup> Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator

RE: [REDACTED]

DATE: July 11, 2002

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On July 11, 2002 I spoke with [REDACTED] left a message for him to contact me when convenient.

On July 12, 2002 I received a call back from:

[REDACTED]

I explained the purpose of my call and asked if he would be willing to meet with me for an interview. We scheduled a meeting for Friday, July 26, 2002 at 9:30am at the Attorney General's Office.

On July 16, 2002 I again called [REDACTED] to inquire about whether or not he had an attorney in relation to the Diocese. He was not home, so I left a message on his machine to contact me when available.

On July 17, 2002 [REDACTED] returned my call and stated he does not have an attorney but that he did have a settlement with the Diocese. He asked about the confidentiality agreement and I informed him that it had been waived by the Diocese. [REDACTED] was also wondering how his name was revealed and we discussed that files had been retrieved to assist with the investigation.

END OF REPORT.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: <sup>APV</sup> Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: [REDACTED]  
DATE: July 11, 2002

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On July 11, 2002 I left a message for:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] returned my call that afternoon. I explained the purpose for my call and asked if he would be willing to meet with me for an interview. We scheduled a meeting for Friday, July 19, 2002 at 2:00pm at his residence in [REDACTED]

On July 12, 2002 I again contacted [REDACTED] confirm the meeting date and time and then obtained directions to his residence in [REDACTED]

On July 12, 2002 I spoke with ANN RICE (AAG) reference [REDACTED] she stated that he was represented by:

Attorney MARK ABRAMSON  
Abramson, Reis, Brown, & Dugan  
1819 Elm Street  
Manchester, NH 03104  
(603) 647-0300

RICE stated she would contact ABRAMSON directly regarding my conversation with [REDACTED] well as the scheduled interview for 7/19/02.

On July 15, 2002 RICE confirmed she spoke with ABRAMSON regarding [REDACTED] and it was fine to proceed with the scheduled interview.

END OF REPORT.



## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: <sup>AV</sup> Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: [REDACTED]  
DATE: July 11, 2002

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On July 11, 2002 I left a message for:

[REDACTED]

On July 15, 2002 I received a call from:

Attorney JOHN LASSEY  
Wadleigh, Starr, and Peters  
95 Market Street  
Manchester, NH 03101  
(603) 669-4140 x356

LASSEY stated that he was [REDACTED] attorney and was returning my call to [REDACTED]. I explained the purpose for my call and LASSEY stated that he was [REDACTED] attorney on an unrelated matter to the Diocese. He informed me that he would contact [REDACTED] regarding this issue.

On July 16, 2002 LASSEY contacted me again and stated that [REDACTED] felt this was a thing of the past he is trying to put behind him and therefore was reluctant to get involved. He inquired about any correspondence we may be able to mail him relating to [REDACTED]. I told him I would not be mailing any documents due to the fact that he did not represent [REDACTED] regarding the Diocese. LASSEY said he would be in contact if [REDACTED] changed his mind regarding an interview.

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TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: <sup>ADV</sup> Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: [REDACTED]  
DATE: July 15, 2002

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On July 15, 2002 I contacted:

[REDACTED]

at his place of employment, [REDACTED] explained the purpose for my call and asked if he would be willing to meet with me for an interview. We scheduled a meeting for Thursday, July 25, 2002 at 9:00am at the Attorney General's Office.



Again on July 15, 2002 I contacted [REDACTED] to inquire as to whether or not he had an attorney in relation to the Diocese, and that I would like to call he/she to let them know I was in contact with their client. He stated that his attorney's name is:

Attorney TOM COOPER  
Upshall, Cooper & Temple  
10 Green Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 225-2791

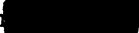
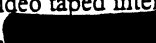
I left a message for Attorney COOPER regarding my meeting with [REDACTED] At this time, I have not heard back from COOPER.

END OF REPORT.

# Memorandum


To: File (Gerald Chalifour)  
From: Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD   
Date: 07-19-02  
Re: 

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At 11:00 hrs on 07-19-02, AG Investigator Allison Vachon and I went to the Strafford County Attorney's Office where we viewed a video taped interview with victim  that was conducted on 3-7-02. In that interview,  details the sexual assault committed against him by Father Paul Chalifour in 1972. After viewing the video, we were told by the County Attorney's Office that we could have a copy of the audio portion of that interview. A transcribed copy of the interview will be included in this file.

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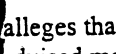
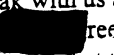
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From: Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD 

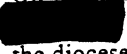

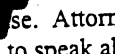

Date: 07-22-02

Re: 


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On 07-09-02, I made contact with  via his cellular telephone.  alleges that he was sexually assaulted by Father Gerald Chalifour in Hudson, NH in 1969.  advised me that he is in the midst of a civil suit against the Diocese of Manchester, NH for the incident that took place in the 60's, but said that he would be more than happy to speak with us about what happened to him, in furtherance of the criminal investigation into the diocese.  agreed to be interviewed on 7-22-02 at the Manchester Police Department and our conversation ended at that time.

Later on 07-09-02, I received a call from Attorney Peter Solomon's office regarding  Attorney Solomon represents  in his civil cast against the diocese of Manchester and asked that he be involved in any interviews concerning  and the alleged abuse against him by Father Chalifour. Attorney Solomon stated that he would be more than happy to allow  speak about the incident for purposes of our investigation and the previously scheduled interview was kept for 7-22-02.

On 7-22-02, I received a call from Attorney Peter Solomon regarding our scheduled interview with  Attorney Solomon advised that he and  were set to meet with an attorney from the diocese of Manchester this afternoon to discuss  case. Attorney Solomon asked that we reschedule our interview, so that  would not be forced to speak about his case twice in one day. I agreed to do so and an interview will be scheduled for a later date.

# Memorandum

**To:** File (Gerald Chalifour)  
**From:** Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD   
**Date:** 07-26-02  
**Re:** Gorham PD


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On 07-26-02, I received word from Cpl. Cyr of the Gorham Police Department regarding any contacts their department has had with:

Father Gerald Chalifour

Father Chalifour served at the Holy Family church in Gorham in 1970. Cpl. Cyr stated that the Gorham Police Department has no record of any contacts with Gerald Chalifour during that or any other time.

# Memorandum

**To:** File (Gerald Chalifour)  
**From:** Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD   
**Date:** 07-26-02  
**Re:** Dover PD

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On 07-26-02, I received word from Lt. Colarusso of the Dover Police Department regarding any contacts their department has had with:

Father Gerald Chalifour

Fr. Chalifour served at St. Charles church in Dover, NH in 1987. Lt. Colarusso stated that the Dover Police Department has no record of any contacts with Gerald Chalifour during that or any other time.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: [REDACTED]  
DATE: July 18, 2002

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On July 18, 2002 I received a voice mail message from:

Attorney JOHN LASSEY  
Wadleigh, Starr, and Peters  
95 Market Street  
Manchester, NH 03101  
(603) 669-4140 x356

The message was left to follow up from our conversation on July 16, 2002. He stated that he again spoke with his client about the possibility of being interviewed regarding reports of sexual abuse by Father GERALD CHALIFOUR. His client is:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Attorney LASSEY stated that [REDACTED] is not interested in being interviewed as part of the investigation.

END OF REPORT.





MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED]  
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Attorney General's Office  
DATE: July 19, 2002  
PERSONS INTERVIEWING: Det. Peter Favreau; AGO Investigator Allison Vachon  
RE: Father Gerald Chalifour

On 7/19/02, AG Investigator ALLISON VACHON and I went to [REDACTED] a pre-arranged interview with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] alleges that he was victimized by FATHER GERALD CHALIFOUR in 1972 and he agreed to speak with us about his situation. Our interview with [REDACTED] commenced at 1400 hours and [REDACTED] provided us with the following information. It should be noted that an interview had already been completed regarding the alleged sexual abuse against [REDACTED] Father CHALIFOUR, by an investigator with the Strafford County Attorney's Office. In that interview, [REDACTED] provided details surrounding the alleged sexual abuse and Investigator VACHON and I decided that it would serve no purpose to have [REDACTED] over this information again.

Sitting down with [REDACTED] is home, we explained to him that we did not want him to go through the sexual assaults themselves but we were looking for a timeline and any other information that he could provide us about his contacts with Father CHALIFOUR and the Catholic Church. [REDACTED] said he would be happy to do that and he then provided us with the following information. [REDACTED] explained to us that he was an altar boy at St.

[REDACTED] for approximately 12 years when he was a young boy. [REDACTED] recalled Father Gerald CHALIFOUR coming to [REDACTED] and he described CHALIFOUR as very charismatic and well liked by the people of St. Peter's. Father CHALIFOUR quickly became very close with [REDACTED] and his family and [REDACTED] saw CHALIFOUR on a regular basis. [REDACTED] explained to us that there was some suggestion that perhaps someone in his family was related to Father CHALIFOUR and that created a common bond between [REDACTED] family and CHALIFOUR.

Although they were always friendly, [REDACTED] recalled his relationship with CHALIFOUR changing in the spring of 1972. It was during this time that CHALIFOUR invited the then 14 year old [REDACTED] to a drive-in movie. This was the first time that [REDACTED] ever went anywhere with CHALIFOUR by himself and he recalled the two driving in CHALIFOUR'S car to a drive-in in Somersworth, New Hampshire. At the drive-in, [REDACTED] and CHALIFOUR watched the movie "The Godfather," during which [REDACTED] recalled feeling somewhat uncomfortable due to a nude scene in that movie. Aside from that, the time [REDACTED] spent with CHALIFOUR that night was uneventful and he noted nothing further about it.

The next significant event occurred in the summer of 1972 when Gerald CHALIFOR invited [REDACTED] to spend several days with him at a "camp" somewhere in the area of Manchester, New Hampshire. CHALIFOUR explained to [REDACTED] and his family at the time that he had use of a friend's cottage on a lake in that area and he wanted to spend a few days with [REDACTED] at that location. [REDACTED] family allowed [REDACTED] to go with Father CHALIFOUR and it was during that stay at the cottage that the alleged sexual assault(s) took place. A synopsis of the incident can be found within the interview

completed by the Strafford County Attorney's Office. Following the incident, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was brought home after only one night at the cottage and he recalled Father CHALIFOUR "begging" him not to tell anyone what happened. [REDACTED] noted to us that it was the 1970s and at that time, abuse from a priest was something that neither he nor his family nor anyone else for that matter, really worried about. No one would have expected a priest to do something like that, he said, and he decided to keep the incident to himself. [REDACTED] explained to us that this has always been a burden on him as he wished, perhaps, he had told someone what happened but at the time he did not know what to do. [REDACTED] noted that he was only 14 years old when this took time and he felt that if he told his parents, they would have been extremely upset as they were very much involved in the church at the time. There were other issues to consider as well as [REDACTED] felt confused at the time because he did not know what to think about what happened because priests were suppose to God's work and know right from wrong. For that reason, [REDACTED] was not sure at the time exactly what he should do so he simply kept silent about the matter.

[REDACTED] never told anyone what happened until 1983 when he was engaged to his current wife. It was then that [REDACTED] revealed the information to his wife while the two were engaged to be married and he did provide her the details of what took place. The next person that [REDACTED] told was his mother and he revealed the incident to her in the early 1990s. [REDACTED] noted to us that his mother had once been a nun and that she was, and still is, manic depressive. Hearing what had happened to [REDACTED] his mother "flipped out" and became very upset. Then, in 1998, [REDACTED] told his father what had happened and his father was very upset as well.

After telling those three people, however, [REDACTED] kept quiet about the incident and never made contact with the Diocese until February of this year. It was during February of 2002 that the Attorney General's Office of New Hampshire as well as BISHOP MCCORMACK asked any victims to come forward and [REDACTED] made the decision at that time to reveal what had happened to him. The first thing that he did was to contact the Diocese in Manchester and he spoke with an unknown female who happened to answer the telephone. [REDACTED] explained to this person that he was a victim of a sexual assault by a priest back in the early 70s and he was told by this person that he would be contacted by a representative from the church. A couple of days later, [REDACTED] received a call from a male subject named "JOE" who interviewed him about his case over the phone for approximately a half hour. Following the interview, the subject JOE scheduled a meeting with [REDACTED] and the two met at the end of February, 2002 at the Catholic Charities Office in Rochester, New Hampshire. The meeting lasted for approximately an hour during which the two discussed [REDACTED] situation. When questioned about the subject "JOE" [REDACTED] went to his files and advised us that the subject's name was actually JOE NAFF, who was listed as a licensed social worker with the title of "Assistant to the Delegate of the Bishop." [REDACTED] described Joe NAFF as a "listener to my concerns". [REDACTED] noted to us that he had made contact with an attorney by the name of GAYLE VARNEY prior to the meeting with Joe NAFF, to discuss what he should do at that meeting. VARNEY advised [REDACTED] that he should not only listen but ask questions as well so that he could find out the Church's position on this matter. [REDACTED] took this advice and sat down with Joe NAFF for the meeting. [REDACTED] explained to NAFF that he was unclear as to where the Church was going with this information and that he was discouraged by the things he had

read in the paper regarding the statutes of limitations, etc. [REDACTED] asked many other questions of NAFF regarding the Church's position and their thoughts on this matter but NAFF failed to answer any of them. The two did decide that [REDACTED] was in need of counseling and at the time, Joe NAFF offered [REDACTED] pastoral counseling. [REDACTED] thought at the time (and still does) that this was a joke and told NAFF that he would not be interested in pastoral counseling but instead would probably seek professional independent counseling. NAFF did not answer this concern directly but only implied that there were resources within Catholic Charities that could assist [REDACTED] and he never officially ruled out the prospect of private counseling.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Joe NAFF advised [REDACTED] that he should speak with FATHER ARSENEAULT, who was said to be the assistant to the Bishop who was assigned to this investigation and following the meeting with NAFF, [REDACTED] actually did call and make an appointment with Father ARSENEAULT. A meeting between [REDACTED] and Father ARSENEAULT was scheduled for sometime in March or April of 2002 but prior to the meeting, [REDACTED] decided to cancel. He had heard Attorney RUFO asking people to contact him for civil cases and at that time, [REDACTED] decided to wait and decide whether or not he wanted to seek legal action prior to meeting with Father ARSENEAULT. [REDACTED] left a message with Father ARSENEAULT canceling the meeting but he never heard back from him about this matter.

In late May or early June of this year, 2002, [REDACTED] heard that Bishop McCormack was going to be in Farmington, New Hampshire, to host a going away party for a priest at St. Peter's Church. Although [REDACTED] is no longer a Catholic, he decided to go to the Mass in hopes of speaking with Bishop MCCORMACK about his concerns.

██████████ did get the chance to speak with MCCORMACK alone for approximately a half an hour, during which he explained to Bishop MCCORMACK that he was unsatisfied with the church, most especially in how they were failing to help the victims of sexual assault as well as the perpetrators of the assaults. The two discussed ██████████ concerns, after which Bishop MCCORMACK took ██████████ home phone number and told him that he would call him at a later time. ██████████ noted that he has never heard back from Bishop MCCORMACK. It should be noted that ██████████ is currently in the midst of a civil action against the Diocese of Manchester which is being handled by Attorney MARK ABRAMSON. ██████████ has not had any further correspondence and/or meetings with members of the church and is simply awaiting the outcome of this civil case.

Prior to ending the interview, ██████████ discussed his personal feelings on this entire matter and said that mainly he is frustrated. ██████████ is frustrated with the fact that there is no real recourse that he can seek in this matter. First, due to the statute of limitations, which prevents Father CHALIFOUR from being charged with a crime. Although ██████████ involved in a civil action against the Church, this is not completely satisfying as his biggest goal is to see some type of change in the way the Church handles these matters. Looking back ██████████ still feels remorse for his failure to speak about what happened to him at the time he was sexually assaulted by Father CHALIFOUR. ██████████ was confused and very young at the time and was unsure what to do about what happened. His hope at the time was that what happened to him was an isolated incident and that he should forgive Father CHALIFOUR for his actions. ██████████ later heard during the 1980s that there was another boy in Farmington that had been sexually assaulted by Father CHALIFOUR and he has lived with this burden ever since. ██████████ sorrow stems from the fact that his failure to report

Father CHALIFOUR may have resulted in other children being victimized and he has had to deal with these concerns ever since.

When asked about any other victims, [REDACTED] said that he was not able to provide any names but that the information he has received over the years has been simply rumors. [REDACTED] did hear that CHALIFOUR was "run out" of Farmington around 1976 after the St. Peter's Parish Council became aware of CHALIFOUR's victimizing children. He has heard that the parish council's concerns about child sexual abuse by priests were settled by a gag order which involved CHALIFOUR's transfer out of the church but [REDACTED] has never been able to confirm this information. He said that he would do his best to find someone who had direct information about this and he would call us if and when he was able to do that.





## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: Somersworth PD  
DATE: July 24, 2002

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On 7-24-02 I contacted the Somersworth Police Department regarding any contacts their department had with:

Father Gerald CHALIFOUR

I received a call back from Detective Art Williams who stated they had no computer or archived contacts with CHALIFOUR.

CHALIFOUR served at St. Martin church, in Somersworth, NH from 1952-1957.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: Berlin PD  
DATE: July 24, 2002

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On 7-24-02 I contacted the Berlin Police Department regarding any contacts their department had with:

Father Gerald CHALIFOUR

I spoke with Detective Sergeant Brian Valarino who stated he would have an employee check the files for any pertinent contact information.

On 8-08-02 I had not received a return call so I left a message for Det. Sgt. Valarino. On 8-08-02 I received a call back from Det. Sgt. Valarino and he stated they did not find any contacts with CHALIFOUR.

CHALIFOUR served at Guardian Angel church in Berlin, NH from 1957-1959.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: Rochester PD  
DATE: July 24, 2002

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On 7-24-02 I contacted the Rochester Police Department regarding any contacts their department had with:

Father Gerald CHALIFOUR

I spoke with Detective Paul Callaghan who stated he did not have any computer or archived contacts with CHALIFOUR.

CHALIFOUR served at St. Charles Orphanage in Rochester, NH from 1959-1960.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Gerald Chalifour)  
FROM: Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator  
RE: Greenville PD  
DATE: July 24, 2002

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On 7-24-02 I contacted the Greenville Police Department regarding any contacts their department had with:

Father Gerald CHALIFOUR

I spoke with Detective Martin Cole who stated he did not have any computer or archived contacts with CHALIFOUR.

CHALIFOUR served at Sacred Heart church in Greenville, NH from 1960-1962.