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- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're on the record, my
- 3 name is Tim Sheehan, your videographer and I
- 4 represent Atkinson-Baker, Incorporated in Glendale,
- 5 California. I'm not financially interested in this
- 6 action nor am I relative or employee of any attorney
- 7 are any of the parties. The date is February 28th,
- 8 2006.
- 9 The time is 1:08 p.m., deposition taking
- 10 place at St. Clement's Health Care Center, 300
- 11 Liguori Drive, Liguori, Missouri 63057. Case
- number is JCCP numbers 4286 and 4359, entitled Doe
- 13 39 versus Franciscan Friars, the deponent is Father
- . This deposition is being taken
- on behalf of the defendant, your court reporter is
- 16 Tod Minnigerode.
- 17 Would the attorneys -- would Counsel now
- 18 please introduce themselves?
- 19 MR. HALE: Tim Hale for Plaintiffs.
- 20 MR. MATIASIC: Paul Matiasic for Defendants
- 21 Franciscan Friars of California.
- 22 MR. GODFREY: Peter J. Godfrey for the
- 23 Archdiocese of L.A.
- MS. GALLO: Jean Gallo, represent the
- 25 witness.

1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Would the Reporter swear in the Witness? 3 (Witness sworn.) IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and 5 between Counsel for the Plaintiff and Counsel for the Defendant that this videotaped deposition may be 6 taken in shorthand by TOD MINNIGERODE, a Certified 8 Court Reporter and Notary Public, and afterwards transcribed into typewriting, and that the signature of the witness is not waived. 10 11 0-0-0 12 a witness of lawful age, being first duly produced, 13 14 sworn and examined on the part of the Defendant, deposes and says in reply to oral interrogatories 15 propounded as follows, to wit: 16 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 QUESTIONS BY MR. MATIASIC: 19 Good afternoon, Father 20 Good afternoon. 21 My name is Paul Matiasic, we met briefly Q 22 before we went on record here and I am the attorney for the Franciscan Friars of California and a number 23 of cases have venued both in southern California and 24

Northern California, called the Clergy Cases 1 and

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- 1 3. Can you state and spell your full name for the
- 2 record, please?
- 3 A , (C. 1997)
- 4
- 5 Q And your date of birth, please?
- 6 A My date of birth is August 4th, 1927.
- 7 Q Father , have you ever had your
- 8 deposition taken before?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q Okay. At the outset I'm going to go over a
- 11 few ground rules just to make the process run a
- 12 little bit smoother, first of all, a deposition,
- oral questions under oath and despite the fact that
- we're in this rather informal setting here today the
- 15 testimony that you are giving has the same force and
- 16 effect as if it were given in a court of the law?
- 17 A I understand.
- 18 Q Do you understand that?
- 19 A I understand.
- 20 Q Secondly, the reporter can only take down
- one person speaking the a time, so despite the fact
- 22 that you may be able to anticipate my question and
- conversely I may be able to anticipate your answer
- it's important for both of us to let the other
- 25 finish speaking because otherwise it makes for a

- 1 rather muddled record, okay?
- 2 A Yes, yes.
- 3 Q Another thing is you have to answer
- 4 audibly, we all have a natural tendency to answer
- 5 with uh-huh and uh-huh's and nods of the head. It's
- 6 important that we have a clear record and so if you
- 7 could answer each question audibly it will go a
- 8 little bit easier, okay?
- 9 A Yes, uh-huh.
- 10 Q Also, you can take a break at any time. We
- don't intend this to be a marathon session and I
- 12 received correspondence from your attorney
- indicating that the deposition may last no longer
- than two hours as result of your age and health, and
- so at any time during the course of the deposition
- if you need to take a break, if you need to use the
- 17 restroom, if you need to get a drink of water please
- let me know and we can stop at any time for you to
- 19 do that, okay?
- 20 A Yes, I understand.
- 21 Q Have you taken any drugs or alcohol or any
- 22 medications in the last 24 hours that would affect
- 23 your ability to testify today?
- A Not to affect my ability, no, no.
- 25 Q All right, and Father where are

- 1 you currently residing?
- 2 A I'm here, okay, I'm currently down at St.
- 3 Anthony's Health Center, or do you mean my actual
- 4 home?
- 5 Q Well, currently you're residing here at St.
- 6 Clement's?
- 7 A That's right, yes.
- 8 Q And how long have you resided here for?
- 9 A Since the 19th of December.
- 10 Q All right, Father , I apologize in
- advance for the personal nature of this question,
- but unfortunately it's germane to some of the issues
- in this case and so I need to ask you what the
- status is of your health right now?
- 15 A I am diagnosed with congestive heart
- 16 failure.
- 17 Q Are you currently suffering from any other
- 18 ailments?
- 19 A No, not that I am aware of, no.
- 20 Q When I spoke with your attorney he
- indicated that there may be an issue with having
- 22 headaches recently, have you been experiencing --
- 23 A Oh, yeah, I'm sorry, I had a -- I had a
- 24 headache that felt like I was wearing a tight cap,
- 25 that's -- it's -- comes and go -- it's right now

- it's all but disappeared, there's something there
- but it's -- I hardly notice it unless I pay
- 3 attention to it.
- 4 Q Fair enough. And are you currently under
- 5 the care of a physician here?
- A No, I mean, I have my own, I have my own --
- 7 No, I'm not under -- well, Dr. Carsey, yeah, I did
- 8 see him, I'm sorry, I did see a Dr. Carsey, and -- I
- 9 had what is -- I had what is known as a thallium
- 10 treadmill, operation, I guess, and it -- the -- I
- 11 wasn't really on a treadmill, they gave me a
- 12 chemical that made the heart react as if I were on a
- 13 treadmill and it showed some heart disease, of
- 14 course.
- 15 Q All right, fair enough. I hope you recover
- from whatever's ailing you in the near future,
- 17 Father?
- 18 A Thank you.
- 19 Q Father, are you a Roman Catholic priest?
- 20 A Yes, I am.
- 21 Q And what year were you ordained?
- 22 A I was ordained in 1953.
- 23 Q And by whom were you ordained?
- 24 A I was ordained by the Archbishop of
- 25 Milwaukee, Archbishop Kiley.

- 1 Q Do you know the spelling of Archbishop
- 2 Kiley's name?
- 3 A I think it's K-i-l-e-y, could be two l's
- 4 but I don't think so.
- 5 Q And where did your ordination take place?
- A My ordination took place in the chapel in
- 7 our seminary in Oconowoc, Wisconsin.
- 8 Q I don't know that I will even attempt to
- 9 ask you to spell the name of that place, but you can
- 10 for the court reporter's sake?
- 11 A Oh Lord, they call it five o's of
- 12 Wisconsin, it's O-c-o-n-o-w-o-c.
- 13 Q That's a lot better than I could have done,
- 14 I'll tell you that much, and are you a member of a
- 15 religious order?
- 16 A Yes, I am.
- 17 Q And what religious order?
- 18 A I'm a member of the Congregation of the
- 19 Most Holy Redeemer, popularly known as Redemptors.
- 20 Q And are you a member of a specific province
- of the Redemptors?
- 22 A Yes, I am a member of the Denver Province
- of the Redemptorists.
- 24 Q And what geographic area does the Denver
- 25 province cover?

- 1 A The Denver covers roughly the midwest and
- 2 the west.
- 3 Q So if you had to delineate a line, if you
- 4 would, a geographic line where the province starts,
- 5 where would that be, in Chicago, St. Louis West or
- 6 does it start with another city?
- 7 A There would be basically, but you know, we
- 8 go from Chicago and down into New Orleans, that
- 9 area, I would say, I want to say Mississippi, but I
- don't know, we're a little bit more east of that, I
- 11 would say basically, you're correct, Chicago down to
- 12 New Orleans and then west.
- 13 Q And are you familiar with the religious
- 14 order called the Orders Of Friars Minor?
- 15 A Yes, I am.
- 16 Q And how are you familiar with that order?
- 17 A I'm familiar with it because I spent some
- time in their seminary in Santa Barbara where we
- amalgamated with that on the minor seminary, high
- 20 school seminary level. So our students transferred
- 21 from Holy Redeemer College in Oakland, which was our
- order's seminary and they went down to Santa Barbara
- to the Franciscan seminary, St. Anthony's.
- 24 Q And are you familiar with the Province of
- 25 St. Barbara within the order of Friers Minor?

- 1 A Yes, I am.
- 2 Q And how are you familiar with the St.
- 3 Barbara Province, the same way that you --
- 4 A The same way, I being down there at the
- 5 seminary, I knew I was in the St. Barbara's
- 6 Province, yeah.
- 7 Q And have you ever been a member of the
- 8 Franciscan order?
- 9 A No, I have not.
- 10 Q Have you ever been a member of the province
- of St. Barbara?
- 12 A No I have not.
- 13 Q So continuously since 1953 and until now
- 14 you have been a member of the Denver province of the
- 15 Redemptorist order, is that right?
- 16 A Exactly, even when I was -- even before 53.
- 17 Q And what year did you first enter the
- 18 Redemptorist order?
- 19 A I was professed in 1948.
- 20 Q And did you take simple vows sometime
- 21 thereafter?
- 22 A I took simple vows for three years.
- 23 Q When did you first take your simple vows?
- 24 A 1948.
- 25 Q And those vows you took were to the

- 1 Redemptors order?
- 2 A That's correct.
- 3 Q And then at some point did you take solemn
- 4 vows?
- 5 A That's correct.
- 6 Q And what year was that?
- 7 A It was three years after I took -- so I
- 8 took my -- '48, it would be, I guess it would be
- 9 '51.
- 10 Q Father I can appreciate that a
- 11 lot of the questions I am asking concern issues and
- 12 events forty, fifty years ago and so it's not
- designed to be a memory test and so I am entitled to
- 14 your best estimate, but I don't want you to guess if
- 15 you don't know the answer to any specific questions,
- 16 okay?
- 17 A Okay, uh-huh, uh-huh.
- 18 Q You have to answer audibly.
- 19 A Oh, yes, I am sorry.
- 20 Q No problem and at some point in your career
- 21 were you assigned to Holy Redeemer College in
- 22 Oakland?
- 23 A Yes, I was.
- 24 Q And when were you assigned there?
- 25 A I was assigned there in 1954.

- 1 Q And what were your duties at Holy Redeemer
- 2 College?
- 3 A My duties at Holy Redeemer College were to
- 4 teach.
- 5 Q What classes did you teach?
- A I taught English and I think sometimes
- 7 religion, but I couldn't give you a date on that
- 8 except --
- 9 Q And was Holy Redeemer College a minor
- 10 seminary for those students who want to go on to
- 11 become priests?
- 12 A Exactly, it was a minor seminary or we also
- 13 called it a high school seminary. Excuse me, I'm
- 14 sorry, at that time it was six years, so we had two
- 15 years college.
- 2 So it was the first four years of the road
- 17 to becoming a priest?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q In terms of the seminary life?
- 20 A Yeah, uh-huh.
- 21 Q And how long were you at Holy Redeemer for?
- 22 A I was at Holy Redeemer from nineteen --
- 23 let's see, I believe it was 1954 to 1967.
- 24 Q And the entire time from 1954 to '67 you
- 25 taught English and then at some juncture you also

- 1 taught religion, is that correct?
- 2 A Yes, and I did -- taught some science, I
- 3 think for about two weeks.
- 4 Q Did you have any other duties at Holy
- 5 Redeemer College during this time period from 1954
- 6 to '67?
- 7 A Yes, I am sorry for -- I was -- I had the
- 8 title of Sub Socius, that meant I was assistant to
- 9 the Socius who was in charge of the students.
- 10 Q Can you spell Socius for me?
- 11 A S-o-c-i-u-s, it would be, excuse me, in
- other terms the seminarians used, it would be
- 13 equivalent to prefect, like prefective
- 14 superintendents or something like that.
- 15 Q And how long were you the Sub Socius at
- 16 Holy Redeemer College for?
- 17 A One year, is my closest recollection.
- 18 Q And what type of issues did you deal with
- in your role as the Sub Socius of the student body?
- 20 A I suppose it would be -- well, mostly
- 21 disciplinary and you know, that was beside my
- 22 teaching duties.
- 23 Q And Father, at some point did Holy Redeemer
- 24 College close?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And what year was that?
- 2 A I closed Holy Redeemer as a high school
- 3 seminary closed in nineteen -- I believe 1966.
- 4 O So that -- would it have closed at the end
- of a school year, so would that be June of 1966 --
- A It would have, yes, excuse me, June of
- 7 1966.
- 8 Q And do you know the reason why Holy
- 9 Redeemer College closed?
- 10 A I think, I think we knew that the next year
- 11 there wouldn't be too many students, it would be
- 12 basically a small numbers of students, put it that
- 13 way.
- 14 Q So in other words enrollment was waning?
- 15 A Yes, yes.
- 16 O And in terms of the students who were at
- 17 Holy Redeemer when -- were still at Holy Redeemer
- when it closed, where did they go to school, what
- 19 were their options?
- 20 A Meaning to continue in the --
- 21 Q Right.
- 22 A Well, first they went to the minor
- 23 seminary, which when it opened was -- well, it was
- 24 when I was there it was four years high school and
- 25 two years college and so it would be six years in

- all, period, that they would be there and then they
- 2 would -- do you want me to tell them where else they
- 3 would go after that?
- 4 Q Well, I can have a more specific question.
- 5 A Okay.
- 6 Q In terms of the first four years of
- 7 seminary --
- 8 A Okay.
- 9 for those who hadn't completed the first
- 10 four years at the time that Holy Redeemer closed
- 11 where did those students go?
- 12 A They went -- the high school students went
- 13 to Santa Barbara, uh-huh.
- 14 Q And when you say Santa Barbara, what school
- 15 are you speaking of?
- 16 A I'm sorry, the St. Anthony's -- the
- 17 Franciscan seminary at Santa Barbara.
- 18 Q And do you know did the entire student body
- who hadn't finished the first four years go to Santa
- 20 Barbara when Holy Redeemer closed or was it just a
- 21 certain percentage?
- 22 A Just a certain percentage, I think that was
- 23 basic reason that we knew that the next year we
- 24 wouldn't have hardly too many students. I can't
- 25 tell you the number but it was small.

- 1 Q Can you give me your best estimate of how
- 2 many students finished their first four years at
- 3 minor seminary at St. Anthony's after Holy Redeemer
- 4 closed?
- 5 A I'm not sure I understand the question.
- 6 Q When Holy Redeemer College closed
- 7 approximately how many students transferred down to
- 8 St.Anthony's?
- 9 A Oh, transferred down, okay, okay. I would
- 10 say approximately ten, give or take, you know.
- 11 Q And Father, did you have a role in that
- 12 process whereby the students transferred from Holy
- Redeemer to Santa Anthony's when Holy Redeemer
- 14 closed?
- 15 A I did have a role, I was nominally in
- 16 charge of them, but the first year I was not
- 17 on-site.
- 18 Q And when you say not on-site are you
- meaning you weren't on-site at St. Anthony's in
- 20 Santa Barbara.
- 21 A I was not on site at St. Anthony's, I did
- 22 not live there. Myself and one of my assistants
- 23 would visit approximately every two weeks.
- 24 Q And when you're saying this first year, are
- 25 you speaking of a school year or a calendar year?

- 1 A I would say school year because they were
- 2 off during the summer.
- 3 Q So would this be the school year beginning
- 4 in September of 1966 to roughly June of 1967?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And just so I understand your testimony,
- 7 during this first school year from September 1966 to
- 8 June of 1967 you would go and visit the St.
- 9 Anthony's campus approximately every two weeks?
- 10 A Myself or my assistant, yes.
- 11 Q And during this first school year in
- 12 September 1966, to June of '67 how long would you
- 13 stay for when you would visit every two weeks?
- 14 A It varied, but I would say basically it was
- 15 two or three days.
- 16 Q And would you stay the night at St.
- 17 Anthony's seminary?
- 18 A Yes, yes.
- 19 Q And where did you stay the night?
- 20 A I stayed the night with the friars, the --
- 21 where the -- there was a -- where the students were
- 22 and the Franciscans, I stayed with the Franciscan
- 23 fryers.
- 24 Q So in a room where nearby where all the
- 25 other friars were located?

- 1 A Exactly, uh-huh.
- 2 MR. HALE: Was that called a cloister?
- 3 THE WITNESS: They, yeah, they, yes,
- 4 they -- yes, that was another term, the area in
- 5 which we lived was called the cloistered part.
- 6 MR. HALE: Sorry, didn't --
- 7 THE WITNESS: They, it -- yes, okay.
- 8 MR. MATIASIC: We're going to deduct that
- 9 minute and a half from --
- 10 MR. HALE: Fair enough, I understand.
- 11 MR. MATIASIC: Just joking.
- 12 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 13 Q And so who was your assistant that you
- 14 mentioned would also go to St. Anthony's in your
- 15 stead?
- 16 A Father Patrick O'Brien.
- 17 Q Was Father O'Brien a Redemptorist priest?
- 18 A That's correct, yes.
- 19 Q Was he on the faculty at Holy Redeemer
- 20 college with you, prior to its closing?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q Did you ever go down to during this year of
- 1966 to '67, did you ever go down do St. Anthony's
- 24 with father O'Brien?
- A No, it was either one or the other, for the

- 1 most part, maybe, I can't remember, maybe we'd go
- down if there was some kind of celebration or
- 3 something, but this -- that just popped into my
- 4 head, I don't know how this fits in.
- 5 Q Sure, and in terms of the frequency with
- 6 which you went down to Santa Barbara during the '66
- 7 to '67 school year, did you and Father O'Brien
- 8 alternate every other week or month or how did that
- 9 work?
- 10 A Basically we alternated every other time,
- 11 every other --
- 12 Q And where were you assigned during the
- 13 1966 -- from this time period of September 1966 to
- 14 June of 1967?
- 15 A At -- well, Oakland, our facility in Holy
- 16 Redeemer, well, it was -- the seminary -- sixty --
- 17 it was closed, so, but I -- I lived in what was the
- 18 faculty house.
- 19 Q And this was at the Holy Redeemer College
- 20 site?
- 21 A Yes, uh-huh.
- 22 Q And where specifically is that located?
- 23 A I'm not sure I understand your question.
- Q Where was Holy Redeemer College
- 25 specifically located? I know you said Oakland --

- 1 A In the city of Oakland, on Golf Links Road.
- 2 Q And what were your duties there, during
- 3 this time period from 1960, September 1966 to June
- 4 of 1967?
- 5 A I was in charge of our college students.
- 6 Q When you say in charge of our college
- 7 students what do you mean by that?
- 8 A I was their direct prefect director,
- 9 they -- they went to St. Mary's College in Maraga,
- 10 but they stayed with me overnight and then they
- 11 would go into St. Mary's every day, but in the
- 12 evenings they'd stay overnight with me, you know.
- 13 Q And when you say they stayed overnight with
- 14 you, you're meaning they slept at the facility that
- used to be the Holy Redeemer College?
- 16 A They slept at the facility that used to be
- 17 the faculty house, okay.
- 18 Q So those college students had rooms there
- in other words?
- 20 A They had their own rooms as I had my own
- 21 room, yeah.
- 22 Q Did you have any other duties with respect
- 23 to the college students during this year of
- September 1966 to June of 1967?
- 25 A No, I was just kind of -- you know, they

- 1 were -- I was in charge of them and they would be
- gone most of the day, except of course on weekends,
- 3 you know.
- 4 Q And describe for me if you can what your
- 5 role was with respect to the students who had
- 6 transferred from Holy Redeemer College to St.
- 7 Anthony's during this time period of September 1966
- 8 to June of 1967?
- 9 A Well, the term that we use in our order, a
- 10 person that would be in charge of a facility would
- 11 be the rector; so I guess I was their rector, even
- 12 though we had, you know, the Franciscans and
- 13 educated them and disciplined them and so forth.
- 14 Q And what were your duties as the rector of
- the students who had transferred from Holy Redeemer
- to St. Anthony's during the school year of 1966 to
- 17 '67?
- 18 A Well, since I was in that -- at that period
- 19 I was still at Holy Redeemer, so it would be kind
- 20 of -- for want of a better term, oversight.
- 21 Q And what did that oversight include?
- 22 A Every two weeks I would, either myself or
- 23 my associate would go down, would go down and see
- them and be there with them. I can't think of
- 25 anything specific, right now specifically what we

- 1 did, what there was -- basically we go down and
- 2 check, see how they are doing and this kind of
- 3 thing.
- 4 Q You're kind of leading into my next
- 5 question; when you went down to St. Anthony's during
- 6 the '66-'67 school year, what did you do when you
- 7 went down there?
- 8 A I -- yeah, I checked them, see how they
- 9 were doing, I don't recall seeing them each
- 10 individually, but we just kind of -- that's hard,
- 11 hard for me, except that I would -- went down and in
- 12 general checked on them to see how they were doing.
- 13 Specifically I don't remember how that worked out.
- their academic progress when you would go down to
- visit St. Anthony's?
- 17 A Not specifically, I left that to the
- 18 friars.
- 19 Q What if there were disciplinary issues with
- the former Holy Redeemer seminary at St. Anthony's?
- 21 A Okay, if there were a disciplinary issue
- 22 there was I believe an agreement, I would --
- 23 probably a gentleman's agreement that the Friars
- 24 would take care of the discipline.
- 25 Q And -- I'm sorry?

- 1 A And excuse me, on some occasion when one of
- 2 the students, one of my students are the ones that I
- 3 was in charge of would be brought up for some
- 4 disciplinary things, you know, I would be there and
- 5 I would have a vote in whether they were to stay or
- 6 be dismissed, so forth.
- 7 Q So if the disciplinary problem was a
- 8 substantial one, you would be involved in that
- 9 process?
- 10 A I would be involved in that, yes.
- 11 Q If an issue came up with respect to a
- 12 former Holy Redeemer seminarian during this year,
- 13 1966 to '67, would you have been contacted by the
- 14 Franciscans at St. Anthony's to discuss that issue?
- MR. HALE: Speculation, vague and
- 16 ambiguous.
- 17 A I would suppose so, the specifics I don't
- 18 remember, no.
- 19 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 20 Q And Father, at some point did your -- were
- 21 you assigned to St. Anthony's Seminary?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And when were you assigned there?
- 24 A Let's see, 1967, I came in September, I
- guess it would be, '67.

- 1 Q So I at the start of the school year
- 2 basically?
- 3 A The start, I'm sorry, yeah, the start of
- 4 the school year, yeah.
- 5 Q And how long were you assigned at St.
- 6 Anthony's for?
- 7 A '67 to '77, so ten years.
- 8 Q And was that assignment made by -- by whom
- 9 was that assignment made?
- 10 A That was made by my religious superior, who
- 11 we called Provincial.
- 12 Q So would this be the Provincial of the
- 13 Denver Province?
- 14 A It would be the -- no, it would be -- we
- 15 were not, at that time we were not a Denver, we were
- 16 the Oakland province, we were a province, we
- 17 amalgamated later on.
- 18 Q And do you recall the name of the
- 19 Provincial who appointed you to St. Anthony's
- 20 Seminary or who assigned you to St. Anthony's
- 21 Seminary in 1967?
- 22 A I believe it was Father Martucci.
- 23 Q And where were you assigned after St.
- 24 Anthony's Seminary?
- 25 A After St. Anthony's seminary I was assigned

- 1 to Sacred Heart Parish in Seattle.
- 2 Q And by whom were you assigned to Sacred
- 3 Heart parish?
- 4 A By the Provincial.
- 5 Q When you say by the Provincial, were you
- 6 referring to the Provincial of the Oakland province?
- 7 A I'm sorry, the provincial of the Oakland
- 8 province, yes.
- 9 Q So you weren't part of the Denver province
- 10 at that time?
- 11 A No, we were not.
- 12 Q What year was Oakland Province amalgamated
- with the Denver province?
- 14 A It would have been in the nineties, the
- term, the year '96 comes to me, but I'm not sure of
- 16 that.
- 17 Q And so at no time in terms of when you were
- assigned to St. Anthony's or when you were assigned
- 19 to Sacred Heart after leaving St. Anthony's, were
- 20 you done so by the Franciscan Friars?
- 21 A No, no, they didn't -- That's correct.
- 22 Q And did you join the faculty when you were
- assigned to St. Anthony's in 1967?
- 24 A Yes, uh-huh.
- 25 Q And what did you teach there?

- 1 A I taught mostly English and some religion
- 2 courses.
- 3 Q Did you have any other duties during this
- 4 ten year time period from 66 to '77 when you were
- 5 assigned to St. Anthony's?
- A I was the, I forget what they call it, the
- 7 moderator, let's say moderator of the third year
- 8 high school students.
- 9 Q So basically the equivalent of a junior
- 10 class?
- 11 A Yes, uh-huh.
- 12 Q What were your duties as the moderator of
- 13 the third year class?
- 14 A Well, I would, I mean, if there were any
- outings or anything, I would be there and I would
- 16 be, you know, I would -- now this, this also was
- 17 both -- not only my students but the Franciscan
- 18 students, too, so I would be involved in
- 19 disciplinary stuff, too, as the moderator and so
- 20 forth.
- 21 Q What year did you begin your tenure as
- 22 moderator of the third year class?
- 23 A Nineteen -- I believe it would be September
- 24 of 1960 -- I can't be sure. I think 1967, when I
- 25 came down, yeah.

- 1 Q So the first year that you were assigned
- 2 there full time?
- 3 A I, this, as far as I can -- I'm vague on
- 4 that, but I think so.
- 5 Q Did you serve as the moderator of the third
- 6 year class during that year of 1966 to '67 when you
- 7 were still residing at Holy Redeemer in Oakland?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q Did you have any our duties during this ten
- 10 year time period when you were assigned to St.
- 11 Anthony's seminary?
- 12 A Not that I can recall at this time.
- 13 Q Did you have any -- You described to me
- that in 1966 to '67 you served as kind of the rector
- for the Holy Redeemer, former Holy Redeemer
- seminarians, did you continue that role once you
- were assigned full time to St. Anthony's?
- 18 A We did -- we didn't use the term rector but
- 19 I was in charge of the students.
- 20 Q And when you say of the students, you mean
- of the former Holy Redeemer students?
- 22 A All right, as the moderator of the juniors
- 23 or -- I was in charge of Redemptorists and
- 24 Franciscan students, so I was part of the
- 25 administration, I guess you probably -- for want of

- 1 a better term.
- 2 Q And that started in September 1967,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Okay, but this -- you described for me that
- in the first year, from 1966 to '67 when you were
- 7 still residing in Oakland that you had this role
- 8 that was similar to rector for the Holy Redeemer
- 9 seminarians who had transferred to St. Anthony's?
- 10 A Yes, I was -- I was responsible for our
- 11 students who were going to St. Anthony's.
- 12 Q Right.
- 13 A That's why I visited, you know.
- 14 Q Right, and so my question is did that
- 15 same -- Did those same duties and that same function
- that you performed the '66-'67 year, did that
- 17 continue when you started full time on the faculty
- in September of 1967?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 And did that continue for the entire time
- 21 you were at St. Anthony's?
- 22 A Yes, I was -- Yeah, I was in charge but --
- yes, uh-huh.
- 24 Q So basically from the entire time from '67
- 25 to '77 you were in charge of the former Holy

- 1 Redeemer seminarians?
- 2 A Yes, yes.
- 3 Q Father , do you know who Father
- 4 Mario Cimmarrusti is?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q When did you first meet Father Cimmarrusti?
- 7 A When our students first came, I believe he
- 8 was in -- I'm trying to think, I forget what title,
- 9 I think he was student prefect, I'm not sure of that
- 10 title, but he was on-site in charge of the students,
- 11 both Franciscan students and the Redemptorist
- 12 students.
- 13 Q And so did you meet him this first year
- 14 when you were commuting down to oversee the students
- 15 in 1966 --
- 16 A Oh, yes.
- 17 0 -- '67?
- 18 A Oh yeah, uh-huh.
- 19 Q And what was your understanding of what his
- 20 role was at St. Anthony's?
- 21 A That he was in charge of all the students
- 22 including -- including mine, but under the rector of
- the seminarian who was a Franciscan.
- 25 title?

- 1 A He did, but I want to say prefect, but I'm
- 2 not sure.
- 3 Q And when you say prefect, were you thinking
- 4 of the prefect of discipline or what prefect?
- 5 A He would be in charge not only of
- 6 discipline but just the day-to-day happenings with
- 7 the students, you know, in other words, there was
- 8 the rector who -- and then under him was the Father
- 9 Cimmarrusti.
- 10 Q Did you have any interaction with Father
- 11 Cimmarrusti during this first year after Holy
- Redeemer closed and you were visiting from 1966 to
- 13 '67?
- MR. HALE: I'm sorry, could you read that
- 15 question back for me?
- 16 (Reporter read back from the record as directed:
- 17 "Q. Did you have any interaction with
- 18 Father Cimmarrusti during this first year after Holy
- 19 Redeemer closed and you were visiting from 1966 to
- 20 '67?")
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 23 O And what was the nature of that interaction
- 24 during this first year of 66 to '67?
- 25 A I guess, I guess I can sort of on how my

- 1 students were doing and so forth, things like that.
- 2 Q So you had have conversations --
- 3 A Yeah, we'd have conversations, yeah. As I
- 4 recall not -- well, we -- yeah, not, I can't
- 5 recollect any specific issues that we might have
- 6 talked about, but --
- 7 Q Let's see if I can refresh your
- 8 recollection, Father. Do you recall whether this
- 9 first year of 1966 to '67 you spoke with Father
- 10 Cimmarrusti about any disciplinary problems
- involving former Holy Redeemer seminarians?
- 12 A Yes, the way it would happen, I would be --
- if one of my students were discussed at a -- I'd
- 14 come to a faculty session or meeting, you know, and
- if -- if one of my students were up for, you know,
- 16 up for, you know, whether to keep him or you know,
- 17 expel him, I would be in on that, yeah, and
- 18 otherwise it was just between Father Cimmarrusti and
- myself, would be just ordinary, social stuff, you
- 20 know, I was down there and you know, as with all the
- 21 Friars we socialize.
- 22 Q Okay. So just so I understand your
- 23 testimony, if there were any disciplinary issues
- then involving former Holy Redeemer seminarians you
- 25 would have a discussion with Father Cimmarrusti?

- 1 A If the discussion came to the point of
- 2 whether to keep the boy or not, yes, ordinary, I
- don't know, day-to-day discipline stuff, no.
- 4 Q Father, have you ever heard that Father
- 5 Cimmarrusti has been accused of childhood sexual
- 6 abuse?
- 7 A I've heard that, yes.
- 8 Q When was the first time you heard an
- 9 allegation of childhood sexual abuse against Father
- 10 Cimmarrusti?
- 11 A It's hard to remember, it was after I had
- 12 left, I left in '77, sometime between I would just
- to guess, sometime between, sometime after '77,
- maybe five years or so after '77.
- 15 Q Do you recall how you first learned that
- 16 Father Cimmarrusti had engaged in or that there were
- 17 allegations that Father Cimmarrusti had engaged in
- 18 childhood sexual abuse?
- 19 A No, I don't recall that.
- 21 recall whether it was in the nineties or later on or
- in the eighties?
- 23 A I would say probably the eighties, the
- 24 eighties and ninety, I'm not -- I'm not sure.
- 25 Q Father , have you ever been aware

- of whether allegations of childhood sexual abuse
- 2 against Father Cimmarrusti were brought to the
- 3 public's attention or in the public eye?
- 4 A What, like it hit the newspapers or
- 5 something like that?
- 6 Q Right.
- 7 A Yeah, I was aware of that, but I can't tell
- 8 you how, you know, I did -- because I would see, I
- 9 would often even though I was not connected with the
- 10 seminarian anymore and even though my -- none of our
- 11 students were there anymore, because I had friends
- in Santa Barbara, I would visit quite often there.
- 13 Q And Father, okay, the reason I'm asking you
- about whether you were aware of the allegations
- being in the public forum is trying to see if
- there's a landmark in your mind as to when you may
- 17 have first learned the allegation of the childhood
- 18 sexual abuse against Father Cimmarrusti; do you
- 19 recall was around the same time the allegations were
- 20 made public or after or --
- 21 A I would say after public, I guess what
- 22 you're trying to say was I privy to this information
- 23 before it became public? Yeah, I was not.
- 24 Q Father , at any time while you
- were on the faculty at St. Anthony's Seminary, did

- 1 you learn that Father Cimmarrusti was sexually
- 2 abusing students?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Father, at any time during the year 1966 to
- 5 '67, the year after, the year after Holy Redeemer
- 6 closed, did you learn that Father Cimmarrusti had
- 7 engaged in sexual abuse?
- 8 A Could you repeat the question? I was
- 9 distracted there.
- 10 Q No problem. This year of 1966 to '67 when
- 11 you would visit St. Anthony's Seminary and you were
- 12 still assigned to Holy Redeemer at any time during
- that year did you learn that Father Cimmarrusti,
- that there were allegations of childhood sexual
- 15 abuse against Father Cimmarrusti?
- A No, I don't recall any at that time.
- 17 Q Father , had you learned that
- 18 Father Cimmarrusti was engaging in childhood sexual
- 19 abuse during the time you were on the faculty at St.
- 20 Anthony's would you have done something about it?
- 21 A Yes, I believe I would.
- 22 Q And what would you have done?
- 23 A I would have told somebody, probably the
- 24 rector, the seminary, you know that -- I asked my
- own self that a million times thinking about this,

- 1 but, yes, I certainly would have mentioned it to
- 2 him, I think.
- 3 Q Would you have mentioned it to anyone
- 4 within the Redemptorist order as well?
- 5 A Yeah, I believe so, yeah.
- 6 Q And who would you have mentioned it to?
- 7 A It would be to the Provincial.
- 8 Q And when you're saying the Provincial, the
- 9 Provincial of the Redemptorist's order?
- 10 A Excuse me, the Provincial of the
- 11 Redemptorists, yes.
- 12 Q And at any time while you were on the
- faculty at St. Anthony's Seminary did you have
- occasion to report any childhood sexual abuse to the
- 15 Provincial of the Redemptorists?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Q And is the reason that you didn't have
- 18 occasion to do so is because you never learned of
- any allegation of childhood sexual abuse during that
- 20 time?
- 21 A Exactly, uh-huh.
- 22 Q Father, to your knowledge during this
- period of 1967 to '77 while you were in the faculty
- 24 at St. Anthony's, did any other member of the
- 25 faculty or administration know that Father

- 1 Cimmarrusti was engaging in childhood sexual abuse?
- 2 MR. HALE: Speculation.
- 3 A I have no knowledge of that.
- 4 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 5 Q During this year when you were visiting St.
- 6 Anthony's seminary from 1966 to '67 did you have any
- 7 knowledge that any other member of the faculty knew
- 8 that Father Cimmarrusti was engaging in childhood
- 9 sexual abuse?
- 10 MR. HALE: Same objection.
- 11 A No.
- 12 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 13 Q While you were on the faculty at St.
- 14 Anthony's Seminary at any time did you learn that
- any other member of the faculty or staff at St.
- Anthony's was engaging in childhood sexual abuse?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q During this year after Holy Redeemer closed
- 19 from 1966 to '67 did you ever learn that any other
- 20 member of the faculty or staff at St. Anthony's
- seminary was engaging in childhood sexual abuse?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q Father, do you recall a student by the name
- 24 of ?
- 25 A Yes.

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               And how do you know
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               He was one of the Redemptorist students and
      he transferred, he was one of the -- I'm pretty
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      sure, I am not absolute, I think he was one of the
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      ones that transferred from Oakland down to the
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      Franciscan Seminary in Santa Barbara.
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      student at the Holy Redeemer seminary?
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      Anthony's after Holy Redeemer closed?
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               Do you have a recollection of that
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      happening?
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                    was at Holy Redeemer College?
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      brilliant or anything like that, I would say
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      average.
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                 had any disciplinary problems while he
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      was a student at Holy Redeemer College in Oakland?
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               No, no, no, I don't recall, no, at Oakland?
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1 Q Right. Do you recall anything else
2 regarding from a non-academic
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- 3 standpoint when he was at Holy Redeemer College at
- 4 Oakland, for example, whether he was involved in
- 5 extracurriculars?
- A No, I don't recall.
- 7 Q What about at St. Anthony's Seminary, do
- 8 you recall what type of student
- 9 was at St. Anthony's seminary?
- 10 A I would say average, uh-huh.
- 11 Q Do you recall whether he was involved in
- 12 any non-academic pursuits, any extracurriculars at
- 13 St. Anthony's Seminary?
- 14 A I'm not sure I understand what you mean.
- Q Do you know whether was
- involved in any extracurriculars at St. Anthony's
- 17 Seminary?
- 18 A Would that -- well, he -- he had a job, I
- mean, a job that all the students were given jobs,
- 20 chores, more of like chores to do, that would be
- 21 about the only thing.
- 22 Q Do you recall what job assignment
- had at St. Anthony's?
- 24 A No.
- 25 Q But you recall that he had some type of

- 1 job?
- 2 A In the sense that they all did.
- 3 Q So you don't have a specific recollection
- 4 of what he may have done?
- 5 A No, I don't.
- 6 Q Do you recall having any discussions with
- 7 any member of the faculty or staff regarding
- 8 discipline problems with
- 9 A I don't recall specifically; the -- what I
- 10 am about to tell you, I don't know how exactly to
- 11 fit this in, but he did -- the students had their
- own money but it was kept for them, you know, and if
- they want, they had their own accounts and if they
- wanted some money they would withdraw it and I
- 15 remember he withdrew some, he asked to withdraw some
- 16 money, I believe he said to go buy a pair of shoes
- or something like that and then he left, he went
- downtown.
- I think he got on a bus, went to Los Angeles
- and somehow got to the airport there and at that
- 21 time visitors -- airports were rather lax, there was
- 22 no security, you could go and somebody's going,
- leaving on an airplane, you could go and visit them
- in the airplane. So Timothy one time just pretended
- like he wanted to go in and see a visitor, one of

- 1 the passengers off and he just stayed on the plane
- 2 until it took off and -- I don't, I don't know that
- 3 he told them, I think he then went to Los Angeles --
- 4 well, he ended up in Hawaii, actually.
- 5 Q And Father, how did you come to learn this
- 6 information?
- 7 A I learned it in -- the Friars told me, you
- 8 know.
- 9 Q Do you --
- 10 A I think at that time, excuse me, at that
- 11 time, this is all hazy but it's my best
- recollection, at that time I was still up in
- Oakland, I was taking care of our college students
- 14 that was -- were going to St. Mary's and either me
- or my assistant would go down to Santa Barbara and
- 16 check on the boys in Santa Barbara.
- 17 Q So your recollection is that the event you
- just recounted where left the
- seminary and boarded a plane and ended up in Hawaii?
- 20 A Yeah.
- 21 Q You believe this took place during the year
- 22 of 1966-'67?
- 23 A That's my understanding, yeah.
- 24 Q And do you recall specifically what Friar
- 25 told you that this had transpired?

- 1 A No, I would suspect the Rector, Father
- 2 Xavier Harris.
- 3 Q Do you a specific recollection of who told
- 4 you?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Father , were you told the reason
- 7 why had left the seminary and
- 8 gotten on a plane and gone to Hawaii?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q Did you --
- 11 A There were -- I myself kind of speculated,
- 12 what was, why he did it, you know, and at that time,
- 13 you know, just adolescence.
- 14 Q Did anyone from the Friars ever tell you
- 15 that they had learned why he --
- 16 A Not that I can recall.
- 17 Q Sorry, Father, let me ask the question
- 18 again.
- 19 A Yeah.
- 20 Q Did anyone from the Franciscan Friars or
- 21 that were on the faculty at St. Anthony's ever tell
- you why he had left the seminary?
- A No, not why.
- 24 Q They just told the details, told you the
- 25 details that you have already recounted for us, is

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      ever tell you that he was being sexually abused by
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      Father Cimmarrusti during the year 1966 to '67?
               No, I -- yeah, I don't believe so, no.
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      when you were visiting St. Anthony's, did
                 ever tell you that Cimmarrusti was
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      touching his genitals and masturbating him?
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      Cimmarrusti had Mr.
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                                     do the same thing to
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      him, meaning touch his genitals and masturbate him?
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      year of 1966 to '67, did
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      tell you the location of where he was being sexually
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      abused by Father Cimmarrusti?
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      after this year 1967 ever tell you that he was being
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      sexually abused by Father Cimmarrusti?
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- 1 he had told Father Harris that he was being sexually
- 2 abused by Father Cimmarrusti?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q And this is again in the year 1966 oh 67?
- 5 A Correct, yeah, when I was, the time I was
- 6 a -- was on site, yeah.
- 7 Q What about after 1967, did
- 8 ever tell you that he had told Father Harris
- 9 that Father Cimmarrusti was sexually abusing him?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Father, if had come to
- 12 you during this year of 1966 to '67, told you that
- 13 he was being sexually abused by Father Cimmarrusti,
- 14 would you have done something about it?
- 15 A Yes, I believe I would, yeah.
- 16 Q And what would you have done it about?
- 17 A I think I would have told at least the
- 18 Rector, Father Harris, Xavier Harris.
- 19 Q And would you have done anything else,
- 20 Father?
- 21 A I don't know what I -- I don't understand
- 22 the question, exactly, what --
- 23 Q Well, previously when we were talking about
- 24 sexual abuse, allegations of sexual abuse, you
- 25 indicated that you would also potentially tell your

- 1 Provincial in the Redemptorist order and so my
- 2 question is for example would you have told your
- 3 Provincial if a former Holy Redeemer seminarian was
- 4 being sexually abused by Father Cimmarrusti?
- 5 A Yes, I think so, yeah.
- 6 Q Father , who was the Rector during
- 7 the year 1966-'67 when you were visiting St.
- 8 Anthony's seminary?
- 9 A Father Xavier Harris.
- 10 Q And what about when you were assigned to
- 11 St. Anthony's full time in 1967, was Father Harris
- 12 still the Rector?
- 13 A Exactly, yes.
- 14 O And was Father Harris the Rector the entire
- time that you were on the faculty from '67 to '77?
- 16 A I think so, but I'm not sure, I'm trying to
- think of the man that followed him, my best
- 18 recollection is yes, that the man that I had had,
- 19 that I was not at the seminary when the new Rector
- 20 took over, that's --
- 21 Q And so --
- 22 A I am very hazy on that, I'm not sure.
- 23 Q I understand. Father, do you recall
- 24 whether or not you were on the faculty for at least
- 25 more than one school year when Father Harris was the

- 1 Rector?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And what was your impression of Father
- 4 Harris?
- 5 A Very, very competent as administrator and
- 6 you know, socially, we got along fine, so forth, but
- 7 I always thought -- considered him as an intelligent
- 8 and competent person.
- 9 Q And from 1966 when you first started going
- down to the seminary until 1967 when you were on the
- 11 faculty, did you have occasion to see Father Harris
- 12 performing his function as the Rector at St.
- 13 Anthony's?
- 14 A Yes, when -- yeah, and as I -- all I can
- say is he seemed intelligent and competent to me
- 16 that he was --
- 17 Q And then obviously when you were on the
- faculty from 1967 on did you have occasion to
- observe Father Harris performing his duties as the
- 20 Rector at St. Anthony's seminary?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And based upon your experience in seeing
- 23 Father Harris perform his duties as Rector at St.
- Anthony's, did you believe that he was competent?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Based upon your observation of Father
- 2 Harris performing his duties as Rector, did you
- 3 believe that Father Harris was honest and forthright
- 4 in how he administered the school?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And based upon your experience with Father
- 7 Harris, if a seminarian had come to him and told
- 8 Father Harris that he was being sexually abused by
- 9 another faculty member, do you believe based upon
- 10 your experience that Father Harris would have done
- 11 something about it?
- 12 MR. HALE: Speculation, incomplete
- 13 hypothetical.
- 14 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 15 O You can answer.
- 16 A I can answer, okay, yes, I think so, yeah,
- uh-huh.
- 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Less than thirty
- 19 seconds.
- 20 Q That's fine, change tape.
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: End tape one, volume 1.
- 22 Off record at 2:08 p.m.
- 23 (Whereupon, a short break was taken.)
- 24 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On record at 2:17 p.m.,
- 25 start tape 2, volume 1.

- 1 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 2 QUESTIONS BY MR. HALE:
- 3 Q Good afternoon, Father, my name is Tim
- 4 Hale, I got a number of follow-up questions for you.
- 5 First of all, you identify Father Patrick O'Brien,
- 6 is that O'Brien with an e or with a?
- 7 A I-e-n.
- 8 Q And do you know, is Father O'Brien still
- 9 alive?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And do you know where he is assigned right
- 12 now?
- 13 A Yeah, he's assigned in Oakland or the place
- of the former seminary, but we have a house on the
- property, a regular house and he lives there.
- Q Okay. Can you give me an estimate as to
- 17 how old he might be?
- 18 A He is younger than I am, I taught him in
- 19 the seminary, later years, I'm 78, he would be in
- 20 his sixties, I'd say.
- 21 Q Are you aware of him having any kind of
- health problems of any sort?
- 23 A Yes, he has a health -- I forget what it
- is, but it's an ongoing problem.
- 25 Q Do you know, is it life-threatening?

- 1 A I think it could be, yeah.
- 2 Q Is it, do you know if it's a disease, or
- 3 just cancer or maybe a heart condition?
- A I don't think it's cancer or heart, it may
- 5 come to me, as you know.
- 6 Q Okay, if you think --
- 7 A Probably in the middle of the night.
- 8 Q If by any chance you think of it feel free
- 9 to interrupt me and let me know.
- 10 A Okay.
- 11 Q With regards to Father O'Brien did he only
- 12 assist you at St. Anthony's seminary during the
- 13 '66-'67 school year?
- A That's right, he was never on-site, I mean,
- 15 he never lived there as I lived there.
- 16 Q So in other words he was never a member of
- 17 the faculty at St. Anthony's while you were there?
- 18 A No, that's correct.
- 19 Q Did he continue to come down and visit the
- seminary after you became a faculty member?
- 21 A No, not that I can recall.
- 22 Q So it was just that one year?
- 23 A Yeah, uh-huh.
- Q With regards to , do you
- 25 recall when you first met Mr.

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1 A Well, it would have to be, it would be in
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- 2 the Oakland, he started out at our Oakland Seminary
- 3 there, but I don't recall specifically, he came with
- 4 the class, one of the classes, and I don't know the
- 5 specific year that he came.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A Excuse me, I don't remember the specific.
- 8 Q I understand, did you know Mr.
- 9 family by any chance?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Okay.
- 12 A Well, I didn't know them personally, but I
- guess this is hearsay, I understand and how I got
- it, I don't know, but that he was a very strict
- 15 father.
- Q Okay, and do you know how you heard that?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q But you were never assigned at a parish
- 19 where Mr. 's family attended?
- 20 A No.
- 21 Q And how many years did you know Mr.
- before he -- before you described him as
- stowing away on the plane from St. Anthony's?
- 24 A It would be just that, I guess his years
- 25 at -- I don't remember exactly when he started, he

- 1 started in Oakland --
- 2 Q Right.
- 3 A -- seminary, those years, maybe guess a
- 4 year, maybe at most two years, you know, at that
- 5 time.
- 6 Q Okay. Did you form an opinion during that
- 7 year or two as to whether or not he was an honest or
- 8 on dishonest person?
- 9 MR. MATIASIC: Lacks foundation.
- 10 A Yeah, I can't say, nothing pops up, you
- 11 know.
- 12 BY MR. HALE:
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A You know, maybe negative, in the sense that
- 15 you know, I don't remember anything that he did that
- 16 would come to my attention, that would be bad or
- 17 something.
- 18 Q Okay. Do you recall anyone complaining to
- 19 you about conduct by Mr. of any kind,
- that that person complaining didn't approve of?
- 21 A No, I don't remember that.
- 22 Q All right. Mr. Matiasic asked you
- 23 questions about reports of sexual abuse by Mr.
- , do you recall there being any reports by
- 25 Mr. to you of any kind of misconduct by a

- 1 Franciscan Friar?
- 2 A No.
- 3 Q And in response to one of Mr. Matiasic's
- 4 questions regarding whether or not Mr.
- 5 reported abuse by Father Cimmarrusti to you, you
- 6 answered you didn't believe that he ever told you
- about the abuse, is it possible in your mind that he
- 8 made a report to you and you simply had forgotten
- 9 about it?
- MR. MATIASIC: Asked and answered.
- 11 A What do I do with that, do I -- I've
- 12 answered it, I guess.
- 13 BY MR. HALE:
- 14 Q Is it possible that -- I mean, it's a yes
- or no question, do you think it's possible that he
- 16 reported it to you, or something of that effect to
- 17 you, regarding abuse by Father Cimmarrusti and you
- no longer recall and the reason I ask there was an
- answer where you said you don't believe and that's
- 20 why I am asking the question?
- 21 MR. MATIASIC: Same objection.
- answer it or I don't answer it.
- MS. GALLO: You can answer the question.
- MR. GODFREY: If there's no instruction not

- 1 to answer the question you can answer the question.
- 2 A Repeat the question.
- 3 BY MR. HALE:
- 4 Q I'm not trying to pin you down, Father.
- 5 A Okay, repeat the question.
- 6 Q Sure, my question is in response to one of
- 7 Mr. Matiasic's questions regarding whether or not
- 8 Mr. reported sexual abuse by Father
- 9 Cimmarrusti to you, my notes reflect that you
- 10 answered you did not believe that Mr. had
- 11 actually reported the abuse to you, so my question
- is is it possible that Mr. did report the
- abuse to you and you simply no longer recall
- 14 receiving that report from Mr.
- MR. MATIASIC: Asked and answered,
- 16 misstates his testimony.
- 17 BY MR. HALE:
- 18 O You can answer.
- 19 A Okay. I don't know why I said believe,
- 20 I -- my best recollection is that he did not tell me
- about any abuse.
- 22 Q Okay. Can you positively rule out that he
- 23 did not tell you about any abuse as you sit here
- 24 today?
- MR. MATIASIC: Same objections.

- 1 BY MR. HALE:
- 2 Q And let me, I think I -- there was a double
- 3 negative in that, let me ask you the question again,
- 4 can you positively rule out as you sit here today
- 5 that Mr. told you about sexual abuse by
- 6 Father Cimmarrusti?
- 7 A If he -- if he would have said it that way,
- 8 then I would have known and I would have remembered.
- 9 Q When you say that way, you --
- 10 A I mean, if he said Father Cimmarrusti has,
- 11 you know, has abused me sexually or described it,
- then that's something I would never forget.
- 13 Q And what if he described to you in vague
- details misconduct by Father Cimmarrusti, is that
- something that you might have forgotten?
- MR. GODFREY: Objection, that's vague.
- MR. MATIASIC: Vague and ambiguous and it's
- 18 an incomplete hypothetical.
- 19 BY MR. HALE:
- 20 Q In other words, if he didn't go into the
- 21 graphic detail about the alleged sexual abuse and
- 22 simply said, "Father Cimmarrusti mistreated me," is
- 23 that something you might have forgotten.
- MR. MATIASIC: Just add a couple
- 25 objections, lacks foundation -- Father, if I could

- 1 get my objection out.
- THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 3 MR. MATIASIC: It lacks foundation, it's an
- 4 incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation and
- 5 misstates the evidence in the case.
- 6 A Repeat the question.
- 7 BY MR. HALE:
- 8 Q Sure, sure. If came to you
- 9 and said that Father Cimmarrusti had been
- 10 mistreating him without going into great detail or
- 11 going into detail about the nature of the misconduct
- is it possible that is something you would have
- 13 forgotten?
- MR. MATIASIC: Again, vague and lacks
- 15 foundation, incomplete hypothetical and it misstates
- 16 the evidence.
- 17 BY MR. HALE:
- 18 O And I will --
- 19 A Theoretically, it's possible, I think and
- 20 if it was said in such terms I didn't click on the
- 21 sexual thing about, you know, that's all I --
- 22 otherwise, I don't know how to answer that.
- Q Okay, okay, as you sit here today can you
- 24 rule out -- can you confidently testify that Mr.
- did not report to you any kind of misconduct

- 1 by Father Cimmarrusti during that '66-'67 school
- 2 year?
- 3 MR. MATIASIC: Counsel, I'm going to object
- 4 that you asked this question and he's answered it on
- 5 at least two or three different occasions and so you
- 6 you're getting to the point of badgering the
- 7 witness. So let me reiterate the objections that
- 8 it's asked and answered and leave it there.
- 9 BY MR. HALE:
- 10 Q You can answer, Father. Mr. Matiasic loves
- 11 to categorize my questions that he does not like as
- badgering, so please feel free to go ahead and
- answer the question.
- 14 A Okay, I'm so confused. Repeat it, please,
- 15 I --
- MR. HALE: Sure, could you read the
- 17 question back?
- 18 (Whereupon, Reporter read back from the record
- 19 as directed:
- 20 "Q. Okay, okay, as you sit here today can
- 21 you rule out -- can you confidently testify that
- 22 Mr. did not report to you any kind of
- 23 misconduct by Father Cimmarrusti during that '66-'67
- 24 school year?")
- MR. MATIASIC: Again, same objection, it's

- 1 asked and answered and he's already testified as
- 2 such and I believe that asking the witness the same
- 3 question four times is badgering.
- 4 MR. HALE: It's not the same question, the
- 5 record will reflect the question is different.
- A I can only answer this way: Theoretically,
- 7 yes, practically, no.
- 8 BY MR. HALE:
- 9 Q When you say practically, no, what do you
- 10 mean by that?
- 11 A I wouldn't do it, I mean, now I'm --
- 12 Q Okay. I --
- A Now I am so confused I'm not sure what the
- 14 issue is.
- 15 Q I think I understand your answer, that's
- 16 fine.
- 17 A Okay.
- 18 Q Were you --
- MR. MATIASIC: Wait, hold on, Counsel,
- 20 before you go any further.
- 21 Father, did you understand the last
- question, I just want to make sure you're
- 23 understanding what Counsel is asking, did you
- 24 understand the last question?
- 25 A I think your question was did Mario

- 1 Cimmarrusti discipline him in any way physically or
- 2 something?
- 3 BY MR. HALE:
- 4 Q No, no. My question was can you rule out
- 5 as you sit here today that Mr. reported
- 6 to you during the '66-'67 school year some kind of
- 7 misconduct by Father Cimmarrusti, perhaps not going
- 8 into explicit detail regarding the sexual abuse?
- 9 A What do you mean by misconduct?
- 10 Q Maybe he was punching the student, maybe he
- 11 was inappropriately touching the student?
- MR. GODFREY: Vague.
- MR. MATIASIC: Counsel, hold on, that's
- 14 compound, asked and answered, you asked and he
- answered that question already and also misstates
- the evidence in this case, so which question, it's
- 17 compound, so which question are you --
- MR. HALE: I didn't ask a compound
- 19 question.
- 20 MR. MATIASIC: I believe --
- 21 MR. HALE: The record will reflect exactly
- what the question states and it's not compound.
- 23 MR. MATIASIC: I reiterate my same
- 24 objections.
- 25 BY MR. HALE:

- 1 Q Do you have an understanding -- Let me ask
- 2 this, Father: What would be your understanding of
- 3 what would constitute misconduct by a student or by
- a faculty member at St. Anthony's Seminary?
- 5 A Other than the sexual thing?
- 6 Q Right.
- 7 A I suppose it would be physical punishment
- 8 that would be excessive; but I think in the state of
- 9 California you can administer physical punishment
- 10 with a witness.
- 11 Q Were you aware --
- 12 A So, I guess what I am trying to get at,
- 13 physical punishment, per se, is not necessarily
- 14 misconduct.
- 15 Q Were you aware of there being corporal
- 16 punishment being administered to students at St.
- 17 Anthony's Seminary?
- 18 MR. MATIASIC: Overbroad as to time.
- 19 BY MR. HALE:
- 20 Q During your time on the faculty?
- 21 MR. MATIASIC: So, Counsel, you're limiting
- 22 to '66 to '77?
- 23 A '66 to '77, the time I -- when I was on
- 24 site, right?
- 25 BY MR. HALE:

- 1 Q Yes.
- 2 A I think I was, yeah, yeah.
- 3 Q Were you aware of Father Cimmarrusti
- 4 spanking students?
- 5 MR. MATIASIC: Overbroad as to time, again
- 6 Counsel, are we talking about 66 to '77.
- 7 A I was not personally aware of it.
- 8 BY MR. HALE:
- 9 Q Are you now aware of Father Cimmarrusti
- 10 spanking students?
- 11 MR. MATIASIC: Father --
- 12 A Well, people are talking about -- I heard
- that, but I did not see, I did not see him spanking
- 14 anybody.
- 15 BY MR. HALE:
- 16 Q Did you hear that he was spanking students?
- MR. MATIASIC: Father , other than
- anything you may have learned from your lawyers.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 20 A Let me -- the only way I can answer this, I
- 21 am aware that he spanked or had physical punishment.
- 22 BY MR. HALE:
- 23 Q Okay.
- A How, what, you know.
- Q When did you first become aware of that?

- 1 A I don't know, I mean, I -- somewhere during
- 2 the period, I think somewhere during the period on
- 3 side, I don't think it came up when I was away.
- 4 Q Okay. You described a circumstance where
- 5 under California law it might be appropriate for
- 6 there to be physical punishment if there was a
- 7 witness?
- 8 A Yeah.
- 9 Q Were you ever aware of anyone being asked
- 10 to witness corporal punishment of a student at St.
- 11 Anthony's consistent with those --
- 12 A I'm not aware of.
- 13 Q Were you ever asked to observe corporal
- 14 punishment after St. Anthony's student?
- 15 A No.
- Q Were you ever aware of any of your
- 17 Redemptorist students receiving corporal punishment
- while at St. Anthony's?
- 19 A That I don't know how to answer that, no,
- 20 not personally aware of, no.
- 21 Q But did you ever hear about that happening?
- 22 A Yes.
- MS. GALLO: It's fallen.
- 24 (Whereupon, a discussion was held off the record.)
- 25 BY MR. HALE:

- 1 Q How did you hear about that, was it from a
- 2 student or from a faculty member?
- 3 A Would you repeat the question?
- 4 Q Sure. How did you hear about that, from
- 5 students or from a faculty member?
- 6 A It would be, my best -- my best
- 7 recollection would be a student.
- 8 Q Okay. Do you recall did that student come
- 9 and tell you it had happened to them or it had
- 10 happened to another student?
- 11 A I don't know.
- 12 Q And do you recall if this report occurred
- in the 1960's or in the 1970's?
- 14 A The only thing I -- yeah, I don't know, I
- was aware of it, when specifically, I don't know.
- O Okay, and did the -- did the student tell
- 17 you that it was Father Cimmarrusti that was spanking
- the student or students depending on what the
- 19 student told you?
- 20 A That's my best recollection.
- 21 Q Okay. Did the student describe for you the
- 22 process Father Cimmarrusti went through when
- 23 administering corporal punishment to students?
- 24 A No.
- 25 Q Were you ever aware of an allegation of

- 1 Father Cimmarrusti was requiring students to either
- 2 strip completely naked or at least naked from the
- 3 waist down in order to administer corporal
- 4 punishment?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Have you ever heard that?
- 7 MR. MATIASIC: Other than anything from
- 8 Counsel, from your Counsel, obviously.
- 9 A Yes, I heard it, but just, you know,
- 10 whether it was all the way or you know, yeah.
- 11 BY MR. HALE:
- 12 Q Did you recall if that was something --
- 13 A I recollect, I heard that he used corporal
- 14 punishment and spanked, that's all, that's all I can
- 15 do with that.
- 16 Q Do you recall if the student -- did more
- 17 than one student report the fact this kind of
- 18 punishment was taking place to you or was it just
- 19 one?
- 20 A It was an informal conversation, it was an
- 21 informal thing as I recall it and when it was told
- 22 to me there was -- it was a sense of -- it was
- 23 funny.
- 24 O So it wasn't that the student was making a
- 25 complaint?

- 1 A No, no, the context was, you know, ha, ha,
- 2 ha, and I don't know how else to explain it.
- 3 Q Okay.
- 4 A I'm sorry, but I --
- 5 MR. GODFREY: You're doing fine.
- 6 BY MR. HALE:
- 7 Q When you learned of this conduct, did you
- 8 tell anyone on the faculty about hearing about this
- 9 conduct by Father Cimmarrusti?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Did you tell any -- well, did you tell
- 12 anyone --
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q -- about learning about this conduct by
- 15 Father Cimmarrusti?
- 16 A No.
- 17 O No?
- 18 A Excuse me?
- 19 Q Is that a no?
- 20 A No.
- 21 Q Sorry, I'm just trying to get a clear
- 22 record. Did you ever ask Father Cimmarrusti about
- whether he was administering corporal punishment?
- 24 A No.
- 25 Q Did the student tell you whether anyone

- 1 else was present while this corporal punishment was
- being administered?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Did you inquire as to whether anyone else
- 5 was present while this corporal punishment was being
- 6 administered?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Did you form an opinion as to whether it
- 9 was appropriate for Father Cimmarrusti to be
- 10 administering corporal punishment as to St.
- 11 Anthony's students?
- 12 A Would you repeat the question again?
- 13 Q Sure. Did you form an opinion as to
- 14 whether it was appropriate for Father Cimmarrusti to
- 15 be administering corporal punishment to St.
- 16 Anthony's students?
- 17 A Because it was told in a kind of a joking
- 18 way, I didn't click, you know, on the seriousness of
- 19 it.
- 20 Q If a student had come to you and complained
- 21 about corporal punishment being administered, would
- 22 that have changed whatever any actions you would
- 23 have taken in response to hearing that?
- 24 MR. MATIASIC: Lacks foundation, incomplete
- 25 hypothetical.

- 1 MR. GODFREY: Calls for speculation.
- THE WITNESS: What do I do with that?
- MR. GODFREY: You can answer unless your
- 4 attorney tells you not to answer.
- 5 MS. GALLO: You can answer.
- 6 BY MR. HALE:
- 7 Q In other words if someone had come to you
- 8 and instead of joking about it, said student so and
- 9 so was just spanked by Father Cimmarrusti came to
- 10 you and said in a very serious tone, "Father
- , student so and so was just spanked by
- 12 Father Cimmarrusti," would that have changed how you
- would have responded to receiving that information?
- MR. MATIASIC: Vague, ambiguous, lacks
- 15 foundation, incomplete hypothetical, calls for
- 16 speculation.
- 17 A Right, the question is would I have told
- 18 somebody about it, right, no, or what --
- 19 BY MR. HALE:
- 20 Q Basically, yes.
- 21 A I really don't understand what you're
- 22 asking, what you're getting at.
- 23 BY MR. HALE:
- 24 Q The question is, I understand that he
- 25 student who told about the spanking kind of told you

- 1 in a jovial, joking way?
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q What if a student came to you and in a very
- 4 serious manner complained to you that Father
- 5 Cimmarrusti was spanking seminarians, would that
- 6 have changed whatever actions you took upon hearing
- 7 that report?
- 8 A I would --
- 9 MR. MATIASIC: Vague and ambiguous, lacks
- 10 foundation, incomplete hypothetical, calls for
- 11 speculation.
- 12 A The only way I can answer that is I
- 13 would -- if he did I would check it out, and you
- 14 know, see if that was really true, it's all I can --
- I don't know what else I can say.
- 16 BY MR. HALE:
- 17 Q How would you have checked it out?
- 18 MR. MATIASIC: Same objections.
- 19 A I would -- well, I would -- I'd try to make
- 20 sure that the student was telling the truth. I
- 21 tried to check it out with him and I would ask
- 22 Cimmarrusti, I mean, it is -- again, it's
- 23 speculation, that's -- that's all, I don't know what
- 24 else do you want from me.
- 25 BY MR. HALE:

- 1 Q I'm not trying to put any pressure on you,
- 2 Father?
- 3 A Yeah, I know.
- 4 Q Was there only one instance where a student
- 5 came to you and told you about spankings by Father
- 6 Cimmarrusti or did this happen more than once?
- 7 A No, just in the context as I have presented
- 8 to you, an informal light thing.
- 9 Q Okay. Were you aware of the Franciscan
- 10 faculty having a recreation room?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Did you participate in -- my understanding
- is there were often pre-dinner --
- 14 A Yeah, we'd meet --
- 15 Q -- social gatherings?
- 16 A -- for cocktails or something.
- 17 O Yes.
- A And what they had, they had their own, they
- 19 called it the common room.
- 20 Q And would you normally attend those?
- 21 A Yeah.
- 22 Q And was there also a once a week kind of a
- use of the meeting at the recreation room where the
- 24 faculty played cards or socialized?
- 25 A Yes, see, they are free, as our free days

- 1 Redemptorist's was Thursday, theirs was Wednesday
- 2 and we'd have a little -- they'd bring in hamburgers
- 3 and we'd have a little, maybe play cards or
- 4 something.
- 5 Q Okay, and did you normally attend those as
- 6 well?
- 7 A Oh, yes.
- 8 Q Was that a regular thing for you to attend
- 9 those?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Do you recall any instance where Father
- 12 Cimmarrusti came into the recreation room and
- described punishing students who had been caught
- 14 cheating on exams by insisting that they retake the
- 15 exam in their underwear?
- MR. MATIASIC: Vague and ambiguous, lacks
- foundation and misstates the evidence.
- 18 A No.
- 19 BY MR. HALE:
- 20 Q Have you ever heard anything like that
- 21 before?
- MR. MATIASIC: Same objections.
- 23 A Heard what?
- 24 BY MR. HALE:
- 25 Q That Father Cimmarrusti punished a class of

- 1 students by making the class of students retake an
- 2 exam in their underwear?
- 3 MR. MATIASIC: Same objections.
- 4 A I remember them being punished in their
- 5 underwear, but I don't recall the examination part.
- 6 BY MR. HALE:
- 7 Q Okay, how did you learn about them, the
- 8 students being punished in their underwear?
- 9 A I don't know, a student would have to tell
- 10 me, I guess.
- 11 Q Do you recall if this was possibly the
- 12 1967-'68 school year that this happened?
- 13 A '67-'68 --
- MR. MATIASIC: And Counsel, hold on,
- 15 Counsel, I want to clarify whether you're asking him
- 16 during -- that the incident took place or in the
- 17 '67-'68-'68 or that he found out during the '67-'68?
- 18 A The '67-'68 period, is that when the -- you
- mean when I was not on-site?
- 20 BY MR. HALE:
- 21 Q I think, correct me if I am wrong, you were
- not on-site for the '66-'67 school year?
- 23 A That's right, '66-'67, '68, I guess that
- 24 would be my first.
- 25 Q Let me ask you this: When do you think you

- 1 first heard about the Father Cimmarrusti having a
- 2 class of students take an exam in their underwear?
- 3 A First, I think as I said before, the exam
- 4 part of it --
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A -- I do not recall.
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 A And all I recall are the dates, there was a
- 9 situation where he made them, you know, be in their
- 10 underwear and the exam part I don't know.
- 11 Q Okay. Do you recall when you first heard
- 12 about Father Cimmarrusti making these students be in
- 13 their underwear?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q Do you think it was in the 1960's?
- 16 A I believe it was there when I was there,
- 17 yeah.
- 18 Q Do you think -- you think you heard about
- 19 it shortly after it took place?
- 20 A Most probably, you know, I thought it
- 21 was -- I didn't, no, I -- somehow, maybe I obtained,
- 22 my, the sexual overtones never, I think I said that
- 23 before, never struck me, I just thought it was
- rather bizarre and old-fashioned.
- Q Okay. What exactly did you hear so if you

- didn't hear about it taking place in the context of
- 2 an exam being administered what did you here, what
- 3 did you understand the context to be where Father
- 4 Cimmarrusti had these students be in their
- 5 underwear?
- 6 A Just --
- 7 MR. MATIASIC: Lacks foundation.
- 8 A Disciplinary thing, punishment.
- 9 BY MR. HALE:
- 10 Q Did you hear that Father Cimmarrusti had
- 11 made the students walk through halls in the seminary
- in their underwear?
- 13 A No, no.
- 14 Q What did you hear the location was where
- 15 this took place.
- MR. MATIASIC: Lacks foundation.
- 17 A That it was all one room.
- 18 BY MR. HALE:
- 19 Q Okay, okay, did you hear about this from
- 20 one of the students who was part of this
- 21 disciplinary action?
- MR. MATIASIC: And Counsel, I'm just going
- 23 to object that it's asked and answered to the extent
- that he already said that he doesn't really remember
- 25 how he learned of it.

- 1 MR. HALE: That misstates his testimony.
- 2 MR. MATIASIC: It will bear that out.
- 3 MR. HALE: It will definitely show one of
- 4 us is right or wrong.
- 5 A You want to know when I learned about this,
- 6 right? Okay.
- 7 BY MR. HALE:
- 8 Q Well, that was a prior question, but what I
- 9 am asking is did you hear about this from a student
- 10 who was actually part of the disciplinary process,
- 11 the disciplinary action by Father Cimmarrusti?
- 12 A I don't recall.
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A Or how I knew.
- Okay, when you heard about this action, did
- 16 you ever talk to Father Cimmarrusti about this form
- 17 of discipline?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Okay. Did you ever tell anyone about what
- 20 you had heard regarding this discipline by Father
- 21 Cimmarrusti?
- 22 A No, not that I can recall.
- 23 Q Okay. Did any faculty member ever come to
- you and ask you if you were aware of Father
- 25 Cimmarrusti disciplining students in this fashion?

- 1 A No.
- 2 Q Did you ever hear of any other instance
- 3 where Father Cimmarrusti disciplined students in
- 4 this fashion?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Were you involved in the process where --
- 7 Do you know how it was that St. Anthony's was chosen
- 8 to be the transfer location for Redemptorist
- 9 seminarians for Holy Redeemer.
- 10 MR. MATIASIC: Lacks foundation.
- 11 A Yes, we -- I was part of a search, kind of
- 12 a search committee.
- 13 BY MR. HALE:
- 14 Q Okay.
- A And we investigated various seminaries that
- 16 would be willing to take our boys, you know, one was
- in at that time the Franciscans had a seminary in --
- 18 up in Troutdale, Oregon, little town called
- 19 Troutdale, Oregon, where the kids from the northwest
- 20 would go and then let's see, I visited that and I
- visited a Benedictine seminary and one or the other,
- 22 anyway, I was part of a search team going around, so
- forth, we finally decided on St. Anthony's because
- 24 we felt that there the -- their spirit was close to
- 25 our spirit -- one thing that, one thing that they

- 1 kind of convinced me was when I went to the
- 2 Troutdale one, the Franciscans, the kids were so
- 3 spontaneous, they came out and they didn't know who
- I was, and said, "Hi, Father," that kind of thing,
- 5 that's, that's, that's our place.
- 6 Q Okay, okay, did you personally meet with
- 7 any Franciscans to discuss what life would be like
- at St. Anthony's for the transfer students?
- 9 A I had conversations, I don't think they
- 10 were that in-depth.
- 11 Q Do you recall who you spoke with? I know
- it's been a while, just do your best.
- 13 A I don't recall his name.
- 14 Q Okay. Do you think it would have been
- 15 Father Harris?
- 16 A No, it would not have been Father Harris.
- Q Was it a Franciscan who was a faculty
- member, though?
- 19 A See, the committee, the committee that was
- 20 put together which I was a part had various
- 21 assignments to go to various areas of seminaries.
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 A I did not go to St. Anthony's one, another
- 24 member of the committee did, but I went to the
- 25 Troutdale one which is Franciscan and I caught a

- 1 nebulous spirit there that said this is -- this
- 2 looks good.
- 3 Q Do you recall the name of the committee
- 4 member who went to St. Anthony's?
- 5 A Yes, Father John Grabowski.
- 6 O Is Father Grabowski still alive?
- 7 A No, he's dead.
- 8 Q Are you aware of whether there's any kind
- 9 of written agreement between the province of St.
- 10 Barbara and the Redemptorists regarding the transfer
- of redemptorist seminarians to St. Anthony's?
- MR. MATIASIC: Lacks foundation.
- 13 A I don't think so, no, I don't recall any
- 14 formal agreement or anything.
- 15 BY MR. HALE:
- Okay. Were you aware of any -- anything in
- 17 writing documenting the transfer of Redemptorist
- 18 seminarians to St. Anthony's?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q Was it just kind of a -- you talked earlier
- about a gentleman's agreement, was it the same or
- 22 similar circumstance?
- 23 A I never saw, it might have been a letter or
- 24 something, letters, but I don't even, you know, I --
- I wasn't involved, you know, at the time of that

- 1 level.
- 2 Q Okay. How many people were on the
- 3 committee that were researching or looking,
- 4 investigating where to have the students transfer
- 5 to?
- A My best recollection is three.
- 7 Q So you, Father Grabowski?
- 8 A And I think a Father Bernard Mulligan.
- 9 Q Is Father Mulligan still alive?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q And did the three of you meet with your
- 12 Provincial to discuss the transfer of the students
- 13 to St. Anthony's?
- 14 A I don't specifically know how that worked,
- but obviously we had to get, somebody had to talk
- 16 to -- I think our recommendation was go Franciscan.
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 A And then the other -- I had visited the
- 19 Franciscan at that time, Troutdale, which
- subsequently the next year, they closed, and they
- 21 came down to Santa Barbara, so our search duties
- 22 were a -- proportioned or portioned out.
- 23 Q Okay. You talked about these three day
- visits you would make to St. Anthony's.
- 25 A Uh-huh.

- 1 Q During those three day visits, would you
- 2 meet with the Redemptorist students?
- 3 A Yeah.
- 4 Q And what would you discuss with them?
- 5 A I don't know, just, "How's it going, how
- 6 are you," and that kind of thing.
- 7 Q Would you generally have one on one
- 8 meetings with the students or would you meet with
- 9 them in a group?
- 10 A Specifically I don't recall. Did I tell
- 11 you I was -- one of my students I -- one of my
- 12 student was in trouble and I was the one vote to
- 13 keep him there, did I tell you.
- 14 O Yes.
- 15 A I went through that.
- 16 Q Yes, yes, yes.
- 17 A In general, just how are you doing type of
- 18 thing.
- 19 Q Did you ever during -- only during that
- 20 '66-'67 school year when you would visit during
- 21 these three day periods did you ever teach a class?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q Did you ever perform mass at the seminary
- 24 during these three day periods?
- 25 A I attend, you know, we had a what is called

- 1 concelebration, I was there, but I don't
- 2 specifically remember that I was the main celebrant,
- 3 probably.
- 4 Q Okay.
- 5 A I mean, they could have asked me, it was --
- 6 Q No, I'm just trying to get a sense for what
- 7 would go on during these three days?
- 8 A Okay, I guess, I said thousands of masses
- 9 in my --
- 10 Q Would you attend, would there be a faculty
- 11 meeting generally during these three day visits you
- would make to St. Anthony's?
- 13 A I can't say for sure, I know, I know if my
- 14 student, you know, was up for discussion I would be
- 15 there.
- 2 So if one of your students is up for
- discussions was it your expectation someone from the
- 18 seminary would notify you so you could come down and
- 19 be a part of that discussion?
- 20 A Probably, I know it was, it was often my
- 21 vote that kept them there.
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 A So -- but I don't know how that worked out.
- Q Okay. You described having a vote as to
- 25 whether or not a student would be expelled from St.

- 1 Anthony's if it was a Redemptorist student?
- 2 A Yeah, yeah.
- 3 Q Would you have any vote in students being
- 4 disciplined by the faculty at St. Anthony's?
- 5 MR. MATIASIC: Vague and ambiguous.
- 6 BY MR. HALE:
- 7 Q Or was it only if a student is going to get
- 8 expelled or not?
- 9 A Well, generally it was a -- again, it was
- 10 agreed that the Friars would take care of the
- 11 discipline, obviously they didn't want, you know, my
- 12 students being under me and their students being
- 13 under somebody else.
- 14 Q Right.
- 15 A And ha-ha, Father is a little
- 16 easier on us than you guys and that kind of thing.
- 17 Q Right, so it was your understanding that
- 18 Franciscans would be responsible for disciplinary
- 19 actions up to the point of expelling a student, is
- 20 that a fair statement?
- 21 A Yeah, but if that moment come, came, I
- 22 would be informed and I'd be there.
- 23 Q And was it, so it was your understanding
- 24 also that for instance the Franciscans would be
- 25 responsible for the student -- a student, your

- 1 Redemptorist student's academic welfare as well?
- 2 A Of course.
- 3 Q And the Franciscan's would be responsible
- 4 for instance for giving your Redemptorist
- 5 seminarians a place to sleep?
- 6 A Yeah.
- 7 Q And Franciscans would be responsible for
- 8 feeding obviously the Redemptorist seminarians as
- 9 well?
- 10 A Yes.
- O So in a nutshell the Franciscans were
- 12 responsible for the general welfare of the
- 13 Redemptorists students while they were attending St.
- 14 Anthony's Seminary, is that a fair statement?
- 15 A Yes.
- MR. MATIASIC: Vague and ambiguous and
- 17 calls for a legal conclusion.
- 18 BY MR. HALE:
- 19 Q And your answer is yes?
- 20 A Well, yeah, they were in general
- 21 responsible for the welfare there.
- 22 Q Okay. During your three day visits to the
- seminary, would you have any meetings with faculty
- 24 members to discuss the Redemptorist -- your
- 25 Redemptorist students?

- 1 A I'm sure I know what you mean, would I come
- 2 down and call a meeting?
- 3 Q No, in other words, during your visits
- 4 would there be some point where you would sit down
- 5 with either perhaps Father Harris and you would
- 6 discuss the progress of your Redemptorist students?
- 7 A No, I was just there to, you know, see how
- 8 they were doing. I didn't -- as I recall I don't --
- 9 that's so vague, I, I -- I probably called them in
- 10 and talked to them, I'm not, I'm sorry --
- 11 Q No, no, that's okay.
- 12 A I'm sorry, I can't go any further.
- 13 Q It's been a long time, I know, you're doing
- 14 great, believe me, you recalled an awful lot?
- MR. GODFREY: Father.
- 16 -- (Whereupon, a discussion was held off the record.)
- 17 BY MR. HALE:
- 18 Q Were there every any instances where a
- 19 Redemptorist seminarian student had a concern that
- 20 you went and discussed with Father Harris during
- 21 that '66-'67 school year?
- 22 A Not that I can recall.
- 23 Q Okay, okay. Before the committee, the
- 24 committee that investigated where to allow the
- 25 seminarians to transfer decided on St. Anthony's,

- 1 was there any discussion with anyone from the
- 2 Province of St. Barbara about approved methods of
- 3 discipline at St. Anthony's seminary?
- 4 MR. MATIASIC: Vague and ambiguous, calls
- 5 for speculation?
- A I'm not aware of it, but that was not
- 7 handled at that time at my level was between
- 8 Provincials.
- 9 BY MR. HALE:
- 10 Q Okay, okay, what about during that '66-'67
- 11 school year when you were visiting every two weeks,
- 12 approximately, did you have any understanding then
- of whether there were any approved methods of
- 14 discipline at St. Anthony's Seminary?
- MR. MATIASIC: Lacks foundation, vague and
- 16 ambiguous.
- 17 A No, I just assumed that they would take
- 18 care of it, like --
- 19 BY MR. HALE:
- 20 Q Okay.
- 21 A You know and I -- you know, figured, well,
- 22 since my, my -- I had 22 years of experience in
- 23 minor seminaries, I figured, well, it would be
- 24 pretty much the same.
- 25 Q During your time on the St. Anthony's

- 1 faculty, did you at some point again an
- 2 understanding of what were approved or disapproved
- 3 methods of discipline at St. Anthony's seminary?
- 4 A No.
- 5 MR. MATIASIC: Vague and ambiguous, and
- 6 lacks foundation.
- 7 A No.
- 8 BY MR. HALE:
- 9 Q Do you recall there being any discussions
- 10 while you were on the faculty of approved or
- disapproved methods of discipline?
- MR. MATIASIC: Same objections.
- 13 A Not that I can recall.
- 14 BY MR. HALE:
- Okay. Did you ever spend any time in the
- infirmary while you were at St. Anthony's Seminary?
- 17 A You mean sick?
- 18 Q Possibly or maybe you were visiting a sick
- 19 student?
- 20 MR. MATIASIC: Lacks foundation.
- 21 A Well, I know, I went in the infirmary, if a
- 22 kid was sick, whether it was a Redemptorist or
- 23 Franciscan I would visited him.
- 24 BY MR. HALE:
- 25 Q Were you aware that Father Cimmarrusti was

- 1 the infirmarian?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Did you think it was unusual that a faculty
- 4 member was serving as infirmarian?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Had you been in seminaries before where
- 7 there was an infirmary?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q In your experience was it normal for a
- 10 senior class member to be an infirmarian as opposed
- 11 to a faculty member?
- 12 A Well, the general seminary experience has
- been that there'd be a faculty member that would
- oversee students who were infirmarians, you know.
- Q Okay.
- A I don't know any way else to put it.
- Q Okay, and when you say a student who was an
- infirmarian, what is your understanding of what an
- infirmarian's responsibilities would be?
- 20 A The infirmarian was responsible if a
- 21 student was sick, he was responsible for taking
- meals up to him, he was responsible for taking his
- temperature, anything that the student needed and
- that was always as far as I know in general the way
- 25 seminaries work there was always a faculty member, a

- 1 priest that would be overseer of the thing.
- 2 Q And but would that faculty member also
- 3 generally be the infirmarian in your experience as
- 4 well.
- 5 MR. MATIASIC: Asked and answered.
- A Well, he would visit the seminarian, you
- 7 know and I don't know what -- other than that, but I
- 8 know he would visit him.
- 9 BY MR. HALE:
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 A Because if he were there, if a kid needed
- 12 to have his temperature taken, he'd take it, I just
- don't know.
- 14 Q Okay.
- 15 A Frankly, I don't understand where you're
- 16 going with it.
- 17 Q Okay, fair enough. In your experience
- 18 other than Father Cimmarrusti did you ever observe a
- 19 faculty member who also served as the infirmarian?
- 20 MR. MATIASIC: Vague and ambiguous in terms
- 21 of serving as the infirmarian, Father has
- 22 already testified as to what his experience has been
- in that regard, Counsel, I'm going to reiterate my
- objection and I think it's badgering, you asked the
- 25 question four times.

- 1 MR. HALE: And he has not answered this
- 2 question, and this questions is being asked and your
- 3 characterization of being badgering is
- 4 inappropriate.
- 5 A Yeah, I am lost, would you repeat the
- 6 question?
- 7 BY MR. HALE:
- 8 Q Sure, sure, aside from, my understanding is
- 9 you recall that Father Cimmarrusti served as the
- infirmarian at St. Anthony's Seminary, correct?
- 11 A He was the faculty member in charge of the
- 12 boys who were, the did the -- I am at a point now, I
- don't exactly know what you want. I'm sorry, I just
- don't know what you want.
- 15 Q No, no, simple question. Do recall whether
- while you were on the faculty at St. Anthony's
- 17 Father Cimmarrusti serving as the infirmarian?
- 18 A He served in the capacity as the faculty
- member who was in charge of the infirmarians.
- 20 O And were there students who served as
- 21 infirmarians while you were on the faculty that you
- 22 were aware of?
- 23 A Yes, I think I just said that.
- Q Okay, that answers the question right
- 25 there. When you became a faculty member at St.

- 1 Anthony's Seminary, were you paid for your services
- 2 by the province of St. Barbara?
- 3 A It's an interesting question, yes, I mean,
- 4 for a while I was.
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A I was paid I think a stipend of two hundred
- 7 dollars a month and then they, you know, then the
- 8 Friars were -- they had, you know, what's called a
- 9 visitation of their provincial and so forth and this
- 10 came up that I was getting a salary and it was one
- of the officials of the Franciscan province said,
- "Well, why are we paying him? We are educating his
- 13 kids," so they discontinued my pittance of two
- 14 hundred dollars a month, which didn't me make me cry
- at all, I was fed and housed and everything, so --
- 16 Q Before the Provincial came down and yanked
- 17 your two hundred dollars a month stipend, when did
- 18 you first begin receiving that stipend from the
- 19 Franciscan for your services?
- MR. MATIASIC: And I'm just going to object
- 21 to the term of Provincial yanking the stipend.
- 22 BY MR. HALE:
- 23 Q All right, before?
- 24 A I'm sorry, what.
- 25 Q Here, I will ask the question again, before

- 1 you stopped receiving the two hundred dollar a month
- 2 stipend, when was the first time that you received
- 3 that two hundred dollar a month stipend from the
- 4 Franciscans?
- 5 A When I was actually on-site and teaching
- 6 and so forth.
- 7 Q So that would have been the '67-'68 school
- 8 year?
- 9 A Yeah, from September.
- 10 Q I take it, did you receive any kind of
- 11 compensation or stipend during the '66-'67 school
- 12 year?
- 13 A Yes, when I was there.
- 14 Q Right, when you were just visiting?
- 15 A No, no.
- 16 Q Okay. Did any student at St. Anthony's
- 17 Seminary every report to you any allegations of
- misconduct by any faculty member at St. Anthony's?
- MR. MATIASIC: Vaque and ambiguous.
- 20 A What do you mean by misconduct?
- 21 BY MR. HALE:
- 22 Q Inappropriate behavior.
- MR. MATIASIC: Same objection.
- A No, not that I can recall.
- 25 BY MR. HALE:

- 1 Q Okay. Did any student at St. Anthony's
- 2 seminary ever report to you any allegation of sexual
- 3 misconduct by any faculty member or any Franciscan?
- 4 A Did any member --
- 5 Q Did any student at St. Anthony's Seminary
- 6 ever report to you any allegations of sexual
- 7 misconduct by any Franciscan friar at Santa
- 8 Anthony's seminary?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 (Whereupon, a discussion was held off the record.)
- 12 BY MR. HALE:
- 13 Q When you would stay at the seminary during
- the '66-'67 school year, I understood you stayed in
- the cloister; do you recall who the Franciscans were
- who neighbored your room in the cloister?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Okay. What about when you became a full
- 19 time faculty member, where were your living
- 20 quarters?
- 21 A Well, I haven't -- yeah, I lived in what
- they call the cloistered section, yeah.
- 23 Q And when you became a full time faculty
- 24 member did you live in the same quarters that you
- 25 would stay at during '66-'67 school year when you

- 1 would come to visit or was it a different room?
- 2 A Well, it was -- depended on, I stayed in
- 3 the same, I stayed in the same general area where
- 4 the Franciscans stayed, I didn't get always the same
- 5 room, every time I came, what was ever available.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A In that -- you understand why the Friars
- 8 live, okay, they lived separately from the students.
- 9 Q Right.
- 10 A Okay.
- 11 Q Okay. So in other words when you came back
- 12 to visit for these three day visits, it was not
- 13 always that you stayed in the same location, it
- 14 changed?
- 15 A I don't know what you mean by location, I
- 16 stayed -- my room was in the same section for the
- 17 Friars stayed as separated from the students.
- 18 Q Okay, did you always stay in the same room?
- MS. GALLO: Asked and answered.
- 20 A I never stayed, whatever, in that section,
- 21 you see, there was a friar section and there was a
- 22 student section.
- 23 BY MR. HALE:
- 24 O I understand that.
- 25 A Okay, and that was all in the same big

- 1 building.
- 2 Q Okay.
- 3 A Okay, when I stayed, I stayed in the
- 4 section that was the Friars section.
- 5 Q Okay. I understand your testimony
- 6 regarding sections, but my question is did you stay
- 7 in a different room, was there more than one room
- 8 you stayed in?
- 9 MR. GODFREY: Asked and answered many
- 10 times.
- MR. MATIASIC: Asked and answered.
- 12 A I stayed in whatever room was available, it
- wasn't always the same room.
- 14 BY MR. HALE:
- Okay, that's the answer I was looking for.
- 16 A I'm sorry, but I don't see the relevance of
- 17 it.
- 18 Q That's fine, what about when you became a
- 19 faculty member, did you have the same living
- 20 quarters tears from '66 to '67?
- 21 A I stayed in the same general section, I
- don't know whether it was the same room I had when I
- 23 visited.
- Q Okay. So you didn't, you're not sure if
- you had the same living quarters when you were on

- 1 the faculty?
- 2 A God, now I'm all confused.
- 3 Q Father, what I am looking for is did you
- 4 have the same living quarters when you became a
- 5 faculty member until the time that you actually left
- 6 the seminary in '77?
- 7 A No, I didn't, at first I was with, with
- 8 the -- with the, you know with the Friars and then I
- 9 became the moderator or prefect, I forget what term
- 10 they used of the junior class and then I -- well,
- 11 no, I don't -- I -- there was, there was a building
- which they called the Casa and it was a library and
- 13 they had rooms up there, at one time I had a room in
- 14 that section and then there was -- they had a --
- midway between that and the other building they had
- 16 a little, kind of a guest building.
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 A Sometimes I stayed there and I cannot tell
- 19 you a time or -- that's all I can say, sometimes I
- 20 stayed there.
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 A Probably when I was visiting, I'm sorry, I
- cannot be any more specific.
- 24 Q I understand. Since you first, from the
- 25 time you first stepped foot on the St. Anthony's

- 1 seminary campus in 1966 to the present have you ever
- 2 reported to anyone allegations of sexual abuse by a
- 3 Franciscan friar?
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q Okay, and that would -- and have you ever
- 6 reported to anyone your awareness of Father
- 7 Cimmarrusti having students be in their underwear?
- 8 A What do you mean by report?
- 9 Q Tell anyone?
- 10 A Tell.
- 11 Q Have you ever told anyone about Father
- 12 Cimmarrusti having students be in their underwear in
- 13 classrooms at St. Anthony's seminary?
- 14 A I mean, tell in the sense of officially or
- tell in the sense of just tell?
- 16 Q Officially or unofficially.
- 17 A I don't, I don't know.
- 18 Q Okay.
- 19 A I don't think so.
- 20 Q And have you ever told --
- 21 A I don't think so but I don't know.
- 23 awareness of Father Cimmarrusti's corporal punishing
- 24 St. Anthony's seminary students?
- 25 A Not that I can recall.

- 1 MR. HALE: Okay. You want to take the last
- 2 five?
- 3 MR. MATIASIC: Yeah, please.
- 4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 QUESTIONS BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 6 Q Father , I know we have been going
- 7 for a while but the good part about it, we only have
- 8 In few more minutes and I will get through my
- 9 follow-up questions as quickly as I can, so thanks
- 10 for bearing with us. You testified already that
- 11 Father O'Brien was your assistant during this year
- 12 1966-'67 when you would visit St. Anthony's
- seminary, is that correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Would you and Father O'Brien ever discuss
- the results of your visits down to St. Anthony's
- seminary during the six '66-'67 school year?
- 18 A Yeah, I don't recall anything specifically,
- 19 I don't think it was a -- you know, like a -- well,
- 20 that's, you know, when he arrived, come back, I
- 21 don't think we had a formal sit-down to exchange
- ideas, I'm sure formally we talked about it and so
- 23 forth.
- 24 Q So if there were an issue that came up, say
- 25 a discipline problem or a report of sexual abuse or

- 1 something along those lines, would you and Father
- 2 O'Brien have talked about that?
- 3 MR. HALE: Vague and ambiguous.
- 4 A Yeah.
- 5 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 6 Q So if had told you in
- 7 this year, 1966-'67 that he was being sexually
- 8 abused by Father Cimmarrusti, is that something you
- 9 would have told Father O'Brien?
- 10 MR. HALE: Vague and ambiguous, incomplete
- 11 hypothetical.
- 12 A Yes, I believe so, yeah, yeah.
- 13 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 14 Q Father, I believe earlier Mr. Hale asked
- 15 you a series of questions regarding whether there
- 16 was any possibility that you were told that Mr.
- was being sexually abused, if he had used
- 18 that term or any term that would indicate to you
- 19 that he was being sexually abused or molested, you
- 20 would remember it, wouldn't you?
- MR. HALE: Asked and answered. Right back
- 22 at you.
- 23 A Yes, yes.
- 24 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 25 Q And if Mr. told you that Father

- 1 Cimmarrusti was touching his genitals, would you
- 2 remember that?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 MR. HALE: Same objections.
- 5 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 6 Q If he told you that Father Cimmarrusti was
- 7 masturbating him, would you remember that?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 MR. HALE: Assumes facts not in evidence,
- 10 same objections.
- 11 MR. MATIASIC: If he had told you that he
- 12 had told Father Harris that he was being sexually
- abused would you remember that?
- 14 A Yes.
- MR. HALE: Same objections.
- 16 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 17 Q And if he had told you Father Cimmarrusti
- that he was being forced to masturbate and fondle
- 19 the genitals of Father Cimmarrusti, would you
- 20 remember that?
- 21 A Yes.
- MR. HALE: Same objections.
- 23 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 24 Q So is there any doubt in your mind whether
- or not told you that he was being

- 1 sexually abused in the year 1966-67?
- 2 MR. HALE: Same objection, asked and
- 3 answered.
- 4 A Is there any doubt in my mind that he --
- 5 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 6 O That he -- as to whether or not he told
- 7 that he was being sexually abused in 1966 or '67?
- 8 A Only in the sense that if he would have
- 9 expressed in such a way I didn't click on the
- 10 sexuality of it.
- 11 Q But anything that he would have told you
- that was of a sexual nature, you would remember
- 13 that?
- 14 A Exactly.
- MR. HALE: Same objections as leading and
- inappropriate question.
- 17 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 18 Q Father, also were you asked a few questions
- 19 regarding corporal punishment and just so I
- 20 understand your testimony correctly, when you were
- 21 told that Father Cimmarrusti was engaging in
- 22 corporal punishment or spanking students, you were
- told so in a humorous vein, is that right?
- A My -- yeah, yeah, it was, it was -- nobody
- 25 came to me formally, you know, you know, it was an

- 1 informal situation, I think we were out in the
- 2 parking lot and I don't know how it came up and it
- 3 was expressed in such a way that the kids didn't
- 4 think it was big deal. It's the only way I can
- 5 express it, I'm sorry.
- 6 Q Sure, I understand, Father, and did you
- 7 ever hear about corporal punishment in another more
- 8 formal context of someone complaining to you about
- 9 the corporal punishment that Father Cimmarrusti was
- 10 administering?
- 11 MR. HALE: Same objections.
- 12 A No.
- 13 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 14 Q And just so I have the time frame correct,
- I believe you testified that you heard about this
- 16 corporal punishment by Father Cimmarrusti after the
- time you were on-site, is that correct?
- 18 MR. HALE: Misstates prior testimony. Same
- 19 objections.
- 20 A After I was on-site, yes, I think so. I'm
- 21 not a hundred percent sure; 99.
- 22 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 24 the faculty that you heard about that?
- MR. HALE: Same objections.

- 1 A No, within -- No, I think early on.
- 2 BY MR. MATIASIC:
- 3 Q Father , you also testified about
- 4 Father Cimmarrusti disciplining the students in
- 5 their underwear, if you had heard that there was any
- 6 type of sexual nature to this discipline, meaning
- 7 Father Cimmarrusti forcing the students to be in
- 8 their underwear, would you have done something about
- 9 it?
- 10 MR. HALE: Same objection, vague and
- 11 ambiguous, incomplete hypothetical.
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Father, thank you. Thank you very much for
- 14 your time. We appreciate that it was a long two
- 15 hours and we appreciate your time today.
- 16 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 17 QUESTIONS BY MR. HALE:
- 18 Q I have got one question, Father. Have you
- 19 ever heard of any faculty member ever disciplining
- 20 students by having them dressed in their underwear
- 21 other than this one instance by Father Cimmarrusti?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q That's all I have.
- MR. MATIASIC: Before we go off the record,
- 25 why don't we attach the letter I received from

- 1 Counsel to Father limiting the deposition
- 2 to two hours.
- 3 MR. HALE: Yeah, we should actually talk
- 4 about that. We are not agreeing that this is the
- 5 conclusion of the deposition. There was an
- 6 objection raised on one hand by Plaintiff's Counsel
- 7 who did not receive notice in a timely fashion of
- 8 this deposition happening, second, Father -- Judge
- 9 Frommel's policy has been with regards to ageing and
- infirm witnesses has been as long as we are
- 11 accommodating the witnesses, in other words, doing
- it in two hour blocks, we've got a right to take
- multiple sessions in those two hours blocks as long
- 14 as the witness is doing okay.
- 15 Father seems to be doing more
- 16 than okay. He is a critical witness because he was
- 17 at the seminary during probably the most prolific --
- 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Can I just go off? Time
- is 3:18 p.m., this is the video part of the
- deposition is complete.
- 21 MR. HALE: I say critical witness because
- he was in the seminary during one of the most
- 23 prolific periods of abuse, I understand that,
- 24 correct me if I am wrong, you guys are taking the
- 25 position that this is the end of the deposition. We

- 1 are not saying that depositions there have been
- 2 numerous other instances involving both
- 3 Mr. Matiasic's client and especially Mr. Godfrey's
- 4 client where witnesses in conditions similar to what
- 5 Father is dealing with, have had multiple
- 6 depositions in the one or two hour range to
- 7 accommodate the witness.
- 8 We certainly don't want to put any strain
- 9 on the witness' health, but when they are a critical
- 10 witness like Father , I think Judge Frommel
- 11 will allow for further sessions with this witness
- 12 again under the limiting circumstances that we had
- 13 here today.
- MR. MATIASIC: And Counsel, if I can put on
- 15 the record with respect to the notice, the notice of
- this deposition had been approved by all the liaison
- 17 counsel in Clergy 1 and 3, notice was given in the
- case home page to all parties in both coordinated
- 19 proceedings and there was an agreement with liaison
- 20 counsel in Clergy 1 regarding going forward with
- 21 Father 's deposition on an expedited basis,
- if we were to have the opportunity to do so.
- MR. GODFREY: And shortened notice.
- 24 MR. MATIASIC: And shortened notice and
- 25 so --

- 1 MR. HALE: I'm not the one that's raising
- 2 the objection.
- MR. MATIASIC: No, I understand, because
- 4 you were part of agreement to go forward on an
- 5 expedited basis, I know you're not, just I'll attach
- as Exhibit A to the deposition the letter I received
- 7 from James Geoly, the Counsel for Father
- 8 and for the Redemptorist Society in which he said
- 9 the maximum amount of time that we would be allowed
- 10 to depose Father is two hours and so I
- 11 will attach that as Exhibit A and we can take that
- 12 up at that time.
- MR. HALE: I guess we are not agreeing that
- this is the conclusion of the deposition.
- MR. GODFREY: Does somebody want to suggest
- 16 stipulations as to what do with this transcript,
- 17 perhaps Counsel may want to discuss that off the
- 18 record.
- MR. HALE: Relieve the reporter, his duties
- in the code, we'll send the transcript to Counsel's
- 21 office for Father , Counsel can then
- 22 maintain custody of the original, if you can then
- 23 send that original to Father for review --
- 24 How many days would you like to confirm the
- 25 transcript to confirm it's accuracy?

- 1 MR. GODFREY: Father, the procedure is that
- 2 the deposition is typed up into a booklet and you
- 3 get the chance to read over it and sign it under the
- 4 penalty of perjury, before signing if you want to
- 5 change your testimony you can do it on the
- 6 transcript that he's talking about, so what he's
- 7 asking is how much time would you like to do that?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm -- I'm here, well,
- 9 put it this way, I was due to go back to my
- 10 residence in Berkeley this Wednesday but if
- 11 that's -- that's been put off for a couple of weeks
- 12 because they are doing some remodeling and I'd get
- in the way or something, I got the impression that
- 14 he was -- it would be awkward if I left at this
- 15 time, if I was due to leave Wednesday, tomorrow.
- MR. MATIASIC: Father, how about -- can you
- 17 review the transcript within five days of receiving
- it, would that be enough time?
- MR. GODFREY: Within five days of us
- 20 receiving?
- 21 MR. MATIASIC: Of him receiving it.
- MR. GODFREY: Is --
- MS. GALLO: Is five days -- well, I get --
- it will get sent to you, we'll look at it, it will
- 25 get sent to you. Long will that take?

- 1 MR. HALE: It kind of depends, he is moving
- 2 to California.
- 3 MR. MATIASIC: I can represent to you, we
- 4 have a trial that's coming up in two and a half
- 5 weeks so if it's at all possible?
- MR. HALE: No, three weeks, March 20th.
- 7 MR. MATIASIC: Well, three weeks.
- MR. HALE: Give us all the time we can get
- 9 there.
- 10 MR. MATIASIC: Yeah, right, if you could
- 11 review it within five days or seven days, would that
- be enough time, after you receive it, Father?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah, see now, my
- 14 situation is I was due to leave tomorrow after --
- 15 MR. GODFREY: I think six or seven days, so
- as long as it's not during the period that you are
- 17 flying between here and California and moving all
- 18 your belongings, right.
- THE WITNESS: As I say, I was going to move
- 20 tomorrow, I can't, because of the home situation,
- 21 they are remodeling, so I can't leave here.
- 22 MR. MATIASIC: How about we do this, how
- about we do seven days and if you need additional
- 24 time, tell your Counsel, I'm sure they can write a
- letter to us and Tim and I would stipulate to more

- 1 time if you need it?
- MR. HALE: Again, that wouldn't be a
- 3 problem.
- 4 THE WITNESS: What do you mean by seven
- 5 days?
- 6 MR. MATIASIC: After you received the
- 7 booklet is seven days if you have?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, but when will I receive
- 9 it?
- MS. GALLO: We don't know.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I am due to leave here.
- MR. GODFREY: Father, we'll find you.
- MR. HALE: Don't lose any sleep over this,
- if a signed original is not available at the time of
- trial an unsigned certified copy can be used for all
- 16 purposes.
- MR. MATIASIC: So stipulated.
- 18 MR. GODFREY: So stipulated.
- MS. GALLO: So stipulated, also just to
- 20 respond to what you were saying with respect to him
- 21 being deposed again, I am reserving --
- 22 (Whereupon, Defendant's Deposition Exhibit A
- 23 was marked for identification.)

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     STATE OF MISSOURI
     CITY OF ST. LOUIS
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               I, TOD MINNIGERODE, Certified Court
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     Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State
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     of Missouri, duly commissioned, qualified and
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     authorized to administer oaths and to certify to
     depositions, do hereby certify that at the offices of
     St. Clement's Healthcare Center, in Barnhart, State
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     of Missouri, appeared
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               who was by me first duly sworn to testify
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     to the truth and nothing but the truth of all
     knowledge touching and concerning the matters in
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     controversy aforesaid, that the witness was thereupon
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     was reduced to shorthand by me on the day, between
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     aforesaid, and later his or her testimony was
     transcribed into typewriting, and that the foregoing
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     pages correctly set forth the testimony of the
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     aforementioned witness, together with the questions
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     counsel thereto, and in all respects a full, true,
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correct and complete transcript of the questions
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     and that the signature is not being waived by
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               I further certify that I am neither
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     attorney nor counsel for nor related nor employed by
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     relative or employee of any attorney or counsel
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               IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
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     subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal on
     this the 1st day of March 2006.
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               My Commission expires September 7, 2007.
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Page 111 Comes now the witness, and having read the the foregoing transcript of the deposition taken on the 2/28/2006, acknowledges by signature hereto that it is a true and accurate transcript of the testimony given on the date hereinabove mentioned. Subscribed and sworn to me before this \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_\_,2006. My Commission expires Notary Public