

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

May 16, 1992

The following is a summary of my interaction with [REDACTED] regarding Berard Connolly.

I received a copy of Fr. [REDACTED] letter (dated January 17, 1990) to [REDACTED] and was asked to meet with her regarding her concerns.

On February 1, 1990 at 1:00pm I met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. With [REDACTED] permission [REDACTED] audiotaped the session; and with [REDACTED] permission, I later had the audiotape transcribed. Later I mailed [REDACTED] a copy of the transcript. I also mailed her the original audiotape.

The transcript indicates the content of the session. (A copy of the transcript was sent to the Provincial Office) Some of the concerns that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who facilitated the meeting, brought up are the following (these are not quotations but the tenor of basic concerns):

- 1) Are the Franciscans willing to pay for [REDACTED] counseling?
- 2) Has Berard Connolly, received therapy? Is there ongoing monitoring going on. What kind of monitoring? Has anyone else ever come forward to accuse him? If so why hasn't there been some legal action? Has this issue of sexual abuse regarding Berard Connolly ever been addressed, and if it has, then why has he been allowed to just go on? Have the Franciscans simply protected him?
- 3) Down the road, Berard should claim responsibility as the perpetrator, to take responsibility for this situation for [REDACTED] sake. That is, [REDACTED] and her therapist would like to know that Berard can own the abuse to [REDACTED]. They would like to meet with Berard. In the future, then, (after Berard has had some counseling) a meeting could be held in Spokane with [REDACTED] Berard Connolly, ofm and [REDACTED]
- 5) In the future, [REDACTED] would like to be in contact with Berard's therapist. [REDACTED]

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██████████ the Provincial Minister, met with Berard Connolly at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Arizona and addressed the situation with Berard. ██████████ was later brought into the meeting. ██████████ proceeded with the plan to bring Berard to an appropriate psychotherapist for diagnostic testing and assessment. A report with recommendations was to be sent directly from the therapist to ██████████

██████████ sought a reputable therapist in Arizona with expertise in counseling in the area of child sexual abuse. Dr. Gary Decker, a psychologist and a psychotherapy specialist in the area of child abuse was chosen (initially recommended, I believe, by the Diocese of Phoenix). Dr. Gary Decker, Ph.D., 10640 N 28th Drive, Suite C205, Phoenix Arizona 85029. Phone: (602) 375-9367.

██████████ accompanied Berard to the first session with Dr. Decker (March 19th, 1990). ██████████ presented the basic complaints made by ██████████ and requested diagnostic testing and assessment for Berard and a report with recommendations to be sent to ██████████. Berard began counseling with Dr. Decker and continues to be in counseling with him to this time (May 14, 1992).

██████████ continued correspondence with ██████████. The following are some examples of follow-up correspondence:

On March 5, 1992, I mailed the transcript of the audiotape to ██████████ along with a letter. In the letter A) I indicated that I hoped to reach her by phone before she received the transcript to share with her the current process (how we were proceeding with Berard Connolly); B) I encouraged her to read the transcript when she could have support from ██████████ (I was concerned that if she read the transcript by herself she might experience disturbing feelings with no one to be supportive to her.); C) I invited her to call me collect anytime or to send me a phone bill. I gave her my itinerary and phone numbers.

On March 15, 1992, I phoned ██████████. In this call she clarified that the incidents that she was concerned about with Berard took place between 1968 and 1973.

In other phone correspondence with [REDACTED] Berard, and attorney Richard Roberts, in my best memory, the following information was conveyed (I am not sure how many calls this entailed or the exact order or dates in which the matters were conveyed):

1) I asked [REDACTED] if she would be willing to give me the cost of her counseling. This would include what she had spent and what she felt she would still need to spend in the future. Would she accept a discerned amount from the Franciscans in one payment? I did not expect an answer at that moment.

2) I asked [REDACTED] about setting a date for the requested meeting with herself, [REDACTED], Berard Connolly and me. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] was leaving Spokane soon. [REDACTED] also suggested that a letter from Berard would be sufficient, that it would also save the expense of travel. This letter should include his admission that this was a wrongful act and that it will not occur again (with other children), that he accept responsibility for his actions; that he state the fact that the role that he played with her life was morally wrong; that he holds some responsibility in the problems and issues that she is facing in life.

[REDACTED] phoned Berard. He indicated that he was quite willing to come to Spokane for the meeting unless [REDACTED] had a clear preference not to have the meeting or if it would be harmful to her. He indicated that he really did not want to hurt [REDACTED] any more than she had been hurt. Berard admitted his wrongness.

[REDACTED] called [REDACTED] to say that Berard was willing to come to Spokane to meet with her. Would it be possible to have the meeting before [REDACTED] left Spokane. Loren suggested June 29, 1990 as a possible date if [REDACTED] could arrange it with [REDACTED]

On June 14th or 15th, 1990, Richard Roberts, an attorney in Spokane, phoned me [REDACTED] to let me know that he was helping [REDACTED] understand her rights regarding her concerns with Berard. He told me that he had told [REDACTED] not to communicate further with me. He mentioned that [REDACTED] felt bad about not answering my messages left on her phone recorder, so he was calling me so that I would understand why she would not be communicating with me. He was very courteous.

I asked Richard Roberts if he could be clearer as to what his procedure would be. He informed me that he would contact me through the mail so that there would be a record of his transaction. I indicated that he could also communicate with [REDACTED] Richard Roberts has never communicated with me in writing or by phone since that time. His phone number is (509) 838-0125).

[REDACTED] and I have not communicated since that time. No meeting with [REDACTED] Berard and myself took place. [REDACTED] did not suggest a total amount for her counseling. To my knowledge, no money from the Province has been sent to [REDACTED] for counseling.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

June 28, 1990.

Dear [REDACTED]

On June 14th or 15th, 1990, Richard Roberts, an attorney in Spokane, phoned me to let me know that he was helping [REDACTED] understand her rights concerning her complaint about one of our friars. I asked if he could be clearer as to what his procedure would be. He informed me that he would contact me through the mail so that there would be a record of his transaction. Richard Roberts has not yet contacted me. For information, his phone number is (509) 838-0125. I do not have his address at this time.

For added information, it may be helpful to note that on march 15th, 1990 I phoned [REDACTED] in order to clarify the time period of the past incidents related to her complaint. She informed me that these incidents took place between 1968 and 1973.

I will keep you promptly informed about any further development.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Sr. Catherine Beckley, MSW
St. Joseph Family Center
1016 N. Superior
Spokane, WA 99202

February 20, 1990

Dear Sr. Catherine:

Peace and all good!

Thank you very much for sending me notice of the meeting which you had with [REDACTED] of Feb. 1, 1990. I would be glad to reimburse you for the cost of it except there was no bill enclosed. If you could inform me as to the cost, I would be more than willing to send you a check.

I would ask you, when you do send the bill to me, to mark the outside of the envelope "personal and confidential." This type of information comes only to myself. Thanks very much for your attention to this. I'm glad the meeting with [REDACTED] went well. I appreciate all the effort that you're putting into this.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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February 6, 1990

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

This is a bill for the two hour session that I had with [Redacted] on February 1, 1990. [Redacted] indicated that I send the bill to you. We had a very fine session. Thank you for asking him to talk with us.

Sincerely,

Sr. Catherine Beckley, M.S.W.
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Therapist

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To: [REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Re: Brother Berard Connolly

September 15, 1992

Basically, Brother Berard is accused of sexual molestation of one [REDACTED] from 1968 to 1973. The letter from Joan Antonietti, her attorney, to me reads: "In fact, he commenced his sexual relationship with [REDACTED] with limited touching, touching that confused her since it was not at that point clearly molestation. Brother Berard increased the invasiveness and frequency of the touching and ultimately engaged in masturbation with [REDACTED]"

In the interviews conducted by a private investigator other alleged incidents were indicated. [REDACTED] indicates inappropriate behavior occurred between Brother Berard and herself when she was a minor; she refers mostly to touching and kissing. Several boys indicated that he took them to a hotel to go swimming, while he remained in the room looking out the window watching them.

One individual indicates that Brother Berard took him to a hotel ([REDACTED] was about 27 at the time), gave him a drink, and then may have sodomized him and performed oral sex with him and masturbated him when he was waking up.

It appears that this activity took place over a long period of time. Berard has not yet been confronted with the information, and it is felt this can best be done in a therapeutic setting. Certainly, I have great concern for his health and well being.

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August 13, 1992

Fr. [REDACTED]
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Re: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been retained to represent [REDACTED] As you are aware, [REDACTED] was repeatedly sexually molested from 1968 to 1973 by Brother Berard. This molestation took place while Brother Berard was carrying out his official functions and duties as a Franciscan brother assigned by his province to St. Ann's Parish. Brother Berard has admitted to this molestation to our investigator.

[REDACTED] has suffered greatly because of this molestation. As a result, she has sought out and been involved in intensive counseling and therapy, both with [REDACTED] and a private counselor, and continues in counseling today. Perhaps the saddest result of Brother Berard's breach of [REDACTED] trust and belief in him and his misuse for personal gratification of his position of authority is [REDACTED] loss of faith in the Catholic church, clergy, religion and God.

[REDACTED] grew up in a troubled home environment which involved alcohol abuse, molestation and neglect. Brother Berard stepped forward to meet some of [REDACTED] unfulfilled needs by counseling with her, involving her in normal childhood activities, taking her on outings such as to get a Coke or to dinner and to athletic events. During these activities he would question her about problems at home and get her to confide in him. [REDACTED] began to trust and look up to Brother Berard.

In reality, Brother Berard was grooming [REDACTED] and preparing her for the sexual molestation which was to come. In fact, he commenced his sexual relationship with [REDACTED] with limited touching, touching that confused her since it was not at that point clearly molestation. Brother Berard increased the invasiveness and frequency of the touching and ultimately engaged in masturbation with [REDACTED]

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These incidents of sexual molestation took place while Brother Berard was acting in his official capacity and function as a Franciscan brother. Certain of these incidents occurred on church grounds. On one occasion Brother Berard had [REDACTED] undress in his bedroom and took her picture.

During the investigation of my client's claims, I discovered other molestation victims of Brother Berard, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I have enclosed copies of their taped statements for your review.

I have also discovered that other brothers, priests and parishioners had knowledge of certain improprieties engaged in by Brother Berard. I have enclosed copies of relevant taped statements in that regard.

During my investigation I spoke with Sister Kathy Beckley, who initially counseled [REDACTED] and to whom [REDACTED] first disclosed the incidents of molestation. When I requested copies of her treatment records for [REDACTED], she informed me that when she quit counseling she left all of those records with the St. Joseph Family Center. I have since requested and been sent all records possessed by the center. They are totally devoid of any treatment notes or records and contain nothing but billing records. I have since recontacted Sister Kathy Beckley in this regard and she now tells us that she burned all of [REDACTED] counseling notes. The impropriety of this action is obvious and flagrant.

Based on the foregoing, I believe [REDACTED] has a valid legal claim against Brother Berard based on theories of assault, battery and intentional and/or negligent infliction of emotional distress. I also believe based on recent rulings in several recent Washington State cases that the province and St. Ann's Parish would be liable for Brother Berard's acts under the theories of respondeat superior.

In addition, [REDACTED] has direct claims against the province and St. Ann's Parish based on theories of negligent supervision and retention.



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In order to resolve my client's claims without the necessity of litigation, my client is demanding \$350,000. This amount will increase if litigation becomes a necessity.

Please provide me with a response to this demand at your earliest convenience but in any event not later than 30 days, at which time it will become necessary for me to formalize this matter.

Very truly yours,

RICHTER-WIMBERLEY, P.S.

Joan L. Antonietti

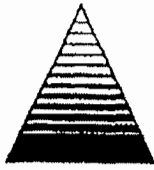
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cc: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CASE
FATHER TOM FROST INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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BY: Sandra Brewer, Pinnacle Investigations, Inc.

Father Tom Frost
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I spoke to Father Tom on 04/23/92 at Covered Wells on the Papago Indian Reservation. This is the second interview of Father Tom. He was the priest at St. Anne's in Spokane when Brother Berard was assigned at St. Anne's.

Father Tom stated that he did not particularly notice Brother Berard bringing into his room a lot, although he did notice that it did happen some. He did notice that Berard spent a lot of time with children who came from dysfunctional homes. He stated that Berard would take them to individual places. Father Tom felt that he was doing this trying to counsel these kids.

I asked Father Tom what Berard's assignment was as a brother. Father Tom stated that a brother usually has some sort of trade, whether it be mechanical or teaching, and that the brother would help out in his area of expertise or whatever the priest would ask of him. That is why he had Brother Berard working with the youth.

I asked Father Tom why he requested that Brother Berard leave Spokane. Father Tom stated that he asked Berard to leave because of "community-type" problems. He stated the problems also involved some conflict with Father Jay Ilich concerning the differences these two had. Father Tom would not elaborate on this.

Father Tom suggested that I speak to Berard so while at his residence he gave me Brother Berard's phone number and had me call Berard from his residence with him present. Father Tom left after the conversation started.

After speaking to Brother Berard I spoke to Father Tom again and he shared with me how devastated and suicidal Berard has been since this situation has surfaced. Father Tom did say that Berard had told him that he had his sexual development later in life, which lead to these problems in Spokane. Father Tom also did state that he is aware that Brother Berard is seeing a counselor regularly.

END OF INTERVIEW SUMMARY ([REDACTED] / Frost) jlm

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Interview Summary with Jay Ilch

By: Sandra Brewer, Pinnacle Investigations, Inc.

Jay Ilch
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I spoke to Jay Ilch over the telephone on March 23, 1992. This is my second interview with Jay Ilch. I spoke to him several months ago. Jay Ilch is an ex-priest who was in Spokane at Saint Annes at approximately the same time that (inaudible) Connelly was. Ilch stated that he was extremely uncomfortable around Berard. He stated it was almost like, "Inviting a convicted felon to your house." Ilch also stated that he remembered children that were in Berard's bedroom, next to the parlor, where the priest would have social visits. When he was in the parlor he could hear children's voices in Berard's bedroom. His room was just off the Parlor. Ilch does remember that he had a particular relationship with the [REDACTED], but does not remember any other children besides [REDACTED]. Jay Ilch was in Spokane approximately two years serving as a priest and he suffered, "burnout" and was put on medications. He stated that the Franciscan order then shipped him off to California. He stated that he had at his disposal a psychiatrist and medications. I asked him if psychiatrists were available for any of the priests or brothers that needed them and stated, "Oh, yes." Ilch also stated that it was very much unusual that Berard had children in his bedroom. This was not a usual behavior for priests. He stated year after year the awareness seemed to grow, but nobody had really said anything about it.



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Dottie O'Reilly Interview
By Sandra Brewer, Pinnacle Investigations, Inc.

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I spoke to O'Reilly on 01-31-92. O'Reilly's family and children attended St. Francis of Assisi while Brother Berard was assigned there.

O'Reilly stated that she was involved in programs at the church, including chaperoning dances. She stated, "I really didn't like social injustices, so it upset me when Berard showed favoritism when he picked the altar boys and when he took teenagers to the dances, the father-daughter dances."

O'Reilly stated, "Berard showed favoritism to a young man who's parents were getting a divorce. He made him an altar boy ahead of my children. He was always showing favoritism to children from divorced families, including girls."

O'Reilly also stated that she and her husband were chaperoning the dances, and the priests and Berard would dance with the girls. She stated that she got into arguments with Berard over these things.

O'Reilly stated, "Someone wrote a letter to Bishop Toppel over Berard and the dances, and I got blamed for it. People were always accusing me of doing it. I did not write the letter and I don't know who did."

I asked O'Reilly if she had a daughter who attended the school; and she stated that she would not tell me her daughter's name because they were having problems presently. She did state that Berard would give certain favorite girls, gifts, including her daughter; which she did not approve of.

O'Reilly did say that she had a lot of arguments with Berard and felt that she was looked down upon for doing this.

End of Interview.



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Anne Noulton Cunningham Interview
By Sandra Brewer, Pinnacle Investigations, Inc.

[REDACTED]

I interviewed [REDACTED] on 05-03-91 at her residence.
[REDACTED] was acquainted with Berrard Connelly and attended
St. Anne's parish where he was assigned.

The following interview was taped with [REDACTED]
permission.

Q: "[REDACTED] can you tell me when you first met Brother
Berard?"

A: "I'm not sure what the year was. I might have been in
eighth or ninth grade."

Q: "Do you remember what year you graduated so we can
calculate that?"

A: "1970."

Q: "Would you say you met him in 1966 or 1967?"

A: "I think so."

Q: "You were a freshman?"

A: "Um, yes."

Q: "Where were you going to school at?"

A: "Marycliffe."

Q: "So you met him while you were at Marycliffe?"

A: "Right."

Q: "Were you involved in going to a catholic church at
that time?"

A: "Yeah, St. Annes. I might even, no I think I was going
to school at Marycliffe. I was going to St. Anne's
parish at the time in the youth group."

Q: "You met Brother Berard through the youth group?"

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A: " I'm not sure exactly how I met him, well through the church, somehow I met him through somebody in the church; and he was in the youth group also. He helped with the youth group."

Q: " I'm showing [REDACTED] a picture she had of Brother Berard. Is that a picture of him?"

A: " That's him."

Q: " Who is that with him?"

A: " Those are my sisters."

Q: " Your sisters. Which sisters are these?"

A: " [REDACTED]"

Q: " How old are they there?"

A: " [REDACTED] I don't know. She might have been about eight or nine, and [REDACTED] was only about five."

Q: " How close was Brother Berard to your family?"

A: " He was very close. He was there quite a bit."

Q: " When you say "quite a bit", can you elaborate on why he was there and how often he was there?"

A: " He became a good friend of my family's and he was there often to; my mom would fix him dinner or we'd have, you know, treats, He come and pick us up a lot and take us to different functions. I don't know, we'd go to church functions or things like that."

Q: " Was there a male or a husband in your home; or a father in your-home most of the time?"

A: " There was a father, but he was never around, so Berard kind of took that role on I guess."

Q: " When you say he was never around, were they divorced?"

A: " They weren't divorced. He lived, my grandmother had a farm and he basically was out there, 99% of the time. He'd just come home now and then."

Q: " Would you say Brother Berard became a father figure in your family?"

A: " To my sister and I, yes; to [REDACTED] and I."

Q: " To [REDACTED] and you?"

A: " [REDACTED] personally did not like him at all."

Q: " How old was [REDACTED] at that time?"

A: " She was probably seventh grade, sixth or seventh grade."

Q: " She was three years younger than you?"

A: " No, she's younger than that. She's five years younger. I think she was about four years behind me so, I'm not sure."

Q: " Okay."

A: " I knew him for three years, I think when he was at St. Anne's. He was at St. Anne's for quite a while."

Q: " Did he go somewhere else while you knew him."

A: " He's kept in contact with me all these years. I just saw him a couple of years ago. He sent me a Christmas card this year."

Q: " Can you tell me of other people or other girls that Brother Berard had contact with ?"

A: " [REDACTED] was probably the one he had the most contact with. He was always with her. [REDACTED] was another one. He was with my little sister [REDACTED] on and off. Those are probably the main people when he was at St. Anne's that I remember; oh he was with the [REDACTED] quite a bit. Those are probably the main people that I can remember he was with."

Q: " Did Brother Berard ever do anything that made you feel uncomfortable?"

A: " He, yes."

Q: " When did that start?"

A: " After I'd known him for awhile, he use to be, he use to when there were no adults around he use to make comments that were really uncomfortable, sexual comments. He could be real "handsy", and I remember my little sister [REDACTED] really disliked him, a lot because she thought he was a dirty old man. She couldn't

understand why he always had his hands on all of us and the comments that he made, made her sick at the time."

Q: " When you talk about hands on, what are you talking about?"

A: " Hugs. Just touching."

Q: " What type of hugs? Just arm around the shoulder, body hugs?"

A: " All of them. It just depended where you were and who you were with."

Q: " Do you remember him touching you?"

A: " Yes, I do. He use to take me out for counseling sessions and uh, when I had problems with family, not really friends; he basically hit on my family. He use to get me to where I was crying over something that might have happened with my mom or my dad, the absence of my dad; and then the next thing I knew, he'd be trying to kiss me. Usually I'd jump out of the car before he could do much more. One time he tried and started getting real "handsy", I got out of the car and walked home and he followed me and that kind of became the standing joke about me walking home."

Q: " Where did this occur at?"

A: " Um, this occurred at, well when I walked home; we parked in parking places where kids came to make out and the last time it happened when I walked home we were parked up on Carnahan hill somewhere, and I didn't live that far away so I walked home and he followed me there."

Q: " Can you tell me specifically what happened that time as well as you can remember?"

A: " Well, I remember crying and lying over by the door, kind of leaning against the door. The next thing I knew he had his arms on me and french kissed me. His hands were, they were going for my shirt or something and I just opened the door and jumped out and just took off. I was so mad I couldn't believe it."

Q: " Did he touch your breasts?"

A: " I don't remember. I remember he tried. I just

remember struggling and getting out of the car."

Q: " So you fought him off, then is what you are saying?"

A: " Right."

Q: " Was he on top of you at that time?"

A: " Trying, yes he was."

Q: " Was he grabbing at your clothes?"

A: " He was trying, yeah."

Q: " You left the car?"

A: " Yes."

Q: " What did he say to you?"

A: " He kept trying to get me back in the car, said, "Come on". He followed me and kept trying to talk me into getting back into the car and I wouldn't get back in the car. I said I was walking home and he followed me all the way home."

Q: " How often did this sort of thing happen?"

A: " It happened three times that I can remember, and I remember after it happened the first time I would tell him that didn't want to stop the car and he'd say, "We're just going to talk." Then usually he'd try something and then I'd get mad and then he'd back off."

Q: " Can you explain, "try something?"

A: " Kissing, basically and "handsy"."

Q: " When you say getting handsy, are you talking about touching you in sexual places?"

A: " He'd try."

Q: " Can you remember any other specific time that he sexually touched you or attempted to?"

A: " Somehow, and this is real hazy, but I remember falling asleep and driving home from somewhere and I remember he tried to get his hands down my pants, and I woke up and

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he didn't do it."

Q: " Do you remember what point he was at when you woke up?"

A: " He didn't have any, he was trying to unsnap my pants."

Q: " Okay, so his hands were trying to unsnap your pants and it woke you up."

A: " Right."

Q: " How often would you say touching or kissing occurred with him, or attempts by him to touch or kiss you?"

A: " I would say, oh touching, lots. The actual kissing, this is, I know three times for sure but I honestly don't remember how many times. I remember three times being in the car alone with him when he really tried."

Q: " Can you tell me other places where he would try to touch you and kiss you besides the car. Was there other places?"

A: " I don't remember any other places."

Q: " Do you remember?"

A: " He would have us over at the rectory a lot. He would be real huggy doing things like that at the rectory. He wouldn't actually be, I don't remember him actually trying anything in the rectory, but there were also three or four other people living there. I mean, he'd have to be real careful about what he did."

Q: " Did he ever take you on any trips?"

A: " We went to Osoyoos Lake."

Q: " And that's in Canada?"

A: " Yes."

Q: " What was the understanding when you went with him?"

A: " From what I remember it was suppose to be a youth group trip, but he ended up only taking [redacted] and me, and we went up to Canada for the weekend."

Q: " Where did you stay?"

A: " In a hotel room. All of us were in one room. "

Q: " How many beds were in the room?"

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A: " It was one double bed and a single bed."

Q: " What was the sleeping arrangements?"

A: " Him and [REDACTED] slept in the double bed and I slept in the single bed."

Q: " What was his position in the double bed in relation to your position in the single bed?"

A: " He was adamant about the fact that he was going to sleep next to me in the double bed, but he wanted [REDACTED] on the outside. He wanted to be closer to me, and at night all I remember him is touching my arm, but I don't remember anything else about that night."

Q: " Do you remember what the arrangements were for changing into night clothes, or did any of you do that?"

A: " There was a bathroom in there."

Q: " Did you change in there?"

A: " Yes we did. I had a nightgown on."

Q: " What did he have on?"

A: " I don't remember. I think I don't remember what they even slept in."

Q: " After that night what happened on the trip?"

A: " We stayed there a couple of days and when we came back we didn't want, I don't remember how, somehow we ended up at a drive-in movie. I don't remember exactly how we got there, but instead of going straight home we went to the drive-in. I just remember falling asleep at the drive-in, I was exhausted. [REDACTED] was on one side of me and I think he was on the other side of me at the drive-in."

Q: " Did he take any other trips with you that you remember?"

A: " I don't remember."

Q: " After the high school years, did he ever contact you?"

A: " He contacted me quite often. From different parts of the country. I know that I asked him, I wanted him to be in my wedding. I wanted him to be one of the, I don't know, the priests that give something. He didn't come and I remember him making some comment about he might be too jealous to be there at my wedding. I

I thought that was kind of funny that he would say that. He also made comments about other boyfriends that I had, and he always seemed kind of jealous. [REDACTED] and I went out for quite a while and he was jealous. He made a comment to me about being jealous about [REDACTED] "

Q: " Did you get the idea that he was trying to be a boyfriend of yours?"

A: " He partially thought he was. I'm sure he must have. He just would make comments about different boyfriends that I had. I thought that was kind of strange."

Q: " When was your last contact with him?"

A: " About three years ago when he came back to town. He had dinner at our house."

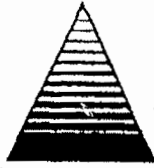
Q: " You have gotten written cards from him?"

A: " He sends me Christmas cards every year."

End of Interview.

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[REDACTED]

SB [REDACTED] I understand that you went to St. Francis of Assisi School and Parish in your youth back in the '60's. I do want to talk to you about a brother that was there at the time by the name of Berard Connoly and what you knew of him, his involvement that you observed and in your family - any involvement he had. Am I taping this with your consent?

[REDACTED] Yes, I know the tape recorder's on.

SB Okay. Why don't we start with when you went to school at St. Francis. What year did you graduate?

[REDACTED] 1967.

SB And you have several brothers and sisters, is that correct?

[REDACTED] There is a total of [REDACTED]

SB Could you name them for me?

[REDACTED] Yeah. Starting with the oldest, [REDACTED]

SB And their ages if you can remember.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] will be [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will be [REDACTED] I myself will be [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will probably be [REDACTED] I would guess is probably getting like [REDACTED] around [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - he's the youngest.

SB Can you tell me when you first met Berard Connoly?

[REDACTED] I was at St. Francis, I'm just trying to think when he came to the parish. Because I was an altar boy under his domain, so to speak, and I would say probably when I was a 5th grader. I would imagine. Because I was an altar boy for quite a while.

SB At any time that you were around Brother Berard, did he make any sexual approaches toward you?

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Not in public at any time. He was always kinda being friendly to us and treating us, you know, a little extra special, so to speak.

SB Can you explain that?

He would take us out for an ice cream cone, buy us a little plaque with St. Francis of Assisi on it with his prayer, and give us some special - it was kind of an honor as an altar boy to get to serve mass at a funeral, at weddings, those type of situations because it was kind of a higher up position, so to speak. And so he kind of favored [redacted] and I for that and he always gave us awards for being outstanding altar boys.

SB Can you name anybody else that was an altar boy at the same time you were?

Just about everybody. There's probably [redacted] I don't think, well [redacted] maybe wasn't. There was a [redacted] that hung around [redacted] but I don't think he was an altar boy. [redacted] was my age, [redacted] was [redacted] age, [redacted] was my age. I think [redacted] was my age. [redacted] - he became a preist, he was my age.

SB Okay, I think that's enough on that. When you said that Berard didn't do anything in public, did he do anything in private?

Yes.

SB Can you explain to me what he did in private?

TO The only incident that I ever remember, it was in the summertime and I would probably have to say I was going into the 7th and [redacted] was - see [redacted] was set back a year - so we were both probably going into the 7th grade at that time. And Berard stopped by and asked if we wanted to go swimming, and [redacted] and I said "Sure". So he said "Well, I don't like going to public pools because they're overcrowded". So he said "Why don't we just go to this motel downtown". And I was trying to think of the name of the motel.....

SB Can you tell me where it might be?

Yeah, it was on - where the one way goes north - so it would be Maple - and the one way going....

SB 2nd?

Yeah, 2nd and Maple.

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SB Was it behind the Denny's restaurant?

No. No, there's a building there and I'm just trying to place it. But it was kinda in the back, there was a building out front on the corner but it's not a Denny's.

SB Is it behind - it isn't behind the Denny's like the Travelodge or a....

It seems - Travelodge sticks in my mind, but I don't think it was the Travelodge.

SB Was it right close to the corner of 2nd and Maple?

Um-hum. (Affirmative) If you're coming Maple, just before you go underneath that bridge to get onto Maple Street Bridge it's the motel to the east.

SB Okay. That is a Nindel's Hotel.

So he took us there and...

SB Did he register at the hotel?

Yep, he said "Let me go check in" and he checked in and registered for a room. And it was down on the ground floor about right in front of the pool. And so we go into the room and he said "Well, let's go in here and get our swimming suits on" and that type of stuff. Well, he didn't even have a swimming suit, which kind of suprised me, but I didn't think anything about it. And we kind of just sat around and talked a little bit in the room. I don't remember a whole lot what went on in the room.

SB Who was with you?

My brother

SB That's it.

Yeah, there was just the two of us. And of course all we had on our mind was to go swimming. We didn't get too many opportunities to do that other than going to the public pool. So when somebody was taking us it was kind of a treat, especially when it was with Berard because he was always, you know, a little extra special for us. But anyway, we were sitting around in the room and he started asking questions that were pertaining to life saving, you know, as far as CPR, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and that type of stuff. And he asked us if we knew how to do it, and and I kinda looked at

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each other and I said "Well, I think that I do. I've never done it before". And he said "Can you show me? I've never had mouth-to mouth resuscitation or never had to do it". And then he said "I might want to know how if the need ever arises". And so I said, "Okay. You just clip the person's nose" and then I put my mouth over his and just showed him how, and just right then I felt strange, but I didn't understand any of the feelings because I was pretty young at the time. And I wasn't sexually developed or anything at that age. And so I said "Well, that's all I know how to do" and he goes "Oh, okay". And he didn't push it any further. [REDACTED] remembers being pantsed. I vaguely remember that, Berard mentioning "Well, let's pants [REDACTED] And me being a boy, a young boy I said "Yeah, that sounds like fun", and so we pantsed [REDACTED] but that's...

SB Was he naked once he was pantsed?

[REDACTED] Um-hum. (Affirmative)

SB Did [REDACTED] show him how to do CPR too?

[REDACTED] I don't remember that. No, that was - I only remember me, and Berard was laying down on the bed, and he had...

SB He was laying on the bed?

[REDACTED] Yeah, and he had me get on top of him and just kinda lay over him, on top like that and...

SB Did he have you straddle him?

[REDACTED] No. No, I just layed across his chest. And I put my arms over his chest and then my mouth over his.

SB Okay. Did he do anything with his hands?

[REDACTED] Not that I remember.

SB Okay. Any other incidents that happened to you personally, or that you observed?

[REDACTED] Well, after that, after we showed him how to do the mouth-to-mouth and stuff, we - [REDACTED] and I still had swimming on our minds so we just said "Let's go swimming". And the only thing I thought was kind of strange, he never joined us in the pool. And [REDACTED] and I tried to get him to come out and join us because that was the whole idea of going down there. But I do remember very well, of him being in the room, looking out the window watching us. And it didn't click with

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me what he was doing, but I don't know what he was doing by himself in there but I know he was watching real close and it was just [REDACTED] and I in the pool so it's hard to say what he - was going on in there. So.... After that there was only one other incident that kind of clicked just recently. Nothing happened or anything but I remember one time he asked me to stay after. As an altar boy you had so many hours a week you'd have to practice and get ready for that following Sunday or whatever. And he asked me to stay after and I said "Okay", it was no big deal because we lived fairly close to the church at that time. So I would have to have been in the 8th grade and [REDACTED] was already in high school then. And he sat me up on a counter in the back of the church, where we put on our altar boy coats and stuff, and he got real close to me and just talked to me eye-to-eye. He was also a counselor for the boys. And he made a comment to me that I never quite understood what he was talking about. But he made the comment like "You can't quite ever unlock my mind or what is going on inside my head". But he was real close to me and his eyes were set right on my eyes like he was in a trance or something. And that was the only other time that he ever made any abusive - or any actions with me.

SB Did you observe him around young females at all?

[REDACTED] No. I never saw him around girls.

SB Okay. And do you know of anybody else that he sexually molested?

[REDACTED] Nope. The only thing I do remember, when my brother and I were living together on [REDACTED] he came by, I was out dating - which is my wife now. And he stopped by to say "Hi" and had a few drinks with [REDACTED] and then he left and came back with a girl - and [REDACTED] knows more of that story because [REDACTED] was there. And [REDACTED] I think, finally threw him out of the house because he was kissing her and that kind of stuff.

SB You don't know who the girl is?

[REDACTED] No, and I don't think [REDACTED] does either.

SB Where was it at?

[REDACTED] We were living on [REDACTED] I don't remember the address but about the [REDACTED] It's right over here.

SB And you saw him kissing her?

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█ I didn't, but █ did.

SB █ did see him kissing her?

█ told me about that the next morning. I said, "Well, how long did Berard hang around." And he goes "Ah, God" and then he starts telling me this story, so █ probably best...

SB What did he tell you?

█ just told me that Berard left and brought this girl back and they sat down on our couch and █ said it was like he wanted to use our house as a place to have sex with the girl. And █ said "It just made me sick" because, you know, we were brought up in the Catholic faith that the priest and the brothers were celibate and █ said he was French kissing her. So he had the tongue down her throat and all that stuff. █ said he just got nauseated and I think █ ended up making them leave the house.

SB This was - how old were you, do you think.

█, we were moved away so it was probably 1972 - maybe '73.

SB Okay. Tape's off for a minute.

(Tape Off)
(Tape On)

SB We have the tape back on. Has any of your brothers come to you recently since I've contacted them, mentioning being molested at all by Brother Berard Connolly?

█ is the only one.

SB Okay. What did █ tell you?

█ Okay, well █ told me that incident when he was living on Nebraska and I was already moved out and married with my wife. And when he called me that next day and said "Well Berard was in town and stopped by" and that kind of stuff. And that was all that was told to me then. I think Friday night this past week he called me up and told me he was molested by Berard and he was - Berard wanted to go out and have a few drinks with █, so █ said "Okay". So they went out for a drink, but on the way █ said that they stopped at a motel. Berard said he's got some special alcohol or something he wants to have █ try. / And █ didn't think anything of it, and I probably wouldn't have

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either, you know, "we're going to go over to your motel for a minute". And [REDACTED] says he went into another room and mixed him a drink and so he couldn't see what was going on or what he was mixing. Then he came out and [REDACTED] said all he remembers is having three drinks and he was out, and the next thing he knows was the next morning, [REDACTED] was laying on the bed and Brother Berard was sucking on his penis and masturbating him at the same time. And [REDACTED] said he just couldn't believe what was happening, jumped up and asked him what was going on. And then that's as far as that conversation went. But it really surprised me that [REDACTED] did that. And then [REDACTED] also added to that that his rectum hurt for two weeks after that, so I'm sure he got anus....

SB How long ago did that happen?

[REDACTED] Um, let's see. I moved out, away from him in '77 when I got married. I would have to say - [REDACTED] thinks he was about 27. Well, I got married when I was 24 so [REDACTED] was 25 in '77. And so two years after that, so it would probably be about 1979.

SB Okay. Do you know if any of your other brother or sisters were molested by Brother Berard?

[REDACTED] Not to my knowledge.

SB Okay.

[REDACTED] And I - he didn't really seem to show any interest in anybody else in our family but [REDACTED] and me. And I was kinda surprised when you mentioned my older sister getting a gift from him. I don't remember that. But I do remember - in fact I think Mom's got some of the gifts that I got from him, still in her house.

SB Okay. I'm going to turn the tape off again.

(Tape Off)

(Tape On)

SB Is there anything else that you remember about Berard Connoly that strikes you, or did strike you a little differently back then?

[REDACTED] Well, when we were altar boys I noticed - he had control probably of at least thirty boys ranging from 5th grade up through the 8th. And I noticed he had a very short fuse and I had respect for him in that way because I was afraid of him of physically grabbing me and throwing me out. And I've seen him do that to a couple of the altar boys which the only one that I can remember is [REDACTED] And he graduated with me.

He physically took [REDACTED] - 'cause [REDACTED] was kinda goofing off in school, you know, or during the session that we were going through at that time, and grabbed him and ran him out of the church and just threw him out the door. And then came back and he was all red-faced and, you know, he did have a short temper.

SB Was there anybody else that he had a close relationship with that he might have taken out for ice cream or taken, you know, somewhere special?

[REDACTED] The only one that I ever remember is [REDACTED] but I bet he would deny it and think that Berard was the greatest. I really do, I think...

SB Any females that he would have even had a chance to be around?

[REDACTED] Not that I can remember.

SB Okay. Okay, I think that's it.

END OF INTERVIEW



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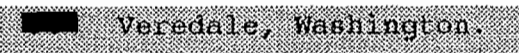
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SB [REDACTED] ..could you spell the
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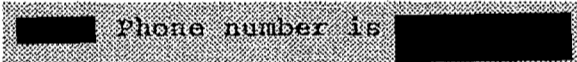


SB Okay. Spokane, Washington. And your phone number?



Veredale, Washington.

SB [REDACTED] Okay.



Phone number is [REDACTED]

SB And are you employed?



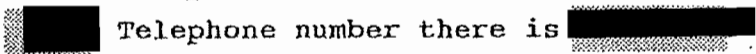
Yes, I am.

SB Is that [REDACTED]



Yes, I am.

SB And their number - do you have the number for them?



Telephone number there is [REDACTED]

SB Okay. [REDACTED] I'm here to talk to you about Berard
Connolly. He was a brother back at St. Francis of
Assisi when you were going to school there with your
family. And I'd like to ask you a few questions about
him and your knowledge of him. Present here today
while we talk is myself and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] what is his name?



SB And how do you spell [REDACTED] last name?



SB Okay. [REDACTED] Am I taping this with your consent?

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[REDACTED] Yes, you are.

SB Okay. [REDACTED] how did you first meet Berard Connolly?

[REDACTED] Through St. Francis - an altar boy.

SB How old were you?

[REDACTED] Boy, that's the only - about 7th grade maybe.

SB Okay, and you are how old now?

[REDACTED] I'll be forty next month, in [REDACTED]

SB And am I correct when I say that you're from a family of several brothers and sisters.

[REDACTED] Yeah, six brother - six of us - six boys and two girls.

SB Okay, is [REDACTED] one of your brothers?

[REDACTED] Yes, he's one year younger than I am.

SB Okay, so one of your brothers is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yes.

SB And is your parents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] That's correct.

SB Okay. You said you met Brother Berard when you were about in 7th grade at St. Francis of Assisi?

[REDACTED] As far as I can recall, yes.

SB Okay. How did you know him - how did you get acquainted with him? Were you involved in some church activities that he was involved in?

[REDACTED] Yeah, being an altar boy.

SB You were an altar boy? And he was the head of that or ran that?

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SB He did.

[REDACTED] He was pretty much in charge of that. He took total charge of that.

SB Was your brother [REDACTED] an altar boy around the same time?

Yes he was. He always scheduled us to serve mass at the same time.

SB Okay. Did Berard Connolly, while you were in school at St. Francis of Assisi ever make any sexual overtures toward you that you now consider inappropriate?

At the school?

SB During that time.

During that time.

SB Either at the private or public.

Yes, okay, yes.

SB Can you explain to me what happened and approximately the time frame.

He used to come by on a Friday night - or excuse me - Friday afternoon around 3:00, around 3 or 4:00, after everybody was home from school and want to take my brother and I someplace. Sometimes we would go swimming, sometimes he'd drive us out to a lake or whatever. But most of it was pretty much around in the basic areas. He didn't go very far - a lots of times it was maybe five, ten miles.

SB Uh-huh.

And usually we'd do - we did a lot of the swimming pool bit, renting a motel - he had a motel room and of course it had a swimming pool and he took us swimming.

SB Would he rent a motel room often to do this?

Yep.

SB Really. Where at?

It was downtown, that's all that I remember. Downtown on - it was just a little motel - Main or 1st. Something like that.

SB Do you remember a motel off of 2nd and Maple?

Yeah, it could have been that one.

SB Okay.

Could have been that one.

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SB Okay, and go ahead. Explain to me what might have occurred or what did occur.

Yeah, did a lot of unusual things, I thought. But to me, being my age - but anyway he - one time he wanted to go swimming. Or, he didn't want to go swimming - he always complained that he had a headache. He had lots of cameras, too.

SB Okay.

He always brought a camera with him.

SB Okay.

And he - we rented, he got the room, because he picked us up from our parents house and we just shot right down to that place, the motel. And wanted - he didn't really want to go swimming but he said "Go ahead and everybody get ready to swimming", so everybody gets down to their swim trunks. And then all of a sudden he wanted to pants me.

SB What'd he say?

He just said "Let's pants" and he laughed. "Let's pants" he yelled it real loud.

SB And who was with you?

My brother Just the three of us were in that room. And the blinds were drawn closed, I remember that. And my brother at his age, goes "Yeah, let's..." and, you know, we all just thought it was just fun. But I remember when it was over with I was laying on the ground - on my back - with my pants down.

SB Naked.

Yeah. Until I pulled them up...

SB Did Berard pull your pants down, too?

Oh yeah, he was the one, he did most of the pulling. Yeah, my brother was just kinda going like "Yeah", you know. But anyway, thenboy, this is rough. Then he - I pulled my pants back up and I said "Let's go swimming", something like that. And my brother said "Yeah, let's go swimming". So during that time Berard layed down on the bed that was sitting there, it was just a single bed. He layed down on the bed on his back with his lips protruded and said "Before you guys go swimming" - something like that - "I want to show

you mouth-to-mouth resuscitation" or something to do with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. I didn't know what he meant - not being stupid but I just I didn't know what he meant so I kinda said "Let's go swimming [REDACTED] My brother [REDACTED] went up and proceeded to give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. But not for, for oh, maybe only five or ten seconds. And then [REDACTED] said some comment - "God, this is stupid, let's go swimming [REDACTED] So we just went out the door and went swimming. And in the mean time, we're out there swimming, you could look up at - the window was right not even twenty feet from the pool. He had the pool - the room right by the pool and we were the only ones out there, nobody else was out there swimming. And he opened up the drapes, drew the blinds, or whatever, so he could see out. We could see him and he could see us, of course. And we were just waving at him - you know, we were just kids, we didn't know. But [REDACTED] did something, went up to do something - to say something to Brother Berard, to come on out or some stupid thing, but it seems like he was masturbating.

SB Why do you think he was masturbating?

[REDACTED] He was staring at us and masturbating, is what I'm saying.

SB Why do you think he was masturbating?

[REDACTED] Just the way that his look was and from what [REDACTED] saw, [REDACTED] didn't see a lot of it, but now-days [REDACTED] I think realizes that probably what he was doing was masturbating. Standing in front of the window is what I'm saying.

SB Was there any other incidences that you recall that appeared inappropriate now or at that time?

[REDACTED] During that time, you mean?

SB Um-hum. (Affirmative)

[REDACTED] That happened again - unusual?

SB Yes.

[REDACTED] Not that I can recall, no.

SB Okay.

[REDACTED] No, just during that one time. During that time he used to get upset real quickly, I know that. Very upset, real jumpy. All of the sudden he'd just explode.

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SB Did he have any other favorites he would take places besides you and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Like what he did, you mean with some other people? Other kids at that school at our time?

SB Um-hum. (Affirmative)

[REDACTED] Yeah, he had a couple other favorites, I thought.

SB Do you remember who they are?

[REDACTED] Um-hum. (Affirmative)

SB Who?

[REDACTED] God, they're not going to like me.
(Laughter) [REDACTED] comes to mind at my age. [REDACTED] year, I know [REDACTED] something like that - I think that was his name. That's about all I can think of. I know there's others, too.

SB Have you ever had any contact with Berard since the time you've - how long was he there?

[REDACTED] At what, St. Francis?

SB Was he still there when you...

[REDACTED] When I left? Oh, yeah. He was there..

SB And you graduated in what year?

[REDACTED] I graduated in [REDACTED]

SB Okay. Have you had any other contact with Berard Connolly?

[REDACTED] Since [REDACTED]

SB Yes, that you felt was inappropriate.

[REDACTED] Yes.

SB I know it's probably difficult to talk about, but it's real important. Can you tell me what other contact you've had?

[REDACTED] When I was 20 years old, just moved out of the house, will you shut that thing off for a second?

SB Tape's off.

(Tape off)

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(Tape on)

SB Okay, the tape's back on. [REDACTED] you were starting to tell me about some other incidences and contacts you've had with Berard.

[REDACTED] I hadn't seen him since then. He had called, I know that, a number of times. I hadn't seen him since then but when I turned 20 years old I moved out of the house - my brother, [REDACTED] and I did. We rented a little shack just to get out of the house.

SB Where was that at?

[REDACTED] Down on [REDACTED]. Right by the police station area. And he called, my brother was going out on a date with his wife that he's married to, or the woman he's married to now. And he was gone and I was home alone. But anyway, he had called a couple days before that and said he was coming to town, and would I like to go out and - he'd like to see me is basically the way he said. Not go out, but he'd like to see me. I said "Well", so I gave him - "Well I need your address" so I gave him my address and said "Yeah, come on by". And it was a Friday or Saturday night he was supposedly coming by, I don't remember which, it's been so long. But anyway, he did come by and when he came by he was with a gal named [REDACTED]. Short little gal like me - brunette, pretty gal. She had long brunette hair. He was drunk and she - and in her eyes, she looked at me as - she was hysterical, I knew that. And he dumped her off to me, said "Here, take her". And he was drunk. He said "I've got to go do something", and he was gone for about an hour. I'm thinking what he wanted me to do was, well, you know. But the chick was, I knew something was wrong with her. She was upset about something but I didn't know what it was so I just sat down and we watched T.V., I think I had the T.V. on and all's we did was just kinda visit for about an hour. And then he came back.

SB So what year would this have been in?

[REDACTED] This would have been in 1972, '73, around there. So anyway, he came back like he said he would. And he was kinda surprised that we were sitting there just talking in the living room when he walked in. He figured - I think he wanted, he expected something else is what I'm saying. But I knew something wasn't right with her, I know that for a fact. And he came back, picked her up - yeah, picked her back up and said, "I gotta go". So basically, yeah, he said, "I gotta go" and I said "Oh, okay. Well, nice seeing you" and that was the last I saw of him.

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SB When he brought her in or took her out was he in any way intimate with her?

Yes, yes he was. Oh yeah. When he first brought her in, when he first knocked on the door, he was fondling her. And like I said, something to me, I just go "Wait a minute". Why would he, a Brother, of a diocese, be fondling some, and she was eighteen, I think. At the time he told me.

SB What do you mean by fondling her?

Uh, playing with her breasts. Uh, pinching her ass.

SB When he came in?

Oh yeah.

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(Tape over)

SB So basically, he came in the door with her and he was fondling her and touching her breast...

Right, touching her breasts, her buttocks and hanging all over her. And then he shoved her off onto me.

SB Okay, so he came back and he got her later?

Yes.

SB And left.

And left. And that was the last I saw of him that night and when he was in town the rest of that time, that was it.

SB Okay.- Any other contact?

During that time, yeah, he called me two or three times in between that time - uh, was in town, was only going to be there for a couple days. He flew in, he wanted to see me and a lot of times I was busy doing other things. And I never did see him. And then probably, I was probably about twenty-seven years old, I'm not sure of the exact age. Twenty-six to twenty-eight years of age. He, when my friend [redacted] my brother [redacted] got married and [redacted] and I were living together but we had moved out of that house. And I needed somebody to, my brother [redacted] was getting married and moving out and I needed somebody to help pay rent. I'd knew [redacted] since grade school from [redacted], [redacted] went to grade school but only for four years so he never saw Brother Berard

until that night. But, anyway, somewhere around that year, when I was twenty-seven or - twenty-six to twenty-seven or twenty-eight, he called again and he was in town and he'd be there for three days and he wanted to take me out for a beer. And I said "Sure, no problem". So I hung up and sure enough, a couple days later he calls back and wants to know if every thing is going down, he said he'd be by about 8:00 that night - and [REDACTED] knows that because [REDACTED] was there at the house the whole time. Sure enough, about 8:00 he picked me up, came by, picked me up, he was sober. Not drugged out or nothing, just seemed like Brother Berard. He just said "Well, let's just go out, have a couple beers" and I said "Okay" so we just - I'd had dinner so we just jumped in his car. And we're heading out of the house and he never said - I did a lot of the talking, he wasn't saying too much. I did a lot of the talking, but I don't think he was listening. I look back at it now, he wasn't listening to me. So anyway, we're heading down Division Street, we get over to Division and Wellesley and we head south down Division. And we get - when you're getting over to where that Taco John's is - you've got that little hill that goes down Division Street...

SB Right.

[REDACTED] There's a motel on the side there.

SB Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

[REDACTED] And we got about four, five blocks from that. I didn't know where he was staying, but we got about four or five blocks from that and he said "I'll tell you what, before we go to the tavern why don't we go to my motel room and have a drink?" And I go "Well, I don't drink booze" and [REDACTED] knows that too. I'm a beer drinker. And he said "Yeah, but you can have one drink, can't you?" And I said "Yeah, one drink couldn't hurt me". So he took me to the room and as we were heading by the ice machine he grabbed a bucket of ice, went into the room, and I believe it was on the second floor. And opened up the door, went into the room and he said "I'll fix us a drink right away" and I said "Okay". He went into the other room, which I thought was unusual - but it didn't dawn on me at that time. He went into the other room to mix the drinks where I couldn't see him. All's I saw - he just stuck his head out by the corner of the wall and just talked to me, (inaudible - "How's work?") and then he was all of a sudden real talkative. He stuck his head over around the corner and started talking up a storm and in the mean time mixing the drinks. Then he brings the drinks out to me and gives me my drink and I lit up a ciga-

rette, took one sip off the drink - I don't remember what it was, but it was white - you could see ice and everything in it, it was a clear drink. I don't remember what it was but all's I remember is I took three drinks off this glass and I was out for nine hours.

(Tape off)

(Tape on)

SB We're back on the tape again. What happened when you woke up the next day?

I woke up about 7:00 or so in the morning. I drank that night about 8:15 is when I was at the motel. But I woke up about 7:00, a little after 7:00, and Berard was surprised to see me awake. And when I woke up, I was laying on the bed on my back, there was no covers on the bed, no pillow on the bed, the bed was just bare and then Berard was on top of me and he was - he had his finger of one of his, his finger was up my anus and was motioning up and down. He was performing oral sex with me and masturbating me at the same time. When I realized what was going on - but I was still pretty much drugged out - I just kinda jumped out of the bed and go "What the hell is going on here?". And that's when he said "Oh, you've gotta take a shower. So I said "Yeah". So I went into the shower and he tried to climb into the shower with me to help me wash myself and I said "Get out of here, I don't need that. I just want a ride home and I'm out of here". And then he just basically - he knew I was upset - and he just basically took me home, dropped me off and I just went into the house.

SB Is that the last contact you've had with him?

No. And then that night [redacted] had made a comment about "Hey, did you go out with your"....I had never, I didn't tell [redacted] any of this. Nobody knew anything about this. And my friend asked me, he made a comment about "Are you going out - or do anything with Berard tonight?" and I go "No". Flat-out just "No", I'm staying home. Well, Berard called the next night, about the same time, "Hey, would you like to go out again?" And I said "No way, I'm staying home". So I told him "No way". Anyway, he came by - I still hadn't told [redacted] what had gone down - and he came by the house and I finally just "No, I'm staying home, and that's all there is to it. Just leave me alone". So he left and then [redacted] at that time, asked me "Why were you so rude and just pushed him out of the house and this stuff to him?" Well finally I, I didn't want to, but I finally had to tell [redacted] what in the hell the guy did to me. So I told [redacted] kinda had a look like he

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didn't believe me, and I said [REDACTED] he's gonna call, and I know he's gonna call and want to go out still tonight." And [REDACTED] said "If that son-of-a-bitch calls I'll take the phone". And I said "Oh, okay", so [REDACTED] took - eventually, yeah - fifteen, twenty minutes later he did call back. And [REDACTED] goes, [REDACTED] got on the phone, he grabbed the phone and said "I'm gonna take this". And when [REDACTED] picked up the phone, and he knew it was Brother Berard because Brother Berard, or he knew - you know, because he asked for me, and he goes "Is this you, Brother Berard?" or Berard, or something like that and he of course said "Yeah". And he goes "I kinda know what's going on here" and that's when Berard spilled everything to [REDACTED] - that he put a mickey in my drink, he sodomized me, had oral sex with me, masturbated me all for a total of maybe nine or ten hours while I was asleep, while he put me out. And [REDACTED] then got very mad and said "If you ever come around here again I'm gonna beat the holy shit out of you and you're never gonna be able to walk away from here again" or something like that. And that's basically the last time I ever saw the guy.

SB Okay.

[REDACTED] Is that right, [REDACTED]

SB Anything else that you remember?

[REDACTED] During that time, or that night or something?

SB Or anything at all concerning Berard Connolly?

[REDACTED] No.

SB Do you remember, did he have any females he hung around...

[REDACTED] In my year?

SB Besides [REDACTED] that you saw?

[REDACTED] The only one I saw, [REDACTED] but he always talked - there's certain, there's one gal I do remember at St. Francis that he was always talking about.

SB Who is that?

[REDACTED]

SB Okay.

[REDACTED] He was always complimenting on how pretty she was, and she was a tall gal and she was pretty. But he

was always talking about her.

SB Okay. Anybody else that you ever saw him with, female, that he spent time with?

[REDACTED] That he spent time with? No.

SB That was it.

[REDACTED] That was it.

END OF INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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BY: Sandra Brewer, Pinnacle Investigations, Inc.

Also present during this interview is [REDACTED]

SB [REDACTED] do I have your permission to tape this?

[REDACTED] Sure.

SB [REDACTED] what I want to ask you about is, [REDACTED] was mentioning earlier that he had told you what had happened to him in regards to Berard Conaoly right after it happened. Do you remember this at all?

[REDACTED] Oh, sure, it's like it was yesterday.

SB Okay, can you tell me what you remember about it?

[REDACTED] Well, I remember that that next day, 'cause [REDACTED] didn't come home at all that night, and I thought that was kinda strange 'cause [REDACTED] normally would never do anything like that, especially with going out with another guy like that. And I remember that when [REDACTED] woke up the next morning that he was, when he finally came home, he was really strange. I mean I'd never seen him as strange as that he was and I remember that Brother Berard had called and asked to talk to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] just like "No, I'm not here. I don't want to talk to the guy", and so I told him that "No, [REDACTED] wasn't at home" and I thought that was kinda strange, too. And then about fifteen, twenty minutes later Brother Berard pulls up and he comes in our house and he sits down in our living room and he acts like nothing's going on, you know, and he's trying to get [REDACTED] out of the house, to go again with him someplace. And [REDACTED] just, I mean he was like glued to that chair and he was not going to leave that house with this guy again. And so Brother Berard sat there for about another 10 minutes talking and then got up and left. And that's when [REDACTED] and I told [REDACTED] I said, "God, [REDACTED] that was kinda rude". You know, to be - 'cause I did not know at the time - and I said "That was kinda rude to the Brother to be that way". And [REDACTED] said "Well, I've gotta tell you some stuff". So then he pretty much basically told me what he has just told you, and like he said, at first I didn't believe it, but at the same time I wasn't not gonna believe [REDACTED]. And about - sure as shit - ten minutes later, Brother Berard called on the phone and he wanted to talk to [REDACTED] and I told him "No way". I told him that [REDACTED] had told me what he had done, you know, and as far as I was concerned that somebody like

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him shouldn't be alive and that he should never, ever come over here again. Well, then he started to cry on the phone and tell how sorry he was and how sick he is and that it's something that he can't control, you know. And at the same time I asked him, I said "So you cannot control drugging people, and molesting them, and using them for your pleasures as however you want to do it?" And he continued to cry on the phone and he continued to want to talk to [REDACTED]. Well, no way was I going to let him talk to [REDACTED] at all. And I asked him about all the things that [REDACTED] had told me that he had done. And he said that "Yeah" he had done them but that, there again, too, he was sick and that I shouldn't hold that against him. And at the same time there too, I told him that if he ever came over to this house again, or ever had contact with [REDACTED] again, that I was going to beat the holy shit out of him and I would continue to, you know. And that his best bet in life would be to get the hell out of this area and never come back here again.

SB What did you tell him that [REDACTED] said he did?

[REDACTED] Well, basically [REDACTED] had told me that when he - the only thing that [REDACTED] remembers was going to the motel room and having two or three drinks off the drink and waking up with Brother Berard's fingers, and uh, inside [REDACTED]. And Brother Berard smelling his fingers as he pulled them out each time, and that, there too again, that he was uhm.....

SB Performing oral sex?

[REDACTED] Performing oral sex on [REDACTED] and at the same time too, [REDACTED] had told me that his butt was sore, and it was sore for a couple of days. And so.....

SB So basically, you told Berard all you knew, that [REDACTED] had told you, on the phone. Did Berard admit to actually performing sexual acts on [REDACTED]?

[REDACTED] Oh yeah, yeah. He told me that he couldn't control himself, that whatever he saw, he saw [REDACTED] laying there like that and he just had to do that, you know, and he just.... Yeah, he said he just could not control himself but that everything that [REDACTED] had said was true and that he was sorry and he just wanted forgiveness, you know, and the basic standard line that these kind of people give you, you know, to cover up their, whatever they do. I don't know. But basically, yeah. He admitted to basically doing everything that [REDACTED] had told me that he had done, right down to drugging him, right down to oral sex and masturbating him, putting his fingers inside of him, basically....

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Sodomizing.

Yeah, sodomizing him. And, I don't know, maybe taking pictures, I don't know. But he - we never got into the picture part, but he basically admitted to doing every one of those deeds to [REDACTED]

SB Did you two guys, now I'm talking to both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ever think about reporting this?

Well, we had thought about it at first.

After it happened?

SB Yes.

Oh, yeah. We thought about it.

But then again, too, at the same time, which we now realize, and which you realize later, that you need to stop somebody at that time so they don't continue to go on and hurt other kids, or other things. But at the same time, too, we didn't want it to get on [REDACTED] - I mean, you know, [REDACTED] is a friend and I would not have let anybody do anything or say anything to make him feel, you know, like he feels now.

SB Does anybody else know about this?

I told a friend, a real good close friend of ours. And the only reason I told him was that if Brother Berard had come back again then this other friend wanted me to call him..

SB How long ago did you tell him? Right after it happened?

Oh yeah, three or four days after it had happened.

SB Who is he?

He's in jail.

SB I don't care where he is, but who is he?

Ron Rensing.

SB Ron Rensing?

RF Uh-hum. (Affirmative)

He's in Walla Walla, I think, right now or something.

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SB Okay. [REDACTED] can I get the spelling of your last name?

[REDACTED]
SB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Uh-hum.

SB Okay. [REDACTED] have you went to any counseling because of this?

[REDACTED] No.

SB You haven't.

[REDACTED] No.

SB Do you feel it's affected you emotionally?

[REDACTED] Yeah. Oh yeah, it's changed my life around. At times it's pure hell, the last fourteen, about thirteen or fourteen years ago when he did it to me. It's at times hard to be with a women because you always think about that. It's hard when people pull, or say, talk about, make jokes about somebody sodomizing somebody for a joke, or you pull a joke. I don't, you know, I kinda laugh at it but deep down inside I'm crying. I see anything about it on T.V. it makes me sick to my stomach.

SB So it's had quite an impact on you.

[REDACTED] Oh, yeah. Um-hum. (Affirmative)

RF It's basically changed his whole life (inaudible)

[REDACTED] It's changed my whole life. It changed my life 360 degrees, Sandy.

RF 'Cause I've lived with [REDACTED] ever since that point and it's basically changed his thinking - he doesn't, he won't be alone with anybody that he doesn't know anymore. He doesn't go out anymore.

[REDACTED] No, I used to go out alot.

RF Doesn't make friends anymore, especially with people, with guys. Stays home a lot. He doesn't have any respect for the Catholic church anymore....

[REDACTED] No, I don't have any respect for the Catholic church, Catholic priests. Priests, brothers, nuns, or nothing. I want nothing to do with them, they mean - as a

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matter of fact, ever since then I never went to church again. Never even, I would not go because I just didn't want to go to church. It just, it made me sick to my stomach.

RF Plus like [REDACTED] said, too, when people talk about - you watch T.V. or they'd say something about where, like in prison where they show guys getting gang raped and stuff like that, you can't say anything without thinking of that time. You have to be careful of what you say. I know I'm conscious of it every day.

SB That's very typical, though.

RF Yeah, there's day when I say something and I automatically think "Oops, I shouldn't have said that because now [REDACTED] gonna flash back or think of that incident.

SB Right.

[REDACTED] (Inaudible)

END OF INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

Catholics confront sex abuse

Clergy screening still lax, critics say

By Tom Swan
Staff writer

Spokane's Catholic diocese, still with four accusations of sexual abuse by priests since 1989, no longer hides the problem.

In the past, the church's hidden history remained hidden and offenders were shipped off to another assignment in a different city.

Church leaders now realize that someone failed to see this is not a hidden problem. It's a pervasive chronic and a mental disease," said the Rev. Chuck Skelton, general director of St. Luke's Hospital, a center treating abusive clergy outside Washington, D.C.

The other dioceses, Spokane adopted a policy for dealing with sexual abuse in 1989.

Following suit, dioceses involving priests accused of molesting teenage boys.

But critics, who agree the church sometimes reacts quickly more slowly, argue that Spokane's Catholic diocese is not taking other steps to prevent future abuse.

"They say abuse problems will better as long as the diocese files trouble with local jurisdictions."

"This is the church's duty to be secret," said the Rev. Richard McBride, a Catholic journalist and columnist from the Diocese of Notre Dame.

"You've got bishops and religious superiors who hold their noses and will accept almost anyone, because they want to keep the seminaries open," he said.

"The diocese has taken remedial action

not problems that have occurred," said William Barber, a Spokane psychologist who has worked as a success counselor. "But it hasn't moved toward active prevention of future problems through more careful screening of seminarians."

Barber and others, who are invited as consultants to the Catholic Church, said what needs and discussed to a better job of screening seminarians.

One example of his ideas that gain psychological revitalization primarily to screen seminarians is the Seattle-based Diocese of the Society of Jesus.

Training and screening of clergy now dominates church discussion in the wake of recent national accusations of abuse by priests and others.

In December, Spokane's Bishop Skelton said against the backdrop of the Francisco child and teacher sexual abuse, which covers all of Eastern Washington and about 10 priests serving in 70 parishes and 11 schools.

Skelton is the only one of the four bishops accused in the suit against the Spokane diocese, which covers all of Eastern Washington and about 10 priests serving in 70 parishes and 11 schools.

In Skelton's case, the diocese responded with letters published in its weekly newspaper signed by Bishop William Skelton and an offer to pay for her counseling.

Skelton said Spokane's diocese, like others around the country, now responds with more concern toward abuse victims.

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worries more about training
... twenty years ago, if a priest
... a pattern of constant contact
... young boys, no one would have
... get twice about it. Now, it's a
... red flag," Skjeltstad said.

... search leaders point out that re-
... of sexual abuse by priests
... ifly take most clergy who meet
... the vows.

... church must accept the
... difficulty because of its role
... society, said St. Luke's Bishop.
... We expect more from the church
... from General Motors. When
... people in the church who should
... trusted betray that trust by abus-
... children, the crime cries out to
... men for vengeance," he said.

... Skjeltstad, who was between 13 and
... when the alleged abuse occurred,
... filing a court for damages from
... molestation, which occurred be-
... in 1968 and 1973, according to the
... suit.

... Skjeltstad refuses to discuss her case,
... her lawsuit does not outline what
... and abuse happened.

... recently who left Spokane around
... received treatment and now is
... California on administrative leave,
... was an official said.

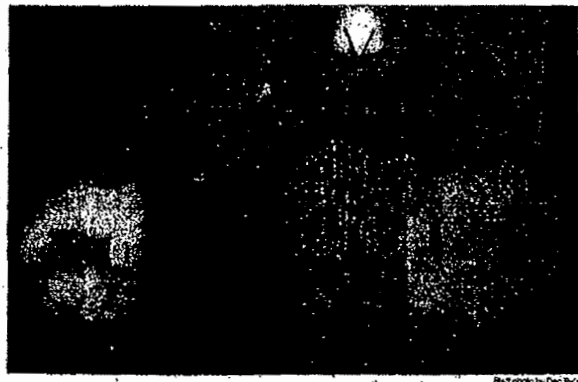
... diocese's current response in-
... cludes the absence of church-
... related treatment centers for med-
... and psychological care.

... In some cases, drugs are used to
... in sexual drive. Abusers also re-
... ceive intensive group and individual
... psychological counseling.

... While the church is finally accept-
... the value of psychology in dealing
... with abuse, not all dioceses use
... psychological consultation to weed
... out those likely sexual abusers or
... pedophiles.

... Spokane's diocesan center, the
... St. Luke's Seminary, is the only
... of the city's three seminaries that
... a routine psychological evaluation
... a long list of written answers
... owned by a personal interview --
... are admitting men into training.

... he other two -- St. Michael's
... diocese, a three-year program for



Seminarians at the Bishop White Seminary are, from left, John Radinger, Steven Porter, Richard Semple and Paul Burch.

... program for men entering the priest-
... hood after 35 -- use standardized
... tests before a person is admitted.

... Bishop White Seminary once used
... such initial testing, but dropped that
... requirement several years ago, said
... the Rev. George Haspedis, the semi-
... nary director.

... Critics like Barber and former
... Bishop White seminary rector, the
... Rev. Jim Kubas, assert the seminary
... is asking for problems by taking a
... wait-and-see approach and not
... actively screening new seminarians.

... In response, Skjeltstad said psychol-
... ogists have not found a set of tests
... that predict who will later become a
... sexual abuser.

... Haspedis, defending the dropping
... of the initial psychological testing at
... Bishop White, said other means of
... evaluation are adequate.

... Before starting, Bishop White
... seminarians must go through exten-
... sive interviews and written questions
... about their relationships, emotions
... and histories.

... Each candidate also meets regu-

... spirital growth and the other for
... personal development.

... By the fourth year, Bishop White
... seminarians take their first stan-
... dardized psychological profile adminis-
... tered by a psychologist. That test is
... needed before moving to four more
... years of theological training.

... But some, like Barber and Kubas,
... said that giving the evaluation in the
... fourth year is too late.

... "Once you get someone in (the
... seminary), it's hard to get them out.
... Especially in an area where you have
... so few members joining the priest-
... hood," Barber said.

... By contrast, the Archdiocese of
... Seattle requires extensive personal
... interviews of all seminary candidates
... before admission. It also requires two
... personality profiles done by outside
... professionals. One is taken at the
... time of enrollment, the second two
... years later.

... The Rev. Richard Root, the Spo-
... kane diocese's vocation director,
... agreed with Haspedis that an initial
... psychological evaluation can't

... "We have all sorts of other check-
... points, not just in the seminary but
... later in the theological school," said
... Root.

... Root also limited the Spokane
... Diocese does not relax its standards
... to keep people in the seminary.

... "We are worried about numbers of
... people. But we are more worried
... about getting qualified priests who
... can function in a parish setting," he
... said.

... Several years ago Bishop White
... Seminary had about 10 candidates
... living at the center year-round. This
... year the number is six.

... The benefits of using psychological
... testing for seminarians is clear, said
... the Rev. James Gill, who trained as a
... physician at Sacred Heart Medical
... Center in 1964 before teaching for 25
... years at Harvard University.

... "Those findings from full (psychol-
... ogical) evaluations are helpful as a
... source of discussion for the candidate
... in working with his spiritual director
... and other counselors," said Gill.
... Gill, a Jesuit, studied at Gonzaga
... University in the 1950s and is now a

Catholics disapprove of church's response to sexual abuse

... Of those having an experience
... of such problems

... Of those in diocese where priest
... has been accused of abuse

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... consultant at the Institute of Living,
... Hartford, Conn., treatment center
... for clergy and others.

... Gill is not alone in his criticism
... of the lack of testing at Bishop White.

... "For this diocese not to have a
... first-year psychological evaluation
... system is really asking for trouble,"
... Barber observed.

... "Evaluations provide unique infor-
... mation on personality dynamics and
... unconscious tendencies. That's sig-
... nificant because some of those ten-
... dencies are beyond the awareness of
... the individual or his friends and
... relatives," he added.

... Steven Porter, one of the six semi-
... narians at Bishop White, completed a
... full psychological test before finish-
... ing his fourth year, and said it is
... valuable to anyone entering the
... priesthood.

... "If there is something that I don't
... already know about myself, I want
... the tests or whatever to identify it,"
... he said.

... "If anything is going to stop me
... from being an effective priest later,
... it's important to know it now."

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Bates Numbers 594-606 were removed by the Plaintiffs at the request of the Franciscans.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

October 17, 1992

Dear [REDACTED]

Yesterday Steve Barnufsky and I met with John Steiner, the Vicar General for the Spokane Diocese. Bishop Skystad joined us for part of the meeting. Fr. Steiner was fully aware of the history of the situation with [REDACTED] and Br. Berard. He had read the transcripts of the interviews that Sandra Brewer, the private investigator, had made. I told him it was our desire to respond in a caring and pastoral manner to anyone who may have been hurt emotionally because of inappropriate behavior by Br. Berard. I told him I would recommend to you and the Definitorium that we contact the people who Sandra Brewer had interviewed and offer them our support. I told him I'd further recommend that we offer to pay for psychotherapy for any of these people who request it. Then I asked Fr. Steiner for recommendations of psychotherapists in the area. In reply he recommended Lutheran Family Services as an agency in town that specializes in helping those who have been sexually abused. He suggested two people at this agency to contact, Jean McGann, a therapist who also does sex education programs for the Catholic schools, and Susan Fabricant. Fr. Steiner also suggested that we take "the high road". By that he meant that we consider making an announcement at all the Masses one Sunday addressing the fact that this has happened and that we are responding in a pastoral manner. The Bishop had joined us at this point. He concurred with Fr. Steiner on this approach and offered to come to the parish and make this announcement if we thought this would be helpful. Steve thanked the Bishop and said that he would not feel comfortable making such an announcement himself. We all recognized that we would need to consult with you, the Definitorium and our lawyer before deciding to take such a step. The Bishop had to leave then. We thanked him and he commiserated with us on the painful nature of this work. Fr. Steiner described their diocesan Sexual Abuse Committee and his work over the years in cases dealing with sexual abuse. He asked us to stay in touch with him about this situation and assured us of his support.

I tried to contact Lutheran Social Services but the therapists Fr. Steiner had recommended had left for the weekend. I will try again when I return Monday. Last night I met with the Friars and briefed them on this situation at Steve's request. I offered to be available to them privately if they wanted during the weekend. Steve has been approached by parishioners who were contacted by Sandra Brewer. Larry has been asked if he is familiar with the situation by Fr. Steiner and by the Bishop before I arrived. They all said they felt good about knowing what was going on. We discussed how they could respond if they were approached by parishioners with questions or concerns.

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Peace,
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"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

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Dear Mark

Here's the letter in reply to the Bishop's request
I'll send it out along with the letters I faxed you
over the weekend after I hear back from you.

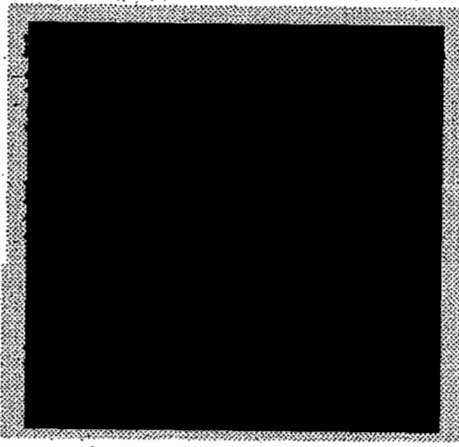
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January 5, 1993

Bro,
Tom

Dear Bishop Skylstad,

Thank you for your letter of December 31st. In which you requested
the addresses of the people I mentioned in my letter to you of December
11th. [redacted] lawyer sent us the transcripts of interviews
conducted by Ms. Sandra Brewer, a private investigator, with [redacted]
[redacted] Enclosed is a copy of the
letter we sent to each of them expressing our pastoral concern for their
welfare. As of this time we have not heard back from them.
Pursuant to your request their addresses are as follows:



I hope your Christmas was filled with peace and joy and that the new
year will be a truly happy one for you.

In Christ's Peace,

Tom West, O.F.M.
133 Golden Gate Ave.
San Francisco, Ca. 94102

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At my request I met with Bishop of Monterey, at 2:15PM on Tuesday, was in the Bishop's Office in the (Chancery). The meeting lasted about

I introduced myself to the Bishop in the diocese over a year and I am me. He seemed a bit unsure until I had spoken to him about me. He said all have made mistakes.

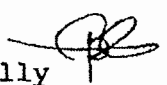
When I mentioned Utah he seemed relieved and immediately talked about his grandparents who settled in Salt Lake City and about his attendance last year at the rededication of the Cathedral of the Madeline in Salt Lake City.

I have the impression that the Bishop, like most bishops, hasn't the foggiest idea of what a Brother is. I started to talk about my abilities but we ended up saying a few words about retirement and prayer.

I asked for the Bishop's blessing and left, feeling pretty good.

Bishop Ryan was most gracious and pastoral. I felt good about our little meeting and appreciate what I perceive as his desire (and mine!) that I continue to stay out of the public eye, and that more was left unsaid to me than was said to the Provincial and Vicar.

A result of the meeting is that I no longer feel the need to "disappear" when Bishop Ryan visits St. Francis Retreat. I hope he also feels better after meeting me: monster, miscreant, fellow sinner, and just plain nice guy. We now have faces in our exchange.


Berard Connolly
June 18, 1994

c: Provincial Office

Mel - Perhaps you may want to keep this in that dark hole where my life is held - awaiting resurrection.

Berny



Province of St. Barbara

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Brother Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat
549 Mission Vineyard Rd
Box 1070
San Juan Bautista, Ca. 95045

February 10, 1993

Dear Berard

Peace. I hope you are doing well; I'm glad to hear that you are enjoying the retreats. You're good at it, and that makes a lot of sense. I am really glad you can help at San Juan and continue to do Westfriars.

I have heard from the Institute of Living and would ask you to abide by the following regulations while living and working at San Juan Bautista:

- (1) You are to continue weekly outpatient therapy with a therapist recommended and contacted by Dr. Les Lothstein. You should make arrangements for this as soon as possible by contacting Dr. Lothstein if he has not already contacted you.
- (2) A support group is also necessary: this should be worked out between yourself and your therapist. I think this needs to be as supportive and professional as possible, at times confrontive. The members of the support group should be ones dealing with their own sexual history and in recovery from it. I think it would be best to consult with Tom West as to which type of group would be most appropriate, and I presume we will be talking about this in the future to see that we take the best possible steps now.
- (3) You must have a regular spiritual director; I would suggest meetings initially twice monthly, and then possibly monthly.
- (4) Your monitor will be Fr. Richard McManus, with whom you should meet in an official capacity at least twice monthly to discuss your progress and continued addressing of the issues.
- (5) You may have no contact with minors, either in a pastoral or personal capacity. Any departure from this should be discussed immediately with your therapist and Fr. Richard.

I would appreciate the details of your response to these requirements (numbers 1, 2, 3) as soon as possible.

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Connolly, 2

Thanks for your cooperation, Berard. These restrictions are quite standard, and I know from our talks that you see them as important also. What I am happy about is your return to the province and the great contribution you have made and will continue to make.

God bless you. Please be assured of my continued support and prayers.

Fraternally



cc. Fr. Richard McManus, OFM

OFM CONN 1
0616

SAINT FRANCIS



RETREAT CENTER

May 12, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response of an earlier letter from you asking me to do certain things for my mental and physical health. I am sorry for the delay: it did take awhile to find the "support group."

1) I have a Spiritual Director with whom I believe I am open and I celebrate the sacramental gift of reconciliation. I see him once a month. Father Bartholomew Welsh, Mission San Antonio, is my director.

2) Weekly I spend an hour with Dr. Wendy Sinclair-Brown, Ph.D. I find her professional, inciteful and caring. I am honest with her and have confidence in her abilities as a psychologist. Dr. Sinclair-Brown works with Dr. Dennis St. Peter, MD, a psychiatrist. I am seeing Dr. St. Peter once a month when he monitors the medication prescribed for me, Prozac and Valporic Acid

3) Monday evening, May 10, I attended my first SLAA support group in Pacific Grove. I told Dr. Sinclair-Brown about the meeting. She is not all that sure I need this particular group as she questions the intensity of the "addiction" in my life. I will return for several Wednesday meetings, keeping in touch with Dr. Sinclair-Brown. The SLAA group may be what I need or it may at least be a springboard to other support groups. These types of groups aren't that easy to find but now I have an in and will take it from here. I think I am looking for a "Aloness Group," if such exists!

4) My physical health is monitored by Dr. Benedict Carota, MD, Hollister.

5) I believe the greatest help is Fr. Richard McManus to whom I confide and in whom I have the greatest confidence. I am very open in sharing with him.

Thanks, [REDACTED] for your often heroic support.

OFM CONN 1

0617

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From the desk of

Rev. Mel Jurisich, O.F.M.

1-25

Loren called. He is
following up on the "business
in Spokane". He has a
meeting w the people on
Feb 1st.

Oct 8, 1950
12-12:30 pm

Law - meeting of [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

12-104 - dinner efforts plan, good [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

but, full [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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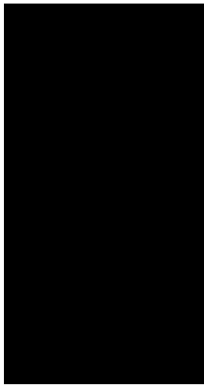
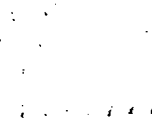
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③ with brown casing

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Nov. 16: spoke with Sandra Brewer, who said ... was working of.

Investigator - kind, job familiar.

"I have been contacted to no more frequently."

- Allyn's - called to 15-20 former students & families; "a very kind man."

✓ Bob's main concern is working around getting ...

→ John Antonette ← work for him.

✓ 509-324-7000 - | N. 908 Howard
Spokane 99201.

✓ Sandy Miller - high assistant.

Sandra Brewer
Pinnacle Investigations
W. 1001 Augusta # 3
Spokane, WA

509-336-3073

(Bob Edwards)

Bates Number 630 was removed by the Plaintiffs at the request of the Franciscans.

COPY

Jan. 29, 1992

Dear Bro,

I was both relieved and sad (I cried) when I read your letter. Relieved - because I have known for sometime that there was an investigation going on - and sad to think what terrible pain you must have been going through these past months. It brings tears to my eyes everytime I think of how much you must be hurting. I wish I could be there to give you a big hug and tell you how much you mean to me.

It was sometime in August that an investigator called and informed us there had been some allegations they were looking into stemming from some 20 years ago. She called mom to get my phone number and [REDACTED] We all told her that we had known you for many years and that you had been a close friend of our family. We said that you were a very loving

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0631

So kind of like have you here with me. I laugh and also sometimes shed a tear.

Bro, you made such an impression on me! I will always remember the years we shared together. I know the good and loving person that you are.

Do you remember the card you sent me when I found out I had mono? It was a bright yellow "Peanuts" card that read - "We all need someone to kiss away our tears" - and then you added: "* but watch that mono !!!" You always had such a great way of writing and such a great sense of humor!

And then there was the letter you wrote from Sanpei De Cristo explaining Fr. [redacted] situation after he got married. I'm sure that was a terrible struggle for him making that decision. That didn't change our feelings for him - we love him as much as we did before.

Please, Bro, remember the good times

COPY

Dear Kathy,

I lack words to express how good it was to get a phone call from you last week. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. And because I lack words and courage, rather than call you I am writing.

As you may or may not know - I believe by now any friends I had are aware - I am not in the best of shape. Last year three women in Spokane claimed I acted improperly toward them when they were teenagers. They began an investigation into my past and have interviewed just about everyone I have known over a thirty year period. I have no idea what they will bring up since the smell of money can create memories.

In any case, Kathy, the Berard you once knew just isn't around any more. I am now a rather broken old man. A few months ago I was laid low with the shingles. Ouch! When I was diagnosed as having "clinical depression" and being suicidal, my Provincial sent me away for a month. I am more in control now but have no idea what the future will be. My nights are sleepless but at least my tears have stopped.

With whatever reputation I had destroyed, my life is pretty well over. I am paying for whatever wrongs I may have done.

I guess when all is said and done, I am just grateful that long ago I found friends like you, Jerry, Jackie and your folks. My love to them. I ask you to please be discrete with this letter, just in case somebody in Spokane still thinks well of me.

Thanks again for your call, Kathy. Please pray for me.

May 15, 1992 -

X Jackson Branch - I try to contact her, please a message - not in.

- 509-320-3273 [Richard Roberts]

May 15, 1992 -

X Jordan Brown - I try to contact her; leave a message - not in.

- 509-326-3073 [Richard Roberts]

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0635

Bates Numbers 636-641 were removed by the Plaintiffs at the request of the Franciscans.

Nov 5th

Jack Baker

1 pm

- BC - no knowledge of Higgins - not named
- entire list will be compiled; those will be forwarded soon.
- ~~Historian, Baker~~ ← →

Besant - 64 year old, ^{not} employable - seems himself as homeless -
no interest in past 10 years. If a public statement is necessary,
he should be consulted.

Sept 30 - conversation of Dr. Katchikian in phone.

Phy -

- ① Merged mind, intelligent
on - depth, intentions
not for mind getting out
- ② primary color therapy -

~~the 1st thing~~
- witness in Epine -

- ① papers
- ② names & letters - possible witnesses
How to get information.
- ③ display board -

X Program very open, candid, great detail - cognitive/intentional -
no secretiveness -

Suicide - considered for moments.

✓ he does admit them; began - liquid rapid reaction,

Bombing, relationship - born of order/fundamental -

✓ not clearly a 2-part thing; he intending disorder.

✓ He will have intentionality, when needed; as his capacity, his
relationship as pathological.

✓ this type, entirely with intention.

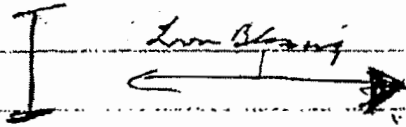
X ① Epine: ~~something~~

* ② something / Inter-Relation - Project ↔ in Medical Hypothesis

* note still possible -

~~I have in plan where there is progression~~

Dr. Galt -



* He will talk to Board & try to get information & explain
we need to take practice steps - Dr. Galt will try
to get up before all the Board & try, explain &
matter will probably be worked up by Low Blowing - but
I visit in room at Galt / SAS etc. of Plan on 24/11
Also, he will explain to Board he may be there some time
Dr. Galt very cooperative.

December 10, 1992

Dear

I am writing to you on behalf of the Provincial Minister of the St. Barbara province of Franciscans. Your name was recently given to us by Ms. Sandra Brewer, a private investigator. During her investigation of a report of sexual misconduct by Br. Berard Connolly she informs us that she met and spoke with you.

Our province has had a sexual misconduct policy in place since 1988. We want to reach out to anyone who may have been emotionally hurt through inappropriate behavior on the part of Br. Berard. We wish to offer psychological and spiritual support to any such individuals. If you would like to talk with me in regard to any of these matters you may write or call Fr. Tom West OFM, 133 Golden Gate Ave. San Francisco, Ca. 94102, tel. (415) 863-0111. If you want to speak to a psychotherapist you may contact Mr. David Bruxer, Lutheran Social Services, South 7 Howard, Suite 22, Symons Building, Spokane, Washington, 99204, tel. (509) 747-8224.

We want to assure you of our concern for your spiritual and emotional well being.

In the Peace of Christ,

Fr. Tom West, OFM

Wednesday 12/9

Dear [redacted]

If this is O.K. I'll try to mail it out tomorrow or Friday. Tomorrow we have a day away at Danville. I will leave here at 9:45 tomorrow morning after that you can get me up there.

OFM CONN 1
0645

From Steve

Woman says Marycliff cleric abused her

By Jeannette White
Staff writer

A Spokane woman is suing a Franciscan brother and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Spokane, claiming the cleric sexually abused her and other students at the now-defunct Marycliff High School.

Debbie Hatcher, the former student, said in the lawsuit filed in Spokane County Superior Court that she was sexually abused, harassed and intimidated by Brother Gerard Connelly at Marycliff High School, which she attended nearly 20 years ago.

Efforts to reach Hatcher and Connelly, who remains a member of the order and now lives in Tucson, Ariz., were unsuccessful Wednesday.

A former student sues the Diocese of Spokane, claiming sexual abuse.

Marycliff High School, an all-girls school, closed in 1979.

Connelly served as a teacher and Franciscan brother in charge of student affairs when Hatcher attended the school and St. Ann's parish from 1968 to 1971, says the complaint, which was filed Tuesday.

"Connelly continuously sexually abused, har-

assed and intimidated plaintiff and other students on parish premises and during parish-related activities and outings," the lawsuit states.

Parents and students complained about the teacher's behavior to his supervisors, but the complaints weren't properly investigated or reported, according to Hatcher's complaint.

"Defendants covered up and concealed Connelly's acts of sex abuse and harassment and complaints regarding his behavior," the lawsuit states.

In addition to Connelly, defendants in the suit include the Catholic Diocese of Spokane, the Catholic Bishop of Spokane, the Franciscan Friars, province of Santa Barbara, Calif., and the

Please see CHURCH SUIT, A6

CONTINUED FROM A1

Church suit

Catholic Church.

The Most Rev. William Skylstad, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Spokane, said he was surprised to hear about the claims.

"It came for us as kind of like a bolt out of the blue," he said.

"As far as I know, (the complaints) never reached the diocesan level. The only thing we can do is investigate the cases we are aware of."

The Rev. Larry Dunphy, of St. Ann's, said Connelly is still in the Franciscan order.

"There has been some investigation into it," Dunphy said, in reference to Hatcher's allegations. "Our superiors have talked to him about this. We are aware in general of the accusations."

Hatcher claims in the complaint that she has suffered severe physical, psychological and emotional pain as well as humiliation and anxiety as a result of the abuse.

She also attributes problems with relationships and the breakup of her marriage to the abuse, which led her to seek counseling.

Bishop Skylstad, who was not head of the diocese when the abuse allegedly occurred, said he will offer counseling to any victims.

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Gemette
Wright

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EXT. ~~527~~
5427

Spokane

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0647

Board C. Conference call, Dec 10, 13

① letter to [redacted] [redacted]
interposition in program, subjects, [redacted]

Attorneys

② legal case - now being negotiated; Lopez will write

③ Attorneys

- 1) advised not to threat to public
- 2) things important to group
- 3) program content of public
- 4) special placement

In Letter, Broder, managed [redacted] program

Clerical Review

B-i current status - no knowledge of involvement of [redacted]

loss of liability - very flexible admissions

about 12 years for [redacted] ability & [redacted]

no [redacted] no setting out. Still want part.

interview, [redacted] [redacted] control. [redacted]

committee [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

What [redacted] can be put into place

Based on past experience, therapeutic relationship

unity group to be put in place; shall consist of

individual work, not necessarily group work - group will

Help.

We have lost pleasure in death.

Relay: This had friends in community - Elizabeth James say
B. very strong in community; open - honest; an important part of
community Barbara - no residential program at Bar
a primary counseling, very strong - elderhood; the parents
feedback.

Team is very positive. He read survey paper.
He hits to minister.

Benny: future - big way - what is it? redesign and
for enrollment delivery work. Does he continue if
breakdown, continuation of James Barbara, her
James story being picked up.

James James & what is Barbara's view, paid letter from
James Barbara. Does not feel like being in the room on the top long
covered not find with points. Local Barbara / market.
More strategic planning.

Send a copy of interview. 8 minutes

Benny's
* 15th / morning - fly - James James James -
16th * Heath Barley - Spencer -
- draft

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August 19, 1992

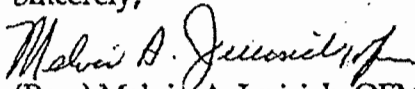
Joan L. Antonietti
Richter-Wimberly, P.S.
North 908 Howard Street
Post Office Box 5640
Spokane, WA 99205-0640

Dear Ms. Antonietti:

The Provincial Office is in receipt of your letter and materials in the matter relating to [REDACTED]. In view of the fact that Father [REDACTED] is away from the office for a few days and our Province attorney is away on vacation, I am requesting a 30 day extension to your deadline so that Father [REDACTED], in consultation with the Province attorney, can make an appropriate response to your letter.

Please advise me by return mail.

Sincerely,


(Rev.) Melvin A. Jurisich, OFM
Secretary of the Province

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*ADMITTED IN IDAHO AND WASHINGTON

August 25, 1992

Rev. Melvin A. Jurisich, OFM
Franciscan Friars,
Province of Santa Barbara
1500 - 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Rev. Jurisich:

Thank you for your letter of August 19th requesting a 30 day extension in which to respond to the claim of [REDACTED]. This is acceptable. Please so advise Father [REDACTED] upon his return.

Very truly yours,

RICHTER-WIMBERLEY, P.S.

Joan L. Antonietti

BY: JOAN L. ANTONIETTI

PD/B

CC: [REDACTED]

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*ADMITTED IN IDAHO AND WASHINGTON

September 16, 1992

Fr. [REDACTED]

Dear Fr. [REDACTED]

I will be leaving Richter-Wimberley effective September 18, 1992 and temporarily relocating my office to the following address:

JOAN L. ANTONIETTI & ASSOCIATES
 250 Lincoln Building
 West 818 Riverside
 Spokane, Washington 99201
 Telephone: (509) 624-4291

I anticipate that as of November 1, 1992, my permanent office space will be completed. In the interim, you may contact me at the above address and telephone.

Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Very truly yours,

Joan L. Antonietti
 JOAN L. ANTONIETTI

JLA/B

January 3, 1990

Fr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Fr. [REDACTED]

I am writing you this confidential letter to bring a case of sexual abuse by a member of your order, Br. Berard Connolly, to your attention. The motivation for writing this letter is to help bring about my own personal healing and closure to this issue of sexual abuse. I also want to protect others from the pain of betrayal, shame, and violation that results from sexual abuse. In light of statements he had made, and my own experience, his being around children concerns me greatly. It has been my experience coming from a dysfunctional family situation involving alcoholism and sexual abuse, that any pedophile must receive ongoing counseling and monitoring. Therefore, I would like a written reply confirming that Br. Berard will receive therapy as well as current monitoring of his activities or behaviors in dealing with children.

The abuse by Br. Berard has effected every aspect of my life and continues to play a role in my present views of God, the Church, love, trust, and this list is innumerable. When I was a young adolescent and all was chaotic in my family, I turned towards what appeared to be a safe and spiritual direction for protection from the sexual abuse and alcoholism at home, only to be guided step by step into further abuse. I only became more confused in my teen years by the mixed message of having Br. Berard not only as a friend, but also as a representation of the Church, providing instruction in religion courses in high school. Because of the role that he held in my life and the Church, coupled with the abuse, I felt that I had seduced God, when in reality it was Br. Berard who had neatly groomed me. The injustice of the matter was that he was the adult in the situation and exploited his position and the knowledge of my family situation to cross boundaries repetitively that should never be crossed.

I am requesting reimbursement for the counseling I have received over the last year, as well as any further counseling, with Sr. Cathy Beckley at St. Joseph Family Center in Spokane, WA.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

OFM CONN 1
0658

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

[REDACTED]

January 17, 1990

Dear [REDACTED]

Peace and all good. It was with great concern that I read your letter to me of January 3, which arrived here just a few days ago.

The matters which you raise are of the utmost importance. I want to express to you my deepest concern, for yourself and for the suffering that has happened. I have dealt with some of these questions of abuse before, and I know that the agony the victim goes through can hardly be described. I am grateful that you have addressed these issues in such an honest and concerned manner in your letter.

In order that your own needs might be well met and your concerns for Brother Berard be more adequately addressed, I would appreciate some more information. I know that the matters you have touched on are of a very sensitive and personal nature, and I can assure you they will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. I have asked the chairman of our health and wellness committee, [REDACTED] O.F.M., to contact you either directly or through [REDACTED]. Father [REDACTED] is trained in psychology and has a good deal of experience. I hope that you will be able to talk with him as openly as you have written to me. Because this matter is of such concern (and it is important that it be addressed in an on-going way for all involved), it is vital that we proceed together to heal terrible hurts and make certain that such a thing does not happen again.

I hope that this suggestion is acceptable to you. Please be assured of my continued prayers and concern.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

OFM CONN 1
0659

1500 thirty-fourth Avenue
Oakland CA 94601

cc. [REDACTED]

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Provincial Office (415) 536-1766

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SAINT ANTHONY SHRINE
FRANCISCAN FRIARS
100 ARCH STREET, BOSTON, MASS. 02107

*Banned
potatoes*

Dear [REDACTED]

I cannot begin to thank you
for taking time from your immense
schedule to come to Hartford.

When my fellow patients asked
about you + about our meeting, my
first response was a phrase "that's
because I belong to the Province
of St. Barbara!"

I might even say we were "temporarily
lost" on our way to the airport so
I could spend a little more time w/
you.

Thanks so much!

[Signature]

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (510)536-3722 Fax (510)536-3970

April 6, 1993

Berard Connolly, OFM
PO Box 1070
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

It has been difficult for me to respond to your attorney's request for you to bring "anything legal" for your meeting with him.

I am sending you the letter that the Provincial received from [REDACTED] attorney informing him of a possible lawsuit and asking for a financial settlement. I am also sending a copy of the investigation report prepared by Pinnacle Investigations, Inc. This is a transcript of the investigator's interviews of the alleged victims. I thought that these would be helpful to the attorney since they would be the basis of the lawsuit.

Please inform Mr. Etter that the Province more specific information as is requested.

I hope that your visit goes well.

Fraternally,

Mel Jurisich, OFM
Secretary of the Province

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (510)536-3722 Fax (510)536-3970

February 10, 1993

Dear Berard

Peace and good. Enclosed please find the official letter which details what we talked about in Hartford and what I have received from the Institute. Let me add a more personal note.

First, I want to welcome you back heartily to the province. These have been difficult days for the past three years, but I for one am happy you have stuck it out and persevered. It is not only an example to me but a real gift--you see, where would I be without faithful friends, ones who accept my own limitations and are willing even to be hurt by me at times but to still accept me. I thank you for that. And I want to say very clearly, that trying to address your situation has not been burdensome for me--you are not a burden, nor a mistake. You are a wonderful friar, one who contributes immensely to the province and the friars. This is how I feel--and I say this both as friend and as provincial.

I received your sample letter for Westfriars. As far as I am concerned, you may print what you like--it is your letter. If I may offer some personal counsel, I would think it better to talk it over with your therapist and also with Richard. They might have some good advice as to how to approach it and what exactly is best to say. From my perspective, I think you should emphasize that although difficult at first, you found the program beneficial, that you are happy to be back here (which I think you are), that you offer to help anyone who would like to speak with you about the experience, that you hope we can all face ourselves honestly--that is, turn it outward. The "stigma" is not a disease, but a gift to the community, and God has made this now part of yourself precisely for others. I think you should be proud of what you have done to handle all of this. I am.

Thanks for the invite to write on Clare. I think I will take you up on this--I will be giving a retreat to the Clare in June in SB, and plan to write up some of the conferences. Also, may I suggest that we try to dig up several conferences by David Temple and in honor of the centenary publish one with each edition of Westfriars. Dave left over fifteen feet of talks, many of them on Clare. Some are notes, but they are quite full. I can try to locate some when I am in SB; or perhaps you can go down there and look with Tim's help. It is just an idea.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Hope the Ministers' meeting went well!

In the past months I have received a few supportive letters and phone calls from friends of my past, like thirty years ago. I treasure each of them even though I destroyed the letters. However, when Kathy wrote me yesterday I thought I would send a copy on to you. Will you please add it to my file.

Why? Just so that whoever reviews my life will read that at one time I was a rather nice fellow, who was loving, and who even did some good in this world.

Desert mornings are cold but the day quickly warms up. We look forward to seeing the novices and, hopefully, yourself. Mission conservation goes well. It is especially good seeing the Tohono O'odham working along with the "Italians."

Peace!

Denny

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

May 16, 1992

The following is a summary of my interaction with [REDACTED] regarding Berard Connolly.

I received a copy of Fr. Chinnici's letter (dated January 17, 1990) to [REDACTED] and was asked to meet with her regarding her concerns.

On February 1, 1990, at 1:00pm, I met with [REDACTED] and Sister Cathy Buckley, M.S.W. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

With [REDACTED] permission Sister Cathy audiotaped the session; and with [REDACTED] permission, I later had the audiotape transcribed. Later I mailed [REDACTED] a copy of the transcript. I also mailed her the original audiotape.

The transcript indicates the content of the session. (A copy of the transcript was sent to the Provincial Office) Some of the concerns that [REDACTED] and Sr. Cathy, who facilitated the meeting, brought up are the following (these are not quotations but the tenor of basic concerns):

1) Are the Franciscans willing to pay for [REDACTED] counseling?

2) Has Berard Connolly, received therapy? Is there ongoing monitoring going on. What kind of monitoring? Has anyone else ever come forward to accuse him? If so why hasn't there been some legal action? Has this issue of sexual abuse regarding Berard Connolly ever been addressed, and if it has, then why has he been allowed to just go on? Have the Franciscans simply protected him?

3) Down the road, Berard should claim responsibility as the perpetrator, to take responsibility for this situation for [REDACTED] sake. That is, [REDACTED] and her therapist would like to know that Berard can own the abuse to [REDACTED]. They would like to meet with Berard. In the future, then, (after Berard has had some counseling) a meeting could be held in Spokane with [REDACTED] Sr. Cathy Buckley, Berard Connolly, ofm and [REDACTED]

5) In the future, Sr. Cathy would like to be in contact with Berard's therapist.

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██████████ the Provincial Minister, met with Berard Connolly at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Arizona and addressed the situation with Berard. ██████████ was later brought into the meeting. ██████████ proceeded with the plan to bring Berard to an appropriate psychotherapist for diagnostic testing and assessment. A report with recommendations was to be sent directly from the therapist to ██████████

██████████ sought a reputable therapist in Arizona with expertise in counseling in the area of child sexual abuse. Dr. Gary Decker, a psychologist and a psychotherapy specialist in the area of child abuse was chosen (initially recommended, I believe, by the Diocese of Phoenix). Dr. Gary Decker, Ph.D., 10640 N 28th Drive, Suite C205, Phoenix Arizona 85029. Phone: (602) 375-9367.

██████████ accompanied Berard to the first session with Dr. Decker (March 19th, 1990). ██████████ presented the basic complaints made by ██████████ and requested diagnostic testing and assessment for Berard and a report with recommendations to be sent to Fr. ██████████. Berard began counseling with Dr. Decker and continues to be in counseling with him to this time (May 14, 1992).

██████████ continued correspondence with ██████████. The following are some examples of follow-up correspondence:

On March 5, 1992, I mailed the transcript of the audiotape to ██████████ along with a letter. In the letter A) I indicated that I hoped to reach her by phone before she received the transcript to share with her the current process (how we were proceeding with Berard Connolly); B) I encouraged her to read the transcript when she could have support from Sr. Cathy. (I was concerned that if she read the transcript by herself she might experience disturbing feelings with no one to be supportive to her.); C) I invited her to call me collect anytime or to send me a phone bill. I gave her my itinerary and phone numbers.

On March 15, 1992, I phoned ██████████. In this call she clarified that the incidents that she was concerned about with Berard took place between 1968 and 1973.

In other phone correspondence with [REDACTED] Berard, and attorney Richard Roberts, in my best memory, the following information was conveyed (I am not sure how many calls this entailed or the exact order or dates in which the matters were conveyed):

1) I asked [REDACTED] if she would be willing to give me the cost of her counseling. This would include what she had spent and what she felt she would still need to spend in the future. Would she accept a discerned amount from the Franciscans in one payment? I did not expect an answer at that moment.

2) I asked [REDACTED] about setting a date for the requested meeting with herself, Sr. Cathy, Berard Connolly and me. [REDACTED] indicated that Sr. Cathy was leaving Spokane soon. [REDACTED] also suggested that a letter from Berard would be sufficient, that it would also save the expense of travel. This letter should include his admission that this was a wrongful act and that it will not occur again (with other children), that he accept responsibility for his actions; that he state the fact that the role that he played with her life was morally wrong; that he holds some responsibility in the problems and issues that she is facing in life.

[REDACTED] phoned Berard. He indicated that he was quite willing to come to Spokane for the meeting unless [REDACTED] had a clear preference not to have the meeting or if it would be harmful to her. He indicated that he really did not want to hurt [REDACTED] any more than she had been hurt. Berard admitted his wrongness.

[REDACTED] called [REDACTED] to say that Berard was willing to come to Spokane to meet with her. Would it be possible to have the meeting before Sr. Cathy left Spokane. [REDACTED] suggested June 29, 1990 as a possible date if [REDACTED] could arrange it with Sr. Cathy.

On June 14th or 15th, 1990, Richard Roberts, an attorney in Spokane, phoned me [REDACTED] to let me know that he was helping [REDACTED] understand her rights regarding her concerns with Berard. He told me that he had told [REDACTED] not to communicate further with me. He mentioned that [REDACTED] felt bad about not answering my messages left on her phone recorder, so he was calling me so that I would understand why she would not be communicating with me. He was very courteous.

I asked Richard Roberts if he could be clearer as to what his procedure would be. He informed me that he would contact me through the mail so that there would be a record of his transaction. I indicated that he could also communicate with [REDACTED], the Provincial of the Province. Richard Roberts has never communicated with me in writing or by phone since that time. His phone number is (509) 838-0125).

[REDACTED] and I have not communicated since that time. No meeting with Sr. Cathy, Debbi, Berard and myself took place. [REDACTED] did not suggest a total amount for her counseling. To my knowledge, no money from the Province has been sent to [REDACTED] for counseling.

[REDACTED]

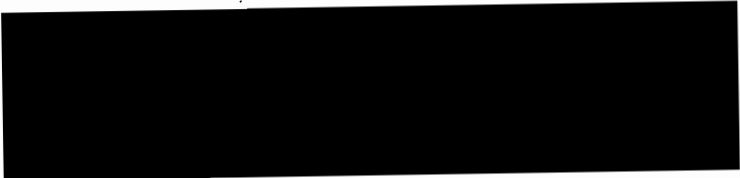


BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SPOKANE

POST OFFICE BOX 1453
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99210-1453
WEST 1023 RIVERSIDE AVENUE

October 16, 1992



Dear

Thank you very much for your long letter with regard to Berard Connolly.

I really appreciate very much the information which you shared. We shall keep in touch.

Unfortunately, I am not going to be at the NABRS meeting this year because I am giving a retreat to the Chicago priests during that time. However, if there is any need to be in further contact, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

May God bless you and all of your good work.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,

William S. Skylstad
Bishop of Spokane

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (510)536-3722 Fax (510)536-3970

Most Rev. William Skylstad, DD
Bishop of Spokane
1023 W. Riverside Ave.
POB 1453
Spokane, Washington 99120

Dear Bishop Skylstad

Peace and good. I hope this letter finds you well.

Unfortunately, with this letter I have some bad news to communicate. One of our friars, Berard Connolly, a professed brother, has been accused of sexual molestation of one [REDACTED]

When this first came to our attention, we began to work with the victim through a counsellor. Brother Berard has admitted to the incidents. Apparently, [REDACTED] approached an attorney who then hired a private investigator. The report enclosed is that of the investigator. This is the first time I have heard of such extensive activity on the part of Brother Berard and appropriate action is being taken with him. We also intend to approach other possible victims in a pastoral way.

At the present time, only the province is involved. We have notified our insurance agents, and our attorney is in contact with Joan L. Antonietti, the attorney for [REDACTED]

Should your office wish to contact our attorney his address is: Brian P. Brosnahan, Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, 333 Bush St., San Francisco, California 94104-2878, 415-772-6000.

I relay this information to you to apprise you of the situation in case the diocese becomes a litigant in the future. At the moment that does not appear to be happening.

I am terribly sorry to bring this to your attention. I assure you of our fullest cooperation and continued desire to serve the Church in the best possible way.

Sincerely in Christ

[REDACTED]

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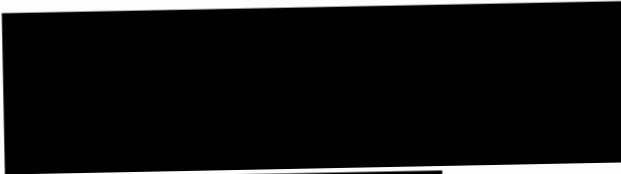
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THE CHANCERY

DIOCESE OF SPOKANE
POST OFFICE BOX 1453
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99210-1453
WEST 1023 RIVERSIDE AVENUE

September 18, 1992



Dear [REDACTED]

Bishop Skylstad asked me to thank you for sharing with him the sad information of your recent communication. While he is out of town for most of the next fifteen days, he wanted me to assure you of his continued support and prayers as you work through this situation.

The Diocese is very grateful that you made us aware of this situation. We are able to be prepared to respond positively if the situation should become more public.

If there is anything which I can do to assist you, please feel free to contact me at the Catholic Pastoral Center (509-456-7100) or at my home phone (509-326-8748).

I pray that the Lord guides you in this difficult situation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father John M. Steiner
Vicar General

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (415)536-3722 Fax (415)536-3970

Nov. 15

I spoke with Sandra Brewer, who said she was working for Attorney Joan Antonetti of N. 908 Howard, Spokane, 99201.

Investigator is from Pinnacle Investigations, W 1001 Augusta # 3, Spokane, Washington, 509-326-3073.

She asked me if I was aware of allegations made against Brother Berard Connolly in late 1960's of sexual misconduct. I said it would be inappropriate for me to comment until contacted by someone in official capacity; she then asked what this would mean, I said, "I don't know."

She said she had been hired by families in Spokane with whom Berard had worked; talked to 15-20 former students and families; they said he was "a very kind man." But there are these allegations. Main concern of people is that he is getting counselling, not working around youth, etc.

The legal assistant of Joan Antonetti is Cindy Miller. Antonetti's number is 509-326-7000.

I think Brian Brosnahan should contact Antonetti to find out what is happening. I have furnished no information, confirming nor denying anything.

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

[REDACTED]

January 17, 1990

Dear [REDACTED]

Peace and all good. It was with great concern that I read your letter to me of January 3, which arrived here just a few days ago.

The matters which you raise are of the utmost importance. I want to express to you my deepest concern, for yourself and for the suffering that has happened. I have dealt with some of these questions of abuse before, and I know that the agony the victim goes through can hardly be described. I am grateful that you have addressed these issues in such an honest and concerned manner in your letter.

In order that your own needs might be well met and your concerns for Brother Bernard be more adequately addressed, I would appreciate some more information. I know that the matters you have touched on are of a very sensitive and personal nature, and I can assure you they will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. I have asked the chairman of our health and wellness committee, [REDACTED], to contact you either directly or through St. Cathy Beckley at the Family Center in Spokane. [REDACTED] is trained in psychology and has a good deal of experience. I hope that you will be able to talk with him as openly as you have written to me. Because this matter is of such concern (and it is important that it be addressed in an on-going way for all involved), it is vital that we proceed together to heal terrible hurts and make certain that such a thing does not happen again.

I hope that this suggestion is acceptable to you. Please be assured of my continued prayers and concern.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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1500 Third - Fourth Avenue
Oakland CA 94601

cc. [REDACTED]

Provincial Minister (415) 536-3722
Provincial Office (415) 536-1266

1 SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF SPOKANE

2 [REDACTED] single woman,)

3)
4 Plaintiff,)

5 vs.)

6 BROTHER BERARD CONNELLY, a)
7 Franciscan Brother; THE CATHOLIC)
8 DIOCESE OF SPOKANE; THE CATHOLIC)
9 BISHOP OF SPOKANE; THE FRANCISCAN)
10 FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA;)
11 AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF)
12 THE PAPACY,)

13 Defendants.)

14 [REDACTED]

15 PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF
16 INTERROGATORIES AND
17 REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION
18 OF DOCUMENTS PROPOUNDED
19 TO DEFENDANT THE
20 FRANCISCAN FRIARS
21 PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

22 TO: DEFENDANT THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA
23 and your attorney, C. Eugene Huppin

24 Pursuant to Rules 26, 33 and 34 of the Civil Rules for
25 Superior Court of the State of Washington, the Plaintiff
26 submits the following Interrogatories and Requests for
27 Production of Documents to be answered separately and
28 completely under oath within thirty (30) days of the service
29 thereof upon you. In answering, you are required to furnish
30 such information as is available to you, not merely the
31 information you know of your personal knowledge. This is
32 intended to include any information in the possession of your
33 agents, attorneys, or any investigators for you.

34 COURT RULES REQUIRE THAT THE ANSWERS BE PRECEDED BY THE
35 INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND
36 THUS EXTRA COPIES OF THESE INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR
37 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS ARE BEING SERVED UPON YOU IN ORDER TO
38 EXPEDITE THE ANSWERING THEREOF. YOU MAY TYPE YOUR ANSWERS
39 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR
40 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND THUS AVOID RETYPING THE
41 INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS.

42 THESE INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF
43 DOCUMENTS ARE CONTINUING IN NATURE, AND THE PLAINTIFF HEREBY
44 DEMANDS THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION COMING INTO YOUR
45 POSSESSION OR YOUR COUNSEL OR AGENTS POSSESSION THAT WOULD
46 CHANGE OR ADD TO YOUR ANSWERS IN ANY WAY BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED
47 TO THE UNDERSIGNED, IN ANY EVENT, NO LATER THAN THIRTY (30)
48 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF SUCH INFORMATION.

49 INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS - 1

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52 **Antonietti P.S.**
53 ATTORNEY AT LAW
54 111 West Cataldo, Suite 210

1 Moreover, pursuant to Rules 26 and 34 of the Civil Rules
2 for Superior Court of the State of Washington, the Plaintiff
3 herein requests that you produce and permit Plaintiff to copy
4 documents described below which are now in your or your
5 attorneys or agents possession, custody and/or control.

6 Unless otherwise mutually agreed to, inspection and/or
7 copying shall take place at the offices of the Plaintiff's
8 attorney, Joan L. Antonietti, P.S., W. 111 Cataldo, Suite 210,
9 Spokane, WA 99201, during regular business hours until
10 completed, not later than thirty (30) days from the date of
11 service of these Requests. Visual inspection shall be made by
12 the Plaintiff's attorneys, and copying shall be done by
13 photocopying or other appropriate means.

14 DEFINITIONS

15 As used in these interrogatories, the following terms
16 shall have the following meanings:

17 1. The term "you" means yourself and any of your
18 agents, employees, representatives, predecessors and
19 successors in interest, any and all other persons or entities
20 acting on your behalf.

21 2. The term "and" and "or" shall, unless the context
22 clearly indicates otherwise, embrace both the conjunctive and
23 disjunctive.

24 3. In construing these interrogatories, the singular of
25 each term shall include the plural, and the plural shall
include the singular, and a masculine, feminine or neuter
pronoun shall not exclude the other genders.

1 The term "document" means all written, graphic, or
2 printed matter of any kind, however produced or reproduced,
3 including all originals, drafts, working papers, and non-
4 identical copies, whether different from the originals by
5 reason of any notation made on such copies or otherwise, and
6 electronic, mechanical or electrical records or
7 representations of any kind, transacted through detection
8 devices into reasonably useable form. The term "document"
9 includes, but is not limited to, papers, books, patents, book
10 entries, accounts, letters, photographs, objects, tangible
11 things, correspondence, telegrams, cables, telexes or telefax
12 messages, memoranda, notes, data, notation, work papers,
13 inter-office communications, inter-departmental
14 communications, minutes, reports and records of any
15 communications (including telephone or other conversations,
16 interviews, conferences, or committee or other meetings),

1 affidavits, statements, summaries, opinions, reports, studies,
2 analyses, formulas, plans, specifications, contracts,
3 licenses, agreements, offers, acceptances, journals, books or
4 other records of accounts, summaries of accounts, bills,
5 receipts, balance sheets, income statements, advertisements,
6 desk calendars, appointment books, diaries, lists,
7 tabulations, charts, graphs, maps, surveys, sound recordings,
8 computer records or impressions, microfilm, and all other
9 records kept by electronic, photographic, or mechanical means,
10 and things similar to any of the foregoing, however
11 denominated.

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14 5. The term "all documents" shall mean every document,
15 as defined above, whether an original or a copy, which is or
16 has been in your possession, custody, or control.

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18 6. The term "person" includes any natural person, firm,
19 association, partnership and joint venture corporation, and
20 any other form of legal entity, and any city, state or federal
21 governmental entity or any agency, board, or court thereof.

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23 7. The term "identify" means, with respect to a
24 document, to state its title, identifying number, type (e.g.,
25 letter, inter-office memorandum, etc.), date, author,
addressee, signatories, recipients, present location,
custodian, subject matter, and any other identifying
characteristics.

8. The term "identify" means, with respect to a person,
to state his or her full name, present or last known residence
address and phone number; present or last known business
address and phone number; present employer, job title,
responsibilities and duties; prior experiences and background,
including tenure in each title or position held to date; and
previous job title, responsibilities, and duties; and employer
and business address at the date of the event or transaction
referred to.

9. The term "identify" means, with respect to an oral
communication, to state the date of oral communication and the
place where it occurred, the persons present during such
communication, the person to whom such oral communication was
directed, the person who made such communication, and the
means by which such communication was transmitted (i.e., in
person, by recorded message, or by telephone).

10. The term "relate," "relating to," or "related to"
means directly or indirectly referring to, pertaining to,
discussing, describing, commenting on, constituting,
evidencing, referencing, comprising, or reflecting upon the
stated subject, in whole or in part.

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. These interrogatories and requests are intended to be continuing in nature, and any information which may be discovered by you subsequent to the service and filing of your answers and responses should be brought to the attention of the inquiring party, through supplemental answers and responses, within a reasonable time following discovery (30 days). If such responses are not furnished, this party will move at the time of trial to exclude from evidence any requested information not so furnished.

2. Each interrogatory and each subparagraph of each interrogatory is to be fully and separately answered, in writing, and under oath. Before each response is given, the paragraph and subparagraph number of the interrogatory to which the answer or response relates is to be set forth.

3. The answer to each interrogatory and response to each request for production of documents shall include such knowledge as is within your custody, possession or control or readily obtained by you including knowledge within the custody, possession or control of your attorneys, agents, and other representatives.

4. If you refuse to answer any interrogatory or request for production of documents, in whole or in part, identify the basis of your refusal to answer, including any claim of privilege, in sufficient detail so as to permit the Court to adjudicate the validity of your refusal to answer.

5. With respect to any interrogatory or request for production of documents contained herein, if you are able to provide some, but not all, of the information requested, provide such information as you can and specifically identify each item as to which you do not have the sufficient information to fully respond.

6. We have attempted to provide you with sufficient space under each interrogatory and request for production to state your answer or response. If the space provided is insufficient, please continue your answer or response on a separate sheet, and attach that sheet to the copies of this pleading which you return to us.

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DATED this 10 day of December, 1993.

JOAN L. ANTONIETTI, P.S.

Joan L. Antonietti
JOAN L. ANTONIETTI
WSBA NO. 13795
Attorney for Plaintiff

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: Identify each and every person who provided any information used in responding to these Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents, listing with respect to each the Interrogatory or Request for Production for which the information was provided.

ANSWER:

[REDACTED]

Brother Berard Connolly was consulted for Interrogatory #3.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: Please identify person(s) designated as custodian(s) of any personnel records, other documents and/or files regarding brother Berard Connolly for the The Franciscan Friars, Province of Saint Barbara, by stating as follows:

- (a) Their name and title;
- (b) Business address; and
- (c) Business and home telephone number.

ANSWER:



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Fr. Mel Jurisich, OFM Provincial Secretary
1500 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601
Business # 510 536-3722 Home # 510 540-6834

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1: Please produce all
personnel records, other documents and/or files regarding or
which in any manner relate to Brother Berard Connolly.

RESPONSE:

Brother Berard Connolly's personnel records are being
provided.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3: Please identify any persons who
acted in a supervisory capacity over Brother Berard Connolly
for the The Franciscan Friars, Province of Saint Barbara by
stating their:

- (a) Name, address and telephone number;
- (b) Title at present and while they supervised Brother
Connolly; and
- (c) Dates during which they supervised Brother Berard
Connolly.

ANSWER:

Please see attached sheets.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4: Please provide a brief description of Brother Berard Connelly's duties and responsibilities while he was working in Spokane, Washington and set forth relevant dates, if his duties changed during that period of time.

ANSWER:

Brother Berard Connolly worked internally as cook, housekeeper, and porter, and conducted some activities involved with religious education.

1 INTERROGATORY NO. 5 : Has Brother Berard Connelly ever
2 been requested, by The Franciscan Friars, Province of Saint
3 Barbara, to undergo counseling, evaluation or treatment? If
4 your answer is in the affirmative, please state:

5 (a) The name, address and phone number of each
6 counselor, evaluator, psychologist, or psychiatrist who
7 has seen Brother Berard Connelly pursuant to your
8 request;

9 (b) The reasons why you requested Brother Berard
10 Connelly to undergo counseling, evaluation or treatment;
11 and

12 (c) The dates upon which you requested Brother Berard
13 Connelly to undergo counseling, evaluation or treatment.

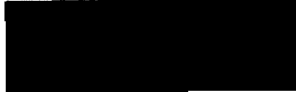
14 ANSWER:

15 Yes, he was.
16 Please see attached sheet for the above information.
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21 INTERROGATORY NO. 6: Have there been any complaints,
22 whether formal or informal, in any format including, but not
23 limited to letter, memo, verbal complaint or legal documents,
24 lodged or filed against Brother Berard Connelly for any reason
25 whatsoever?

ANSWER:

There have been no complaints lodged or filed against
Brother Berard Connolly except the one filed by



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INTERROGATORY NO. 7: If your answer to the immediately preceding interrogatory is in the affirmative, please state:

- (a) The nature of the complaint(s);
- (b) The date on which the complaint was made or filed;
- (c) Identify all persons who have knowledge of the complaint by stating their name, address and phone number; and
- (d) How the complaint was resolved if at all.

ANSWER:

See response to # 6.

1 REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2: Please provide copies of
2 all documents which in any manner relate to any complaint
3 identified in response to the preceding interrogatory.

4 RESPONSE:

5 See response to Request for Production No. 1.
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12 INTERROGATORY NO. 8: Have there been any complaints,
13 whether formal or informal, in any format including but not
14 limited to letter, memo, verbal complaint or legal documents,
15 lodged or filed against any Catholic priest or brother who
16 resided or worked in Spokane, Washington either prior to or
17 during the time Brother Berard Connelly worked in Spokane,
18 Washington which were based on inappropriate conduct.

19 ANSWER:

20 Not to our knowledge, but we have done no investigation
21 into this matter.
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INTERROGATORY NO. 9: If your answer to the immediately preceding interrogatory is in the affirmative, please state:

- (a) The nature of the complaint(s);
- (b) The date on which the complaint was made or filed;
- (c) Identify all persons who have knowledge of the complaint by stating their name, address and phone number; and
- (d) How the complaint was resolved, if at all.

ANSWER:

See response to #8.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3: Please provide copies of all documents which in any manner relate to any complaint identified in response to the preceding interrogatory.

RESPONSE:

See response to #8.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 10: If you currently are or have been a party to any litigation other than this lawsuit arising out of the sexual abuse of the complaining party; state for each:

- (a) The nature of the suit;
- (b) The date, court, place and cause number for each prior action;
- (c) The full names and last known addresses of all parties of each prior suit and their attorneys;
- (d) The present status of each suit; and
- (e) If concluded, the result or disposition of each suit.

ANSWER:

This is irrelevant.

INTERROGATORY NO. 11: Please state whether or not the The Franciscan Friars, Province of Saint Barbara maintained any procedures or policies regarding supervision of parish students and/or children while on or at parish grounds, schools, functions and/or activities during the period of time that Brother Berard Connelly was working in Spokane County, Washington.

ANSWER:

1 Brother Berard Connolly was governed by the Code of
2 Canon Law, the Rule and Constitutions of the Order of
3 Friars Minor.

4 It was the policy of the Franciscan Friars of the St.
5 Barbara Province that its members observe applicable
6 policies and procedures, if any, of the particular
7 diocese or parish in which they were working.

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10 INTERROGATORY NO. 12: If your answer to the immediately
11 preceding interrogatory is in the affirmative, please state:

12 (a) The date the policy was implemented;

13 (b) Whether or not any training was provided regarding
14 said policy;

15 (c) Whether or not the policy or procedure provides any
16 direction to persons who witness inappropriate conduct
17 directed toward parish students and/or children; and

18 (d) To whom the policy was disseminated.

19 ANSWER:

20 Objection: see the Diocese's objection to the
21 comparable question.

1 REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4: Please produce copies of
2 any policy identified in response to the immediately preceding
3 interrogatory.

4 **RESPONSE:**

5 These documents are publicly available.
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10 INTERROGATORY NO. 13: Please state whether or not the
11 The Franciscan Friars, Province of Saint Barbara maintained
12 any policies or procedures regarding inappropriate sexual
13 conduct on the part of priests or brothers while Brother
14 Berard Connelly was working in Spokane, Washington.

15 **ANSWER:**

16 See response to Interrogatory # 11.
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INTERROGATORY NO. 14: If your answer to the immediately preceding interrogatory is in the affirmative, please state:

- (a) The date the policy was implemented;
- (b) Whether or not any training was provided regarding said policy;
- (c) Whether or not the policy or procedure provides any direction to persons who witness inappropriate conduct; and
- (d) To whom the policy was disseminated.

ANSWER:

Objection: see the Diocese's objection to comparable question.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5: Please produce copies of any policy identified in response to the immediately preceding interrogatory.

RESPONSE:

These documents are publicly available.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 15: Identify all persons who are witnesses to any of the incidents complained of by Plaintiff by setting forth their:

- (a) Name, address, and telephone number; and
- (b) The substance of what they witnessed.

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 16: Identify all witnesses you intend to call at trial by setting forth their:

- (a) Name, address, and telephone number; and
- (b) A summary of their expected testimony.

ANSWER:

1 INTERROGATORY NO. 17: Identify all expert witnesses you
2 intend to call at trial by setting forth their:

3 (a) Name, address, and telephone number and their title;

4 (b) The subject matter on which the expert is expected
5 to testify;

6 (c) A summary of their expected testimony; and

7 (d) The basis for their expected testimony.

8 ANSWER:

9 ~~Brother Berard Connolly left Spokane, Washington, for~~
10 ~~sabbatical in which he took updating theological courses~~
11 ~~and after that was assigned to Provo, Utah.~~

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15 INTERROGATORY NO. 18: Please state the reasons why
16 Brother Berard Connolly ceased working in Spokane, Washington.

17 ANSWER:

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19 Brother Berard Connolly left Spokane, Washington, for
20 a sabbatical in which he took updating theological
21 courses and after that was assigned to Provo, Utah.

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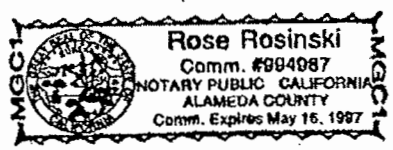
STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
County of Spokane)

_____ being first duly sworn on oath,
deposes and states.

I am the Provincial of The Franciscan Friars,
Province of Saint Barbara, and I am authorized to execute
these Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents
on behalf of The Franciscan Friars, Province of Saint Barbara.

I have read the answers to the foregoing Interrogatories
and Requests for Production of Documents, know the contents
thereof, and state that they are true and correct to the best
of my knowledge.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 27 day of
January, 1994.



Rose Rosinski
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for
the State of California,
residing at Hayward.
My commission expires:
May 16, 1997

The undersigned attorney for the party responding to the
above discovery matters signs this response in compliance
with Rule 26(g) of the Superior Court Civil Rules.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 1994.

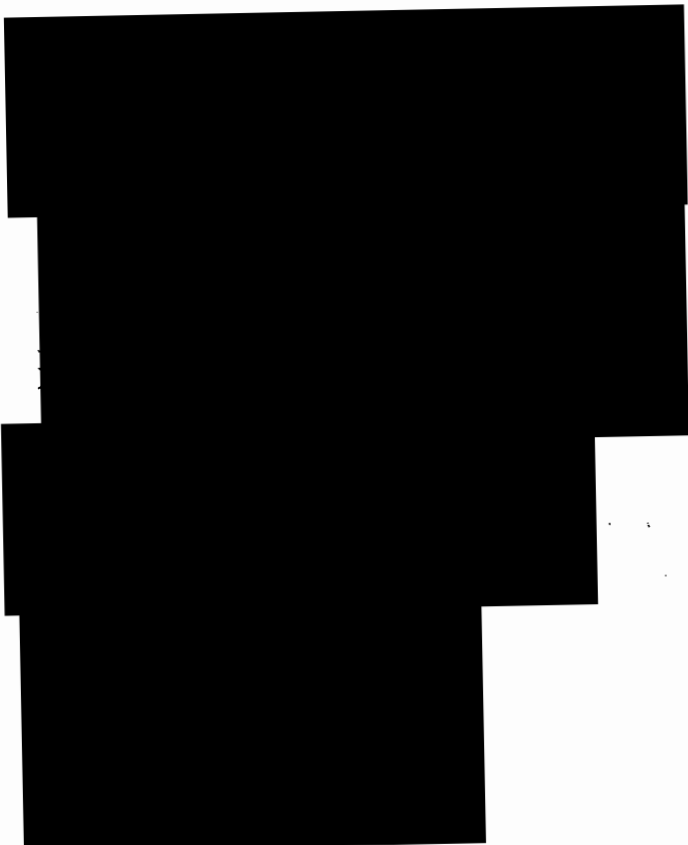
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Response to Interrogatory 3#:

Provincial Ministers (Superiors) from 1945 to the present

Rev. Gregory Wooler, OFM	1945 - 49	(deceased)
Rev. Augustine Hobrecht, OFM	1949 - 52	(deceased)
Rev. David Temple, OFM	1952 - 61	(deceased)

Rev. Terence Cronin, OFM 1961 - 67
133 Golden Gate Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94102
415 863-0111
Present title: Associate Pastor



Local Superiors from 1945 to the present

1945	Old Mission San Luis Rey:	Bertrand Hobrecht, OFM (deceased)
1946	Mission Santa Barbara:	Robert Schmidt, OFM (deceased) Urban Habig, OFM (deceased)
1947	Old Mission San Luis Rey:	Edmund Austin, OFM (deceased)
1948	Old Mission San Miguel:	Matthew Poetzl, OFM (deceased)

- 1949 St. Joseph, Los Angeles: Bertrand Hobrecht, OFM (deceased)
- 1950 St. Francis Retreat, San Juan Bautista, CA
Owen da Silva, OFM (deceased)
Gregory Wooler, OFM (deceased)
- 1953 Serra Retreat, Malibu, CA Hugh Noonan, OFM (deceased)
Dermot McLaughlin (deceased)
- 1958 Ascension, Portland, OR William Sisk, OFM
N. 4420 Jefferson Street
Spokane, WA 99202
509 325-1321
Present title: retired
- Clarence Manns, OFM (deceased)
Basil Kelly, OFM (deceased)
- 1964 St. Francis, Spokane, WA John Fowlie, OFM
133 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
415 863-0111
Present title: Associate Pastor, St. Boniface
- Jordan Donovan, OFM (deceased)
- 1968 St. Ann's, Spokane, WA Tom Frost, OFM
Gu Achi Trading Post
Sells, AZ 85634
602 361 - 2202
Present title: Pastor, San Solano Missions
- 1971 St. Francis, Provo, UT Howard Hall, OFM
Box 249
Three Rivers, CA 93271
209 561-4595
Present title: retreat master
St. Anthony's Retreat
- Michael Dallmeier, OFM
1950 W. San Xavier Road
Tucson, AZ 85746
602 294-2624
Present title: Pastor, Mission San Xavier
del Bac
- Linus Hohendorf, OFM
Old Mission
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

		805 682-4713 Present title: retired
		John Fowlie, OFM 133 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 415 863-0111 Present title: Associate Pastor, St. Boniface
1978	Novitiate, Oakland, CA	Brian Flynn, OFM PO Box 767 Danville, CA 94526 510 837-9141 Present title: retreat master San Damiano Retreat
1980	St. Anthony's Seminary Santa Barbara, CA	Robert Van Handel, OFM Box 1070 San Juan Bautista, CA 95045 408 623-4234 Present title: retreat house staff
1986	St. Francis, Toledo, WA	Stephen Barnufsky, OFM N. 4420 Jefferson Street Spokane, WA 99205 509 325-1321 Present title: Pastor, St. Francis
1988	San Xavier del Bac, Tucson, AZ	Michael Dallmeier, OFM 1950 W. San Xavier Road Tucson, AZ 85746 602 294-2624 Present title: Pastor, San Xavier del Bac
1993	St. Francis Retreat, San Juan Bautista, CA	Richard McManus, OFM Box 1070 San Juan Bautista, CA 95045 408 623-4234 Present title: Director & Local Superior

Response to Interrogatory #5:

- a. Dr. Gary Decker
10640 N. 28th Drive, Suite C 205
Phoenix, AZ 85029
602 375-9367

Brother Berard Connolly was requested to go for evaluation after the allegations with respect to [REDACTED] came to my attention.

Date of evaluation: March 19, 1990

- b. Dr. Lester Lothstein
Institute of Living
400 Washington Street
Hartford, CT 06106
203 241-8000

Brother Berard Connolly was requested to go to the Institute of Living in response to having received the report of the investigation of Sandra Brewer.

Date: September 17, 1992

- c. Dr. Wendy Sinclair-Brown
POB 643
San Juan Bautista, CA 95046-0643
408 637-8816

Brother Berard Connolly was requested to see Dr. Sinclair Brown in order to continue his aftercare program.

Date: February, 1993.