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Former altar boy suing priest for abuse in Dover

By BRAD MORIN
Democrat Staff Writer

DOVER — A former Dover priest, well-known for leading charismatic healing services, has been named in a lawsuit against the Diocese of Manchester.

Joseph Maguire, who once served at St. Joseph's Church in Dover, was named in a lawsuit filed by attorney Mark Abramson of Manchester. The plaintiff in the case, who is identified only as "John Doe," claims he was sexually abused by Maguire at St. Joseph's between 1976 and 1978, Abramson said.

Abramson said he filed the lawsuit Thursday in Hillsborough County Superior Court. His client was an altar boy at St. Joseph's and was around 12 years old when the alleged abuse occurred, according to Abramson.

Abramson said his client suffered repeated, serious "sexual attacks" and believes there were other victims. Abramson said he had received information to indicate that Maguire had once been questioned by the Dover Police Department. But Chief William Fenniman said Friday he has seen no records to indicate any such contact and

he does not recall any case that involved Maguire.

In February, Maguire was included on a list of priests who had been the subject of "credible" sexual abuse allegations, according to the Diocese of Manchester. Bishop John McCormack released the names after controversy erupted over the handling of sex abuse cases in Boston.

Maguire was reported as being retired and living in Hyannis, Mass. The Diocese of Manchester did not release details of the allegation against him, but stated that his pastoral ministry had been revoked.

Abramson said his client had never reported the alleged abuse to authorities.

Maguire was ordained in 1973 after an 18-year career as an electronics salesman. He served at St. Joseph's church in Dover for more than six years, ending in 1981, and led a charismatic prayer group that attracted hundreds of worshippers. At the time when he was leaving St. Joseph's, he was reportedly preparing to go to Rome and serve in the Stigmatine Order of priests.

Abramson's firm filed another lawsuit on Thursday, this one involving allegations of sexual abuse by the hands of a priest in

Manchester, identified as Donald Osgood. A total of eight lawsuits have now been filed by Abramson's clients.

Pat McGee, spokesman for the Diocese of Manchester, said the diocese had received the lawsuits. While Maguire was on the list released in February, McGee said it is unknown if this is a new incident because the victim is unidentified. The diocese has received no prior complaints about Osgood, who has been out of ministry since 1968, McGee said.

In each of the cases, the plaintiffs seek unspecified damages, alleging that the Diocese of Manchester "knew or should have known" that the priests in question had a propensity toward abusing minors. Abramson has also filed motions to attach church property.

Some of the other lawsuits filed by Abramson's clients have connections to the Seacoast:

□ Thomas Eschmann and Daniel Routhier allege they were molested at the Holy Trinity Church in Somersworth during the late 1960s. The former priest they have accused, Leo Landry, denied the allegations in a telephone interview with Foster's Daily Democrat. He left the priesthood in 1972 and got married. Landry's name was not included on the list released in February, and McGee said the diocese had never received a complaint about him.

□ Daniel Whitehouse alleges that he was molested by Paul Aube during the late 1970s and early 1980s at Holy Rosary Church in Rochester. Aube was included on the list of accused priests, but the McGee said this particular complaint was new to the diocese.

□ Another lawsuit, filed by unidentified plaintiffs, accuses suspended priest Stephen Scruton of witnessing abuse allegedly committed by another priest in Hudson. Scruton was reported as living in Dover when his name was included on the list of accused priests in February.

Abramson said the statute of limitations on civil lawsuits stemming from incidents that occurred before 1986 will normally expire within six years. But the statute of limitations does not begin to run until the plaintiff realizes the activity was wrong and realizes the injury that it caused, he said.

Abramson said this may preclude plaintiffs in some cases from going after the priests themselves, but he believes it

will not prevent them from successfully suing the Diocese of Manchester.

"None of these plaintiffs were aware of how complicit the church was," Abramson said. "What the media has been able to bring out has started the statute running."

TO: FILE

FROM: Paul E. Brodeur, Inv.

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
Complaints re: Priest

DATE: 24 APRIL 02 1540 hrs.

This date received call from: [REDACTED]

represented by Atty. Mark Abramson.

[REDACTED] advised that he was sexually involved with a Fr. LEO LANDRY at the Holy Trinity Rectory in Somersworth, NH. He advised this took place from 1966 to 1967 when he was ages 12 to 13.

[REDACTED] advised there were 15 to 20 experiences. He described the experiences as the removal of clothing, fondling and touching.

[REDACTED] advised that LANDRY was transferred out of this church. [REDACTED] advised that he has gotten away from Catholicism. Also advised that he did tell his mother about the incidents.

[REDACTED] advised that he and [REDACTED] were buddies and LANDRY had told him that he was involved with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that LANDRY used the confessional to target the youngsters.

Priests, diocese accuse

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One cleric is on list of 14; other left church

By SARAH C. VOS

Monitor staff

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Two new lawsuits have been filed alleging that the Diocese of Manchester failed to prevent priests from abusing boys in parishes in Somersworth and Rochester.

The cases are the most recent in a spate of civil lawsuits filed against the diocese. Both argue that the diocese knew or should have known that the priests in question "had a propensity for engaging in sexual contact with minors."

Neither victim had reported the abuse

before, according to Mark Abramson, the Manchester attorney who filed the lawsuits in Hillsborough County Superior Court yesterday. Both lawsuits ask the court for unspecified damages from the diocese but neither names the priest who allegedly committed the abuse as a defendant.

In one case, Daniel H. Whitehouse of Rochester accuses Paul L. Aube of sexually assaulting him from 1979 to 1986 at the Holy Rosary Parish.

Aube, who was ordained in 1970, was named by the diocese as one of 14 priests who had been credibly accused of sexual abusing minors. Sometime before Feb. 15, when the diocese released the names, the diocese had forbidden Aube to say Mass in public or perform the sacraments, said Patrick McGee, a diocese spokesman. McGee did not know when that permission had been revoked, nor did he know when the church received its first credible allegation against Aube.

Aube's number is unlisted, and he could not be reached for comment. Whitehouse declined to speak to a reporter.

In the second case, Daniel Routhier of Somersworth accuses Leo Landry of sexually abusing him at the Holy Trinity Rectory in Somersworth on numerous occasions in 1966 and 1967. Routhier was 12 at the time and an altar boy, according to *Foster's Daily Democrat*.

According to the lawsuit, after Routhier went to confession, Landry told him that he needed additional counseling. When Routhier sought counseling, the priest sexually assaulted him, the lawsuit alleges.

Landry, who left the priesthood to be married in 1971, was not on the list released in February. McGee said that Landry's personnel file did not contain any credible allegations of abuse.

Landry, who is now living in Rochester, has denied the accusations, according to *Foster's*. Routhier declined to comment and referred all questions to Abramson.

Two more NH suits vs. priests

BY NANCY MEERSMAN
Union Leader Staff Reporter

A man alleging he was sexually abused by a priest at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Somersworth told his lawyer the priest used a diabolical scheme to ensure a never-ending stream of fresh 12- and 13-year-old boys to molest.

"It was a great source of victims for him. It was a pedophile's dream," said Manchester attorney Mark Abramson of the ploy the priest allegedly used to get boys to confess to masturbating and then receive "absolution."

When the worried youngsters brought their concerns to the priest, according to the introduction to a lawsuit filed yesterday in Hillsborough County Superior Court, the priest would "savagely sexually abuse the boys."

This priest, who left the church in 1972, was identified as Leo Landry in the lawsuit.

Telephoned at his home, Landry said he had "no comments" and referred the

call to the church chancellor.

His accuser, Daniel Routhier of Somersworth, is seeking damages from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester Inc., alleging the church was negligent in employing a priest who abused children. Routhier alleges he was assaulted by Landry from 1966 to 1977.

Another alleged victim, Daniel Whitehouse of Rochester, also sued the church yesterday, accusing it of failing to protect him from Paul J. Aube, whom he alleges abused him at Holy Rosary in Rochester from 1979 to 1986.

"The victim was repeatedly sexually assaulted in the rectory," Abramson said. He said Aube plied the boy with favors, gave him alcohol, pretended to be his friend and then molested him.

Earlier this month, Abramson filed four lawsuits against the church on behalf of six other men alleging priests abused them when they were children.

Lawyers for the Manchester Diocese have not yet responded to those lawsuits. The plaintiffs, in the meantime, have asked the Hillsborough County Superior Court for \$3 million attachments on church assets.

Patrick McGee, spokesman for the Manchester Diocese, was served with the two latest suits yesterday. He declined comment.

McGee noted that Aube was on the list Bishop John B. McCormack made public in February, naming 14 priests who had been accused of sexual misconduct and had been relieved of their

pastoral duties. A church Web site said Aube was a resident of Manchester and was "on a personal sabbatical."

Landry was not on the bishop's list. McGee said Landry had been a member of an order, the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata, and was not a diocesan priest. But he had been assigned to the Manchester Diocese from 1966 to 1971, working under Bishop Odore Gendron. McGee said Landry returned to lay status in 1972, at his own request, and got married.

"We had no complaints against him in our files," McGee said.

Several lawsuits are pending, including a potential class action suit in Hillsborough County Superior Court. Lawyers say they are receiving numerous calls from people claiming to be victims of sexual abuse in the church and many more suits are likely.

Peter Hutchins, a Manchester lawyer, said he has talked to 15 to 20 people interested in joining the class action suit. He said this type of suit makes gathering evidence easier and faster — many victims are able to fill in the gaps and complete the story for others whom they never realized were being abused by the same individual in the same time frame.

"Information in one case may be critical in another case," Hutchins said. "One person may not have a case because of the statute of limitations, but might want to help other victims. That is the advantage."

He said if the court doesn't cer-

tify the class, the cases could go forward together through the discovery period and then be tried individually.

Abramson said Routhier told him that Landry would call 12- and 13-year-old boys into a classroom at Holy Trinity School and ask them to disrobe.

"He would tell them their bodies were about to change and they were going to get urges they didn't have before, and they might be inclined to masturbate — something which all young boys did.

"He told them, if they did, it was a sin, and if they did, it had to be confessed. If they confessed, they had to confess to him," Abramson said.

The same day, as Routhier told it, the priest would hold confession in the school auditorium, but there was no confession booth, Abramson said.

"He had them kneel on a knee-ler, face to face with the priest, with other boys around. There was no curtain. The boy would confess to impure thoughts and acts," Abramson said.

Routhier was told this had to be taken care of outside the church, Abramson said. "He had to come to the rectory, where he proceeded to abuse him over a long period of time, starting slowly and progressing...."

He said Routhier told him the abuse often happened after Mass when the altar boys would be asked to come to the Holy Trinity Rectory. "He abused them and then gave them absolution after he abused them," Abramson said.

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April 23, 2002

Janice Rundles, Esquire
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Dover, NH 03821-0799

Dear Janice:

Enclosed please find a report of sexual misconduct by Father Leo Landry. It appears that the sexual assaults took place in your county.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

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

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TO: FILE
FROM: PAUL E. BRODEUR, INV
RE: CRI-02-00103 PRIESTS
DATE: 22 APR 02

A package of material was received from Atty. Wilson Rogers regarding a number of victims from the Boston ArchDiocese that were also victimized in NH.

The NH priests and victims are as follows:

DONNELLY, Thomas

- [REDACTED] - we have already spoken with [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] Rockingham County

GALE, Robert V

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

TOWNER, Robert

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] Alton, NH Belknap County

- [REDACTED]
- Alton, NH possibly two incidents.

- [REDACTED]
- we have report from mother.
- Alton, NH Blknap County

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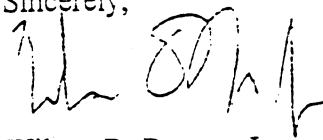
Mr. William Delker
Senior Assistant
Office of the Attorney General
State of New Hampshire
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Concord, NH 03301-6397

Dear Mr. Delker:

I serve as General Counsel to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Corporation Sole. In response to Grand Jury subpoenas, the Archdiocese of Boston turned over the files of 18 priests to the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On April 8, 2002, the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office returned these files to our office. Pursuant to an agreement reached between our office and the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, however, certain records of allegations of abuse pertaining to three priests are enclosed for your review. The names of these priests are Rev. Robert V. Gale, Rev. Thomas D. Donnelly and Rev. Robert Towner.

The Archdiocese of Boston is committed to cooperating with your office in this regard. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Wilson D. Rogers, Jr.

WDR/ec

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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: LEO LANDRY
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: NH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
DATE OF INTERVIEW: SEPTEMBER 3, 2002
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
FATHER LEO LANDRY
INTERVIEWED BY: ANTHONY FOWLER, INV. ^(a)
KATHY KIMBALL, INV.

On the above date, former priest LEO LANDRY was interviewed as follow-up to this investigation. The interview occurred at a Criminal Bureau conference room and the entire interview was audiotaped. Permission to tape was given by MR. LANDRY. Present for the interview was INV. ANTHONY FOWLER, DET. KATHY KIMBALL, ATTNY. JAMES ROSENBERG, LAURIE WOODAMAN- Legal Case Manager for the MCDANIEL LAW FIRM, ATTORNEY ROBERT MCDANIEL who represents LEO LANDRY, and LEO LANDRY. Please refer to the taped interview transcripts for details.

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: LEO LANDRY
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: NH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
DATE OF INTERVIEW: SEPTEMBER 4, 2002
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
FATHER LEO LANDRY
INTERVIEWED BY: ANTHONY FOWLER, INV. (C)
KATHY KIMBALL, INV.

On the above date, LEO LANDRY was interviewed at the ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. This was a continuation of the interview of SEPTEMBER 3, 2002. The entire interview was audiotaped with LANDRY'S permission. Present for the interview was INV. ANTHONY FOWLER, INV. KATHY KIMBALL, ATTNY. JAMES ROSENBERG, LAURIE WOODAMAN-Legal Case Manager for the MCDANIEL LAW FIRM, ATTNY. ROBERT MCDANIEL, and LEO LANDRY. Please refer to the transcriptions for further details.

MEMORANDUM

TO: File - LEO LANDRY
FROM: Brenda M. Blomigen, Sergeant *BMB/SB*
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
DATE: September 17, 2002

On Tuesday, September 10, 2002 I called and spoke with [REDACTED], who is a DCYF Supervisor in Rochester. [REDACTED] told me that her son

[REDACTED]

had been abused by LEO LANDRY when LANDRY was a teacher at Spaulding High School. [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] told her that LANDRY had kissed him, fondled him and had taught him [REDACTED] how to masturbate. This is all that her son told her that happened to him. [REDACTED] told me that as soon as she heard about this she immediately called and reported it to the police as well as the school department. [REDACTED] told me that LANDRY was immediately terminated from Spaulding High School. [REDACTED] said that her son wanted nothing to do with any prosecution or anything and he was upset that it had been reported to the police.

[REDACTED] told me that long before this ever happened the school nurse, [REDACTED] told her about "a" teacher at Spaulding that there were concerns about but nothing had ever been reported or seen. She said that [REDACTED] would not tell her the name, but as soon as this happened with LANDRY she confirmed that it was him.

[REDACTED] told me that there was another kid that was possibly abused by LANDRY. She said that the parents of the kid was [REDACTED] who is the wife of [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] son attempted suicide and she thought that it was because of things that happened with LANDRY. [REDACTED] said that if any contact was made with the [REDACTED] to call and speak with [REDACTED]

LEO LANDRY INTERVIEW

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- AF: This is Investigator Anthony Fowler of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. It is September 4, 2002 at 11:38 a.m. by my watch. This is an continuation of an interview with Mr. Leo Landry. We are in a conference room at the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office and I'm going to go around and have everybody introduce themselves who is present for the interview and first off Mr. Landry do you have any problem, do you give us permission to audio tape this interview?
- LL: Yes I do.
- AF: Okay.
- KK: I'm Detective Kathleen M. Kimball of the New Hampshire State Police.
- LW: Laurie Woodaman, case manager for the law office of Robert McDaniel.
- LL: Leo Landry.
- RM: Robert E. McDaniel, counsel for Mr. Landry.
- JR: Jim Rosenberg, Assistant Attorney General.
- AF: Okay. Kathy, you had left off if you remember I'm going to let you continue. Do you want to continue on with that or I can, it doesn't matter.
- KK: Ah, I believe we left off, we were talking about um your assignments here in New Hampshire.
- LL: Huh, huh. Yes.
- KK: You had already joined the Diocese of Manchester.
- LL: Yes.
- KK: And we had covered your time in Lincoln, New Hampshire and also in Laconia.
- LL: Yes.
- KK: New Hampshire. I would just ask you over night since the first part of our conversation have you remembered anything that would be pertinent to those two assignments?

LL: No.

KK: Okay. Then we had just started with Somersworth, New Hampshire.

LL: Yes.

KK: And you had told us that you had been there for approximately 8 or 9 months.

LL: Yes.

KK: The pastor was Leo Ryan.

LL: Yes.

KK: Father Leo Ryan. And you had given us the names of two boys that you had sexual contact with. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

LL: Yes.

KK: Ah, have you since remembered anyone else that you had had sexual contact with there?

LL: No.

KK: All right. And I believe we had started to talk about the fact that you had approached Bishop Primeau at some point where you were in Somersworth.

LL: He called me in.

KK: Because there was a rumor of a complaint or an actual complaint?

LL: An actual complaint.

KK: An actual complaint. All right. Why don't we pick it up at that point then and talk about um your contact with the Bishop. He called you in. Can you tell us more about that?

LL: Yeah. He called his home I guess is on River Road in Manchester.

KK: All right.

LL: And he called me in and um he said that there was ah a lady that called him about my touching her son up at her camp in Milton and ah he asked me if it were true.

- RM: Slow, slow down a little, Leo. And this is [REDACTED]
- LL: [REDACTED]
- KK: Okay.
- RM: Do you remember, as precisely as you can, the exact words that the Bishop asked you and if you can the exact words you used in response.
- LL: Okay. He says um, he looked at me and he said is this true that you touched this boy? And I said to him I wish I could tell you that it wasn't true.
- KK: And how did the Bishop respond to you?
- LL: He didn't say anything and ah, ah well he says say you know that's ah that's a serious thing and he said ah I would recommend that you write. I don't know if that's the exact, you know okay, but he said something to the idea that you should write her a letter of apology for this and you know don't do this again.
- KK: Did you in fact write a letter?
- LL: No I did not.
- KK: Did you have any contact with [REDACTED]
- LL: No.
- KK: Did the Bishop know that?
- LL: I don't know. I don't know.
- KK: All right. So the Bishop recommended you write a letter of apology and he advised you that he didn't want you to do this again.
- LL: Yeah.
- KK: Was there any conversation relating to you getting counseling help or any other sort of help?
- LL: No.
- KK: Did you ask for it?
- LL: No.

KK: All right.

AF: Can I ask one question?

KK: Huh, huh.

AF: Did you tell the Bishop specifically what the contact had been with the boy?
Do you recall?

LL: I don't think so. I really don't think so.

AF: Do you remember what year it was that you met with the Bishop on this
problem?

LL: I learned this from, from I think um the Chancellor Father Arseneault of this
year. I think he said, he's the one that told me, I think I, he mentioned to me
the times that I was, the timeframe that I was stationed in Somersworth and I
thought he said something like you know, somewhere either around Christmas
time or just after Christmas till the following summer. I think he said
something like 9 months. You were only there 9 months.

KK: So the complaint came in around Christmas time?

LL: No, no, no I think the question was when I was there.

KK: Oh.

LL: Did you ask me. Go ahead.

AF: What year did you meet with Bishop Primeau regarding the allegation by
[REDACTED]

LL: I think it was in 1966.

KK: And was that in close time to when [REDACTED] actually made her complaint or
was there a delay do you know?

LL: [REDACTED] made her complaint first.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: And then Bishop Primeau called me in.

KK: And do you know how much time passed between those two incidences?

LL: Couple of weeks maybe.

KK: Okay. Was anyone else there present during your meeting with the Bishop?

LL: No. No.

KK: Did um the Bishop document your visit in anyway that you know? Did he send you a follow-up letter or anything like that?

LL: No.

KK: All right.

AF: Did the Bishop ever or any member of the church after this allegation in meeting with Bishop Primeau occurred ever follow-up with you ah Mr. Landry about how you were doing or ever restrict your contact with minors in any way after that?

LL: No.

KK: So you went back to Somersworth after your meeting with the Bishop?

LL: No.

KK: Okay, what happened?

LL: I was stationed in Manchester at the time this happened.

KK: All right. So you had already left Somersworth?

LL: I had already left Somersworth and I went to Manchester and I went back to Somersworth for a visit and that's when it happened.

KK: Okay. Um, lets move, let get, when did you go to Manchester? So if you had been in Somersworth for 8 or 9 months, was it Manchester your next assignment?

LL: Yes.

KK: And what parish in Manchester?

LL: St. Anne's.

KK: And do you recall who the pastor would have been?

LL: Monsignor Kinelly.

KK: Does Ann have and e on the end in that parish?

LL: Yes.

KK: Okay. Monsignor Kinelly?

LL: First name, I think it's Joe. I think his first name is Joe Kinelly, yeah.

KK: Were there other priests besides the Monsignor in that parish?

LL: Yes. There was ah, there was a Father Smith. I think, I think his first name is Richard Smith.

KK: Anyone else that you remember?

LL: Well, during my stay there?

KK: Yes.

LL: Father Smith got transferred out and Father John Quinn was just a newly ordained priest came, took his place.

KK: All right. After your meeting with the Bishop then while you were there in Manchester, do you know whether the Bishop had any contact with Monsignor Kineilly about a complaint being made?

LL: No I don't know.

KK: So you don't know one way or the other whether there was contact?

LL: Not at all, no.

KK: Did Monsignor Kineilly ever approach you and talk about this subject?

LL: No.

KK: Were any kind of restrictions put on you at St. Anne's because of the nature of that complaint?

LL: No.

AF: Do you know what the outcome was of that complaint, Mr. Landry? Do you know how the Diocese handled that?

LL: I don't. It just died, you know.

KK: Do you remember when you went to Manchester?

LL: I guess I went to Manchester when all the changes come out. There was, there was a bad situation in Somerswoth with Leo Ryan. He was a tyrant. And you know we had a real tough time and I was all alone with him and as I say I had just come into the Diocese so I remember somebody. I don't know one of the priests in the area mentioned that to me that you know, just hang in there because it's not going to last long. They're going to get you out of here because they've got to and the situation is just too tough and then I was moved, I just, when all the changes come out I was moved to Manchester. Ah, I can't tell you what time of the year it was or anything like that. I had, I don't have a clue.

KK: Okay. Would that have been in 1966?

LL: Could have been, yes.

KK: All right. How long were you at St. Anne's?

LL: Oh I'd say a good year.

KK: All right. Okay. While you were at St. Anne's did you.

LL: Can we go back?

KK: Yes.

AF: Yes.

KK: Go right ahead.

LL: Okay. Just got to think a little bit.

RM: Take your time Leo.

LL: I'm not positive. One hundred percent positive of what I'm going to say now, okay, but it seems to me that when I met with the Bishop okay he mentioned something about being changed. Now I'm not positive was in that exact timeframe. I'm not positive about that, but some time in there he asked me if I would go to I think it was a Father, it was either Father Kilcorn or Father

Bonner and I told him I says Father Bonner was a priest when I was at St. John's School in Concord. I says you put me with him the first thing I do is when I walk into the house I smash his face and I'd look at him and I'd say we start from here and he says well I won't put you there. No, I don't know if that's relevant to anything that we're.

KK: Where was Father Bonner?

LL: I, I don't, I don't, I don't remember.

KK: So was he a pastor

LL: Yes.

KK: At another parish.

LL: Yes.

KK: He was trying to decide which assignment he was going to give to you?

LL: Yeah.

KK: All right. And where was the other priests assigned to? You gave two names. Oh, that was your choice.

LL: Yeah. Father Smith. Yes, Father Smith, yeah. Father Smith was there and that could have been right in that timeframe you know when the changes were coming up.

KK: Okay.

LL: And he asked me that. Now if my, my doubts are was it at that particular time that he called me in for the asking me those questions.

KK: Okay.

JR: It sounds like you're not sure of when that conversation occurred, but are you certain that that conversation did occur?

LL: Of, of what I just said now?

JR: Yeah.

LL: Yes I'm positive of that. It did occur. My question is when.

JR: Okay. And um and just explain a little bit more about, about the change and the

LL: From Father Bonner? Okay. Father Bonner, Father Kilcorn the four of them. Four Irish, they use to call them the Irish Mafia and they were, they were infamous you know, you know for not being stitchuent. There was one priest, I forget his name. He was up in Lebanon and he was part of that and there was another one. I think in Lakeport and I don't remember his name, but they were the four of them and they were just four guys that you just didn't want to be stationed with. First of all they had a problem.

JR: When you refer to a problem.

KK: The tape can't see you do that so can you put that into words for us?

RM: There was a problem there.

LL: The problem was they were known for their drinking. As a matter of fact they had a cottage someplace up on Rye on the Rocks. Do you know where that is? Some place up there and the police, police were constantly being called up there you know because there was just, they were just so bad and that's why I answered the Bishop the way I did because I definitely wasn't going there. Not with my problems you know I didn't need more stuff.

KK: When the Bishop was talking to you about a transfer, was that transfer related to the complaint that had been made against you?

LL: In all honesty I really don't know. See my doubt is is the timing of it as you said, I, I think it was them, but I, I can't really say for sure. See, where what I'm finding is this I don't remember being called in twice, see.

JR: Huh, huh.

AF: Mr. Landry can I ask you this. I'm a little confused.

LL: Go ahead.

AF: When you met with Bishop Primeau.

LL: Huh, huh.

AF: Regarding the [REDACTED] allegation.

LL: Huh, huh, yes.

AF: Did you say you were already stationed in Manchester?

LL: Yes.

AF: You were at St. Anne's at the time?

LL: Yes.

AF: So you weren't in Somersworth?

LL: No.

AF: You'd already been moved?

LL: Yes.

AF: Okay.

LL: Yes.

AF: All right.

LL: See I went back for a visit. I you know I was looking, what I was looking for I had a camping trailer and there was I knew there was a camping trailer some place up in Milton that I wanted to look at and I just happened to pick up [REDACTED] and he went up there with me.

JR: I wanted to talk a little bit more about that incident. How did it come to be that you ended up with [REDACTED] back on this visit. You've been transferred and then you end up. Explain to us how you end up with [REDACTED] again?

LL: I, I wanted to go. I was just going over for a visit and ah I went over to his house and ah you know after school and picked him up and we went up and ah you know we decided to get together and we went to his ah, his cottage.

JR: And where was his cottage?

LL: It's some place. It's not right on the lake, but it was like back of the lake. You know just a few yards. Well so many yards or so away from the lake and we went in there and you know we were on the bed and I think that one of the neighboring lady's must have looked in through the window and saw us and then reported, called the mother.

KK: So the mother, [REDACTED] was not at her home when you picked [REDACTED] to go.

LL: She was at her home.

KK: Oh she was.

LL: She was. Yes she was.

KK: Did she know that [REDACTED] was going to leave with you?

LL: Yes.

KK: And she gave her permission for [REDACTED] to leave with you?

LL: Yes.

AF: How old was [REDACTED] the time, Father?

LL: 13, 14.

JR: And how did you originally meet [REDACTED]

LL: I went over this yesterday. He was the boy that I mentioned to you that we went up to the Kangamangus Highway and it was very cold that day.

KK: Huh, huh.

AF: Yeah.

JR: And so you, did you originally meet him through um CCD and other youth organizations at the parish?

LL: Alter boy.

JR: He was an alter boy?

LL: Yes.

JR: Um, so did you meet him through your um, your work?

LL: Yes.

JR: Priests at the parish in Somerville?

LL: Yes.

AF: Somersworth?

JR: Somersworth, I'm sorry.

AF: Can you describe what the lake, when you said the lake just for the record, what lake are you taking about?

LL: That's called Milton Ponds.

AF: In Milton, New Hampshire?

LL: Yes.

AF: Okay. What was the, what occurred in the camp there?

LL: Well, we both took our clothes off and got on the bed and played with each other and masturbated each other.

AF: Okay. Was there any penetration, Mr. Landry?

LL: No, no.

AF: It was fondling, touching?

LL: Yes.

AF: Masturbation?

LL: Yes.

AF: Okay. When, when did that occur, sir? Were you, again you were stationed in Manchester at that time?

LL: Yes.

AF: So 1966? Would that be

LL: I guess, you know.

AF: Okay.

LL: I don't know if it could be '67, I don't know.

AF: Okay. That's fine.

KK: When Bishop Primeau asked you to write that letter of apology, was there any kind of a consequence if you did not write it?

LL: No. All he says was you know I think you should write her a letter of apology?

KK: And

LL: You know he suggested, it was like it was a suggestion more than anything.

KK: Okay. And when you made the decision not to write that letter, can you tell us why you did that?

LL: I was scared.

KK: Of what?

LL: I don't know, I was just scared.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: I, didn't know how, I really didn't know how you know, you know sit down and almost like face the woman you know say hey I'm sorry I touched your kid.

AF: Were you held accountable in anyway or shape of form for that [REDACTED] complaint by the Diocese or by anybody, Mr. Landry?

LL: I'm not sure I understand what you.

AF: Did the Diocese hold you accountable in any way such as um mandatory counseling?

LL: No.

AF: Anything at all the Diocese take any action at all.

LL: No.

AF: On that complaint to try and help you or to your knowledge the victim?

LL: No.

RM: Were there any repercussions at all? Were you punished in anyway?

LL: No.

RM: Were you sanctioned in anyway?

LL: No.

RM: Were you cautioned, admonished or warned?

LL: Well I was told not to go to Somersworth.

AF: By?

LL: I think the Bishop, the Bishop told me not go, you know please don't go to Somersworth anymore.

KK: And that was in went hand in hand with try not to do it again? Or don't do it again?

LL: Yes, yes.

JR: I'm a little confused about um he said that either on this occasion when the Bishop called you and you talked about reassignment or soon thereafter he talked about reassignment. Is that right?

LL: Yes.

JR: Um, why would you need to be reassigned if you already moved from um Somersworth to Manchester?

LL: Well off the top of my hat.

JR: Huh, huh.

LL: It could be that there were some assignments coming out in the future and he was just probing.

JR: Huh, huh.

LL: But you know I, I, I can't, I can't say for sure that you know it could be that he was reassigning me because of that, but I, I did not get that impression or I didn't get the impression that way, but

JR: How long, how long did you serve in Manchester?

LL: I had to be there in '68. You know I had to be because from there I went to, to Berlin just for a year and I left from Berlin.

KK: Okay.

JR: So were you in Manchester for at least a year?

LL: I think so yes. I think so.

JR: And could you describe what some of your responsibilities were at St. Anne's in Manchester?

LL: Same thing as in any other parish. You know you were the curit. You know assigned to whatever.

JR: Did, did you work with children at all?

LL: I, I did. I, I as a matter of fact Monsignor wanted me to train some of the alter boys. Um, I had a special crew prepared just for him and he was so proud of them and they were really, they were really good and any time there was a funeral mass or anything like that he would always ask me if I want my crew. They were good.

JR: How many, how many were in the crew?

LL: About five.

JR: And, and what ages were the kids that helped out as alter boys on all of the occasions?

LL: 13, 12, 13, 14.

JR: Did, did you ever have any sexual contact with the kids in that group?

LL: No.

JR: How about with any kids in Manchester while you were working there?

LL: Yes.

KK: That's what I was going to get to. Ah, you did have sexual contact with kids in Manchester?

LL: Yes.

KK: At St. Anne's?

LL: Yes. I can remember two brothers.

KK: Two brothers. Do you remember their names?

LL: [REDACTED]

KK: And is that [REDACTED]

LL: I think so yes.

KK: And how old are those boys, were those boys at that time?

LL: [REDACTED] was about the 8th grade so that would make him what 14. And the other one was a year or two, a year or two behind him so 13. I don't believe it was 12. I don't know. I really don't know.

KK: Okay. And describe the extent of your contact with [REDACTED]

LL: Same thing, touching, fondling, masturbation.

KK: And with [REDACTED]

LL: The same.

KK: All right. Any penetration?

LL: No.

KK: Or oral contact?

LL: No that I can remember, no.

KK: All right. Ah, with both of those boys where they alter boys?

LL: Yes.

KK: And was your sexual contact with them concurrent? Were you having contact with both boys during the same time period?

LL: Not together.

KK: Okay.

LL: No, not together, but the same time period, yes.

KK: All right. And ah why those boys?

LL: I, I think it was because what I remember is that the youngest one one time you know I was in charge of the boys and you know you get to know, but the youngest boy, I would say 3 days chased me around that Rectory. He wanted to talk to me any time of the time. I didn't want to get involved with boys and I tried and I tried and finally you know he cornered me and he wanted to talk to me and he wanted to talk to me because evidently ah they had had a group of boys and they were having sex together with, with some of these boys and you know I don't remember you know anything else about that, but then later on you know I don't know if it's because I didn't give them hell or something like that, but he had, he had a way of coming onto you. He wanted to be held all the time. He wanted to hug you all the time and I tried to push him away and as a matter of fact I even brought him to his father. I told his father I says you know can you get this kid away from me, you know, but it didn't work. You know sooner or later I broke down. I don't remember when, how, but I do remember I broke down.

KK: When you say you broke down?

LL: I touched him and.

KK: All right. So which one did you have contact with first?

LL: I think it was the youngest one.

KK: And how did the older one come into it?

LL: I think if because the older one, he had contact, he was having contact with another boy and he and he came and told me about that and ah you know we talked about it. I guess one thing lead to another.

KK: All right. Did you have contact, sexual contact with both boys one time or more than one time?

LL: More than one time.

KK: Each one?

LL: Each one.

KK: All right. When you went to the father regarding the younger boy.

LL: Huh, huh.

KK: Did you explain to him why this boy, young boy, was hanging on you?

LL: Well I, I mentioned it to him. I said he's hanging on me and I says you know it's, it's too much affection and stuff like that. It's too much. And he says so he spoke to the kid and the kid cried his eyes out cause he thought he lost me as a friend.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: And his father says you're not going to lose him as a friend. It's just that he's trying to tell you you know you can't do these things.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: But.

KK: Did you communicate to the father either privately or in front of the boy that there had been some sexual contact either with the boy and other boys?

LL: At the time I approached the father there was no sexual contact. That happened afterwards.

KK: Okay. All right. So you just told the father that he was too affectionate.

LL: Yeah.

KK: All right. And the boy, the father addressed this in the boy's presence with you? The three of you?

LL: No.

KK: No.

LL: He, he spoke to the boy alone.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: Cause one morning after, after mass I brought the boy home and the father was shaving and I was in the bathroom with the father.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: When I told him what was happening and he says okay I'll have

AF: Father, do you remember what street they lived on or where they lived at the time? Was it close to the church? Obviously it had to be to some degree.

LL: Yeah, I want to say [REDACTED]

AF: Yep.

LL: I think. It's one of those streets you know that goes you know runs parallel with ah

AF: [REDACTED]

LL: Yeah, something, but I think it's [REDACTED]

AF: Okay.

KK: Do you recall the father's first name?

LL: No. I know he had a [REDACTED]

KK: Okay.

LL: And his oldest boy worked with him.

KK: So there were more than just these two brothers in the family?

LL: Yeah. There was, there were four boys, two girls.

KK: Okay. Did you have sexual contact with any other minors while you were at St. Anne's?

LL: I, I don't know. I don't know. Possibly.

KK: Is it possible?

LL: Possible, but I can't think.

JR: Um, you described before your meeting with Bishop Primeau, that was once you'd already been in Manchester?

LL: Yes.

JR: Um, was it soon after the time you had arrived in Manchester that you met with Bishop Primeau about the incident in Somersworth?

LL: No, I don't think so.

JR: Um, and I guess my question is after you discussed the incident that had occurred in Somersworth with Bishop Primeau was it after that time that you had contact with the [REDACTED] boys?

LL: Oh I have no

JR: In Manchester?

LL: I don't know.

JR: You're not sure you can't place it before?

LL: I can't, I cannot do that.

JR: Well was your contact with the [REDACTED] boys continuing it sounds like it happened more than once.

LL: It did.

JR: So was your contact with either one or both of the [REDACTED] boys continuing throughout the entire time you were in Manchester?

LL: I think so.

JR: So if, if your contact with the [REDACTED] boys continued throughout the entire time that you were in Manchester then to some extent your contact with them would that have been after the time that you talked to Bishop Primeau about what happened in Somersworth?

LL: It could be. It could be, yeah.

KK: What made the contact with the [REDACTED] others stop?

LL: I think my transfer to Berlin.

KK: So it would have continued throughout the time you were there?

LL: Possible, but, but you know see sometime what I remember I think when I went to Berlin it might have been like early fall.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: See. And like during the summer months, you know. There was no activity and you know with kids in the parish and things like that so I don't remember, you know that period of time could have been.

KK: Okay. Um, do you know whether anyone knew of your contact with the [REDACTED] boys? Any other adults?

LL: No.

KK: Did you maintain any contact with any of your prior victims while you were in Manchester?

LL: The only one that I ever in all the time was that [REDACTED] boy. The only time I went back to a victim.

KK: Okay.

LL: Other than that I never, no.

KK: All right. And after that one occasion when you had contact with the [REDACTED] boy and the complaint was later made, did you ever have contact with him again?

LL: No.

KK: All right. So after the complaint and the Bishop said stay away from Somersworth did you ever have contact with the [REDACTED] boy?

LL: No.

KK: All right. Did you in fact stay away from Somersworth?

LL: Yes.

KK: All right. Okay. Um, so then you said you went to Berlin from Manchester.

LL: Yes.

KK: And what parish was that to?

LL: St. Kerin.

KK: And ah can you put a rough timeframe on it as far as year?

- LL: I think it would have to be like '69, the fall of '69 to the summer of '70 because I'm pretty sure I left in '70.
- KK: Okay. And who, who was the pastor at St. Kerin?
- LL: Father Bosa. John Bosa
- KK: B O S A?
- LL: Yes.
- KK: Anyone else in the Rectory?
- LL: Yes.
- KK: And who would that be?
- LL: Dan LaMoth.
- KK: Anyone else?
- LL: Not, not for a priest. Housekeeper.
- KK: Okay. And do you remember who the housekeeper was?
- LL: I don't remember her name, no.
- KK: Okay. Um, do you know whether when you went to Berlin that the pastor, Father Bosa, was told anything about what had occurred in your past?
- LL: I don't know. As far as I know, no.
- KK: Did he ever talk to you about it?
- LL: No.
- KK: How about Father LaMothe?
- LL: No. The only like, see when we were up there they were starting a whole housing, a new housing project and Dan and I had a tough time with Bosa. He didn't want either of us there. He didn't like us and maybe because he was involved with the housekeeper so we were out. So there was a renovation project that was going to go on and there were some old buildings and Father LaMothe and I got an apartment of our own up there so that we could have it's kind of anytime we wanted to go and just crash out and sleep or anything like

that we could go there and ah they charged us twenty five bucks a month so you know we just took it and that's LaMothe is the one that's got a bed in there and he's got some chairs and a television and stuff and we used it for that.

KK: All right. Ah, can you remember the address of this place, where the apartment was?

LL: If you know Berlin I can describe you where it was.

KK: Okay, go ahead. I know it a little bit.

LL: Okay. If you're coming from down state and you go through Main Street Berlin.

KK: Yes.

LL: And you can circle around and go back the other way.

KK: Yes.

LL: And as you're just ending and coming out of the extension of Main Street.

KK: Yes.

LL: There's a Dunkin Donuts over on the left.

KK: Yes.

LL: The housing project was right there.

KK: On the right?

LL: On the right.

KK: Okay. I know where you mean.

LL: Yeah. I just don't know what's in there now, but.

KK: Okay. Um, and how long would you say that you had that apartment?

LL: Not very long. You know because I, like maybe mid winter.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: And I left in the summer so I don't know if he kept it or what. I just know I left that's all.

KK: Did Father Bosa know about the apartment?

LL: Oh yes.

KK: He did?

LL: Oh yes.

KK: All right. And ah all right let me ask you this then. Did you have any sexual contact with minors while you were in Berlin?

LL: Yes.

KK: And do you remember who that was with?

LL: Um, [REDACTED] Ah, [REDACTED] I can't think of anything else, anybody else.

KK: All right and what age were these kids?

LL: 14.

KK: And can you describe the sexual contact that you had?

LL: Same as before.

KK: With each one of them?

LL: Yes.

KK: Did your contact with them progress any further then what you've already described to us?

LL: No, no. Just touching and masturbation that's all.

KK: All right. How about being naked with them?

LL: Yes and yes. I was masturbated by [REDACTED]

KK: All right. Any, either of the other two?

LL: No.

KK: Where did these acts occur?

LL: They had a Boy Scout Camp outside of Berlin and I had my camping trailer up there and I remember all three went up there.

KK: All right. Did the acts occur anywhere other than the camping trailer?

LL: Ah I want to say it happened in the apartment, but I don't think so. I don't remember doing, I don't remember.

KK: Why do you want to say that though?

LL: Well because you know it would be a logical place to go, but I don't. That's 32 years ago.

KK: I realize that.

LL: I really don't think that I used, I don't remember using that apartment for that. I really don't.

KK: All right. What about the Rectory?

LL: No.

KK: You're pretty adamant about that.

LL: Yeah, yes.

KK: Why?

LL: Well because the housekeepers there. Bosa was there, you know.

KK: All right. Did the acts occur with [REDACTED] one time or more than one time?

LL: More than one time.

KK: The same question for [REDACTED]

LL: Yes.

KK: And for [REDACTED]

LL: Yes.

KK: And were your and was your contact with each of these boys all during the same time period or did you have contact with one, stop, have contact with another, stop, and have contact with the other?

LL: No, I think the first way you put that there.

KK: They were concurrent?

LL: Concurrent.

KK: All right. Did you ever have sexual contact with one of these boys and have another one present?

LL: No. No, no.

KK: All right. Do you know if any complaints were ever generated out of that contact?

LL: No.

KK: None that you know of?

LL: No.

KK: Do you know whether any adults or anybody from the Diocese knew of your contact with these boys?

LL: No.

AF: How did you meet these boys, Mr. Landry? Contact with them?

LL: There is a school and [REDACTED] was an alter boy. [REDACTED] was an alter boy. I don't think [REDACTED] was. That's through the school.

AF: To what school, sir?

LL: There was, I don't remember. There was a Catholic school attached to the parish.

AF: Okay.

LL: And I don't remember the name of it.

AF: It was through, through your assignment at the church.

LL: Yes.

AF: That you met these boys, is that correct?

LL: Yeah, that's correct.

AF: Okay. I have a couple questions. I just want to back up here. Just and when you were transferred from Manchester to Berlin, Mr. Landry.

LL: Huh, huh.

AF: Can you tell me why that transfer occurred?

LL: From Manchester to Berlin?

AF: Yes sir.

LL: I'm not positive, you know. That goes back to the thing that you were asking me before. I don't know you know if it were. You know I have that feeling that when I was asked about [REDACTED] that that other subject was brought up about being transferred with you know the Irish Mafia and then you know.

AF: Were there any complaints that you were aware of sir from any of the families or the boys in Manchester?

LL: No.

AF: Formal allegations made.

LL: No.

RM: Could we do a smoke break.

JR: Sure. I don't see why not.

AF: Let's go off tape here. It's ah 12:19 p.m. by my watch. We're going to take a break and come back and this interview will continue after. Okay, we're back on tape. This is Investigator Anthony Fowler, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office in the continuation of the interview with Leo Landry. The time by my watch is 12:33 p.m. We had stopped to take a break for everyone. Same people are present for the interview and I will ask you again Leo if you give us permission to continue to audio tape?

LL: Yes I do.

AF: Okay.

KK: Oh lets see. We were discussing Berlin.

LL: Yes.

KK: And um I, I believe I had asked you if anyone else knew about your contact with these boys and you had said no not to your knowledge.

LL: Yes sir.

KK: All right. How did you pick these boys?

LL: I, boy, that's a tough one. I don't, I don't really know. I gave you the name [REDACTED] didn't I?

KK: Yes.

LL: [REDACTED] okay. I remember him coming to me in school and talking to me and I think it was they had been involved and then we just got talking and it lead to that. Um, [REDACTED] h this [REDACTED] was like you know, like that other [REDACTED] boy, but not as affectionate or anything, but I think it was something. I really always felt that it had something to do with his older brother, who was very friendly with Steve Scruton.

AF: We're talking about Father Scruton?

LL: Yes.

AF: For the record.

LL: Yes.

KK: So.

LL: You know, but I, I felt that.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: Okay. I felt that and then just one thing lead to the other. The [REDACTED] y I, I, I really don't, I don't remember how, how, I really don't remember how that started.

KK: Okay. When we were talking yesterday you had said you had reached out at one point earlier in your career, in your ministry and you felt that you had a

problem and you needed some help. Were you still having these feelings even as we continued on through all of these assignments?

LL: Yes. I, I had, I felt that I had such a problem that it was the main reason for me leaving.

KK: Okay.

LL: You know with being in this, you know after a while it's just it accumulates and I'm saying, and I said to myself I don't want to do this anymore. You know I'm tired, tired of being you know trapped in this and it was like, I felt like I was entrapped in a system and, and I didn't like the system and I didn't like me.

KK: What was it about the system that you didn't like?

LL: Well, lets put it this way. You have a job and you work for a boss. You don't like your boss, how'd you like living with him?

RM: Leo, I want a little more complete answer to that. You said a word that ah I want you to talk more about. The system.

LL: Okay.

RM: What, what was the system? What did the system have to do with your ah sexual behavior?

LL: Okay. The system, you know, caused great anxieties

TAPE ONE, SIDE B

AF: Okay, we're back on tape. Side A of the first tape had run out. We're on side B continuing the interview with Leo Landry. It's 12:38 p.m. by my watch. Same people present and we'll continue.

LL: Okay.

RM: You just said the system created a lot of anxiety.

LL: Yes.

RM: In you. Keep going.

LL: Okay. It's like I, I guess the best way I can explain it I heard this from ah I read a psychiatric report one time and I agreed with it one hundred percent.

It's like when, when, the psychiatrist that was writing the article wrote and said that every pastor, you know, is married to his parish. He's married to the Convent, he's married to the school and it's his and these three things, these items, it's almost like it's his wife and that when you go and when a curit walks into that parish it's like he's stepping on the wife and it causes pressures. It causes pressures in all of us. You know it's like the pastor has the last say. You can't move. You know, he rules your life. You know you may have, I may have my day off today, but the pastor says sorry you're not going because you've got a funeral see. A typical example would be Leo Ryan in, in Somersworth who I said was an alcoholic. All right, we have first communion day today. The mass is at nine o'clock or nine thirty or whatever it was, okay, and all the kiddies are there. We'll say the mass is at nine thirty. Now five after nine I got a call from Montreal and I says you know says this is Father Ryan and I'm in Montreal and I'm sick and you go take first communion, but I said Father ah, ah, what do you want me to do? He says you just get your ass over there and give the sermon and do it. You do what I tell you.

KK: So you were disheartened by not being able to make a decision because it could be overruled by the pastor?

LL: Yes.

KK: And

LL: But in this particular instance I had to get over there cause those kids wouldn't have made their first communion.

KK: Okay.

LL: And I walked up to the nuns, the sister there, the nun. I said he just called.

KK: Huh, huh.

LL: She said never mind him, just do it.

KK: Yeah.

AF: Father, was part of the pressure that you're talking about here as you described as part of it, was part, also part of the pressure was the fact that you knew you had a problem and that either the Diocese or people that were suppose to in your profession help you, neglected you?

LL: Yes.

AF: By doing nothing for you?

LL: Yes.

AF: As it dealt or as it related to your problem with boys?

LL: Exactly.

AF: Okay.

JR: Explain that a little for us. What was your expectation of the type of support you should have the Bishop of the Diocese?

LL: Well, I, I think you know hind sight now too of course. You know I really felt that I should have been taken out, you know and I should have, you know, given some kind of help so that perhaps, you know, I could have done other jobs besides, you know and it's like every time you walk into a parish, you know, the pastor will say well the kids of this parish have been neglected. You take care of them and you better do a good job. It's not, you never got a thank you for this or you know oh please do a good job. You know it's everything with this, this authoritative thing. You know I always, I always use to say and this is my opinion here. I'm shootin' off and I'm sorry.

KK: That's okay.

LL: You know. I always felt that every pastor was like the Pope, you know. He could expound on dogmatic things you know. What's, what's the word I'm using, I'm looking for for the Pope? When he gives dogmatic – what is that word?

AF: Yeah.

JR: Pontificates?

LL: No, no, no. When you can never be wrong there.

KK: Infallible.

LL: Infallible, that's the word. Thank you. You know and I felt that that infallibility came down from the Pope to the pastors see and, and they were that way you know. Ah, this is horrible. Father Leo Ryan told me this. He said when I was a curit I was shit on. Now it's my turn to shit on you and when you get up there you can shit on everybody else

RM: Those his words?

LL: Pardon me.

RM: Those his words?

LL: Those were his exact words.

RM: Okay.

LL: And I told him. I said Father you just gave me three reasons for leaving.

RM: Now, lets unwind this a little bit more. I want to get back to this thing about the system and to the question that ah Tony just put to you. Um, you realized at some point that you were acting out with um young men and that that was a compulsive sort of behavior that you were not capable of controlling. Is that right?

LL: Yes.

RM: Did you also know at the same time that you were acting out with young men and not being able to control it that the leadership in the Diocese of Manchester is aware that you had acted out with young men in the past?

LL: May I have that question just one more time please?

RM: Sure.

RM: You're going through your life and your calling assigned to one parish after another, generally for periods of just a few months, correct?

LL: Yes.

RM: And you knew that you would have temptations and that you might act on this compulsive behavior that you weren't able to control, correct?

LL: Yes.

RM: And isn't it true that at the time you went from one assignment to another. The time you went from Manchester to Berlin and Berlin to Lancaster that the Diocese of Manchester was aware of and knew that you had acted out with boys in the past?

LL: Yes.

RM: Okay. What kind of a feeling did that create in you?

LL: Well, it, it certainly with all the things, other things, you know everything around certainly helped me to leave. I, I you know I just felt that there was just no way, there was nothing there for me you know to stop this unless I left.

AF: This being inappropriate contact with boys?

LL: Exactly.

AF: Would you say, would it be fair to say that that is the primary reason why you left the priesthood was based upon this compulsive behavior with boys and the lack of support from the Diocese?

LL: Yes. As well as the Stigmatine Fathers.

AF: Okay.

KK: Now, that's I was going to mention the Stigmatine Fathers.

LL: Yes.

KK: Towards the end of your time with them you talked about going to find someone to talk to.

LL: Yes.

KK: Or someone that you thought you could trust and you could confide in.

LL: Yes.

KK: Did ah, were you able to confide in any of your colleagues in the Diocese of Manchester at any point?

LL: Not within the secular priesthood. You know there's a difference between the secular priesthood and the religious.

KK: Can you explain that just so that we're all on the same page?

LL: Yes. The secular priests belong, all those priests that are secular priests belong to the Bishop. All religious priests belong to an Order like the Dominicans, the Franciscans and the Stigmatine Fathers and whatever.

KK: Right.

LL: And usually you know for confessors you would try to go to a religious place like, like the Benedictines up in Manchester, St. Anselms. That would be a good place and I remember you know going to a priest up there and he actually you know put the idea in my head and I says you know about leaving. And he says you know he says it's time you start to consider to leave because the system is hurting you.

KK: Did you talk to that particular priest about your actual contact with boys?

LL: Yes.

KK: And were you, how specific were you in what you told him about your contact?

LL: Confession.

KK: So it was under the confidentiality of a confession?

LL: Yes. Besides other talking too.

KK: All right. So this priest recommended that you start to at least think about leaving.

LL: Think about.

KK: Did he recommend any other action that you take either seeking assistance outside of the system if the system was failing you?

LL: I, I really, he could have, but I, I really don't remember him.

KK: Were you ever in a position where you could call someone for counseling session on your own or did you always have to go through the Diocese or your pastor for that kind of talk?

LL: No. If the Diocese – you wouldn't even think about using the Diocese because you know that was trouble.

KK: Why would that be trouble?

LL: Well because you don't know, you know you'd get transferred and whatever and all over the place. There was no help there. There was no help there. That's not the type of you know the kind of help I could have gotten. The help that I could, the most help that I, that was available for me at the time were the spiritual father in the Monastery or something like that.

AF: Leo, one quick follow-up question. Um, did you ever talk to this priest about your contact with these boys or your problem in a setting other than confession when you talked specifically about what you did?

LL: Yes.

AF: Okay. That was I assume a face to face.

LL: In a room like this.

AF: Right. Other than confession?

LL: Yes.

AF: Okay. Who was that priest, Father?

LL: I, I'm trying to remember his name. I know he I know he was at St. A's, he'd done a lot of work. He had a long beard.

AF: Benedictine?

LL: Yes. He died of a heart attack years ago.

AF: He's deceased?

LL: Yes. And ah I know he worked in prisons. He was a great guy. If there was, if there was a murder you know and the murderer was in jail, he would go, he'd spend the night with him. That's the type of person he was. He's done that before, but I don't remember his name.

KK: But do you know for a fact that he has died?

LL: I, I'm almost positive he died of a heart attack. I'm pretty sure of that, yeah.

JR: Any idea whether he reported to the Bishop or anyone else, the Diocese on your discussions?

LL: He can't. He could not. That was in confidentiality and that, you can't do the confession you see. It's just like you know I'm telling you my confessions see you know.

KK: So even if it was outside of the confessional setting in a one on one you still consider that to have been a confession?

LL: It's not a confession, but the confidentiality was very yeah.

KK: Very strict.

LL: Yeah. I, I would never. Somebody tell me you're going to go to jail I would have to go to jail.

KK: Huh, huh.

RM: Suppose another priest came up to you and said "Leo, I, I don't know what to do because I'm being sexually aggressive with 12, 13, 14 year old boys and it happens to me in every single one of my assignments so I can't get any help out of the Diocese and he Bishop knows, what am I suppose to do?" What advise do you give him?

LL: I guess the same thing that was given to me. You know go get a spiritual father.

RM: Well, when that person gets up and leaves the meeting with you Leo, and goes back to his parish, you have some confidence level that he may well act out with a young man at some point in the future, right?

LL: Huh, huh.

RM: What, what are your responsibilities with respect to that young man? Isn't there something you should do or a report you should make?

LL: Yeah, I suppose, yeah.

RM: Well what was the policy for such things in the Diocese when you were a practicing priest?

LL: I don't, didn't have any. I don't you know I, I don't remember anybody ever saying that you know you had to report.

RM: So would it be well, it's too bad you've got this problem, but it's business as usual and if there's going to be a kid out there that gets victimized that's just part, part of the turf?

LL: Well when you put it that way you know I, I don't think I ever thought of it as that way, you know.

RM: But did anybody in the Diocese ever communicate to you or to anybody else that you know of about how you handle such things?

LL: No.