

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW HAMPSHIRE, SS.
DOCKET NO. 91-C-149

SUPERIOR COURT
APRIL TERM 1993

JOHN DOE, A MINOR, BY HIS MOTHER
AND NEXT FRIEND

VS.

GORDON MacRAE AND THE
ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, INC.

SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES PROPOUNDED BY
THE PLAINTIFF, JOHN DOE, A MINOR, BY HIS MOTHER AND
NEXT FRIEND, TO BE ANSWERED UNDER OATH BY THE DEFENDANT,
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, INC.

The following constitute interrogatories propounded by the Plaintiff, John Doe, a minor, by his mother and next friend, to be answered by the Defendant, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., under oath, pursuant to and within the time prescribed by New Hampshire Superior Court Rule 36. All answers must be full and complete and contain all facts and evidence which substantiate the answer as it is given and which would be presented to the Court. When a question calls for the possibility of either an affirmative or a negative answer, do not limit your answer to a simple negative or affirmative, explain in detail. State the facts and reasons behind your answer fully and completely. If there are any documents which substantiate any answer, or any explanation to any answer, please specifically refer to them and attach copies to these interrogatories, whether or not they are requested.

These interrogatories shall be deemed continuing so as to require supplemental answers if the Defendant or his attorney obtains further information between the time answers are served and the time of a hearing on the merits regarding this matter.

1. Please provide the following with respect to Rev.

James Watson:

- A. His current mailing address and telephone number;
- B. His present position with the Church if still employed by the Church;
- C. His present employer if not employed by the Church and if known.

A. St. John the Evangelist Church, 72 South Main Street, Concord, N. H. 03301 Telephone #224-2328.

B. Monsignor Watson is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

2. Please provide the following with respect to Rev.

Gerard Boucher:

- A. His present mailing address and telephone number;
- B. His present position with the Church if still employed by the Church;
- C. His present employer if not employed by the Church and if known.

A. St. Patrick Church, 34 Amherst Street, P. O. Box 27, Milford, N. H. 03055. Telephone #673-1311.

B. Father Boucher is presently serving as a Senior Priest at St. Patrick's Church in Milford.

3. Please provide the date on which the Catholic Diocese of Manchester or any of its representatives was first aware that the Division of Children and Youth Services had made a founded finding of child molestation by Gordon MacRae with respect to the minor victim [REDACTED] of Hampton, New Hampshire.

The Diocese was never informed by the Division of Children & Youth Services that they had a founded finding of child molestation against Gordon MacRae with respect to the minor victim [REDACTED] from Hampton.

4. Please provide the date on which the Catholic Diocese of Manchester or any of its representatives was first aware that the Division of Children and Youth Services had placed Gordon MacRae on the Sexual Offender Registry.

The Diocese was never made aware in any fashion by the Division of Children and Youth Services that Gordon MacRae had been placed on the Sexual Offender Registry.

5. Please provide the name and address of the person who made the decision to have Rev. Gordon MacRae act as a personal counsellor for Rev. Scruton.

No one in the diocesan administration ever made the decision to have Gordon MacRae act as a personal counselor for Stephen Scruton, nor was there any assignment in this regard.

6. Please provide any assurances or representations made by the Catholic Church given to the Cheshire County Attorney's Office concerning the supervision and monitoring of Gordon MacRae's activities after he was transferred to Keene, New Hampshire, and identify that individual giving those assurances or making such statements.

There was no contact or communication between the Diocese or its representatives with the Cheshire County Attorney's Office, regarding Gordon MacRae during his assignment in Keene.

7. Please describe in detail the conversation by Monsignor John P. Quinn with employees of the Division for Children and Youth Services ("DCYS") with reference to Gordon MacRae's sexual misconduct on November 21, 1982, as stated in your answer to interrogatory number 13, dated July 20, 1992, and provide the following:

- A. Whether the conversation was in person or by telephone;
- B. The name of the DCYS employee or employees;
- C. The nature and substance of the conversation;
- D. Whether a complaint or report had been made to DCYS concerning Gordon MacRae;
- E. The nature and substance of the complaint or report;
- F. The name and address of the person who made the complaint or report;
- G. Specify any action which was taken by DCYS as a result of the conversation;
- H. Specify what action, if any, was taken by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, Inc., as a result of the conversation;
- I. Attach any and all documents which support your answer or relate in any way to the November 21, 1982, conversation or relate to the incident discussed in that conversation.

Answers attached.

On November 21, upon learning of the alleged sexual abuse incident involving Gordon MacRae, Msgr. Quinn called Dr. Sylvio Dupuis, then Commissioner of Health and Human Services, to inquire to whom the incident should be reported. Dr. Dupuis returned the call almost immediately, and informed Msgr. Quinn that the report should be made to DCYS, and that he could call Jeannette Gagnon on the matter.

Msgr. Quinn was in touch with Ms. Gagnon immediately, and set up an appointment with her for Wednesday, November 23rd.

Msgr. Quinn met with Ms. Gagnon and a member of her staff at the Catholic Charities Office in Manchester on the 23rd. He gave her all the information he had on the matter at that time.

He was told that DCYS would conduct an investigation into the matter.

The alleged victim continued in counseling with his therapist. Gordon MacRae was confronted by the Diocese over that incident and was told to continue his counseling, including discussing this incident further with his counselor.

Memo attached.

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11/21/83

Memo to: Fr. Christian
From: Fr. Quinn
Re: Rev. Gordon MacRae

I was officially notified by Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette and by Judy Paterson of the Catholic Social Service Office in Salem today that Fr. Godron MacRae had sexually abused two minor males in Hampton during the past summer.

Fr. MacRae is presently in counseling with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette and has indicated his willingness to continue. Dr. Guertin-Ouellette has indicated that Fr. MacRae has been cooperative, but that we should be aware that he most probably suffers from a strong personality development deficiency, and will require ongoing treatment.

One of the young men involved in the above-mentioned incident has been under counseling with our agency since the incident. Last week, he attempted suicide, and presently arrangements are being made for his hospitalization at Hamstead Hospital. The two incidents are not necessarily directly connected.

The parents of the boy are fully aware of the situation, and have been working with our counselor. They have been most cooperative, and their main concern is for their son. Secondarily, they are concerned that Fr. MacRae receives appropriate treatment to help him with his difficulty. One factor which is making this incident quite difficult for the parents is the fact that the boy's mother was sexually abused as a child herself.

***IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE YOUNG MAN INVOLVED MUST IN NO WAY LEARN THAT FR. MACRAE IS BEING REPORTED FOR THIS INCIDENT EITHER TO THE STATE OR TO CHURCH OFFICIALS. BOTH MRS. PATERSON AND DR. GUERTIN-OUELLETTE FEEL THAT IRREPAIRABLE HARM CAN BE CAUSED TO THE YOUNG MAN SHOULD THIS OCCUR.

I will be meeting with State Officials on Wednesday to discuss this matter and other cases. At that time, I will most probably file the official report with the Department of Health and Welfare.