Vallely, James DECEASED	XXX (10-12)	Bangor	1953-1956	Fondling of genitals in car on way home from swimming.
	XXX	Portland	1959-1960	Victim says Father molested him when he was an altar boy.
	XXX	Portland	1962	Says Father stalked him when he was an altar boy. Once, at a camp, Father grabbed and fondled his genitals and another time, he tried something in the Sacristy.
	XXX (9 11 or 12)	Portland Sanford	1958-1960	Victim says he was abused by Fr. Vallely, which consisted of kissing, hugging, and genital stimulation. Occurred at the church and at a camp in Springvale.
	Anonymous male	Portland		Unspecified sexual abuse.

Father James Vallely:

XXX reported that Father James Vallely abuse him while he was an altar boy at St. Dominic Church in Portland. XXX said that he was abused multiple times (perhaps 100) between the ages of 9 to 11 or 12, over a period of 2 to 3 years, around 1958 to 1960. The abuse consisted of "kissing, hugging, genital stimulation." This happened in the sacristy, the rectory and sometimes at a "camp" in Springvale. It ended when XXX stopped being an altar boy. XXX had been through extensive therapy before coming to the diocese and considered himself to be emotionally healthy at the time.

XXX reported that Father James Vallely abused him while he was an altar boy at St. John Church in Bangor. This would have been about 1953 to 1956 when XXX was between 10 and 12 years old. Father would take a few altar boys to swim at a camp and XXX was the last one to be dropped off. Father would fondle his genitals in the car for the rest of the ride home. It happened once or twice. XXX was offered and provided counseling.

XXX reported that Father James Vallely molested him in the late 1950s or early 1960s. This happened at St. Dominic Parish in Portland. There is no other indication in the file about the nature of the abuse or the age of the victim however the sense is that it happened when he was an altar boy. Mr. XXX was offered and provided counseling.

XXX claims that Father James Vallely stalked him while he was an altar boy at St. Dominic Parish in Portland. XXX was roughly 11 or 12 years old in 1962-63. Once at a camp, Father grabbed and fondled XXX genitals and another time, he tried something in the sacristy.

Anonymous the diocese was informed through a police officer that a man, who did not wish to speak to anyone at the diocese or to have his name known, had seen the newspaper reports of the alleged abuse by Father Vallely. He wanted the allegation to be taken seriously because he also had been abused. He simply wanted this information conveyed to the diocese. This abuse would also have been in the Portland area.

Father James P. Vallely was born in 1922 and ordained in 1949 in Portland Oregon. He returned to Maine in 1950 and was incardinated into the diocese in 1952. In 1988 he retired due to illness and died at the age of 75 in 1997. During retirement he spent part of the year in Kennebunk and part of the year in Florida. Father Vallely was in Bangor between 1953 and 1956 and Portland from 1956 to 1967.

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From: [redacted]
To: "Stephanie Anderson" <Anderson@cumberlandcounty.or...
Date: Wed, Mar 27, 2002 6:52 PM
Subject: Re: Catholic Priests

Thank you for your honest and timely response. I'm satisfied with your answer and feel confident that you will try to serve justice. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you again,
[redacted]

"Stephanie Anderson" [redacted] on 03/27/2002 02:26:32 PM

To: [redacted]
cc:
Subject: Re: Catholic Priests

Dear M[redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail. I understand better than you know the impact of sexual and spiritual abuse and violation of trust on a person's life. I have heard from many victims and have listened. Personally, I believe and understand how the release of the names would operate as a healing salve on many people who have been violated. I would like to expose them. But I am fettered by the law that I have sworn as a sacred duty to uphold - and I cannot release any names at this time because of a pending criminal investigation. Even on the deceased priests, we will be looking at whether charges could be laid against others in the church for thier misconduct, such as hindering prosecution and allowing the abuse to continue.

the Attorney General and I are 100% committed to get to the bottom of this. I would like the end result to be a full disclosure, prosecution of those we can, a cleaning out and restoration of the church, and a vindication for all victims.

Thank you again for your letter.

sincerely, Stephanie Anderson

>>> [redacted] 03/27 2:19 PM >>>
I have tried to contact you several times regarding this very serious matter but have been unsuccessful. Your assistant suggested I send this email.

I too was a victim of molestation many years ago at St Dominic's church with Fr Vallely. I went to the church several years ago to report this when his name finally surfaced as a molester to support other claims. I never heard anymore about it since then. I believe they found him somewhere in Florida and I also believe he has died since.

I'd like you to know how important it is to the victims that these names be brought out in the open regardless of the time or severity of the abuse, regardless if they are alive or dead. It's wrong to assume that no good can come from divulging this information after such a long time or after one's death. It's healing for us to see them exposed and that should be enough motivation for you.

I'm now 52 years old and can remember every detail, every word and every action of those encounters that happened forty years ago. Please consider this when a decision is made ,by those who have never experienced this, on how to proceed from here.

P.S. If slavery is allowed to surface again in the courts, shouldn't this have a place too?

Thanks for your attention,

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