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The men who filed the lawsuit alleged that abuse occurred while they were active in St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Millville.

In Millville, reaction to allegations

PARISH from St. Mary Magdalene, why he was doing it," she said. "I don't remember that it happened a lot, but people did wonder."

Birmingham also expressed concern that the lawsuit would divide her church into two camps — those who support the plaintiffs and those who detest them.

"It's possible we could end up with two groups. I hope it doesn't happen. I hope it will just blow over."

At the rectory of St. Mary Magdalene, the church's current pastor, the Rev. Anthony Manuppella, declined to comment on the storm blowing around his parish. A receptionist at the church said Father Manuppella was referring all questions to the Camden Diocese Chancellery, which would say only that Father McGarvey was on leave and that the diocese would have no comment on the suit.

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MILLVILLE — St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church is a parish church. Many of its members live and have lived much of their lives on the small streets and avenues of the parish.
