

# THE MISSING LINK

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### UPDATE

My Friends:

My letter to Rome requesting that Pope John Paul II meet with representatives of The Linkup during his August visit to the United States did not go unanswered. Apparently, it was faxed to the Washington, D.C. office of the Secretariat of

State at the Apostolic Nunciature. The response, reprinted at left, clearly lacks encouragement for further communications with Rome.

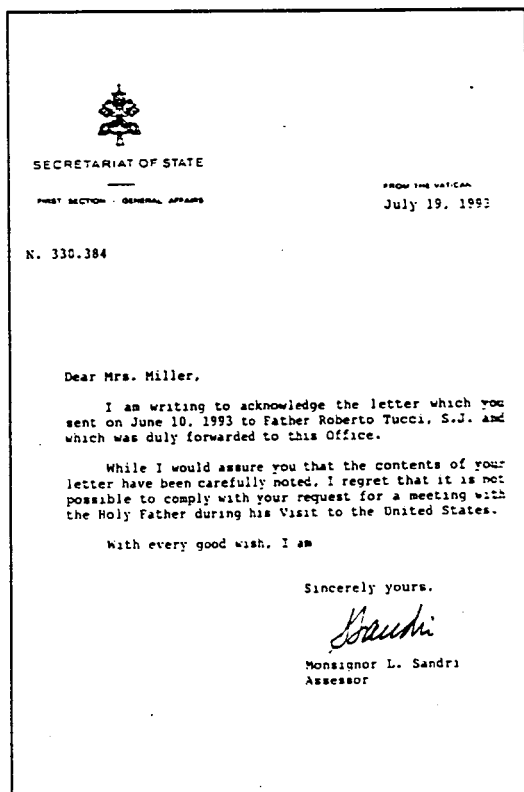
In addition, Tom Economus, our National Coordinator, drove to Denver to hand deliver Linkup members' letters to the Pope. The Papal officials Tom found in Denver refused to accept the letters, citing "security risks." We have now forwarded your letters directly to Rome by DHL Messenger Express along with a copy of this newsletter.

It is no wonder Rome wants nothing to do with victims of clergy abuse. After all, the Vatican knows who to blame for Catholic priests sexually molesting children, or having affairs with women they once counseled: it's us, America.

In a press conference just days after the Pontiff wrote his June 21, letter to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in New Orleans, the Pope's chief spokesman, Joaquin Navarro Valls, said that clergy sex abuse is "an American problem." His statement concluded that American society is at fault. He pontificated, "One must ask if the real culprit is not a society that is irresponsibly permissive, hyper-inflated with sexuality [which is] capable of creating circumstances that induce even people who have received a solid moral formation to commit grave moral acts."

This "blame-game" did not work out well for U.S. Bishops. The strategy of deflecting blame is what has forced hundreds of victims to file lawsuits in order to obtain remedies for their injuries. The "hyer-inflation" at this point is the indignation and anger of victims for such a display of arrogance.

Furthermore, this indictment of 'American



society' is erroneous. This is NOT an "American problem". It is a worldwide problem.

On November 18, 1992, Dutch television aired a documentary on the problem of sexual abuse by priests in the United States. Two hundred and fifty viewers in the Netherlands called the station, claiming they, too, had been sexually abused by priests.

In an article featuring St. Luke's Institute and its Chief Director, Fr. Canice Connor, *The Washington Post* (1/3/93) reports Connor's representation that the patients at St. Lukes are for the most part Roman Catholic priests from every region of the United States and as far away as South Africa and Australia. "They are at St. Luke because it is one of the few places that specialized in treating clergy who are sexually attracted to children." (A statistical report issued to the public in April of 1992 from St. Luke Institute reports 26 pedophiles and 111 epebophiles had been treated at St. Luke, and "boasts" that of the pedophiles 19 are inactive in ministry and 7 active; of the epebophiles, 58 are inactive in ministry while 53 are active.)

Canada has had a score of situations, particularly in orphanages and boarding schools. Also, you may read in *The Missing Link* on pages 18 and 19 of the suits now surfacing in several other countries.

Other countries are about ten years behind the U.S. and Canada in disclosing clergy sexual abuse, but victims are now rapidly coming out of the woodwork. The "American problem," as Rome sees it, has more to do with the media releases than the reality of clergy sexual abuse. The papal letter deflected blame from the aberrant priests to the American media for "treating moral evil as an occasion for sensationalism...."

What the Pope and some bishops yet fail to grasp is the concept that, given the Catholic church holds fast to mandatory celibacy, the idea that priests sexually involved with anybody under any circumstance is, in itself, sensational. Furthermore, it is not the media reporting clergy sexual abuse, nor the victims publicly demanding accountability in courtrooms, who create scandal, but it is aberrant priests and the hierarchy who have protected them that are the source of scandal. If the hierarchy of the church is proposing that there not be any disclosure of such heinous crimes, then they are prolonging the policies of denial and coverup that

have prevailed for years. It was only when the media did begin to probe priestly crimes that individual bishops began to admit the problem.

Much good has come from public disclosure. Legislatures have responded to the cries of victims heard through the media. Changes have been made in many states in Statutes of Limitations, Mandatory Reporting Laws and "pastoral privilege" provisions in the law, opening the way for victims who need to pursue remedies for their injuries and, hopefully, reducing the likelihood of future abuses. The long-range effect of these changes is that ordained perpetrators are no longer impervious to the law, and may no longer be protected by clerical collegiality.

Another beneficial result of media exposure has been the liberation of victims. Once isolated in grief, victims have found each other. Victims have found from each other the courage to seek accountability from those who damaged them and, thereby, promoted their own healing.

Finally, media exposure has forced the institutional church to answer for itself. Bishops and their committees have generated reams of documents on the subject matter of clergy sexual abuse. However, we have yet to see what church officials are willing to *do*.

Aside from writing policies and procedures, forming committees to make recommendations to another committee, which will make recommendations to write more policies and procedures, it is time for the bishops to offer the church a **PLAN OF ACTION**.

The church is on fire and the Bishops are saying "it's just a little warm in here," and they keep filling up the place with more paper!! When not backed up by action, the words bishops have generated and recorded as "official documents" just keep feeding the fire. These cases aren't isolated little brush fires here and there -- together they are an all-out systemic **BONFIRE!**

As reported in our previous *Missing Link* issue, Archbishop William H. Keeler of Baltimore, NCCB president, named Bishop John F. Kinney of Bismarck, N.D., to head the new Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse. He gave the Ad Hoc Committee a wide mandate to recommend NCCB actions and policies to curb sex abuse in the church, and, eventually, to draw on the church's experience to help American society as a whole confront the issue.

In an impassioned speech at the NCCB meeting in New Orleans, June 17, Bishop Kinney said the bishops may have to do a lot of "uncomfortable listening... if we are to 'lance the boil' for [the] health and credibility of the church in our country."

Kinney launched the listening process with a July 19, meeting in Washington with representatives of The Linkup and SNAP. In that meeting, Bishop Kinney asked us to help him "hear with his heart" the pain of victims. The Linkup does not believe there is anything we can say any longer to convert the bishops' hearts. Nor, do we believe that the burden of their conversion rests on our shoulders. If bishops don't "get it" by now, they never will. We are grateful that bishops have finally acknowledged the problem -- that is phase one. But it is not enough to recognize all the victims created by clergy sexual abuse. It is time for the action. It is time for bishops to invest themselves and their resources on more than salvaging offending priests.

It is not enough to say that the church now understands the scandals and to minimize it by blaming the media, society and "a few bad apples." The church must effectively address why and how the abuses occurred, barring no aspect -- including celibacy. And it must formulate a plan of action that goes beyond the formation of new/more committees.

Bishops can not any longer merely say "we've made mistakes in the past, we didn't understand...".

I, for one, no longer want to read parents' painful messages like the one written by the father of a girl who at age 8, was raped by a priest. "I saw the lights go out in my child's eyes...," he wrote. Or, "It is difficult to imagine we will ever be happy again...," writes the mother of a 9-year-old boy now in residential psychological treatment after being sodomized by a priest.

In his new encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor*, the Pontiff includes an applicable truth: "...some things are just intrinsically evil." We wonder if, in his theology, this includes clergy sexual abuse and, if not, why not. If so, why doesn't the church bring to bear on this issue the passion, commitment and moral outrage it so clearly focuses on birth control, abortion, homosexuality and other Catholic mores.



## CHICAGO CASH CRUNCH

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, reported September 24 that the Archdiocese of Chicago will be "broke" in four years if drastic measures are not taken to stop the financial hemorrhaging. A fiscal 1989 deficit of \$28.9 million forced Bernardin to close 52 parishes and schools before 1990. The immediate result was that the remaining parishes (churches and schools) posted a \$6 million surplus in 1991; but slumped again in 1992 when they posted a \$12.8 million deficit. Estimates for fiscal 1993 predict a deficit of \$14 million to \$15 million, with projections of \$15 million to \$16 million next year. However, land and buildings owned by the Archdiocese of Chicago are set to have a net worth of \$1.15 billion.

This "phenomenon" is admittedly due to two causes:

The church has faced high legal expenses in connection with charges of clergy sexual misconduct involving minors. In 1992, the Chicago Archdiocese spent \$1.9 million, and for 1993, it is expected to spend \$2.8 million. The Archdiocese reports these figures encompass expenses for the newly formed Office of Professional Fitness Review, its administrator, victim assistance and legal fees.

At the same time expenses are incurred as the result of clergy sexual misconduct, Catholics have become unenthusiastic about giving to parish Sunday collections, and responding to the annual Cardinal's Appeal, many citing that they are disillusioned by the episodes of clergy sexual abuse and by the way the Catholic Church has handled the matter. Mass attendance is declining as well. At present there are about 2.3 million Catholics in the Chicago Archdiocese, but, the Archdiocese says, only about a quarter of these Catholics currently attend Mass.

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**POLL SHOWS MAJORITY OF  
U.S. CATHOLICS THINK  
BISHOPS BLUNDERED**



On August 10, USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll reported Catholics by a 2-1 ratio, believe church officials care more about image than solving the problem of clergy sexual misconduct. Of the 788 U.S. Catholics who answered the poll, 53% say bishops have done a bad job of handling clergy sex abuse scandals; 35% say the church has done a good job. The poll's margin of error is 4 percentage points. While 26% of the Catholics surveyed say the church's main concern is solving the abuse problem, 64% say the church is more concerned about salvaging its reputation. The survey also found Catholics unwilling to have a known priest-offender assigned to their parish, even if he had undergone treatment. While 35% say they would accept such a priest, 58% say they would not. Relatively few Catholics polled have been personally touched by the issue. Only 7% know anyone who's been sexually abused by a priest.

**LOOK!**

**Recent Magazine Articles:**

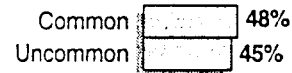
- oo The New Yorker, June 7, 1993, "Unholy Acts".
- oo McCalls, September, 1993, "Sins of the Father".
- oo Moody, September, 1993, "Child Sexual Abuse: Could It Happen At Your Church?"
- oo U.S. Catholic, September, 1993, "Abuse of Faith: How to Understand the Crime of Priest Pedophilia".
- oo Rolling Stone, November 11, 1993, "The Secret of St. Mary's" by Dennis Gaboury, a victim of Fr. Porter, and Elinor Burkett.

**Future TV Specials:**

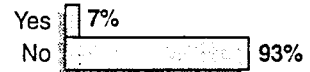
- oo CNN Don't miss its Special airing 9 p.m. Eastern Time, November 14, 1993. The Linkup is featured.

**SEXUAL ABUSE  
BY PRIESTS**

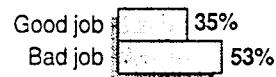
**Half think abuse  
by priests common**



**Few have known someone  
who was abused**



**Most say church handling  
abuse issue badly**



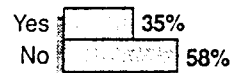
**Church more concerned  
about image**

Those who say church more concerned with its image, or solving sexual abuse problem:



**Abusive priests not welcome**

Those who would accept a priest in their parish who was known to have sexually abused young people, but who had undergone rehabilitation:



Source: USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup national telephone poll of 788 Catholic adults, conducted Aug. 3-5. Margin of error is 4 percentage points. (Among age groups, it is 7 percentage points.) Some responses may not total 100% because "Refused" and "Don't know" answers are omitted.



sexual activity with minors.

Simple math deduces that the Catholic Church indeed has a crisis and credibility problem.

## BLACK COLLAR CRIMES

### NATIONAL

Rev. Bishop Thomas Blevins, 56, a top official of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, resigned July 9 from his denominational position following the filing of charges by Bishop Lowell Knutson of the Northwest Washington region, alleging sexual abuse of a woman. Though regretting having to file the charge, Knutson said, "I felt compelled to do so because of the evidence and the depth of our church's commitment to deal directly and justly when allegations of sexual misconduct are brought forward." Blevins was the second resignation in less than a month of a top Lutheran official related to sexual misconduct charges. In late June, Bishop Kenneth Zindle resigned as head of the Slovak Zion Synod. Blevins headed the ELCA Department for Synodical Relations since it was established in 1991.

COMPUTER PORN - According to a Customs Service spokesman, computerized transmission of illegal pornography among pedophiles is rapidly becoming more popular internationally than smutty magazines. In a recent ring bust involving computer terminals in 18 U.S. states, authorities reported that subscribers used computers and telephone lines to transmit explicit photos of children ages 5 to 12.

### ARIZONA

PHOENIX - The Catholic bishop of Phoenix recently acknowledged that he might have better handled the 1986 arrest of a pastor for indecent exposure who was again charged March 11 with felony misconduct with a minor. Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien also reiterated the diocese's 1990 policy on sexual abuse of minors. Bishop O'Brien, in an April 1, letter published on the front page of the diocesan newspaper, explained his actions regarding the priest's prior arrest in 1986, and asked the people of the diocese not to judge all priests by those who break their vows.

Fr. Wilputte Alanson "Lan" Sherwood was sentenced to 5-10 years in prison after being convicted of attempted sexual conduct with a minor. He was also placed on lifetime probation for attempted sexual exploitation of a minor. Sherwood videotaped some of his more than 1,800 sex acts with men and 22 male juveniles, whom he paid for sex. The diocese has temporarily suspended his pay.

### CALIFORNIA

ANAHEIM - In 1991, the Diocese of Orange paid \$20,000 in an out-of-court settlement to a woman who had brought a civil suit the diocese and Fr. John Lenehan claiming Lenehan sexually molested her when she was 13 years old. In a deposition, Lenehan admitted fondling the girl on one occasion and disrobing her on another in 1978. The woman appeared on the Phil Donahue Show in March of this year to "break the silence" of her abuse. As a result, Lenehan broke his silence too, saying in a subsequent interview, "Do you think that money was an expression of guilt for four years of molestation? The only reason it was paid was to keep this from becoming a public scandal." Lenehan insisted that the girl was not 13, but "at least 14 1/2" when they met. "What I did was a mistake," Lenehan said, "but let the person who is without sin cast the first stone. This 15-year-old was not totally unaware. She was no child." Lenehan remains pastor of St. Boniface Parish in Anaheim.

PASADENA - The 33-year-old pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Rev. George Nathan Bolden, Jr., was charged with sexual molestation of a 15-year-old parish girl in her home. The charges include 7 felony counts of oral sex, intercourse and lewd acts on a child. He pled not guilty and was released from jail after 2 weeks, when his bail was dropped from \$112,500 to \$30,000 after the judge heard statements on Bolden's "good character and community service" from Pasadena police chief and the mayor of Pasadena.

LAFAYETTE - A woman has filed suit against female pastor Rev. Mary Agnes Grissom for fondling her during divorce counseling and for threatening the woman. The victim reported the behavior to the Episcopal Diocese, but diocesan officials took no action.

ORANGE COUNTY - Appeals Court Docket Number: G012255, (Superior Court Number: 65-31-26) - This case involved a little boy who was sexually assaulted by a Roman Catholic parish priest, Fr. Robert Foley, in Orange County, California. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Orange, Diocese of Orange County, and Rev. Monsignor Michael Driscoll had been sued for failing to warn the parishioners and for failing to actively search for other victims once it was reported to them in 1984 that the priest had molested a different young boy. The plaintiff's charges were that she (the mother of the latter abused boy) was due damages because the Church knew of the earlier victim and had failed to protect her son from the known perpetrator. Furthermore, the Church had conspired to conceal the priest's sexual "misconduct" and orchestrated his removal from the United States. **THE COURT OF APPEALS FOUND THAT THE DIOCESE DOES, IN FACT, HAVE A POSITIVE DUTY TO WARN OTHER PARISHIONERS ABOUT THE ABERRANT PRIEST, AND TO SEARCH FOR OTHER VICTIMS.**

#### COLORADO

BOULDER - On September 7, a 36-year-old man filed suit against Fr. Delbert Blong claiming the priest infected him with the AIDS virus during 20 years of sexual abuse, beginning in a counseling session as an eighth-grader at Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa in 1971. The suit alleges that Blong abused the man as a youth "regularly and repeatedly" until about November, 1992. Blong admitted in February that he is HIV positive; that two of his other male partners have died of AIDS and two others are HIV positive. The plaintiff tested HIV positive in March. Blong does not deny having sex with the plaintiff, but says he never infected him with the virus.

#### CONNECTICUT

Fr. Arthur J. Perrault, 54, hasn't been heard from since accusations of sexual misconduct surfaced in October, 1992. He is believed to be in Canada. Originally from the Diocese of Hartford, CT, in 1967 Perrault was sent to the Servants of the Paraclete treatment center in Jemez Springs, NM for treatment for pedophilia, and subsequently was incardinated to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM.

Allegations are tied to his work at several Albuquerque parishes and the chancery offices of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe from 1971 through the 1990's. Alleged victims were altar servers, children of parishioners and youngsters hired to work on Catholic publications. Seven people have filed civil lawsuits. No criminal charges have been brought yet, but the Albuquerque Police Department has confirmed it is investigating allegations of sexual abuse in 1988 involving a 15-year-old boy.

NORWICH - On August 24, a 34-year-old man filed suit against the Diocese of Norwich alleging sexual abuse in 1971. The suit names Fr. Raymond Jean, 62, as the priest who on several occasions from March 1971 to June 1972 allegedly sodomized the plaintiff in his house, outside and in the parish house of Notre Dame Church in Durham. Jean was pastor at the time and the plaintiff was a 13-year-old altar boy. Court documents allege physical injuries resulting from sexual abuse and assault, as well as severe emotional injuries. Jean is the fifth Connecticut priest to be accused this year of sexually abusing children:

\* Two Putnam brothers, Gene Michael Deary and John Deary, say the diocese has been unresponsive in dealing with the problems of pedophilia. Their brother, Thomas Deary III, was molested by Fr. Bernard W. Bissonette while he was assigned to St. Mary's in Putnam. Bissonette, who now lives in New Mexico, admitted to the abuse, which took place in 1962 and 1963. Thomas committed suicide in 1992.

Bissonette is currently under police investigation. He is currently retired, living in Belen. Previously, he worked in parishes all over New Mexico. He is also accused of molesting at least two inmates of New Mexico State Boys School in Springer between 1973 and 1978. Bissonette has been forbidden to serve as a minister in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

\* In March, a suit was filed in Hartford Superior Court on behalf of 3 men alleging Fr. Ivan Ferguson, 58, abused them between 1975 and 1978 while they were students.

\* In January, a Milford man sued Fr. Felix McGuire, 66, alleging he was assaulted by the priest several times in 1986 when he was 15.

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### FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE- Assistant pastor Danny Arnold Drake, 40, was sentenced to 6 years probation, 1 year in county jail, psychosexual therapy and payment for his victims' counseling. He was found guilty of repeatedly having sex with 2 girls, ages 14 and 15. The incidents occurred over 3 years and took place on church grounds at Jacksonville's Bethesda Christian Cathedral, where his father was pastor, sometimes while worship services were being held. A second assailant was involved in some of the incidents, but the victims refused to identify him because they wanted to avoid further court proceedings.

BRADENTON - A married youth group leader of Trinity Assembly of God Church is accused of fondling a 9-year-old girl, who was spending the night at his home. Robert F. Thorpe, 68, said that his "hand may have slipped," to which the girl responded by asking if it was supposed to hurt. Police say there was a witness to the sexual battery.

FORT MYERS - Fr. Charles Cikovic, 39, has been charged with 8 counts of sexual battery against a 13-year-old girl. He has been removed from his duties as a priest at St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church. Cikovic was sent to counseling and the girl and her family were offered counseling by the church.

### HAWAII

Honolulu Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario, 67, resigned October 12 for health reasons. During his 11 years as bishop there, he faced several controversies, including allegations that he has sexually molested a teenage boy.

### IOWA

A couple has filed a lawsuit against Rev. Edward Grindstaff, a former minister of the Faith United Assembly of God Church. He is accused of

sexual assault and battery of Lori Johnson during marital counseling. She is claiming physical, emotional and psychological injuries. Her husband claims emotional damages. The case will be heard by a jury.

DUBUQUE - Settlement was reached in September in a child sexual abuse lawsuit filed against the Archdiocese of Dubuque and six other defendants by a 26-year-old woman who claimed she was sexually abused from age 12 to age 20 by her seventh-grade teacher, Julie Riggert, at St. Athanasius School in Jesup. Riggert admitted the abuse in depositions. The settlement came four days into a jury trial of the lawsuit. Terms of the settlement, including the amount, were not disclosed.

### GEORGIA

ATLANTA - Roman Catholic priest, Fr. Michael Woods filed suit in July demanding a paternity test to determine whether he fathered a child by Vicki Long, the woman whose highly publicized sexual relationship with Atlanta Archbishop Eugene A. Marino led to his resignation three years ago. Woods said in court papers that if blood tests prove he is the father of Long's child, "he is desirous of accepting his responsibilities for said child." According to his suit, Woods "deeply cares for the child and loves the child, but does not honestly know that he is the father." After Long's relationship with former Archbishop Marino became public in 1990, Woods confessed that he also had a sexual relationship with Long. Long, who initially said that another priest was the father of her 7-year-old child, later admitted in interviews that she and Woods had been intimate.

### ILLINOIS

CHICAGO - Two young men who accuse Fr. Norbert Maday, 54, of Our Lady of the Ridge parish, of sexual abuse may have to undergo defense psychologists' interviews. Maday was charged by Wisconsin authorities with criminal sexual assault of the 2 boys, then 13 and 14, during a 1986 outing to Wisconsin. Maday, who is free on \$15,000 bond posted by the Archdiocese of Chicago, has been relieved of duties. The defense claims that the alleged victims are only trying to extort money from



the church.

AURORA - Fr. Augustin Jones, 71, a Benedictine monk at Marmion Abbey was indicted August 17 on four charges of sexual assault stemming from an allegation that in 1990 he sexually assaulted a 15-year-old youth. It was discovered recently that Jones was convicted in 1968 of a similar charge. According to court documents, in 1968 Jones pled guilty to a charge of indecent liberties in Kane County Circuit Court and was placed on probation for 3 years. Rockford Diocese and Benedictine/Marmion officials assured probation authorities that Jones had been removed from teaching and made the Abbey's business manager to "prevent contact" with students; that they had placed "certain restrictions" on him "including complete abstinence from any alcoholic beverages," that he was under constant supervision, not being allowed to leave the Abbey without being accompanied by another priest, and that they were "getting him psychiatric help."

CHICAGO - Fr. Thomas O'Gorman, pastor of St. Malachy Catholic Church, resigned after charges of sexual misconduct. He was removed by the archdiocese last year, but his resignation took effect in September. The investigation is continuing.

BELLEVILLE - On September 13, amidst claims of sexual misconduct, a seventh priest was removed from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Belleville. Another priest is under investigation, a church official reports. The removals began in March. Fr. Edwin Kastner, 72, of St. Rose Church is accused of sexual misconduct involving a male youth occurring 20 years ago. Kastner was put on administrative leave pending the inquiry. Bishop James Keleher, who had presided over the nasty abuse epidemic in Belleville, has been promoted to Archbishop of Kansas City.

PEORIA - Two priests of the Peoria Diocese have confessed to charges of sexual molestation. Fr. William Harbert, 60, admitted he began molesting a 14-year-old boy in 1972. He is also accused of molesting 3 siblings in Moline in the 1970's. Harbert, now chaplain at a nursing home in Lacon, was pastor of St. Joseph parish in Rock Island and Christ the King in Moline at the time of

the confessed abuse. Fr. Francis Engels, 57, admitted he began molesting the same boy in 1973, when he was 15. Engels is pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Annawan.

CHICAGO - In June, an ordained Roman Catholic deacon attending St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Archdiocese of Chicago, was charged with criminal sexual assault. Juan Francisco Hinojosa, 28, allegedly assaulted a 16-year-old boy earlier in the month at Hinojosa's Chicago apartment. Hinojosa jumped bail and is believed to be in Mexico.

CHICAGO - Bishop Kenneth E. Zindle of the Chicago-based Evangelical Lutheran Church in America resigned in June, following allegations of sexual harassment involving two women. Zindle was the bishop of the ELCA's Slovak Zion Synod, the only ethnic branch of the ELCA, having its roots in Slovakia and surrounding regions of Eastern Europe.

PALOS HEIGHTS - Chicago Archdiocesan officials say Fr. Patrick O'Leary was fired for "inappropriate conduct" with students at Incarnation Parish in suburban Palos Heights, stating he did not violate any laws, but that his conduct did violate the rules of the Archdiocese, the school and common sense. In March, officials of the Archdiocese and its newly appointed Fitness Review Administrator began looking into O'Leary, after parish teachers raised concerns about the priest's behavior with students. After months of investigation and several hearings, Archdiocesan officials feared that O'Leary's "patterns of conduct" suggest he is a danger to children and he was removed from Incarnation where he had served as an associate pastor. O'Leary, an "extern" priest working on loan to the Chicago Archdiocese, was barred from working in the Archdiocese and was asked to return to his own diocese in Spain. Many parishioners who do not agree with the Archdiocese's decision are protesting with petitions to Cardinal Bernardin. Planting "We Back Father Pat" signs on their front lawns, wearing buttons, and labeling their cars with support bumper stickers, parishioners believe the church has fired an innocent man because of the hysteria surrounding the issue of pedophile priests. Archdiocesan Fitness Review Administrator, Stephen Sidlowski refused to

say what O'Leary did, but described it as a pattern of "inappropriate physical contact that may not rise to the level of sexual misconduct, but is highly unprofessional and does not display common sense." He said O'Leary's conduct was "so inappropriate" that it "raises concerns about the potential risks of sexual misconduct." Sidlowski said there was more than one incident, in more than one setting, involving more than one youngster.

#### INDIANA

GARDEN CITY - Church of Christ Christian education minister Cameron K. Huffman, 41, pled guilty to 5 counts of child molestation of a boy. The admitted abuse began in January, 1992 and ended in May of 1992. The church learned of Huffman's actions and fired him in October, 1992. Huffman is currently in the Quinco Behavioral Health Systems for treatment.

#### KANSAS

WICHITA - Nicholas Dufault, 50, a Greek Orthodox priest, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years probation for molesting a teenage boy while Dufault was pastor at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church from 1982 to 1990.

#### KENTUCKY

NEWPORT - Eight criminal indictments were issued in April against Fr. Earl C. Bierman, 61. On May 5, Bierman pled guilty to charges that between 1965 and 1980 he sexually abused 6 boys, ages 13 to 15. He also pled guilty to 25 counts of sodomy and indecent behavior, and, in early July, was sentenced to 20 years in prison and ordered to spend 2 to 4 years in a treatment program. His molestation career involved abusing a 14-year-old boy at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Santa Fe, NM and also of sexually abusing minors in the Diocese of Covington, KY.

LEXINGTON - A grand jury indicted Msgr. Leonard Nienaber, 86, on 36 felony counts of sexual abuse of children between 1964 and 1978. The victims' ages at the time ranged between 4 and 16 years old.

#### MARYLAND

BALTIMORE - A civil trial was scheduled to begin September 7 in a \$100 million lawsuit brought against Fr. Richard G. Deakin, 38, a Capuchin friar; the Capuchin Franciscan Order of the Province of St. Augustine and various officials of the Order; the Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore and retired Archbishop William D. Borders. The civil suit was filed by a now 21-year-old woman who was sexually abused between 1985 and 1987 beginning when she was 13 years old, while Deakin was assistant pastor of St. Martin's Church in West Baltimore. In 1990, two years after the abuse ended, the young woman told her mother who called police, and following an investigation, Deakin was arrested and convicted on rape and child abuse charges. Under a plea bargain with Baltimore prosecutors Deakin received a 15-year suspended sentence for rape and child abuse and was placed on probation for five years. Court documents in the criminal proceedings reveal that even though the Archdiocese knew that Deakin had a history of deviant sexual behavior, his religious superiors allowed him to continue his ministry, giving him supervision over youth groups. Despite criticism by seminary superiors of his repeated use of church money to visit X-rated movie theaters and to obtain pornographic materials, Deakin was ordained to the priesthood in April, 1985. While church authorities contend they did not know of Deakin's sexual abuse of the girl while it was occurring at St. Martin's, court papers show that they did learn of his practice of yelling obscenities from the parish car and exposing himself to women on the street. On February 17, 1987, he was arrested following one such incident when a woman who had been accosted by him gave the police the license number of Deakin's car. A summary of her deposition says she "did not press formal charges after she was contacted by somebody in authority in the church who assured [her] that Deakin would get help." Court documents also say that after Deakin admitted that his conduct toward the woman on the street was not an isolated incident, Fr. Madden, a clinical psychologist who determined that "Deakin's psychological protocol suggested the life pattern of an adolescent as opposed to an adult," recommended to the diocese in February, 1987, that Deakin "be moved out of Baltimore relatively quickly." Fr. Madden added that "the courts were becoming

dissatisfied with clergy in those kinds of situations." In June, 1993, Deakin was transferred to St. Cecilia's parish in Rochester, Pennsylvania, Diocese of Pittsburgh. According to court documents, after his transfer Deakin would travel back to Baltimore to have sex with the plaintiff. Court documents reveal that the priest and girl were having intercourse five times a week - in the priest's bedroom in the friary, his office, the church basement, Sunday School rooms and the parish automobile. Defense pleadings allege that the victim was guilty of contributory negligence because she did not report the abuse when it was occurring, referring to her "affair" with Deakin and describing it as "the love of her life." In response, the plaintiff's attorney told the court, "But Richard Deakin and Jane Doe were neither Romeo and Juliet nor Abelard and Heloise. Rather, she was an extremely vulnerable child who between the ages of 13 and 15 was victimized by a Capuchin friar in his 30's."

BRADSHAW - In 1988, Fr. Thomas W. Smith, 64, admitted to Baltimore Archdiocesan officials that he had sexually abused a number of children, but asserted he had not abused a child in 20 years. Archdiocesan officials sent Smith for a psychiatric evaluation, accepted his assertion and kept the matter quiet, neither reporting it to civil authorities nor attempting to find his victims. For five more years, Smith was able to keep his secret until this August when new allegations of abuse surfaced at his parish. On August 21, Smith shot himself to death in his room in the St. Stephen's rectory.

On December 27, 1988, Smith had sat in a courtroom and watched his associate pastor, Fr. Marion F. Helowicz plead guilty to sexually abusing a teenage boy at St. Stephen's. While Smith's secret remained in tact, Helowicz's lawyer told the judge that Fr. Smith was "aghast" at the charges and "couldn't fathom that this had occurred."

Since stories of Smith's suicide hit the paper, at least 5 people have come forward and reported their own prior abuses to the Archdiocese, saying that Smith had improperly touched or fondled them, generally when they were in 7th or 8th grade. One contact was a letter from an attorney alleging Smith had abused his client 10 years ago - long after the priest had insisted the molestations had stopped. An Assistant Attorney General stated, "the reporting law requires reporting an instance of

abuse of a child, even if the alleged victim is now an adult," stating that the Archdiocese violated State reporting statutes when it failed to report the 1988 incident.

## MASSACHUSETTS

WHEELWRIGHT - The parishioners of St. Augustine's Mission were initially sympathetic toward their pastor, Fr. Ronald Provost, when he was charged with posing a 10-year-old boy for semi-nude photographs. At his trial on January 28, the prosecution presented for admission to evidence more than a hundred lewd pictures of minor boys from Fr. Provost's bedroom. Provost was found guilty as charged and sentenced to ten years in the Massachusetts Correctional Institute, however, 5 years of the sentence were suspended outright and the other 5 years are to be a period of probation. Although Provost will not function as a priest, by canon law he is still considered a priest and will continue receiving his full pay from the Diocese of Worcester. Subsequent to the criminal conviction, a suit naming Provost and Bishop Harrington was filed. The suit, which asks for unspecified monetary damages, alleges that prior to his having committed the complained-of acts, Provost "had informed the Diocese that he recognized he had a psychiatric problem and needed assistance in dealing with it," but that "the Diocese did not take sufficient action to safeguard the general public and the minor plaintiff from harm." Ten years ago Provost was sent away for treatment, then reinstated in a parish. Fr. Provost's brother, Kenneth Provost, had also been arrested just 6 days after Fr. Provost's picture-taking of the plaintiff. Kenneth had been accused of 4 counts of rape and 1 count of indecent assault of a boy from 1988 to 1991 when the boy was 10 to 13 years old, and he was eventually convicted on the indecent assault charge. (The assault had occurred in Kenneth's house, where Fr. Provost later came to live after he returned from St. Luke Institute treatment center and was awaiting trial.)

SPRINGFIELD - A mis-trial was declared in the trial of Fr. John R. Hanlon accused of raping 3 brothers, all altar boys, in the early 1980's when he was a priest of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Plymouth. Hanlon, 65, is on leave as pastor of St. Paul's in Hingham. Each of the brothers said they were not aware their siblings were also being

abused by Hanlon. A large group of supporters and parishioners packed the courtroom during jury selection. Prosecutor Geline Williams said Hanlon was "a man parents enjoyed having their kids around," and had told the oldest boy "to keep his mouth shut" about the crimes.

FALL RIVER - Having just completed his brief jail sentence in Minnesota after pleading guilty to molesting his children's teenage babysitter, former Catholic priest James A. Porter pled guilty October 4 to molesting more than 30 children in the early 1960's in three Massachusetts parishes. He faces a December 6 sentencing for more than 40 counts of sodomy, indecent assault and child molestation. Porter has acknowledged molesting nearly 100 children while a priest in Massachusetts, New Mexico, Minnesota and Nevada. Porter is currently free on bond and living with his wife and four children in Minnesota.

WORCESTER - Fourteen people in New Mexico have filed civil suits against various dioceses, church officials and Fr. David Holley. In July, Holley, 65, pled guilty to sexually abusing 8 boys in the early 1970's at St. Jude Mission in Alamogordo, NM, and was sentenced to 275 years in prison. He is also accused of sexually molesting youths in Texas. Holley, a priest of the Worcester [MA] Diocese, was sent to the Servants of the Paraclete treatment center in Jemez Springs, New Mexico in 1970 by his home diocese for pedophilia and subsequently transferred in and out of various dioceses across the country.

WORCESTER - On May 6, a young woman who as a child was raped by Fr. Robert E. Kelley, filed a \$2 million civil suit against Bishop Timothy J. Harrington, charging him with negligence and "vicarious liability" (meaning the sexual abuse occurred while Kelley was under Harrington's control as bishop). Kelley admitted molesting and raping the plaintiff numerous times in 1984 and 1985 when she was age 10 and 11. On March 30, 1990, he pled guilty in Worcester Superior Court to charges of assault with intent to rape, unnatural rape of a child and indecent assault and battery on a child stemming from the incidents. Kelley was sentenced to five to seven years in state prison. The civil suit against Harrington charges that the bishop failed to evaluate Kelley's "fitness to serve as a

priest and pastor"; did not determine the nature of his "sexual proclivities"; and failed to provide reasonable supervision of Kelley, allowing him regular contact with children "despite his pedophilic tendencies."

WORCESTER - A 34-year-old man is suing the Diocese of Worcester, alleging sexual assault beginning at age 9 by Fr. Thomas A. Kane, then a visiting pastor at St. Mary's Church in Uxbridge. The plaintiff says the sexual contact continued off and on for 11 years. Kane was a co-founder and director of the House of Affirmation, a nonprofit mental health center for clergy in Whitinsville, in the early 1970's. He left there in 1986. Kane is now pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Gardner.

The Telegram & Gazette reported in 1987 that Kane had assembled real estate holdings prior to his departure, including one house each in Upton and Whitinsville, an inn and a farm in Maine, three condominiums in Boston, two condominiums in Florida and an interest in trusts that owned other Boston properties. Some of the real estate was sold in 1987 when Kane made an unspecified payment to the House of Affirmation, after the center hired a lawyer to investigate allegations of impropriety made in 1986 by 11 managers and executives at the center. The out-of-court settlement contained a provision that prohibited disclosure. At the time, plaintiffs' lawyer said he found evidence that Kane had spent House of Affirmation money for purchases that went to his personal properties. The House of Affirmation was independent of the diocese, but had close ties with it. Bishop Timothy J. Harrington served as president and treasurer of its board. The House of Affirmation went out of business in 1990 and, 11 months after being removed from his responsibilities at the House of Affirmation, Kane was named executive director of the National Guild of Catholic Psychiatrists, following a recommendation from Bishop Harrington.

The plaintiff, who was an altar boy and attended the church's school, alleges he was forced by Kane to perform a number of sexual acts at St. Mary's Church and the House of Affirmation. The suit claims that Kane ingratiated himself with the plaintiff's family, earned the trust of his parents and eventually got their permission to take him on outings, some of which lasted the weekend. It says that in the summer of 1968, Kane took him to a

cottage in Upton, where he was sexually abused. That incident was the first of dozens of sexual encounters that allegedly occurred at the House of Affirmation, at the church and elsewhere. Kane allegedly plied plaintiff with liquor and gave him expensive gifts and money. The suit also alleges that, as he grew older, the abuse became more bizarre and the gifts and money larger. Kane would take him to rural retreats, where plaintiff was held out by Kane for sex with other priests. Plaintiff alleges that Kane also enjoyed voyeurism and offered the boy money to engage in sex with other men while Kane watched, and sometimes took photographs.

WORCESTER - On April 22, two Northboro men filed separate suits alleging they were sexually assaulted by Fr. Victor Frobos, a West Virginia priest who was serving as a visiting priest in Northboro in the 1970's. Frobos later served a prison term in Missouri for sexual assaults. The suits also allege that Bishop Harrington and Fr. Thomas A. Kane (above) knew that Frobos was a danger to children, but did not remove him from St. Rose until after he had assaulted more children. One of the plaintiffs claims that beginning in the winter of 1978 when he was 11 years old, Frobos raped him repeatedly; the other plaintiff alleges Frobos assaulted him when he was 16, after first taking him to a late movie, then to the church rectory to stay overnight. The latter suit says that when the plaintiff and his parents met with Bishop Harrington shortly after Frobos' first sexual advance, Harrington promised to take action, but did nothing to remove Frobos from contact with children. Bishop Harrington says he does not remember being told in the late 1970's that the 16-year-old boy had been sexually assaulted by Frobos. Harrington recalled that he had heard indirectly about sexual assault allegations against Frobos, and said he could not remember the details, but thought Frobos had been dismissed. He said he believes that Frobos' home diocese in West Virginia was told about the incident.

Records show Frobos had a long career as a priest in the years after he left Northboro, serving in West Virginia, Missouri and Washington. He eventually spent two years in the Missouri State Prison on sexual assault convictions. Frobos is now in a nursing home in St. Louis.

## MICHIGAN

LANSING - Fr. Jason Sigler, 54, who during the 1970's was sent to the Servants of the Paracletes treatment center in Jemez Springs, NM, at least 3 times by the Diocese of Lansing, left the priesthood in 1982. Six sex abuse civil lawsuits involving 17 victims have now been filed in New Mexico. Sigler is accused of molesting at least 7 boys at St Therese Little Flower Church in Albuquerque, NM, St. Anthony Church in Fort Sumner and Immaculate Conception Parish in Las Vegas during the 70's and 80's. A letter submitted as part of the court record says Sigler was spared prosecution for sexual offenses in 1973 while working for the Diocese of Lansing on the condition that he leave the diocese there and never return. In 1983, in Albuquerque, NM, Sigler pled guilty to a charge of criminal sexual penetration of a minor boy in exchange for a deferred sentence.

NORTH SHARON - In an effort to simplify the trial for the jury and improve the chances of conviction, a judge has decided to drop 4 of the more than 20 charges filed against Mark Foeller, 36, of the North Sharon Baptist Church. The cases dropped involved 4 boys younger than 12. He stands accused of sexual penetration of 2 boys, 9 and 10. The trial was set for October 4.

ANN ARBOR - Fr. Timothy Crowley, resigned pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, has been "shown to have been involved in grievous misconduct of a sexual nature," Lansing Diocese Bishop Kenneth Povish told Crowley's former congregation on August 21. Diocesan officials would neither say whether the sexual misconduct involved minors or adults, nor would they detail how many individuals were involved. No criminal charges or civil cases have been filed. An attorney for the diocese refused to say whether the diocese has agreed to any out-of-court financial settlements with alleged victims. He did say those involved are receiving counseling through the diocese.

## MINNESOTA

DULUTH - The Catholic Diocese of Duluth plans to screen hundreds of clergy and church workers to "detect" sexual abusers of chil-

dren. Several lawsuits are pending against the Duluth Diocese involving children and a priest convicted of sex crimes in 1987.

### MONTANA

HELENA - Claiming severe mental and physical damage inflicted by Fr. Wilson Smart, three men have filed lawsuits against the priest and the Diocese of Helena. In April, one of the cases ("WTM") which was scheduled to go to trial within months, settled out of court for an undisclosed amount of money. The plaintiffs, each 13-year-old altar boys at the time their abuses began, allege that Smart befriended their families, took them to movies and on camping trips, and raped them for years in the 1960's. In the settled case, the Diocese of Helena said it was not admitting to any of the lawsuit's allegations, although in depositions Smart admitted having sex with 31 boys including the plaintiff. The plaintiffs had approached diocesan officials prior to filing suit, but said the diocese was unresponsive to their complaints. They claim diocesan officials knew or should have known of Smart's proclivities, and yet moved him from parish to parish in Montana without warning parishioners. Jay Raser of Missoula, whose lawsuit is still pending, said, "I am upset with what happened to me. I am more upset with the way the Church handled this. They put these people [priests] right back in situations where it happens again and again."

WTM said Smart started giving him alcohol when he was 13, and also gave him gifts and money. Smart let him drive his car before WTM had a license. Smart took pornographic pictures of WTM and "He showed me pornographic pictures of other boys he took to convince me it was all right." Over an eight-year period, WTM estimates Smart had sex with him 400 to 500 times. In his adult life, WTM suffered from drug and alcohol abuse, sexual identity problems and difficulties with all relationships. Smart's attorney contended WTM's "consent" to the sexual activity barred plaintiff's lawsuit.

Smart resigned from the priesthood after 33 years when WTM brought his suit in 1990. Diocesan officials are urging people claiming to have been sexually abused by priests to accept counseling from the church instead of suing.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

LANCASTER - Residents are questioning the wisdom of having Harry Hikel, 50, charged with molesting a girl, 12, as guest organist at the Congregational Church, where one of his accusers is a member.

### NEW JERSEY

TRENTON - Fr. Joseph M. LaForge, former pastor of St. Mary of the Lakes Church in Medford, is being investigated by authorities for helping his associate pastor, Fr. Florencia Pineda Tumang, 70, flee to the Phillipines. He is accused of financing the trip and helping to cover it up. Three civil suits, filed by the parents of Tumang's alleged victims, also charge LaForge helped Tumang. Tumang was indicted for molesting a girl, 13, in 1992 and 3 other girls, ages 13-17, from 1987-1990. The lawsuit claims the church knew of the crimes, but did nothing until the 1992 incident was reported to them. The family includes loss of faith and subsequent loss of the chance for salvation in their claim. LaForge has been reassigned. Tumang, if convicted, faces 8 years in prison.

TRENTON - Rev. Franklin R. Tucker, 33, of the Final Call Ministry, pled guilty to endangering the welfare of his girlfriends's 15-year-old daughter. Tucker was indicted for fondling the girl and her younger sister, 9, from June 1990 through November, 1991. The mother was indicted on witness tampering charges after pressuring her daughters to rescind their testimony, but charges against her will be dropped following Tucker's sentencing.

### NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE - A lawsuit filed August 23 accuses a Catholic priest of sexually abusing four children during the '60s and '70s. The suit says Fr. Ron Roth, now in Illinois, sodomized three boys and a girl while pastor of Tucumcari's St. Anne's Church and Albuquerque's St. Therese's Church.

SANTA FE - Robert Kirsch, 68, a priest with the Diocese of Santa Fe, is not allowed to

work with children or families while awaiting investigation into sexual misconduct allegations involving a 13-year-old girl. The alleged victim has filed a civil suit claiming that the misconduct began in 1973 while she worked at St. Thomas Apostle Church in Abiquiu, NM. In 1965, Kirsch was sent to the Servants of the Paraclete treatment center for 3 months treatment after being transferred to the Texas Diocese of Gallup.

SANTA FE - On June 28, Vincent Lipinsky, 31, pled guilty to charges of criminal sexual penetration of the boy and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Lipinsky was accused of purchasing alcohol for a 14-year-old boy and engaging in sex with him in October, 1992, while serving at St. Anthony's Parish in Questa, Diocese of Santa Fe. A plea bargain forbids Lipinsky from having any contact with the victim or his family while on 5-year supervised probation. In addition, Lipinsky must complete a residential treatment program for sex offenders; must pay counseling costs for the victim and his family; and may not occupy a position of authority with children until certified harmless.

ALBUQUERQUE - Fr. Gordon Macrae who was recently indicted on multiple counts of sexual abuse of teenagers, was hospitalized May 17 in Albuquerque following an apparent suicide attempt. Macrae had worked for Servants of the Paraclete treatment facility in Jemez Springs where priests are treated for psychological problems, including sexual abuse of children. Macrae currently faces 11 sexual assault charges involving 2 teenage brothers in Keene, NH, and 6 involving a former altar boy at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Hampton in 1983. Macrae pled guilty in 1988 to charges that he propositioned a 15-year-old boy at St. Bernard's. His sentence was suspended and he was sent to the Servants of the Paraclete for treatment.

ALBUQUERQUE - Retired Fr. Lionel Augustine Abeywickrema, 66, was accused by 3 women of sexual abuse ranging from improper touching to sodomy. The abuse alleged to have occurred over a period of years when the women were 6 to 14 years old. Although "Father Augie" denies the allegations, recently entered into a settlement for an undisclosed amount.

ALBUQUERQUE - Fr. Stanley R. Adamakis, 51, is being sued, along with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, for physically and sexually abusing plaintiff at gunpoint when he was a 14-year-old student at St. Pius in 1973. Adamakis is currently serving a 9 1/2 year sentence at Soledad, CA for criminal sexual penetration of 2 teenage boys, and a parole violation relating to a similar 1986 conviction. He could be eligible for parole in late 1994.

#### NEW YORK

NEW YORK - On July 9, Fr. Edward Pipala, 54, accused of operating a youth sex club called "The Hole", pled guilty to sexually abusing about a dozen boys from his parishes in Goshen and Monroe. Some of the boys were as young as 12 years old, and the abuse was alleged to have occurred for more than a decade. Pipala entered the plea to violations of the federal Mann Act, which prohibits transportation of people across state lines for sexual purposes. Pipala is to be sentenced November 5 and faces up to 8 years in federal prison. The sex abuse victims have named the New York Archdiocese and the priest in 4 suits seeking \$520 million in damages.

TROY - Fr. Peter M. Walsh, 42, faces 45 years in prison if convicted of exposing himself to 4 young boys, ages 7-11. The boys called police who later found him near the site of the alleged crime. A boy, 13, also saw Walsh exposing himself and touching himself in his car the next day. Walsh is pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Troy. The Franciscan diocese emphasized that he is innocent until proven guilty and reassigned him to administrative work.

#### OHIO

COLUMBUS - A severely handicapped 41-year-old man who is dying of AIDS has filed a civil suit alleging that he was sexually abused and contracted AIDS from Brother Fintan Shaffer. The abuse allegedly involved several other brothers and occurred in the early 1980's when the man was a resident at Good Shepherd Manor, a home for the mentally retarded near Wakefield. Defendants in the lawsuit include Shaffer, Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, 7 other Brothers, the Columbus

Diocese and Bishop James A. Griffin. Earlier criminal prosecutions led to convictions of the Brothers and subsequent prison terms.

**SANDUSKY** - The Rev. John Flotron, former pastor of Immanuel United Church of Christ, was arraigned on charges he engaged in sex acts with boys, ages 13 and 14, and showed pornographic movies to them.

**COLUMBUS** - Televangelist William Mark Wasmus, 38, of the Church of the Living Savior was charged with raping a 10-year-old boy in 1990. Pornographic photos were found in Wasmus' home, as well as video-tapes of Wasmus and the boy engaging in sexual acts. He is married and has 3 children. If convicted, Wasmus could be sentenced to life in prison.

**AKRON** - A woman has filed a \$20 million suit against her husband, a minister of the Akron Free Will Baptist Church. He is accused of sexually molesting their daughters, now 10, 12 and 19. Also named in the suit is Ronald Carver, former junior minister of the church, who knew of the abuse for 6 years but did not report it. The husband pled guilty to sexual battery in 1991 and was sentenced to 3 years in prison, but was paroled in December, 1992.

**CLEVELAND** - In May, a Florida man filed a \$1.25 million civil suit in May against Fr. Anthony Muzic and the Cleveland Diocese claiming Muzic sexually abused him when he was an altar boy at St. Brendan's in 1965 and 1966. The suit alleges that on several occasions Muzic plied the youth with alcohol and then sexually assaulted him. Muzic ingratiated himself with the plaintiff's family by acting as a friend and spiritual counselor and inviting the youth to spend nights with him at the rectory. Muzic denies the allegations.

**LAKESIDE** - Rev. Doug DeVos, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Dansbury was admonished and asked to get counseling and take a 2-month leave of absence following complaints by several congregational members that he used foul language and touched parishioners inappropriately. In January, the synod had received a letter from a woman in DeVos' former church in Michigan explaining that DeVos had asked her to take off her

clothing as a "test" of her self-image during a counseling session. DeVos has been ordered by church officials to write letters of apology to anyone he believes may have been offended by his actions.

**AVON LAKE** - Lynn Toth, founder of Survivors of Clergy Abuse Reachout (SCAR), our Ohio Linkup affiliate, has joined with six other women in a suit against the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The suit charges that Fr. Carl Wernet, former pastor of St. Joseph Church, sexually abused them from 1955 to 1965, when they were students in the parish school. Wernet died in 1980.

### OREGON

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY** and federal authorities say that Pastor Paul Revere, born Craig Douglas Fleshman, 43, has been harboring a fugitive, Franklin Lary Carrico, who in July was convicted in absentia of 3 counts of child rape. Revere is the pastor of the Embassy of Heaven, outside the city of Sublimity. The church believes it operates under biblical laws only and should not have to abide by state and federal laws.

### PENNSYLVANIA

**PHILADELPHIA** - On June 10, Fr. Gary Hayes, a parish priest, and 2 other men alleging they were sexually abused by priests when they were children, sued Roman Catholic leaders under the federal anti-racketeering laws (RICO). In October, the suit was quietly settled on undisclosed terms.

The suit charged two priests, Fr. Joseph H. McGarvey of Audubon, NJ, and Fr. William C. O'Connell of Providence, RI, with conspiring "to create a sex ring of children that could be sexually abused by the two priests, and on information and belief, other priests." Also named in the lawsuit were the parish churches to which the priests were assigned; six priests and bishops in supervisory positions who, the suit says, "knew or should have known" the abuse was taking place; the National Council of Catholic Bishops (NCCB); and the United States Catholic Conference (USCC). The suit charged that the three boys, then in their teens, were frequently transported across state lines by McGarvey and O'Connell "for the express purpose of having forcible sexual contact with the then minor plaintiffs." Hayes said filing the suit was a



difficult decision for him. "I'm sad because I turned to the church for help, and they did nothing. And if I can't get help, and I'm a priest, what chance does a young child have?" The lawsuit charged that church leaders were "negligent in hiring and retaining McGarvey and O'Connell in their employ as priests" and that they made "the conscious decision to protect the reputation of the church "by transferring the priests from one parish to another." Hayes said in a press conference just following the filing of the lawsuit, "Officials of the Diocese of Camden have had more than enough information to, at the very least, investigate these allegations. For reasons known only to God and themselves, they chose not to act on this information."

**PITTSBURGH** - On September 30, just one day before the trial of the case was to begin, the Diocese of Pittsburgh entered into a settlement with a 24-year-old man who claimed that throughout his teen years Fr. Anthony Cipolla sexually abused him. The suit, filed in 1988, alleged Cipolla had a sexual relationship with the plaintiff beginning when he was a 13-year-old altar boy and continued until he turned 18, by which time the plaintiff was a seminarian. Bishop Donald Wuerl suspended Cipolla from active priesthood, but the suspension was overturned by a Vatican court in March, ordering Wuerl to reinstate Cipolla and condemning the bishop for misusing canon law and due-process procedures. Because Wuerl filed an appeal, Cipolla's suspension stands in the interim. Cipolla's attorney told reporters that Cipolla is seeking reassignment to another diocese or religious order. A diocesan official says it will inform Cipolla's prospective employers of the allegations filed against him in this case.

**PHILADELPHIA** - During a crackdown on illegal sexual behavior in Tyler State Park, Fr. Edward J. Walsh, 29, was busted. The associate pastor of Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church is accused of soliciting oral sex from an undercover park ranger and faces a \$100-500 fine. The Philadelphia Archdiocese removed Walsh from his parish pending the outcome of an investigation.

**MILFORD** - Fr. Robert N. Caparelli, 54, formerly of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, recently pled guilty to charges of indecent assault and corruption of minors. He was sentenced to 11

1/2 months in prison plus 5 years probation. He was also fined \$5,000 and ordered to obtain therapy. Caparelli currently is serving 2-5 years for sexual abuse. His two sentences will run consecutively. In September, 1992, Caparelli tested positive to the HIV virus. Two civil suits are pending.

## TEXAS

**HOUSTON** - Galveston-Houston diocesan officials established new guidelines to deal with clergy sexual misconduct cases after a Catholic priest, Fr. Fernando Noe Guzman, recently pled guilty to four counts of sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl in Navasota in 1984. In a plea bargain agreement, Guzman accepted a 10-year sentence with early parole and probation terms. Guzman has resigned from the priesthood.

**DALLAS** - Police say the Diocese of Dallas may have broken state law by failing to alert authorities to allegations that Fr. Rudolph Kos sexually abused minors. Kos is currently undergoing treatment at Servants of the Paraclete treatment center in Jemez Springs, NM. Kos and the diocese are named in a lawsuit in which 2 men claim they were sexually abused as boys.

**DALLAS** - While chaplain at a Georgia Army base in March, 1984, Fr. Robert Peebles, Jr. allegedly sexually assaulted and exploited a 15-year-old boy after getting him drunk. When Peebles was informed of the civil suit, he denied any wrongdoing. Peebles was discharged from the Army Chaplain Corps after the police investigation began.

**SAN ANTONIO** - A 13-year-old boy's guardian has filed suit against Fr. Xavier Ortiz-Dietz, 47, for aggravated assault. The priest is accused of sexually abusing the boy on numerous occasions and threatening him with hell if he ever spoke against him. Ortiz-Dietz was pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Von Ormy and Our Lady Queen of Heaven parish in Macdona at the time of the alleged incidents. Also named as defendants in the suit are Pope John Paul II, San Antonio Archdiocese and another priest who knew of Ortiz-Dietz's crimes. Ortiz-Dietz has been in the New Mexico treatment center run by the Servants of the Paraclete since August, 1992. Archbishop Patrick Flores is representing the pope in the case.

## VERMONT

MONTPLIER - On June 8, a Florida man filed suit against the now-closed St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, which was operated by the Catholic Diocese of Vermont and Vermont Catholic Charities, seeking \$50,000 in damages for the alleged physical and sexual abuse he suffered there by a nun when he was a resident there in 1951-1953.

## VIRGINIA

RICHMOND - The appointment of the state's first black bishop will be suspended while the Episcopal Church conducts a probe into allegations against him of sexual misconduct, officials said. The Rev. Canon Antoine Lamont Campbell denies the allegations.

## WASHINGTON

SEATTLE - Three women have accused Rev. Donovan Cook, of the University Baptist Church of professional [sexual] misconduct. The case is being handled by the congregation and council of the church, not a court of law. He is on leave with pay.

## WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON - Gary Kendall, 39, Charleston Baptist Church pastor, was charged with criminal sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl who had come to him for counseling after she had been abused by someone else.

## WISCONSIN

MADISON - A Catholic priest who was on probation from 1987-1992 for 2nd degree sexual assault of a 15-year-old boy in 1985, is currently accused of assaulting another boy, now 12, between 1989-92. Fr. Dennis A. Pecore, 41, told the mother "that maybe it was his subconscious taking over and that he probably should see a psychiatrist." In 1987, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee paid \$595,000 in a settlement to the family of the first victim.

SHEBOYGAN - Fr. William Effinger, ex-pastor of Holy Name Catholic Church, was convicted of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old boy. He was

sentenced to the maximum 10 years. He pled no contest to the charge. The incident took place between November 1, 1987 and March 31, 1988.

MILWAUKEE - Members of St. Rita Catholic Church were informed in July "that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is investigating alleged sexual misconduct of their pastor, Fr. S. Joseph Callova." Ordained in 1976, Callova has served as pastor at St. Rita since 1986. He is currently on leave of absence.

## INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND - The Anglican bishop of Gloucester resigned this summer in the wake of allegations of sexual indecency with a 17-year-old novice monk.

CANADA - A class-action suit was filed this fall against seven religious orders in Quebec by about 4,000 former residents of orphanages and mental hospitals operated by those orders during the 1950's and 1960's. The plaintiffs are seeking \$1.2 billion in damages on the grounds of physical, sexual and psychological abuse.

In a well-documented scandal, thousands of orphans were reclassified as mentally retarded and their orphanages converted to mental institutions during the 1950's, when the archconservative Catholic Premier, Maurice Duplessis, imposed rigid Catholic orthodoxy on the province. Illegitimate children were usually hidden away in orphanages, and the orphanages underwent "changes of vocation" to capture an additional \$2 per child per day that the province would pay a mental hospital over what it routinely paid orphanages.

Public outcry ended the practice in the 1960's, but no reparations have been made to victims. After the mammoth lawsuit was announced, provincial and Montreal city police revealed that they are pursuing scores of belated criminal investigations springing from the scandal. The trial is expected to commence in 1994.

TORONTO - In a secret deal reached in early June, a compensation package for clergy sexual abuse victims at St. Joseph's and St. John's Training Schools for Boys operated by the Christian Brothers was increased by \$10 million. This brings the cost of this scandal to \$23 million with 700

alleged victims. The deal was agreed to by the Toronto and Ottawa archdioceses, the Christian Brothers in Ottawa and the Ontario government. It was kept secret for fear it might jeopardize future criminal proceedings against the Christian Brothers in Toronto, who have refused to be part of any compensation package. There have been several convictions of Christian Brothers, who have poured out massive amounts of money toward their defense. In one case alone the estimate was \$550,000, and more going for appeals.

AUSTRALIA- An Australian law firm says it is planning to sue the country's Catholic and Anglican churches on behalf of more than 50 men and women who allege they were sexually assaulted by clergymen during the past 60 years. The Melbourne firm of Maurice Blackburn and Co. was to have filed cases in the Victorian Supreme and County courts by the end of August.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA- The Christian Brothers in the state of Western Australia have apologized for sexually and physically assaulting boys in their care. In early June, the religious order ran newspaper advertisements expressing "heartfelt regret for the failings of the past." A victims' group claims that hundreds of the 4,000 children cared for by the order from the 1940's through the 1970's were abused.

GERMANY - A Roman Catholic priest was sentenced to four years in jail for raping a 12-year-old girl at least 45 times in 1982-83. The Augsburg woman reported the incidents to authorities this year after she heard that the priest had fired a young woman from her parish nursery school job for living with a man. The judge in the case said the church authorities ignored the original accusations of rape in 1984.

**LEGAL RESOURCES**

**THE LINKUP ATTORNEY NETWORK -**  
A list of attorneys proficient in clergy sex abuse cases is available by written request to The Linkup, P.O. Box 1268, Wheeling, IL 60090. Our list is provided as a service to victims who wish to seek legal advice and make their own determination in retaining legal counsel, and not meant as an endorsement of any attorney or firm.

**Coalition of Victims' Attorneys and Consultants (COVAC)** - 4530 Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (804) 422-2692. Maintains a database and attorney referral service.

**National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse - American Prosecutors Research Institute,** 1033 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314. Publishes *UPDATE*, a monthly newsletter covering latest developments in sex abuse cases.

**National Organization for Women Legal Defense and Educational Fund,** Intake Department, 99 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10013. Provides information and referrals to local lawyers.

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FAX those newspaper, magazine articles to 708-991-9983, ATTENTION: Jeanne Miller at THE LINKUP. Keep us informed so that we may keep all of you informed through *The Missing Link*.

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## HELP, HELP, HELP

Some of you have asked what you can do to contribute your time and energy to helping The Linkup. Here, and in future issues of *The Missing Link*, we will publish projects we're working on which need your assistance.

Currently, we are compiling a State-by-State guide listing certain statutes relevant to sexual abuse and/or assault. We ask that you volunteer to go to your library (you may have to go to a law library) and look up, photocopy and send to us the following statutes for your State:

1. Statute of Limitations
2. Pastoral Privilege
3. Mandatory Reporting Law

If you have information regarding pending legislation which may alter any of the above statutes, please advise and/or send a photocopy of the proposed bill(s).

## HAPPENINGS

© WOMEN'S PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATES, "Integrating Creativity with Healing" - Spring/Summer offerings in consultation and supervision: Integrating creativity and the arts in psychotherapy: A consultation group for therapists; ongoing supervision group for clinicians working with adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse; ongoing supervision group for new MSW clinicians; Workshop: "The music within you", an evening of singing for women, and much more. Write 261 Wickenden Street, Providence, RI 02903; 401-331-3170.

© Therapist/Survivor MICHELE FRANK offers psychoeducational recovery workshops for female and male adult survivors of childhood abuse and incest at the NY Open Center. She is also leading a seminar on child abuse advocacy at the New School for Social Research featuring speakers such as authors Louise Armstrong and Florence Rush, which begins evenings in June. For more information about either program, call Michele at 212-957-9376.

© Mary K. Burt offers workshops - "USING ART TO HEAL". Write P.O. Box 87, Weatogue, CT 06089; 203-658-4235.

## GROUP SUPPORT

### CALIFORNIA

S.O.A.R. (SURVIVORS OF ABUSE IN RECOVERY), P.O. Box 929, No. Hollywood, CA 91603 (818-752-0352) - Presenting Daniel Sexton, M.A. in on-going weekly lecture series held each Saturday morning at Metropolitan Community Church, San Francisco Valley. Fee is \$10.00 per lecture. Guided self-help group forming, cost \$5.00 per group.

San Jose: Monthly support meetings for survivors of clergy sexual abuse. Survivors interested in attending, contact Diana or Mollie McLeod at 408-365-7288. Mollie and Diana have also organized a retreat scheduled for August 13-15 - "Is Nothing Sacred?" - for women survivors of clergy sexual abuse. For more information, write them at 5490 Judith Street #3, San Jose, CA 95123 or call at the number above.

Hayward: PROJECT EDEN, INC. A support group for all survivors of Clergy Sexual Abuse. Contact Terrie or Jeff: 510-887-0566.

### COLORADO

Denver: SUN (Survivors United Network). A support group for all survivors of childhood sexual abuse. You may choose from among several types of support groups according to your comfort and recovery needs. None of SUN's groups are considered therapy groups and are not therapist-led. Newcomers may attend welcome meetings designed to familiarize the participant with the purpose and services of SUN. Specific groups include: coed survivors; male survivors; female survivors; partners of survivors; mothers of survivors; survivors recovering from addictions; therapists who are survivors; lesbians who are survivors; gay men who are survivors; women with female perpetrators; and women of color. Also, special events and "drop-in" hours. Contact: SUN, c/o Kempe Children's Foundation, 3607 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80205 (303) 355-1133.

## CONNECTICUT

A new support group meets monthly in Branford to help women romantically involved in relationships with priests. President Corinne Clark formed the group "Men of God...And the Women Who Love Them." This group is an offshoot of Good Tidings, based in Canadensis, PA (Contact Catherine and Joe Grenier 717-595-2705), and Promises, based in Alexandria, VA.

## ILLINOIS

THE LINKUP - Chicago Metropolitan Area. Monthly support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse held the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Kenneth Young Center, Rolling Meadows. Contact: Nancy Briggs: 708-437-3116.

## MASSACHUSETTS

North Attleboro: SURVIVOR CONNECTIONS. Support meetings for sexual abuse victims and family support meetings. Contact: Frank Fitzpatrick 401-941-2548.

## MICHIGAN

SASSI (Sexual Abuse Survivors Services, Inc.) - Assistance to victims of sex crimes. SASSI was created after determining the gap between availability of services and funding alternatives for survivors. For more information, contact Renee Strand, 916 St. Jacob Avenue, Albert Lea, MN 56007 (507) 373-0988.

SWANS: A national network has been established in Michigan to provide support and information to women sexually abused by nuns. The network, called SWANS (Support for Women Abused by Nuns) was founded by Sheila Gray. You may write to Sheila for further information: P.O. Box 20766, Ferndale, Michigan 48220.

## MINNESOTA

Minneapolis: LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES. Support group for women survivors of clergy sexual abuse. Contact: Dee Dunne: 612-774-9507.

Minneapolis: CATHOLIC CHARITIES. Support group for women survivors of clergy sexual abuse. Contact: Mary Jo Miller: 612-222-3001.

Bloomington: FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE. Support group for women who have been sexually exploited by clergy or church staff. Contact Gerry Peterson: 612-884-7353.

## NEW MEXICO

THE ALBUQUERQUE LINKUP - Albuquerque, NM. Support group for all who have been sexually abused by clergy. Contact Susie Sanchez: 505-897-2334.

## OHIO

Parma: Concerned Group of Catholic Laity. Activist support group for those interested in church reform on the issue of clergy sexual abuse and other issues. Publishes monthly newsletter. Contact Martha Loya: CGCL, Box 219, 1128 Pleasant Valley Road, Parma, Ohio 44134.

Avon Lake: S.C.A.R. (Survivors of Clergy Abuse Reachout), a Linkup affiliate. Support group for those sexually abused by clergy. Contact: Linda Lotko-Toth: P.O. Box 248, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012.

## RHODE ISLAND

Warwick: "Pro-Survivors Anonymous" meetings on Friday evenings for non-perpetrating supporters and family members of survivors of sexual assault. Contact: Stand Fast at 401-737-7505.

## TEXAS

Dallas: The Dallas Center for Religious Addiction and Abuse holds support group meetings for "survivors of addicts from fundamentalist environments" each Wednesday evening from 7-8. Call 691-4102 for directions and to reserve a space. Primary focus is on the kind of issues that in their most aberrant form were recently manifested in Waco.

Abilene: SURVIVORS LINKUP, INC. Support group for those sexually abused by clergy in

Texas. Contact Kandace or Diana: 915-692-8776 or 915-695-2273.

## VERMONT

Milton: VT.-I.S.E.E. Incest Survivors Enlightened and Empowered:

Group for women survivors of sexual, emotional, and physical abuse meets Tuesdays in Middlebury. Call 802-388-0248 or 1-800-696-0248.

Group for adult male survivors of sexual abuse meeting in Burlington. Call Stannard Baker at 802-482-2335.

Group For Parents SAKES (Sexually Abused Kids Education and Support). For information, call Karen Fondacaro, PhD at 802-656-2661 or Doris Clayton Viens at 802-863-2865.

Group for teen parents to discuss sexual abuse issues, healing and how to protect their children from sexual abuse. Call Marilyn Magnus, RNC or Bonnie Griffin, RN (St. Johnsbury) at 802-748-9405 or, within VT at 1-800-499-9405.

of Linkup member Dee Miller's new book entitled How Little We Knew! This book puts the issues of abuse within the "family of God" under a microscope in the most unusual of settings - the foreign mission field. The author speaks from a unique combination of perspectives, as an adult victim, a missionary deeply entrenched in the system, a mental health nurse, the wife and daughter of a minister. The dramatic first-person story demonstrates clearly the revictimization by both the family and the system. After watching how the church had intentionally down-played the severity of the issue, Miller said she has since created a label for this "see-no-evil" approach to sexual abuse and harassment - DIM thinking; an acronym for Denial, Ignorance and Minimization. How Little We Knew! is recommended for victims and survivors, their families and organizations. Professional mental health workers, nurses, clergy, and those from a wide variety of professions will find the book enlightening. To order your copy, write to Dee Miller at 613 Frank, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503.

## BOOK REVIEW

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A Gospel of Shame  
By Elinor Burkett and  
Frank Bruni  
Viking Press, 251 pp., \$22.50  
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Over the past few years, a relentless crescendo of revelations about Catholic priests molesting children has riveted the nation's attention and raised urgent, previously unthinkable questions: Just how widespread is child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy? Why hasn't the Catholic Church done more to stop it?

In *A Gospel of Shame*, authors Elinor Burkett and Frank Bruni provide the answers, which turn out to be infuriating and heartbreaking, difficult to accept but impossible to dismiss. The authors painstakingly document and vividly detail dozens of cases across the country and reveal how this heinous abuse of trust has been tacitly sanctioned by the Church's silence.

Opening with the story of James Porter, a former priest scheduled to be tried in late 1993 for mass molestation, the book uses interviews with victims to examine children's unique vulnerability to

## Lot's Children

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priests and with priest abusers to explore their dangerous isolation. It documents the failure of prosecutors, judges, psychologists and reporters to monitor bishops, who spend millions of dollars to protect the Church's image rather than its believers.

Finally, it dares to ask - and answer - the question of why such a seemingly disproportionate number of priests molest children. Without indicting the Church, Burkett and Bruni argue that the demands of the priesthood and the hierarchical structure decreed by Rome foster a climate perilous to the young. Their insights are culled from extensive interviews with many of the nation's foremost experts on child sexual abuse and even some of the Catholic Church's most respected American bishops.

But *A Gospel of Shame* is no dry academic treatise. It is gripping journalism, weaving unforgettable anecdotes of individual abuse and institutional cover-up. And it is essential reading -- not just for clergy and laity, but for anyone concerned about the welfare of children and the forces that lead to their victimization.

Please share with us information about happenings, groups, newsletters and other helpful resources so that we may publish these in forthcoming issues of *The Missing Link*. We would also appreciate hearing about competent and caring therapeutic and/or legal professionals for our referral roster.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPRESSION

"In Search of Healing" is a new periodical anthology of writing and art for the purpose of healing sexual abuse. All material is contributed by people who are in recovery from child sexual abuse and by their supporters. Disclosure of abuse, even from years ago, is essential to recovery. Through creative forms, people who are healing can express the inexplicable. If you are interested in submitting your writing and/or art for publication, or would like to subscribe to the publication, contact The Survivor Press, P.O. Box 30702, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87190.



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ONCE SILENT, NEVER TO REVEAL, BUT NOW TO VENT.  
THE PAIN OF THE PAST, THAT NO ONE COULD PREVENT.

IT IS NOT YOU, AND NOT I, AND NOT DAMIEN.  
IT IS WOLF THAT ALLOWED THIS TO HAPPEN.

HAVING TAKEN A CHILD'S YOUTH AWAY AND SCARRED HIM FOR LIFE  
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS PAINFUL IF IT WERE A KNIFE.

THIS MAN ONCE OF POWER, BUT NOT POWERLESS  
HAVING ADMITTED TO THIS CRIME, HAVING HIM CONFESS.

BUT WHAT HAS THAT PROVEN, WHERE WILL HE GO?  
OFF TO ANOTHER PLACE WHERE HE'S FREE, AND NO ONE WILL KNOW.

HE'S TAKEN THE YOUTH AND MANHOOD AWAY FROM MY BROTHER  
IT'S A SICKNESS, IT SHOULD STOP--WILL IT HAPPEN TO ANOTHER?

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO GO ON WITHOUT THE THOUGHTS OF THE PAST?  
WILL YOU CONTINUE TO BEAT ON YOURSELVES - HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO LAST?

DON'T BE SCARED, BE OPEN WHEN ONE OF US COMES A LITTLE NEAR  
WE WANT TO BE THERE FOR YOU, IT'S OKAY TO SHED A TEAR.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT  
BUT TO LIVE A LIFE OF "I SHOULD HAVE" - IT'S NOT RIGHT.

YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE - YOU DID YOUR BEST FOR US - FOR ME  
THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE IS WOLF. HE SHOULD BE IN JAIL, NOT FREE.

WOLF CONTINUES HIS LIFE "IN CONTROL", FOR HE'S A GROWN MAN  
BUT SCARRED OUR FAMILY AND TAKEN THE CHILDHOOD SOUL FROM DAMIEN.

DAY BY DAY, AS TIME GOES BY IT FEELS MORE LIKE MURDER  
BUT WE MUST GO ON IN LIFE, WE CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO HURT US FURTHER.

Layne Palladino  
5/9/93



The Milwaukee Linkup, Inc., is a new, non-profit corporation set up for the benefit of the victims of clergy abuse. The directors of the Milwaukee Linkup, Inc. have had experience over the past 11 years in the investigation, negotiation, and settlement of this type of cases. Since 1982, the directors of the Milwaukee Linkup, Inc., have been involved in 105 cases where there was clergy abuse involving children, teenagers, and adults. These cases were investigated for insurance companies, attorneys and their clients, and clients who are not represented by attorneys.

The directors of the Milwaukee Linkup, Inc., are licensed private investigators in the state of Wisconsin and also operate a detective agency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, known as Confidential Investigations.

We offer a support group for the victims of clergy abuse, psychological counseling, investigative services, and referrals to attorneys specializing in clergy abuse cases. It is therefore advantageous for our members to use our diversified experience in clergy abuse matters.

The Milwaukee Linkup, Inc., and Confidential Investigations is located at 316 E. Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53217, Telephone: 414-962-7898.

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