

- KK: And how long after that ah,
- PA: I never heard from him again.
- KK: how long did that occur after you left Holy Rosary?
- PA: Oh, gosh, I built the house in '86. Must have been in '89 or '90.
- AF: Did [REDACTED] ever bring his fiancée for you to meet?
- PA: No.
- KK: When, how did [REDACTED] know how to find you?
- PA: Most probably through his sister or brother-in-law. I don't know.
- KK: So you maintained contact with them after you had left Holy Rosary?
- PA: Up until [REDACTED] put out a civil lawsuit in mentioning me as I had very close contact with ah, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] yes.
- KK: All right.
- PA: And their family.
- KK: So he came to your house. Did you know he was coming?
- PA: Yes.
- KK: Or did he just show up on your doorstep?
- PA: No, no he had called.
- KK: Huh, huh.
- PA: And said he wanted to come and visit and the time had been set up for him to come to visit.
- KK: And um, can you tell me about that visit? What time of the day?
- PA: It was in the afternoon.
- KK: Huh, huh.

PA: It was in the afternoon. I believe it was late afternoon.

KK: All right. Tell me about that visit. He shows up.

PA: He shows up and we started to talk.

KK: Huh, huh.

PA: And ah, after we talked for a bit he said he had heard that I was gay and he wanted to experience anal sex and would I give him the opportunity of having that experience and I said no. I, I don't consider myself gay. I've never done that. Nor do I intend to do that.

KK: And then what happened?

PA: And then we changed the subject of it and he left.

KK: How long would you say that he was at your house?

PA: Maybe a half an hour.

KK: All right. Did you ever share a meal during that time?

PA: No, I don't believe so, no.

KK: How well do you really know [REDACTED]

PA: I lost contact with him when I left the church. The only thing I know of [REDACTED] is what I knew of him since I left through his sister and brother-in-law. And I know he had all kinds of, of ah drug and alcohol problems and abuse problems with his ah, emotionally, he was emotionally abusive to his wife. Ah, that he had a very serious drug problem ah, that he had ah, been involved in some accident at work. And didn't get as much money as he expected he would get. And ah, ah, from I only know that through what his sister and brother-in-law had shared with me because I had no contact with him.

KK: All right. So after you left Holy Rosary,

PA: I only had that one contact with him.

KK: Only that one?

PA: That's correct.

AF: Did he ever visit you at

PA: One time.

AF: When you were working at the Elliot Hospital?

PA: One time.

AF: One time?

PA: Yeah. That's when he came to my house.

AF: Did he ever visit you, physically visit you, at the Elliot Hospital, Father?

PA: No.

AF: He never came?

PA: No. No, definitely not.

AF: Okay. Okay.

JR: Um, how about [REDACTED]

PA: That's an interesting situation.

JR: Okay.

PA: That's an interesting situation.

RM: I'm going to butt in here.

PA: Sure.

RM: We have the um,

TAPE TWO, SIDE A

AF: Okay, this is Investigator Anthony Fowler, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. It is August 27, 2002, and it is 3:18 p.m. by my watch. We're at the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office continuing an interview with Father Paul Aube. Same people are present for the interview. I would further state that once the side of the tape ran out on the first tape, which would have been side B, um, we decided at that point to take a break.

That's the reason for the time span here and we will continue with the interview with Father Aube.

JR: And um, I think we left off with a question about Rochester and about [REDACTED]. And you had said that that's an interesting story and that's when we took our break so I wanted to give an opportunity to tell us um about [REDACTED] and about your involvement with him.

PA: Huh, huh. The [REDACTED] family were a military family who were stationed at Pease Air Force Base. Um, his father was a military lawyer. His mother was ah, very charismatic in the religious dimension of it and I got immediately involved with the church after they moved to Rochester area after being assigned at Pease Air Force Base. Ah, she wanted to have all of her children ah, involved with the church so both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] um, I think were of age to be part of the youth group. I don't recall about [REDACTED] at the time. Ah, but I know [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED] was a good artist. I was creating audio visual programs from education and ah, I got involved with [REDACTED] by asking him to draw things for me that I would take pictures of and make slides of for the presentation. Um, I visited ah, the [REDACTED] family. They took courses, Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] took courses for adults that, that I gave about the Bible and Spirituality. Ah, they invited me to their home for dinner, BBQ, a couple, three times. Um, [REDACTED] sought me out for difficulties that they had in their marriage. And that's how I got involved with the [REDACTED] family. I got involved because she sought me out as a spiritual director, spiritual counselor for marriage, marital problems that they were experiencing. Um, my involvement with [REDACTED] was only to the extent of ah, his involvement with the youth group and ah doing artwork for me. Ah, there was never anything sexual that went on between [REDACTED] and myself.

JR: Um, while it might haven't been anything sexual, was there ever anything inappropriate that might have occurred between you and [REDACTED]

PA: The only thing that would be seen inappropriate in today's life would be the fact that I was a big hugger. Ah, I hugged everybody. I kissed everybody on the cheek, as they came out of church, as when I met them on the street, met them in a restaurant. I was a big hugger.

JR: And did you kiss [REDACTED]

PA: I most probably kissed him on the cheek like I kissed everybody else on the cheek.

JR: And did you give [REDACTED] these affectionate embraces that you described?

PA: Oh yes. I'm sure I did. I gave them to everybody.

- JR: Did that ever involve running your fingers through his hair or rubbing him on the back?
- PA: I don't recall that it did, but it could have certainly have happened because that was part of my persona.
- JR: So it could have happened?
- PA: Yeah, oh, yeah. Oh yeah.
- RM: Um, Paul you're aware that um [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wrote a rather long um,
- PA: As did [REDACTED] yes.
- RM: And somewhat scathing tome.
- PA: Yes.
- RM: I think you've had an opportunity to review.
- PA: Yes. I did.
- RM: In the file, it would seem I think to the casual observer that to ah, take the time to write such a thing and I think he wrote it from
- PA: Turkey.
- RM: Turkey.
- PA: Correct.
- RM: Um, that one would have to have some motivation to write a letter that was as unflattering as that one was.
- PA: Oh, I think, I'm sorry to interrupt you, but I think, the letter itself. I don't know if you have a copy of it, but it is very evidence to what the motivation behind it. Ah, he wanted to, here was his chance to ah, prove [REDACTED] wrong, his wife.
- RM: Huh, huh.
- PA: Now here was a real pervert that you looked up too so much and that was the motivation to get back at her.

RM: What would cause him to write that letter and say those kinds of things about you? What, what would be the factual basis that would motivate him to do that? And again, this is as you look back at it from the benefit of this particular perspective.

PA: I would say the things, I had to confront him with in the relationship he was having with his wife.

RM: Which would have been what?

PA: I would prefer not to discuss that unless you want me to because I think that was confidential between the [REDACTED] and myself. But if you if it's important for you.

RM: Um, I it's my view Paul that um, that it is important to air it.

PA: Ah,

RM: If you want to take a minute and talk about it we can do that.

PA: Mr., Mr. [REDACTED] was a womanizer.

RM: Huh, huh.

PA: And it caused a lot of problems in the marriage through the years.

AF: What would be, what would be [REDACTED] motivation for making ah, allegations against you of this nature, Father?

PA: To the best of my knowledge, [REDACTED] never made an accusation against me of a sexual nature. Ah, if I recall the tone that he was requested to ask at the request of ah, Father Christian, ah, he if I recall now, because I wasn't given the chance to read the whole thing at the time. Ah, he - he says he claims when I deny that I had requested for him to take his pants down at some, some subsequent time when he was going to St. John's University in Minnesota. Ah, there was nothing that happened while in Rochester.

JR: When he was going to college, just to put [REDACTED], your knowledge of [REDACTED] in perspective, when he was younger and ah, in high school in the Rochester area was that when you knew him?

PA: That's correct.

JR: Okay. And then subsequently, ah and maybe younger then that when his family was, his father was stationed at Pease.

PA: That was during that time.

JR: Okay. Um, and then after that did um, his family move yet again?

PA: Yes, his family was sent to California. Was transferred to California outside of San Francisco. Some air base over there.

JR: Ah, ah

PA: While they were there they kept in touch with me.

JR: Okay.

PA: And ah, ah they would call. I would call them. They were a beautiful family. And ah, they got involved over there because [REDACTED] wanted the kids to be involved in church all the time. They got involved into a retreat program called TEC, T-E-C, Teens Encountering Christ. And they wanted me to be a guest priest at one of their retreats and ah, raise, and I didn't have the money and ah I talked to Monsignor Simard about their request. And ah, because they offered to raise the money to bring me there and so apparently they raised the money to pay for my airfare to go to that TEC experience. And um, so I, I was, I did go there. I was there for maybe um, I don't recall. Maybe five days in all out of which three days was of that TEC experience where there was another priest, several chaperones and, and the group dynamics leaders and, and the kids.

AF: Where did you stay, Father?

PA: I had my private room at that retreat house.

AF: Okay.

JR: And, and when was that?

PA: It must have been in '79, maybe '78, '79. I don't recall. Ah, but getting back to your question because I don't know if I answered it as precisely as I should have cause I don't think I was in the same waive length as you were. While at the retreat I had my own private room, okay? The two nights I spent at the [REDACTED] home I

AF: Here's my question.

PA: Okay.

AF: At some point.

PA: At some point I stayed at the [REDACTED] home. And I wanted to stay on the couch and we, we went into a big argument about that because I wanted to stay on the couch because at that point I was now

AF: Where did you stay? Where did you sleep?

PA: I slept in, I took [REDACTED] bed. He slept on the couch.

AF: Okay.

PA: And [REDACTED] was sharing a room with [REDACTED]

AF: So you slept in the same room with [REDACTED]

PA: That's correct. And not in the same bed, but in the same room with [REDACTED]

AF: Was there, was there any type of sexual contact with [REDACTED]

PA: There was a um, something that lead to ah, he was in his bed. He came to my bed to sit, we were talking. He came to sit at the side of my bed. I was under the cover and everything else and I do think that I might of, I don't recall this clearly, but I might of ah, touched his genitals through his underwear. Over his underwear.

AF: Did you and [REDACTED] end up in bed together?

PA: No.

AF: At any point?

PA: No. No.

KK: Let me go back to you started to say that um, you wanted to sleep on the couch.

PA: That's correct.

KK: Why?



PA: Because at that point, I was becoming very uncomfortable with me. And I knew I'd make myself vulnerable being in a room with ah, an adolescent. But I didn't have the guts, the humility to, to share that with the [REDACTED]

KK: All right. So in other words you were afraid to be

PA: I was.

KK: in a room with

PA: I was very much afraid.

KK: an adolescent kid.

PA: I was very much afraid of that, yes.

KK: All right.

PA: At that point I was.

KK: And did your fears come to reality?

PA: To the extent I just shared with you, yes. When [REDACTED] came and sat on the side of my bed ah, in his underwear um, that I recall that I had touched, reached out to touch his genital over his, over his underwear, not, not I didn't put my hands in his underwear. It was over the underwear. I recall that very clearly because that bothered me tremendously.

KK: Did you ever share that experience with anyone?

PA: No.

KK: Did you ever share that in counseling?

PA: Oh, yes, yes, yes, yes. In counseling because I was prior to my seeing Dr. Desjardin.

KK: Okay. Okay.

AF: Do you remember a boy, remember a boy named [REDACTED]

PA: No. I do not.

AF: Do you know or remember a boy named [REDACTED]

- PA: I remember a [REDACTED] family in Rochester, but I can't put a face to that name, no.
- AF: Did you ever have any type of contact, inappropriate or sexual contact with a boy named [REDACTED]
- PA: Not to my knowledge.
- AF: Um, [REDACTED] you said you don't
- PA: No.
- AF: have a recollection of it?
- PA: No, I don't recall that name at all.
- AF: Do you remember a boy with the last name [REDACTED]
- PA: There were quite a few [REDACTED]
- AF: Did you ever have any type of inappropriate contact or sexual contact with a boy named [REDACTED]
- PA: No.
- AF: Last name [REDACTED]
- JR: Um, I just wanted to just close up the loop a little bit on the [REDACTED] Um, it on the trip to California, did you have any contact with ah [REDACTED]
- PA: Oh, no.
- JR: No. Um, and then after you visited them, how about any other children that you were exposed to during that
- PA: No.
- JR: retreat in California or at the [REDACTED] house?
- PA: Nope. Nope.
- JR: So the only sexual contact you had with any children in California was with
- PA: [REDACTED]

- JR: Ah, [REDACTED] on that occasion
- PA: That's correct.
- JR: that you described when he was at the edge of your bed.
- PA: On the side of my bed, correct.
- JR: Okay. Um, and did you, when this trip, it sounds like in the late 70's was, was done, did you return to Rochester?
- PA: Oh, yes.
- JR: Um, and thereafter, did you have contact again with either [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- PA: Yes. I did. Over the phone.
- JR: Okay. Telephone. And who kept up that communication?
- PA: It was mutual.
- JR: So you would call them and they would call you?
- PA: Yeah, yeah.
- JR: Okay.
- PA: And many times I called [REDACTED] I remember at one point I called [REDACTED] and I brought up the incident.
- JR: Huh, huh.
- PA: And I asked for his forgiveness and I apologized and asked for his forgiveness.
- JR: And how did he respond?
- PA: He said thank you. He said he appreciated I had done that.
- JR: Huh, huh. Um, did [REDACTED] ever visit you thereafter? Either in Rochester or in Concord at the hospital or in Manchester at the hospital?
- PA: I think [REDACTED] might have come to Rochester once, but I'm not sure about that. I know [REDACTED] I mean not [REDACTED] came with some of his classmates.

JR: Huh, huh.

PA: To visit me while I was working at Concord Hospital.

JR: Okay. Explain that to us. How did that come about?

PA: Ah, he had come with some friends to visit New England.

JR: Huh, huh.

PA: And ah, he had stopped by the hospital to visit and ah, ah, I think he came twice. I think he came once with his friends and once I think, by himself. I'm not sure. And I think the time he came with his friends I think we had taken a ride up to Berlin to visit the White Mountains with his friends. I'm not, but that's vague. It's not clear in my mind.

JR: Huh, huh.

PA: Ah, the time that I recall being alone with, with ah, [REDACTED] was in the one room that I was assigned to me at the Rectory. I lived out here in Concord, St. Peters, and that was the only place I, I had to meet with him so we met in my room. I sat at one side of the room. He sat at the other side of the room. Um, and he was very pre-occupied at the time about ah, he felt he might be called to the priesthood. And ah, one of the things that was really pre-occupying him tremendously was ah, whether he should be circumcised or not. And I remember telling him if he felt that that was something he needed to do he should do it. But that certainly was not a requirement to become a priest or be considered a, a disciple of Jesus or to follow Jesus' example. The whole thing at the time was Jesus was a Jew, therefore Jesus was circumcised. Ah, the Old Testament says we all need to be circumcised. He was very pre-occupied with this whole circumcision ah, scenario bit. And um, ah, I told him you know it was totally irrelevant to the matter, but if he felt that was important he should.

AF: And I think you answered this. At any point, at any time did you have any sexual contact with [REDACTED]

PA: No, I did not.

JR: In the context of the conversation you just described um, did you ask to see his genitals or did he show his genitals to you?

PA: I believe he might have shown me his penis. But ah, and I said it's irrelevant whether it's circumcised or not it's irrelevant. I remember being in one end. Like lets say this was the room, maybe up to this window a little bigger than that maybe. I was sitting in that corner he was sitting in that corner.

JR: Okay. Um, and after that visit to, at that time where was [REDACTED] in school?

PA: Was in college at St. John's University.

JR: Okay. Um, did you have any subsequent ah, in person communications

PA: No.

JR: with either [REDACTED]

PA: No.

JR: after that meeting at St. Peter's Rectory here in Concord?

PA: No.

JR: Okay.

KK: Why did your communications stop with the [REDACTED]

PA: I think the way that came about was after his visit where we had all the pre-occupation. He'd been attracted to some girl. I know that was the major part of our conversation during that visit and you know his attraction to, to the opposite sex, which I thought was fairly healthy and normal. And ah he had stayed at her place on the way here and he ah, had some desires and ah, normal desires and he was troubled about that and at one point he lost interest in the priesthood and ah, he stopped communicating. And I did not continue the communication. After I had, after I had um, apologized to [REDACTED] and asked for his forgiveness, I broke relationship with the [REDACTED] at that point.

JR: Okay.

AF: Up until this point in Rochester,

PA: Yes.

AF: did you have any prior, did you have any contact with young men that you had had some relations with in any of the

PA: Previous?

AF: previous parishes?

PA: Yes, there was [REDACTED] and ah, I kept in contact with [REDACTED] I don't think there was any more sexual or physical contact with [REDACTED]. There was more just a, a, ah, a, a, verbal or, or communication or friendship communication.

AF: Any others, any other young men, sir?

PA: I was still in touch with [REDACTED] because he was ah, become a seminarian at the time.

AF: Okay.

PA: And ah, but there was no more contact with [REDACTED] at all and I had also apologized and asked [REDACTED] forgiveness.

AF: To the best of your knowledge today,

PA: Yes.

AF: what families or what boys complained to the Diocese?

PA: I have no idea.

AF: About you? You don't know?

PA: Other than the [REDACTED] I know of no other.

AF: Okay.

PA: I became aware that the [REDACTED] complained. Yes. I became aware of that.

RM: You also became aware of other.

PA: Huh?

RM: You also became aware that others, that there had been transactions between the Diocese and complainants. This [REDACTED] guy, for example.

PA: Yeah, but that was ah, back in '93.

RM: Right.

PA: '93 I don't even know who [REDACTED] is.

RM: I'm, I'm aware of that.

PA: And I wasn't told that there was a settlement. The only thing that I know about [REDACTED]

AF: At the time settlements were made,

PA: Yes. I was not aware of that.

AF: at the time that complaints were made against you, Father, were you made aware of the complaints at the time they were made to the Diocese?

PA: I was made aware of the [REDACTED] situation.

AF: Okay.

PA: I was made aware of [REDACTED] in 1986. And I was made aware of [REDACTED] in 1986.

RM: You were never made aware of [REDACTED]. You don't know who that guy is?

PA: I was made aware of [REDACTED] Oh, yes, yes I was made aware of [REDACTED] Christian called me in and told me they had received a complaint by [REDACTED] and I said I don't even know who the person is.

AF: When was that sir?

PA: That was in middle '80's.

AF: Middle '80's?

PA: Yeah.

AF: What, where were you assigned?

PA: I was at Elliot Hospital at the time.

AF: Okay.

KK: Where you told anything about the nature of [REDACTED] complaint?

PA: Nope. Yes. Okay. Yes, the conversation I had with Bishop, well then Father Christian, we were in Father Christian's office, and he said that [REDACTED] had said that he had come to the rectory in the front office where there was a Bible on the stand. And I was showing him the Bible on the stand when I indicated

that I might grab his, his groin and he ah, you know I never did, but he, he thought that I would and ah, he left. Well.

KK: Well, which rectory, just for the record?

PA: That was Holy Rosary.

KK: Okay.

PA: Okay, but we never had an office that had a stand with a Bible to start with. So I told Father Christian that I didn't even recall who the person is. I brought this to the attention of my doctor because I was concerned that I didn't remember this name.

AF: When was this?

KK: Mid '80's.

PA: Mid '80's.

KK: Um, you said that

PA: I think it was mid '80's. I'm not sure. Maybe it was early '90's. I know the settlement with, with, with [REDACTED] ah, I became aware there was a settlement through my lawyer in 1993.

KK: Would you find it curious that there would be a financial settlement of that amount when there is actually you're saying was no physical contact between you two?

PA: According to the document that I was able to see through, through him, because I was always denied to see my personnel file. According to the document I saw through him, [REDACTED] himself claims that I never touched him.

KK: So in other words, you do or you do not find it curious that they would make a financial settlement?

PA: Oh yes, I'm very, very surprised of that. And I, I objected to that to my lawyer back in 1993. And ah, he objected to it also and he was told by the church counsel, Brad Cook, that they didn't believe there was any credibility to it. But they didn't want to press the issue. Therefore, they're going to have a settlement with him.

RM: Let me, let me see if I can help here.



PA: Okay.

RM: Um, Paul was represented at that period, I think by John Broderick.

PA: That is correct.

KK: John who?

RM: John Broderick.

KK: Thank you.

RM: Um, and um, but I think it was in the Broderick & Dean days.

PA: That's correct.

RM: Not in the Devine, Millimet era and um, I do have original correspondence between John and Paul, his client, and ah, why don't we take a look at that and see if any of that could be helpful on this issue.

PA: And.

JR: That would be great.

PA: Also, correspondence between Mr. Broderick and Mr. Cook.

RM: Yes. Well, that's, that I think we could produce because I, I don't believe that would be privileged, but um, either correspondence between you and John, we'd have to evaluate that so we'll do that when we.

KK: Okay.

JR: Okay, that would be great.

KK: Thank you. All right. We'll move on.

AF: Okay. Next assignment after Rochester?

PA: Concord Hospital.

AF: Concord Hospital. And what were your duties there, Father?

PA: Chaplain. Of Concord Hospital? Chaplain of the Carmelite Monastery. Chaplain of three nursing home and Chaplain of the high, senior high rise.

AF: Was there any discussion at that time, once you received this assignment, was there any discussion from the Diocese, whether it be Bishop Gendron or Christian or anybody, did they in any way, shape or form try to restrict your activities or contact or possible contact with young men?

PA: No.

AF: Did they

PA: No, the only restriction I had sir, was not to return to Rochester.

JR: And before we go further, I, I and I'm sorry to interrupt, but um, I don't know that we fully flushed out what gave rise to your departure from Rochester and your reassignment to Concord. Um,

PA: That was the [REDACTED] thing.

JR: The [REDACTED] complaint. Could you explain to us the communications you had with um, whoever at the Diocese about the [REDACTED] complaint and the decision to move from Rochester on to Concord?

PA: Yes. Um, as I said previously I had gone to see my Bishop to tell him about my concern with my problem. I had become aware of my problem. I wanted to do something about my problem. I ah, forewarned him there could be something coming about a person by the name of [REDACTED] I did not know if it was going to come to fruition or not, but I told him that I he had been trying to blackmail me since ah, January and he seemed to be more and more serious in, in, in ah, his words.

JR: That initial conversation you had um, that was with Bishop Gendron?

PA: That's correct.

JR: And where did that occur?

PA: In his office.

JR: Okay, and was there anyone else present?

PA: No, there was not.

JR: Okay.

PA: Ah, he, he ah, he had assured me that it would remain confidential. And then I got confronted with by Frank Christian about it so I knew it had not been confidential. But then I wasn't too surprised of that because Frank Christian was his personal secretary.

KK: And when was that?

PA: That was um, after the [REDACTED] situation, after the complaint where he came up to the Rectory to say mass that weekend and confronted me after the dinner meal.

KK: All right.

PA: In the, in the general parlor there and then ah, ah he said he would get back to [REDACTED] Ah, and the communications after that, I was left out of them and the communications then, there were communications that took place, but it was not between

KK: Between who?

PA: It was between Christian and Desjardin.

KK: Okay.

PA: At that point.

KK: And how long a period of time are we talking about when after [REDACTED] [REDACTED] makes the complaint?

PA: As soon as [REDACTED] makes the complaint,

KK: Huh, huh.

PA: okay, now I asked to see a lawyer or I was advised it would be wise for me to see a lawyer.

KK: Who advised you of that?

PA: I believe it was my doctor.

KK: Okay.

PA: And I went to see ah, doctor, a Mr. Paul McEachern, in Portsmouth.

RM: McEachern.

PA: McEachern or whatever.

RM: Paul McEachern.

PA: Or whatever it is. Ah, I'm sorry.

KK: It's an Irish name. It doesn't mix with French names, okay.

PA: And I went to see him for one session. Explained the whole, was totally candid with him. And he wouldn't and he got back in touch with ah, my doctor and I was lead to believe that he would contact the Bishop also. And ah, he's the one who suggested I not return to, to, to ah, Rochester because ah, at first after this came out, they had asked Dr. Desjardin to evaluate whether I should be returned to Rochester. Okay?

KK: And,

PA: There, they had not ruled out my returning to that same assignment. Okay?

KK: All right.

PA: Even though I had admitted this.

KK: Huh, huh.

PA: And they were still not closed to my returning to that same ministry and asked the doctor to evaluate that. The doctor, with my permission, was able to discuss anything openly with, with the lawyer and they said no, no return to, to Rochester for any ministry at all. Ah, and certainly don't even go back there.

JR: And to you knowledge, were there communications also between the Diocese and the [REDACTED] family about whether you would be returning to the parish in Rochester?

PA: I was told through my doctor that yes, they were and they were assured that I would not be returning there nor would I ever return to any parish ministry.

JR: And who, who told you that you wouldn't be returning to Rochester or to?

PA: That was my doctor.

JR: Your doctor. Were you ever instructed by Diocese officials that you wouldn't be returning to Rochester?

PA: No. I was not.

JR: Um, were you ever after the [REDACTED] complaint was brought to your attention, um, by Father Christian at that Rochester,

PA: Huh, huh.

JR: Um, in Rochester.

PA: Huh. Huh.

JR: Did you ever have additional communications with Father Christian or Bishop Gendron or anyone else at the Diocese about the [REDACTED] complaint?

PA: No.

JR: No.

PA: No.

JR: So is it safe to say that all future, or from the time that the complaint was brought to your attention ah you only spoke with your doctor about the circumstances surrounding the [REDACTED] complaint?

PA: I'm not sure if Frank Christian had called me when [REDACTED] had seen me with the dentist or not or whether I became aware of that through the doctor. I'm not, I'm not clear on that.

JR: Okay. And who, it sounds like you had a pretty clear understanding that you were prohibited from even being in the town, in the same

PA: In the city of Rochester, correct.

JR: And who instructed you that you couldn't even return to Rochester?

PA: That was ah, a, I was told it was a decision made between the lawyer and my doctor.

JR: And who actually gave you the instruction?

PA: My doctor.

JR: Your doctor.

PA: Well, ah the lawyer

KK: McEachern?

PA: McEachern. I had also shared that with him you know he didn't think it would be wise for me to go back to Rochester.

JR: Okay.

KK: So where were you actually staying?

PA: In a cottage at a lake not far from Rochester ah, that was owned by some friends who use to live in Stratham, New Hampshire. And ah they given me the privilege of staying there for an extended vacation.

KK: Huh, huh.

AF: Did anybody at the parish in Rochester that you worked with or any law enforcement agency or entity ever tell you that you were not welcome in Rochester anymore?

PA: Oh, no, no, no, no.

JR: Um, and how is it that you're, you said your spending some time at the cottage outside of Rochester.

PA: That's correct.

JR: And

PA: Swans Lake maybe? That rings a bell at the moment.

JR: Um, how is it that the move came from – how did you receive your new assignment?

PA: Oh, that was

JR: What was that communicated?

PA: Oh, I got a phone call because one of the requirements for a priest is for the Diocese to be able to contact them at any time, so they got to know where you are.

JR: Huh, huh.

PA: And I got a phone call from Bishop Gendron at the cottage saying they he asked me how the, was I still seeing the doctor. I said yes, I meet with him every, every week. At first is was twice a week. I kept that very, very religiously. Come rain, shine, ice or whatever it was I was there. And ah, yeah I told him I was still seeing the doctor and I said I have a favor to ask of you. He says there's a priest that is the Chaplain at Concord Hospital and he just packed up and left and I need somebody there. Would you do me a favor and go there temporarily until we find, you know until we decide what we want to do with you and that's how I ended up at Concord Hospital. Um, showing he did not understand me too well, he says I want you to continue recuperating and work only part time. Okay? But this is what I want you to do. I want you to be the full time Chaplain at Concord Hospital. I want you to be the Chaplain at the Carmelite Monastery. I want you to be the Chaplain at three nursing homes and at the senior high rise on Pleasant or Main Street, whatever it is there.

JR: Huh, huh.

KK: Huh, huh.

PA: So that was suppose to be a light schedule.

AF: Did the Bishop tell you during that conversation or any other conversation

PA: That he was assigning me to St. Peters. Okay.

AF: um, that he restrict you in anyway as to contact with ah young men?

PA: No.

AF: Okay.

PA: No.

KK: Did you in fact have any contact with any of the young boys that ah, you had physical contact with?

PA: Yes.

KK: Who did you have continued contact with?

PA: Not con, not sexual contact. I had, I had contact, I kept in touch with ah,  
[REDACTED]

KK: And describe the nature of your relationship with [REDACTED] during that time.

PA: Ah, it was very stoic, supportive because he had run away from home and ended up at the hospital here in Concord and ah, and I was trying to talk him to go back home.

KK: But you said that there was no sexual contact.

PA: No. There was no sexual contact at that time.

KK: Did you have sexual contact with anyone

PA: No.

KK: during that time?

PA: No.

JR: Um, when you had the discussion with um, Bishop Gendron about going to Concord Hospital, Carmelite Monastery, in servicing the elderly facilities in the area,

PA: Yes.

JR: um, did you, did you protest that quote, unquote, part time assignment at all that was given to you.

PA: No. I didn't protest it, but my doctor did.

JR: Um, and why did your doctor protest that assignment?

PA: Because he thought it would be putting me at risk.

JR: At risk in what way?

PA: Because I would become exhausted and based on the nature of my difficulty, that could trigger my losing boundaries again.

JR: Did either you or your doctor state the concern that you could be at risk in Concord because there could be exposure to um, minors in any one of those capacities?

PA: Well, the, the good thing that was happening at that time, is that the doctor hit that problem head on right from the start, as far as how to set boundaries. And you know, he would extensively every time we met he would extensively



cover what I did since the last time we met. And ah, would give me practical advice on how to make sure I would not go on beyond any boundaries.

RM: But, but Paul um, the question

PA: I'm not understanding the question?

RM: No. I think you understood the question. You just answered a different question.

PA: Oh.

RM: Um, the question that was asked was, in this exchange between your doctor and others about this assignment, was one of the concerns that you would be at risk and that you would be exposed to um, minors and in a ah, state of exhaustion or stress that you would be less likely to be able to control um, that compulsion to approach minors sexually.

PA: That was, that was brought to my attention, of course.

RM: Okay.

PA: But it was also brought to the attention of the Diocese to the best of my knowledge.

RM: Okay.

PA: From what my doctor told me.

JR: And how was it brought to that attention?

RM: Right.

PA: Through communication ah the telephone to the best of my knowledge. I don't know if there were any letters that took place between Dr. Desjardin and Frank Christian, but the contact person was Frank Christian.

RM: Do you think that Desjardin called Christian and said

PA: Oh, I know he did.

RM: this is a bad idea because.

PA: Oh, I know he did.

AF: You know that happened?

PA: Oh, yes. He told me, the doctor tells me.

AF: Your doctor told you that?

PA: That's correct.

KK: Were you ever present while the doctor was on the phone during these conversations?

PA: Maybe once.

RM: Is it likely to be documented in your file with Dr. Desjardin?

PA: I never saw his file. I don't know, but he was a very thorough person so maybe it is.

JR: It's your, it's your understanding that Dr. Desjardin had specific conversations with Father Christian ah, stating concern that if you were run down with all these responsibilities you could potentially find yourself at risk with regard to ah,

PA: Losing boundaries.

JR: Losing boundaries sexually with children that you interacted with?

PA: That's correct.

JR: Okay.

AF: Just a couple of back up questions. Do you know where [REDACTED] is now?

PA: No. I do not.

AF: Do you know where [REDACTED] is now?

PA: No. I do not.

AF: Okay. And you're absolutely sure that Dr. Desjardin relayed that information to

PA: Which information?

AF: Christian about the dangers

PA: Oh yes.

AF: That you were getting run down.

PA: Yes, yes, yes, yes. Well, I can only go on based on what my doctor told me he did.

AF: Right.

KK: I asked you whether you had any sexual contact with any of the people that you had had contact with up to this point?

PA: Not after '81.

KK: Did you have any sexual contact with anyone new?

PA: No.

JR: Did you um, when you were working at Concord Hospital um, were you confined to only floors with adults or were you allowed to minister to

PA: Anywhere.

JR: To anywhere. And did you in fact minister to children during the time that you worked at Concord Hospital?

PA: Yes. I did.

AF: Did the Diocese or anybody at the Diocese during your Chaplaincy at Concord Hospital periodically check on you to see how you were doing or ask you whether or not you were staying away from children?

PA: No.

AF: At that time?

PA: No. The contacts they had was with the doctor, never with me. Ah, to answer your question more, more completely, I had access to all patients, but I stayed away from adolescence ward unless it was absolutely necessary for sacraments, for only sacraments.

AF: By your own choice?

PA: That's correct.

- JR: And at times you did minister even to adolescents um, when required?
- PA: Sacramentally. Sacramentally, yes.
- KK: Is there anything about your Chaplaincy at Concord Hospital that we should know about relevant to this investigation that you haven't told us about?
- PA: No. As far as any sexual contact of any sort?
- RM: Paul actually did quite well there. And we're going to provide you with some documents that demonstrate some of the things that he achieved in that assignment as well as other assignments.
- KK: Okay. Um, how long were you at Concord Hospital, in the temporary assignment?
- PA: Well, it was interesting. Ah, after I had been there for some time, I got officially assigned there. I got an official letter of assignment where I was assigned to stay at St. Peter's.
- KK: Who was the letter from?
- PA: It was from the Bishop. It was signed by the Bishop. You know those are assigned by the Bishop. I don't believe they're prepared by the Bishop. Just signed by the Bishop. And I was there for about 14 months.
- KK: Okay. Was that still Bishop Gendron?
- PA: Oh, yes.
- KK: All right. And at the end of that 14 months, what was your next assignment?
- PA: My next assignment was Elliot Hospital, okay. I was asked to, I didn't want to leave Concord Hospital. I was enjoying a very good ministry there. I was enjoying a good reputation. I good rapport with the professionals. I didn't want to leave. But there was the Chaplain at Elliot Hospital ah, died. And ah, by the name of Father Vayette. And ah, I got a phone call from Jack Quinn and saying Paul we don't want to lose you know our, our influence in the Elliot Hospital and we'd like for you to go there. And I was not too open to it. As a matter of fact, there was a staff, the nurses and the staff at Concord Hospital, really took objection to my leaving. And ah, I was told by the doctors there, Dr. Farley, Dr. Bagin ah that a big petition had been signed, with over 500 names, to keep me there, but I saw this again, as an act of obedience to my Bishop to go down to Elliot. It was very difficult to leave

Concord. And I went there and ah, Jack Quinn brought me up, introduced me to the President. Ah because ultimately would be his decision whether he wanted me there in his hospital or not. And um, it was decided that I'd be going there. And ah, Jack said ah, make sure you make us proud. I said let me put it this way, Jack, you got a Catholic hospital in Manchester and I'll put it to shame.

AF: To the best of your knowledge, did anyone at the Concord Hospital or any of your responsibilities in Concord or at the Elliot, do you know whether anybody there was informed or was aware of your, your problem, prior problems with young men in your parish assignments?

PA: No, I only became aware that at the end when I lost my position at the Elliot as Director of Pastoral Care Department that I had established you know at the request of the President. I became aware two years after, like around '95 ah, that there had been innuendoes ah, given to the members of the administration that I liked little boys.

KK: And who did that information come from?

PA: Jack Quinn, I was told.

AF: Jack Quinn for the record. Who is Jack Quinn?

PA: Ah, Father John Quinn. He's now Monsignor John Quinn who is the CFO and the present CFO of the Diocese. At the time, he was in charge of Catholic Charities. He was in charge of specialized ministry, which is what I was in and propagation of the faith.

RM: And he's now the finance minister for the Diocese?

PA: He presently is.

RM: Paul, I don't want to skip over something that you just did. I think it's important. It came to your attention it was reported to you as some point that, that Father Quinn, who is now in charge of Diocese finances,

PA: Huh, huh.

RM: had made remarks to people at the Elliot Hospital concerning you and that those remarks were exactly what?

PA: That I liked little boys.

RM: Okay. When you said that. When you answered my question you made a gesture.

PA: That's correct.

RM: Of um, placing your elbow on the table.

PA: And flexing my wrist.

RM: As if letting you

PA: As if it's gay.

RM: Just wanted to make that clear.

PA: Okay.

RM: Now is that gesture something that you added to your answer?

PA: No.

RM: Or is

PA: That is what I was told.

RM: That

PA: The person who told me of the innuendoes told it to me in that fashion.

RM: That Quinn had also made a similar gesture.

PA: That's correct.

RM: While making the remark.

PA: That's correct.

RM: Do you know to whom the remark was made at the Elliot Hospital?

PA: I was told it was members of the, senior members of administration and some members of the board of trustees.

KK: And when were those remarks made in relation to how much longer you were at Elliot Hospital?

PA: A few months.

KK: Do you believe that those remarks being made to those individuals had anything to do with your length of stay?

PA: At the moment, at this time, yes. At that time, no. I wasn't aware of them then. And I trusted my church then.

KK: Okay. Um, did you have any continued contact with any of the young men that we've mentioned throughout our discussions while you were at the Elliot?

PA: Oh, yes.

KK: Who?

PA: There was a wonderful friendship that had been established between [REDACTED] and myself and ah, and his wife and ah, their family and they had had some [REDACTED] and I had gone to Boston to baptise, to baptise them. I kept in touch with them through the years up until last year.

#### TAPE TWO, SIDE B

AF: Okay, this interview is continuing with Father Paul Aube. We had to turn the tape over. We're on side B of tape two. Continuing at 4:05 p.m. by my watch. Same people are present.

KK: I was asking you who else you might have had contact with other than [REDACTED]

PA: The other person I had kept in touch with up until Concord Hospital was [REDACTED]

KK: Huh, huh.

PA: The last time I spoke to [REDACTED] he had called me up at the Rectory at St. Peter's, asking me to write a letter of recommendation for him to join the Coast Guard. And I said I would be more than pleased to do that, did that and never heard from him again.

KK: Okay. Did ah, you have sexual contact with any adolescent boys while you were at the Elliot Hospital?

PA: No. Definitely not.

AF: Did [REDACTED] visit you at the Elliot Hospital?

- PA: No. He did not.
- JR: When you were stationed at the Elliot, ah, where were you living?
- PA: From ah, I believe I came to the Elliot in January of '83. And up until August 10<sup>th</sup> of '86 I lived at the Holy Cross on ah, I forget what the name of the street is in Manchester. The retirement home for the Holy Cross. I was their Chaplain there at the same time I was Chaplain at the Elliot Hospital and I was helping out on weekends, but I was living at the old age home for the Sisters of Holy Cross.
- JR: Um, and you said in Concord when you were working in Concord Hospital and the monastery that you lived at the rectory at St. Peter's?
- PA: That is correct.
- JR: Did you ever have any parish responsibilities formally
- PA: Oh, no.
- JR: Or informally during your time in Concord?
- PA: No. I would help out with masses when priests were taking a vacation or out of town I would help out on masses on weekend, but never got involved with any parish.
- JR: So explain that to me. When priests assigned to parishes in Concord were on vacation what would be your role?
- PA: Go and say mass on Sunday morning. Arrive for mass, say mass and leave.
- JR: And, and in that capacity, did you ever have contact with um, the parishioners?
- PA: Only, only before, I mean not before only after mass in greeting them on the way out.
- JR: And um, in that capacity did you ever end up establishing any relationships with ah, the adolescents or minors?
- PA: No.
- JR: No. Um, how about in Manchester did you have any parish responsibilities filling in?



PA: The same thing.

JR: Inaudible

PA: The same thing.

JR: So when you say the same thing do you mean that when um, when local parish priests would go on vacation

PA: Or no, I was ah, I was asked ah, lets put it this way, I believe the way it worked, the pastor of St. Patrick's Church, I forget what his name was. Um, he's dead now, I forget his name. Shouldn't forget his name, but I did. Apparently he was looking for weekend help. And ah, had contacted the Diocese saying he needed some weekend help and ah from the best of my understanding Jack Quinn had suggested that he might ask me to help say mass for him on Sunday night. So every Sunday night at six o'clock or six-thirty whatever it was I would say mass at St. Patrick's.

KK: In which community?

PA: In Manchester. Ah, subsequent to that um, I was asked to go and help out and say mass in ah, on weekends in Candia.

KK: Huh, huh.

PA: And I did that for until '93. I did that for a good three, four years ah, maybe more.

KK: And again, did you get involved

PA: Not in parish.

KK: in any other way other than saying mass and then leaving?

PA: No, I did not get involved. Ah, that's not true. I did give a course at St. Paul's. I gave a course for adults on the Acts of the Apostles. I was asked ah, during that time I was asked to ah, by Father Billadeau to go and help out with confessions at his parish in Hampstead with Bishop, with ah, Frank Christian. And both Frank Christian and I and ah, the pastor Father Billadeau would, would have confessions.

JR: When was that in time? Roughly?

PA: That was in the ah, late '80's up to '93.

- JR: Okay. And you would actually accompany Father Christian to meet there?
- PA: No. We would meet there. We would meet there.
- JR: And, and what again was the purpose if you're going
- PA: To, to help out with confessions.
- JR: So
- PA: First confessions of little kids and ah, confessions of adults. Those were different occasions, of course.
- JR: And, and through that experience, did you establish any friendships?
- PA: Oh, no, no, no. I don't even know if they knew my name.
- AF: During that time, Father, when you were having some contact with kids, whether it be it at Concord or Elliot or performing some of your duties as you've told us,
- PA: Yes.
- AF: during that contact, did you ever find yourself in a position where you thought that you could um, for lack of a better term, re-offend?
- PA: No.
- AF: Did you ever, were you ever
- PA: Tempted?
- AF: Yes.
- PA: No. No. Thanks to Dr. Desjardin and the grace of God, no. Because he was really up on it and you know he kept, he kept asking. He was very much interested in what was going on in my head. Ah, he was very much abreast of the situation.
- AF: Now that was Dr. Desjardin?
- PA: That's correct.
- AF: Not the Diocese?

PA: That's correct. Now

AF: Who paid his fees?

PA: I pay. I paid the deductible. I paid ah, the co-pay every week.

RM: And whose paying his fees now?

PA: I am.

RM: Okay. How long have you been, let's say without um, a sexual incident involving somebody under age?

PA: Since I went to see him.

RM: 19

PA: '81.

JR: Um, as your parish or your hospital assignments if you will, or your ministries progressed into the Elliot was there ever a discussion again between you and ah, Father Christian or anyone at the Diocese about returning to parish work?

PA: Never. No, no that had been made very clear that I would never return to parish work.

JR: And why was that?

PA: Because of the, I'm told, I'm told now I don't know this to be a fact.

JR: Huh, huh.

PA: I'm told because of the agreement that the Diocese came to with the [REDACTED].

JR: And who told you that?

PA: That was Christian who told me that.

JR: And do you recall when Father Christian let you know the perimeters of that agreement with [REDACTED]

PA: That was fairly early on.

JR: Early on um,

- PA: At the time, shortly after they had ah, they had contacted him. Was fairly, it was after that.
- JR: I understand. Was it close in time to when you moved from Rochester to Concord?
- PA: Oh, yeah. No, no, no. No, no, no, no. It was before I moved to Concord.
- JR: Okay.
- PA: Yeah, while I was on vacation there.
- JR: Was it almost contemporaneous
- PA: Oh, yes.
- JR: to the report that [REDACTED] made at the Diocese?
- PA: Yeah. Yes. I was reminded of that back in '86, by Christian.
- JR: In what, what prompted his reminder?
- PA: When he got the complaint from [REDACTED] and from [REDACTED] in '86.
- JR: Okay.
- PA: And I was called in at that time and told about and then subsequent to that, in a very unprofessional and rude way, he would often call me even if I was in the middle of helping a person die, and say, are you behaving? And hang up.
- JR: And who, who would make that phone call?
- PA: Christian.
- JR: Father Christian.
- PA: And I thought that was most unprofessional and inappropriate calling me in the middle of work to ask that question.
- JR: Would he make those calls, what capacity did Christian occupy?
- PA: He was Chancellor at the time.

JR: He was Chancellor. Um, and at some point, you left work at um, the Elliot. What brought about your departure um,

PA: The Elliot?

JR: Yeah.

PA: At, at first I didn't know why other than politics. I had become very close to Mr. Cronin, who was the President of the hospital. And ah, subsequent to his resigning his position of because of internal political tensions at the hospital, all those who had been his close associates were terminated at one point or another. So it was evident to me the writing was on the wall. And at the time when they said they were going to let me go ah, they had set goals for me that were impossible to be reached from a managerial position. Because I was a middle management person. I was an employee of the hospital. I was not an employee of the Diocese anymore. And I had gone to see a lawyer by the name of [REDACTED] ah, [REDACTED] is it?

RM: No.

PA: Ah, no, [REDACTED]

RM: Hang on.

PA: Patterson. Steve Patterson. He was with the Nourie.

RM: Wiggin & Nourie.

PA: Wiggin & Nourie Firm. Ah, I was told he was a one of his specialty was labor law and I went to see him. And he was told by the Vice President in charge of Personnel that they were setting up ah, goals that I could not reach because they intended to fire me in September. And that was, that was maybe in June or July. It was at that time my mother was dying.

AF: And how did you end up leaving the Elliot Hospital?

PA: Ah, under an agreement with them through Steve Patterson ah, with a six months severance.

AF: Okay. And after you left the Elliot Hospital,

PA: I've been in limbo since.

AF: but, did you receive any assignments after that?

PA: No.

AF: You did not.

PA: No.

JR: Did you receive around that time, any correspondence from the Diocese about your priestly facilities?

PA: Yes.

JR: And what was the context of that correspondence?

PA: Back in, we need to go back before that correspondence.

JR: Okay.

PA: To you understand that correspondence?

JR: Please.

PA: When I lost my position at the Elliot I was naïve enough to believe that my church was behind it and I confided into Jack Quinn not knowing that he had been going around and ah, indicating that I might be gay or whatever it may be. Having had a very long minis-, successful ministry at the Elliot I requested a sabbatical for one year to do some studies because I had become a health care specialist at this point. I had done a lot of studies on my own. And ah, with the direction of my doctor I was able to focus on certain elements of death in dying and became very, very specialized in that area of death and dying. And ah, the spiritual domination of healing and I requested a minimum of one year of sabbatical to do more research on that and to take care of my mother's affairs, who had just died. I made an appointment to go see Jack Quinn at the time.

AF: Jack Quinn?

PA: Correct. It's hard. And to, because he was my immediate superior. And I presented him the letter to give to the Bishop requesting, Bishop O'Neil, requesting a one year sabbatical.

KK: Huh, huh.

PA: A minimum of one year sabbatical to do some research, only to be confronted with the fact that I was to meet with the Bishop the next day. That the Bishop

wanted to meet with me and wanted me to go to a center in New Mexico for a psyche, an in-house psyche evaluation.

AF: What prompted that request I guess for lack of a better term?

PA: A decision that had been made just a couple months before at the Bishop's Conference that anybody that had allegations against them should get ah, re-evaluated.

AF: Thus the New Mexico?

PA: That's correct.

JR: Who was the Bishop at the time?

PA: O'Neil. The next day I met at the Bishop's residence on North River Road with Bishop O'Neil and, and ah, Jack Quinn in which he ah, showed himself totally unaware of any of my background.

KK: Bishop O'Neil did.

PA: And he was being coached by Jack Quinn as to why the meeting was being held and ah, he Bishop O'Neil became very abusive toward me.

KK: In what way?

PA: And ah, ah you've got to listen to me. This is urgent. You've got to go there. You know people like you and I said, hold it Bishop. I mean I had just coming out now of ministry where compassion rules in death and dying. I had just now been involved in years and years of therapy where I knew now I didn't have to put up with abuse anymore. And I said Bishop, time out. You speak to me like continue speaking to me in that tone of voice and I'm walking out right now and it's either you deal with me with respect or I'm leaving.

AF: Did he tell you you were going to New Mexico?

PA: He asked me to go to St. Louis.

AF: St. Louis?

PA: Correct.

AF: For that type of treatment?

PA: For an evaluation.

AF: For an evaluation.

PA: And

AF: What was your response, Father?

PA: Father Quinn said now.

RM: He asked you what was your response.

AF: What was your response?

PA: No, no, no I want to respond to that, but I want to tell him what happened before my response. At that point, before I had a chance to respond, Quinn interrupted. He said, no, Frank and I want him to go to New Mexico and there was a dialogue between them and ah O'Neil said well I, I like St. Louis. I've had good results at St. Louis. No, Frank and I want him to go to New Mexico and I said I'm open to your suggestion, but I need to talk it over with my doctor first.

AF: Ultimately, where was it decided that they that the Bishop wanted to send you?

PA: Wherever Jack and Frank wanted me to go.

AF: Which was?

PA: New Mexico.

AF: Right.

PA: And then it went to St. Luke's from there because I didn't want to go to New Mexico.

KK: Why not?

PA: Because I had, during my years at the Elliot Hospital, a lot of my ministry was dealing with clergy. Clergy stopping in talking because a lot of clergy can't cope with the sick and death and dying and ah, some of these priests were gone to New Mexico. Came back totally devastated and would come and talk to me about their experience. So I wasn't very open to that.

AF: Did you end up going?

PA: No. I did not.



AF: Okay. Did you refuse to go, Father?

PA: I refused to go New Mexico, correct.

AF: And what did that refusal lead to?

PA: A long year of interaction of, of communication between the Diocese and myself.

AF: Okay. What was your status at that particular time?

PA: I was still, I still had my facilities, that was still helping out on weekends only. That's the only assignment I had. Weekend assignment in Candia helping out with one mass.

AF: At some point,

PA: The following year.

AF: What year, sir?

PA: In '94.

AF: Yes.

PA: I believe it was August 16<sup>th</sup>. A letter was written, sent to me ah, registered mail, that my facilities had been removed. I was now in suspension until such time as I agreed to do what the now Bishop Christian wanted me to do.

KK: Who signed the letter?

PA: Ah, Bishop O'Neil. I had offered to go to one of their centers in Toronto because I knew that one was not, was going to give me an objective evaluation. I offered to go to an out-patient evaluation. Ah, that was not acceptable. None of my suggestions were acceptable. None of my lawyer's suggestions were acceptable. None of my doctor's suggestions were acceptable.

AF: And your still in this status, is that correct, to this day?

PA: That is correct. Oh, no now it's worse. In that status since, since

KK: '94?

PA: Since '94, yes. I'm still \_\_\_\_\_ think that is correct.

AF: Yes.

KK: So as a result of this Bishop's Conference, they decided that anyone who had an allegation against the needed to be re-evaluated?

PA: That's correct.

KK: So can you tell me was your problem with being evaluated again or was it

PA: No.

KK: in the location of where the evaluation?

PA: Location, location, location. Because we had, we had surmised the doctor, the lawyer and myself from talking to these centers, we had surmised that the cards were being stacked and the results were to reflect what Frank and Jack wanted.

KK: And what do you think the results were going to be?

PA: I can only go from what my Bishop was sharing with me at the time. He said Paul, when you go to New Mexico, when, not if, when they ask you to be part of the staff, I expect that you will accept it.

KK: So in other words you were not returning to New Hampshire?

PA: That's correct. That was not acceptable to me.

JR: Did you ever agree to be part of this and travel to New Mexico or anywhere else for treatment?

PA: I, I offered to go to South down in Toronto. I offered to go to several out-patient, you know recognized out-patient treatment centers for an evaluations and they said they only wanted the evaluation. I refused to go to St. Luke's. I refused to go to New Mexico. And ah, I refused to go to one other place in Pennsylvania because of information I had gathered that's the, the cards were stacked. The reason I didn't want to go to St. Luke's is because I was not going to subject myself to the treatment they were using. The treatment they were using, I don't know you must be familiar with it, with the investigation that you've gone through, is they had a very controversial treatment. And that would be they would put electrodes on your genitals and expose you to child pornography and ah, expose you to, to ah, pornography films and pornography of children and ah, I know the impact of a picture. I have never looked at a

pornography book myself, you know? So I know what visual impact can have on you and I was very much concerned and I shared that with my doctor. That if I was exposed to that, that it could put me in jeopardy and I didn't want to do that no matter what the cost was.

AF: So this was a disagreement?

PA: Oh, yes.

AF: Which led to you priestly facilities being removed?

PA: That's correct.

AF: Okay. Did the Diocese, to your knowledge, ever destroy any documents that pertain to your career?

PA: I have no idea.

AF: Your career or your ministry?

PA: I have no idea. I've never been permitted to look at anything.

AF: Did you ever ask the Diocese to destroy any records?

PA: Never. Never, never.

JR: Since the um, since the investigation by this office, by the Attorney General's Office, come to light publicly,

PA: Yes.

JR: has the Diocese made any efforts to contact you personally um, to um, talk about your interaction with our office or?

PA: Not with your office. Ah, about a week or two after I got a personal phone call from the Bishop.

RM: A week or two after what, Paul?

PA: After the February 14<sup>th</sup> announcement ah, 15<sup>th</sup> sorry.

AF: What do you mean, by the, for the record? What do you mean by the February 15<sup>th</sup> announcement?

RM: The date that the Diocese released

PA: The names to the public. To the media.

AF: Right. And for the record, whose the Bishop?

PA: Bishop is Bishop John Brendon McCormack.

AF: Okay. Go ahead.

PA: Bishop of Manchester. He contacted me from a telephone in Maine that I traced to belong to a Roger Morin.

RM: John Morin.

PA: Oh, John, sorry.

AF: Yep.

PA: Um, wanting to know how I was. Ah, how I was doing. I told him he had played my feelings and my emotions. Ah, to put this in context, my oldest sister died on December 5<sup>th</sup> of last year and I had asked permission to officiate at her funeral. I had asked permission to officiate at her funeral. And ah, the permission had been denied. And ah, in January of this year, he called me into his office, the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, under the guise of wanting to know how I was coping with my sister's death, and that was at his residence. During our short conversation, we had been interrupted by two telephone calls from friends who were coming over for dinner.

AF: Huh, huh.

PA: And he ah, at that time he said, Paul here's a prayer I want you to say. I want you to say Lord, I thank you for giving me the gift of priesthood. Give me the strength to accept the fact that I'll never be able to practice again. That's how he broke the news to me.

RM: I want to go back to the question that was asked a moment ago.

AF: Yeah.

RM: Which has the Diocese contacted you? And why don't you tell us about Jesus?

PA: Oh no, no, no I've got to tell you about. I'll tell you about Jesus, but I want about contacted by Arseaneault one more time since then. I was contacted by Arseneault about a month ago saying ah, I just got an e-mail from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And ah, he advises me that you have plans to move to Berlin and I need to know if this is true or not because he's very, very upset because that you might be moving to Berlin. I says, please assure [REDACTED] have no intention of returning to Berlin.

AF: Have you been approached by anybody at the Diocese since all of this broke, about coming in to talk to them or their attorneys?

PA: Yes. Yes, yes, yes. Oh, not of their attorneys yet.

AF: Or talk to them about,

JR: Okay. I'm starting to get a little confused so I want to take it piece by piece.

PA: Please.

JR: You got a phone call about a week after the February disclosure from Bishop McCormack, is that right?

PA: Maybe two weeks, whatever.

JR: And, and you traced that phone call back to the residence of a John Morin?

PA: In ah, ah, in ah,

RM: [REDACTED] Maine.

PA: [REDACTED] Maine. No, no, no, no not [REDACTED] Ah,

AF: [REDACTED]

PA: [REDACTED] whatever. [REDACTED] Maine, sorry.

JR: Okay. And at that time was it your understanding that Bishop McCormack was actually at that residence?

PA: I only knew that because of the caller ID on my phone.

JR: Okay. I understand. And um, what was the purpose of that call? Was it to discuss the public disclosure of all the

PA: He really wanted to know how I was doing.

JR: Okay.

PA: And I told him I thought he had played with my emotions when we met and I was very disappointed with him that he, he asked why didn't you just come right out and you know instead of play with my emotions of my sister's death, why didn't you just come right out.

JR: Right.

PA: And tell me Paul, we've decided that you can't function as a priest anymore. I said no, you had to cover it up with Paul this is a prayer I want you to say. I said I think this is down right mean of you and unethical, immoral for you to have done that.

KK: How did he respond to that?

PA: Paul, Paul I never meant that. I never meant that. I never meant it to be that way. Paul, I didn't want to play with your emotions. I was very concerned about your, how you were dealing with your sister's death. I said Bishop don't lie to me. You've lied enough as it is.

AF: What was the purpose of the phone call, Father?

PA: I don't know. That was it.

AF: That was it?

PA: That was it and we got disconnected.

KK: You were disconnected?

PA: I was on my cell phone and I was in a fringe area and got disconnected.

JR: And was

PA: And I called his office right after that, after we got disconnected. I called his office and said you know, please leave a message for the Bishop. I'm sorry we were disconnected. It was not intentional.

JR: Um, and subsequent to that was your next communication with Father Arseneault?

PA: That's correct.

JR: And

PA: A few weeks ago.

JR: And was that with regard to [REDACTED]

PA: That's correct.

JR: Um, and did he discuss with you beyond [REDACTED]

PA: No.

JR: any concern about your interaction with the Attorney General's Office?

PA: Nope.

JR: Okay. And then we started to get to um, Doctor, I don't know if he's doctor, but Jesus Morea?

PA: He's, he's a psychologist, correct.

JR: Okay. And could you just describe to us

PA: I got a letter from the Bishop ah, stating that he was sorry that he hadn't gotten in touch with me. It was a form letter. I'm sure. That he's sorry that he had been very busy and he had neglected to keep in touch with me. And ah, ah based on the decision they had, they had made in Dallas, he was evaluating our need to have to implement that. Ah, that he says in the letter that, you know, he's been deeply affected by all this and he's overwhelmed and very busy. Therefore, he's asked one of his trusted colleague ah, a non practicing priest to by the name of Dr. Morea, Dr. Jesus Morea to contact me and ah, to speak with me as to what my concerns are, so that he can serve as a liaison between himself and myself if I have any needs.

JR: And, and how did you take that when the offer, as you described it, was that Dr. Morea would be serving as a liaison between you and the Bishop? What was your understanding?

PA: I was mostly insulted. I was greatly insulted. Because I already have a doctor and that's very unethical to do that.

JR: Huh, huh. And, and what about the part that, what would be the purpose of having a liaison to the Bishop for you?

PA: Absolutely, absolutely stupid. The only thing I could see in it to be very candid with you, is to gather as much information as to what's going on with Paul and report it back to them.

JR: That's how, that's how you

PA: That's how I took it.

JR: The Bishop's letter

PA: That's right.

JR: An offer of Dr. Morea's services.

PA: That's correct. And then I got a letter just the end of last, when was it? It was Friday.

RM: Friday of last week.

PA: Friday I got a letter from Dr. Morea ah, saying that the Bishop had said to me he had asked Dr. Morea for this. In Morea's letter he says I went to see the Bishop and offered my services because now I'm retired. I'm an ex priest. Not an inactive priest. I'm an ex priest and ah, I know the difficulty that you must be going through as you're preparing to leave the priesthood, which is a lot of bullshit. I had no intention of leaving the priesthood.

JR: Um, and in addition to offering the services of Dr. Morea,

PA: At had no cost.

JR: At no cost. Did the Bishop's letter offer anything else to you?

PA: No. I did send him one letter after I responded to it.

RM: Wait, wait we've got to complete that answer.

PA: Okay.

RM: It's okay, Paul. You're doing fine. Um, we have provided copies of the letters to ah, Will. And there was in fact in the first letter an offer by the Bishop for you to talk to Jesus Morea about how the Bishop might be of assistance in supporting you.

PA: That's correct. That's correct. Yes. Yes.

RM: There was apparently two tiers here.

PA: That's a camouflage. That's a camouflage.



RM: We haven't made any decisions yet about how we're handling this.

JR: Okay. And when, when there was an offer by the Bishop in his letter of support, general support it sounds like, how did you interrupt those words from the Bishop?

PA: Take, just covering his ass. Because publicly they say we're keeping in touch with all our priests.

JR: Huh, huh.

PA: Which they haven't. It's a lot of bullshit.

JR: And, and um, to put it in context of um, the calendar. Do you recall when you received that correspondence from the Bishop offering Dr. Morea as a conduit if you will.

PA: It was during the time he was out, out of the country.

RM: When McCormack was in Ireland.

PA: No, no he was on his, on his trip ah, sponsored by the Conference of Bishops to see how the Near East.

RM: Eastern Europe.

PA: The Eastern Europe trip.

JR: And, and was that recently?

RM: Yes. Three weeks.

PA: Yes.

JR: Within three weeks. To put that in further context um, when was our meeting with you last?

PA: Two weeks ago.

JR: Okay. Um, was our meeting with you scheduled at the time you received the letter from the Bishop?

PA: Yes.

JR: Okay.

- PA: Yes. I thought it was most unprofessional.
- RM: inaudible
- PA: I talked to my doctor as soon as I got the letter. I called my doctor right up.
- RM: If we want to shut this thing down for three minutes and excuse Paul.
- KK: Huh, huh.
- RM: I can offer you a little bit more information that would not be appropriate for me to offer you in Paul's presence.
- AF: Are we getting close to the end here?
- JR: Well yeah, but
- AF: Can we end this anyway?
- JR: Let's, let's conclude our discussion with Father Aube.
- AF: Right.
- JR: And allow you folks to ask anymore questions you might have um, and then ah, if there's any other issues we you know ah, Attorney McDaniel needs to discuss.
- AF: All my questions are answered.
- KK: The only question I have left is we have discussed at length um, sexual contact that you might have had with minor boys. Did you ever have sexual contact with a minor female?
- PA: No.
- KK: Are you aware of any correspondence sent to the Diocese ah, regarding the possible allegation that you may have fathered a child of a young woman in a parish?
- PA: No. I'm not. I'm not. If I can put that in context of maybe where I come from and I'm just reaching out here.
- KK: Huh, huh.

- PA: Okay. In the first parish I was at in Claremont, there was a girl by name of [REDACTED] that got pregnant from a guy from Springfield, Vermont. And I stood by her to the end for her to keep her child against her parents wishes and against everybody else's wishes. And the rumor had gone around that I had fathered that child, but I did not. The, the father was a man who lived in Springfield, Mass/Springfield, Vermont.
- KK: All right. But you're not aware of any other similar allegations made against you?
- PA: No, no I'm not. I became aware of it of a letter of a [REDACTED] sent to the Bishop um, saying that her daughter was coming to see me. She was very concerned about ah, how often her daughter was coming to see me.
- KK: All right.
- PA: But I just became aware of that a couple, three weeks ago.
- KK: All right. Is there anything, we've asked so many questions of you, is there anything that we haven't asked about that you think we should know about regarding this investigation?
- PA: Yes. Ah, ironically speaking. From an ironical perspective that which led me, that which gave me the courage to go see my Bishop to ask for help in 1981 was [REDACTED]
- KK: In what way?
- PA: I had become very fond of [REDACTED] I felt sorry for him. And I could see myself ah, because I was embracing him very affectionate. As I said as I shared with you previously. I, I got to the point where I was kissing him on the lips and that really, really was the killer for me. And I would kneel down at my bed and beg the Lord to give me the strength to get the help I needed because I didn't want to have anything happen between [REDACTED] and I. And I didn't want to get to that rut of fondling him. I didn't want to do that because I think he was only fifteen at the time and I saw myself as a very debased person at the time and that's what gave me the courage to go see my Bishop.
- KK: Anything else?
- PA: Not that I can think of at the moment other than – can I say something about how I think they can resolve, or they can have
- KK: Do you want to put that on tape or do you want

- RM: You know what, let's just do the questions.
- JR: I've got a couple more questions, but go ahead Tony.
- AF: No, no I'm just checking to see if everybody's squared away here.
- JR: I, a general policy question on the part of the Diocese. At any point in your tenure with as a priest working for the Diocese in Manchester um, or as part of the Diocese in Manchester, were you aware of the specific policy relating to sexual misconduct involving minors?
- PA: There was none.
- JR: That was promulgated by the Diocese?
- PA: No, there were none.
- JR: Ah, but none ever to your knowledge?
- PA: None ever to my knowledge. They claimed there was one in the late '70's or '80's or whatever, but I wasn't aware of it.
- JR: You weren't aware of it? Was there ever any training offered to you um, with regard to sexual misconduct with minors? Um, was there any ah, general education offered to you or other priests um, any point at the Seminary or during your time as a priest in parish work ah, with regarding sexual misconduct?
- PA: No, the only time these things came up was since '94 and I wasn't invited to go to those meetings.
- JR: Okay. And with other than that my concern is um, if Father Aube wants to say additional things I'd prefer to have on the record just in light of ah, some recent cases that requires everything said to be um, captured on tape.
- RM: Yeah, we can, we can do that Paul if you have remarks. If they're factual I think they should be on record.
- PA: Oh no the only thing I want to share is how I think they can get results.
- RM: Okay, I think what I want to do is since we're going to be communicating with these folks um, again and frequently ah I want to reduce that to writing and work with you on, on that.

PA: I'd be more than pleased to put that tin writing.

RM: Well then lets

JR: Wouldn't that be a fare way to.

RM: It would be a good way to do it and that way I think we're done on the factual stuff.

PA: I have no problems with that.

RM: Okay, great.

KK: All right.

AF: All right.

KK: We will conclude our tape. By my watch it's approximately 1645 hours.

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