

## MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: GERALD CHALIFOUR  
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RE: GERALD CHALIFOUR

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PF Okay. Today's date is August 19th, 2002. I'm Detective Peter Favreau of the Manchester, New Hampshire Police Department, um, on behalf of the ah, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. Ah, it's approximately 2 p.m. Ah, I am here at the Attorney General's Office of New Hampshire in Concord, New Hampshire, ah, to conduct an interview with Gerald Chalifour. Um, there are others present in the room for this interview and I will allow them to introduce themselves at this time.

AV Also present is Allison Vachon with the Attorney General's Office.

WD Will Delker with the Attorney General's Office.

LW Laura Waterman, legal case manager for the law offices of Robert E. McDaniel.

GC My name is Gerald Chalifour.

RM Robert E. McDaniel, counsel for Mr. Chalifour.

PF All right. Now we're ready. Now, what I wanna do, Mr. Chalifour, is get a brief history about you. Um, and then move on to your ah, ordination and then we'll go step by step.

GC Ah, I was born in Manchester, September of 1928. 74 next month. I went to a parochial grammar school, St. John the Baptist and then Cathedral High for Boys, St. Joseph's Cathedral. Ah, St. Anselm's College. I graduated from college ah, in 1947. I was 18 when I graduated from college. And then I went to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Ah, I was ordained in 1952 by Bishop Brady. After ordination, I was sent to St. Martin's parish in Somersworth for five and a half years. From there I went to Angel of Garden parish in Berlin from December '57 to March '59. March '59 after ah, a very serious bout of pneumonia, I was sent to St. Charles orphanage ah, from March '59 to May of '60 to recuperate. In May of '60, I was transferred to Sacred Heart Parish in Greenville and I was there until September '62 when I was transferred to St. John the Baptist in Suncook. In

1968, October of '68, I was named pastor of St. Catherine's parish in Hudson, New Hampshire. I was there just little over a year and then I requested the sick leave for a couple of months ah, which started out by Bishop sending me to the hospital for a complete physical run down. I was in the hospital for three days. In Jan-, February of 1970 ah, I was sent to Gorham to replace the pastor who had a heart attack and I replaced him until June of '70 when I was named pastor of St. Peter's in Farmington. Ah, I was there until September of '76 at which time I became pastor of St. Theresa's parish in Manchester. I was there 'til June of '85 at which time I was named pastor of St. Charles in Dover. After 3 months I found that I could not deal with all the problems that parish had so I asked the Bishop for a transfer. He sent me to St. Augustin in Manchester September of '87 and I was there until June of '90. Hold on a minute, I, I've got a gap there. Ah

RM They, they'll fill it in.

GC I left St. Theresa's in '85 and I was chaplain at the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester 'til '87. Okay. That's the gap. I forgot.

PF Yeah.

GC I went to St. Augustin's. I was there 'til 1990. 1990 I became part-time chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua and helping out also ah, at St. Theresa's Manor in Manchester. In the fall of '92, I believe it was, or late summer '92, I asked the Bishop for retirement having obtained the 40 years of service that I required for retirement. Ah, the Bishop granted my retirement and ah, I had built a house in 1986 ah, where I was working for CMC. They had no quarters for the chaplain so I had built a house on Wayland Street in Manchester which I have subsequently sold. That's where I retired to. Ah, in September of '95, I became part of the ah, team that opened up the Bishop Peterson residence in Manchester, ah, home for sick clergy. I was there about 5 months and ah, then I retired for good.

PF Where do you live now. Joe?

GC I live at [REDACTED]

PF Do you live there alone?

GC Yes.

PF Okay. Now um, I have the time line. I wanted to make sure it was accurate with what I had um, and that I was accurate. What I wanna do um, Mr. Chalifour, and I'm sure you're aware because I wanna talk to you about some stuff that happened throughout your career, um, there's some allegations that have been made over the years um, concerning sexual abuse. Um, what I'd like to do is to a feel for ah, you know, as you began your career, you, your first church was in Somersworth

in 1952, you start there. Ah, and you can kinda walk us through um, incidences and I, of course we'll probably interrupt and ask you some questions.

GC Yup. Okay.

PF I'd like to get um, as much detail as I can. Um, about um, anything that did occur and when it occurred and where.

GC Okay.

PF Ah, Somersworth, '52 to '57. There was no incident what so ever.

RM No sexual contact with anyone under the age of. . .

GC Nothing. Nothing. Nothing.

RM Um, Gerry, what we're gonna do is um, you have to fix it that one person talks at a time, okay? Even though you know the answer um, let, to summarize, from '52 to '57, you had no sexual contact with anyone under the age of 18?

GC No.

RM Did you have any with anyone over the age of 18?

GC No.

PF Um, and we have to fix it so we don't talk over each other. Um, okay. Go ahead, go on from 57.

GC Okay.

PF Go to Berlin, um, starting in Berlin.

GC Okay. Berlin there was no sexual contact of any kind, any age.

PF Okay.

GC Ah, let's see where do I go from there, Rochester, the orphanage ah, we had young boys but there was no contact, no ah, misconduct or improprieties of any kind.

PF Sure. To this point in your life, have you ever had any kind of sexual contact with anyone under the age of 18? Okay. Even prior to priesthood, even ah, prior to being ordained, anything like that.

GC No.

PF Okay.

- WD Can, can I just ask a question 'cause I don't think I understand um, what the situation was before when you said you um, were sick at that point in time?
- GC I was up in Berlin. My first winter was up there. It was very cold. I developed a very, very bad pneumonia. The doctor put me to bed for two months. And then when he um, when I got up again, when they gave permission to be up and about, he said I don't want you to stay in Berlin. So go down to see the Bishop and get transferred and ah, the Bishop ah, the chaplain at the time, I guess, was leaving or had just left the orphanage. He says, that's a good spot for you. Be there for a few months and you completely pick up. Actually, I was there for 14 months. I guess he didn't need the place for anybody else who was sick so I was there for 14 months.
- WD Ah, and how many um, I'm not familiar with the orphanage. What, what was the setting?
- GC At the time they had about ah, 125 kids. They, ranging from 6 months to, I think the boys left at 12 and the girls left at 14. And it was the gray nuns from Canada who ran the place.
- WD The gray nuns?
- GC The gray nuns from Canada.
- WD And um, what was the relationship between the diocese and the um, facility?
- GC Ah, well there wasn't, I was under Catholic charities. Catholic charities took care, 'cause the only responsibility the Bishop had was to name a chaplain for it but everything else, to pay the bills, and run the place, that was Catholic charities.
- AV So what would your role be at the orphanage as oppose to being at a parish?
- GC Ah, very minimal. Ah, mass every morning. Ah, once a week, benediction for the nuns. Ah, a few katicsm classes for the kids. Ah, it was a place when you're sick that, you know. Your work load was cut 80 percent or something like that. That's why I was sent there.
- AV So it was felt it was a good transfer at that time because your illness.
- GC Yeah. I mean, that, that was the reason for my transfer.
- AV Okay.
- GC And my assignment to that particular place.
- PF Okay. Let's, let's leave Rochester and we'll go to ah--

GC Greenville.

PF Sacred Heart?

GC Yeah. Sacred Heart in Greenville. I was there two and a half years. Ah, nothing happened there.

PF And what, what did you do at Sacred Heart?

GC I was the associate pastor.

PF Okay. After Sacred Heart, you went to ah, St. John the Baptist.

GC St. John the Baptist in Suncook.

PF Okay.

GC I was there for 6 years. And that's where the ah, allegations, first allegations came from.

PF Tell me about that.

GC Well, first of all, I was there '62 to '68. There were no allegations made for 20 years.

PF Now what do you mean, for 20 years.

GC The first time that anybody ever, contacted the Bishop for something --

PF Yeah.

GC -- was 1988.

PF Okay.

GC So noth. . . there was no ah, anything.

PF So you were saying that there were no allegations at that time, while you were there?

GC Right. Right.

PF Is that what you mean? Okay. So no one ever confronted you about it during those years.

GC No.

- PF Okay. But I'm referring to allegations that were said to have occurred during those years.
- GC Yes.
- PF Those are the things I would like to talk about.
- GC Yeah. Okay.
- PF Um, if you could start with the first time anything happened.
- GC Well, the first time anything happened I, nothing probably happened for, I was there 6 years. And I'd say it's only the last couple of years that something happened.
- RM Who was the first person you had any kind of sexual contact with when you were in Suncook?
- GC The sexual contacts were few. And which one came first ah, you know that's --
- PF That's okay.
- GC -- like 35 years, I don't remember.
- PF That's fine.
- GC He wasn't one month, he wasn't next, I don't know.
- PF That's fine. Start with one and we'll. . .
- GC Okay. Well, start with ah [REDACTED] the first ah --
- PF Okay.
- GC thing that. . .
- PF Who [REDACTED] Do you remember his first name?
- GC Ah, [REDACTED]
- PF Okay. Now, how did you know [REDACTED]
- GC [REDACTED] was an altar boy.
- PF Okay. Did you ah, did you meet [REDACTED] through the church or through his parents or do you remember ah, how you got to know [REDACTED]
- GC At the church I guess. I'm, I went there and he was one of the altar boys.

PF He was already there.

GC Yeah.

PF Okay. And how, how long had you known him um, before something happened?

GC I'd say nothing happened, I believe, best to my recollection right now. The last couple years I was there. I was there 6 years.

PF Okay.

GC So ah, although in his allegations ah, he says that from day one that I abused him.

PF Well, let's talk about what you remember.

GC Okay. The only thing that I remember with [REDACTED] that ah, that happened, okay, I had, for most of my life suffered from a very, a bad back. So once in a great, great while, when it gets real bad, I'll try if I can, to get somebody to give me a massage to loosen me up. Ah, I had asked [REDACTED] on time and was, it was in the summer. And it was very, very hot. And I had in my bedroom, I had one of these big window fans blowing air. So I asked [REDACTED] says, my back is bad. Would you give me a good rub down, really work those muscles. Okay. Fine. So, may have been impudent on my part, got on my stomach and he worked my back. Ah, when he got done, he asked me, he says, can I ah, take off my clothes and lie next to you on the bed. I wanna see how the fan feels.

PF He asked you that?

GC Yes.

PF Okay.

GC Ah, unfortunately, I said yes. During that time he was next to me, there was no, you know, genital touching or touching the buttocks or anything like that. After, again, I'm going back now over 30 years.

PF Okay.

GC A very, very, maybe five, ten minutes at most, at ten would be stretching it probably. I said, okay, that's e-, that's enough. So he got and go get dressed and that was it. Now that is the only thing that I recall ever having done with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that would labeled misconduct or inpropriety or whatever.

PF Okay.

GC But in his complaint to the ah, diocese --

PF Right.

GC Ah, [REDACTED] became a priest.

PF Umm hmm.

GC He left the priesthood. He got married outside the church and he was having, at the time he complained to the diocese, Bishop Christian told me that, he was having marital problems. Ah, right now he's doing counseling for sexual abuse victims.

PF Right.

GC Ah, and his complaint, of which I'm sure you have a copy.

PF Yeah.

GC Ah, you know, it could only be written by someone who was in that kind of work and who knows all the terms and all the --

PF Umm hmm.

GC -- possible explanations what have you. Ah, the funny thing about [REDACTED] is that, during my time in Suncook, ah, my vacations in the summer time, usually I would take a trip or live somewhere and I would take high school altar boys. This was 6, 7, 8 kids. In 1964, I rented at Wells Beach for two weeks. He and 4, 5 others came. '64. '65 ah, I rented a camping trailer and took a trip to New Brunswick for a week. The trailer slept 6. He was one of them who came. '66 I rented at Winnapausakee for a week. He was one of those who came. '67 I took all the altar boys, all 30 of them, to Expo '67 in Montreal. He came. Now I found it so strange now that I've been molesting him supposedly since day one and yet, on all these different trips, outings, whatever you wanna call them ah, he was always ready to go and never reluctance and never --

RM Did you ever have occasion to touch him?

GC No. The only, well I touched, when he laid next to me, our bodies touched, you know. Ah, he was kinda half on the bed and half on top of me.

PF Correct.

GC But that's it. I never, never touched his genitals in my life. I never touched his buttocks in my life. I, and that's why when the complaint came in, why I was so surprised, first that it had been made and second, it had been made twenty something odd years after the thing suppose to have happened.

PF Now you got, you gone through his um, his statement.



GC Yes I've read that. I've read that just recently.

RM I should make it clear that we have, we don't know what we've got. We have very, very limited disclosures from ah, the diocese.

PF I guess what, what I'm getting at, you know what he was saying.

GC Yes.

PF That he was accusing you of alleged --

GC Yes.

PF -- that there was contact.

GC Oh yes.

PF Do you have any explanation or do, I mean, you're referring to his um, going on trips with you and doing things with you and stuff like that but I'm trying to figure out why he would say that. I mean, is there any reason you can think of that he would say that if it wasn't true?

GC Well, again, conjecture on my part, okay? I know [REDACTED] and I know his situation. [REDACTED] left the priesthood to get married. [REDACTED] married outside the church. [REDACTED] was having marital problems with his wife. When we have a whole bunch of problems, we look for causes, we look for reasons. I mean, you look for what, what was the cause of these different things.

PF Okay.

GC Ah, and being in the line of work he's in, counseling sexual abuse patients, I feel that you put the two of them together and came the false memories. That's my, my belief, okay? Um.

PF Can you tell me just a little bit about [REDACTED] ah, as you knew him? Um, what kind of, what kind of a kid he was and --

GC He was a very good kid. Ah, he had [REDACTED] sisters, one became [REDACTED] His folks were church people. Ah, always ready, you know, if I was short an altar boy or, or the time we went camping, guess who was always the first one to do dishes. You know, stuff like that. With [REDACTED] mean, very, I don't know ah, forward and willing to help and, and what have you, you know. Ah, you know, I, I don't want to make accusations but I'm here to tell you what's on my mind, okay?

PF I appreciate that.

GC Conjecture again. You've heard of Philip Petit.

- PF Um hmm.
- GC You know Philip's history.
- PF No.
- GC Philip was also ordained a priest in 80. He left maybe 85, 86, after being convicted and ah, I think it was Exeter court of solicitation of a man and he went out to San Francisco. I believe that Philip was a homosexual. 'Cause out of nowhere, when I was in Suncook, couple of them, I heard the kids say that he'd offered them trinkets for, if they would show him his priv-, their private parts. Well, whenever the kids got together, the high school altar boys, the back porch of the rectory was kinda like a, a summer time youth center, something like that. Whenever Petit or [REDACTED] would come, whichever one come first, would wait for the other one to show up. As soon as the other one showed up, they'd take off together for Petit's house. And that happened, I'd say almost every night we were there. Ah, I never make accusations but all the things that [REDACTED] says in the accusation allegation against me, that he experienced, I would wonder, I'm not saying it didn't happen, it did happen.
- PF Umm hmm.
- GC But with Petit.
- PF Okay.
- GC Now, I, I've no proof and I know this is gonna stay right here, huh.
- PF That's fine.
- GC I, I have no proof. Ah, but as I've been --
- PF I understand.
- GC -- for the past 11 years, 12 years since he accused me, I've been keeping alot of things around and these things just kinda stick out.
- PF Tell me about why, why you um, why you thought it was okay and why you thought it was normal to ah, when he did take his clothes off and, and he did, and you laid down with him in front of a fan. I mean, what was going through your mind?
- GC I --
- PF I mean, did you think that was okay or do you --

GC I really didn't think about that. I mean, he just, he asked me if he could and I said yes. And I say it, he, he didn't stay there very long. And I said, okay, [REDACTED] that's it and then he got up --

PF How old, how old was he then?

GC Let's see, this would have happened probably in '67 or '68, one or the other. [REDACTED] was born in 1950.

PF Okay.

RM How come you wrote him a check?

GC How come I wrote him a check. Okay. Ah, when the diocese called me in, in '91, ah, 'course I was very stunned, that's the word, I was shocked. After the, in the 60s, this is the 90s. So whatever the diocese staff told me to do, I did. Now, I never met [REDACTED]. He always talked with Christian. But when [REDACTED] going to Christian, when [REDACTED] went in, the one thing he wanted from me was for me to show remorse for what I had done. And he wanted money. So Christian bargained him down from twenty thousand to fifteen thousand. And then Christian told me to make out a check to ah, [REDACTED] and give it to Christian who would in turn give it to [REDACTED]. Ah, at the time I was too stunned to fight it. I mean, today I think I'd, you know, I'd say I wanna face to face meeting with him and I want, I want the charge, I want to see what the charges are, which I didn't know at the time. The charges just, you did something wrong with him, that was it. I was so stunned, I made the check. Now once he got the check in hand, the idea of remorse was forgotten. That was his big point before. He wanted me to show remorse.

PF Right. Now what did, did you pay that out of your own money? The whole thing? You never got reimbursed or anything like that?

GC No.

PF Now when we, when we talked to ah, Monsignor Christian, did he asked you about it? Did he question you whether it happened or not or?

GC Well, ah, if you've read [REDACTED] complaint, allegations, it was very, very convincing. He had all the right buttons and what have you. I think Christian bought it completely. Because when I went in there, the attitude that I got was that rather than be innocent to be proven guilty or your guilty than proven innocent. And --

PF Did he, did he tell you that he believed [REDACTED]

- GC Oh yes. Oh yes. He believed ah, [REDACTED] and ah, I was in denial. In fact, he's written [REDACTED] on of the letters that he wrote to some of the others. That I was in denial.
- PF Do you remember him saying what he thought ah, you should, you know, this is a big, obviously a big deal. That he believes that you ah, had inappropriate contact with a child. Do you remember the conversations you had with him regarding what he thought ah, the situation was, what he thought you should do about it. Um, did he, did he give you any sort of direction as to what to do next? I mean, pay, pay fifteen thousand and then what?
- GC Well, what happens at the ah, they sent me to New Mexico. I don't know if you've heard of it but, Service of the Pericles, the Jimez program.
- PF Jimez program, yep.
- GC Yeah, it's like the thing in Maryland there. Something like that. He sent me there for 8 days.
- PF This is right after?
- GC Right after [REDACTED] made the ah, complaint.
- AV Some time in the early 90-, '91 or so?
- GC [REDACTED] went in November of '91 and I think I, he went the first week of November and they sent me down to New Mexico the third week of November. I mean, there was no, you think you should go, you go. We've called up, they've got a place for you. We got the ticket. You're leaving tomorrow morning. Okay, fine. Ah, there I met with the director of the house and there was psychiatrists and there were psychologists. I met with the spiritual director. I met with, I took a whole bunch of, that Minnesota personality test and a couple of others and I took tests for a week like it was going out of style, okay. When I came back home, the report came back from ah, New Mexico that from there talked with me and observation and everything else, the test. I was neither homosexual nor a pedophile. They all agreed except the psychologist that I could come back home and stay in ministry. Psychologist didn't say that I had to go back over there but it might be helpful for me if I, the psychiatrist was an older man. Ah, the one that I was told by the other patients that it was guy that was gonna hit you. I go, I'm fine with him. Ah, he was the only ah, the others no problem ah, ah, you can go back to ministry. Again, as a precaution, make sure he doesn't have contact with kids and, but ah, when I, I, at least I got a clean bill of health, the next best thing next to it.
- PF Let's get back to um--

GC Okay.

PF Suncook.

GC Okay. That's [REDACTED]

PF Yeah.

RM Can we, I've got something that I, I want you folks to know.

PF Yeah, go ahead.

RM If I can just walk um, Gerald through a couple of things, I think it would be good. You got those documents we prepared. I'm sure that you've got these. Um, Joe, I'm gonna show you a letter here that we're gonna provide to the Attorney General's Office.

GC Yeah.

RM Dated December 28th, 1993, written by Francis J. Christian. This is the Bishop Christian that you were talking about, right?

GC Yeah.

RM And this letter is addressed to whom it may concern and reads basically that between '62 and '68 that you um, Gerald ah, was assigned to St. John the Baptist in Suncook and then it says unbeknown to the diocese at that time, Father Chalifour had a sexual problem of ephibophilia. Um, I just gonna tell you that that means ah, sexual attraction to teen age boys. Um, and then the following sentence appears in this letter. This problem has come to our attention within the past three years. Is that what that says?

GC Yup.

RM So that means that Bishop Christian learned about your sexual problem within the past three years from December of '93, which would mean that he would have learned. 1990, well, 1991, '92 and '93, right?

GC 1990, three years.

RM Okay.

PF Can I stop you for one second?

RM Yeah.

PF I just wanna make you aware that I do and alot of the issues I think you're gonna go to, I'm certainly gonna address. If you'd like to. . .

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RM Bishop Christian being aw-, ah, made aware of the problem at some time in 1991 or after, correct? Right?

GC Yeah. Yes, sir.

RM Now I'm gonna show you May 16th, 1988 letter, memorandum um, in response to [REDACTED] letter from the same person, Monsignor Francis J. Christian, okay? Um, this says that he met with you in May of 1988, 3 years before he says he knew anything about it and it says Father Chalifour admits that during the years in question um, he did have some sexual problems with young men. Is that what that says?

GC Umm hmm.

RM Okay. I'm gonna give you folks both of those which came from the diocese's file.

PF Yeah. I think I've already got those.

RM And I'm also gonna give you a 1969 letter written by a very interesting Reverend Aimee Boiselle um, which talks about um, Father Chalifour's ah, Father Chalifour's problem. This is dated some 20 years earlier in 1969 so presumably the file or somebody in the diocese was aware what was going on in 1969 and in '88 but denied knowing about it in '93 'til 3 years or the December '93 letter was written. Sorry to interrupt things but just wanted to bring that up.

PF No, that's okay. That's all right. Um, so you're aware, I, I have those and I'm going to address them again.

RM Good.

PF That's, that's certainly important to talk about. Um --

AV I just wanted to go back to one point. Um, before the [REDACTED] came through and, and led, or made the allegations, you had said to us whatever the diocese told me to do, I did. What did you mean by that? We didn't touch upon that.

GC Well, they told me to make a check for [REDACTED] I did.

AV Okay.

And ah, they told me to go down to New Mexico and I did.

AV Okay.

GC Ah --

AV Okay, that was, that's what you were referencing?

GC Yeah, yeah.

AV Okay.

WD I've ah, have another question about what you were talking about with Philip Petit, um, what was his relationship to the parish (unintelligible)

GC He also was an altar boy.

WD Philip Petit?

GC Yeah.

WD This is the same one that later became a priest?

GC Yes. And ah, ah, might I digress on this now, ah, I found out the last week in February of this year from Bishop Christian that Petit had made allegations against me.

WD Against, sorry, against you?

GC Against me. I guess ah, it was just verbal thing. Any way, to get to the point of my, he left the priesthood and went out to San Francisco. He needed to find some sort of profession or trade or livelihood and apparently his ah, training to become a psychologist was paid for by the diocese. The other tie in to him is when in [redacted] went into see Monsignor Christian, he said that, well, he didn't go himself, he sent his sister in. Ah, that I had mis-, had misconduct with him and Petit. That's what [redacted] said.

WD Are, are you sure that it's the same Petit that he was talking about?

GC Oh yes. Philip. The undertaker in Suncook.

PF And ah, did you know him as an altar boy in Suncook?

GC Yeah.

PF Okay. So you were familiar enough with him to know that he was Philip.

GC It was Philip, yes.

- PF Okay.
- WD And were he and [REDACTED] approximately the, how are they in terms of age difference?
- GC Ah, well, they're both ordained priests, I think the same year, [REDACTED] so ah --
- AV Do you think they were both around the same age?
- GC I think they were in the same class in high school. They came to Bishop Brady.
- AV Okay.
- GC And I think they were in the same class.
- AV From best of your recollection, with [REDACTED] there was that one incident that happened, was it at the rectory?
- GC Yes.
- AV Okay. No other incidents that happened, misconduct on any of the trips that you went on. You named 4 or 5 years in a row that [REDACTED] had been on trips with other altar boys.
- GC No, because there was always ah, there's always more than one. Always half a dozen or something like that and ah, ah, on any of those trips, I don't recall, though I, I've gone over this in the past, well since this thing erupted in 1991. I've gone over this. I've, I think I became obsessed with it to some extent that where, what, when, how, who. And I've gone over and over and over it to make sure that, and the same thing when I first went to my attorney, he says, I want a, you know, I mean, it's like, but and the same thing again, after I met with him and went back home and I, revisited all these and ah --
- WD I know we want to keep going through this. But I just wanna um, sort of, understand whether there was anything else going on um, in terms of your health, um, whether you had any um, substance abuse issues, alcohol, any of those issues going on.
- GC No. No ah, alcohol or substance issue. Ah, health, not while I was in Suncook. Ah, while I, when I went to Hudson ah, I was there little over a year and I got to the point where I couldn't, I couldn't sleep, I couldn't eat and I just, you know, kinda like burning a candle at both ends and both ends met. I went to see the Bishop and I says, you know, I want some time off.
- WD So um, um, you didn't ah, sounds like you didn't drink excessively.
- GC No, I --



WD What was your, I don't know what excessively means different. . .

GC I'm ah,

WD things to different people.

GC No, no. Ah, I'm a very limited social drinker in the sense that ah, if I go out with friends and have a cocktail in a restaurant, well, I'll have one but then that's, you know, ah, I'm not --

RM Joe, let me see if I can help you out here. I'm observing a phenomenon. I wanna see if I can get you over it. As you sit down here today to speak with these people, you are prepared to tell them that there were a number of occasions in your career as a priest in which you did have sexual contact with boys under the age of 18. Is that right?

GC Yeah.

RM Okay. And you're prepared to discuss those sexual contacts in detail, are you not?

GC I am.

RM Okay. And, and you have told the truth here today just as you told the truth to me, right?

GC I did, yes.

RM Okay. What you are saying is that, with respect to [REDACTED] the allegations that he made go beyond what actually happened according to your memory?

GC That's right.

RM Okay. Just keep that in mind. I just wanna make sure that, you started with [REDACTED] and, and ah, Gerald is gonna say um, exactly what he did and who it involved and so forth. The other thing is he also wrote a check to Petit, right?

GC No.

RM You didn't write a check to Petit?

GC No.

RM Oh, somebody did, didn't they?

GC Christian told me if they had paid for his, they were paying for his training as a psychologist. That's what I found strange. When [REDACTED] first accused me,

Christian called me in and he says, [REDACTED] accused you of misconduct with him and Petit. And then in the course of conversation, he says, geez, we've paid him so much money already. Patty says we gotta stop pretty soon or, I don't know how long before we can buy them off. And I thought that was very strange.

RM Do you know anything about a forty-five thousand dollar check written to Petit? At the instructions of diocese counsel Mr. Cook? In 1995, a settlement of a civil suit?

GC Yes.

RM Is that helping your memory a little?

GC I don't know where you're going there. Ah, I made two checks. I made a check for [REDACTED] and when [REDACTED] filed a suit, he wasn't suing me, but he was suing the diocese.

PF Are we talking about the same guy?

AV Two different names here.

GC Two different names.

RM Okay.

PF Not [REDACTED], he was saying Petit.

GC Yeah, that's two different people.

PF Right. We, we were talking about Petit.

GC Yeah, well he brought up the forty-five thousand dollars. That was with [REDACTED]

LW He's telling you about that.

RM That was for who?

GC [REDACTED]

RM [REDACTED] not Petit.

GC Yes.

LW Right.

RM Okay. Good.

WD Just so, for, for the tape Petit is for P-E-

- GC T-I-T. And the other one is [REDACTED]
- WD Good, okay.
- GC Well any way, in the course of conversation Christian told me that they were paying for Petit's education. At the time I thought it was so strange he should tell me that because that's confidential and, why is he telling me that. So it stayed that way 'til this past February. A couple of weeks after we made the headlines, Christian called me up and ah, said, by the way Frank, I says, ah, was Petit involved in this besides being mentioned by [REDACTED] as, as a ah, another person who was abused, was he involved from the beginning. And he says yes. Then it made sense. That's why he had told me they were paying him because they were paying him on account of me for both of them.
- RM Okay.
- GC Yeah. But that, didn't put two and two together until this past February, yeah.
- WD I think we're, we're jumping around a little bit but I don't want to lose this track --
- GC Yeah, okay.
- WD -- I think I'm confused about um, about what happened with Petit. You're, let's see if I understand what you're saying. You have an understanding from conversations with um, Bishop, or Monsignor Christian, whatever he was at the time, that Philip Petit made accusations against you about sexual misconduct.
- GC No.
- WD Okay.
- GC No, no. Ah, well at the time he told me he had, the diocese was paying him.
- WD Okay.
- GC But ah, the --
- WD Just so we're clear um --
- GC At the time, I couldn't understand why.
- WD Okay. Bishop Christian said to you when, at the time when did he have this conversation with you?
- GC When I went in for [REDACTED] To answer [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] had said both names. He abused me, he abused Petit.

WD Okay.

GC That's what Bishop Christian told me that.

WD Okay.

GC At the time, it didn't, to me I, I couldn't see the connection, why he was telling me that.

WD Okay.

GC Until this past February.

WD Okay.

GC When I asked him and he says, was Petit involved in this, and yes, right from the beginning.

WD Okay. What, what does that mean? I don't understand.

GC That's all I asked. Was he involved.

WD Okay. What did you ah, you may not be able to answer what Bishop Christian meant by that but what did you mean by that question?

GC What did I mean by that question? Ah, I don't know, it was a way of trying to explain that comment that they had paid Petit, which I have never really understood. And now with all these things, you know, coming out and everything, and all the blocks falling down and this past February ah, when he called me up ah, ah, we talked about [REDACTED] We talked about ah, [REDACTED] we talked about. I said, by the way, Frank, I says, ah, was Petit involved in this? Yeah, he says, right from the beginning. But there's no record of his having, having filed any formal complaint or --

AV Just so we're all clear. This conversation that you had with Monsignor Christian, this was as of late, as of 2002? Is that correct?

GC The last one was the last week of February this year.

AV Okay.

GC Two, two weeks after everything broke. Okay?

WD Okay.

PF All right. Let's move on from [REDACTED]

GC Ah, next time would be [REDACTED]

PF First name, do you remember?

GC [REDACTED] Ah, [REDACTED] was born in, I believe, [REDACTED] in February of '66 ah, I took my vacation. I went to Florida for three weeks. At the time he was, I believe a senior at Bishop Brady High School. Ah, my third week coincided with their school vacation in February. So I asked him if ah, he wanted to fly down and spend the last week with me in Florida. He did. Ah, we had separate beds but one night, fully dressed, you know, full pajamas, we got fooling around wrestling or something and I kinda landed on top of him and I was there for, a very, very brief time 'til he told me that his mother had warned him to be careful of things happening. Okay, fine. Ah, I left Suncook in October of '68. Early October '68. The last week of October of '69, this is before I was going to leave Hudson, he came down to visit me over night. And I only had one bed so we slept together. Again, fully clothed. And we did hug and hold each other. But there was no genital action or anything like that. In the spring of 1970, I was up in Gorham by that time. Replacing a priest who had a heart attack. Again he came up to ah, over night to visit me. And the same thing happened that happened in Hudson. In 1975, [REDACTED] was ordained a priest. He asked me, he gave me the honor, asked me to preach at his first mass. Which I did. Ah, now all these things happened after he was 18, okay? After he was ordained he got named my home parish, St. John the Baptist in Manchester. I visited him a number of times and always you know, glad to see you. Come again and (unintelligible) and ah, that's the [REDACTED] story.

PF That's the whole story?

GC That's the whole story.

PF So there was never any sexual --

GC Well, sexual, we held each other. We hugged. We --

PF Were your clothes always on, both of you or?

GC Yes.

PF Or sometimes not or?

GC No, no. Full pajamas. I mean, tops and bottoms.

PF Now, what --

GC Now, [REDACTED] might I say, is like, maybe like [REDACTED] he was a priest who left. Got married outside the church who is having marital problems. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They had known each other in Suncook, but the two wives,

the wife and the sister worked together. And that's why ah, see [REDACTED] made the complaint. I went to New Mexico. This was all within two weeks. A week after I got back, [REDACTED] made his complaint. So --

PF Now how, how did you get to know [REDACTED]

GC He was also an altar boy.

PF He was. Had you known him since, from the time you got to Suncook? Was he already there or?

GC I didn't know him before I went to Suncook. He was there.

PF But, but he was there when you got there?

GC Yes, yes.

PF Okay. Um, did he go on trips with you like [REDACTED] and?

GC Yeah. And, you know, but I mean, he made trips I'd say while I was in Hudson and then Gorham and then ah --

PF What was, what was the purpose of those, just, I mean, were they just visits?

GC Visits. Just visits.

PF Were you that close that he would come and spend the night?

GC Yeah, we were good friends. I mean, real good friends. We went out to eat together and, and ah, he was a bit older than [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and, and ah --

PF What was the purpose of the ah, sleeping in the same bed hugging and that kind of thing? I mean, was it a --

GC Well, in Hudson, I only had one bed. It was a very small rectory.

PF Right. But normally ah, two adult males don't sleep together and hug and, I mean, was there some sort of a father-son relationship or was it more of a ah, um, non-sexual ah, potentially sexual down the road type of relationship. We're trying to get a feel for why you would sleep in the same bed together if there was nothing going on.

GC Maybe it was like a, I don't know, father and son relationship, or very close friend relationship. But there was never any, you know after the incident in Florida where he had told me his mother had warned him.

- PF What do you mean by that? Did you ever talk about that with him or what, why would his mother warn him about --
- GC Apparently he got his sex education from his mother.
- PF Right.
- GC You know. And ah, she had warned him to be careful. That make sure nothing ever happened. Something to that. . .
- PF Do you think she was worrying more about you specifically or?
- GC No. No. No.
- PF A situation like that?
- GC Possibly but ah, I don't think that ah --
- PF Let me ask you this, do you think that ah, that was a normal relationship that you had with him? Or can you see why I'm asking all these questions?
- GC Yeah. What do you mean by normal?
- PF Well, I just think it's, it's a bit odd that you guys went down to Florida um, that, that you slept together in the same bed. Um, and that he continued to come visit you as he became an adult and you continued to sleep in the same bed. I mean that --
- GC Well, this happened, again, what 3 times or something like that.
- PF Right.
- RM Was there some sexual component to this?
- GC No.
- RM Gerald? Was there some kind of ah, you know, physical component to you hugging and you being in the same bed?
- GC Well, there was the, the physical presence of, I don't know what you call it, affection or, or ah, your, you're part of out life or you're, you're, I, I --
- PF So there were no expectations on your part anyway?
- GC No what?
- PF Expectations of future ah, sexual contact, anything like that?

GC No.

PF Ever? From the time you met him, did you ever have any ah, desires to be with him um, and, and that you thought it might happen later or?

GC No because I ah, I think I, I had enough respect for him. That I wouldn't have pursued that particular ah, possibility or avenue.

AV So no sexual gratification? You didn't view it as a sexual relationship?

GC No. It was physical in the sense where we hugged each other but not --

AV I mean, was it more like an embra-, was it embracing or was it hey, how you doing? We're gonna hug type thing or?

GC I don't know. We just got into bed and just started hugging, holding each other and, I don't know how else I can describe it.

PF Okay. That's okay. Have ah, have you had recent contacts with him?

GC No.

PF Ever? I mean in the past 10 years have you had any contact with him?

GC No. The only ah, contact I had with him was a sad one. Ah, in 1993 the pastor of St. John the Baptist in Manchester ah, died. [REDACTED] had served under him and I went because he was a good friend of mine, this pastor died. [REDACTED] get into the pew next to me so when he came down to the sign of peace, I turn to him and --

RM He wouldn't acknowledge your presence or shake hands?

GC No, no.

WD What um, is your understanding of ah, accusations that [REDACTED] made against you?

GC See, [REDACTED] the accusation decides that he was abused by two priests. A Father Belanger who was a pastor who died in December of '63 and me.

WD Was Belanger the pastor in Suncook?

GC Yes. And after I went there, he died a year after I --. And [REDACTED] ys he was abused by Belanger and me. You know, I'm wondering if maybe my hugging him on those few occasions, maybe that brought back memories of the abuse by Belanger and then he kind of, I never sat down with him and said well [REDACTED] how come ah, that's the only connection I can see that, the two of them because they were mingled.



- AV Was there ever a time where all three of you were together, say at the rectory or anything like that? Belanger, yourself and [REDACTED]
- GC Yes. Because ah, well the pastor had his room. I had my rooms and, you know, we were in the building together. I never ah, roomed together or, social group together. The pastor was 70 years old and I mean, he was another generation to us. He was the old man. And ah, but I, I wonder if ah, might not be a, a commingling of what happened with the other, I, I don't know. I, a lot of this conjecture on my part ah, as I look back ah, hoping to keep my memory clear, but I'm not an analyst. I'm not a psychologist. Ah, I'd never presume to say well, this was the cause of that or this, this is just, thinking out loud that I'm sharing with you now.
- PF Now, at some point you were, informed in some way about [REDACTED]'s well. Ah, similar to [REDACTED], um --
- GC A week after [REDACTED] in ah, November of '91.
- PF Who spoke with you about it? Was it Monsignor Christian again?
- GC Yeah, he ah, he didn't speak to me about it. He called me up.
- PF Okay.
- GC And told me that, [REDACTED] had been in to see him and that, made allegations. And I didn't get to see any of these allegations until my attorney gave them to me two weeks ago.
- PF Umm hmm.
- AV Did you ask, did you ask Monsignor Christian, what am I being accused of?
- GC Sexual misconduct.
- RM No, no, no. Joe, listen to the lady's question.
- GC Yeah.
- RM The question wasn't what were you accused of, it was did you ask Christian what am I being accused of. Saying to Frank, what's this about.
- GC No, not specifically. I mean, this is what he told me you're accused of. And I didn't say well, let's go into details.
- AV Okay.

GC Yeah, if that answers your question. I didn't say well, what exactly did, any of (unintelligible)

AV He didn't explain to you what the actual allegations were.

GC No, no.

AV Just said sexual misconduct but didn't get specific about it?

GC Yeah. And again, like I was saying a minute ago. Today I would say, well look, show me the complaint. I was so stunned when this happened that, you don't think of those things.

RM Did you ask Arsenault? What am I being accused of?

GC No. No.

RM Did Arsenault ever say to you that he's got more information on you?

GC Yeah.

RM Than he does on other people?

GC Yeah.

RM What did you understand that to mean?

GC Well, like I said, they had 3, 3 cases against me. Probably the others had 1 allegation or --

PF Now, we're talking about Ed Arseneault?

RM Yes.

PF When, when is this conversation that we're referring to was this recent or?

RM Occurred in February of 2002.

GC When they called us in, to tell us that we were suspended.

RM But, you've raised an interesting point. Were you ever shown the May 20-, March 26th, 1992 five page letter signed by [REDACTED] Monsignor Francis Christian?

GC I saw that two weeks ago when you showed me.

RM When I showed it to you.

- GC Yeah.
- RM Okay. Anywhere in the five pages, throughout the five pages he talks about, he's been sexually abused, you were the perpetrator he was sexually abused. You were the perpetrator. Um, does it say anywhere in here what you did to him?
- GC I don't recall. Though I did, I did read it but ah -- (long pause) I was being sexually abused by a priest who had me do such things as taking off my clothes, lie on him, perform sexual acts upon him, such as touching and arousing his buttocks and rectum, french kissing, stimulate his penis, feeling his semen on, on my hand after he ejac-, ejaculated.
- RM Did those things happen?
- GC Nope.
- PF Okay. That, that's what [REDACTED] claimed, right? Um, I've got a couple more on [REDACTED] before we ah, wrap up on him. I just wanna ah, I wanna get back a little back to ah, to your conversation with Monsignor Christian. Ah, he confronted you or he made a call to you. He said that you were being accused um, and apparently he didn't go into detail and you didn't ask him.
- GC No.
- PF Okay. What, where did it go from there. What else did he say in that, in that phone call or that conversation? Did he say how he thought might handle it or how the church was gonna handle it?
- GC Well, he, okay this is 1991 now so, the exact words -- The only thing that I remember is that he said something to the effect that his mother [REDACTED] mother, was aware of this and she might go out and, you know, tell people.
- PF Umm hmm.
- GC That's the only thing I remember.
- PF Did he, did he say whether or not he believed [REDACTED] whether or not he believed this to be true or the allegations to be true?
- GC He didn't say so in so many words but, but the [REDACTED] thing was only a couple of weeks old.
- PF Umm hmm.
- GC I think it, I got the impression that he believed it.
- PF Did you ah, deny it at the point or did you confirm it or neither?

GC I denied it.

PF You did.

GC Ah, 'cause at the time the, okay there was this hugging in bed but there was no sexual activity and I forget what [REDACTED] ter said but ah, there was no genital activity or buttocks or what have you. Ah, ah, there was no --

PF But you remember specifically telling him or denying it to Monsignor Christian?

GC Yes.

PF Okay. Is there ah, any sort of follow up to that? Was there a pay out to [REDACTED] (unintelligible)

GC Yes. The diocese did pay for his ah, counseling.

PF Do you remember the amount?

GC Seven thousand dollars.

PF Seven thousand?

GC Yeah.

PF Were you involved in that payment at all?

GC No. But I did reimburse the diocese for that and my week in New Mexico.

PF Now, why, why did you do that? Did you have to do that or did you ah --

GC I didn't have to but I felt that if they --

RM Then why did you go to New Mexico?

PF Pardon me?

RM Is that your question?

PF I'm asking both. Why did you make, why did you pay out seven thousand dollars --

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GC: Ah, the reason why I reimbursed the Diocese is I felt if it hadn't been for me, they would have to pay that money.

- PF: If it hadn't been for you, say that again?
- GC: If it hadn't been for me, if I didn't exist.
- PF: Yup.
- GC: They wouldn't have to pay that money.
- PF: Okay, but you. What woulda happened if you, if you refused to pay them? Do you know?
- GC: It's not a question of refusing cuz I wasn't asked, I didn't have, I did that voluntarily. The only thing that I was accused, ah, sorry, apprised with by the Diocese was to pay [REDACTED] The rest was voluntary.
- PF: So they didn't come to you asking for payment?
- GC: No.
- PF: Is there any, ah, any further follow-up regarding [REDACTED] that you remember after that, um, any further contact with Monsignor Christian about it, ah, any other meetings about it?
- AV: (Unintelligible). Moving on from there, where do you, where do you go Mr. Chalifour?
- GC: Ah, [REDACTED]
- AV: Okay, do you remember his first name?
- GC: [REDACTED]
- AV: Okay.
- GC: Ah. So these were all friends I mean they're all part of that group that used to hang out together. [REDACTED] came in, ah, November first part of November. [REDACTED] came in like the last week of November first week of December. Ah, sometimes after the first of the year late winter, very, very early spring I forget the exact date [REDACTED] came with his, ah, ah, accusation. Ah.
- AV: What about, can you bring us back to, to when you're at, um, the parish in Suncook. How do you meet [REDACTED]
- GC: Altar boy.

- AV: Okay. He was friends with [REDACTED]
- GC: Yup.
- AV: Okay.
- GC: He took all the trips too and, and, ah.
- AV: Tell us about, what happened on those trips. Any, any sort of misconduct.
- GC: [REDACTED] there was nothing, nothing, nothing, that I can remember that's in my mind. Anything that was even, close to involving improper conduct. There was, I, I. Again we were talking in the sixties and this here's the ninety, the ot, ots, okay. That's, ah, thirty five years ago so.
- AV: When you say close to what could be, what could be construed as, did you have any sort of contact with him? Other than just with the parish?
- GC: Well he went on some of those trips that the, I took the altar boys on.
- AV: Okay.
- GC: And, ah, ah. But anyway, he came in in late or early after the others, three months after the others. Ah, they all came together back then it was sort of, ah, [REDACTED] did contact [REDACTED] But [REDACTED] never, odd, apparently had been under the care of some mental health professional. But then with [REDACTED] accounting to the complaint when [REDACTED] wrote to him or called him or whatever went to see him they had all fell together, but I was the cause of all his problems of what happened. So when he went to the Diocese in the spring Christian offered to pay him for his mental health expenses, ah. And he said no, no, no, so he left and, didn't want anything and. Then in ninety five. Ah. His marriage fell apart. He went through a very, very messy divorce. Which, which according to Christian now, I don't know this first hand but he, she took him to the cleaners. Then he filed suit against the Diocese. So these things he had brought up in ninety two when he had runnings with Christian the first time. And, ah, there was a law firm here in, ah, ah, Concord. And. The haggling was done between Christian and Brad Cook and [REDACTED] lawyer, I was never involved. He didn't sue me but he sued the Diocese. Okay? Um. The Diocese settled with him for \$60,000. Again the Diocese, did not oblige me to, pay him or pay the Diocese anything. But, same reason I've told you before, if I wasn't around and he wouldn't have, but I did give the Diocese \$45,000.
- AV: You did pay them?

GC: The Diocese.

AV: Okay. How did they notify you about the allegations this time with [REDACTED]

GC: The suit was served on me by the sheriff.

AV: Okay.

GC: And this was a formal civil suit.

AV: This was the time in ninety five?

GC: Ninety five ya.

AV: Backing up a little bit when you were, were you contacted by Monsignor Christian the first time that [REDACTED]

GC: Ya.

AV: Had made allegations? Can you tell us a little bit about that conversation?

GC: Just told me that [REDACTED] had been in and, ah, had accused me of abusing him. And I told him the same thing I was just telling you that in all the years of I knew [REDACTED] there was never. Ah. Anything that I can remember that was, ah, there weren't, ah, one year to Wells Beach and one year Winnepesaukee or on the beach you know we mighta wrestled and whole bunch of kids you know how you kinda fool around on the beach and push each other, shove each other and push each other in the water and stuff like that. There was some of that I suppose we just didn't sit there and, ah, like there was never any, ah, direct sexual, hm, like a touching in the wrong places or, ah, ah.

AV: Any other adults present on those trips or was it primarily?

GC: Ah.

AV: Or just yourself and the altar boys?

GC: The, ah, trip to Expo in Montreal I had other adults with me. Ah. The, ah, the other trip, the camping trips, they were just high school altar boys. And nobody went along with the high school (unintelligible) with me. It was my way of, they're all very faithful, they're all very, if they were needed to serve they were there and, and, ah, if we had any activity they helped out in the hall and it was my way of, I don't know, showing appreciation, ah, and I didn't

have a, ah, any family I could take vacations with. And my close priest friends are people who with whom you would take vacations, all had families that they could vacation with so I was kinda left dangling and this was my chance to take a vacation and at the same time, I enjoyed the beach and the lake so they could take time out reward these kids over to, for their faithfulness and whatever.

AV: What was the lake that you talk that you? Was there a place you had on the lake or?

GC: I rented on Winnepesaukee for a week.

AV: Okay.

GC: I rent at Wells Beach for two weeks another year.

PF: Can you, ah, tell me a little bit about whatever the relationship was that you had with, ah, [REDACTED] am, did you guys spend time together socially other than the trips that you went on?

GC: Not socially they would gather at the back portion of the church the whole, all, all summer long.

PF: Yup.

GC: The whole bunch of 'em. Ah, [REDACTED]

PF: I'm talking specifically [REDACTED]

GC: Ah.

PF: [REDACTED] do you remember taking him places, doing things with him, anything like that other than the organized trips?

GC: Never by himself.

PF: No?

GC: Whenever I took a trip I always, you know I'd check out the, ah, New Brunswick. The camper had six, could sleep six people and I took five kids and myself you know I.

PF: Yup.

GC: I always.



- PF: Did you ever take him on a trip alone? An overnight?
- GC: No.
- PF: No? Okay do you remember ever using a brown, ah, there's some mention by some of the in some of the statements about a beach cottage near a lake.
- GC: Ya.
- PF: That you borrowed that would belong to a friend, ah.
- GC: Ya, this was [REDACTED] aunt.
- PF: [REDACTED] aunt.
- GC: Ya.
- PF: What, when was that?
- GC: Um, it's either Northwood Lake or Pleasant Lake I forget one or the other. I think it's Northwood.
- PF: Did you say Pleasant Lake?
- GC: It's either, why you're there, they're right next to each other.
- PF: Oh they are? Okay, I'm not familiar with Pleasant Lake.
- GC: Ya Northwood.
- PF: Okay.
- GC: Then you go down a side road and there's Pleasant Lake.
- AV: In the Town of Northwood? Is it in the Town of Northwood or?
- GC: If it was Northwood Lake I think, remember which one because, you get off of Route 4.
- PF: Hm, hm.
- GC: And you took a side road that that went down to. I think it was Northwood Lake but I've been to Pleasant Lake also that's why I'm a little bit, it was one of 'em.

- AV: So it's in and around that area of Northwood?
- GC: Ya. And, um, ah. [REDACTED] Her husband had died and she used it only on weekends. So she had told me that if ever during the week if you wanna go, ah, here's a key. And, ah. I did go occasionally but.
- PF: Did you ever bring the boys there?
- GC: Ya. Oh ya I was.
- PF: Groups of them or were there any (unintelligible)?
- GC: Well I, I brought as many as there are beds, so that's four, four beds or six beds. That's, ah, four bed, four beds and two bedrooms and two beds in the front porch.
- PF: Did you, did you ever sleep in the same bed with anyone?
- GC: Hm, no, no because they're all, they're all a single bed in there.
- PF: Yup. Nobody ever came in and slept in your bed or, ah, at that place that you remember? The reason I'm asking is because [REDACTED] refers to a night at that house, he doesn't remember where it is but remembers sleeping with you in the bed. Is that possible that happened, are you sure that didn't happen or?
- GC: I'm sure it didn't happen over there but the only possibility, again I'm sh, I don't know, but. When I went to New Brunswick.
- PF: Hm, hm.
- GC: Ah, there were three double beds in that camper. I must have slept with someone but I don't recall who.
- AV: Cuz there were more people than there were beds?
- GC: Well I know there was campers, a dining room opened to a bed and.
- AV: Okay.
- GC: Two, three double beds. Ah. The only thing in his complaint, he said that one night the bed was all wet, ya, I remember that incident very well because, over the dinette part there, there was a double bed. And who was up there, they had these awning, glass awning windows. They opened 'em up this way but they opened 'em this way, and it rained during the night. So when they got up in

the morning, that foam bed was, dripping wet, we had to take everything out, take off the cover.

PF: Hm, hm.

GC: Hang 'em to dry. Ah, that was a wet bed. Ah. Whether he was one of those up there, I don't know, I don't remember, I. Almost thirty five years ago, ah, who slept in what bed, who slept in the top. But I remember that incident with the, the wet bed, and you don't know if that's what he refers to, ah.

PF: Did you know about [REDACTED] parents? [REDACTED]

GC: Yes.

PF: Did you have any sort of social relationship with them?

GC: Well social. His father was my caller at [REDACTED]

PF: Okay.

GC: And his mother worked, see when I was in, ah, Suncook, when the Bishop Bra, Brady High School, and transportation was a problem. So I brought two school buses. And the parents of all the kids that went up there, they had bingo for me to pay for the school buses and that's how I got to know the, ah, the parents very well, very close and the [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] th [REDACTED] and everybody else were, they worked, they earned that money to, to, to pay for the bus, the buses.

AV: So their families were all very active in church?

GC: Very much so.

PF: Who else, who else other than [REDACTED]

GC: Who did we cover there.

PF: [REDACTED]

GC: We talked about [REDACTED]

PF: [REDACTED]

GC: [REDACTED]

PF: And [REDACTED]

GC: [REDACTED]

RM: Tell us about [REDACTED]

GC: Okay [REDACTED] lived right across the street. In front of the rectory. And he was one of the, the crew.

PF: Who's the crew?

GC: You know the group that, that would hang together in the back porch there.

PF: Altar boy?

GC: Ya, ya. Ah. I did fondle [REDACTED] I don't know two or three times four times - something like that. And I did give him a kiss a few times.

RM: How old was he when this happened?

GC: Ah. [REDACTED] was born in, [REDACTED] And this woulda happened like in either sixty seven, sixty eight. See up to the, the last couple years, I said before that there was nothing, it's the last couple of years that, ah.

AV: Where did it happen Mr. Chalifour? Where, you said you fondled him three to four times, where would you happen to be?

GC: Ah. One time, ya it was in my bedroom where he had - I told you and once in a great while I'd back rub or he had given a back rub and I fondled him. Ah.

AV: He happened to be naked?

GC: Nope.

AV: Okay.

GC: Ah, not that I recall. When I was in Hudson, he also came to visit me, overnight. And like [REDACTED] there was one bed and he slept with me and I, ah, fondled him then. And.

AV: How did he come to visit you down there? You kept in contact after?

GC: Oh ya, oh ya we, I was very close to all these people I mean they, ah, ah, they weren't just somebody that I saw on Sunday when they came to serve mass I mean we, guys worked at [REDACTED] and the kids helped in the parish hall. We

were, you know we, I don't know, we were friends we weren't just, priests and parishioner we were friends, we were, ah.

PF: Can you tell me about the first contact you had with him sexually?

GC: [REDACTED]

PF: Yup, first time.

GC: First time was the one in my, ah, in my bedroom.

PF: How do you call him up?

GC: He had given me a back rub.

PF: How, how did he end up in your bedroom?

GC: Well if you give somebody a back rub it's nice to have a bedroom.

PF: Well do you invite him up were you, I mean how do you, how do you end up?

GC: Oh well see the kid use to come in all the time to play cards.

PF: Right.

GC: And, ah, like most rectories, each priest has his bedroom and their own study.

PF: Okay.

GC: And this is where the kids would play cards.

PF: Alright. So you, he was up there with ya, and, and how did it come about?

GC: I guess I asked him to give me a back rub and I think when he got done my.

PF: Now when you say a back rub did you take your clothes off?

GC: I did.

PF: Yup, and where did you lay on the bed?

GC: On the bed.

PF: Face down or face up?

- GC: Face down.
- PF: Makes sense.
- GC: So he'd give me a back rub.
- PF: Okay, and what did he, did he have his clothes on or off?
- GC: As far as I can recall I'd say on but I didn't, I'm.
- PF: Okay. So he's.
- GC: I don't know why, why he would have taken 'em off. Because I wasn't giving him a back rub.
- PF: Ya.
- GC: Ya.
- PF: Does he sit on top of you or does he do it by standing next to the bed?
- GC: Standing next to the bed.
- PF: Okay.
- GC: Ya.
- PF: Um, how does it become, go from a back rub to something sexual, can you explain how it came about?
- GC: I don't know by just reaching over and, fondling him.
- PF: Do you remember touching him, eh, now that you're, you're talking about reaching over. Are you touching clothes or are you touching skin? I mean there's quite a difference I'm sure.
- GC: Ya I know, ah. I'd say right now I'd say clothes but it could be skin I, I.
- PF: Okay.
- GC: I'm not that clear on it okay.
- PF: Now when you say fondling are you, is that, explain what, I mean is that quick or is that continued for minutes at a time or?

GC: Oh no it was. How can you put a time, ah.

RM: But it wasn't just a, it wasn't just a brushing that?

GC: No, no, no, no, no, no it was.

RM: An intentional?

GC: Ya intentional ya, I mean it mighta lasted I don't know, how.

PF: I guess I wanna.

GC: A half a minute or something eh.

PF: Okay.

GC: Ya half.

PF: Did, did he say anything, did he tell you to stop?

GC: No.

PF: Is it okay?

GC: No.

PF: Um, and then how did it end? Did he, did he re?

GC: Ah, it was just.

PF: Reciprocate in any way or?

GC: No I just, no, I did it then I'd just stopped.

PF: Okay did he, did he touch you sexually?

GC: No.

PF: At all?

GC: No.

PF: Ever?

GC: No.

- PF: Okay. Ah, what happened when it was over? Did you guys have a conversation about it?
- GC: No I got dressed and. Did whatever we were gonna do whether it was play cards or go sit on the back porch, whatever we did I mean I.
- PF: So he, so he didn't say I wish you wouldn't do that or he didn't say?
- GC: Hm.
- PF: That he liked it or there was no conversation in there?
- GC: No.
- PF: And did you ever, do you remember ever telling him to keep it between you and him and not to tell anybody?
- GC: No.
- PF: Okay. That, similar thing happen three or so times or it was it different each time?
- GC: As I recall it was pretty much the same thing.
- PF: In any of those occasions do you remember touching his skin under the clothes or without his clothes on?
- GC: Yes I think I did when I was in Hudson.
- PF: Okay.
- GC: At night. Ah. I think I had touched the skin.
- PF: Okay.
- GC: In Hudson. Suncook I'm not clear. In Hudson I'm pretty sure I did.
- PF: Did he ever say to you then or ever even after the Hudson one he didn't want to do that or?
- GC: No.
- PF: Um. How did your contact with him end did you see him after Hudson or?



- GC: Did I see him after Hudson? Yes because I used to, ah, when I was in Farmington I used to come down to Manchester, driving through Allenstown. You know if I had some time to spare I'd stop in at the house and see his folks and he was there.
- PF: Did, ah, the Diocese ever made aware?
- GC: No.
- PF: Okay.
- GC: No, not that I know of.
- PF: So you were never asked about it? Um, how about his parents?
- GC: No.
- PF: Never? At anytime in, in your contacts with him, did he ever touch you in a sexual manner?
- GC: No.
- PF: Even in Hudson?
- GC: Ya.
- PF: Yup he didn't?
- GC: He didn't.
- PF: Okay. Do you still have contact with him to, today?
- GC: No because he, ah, he's married and he's up in, way up in Maine so.
- AV: So after the visits in Hudson that was like the last time you heard from him and you stopped subsequent contact after that?
- GC: Well, that was the last sexual contact.
- AV: Okay.
- GC: Okay? Ah, heard from him as I was telling the usual stop in to see folks and sometimes he was there.
- AV: Where was that, in Suncook?

GC: Ya.

AV: Okay.

GC: Ya.

AV: And did you guys talk about anything that happened in the past? Was there any discussion of that with him?

GC: No because every time I stopped his, his folks were there.

AV: Okay.

GC: And his grandmother and.

AV: So his parents never said anything to you about it, you didn't get any sense that they knew?

GC: No.

AV: Anything had happened? And as far as you know it was never reported to the Diocese by?

GC: As far as I know.

AV: By him?

GC: No.

PF: Anybody else in Suncook in that group?

GC: Ah.

PF: Or outside that group?

GC: Ya I just found out today there reading your letter. [REDACTED]ld.

PF: Hm, hm.

GC: Which had slipped my mind. Ah. [REDACTED] as a in that group too and one time I wanted to, just take a couple days off and I asked him if he wanted to go to Ottawa to see the parliament buildings. And, ah. We stopped at a motel in way upstate New York the first night. And I looked and I asked for a hotel,

motel in (unintelligible) which was peak summer season you couldn't get, we had to get a bed together. And, I did touch him, ah.

AV: What do you mean by that, Mr. Chalifour?

GC: I touched him, I touch his, his, ah, genitals.

AV: Okay.

GC: Ah, again this was brief. And that's the only time that, that, ah.

AV: Were you in bed together?

GC: Ya we only had one bed we ah.

AV: Okay, did you have clothes on?

GC: Ah. We, no because when they, when I went to bed I just, I'd come out of the shower, he was in bed already. And, ah. For some reason or the other he didn't have any shorts on.

AV: Okay so he was naked?

GC: Eh, as far as I remember ya.

AV: Okay.

GC: He put his shorts on after but he didn't have any shorts on when I came in.

RM: What year was this?

GC: Pardon me?

RM: What year was this?

GC: Sixty seven or sixty eight I.

RM: He was how old at the time?

GC: [REDACTED] was probably, ah, couple years younger than [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] z I remember he was a couple years behind him in school. I don't remember his age exactly but probably a couple years younger than the others.

RM: Which would make him fifteen or sixteen?

- GC: I don't think, if, ah, the others were born in 1950, ah, the kid fifty two, I imagined [REDACTED] must have been born fifty three, fifty two. I'm not sure I don't have the.
- AV: Okay so possibly early teens, possibly fourteen.
- GC: He was in high school at the time.
- AV: Okay.
- GC: Okay. Ah, the to go to high school you have to be fourteen.
- AV: Right. So you're in the bed, you're both naked, you touch him, what happens from there?
- GC: Nothing I mean I.
- AV: How long did that last?
- GC: It was very brief.
- AV: Okay did you talk at all about it did he say anything to you afterwards?
- GC: No.
- AV: Did you tell him not to tell anyone or? This never happened or anything like that?
- GC: The only reaction to, ah, this part of it, the next night coming back, we stopped, we stopped in Burlington to sleep. And, ah, he took a shower first, I came out from my shower he was, all dressed in full pajamas and. In his bed, we had separate beds. And that's where.
- WD: The night in New York did you, when you, there's only one bed, did you continue to stay share that bed that night?
- GC: Ya.
- WD: You said he got up, he, he put on his shorts at some point, when was that?
- GC: Some time after, after I touched him I guess after I broke off the contact.
- AV: Okay. Did it ever get to the point of ejaculation at all?
- GC: No.

- AV: Okay.
- GC: No.
- AV: So you said the next night you were on the way back and then Burlington. You come out of the shower, he's already fully dressed and, and, and gotten into bed? Okay. But there's no discussion about.
- WD: You need to speak actually because of the.
- GC: Yes okay I'm sorry. No there was no, ah, no contact the second night.
- AV: Okay. Any other subsequent contact with [REDACTED]
- GC: No. No there was the one time.
- WD: Did he touch you at all?
- GC: No.
- WD: Ah, was there anyone else in Suncook in that time? Ah, do you remember.
- GC: Can't think of anyone.
- PF: Okay.
- NWD: You said you mentioned earlier on that you had gone to the Servants of the Paracletes at some point in 1991.
- GC: Hm, hm.
- NWD: Um, do you remember telling them that there were three different boys in the time period from 1968 to sixty, I'm sorry 1966 to 68?
- GC: Ya, the first thing you do when you go in there they ask you to write your, your whole history okay? And, ah. Then you review it with the, ah, ah, rector of the institute. He's the one that made the comment on my evaluation and he thought I was very complete and. You know, ah, I wasn't trying to hide anything, I wasn't, ah, he said I was what's the word?
- LW: Honest, forthright?
- GC: Forthcoming, you know that, ah, ah, that was his impression that I was very forthcoming and, ah, ummh. You know I, ah, when I went down there, ah.

- RM: Gerald, Mr. Delker's question was.
- GC: I'm sorry.
- RM: Ah, do you remember when you went to servants of the Peroclete telling them that there were three boys in Suncook?
- GC: Yes.
- NWD: My following question is.
- GC: Yes.
- NWD: What do you mean, which three boys were you referring to?
- GC: I don't know if I told that there were three boys I told them all of them. I told 'em about [REDACTED] and I told him how many times.
- NWD: I don't know, I mean, I don't know if this helps at all but, but they wrote in 1991 was you had told them that during the period 1966 to 1968 there were three different boys involved in such experiences. You stated frankly that you touched their genitals in the course of back rubs. So do you know what you, do you remember?
- GC: That was with [REDACTED]
- NWD: Okay [REDACTED]'s one. There'd be two others.
- GC: Well [REDACTED]
- PF: [REDACTED] two.
- GC: Okay I never touched [REDACTED] genitals or [REDACTED] genitals or [REDACTED] genitals. I don't know.
- NWD: Ah. I think you also told at one point Bishop Christian that there were, ah, three young men over the years that you had done this to as well. Or during that I think it was during that time frame that [REDACTED] ah, um, made his accusations.
- RM: What about the name [REDACTED]
- GC: That's the, that's, ah, Farmington.

- NWD: Okay, well we'll get to that so I, I wanna focus on the Suncook.
- GC: Yeah the others they're all [REDACTED] that's all in Suncook.
- RM: Okay. The point is is that there's apparently an earlier report from you that you touched the genitals of three and so far today we've only come up with two. Is there somebody else whose name um, that you've forgotten? Or is there an incident that you've forgotten involving one of those people who's genitalia you think you didn't touch?
- GC: Well there was [REDACTED] in sixty nine in Hudson.
- RM: Yeah, but we're talking about Suncook.
- AV: Ya we're focusing right now on this time period.
- GC: (Unintelligible) [REDACTED] (unintelligible).
- NWD: I mean I don't know if you've seen this report.
- RM: We haven't.
- NWD: Um.
- AV: You haven't?
- NWD: You have not?

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**SIDE B, TAPE 2**

- NWD: I think, um, prior to taking a break I, um, was asking you some questions about your, um, a report based on your time with, ah, New Mexico with the servants of the Paracletes and according to this report you referenced, um, genital touching on three, it, it, three different boys between 1966 and 1968 and I'm trying to figure out, um, what that could be referring to. Ah, I'm gonna show the second page of the report cuz it's really the top of the second page in the first couple of sentences that I'm, um, referring to or that, that, that deals specifically with this issue.
- RM: Okay Gerry. Do you, um, can you make explanation as to why that says three and we've only been able to discover today is two.

- GC: The only thing that I can see is that, ah, there was a this statement of the year here. From sixty six to sixty nine would include [REDACTED] in the year sixty six to sixty eight, ah, that's, a possible explanation but I don't know what else.
- RM: Okay.
- NWD: So your recollection is, um, there are only the two boys totaled or, at this time that this contact occurred with during that time period.
- GC: Sexual misconduct.
- PF: Okay well. Well I'm going to move on from Suncook, if there aren't any others there, were there any others that made accusations that you know of or at the time or, ah?
- GC: No.
- PF: Anything else that we missed during the time in Suncook?
- GC: Not that I can think of right now.
- PF: When did you leave Suncook?
- GC: October sixty eight. October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- PF: And where did you go from Suncook?
- GC: Hudson.
- PF: And tell us a little bit about Hudson.
- GC: Hudson there was one incident with one young man named [REDACTED]
- PF: Okay.
- GC: One night, ah, he had come over, he came over very infrequently. I was only there one, one summer but he didn't come over that often but, ah, I'd asked him to again this happened once in a great while to do my back, that perpetual back wasn't a, ah, you know every day thing but probably a few times a year it bothered me very much. So I'd asked him to do my back and, ah, he said well okay but I gotta go to the bathroom first. I said okay. So he came back from the bathroom he had taken all his clothes off. And he got into bed next to me. And he touched me and I touched him. Well this happened once, ah, there was no ejaculation, ah.



- PF: Tell, tell us a little bit about [REDACTED] I mean how did you get to know [REDACTED] What?
- GC: Ah. His mother had come to see me when because she was having trouble with him. She asked me to talk to him. And, ah, that's how come he first started coming to the rectory. Ah, during the summer, a number of times he came, it wasn't that often but according to the letter written by Aime Boisselle there, ah, he was with me at the rectory all the time well that's, that's a mistake. Ah. His mother pleaded with me, wrote that letter to me, let him go to her care, well, she had come to me to talk to him, now that's reversing the thing, ah. And the letter Boisselle that he, ah, I was supplying him with money and cigarettes and lunches and what have you, ah. That, did not happen, um.
- PF: What, what was the nature of your contact with him, I mean what was he coming to the rectory for?
- GC: His mother asked me to see him and, ah, after he'd come the first time he came back a few more times.
- PF: What did she want you to see him about?
- GC: Oh he was staying out all night and, ah, they couldn't do anything with him, they'd tell him to do something but he would do something else and, and, um.
- PF: Well was it the first time when he came to see you that something happened?
- GC: No, no, no, no, this was, again. I can't say it was the second or third or fourth, but he didn't come that often during the summer he probably (sigh).
- PF: Now was it when he came over to, to the rectory was it sort of like a counseling session each time he came over or was that, was it more of a social encounter meeting, or both?
- GC: Well he came to see me for the first time when he'd come in strictly as a counseling session.
- PF: Yup.
- GC: Somehow we had hit it off. He enjoyed the time that he spent with me and that's why he came back I never, ah, ran after him to come and see me I never.
- PF: Was he doing work for you at the rectory? At the church?
- GC: Not that I recall no.

PF: Okay so you're in one of these meetings at the rectory.

GC: Ya.

PF: Um, you said he went in the bathroom?

GC: Ya.

PF: Now what, what had you been doing prior to that, were you, were you, ah.

GC: He started giving me a rub down.

PF: Okay.

GC: But then he said I gotta go to the bathroom.

PF: Yup.

GC: He went in the bathroom and he came out with no clothes on.

PF: Okay and what did, did you say anything to him or did you express surprise or?

GC: Hm, no he just got into bed and, and, ah.

PF: You said you guys touched each other?

GC: Ya.

PF: Okay, um. How, what was the extent of the touching?

GC: The genitals.

PF: Okay.

GC: But there was no, ah, ejaculation.

PF: Right.

GC: There was no, ah.

RM: How long did it go on?

GC: (Sigh) How long did it go on? A few minutes I guess, ah, ten minutes or.

PF: And how'd it end?

GC: (Sigh) How'd it end finally, he, ah, well got up and got dressed and he went home.

PF: Okay. Were there any conversation during or after, about it?

GC: Not that I recall right now. I'm not gonna say there wasn't, but right now I.

PF: Well he left, you had further contact with him after that?

GC: (Sigh) I don't know because I don't know if this was the last time he came I was just, this was the last time he came or next to the last time he came or, time I.

PF: You ever, um, do you remember meetings or awkwardness between ya after that or, ah? Or him coming by?

GC: Well see what happened that I went there October of sixty eight. It's just in the spring of sixty nine that his mother came to me to see if I would talk to him but again that summer he came a few times. Then in October I left.

PF: Okay. Um, he describes or at least there's some, ah, mention of, of a, a incident after, ah, the assault, you touching him, the mutual touching occurred where he sees you one night out on the porch; ah, can we talk about that, can you explain that to us?

GC: Ya that's the most ridiculous. This was an old farmhouse, the rectory.

PF: Ya.

GC: The corner of I don't know if you're familiar with Hudson, corner of Lowell Road and Wasson Road.

PF: Right.

GC: Ah, there's a big farmer's porch on two sides of the rectory. Open, to Lowell Road which is a heavy traveled road and Wasson Road, ah. I thought that was so when I read that.

RM: Let's, let's make the record clear, what's the, what's your understanding and what his allegation was?

GC: I don't know what?

- RM: What, what did he say you did?
- GC: He said I was undressed on the porch. Okay? And, ah. I guess if this was a cabin in the woods or something but this is the corner of Lowell Road and Wasson Road I mean.
- PF: It's a busy area even when.
- GC: Busy area when, I mean the porch wasn't like screened in or something, ah, ah.
- PF: Is there any kind of a confrontation that you resulted that night on that porch or? Regardless of whether or not, I'm assuming you're gonna tell me that you didn't, you didn't, there was no incident where you weren't wearing clothes on that porch?
- RM: Wait, wait, let's, let's go one question at a time.
- PF: Well I'm not asking a question I'm trying to explain to you where, where I am, um. My assumption is that you're saying it couldn't have happened, is that the case?
- GC: I couldn't have sat on that porch without any clothes on.
- RM: Right, okay, let's make it clear.
- GC: I was.
- RM: You weren't naked on the porch is that right?
- GC: Right.
- RM: Okay.
- GC: Right.
- PF: Was there any kind type of confrontation that took place on that porch when he describes a night where he comes by and sees you on the porch? Ah, even if you were wearing your clothes that's fine. Was there any type of confrontation between you that it happened, ah, that night on the porch, or outside of the porch?
- GC: Not that I recall.

PF: You don't remember that? Do you ever remember having a confrontation with him about, um, your relationship with him or about the, ah, sexual contact that you had with him?

GC: Right now I.

PF: Did you read about that in the, in the letter from, ah?

GC: Ya I read the letter.

RM: The letter from who?

GC: From, ah, Aime Boiselle.

PF: Yup.

GC: And that letter had a lotta things in there that, that porch thing was one and whether I supplied him with cigarettes and money. The other thing was that his father loved me so much his father said he was converting to become a Catholic. I never met his father in my life. And one of the things I can remember I just go there, there.

PF: I wonder if I, if I asked you, if you remember.

RM: (Unintelligible) excuse me, I'd like him to be able to finish his answers.

PF: (Unintelligible), um, I'm trying to make that happen, cuz he (unintelligible).

RM: Well no would you, if you stop, before he finishes his answer, he can't finish his answer if you just don't break. There are a lotta things in that letter now.

GC: Well now, now that weren't facts. Well like he said that, that one night I took him swimming somewhere. Now I hate to admit it but I can't swim. So I would have taken him swimming so he could go out and swim, I'd sit on the beach and watch him. But one night whatever I took him swimming. There were a whole bunch of things in that letter like his father. Thought the world of me, I never met the man. I sat in the porch without my clothes on according to, that's it, I mean, there's a whole lotta things that just don't, they don't make sense. They don't make sense. And I have not seen that letter til I saw it two weeks ago. Now I was unable to before you know when I went to, ah, New Mexico. To refute any of this because I went, I've never seen anything. The Diocese never showed me any paperwork on anything at all.

PF: Okay. Um, after, you know, your relationship with after the incident involving [REDACTED] What happened were you?

GC: Okay, ah, the parish council president, ah, heard about it, I went to see the bishop. And Bishop Primeau called me in. And, ah, I admitted to him what had it happened and, ah. And I guess I was pretty upset or distraught or whatever. And he says well look if you find that you've, ah, you can't cope with this, you can't, um, you know if it bothers you, ah, so much that, that you can't get on with your life, let me know and I have someone, I don't know if it was a psychiatrist/psychologist, I can refer you to. If you find that you now this is still, ah, bothering you a great deal and, and, ah. So he offered to help and I never felt that I needed to. Needed to take him up on it so I feel I didn't, ah. An ongoing thing with this guy yes bothered me this happened once. Ah, I thought I'd made a mistake but, ah. First of all that I was outta that parish and I said it wouldn't happen again with him and, so I didn't, ah. Push this any further and mental help, ah, professionally.

PF: When you, you said you were outta there, ah, outta the parish, how did that come about?

GC: Well it came about that, ah, two reasons I guess, ah, one this is a brand new parish, this came under the founding pastor, it just came off the ground and there was an awful lot of, work, and it was a little bit much for me. The second reason and that letter was Boisselle sent to the bishop and he told him at the parish council had said that I should not return to St. Kathryn, so there were double, double reasons there.

PF: Now in the first half of that theme and the amount of work is that a request by you to leave, um, or was that him saying that it's too much for you?

GC: Ah. It was a request by me to leave because, ah, I left there and I went right straight to the hospital for three days for tests. But I couldn't sleep, I couldn't eat, I was a bundle of nerves, I ached all over, ah, and, ah. So it was understood when I asked the bishop for a leave of absence a couple months that I would not be going back there, that was understood.

NWD: Can we, ah, go through this in a little bit more.

GC: Yes.

NWD: Um, I guess in chronological detail. Um. How did the information about the [REDACTED] first come public?

GC: He, ah, told his neighbors as I understand it, and of course before too long it was like wild fire in the prairie and it spread throughout the parish. And the parish council heard about it and they had a meeting and, ah, it was Boisselle

when my successor and Boisselle was the one that wrote the letter to the bishop as a result of that parish council meeting.

NWD: Let me back up for a second, um. Why was Boisselle present and you were not?

GC: Because I had left there, and Boisselle was the administrator of the parish until they could name another pertinent pastor but I.

NWD: So let's, let's then back up before.

GC: Ya.

NWD: [REDACTED] s, ah, became, just so we have a clear chronology here, before the [REDACTED] information became public, um, when did you start in Hudson again?

GC: October sixty eight.

NWD: Okay October of sixty eight, and when did you leave Hudson?

GC: October sixty nine.

NWD: Okay. And why did you leave Hudson at that time?

GC: I asked the bishop to leave because a the workload of starting a new parish was more work at the time I could physically handle, physically and mentally handle.

NWD: And was that before the information about [REDACTED] became public?

GC: Yes.

NWD: Okay. Um, you had mentioned something about going to the hospital and having some health problems, when did that start to occur?

GC: Well the health problems started a few months before that, maybe it was early summer, late summer or spring but I had a doctor in Nashua that I was going to and, ah, ah. He's the one I forget his name now who advised why don't you get a full check up. So when I go and see Bishop Primeau I says doctor said a full check up and not just well go to the office and they take your blood pressure and all that he said go to the hospital make 'em take x-rays of your lungs the can test, they tested the liver and they tested, ah, the carotid arteries I guess and, a number of things that they'd done to me. I was there for three days.

- NWD: Ya, okay. And that was, um, some sort of, ah, eh, it was, was it one of the hospitals in Nashua?
- GC: No CMC in Manchester.
- NWD: CMC. And you were there for three days, um, and during your absence who was assigned to Hudson?
- GC: Boiselle was assigned as administrator. Until such time as a permanent pastor would be named.
- NWD: So the, so you were in hospital for three days what happened after the three days did you go back to Hudson at that point?
- GC: No.
- NWD: What happened?
- GC: I, ah. My folks lived in Manchester, I went home. And I only went to Hudson one night to pick up I was going to get a whole bunch of things. I went to Hudson to pick up some clothes and, and that night and that was the night that [REDACTED] came down. Ah. How come he knew I would be there I don't recall, whether I had told him or, ah. We were still in contact I, it was 1968 it was.
- NWD: Sure, so you, so you were, you went, um, after you were in the hospital, um, you move back in with your parents you spent one night back at the rectory.
- GC: Ya.
- NWD: And you, and [REDACTED] met you there.
- GC: ya.
- NWD: And that was what we talked about before. Um, that rectory, ah, was there more than one bedroom what were the living arrangements between Boiselle, was Boiselle living there?
- GC: Boiselle was living there.
- NWD: Okay.
- GC: And that night I'd gone back and the living room had a couch. One of these, ah, sofa beds, that's what I had to use that night when [REDACTED] stayed overnight and he slept with me.



NWD: And did, was Boiselle aware of that? That, that, that, that [REDACTED] was there?

GC: Well yes I mean there was a small rectory one bedroom, living room, the kitchen and the bathroom, that was about it.

NWD: And, ah. Did he express any concern about that arrangement that, that [REDACTED] was staying at the rectory that night? No? Okay. Um. And do you remember you said October of sixty nine was when you took your leave of absence for health reasons, do you remember approximately when this was? Um, that you spent the night after the hospital in Hudson, I mean was it weeks, months later?

GC: No it wasn't months later it was the end of, I coulda left the beginning of the month, this was the end of the month and I was taking off for Florida for the month of November.

NWD: And what was the, um, what was your understanding when you asked the bishop for a leave of absence for health reasons, what was gonna happen with you, at the end of that, leave of absence?

GC: I would be reassigned some place else where I could handle a light load.

NWD: Okay. Had any, was there any discussion about where you would go?

GC: Not that I recall no.

NWD: Um, and so when, at what point after that leave of absence did the information with [REDACTED] come, come public to the parish council you as mentioned?

GC: Ah. After I got outta the hospital, I went home to my folks and Monday I got a phone call from the chancery, the bishop wanted to see me. Cuz that was the bishop residence.

NWD: Okay.

GC: Ya. I don't know what else.

NWD: Alright no and, and how, um, ah, how did that meeting with the bishop start, explain that meeting with the bishop?

GC: Well he told me that he had gotten, he mentioned the letter. And they had received it apparently. And he had a complaint and, ah, ah, what was the story and I told him the story, I told him the same thing I told you, and, ah. I guess I was, been kinda upset that's when he offered if I needed mental health

services. And then I went to the bishop and I went off, you know I was in Florida for a month. And I came back and there was a, a sick priest in Franklin so the bishop said would you go up there for a couple months. And then when that got done, well the priest in Gorham had a heart attack and I should go up there for a few months. I was there for, til June.

NWD: Um, I wanna go through your meeting, um, with, with Bishop Primeau in a little bit more detail.

GC: Ya.

NWD: Ah, you said you met with him at, at the, at his residence.

GC: Ya.

NWD: How long did you meet him for?

GC: I don't know. Half an hour, an hour.

NWD: Um. And you, you said he had received a complaint, did he, did he elaborate, did he say what the nature of the complaint was before you asked him about what the situation was? You gotta speak because the.

GC: Yes I'm sorry. Yes, sorry.

NWD: Sorry. Um. Okay you explained as you I think you just said you explained to him what the situation is, did he seem surprised?

GC: Did he seem surprised?

NWD: Well what his reaction, let me ask you more generically here, do you remember what his reaction was?

GC: Ah. I think a reaction of sympathy or sorry this happened, ah, ah, ah. I wish it hadn't happened but I'm sorry it happened and how do you feel about it and.

NWD: Was, were only, was it, only the two of you at that meeting?

GC: Ya.

NWD: Um. And you mentioned that the offer, that there was, that you could go to counseling, did he require that you go to counseling?

GC: No he didn't.

- NWD: Did, was there anything that he required of you?
- GC: No.
- NWD: Um. You said at one point that there were two reasons why you were leaving Hudson, one was the situation with the work, the amount of work in the parish but there was also the situation that had arisen with [REDACTED] Can you explain that? Was that discussed, um, during this meeting with Bishop Primeau?
- GC: No because I had already asked him to be transferred, this is after I got outta the hospital, that he called me over. Oh so this had all been worked out beforehand that I take some time off when I feel up to it, I'll be reassigned to some other place, this has all been worked out beforehand.
- NWD: Okay, um. Then why did, I guess my question is why didn't you say earlier that you thought there were two reasons that you had to leave Hudson, one was the work load and the other was this, um, situation with [REDACTED] in effect?
- GC: There was one reason originally when I talked to him about leaving.
- NWD: Okay.
- GC: And then when the parish council met with, the only person - I couldn't go back there well that became my second reason why I was not sent back there.
- NWD: Was that something that, um, Bishop Primeau mentioned to you that the parish council doesn't want you back there? How did you learn that the parish council didn't want you back?
- GC: When I read this letter three weeks ago.
- NWD: Okay, did you know that at the time, the, the parish council? Knew about this?
- GC: Um, I knew the parish council knew about it.
- NWD: But how do you know, how do you know that?
- GC: The bishop did mention that the parish council president had either called him or went to see him. I forget.
- NWD: Okay, and, um. At the time not based on what you've read recently but at the time what, ah, who else at the Diocese well, let me ask if this way did anyone

at the Diocese as far as you are aware at the time know about this incident with [REDACTED] other than Bishop Primeau and the parish council president?

GC: Not to my knowledge.

NWD: And, and obviously Father Boiselle as well?

GC: Ya well yes.

NWD: Um, did you know at the time that Father Boiselle was aware of it?

GC: Well I knew he probably was aware of it because they had a parish council meeting in the rectory.

NWD: Ex.

GC: And he was there.

NWD: Explain a little bit about how parish councils work at the time.

GC: Well the parish council at the time were elected by the parishioners. And, ah, they were a, consultative body for the pastor, to bounce ideas off of. Ah. Most pastors listened to them. It was a good sounding board. As to what? What parishioners liked and didn't like and what to change and not change and, basically a good sounding board. And, ah.

NWD: Um, do they have any, they don't, I assume they never did and they don't now have any decision-making power in terms of who their pastor is.

GC: No, no. Ah. In terms of who the pastor is no, that's strictly up to the bishop. Ah. Decision-making powers what happens in the parish, well most pastors were wise and listen to their parish council and didn't rub them the wrong way.

NWD: Um. In the meeting you had with Bishop Primeau, how, ah, specific were you about what had happened between you and [REDACTED]

GC: I. I really can't say right now it's. I know we'd talked, that I had done something wrong and, ah, ah. But the exact details no, who did what, when, where, well how'd it start but how, ah, I, I don't believe we got into anything like that.

NWD: Um, he is aware at the time though that [REDACTED] was under eighteen?

GC: I don't know I, I don't think I was aware [REDACTED] was under eighteen.

- NWD: Okay.
- GC: Because I remember [REDACTED] was outta high school.
- NWD: Okay, and when this happened?
- GC: Ya.
- NWD: When they, this happened?
- GC: Ya. Now was he outta high school cuz he graduated or was he outta high school because he dropped out I don't know but he was outta high school. So.
- NWD: Question along that line?
- PF: Um. Ya I'm trying to figure out eh. You had, you had somewhat of a relationship with his mother. Did she talk about at all, you know you mentioned he had some problems, um, did she talk about his problems at school at all, I mean was there any mention of that do you remember, um?
- GC: She came in to see me as I remember it was early summer. And, ah, he was staying out all night and he wouldn't listen to them and, he was, ah. You know like a lotta teenagers that the parents have trouble controlling them, that's what his problem were, the parents had no control over him and ah.
- PF: Um, did you have any other meetings that you had with him or counseling sessions did you ever talk about school at all or, ah, issues that he was having specific that were causing him problems?
- GC: We didn't talk about school I know that. Ah. We'd talk about his stay out all night and they didn't know where he was and, ah, ah. They'd tell him to do something and he just wouldn't do it and issues like that.
- PF: Did he, did he ever give you an explanation as to why he was acting out like that and why he was choosing to stay out all night, what were the causes of his problems?
- GC: Not that I recall no.
- PF: Umm.
- GC: He might have but I.

PF: When Boisselle came in, ah. Did you ever have any conversations with him about what was going on, um, there was an overlap there where he was there and you were there, right?

GC: (Sigh)

PF: At least briefly.

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RM So you don't answer, over okay, um, Joe.

GC I'm sorry. Where was I answering?

PF Ah, I was asking you about contact you had with Boisselle. If there was any --

GC Oh, okay. Ah, when he came in, I might have stayed over night the first night or something. I forget what time of the day he came in or something. Ah, although maybe not because ah, I only slept on that couch one night, that's that night that [REDACTED] had come down and Boisselle had been there ah, I would have slept on the couch. I only remember sleeping on the couch once. I must have left the same day he came in. I must have.

PF Were you guys friendly prior to that or had you ever met him before or, Boisselle I mean?

GC I was ah, master of ceremonies at the banquet for his first mass up in Berlin.

PF So you guys continued to be friends after that or have a relationship at all?

GC No.

PF So when you get to, when he gets to Hudson, is it sort of a reuniting. I mean --

GC No.

PF Nothing like that.

GC No.

PF Um, did you have any conversations with him at all about what was going on at the time?

GC No.

- PF And then that one night that you come back, [REDACTED] comes over and spends the night.
- GC Yeah.
- PF He doesn't talk to you about that at all?
- GC No.
- PF Um, how 'bout the next day. Do you see him at all the next day? The next morning when you get up and, is there any, no conversation at all that you remember.
- GC Not that I remember, no.
- WD Well, I, just um, ah, you said one of the issues about why Father, you were leaving, Father Boiselle was coming in was this situation with starting up a new parish. Um, you didn't have any sort of dialogue about, you know, here's the problems I'm facing. You know, these are the things you need to be aware of. I mean, did you have any of that kind of interaction?
- GC Probably if he had been appointed there permanently as pastor, I might have. But he was just a stop gap measure as administrator until they could find someone to, if he came in October and I think in, fuzzy, okay. I think he left right after the first of the year 'cause a permanent pastor was brought in.
- AV I just wanna go back to that conversation you had with ah, Bishop Primeau.
- GC Okay.
- AV You had the conversation about the incident with [REDACTED] You said you weren't quite sure how specific you got about what happened. Did he ask you any questions, has this ever happened before? Do you have a past history? Were there any other victims?
- GC Not that I recall.
- AV Did you say anything to him like I have a problem or this has happened before.
- GC (Unintelligible)?
- AV Okay. So it was specific to [REDACTED] Where are we gonna go from here and you moved on. There was no mention of anything past or in the past.
- GC Right.
- AV Okay. Either that you mentioned or that he mentioned.

- GC Right.
- AV Okay. Have you ever had any conversation with anyone else about the [REDACTED] incident other than, than Bishop Primeau? Did it come up at all? Any other priests? Anyone else that you, any other clergy?
- GC Arseneault. Well Arseneault didn't mention [REDACTED] by name, I mean, when he called me in there in February to say I was suspended.
- AV Okay. You're jumping ahead to 2002.
- GC Yeah.
- AV Okay.
- GC I mean, talking about Arseneault. That's the only time I talked to Arseneault about this. This was just general, you are one of the fourteen suspended and --
- AV Back in '69 after the parish council met after you got re-assigned, there was no, you never disclosed to anyone else that you were um, having these incidents with these children.
- GC No.
- AV Okay.
- WD Um, at the time, was there ah, the chancellor or vicar general or anyone like that responsible for dealing with issues like this? What was the, was there any practice that you're aware of? Was there any, um --
- GC I got called directly by the bishop. That he wanted to see me. Okay. So whether the chancellor or anybody else is aware of this, I don't know. I don't know. I have no idea.
- AV Was there any other sort of mechanism that was put in place when you had the meeting with the bishop, did he say like, we're gonna be checking in with you every six months or we need to hear back from you or he offered counseling but did he require anything specific of you to continue on with your ministry?
- GC No, no. He didn't.
- RM Did he restrict your activities in any fashion?
- GC No, he didn't.
- RM Okay. Can I ask a couple of questions?



RM Sorry, go ahead.

WD Ah, as far as you're aware, did he tell anyone subsequently at your, subsequent assignments about this um, incident?

GC I wouldn't know.

WD But that, to your knowledge um, nobody, he, he didn't say to you I'm gonna tell --

GC No.

WD -- the pastor, the next, the associate pastor or whoever at the next assignment.

RM How many assignments did you have after the [REDACTED] matter in 1969?

WD Well, I had two temporary assignments. Two months in Franklin and four months in Gorham filling in. Like I said, Boiselle had had before me in Hudson that I did for the other two parishes.

RM Leaving the [REDACTED] matter aside, other than the [REDACTED] matter, do you know if you were ever moved from one assignment to another because of any issues surrounding sexual conduct?

GC No, I wasn't.

RM You know that?

GC I knew that for a fact.

RM How?

GC Well, whether I was changed, the bishop never called me in to say well, you're being transferred because of such and such or ah --

RM He would give no reason?

GC No.

RM Okay. So if they gave no reason, Gerald, then you don't know for a fact what the reasons were, do you?

GC Ah, no, I ah --

RM Okay.

GC My guess is --

RM Go ahead.

- WD Were any of your transfers, and I think we can go back and figure this out, to your recollection were any of your subsequent re-assignments um, in proximity to any of the allegations coming up by any of these other people that we've talked about. In other words, was there a situation where somebody made an allegation and then, you know, weeks or months later, within a fairly short period of time later, you're re-assigned.
- GC The only --
- WD Any discussion --
- GC The only one was the [REDACTED] last thing in '69. 'Cause the diocese received, as far as I know, no further allegations of 1991, or 1988. [REDACTED] the first time. And then [REDACTED] dropped it and three days later he came back and, and ah --
- RM Can I ask, throw a couple things out here? Um, for how many years have you known Aime Boiselle?
- GC Since '59. '57 rather. I was stationed in Berlin, his home parish.
- RM Um, did you know him to be a, a popular member of the clergy, popular among ah, the leadership of the church?
- GC Not to my knowledge.
- RM Do you know if he received nice assignments?
- GC Well, he replaced me in Hudson.
- RM And so --
- WD Nice assignment and not a nice assignment (laughter).
- GC I know. Really I ah, seriously I fact that he's been here in Concord here for 17 years.
- RM Right.
- GC He hasn't had that many assignments.
- RM That's my next question. That's a very nice assignment here in Concord, right?
- GC I don't know the parish. I don't know the city. I don't ah --
- RM That's fair. Um, do you know if um, Aime Boiselle was or is a homosexual?
- GC I have no way of knowing.

- RM Have you ever been inside the rectory while he was in it in Concord?
- GC Hmm, I don't think I've ever been, that I --
- RM So you wouldn't know what --
- GC He would not be the kind of person I would visit.
- RM I see.
- GC You know. If I was just driving by I would stop in but --
- RM So you wouldn't have any knowledge concerning the kind of literature that might have been present in his rectory.
- GC No.
- RM Okay. Do you know anything about um, an alcohol, or substance abuse problem that he might have been dealing with?
- GC Ah, I know at one time ah, don't ask me where I got it, but somebody had told me that he was abusing alcohol.
- RM Umm hmm. Do you, go ahead.
- GC I don't recall who told me or where they told me but ah --
- RM Do you know if he was friends with Father Clinton or Father Connors?
- GC I wouldn't know.
- RM Okay. Do you know anything about um, a fire that started in the rectory in Concord?
- GC All I know is what I read in the paper. That he left a candle burning I guess and, just what I read in the paper.
- RM Thanks. That's all.
- AV You're in Hudson with [REDACTED]. Any, so no other victims that, that you remember having any incidents with in Hudson other than [REDACTED] Okay. From there where do you move on to?
- GC Ah, like I said before two months in Franklin, four months in Gorham. And permanently assigned to Farmington.
- AV Okay. Any incidents that happened while you were in Farmington?

GC Yes.

WD I'm sorry, let's back up. How 'bout the other two short term assignments?

GC Well, the only thing that happened is that ah, ah, [REDACTED] came up to Gorham to visit me.

WD Okay. He stayed in the, we probably talked about this before --

GC Yeah, we did before, yeah.

AV Franklin was one that you went directly after Gorham or before?

GC Before.

AV Okay. So nothing that happened in Gorham other than [REDACTED] coming to visit you?

GC Yeah.

AV And then you're in Farmington. Can you tell us what happened while you were there. Were you there, you're the pastor in Farmington?

GC Okay. Two things. First of all, one is [REDACTED] He is mentioned in your ah, letter. Ah, one time I had gone to ah, this cottage that I have the use of. Ah, I might go over night two or three times in the summer. And [REDACTED] was the only one that ah, was available to come. I'd asked others but he really, for some other reason they couldn't come. He was the only one. So one night ah, we went to the lake to get wet and when we came back, I asked him to ah, do my shoulders and my lower back. He did. Ah, first thing I knew, I don't know how we got from here to there but, the first thing I knew after I turned over on, on my back, he was on top of me. I did not pull him down on me, I did not hold him down on me. Ah, but he was on top of me. He was there for a very brief time. Ten, fifteen seconds. He says, I don't like this. And I said, get off me and go to bed then. So he did and we went to bed. And that was the ah, extent of that. There was no genital touching or anything like that. Ah, he says that this happened in '72. Now this was never reported to the diocese. It only happened about two months after he saw my name in the paper in the spring. And then his memory kicked in and he's one of those father filed suit against me, against the diocese I should say.

AV So you were in the bed. He's giving you a back rub.

GC Umm hmm.

AV You turned over. And what do you mean he's on top of you?

GC First thing I knew, he was on top of me.

AV Okay. Laying down, sitting up?

GC Laying down on top of me.

AV Okay.

WD How, how are you clothed at that point? Do you have any clothes on?

GC No, we had just come in from the lake. Taken off our ah, bathing suits.

WD Right.

GC I says, before we go to bed for the night, do my back. So he did my back and then when I turned over, first thing I knew he was on top of me.

WD Was he wearing anything at that point?

GC No, no. He had just come out of the lake, too.

WD Okay.

GC We were just drying ourselves out.

AV So you both have no clothes.

GC No.

AV Okay.

GC And ah, he was on top of me for maybe ten, fifteen seconds, whatever. And then when he said well, I, I, I don't like this, or something to that effect. I said, well, get off me and go to bed which he did. And I did and that was it.

AV So there was no fondling, no penetration or anything like that. Okay.

RM So, we need an oral answer here.

GC I'm sorry. No, there was nothing ah --

WD I know this is backing up a little bit but you had said earlier with respect to [REDACTED] that there was some, and I have vague um, memory of this, but there was some conduct with respect to [REDACTED] that had to do with swimming and you said that, that didn't make any sense because you can't swim. Um, how does that square with the fact that you were in the water with [REDACTED] swimming?

GC I go in up to here.

- WD Okay. So, I mean, is it possible that [REDACTED], that what he referring to as swimming was that type of activity? Did you ever do that?
- GC No, because when I was in Hudson, if somebody had said, you know, let's go swimming I would have said well, where do we go around here. I didn't know any place 'cause, not, not being a swimmer, I didn't know all the swimming places around that area. And I would have been hard pressed if somebody had said well, let's go swimming somewhere. I'd say well where. I'm not --
- AV Where was the place that you took [REDACTED] Where was the cottage?
- GC That's the same cottage as ah --
- AV Northwood Lake or --
- GC Northwood Lake, yes.
- AV And when you went, it was just the two of you?
- GC Yeah. That one time. Usually I brought the whole bunch of kids but that time there in Farmington, the others all had, either on vacation or had a summer job or ah, there was nobody else.
- AV Okay. Any other incidents with [REDACTED]?
- GC No. No. Nothing.
- AV Ah, what about other victims?
- GC Yes, there was one by the name of [REDACTED]
- AV Can you describe for us what happened with [REDACTED]
- GC This was '72, somewhere around there. Ah, he was working for the parish, the summer program that was paid for by the government. And ah, I asked him to do my back. Sounds like I'm having this all the time but it's not that often, I mean. And he did. And he touched me, genitally and ah, this developed into something over the next 4 or 5 years ah, he would come to the rectory and we would masturbate each other. I know over those 4, 5 years, this probably happened 6, 7, 8 times possibly. No more than that.
- AV Total? Over the 4 to 5 year span --
- GC Yeah. Total.
- AV -- or was that each year.

GC Total, total, yeah.

AV You said he was working there for the summer?

GC The first summer, when, when this started, he was working for the parish.

AV Okay.

GC And the other summers he wasn't working the parish but he would drop in.

AV Okay. So he didn't have any affiliation with the parish any more at that point?

GC No, no.

AV But the relationship continued for the next few years?

GC Yeah, he dropped in once a summer, twice a summer or something like that.

WD Was he a parishoner in Farmington?

GC No.

WD Was he, did he live in New Hampshire?

GC He lived in Farmington.

WD Oh, he did. Okay.

GC Yeah.

WD Um, and you said he was working with the parish. What, what sort of things did he do?

GC Well, painting the storm windows, mowing the lawn ah, you know, one of these government programs for kids in the summer. Where the government paid them if you worked ah, 20 hours a week ah, or certain hours a week or something like that.

AV Do you know how old he was Mr. Chalifour?

GC I think [REDACTED] was born either [REDACTED] Again, I never saw his birth certificate. All I know is that when he started working for the parish he was in high school already. Ah, that's why I, the age must have been --

AV Okay. So you said this went on for 4 to 5 years.

GC Yeah.

- AV Every summer he would come back and see you?
- GC Yeah. Came in once or twice during the summer and --
- AV Did you ever tell him not to tell anyone?
- GC No.
- AV Did you ever have a conversation about the incidents that took place?
- GC Not that I recall.
- AV You guys didn't talk about what was going on? He just came over and it was the same type of story every time or did things vary?
- GC Just about.
- AV Okay. And it was at the rectory where the incidents took place?
- GC Yeah.
- AV Okay. Did you ever hear from, ever see [REDACTED] or hear from him any time subsequent to that?
- GC No. Not since I left there in '76.
- AV So it took place from like 1972 to '76?
- GC I'd say roughly '72. I'm not sure.
- AV Okay.
- GC Well, there was 4 or 5 summers. I left there, I left there in '76 so --
- AV Okay.
- GC Ah --
- AV Any other incidents while, anyone else while you were at Farmington? Do you know if he ever reported anything to the diocese?
- GC I doubt it very much.
- AV Okay.
- PF Why, why do you doubt it?
- GC Ah, he was not a Catholic. Ah, I don't even he know who to report it to. Ah --



- PF To this, to this point we're at about 1976, had you ever heard back from ah, Bishop or anybody about Hudson or they ah, asked you how things were going? Did they ever get back to you and, and discuss, you know, how have you been doing these last 6 years? How are things going? Did you ever get any calls or inquiries about how things were going in Farmington?
- GC From the Farmington?
- PF No, from the bishop himself --
- GC Oh, oh, okay.
- PF -- or the diocese.
- GC Well, during one of the years that I was there ah, Bishop had a set up with the dean of each, deanery to meet with the parish council of each parish without the pastor being present. So I was booted out for half an hour while they discussed me. But that wasn't just me there. Every parish, that was the procedure.
- PF How 'bout you specifically. Did you ever get any ah, sit down meetings to see how you were doing?
- GC No.
- PF Anything specific to ah, you know, there was the incident that they knew of in Hudson, they never followed up on that at all?
- GC Before Bishop Christian called me in '88 on the [REDACTED] thing, my only contact with the diocese with any of this was that meeting with Bishop Primeau.
- PF And that was the one just after ah Hudson?
- GC '69 with [REDACTED], yeah. That was the only --
- RM So nobody ever said to you, you're not, you're not having any [REDACTED] type problems?
- GC No.
- WD Okay. I think, what you just said, I think, your only contact about any of this between '69 with the diocese, between '69 and 1988 was when [REDACTED] came forward again, um. Did you have contact with them in 1982?
- GC Yes.

- WD I don't want to jump ahead, so maybe we should save that. Why don't we go, you can explain that when we get to that point. Does that make sense?
- PF Yes, I agree.
- WD So why don't you go from Farmington, what happened next. What there anyone else in Farmington?
- GC No.
- GC From Farmington, I went to St. Theresa's in Manchester. From 1976 to 1985. In 1982 I decided to take an overnight to go down to Cape Cod and I brought one of my high school alter boys with me for company. His name was [REDACTED] Um, we stopped at a motel at night, um, there was a pool. He went swimming, I went wading. We got back to the hotel room. I asked him to do my back. He said, well only if you will do mine first. Okay. I did his first and then when I got done his back, I said you want me to do your lower legs and your calves. Yup, okay. I did that. Then he gave me my back rub. He went to bed in his bed and I went to my bed. Okay. After I got to sleep, he went to the desk and called his father in Manchester and he was very upset about what I had done. His father came down to pick him up. Um, the desk called the police, the police came, talked to me but that is all they did, they just talked to me. When I got back, Bishop Gendron called me saying that he wanted to see me. [REDACTED] had been into see him and had told him that as far as they were concerned this was a misjudgment on my part, but that nothing had really happened, and therefore, he would drop it right there.
- WD The father said that?
- GC The father said that. He would drop it right there and that would be the end of the story. And that is what Bishop Gendron called me in and told me that. That's when he, he asked me though to go see Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, which I did from, this was like from April, I guess through the summer or mid-summer, it must have been four months down there. And then Dr. Guertin-Ouellette gave me a clean bill of health to return to St. Theresa's Parish.
- AV What was the town that the police were called in?
- GC Pardon me.
- AV Do you know where the police were called, what town that was in?
- GC It was on Cape Cod.
- AV Okay. So it was somewhere in Massachusetts?
- GC Um

AV What there a report filed or did the police come and respond-what happened with that?

GC Well, the desk clerk apparently called the police.

AV At the hotel?

GC At the motel, yes.

AV Okay.

GC And the police did come into my room and just questioned me and I explained to them just like I did you, what had happened and that, you know, it had not been a sexual encounter as such. So the police left satisfied and the next day when, I guess when the boy got home with his father, he explained to his father what had happened and his father thought that well, it was a bad judgment on my part, but it didn't go beyond that so he would drop it. He said that was going to be the end of it as far as he was concerned, it has gone by now and that is it.

WD You said a motel on Cape Cod, do you remember the name of the motel?

GC That was twenty years ago, we stopped there for one night.

WD Where were you headed to?

GC Just, I never had been at the Cape Cod in my life, I was born and brought up in New Hampshire, I just wanted to see it. So we were just going to drive up and drive back. I just wanted to see what Cape Cod was all about.

RM Did you go all the way out to the end?

GC No, we were going to do that the second day.

AV So his Dad came and got him, so your trip was kind of cut short?

GC Yes, the father came down and got him.

AV Did you stay on another day or you ended up heading back?

GC No, I came back, I came back right away.

AV Do you remember what the town was or how far down the Cape you were?

GC I only went to the Cape once, that one time, so I have no concept of, distances, or

AV Right.

GC Or what is where

AV Was it summer time?

GC Yes, well no, this was, it was a school vacation week of April.

WD You said the ah, this alter boy's name was [REDACTED] Do you know how that is spelled?

GC [REDACTED]

AV Do you know how old he was?

GC Um, it was in April. I think he was turning 16 that following month. He was a junior, either a sophomore or junior in high school.

WD During your meeting with Bishop Gendron, how long after you got back from the Cape, was it before Bishop Gendron called you in?

GC It was either the next day or the following day. It was no big time gap.

WD He called you up on the telephone?

GC Yeah.

WD And, where did you meet him?

GC At the chancellory office.

WD And, how long, was there anyone else present during that meeting besides you and he?

GC No.

WD And, how long was your meeting?

GC Again, all I can give you is a guesstimate, probably ½ hour to an hour.

WD Um, how did the meeting start, to the best of your memory?

GC He told me that [REDACTED] had been in to see him.

WD Okay.

GC And he wanted me to give him my version of it.

WD Did he tell you anything about what [REDACTED] said or what his position was or anything like that?

GC Not initially.

WD Okay.

GC But after I told him what had happened, he confirmed this is what [REDACTED] had told him.

WD Okay. So, you, he asked you what happened?

GC Yes.

WD Okay. The gist of it?

GC: Yes.

WD And how, what did you tell him, and how much detail did you tell him?

GC: I told him the same thing I just told you.

WD Okay.

GC He affirmed that [REDACTED] had said the same thing and that he would not pursue it further.

WD Did, what did Bishop Gendron tell you to do, if anything?

GC To go see Dr. Guertin-Ouellette.

WD Did he require you to see him?

GC Yeah.

WD Um, under, I mean, why?

GC Well because the police had been involved, ah, in Cape Cod, where I was ah, so he felt that he should, because of that, police involvement, go one step further and have me see a professional to be evaluated.

WD Did he mention that during the meeting that because of the fact that the police

GC Yes.

WD had been involved that he wanted to take it one step further.

GC Yes.

WD What difference did that make, why would it make a difference that the police were involved versus not being involved?

- GC Well, I guess possibly because if charges were ever brought, ah, he could claim that he had done the right thing by sending me to a doctor.
- WD When you say he required, what happens if you refuse to see this psychologist?
- GC Well, I don't know if you are familiar with this, but the day that we are ordained, we take a vow of obedience to the Bishop and we do take that very seriously, at least I do. If the Bishop tells you to do this, you do it.
- WD Um, had you seen or ever gone to the Doctor Guerin-Ouellette before that?
- GC No.
- WD Um, I take it he is a psychologist?
- GC Yes.
- WD Does he have any affiliation or association with the diocese?
- GC He was the official psychologist of the diocese. If they had someone who had problems, whether they are sexual or whatever, any mental problems, he is the one that they would ask you to see.
- WD Did you know that at the time?
- GC Yeah. In the diocesan directory, his name is published.
- WD Oh, so he is actually, there is a formal affiliation between him and the diocese? Okay. And, um, how many meetings did you have with Doctor Ouellette, Guertin-Ouellette?
- GC It started in April and it went to at least, July, maybe August, I am not sure, but at least July. It was April, May, June, July. I met with him at least four times. I am sure of that.
- WD I will ask you a couple more questions, then get back to the meeting with Bishop Gendron. Was there any discussion about Hudson at that meeting? Or what had happened back in 1969?
- GC No.
- WD Um, did you bring that subject up - Hudson during that meeting with Bishop Gendron?
- GC No.
- WD And he didn't bring it up either?

GC No.

WD Other than meetings with Bishop Gendron and um, Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, did you meet with anyone else from the diocese over this incident with [REDACTED]

GC Anyone from the diocese?

WD Okay, the Chancellor, the Vicar General or anyone like that?

GC No.

WD Um, with respect to Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, um, were you aware, or are you aware, of whether he was a former priest or is a priest?

GC He was.

WD He was? Okay. What's that, what is the situation with him?

GC I don't know. All I know is that he got married and I am speculating now, I don't think the diocese would have hired him if his situation wasn't regularized if he wasn't laicized by Rome. I mean that's conjecture on my part. If he was married outside the Church, I don't think they would have hired him.

WD Um, and what did you view his role in this process as? What was his? What was your understanding why you were going to him?

GC Evaluation on his part? Um, maybe giving me a better understanding of myself, ah, and providing information to the Bishop that he might need as to my life, because he did make a report to the Bishop.

WD So, did, was there an understanding between you and Dr. Guertin-Ouellette about the fact that he was going to report back to the Bishop on whatever it is, conclusions or.

GC Yeah, this was understood.

WD And you understood that whatever he reported back might affect your future assignments?

GC Yes.

WD Um, was, I don't know if this is the right word, I am just going to ask the question, and I don't know if you can answer it or can't answer it. Did you view him in any way as sort of an advocate on your part to get a clean bill of health so that you could continue, um, your assignments in the future without any restrictions?

GC No, no. I think I viewed him more as a man who had a job to do, an objective job to do. He gave a true report to the Bishop to help me understand myself. No, he was not there to cheer you on, to get you back, no.

WD Did you cover all of the past conduct with Dr. Guertin-Ouellette or was it just this one incident?

GC Everything.

WD Do you know whether he reported all of that, everything you talked to him about your past conduct to the Bishop?

GC Well, the only thing that I know in that, is that one of his reports to the Bishop.

WD I don't want to focus on what you read recently

GC Yeah.

WD At the time did you understand that he would be in a position to report all of that back to the Bishop?

GC Well, I was very open with him. I didn't hide anything. Now whether, he didn't tell me I am going to report all this back to the Bishop line for line. How much he did report back, the only way that I could know, would be to read the report he submitted there.

WD Okay. So, at the time you didn't see what the report was, what the report was from the bishop. Is that what I'm gathering?

GC No I didn't see it. No.

WD Um, do you have any questions?

AV What about, was there any other follow-up, after you went to Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, did you have to go back and report back to the bishop, um, discussing your evaluation, what progress you may have made, anything like that? Okay. So when Will had asked you about you disclosing, um, several other incidents of abuse, did, ah, the bishop make mention to look I only knew about these two incidences, there's, ah, several others that you mentioned, was there any discussion like that?

GC No, because, ah. I don't recall I told the bishop about any of the other incidents.

AV Okay.

GC Whether Dr. Guertin-Ouellette, I saw the bishop before I started seeing Dr. Guertin-Ouellette.



- AV Okay.
- GC Now the only way the bishop would have known about the other incidents would have been if Dr. Ouellette would have put that in his report.
- AV Okay. So he didn't approach you about any of that? About any other additional victims.
- GC No.
- AV Okay.
- PF Did he, ah, ask you at all how you felt about your returning to a parish. To, ah, ah, setting, did they ask you anything before they sent you back or?
- GC The bishop?
- LW Yeah, the bishop.
- GC No you see I, ah, I was nine years at St. Theresa's. That's the only incidents in nine years. There's nothing else. Of any, you know, shame for, near miss what have you, the only one incident in nine years.
- WD Was there, ah, any interruptions, did you go on leave for a period of time.
- GC No.
- WD So you just continued in service and, um, just went to Dr. Guertin-Ouellette on the side?
- GC Yeah, yeah.
- WD I think three times?
- RM You know Will, um, Jerry's seventy-four years old and, ah, I can tell just by looking at him that he's getting a little weary.
- WD Yeah, sure.
- RM Um.
- AV Sure.
- RM Will, um, how far we going or should we blow it over to another day?
- WD I think I'm all set.
- AV I don't think I have any more along those lines.

WD Why don't we turn off the tape for a second (unintelligible).

RM (Unintelligible)

WD We can talk about scheduling it.

END OF SIDE B, TAPE 3

