

BB: Okay. And if there were, as far as you know was there any child pornography?

GM: I asked him if there was and this was something that Steve Scruton asked me, he said he wanted to get rid of it.

BB: Right. But, but there was no, did he tell you that there was no child pornography?

GM: He did not tell me that there wasn't. He didn't tell me that there was.

BB: Okay, but you don't know whether there was or wasn't?

GM: Don't know.

BB: Okay.

GM: I presume now that there was.

BB: Right.

GM: I asked him the question

BB: But

GM: He wouldn't answer the question.

BB: But at the time you, but you didn't tell the Diocese about that?

GM: No.

BB: So

GM: I asked him to and I asked him to tell Dr. Ouellette and I asked him to get, get an appointment that we could both go to Dr. Ouellette.

BB: Okay. But

GM: Make sure that this was out in the open.

BB: But with all of these things you eventually you ended up taking a leave of absence.

GM: After Steve was moved from the parish. He wasn't moved, he was put into a residential treatment center I was told by a parishioner that I was also moving and I took issue with this. Apparently some parishioner had heard this at a party.

BB: Right, so you, but you took a leave of absence?

GM: I took a leave of absence because I was ah, I did not want to be forcibly moved from the parish at that time.

BB: Okay.

GM: Because it would appear that I had something to do with

BB: Right.

GM: Steve's public issues.

BB: Right, but, but you resigned?

GM: I resigned.

BB: Or you took a leave of absence.

GM: I took a leave of absence.

BB: Now.

BL: Did you have direct communication with the Diocese regarding the circumstances in taking a leave of absence?

GM: No. I had a meeting with the Bishop about it and um I told him I wanted to take a sick leave.

BL: Okay.

GM: And he said no that I had to ah either accept his new assignment.

BB: Or take a leave of absence.

GM: Or take a leave of absence.

BL: Was this a phone conversation or was it face to face?

GM: It was face to face.

BL: Face to face.

BB: And, okay.

BL: And with Bishop Christian.

BB: Bishop Gendron.

BL: Gendron, I'm sorry. Did Bishop Gendron at all review with you any of these other issues or talk to you about any of these other issues that are in the past?

GM: He asked me if Steve Scruton ever um attempted to sexually assault me or made advances to me.

BL: Okay.

GM: Other than that.

BL: How about any issues involving the [REDACTED] boy? Or any issues involving [REDACTED]

GM: Nothing.

BL: Anything like that?

GM: Nothing had come up in a couple of years regarding that.

BL: Did he mention at all ah your ongoing therapy with Dr. Ouellette?

GM: He told me that during my leave I, I should continue to see Dr. Ouellette.

BL: Okay. Did he render an opinion why he felt you should be seeing Dr. Ouellette?

GM: No.

BL: Okay.

BB: So you took a leave of absence?

GM: Yes.

BB: And in, while you were on a leave of absence you applied for a job at the Monadnock Substance Abuse?

GM: I was offered the job.

BB: You were offered the job.

GM: I never applied for it.

BB: Okay. When you were offered that job or you when they offered you that job did you let the Diocese know that you were taking that job?

GM: No.

BB: Okay. So how long did you work at that job before they knew that you were working there?

GM: I don't know that they ever knew that I was working there. I had no direct contact with them during my leave.

BB: Okay, so.

GM: I didn't call them. They didn't call me.

BB: So while you were working at Monadnock you also temporarily did some things for Spofford Hall?

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay. Now while you were at Spofford Hall you had contact with the Diocese?

GM: No. I'm sorry I take that back. Spofford Hall had asked me to do um, celebrate mass there once a week and also to hear what they called footsteps. Are you familiar with that?

BB: No.

GM: Okay, in the AA process.

BB: Oh, okay, the AA, okay.

GM: Patients.

BB: Yes.

GM: Spofford Hall.

BB: Yep.

GM: Beech Hill um Hospital had to complete before they could leave treatment of the footstep, which meant they had to tell, they had to make an inventory of all their issues, sins, etc.

BB: Right.

GM: And

BB: Right.

GM: And they had to tell somebody else and a lot of the patients preferred to do this with a priest because of their seal of confession, confidentiality issue.

BB: Right. So how long before you started, how long before you started the Monadnock did you start doing this at Spofford Hall?

GM: I don't remember. It was probably several months.

BB: Okay.

GM: And I had been doing this inspired in saying celebrity mass at Spofford Hall weekly while I was in the parish. It stopped when I took a leave and they had no replacement.

BB: Okay.

GM: Because Spofford asked me if I would continue. I believe that the, that Spofford Hall wrote a letter to the Bishop asking if I could continue to do this. There was some communication I think I initiated it because it involved requested facilities because a priest don't _____ facilities to function as a priest.

BB: Okay. So

GM: I had to request the facilities to celebrate mass at Spofford Hall and um Bishop Gendron wrote me a letter I believe at that time granting this because Spofford at made the request directly to him and he said that my facilities were limited to Spofford Hall. I could celebrate mass there once weekly and that was all.

BB: So there was no communication with you and anyone from the Diocese regarding you doing this at Spofford Hall?

- GM: Other than that letter granting me.
- BB: Right.
- GM: Facilities to say mass.
- BB: You never spoke with anyone?
- GM: No.
- BB: You never um, Monsignor Christian never called you or?
- GM: Not until 1980, the end of 1988 because there was an allegation that came out of Spofford Hall involving a 17 year old.
- BB: How many adolescents were at Spofford Hall approximately?
- GM: I don't know because I didn't have really any ties to their adolescent program. Celebrated mass there. Ah, they had an adult program and an adolescent program. I don't know whether they were separate. I don't know anything about the mechanics of this other than both, both programs were permitting patients to go to mass.
- BL: Okay.
- GM: I believe I had a mass there on Wednesday afternoons and then as a standing thing I would after the mass I would hear footsteps of any patients that had requested that during the week.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: And so there was no communication with the Diocese until initially during one of those incidents in 1987.
- BB: So when you, when the request was made by Spofford Hall for you to be able to serve mass there, no one contacted you. Christian didn't contact you. Quinn didn't contact you. The Bishop didn't. No one contacted you?
- GM: No.
- BL: As part of a, a if a priest is on a leave of absence or another assignment like when you were at Monadnock, did they would, is there usually a requirement that you touch base.
- GM: No.

BL: With your Diocese you know weekly, bi-weekly, monthly?

GM: My understanding was that was up to me and I was, there were some anger issues going on at that time on my part and I did not want to be in contact with them. I severed _____ with them.

BL: I understand that. Maybe you didn't want to have contact them, but they never expressed, expressed any desire to have contact with you?

GM: No they did not.

BL: Okay.

GM: I think there was some discomfort that I was on.

BB: I'm going to be turning the tape off. It is 12:00 p.m.

BL: We're back on tape. The time is 11:56.

BB: By my watch it's 12:02.

BL: Okay. Um, Gordon, I've got a question regarding your assignment at Monadnock.

GM: Well it wasn't an assignment. It was a job.

BL: A job, yeah.

BB: Right.

BL: While you were on leave of absence.

GM: Yes.

BL: You indicated that the Diocese had, had no knowledge of you working there.

GM: They may have been aware that I was working there. I don't know. I may have written a letter indicating that I was working there. I don't know.

BL: What I'm trying to do, I know, we're asking you to really dig back into memory here.

GM: I think they were uncomfortable with the fact that I was, that I had remained in Keene um, to live and that was unusual.

BL: Who said that they were uncomfortable about you?

GM: I remember hearing something about the then current pastor in Keene. His name was Father Byran.

BL: Okay.

GM: Expressing discomfort that I had chosen to remain in the Keene area. Um, somebody had contacted me for a funeral for example. I think it was [REDACTED] or the mother of the _____ brothers. They later accused me. Her mother had, had ah died in a severe burning. She had her house, her apartment had burned or something.

BL: Okay.

GM: She wanted me to celebrate the funeral and Father Byran, the pastor then was very uncomfortable and didn't want to _____. Um, [REDACTED] was very upset about that. She, she claims that the Diocese, but that was between her and them. I didn't, I wasn't involved in that _____.

BB: So did Byran know that you were at that the Monadnock?

GM: I don't know.

BB: He obviously knew that you were in the area.

GM: He knew that I remained in the area and I think there might have been a blurb in the newspaper when I took, when I was appointed to that position by their Board of Directors. Um, he may have known that way, but there was no contact really. I was on leave and free to take a job and.

BL: And by virtue you taking this other job didn't it affect your benefits and your pay and so forth, ah status with the Diocese?

GM: There were no benefits or pay.

BL: Okay.

BB: Insurance? Wasn't there an insurance issue?

BL: Insurance continues, yeah. Medical insurance continues during leave of absence I think to a point.

BB: Didn't you have to notify them that you had taken this position because of those benefits?

GM: I think I may have asked them if I could remain on their health insurance plan for a year. I'm not, again I'm not sure of that. There were some logistics there that had to be worked out. Um, yes I do remember now. I remember the Board of Directors of the Monadnock Center ah telling me that, that instead of paying for a separate plan as a benefit they would be willing to pay for ah a the cheaper plan that was with the Diocese if I remained, bought it. I remember something to the effect that I could do that for a year.

BL: Okay.

BB: So you had to contact the Diocese to ask them if you could do that for a year?

GM: I must have done that, yes, but in terms of their approving my taking this job there was no question of that.

BB: But who would have had to approved that insurance? Ah, is that something that the Bishop has to approve because money is going out or is that something that someone else would have to approve?

GM: I don't know to be honest with you. I assume they have a business office who handled insurance, that sort of thing. Monsignor Okabequis at the time was, was sort of the Diocese, a liaison with insurance companies. I think this might have come under his approval, but I had no direct contact with him.

BB: Okay.

BL: During your tenure at Monadnock um, what were your duties, responsibilities? What did you do?

GM: They were primarily administrative. I did not see patients. We did not see patients, no. We had a staff of 8 or 9 people and their job was to see patients. My job was grant writing um, meeting with the State, who was our principle funder Odat, but it was a private non profit. It wasn't a State agency.

BL: Was Monadnock made aware either by you or by the Diocese about any incidents, previous incidents or allegations whether they were founded or unfounded ah when you took that job?

GM: They were not made aware by me. No I don't have any reason to think they were made aware by the Diocese.

BL: Why is that?

GM: Um, I was never informed that they, I can't imagine that now looking back on this. I wasn't, I didn't go into that job with that on my mind. I went into the job when _____ leave of absence and they came and offered me the job.

BL: Well you certainly have on your mind that your, the facilities as function as a priest have been limited.

GM: Yes.

BL: Okay.

GM: That was on my mind.

BL: Now correct me if I'm wrong when, when you got hired at the Monadnock Substance Abuse Services they were looking for a priest?

GM: Not very much. They were not looking for a priest. It had nothing to do.

BL: Okay. They did not

GM: Spofford Hall was looking for a priest?

BL: Spofford Hall was looking for a priest. Okay. Um, did they ask you at Monadnock to serve mass at all to anyone?

GM: No.

BL: Or take confessions from anyone?

GM: There was an administrative position in an out-patient chemical dependency treatment program. There would have been no.

BB: But they knew that you were?

GM: They knew that I was a priest.

BB: A priest.

GM: Yes.

BL: Did you go to work in any _____

GM: inaudible

BL: Okay. Do you see patients?

GM: No.

BL: You never saw any patients?

GM: No.

BL: Either on the facility or off the facility?

GM: No. That was not part of my job.

BL: Okay. Ah, did you form any relationships with any patients at the Monadnock?

GM: No. Never.

BL: Okay. Ah, what were the circumstances of your ah, dismissal from Monadnock?

GM: Um, Detective McLaughlin in Keene was investigating an allegation that I had for attempt to solicit a young man.

BL: Okay.

GM: It was not related to Monadnock.

BL: Okay.

GM: Um, that I knew of um and during the course of his investigation he brought that to the Board of Directors. He brought the allegations to the Board of Directors and he asked for my resignation and got it.

BL: Did he say this was pertaining to the [REDACTED]

GM: No.

BB: This was the [REDACTED] allegation.

GM: _____ [REDACTED] until

BL: Okay.

BB: This would have been [REDACTED] om.

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay.

BL: Um, and that was November of '88. I know we really didn't cover it in any detail the allegation out of Spofford Hall. Are you familiar with the circumstances and

GM: Yes.

BL: The name.

GM: Yes.

BL: Attached to that. Can you tell me what the name is?

GM: I believe it was [REDACTED]

BL: Okay.

GM: I don't remember the first name.

BL: Okay. Um, this allegation ah out of Spofford Hall was it discussed with the Diocese?

GM: I don't know that it was discussed with them at all.

BL: Okay.

GM: Ah, I discussed it with them, okay.

BB: Was that allegation ah before or after you were asked to resign from Monadnock?

GM: Before.

BB: Okay. Was, how long before? Do you remember, approximately?

GM: Month or two.

BB: Month or two.

GM: It was pretty close proximity.

BB: Okay.

BL: Was it that allegation when Spofford came out?

GM: It was that allegation that prompted the investigation that McLaughlin was doing.

BB: That was McLaughlin was doing, okay.

GM: That and something to do with Scruton. Scruton had been charged with a previous or suspected of something previously.

BB: Okay. So the allegation at Spofford Hall came.

GM: Yes.

BB: And then after that the allegation or Monadnock found out about it and asked you to resign.

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay.

BL: What, he said there was some amount of contact with the Diocese regarding Spofford Hall.

GM: I called them after the allegation was made.

BL: What did you tell them?

GM: I told them exactly what I was told that after one _____ to take an

BL: Yep. You were told by who?

GM: I was told in a phone conversation and I don't remember his name by the Director of Spofford Hall.

BL: Okay.

GM: And called me and he said that after I had been there the previous I think it was on this particular week of Thursday.

BL: Okay.

GM: A young man had asked his counselor to set up a footstep with me and he asked specifically _____ confession and I agreed to that. Ah, he attended the mass and then after the mass I saw patients and I saw two patients that day. One for about a half hour and then that was about 40 minutes and it was after that, about a week after that I received a call from the Director at Spofford who said that the young man had left the facility. I think, my sense was that it was on as scheduled and as he was leaving his exit interview he made an allegation to the um, to his therapist at the Center and I was told by the manager of Spofford, or the Director. I don't remember his name, but the allegation was that the young, that I permitted the young man to masturbate in front of him during the (inaudible) I wasn't aware that they were making an allegation then. Um, and they said that they had to report that to the State. They told me this. At that point I remember calling Bishop Christian and I told him about this and I may have also talked to the Diocese, _____ don't think so.

BL: Was this a phone call, face to face meeting?

GM: Phone call and it was _____.

BL: Okay. And he made direct contact with Bishop?

GM: Well then Monsignor Christian.

BL: Monsignor Christian.

GM: Yes.

BL: And you explained, outlined this whole incident.

GM: I told him what was alleged because there was an issue involved here, that they had to be aware of that because I had facilities that were limited to Spofford Hall um that because the young man involved had specifically asked for confession um, that it be that his footstep be under the seal of confession and that I did not know what I could say or couldn't say.

BL: Okay.

GM: So I had to ask Christian about, about this. If I was interviewed what specifically I could say in my own defense.

BL: So you told ah, ah, Monsignor Christian about the incident at Spofford Hall.

GM: Yes.

BL: Told the truth?

GM: Yes.

BL: Details?

GM: I did not tell him details because again there was a question of, of whether the young man was expecting _____. As he was leaving the session the young man said you know this was confession, right and I said yes to that. Christian asked me if I actually gave him absolution, which is part of confession and I did not remember doing that.

BL: But you told him that there was a boy?

GM: Yes.

BL: Give the age of the boy?

GM: 17.

BL: Okay. So there was a 17 year old ah male that was claiming.

GM: Yes.

BL: That ah I allowed him to masturbate in front of me.

GM: Yes.

BL: Okay and you would be getting that complaint and I just want to let you know.

GM: I didn't say it that way because I didn't know that the complaint would go their way.

BL: Okay. Um, you took it upon yourself to call him and let him know?

GM: Yes.

BL: Okay, what did he do?

GM: He told me pretty much that the thing was made in the context of a job that I had taken that had been reported to the State by Spofford Hall that there wasn't very much that he could do so.

BL: So at that point that it was reported already to the State?

- GM: Yes. I was told that Spofford Hall told me that they were _____
- BL: He indicates you that he already had information about this incident.
- GM: No.
- BL: This was the first time you heard of it when he talked to you?
- GM: I don't know that.
- BL: Okay.
- GM: He did not let on to me that he heard of it otherwise.
- BL: All right. Did he say that um, you know he was going to look into this or make contact with anyone or get back to you?
- GM: No. He told me that if it evolved into a legal situation that I was, I had to that I was on my own.
- BL: What did he tell you as far as the status of your limited priesthood facility at that point?
- GM: He told me that the, that the permission for limited facilities was suspended.
- BL: He told you that on the phone?
- GM: Yes.
- BL: Okay. Did he follow that up with any written correspondence?
- GM: Yes. I received a letter from the Bishop and I believe the letter was delivered by Monsignor Quinn.
- BL: Okay. At that time you were still, were you still working with Monadnock?
- GM: Yes.
- BL: Okay. Did you go back to Monadnock after receiving this telephone call from ah, Monsignor Christian? Did you return to Monadnock for any amount of time?
- GM: I took a, I think I took about two weeks off and I told a member of the Board of Directors about this.

BL: About the incident at Spofford?

GM: Yes.

BL: Okay.

GM: I said it was being investigated. I did not know then by whom. This was in mid July of '88.

BL: Okay.

GM: Mid toward the end of July of '88 and I because my job was, was administrative um I was behind a desk, but the Board person I spoke to didn't seem to think that I had to step down at that point. He did ask me if he could discuss this with the rest of the Board and I believe I asked him or encouraged him to wait until at least somebody spoke to me so I was aware exactly what the nature of the investigation was. Well, I wasn't told specifically what the allegation was okay.

BL: They released you after they found out about previous allegations, not this particular Spofford Hall allegation?

GM: No I believe that they released me because of the current situation. I don't know what they found out about past allegations.

BL: Okay. Um

BB: But they did release you?

GM: Yes.

BB: Shortly after Spofford Hall.

GM: Well they asked for my resignation.

BB: Right.

GM: Yes. In September of '88 I think it was early September of '88 I was contacted by a Trooper Kelly from Troop C of the NH State Police and Kelly met with me and he said that ah Trooper Kelly met with me and he said that, that the young man lived in [REDACTED]

BL: This was the [REDACTED]

GM: Yes.

BL: Okay.

GM: That he and his family refused any, refused to cooperate with the investigation and would not be _____ Um, Kelly said that he had a report from the therapist on what the young man said and asked if I would be willing to add to it. He thought _____ but I told him my side of what had taken place. Um, he discussed with me the allegation from Hampton, from six years earlier and to date it had been the only allegation that had ever surfaced.

BL: Okay.

GM: And ah I discussed that with him. Trooper Kelly told me that his investigation of this was concluded and he determined this to be unfounded and he said that even if, he said that even if what _____ said happened, happened, that a crime was not committed. There was no crime committed under the law.

BL: All right.

GM: Um, Trooper Kelly said that, that they needed to pursue this with a civil attorney or something. He wasn't sure um, but he said that he was closing his investigation and that I was clear of any wrongdoing in the _____ case.

BB: But at that point your priest duties had been suspended?

GM: Yes.

BB: So you had no facilities?

GM: According to the letter that I received from the Diocese, I was suspended pending the outcome of that investigation. I never went back to them and said that I've been cleared of wrongdoing.

BB: And you never got your priest?

GM: No I never asked for them back.

BB: Okay.

GM: At that point.

BB: Okay.

GM: From that point on.

- BL: After those allegations surfaced tell me about contact you had with the Diocese and what happened after that.
- GM: Okay. A couple of months after this, Spofford incident, I was contacted by a young man in the parish, who I had known previously in the parish. He was an older teenager, okay. I don't remember his name, but he told me that he was questioned by Detective McLaughlin and um this would have been in November of '88.
- BL: Okay. What is your living status at this point?
- GM: I was living in an apartment. From the time I left St. Bernard's Parish in Keene, June of '85 until November, sorry June of '87.
- BL: Okay.
- GM: Until November of '88 I was living alone in an apartment in West Keene.
- BL: What was your source of income?
- GM: Monadnock Treatment Center.
- BL: Okay. After, I'm talking about after your release from Monadnock.
- GM: I had no source of income.
- BL: Okay. You're living still in Keene in that apartment?
- GM: Yes.
- BL: Okay. Um, these allegations have come out investigated whether they were founded, unfounded, what was your status with the Diocese after that?
- GM: In November of '87 after I was told about the [REDACTED] allegation that I had solicited, attempted to solicit him ah I requested um placement in a residential facility in Exeter.
- BL: Who did you make that request to?
- GM: Dr. Ouellette.
- BL: Okay. Did you continue to see Dr. Ouellette throughout all of this.
- GM: Yes.

BL: While you were working at Spofford?

GM: Yes.

BL: While you're working in Monadnock?

GM: Yes.

BL: Okay. Did um, ah Dr. Ouellette to the best of your knowledge share any information as to your therapy? How things were going? Again the Diocese.

GM: Again I can only presume that he did.

BL: Okay.

GM: In general.

BL: Can you tell me how you presume _____

GM: I, I think that he made them aware that I continue to see him and at the time I took a leave of absence. I was asked by the Bishop to continue to see him.

BL: Okay.

GM: Um, and I remember having to sign some insurance forms that the third party reimbursement with him.

BL: And certainly while you're seeing Dr. Ouellette in telling him I working in Spofford Hall. I'm working at Monadnock Substance Abuse, correct?

GM: Yes and he had a concern about um about the position and I told him the position was only administrative.

BB: What was his concern?

GM: Did I have patients? Did I not have patient contact. That I not being seeing patients for ah ongoing counseling situation and um and I was not. That was not part of my job.

BL: Um, I don't want, I don't want to seem like I'm doubting you as far as that goes. I know we've been asking you regarding your memory, ah but we did have some conversation with ah administrative staff at Monadnock.

GM: Huh, huh.

BL: And they've indicated that you did in a capacity see patients um in the facility and out of the facility whether it was friendships that you developed with a particular person um whether it was a specific amount of ah contact maybe in a spiritual setting. Maybe you offered spiritual advise.

GM: No, there were people that I knew from AA for example.

BL: Okay.

GM: Who would sometimes stop in and see me.

BL: Okay.

GM: But they were not patients there and I do not have ongoing.

BL: Okay.

GM: Regular, I didn't have an office where I saw patients.

BL: Um, did you ever um meet with anyone ah that was a patient or an associate of Monadnock somewhere other than Monadnock?

GM: Only if I knew the person outside of there. In other words I had been in Keene for a few years. In speaking I think I was accused later of showing adult videos to a patient there. Um, and there was no that I know of there was no other accusation involved. I believe he was

BL: This was while at Monadnock?

GM: While at Monadnock and the video question was film called Bruebaker. It was not an adult video. It was a commercial film.

BL: Okay. I think I'm familiar with that person.

GM: Right and I invented the film and the person watched that film with me.

BL: Robert Redford was in the film.

GM: Yes. It was about prison. I don't remember the exact context of which that came out, but other than that I'm not aware of any other incident involving, claimed that I had spent time outside of there with a patient. And he's somebody who was on parole at the time.

BL: Okay.

GM: I knew that. I knew the parole officer he was seeing.

BL: As far as

GM: I did not have patient contact there.

BL: Okay.

GM: Not formally. I just said um

BB: The Dr. Ouellette was briefed. Are you continued your therapy with him and he stayed in touch with the Diocese as far as you remember?

GM: I think in terms, I know absolutely in terms of the fact that I was still seeing.

BB: Right. Okay.

GM: Beyond that I don't know.

BB: Okay. Okay.

BL: And we realize that you were sent for a number of different facilities where ah evaluations were.

GM: After the [REDACTED] incident was investigated and ah and an allegation was report.

BB: But those, those all took place after.

GM: Yes.

BB: Your priest duties had been taken away?

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay.

GM: And I had never been assigned.

BB: Since then.

GM: Since then.

BB: Okay.

GM: And never asked me.

BL: What I intend to do ah when I'm about to end an interview is I start thinking in my mind of things that maybe I forgot to ask you know and just kind of pop in my mind and so what I'd like to do is jump around a little bit now. Um, back in 1978,

GM: Huh, huh.

BL: When your initial when you were ordained.

GM: I was ordained?

BL: I'm sorry.

BB: When you went to the Seminary.

BL: Seminary um you had a psychological evaluation done on yourself by I think you said Walter St. Clair.

GM: St. Clair.

BL: St. Clair. Are you familiar with the content of that evaluation?

GM: Um, yes.

BL: Okay. I'm not a psychiatrist. Um, I read that evaluation, okay and um.

GM: I don't think I've ever actually seen the evaluation itself.

BL: But you're familiar with the content?

GM: Basically yes.

BL: And ah it appears to a layman that there were some issues that were um raised in that evaluation regarding potential problems ah regarding sexuality.

GM: I'm not aware of that.

BL: Okay.

GM: And I think that might be reading the report raised.

BL: Okay. What is your understanding of that psychological?

GM: My understanding of that and the way he explained that Dr. St. Clair explained that to me at the time.

BL: Yeah.

GM: Was that this involved the test that examined social um awareness. Social

BL: Okay.

GM: And that I was not as comfortable as other people my age. In 1978 I was 25 and in heterosexual social situations and others. It wasn't an indication that in fact he explicitly said it wasn't an indication about sexual identity.

BL: Okay.

GM: It was more of a social context.

BL: Okay.

GM: And compared to other 25 year olds.

BL: When that psychological became known and obviously became known to the Diocese they, they hold up your ordination as a result of any issues in that psychological?

GM: Well that was part, that was, that was prior to acceptance to their Seminary program.

BL: Okay.

BB: Was that held up?

GM: No.

BB: Okay.

GM: I was required, I was requesting at the time to go through their Seminary program in Boston and because of other issues raised by Dr. St. Clair um he, St. Clair recommended that I not go through school in New England.

BL: Okay.

GM: That I go through a couple other national Seminaries because he felt that um there were some maturity issues that I had to get away from home, home environment.

BL: My recollection of the paperwork that I've seen in a case is that your ordination was held up for a short amount of time.

GM: My ordination was never held up.

BL: It was not?

GM: No.

BL: Okay.

GM: Do you mean my ordination for the priesthood?

BL: Yes.

GM: It was June 5th of '82. It was never, that was the time I finished school. There was no even a

BB: But acceptance into the Seminary was temporarily held up.

BL: I'm sorry I think I missed.

BB: When you went, when you went into the Seminary there was concerns about you going into the Seminary.

GM: I applied in June of '78 and I went in in September of '78.

BB: Right, but before you went in there were some concerns that you, did you speak with the Bishop or anything prior to going into the Seminary?

GM: Oh, I'm sure I had interviews with him.

BB: And, and do you remember any concerns being discussed during those interviews that eased their mind as far as allowing you into the Seminary?

GM: No. No, at the time I had lived for the previous four years in 1974 until 1978 as a religious brother in a community in Hudson.

BB: In Groveton, right? Or in Hudson, okay.

GM: inaudible

BB: And then you went to Groveton for a while.

GM: During on summer.

BB: Okay.

GM: And that was a summer assignment.

BB: So as far as you know nothing was held up?

GM: No.

BB: With the schedule?

GM: No. Nothing that I'm aware of as I've ever been made aware.

BL: Were there any other follow-up second or third opinions from any other evaluator of your fitness after the 1978 um psychological. I mean we have the one okay and are, it's got some issues in it that are addressed. Were there any other psychologicals performed that you know of?

GM: To go into a Seminary do you mean?

BL: Yes to go to studies

BB: Right

GM: Yes. The Seminary conducted its own prior to acceptance of me because the Seminary situation is separate from the Diocese. In other words

BB: So the Diocese does their psychological and the Seminary does theres?

GM: Yes because the Diocese is accepting me as a candidate for ____ The Seminary is accepting me as a candidate for their graduate programs so there are two separate evaluations done and they both did one.

BL: So after you were ordained as a priest and you are know accepted by the Manchester Diocese there was another psychological done.

GM: No.

BL: No. There was no other psychological done?

GM: No.

BL: Okay. So they, they referred to the previous one that was done pre-ordination.

GM: Yes.

BL: Um, you worked for the Baltimore Police Department?

GM: No.

BL: You did not.

GM: No. I worked as an intern as a counseling intern for the Baltimore County Police Department.

BL: Okay. What were your duties and responsibilities there?

GM: Um, that was from 1975, 76 I'm sorry that would have been from 1979 or '80 to about '81, so maybe a year and a half to two years and while in Seminary the Seminary required some form of internship.

BL: Okay.

GM: And that was the counseling internship.

BL: Okay. So you weren't a sworn police officer?

GM: No.

BL: And your duties were restricted to the _____

GM: I worked about ah 12 hours a week as a counselor. About half of that was with the Department of Personnel and the other half was _____

BL: Um, [REDACTED] did he, relationship just using that term how long have you known this kid?

GM: Ah, prior to we met when I was in, when I was in Groveton during the summer assigned there.

BB: So that was about how many years before 1984 or so?

GM: Two, three years.

BB: Three years, okay.

GM: Yeah.

BL: And this was this sounds like a boy that you ah took under your wing. Someone that offered spiritual advise to, friendship to?

GM: He was not a parishioner.

BL: Okay.

GM: He was not a Catholic that I know of. He, he just kind of, somebody was there

BL: Go ahead, I'm sorry.

GM: _____ he broke into the Catholic _____ in Groveton.

BL: Okay.

GM: With somebody else and I became involved in the situation because of that. He was _____ and became aware that he was some about 14 years old and living in _____ whatsoever and I had requested as a result of his breaking and entering incident requested some form of court ordered counseling.

BB: So you went to court with him at one time? Was that the time you went to court with him?

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay.

BL: Was your relationship with _____ as such that you exchanged gifts with him around Christmas time?

GM: Probably yes.

BL: Okay and you were buying him gifts. Take him anywhere for ah meals?

GM: Sometimes.

BL: Okay. The Mall or anything like that?

GM: Probably.

BL: Okay. So people would have had an opportunity to see what this person should.

GM: I was not ordained at that time when I first met him.

BL: Okay. But when the allegation came out and again I'm using the word allegation when it was requested that this friendship with [REDACTED] ceased to

GM: I was required to discontinue it because of the _____ allegation involving [REDACTED].

BL: Okay.

GM: And I, because [REDACTED] was not yet 18 I accepted the requirement. He was 16 or 17.

BL: Your relationship that you had with [REDACTED] however thick or thin it was, was it something that you shared with Dr. Ouellette?

GM: Yes.

BL: Okay. Um, when you, when you were seeing Dr. Ouellette

GM: We purposed that, but there was never an allegation of misconduct.

BB: Right. Right.

BL: When you were seeing Dr. Ouellette were you always honest with him?

GM: I felt at the time that I was yes.

BL: You told him the truth about what was going on?

GM: Yes.

BL: Um, I guess I'd like to formally ask you and it's your decision to make.

GM: Huh, huh.

BL: And you don't have to make it now if you don't want to. Ah, could we have your permission to ah get records from Dr. Ouellette regarding his treatment of you as it pertains to this investigation?

GM: As it pertains to this investigation, at what level?

BB: To find out what his communication was to the Diocese with regards to the allegations that were made against you. He obviously kept in direct contact

with the Diocese on a regular basis and our inquiry would be what did he tell the Diocese with regards to your therapy. What did he tell them with regards to the [REDACTED] allegation?

GM: I would have presumed that you already had those at least in terms of what he communicated to them in writing.

BB: What he communicated in writing, but there is certainly a lot of things that went on between the Diocese and other people that were verbally even yourself you verbally told the Diocese things that was never reduced to writing and I'm sure there were times that Dr. Ouellette communicated with them by phone or in person.

GM: And you presume he kept notations of those communications?

BB: Most doctors do even though they don't reduce it to a formal letter. They do make some type of an annotation just as attorney's do.

BL: Certainly if we got your consent ah for _____ release information to us we could perhaps talk with Dr. Ouellette and tell him that Gordon Macrae has permitted us to interview you relative to your contact with the Diocese regarding your care.

BB: We, we could even write the release to state that.

BL: Make it very specific.

BB: What we're looking for is what was communicated by you to Dr. Ouellette then transferred to the Diocese.

GM: Okay. I'm going to say no and the reason I'm going to say no is this. There is separate from this another ongoing investigation about um my situation and I have legal counsel whose conducting that.

BL: Criminal investigation?

GM: No, well not against me no.

BB: So you want the opportunity to speak with your attorney?

GM: Yes.

BB: That's fine.

GM: Only in this so far as I don't want to waive any particular rights.

BB: Right.

GM: Certain privilege.

BL: If it came down to it you know we could even offer the specific question we would ask Dr. Ouellette allow you to see them first, process those questions in your mind as to how it would affect any other things and go from there. We've done that before. Ah, we want to remain very I want to keep the door open.

GM: Okay, I have to be very careful here and I don't want to jeopardize another situation.

BB: That's understood.

GM: Into and let me ask you this if you have knowledge that challenges what I presented here. I would like to hear it.

BL: Well as far as Dr. Ouellette goes this is a link of communication between you and the Diocese and movement or decisions that the Diocese made appears to be based on information they received from this other link being Dr. Ouellette got information from you.

GM: There was never a situation which an allegation arose that I was reassigned because of it.

BB: Right, but Dr. Ouellette appears to be an agent for the Diocese. Wouldn't you agree with that?

GM: I don't know that again.

BL: They were hired by

GM: He was paid by the Diocese, but I saw him as my therapist. In other words.

BB: Right, but you saw him as your therapist, but what, what was disclosed to him during therapy was then relayed to the Diocese with regards as to how they should handle you.

GM: To what extent I don't know.

BB: Right.

BL: For example do you your own example when the allegation came out regarding ah [REDACTED] you first got that from.

GM: Dr. Ouellette.

BL: And he got that from someone and you said he got that from a therapist, another therapist who went to the Diocese and made an allegation or made a report. He got that from the therapist who made a report to.

BB: DCYF.

BL: Right.

BB: Right.

BL: But this was the therapist worked for Catholic Charities?

GM: Yes.

BL: And that therapist we've already spoken with who indicates that when the disclosure was made who do you think the first person they went to? Monsignor Quinn, okay. See how the circle goes and we want to get the most accurate detailed amount of information possible as to the communication flow between yourself, your therapist, the Diocese because decisions ultimately were made. That's why.

GM: Are you talking about decisions to keep me in the ministry?

BB: Correct.

GM: Or to reassign me?

BB: To keep you in ministry.

BL: Correct.

BB: To keep you.

BL: That is all we're interested in. We're not interested in, in anything that involves issues that you brought up.

GM: Um, now you know that until 1985 when [REDACTED] changed his original allegation, when he was dismissed from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He up until that time never made an allegation that there was any form of genital sexual contact.

BB: Right. [REDACTED]

BL: Correct.

GM: And so I don't know that up until that time they, they.

END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE B

INTERVIEW OF GORDON MACRAE
October 25, 2002

TAPE 2 - SIDE A

BB: On tape and it is 12:40.

GM: I think one of the concerns that I have now, um, that I've never gotten to the bottom to is that there was a, a certain level of, misinformation generated by State officials during this whole time.

BL: Like?

GM: For example. I don't know if you are aware or have seen if you've read this whole file you may have. That there is a letter, um, dated September of 1988 following the Spofford Hall allegation. Spofford Hall allegation involving the young man who claimed that I permitted him to masturbate in front of me. During this so-called (unintelligible).

BL: Okay.

GM: And discuss that?

BL: Ya.

GM: I was not aware of this until preparing for trial in ninety-three, but immediately following that letter, Detective McLaughlin in Keene appears to have received a letter from a social worker with DCYF.

BB: Oh we're aware of that.

GM: With Sylvia Gale?

BB: Yup.

BL: Is, is this regarding an incident, ah, Florida.

GM: Claiming that I was involved.

BL: Yes.

GM: That I was, ah, a priest.

BB: Yup.

GM: In Florida and had been moved by the.

BL: Right.

GM: Church to New Hampshire.

BB: Yes.

BL: It sounds like that whole thing had been investigated at least, ah, what we have found that, ah, you, were not involved in that.

GM: Right.

BL: You were not the priest that was described in that.

GM: And it appears that her, it, according to that letter she said that she received this information from a contact in the seacoast region, a former counselor in the Catholic social services who was told this information by Monsignor Quinn, and told that she would be fired if she revealed it. To the best of my knowledge the source of that information was the Catholic social services counselor who made the original accusation about [REDACTED]

BL: Okay. Did anybody at the Diocese ever, ah, wanna question you regarding that?

GM: According.

BL: Situation?

GM: According to Detective McLaughlin's 1988 police report which is about seventy pages long, it begins with that letter.

BB: Right.

- GM: He doesn't make direct reference to the letter but he says that he has developed information that I was a priest in Florida at, and was involved in a molestation of two boys one who was murdered and his body mutilated through something like this. It wasn't until a page fifty that I read, then again I was privied to this until the, the going through discovery in preparation for trial in ninety four. It wasn't until page fifty of that report that I read that McLaughlin had contact with and investigators from Florida. And he, he documented a phone conversation with a police officer in Florida. Who said that yester.
- BB: Right we're familiar with that.
- GM: Ya that there was a priest.
- BB: Yup, yup.
- GM: And McLaughlin.
- BB: Right.
- GM: Had put all of this, but didn't give the name.
- BB: Right.
- GM: And McLaughlin gives an impression that he didn't even think to ask for the name. Well, from my perspective it was that letter that really that heightened McLaughlin's investigation of me. Um, substantially. Eh, and he proceeded to question dozens of, of young people and their families armed with that letter including the [REDACTED] family who came back five years later came back and said we've changed our minds. Um. Now so I, I have some interests here that, that, that involve I think a rather enormous amount of misinformation.
- BB: Well that's why we're putting it on tape.
- GM: That came about as a result.
- BB: So that we, so that.
- GM: Of the communications between the.
- BB: After we leave here, there's no question of what Gordon MacRae told us as opposed to what he didn't tell us.
- BL: Okay?

- BB: And that's, that's why we're on tape.
- GM: But to the best that I have been able to determine of misinformation was, was in communications between representatives of Catholic social services and DCYF neither of whom have ever answered a question in this regard to me.
- BB: And they've never spoke with you?
- GM: Never. Or to my attorneys about this.
- BL: And it sounds based on our entire interview that the amount of, contact you had with, ah, the Diocese not saying that they can wave a magic wand and make everything come and go but as, as far as them making inquiries to these, these basic incidents that were recorded were very limited.
- GM: Yes. From the time.
- BL: (Unintelligible).
- GM: I left St. Bernard's parish in eighty-seven.
- BL: Okay.
- GM: Yes it was very limited.
- BL: And, and, and it sounds all, appears that also based on what you've told us that a, the con, limited contact that was initiated between yourself and the Diocese initiated by you. You call them and told them about the incident that was gonna be reported at Monadnock.
- GM: Well at Spofford Hall.
- BL: At Spofford Hall.
- BB: At Spofford Hall right.
- BL: I'm sorry.
- GM: Now I, I can't say that there were no other contacts with them.
- BB: Right.

GM: Or anyone else.

BB: You just but they never called you?

GM: I know that. No.

BB: They never called you and said Gordon we have this.

GM: So I called them the day that I learned of it so. I, I can't speak for.

BB: Was that the day that Spofford Hall learned of it?

GM: Yes. The day that Spofford Hall called me.

BB: Okay.

GM: So I.

BB: They had just learned that this had been, this allegation had been made.

GM: I can't say that I presume they called me as soon as they learned of it.

BB: Okay.

GM: And informed me that they by law had to report it.

BB: Okay.

GM: Okay which I understood and I again called Monsignor Christian. I can't say that they wouldn't have called me about it. I mean I, they didn't have a chance to.

BB: Okay, alright.

BL: And as, and as far as restrictions or, or, or a supervision that was placed on you after the [REDACTED] incident, ah, just to recap it you were told that you shouldn't have any contact with minors, ah, or certainly not have any, any, the, ah, minors on the second floor of the rectory I think is what you said.

GM: That was, no that was not eh, eh.

BB: That was something at the parish.

BL: Okay.

- GM: Ah, we developed at the parish.
- BB: That you'd already done at the parish.
- BL: (Unintelligible) you have any contact with minors, ah, and, and they told you that you need to tell that to Father, ah, which was, who was the, ah, the pastor of?
- GM: Gabe, Gabriel Houle.
- BL: Gabe, Father Houle. That, ah.
- GM: They asked me to tell him and I agreed.
- BL: Okay.
- GM: That I, ah.
- BB: But they never as far as you know.
- GM: I don't know.
- BB: You don't know, okay.
- GM: I don't.
- BL: Okay. And that was basically the end of it.
- GM: She had regular communications with them. So I, I don't know exactly what was, had, communicated but. Ah.
- BB: I don't have any other further questions. Ah.
- BL: Okay. Thank you very much, ah.
- BB: Thank you very much.
- BL: Ah, Mr. MacRae.
- BB: The time is 12:45 and we will be turning the tape off.

END OF SIDE A
SIDE B - BLANK