

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.