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Re: Freedom of Access request regarding priest abuse

To whom it may concern:

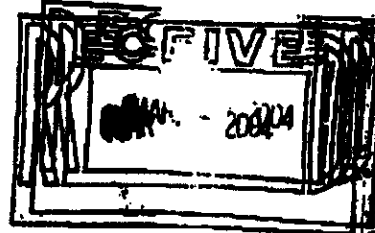
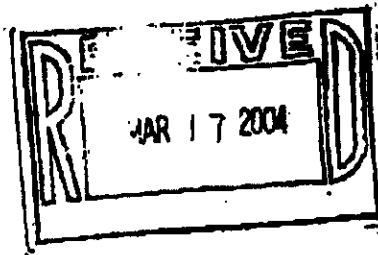
You are receiving this letter and additional documents because our records show that you requested copies of the public documents in our possession related to priest abuse of minors. The attached documents are responsive to your request, but due to a filing error, they were inadvertently omitted from the document production on May 27, 2005. Upon learning of the omissions a few days ago, we systematically reviewed every single document in our possession related to this matter. We are now certain that all responsive documents have been produced. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this supplemental production.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leanne Robbin".

LEANNE ROBBIN,
Chief, Financial Crimes & Civil Rights

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Re: Report of Possible Abuse of a Minor

Gentlepersons:

I am writing in my capacity as counsel for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland to report a case of possible abuse of a minor. [REDACTED] ME, telephone number [REDACTED] reported to the Diocese that he had been abused as a child by Father Phillip J. Boivin. When he was about 9 or 10 (which would have been around 1941 or 1942) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that there was a tool shed in back of the cemetery. Father Boivin would come to the cemetery with [REDACTED]. Eventually their hands would go everywhere, into places they did not belong. They would masturbate him and then each other. These events lasted a couple of months. [REDACTED] also reported that his parents had gone [REDACTED]. They put [REDACTED] and his sister in a home [REDACTED] and it was a brutal place. The sisters had some clappers and they did not hesitate to hit the children with them, including on the head.

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Father Boivin died in May of 1953. He was stationed in Rurnford at St. John Parish from 1920 until 1953. We have no indication in our files of other complaints about him.

In keeping with normal Diocesan policy, [REDACTED] was offered counseling and assistance ministry.

Please do not hesitate to call if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Frederick C. Moore

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cc: Brian MacMaster

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Re: Report of possible abuse of a Minor

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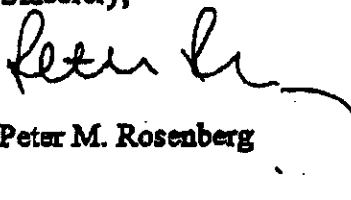
I write in my capacity as counsel for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland to report a possible case of child abuse. [REDACTED] ME called the chancery to report that he had been molested at about the time that he was in middle school by Fr. Rosario Ouellette, who died in 1969. By our calculation this abuse would have been in the early 1930s. [REDACTED] reports that the abuse occurred at Sacred Heart in Portland. [REDACTED] was an altar boy and after mass they would go to the sacristy and Father would "play" with him. [REDACTED] also reports that he was abused at Camp Gregory and believes that this abuse lasted over the course of a number of years. This is the first allegation we have received involving Fr. Ouellette.

[REDACTED] has expressed his strong desire to have this matter held in strict confidence. He declined the chancery's offer of counseling and has requested that no one contact him at his home as he does not want his wife to learn of the abuse.

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August 5, 2004
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He has indicated that he will contact the chancery again if he wishes to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,



Peter M. Rosenberg

cc: Brian McMaster

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Re: Report of Possible Abuse of Minors

Gentlepersons:

I am writing in my capacity as counsel for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland to report that a Maine resident named [REDACTED] has reported that he was abused by Sister Alexis-du-Sacre-Coeur, a teacher at St. Andre's School in Biddeford in or about 1948 or 1949. The Sister is now deceased, as are 29 of the 33 Sisters who taught at St. Andre. At the time the abuse is reported to have occurred, [REDACTED] was in the 2nd or 3rd grade.

According to [REDACTED], Sister Alexis would punish students by having them sit under her desk. While under the desk, the Sister would put her dress over the child's head. [REDACTED] reports that this happened to him often, and that she made him push his hands into her genitals while he was under her dress. She was not wearing underwear. Apparently this form of punishment was common and many students were placed under her desk. [REDACTED] believes that at least one family, [REDACTED] moved as a result of Sister Alexis' punishment of their child. At the time of the incidents, [REDACTED] parents, who reported them to the school. The school administrators urged the family not to say anything and there is some confusion regarding whether the police were informed. [REDACTED] recalls the police coming to his home, but his older sister, [REDACTED] did not share that recollection.

If you would like additional information regarding these allegations please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



Peter M. Rosenberg

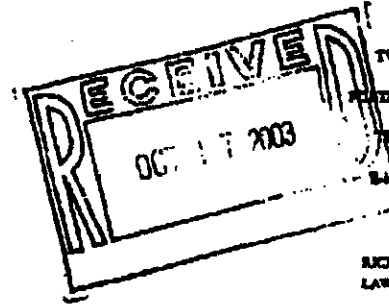
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Re: Report of Possible Abuse of a Minor

Gentlepersons:

I am writing in my capacity as counsel for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland to report a case of possible abuse of a minor. [REDACTED] reports that he was abused during unspecified dates but apparently when he was an elementary school student serving as an altar boy at Notre Dame Parish in Waterville many years ago. He reports that Father Berube would ask the altar boys to strip naked while preparing for Mass and to serve while naked under their robes. He also reports that Father Berube would grab him on the bottom and also put his hand on [REDACTED] genitals and fondle them. This would be over the clothes and then he would stick his hands down [REDACTED] pants if [REDACTED] didn't pull back.

Father Berube died in 2002.

[REDACTED] reports his address as [REDACTED] and his telephone number as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was offered counseling and told that a report would be made to public authorities, both in accordance with standing Diocesan policy.

October 16, 2003
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Please do not hesitate to call if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Frederick C. Moore

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cc: Brian MacMaster

<p>Berube, Louis</p> <p>St. Michael's Academy</p> <p>Diagnosed with Alzheimer's; in a nursing home</p>	<p>XXX (17)</p>	<p>South Berwick</p>	<p>1970</p>	<p>Father Berube alleged to have pressed his body against that of the female student and "groped" her and kissed her. Reported by Diocese to Cumberland County DA 2/28/2002. Diocese received report about the same time via a letter from the former female student.</p>
	<p>XXX</p>	<p>South Berwick</p>	<p>1970</p>	<p>Victim XXX reports that XXX had a similar experience as above.</p>
	<p>XXX, XXX, XXX, XXX</p>	<p>Princeton</p>	<p>1954- 1955</p>	<p>A letter from XXX alleged that Father Berube kept girls at his house from 8 in the evening until 3 in the morning and that he had a special girl that he would drive around with all night. This letter was written in 1955. A second letter postmarked 1954 and signed XXX, mentions Father Berube as being girl crazy and always in the company of young women and girls. At least four women are named who are 18 or older. XXX, XXX, XXX and XXX. Attempts were made by the Bishop through the local priest to identify XXX that proved futile. Father Berube was confronted and denied anything inappropriate and offered to apologize to whoever it was that felt he had so acted.</p>

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Re: Report of Possible Sexual Abuse

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in my capacity as counsel for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland. The Bishop has recently received a letter from a woman indicating that she was sexually abused 31 years ago by a now retired priest. The Chancellor is attempting to contact the woman to set up a meeting for the purpose, among other things of getting her permission to reveal her name, to obtain details, and to offer her counselling at the expense of the Diocese.

She indicates that she was a student at the Academy of St. Joseph in South Berwick. She indicates that Father Berube would press himself against her in the hall and on one occasion groped and kissed her.

Father Berube is currently confined to a nursing home with what we understand to be Alzheimer's disease.

In keeping with a prior agreement with the District Attorney for Cumberland County, this report is being forwarded to her even though the incident occurred in York County.

Stephanie Anderson, Esq.
Department of Human Services
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February 27, 2002

Please do not hesitate to call if I may be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

Frederick C. Moore

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✓Father Louis Berube (retired and unable to do any public ministry due to Alzheimer's- already on list previously submitted)

A letter from [REDACTED] of Princeton alleged that Father Berube kept girls at his house from 8 in the evening until 3 in the morning and that he had a special girl that he would drive around with all night. This letter was written in 1955. A second letter postmarked 1954 and signed [REDACTED] mentions Father Berube as being girl crazy and always in the company of young women and girls. At least four women are named who are 18 or older: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Attempts were made by the Bishop through the local priest to identify [REDACTED] that proved futile. Father Berube was confronted and denied anything inappropriate and offered to apologize to whoever it was that felt he had so acted.

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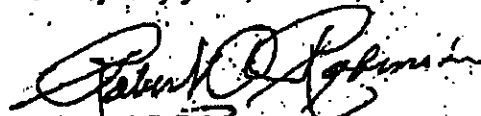
Re: Follow Up Report of Possible Abuse by Father Berube

Gentlepersons:

I am writing in my capacity as counsel for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland. This letter follows up on my report three weeks ago concerning a report of abuse by Father Berube. The reporter has now met with Sister Rita Mae Bissonette. The victim's name is [REDACTED] who reports that approximately 32 years ago she was trapped in the hallway by Father Berube who had groped her and kissed her. [REDACTED] reported that another classmate, [REDACTED] had a similar experience. They both graduated from St. Michael's Academy in South Berwick. [REDACTED] was offered counseling in keeping with the standard policy of the Diocese.

Please do not hesitate to call if I may be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,


Frederick C. Moore

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From: Lois Sawyer
 To: Stephanie Anderson
 Date: Mon, Feb 25, 2002 10:33 AM
 Subject: call re: molesting by a priest

[REDACTED] called this morning. She had been molested by a priest when she was 17 years old. It sounds like this occurred probably at least 30 years ago, or more. Anyway, she wrote a letter to the diocese and got a call from Sister Rita May (she thinks that's the name). They're pursuing her to come in and discuss the situation with her, but she would like to talk to you first, and get your input as to what she should do. She said there were others molested by this guy as well. He supposedly is in a nursing home now.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Investigation Division

Date: August 29, 2003
 To: Brian MacMaster
 From: Michael Pullre
 Subject: Investigation of alleged sexual abuse by Maine Catholic clergy

Pursuant to your most recent investigative directive please find the following results from my inquiries into the above noted.

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JOSEPHY DOOLEY

[REDACTED] Dooley was a Jesuit who was assigned to Cheverus between 1954 and 1968. In the fall of 2000 a woman from Massachusetts contacted the Province and alleged she was a sexual abuse victim of Dooley many years ago. The Province made no effort to follow up with her as Dooley died on July 31, 1983 after retiring that same year. [REDACTED] was at a loss to identify the caller.

WILLIAM B. CAHILL

Father Cahill was assigned to Cheverus between 1950 and 1960. He died in February 1986. In 2002 [REDACTED] Maine made a claim against Cahill with the Province. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] alleged that in 1955 and 1958 when he was a freshman student at Cheverus Cahill had on two occasions "pinned him against the blackboard and fondled him". [REDACTED] had never reported the conduct but claimed he suffered acute psychological overlay from the episodes his entire life. The Province has since the time of [REDACTED] claim, provided him the cost of mental health counseling.

MacMaster, Brian

From: Robbin, Leanna
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2003 1:17 PM
To: MacMaster, Brian
Subject: FW: Sexual Molestation by Catholic Priests

For the master file.

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2003 1:15 PM
To: slpman@lipmarkatz.com; Leanne.robbin@Maine.gov; Senator@Collins.Senate.gov
Subject: Sexual Molestation by Catholic Priests

I am still awaiting a response to this dastardly deed done to me by the Catholic Church and action I could take and whom to of for action. I have asked for help for years and years to no avail. Somebody somewhere should be able to help me.

I have been in contact with the people, plus others too cumbersome to use in this email and to no avail.

Sexual Molestation of Children by Priests should not be condoned as it is, there names should published just like any sexual molester moving into our neighborhoods and the victims should be compensated for these dastardly actions done to them.

I learned well what Father Antonio Girardin taught me, that mens/boys sexually molesting of kids was okay and you never talked about it with anybody. If anybody wanted to molest me, it was just their way of showing me how much they liked me. I should allow it.

Now all these adult men (Father Girardin, [REDACTED] were telling me I was SPECIAL and then sexually molesting me. They all told me how much they liked me which made it okay???? These men were working in places where they would come in contact with young girls and take advantage of them and molest them when they wanted to.

If I cannot get any action in some way, I might have to go the newspapers or TV to get my point across. Nobody I have contacted really or actually gives a damn about my being a victim of sexual abuse. I have been complaining about this for years.

This is a criminal offense and the church is accountable and responsible for the negligence and malfeasance actions of their priests. There should be no Status of Limitations as long as the victim is still alive. All victims should be priority one and compensated for the abuse, horror and suffering they have endured.

It seems that people just don't give a damn about the after affects of how sexual child molestation by a priest has on a child, beside ROBBING THEM OF THEIR CHILDHOOD innocence, which cannot ever be reclaimed has on their life.

The Diocese still has priests sexually molesting children. If anybody has molested my children, I would have gladly killed them as there seems to be no justice for the victims. This is something they cannot atone for, just by saying they are sorry and will not do it again. DOES THIS GIVE BACK THE VICTIMS THEIR CHILDHOOD INNOCENCE BACK?

To this day I think of it and shudder thinking a priest could do this to an innocent child. If the church does not compensate people for this b.s., this shows how money talks and walks away from the damage their priests commit. People I have contacted: [REDACTED] in November 1993 and was in contact with her through 1998. I contacted [REDACTED] on 22 June 1995 asking him to represent me and he would not as he believed the statute of limitations for sexual abuse prevents me from bringing my claim at this time.

3/11/03

I wrote letters to the following people about my sexual molestation, [redacted] on 9 Feb 2000, copy to [redacted]

I have written to our senators more than once, these are a sample of a few.

Senator Susan Collins:

- 15 March 1999
- 2 August 1999
- 20 April 2002

In her response of 23 April 2002, she said to contact the District Attorney and the Maine Attorney General, which I did. They are reviewing church records, which date back approximately 75 years, to conclude which allegations require further investigations. But no action for my case.

Senator Olympia Snowe: with no response at all from any:

- 18 January 1997
- 12 November 1998
- 4 July 1999
- 2 August 1999
- 28 February 2002
- 20 April 2002

This certainly affected my sex life as sex is something somebody does to you if they like you, and you submit on that basis. Sex is something that both partners should enjoy, so people tell me. I have lived with this for 60 some years, questioning myself for allowing these actions to happen to me! It was in 1942/1943 when I was 11/12 and in the 5th grade at Saint Michael's School in South Berwick, Maine when Father Antonio Girardin first sexually molested me. The church is responsible for this tragedy happening to me and God knows how many others.

I am retired from work now, and am unable to do very much because of my physical limitations. I should be able to live comfortably, but mentally I am unable to; as I am still faced with the mess Father Antonio Girardin made of my life years ago that still affects me now. The Catholic Church is responsible and accountable for the actions of their priests. Time does not make this go away, or talking with counselors. I expect this will stay with you and not be published anywhere.

Waiting for your response,

[redacted]

3/11/03

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ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS INCIDENT REPORT

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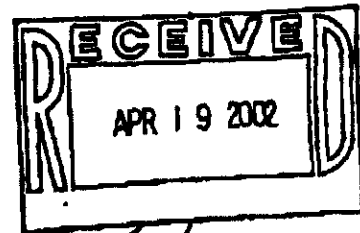
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[redacted] who is now 73 years old stated that as a 12-13 year old girl she was victimized by Father Antonio Girardin, a Catholic priest assigned to the St. Michael's School in South Berwick. Between 1943 and 1944 Girardin allegedly engaged in repeated episodes of kissing and fondling [redacted] conduct that impacted her psychologically for the remainder of her life. [redacted] said that Girardin told her "This is how people show they like you". As a consequence [redacted] said she allowed other individuals to take advantage of her sexually for many years. [redacted] reported the abuse to the Maine Diocese in the early 1990s and was provided counseling with a professional in Wells, Maine. [redacted] learned from Sister Rita Mae at the Diocese that Girardin died in 1974. [redacted] appeared distraught that this office would not prosecute Girardin or someone else in authority. At one juncture I inquired if [redacted] would like me to ask Sister Rita Mae to contact her and this possibility seemed to add a positive element to the conversation. I in turn spoke with Sister Rita Mae, told her of my conversation with Ms [redacted] and the Sister said she would be calling [redacted] to follow up.

Supervisor Review

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Dear Stephanie Anderson, DA,

This is the first time I have ever put these memories to paper, so please bear with me if I cannot remember exact dates, people's names, etc. These details still elude me. In fact I have very few if any memories of being ages 8-10. It's as if I hadn't lived them.

In 1960 (or 61) I was 8 or 9 when I joined St. Peter's Sodality as an extra curricular activity with Fr. Sabitino. He was very popular & well-liked by many for his work with children. He played the piano & we would all sing & dance around. He went on many exploring trips, hiking & to the beach to find shells, and often played "Hide & Seek". For all appearances he was the perfect mentor & friend. The problem began when you became one of his "special friends".

Soon after I joined we played Hide & Seek in the hall. It was a large room with a stage w/ narrow doors & stairs on each side. That was my first encounter with Sabitino - He would come up behind me, wrap his arms around me signaling me to hush so we wouldn't be found. He always started by saying how special I was. Then he would comment how clean my mother kept me as he fondled me (saying he was checking my

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Other occasions were in the woods on [redacted] in Portland. (I'd always thought we were far away). He would pin me to a large tree or this huge rock where he would press his erection into my stomach or back. Using the same jargon as before. He also favored [redacted] & on one occasion brought only me & 4 boys. Usually the group was all girls, but he said the girls were ill. He got the 4 other boys to drag/carry me from the shore to the bushes where he lay in the bushes. I was so scared. I fought really hard for them to put me down that I finally gave one boy a black eye from driving my foot into his face. Sabitino scolded me for it & said I wasn't playing fair. I thought it was all my fault. Soon he went right into his sex talk as he pinned me down & laid over me. To the best of my knowledge this went on over a two year period. I remember telling someone but they got very disgusted with me & said it never happened & I'd get in big trouble going around saying such things. Eventually I just withdrew from friends at school, my schoolwork & flatly refused to go back to sodality. From then on I thought it was my fault that made him do this to me. I knew there were others but we never spoke about it.

Approximately 20 years later it became

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smells. I was working at [REDACTED] and walking home when all of a sudden I started shaking & crying uncontrollably. I finally knew it was sexual abuse that had been haunting me all those years. I now believe it set me up for subsequent rapes in my teen years. I had very low self-esteem which inhibited many areas of my life. I guess that's why I've been attracted to [REDACTED] so I could help others. I've been in this line of work for most of my working life. When my daughter was 4 1/2 yrs. old when she was molested by a caretaker. I had always wanted to protect her (& my son), and I felt responsible for her victimization because I was naive, lack of boundaries & trusting people I shouldn't have. From that point on I decided I had to become stronger, more knowledgeable. I have taken many courses ~~(on contact)~~ including battered women's advocates and passed these skills to my now grown children.

Regrettably I still despise Sabitino, but am grateful he is DEAD, so no other children will be hurt. [REDACTED]

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This 'man of God' and needs to talk please feel free to give them my name, address & number. They can come through the other side & become available to help themselves & others if they so choose.

Any information you could relate to me such as: if he was ever caught, did anyone ever listen to other lil' girls, whether or not he was ever prosecuted. It would be very healing for me.

Thank [redacted] also for being so caring & understanding. She was very compassionate & helpful.

And I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

e-mail:

[redacted email address]