

FILE SUMMARY

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| <b>Name</b>                         | Joseph A. Cote  |
| <b>Date of Birth</b>                | 01/04/23  |
| <b>Date Ordained</b>                | 05/19/51  |
| <b>Service</b>                      | 12/17/56 Sacred Heart, Greenville   |
|                                     | 12/10/57 St. Martin, Somersworth  |
|                                     | 10/10/58 Our Lady of the Mountains Academy, Gorham, Chaplain  |
|                                     | 09/07/60 Guardian Angel, Berlin   |
|                                     | 04/08/65 St. Joseph, Berlin   |
|                                     | 07/01/68 St. Anne, Berlin   |
|                                     | 06/10/69 St. Joseph, Berlin   |
|                                     | 07/01/85 St. Vincent de Paul Home, Berlin, Chaplain   |
|                                     | 06/01/00 Retirement   |
| <b>Date and Nature of Complaint</b> | On March 6, 2001 the Diocese received a call from a 42-year-old complainant (who has since signed a confidentiality agreement) who indicated that when he was 12 years old as an altar boy at a Catholic church in Berlin, NH, Joseph Cote sexually abused him. The complainant began counseling and realized that many of his problems including those in his marriage were tied to the abuse. The matter was pursued by contacting the Diocese. |
| <b>Response Action Taken</b>        | Joseph Cote was long retired at the time of the accusation and conducting no public ministry. The Diocese dealt with and settled the matter with the complainant to assure additional counseling. A confidentiality agreement was signed. Joseph Cote continued to be restricted in his ministry with no public ministry and the complainant was assured of this.   |
| <b>Additional Complaints</b>        | None  |