

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. William F. Murphy ✓
FROM: Sister Rita V. McCarthy, CSJ ^{RVM}
DATE: December 12, 1997
RE: (Rev. Martin Walsh)

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[] called me to fulfill a promise she made to before he died this December. died of lung cancer at the age of 36. Prior to February, 1997. s mother had taken care of him. When she died, and her husband assumed this role. was her husband's friend who was also a friend of Father Walsh. That is probably why confided in instead of her husband, according to . He had been telling her for some time that he had something important to tell her. Finally, right before his death he told her that he had been abused by Father Martin Walsh when he was 14 years old. It was bothering him and he wanted to tell someone before he died, in case Father was hurting others. He surmised that two of his friends who had been altar boys with him at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted in Waltham might also have been molested by Father Walsh.

told of two specific incidents. When was 14 years old, the family celebrated a 50th anniversary in upper state New York. Father Walsh, along with many of their friends, was invited. There was much drinking, even among the young boys. They stayed at the rectory where they engaged in a lot of "horse play." Father Walsh called downstairs to his bedroom because he thought to be the instigator. Father made sleep in his bed with him. Later when awakened, he felt Father's hand on his penis and 's hand was on Father's penis. He was frightened, so he rolled over and pretended to be asleep. He did not sleep the rest of the night; and whenever Father came near him, he moved around feigning restlessness.

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The other instance was at Father's cabin at Chalk Pond in New Hampshire. Father had taken a group of boys there. once again, was elected to sleep with Father.

has yet to tell her husband because he thinks so much of Father Walsh. She will share it with him now though because she understands it is important not to keep secrets.

They have always wondered why never had stable relationships. His whole life was a mess; he was angry toward the Church, never explaining why. He was angry about his cancer and fought it to the end. However, he wanted to clear up "loose ends" in his life. I gather this was one of them.