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To: Brodeur, Paul
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Subject: [REDACTED] DOB 9/3/43

I also confirmed that Duval died in 1992.

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March 27, 2002

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RE: Diocese of Manchester (Father Edward Duval)

Dear Janice:

Enclosed please find an investigative memorandum to the file regarding the above-referenced matter. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "N. William Delker".

N. William Delker
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Enclosure

TO: FILE

FROM: Paul E. Brodeur, Inv.

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
Complaints re: Priest

DATE: 22 March, 02 1545 hrs.

This date spoke with: [REDACTED]

She is reporting for her son, [REDACTED]

She reports the acts took place in 1979 to 1980 in Farmington, NH at St. Peter's Church and the priest was an EDOUARD DUVAL. [REDACTED] was age 14 or 15 at the time.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was receiving instructions to convert to the catholic religion. That the acts took place in the rectory and [REDACTED] as only advised his mother that the acts were spanking and touching of the breast area.

[REDACTED] advised that she did write to the Diocese and that DUVAL was retired.

It is believed that DUVAL has passed away.

[REDACTED]

May 11, 1981

Most Reverend Giore J. Gendron
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N. H. 03895

Your Excellency,

We write this letter with great regret, however, we feel we must do so. This letter is in reference to our telephone conversation with Father Christian on May 6, 1981. He advised us at that time to put everything down on paper.

Our problems center around the treatment of our sons by Father Duval of Farmington. The first time it was noticed that there was anything wrong was when [REDACTED] went to his mother and told her a little about his sessions with Father Duval. [REDACTED] was having sessions with Father Duval to become a Catholic. During these sessions, at which time [REDACTED] was 14, Father Duval would dwell on masturbation more than seemed necessary. By that we mean that he would want to know how it felt to masturbate, what position [REDACTED] was in, how long the sensation of orgasm would last and the size of [REDACTED]'s penis. He wanted to know if [REDACTED] had anything to do with girls or if he was a queer. Most of the instructions to become a Catholic were spent on the subject of masturbation.

After [REDACTED] would confess his sin of masturbation, Father Duval would ask him what he was going to do as a penance. Previously, Father had asked [REDACTED] what punishment worked best at home whenever he was bad. [REDACTED] told Father Duval that when he was bad at home his father would give him a spanking. Father Duval indicated that this might work also for his sin of masturbation. It was worked out that each time [REDACTED] masturbated it would be a series of ten slaps which he called "chapters". From that point on many of [REDACTED]'s penances included a spanking. [REDACTED] not having been born a Catholic did not understand that getting a spanking from a priest was not an acceptable penance. When these spankings were given, [REDACTED] was told to pull down his jeans and his underpants. [REDACTED] would be told to place his hands against the desk and Father Duval would give him his spanking with his bare hand. Father Duval suggested using a ruler in place of his bare hand but [REDACTED] refused. Father

Duval made [redacted] feel that [redacted] himself had chosen this punishment but we do not feel this is true. As we mentioned before, [redacted] did not know about acceptable Catholic penances. At one time when [redacted] had confessed his sins (and had fallen again) and [redacted] had pulled down his pants in readiness for his penance, Father Duval suggested trying something. He asked [redacted] to pull up his shirt and Father Duval then reached out and ticked [redacted] breast. This action excited [redacted]. Father Duval commented on this and explained why. Then Father Duval gave him his spanking.

Also, during one session Father Duval asked [redacted] if [redacted] was looking at Father's privates. [redacted] said no. Father Duval went on to explain that he had a condition whereby he would swell up whenever he had physical exertion or was overheated. He showed [redacted] pictures in a book to verify this fact.

Many times Father Duval asked [redacted] if [redacted] thought Father Duval was a queer and if he hated him. Father Duval also told [redacted] never to tell anyone about what went on at these sessions. [redacted] did not tell anyone for a long time. As a matter of fact, he did not tell about the spankings until just about a week ago.

Just recently [redacted] son of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] was asked by Father Duval to go see him. When [redacted] went to see Father Duval, Father Duval got into the subject of sex. He asked [redacted] if he liked boys. He asked [redacted] if he liked Father Duval or hated him. Father Duval eventually got into the subject of masturbation. He wanted to know how often [redacted] masturbated, what position [redacted] used, how long the sensation lasted and the size of [redacted] penis. [redacted] told Father that he didn't think he had to tell Father that. Father Duval insisted that [redacted] tell him. [redacted] was not upset by his session with Father Duval. As a matter of fact, [redacted] always liked Father Duval. When [redacted] told his mother about what Father Duval had talked about, [redacted] told [redacted] that these questions did not seem proper. She suggested that [redacted] not return for any further discussions with Father Duval. However, after Catechism class last week, Father asked [redacted] to return the next week for another discussion. [redacted] parents refuse to let [redacted] have any more discussions of this nature with Father Duval.

The reason this letter was written as a joint letter between the [redacted] and the [redacted] is because some

time ago when [redacted] learned of the questions Father Duval was asking [redacted] she went to [redacted] and asked her what she thought of them. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] and [redacted] write to you and ask if this was proper. [redacted] did not write at that time because she was afraid to do so.

When [redacted] learned from [redacted] about the questions Father had asked him, she got in touch with [redacted] and told her that [redacted] was being asked questions similar to those asked [redacted]. It was then that [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] had told her just a few days ago about the sparkings. The families got together and thought that you should know about the situation.

We realize that there have been many complaints against Father Duval by the members of St. Peter's parish. A great many of our parishioners attend church elsewhere or not at all because of the actions of Father Duval. This letter has nothing to do with how Father Duval runs St. Peter's. We feel that there is something wrong when he asks our sons this type of question and uses the form of penance as was used on [redacted]. We, naturally, fear repercussions upon our families but would hate to think that this might be happening to some other boy who would not go to his parents and tell them about it.

[redacted] and [redacted] are friendly but only as casual friends who ride together to CCD classes. They did not get together and make up a story to get Father Duval in trouble. At first [redacted] did not tell [redacted] about any of this because he knew that [redacted] liked Father Duval a lot and probably would not believe him but when he learned that Father Duval wanted to see [redacted] privately he advised [redacted] not to go and told him why. [redacted] did not know that [redacted] parents had already told him not to go back to Father Duval for any more sessions.

We hold no malice toward Father Duval but feel that he has problems and should not be in a position where he can cause problems for youngsters just entering puberty. We know these accusations are very serious and know that you will handle them justly for all persons involved. We would like it to be handled quietly in respect for the Church.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

[redacted]

[redacted]

May 11, 1981

Dear Bishop Gendron and Father Duval,

This is to give you permission to discuss specifically those matters raised by our parents in their letter even if they occurred during confession.

[REDACTED]

May 15, 1981

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H. 03105

Dear Bishop Gendron:

For some time now, given my age and the condition of my health, I have been considering resigning the parish of St. Peter Parish, Farmington.

After much thought on this matter, I believe it would be in my best interests to do this. I would therefore request permission to resign the parish concurrent with the clergy transfers scheduled for June. It would be my intention to go on sick leave at least temporarily and will be in touch with Msgr. Olkovikas regarding this possibility as far as remuneration is concerned.

Depending on my condition after a period of rest, I will consider being of priestly service again to the Diocese and will be in touch with you about the various possibilities at that time.

Sincerely yours,


Edouard J. Duval

