

BB: Okay. And if there were, as far as you know was there any child pornography?

GM: I asked him if there was and this was something that Steve Scruton asked me, he said he wanted to get rid of it.

BB: Right. But, but there was no, did he tell you that there was no child pornography?

GM: He did not tell me that there wasn't. He didn't tell me that there was.

BB: Okay, but you don't know whether there was or wasn't?

GM: Don't know.

BB: Okay.

GM: I presume now that there was.

BB: Right.

GM: I asked him the question

BB: But

GM: He wouldn't answer the question.

BB: But at the time you, but you didn't tell the Diocese about that?

GM: No.

BB: So

GM: I asked him to and I asked him to tell Dr. Ouellette and I asked him to get, get an appointment that we could both go to Dr. Ouellette.

BB: Okay. But

GM: Make sure that this was out in the open.

BB: But with all of these things you eventually you ended up taking a leave of absence.

GM: After Steve was moved from the parish. He wasn't moved, he was put into a residential treatment center I was told by a parishioner that I was also moving and I took issue with this. Apparently some parishioner had heard this at a party.

BB: Right, so you, but you took a leave of absence?

GM: I took a leave of absence because I was ah, I did not want to be forcibly moved from the parish at that time.

BB: Okay.

GM: Because it would appear that I had something to do with

BB: Right.

GM: Steve's public issues.

BB: Right, but, but you resigned?

GM: I resigned.

BB: Or you took a leave of absence.

GM: I took a leave of absence.

BB: Now.

BL: Did you have direct communication with the Diocese regarding the circumstances in taking a leave of absence?

GM: No. I had a meeting with the Bishop about it and um I told him I wanted to take a sick leave.

BL: Okay.

GM: And he said no that I had to ah either accept his new assignment.

BB: Or take a leave of absence.

GM: Or take a leave of absence.

BL: Was this a phone conversation or was it face to face?

GM: It was face to face.

BL: Face to face.

BB: And, okay.

BL: And with Bishop Christian.

BB: Bishop Gendron.

BL: Gendron, I'm sorry. Did Bishop Gendron at all review with you any of these other issues or talk to you about any of these other issues that are in the past?

GM: He asked me if Steve Scruton ever um attempted to sexually assault me or made advances to me.

BL: Okay.

GM: Other than that.

BL: How about any issues involving the [REDACTED] boy? Or any issues involving [REDACTED]

GM: Nothing.

BL: Anything like that?

GM: Nothing had come up in a couple of years regarding that.

BL: Did he mention at all ah your ongoing therapy with Dr. Ouellette?

GM: He told me that during my leave I, I should continue to see Dr. Ouellette.

BL: Okay. Did he render an opinion why he felt you should be seeing Dr. Ouellette?

GM: No.

BL: Okay.

BB: So you took a leave of absence?

GM: Yes.

BB: And in, while you were on a leave of absence you applied for a job at the Monadnock Substance Abuse?

GM: I was offered the job.

BB: You were offered the job.

GM: I never applied for it.

BB: Okay. When you were offered that job or you when they offered you that job did you let the Diocese know that you were taking that job?

GM: No.

BB: Okay. So how long did you work at that job before they knew that you were working there?

GM: I don't know that they ever knew that I was working there. I had no direct contact with them during my leave.

BB: Okay, so.

GM: I didn't call them. They didn't call me.

BB: So while you were working at Monadnock you also temporarily did some things for Spofford Hall?

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay. Now while you were at Spofford Hall you had contact with the Diocese?

GM: No. I'm sorry I take that back. Spofford Hall had asked me to do um, celebrate mass there once a week and also to hear what they called footsteps. Are you familiar with that?

BB: No.

GM: Okay, in the AA process.

BB: Oh, okay, the AA, okay.

GM: Patients.

BB: Yes.

GM: Spofford Hall.

BB: Yep.

GM: Beech Hill um Hospital had to complete before they could leave treatment of the footstep, which meant they had to tell, they had to make an inventory of all their issues, sins, etc.

BB: Right.

GM: And

BB: Right.

GM: And they had to tell somebody else and a lot of the patients preferred to do this with a priest because of their seal of confession, confidentiality issue.

BB: Right. So how long before you started, how long before you started the Monadnock did you start doing this at Spofford Hall?

GM: I don't remember. It was probably several months.

BB: Okay.

GM: And I had been doing this inspired in saying celebrity mass at Spofford Hall weekly while I was in the parish. It stopped when I took a leave and they had no replacement.

BB: Okay.

GM: Because Spofford asked me if I would continue. I believe that the, that Spofford Hall wrote a letter to the Bishop asking if I could continue to do this. There was some communication I think I initiated it because it involved requested facilities because a priest don't _____ facilities to function as a priest.

BB: Okay. So

GM: I had to request the facilities to celebrate mass at Spofford Hall and um Bishop Gendron wrote me a letter I believe at that time granting this because Spofford at made the request directly to him and he said that my facilities were limited to Spofford Hall. I could celebrate mass there once weekly and that was all.

BB: So there was no communication with you and anyone from the Diocese regarding you doing this at Spofford Hall?

- GM: Other than that letter granting me.
- BB: Right.
- GM: Facilities to say mass.
- BB: You never spoke with anyone?
- GM: No.
- BB: You never um, Monsignor Christian never called you or?
- GM: Not until 1980, the end of 1988 because there was an allegation that came out of Spofford Hall involving a 17 year old.
- BB: How many adolescents were at Spofford Hall approximately?
- GM: I don't know because I didn't have really any ties to their adolescent program. Celebrated mass there. Ah, they had an adult program and an adolescent program. I don't know whether they were separate. I don't know anything about the mechanics of this other than both, both programs were permitting patients to go to mass.
- BL: Okay.
- GM: I believe I had a mass there on Wednesday afternoons and then as a standing thing I would after the mass I would hear footsteps of any patients that had requested that during the week.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: And so there was no communication with the Diocese until initially during one of those incidents in 1987.
- BB: So when you, when the request was made by Spofford Hall for you to be able to serve mass there, no one contacted you. Christian didn't contact you. Quinn didn't contact you. The Bishop didn't. No one contacted you?
- GM: No.
- BL: As part of a, a if a priest is on a leave of absence or another assignment like when you were at Monadnock, did they would, is there usually a requirement that you touch base.
- GM: No.

BL: With your Diocese you know weekly, bi-weekly, monthly?

GM: My understanding was that was up to me and I was, there were some anger issues going on at that time on my part and I did not want to be in contact with them. I severed _____ with them.

BL: I understand that. Maybe you didn't want to have contact them, but they never expressed, expressed any desire to have contact with you?

GM: No they did not.

BL: Okay.

GM: I think there was some discomfort that I was on.

BB: I'm going to be turning the tape off. It is 12:00 p.m.

BL: We're back on tape. The time is 11:56.

BB: By my watch it's 12:02.

BL: Okay. Um, Gordon, I've got a question regarding your assignment at Monadnock.

GM: Well it wasn't an assignment. It was a job.

BL: A job, yeah.

BB: Right.

BL: While you were on leave of absence.

GM: Yes.

BL: You indicated that the Diocese had, had no knowledge of you working there.

GM: They may have been aware that I was working there. I don't know. I may have written a letter indicating that I was working there. I don't know.

BL: What I'm trying to do, I know, we're asking you to really dig back into memory here.

GM: I think they were uncomfortable with the fact that I was, that I had remained in Keene um, to live and that was unusual.