

Murphy, 2-227. In fact, Cardinal Law wrote: "It is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome upon your return. . . ." See Murphy, 2-227.

In 1992, another allegation of sexual impropriety was made against Father Murphy, this time by a minor, ■■■, regarding abuse in the 1978-80 time frame. See Murphy, 2-229; 2-246-248. Despite that report, there is no indication that any action was taken against Father Murphy and he remained in active ministry until 1996 when, at last, the RCAB addressed the allegations and placed him on Administrative Leave. See Murphy, 2-238-242; 2-385. Despite the fact that Father Murphy failed a polygraph examination relating to his conduct with ■■■, see Murphy, 2-315, and was issued a canonical warning regarding contact with minors, see Murphy, 2-330, Father Murphy was assigned in 1998 to ministry by Cardinal law as Chaplain to Good Samaritan Hospital and Brockton Hospital. See Murphy 2-346. Father Murphy held those ministry positions until 2002, when he was placed on unassigned status, see Murphy 2-358, in connection with yet another report of sexual abuse of a minor. See Murphy, 2-355-360.

16. RONALD H. PAQUIN

Father Ronald H. Paquin was ordained on April 11, 1973 and from the time Father Paquin was assigned to Saint Monica's Parish in Methuen, in May of the same year, he began sexually molesting children there. In this regard, the RCAB's own Review Board records reveal complaints from more than seventeen

(17) victims of Paquin, see RP-0001, which range from the 1970's into the early 1990's and there are also another twenty three (23) pending claims of individuals who were molested by Paquin - - more than forty (40) known victims of sexual abuse by him. See 00013-00014. The Pastor at Saint Monica's when Paquin was assigned there was Rev. Allan Roche, who revealed to his supervisors at the Chancery that Paquin had an "unusual" interest in boys and would bring them to his room at the rectory at Saint Monica's. See Roche 1-091.

Father Paquin is one of the few priests to have pled guilty to his crimes and he is now serving his sentence at MCI Cedar Junction in Walpole. See Affidavit of John Doe 4 ("Doe 4 Aff.")(██████████). Father Paquin forced his child victims to engage in oral copulation and touching of genitals, as well as causing them to engage in sex with each other to satisfy his appetite for voyeuristic pleasures. See Affidavit of Michael Simonds ("Simonds Aff."). Father Paquin preyed upon the most vulnerable children, often from broken homes and he cultivated them as his sexual playmates. See RP-0586-0594 and RP-0984-0987; Doe 4 Aff..

In one instance, in 1977, the father of a molestation victim confided in Pastor Roche about what Father Paquin had done to his son on a trip to Cape Cod. See Affidavit of Anthony Facella ("Facella Aff."). At the time, his wife was sick with cancer. See Facella Aff.. The father went to Pastor Roche to demand that

Roche contact the police about Paquin. See Facella Aff.. Instead, Roche convinced him not to do so, saying that it would be too much stress on his wife. See Facella Aff. From 1977 to 1993, Father Paquin continued to molest scores of children, who he met at his parish. See 000012;13;14. The molestation, however took place in various locations including Methuen, Haverhill, Canton, Cape Cod, Vermont, New Hampshire, Canada, and elsewhere. See Doe 4 Aff.; Simonds Aff.

In the fall of 1989, shortly after Rev. Frederick Sweeney was assigned as Pastor to Saint John's Parish in Haverhill, he immediately suspected that Father Paquin was molesting children there. Father Sweeney contacted Bishop Alfred E. Hughes, Vicar for Administration of the Archdiocese at the Chancery in Brighton to discuss his concerns. See RP-0022; Deposition of Frederick Sweeney ("Sweeney Depo.") dated December 4, 2002, pp. 60-61. At this time, Father Paquin was involved sexually with more than one boy including John Doe 4, then age 13, who was ultimately the complaining witness in the criminal case brought against Father Paquin. See Doe 4 Aff..

As a result, a meeting was held between Bishop McCormack and two victims of Father Paquin. See RP-0024-25. At the meeting, McCormack learned that Father Paquin was urging boys to sleep with him in the Rectory and that he focused primarily on vulnerable boys whose parents were separated, divorced or in prison. See RP-0024-25. McCormack also learned that Father Paquin had

grabbed one boy's private parts and had attempted to sexually touch him. See RP-0024-25.

Based upon Bishop McCormack's recommendation, Cardinal Law placed Father Paquin on sick leave and ended his assignment at Saint John's in September 1990. See 000667. The letter from Cardinal Law says: **"I realize that at this point it is impossible for you to attend to the health concerns which you have and at the same time be available to care for others and their needs..."** See 000667. Father Paquin was sent to St. Luke's Hospital in Maryland for evaluation. See 000667.

In March of 1991, Bishop McCormack reviewed Father Paquin's treatment at St. Luke's for the purpose of planning for his return to the Archdiocese. See RP-0033. He stated that Father Paquin "finds young people sexually attractive...we agree that he is not free to work with young people..." See RP-0033. In a separate 1991 memorandum, Bishop McCormack wrote "He has to learn to accept that one of his difficulties is that he tends to get too intimate with youngsters and this is his disability." See RP-0249-50.

Directly upon his return from St. Luke's, Father Paquin had re-contacted a boy he had been sexually involved with and re-engaged his molestations. See RP-0035-36. This was brought to the attention of Bishop McCormack by Pastor Sweeney. See RP-0035-36. They visited Canada together in 1991 and molested

the boy there. See Doe 4 Aff.. Father Paquin also took the boy to Nantucket; they stayed at The White Elephant hotel where Father Paquin orally raped him. See Doe 4 Aff.. In addition, Father Paquin took the boy to New Hampshire and New York where he also molested the boy. See Doe 4 Aff..

On September 30, 1991, Father Paquin was living at St. Joseph's Parish in Lincoln. See 000392-393. Despite the information previously provided by Pastor Sweeney and Father Paquin victims to Bishops Hughes and Bishop McCormack in 1990, Father Paquin was allowed to have continual contact with minors. In September 1991, Father Sweeney again reported to Bishop McCormack that Father Paquin was back "visiting a young man named He is age fifteen or sixteen. He was 'romancing him'...he has been sighted visiting the boy's home on . . . four times." See 000392. Father Paquin molested the boy in his room at the Lincoln Parish. See Doe 4 Aff.. Despite the significant volumes of data flowing into the Chancery about Father Paquin's continued deviant behavior with children, he was not supervised, isolated, laicized or removed from the area by the RCAB or its supervisors in 1990-1993 when the incidents occurred

In 1992 and 1993, Father Paquin continued to sexually molest a boy whom he had met at St. John's in Haverhill. See Doe 4 Aff.. He did so in Haverhill and also when he was living at Our Lady's Hall in Milton in 1992-1993, a facility operated by the Archdiocese for those suffering alcoholism or accused

of sex crimes. See Doe 4 Aff.. On some occasions, he would invite the boy in and have him stay overnight at Our Lady's Hall. See 000779.

Cardinal Law ended Father Paquin's Health Leave in July 1998 and assigned him as a part-time Chaplain to Youville Healthcare in Cambridge. See 000685. Cardinal Law wrote: **"I am confident of your ability to minister competently and compassionately to the community at Youville...I trust that your own continued vigilance and the support of competent professionals will allow you to begin a new phase of ministry in the Archdiocese."** See 000685 (emphasis added). Laicization was finally requested by the Archbishop in December 2000, thirty years after Paquin began molesting scores of children at various parishes. See 00006.

17. JOHN PICARDI

Father John Picardi was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston on June 11, 1983. See Picardi, John M. 1.0003. He was assigned to St. Ann's Parish in Gloucester and was there during the same time when Father Birmingham (who had been molesting children in the RCAB for two decades) was elevated to pastor by Cardinal Law in 1986. See Picardi, John M. 1.0003; Birmingham 2.33. In May of 1988, Cardinal Law reassigned Father Picardi to St. Michael's Parish in Bedford, Massachusetts. See Picardi, John M. 1.0022.