

1 STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

2 COUNTY OF RED LAKE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

3 Case Type: Personal Injury

4 Doe 457,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

Court File No.: 63-CV-17-267

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Judge Kurt J. Marben

8 Diocese of Crookston and
9 St. Mary's Mission Church
a/k/a St. Mary's Mission
Church, Red Lake,

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Defendants.

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VIDEO DEPOSITION

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The following is the video deposition of

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MONSIGNOR ROGER GRUNDHAUS, taken before Jean F.

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Soule, Notary Public, Registered Professional

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Reporter, pursuant to Notice of Taking Deposition,

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at the Crookston Inn and Convention Center,

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2200 University Avenue, Crookston, Minnesota,

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commencing at 1:04 p.m., Monday, October 8, 2018.

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1 PROCEEDINGS
2 Whereupon, the video deposition of
3 MONSIGNOR ROGER GRUNDHAUS was commenced at
4 1:04 p.m. as follows:
5 * * *
6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good afternoon.
7 This is the videographer speaking. My name is
8 Linda Costello, here on behalf of Depo International.
9 Today is Monday, October 8th of 2018, and the time
10 is 1:05 p.m. We are at 2200 University Avenue in
11 Crookston, Minnesota, to take the video deposition
12 of Monsignor Roger Grundhaus in the matter of
13 Doe 457 versus Diocese of Crookston and St. Mary's
14 Missions Church, also known as St. Mary's Mission
15 Church, Red Lake.
16 Will counsel please introduce
17 themselves for the video record?
18 MS. LINDSTROM: For the Plaintiff,
19 Elin Lindstrom and Trusha Goffe, from Jeff
20 Anderson & Associates.
21 MR. BRAUN: Thomas Braun on behalf of
22 the Diocese of Crookston, Restovich Braun &
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24 MR. ENGH: Paul Engh on behalf of
25 Monsignor Grundhaus.

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1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you. Will
2 the court reporter please administer the oath?
3 * * *
4 (Reporter's Note: The oath was
5 administered by the court reporter.)
6 MONSIGNOR GRUNDHAUS: I do.
7 * * *
8 MONSIGNOR ROGER GRUNDHAUS,
9 after having been first duly sworn,
10 deposes and says under oath as follows:
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12 EXAMINATION
13 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
14 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, can you state
15 your name for the record and spell your last name,
16 please?
17 A. Do you want the title, too, or just
18 the name?
19 Q. The title is perfect, too.
20 A. Okay. Monsignor Roger Grundhaus,
21 G-R-U-N-D-H-A-U-S.
22 Q. And can you hear me okay right now?
23 A. Right now I can.
24 Q. Okay. I just want to go over some
25 ground rules. I know you've been deposed before,

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1 but the first rule is if you can't hear me or you
2 can't understand what I've asked you, just ask me
3 to speak louder or rephrase the question.
4 A. Okay.
5 Q. Second, if you need a break at any
6 time, please just let me know or let Paul know and
7 we'll take a break.
8 A. Uh-huh.
9 Q. One thing we do is say uh-huh or
10 unh-uh, but we have to remember to answer audibly.
11 A. Okay.
12 Q. Yes or no --
13 A. Yes, no.
14 Q. -- or whatever your answer may be so
15 the court reporter can get it down right.
16 A. Uh-huh.
17 Q. The other thing is we might develop a
18 conversational tone and you might anticipate what
19 I'm going to ask. I just ask that you wait until I
20 finish the question before you begin to answer.
21 A. Okay.
22 Q. And, Monsignor Grundhaus, you
23 understand that you're under oath today, correct?
24 A. Yes, correct.
25 Q. Have you taken any medications or

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1 substances which would prevent you from testifying
2 accurately?
3 A. No. My only medication this morning
4 was Metformin for diabetes, type 2 diabetes.
5 Q. Is that the only medication you're
6 currently taking?
7 A. No. I take some medication for -- for
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9 Q. Okay.
10 A. They are not addictive.
11 Q. What is your pin on your lapel?
12 A. The Lions Club.
13 Q. Sorry, I couldn't see it from here.
14 A. Yeah.
15 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, did you talk to
16 anybody in anticipation of your deposition today
17 aside from your lawyers?
18 A. No.
19 Q. Did you review any materials in
20 preparation for being deposed today?
21 A. I've thought this was going to concern
22 Pat Sullivan, so I did a few days ago ask the
23 chancery to give me his ministry history.
24 Q. And did you receive the ministry
25 history --

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1 **A. Yes, I --**
2 **Q. -- from the Diocese?**
3 **A. Yes, I did.**
4 **Q. What form was it in?**
5 **A. Just a copy letter -- I mean, not even**
6 **a letter, it was just a copy of a page from his**
7 **file. It indicates where he has served in the**
8 **Diocese and when.**
9 **Q. Have you reviewed Father Sullivan's**
10 **entire personnel file at any time?**
11 **A. Not at all.**
12 **Q. And, Monsignor, when were you ordained?**
13 **A. June 4th, 1966.**
14 **Q. What was your first assignment?**
15 **A. Oh, my first assignment was the -- for**
16 **that summer, I was assigned to St. Mary's parish in**
17 **Euclid as an associate to Monsignor Joseph Sheehan,**
18 **and, also, I was to accompany him to the chancery**
19 **each day to get a feel of chancery work because**
20 **Bishop assigned me in September to go to the**
21 **Catholic University in Washington, D.C. to get a**
22 **degree in canon law.**
23 **Q. Had you expressed an interest in**
24 **receiving that degree or why did you get chosen to**
25 **go to the Catholic University?**

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1 **A. It was the Bishop's will. I had no**
2 **idea that he was going to do that.**
3 **Q. And let me back up. Where -- which**
4 **Diocese were you ordained in?**
5 **A. Crookston.**
6 **Q. And did you -- who ordained you?**
7 **A. Bishop Laur -- Bishop Laurence Glenn,**
8 **L-A-U-R-E-N-C-E.**
9 **Q. So where did you go after you were in**
10 **Euclid?**
11 **A. Then I went to school in**
12 **Washington, D.C., and then I spent a summer, the**
13 **summer between my two years there, at the chancery**
14 **in St. Paul.**
15 **Q. And what did you do there at the**
16 **chancery in St. Paul?**
17 **A. I was just getting acquainted with**
18 **Minnesota canonical procedures for the church,**
19 **marriage procedures and things like that.**
20 **Q. Did you work with anyone in particular**
21 **in the chancery?**
22 **A. Yes. Bishop John Kinney, who was then**
23 **Father John Kinney, was my mentor.**
24 **Q. And, then, did you eventually get your**
25 **degree from the University?**

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1 **A. Yes. I got a Li -- Licentiate in**
2 **Canon Law, JCL, in May of 1968.**
3 **Q. So you are an official canon lawyer?**
4 **A. Yes.**
5 **Q. Correct?**
6 **A. Well, yeah. That's the old code.**
7 **There's a new code, so I'm a little -- I wouldn't**
8 **be -- consider myself an expert anymore.**
9 **Q. And so, then, what was your next**
10 **assignment after receiving your degree?**
11 **A. I was named Chancellor of the Diocese**
12 **late in June, I think June 27th or 28th, 1968.**
13 **Q. And that's the Diocese of Crookston?**
14 **A. Yes, uh-huh.**
15 **Q. What were your duties as the**
16 **chancellor?**
17 **A. Well, whatever the Bishop wanted me to**
18 **do, basically. I -- I processed marriage papers, I**
19 **handled inquiries that came into the chancery, I**
20 **oversaw the archives. That's about it, I think**
21 **I --**
22 **Q. Did you have any pastoral assignment**
23 **at the same time?**
24 **A. Then in January, the following**
25 **January, January 9th, I -- 1969, I was named pastor**

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1 **at Saint -- I mean, at Holy Trinity Church in -- in**
2 **Tabor, Minnesota. It's Holy Trinity Catholic**
3 **Church because there's Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**
4 **there, too.**
5 **Q. How long were you in Tabor?**
6 **A. Six-and-a-half years.**
7 **Q. And did you continue serving as the**
8 **chancellor when you were in Tabor?**
9 **A. All the while, uh-huh.**
10 **Q. Did that require you to make frequent**
11 **trips back to Crookston?**
12 **A. Yeah. I was -- well, I -- I lived at**
13 **the chancery, my quarters were there. I stayed at**
14 **the parish because there was a rectory there.**
15 **Occasionally I'd stay overnight, but, basically, my**
16 **living was at -- in Crookston.**
17 **Q. How far away is Tabor from Crookston?**
18 **A. Twenty-eight miles.**
19 **Q. And what was your next assignment**
20 **after Tabor?**
21 **A. Well, in August of 1975, Bishop Povish**
22 **at the time asked me to leave the parish and to**
23 **work full-time in the chancery to get a tribunal**
24 **started, because we didn't have an acting tribunal**
25 **at the time, and, also, to collate all the diocesan**

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1 policy that was out in letters and various places,
2 it wasn't in a single volume. But one month after
3 I started that, he was transferred -- got
4 notification that he transferring to the Diocese of
5 Lansing, and so we were without a bishop until --
6 well, in July Bishop Balke was named, around the
7 July -- July 4th or 5th, early, but he wasn't
8 installed until the 2nd of September 1976, I guess.
9 And so during that time I had, you know, more
10 things to take care of, just oversee the diocesan
11 staff and so on. So I didn't -- I did establish
12 the tribunal, but I never did get to the collating
13 of the diocesan policies from different letters,
14 put them together in one volume.
15 Q. Were there particular policies that
16 you were --
17 A. Well, there was pol -- there was
18 policies about sacramental practice, about
19 educational -- religious education issues, policies
20 about -- oh, there are lots, whatever, I mean,
21 qualifications for ordination and processing of
22 seminary papers, and I don't know, I don't know, it
23 was -- I can't list them all, but I can give you
24 the policy -- if you want to see the policy book,
25 it's on the -- on our web page. The subsequent

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1 chancellor worked that out.
2 Q. So after Bishop Balke comes in in
3 1976, then what were your duties after that or
4 where were you assigned?
5 A. Well, then I was still chancellor of
6 the Diocese, and I had to break in Bishop Balke,
7 but then I was assigned in -- I guess before he
8 came the priest in -- that had been serving
9 Fertile, who was from the Seattle Diocese,
10 transferred back to Seattle. So the administrator
11 of the Diocese at the time was Father John Stearns,
12 assigned me to -- as administrator because he
13 couldn't name pastors, but administrator of
14 Fertile -- St. Joseph's Church in Fertile,
15 Minnesota. So -- so that was -- that would -- that
16 would have happened about in June of 1976.
17 Q. What's the difference between calling
18 you an administrator versus a pastor of a parish?
19 A. Well, a pas -- an administrator does
20 everything a pastor does, but he doesn't have
21 tenure. So the bishop doesn't have to go through a
22 process to get you removed if he wants to.
23 Q. How long were you at St. Joseph's?
24 A. I was there till -- till July 1st,
25 1979.

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1 Q. And then where did you go?
2 A. Then I went to Bemidji, and I was no
3 longer chancellor.
4 Q. Was that St. Philips?
5 A. St. Philips in Bemidji, yeah.
6 Q. How long were you there?
7 A. Eight years, 1979 to '87.
8 Q. And that was after Father Porter had
9 been in St. Philips?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Where did you go in 1987?
12 A. Then I was assigned to St. Stephens
13 Church in Stephen, Minnesota.
14 Q. And how long were you there?
15 A. Four years. All of these changes
16 always take place June 30th, July 1st kind of
17 because that's our -- end of our fiscal year,
18 beginning of the new.
19 Q. And where did you go after
20 St. Stephens?
21 A. Then Bishop asked me to become pastor
22 of the cathedral here in Crookston, 1991.
23 Q. And how long were you pastor of the
24 cathedral?
25 A. Till 1999. During that time I was

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1 vicar general of the Diocese, and that -- that
2 was it, but I wasn't -- I wasn't moderator of the
3 curia, but then in 1999 he asked me to leave the
4 cathedral and to become -- back to the chancery as
5 vicar general and moderator of the curia. That's
6 the person who oversees the staff, and then he
7 assigned me to two parishes, Fertile and Mentor,
8 St. Joseph in Fertile, St. Lawrence in Mentor.
9 Q. Is the moderator of the curia the --
10 usually a combined role with the vicar general
11 position?
12 A. Ideally it is, but sometimes the
13 chancellor is the moderator of the curia. It all
14 depends on how the bishop lines up your job
15 description.
16 Q. Were you the chancellor until '99,
17 when you became the vicar general?
18 A. No, no, no. I was -- I was vicar
19 general from 1991 until two thousand --
20 January 1st, 2008 -- or December 31st, 2007, I
21 guess, and then -- but I was moderator of the curia
22 only from 1999 until 2007.
23 Q. Who served in that role before you
24 took it over, moderator of the curia?
25 A. Father -- let's see now, before me. I

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1 **replaced -- I think I replaced Father Mike Foltz.**
2 **He was moderator of the curia and chancellor, he**
3 **combined those two jobs.**
4 Q. And then did you retire after you were
5 in Fertile and Mentor or were you assigned to
6 another parish?
7 A. No. I was just relieved of those two
8 parishes and I was -- I still had the convent --
9 excuse me. In the meantime, I've been off and on
10 in the convent as chaplain. Then I became full-time
11 chaplain at the convent or -- and I continued as --
12 that's -- that's what I had, and I -- oh, no,
13 excuse me. I -- I became -- I -- my vicar general
14 and moderator of the curia ended on December 31st,
15 2007. I was still pastor of the two parishes until
16 Jan -- mid -- until July 2010, and that's when I
17 retired.
18 Q. And you're still retired now, right?
19 A. Kind of. I mean, I --
20 Q. You do help out-work --
21 A. Well, I'm --
22 Q. -- occasionally, you help --
23 A. I'm chaplain to the Sisters and I do
24 help-out work, but I've been on the shelf, as you
25 know, for the last year and a half. We -- that's

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1 just our way of saying that we're on administrative
2 leave. Okay.
3 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, did you take a vow
4 of obedience to the Bishop when you were ordained?
5 A. I did.
6 Q. And what did that vow -- what was your
7 interpretation of that vow?
8 A. Well, it meant that -- that I should
9 be open to taking whatever assignments he gives me
10 and living wherever he assigns me to live.
11 Q. Under the authority of the bishop
12 while you were a priest in the Diocese of
13 Crookston --
14 A. Yep.
15 Q. -- did you also take a vow of celibacy
16 at that time?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. And did the bishop -- Since you've
19 been a priest in the Diocese of Crookston, have the
20 bishops that you've worked under had the ability to
21 restrict your faculties at any time?
22 A. They always had the ability to restrict
23 them, but they normally don't do that unless there's
24 a reason to do it.
25 Q. Can you give me an example of some of

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1 the reasons they might restrict faculties?
2 A. Well -- well, there would be health
3 reasons. Like if you had a stroke or something
4 like that, they might say that you're not capable
5 of -- of celebrating liturgy anymore, so that they
6 would take that away, or some mental -- mental
7 health reason that you would need maybe therapy for
8 and not be capable, or if the strain of pastoral
9 work would necessarily restrict the way you did
10 things or something, they would take that into
11 consideration.
12 There would be also the moral issues,
13 like at present, if you molested a child or
14 something like that that they would restrict your
15 faculties. Also, if you, say, for instance,
16 married a couple without jurisdiction, they -- the
17 bishop might penalize you by refusing to have
18 you -- let you have -- preside at marriages in the
19 future, that type of thing. Any infractions of the
20 law the bishop could bring to bear on your ability
21 to minister publicly in the Diocese.
22 Q. Did the bishop have the ability to
23 give you assignments in the Diocese or tell you
24 where you're going to be working?
25 A. Yeah. Bishop Balke always gave us

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1 a -- I mean, we -- he sent out every spring what we
2 called the dream sheet, we could list where we
3 would like to serve. He said you have to remember
4 that I was a responsibility seeing that there's
5 somebody in every slot, so you're not always going
6 to get your way, but -- but, anyway. So they try
7 to be reasonably human about these things.
8 Q. What's the most popular parish on the
9 dream sheet, is that here in Crookston?
10 A. No, no, no.
11 Q. Maybe you can't say?
12 A. No. I -- I mean, for different people
13 it's different things.
14 Q. Yeah.
15 A. If you like to fish or hunt at some
16 place and if you -- if you like things that are
17 going on at the University of North Dakota or
18 someplace, you might want to be in East Grand, or
19 whatever, you know. People have different feelings
20 what they want to do.
21 Q. And the bishop could mandate any
22 training for priests in the Diocese?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. Is that correct?
25 A. Yes. He -- in fact, we have some

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1 **clergy continuing education days that are**
2 **mandatory, not when you retire, but when you're**
3 **active.**
4 Q. Is it fair to say in your duty as a
5 priest that you're on duty as a priest 24 hours a
6 day, your job doesn't stop?
7 **A. Yeah, I guess.**
8 Q. Did you have any involvement in
9 maintaining personnel files in the Diocese when you
10 were a chancellor or a vicar general?
11 **A. I did, uh-huh.**
12 Q. And tell me about -- tell me what the
13 personnel files are, does each priest working in
14 the Diocese have a file?
15 **A. Yep.**
16 Q. And where are those kept?
17 **A. In the -- in the archives, archive**
18 **room at the chancery.**
19 Q. Who has access to the archives room?
20 **A. The bishop and the chancellor. In the**
21 **absence of the bishop, the vicar general does.**
22 Q. Is there -- are there -- where are the
23 files kept on those priests who have been accused
24 of inappropriate behavior with a minor, a minor
25 being under the age of 18?

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1 **A. I think they're just kept in their**
2 **regular file.**
3 Q. Did you ever see --
4 **A. If they're --**
5 Q. Go ahead, I'm sorry.
6 **A. If they're active. If they're**
7 **deceased, then I think we have a separate -- if I**
8 **remember rightly, there's a separate file for**
9 **deceased priests.**
10 Q. And where are those kept?
11 **A. Same place, I think in the lower**
12 **drawer.**
13 Q. Is the drawer where the -- is it a
14 cabinet or a set of drawers that these files are
15 kept?
16 **A. Just a file cabinet, four deep, four**
17 **drawers deep.**
18 Q. Is there any lock on the cabinet?
19 **A. Uh-huh.**
20 Q. And the bishop and chanc --
21 **A. Excuse me. Yes, there is a lock on**
22 **the cabinet.**
23 Q. Okay, sorry.
24 **A. Okay.**
25 Q. I didn't catch that, either.

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1 **A. Yeah.**
2 Q. The bishop and chancellor are the ones
3 who have the ability to get into those files?
4 **A. Yeah, right.**
5 Q. And, Monsignor Grundhaus, how many
6 parishes in the Diocese of Crookston currently?
7 **A. I think there are 69. I -- I haven't**
8 **counted up lately, and once in a while we close**
9 **one, but I think it's 69.**
10 Q. And is the bishop the one who has the
11 authority to close a parish or suppress a parish?
12 **A. Yeah. We don't really -- we don't**
13 **call -- we don't talk about -- well, we close them,**
14 **but we call them merging, because there's peop --**
15 **if there's people involved, they have to be**
16 **assigned to another church. So we merge parishes,**
17 **and then we -- and we keep the -- our policy, I**
18 **think, is to -- was, anyway, to keep the corporation**
19 **of the parish going, because sometimes after you**
20 **close a parish there's money that comes in by way**
21 **of bequest or something and -- so the corporation**
22 **lasts even though the parish is closed, doesn't**
23 **have any pastoral services going on there.**
24 Q. Is the bishop the one who decides
25 whether a parish can be merged or should be merged?

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1 **A. The bishop ultimately decides, after**
2 **consulta -- he's got to consult -- he's got to**
3 **consult in that matter with the consultants of the**
4 **Diocese.**
5 Q. But it's his ultimate decision?
6 **A. But it's his ultimate decision, right.**
7 Q. Does the bishop also determine what
8 tax the parish pays to the Diocese or chancery
9 every year?
10 **A. Yeah, yeah, yes, he does, and he**
11 **approves the -- the formula that we use for trying**
12 **to make it equitable for everybody.**
13 Q. Would you say it's fair to say that
14 the bishop has the responsibility for the
15 well-being of his parishioners in his Diocese?
16 **A. Yeah, ultimately --**
17 MR. BRAUN: Object to form.
18 THE WITNESS: Pardon?
19 MR. BRAUN: You can answer.
20 THE WITNESS: Okay. Ultimately he
21 does, yeah.
22 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
23 Q. Would you say or agree with the fact
24 that a bishop has the authority or responsibility
25 to the children in the Diocese, who are involved in

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1 parishes or schools, to keep them safe?
2 **A. Now --**
3 MR. BRAUN: Objection as to vague.
4 THE WITNESS: Pardon?
5 MR. BRAUN: You may answer.
6 THE WITNESS: Okay, yeah. Yes, he
7 does. Of course, you know, like the superintendent
8 of a public school doesn't oversee the principal
9 and the teachers directly, the bishop doesn't
10 oversee much -- I mean, he doesn't get out to the
11 parishes to check that out very much.
12 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
13 Q. He appoints the employees of the
14 schools and parishes --
15 **A. No, no, no.**
16 Q. -- and ultimately decides --
17 **A. The -- the -- the bishop appoints the**
18 **pastor, and the pastor has got a free hand in**
19 **hiring people to staff the parish. I -- I never**
20 **consulted the bishop on hiring a principal or -- or**
21 **a teacher.**
22 Q. And you said the bishop does not go
23 around and check on parishes?
24 **A. Well, no -- well, he makes a parish**
25 **visitation once in a while, but it's not a --**

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1 **he's -- it's not -- usually he goes to a parish**
2 **when he's got to confirm or do something required**
3 **of the bishop; and Bishop Hoepfner has been good**
4 **about going around just to visit the parishes, to**
5 **celebrate mass on Sunday, to see if everything is**
6 **kosher, I guess, but he's not required to do that.**
7 **Bishop Balke was very -- very rarely -- he only**
8 **went to a parish when he was invited.**
9 Q. And Bishop Balke was here from, I'm
10 sorry, nineteen seventy --
11 **A. Six.**
12 Q. Six, until 2007?
13 **A. That's correct.**
14 Q. And the prior bishop was Bishop Glenn;
15 is that right?
16 **A. No, Bishop Povish.**
17 Q. Povish, I'm sorry. Did Bishop Povish
18 make visits around to the parishes?
19 **A. Yes, he did.**
20 Q. How frequently did he do that?
21 **A. Oh, gosh, I don't know. I mean, he**
22 **was a very extroverted guy and loved to be out with**
23 **the people, and he would -- I mean, he would go out**
24 **for parish dinners and all that, not only for church**
25 **things. He was a very sociable guy.**

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1 Q. So would he show up at the parishes
2 maybe a couple times a year or once a year?
3 **A. I have no idea. I'm sure there was**
4 **some was only once a year, maybe once every two**
5 **years, but some he went more frequently, I'm sure.**
6 Q. When you were in the parishes in, say,
7 the 1970s or '80s, did anyone supervise you in your
8 role or check in on you at any time to make sure
9 everything was going okay?
10 **A. Well, I would say not frequently, but**
11 **Bishop Balke was there. I happen to remember that**
12 **he was there one weekend because the old Bishop**
13 **Glenn died. He was living in Bemidji, and Bishop**
14 **Glenn died. He happened to have the stroke that**
15 **weekend and -- and died. So he was -- Bishop Balke**
16 **happened to be there, and he was there, you know,**
17 **to meet with the parish counsel and to celebrate**
18 **Eucharist on Sunday with the parishioners and --**
19 **and that kind of thing, and that happened**
20 **occasionally.**
21 Q. At some point, Monsignor Grundhaus,
22 you testified in the last deposition that you had
23 not received training related to child sexual abuse
24 or appropriate behavior of children until the '90s?
25 **A. Well, yeah. In the '90s, we had -- as**

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1 **far as I can recall, we had the first workshop for**
2 **priests on boundaries. It contained -- it con --**
3 **it was concerned mostly with women working in the**
4 **parish. There were more and more women working**
5 **in -- not just as teachers and choir directors and**
6 **stuff but working in pastoral ministry capacity,**
7 **visiting the sick and being part of the pastoral**
8 **staff, and so we had a workshop about boundaries in**
9 **that regard, and the two women -- I can't remember**
10 **who the main presenter was, but there were two**
11 **women that talked to us about their experience of**
12 **being abused in -- in parish settings, or one of**
13 **them was abused by a family member who was a**
14 **priest; and then in the '90s, I can't remember a**
15 **workshop, but we had a -- that was when we had**
16 **our -- we formed the first sexual misconduct policy**
17 **for the Diocese. I was at the cathedral at that**
18 **time.**
19 Q. And did you help create that policy?
20 **A. I -- well, I was vicar general, but I**
21 **wasn't -- until I -- until I became moderator of**
22 **the curia, I wasn't, you know, engaged on a daily**
23 **basis with things in the chancery. So, no, that --**
24 **it was before me. It would have been Father Mike**
25 **Foltz or Father Michael Patnode. They had preceded**

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1 me in that capacity.
2 It was only -- only after 2002 and the
3 Charter that I went -- I went back in the chancery
4 and then we re -- redid the policy to -- to comply
5 with the Charter, and then some years -- a few
6 years later we redid the policy to engage some of
7 the research that had been done on the -- on the
8 issue later on, and including the state law and is
9 more -- is a more -- a longer and more complex
10 policy now.
11 Q. And just so we're clear, the Charter
12 you're referring to, is that the United States
13 Catholic --
14 A. Yes, right.
15 Q. -- Conference of --
16 A. Sure, yeah.
17 Q. -- Bishops Charter?
18 A. Uh-huh.
19 Q. And so was the -- when was the first
20 time you'd say the Diocese had a written policy on
21 how to handle allegations of sexual abuse of
22 children?
23 A. I think probably that was it, in
24 the -- that would be 2003 or '04, I suppose, and I
25 don't recall -- I don't recall much from the 1990's

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1 policy, and I don't think that engaged the civil
2 law very much.
3 Q. You mean civil law enforcement?
4 A. Yeah, as I -- as I recall. I might
5 be mis -- I'm sure -- I would think the Diocese
6 would have the old -- old one on file yet just
7 for -- I don't -- I can't speak to it very directly
8 because I've forgotten.
9 Q. Have you received any formal training
10 from the Diocese on how to handle allegations of
11 child sexual abuse and how to maintain appropriate
12 boundaries with children?
13 A. Every year.
14 Q. And when did that start that you began
15 receiving that training?
16 A. Well, that -- right after we had the
17 Charter and we were -- there were -- we were given
18 a program to -- implemented the Diocese for
19 training teachers and priests and everybody that
20 had to do anything with children and -- but that
21 program has changed a bit over the years, it is all
22 on -- on computer now, and so every March, at
23 least, I don't know when the rest of them have to
24 do, but every March the priests have to renew their
25 certification.

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1 Q. And have you participated in that
2 training since it was --
3 A. Yep.
4 Q. -- first enacted?
5 A. Every year, even as a retired priest
6 we have to do that.
7 Q. Prior to 2003, did you receive any
8 training from the Diocese on maintaining
9 appropriate boundaries with children?
10 A. Yes, I think -- I think we did, and
11 it -- probably that was part of the -- part of the
12 workshop of the '80s that I'm not clear on anymore.
13 I knew that it had to do with women, that's what I
14 remember mostly, but it -- but it was -- it
15 probably had to do with boundaries in other regard,
16 too.
17 Q. Was the workshop in the '80s or '90s?
18 A. '80s.
19 Q. '80s.
20 A. The first one, that I recall, and it
21 was -- it took place in Bemidji.
22 Q. Who put on the workshop?
23 A. I don't know, can't remember.
24 Q. What do you remember about what was
25 told to you at that workshop about training

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1 maintaining appropriate boundaries with children?
2 A. Oh, yes, I do remember that we -- we
3 had some training, because now I remember an
4 incident that occurred. There was a day there was
5 no school, but some mother had dropped her child
6 off, her kindergartner for -- for school, and so
7 that little kid was standing on the front steps of
8 the school, which was locked.
9 Fortunately, the janitor happened to
10 see him there, so he brought him over to the
11 rectory, and I called his mother, and she said,
12 "Oh, would you take him down to his day care
13 place," which is about ten blocks down the street,
14 and so I said sure. So I put him in my car and
15 took him down there, and when I was driving down
16 there I thought, what the hell am I doing with this
17 child in my car by myself.
18 So I -- so we must have had training
19 about children and not being alone with children
20 and that type of thing. I -- I just remember that
21 incident, happens to come to my mind.
22 Q. Have you had kids in -- in either a
23 car or alone with you in the rectory or parish
24 prior to this incident?
25 A. Yeah, many times, not -- well, not --

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1 **not little children but high school kids.**
2 Q. And did you ever have cause for
3 concern then about maintaining --
4 **A. No.**
5 Q. -- appropriate boundaries?
6 **A. If the -- well, if the little kids**
7 **were there, it was always with their parents or**
8 **somebody. I'm not -- my -- my sisters came, they**
9 **brought their kids, of course, and stuff. But with**
10 **teenagers, no, I didn't have any cause for concern**
11 **at that time. I was oblivious to the problems, I**
12 **guess.**
13 Q. So it wasn't until you had this
14 workshop in Bemidji in the '80s that caused you to
15 have concern when you were alone with kids?
16 **A. That's right, yeah.**
17 Q. Who else was at the workshop in
18 Bemidji, do you remember?
19 **A. Well, it was mandated workshop. So**
20 **virtually all the priests, unless they were sick or**
21 **something, they were there.**
22 Q. And, then, when is the next time that
23 you had training on maintaining boundaries,
24 appropriate boundaries with children?
25 **A. I think it was after the 2002 -- after**

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1 **the Charter, as far as I can recall.**
2 Q. So maybe some training in the '80s and
3 then not until again in 2002?
4 **A. No. That's -- that's -- well, yeah.**
5 **There probably was a workshop in -- in the '90s,**
6 **when we came out with the first policy, sexual**
7 **misconduct policy, but I don't remember it.**
8 Q. I want to go back to your time in
9 Tabor, Monsignor. You were a priest there, and you
10 started your assignment in, is it nineteen --
11 **A. January 1969.**
12 Q. Okay.
13 **A. January 9th.**
14 Q. Was anybody else working at Tabor with
15 you at that parish?
16 **A. No.**
17 Q. No --
18 **A. Well, I mean, I had people that were,**
19 **you know, ushers and that type of thing, but there**
20 **was nobody else on the staff, as such.**
21 Q. And you said there was a rectory there
22 that you'd sometimes stay in?
23 **A. Yeah. There had -- they had had a**
24 **full-time priest until they got me.**
25 Q. Were you familiar with the Vasek

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1 family in Tabor?
2 **A. Yes.**
3 Q. Tell me about your relationship with
4 Ron Vasek and his family?
5 MR. BRAUN: I'll interpose an
6 objection just before he answers here with respect
7 to relevance related to this line of questioning
8 that any questions regarding the Vasek case --
9 THE WITNESS: Could you be a little
10 bit louder?
11 MR. BRAUN: Sure. That any questions
12 regarding the Vasek case are not reasonably
13 calculated to lead to discoverable evidence in the
14 Doe 457 case, and that's just a standing objection
15 I'm going to have regarding all of the Vasek
16 questioning. But that being said, Monsignor, you
17 can answer the question.
18 MR. ENGH: I would -- I would join in
19 that objection, because we were only noticed of the
20 457 case. Perhaps you could enlighten me. Are you
21 going to -- could you tell us, are you going to do
22 the Vasek and the Sullivan --
23 MS. LINDSTROM: I am.
24 MR. ENGH: -- issues?
25 MS. LINDSTROM: So Doe 457 has a

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1 public nuisance case, and that allows us to get
2 discovery on, basically, what we consider the
3 Diocese nuisance, which means allegations of child
4 sexual abuse from now until whenever the Diocese
5 was established.
6 MR. ENGH: Okay. Well, I lodge the
7 same objection. I'm not going to prohibit him from
8 the deposition, obviously. I would lodge any
9 objection to a future deposition on the Vasek
10 matter because there's no point in asking him the
11 same questions twice. So if your -- if -- if your
12 office's intention is to do that in the future, I
13 do object.
14 MS. LINDSTROM: It is not.
15 MR. ENGH: Okay.
16 MS. LINDSTROM: I think it's our goal
17 to cover this today on the Vasek and Doe 457 matter
18 and not call Monsignor Grundhaus for another
19 deposition in the Vasek matter.
20 MR. ENGH: Well, with the standing
21 objection I have, go ahead and answer the --
22 THE WITNESS: Okay.
23 MR. ENGH: -- questions, Father.
24 THE WITNESS: Well, when I became
25 pas -- the previous pastor to me had been teaching

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1 the 7th and 8th grade religious education classes
2 on Saturday morning, and so I took over that role,
3 and Ron was an 8th grader, he was a second semester
4 8th grader at that time, although his -- okay,
5 and -- so that's how I got to know him, along with
6 six other kids that were in the class, about,
7 and -- and then I -- but I -- you know, I didn't
8 pay much attention to that ini -- initially. But
9 one Saturday morning there was some snow falling,
10 and his mother, Doris, was quite angry with me for
11 not cancelling religious education because if a
12 wind came up she thought there would be a blizzard
13 and everybody would be in danger, and so that's how
14 I got my first -- my first -- the first time I paid
15 attention to the Vaseks, I guess, was with my
16 little encounter with Doris, his mother, who later
17 became dear friends of mine, you know.
18 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
19 Q. Was Doris also friends with your
20 mother at some point?
21 A. Well, she knew who my mother was.
22 Q. Okay.
23 A. But that -- you know, it wasn't like
24 they visited back and forth frequently or anything
25 like that.

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1 Q. So you were Ron's religious education
2 teacher, and you were --
3 A. In 8th grade.
4 Q. And you were also the family's pastor
5 at their parish --
6 A. Yeah.
7 Q. -- in Tabor?
8 A. Right, yeah.
9 Q. Tell me how your relationship began to
10 develop with Ron's family after you'd initially had
11 that contact with Doris?
12 A. Well, I can't remember everything, but
13 I -- they -- they were -- had limited financial
14 means. They were poor, I thought, in -- in
15 comparison to many other people in the parish, and
16 so I needed somebody to clean the house once in a
17 while, so I asked Doris if she wanted to clean my
18 house, and I gave her some money for doing that;
19 and -- and the boys, Jim and Ron and David, three
20 boys, were always very gung-ho to help out. I
21 mean, every Sunday when they came to church they'd
22 run into the sacristy and say, do you need a server,
23 do you -- you know, they were always anxious to
24 help out and --
25 So, I guess, on that basis, I kind of

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1 became friendly to them. They were eager beavers
2 for the parish and -- and later on, when they were
3 in high school, with the high school group. If
4 I -- rather than make half a dozen calls to find
5 somebody to help me to set up for something, I'd
6 call Vaseks and Ron would come in and help me set up.
7 His older brother, Jim, was a real
8 nice kid, too, but he had a bad asthmatic problem
9 and he couldn't work too hard without getting a --
10 an attack. So I didn't -- he was introverted. So
11 I didn't get to be as friendly with Jim as I did
12 with Ron and David. David was subsequently killed
13 in a tractor accident.
14 Q. And you provided some counseling or
15 pastoral counseling for the family when David
16 passed away; is that right?
17 A. Right.
18 Q. And David passed away in the -- he was
19 in --
20 A. Sep -- September.
21 Q. -- his 20s when he --
22 A. September of 1974, he was -- I think
23 he was about 16 at that time, and he was -- I mean,
24 the thing is that Henry was absolutely inconsolable
25 because, of course, he had him on the tractor and

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1 felt that he shouldn't have, and he was -- he just
2 couldn't forgive himself, and he was -- I think he
3 needed some professional counseling, but he didn't
4 never go, so I did the best I could with him, and
5 Doris was a source of great strength for him, too.
6 She -- she was, of course, very devastated but
7 seemed to be able to bear up under that tragedy
8 better.
9 Q. So you spent time with the Vaseks --
10 or did you spend time with the Vaseks at their
11 family home outside of the parish?
12 A. You mean -- their home was in the
13 parish, but, yes, I --
14 Q. I mean -- sorry.
15 A. Yeah. Outside of ministry I was -- I
16 was there for -- invited for Sunday dinner and --
17 and, I don't know, for events, kids' birthdays,
18 maybe. I'm not sure.
19 Q. And you frequently called on Ron to
20 help you out when you needed it?
21 A. Right.
22 Q. And, Monsignor Grundhaus, did you
23 attend a conference for canon lawyers in Columbus,
24 Ohio, at some point in the 1970s?
25 A. Yes. The con -- convention, it's

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1 called the Midwest Regional Canon Law Society
2 Convention. It meets every spring in the April --
3 most of the time in April. This convention was
4 April 24th to 26th, 1972.
5 Q. Did you remember that date off the top
6 of your head or did you have to look --
7 A. I looked --
8 Q. -- that up?
9 A. I had my -- I had my calendars, my --
10 I've kept my appointment calendars, and I looked it
11 up.
12 Q. Do you happen to have your calendars
13 with you today?
14 A. No, not today, but I can produce them.
15 Q. And did you ask Ron Vasek or his
16 parents to help you drive on that trip to Columbus,
17 Ohio?
18 A. Yeah. I asked him if he wanted to
19 come along and drive. He was 17 years old at the
20 time, and he was always -- I was -- I thought that
21 Ron might be interested in going to the seminary
22 because he was interested in everything that went
23 on at church, it seemed, and so I was hoping that
24 that might be -- that might eventuate from my
25 attention to him.

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1 Q. Had he ever expressed an interest to
2 you in joining the seminary or the priesthood?
3 A. Well, I don't know, not -- not
4 directly, I guess, but I did take him and two of
5 his classmates to the seminary one time to spend an
6 overnight and to see what it was like. That was --
7 that was -- he would have only been a freshman or
8 sophomore at that time.
9 Q. In high school or college?
10 A. High school.
11 Q. What seminary?
12 A. Crosier Seminary, Onamia, Minnesota.
13 Q. That's where you went to seminary?
14 A. Yep.
15 Q. Correct?
16 A. Uh-huh.
17 Q. Is that a yes?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Sorry.
20 A. Excuse me, thanks.
21 Q. And that was an overnight trip?
22 A. Just an overnight trip, yeah.
23 Q. Was anybody there with you on the
24 overnight trip to help --
25 A. Well, they stayed with the kids at the

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1 seminary, and I stayed in the faculty quarters.
2 Q. So, when you were at Columbus, Ohio,
3 what did you -- you were there two nights; is that
4 right?
5 A. Yes. We were there -- we -- we would
6 arrive -- we would -- typically, we would arrive
7 like at 5:00 in the afternoon, get our room and
8 have a bite to eat. Seven o'clock was the opening
9 of the convention, and then, after the welcome and
10 initial talk was given, about nine o'clock, we
11 probably retired for the night.
12 Q. So on the -- what did Ron do or what
13 did you tell Ron to do while you were involved in
14 the convention?
15 A. Well, he -- he had the television in
16 the room, he had -- there -- there was a pool in
17 the hotel. The second day I stepped out of the
18 hotel to get a little fresh air at lunchtime, and
19 he was just coming around the corner, and he said
20 he'd been walking around, exploring the area; and
21 the -- the convention only -- the workshops were
22 always on Tuesday all day, followed by a banquet in
23 the evening with speech and awards and all that
24 stuff, and he would not have been with me at that,
25 any of that, and then, on Thursday, there would be

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1 a closing presentation -- Wednesday there would be
2 a closing presentation in the morning, and the last
3 half of the morning was usually a business meeting
4 be -- and most of us left before the business
5 meeting was there, and then we took off for home.
6 Q. So just so I'm clear, the convention
7 started on was it Monday --
8 A. Monday --
9 Q. -- or Tuesday?
10 A. Monday evening.
11 Q. Monday evening. Did you stay for the
12 business meeting --
13 A. No.
14 Q. -- on Wednesday?
15 A. I -- I don't think I did, because we
16 stopped at Josephinum Seminary in Worthington,
17 Ohio, which is a suburb of Columbus, to visit a
18 friend of mine who is a priest there teaching
19 church history.
20 Q. Did you give Ron any spending money
21 when you were in Columbus?
22 A. Well, you know, I did not expect him
23 to bring anything with him. I know that he said
24 something about he only had \$20 with. I didn't
25 bring -- expect him to bring anything with him

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1 because his folks were strapped for funds, and I --
2 I can't imagine that I didn't offer him some and he
3 probably said I got money. So I didn't -- I -- no.
4 Outside of paying his meals when I was with him, I
5 didn't, I guess -- I don't have any way of
6 remembering whether I gave him money or not.
7 Q. So the evening the conference started
8 on Monday, did you have dinner with Ron at the
9 hotel?
10 A. I -- I suspect I did. I don't
11 remember just explicitly the meal, but I expect I
12 did.
13 Q. Did you consume any alcohol at the
14 dinner?
15 A. Well, I know that -- I don't remember
16 that I did, but I know that he said I offered to
17 buy him a beer.
18 Q. Did you consume any alcohol at the
19 dinner?
20 A. I don't remember. Okay.
21 Q. And do you remember buying Ron a beer
22 at the dinner on --
23 A. I don't --
24 Q. -- the first night?
25 A. -- remember it, but he said I did. I

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1 don't remember it, though.
2 Q. Do you have any reason to dispute what
3 he said about the beer?
4 A. Well, no. The only -- my only
5 observation was I think the -- the legal drinking
6 age at the time was 18, and I think if he had been
7 16, as he said, he would have been carded and
8 refused, but, anyway.
9 The other thing is that I was
10 frequently offered beer at their house by his dad.
11 He taught me the Czech word for beer was pivo, and
12 I can -- I think I can vouch for the fact that no
13 17-year-old male in that parish was unacquainted
14 with beer, so -- so, if I did, it wouldn't have
15 been -- I mean, I can't say that I didn't, but I
16 don't remember that I did.
17 Q. So you had dinner with Ron the first
18 night, and then did you share a hotel room together?
19 A. We did.
20 Q. And how many beds were in the hotel
21 room?
22 A. Two.
23 Q. What happened after you were finished
24 with dinner that evening?
25 A. Well, after dinner I went to the talk

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1 and the opening presentation, and I wouldn't have
2 been -- I don't think I would have gotten back to
3 the room until 9:30, 10:00.
4 Q. Do you remember if Ron was in the room
5 when you got back that first night?
6 A. He probably was. I don't re -- I
7 don't recall explicitly, but I suspect he was
8 there. He should have been.
9 Q. And did you sleep in your own bed?
10 A. Slept in my own bed.
11 Q. And Ron slept in another bed?
12 A. Yep.
13 Q. What do you remember about the next
14 day, Monsignor Grundhaus, did you go --
15 A. The next day?
16 Q. Did you go down to the conference?
17 A. Yeah, no. I don't -- I don't
18 remember. I -- I'm sure -- I had to go down
19 relatively early because you had -- they had a --
20 they always had a, you know, Danish pastry and a
21 coffee thing at the back of the conference room,
22 and that's where I would have had breakfast. I
23 didn't think -- I don't think I would have eat --
24 eaten with Ron.
25 Then I -- then we -- we had workshops

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1 all day and -- and different -- and I would have
2 attended those, and at 5:00 we would have had a
3 social hour sponsored by the Diocese of Columbus,
4 and followed by a banquet, speeches and awards and
5 all that kind of stuff.
6 Q. And just on -- on dates, Mr. Vasek has
7 alleged that this happened in 1971, but it's --
8 A. He's wrong.
9 Q. It's your opinion that it --
10 A. It's not my opinion.
11 Q. You went to Columbus --
12 A. It's a fact --
13 Q. -- in 1972?
14 A. -- that it was in 1972.
15 MR. ENGH: You've got to wait for the
16 question.
17 THE WITNESS: Oh, excuse me, excuse
18 me. Yeah, thank you.
19 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
20 Q. Did you verify that date with anything
21 other than what was in your personal calendars?
22 A. Yeah. Well, I -- yes. The -- when I
23 gave my ecclesiastical deposition in Fargo, he
24 called the Diocese of Columbus after the deposition,
25 and they confirmed that it was April 24th to 26th,

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1 **1972.**
2 Q. And Ron was born in 1955. So he would
3 have been 17 years old in April of '72, right?
4 **A. Yeah.**
5 Q. So, I'm sorry, on that Tuesday night
6 you had the 5:00 p.m. social hour, and did you
7 consume alcohol at the social hour?
8 **A. I probably did.**
9 Q. And, then, did you go to dinner with
10 Ron that evening?
11 **A. No. I was at the banquet.**
12 Q. Do you know where Ron had dinner that
13 night?
14 **A. Nope.**
15 Q. What else do you remember about that
16 evening?
17 **A. That's it.**
18 Q. After the social hour, what did you
19 do?
20 **A. Went to our room, and I think -- I**
21 **presume I went to bed.**
22 Q. Was Ron Vasek in the hotel room when
23 you went back to your room that evening?
24 **A. I'm pretty sure he would have been,**
25 **yeah.**

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1 Q. Do you remember getting into the bed
2 with Ron Vasek?
3 **A. Not there.**
4 Q. Where do you remember getting into bed
5 with Ron Vasek?
6 THE WITNESS: Should I go into the
7 next --
8 MR. ENGH: Are you into the next --
9 THE WITNESS: Well --
10 MS. LINDSTROM: No. We -- I can -- I
11 can ask you that again. I'd like to finish.
12 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
13 Q. Do you remember disrobing to get down
14 to a T-shirt and underwear and standing next to the
15 bed in the hotel room near Ron?
16 **A. Well, I remember getting into my**
17 **pajamas, yeah. I mean, I -- I always do. So I**
18 **presume I did that night, too.**
19 Q. What were your -- what did your
20 pajamas consist of, describe for me what your
21 pajamas were?
22 **A. Long sleeve and long leg pajamas.**
23 Q. Do you remember Ron taking a shower
24 when you were in the room?
25 **A. I don't.**

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1 Q. Did you reach over when you were -- so
2 did you get into bed with Ron Vasek --
3 **A. No.**
4 Q. -- that evening?
5 **A. No.**
6 Q. You got into your own separate bed?
7 **A. Yeah.**
8 Q. So you don't remember getting into bed
9 with Ron Vasek?
10 **A. Not there, no.**
11 Q. Did you ever reach over and touch Ron
12 Vasek's genitals?
13 **A. I did not.**
14 Q. Do you remember anything that evening
15 in touching or interacting with Ron in a way that
16 you considered to be inappropriate?
17 **A. I did not.**
18 Q. Had anyone told you at that time not
19 to take a minor, meaning a child under the age of
20 18, on any overnight trips?
21 **A. Nobody told -- no, nobody told me that**
22 **at all, nobody told us that.**
23 Q. Had anyone in the Diocese told you not
24 to spend the night with children in a hotel room
25 alone with them?

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1 **A. Not at that time.**
2 Q. And so, Monsignor Grundhaus, it's your
3 testimony that you did not touch Ron Vasek in
4 Columbus, Ohio, in any way that could be construed
5 as sexual or inappropriate?
6 **A. Correct.**
7 Q. And you had been drinking alcohol that
8 night, correct?
9 **A. Well, I had a drink before supper, but**
10 **I -- I wasn't intoxicated.**
11 Q. And that was at the social hour?
12 **A. Yeah.**
13 Q. What's the next incident that you were
14 going to talk to me about about sharing a bed with
15 Ron?
16 **A. Well, the next year he agreed to go**
17 **with me to Peoria for the same convention.**
18 MR. BRAUN: What year are you talking
19 about, Monsignor?
20 THE WITNESS: 1973.
21 MR. BRAUN: Thank you.
22 THE WITNESS: April 7th to 9th.
23 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
24 Q. Did the conventions rotate from
25 different cities?

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1 **A. Town to town, town -- yeah, they were**
2 **a different town in the Midwest every year. There**
3 **was an eastern and a western.**
4 Q. And how do you know it was April of
5 '73, did you look in your calendars?
6 **A. Yeah, right.**
7 Q. Did anyone -- to your knowledge, did
8 anyone contact the Diocese of Peoria to verify that?
9 **A. They tried -- I guess they tried and**
10 **they didn't -- they said they didn't have a record**
11 **of when the convention was there, so -- but it --**
12 **we both agree on that, that we both went down there.**
13 **We tried to get down there, but we got caught in a**
14 **blizzard.**
15 Q. So what happened in -- I'm sorry,
16 let's go back.
17 Did you ask Ron Vasek or his parents
18 if he wanted to accompany you to Peoria?
19 **A. I did ask Ron, and he was happy to go**
20 **with me.**
21 Q. And what was the reason for bringing
22 Ron on the trip?
23 **A. To help drive.**
24 Q. And so what was the setup of this
25 convention, was it a similar two-day convention?

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1 **A. It's always -- the schedule is**
2 **virtually -- I've gone to many of them, and it's**
3 **virtually always the same.**
4 Q. And what happened on the way to the
5 convention, there was something wrong with the
6 weather; is that right?
7 **A. Yeah. We got into a blizzard, a**
8 **whiteout, in Wisconsin, by a little town of Westby,**
9 **and that's where they got us into, and we were**
10 **stalled on the highway behind a semi until a patrol**
11 **or somebody came by and waved the semi on and we**
12 **just followed him in, and, as it turned out, we**
13 **were just really close to the town.**
14 **So then we -- then they -- there was**
15 **a -- an emergency shelter set up in the town hall,**
16 **and that's where we spent the night, the -- that --**
17 **that afternoon and overnight till late morning the**
18 **next day.**
19 Q. So you stayed in a emergency shelter?
20 **A. Yep. They had a Army cot and a couple**
21 **of Army blankets.**
22 Q. So, Monsignor Grundhaus, I think you
23 told the canonical investigator, Goodwin, that you
24 stayed in a hotel during the blizzard?

25 **A. Yes. Now, Ron doesn't mention this,**

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1 **but on the way home -- we didn't get out of -- out**
2 **of Wisconsin until late morning. So it was late**
3 **afternoon before we got -- come through Minneapolis,**
4 **or the Twin Cities, wherever we were, and -- so I**
5 **told Ron we're not going to head up to Crookston,**
6 **another 300 miles, at this time of the day because**
7 **we hadn't slept much at all the night before and we**
8 **were both -- you know, had the same clothes for**
9 **36 hours, but -- so, anyway, I said we'll get a**
10 **room here, and so we got a -- we slept -- as I**
11 **recall, it was in a Holiday Inn, and when we got in**
12 **there and registered we went down to use the pool**
13 **for a while, and I suppose we had supper, but I**
14 **don't remember anything about eating, and we went**
15 **to bed.**

16 Q. And that was a hotel in Minneapolis or
17 the --

18 **A. Yeah, the --**

19 Q. -- Twin Cities area?

20 **A. Yeah, Twin Cities area. I mean, it**
21 **was like Highway 10, someplace along Highway 10,**
22 **I'm sure.**

23 Q. Did you ever make it to Peoria?

24 **A. No, we never got there, because it --**
25 **when the storm was over, it was -- Tuesday was half**

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1 **over. Well, I wouldn't have been able to get into**
2 **the workshops, and what's the point of going**
3 **further on, and the weather was bad, and so we just**
4 **decided to go back to the Cities. In fact, the**
5 **road was bad going back to the Cities, so we --**
6 **that's why we -- part of why we decided to stay**
7 **there.**

8 Q. What happened on that -- when you were
9 at the hotel in the Twin Cities?

10 **A. Well, then the next morning I got**
11 **up -- we slept in our own beds, but the next**
12 **morning I got up and cleaned up, and it was then**
13 **that I came out of the bathroom with a T-shirt and**
14 **shorts, and instead of just saying, Ron, get up, we**
15 **got to get going, I jumped onto his bed and grabbed**
16 **him around the neck and knuckled his ribs and**
17 **tickled his stomach, and I think that's what he**
18 **thought, I was going to go after him sexually, but**
19 **that was not my intention, I was -- and he rolled**
20 **out -- with that, he just rolled out of bed on the**
21 **floor between the two beds, his feet still caught**
22 **in the sheets. I was on top of the covers, and he**
23 **was under them.**

24 Q. Can you describe for me what you just
25 said again, you -- explain -- I'm sorry. Describe

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1 to me what you did in terms of touching Ron then in
2 the bed?
3 **A. I put my arm around his -- he was**
4 **sleeping on his right side, and I grabbed him**
5 **around from -- I was behind him, grabbed him around**
6 **the neck and knuckled his ribs and tickled his**
7 **stomach, and -- and then he rolled out of the bed**
8 **on the floor.**
9 Q. Were you laying on the bed?
10 **A. Yeah, I was -- I was laying on the bed**
11 **behind him, yeah.**
12 Q. How many beds were in the room?
13 **A. Two, but I slept in my own.**
14 Q. And you were wearing shorts and a
15 T-shirt --
16 **A. Yeah.**
17 Q. -- when this happened?
18 **A. Yeah. I was -- it was a silly thing**
19 **to do, but I -- I was just kind of giddy because we**
20 **had survived this ordeal, and I was careless, I**
21 **guess. But he -- he -- he never said anything**
22 **about this for 40 years. So I thought he was --**
23 MR. BRAUN: Just wait --
24 THE WITNESS: That he --
25 MR. BRAUN: -- for the next question.

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1 THE WITNESS: Huh?
2 MR. BRAUN: Wait -- wait for her to
3 ask --
4 THE WITNESS: Okay.
5 MR. BRAUN: -- the next question.
6 THE WITNESS: Okay, sure, sure.
7 MR. BRAUN: Thank you.
8 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
9 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
10 Q. What was Ron wearing?
11 **A. I think he -- I think he was just in**
12 **his underwear in the bed, as far as I'm aware. He**
13 **had a T-shirt on, I know for sure. That was --**
14 Q. How long would you say this incident
15 happened, how many seconds, minutes?
16 **A. Well, it wasn't minutes, it was just**
17 **momentarily. I -- you know, as soon as I started**
18 **to rough him up, he rolled out of bed. I -- it was**
19 **maybe three to five seconds. I don't know.**
20 Q. When you were behind Ron, was any part
21 of your body touching Ron's back?
22 **A. I was on top of the covers, and he was**
23 **under the covers.**
24 Q. Was your body touching his through the
25 covers and that you could -- I mean --

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1 **A. Well, I was -- I had -- yeah, I had**
2 **him by the neck. So, yeah, I was -- I don't know**
3 **(indicating). He was laying on his right side, I**
4 **remember that.**
5 Q. Did you touch Ron's genitals --
6 **A. I did not.**
7 Q. -- or buttocks at this time?
8 **A. I did not at that time, I didn't**
9 **intend to even, but I think he had -- he thought**
10 **that I was going there or something. I -- I don't**
11 **know.**
12 Q. And you described it as -- in the
13 investigative report as a bear hug. Does that
14 sound accurate?
15 **A. Well, it was kind of a bear hug, yeah**
16 **(indicating), but it was some behind. It was -- he**
17 **was laying on his right side and I grabbed him**
18 **around his neck.**
19 Q. And you said it lasted about 10 to
20 15 seconds?
21 **A. Well, it was -- I -- I remember saying**
22 **that, it -- meaning it was a very short time. It**
23 **wasn't -- I don't think it -- when I think of ten**
24 **seconds, I guess that's long. It wasn't that long.**
25 **As soon as he felt roughed up, he rolled out of**

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1 **bed.**
2 Q. You said that -- or the investigator
3 wrote that it was done out of the emotion given the
4 blizzard conditions?
5 **A. Yeah. Well, we -- you know, we -- I**
6 **think we were both -- I mean, I was, at least, kind**
7 **of relieved because I was responsible for him, and**
8 **we -- we were in a whiteout and I thought we were**
9 **going to have to spend the night in the car. Well,**
10 **actually, when we got through the event and we were**
11 **safe and -- and had eaten and rested well, I was --**
12 **it was the emotion of the moment, I guess, yeah.**
13 (Reporter's Note: Mr. Schlutz leaves
14 the room.)
15 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
16 Q. Did you take any other trips with Ron?
17 **A. I don't remember any other with him**
18 **alone. I know that he references one to Winnipeg,**
19 **but I don't remember that trip at all. I did --**
20 **well, I mean, he --**
21 MR. ENGH: You've got to wait for
22 the --
23 THE WITNESS: I took the --
24 MR. ENGH: Wait for -- wait for the
25 next question.

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1 THE WITNESS: Okay, all right, right,
2 fine.
3 MR. ENGH: Sorry to interrupt you.
4 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
5 MS. LINDSTROM: That's all right.
6 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
7 Q. Have you roughed around -- had you
8 roughed around with Ron on other occasions similar
9 to this?
10 **A. I'm not aware that I ever have, either**
11 **before or after that.**
12 Q. Have you had -- displayed the other
13 behavior towards any other kids?
14 **A. Not that I'm -- no, I don't recall at**
15 **all, no. I could say almost positively not.**
16 Q. Looking back do you think that
17 behavior was appropriate, an appropriate
18 interaction with Ron Vasek in Peoria?
19 MR. BRAUN: Objection as to form. You
20 can answer.
21 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I --
22 MR. ENGH: I join the objection, too.
23 THE WITNESS: Well, I mean, you know,
24 guys horse around once in a while, but I -- I guess
25 it was inappropriate because he mistook it as -- as

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1 an attack.
2 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
3 Q. You said that you tickled his stomach?
4 **A. Yeah.**
5 Q. Was that over Ron's clothing or the --
6 **A. Yeah. It could have even -- yeah, it**
7 **was offer his clothing for sure, maybe it was even**
8 **through the streets -- sheets, I don't know. I**
9 **didn't have my -- I don't think I had my hands on**
10 **his bare stomach, I'm pretty sure.**
11 Q. Did you reach into the blanket at all?
12 You said he was covered by a blanket.
13 **A. Well, I'm not sure if it was a blanket**
14 **or sheets, but, you know, he had covers on up to**
15 **his -- up to his -- you know, up to his shoulders,**
16 **and I think I did it just on the top of the -- on**
17 **the top of the covers, but I just -- I think it was**
18 **just sheets. I don't remember a blanket on the bed**
19 **right now.**
20 Q. But you're not sure if it was over the
21 sheets or under the sheets?
22 **A. I'm not --**
23 (Reporter's Note: The witness's
24 microphone is not on properly.)
25 THE WITNESS: Is that -- am I being

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1 recorded?
2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes.
3 THE WITNESS: Okay. Excuse me, let me
4 fix this. I don't recall that explicitly.
5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Do you want me to
6 help you?
7 MS. LINDSTROM: We can take a break.
8 Do you want to take a break?
9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We can go off the
10 record at --
11 MR. ENGH: Yeah. Can we take a
12 five-minute break anyway?
13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: -- 2:01 p.m.
14 THE WITNESS: That will be fine.
15 (Break from 2:01 to 2:07.)
16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now back on
17 the record at 2:07 p.m.
18 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
19 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, we were talking
20 about the trip to Peoria, Illinois. And during the
21 blizzard in the town in Wisconsin you stayed in an
22 emergency shelter. Do you remember, was it an
23 armory?
24 **A. I don't think it was an armory. That**
25 **town is only about, I think, 1,000 people, but it**

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1 **was a -- I thought it was a town hall, but they had**
2 **Army surplus stuff for emergency.**
3 Q. What were the sleeping arrangements
4 that night?
5 **A. They just set up a bunch of cots and**
6 **threw a couple of blankets on them.**
7 Q. Did you and Ron each have your own
8 cot?
9 **A. Oh, yeah. In fact, I -- if I remember**
10 **rightly, he -- yes, we had our own cot.**
11 Q. And were there other people in the
12 room?
13 **A. Yeah, a dozen to 20, maybe.**
14 Q. Did you continue to see Ron Vasek and
15 his family after you returned from the trip to
16 Peoria -- or I guess you never made it to Peoria,
17 but on that trip where you intended to go to
18 Peoria?
19 **A. Yes. I've seen them many times over**
20 **the years.**
21 Q. Did you marry Ron and Patricia Vasek?
22 **A. Yeah, I think I did. I mean, I know**
23 **for sure I was there. I think the pastor**
24 **celebrated the mass, and I had heard the wedding**
25 **vows, if I remember rightly. I was no longer a**

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1 pastor there at the time. He asked me to come back
2 to do that.
3 Q. And are you friendly with Father Craig
4 Vasek?
5 A. I had been.
6 Q. Describe for me your relationship with
7 Father Craig before 2017?
8 A. Um, well, um, first of all, I went to
9 Rome twice to see him. Once I was on a trip with a
10 friend, Father Mike Patnode, and we visited Craig;
11 and then another time I went over for -- with
12 Father Larry Delaney, his pastor, for his diaconate
13 ordination, and I helped out at his parish a couple
14 times when he wasn't there, when he was gone, and
15 he invited me up for dinner one evening with him
16 and his mom and dad.
17 Q. At some point between approximately
18 2005 and 2010, did you have interaction with Ron
19 Vasek at the cathedral here in Crookston that you
20 recall where the incident was discussed that
21 happened in Columbus, Ohio?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. What do you recall from that
24 conversation?
25 A. Well, we were both unvesting from some

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1 ceremony that was taking place -- had taken place
2 and -- and chewing the rag, and I was -- at the
3 time I was working on the sexual misconduct policy,
4 and I -- when I was doing that, I became aware of
5 the concept of grooming, and, of course, I had -- I
6 had, you know, tried to -- I mean, I'll frequently
7 ask Ron to be with me to do things around the parish.
8 I mean, that could be taken, I suppose, as a form
9 of grooming, and so I said -- I apologized for
10 taking advantage of him, and then immediately in
11 the conversation he -- I -- I know that he was
12 thinking of this incident back in Minneapolis
13 and -- or he claimed it was Columbus. I mean, he
14 didn't say where -- where, just -- oh, he said, I
15 never told my folks or Patty about that, it was --
16 I never thought much about it, he said. So I just
17 dropped it. But then -- that was that -- I don't
18 know what else we talked about, but that was about
19 this incident; and then within a week or a few days
20 later he stopped at my office, and he was wondering
21 if I had done that to anybody else, and I said, no,
22 I haven't thrown anybody -- had occasion to throw
23 anybody else out of bed. So, I mean, I -- and I --
24 so thought it was -- I thought he was not taking it
25 all that seriously, so I did -- I just forgot about

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1 it.
2 Q. Were you apologizing to Ron for what
3 happened in the bed in the hotel in the Twin Cities
4 or were you apologizing -- you said that you had
5 called him frequently --
6 A. Well --
7 Q. -- to help you out?
8 A. Well, I mean, I was apologizing first
9 for what -- for -- for taking advantage of him in
10 terms of, you know, preferring him or calling him
11 first before giving others some share in the
12 responsibility. That was my intent initially, but
13 then he was -- he focused immediasly (phonetic) --
14 immediately on that incident. So I apologized
15 for -- for the -- for any mistreatment that I had
16 given him.
17 Q. Did he bring up the incident?
18 A. No. Well, he brought up that incident,
19 but I -- I was the one who told him what I was --
20 happened to be working at the time on the policy,
21 and -- and so that gave me reason to think that I
22 had, you know, at different points taken advantage
23 of his willingness to be around and help.
24 Q. What did he say specifically that you
25 recall about the incident at the cathedral in

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1 Crookston?
2 A. About the incident there, he just
3 said -- all he told me that I can recall is that he
4 had never told anything about this -- never
5 recounted anything of this to his mom and dad or
6 to -- even to Patty, his wife.
7 Q. Did he actually reference a hotel in
8 the Twin Cities or a trip to Peoria when he
9 discussed this with you at the cathedral?
10 A. No, he didn't. I mean, we -- we
11 didn't talk about where or what his age was or
12 anything at that time. It was --
13 Q. So it could have been that you and
14 Mr. Grundhaus -- or Mr. Vasek were -- were talking
15 about two separate incidents, you didn't clarify
16 what incident he was referring to --
17 A. No.
18 Q. -- in the cathedral?
19 A. No.
20 Q. What date do you remember this
21 conversation happening, Monsignor Grundhaus?
22 A. Date?
23 Q. Date, or year?
24 A. Well, I don't remember. It was -- it
25 would -- it would have been 2003 or '04, I think,

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1 because that's when I was working on that policy,
2 but I can't remember the specific date or occasion.
3 Q. Was it the grooming that made you --
4 A. Yeah. When I -- when I was working on
5 the policy and we were learning about sexual
6 misconduct and all that type of thing, they -- the
7 stuff we were reading talked about grooming, and I
8 had -- that was a new concept to me.
9 Q. Did you at this decision -- I'm sorry.
10 During this conversation, did you offer
11 Ron Vasek any money for psychological counseling?
12 A. Yeah. I -- he says -- I don't recall
13 that I did that.
14 Q. The investigative report from the --
15 from Mr. Goodwin indicates that -- that at some
16 point after this conversation or during this
17 conversation that you had offered Ron money for
18 counseling. Are you disputing that you offered Ron
19 money for counseling?
20 A. At this point --
21 MR. BRAUN: Objection, asked and
22 answered. You can answer again.
23 THE WITNESS: Okay. At this point, I
24 don't recall offering him money.
25 BY MS. LINDSTROM:

1 Q. After you had this conversation at the
2 cathedral, did you have a subsequent conversation
3 you said where Ron Vasek came to your office; is
4 that right?
5 A. Yeah, about -- yeah, within, I think,
6 a week later he came to my office.
7 Q. And he wanted to know whether this had
8 happened with anybody else?
9 A. Yep.
10 Q. A similar incident?
11 A. That seemed to be the main thing was
12 on his mind, if I had done something similar to
13 anybody else.
14 Q. And, again, you and Ron didn't discuss
15 what the specifics of the incident or incidents
16 were --
17 A. No.
18 Q. -- in these conversations?
19 A. No.
20 Q. Correct?
21 A. I don't -- I don't recall that we did,
22 no.
23 Q. Do you remember anything else about
24 that conversation that you had about a week later
25 in your office with Ron?

1 A. I -- I can't recall anything right
2 now.
3 Q. Did you have a -- When you hugged Ron
4 Vasek at the hotel and tickled his stomach, did you
5 have a sexual intent when you were doing those
6 things --
7 A. I didn't.
8 Q. -- to Ron?
9 A. No.
10 Q. Then why in reviewing the sexual
11 misconduct policy would it cause you to bring up
12 these incidents with Ron again if you didn't have a
13 sexual intent when you did those things?
14 A. I didn't int -- I didn't intend to
15 talk about -- I mean, that incident was off my
16 radar at that point until he brought it up. I was
17 thinking about in terms of grooming, you know, how
18 you bring somebody on a trip with you or you -- you
19 invite them to be around and pretty soon you build
20 up their trust and then you take advantage of them
21 and that kind of thing, and I think some of the
22 things that I -- that I did in terms of asking him
23 to help me do things could have been interpreted
24 that way. They were -- that was not my intent. My
25 intent was just to get things done and the easiest

1 way as possible.
2 Q. Did you have other kids in -- at other
3 parishes help you out with --
4 A. Yeah.
5 Q. -- things like alter serving or --
6 A. Oh, yeah.
7 Q. Did you also have interactions with
8 them where you went around and off -- you know,
9 offered an apology or --
10 A. No.
11 Q. -- talked to them about any of that?
12 A. I never remember having to apologize
13 to any of them for anything, yeah. The -- in the
14 larger parishes I had a youth minister, somebody
15 hired for youth work. So I had very little to do
16 with youth directly.
17 In my other parish at Stephen, I mean,
18 it's a cathedral in Bemidji, but it's -- Stephen is
19 a small parish, but I had a youth board that was
20 adults, mostly adults and two youth representatives,
21 and they took care of the youth thing. I went
22 along on a couple of trips, but -- but I didn't --
23 or a couple of outings, but I didn't engage too
24 much on an individual basis with the kids.
25 Q. After you reviewed the sexual

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1 misconduct policy and now looking back on the
2 interactions you've had with Ron, would you
3 consider it to be grooming?
4 MR. BRAUN: Objection as to form.
5 MR. ENGH: It calls for speculation.
6 THE WITNESS: It's a -- you know, I
7 don't -- let me say that I -- I don't consider it
8 to be grooming, but I consider it to be -- able to
9 be interpreted that way.
10 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
11 Q. Looking back, would you have --
12 looking back now that you've had the training
13 understood that maybe you shouldn't have been
14 sleeping in a hotel room alone with Ron Vasek when
15 he was a minor?
16 A. Well, that would be --
17 MR. BRAUN: Objection, presents a
18 hypothetical, objection to form.
19 MR. ENGH: The same.
20 MR. BRAUN: You may --
21 MR. ENGH: Join.
22 MR. BRAUN: You may answer.
23 THE WITNESS: It's against the policy,
24 and I agree with the policy.
25 BY MS. LINDSTROM:

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1 Q. Are there other kids during your
2 ministry that you were as close to as Ron Vasek?
3 MR. BRAUN: Objection as to vague.
4 THE WITNESS: What?
5 MR. BRAUN: You may answer.
6 THE WITNESS: Okay. Um, it seems that
7 in every parish I had some kids that were -- you
8 know, that were easier to have around, but I did
9 not -- I didn't have any interaction with them in
10 terms of projects or stuff like that.
11 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
12 Q. And, again, you didn't contact any of
13 those other individuals and talk to them about the
14 grooming behaviors or --
15 A. No.
16 Q. -- anything like that?
17 A. Never.
18 Q. Were you ever offered the chance to
19 become the bishop of the Diocese of Duluth?
20 A. Never.
21 Q. So you never discussed becoming the
22 bishop of the Diocese of --
23 A. Well --
24 Q. -- Duluth with Ron Vasek?
25 A. I can't remember explicitly, but, you

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1 know, we -- we were friends and we BS'd about a lot
2 of stuff and it was -- some of it was nonsense, a
3 lot of it was nonsense. So I don't know if I
4 discussed that or not, but I don't think so.
5 Q. Did you tell Ron that you had to turn
6 down or decline the offer to become bishop
7 because --
8 A. I --
9 Q. -- this allegation was pending?
10 A. I couldn't have, because I've never
11 been offered any bishop, any -- any position as
12 bishop of any diocese.
13 Q. Did you tell Ron that if anybody
14 approached you about the incident that Ron
15 indicates happened in Columbus, Ohio, that you
16 would deny it to them?
17 A. No, I don't think so, no.
18 Q. Did you have another conversation with
19 Ron when he was going to work on a house that you
20 were living in in Crookston?
21 A. Yeah. He did some remodeling on my
22 house. I don't think we -- I don't think we had
23 any serious conversations, but we BS'd and had
24 coffee together and stuff. I don't -- that's all I
25 can remember. I have no idea what we talked about,

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1 but he removed a wall and put in back steps and a
2 patio. He worked -- he worked on my house a bit.
3 Q. Do you remember what time frame this
4 was?
5 A. Well, I moved in there in -- in
6 November of nineteen -- of 2007, and so it was
7 probably 2009. I was in there a while before I
8 made a change.
9 Q. And you mentioned, Monsignor Grundhaus,
10 your medication for a What
11 medication are you taking?
12 MR. ENGH: Well, I would object on
13 relevance grounds, on personal grounds, but go
14 ahead and answer if you'd like.
15 THE WITNESS: I take
16 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
17 Q. What is , do you --
18 A. I don't know. It's what the doctor
19 gave me.
20 Q. Did the doctor tell you why he is
21
22 A. Yeah. It's a -- for -- it's to -- for
23
24 Q. Okay.
25 A. And I take

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1
2 Q. Did you -- When Ron was working on his
3 house, did you talk to him about the medications
4 that you were taking?
5 **A. I don't remember I did.**
6 Q. Did you tell Ron Vasek that you were
7 having issues with your
8 **A. I don't -- I don't remember talking to**
9 **him about it at all.**
10 Q. Do you remember telling him that his
11 do -- that your doctor put you on medication to
12 help reduce your
13 **A. No. I never remem -- remember talking**
14 **to him that about it either.**
15 Q. Have you had a physician ever
16 prescribe you any medication to help : your
17 ?
18 **A. Never.**
19 MR. ENGH: Let me --
20 THE WITNESS: No.
21 MR. ENGH: -- lodge an objection as to
22 personal privacy and a physician-patient privilege.
23 But having said that and lodged my objection, go
24 ahead and answer.
25 MR. BRAUN: I'd like to add, if I may,

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1 that this is outside the scope of what --
2 THE WITNESS: Okay.
3 MR. BRAUN: -- was reasonably
4 calculated and --
5 THE WITNESS: I won't answer, then.
6 MR. BRAUN: -- admissible under
7 discovery rules of this proceeding, but you may
8 answer.
9 THE WITNESS: I prefer not to answer,
10 then. Okay.
11 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
12 Q. Have you seen a doctor because of
13 issues related to ?
14 **A. No.**
15 Q. No, okay.
16 At any point, Monsignor Grundhaus,
17 have you had difficulty maintaining your vow of
18 celibacy that you took when you became a priest in
19 the Diocese?
20 **A. I don't think so, no. I've had no**
21 **major issue with that at all.**
22 Q. Any minor issues?
23 **A. No, no issues with that.**
24 Q. And you attended Crosier Seminary; is
25 that right?

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1 **A. Right.**
2 Q. Did anything -- did you witness
3 anything or did anything ever -- I'm sorry, let me
4 rephrase that.
5 Did anything ever happen with you
6 regarding or with any of the seminarians or priests
7 that were at Crosier Seminary in terms of
8 inappropriate sexual boundaries or abuse?
9 **A. Never.**
10 MR. BRAUN: Objection as to form.
11 THE WITNESS: Okay.
12 MR. BRAUN: And the question seeks
13 information that is not reasonably calculated to
14 lead to admissible evidence in this case.
15 Monsignor, you may answer the question.
16 MR. ENGH: I join the objection.
17 THE WITNESS: Okay.
18 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
19 Q. I think you already answered it,
20 but --
21 **A. I did.**
22 Q. Did you meet with or are you familiar
23 with Deacon Tim Pribula and JoLynn Pribula?
24 **A. I am.**
25 Q. What's your relationship with the

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1 Pribulas?
2 **A. It's been a friendly relationship. I**
3 **don't -- I don't have a close relationship with**
4 **them. I mean, we don't -- we don't socialize, but**
5 **I know them and it's been okay.**
6 Q. They have -- they gave information to
7 the investigator that in 2017 you had met with them
8 and they have said that you -- you said you took
9 liberties with Ron.
10 **A. They stopped --**
11 Q. What did you --
12 **A. Excuse me. They stopped at my house**
13 **to wish me well when I first -- when this news**
14 **still first broke, and I think I said what -- the**
15 **same thing that I had said -- I don't know if I**
16 **said I took liberties with him, but I maybe took**
17 **advantage of him.**
18 Q. And what did you mean by that?
19 **A. By that, I meant I -- I relied on him**
20 **a lot to be there when I wanted -- needed him.**
21 Q. Did you ever talk to any other priests
22 about what happened with the -- on the trips with
23 Ron Vasek?
24 **A. Never, except when I was informed that**
25 **I was going to be -- put on administrative leave.**

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1 **Bishop Hoepfner and Monsignor Foltz were there, and**
2 **I think I had explained the situation to them at**
3 **that time, and Attorney Braun, as well, was there**
4 **that day.**
5 Q. Yeah, and I don't want to know
6 anything that you talked about with -- with
7 Mr. Braun or when he's been present. But were
8 you -- or did you talk to Bishop Hoepfner or
9 Monsignor Foltz when Tom Braun wasn't there?
10 **A. I've never talked to Bishop about it,**
11 **because he's never wanted to converse with me about**
12 **this issue. I mean, that's the feeling I -- he's**
13 **never said that, but that's the feeling he gave me.**
14 Q. So you've never talked to Bishop
15 Hoepfner individually about --
16 **A. About this situation.**
17 Q. -- what happened with Ron Vasek?
18 **A. No, not in -- not individually.**
19 Q. There is -- Ron Vasek has said that he
20 talked to the Bishop about this at some point in
21 2010. Do you remember in 2010 or 2011 anybody
22 approaching you about this issue who worked in the
23 Diocese?
24 **A. No. The only -- the first I heard**
25 **was -- about this was May 4th, Bishop called me in**

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1 **on May 4th, 2017.**
2 Q. Is the first time anyone in the
3 Diocese had ever spoken to you about Ron Vasek's --
4 **A. Yep.**
5 Q. -- allegations?
6 **A. Yep.**
7 Q. How about anyone from the Diocese of
8 Fargo, had you been contacted by the --
9 **A. Never.**
10 Q. -- Diocese of Fargo?
11 **A. No.**
12 Q. Had you ever been contacted by the
13 civil authorities in Columbus, Ohio?
14 **A. Never.**
15 Q. How about civil authorities here
16 anywhere in Minnesota, have you been contacted by
17 them?
18 **A. Never.**
19 Q. You said you hadn't talked to Bishop
20 Hoepfner in an individual capacity, but had you
21 talked to him with other members of the chancery or
22 the Diocese present?
23 **A. Well, yes. I've been at social**
24 **occasions with Bishop Hoepfner.**
25 Q. Did you discuss this issue with him

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1 then, at social occasions?
2 **A. No, not individually, I mean, not**
3 **about my case specifically.**
4 Q. Why did you get the impression that
5 Bishop Hoepfner didn't want to talk to you about
6 this?
7 MR. BRAUN: Objection, calls for
8 speculation, foundation.
9 THE WITNESS: Okay.
10 MR. BRAUN: You may answer, if you
11 know.
12 THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, I -- I
13 really don't know, but he has never made a point of
14 bringing up the subject if I didn't bring it up to
15 him or he never asked me to come to his office,
16 so --
17 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
18 Q. Has anyone else in an official
19 position in the chancery come to talk to you about
20 this individually?
21 **A. No. I have brought the subject up to**
22 **Father -- Monsignor Foltz.**
23 Q. I'm sorry, Monsignor, who called --
24 who contacted you on May 4th, 2017?
25 **A. Well, Monsignor Foltz contacted me**

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1 **that the Bishop wanted to see me immediately. So I**
2 **went up to see him.**
3 Q. And who was at that meeting with the
4 bishop?
5 **A. Attorney Braun and Monsignor Foltz and**
6 **Bishop Hoepfner, those -- and myself, we were the**
7 **four.**
8 Q. Was that the first time Monsignor
9 Foltz had talked to you about this --
10 **A. Yep.**
11 Q. -- issue involving Ron Vasek?
12 **A. Yes.**
13 Q. Were you put on restrictions after
14 that meeting --
15 **A. Yes.**
16 Q. -- in 2017?
17 What do those restrictions consist of,
18 Monsignor Grundhaus?
19 **A. I couldn't offer mass publicly or**
20 **do -- or engage in ministry publicly or preach.**
21 Q. And you're still on those restrictions
22 now?
23 **A. Yeah.**
24 Q. Is that correct?
25 **A. Uh-huh.**

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1 Q. Are you able to offer mass privately?
2 A. **Um, yes. I do in my own house.**
3 Q. Was there some type of investigation
4 that was initiated after this meeting took place,
5 by the Diocese?
6 MR. BRAUN: Objection, foundation.
7 You may state what you know.
8 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of any.
9 Well, the only -- I was told in October to appear
10 in Fargo, you know, for the -- for the document
11 that you -- I mean, they -- it was -- which
12 resulted in the document that you have.
13 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
14 Q. And who else accompanied you to Fargo?
15 A. **Attorney Engh, and Father Helmin,**
16 **Virgil Helmin from St. Cloud. He -- he's my**
17 **advocate.**
18 Q. Is he a canon lawyer?
19 A. **Yeah.**
20 Q. When did you retain Paul Engh?
21 A. **Well, it was about -- it was shortly**
22 **after the May 4th, I don't know, May -- I called**
23 **you, I don't know --**
24 MR. ENGH: Wait. That's all you have
25 to say.

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1 MS. LINDSTROM: Yeah.
2 THE WITNESS: Okay, short con --
3 MR. ENGH: No substance.
4 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
5 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
6 Q. Are you paying for Attorney Engh's
7 service or is the Diocese paying?
8 A. **I have in the past, yeah.**
9 Q. So you're personally paying for
10 Attorney Engh to represent you?
11 A. **Well, I -- I did, but I don't know**
12 **about this meeting, because there's several in --**
13 **involved.**
14 Q. And, in Fargo, did you sit for an
15 interview with the investigator?
16 A. **Goodwin.**
17 Q. Goodwin.
18 A. **Uh-huh.**
19 Q. Is that the only time you've given any
20 kind of statement or testimony about Ron Vasek?
21 A. **That's right.**
22 Q. Aside from today?
23 A. **Today, yep.**
24 Q. Had you been con -- In the
25 investigative report, they talk about you tried to

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1 work in the Diocese of Fargo, and they couldn't do
2 that because they had an allegation in there from
3 Ron Vasek from years prior. Did anyone from the
4 Diocese of Fargo contact you in 2015?
5 A. **They never did. So I was unaware that**
6 **I was on -- on the black list there.**
7 Q. Had you reached out to them to try and
8 work there or were they doing --
9 A. **No. It was -- the situation is that**
10 **we -- we share ministry back and forth between**
11 **Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, Fargo, Moorhead, for**
12 **penance services and things like that and -- so --**
13 **and so they approve a list of priests from our**
14 **Diocese that can minister there and we do the same**
15 **for them, as they exchange services or we cooperate**
16 **with one another, and I -- I suppose I wasn't on**
17 **the list because I wasn't on the list, I didn't**
18 **receive the list and I -- it didn't occur to me --**
19 **and when you're retired, sometimes you're just left**
20 **off lists, and so I didn't -- I -- I wasn't -- I**
21 **wasn't -- I wasn't aware, and I wasn't asked, but**
22 **that's okay.**
23 Q. Who is -- who is checking to see
24 whether your ministry -- whether you're following
25 your restrictions?

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1 A. **The vic --**
2 Q. If anyone?
3 A. **Well, I think the vicar general is,**
4 **Mike Foltz, Father Mike Foltz.**
5 Q. How often does he contact you?
6 A. **We get -- we must talk a couple times**
7 **a week.**
8 Q. What kind of questions does he ask
9 you?
10 A. **Well, he doesn't ask me questions much**
11 **at all, but he knows where I am and what I'm doing,**
12 **and he's -- he's substituting for me at the convent**
13 **frequently. So they would, I suppose, tell him if**
14 **I had been offering mass publicly there.**
15 Q. Has he given you any update on when --
16 what the status of your restrictions are or
17 indication --
18 A. **He hasn't -- yeah. I -- he hasn't --**
19 **no. I've asked him, when are we going to have a**
20 **deposition, when am I going to be cleared from**
21 **this, if I can be, and he's -- he doesn't know. So**
22 **I -- that's all I get. I haven't asked him for a**
23 **long time because I presume the answer is the same.**
24 Q. Do you know whether this case or the
25 allegations by Ron Vasek, whether those have been

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1 sent to the Holy See or the Vatican for review?
2 **A. I'm told they were sent to the**
3 **Congregation for Clergy, yeah.**
4 **Q. Do you know when -- or when were you**
5 **told that?**
6 **A. Huh, I don't know. I think Monsignor**
7 **Foltz told me that, but I can't remember just**
8 **when -- or I think around -- around the first of**
9 **January 1918 -- 2018.**
10 **Q. Did he indicate whether the Diocese**
11 **had done that, sent --**
12 **A. Yeah, I think --**
13 **Q. Sent --**
14 **A. I think the Diocese sent it over.**
15 **Q. Do you have any paperwork, Monsignor**
16 **Grundhaus, about the investigation that Goodwin did?**
17 **A. Do I have --**
18 **Q. Any paperwork about the investigation**
19 **done by Goodwin?**
20 **A. No. All I have is -- is his statement.**
21 **Q. And, again, no contact with law**
22 **enforcement or civil authorities here in Minnesota,**
23 **correct?**
24 **A. Not at all.**
25 **Q. Do you know if the Diocese has**

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1 contacted law enforcement about Ron Vasek's
2 allegations?
3 **A. I don't know.**
4 **MR. BRAUN: Objection, foundation.**
5 **THE WITNESS: Okay.**
6 **MR. BRAUN: You can answer if you**
7 **know.**
8 **THE WITNESS: I don't know.**
9 **BY MS. LINDSTROM:**
10 **Q. While you're on restrictions, are you**
11 **still receiving benefits from the Diocese?**
12 **A. I receive my retirement.**
13 **Q. What does that consist of?**
14 **A. \$1525 a month, I think, and, then,**
15 **supplemental health insurance.**
16 **Q. Did you ever want to leave and seek a**
17 **new position outside the Diocese of Crookston or**
18 **have you always wanted to work here?**
19 **A. I've always wanted to work here.**
20 **Q. Have you been referred to or received**
21 **any psychological treatment related to the incidents**
22 **with Ron Vasek?**
23 **A. No, I haven't.**
24 **Q. Has anyone from the Diocese recommended**
25 **that you receive treatment?**

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1 **A. No.**
2 **Q. Psychological or otherwise?**
3 **A. No.**
4 **Q. Had you received any psychological**
5 **treatment prior to 2010?**
6 **A. No.**
7 **Q. At any point?**
8 **A. Never.**
9 **Q. Never seen a therapist?**
10 **A. No.**
11 **Q. Has anyone else, Monsignor Grundhaus,**
12 **accused you of inappropriate behavior with minors**
13 **aside from Ron Vasek?**
14 **A. Never.**
15 **Q. Have you ever touched any other child,**
16 **meaning someone under the age of 18, inappropriately?**
17 **A. Never.**
18 **MR. BRAUN: Objection as to form.**
19 **THE WITNESS: Pardon?**
20 **MR. BRAUN: Objection as to the form**
21 **of the question.**
22 **THE WITNESS: Okay.**
23 **MR. BRAUN: You may answer.**
24 **THE WITNESS: Yeah, never, I guess I**
25 **said.**

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1 **BY MS. LINDSTROM:**
2 **Q. Besides the Pribulas and the people**
3 **we've talked about today, meaning Goodwin and then**
4 **you've discussed with Monsignor Foltz, is there**
5 **anybody else you can think of who would have**
6 **information about the incidents with Ron Vasek or**
7 **that you've spoken to about these incidents?**
8 **A. The only -- the only ones I've talked**
9 **to is -- are my sisters. I have three sisters.**
10 **Q. What are their names?**
11 **A. Jane Mattson, Thief River Falls.**
12 **Q. And she's power of attorney, I think,**
13 **or --**
14 **A. She's power of attorney for my --**
15 **yeah, my -- she's my executor, too.**
16 **Q. Okay.**
17 **A. And Cynthia Delorme, D-E-L-O-R-M-E,**
18 **she lives in St. Cloud, and she's a sister; and**
19 **Mary Kuhn, K-U-H-N.**
20 **Q. And what have you told Jane, Cynthia,**
21 **and Mary about this?**
22 **A. Oh, my god. I've told them the story,**
23 **that -- what we've said here.**
24 **Q. Are they affiliated or involved with**
25 **the Diocese of Crookston in any way?**

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1 **A. No. I mean, they go to church.**
2 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, I want to talk to
3 you about the documents. You said you were
4 familiar with the documents to the extent that you
5 were chancellor or vicar general.
6 Did you ever hear about anybody in the
7 Diocese destroying documents in the chancery?
8 **A. No, I've not. I think they kept too**
9 **much.**
10 Q. Monsignor, I'm going to show you
11 what's been marked as Exhibit 4, and these are
12 Sexual Misconduct Review Committee Minutes.
13 MR. ENGH: Thank you.
14 MS. LINDSTROM: Oh, sorry, I'm going
15 to take that back from you, I'm sorry.
16 MR. ENGH: This is --
17 MS. LINDSTROM: Thank you.
18 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
19 Q. So these are dated August 22nd, 2002,
20 and the first line there indicates that you were
21 present for this meeting; is that correct?
22 **A. Yep. I was present for all the**
23 **meetings while I was there.**
24 Q. And you would have been present in
25 your capacity as an official of the chancery,

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1 correct?
2 **A. Yeah, right, vicar general.**
3 Q. On the second page, Monsignor, under
4 paragraph 6 it states, "Discussion on
5 confidentiality. It was the consensus on the Board
6 to shred paperwork on closed cases, with one main
7 file containing all paperwork." Do you see that
8 there?
9 **A. Yeah, I see that, yeah.**
10 Q. What was the consensus on shredding
11 paperwork on closed cases that you're referring to?
12 MR. BRAUN: Objection as to form. The
13 document states that. I don't think Monsignor
14 Grundhaus specifically stated that.
15 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
16 Q. Were you at a --
17 MR. BRAUN: You can answer.
18 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
19 Q. Go ahead.
20 **A. I -- I -- I -- well, I mean, this --**
21 **this doesn't surprise me. We -- we -- in order to**
22 **keep -- to maintain confidentiality we thought one**
23 **copy on a closed case would be kept in the file and**
24 **the rest of them would be destroyed, I suppose. I**
25 **don't -- I didn't recall, and if they were -- they**

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1 **were given then to the -- to the secretary, I**
2 **suppose, to -- to re -- to shred.**
3 Q. So was it that a copy was made and one
4 file was contained, but other versions of the
5 document would be shredded by the Diocese?
6 **A. All right. Let me read this again,**
7 **"to shred paperwork on closed cases, with one main**
8 **file containing all paperwork." All -- I know --**
9 **"All notebooks with case files and policies will**
10 **stay in the chancery vault." Yes, I know -- I know**
11 **that. And so, yeah, when the case was completed, I**
12 **guess they just -- they just kept one main file on**
13 **the case.**
14 Q. Who was responsible for making sure
15 that all the documents would be encapsulated in
16 that main file?
17 **A. I think Bon -- the chancellor, Bonnie**
18 **Sullivan.**
19 Q. And was this on cases only involving
20 allegations -- I'm sorry, on priests who had been
21 involved in allegations of sexual misconduct?
22 **A. This committee only concerned the**
23 **clergy, priests and deacons.**
24 Q. So was -- and when it references
25 "closed cases," are those closed cases in which an

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1 investigation has been done regarding allegations
2 of abuse?
3 **A. Right.**
4 Q. To your knowledge, Monsignor
5 Grundhaus, were any of the files in the Diocese of
6 Crookston ever provided to law enforcement at any
7 time that you were involved in the chancery?
8 **A. Yeah. There was a -- a -- what do you**
9 **call it, when they have a right to come in and take**
10 **your files.**
11 Q. A search warrant?
12 **A. Yeah, a search warrant, and a -- well,**
13 **a search warrant, I guess, was given, and I**
14 **remember we called our attorney and he came, so**
15 **we -- I can't remember the particular incident**
16 **right now that it was about. But, anyway, they --**
17 **I think it was somebody from Anderson's office that**
18 **came and -- and dealt with Attorney Dan Rust.**
19 Q. So was it actual law enforcement that
20 came in or was it someone from our --
21 **A. Well, I think --**
22 Q. -- law firm who came in?
23 **A. Well, I think law enforcement came**
24 **with them, and I think it had to -- well, I don't**
25 **know, okay, I'll just leave it there.**

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1 Q. Do you remember what time period this
2 was?
3 **A. I don't know, probably 2006, someplace**
4 **in that area.**
5 Q. Do you know if the files went to Jeff
6 Anderson's office or did the files go to the --
7 **A. I think what hap -- I think they just**
8 **sat around our conference table and re -- reviewed**
9 **the files that they want -- that they needed to see**
10 **and left them there, as far as I'm aware.**
11 Q. So, to your knowledge, the Diocese
12 hadn't -- when you were involved in the chancery in
13 an official position, you never saw the Diocese
14 produce files to local law enforcement or the civil
15 authorities in any capacity?
16 **A. I can't recall, but I know that Paul**
17 **Biermaier on here was the chief of police in**
18 **Crookston, and he was the chairman of our committee.**
19 **So he had access to pretty much anything he wanted,**
20 **I would think. But I don't know if we actively**
21 **produced files for him, but -- I can't tell, I just**
22 **can't recall.**
23 Q. At some point, Monsignor Grundhaus, do
24 you remember signing a sexual misconduct policy in
25 the Diocese of Crookston?

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1 **A. Yes, I have.**
2 Q. And when was the first time you
3 remember signing that document?
4 **A. Well, and I think I signed the document**
5 **in -- in 2003, probably, when we were finished with**
6 **the charter stuff. Well, you know, and I'm not --**
7 **I should maybe say I'm not sure. It could have**
8 **been that the Bishop signed it and not me. I know**
9 **I did the footwork on it. It was -- it was his**
10 **document to promulgate, so --**
11 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, I want to show
12 you a document that you signed in 1992. It's a
13 Sexual Misconduct Policy document.
14 **A. 1992, was it?**
15 Q. 1992.
16 **A. Okay, good.**
17 Q. Did you help craft this document at
18 all --
19 **A. No.**
20 Q. -- or do you remember --
21 **A. No, I did not. I was not working at**
22 **the chancery at that time.**
23 Q. Do you know who did help put this
24 together?
25 **A. It was Father -- Monsignor Michael**

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1 **Patnode, I think. I'm pretty sure.**
2 Q. Do you remember signing any document
3 similar to this prior to 1992?
4 **A. I don't.**
5 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, I want to ask you
6 about Father Pat Sullivan. Are you familiar with
7 Father Pat Sullivan?
8 **A. I am.**
9 Q. Were you involved in the personnel
10 board when Father Pat Sullivan was being assigned
11 in the 1980s?
12 **A. I probably was. I was on the**
13 **personnel board for about 16 years. So I think I**
14 **was, yeah.**
15 Q. Do you remember, did the personnel
16 board ever discuss any concerns around Father Pat
17 Sullivan?
18 **A. Not concerns about sexual misconduct.**
19 **It was concerns about his administrative -- lack of**
20 **administrative ability.**
21 Q. And what do you mean by that,
22 Monsignor Grundhaus?
23 **A. Well, I mean, he just didn't keep**
24 **records, he'd never send his reports in on time.**
25 **He was that kind of guy.**

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1 Q. Did you ever hear any concerns about
2 Father Pat Sullivan and boundary issues with adults
3 or minors?
4 **A. No. I never -- I was never informed**
5 **of anything like that.**
6 Q. Did you have any information about a
7 delay in Father Sullivan's ordination, do you
8 remember discussing that at any point?
9 **A. No. I don't -- was not aware that**
10 **there was a delay. Okay.**
11 Q. Had you ever heard anything about
12 instances of masturbation that Father Sullivan
13 engaged in while in seminary?
14 **A. No.**
15 Q. Were you surprised when you heard that
16 Father Pat Sullivan had been accused of sexual
17 misconduct with a minor?
18 **A. Ver --**
19 MR. BRAUN: Objection as to form. You
20 can answer.
21 THE WITNESS: Very, very surprised.
22 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
23 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, at some point you
24 hired Jennifer Haselberger to come into the
25 chancery to look at personnel files; is that

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1 correct?
2 **A. Right.**
3 Q. When did you do that?
4 **A. Well, she was really the main author,**
5 **did mainly most of the footwork on the second**
6 **policy. So it must have been about 2005, maybe.**
7 Q. What precipitated having her come in?
8 **A. Well, we had a couple of -- not**
9 **concerning -- a couple of canonical issues with**
10 **some of our priests. We had a priest that came in**
11 **from a -- from a schismatic church, and he wanted**
12 **to be reconciled with the Roman Catholic Church,**
13 **and so Bishop Povish accepted him, but there was**
14 **some -- and he was the source of some problems. He**
15 **was a Polish immigrant and very difficult to deal**
16 **with and -- and --**
17 **So, anyway, I had -- I had her come --**
18 **she did it on a volunteer basis, she came up to --**
19 **to go through his file and gave us an opinion about**
20 **that, about that situation; and then -- and there**
21 **was -- there was another one there, and I can't**
22 **recall, either. But then she helped us work with**
23 **some cases that involved sexual misconduct with**
24 **specifically Father Richard Boyd and Father Bob**
25 **Bester. I can remember those two, anyway. Anyway,**
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1 she was very helpful in that.
2 **So we hired -- I -- and she**
3 **volunteered initially, but then we -- I hired her,**
4 **and the Bishop named her a chancellor for a while**
5 **so she could be deal -- so she could go through the**
6 **file in a discovery to see if there was any --**
7 **because with all the work I had to do I didn't have**
8 **time to page through 1,000 files to -- to see if**
9 **there were allegations there. So she did that.**
10 Q. So what did -- what did she do if she
11 found an indication --
12 **A. Well, she took --**
13 Q. -- of an allegation?
14 **A. -- them to Bishop Balke, I think.**
15 Q. Did she ever go to you with any of the
16 allegations?
17 **A. I don't -- he handled that stuff**
18 **pretty much himself.**
19 Q. Do you know what Bishop Balke did when
20 Jennifer Haselberger would go to him with an
21 allegation?
22 **A. Yeah. Well, I mean, I -- um, well, I**
23 **suppose that some of them went to the review board**
24 **for consideration, if they were alive. At that**
25 **time if they were deceased, I don't think we did**
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1 **much, we just left it in the file.**
2 Q. When was the review board established
3 in the Diocese?
4 **A. That was part of the charter. Every**
5 **Diocese had to have a review board.**
6 Q. Were you involved in the review board
7 at all?
8 **A. Yes, I was.**
9 Q. What was your role in --
10 **A. Mostly I chaired the meetings.**
11 Q. Do you remember the priests that you
12 discussed with the review board, the names of the
13 priests?
14 **A. I think they're here, yeah, Monsignor**
15 **Michael Patnode, and that -- that was it. We had**
16 **to have one pastor on the board, plus the vicar**
17 **general and bishop, and then we had an attorney,**
18 **John Jeffrey, and Marjorie Baumgartner-Hill was a**
19 **counselor, Paul Biermaier is a police chief, Cindy**
20 **Hulst is a social worker, and Mark Krejci is a**
21 **psychologist. He taught at Concordia.**
22 Q. Do you -- do you recall the names of
23 the priests who were accused of misconduct with
24 minors that the review board looked at when you
25 were involved with the review board?
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1 **A. Well, I can recall a couple. I don't**
2 **know if I -- I mean, I'd have to be hard put to**
3 **make sure that I had them all.**
4 Q. What are their names?
5 **A. Um, well, there was Jeyapaul, Father**
6 **Jeyapaul, he was an Indian priest; and Father --**
7 **Father Luis Silva was one of our Columbian priests.**
8 **He's now working in Miami. He was exonerated by**
9 **the board.**
10 **His issue was that he had gone on a**
11 **youth trip with -- with a group from his parish,**
12 **one of these national youth conferences, and in --**
13 **in -- in their break they had gone to Hooters, or**
14 **something, for lunch. There were other -- he said**
15 **there were other groups that went, so they went in.**
16 **He didn't know that this was a place where scantily**
17 **clad women were waiting on tables. And so when --**
18 **when the kids got home, one of the mothers found**
19 **out about this and made a complaint about him.**
20 **So he was interviewed by the board,**
21 **but he was -- he was -- he was unaware of the**
22 **nature of the place, and so he wasn't -- didn't**
23 **have any other allegations, so we let him continue**
24 **to minister.**
25 Q. Any other priests that you remember
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1 discussing with the review board?
2 **A. Well, I -- we must have discussed Bob**
3 **Bester and Ray -- Rich -- Richard Boyd.**
4 Q. Tell me about Bob Bester --
5 **A. Oh, John -- I mean, oh, not -- Foley,**
6 **Jerry Foley, also.**
7 Q. Tell me about Father Bob Bester, what
8 were the accusations against Father Bester?
9 **A. Just careless behavior with young**
10 **people. Evidently there was nobody under 18, but**
11 **he was asked to resign the priesthood because of**
12 **his -- I think he had to -- he would -- he had --**
13 **he had gone up to Alaska to -- to join the -- to**
14 **join the Diocese there. He was disillusioned with**
15 **Crookston, I guess, and he then solicited sexual**
16 **favours from a fellow that was working at his church.**
17 Q. But Father Bester, as far as you know,
18 didn't concern minors?
19 **A. Not -- as far as I know, I was told**
20 **that he never had an issue with a minor.**
21 Q. Has he been laicized?
22 **A. Yes.**
23 Q. What about Father Boyd?
24 **A. Laicized, also.**
25 Q. And he had had a child pornography

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1 conviction in the 1980s?
2 **A. Yes, right.**
3 Q. Is that correct?
4 **A. That's correct.**
5 Q. Do you know if anyone in the Diocese
6 reviewed Father Boyd's file prior to when you were
7 on the review board or meeting with the review
8 board?
9 **A. I'm sure the Bishop did, but I didn't**
10 **do it at that time. When he was laicized, I was**
11 **instrumental in putting the file together with**
12 **Jennifer Haselberger that we sent to Rome and had**
13 **him administratively de -- we -- declarabalized**
14 **(phonetic).**
15 Q. Do you remember, did you ever provide
16 Father Boyd's priest personnel file to law
17 enforcement?
18 **A. I don't remember doing it. It was**
19 **given to his psychiatrist, though, and his wife, or**
20 **I think it was.**
21 Q. Father Boyd's file was?
22 **A. Yeah.**
23 Q. Who is the psychiatrist?
24 **A. Oh, geez, I don't know. I can't**
25 **remember.**

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1 Q. Do you know why it was given to them?
2 **A. Well, we wanted some kind of**
3 **assessment of his -- before -- I mean, when we --**
4 **when you write to Rome asking for a dispensa -- a**
5 **dismissal from the clerical state, you got to**
6 **provide the fact that you had professional counsel**
7 **on this matter, and so that's what we did.**
8 Q. Any other priests that you remember?
9 You said Jerry Foley?
10 **A. Yeah. He was dismissed, also.**
11 Q. And what were the allegations against
12 Father Foley?
13 **A. Well, he was a social worker, and he**
14 **took advantage of a couple of women that were his**
15 **clients.**
16 Q. Did any of his behavior involve
17 minors, to your knowledge?
18 **A. Not -- not to my knowledge, but**
19 **vulnerable adults.**
20 Q. Did you have any role in compiling a
21 list that was sent to the John Jay College in 2002
22 or 2003 --
23 **A. I don't remem --**
24 Q. -- from the Diocese?
25 **A. I don't remember, but I might have. I**

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1 **don't know.**
2 Q. Did the Diocese itself keep a list of
3 priests who had worked in the Diocese who had been
4 accused of either boundary issues or sexual
5 misconduct with children when you were in the
6 chancery?
7 **A. We didn't keep a list until we were**
8 **told to some -- just a few years ago.**
9 Q. Who told you to keep the list?
10 **A. It must have been the attorney or**
11 **somebody. I'm not sure.**
12 Q. Did you have any involvement,
13 Monsignor Grundhaus, in --
14 **A. We had to -- we had to --**
15 **MR. ENGH: Wait for her question.**
16 **THE WITNESS: Okay, sure.**
17 **MR. ENGH: Wait for a question.**
18 **THE WITNESS: Okay, I'm sorry, yeah.**
19 **BY MS. LINDSTROM:**
20 Q. Did you have any involvement in
21 helping create the list that's been released by the
22 Diocese now that's on their website of priests who
23 have been deemed credibly accused?
24 **A. I didn't have any involvement in it**
25 **directly, no.**

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1 Q. Have you seen the list Father -- or
2 Monsignor?
3 **A. I haven't looked it up, no. Am I on**
4 **it?**
5 Q. I'm going to show you what's been
6 marked as Exhibit 1. Monsignor Grundhaus, this is
7 just a list that's been on the Diocese website of
8 the priests who have been deemed credibly accused
9 of abuse of a minor.
10 **A. Yep.**
11 Q. Looking through this list, is there
12 anybody's name that you don't see on this list that
13 you believe should be on this list, that you either
14 dealt with or you heard information about that they
15 had either inappropriate conduct or had abused a
16 minor at some point?
17 **A. Some of these names I don't even know**
18 **because they weren't priests of our Diocese because**
19 **they were -- but, I -- no, there's -- I don't**
20 **think there -- I think -- when I was deposed for**
21 **Fitzgerald, I gave all the names that I was aware**
22 **of, and they -- they're on here.**
23 **I don't -- I don't know anything about**
24 **Othman Hohmann. Joseph Jeyapaul I do. Paul Kabat**
25 **I was surprised, I didn't know. Casimir -- Paul**

1 **Kabat is a religious order priest, too. And**
2 **Casimir Plakut, I don't know. He was -- he must**
3 **have predated me, because I don't know him at all.**
4 **James Porter predated me, but I knew about him; and**
5 **Augustine Strub, this is the first time I've seen**
6 **his name.**
7 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, have you talked
8 to Father Sullivan, Father Pat Sullivan, about the
9 accusations that have been made against him?
10 **A. I -- I did. He was living in**
11 **Crookston for all -- when he was put on leave, and**
12 **so I visited him a couple times.**
13 Q. What did your conversations consist
14 of?
15 **A. It -- there was not -- and it -- it**
16 **didn't -- I didn't question him about anything, and**
17 **there was nothing about specifics, I just com --**
18 **commiserated with him, gave him some things to read.**
19 Q. Is this during the time that Father
20 Sullivan was on leave?
21 **A. Yeah.**
22 Q. Or on the shelf, as you would say?
23 **A. On the shelf, yeah.**
24 Q. Do you remember any more details about
25 the conversations with Father Sullivan?

1 **A. I don't, no.**
2 Q. Is there anybody else that you know of
3 that's currently on restrictions?
4 **A. In the Diocese, no. I think I'm the**
5 **only one right now.**
6 Q. Does the Diocese have, that you're
7 aware of, a formal monitoring program or does the
8 monitoring program consist of Monsignor Foltz
9 checking in with you once in a while?
10 **A. Yeah, that's it, I think.**
11 Q. Has anybody else contacted you to
12 check in about your ministry restrictions?
13 **A. No.**
14 Q. Were you given any formal documents
15 about your restrictions?
16 **A. Just a letter from the Bishop.**
17 Q. And what did the letter say?
18 **A. Oh. It said he was asking me to re --**
19 **to refrain from any kind of public ministry until**
20 **the -- until the case is completed. It's a -- it's**
21 **got a couple paragraphs, but I can't -- I didn't**
22 **memorize it.**
23 Q. At any point did you hear about a
24 letter that Bishop Hoepfner had Ron Vasek sign in
25 2015 retracting the allegations of abuse?

1 **A. I did -- I heard about it.**
2 MR. BRAUN: Objection.
3 THE WITNESS: I mean --
4 MR. BRAUN: Misstates characterization
5 of evidence.
6 THE WITNESS: Okay.
7 MR. BRAUN: You may answer. Sorry.
8 THE WITNESS: I heard about it.
9 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
10 Q. What did you hear?
11 **A. I heard that the Bishop asked him to**
12 **sign this letter that he agreed that he wouldn't**
13 **talk about this anymore, since that's what he**
14 **seemed to have indicated he wanted. But then I**
15 **heard, also, that Ron felt that he was forced to**
16 **sign the letter.**
17 Q. Did you find out about this letter any
18 earlier than 2017?
19 **A. No.**
20 MS. LINDSTROM: Can we take a break?
21 THE WITNESS: Sure.
22 MR. ENGH: Sure.
23 MS. LINDSTROM: We're almost done.
24 THE WITNESS: Sure, I'll take another
25 break.

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1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the
2 record at 2:59 p.m.
3 (Break from 2:59 to 3:04.)
4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
5 record at 3:04 p.m.
6 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
7 Q. Monsignor Grundhaus, we're almost
8 done. I'm just going to ask some follow-up
9 questions, and it might seem like I'm jumping
10 around, so I apologize for that.
11 A. Okay, sure.
12 Q. Prior to when you were assigned in the
13 Diocese, to your knowledge, were any background
14 checks run on you before you were assigned?
15 A. No. There were no background checks
16 run on us until -- until that became policy after
17 the 2002 charter.
18 Q. I apologize if I already asked you
19 this, but at -- at some point did you hear or have
20 any conversation with Bishop Balke about
21 destruction of documents in the priest's files?
22 A. I never had any conversation about
23 them, no.
24 Q. At any point has any company or person
25 come in and done an outside independent audit of

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1 the Diocese of Crookston's priests' files, and I'm
2 not talking about an audit done by your attorneys
3 or the Diocese's attorneys, but any other
4 individual who came in who is not employed by the
5 Diocese to review cleric files?
6 MR. BRAUN: Objection, foundation.
7 You can answer if you know the answer.
8 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't
9 think so.
10 BY MS. LINDSTROM:
11 Q. Has it been your experience, Monsignor
12 Grundhaus, that there's been a relative shortage of
13 the priests in the Diocese during your time here?
14 A. Very much.
15 Q. Has that always been the case?
16 A. I think so. I mean, um, you know, a
17 lot of times we use priests for a lot of things
18 that they have to -- you wouldn't need to be
19 ordained for. But, yeah, we al -- there's always
20 been an urge to try to get people to consider
21 priesthood as a vocation so that we can do a better
22 job of getting the gospel preached, I guess.
23 Q. Have you ever used Richard Sutter,
24 does that name sound familiar, as an investigator
25 to come and look at any of the priests' files or

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1 accusations regarding abuse of minors?
2 A. Sutter, was he the guy -- he was maybe
3 the guy that -- that -- that reviewed Richard
4 Boyd's file, so -- Is his wife a psychologist?
5 Q. I can't answer that, but --
6 A. I mean, the te -- they came as a team,
7 he and his wife. That name rings a bell. I
8 can't -- and that's what it -- that's the only --
9 but that's all I can say. I don't know, it just
10 rings a bell.
11 Q. Did you have any --
12 A. He didn't do anything, I don't think,
13 beyond Boyd, if that was -- that was the man.
14 Q. Did you have any information about
15 Father James Bernauer at any point and accusations
16 of abuse of minors?
17 A. Not abuse of minors, no.
18 Q. What did those accusations against
19 Bernauer involve?
20 A. I think he abused housekeepers.
21 Q. When do you remember those accusations
22 coming out?
23 A. Well, when I -- I wasn't in the
24 chancery when those accusations were made, but they
25 were -- they were known, and he was forbidden -- he

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1 could -- he was not forbidden to help out on
2 weekends after he retired, but he was forbidden to
3 go back to any of the parishes at which -- in which
4 he had served. That's how -- that's how I recall
5 his limitation.
6 Q. And, Monsignor Grundhaus, as we sit
7 here today, is it your testimony that you've never
8 touched a minor under the age of 18 in a sexual
9 manner, meaning the breasts, the buttocks or
10 genitals?
11 A. I'm not aware that I have, no.
12 Q. And you were family friends with Ron
13 Vasek and his parents growing up?
14 A. Yes. No -- well, he -- yes. He was
15 an 8th grader when I got to know them, and -- and
16 I've been -- I was friends of theirs until a year
17 ago, I mean, a year and a half ago.
18 Q. Have you thought about how it makes
19 Ron Vasek feel knowing that you're denying these
20 allegations that he's imposed?
21 MR. ENGH: Objection.
22 MR. BRAUN: Objection as to form and
23 it's not reasonably calculated to lead --
24 THE WITNESS: Okay.
25 MR. BRAUN: -- to any admissible

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1 evidence.
2 MR. ENGH: I --
3 MR. BRAUN: It's also argumentative,
4 highly argumentative.
5 MR. ENGH: Objection to speculation.
6 THE WITNESS: Okay.
7 MR. ENGH: There's no foundation as to
8 how he would know Ron would feel. Having said
9 that, making my objection --
10 THE WITNESS: I haven't talked to him
11 since, and I don't know how he feels.
12 MS. LINDSTROM: We're done. Thank
13 you.
14 MR. ENGH: We'll -- we'll read and
15 sign.
16 THE WITNESS: Okay.
17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off
18 the record at 3:09 p.m.
19 (Whereupon, the video deposition of
20 MONSIGNOR ROGER GRUNDHAUS was concluded at 3:09 p.m.)
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PRIESTS WHO HAVE BEEN CREDIBLY ACCUSED OF ABUSE OF A MINOR

DIOCESAN PRIESTS

The following priests of the Diocese of Crookston are the subject of allegations of abuse of a minor:

Bourassa, Stanley

Date of Birth: April 13, 1929

Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: St. Joseph, Red Lake Falls 1955-1957

Asst. Pastor: St. Anne, Crookston 1957-1961

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip, Bemidji 1961-1962

Asst. Pastor: Sacred Heart, East Grand Forks 1962-1969

Pastor: St. Mary, Fosston, St. Lawrence, Mentor 1969-1977

Pastor: Sacred Heart, East Grand Forks 1977-1981

Pastor: St. Bernard, Thief River Falls, St. Ann, Goodridge, St. Clement, Grygla 1981-1991

Pastor: Assumption, Barnesville, St. Cecilia, Sabin 1991-1999

Retired: July 1, 1999

Current Status: Deceased August 11, 2004

Boyd, Richard

Date of Birth: October 24, 1950

Date of Ordination: June 1, 1979

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: Sacred Heart, East Grand Forks 1979-80

Chancellor: Diocese of Crookston Chancery 1980-82

Administrator: St. Joseph, Middle River; St. Joseph, Benwood; Assumption, Florian 1980-82

Vice Chancellor: Diocese of Crookston Chancery 1982

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip, Bemidji 1985-87

Pastor: St. Joseph, Middle River; St. Joseph, Benwood; Assumption, Florian 1987-90

Pastor: St. Peter, Park Rapids 1990-2001

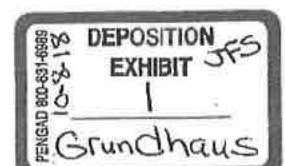
Canonical Pastor: St. Mary, Two Inlets 1994-95

Canonical Pastor: Lake Itasca 1997-2001

Pastor: St. Mary, Fosston; St. Joseph, Bagley 2001-2003

Removed from ministry: 2003

Laicized: 2006



Carriere, Henry

Date of Birth: May 9, 1920

Date of Ordination: June 16, 1946

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston 1946

Asst. Pastor: St. Joseph, Fertile 1946-1948

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip, Bemidji 1948-1950

Asst. Pastor: St. Rose of Lima, Argyle, 1950-1952

Administrator: St. Lawrence, Guthrie, St. Theodore, Laporte 1952-1955

Chaplain: St. Joseph Hospital, Park Rapids 1952-1955

Pastor: St. Joseph, Brooks 1955-1972

Pastor: St. Vincent de Paul, Plummer 1965-1969

Pastor: St. Anthony, Terrebonne 1969-1972

Pastor: St. Rose of Lima, Argyle 1972-1982

Pastor: Sacred Heart, Roseau, St. Mary, Badger 1982-1990

Retired: July 2, 1990

Date removed from ministry: June 19, 2002

Current Status: Deceased November 3, 2003

Foley, Gerald

Date of Birth: January 15, 1932

Date of Ordination: June 3, 1961

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Director: Catholic Social Services Association, Red Lake Falls 1963-77

Administrator: St. Dorothy, Dorothy 1963-75

Substitute Ordinary Confessor: Benedictine Convent, Red Lake Falls 1963

Pastor: St. Anne's, Crookston 1975-77

Pastor: St. Joseph, Ada 1977

Pastor: St. Francis de Sales, Moorhead 1979-83

Pastor: St. Cecilia, Sabin 1979-83

Faculties Removed: 2005

Laicization: 2006

Current Status: Residing in Minneapolis, MN

Reid, Francis

Date of Birth: June 10, 1922

Date of Ordination: May 23, 1964

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston 1964-1965

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip's, Bemidji 1965-1966

Asst. Pastor: St. Rose of Lima, Argyle 1966-1968

Asst. Pastor: St. Bernard's, Thief River Falls 1968-1971

Administrator: St. Ann, Waubun 1971

Pastor: St. John's, Akeley, Immaculate Conception, Nevis, St. Theodore, Ponsford 1971-1977

Pastor: St. Michael, Mahnomen 1977-1980

Pastor: St. Peter the Apostle, Park Rapids 1980-1990

Pastor: St. Mary, Two Inlets, St. Theodore, Ponsford, St. Catherine, Lake Itasca 1990-1992

Retired: July 1, 1992

Date removed from ministry: July 1, 1992

Current Status: Deceased April 15, 2007

EXTERN/RELIGIOUS ORDER PRIESTS

The following extern or religious order priests (not incardinated in the Diocese of Crookston) worked or resided in the Diocese of Crookston and are the subject of allegations of abuse of a minor, either in the diocese or outside the diocese:

Fitzgerald, J. Vincent

Date of Birth: December 8, 1919

Date of Ordination: May 27, 1950

Diocese or religious order: Order of Mary Immaculate

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: St. Patrick, Kelliher, St. Joseph, Shooks 1973-1974

Pastor: St. Anne, Naytahwaush, St. Frances Cabrini, Big Elbow Lake, St. Benedict, White Earth 1983-1986

Current Status: Deceased September 27, 2009

Hohmann, Othman

Diocese or religious order: Order of St. Benedict

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

St. Michael, Mahnomen – Serving as hospital Chaplain in Oakes, ND 1957-1958

Holy Rosary, Detroit Lakes – Serving as pastor October 1958 – September 1960

Current Status: Died January 4, 1980

Jeyapaul, Joseph Palanivel

Date of Birth: January 20, 1955

Date of Ordination: May 19, 1982

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Ootacamund, India

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Priest in residence: St. Bernard, Thief River Falls 2004

Administrator: Blessed Sacrament, Greenbush, St. Joseph, Middle River, St. Edward, Karlstad 2004-2005

Date removed from ministry: September 15, 2005

Current Location: Diocese of Ootacamund, India

Current Status: unknown

Kabat, Paul

Date of Birth: January 16, 1932

Date of Ordination: September 8, 1958

Diocese or religious order: Order of Mary Immaculate

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

1973-78: Sacred Heart, Wilton; Newman Center, Bemidji

Current Status: Died 1999

Plakut, Casimir

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Holy Rosary, Detroit Lakes

St. Anne, Naytahwaush

Current Status: Died 1988

Porter, James

Date of Birth: January 2, 1935

Date of Ordination: April 2, 1960

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Fall River, MA

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip, Bemidji 1969-70

Current Status: Deceased February 11, 2005

Strub, Augustine

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

St. Anne, Naytahwaush

Assumption, Callaway

Current Status: Left the priesthood in 1961-62. Died in 2015

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Sexual Misconduct Policy of the Diocese of Crookston and that I have read it, understand its meaning, and agree to conduct myself in accordance with the Policy.

Date: 3-10-92
Signed: R Grundhaus

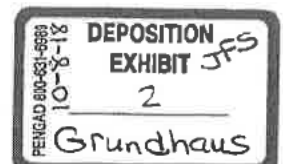
BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING SEXUAL ABUSE

1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime of sexual abuse, physical abuse, sexual harassment or exploitation? Yes No
2. Has any civil or criminal complaint, or any other written complaint, ever been made against you relating to sexual abuse, sexual harassment or exploitation, or physical abuse? Yes No
3. Have you ever terminated your employment or had your employment terminated for reasons relating to allegations of sexual abuse or physical abuse by you, or relating to civil or criminal complaints for sexual or physical abuse against you? Yes No
4. Have you ever received any medical treatment, physical or psychological, for reasons involving your physical or sexual abuse of others? Yes No

If you answer yes to any of the above four questions, you will be asked to execute an authorization for information.

Date: _____
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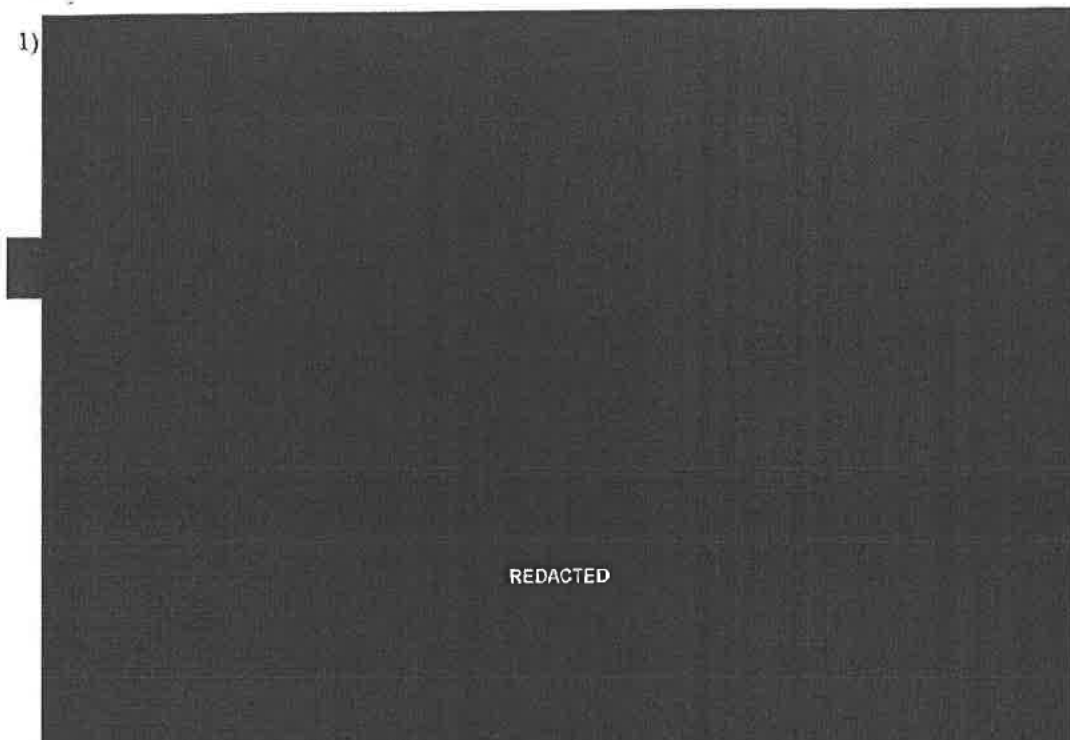


Sexual Misconduct Review Committee Minutes
August 22, 2002, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Present: Bishop Victor Balke, Msgr. Roger Grundhaus, Msgr. Michael Patnode, Mr. John Jeffrey, Ms. Marjorie Baumgartner-Hill, Mr. Paul Biermaier, Ms. Cindy Hulst
Absent: Mr. Mark Krejci

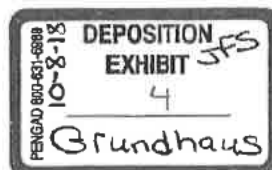
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- 3) The National Review Board has sent out a questionnaire to all dioceses to be answered and returned by August 30th, to get a "snap shot" of where each diocese is at present on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter. See completed questionnaire attached.
- 4) Review of the Henry Carriere Case. Henry Carriere was accused of sexual abuse of minors some years ago. In accordance with the Charter any priest with charges against them is to have their title taken from them and they cannot publicly celebrate Mass or wear the collar. Henry Carriere lives at the Villa St. Vincent Nursing Home in Crookston and is in very poor health and refuses to obey the Bishop. Currently a representative of the Villa turned in a log to the Bishop on Henry Carriere's behavior concerning celebrating Mass publicly and being referred to as Fr. Henry Carriere.
 - a) It was decided that Frs. Super and Schreiner should continue to urge Henry to obey the Bishop.
 - b) That the Villa Nursing Home may continue to call him Fr. Carriere, and will no longer continue to log his issues with his collar and con-celebrating Mass.
- 5) Discussion on whether the names of this Board should be made public or not and the concern for liability insurance, it was decided that the names would be made public and that there is no liability.
- 6) Discussion on confidentiality. It was the consensus on the Board to shred paperwork on closed cases, with one main file containing all paperwork. All notebooks with case files and policies will stay in the chancery vault.

At this time Mr. Noel joined the Review Board to present a Computer Program called VIRTUS to be used to implement the Charter. Tabled until further discussion.

Next meeting dates are: September 26, 2002 3:30-5:30 p.m. supper following.
October 24, 8:30-12:00 a.m. lunch following.

Agenda items will include: Study of the Provincial Review Process, suggested changes/additions to our policy, and an update on the Mooney-Wesely case.

Respectfully submitted,

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