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I would just like to tell you that I was one of the many kids Fr. Eckroth took up to St. Johns cabin back in the early 70s.

I was one of the lucky kids that was never approached by him. All I can do is tell you some of the weird things we did. Of course there was the Sauna that everyone is talking about. I remember one time we were all supposed to look for pine branches so we could slap ourselves in the sauna. He told us it was to get our blood circulating. I remember him telling us we were to run down to the lake after we were in the sauna and jump in the lake, now remember we were only about 8 to 10 years old naked and scared. One time he wanted all of us to take a sauna together, boys and girls. My girlfriend didn't have a swimsuit to put on so he told her to put on a pair of shorts, and he took a dish towel and wrapped it around her breasts. I also remember him asking her to sit on his lap while we were in the sauna. She did.

Its been so many years ago. My parents are angry at him to think they trusted this man to take up there children to this cabin. There were 3 brothers a sister and myself that were up there at different times. I Thank God that this man never touched us. At least we don't remember. I just wanted to let you know about this information.

thank you if you would like to email me my address is: