

Case of [redacted] 15 yrs old.

[redacted]
[redacted]
Gloucester Mass.

Home [redacted]

[redacted] and his mother came to my office at 3 P.M. on Thursday - February 1/2, 1987. [redacted] told me the following story.

He worked as a [redacted] on the first floor of the rectory. Sometime before the following incidents, Father Joe Birmingham asked [redacted] this question, do you know who gay people are? [redacted] answered that in a general way he knew about gay people.

BIRMINGHAM 2.12

Last March [redacted] was hurting. He told Fr. Birmingham about this. Fr. [redacted] said that he wanted to give [redacted] a massage when he got back. He left the room and when [redacted] returned, he took [redacted] upstairs and told him to lie down.

on the couch. Father Birmingham started to massage [redacted] on the shoulder and the [redacted] then down and touched [redacted]'s private parts. He asked [redacted] to massage him, but then the door bell rang and [redacted] left the room to answer the door.

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This past summer [redacted] Birmingham asked [redacted] to bring him some water. At the same time, [redacted] was due to receive his check and Fr. asked him to come [redacted] and get it. [redacted] sat down and Father started to massage him from the shoulder down to his private parts.

BIRMINGHAM 2.13

On another time, [redacted] was in [redacted] floor office. Fr. came in and said, "turn the T.V. to the news. After the news was over, Fr. told [redacted] to turn down the volume and pull down the shade." Birmingham sat down and grabbed [redacted] the arm and said, "are we friends." [redacted] said yes. Then Fr. sat [redacted] down on his knee, and started to touch the boy's private parts.

[REDACTED] said that he is angry.

His mother who brought him to my office spoke of getting counselling for [REDACTED].

His mother also said that Fr. Birmingham was concerned as to why there was not a youth ministry in the parish. St. Ann. He wanted to build it up.

[REDACTED]'s mother wanted to know if Fr. Birmingham would stay in the parish!

Finally, I said that there is a chance that another boy might be involved with Fr. Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM 2.14

Submitted by
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2/14/87 - I spoke to Joe Birmingham. He admitted there had been some difficulty. He agreed it would be helpful to resign from parish & to need assessment and therapy. He has shown himself most cooperative in every way.
I gave name of counselor to Rep. McCreary so boy could receive help.