

LEO LANDRY

I. INTRODUCTION

There were no existing records at Diocese of Manchester with regard to allegations of sexual abuse of minors perpetrated by Father Landry. However, Landry agreed to be interviewed by the Task Force on September 3rd and 4th, 2002, and again on October 17, 2002. He provided information under a limited grant of immunity -- that the State would not use information he provided against him. During this interview, Landry offered substantial information regarding his formation as a priest, early work with the Stigmatine Fathers in Massachusetts, his transfer to the Diocese of Manchester, and his teaching career in several New Hampshire public and private schools. Landry admitted to sexually assaulting several minors during his interview and to discussing one of his sexual encounters with a minor with Bishop Primeau in 1967. The Diocese did not limit Landry's contact with minors in the wake of this incident. Landry admitted to subsequent sexual assaults with minors from parishes where he worked after Bishop Primeau was told of Landry's misconduct in 1967.

The Task Force followed up on several investigative leads suggested by Landry's interview. The pertinent facts of the State's investigation are set out below.

II. LANDRY'S FORMATION AND WORK WITH THE STIGMATINE FATHERS

Landry graduated from St. John's High School in Concord, NH in 1948 and earned a football scholarship to New England College. After his first year at New England College, he left school. Soon thereafter, he entered the seminary under the direction of the Stigmatine Fathers in Waltham, Massachusetts. (B6367). The Stigmatine Fathers are a Roman Catholic religious order but are a separate and distinct organization from the Diocese of Manchester. Landry was ordained as a priest in Rome in 1958. (B6867). Records secured from the Stigmatine Fathers confirm that Landry was ordained on May 31, 1958. (B9538). Following ordination, he returned on July 28, 1958, to the Sacred Heart parish in Waltham, Massachusetts. (B9540). Thereafter, he took a pastoral year at Elm Bank in Wellesley, Massachusetts where he taught English and world history. (B6373; 6375; 9540).

Because he had a background in French, the Stigmatine Fathers transferred him to a parish in Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Canada in the Summer of 1959. (B6376; 9540). He was removed from the parish by Christmas of 1959. (B6376). Around that time, a 13 or 14 year old boy named John Doe XXXVII made an allegation against him. (B6377-78). Landry explained that the boy was afraid to undress in front of other boys from the basketball team, but Landry insisted he do so. (B6378). Landry denied that he engaged in sexual contact with the boy, stating: "I did not touch anybody." (B6378). Landry speculated that the boy's brother, who was also a priest, may have reported the allegation to the Stigmatine Fathers.

(B6378). Later, Father Egan, the Provincial for the Stigmatine Fathers addressed the allegation with Landry. (B6378-79).¹

Stigmatine records indicate that Landry served at Sacred Heart in Waltham beginning on May 7, 1960. By August of 1960, he was assigned to Mt. Carmel parish in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. (B9540). On June 17, 1961, Landry was assigned to St. Anthony's in Agawam, Massachusetts. (B9540). While Landry's memory was spotty with regard to his early assignments, he recalled working at St. Anthony's parish in Agawam in the early 1960's. (B6380-81). Landry admitted that he engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with 4 or 5 minors during his years at St. Anthony's. (B6382). Specifically, Landry engaged in sexual contact with John Doe XXXIX at the boy's home when his mother was working. Doe XXXIX was 14 or 15 years old. (B6382). He also engaged in sexual contact with a 14- or 15-year-old boy named John Doe XL at the church rectory. (B6883-84). Landry admitted to "masturbating" both of these boys on 4 or 5 occasions with his hand. (B6383-84). He further admitted to engaging in sexual contact with another boy at a summer camp on a lake near Agawam on at least 3 occasions. (B6385).

Landry explained the circumstances leading up to his sexual contact with these boys by saying that he talked with them "about their bodies." (B6385). These conversations may have taken place following CCD class. (B6386). His contact with these boys stopped when he was transferred from the parish in Agawam to a parish in South Porcupine, Ontario, Canada. (B6387; 6389). Stigmatine records confirm that Landry was assigned to South Porcupine on January 16, 1962. (B9540).

At one point when he was in South Porcupine, between 1960 and 1962, Landry explained that Father Egan confronted him with "allegations" or "rumors" regarding his sexual misconduct with boys. (B6396-97). Father Egan appeared to believe that these "rumors" were true. (B6401). Father Egan recommended that Landry seek counseling with a psychiatrist from Boston University. (B6397). Landry went to approximately 3 appointments with the psychiatrist at an office on Commonwealth Avenue. (B6398). Landry openly discussed his sexual contact with boys during these sessions. However, the psychiatrist did not appear to be interested and focused on analyzing Landry's dreams. (B6398). Landry is not sure whether the psychiatrist provided an evaluation to Father Egan and the Stigmatine Fathers. (B6399). Landry returned to parish work without restriction following these sessions. (B6400). No one from the Stigmatine Fathers monitored his behavior. (B6405). Landry stated that he may have confessed his conduct to a fellow priest with the Stigmatine Fathers. (B6401).

¹ Landry explained that approximately four years ago, John Doe XXXVIII alleged that Landry molested him as a boy in Sault St. Marie. Doe XXXVIII filed suit against Landry. Attorney Phil Utter represented Landry. (B6407; 6408). Eventually, the allegation was dropped. Landry denied any wrongdoing. (B6407). Sergeant Paul Callaghan of the Rochester Police Department received a telephone call from the police in Sault St. Marie in the Spring of 1998, requesting information on Landry because they were investigating sexual assaults perpetrated by Landry when he was a Catholic Priest in Canada 30 years prior. (B6618).

Landry admitted to engaging in sexual contact with a 14 year old boy in South Porcupine. Landry “masturbated” the boy, but could not remember his name. (B6390-91). Landry also “masturbated” John Doe XLI who was 13 or 14 years old. This occurred sometime before 1965.

After spending approximately a year in Canada, Landry was transferred to Woodbridge, Virginia to work as a parish priest. (B6393). Stigmatine records indicate that this transfer occurred on July 24, 1962. (B9540). He remained under the supervision of the Stigmatine Fathers. (B6393). In Virginia, he engaged in sexual contact with a 14 or 15 year old boy in the rectory. (B6393-94). Landry admitted to “masturbating” him. (B6394). By this time, Landry acknowledged that he had a problem and tried to search for a “spiritual father.” He went to local monasteries for the purpose of going to confession and, if he felt that he could confide in the priest, he would confess his conduct. (B6395).

At some point thereafter, Landry explained that he was again assigned to Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Stigmatine records do not reflect a second assignment to Sault St. Marie. However, they do indicate that the Stigmatine’s assigned Landry to Timmins, Canada on August 22, 1963. (B9540). After a short time, Father Egan visited Landry in Canada. Landry told Father Egan that he had decided to leave the Stigmatine Fathers. (B6409). Stigmatine records state that Landry returned to West Springfield, Massachusetts where he was assigned to St. Ann’s parish. (B9540).

III. LANDRY’S TRANSITION TO THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

When Landry returned to Springfield, he explained that he wrote a letter to the Diocese of Manchester requesting to become a Diocesan priest. Bishop Primeau of the Diocese of Manchester responded to Landry’s request and invited him to be a Diocesan priest in the Summer of 1965. (B6410). Stigmatine records indicated that he was “exclaustrated ad experimentum” to Manchester, N.H. in August of 1965. (B9540). According to Landry, the Diocese of Manchester accepted him without asking about his background. Landry is not sure whether the Diocese of Manchester communicated with the Stigmatine Fathers regarding his background. (B6411). As far as Landry is aware, the subject of his sexual conduct with minors was never discussed when he made the transition to the Diocese. (B6411). The Diocese of Manchester did not interview Landry for the position. (B6412).

Landry explained that the Diocese assigned him to a parish in Lincoln, NH in the Summer of 1965. (B6412). Landry took over the parish for a month while the pastor was in Florida. (B6413). He remained in Lincoln for approximately 2 months. The Diocese then transferred him to Laconia to fill in while the pastor of that parish underwent an operation. Landry worked in Laconia between the Fall of 1965 and January of 1966. (B6413).

A. Landry's Assignments in Somersworth and Manchester, NH

In the Winter of 1966, the Diocese assigned Landry to a parish in Somersworth. He worked in Somersworth for approximately 8 or 9 months. (B6414).

John Doe XLII (born in January of 1954) contacted the Attorney General's Office on April 24, 2002, to report that Landry sexually assaulted him in the rectory of the Holy Trinity parish in Somersworth, NH between 1966 and 1967, when he was 12 and 13 years old. (B1386). He reported that Landry had sexual contact with him on approximately 20-30 separate occasions. This involved removing their clothing and fondling. (B1386). Doe XLII explained that Landry used the confessional to "target" his victims. He stated that Landry had admitted to him that he was "involved" with a boy named "John Doe XLIII." (B1366). There is no indication that the Diocese was aware of this complaint.

On April 19, 2002, John Doe XLIII (born in November of 1953) contacted the Attorney General's Office to report that Landry sexually assaulted him at the rectory of the Holy Trinity parish in Somersworth from 1966 and 1968 when he was between 13 and 16 years old. (B1372). Doe XLIII explained Landry taught boys in school that it was a sin to masturbate. Having learned that such behavior was a sin, Doe XLIII went to confession to admit to masturbating. During confession, Landry instructed Doe XLIII to find him at the rectory later. At the rectory, Landry instructed Doe XLIII to pull down his pants and he did. Landry then demonstrated for Doe XLIII how to masturbate by fondling Doe XLIII's penis. (B1372). Doe XLIII stated that the parish pastor as well as a housekeeper that worked at the rectory may have been aware of Landry's conduct. (B1372).

During his interview, Landry admitted to engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with John Doe XLII and John Doe XLIV during the 8 or 9 months that he was assigned to the parish in Somersworth. (B6414-15). According to Landry, both Doe XLII and Doe XLIV were 13 or 14 years old at the time. (B6414-15). Landry confirmed that he got to know these boys through classes where he would teach them about sin and that it was a "sin" to masturbate. (B6417). He also taught the boys that they needed to go to confession to confess their sins, including masturbation. (B6418). In addition, Doe XLIV served as an altar boy. (B6316).

Landry recalled one encounter with Doe XLII in the living room of the rectory. Landry stated that he "masturbated" Doe XLII and that Doe XLII "masturbated" him. (B6417). Landry admitted to engaging in sexual contact on several occasions with Doe XLII during the entire 8 or 9 months that he was assigned to the parish in Somersworth. (B6419). As for Doe XLIV, Landry explained that their relationship began during a trip that they took to Northern New Hampshire with other boys. Landry borrowed a couple of vans for the trip. Doe XLIV sat in the front seat of the van with Landry. It was cold and Landry was blowing on his hands to warm them up. According to Landry, Doe XLIV took Landry's hand and placed it down Doe XLIV's pants on his "privates." (B6420). Landry realized that Doe XLIV had an erection. (B6420). He had further sexual contact with Doe XLIV during a

group camping trip to Mighty Joe Young's Camp Ground in Milton. He and Doe XLIV took a walk during which they engaged in sexual contact. (B6420).

While Landry admitted to engaging in sexual contact with Doe XLII and Doe XLIV, he stated that he did not know John Doe XLIII and denied that he sexually assaulted Doe XLIII. (B6415).

Landry stated that the Diocese assigned him to St. Anne's parish in Manchester sometime in 1966 after working in Somersworth. (B6312). Landry admitted that he continued to have contact with Doe XLIV even after he was transferred to St. Anne's. (B6420; 6310). Landry described one instance when he visited Doe XLIV. He picked Doe XLIV up from school and they went to Doe XLIV's family camp in Milton, possibly on "Milton Pond" or "Milton Ponds." (B6315; 6317; 6421). Doe XLIV was 13 or 14 years old at the time. (B6316). At the camp, Landry and Doe XLIV took off their clothes, got into bed, and "masturbated" each other. (B6317).

Landry stated that he and Doe XLIV got "caught" during this trip. (B6420). He suspects that one of the neighbors saw his car in front of the camp and checked to see if anyone was home. He speculated that a neighbor may have seen Landry with Doe XLIV on the bed. (B6315; 6421). On the way home, Landry noticed that Doe XLIV's mother passed them on the road. (B6421). Soon thereafter, Landry received a call from the Chancellor's Office stating that Bishop Primeau wanted to see him regarding an accusation that he was having sex with a young boy in Milton. (B6421). Landry met with Bishop Primeau at the Bishop's home on River Road in Manchester. (B6307). This meeting occurred after Landry had been transferred to Manchester. (B6310). Only Landry and the Bishop were present for the meeting. (B6310). Bishop Primeau told him that a lady called him and alleged that Landry touched her son at her camp in Milton. (B6307). The Bishop asked Landry if the allegation was true. (B6307). According to Landry, he stated to the Bishop: "I wish I could tell you that it wasn't true." (B6308). The Bishop acknowledged that it was a serious situation. (B6308). Bishop Primeau told him not to do it again. (B6308; 6319). The Bishop instructed Landry to stay away from "that young boy" and told him not to go to Somersworth anymore. (B6319; 6421). The Bishop also asked Landry to write a letter of apology to the boy's mother. (B6421). Landry stated that he did not write the letter because he was "scared." (B6308; 6318). The Bishop did not request that Landry seek counseling and Landry did not ask for counseling. (B6309; 6318). Landry recalled that his contact with the Bishop occurred in 1966, a couple of weeks after Doe XLIV's mother made a complaint. (B6309). To Landry's knowledge, the Bishop never documented the meeting and Landry never received any follow up correspondence from the Bishop. (B6310). In the wake of this meeting, the Diocese did not restrict Landry's ministry in any way. (B6310; 6318-19).

The Task Force interviewed John Doe XLIV's parents on December 5, 2002. (B10766). They explained that even after Landry was transferred from Somersworth in 1967, he continued to see their son as well as other boys in town. Landry would take Doe XLIV and the other boys out for ice cream. (B10766). Doe XLIV's mother also confirmed the circumstances surrounding the incident between Landry and their son at her in-law's

camp at Three Ponds in Milton in late September or early October of 1967. (B10766). She explained that she picked Doe XLIV up from school that day and Landry met them at their home. Doe XLIV was 11 years old. She allowed Doe XLIV to join Landry on the trip to the camp. She did not check up on them at the camp that day, but explained that Doe XLIV was “very quiet” and “very upset” when he returned home from the trip. (B10766). When Doe XLIV got home, he went downstairs to change his clothes. Doe XLIV then started to cry and disclosed to her what occurred earlier at the camp with Landry. (B10766). Doe XLIV told her that Landry had been “sexually abusing” him. (B10766).

Doe XLIV’s mother also confirmed that in October of 1967, 2 or 3 weeks after Doe XLIV described Landry’s abuse to her, she and her husband went to see Bishop Primeau. (B10766). They had a “face to face” meeting with the Bishop in his office. (B10766). No one else was present at the meeting. Doe XLIV’s mother explained that she told Bishop Primeau “everything” including the fact that Landry had been sexually abusing her son for “a while” and had touched his genitals. (B10766). They also explained to the Bishop that Landry had requested that Doe XLIV touch Landry’s genitals and that Doe XLIV had complied with these requests. (B10766). The Bishop promised the Doe XLIV’s parents that Landry would be placed in an assignment where he would no longer be around children. (B10767). The Bishop also apologized. (B10767). Doe XLIV’s parents stated that they did not make a report to the police and had no further contact with the Diocese. (B10767).

During his interview, Landry explained that he worked at St. Anne’s in Manchester as a parish priest until 1968. (B6311; 6320). There is no indication that the Bishop provided information about Landry’s sexual misconduct with minors to Landry’s superiors at St. Anne’s. Landry worked with children in this assignment. (B6320). Specifically, the parish pastor requested that Landry train some of the altar boys. (B6320). According to Landry, he “had a special crew” of about five boys that he prepared for the pastor. (B6320). Landry was proud of this group of altar boys because they were particularly good. (B6320). The pastor would request these altar boys to assist him during funerals and mass. (B6320).

Landry admitted that he continued to engage in sexual misconduct with boys during his assignment at St. Anne’s. (B6320). Landry engaged in sexual contact with John Doe XLV and John Doe XLVI. They were brothers. John Doe XLV was approximately 14 and John Doe XLVI was approximately 12 or 13 when this conduct began. (B6321). Landry stated that he engaged in “touching, fondling, and masturbation” with both of these boys. (B6321). They were both altar servers. (B6321). Landry stated that the younger boy came onto him. He explained that there was a group of boys having sex together. According to Landry, John Doe XLVI “chase[d]” him around the rectory and “cornered” him. (B6322). Landry stated that he “tried to push him way,” but it did not work and Landry ultimately “broke down” and engaged in sexual contact with the boy. (B6322). Landry stated that he even spoke with John Doe XLVI’s father about the problem -- Landry reported that Doe XLVI was too affectionate. (B6323). However, Landry did not tell Doe XLVI’s father about any sexual contact. Landry stated that his sexual contact with both boys continued throughout the time that he was assigned to St. Anne’s and stopped once the Diocese reassigned him to Berlin. (B6325). Landry acknowledged that he engaged in this conduct

even after his meeting with Bishop Primeau about his sexual contact with John Doe XLIV. (B6325). Landry further admitted that he may have had sexual contact with other boys while he was assigned to St. Anne's. (B6324).

B. Landry's Assignment to Berlin, NH

The Diocese assigned Landry to St. Kieran's parish in Berlin in the Fall of 1969 or the Summer of 1970. (B6327).

Task Force investigators interviewed several of Landry's victims from his assignment in Berlin including John Doe XLVII, John Doe XLVIII, and John Doe XLIX. During his meeting with Task Force investigators on October 4, 2002, John Doe XLVII (born in July of 1956) stated the following:

He was born and raised in Berlin, NH and lived there until 1979 when he moved. (B7083). As a grammar school child, between first and eighth grade, he attended St. Patrick's school. He was also an altar boy at St. Kieran's parish. He served as an altar boy until he was in the eighth grade. As an altar boy, he got to know Landry as a priest at the church. (B7083). St. Patrick's School was associated with St. Kieran's parish. (B7084). Landry occasionally visited St. Patrick's school to speak to classes. (B7083).

When Doe XLVII was in eighth grade, in the Fall of 1969, Landry began to sexually assault him. (B7084). Doe XLVII was 13 when the assaults began in 1969 and 14 when the assaults ended in 1970. (B7089). On one occasion, Landry asked him if he wanted to join Landry for ice cream after the 11:00 a.m. mass. (B7084). Doe XLVII was "elated" because as a priest, Landry occupied a "very high" status in the city. (B7084). He went home, asked his parents if he could go, and they gave him permission. (B7084). Later that day, he joined Landry on a trip to the Northland Dairy Bar where they got an ice cream. (B7084). Landry then took him on a ride on Route 16 North. During the ride, Landry questioned Doe XLVII about whether he was feeling physical changes take place in his own body and whether he had touched himself in an inappropriate manner. (B7084). While Landry continued to drive, Landry asked Doe XLVII to take down his pants, and Doe XLVII complied by pulling down his pants and underwear. (B7084-85). Landry began to fondle Doe XLVII's penis. Landry also explained that Doe XLVII would get an erection and then he would have a "great feeling." (B7085). Landry eventually pulled over to the side of the road and continued to fondle Doe XLVII. Doe XLVII explained that it was the first time that he had masturbated. Landry told him that it was for his own good and it was part of his education. (B7085). Landry instructed him not to tell anyone, it was to

be kept between Doe XLVII and his priest, and that it would be inappropriate to discuss the matter with his parents or other altar boys. (B7085).

Landry had similar contact with Doe XLVII on 4 or 5 separate occasions that Doe XLVII remembers “vividly.” (B7085; 7089). However, Doe XLVII is certain that Landry’s sexually assaulted him more than 4 or 5 times. (B7089). These encounters followed a similar pattern -- Landry would take him out to eat or for an ice cream and then they would go for a ride during which Landry would sexually assault him. (B7085). On a subsequent occasion, Landry took some cash from the collection basket at the church after mass and invited him to the dairy bar for lunch. Doe XLVII was stunned to see a priest dip into the collection box. He called his parents for permission and agreed to join Landry. After lunch, Landry brought him back to the church rectory and lead him upstairs to Landry’s room. (B7086). Landry undressed Doe XLVII and placed him on the bed. Landry took out his penis and placed it between Doe XLVII’s legs. At the same time, Landry made Doe XLVII “French kiss” him. (B7086). Doe XLVII felt the roughness of Landry’s beard. Landry had bad breath. (B7086). Doe XLVII was scared because they were in the church rectory, a place that he learned was sacred. (B7086). Following each assault, Landry explained that this was part of Doe XLVII’s sexual education and that it was for his own good. (B7086).

During the Winter of 1969, Landry invited a couple of altar boys to go to Boston to see the Boston Bruins play. At the time, coming from Berlin, an opportunity to see the Bruins was considered extremely special. (B7086). Doe XLVII recalled joining Landry as well as other altar boys on a trip to watch the Bruins play the New York Rangers. Following the game, they returned to a house in southern New Hampshire. (B7086). During the night, Landry brought Doe XLVII into his bed. Landry asked Doe XLVII to fondle Landry’s penis and Doe XLVII complied. (B7086).

During that Winter of 1970 and into the Spring of 1971, Doe XLVII, other altar boys, and Landry would get together to watch the Bruins play on television. Landry brought Doe XLVII to an apartment that Landry rented in Berlin, between Glen Avenue and Green Street. (B7087). Landry explained that he rented the apartment so that he had a place to get away from the rectory. Doe XLVII also recalled that one of the other parish priests rented the apartment with Landry, but Doe XLVII did not see the other priest at the apartment. (B7087-88). The group of 5 or 6 altar boys would watch sporting events along with Landry at the apartment. (B7088). On other occasions during this time

period, Landry brought Doe XLVII to the apartment alone. They would disrobe and lie in bed together. (B7088). Landry would “masturbate” Doe XLVII or Landry would lie on top of Doe XLVII while Landry masturbated. (B7088). Frequently, Landry would have Doe XLVII lay on top of him and have Doe XLVII cross his legs over Landry’s penis until Landry had an orgasm. (B7088).

Landry owned a camping trailer that he kept near Camp Kieran in Jefferson, NH. (B7089). Doe XLVII’s father was involved with the church and assisted to build Camp Kieran, a boy scout camp. (B7089). Doe XLVII’s father built a cabin at the camp. Landry maintained his trailer in a field nearby. (B7089). Landry brought a group of boys to the camp to spend the night. Most of the boys slept in the cabin while Landry would bring one boy to the trailer. (B7089). On one occasion, Landry brought Doe XLVII alone to the cabin. (B7089). Landry also brought John Doe L to Camp Kieran. (B7090). Doe XLVII recalled one instance when he was sleeping in the same bunk as John Doe LI in the cabin. Because of the contact that he had with Landry, Doe XLVII reached over to touch Doe LI, but Doe LI told Doe XLVII “no.” (B7091).

Landry brought Doe XLVII and other boys on a trip to Boston to attend a Red Sox game in the Spring of 1970. (B7090). They spent the night at the home of a woman that lived by herself in Manchester, NH. (B7090). Landry confessed to Doe XLVII that on one occasion in Manchester, Landry and a group of boys went to a field and masturbated together. (B7091). Landry instructed the boys that masturbation was inappropriate. (B7091).

Doe XLVII’s contact with Landry ended in the Summer of 1970. After that, Doe XLVII attended public high school and was no longer in the same “environment” as Landry -- he was no longer an altar boy and out of the catholic school. (B7090). By 1972, Doe XLVII learned that Landry married and moved out of Berlin with his new wife’s family. (B7090). Until recently, Doe XLVII had not reported Landry’s abuse. (B7091).

Looking back on his encounters with Landry, Doe XLVII explained that Landry was very good at seeing people’s “weaknesses” and preying on their “desires.” (B7092). In a mill town, going out for ice cream and to professional sporting events were special occasions and a way that Landry manipulated the boys with whom he had contact. (B7092). Landry also told Doe XLVII that Doe XLVII was a “special” person. (B7092).

As an adult, Doe XLVII was active in his church. (B7096). He taught CCD for 8 years. (B7096). By being a leader within the church as an adult, Doe XLVII was trying to gain acceptance and “make amends to the church” after his dealings with Landry. (B7096). Doe XLVII never revealed his abuse to the church. (B7096). By 1994, he became “bitter” toward the church. (B7096).

Task Force investigators interviewed John Doe XLVIII (born in April of 1956) on October 15, 2002. (B8896). Doe XLVIII provided the following information.

Doe XLVIII was raised in Berlin and was a parishioner at St. Kieran’s parish. He attended St. Patrick’s School between first and eighth grade. (B8897). He met Landry in the classroom at St. Patrick’s when the nuns brought Landry by to introduce him as a new priest to the children. (B8897). Doe XLVIII believes that he was in the eighth grade at the time. It was approximately 1969. (B8897). Landry engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with Doe XLVIII in the Fall of 1969. (B8901). Landry touched Doe XLVIII in an inappropriate sexual manner on 20 or 25 different occasions in the boys room at St. Patrick’s school, at Camp Kieran, and at Landry’s Berlin apartment. (B8905-06). During these encounters, Landry fondled Doe XLVIII’s genitals. (B8901).

The first encounter occurred in the boy’s room at St. Patrick’s School. (B8906). Not long after meeting Landry, Doe XLVIII found himself at the urinal next to Landry. (B8899-8900). An “incident” occurred in the bathroom with Landry -- Landry touched Doe XLVIII’s bare penis and he believes that he touched Landry’s penis as well. (B8900).

Through the parish, Doe XLVIII became involved with events at Camp Kieran. (B8898). There was a big field at the camp and at least one building. (B8899). Doe XLVIII took part in one or two overnight trips to the camp with Landry. (B8901). During one trip, Doe XLVIII slept in the same bed as Landry and they engaged in “mutual masturbation.” (B8901). Landry fondled Doe XLVIII’s penis until Doe XLVIII reached orgasm. (B8902). Doe XLVIII was 13 years old at the time. (B8903). At one time, Landry asked Doe XLVIII if he knew any other boys that would be interested in doing the “sort of thing” that they were doing. (B8903). Doe XLVIII answered “yes” and provided Landry with the name of a neighbor. (B8903).

Landry took Doe XLVIII to an apartment that he maintained with another priest. (B8905). The apartment was on lower Pleasant Street near where the Irving Station and the Dunkin Doughnuts are

currently located. (B8905). Landry had several “liaisons” with Doe XLVIII at the apartment. (B8905). At times, Doe XLVIII would go to Landry’s apartment with other boys from school to watch hockey games. (B8909).

Doe XLVIII’s contact with Landry ended in 1970 when he moved on to high school. (B8908).

In 1974, Doe XLVIII participated in marriage preparation courses offered at the Guardian Angel parish in Berlin. During those classes, he disclosed to a priest that he had been sexually assaulted by a priest during childhood, but he did not name the priest. (B8907). The priest did not follow up on Doe XLVIII’s report. (B8907). There is no indication that Doe XLVIII reported this previously.

On October 23, 2002, Task Force investigators interviewed John Doe XLIX (born in January of 1956). Doe XLIX provided the following information about his contact with Landry in Berlin.

Doe XLIX grew up in Berlin and served as an altar boy at St. Kieran’s parish for 7 years beginning when he was approximately 8 years old and ending when he was 15. (B8992-93). Doe XLIX was a “church rat” -- he was active in the parish, helped organize church events, and was a Boy Scout. (B9002). Doe XLIX described that Berlin was a “close community,” a town that “valued” the parish priest. (B9002). Around 1969, when he was 13 and serving as an altar boy, he got to know Landry. (B8993). Beginning in 1969, Landry engaged in sexual contact with Doe XLIX. (B8993). This conduct occurred through 1970 when Doe XLIX was 14 years old. (B8997).

After mass, Landry would engage Doe XLIX in conversation. This led to sexual contact in the sacristy and the rectory following mass. (B8993-94). Landry would fondle Doe XLIX’s genitals. Landry began by touching Doe XLIX’s genital area over his clothing and this contact progressed to the point where Landry fondled his genitals beneath his clothes. (B8994). Landry was fascinated by Doe XLIX’s sexual development and wanted to observe the growth of his pubic hair, his erections, and his orgasms. (B8994). They also engaged in “mutual masturbation.” (B8994). Doe XLIX believes that Landry fondled his genitals on a “dozen or more” occasions. (B8995).

Landry brought Doe XLIX and other boys to Bruins games in Boston. Landry had a sister that lived in Southern New Hampshire, possibly in Salem. (B8996). Following games, Landry would bring the boys back to his sister’s home where he maintained a mobile home.

(B8996). Landry's sister was never home during these trips. (B8996). Doe XLIX observed Landry engage in sexual contact with other boys on these occasions. (B9001). The boys would take turns as Landry fondled their genitals. (B9001). One of these boys was John Doe L. (B9000). On other occasions, Landry brought the boys to visit his parents in the Manchester area on the way back to Berlin. (B8996).

Landry also brought the boys to Camp Kieran in Jefferson, New Hampshire. (B8996). There was a trailer at the camp. On one occasion, Doe XLIX ended up sleeping in the trailer with Landry. (B8996).

Doe XLIX also visited Landry at his apartment in Berlin, but Doe XLIX does not recall having sexual contact with Landry at that location. (B8997). They would watch hockey games and drink beer. (B8998).

During his interview, Landry admitted to engaging in sexual contact with John Doe XLVII, John Doe XLVIII, and John Doe XLIX during his assignment in Berlin. (B6329). He got to know these boys because they were altar boys. (B6331). He stated that these boys were 14 years old when the abuse occurred. (B6329). Landry touched the genitals of each of the boys -- he stated that he masturbated them. (B6329). He also explained that he was "naked" with Doe XLVIII and that Doe XLVIII "masturbated" him as well. (B6329). Landry also admitted to engaging in sexual contact on more than one occasion with these boys in his camping trailer at the Boy Scout Camp. However, he did not recall having sexual contact with any of these boys in the rectory or in his apartment. (B6330).

Landry confirmed that he took an apartment near the Dunkin Donuts in Berlin with another parish priest because they were having problems with the parish pastor -- he did not want them around the rectory. (B6327). Landry denied that he engaged in sexual misconduct at the apartment. (B6330).

While he was in Berlin, Landry explained that he recognized that he had a problem. (B6334). He also felt like the Diocese should have provided him with help for his problem and alternatives to working with children. (B6336). In light of the fact that the Diocese was aware of his sexual problems with children and continued to assign him to new ministries, Landry felt that there was no way to control his own behavior unless he left the church. (B6337-38). Landry explained that at one point he confided in a priest from St. Anselm's and explained that he had engaged in inappropriate contact with minors. (B6339). Landry could not recall the priest's name. The priest encouraged Landry to leave the priesthood because the "system" was hurting him. (B6339). Landry does not believe that this priest reported the information to the Diocese. (B6340).

IV. LANDRY'S CAREER AS A TEACHER

Landry stated that his assignment to Berlin was his last as a Diocesan priest. (B6347). In 1970, he took a leave of absence and began to teach in Lebanon. (B6347-48). In the Spring, he received a call from the Stigmatine Fathers telling him that because he left the Diocese, he reverted back to the control of the Stigmatine Fathers. (B6348). Landry explained that at about the same time, there was an "allegation" in Lebanon. He stated that there was a boy lying on a desk at school watching movies and the boy's pants were open. Landry instructed the boy to "fix his pants," but the boy refused to do so and Landry "touched his pants." (B6352). Landry speculated that the boy's mother called the school to complain. (B6352). Following this complaint, Landry told the principal in Lebanon that he had been called back to the Stigmatine Fathers. Thereafter, he returned to the Stigmatine Fathers in Wellesley, Massachusetts. (B6348). Within 3 or 4 weeks, Landry decided to leave the Stigmatine Fathers and drafted a letter requesting to leave. The letter was forwarded to Rome. (B6348). Stigmatine records confirm that Landry was granted a leave of absence in 1970, he requested laicization in 1971, and was granted laicization in June of 1972. (B9539).

After leaving the priesthood, Landry worked briefly for his brother in Bristol, NH. (B6349; 6350). At the same time, he traveled back and forth to Berlin to spend time and "court" a woman that he had met there when he was a priest. (B6349). In 1972, they married. In 1971, Landry explained that he began to teach at New Hampton School. (B6343). He taught at New Hampton from 1971-1974. (B6349-50). Thereafter, he taught at Spaulding High School in Rochester. (B6350). He worked at Spaulding until the Spring of 1994. He then taught at the St. Elizabeth Seton School in Rochester. He is currently retired.

V. CONCLUSION

The Task Force investigated whether the Diocese of Manchester endangered the welfare of children by failing to effectively respond to concerns that Father Leo Landry engaged in sexual conduct with minors. While the investigation established that the Diocese was aware that Landry sexually assaulted a minor in the Fall of 1967 and that the Diocese did nothing to limit Landry's contact with children in the wake of this incident, the conduct of the Diocese occurred prior to the time that New Hampshire enacted its child endangerment statute in 1973. As such, a prosecution under a child endangerment theory would not have been possible. While a violation of the child endangerment statute did not occur, the Task Force's investigation established that the Diocese of Manchester likely contributed to the delinquency of minors, a violation of the predecessor statute to New Hampshire's child endangerment law. However, in light of the elements of this offense, the State did not believe that there was a viable argument to toll the statute of limitations in this instance. Accordingly, the State would not have presented indictments to the grand jury with regard to the Diocese actions relating to Father Landry.