

— Rev. George J. Rosenkrantz —

TO: FILE

FROM: Paul E. Brodeur, Inv.

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
Complaints re: Priest

DATE: 26 February, 02 1540 hrs.

This date called:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that in the 60s he was an altar boy at the Star of the Sea Church in Marblehead, MA. The priest there was a GEORGE J. ROSENKRANTZ. [REDACTED] advised ROSENKRANTZ was like a mentor to him in that he thought of becoming a priest. He advised that they would talk about religion and philosophy and that ROSENKRANTZ had taken him and others to a seminary to experience the process.

[REDACTED] advised that in early 1967 he believes it was still winter ROSENKRANTZ told him that he wanted to show [REDACTED] how to kiss. ROSENKRANTZ told [REDACTED] that if he didn't know how that it would effect his ability to have a normal relationship. [REDACTED] advised that ROSENKRANTZ would lie on top of him or vice versa and they would kiss in the library at the rectory.

[REDACTED] advised of a trip to No. Conway, NH. ROSENKRANTZ explained to the parents that he was going to check on some property and asked for [REDACTED] to accompany him. [REDACTED] advised that he was apprehensive but did go along. [REDACTED] advised they came into NH and stopped by a lake. They then proceeded to a town hall and ROSENKRANTZ did go in for about 15 minutes. They then proceeded north and [REDACTED] believes they staid at the Eastern Slopes Inn in No. Conway, NH. That evening ROSENKRANTZ tried to convince [REDACTED] to sleep in the same bed but [REDACTED] refused. ROSENKRANTZ did convince [REDACTED] to open his pajamas and expose himself. ROSENKRANTZ convinced [REDACTED] to sit on his lap and they did kiss. [REDACTED] advised he then went to bed and does not believe he has repressed anything from the incident. He does not recall any touching of genitals by either person. [REDACTED] advised that he has gone to therapy and there were no repression's brought out.

[REDACTED] advised of another incident in MA. ROSENKRANTZ want to masturbate. Both were in the basement of the rectory and both had their genitals exposed. The Monsignor came down the stairs and merely stated he had seen the

lights on. [REDACTED] is not sure but feels the Monsignor could have seen them exposed but his facial features did not indicate he had seen them exposed.

[REDACTED] advised that in 1987 he contacted the church and spoke with Rev. McCormack (current Bishop of Manchester). The church removed ROSENKRANTZ from the parish and had him evaluated. [REDACTED] received a call from McCORMACK and was advised that normally sex offenders will admit their acts but ROSENKRANTZ had not admitted therefore that he did not appear to be a danger and was returned to a parish.

[REDACTED] advised that in the early 90s the church received another complaint about ROSENKRANTZ and he was removed and placed on sick list. The church called [REDACTED] back at least twice and offered to pay for his therapy. The wanted [REDACTED] to sign waiver forms and he refused.

[REDACTED] advised he contacted an Attorney and was advised of the state of MASS. having a "Charitable Immunity" limit award of \$20,000. The Attorney advised about the statute of limitations and the limited award would not be worth pursuing. [REDACTED] had spoken to the Globe Newspaper and they did a Lexis-Nexis search and believe ROSENKRANTZ was born in August 1936. That after being placed on sick list that he lived at [REDACTED] Antrim, NH. Also that in 1994 he bought a property in Englewood, FL.

[REDACTED] advised that on February 18, 2002 he spoke with a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Advised [REDACTED] about the Victim/Witness office and he would appreciate a call.



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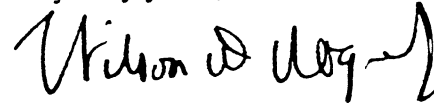
Dear District Attorney Burke:

In accordance with the letter agreement which this office signed on behalf of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Corporation Sole with the Attorney General's Office, dated March 1, 2002, enclosed please find a copy of a Complaint which has now been filed in Suffolk County, setting forth allegations of sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by R. George Rosenkranz.

By copy of this letter to Kurt N. Schwartz, I trust that you will follow-up with the appropriate authorities in New Hampshire regarding these allegations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Wilson D. Rogers, Jr.

WDR/ec  
Enclosure

cc: Kurt N. Schwartz, Esquire

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS

SUPERIOR COURT

C.A. NO. [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED]  
 Plaintiff  
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 V. )  
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 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC )  
 ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON, A )  
 CORPORATION SOLE )  
 Defendant )  
 [REDACTED]  
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FIRST AMENDED

COMPLAINT

PARTIES

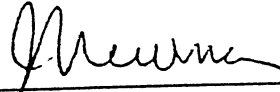
1. The Plaintiff [REDACTED] is an individual residing in Lynn, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
2. The Defendant, The Roman Catholic [REDACTED] Boston, A Corporation Sole (the "Archdiocese"), is a Massachusetts corporation with its principal office located at 2121 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

3. In the early 1960s, the Reverend George Rosenkranz was assigned to The Pleasant Sacrament Parish in Saugus, Massachusetts.
4. During the same period of time, the Plaintiff, then a minor, was a member of The Pleasant Sacrament Parish in Saugus, Massachusetts.
5. On various occasions, George Rosenkranz engaged in inappropriate sexual touching of the Plaintiff [REDACTED] in the Church, rectory and in New

THE PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A JURY TRIAL

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Plaintiff,  
By His Attorneys,



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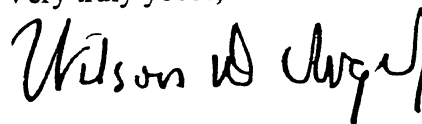
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 Defendants )  
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1. The Plaintiff, [REDACTED] is an individual residing in Hatfield, County of Hampshire, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
2. The Defendant, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, A Corporation Sole, is a Massachusetts corporation with its principal office located at 2121 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
3. The Defendant, George Rosenkranz, is an individual who, upon information and belief, resides in the State of Florida.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

4. Between the years of 1964 to 1969, the then Reverend George Rosenkranz was assigned to The Star of the Sea Parish in Marblehead, Massachusetts.
5. During the period of time 1964 to 1969, the Plaintiff was a member of The Star of the Sea Parish in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

- 6. On various occasions, between 1964 and 1969, the Defendant George Rosenkranz engaged in inappropriate sexual touching of the Plaintiff [REDACTED] [REDACTED] when the Plaintiff was a minor and within the Rectory and in the Church and in New Hampshire.
- 7. On one occasion, the Defendant Rosenkranz was sitting with the Plaintiff in the basement of the Church. The Plaintiff's pants and underwear were down to his thighs. At that time, the Senior Pastor of the Church, Monsignor William McCarthy walked in the room and observed the Plaintiff and Defendant Rosenkranz. Monsignor McCarthy did not halt the inappropriate activities or investigate the actions of Defendant Rosenkranz concerning the Plaintiff nor did he take action to remove Rosenkranz from his activities at the Church.
- 8. Another incident of inappropriate touching took place in North Conway, N.H.
- 9. At all time relevant, the Plaintiff was a minor.

**COUNT ONE**  
**NEGLIGENCE**

**[REDACTED] V. THE ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON A CORPORATION**  
**SOLE**

- 10. The plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-9 above as if set forth herein.
- 11. The defendant owed a duty of care to [REDACTED] under the circumstances then existing.
- 12. The defendant breached its duty to [REDACTED] by among other things, negligently hiring, retaining and supervising Rosenkranz and in failing to protect [REDACTED] from the foreseeable criminal acts of George Rosenkranz at a time when it should have known that Rosenkranz posed danger to minors.
- 13. As a direct and proximate result of the defendant's negligence, the

Plaintiff suffered injuries, pain and suffering, emotional distress and other substantial injuries.

WHEREFORE the Plaintiff, [REDACTED] demands judgment against the Defendant, jointly and severally with all other Defendants, in an amount the finder of fact deems meet and just plus costs, interest and such other relief as allowed by law.

**COUNT TWO**  
**ASSAULT AND BATTERY**  
**[REDACTED] V. GEORGE ROSENKRANZ**

14. The Plaintiff, repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 13 above as set forth herein.

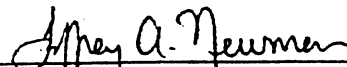
15. The Defendant touched the Plaintiff without consent.

16. As a direct result thereof, the Plaintiff suffered severe personal injuries, suffered emotional distress, and suffered other related and substantial injuries.

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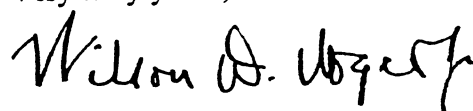
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Dear District Attorney Burke:

In accordance with the letter agreement which this office signed on behalf of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Corporation Sole with the Attorney General's Office, dated March 1, 2002, enclosed please find a claim letter which we have now received on behalf of [REDACTED] who has alleged that he was sexually abused by Rev. George Rosenkranz.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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April 10, 2002

Father Charles Higgins  
Chancery  
Arch Dioceses of Boston  
2121 Commonwealth Avenue  
Brighton, MA 02135:

Dear Father Higgins:

Please be advised that our firm represents Mr. [REDACTED] of Marblehead, Massachusetts.

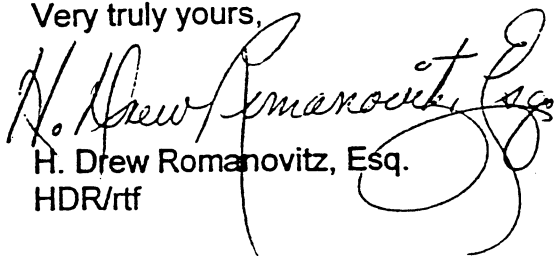
He has advised me of the sexual misconduct of one of your priests, a Father George Rosencrantz, formerly of The Star of the Sea Parish in Marblehead, MA. Father Rosencrantz sexually abused [REDACTED] during his tenure at the Star of the Sea Church during the mid to late 1960's.

I am directing this correspondence to your attention, as I have been advised by [REDACTED] that you have contacted him regarding these sexual abuse issues.

Understanding the delicate nature of these allegations, please contact this office at your earliest convenience so that we may further discuss the matter in confidence.

It is the hope of [REDACTED] that we are able to reach an amicable and confidential settlement as expeditiously as possible.

Very truly yours,

  
H. Drew Romanovitz, Esq.  
HDR/rtf

# OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

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RECEIVED

MAR 16 1995

MODERATOR OF THE BOARD

Re: [REDACTED]

Tel. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] came from a family of himself and [REDACTED]

Shortly afterward, [REDACTED] was invited to go on a ski trip with parish youngsters by Reverend George J. Rosenkranz, a curate at Star of the Sea Parish in Marblehead. When it came time to leave, Fr. Rosenkranz had [REDACTED] ride up with him in his car, while the others went in a bus. He said it was to save [REDACTED] from embarrassment because of his father.

They stopped in North Conway, New Hampshire, where Fr. Rosenkranz took him to a motel. There, according to [REDACTED], he sexually assaulted him.

The sexual assaults continued after that on several occasions, usually at a motel in Peabody, Massachusetts. This went on over a period of months, from winter into spring. They ended when [REDACTED] ran away from home to Boston.

Monsignor William McCarthy was the pastor at that time. Fr. Rosenkranz told [REDACTED] nobody would believe him, if he told, and [REDACTED] told no one. His [REDACTED] was still in a "mess" after the [REDACTED] and he wouldn't say anything to his sisters, even the older ones. He says he doesn't know if any other boys were similarly victimized.

[REDACTED] says his life after that was a mess. He tried education and couldn't cope with it. He had trouble keeping jobs. He turned alcoholic, used drugs, left the Church and was unable to relate to anyone. He couldn't trust anyone. He married about eight years ago and has [REDACTED]. He and his wife married in a Protestant Church, are now separated and the wife is in counselling therapy here in Marblehead.

About a year ago, while in Marblehead at Star of the Sea Community Center, he says he looked at the Church across the street and realized that all his personal troubles stemmed from what he had suffered as a boy, through the actions of Fr. Rosenkranz. Last week he went into a rectory in Maine to discuss this with a priest and the priest told him to contact me, as present pastor of this parish. He called me on Sunday and I made an appointment for Monday. This report is the result of our conversation.

[REDACTED] had told no one about these incidents and has had no therapy or counselling.

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## IMPRESSIONS:

[REDACTED] is a clean looking, rather good looking young man, dressed in clean and neat work clothes. He was well spoken, respectful, and, seemingly, without anger or a desire for revenge. He said: "I don't know if the man is alive or dead. I just want this to be over for me. I am not responsible; he is and I want to be rid of it."

He has not, according to him, sought any legal advice nor negal remedies and professes not to be interested in it. He says he has given this to me to do what I want with it.

[REDACTED] sounds believable. He did, however, spout all the language of the abused cases in the papers and on Television. He has all the "buzz words" and places the blame for all the failures and trauma in his life on these actions of Fr. Rosenkranz.

What I found problematic was that he says he has "blocked out" all the details from this relationship from his mind. He could not remember any of the other priests here at the time; he does not remember just what the sexual acts were, whether sodomy or otherwise. He did not plain his silence, except that Father said no one would believe him.

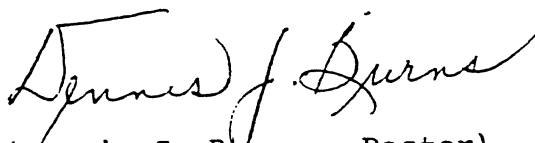
He still did not suggest publicity, suits for damages, using a lawyer or receiving money. I suggested that he could benefit from some therapy to be able to bury the past and make something of the future ahead and he did not argue against the idea.

I told him I would report this to Archdiocesan authorities at once and that someone would be in touch with him. He asked for confidentiality beyond those authorities and I assured him that I would respect that.

I told him that, if he didn't hear from the Archdiocese within two weeks, to get back to me.

When I came to Marblehead I heard from staff here that there was a problem, somewhat of this kind, with George Rosenkranz. The Chancery records should have some record of that. Still, in the general parish community, he is spoken of with respect and appreciation by many. If this should become public, I am sure that it would be a shock to the parish.

I await any directions you may have for me.



(Dennis J. Burns - Pastor)

March 13, 1995



Archdiocese of Boston  
Assistant to the Secretary for Ministerial Personnel

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Brian M. Flatley  
FROM: S. Rita V. McCarthy *SRM*  
DATE: March 21, 1995  
RE: [REDACTED] (Rev. George J. Rosenkranz)

I called [REDACTED] in Maine today. He was somewhat hesitant and defensive at first. When he realized that there seemed to be some understanding behind my remarks, he relaxed and talked more freely. He sounded very despondent. He definitely needs an outlet for all the anger he has been displacing throughout the years.

I suggested therapy as a way to deal with all his negative emotions. He mulled this for a while and then agreed that it would be beneficial. His dilemma is the uncertainty of his present living situation, not knowing where he will eventually settle. When he makes this decision, he thinks he would like to try therapy and begin to put the pieces of his life together.

He said that he would get back to me. I told him that I would call him soon if I did not hear from him and assured him that he had our support.

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On Wednesday morning, April 5, I called [REDACTED] in Maine. We briefly discussed the following:

1. He has a court case in Lynn, MA, Thursday because of an outburst of hostility. He will be returning immediately to Maine due to the nature of his visit.
2. He will return to MA at another time and will call me for an interview.
3. He is checking out a therapist in Maine because he intends to remain up there. He will call me when he has a name. He was extremely grateful for the call and the offer of therapy.
4. Specifics of the abuse:

The abuse included fondling, masturbation, and penetration. It took place in motels in Peabody and on a ski trip to Conway, N.H. He seemed very clear about the abuse even though Father Burns' report stated that he had "blocked out" all the details.

SRM:tt

