

27 February 2004

Corbeil, Ralph DECEASED	Anonymous male caller (informant, not victim)	Fort Kent	1948	Caller claims to have walked into a room during the molestation of a 15 yo girl. Caller reported this information to Cumberland County DA's Office on 3/19/2002.
XXX (believed to be above caller)				Wrote letter of 3/23/02 to DA Portland describing the above.
XXX	Lewiston	1952- 1956	Mr. XXX called the AG's Office on 2/24/2004. His DOB is XXX. He said that he was an altar boy at St. Mary's in Lewiston (Cedar St), and from the time he was 10 (1952) until he was 14 (1956), Father Ralph Corbeil sexually molested him. This consisted of Corbeil kissing him and having oral sex with him two or three times a week in the sacristy. He said that Father Corbeil paid him \$5 every time and that the payment was in exchange for him not talking. He said there was no one to tell and it was his parents who sent him to the priest talk to him about sex.	

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MAR 25 2002

3-23-02

COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I witnessed a Catholic Priest, by the name of RALPH CORBEIL ^{RECEIVED} having sex with a fifteen ^{MAR 25 2002} half year old girl in her ^{DISTRICT ATTORNEY} home in Fort Kent, Maine in 1948.

There followed an angry confrontation in which he told me they were in love. This priest was approx. 40 years old.

I asked the girl where her mother was. She did not answer. She had her head on her knees, sitting in a rocking chair, half naked. I told her to get dressed. He had on a pair of pants. He answered that the mother had been driven to her sister's house in Clair, near Brunswick, (Chy Corbeil) F. Labergast. I asked the girl, your mother knows about this?

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He answered, yes. I left the house.

The girl's father had been killed in a railroad accident in St. John or Saint Francis or near [REDACTED].

I looked it up at the rectory. Carleil was supposed to be counseling the mother and daughter.

~~After~~ A few days later, I went to the house again to talk with the mother. It was a very sad visit. The girl and I started first grade together, and three high school.

The mother told me she could not control the daughter since her father died. She missed her father terribly.

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a few years later some of the
Town fathers went to Portland
Maine to talk to the Archbishop
about the problem. I believe,
two years later, he was transferred
to Lewiston, Maine. Then a
few years later he was assigned
to the parish in Daigle, Maine.
I was gone from Fort Kent
by then. The girl was
 I was told, and
stayed with him, one way
or another till he died in
the 70's.

P.S. The mother asked me never to tell
anyone what I had witnessed.
Anyway, who the hell would I
have told?? Jan 1948?

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3/19/2002

Stephanie:

Got a call from a man today who would not give him name, but said he lived in the Fort Kent area. He said back in 1948 Father Ralph Corbeil molested a 15 year old and this gentleman walked in on the incident.

He says the "whole" town complained to the Cardinal back in the early 1950's but nothing much was done, except the "Father" was transferred to another town about 20 miles away from Fort Kent.

This priest has since passed away, but the man who called wants to make sure that Father Corbeil's name is on the "list".

Lois

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ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS INCIDENT REPORT

IR # 99-2004-0166

Date Duty Officer

Name

Street Address

Town State Zip

Telephone 1 Telephone 2

Calling About Coding

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[REDACTED] that Father Corbeil is dead. He stated that memories of the abuse have surfaced because now people talk about it, and victims have come forward. [REDACTED] stated that he lives in a boarding home and he cannot make long distance calls but he wanted the Diocese to know about his complaint.

*2/27/04 - Added to chart.
Diocese notified via Fred Moore*

Supervisor Review

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MacMaster, Brian

From: MacMaster, Brian
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2004 9:41 AM
To: Moore, Fred
Subject: New complaint against Father Corbeil

On February 24, 2004, Det. Margie Berkovich of our office returned a telephone call to [REDACTED]. His address is [REDACTED] in Lewiston, and his telephone number is [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was an altar boy at St. Mary's Church on Cedar Street in Lewiston, and from the time he was 10 years old until he was 14 years old, he was sexually molested by Father Ralph Corbeil. He stated that Father Corbeil kissed him and had oral sex with him two to three times a week in the sacristy. He stated that Father Corbeil paid him \$5 every time he took advantage of him, and that he paid him so that he would not talk. He stated that there was no one to tell and that it was his parents who had the priest talk to him about sex. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Father Corbeil is dead. He stated that memories of the abuse have surfaced because now people talk about it, and victims have come forward. [REDACTED] stated that he lives in a boarding home and he cannot make long distance calls but he wanted the Diocese to know about his complaint.

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