

The Archdiocese of Portland and The Paulist Fathers have received the following complaint:

that a Paulist priest at the parish of St. Philip Neri did repeatedly, over a several year period, sexually abuse a male child enrolled in St. Philip Neri elementary school 1949-1956, and that sexual contact and control of the abused child was maintained through the confessional.

The Archdiocese and The Paulist Fathers have reason to believe the validity of this complaint. The priest in question has undergone clinical treatment and is no longer allowed to hear the confessions of children.

Anyone who may have been sexually abused as a child by a priest, no matter how long ago, is invited to disclose this information to the Archdiocesan office. In this instance, the complainant, for therapeutic reasons, would very much like to contact individuals who were abused by the same priest. Please contact Father Lienert through the Archdiocese.

Signed,

Fr. Gallagher for the Paulists

Fr. Lienert for the Archdiocese