

Two More Cases Against McGuire and Jesuits Filed by Pearlman

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This marks the fourth lawsuit that attorney Marc Pearlman has filed against the Jesuits involving Father Donald J. McGuire S.J. In addition, Pearlman has filed several other suits against the Jesuits involving priests other than McGuire.

This latest lawsuit claims that McGuire abused two brothers from Arizona, John Doe 117 and John Doe 118, between 1988 and 2002. John Doe 118, a 20 year old college student and John Doe 117, his 28 year old brother, a former Marine, allege they were repeatedly abused when McGuire appeared at retreats in Arizona organized by their parents and while on a trip to Chicago.

The lawsuit filed on Tuesday says that the older brother, identified as John Doe 117, was abused from 1988 through 1994, beginning when he was 8 or 9 years old. His brother, identified as John Doe 118, began to be abused in 2001, at age 13, and the abuse continued through 2002. According to the victims' father, McGuire "did horrid things to them."

The suit alleges the abuse took place in several contexts. "Not even the confessional was sacred," commented Pearlman. McGuire molested the boys, made them look at pornographic materials, and then made them confess their sins of "impurity." One of the incidents took place at the Canisius House, a Jesuit residence, in Evanston.

Currently McGuire is out of jail on appeal of his 2006 conviction for molesting two boys in Wisconsin, and was allowed to return to Illinois because he was not considered a risk to children by authorities. A judge did not revoke the probation after another abuse lawsuit was filed by Pearlman against the Jesuits and McGuire in August.

The August lawsuit was filed by a 21 year old victim, identified only as John Doe 116, alleging abuse in several states in the U.S., 6 different countries, and at the Canisius House.

The suits by John Doe 116, John Doe 117, and John Doe 118 claim that the Jesuits have known that McGuire was a child abuser since at least 1969, but failed to do anything to protect children from him.