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**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE EVENTS  
SURROUNDING THE ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE IN CORNWALL, ONTARIO**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR STANDING AND  
FUNDING FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE ABUSE**

**AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] C-122**

I, [REDACTED] of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") who was sexually abused in Cornwall and surrounding areas.
2. In 1969, I was sexually abused by my biological father [REDACTED]. The abuse lasted for fourteen years, from ages 9 to 23.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

- a. As a victim, I feel betrayed by the outcome of the criminal proceedings. [REDACTED] has permanently scarred my life and the life of others, but only served three years in prison. I find this outcome insulting and insensitive to what I have suffered as a first hand victim of the abuse.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of this sexual abuse, I lost my childhood. I struggled to come to terms with what had happened and I turned to alcohol to help me cope.
6. I have an inability to trust others and, at times, cannot control my emotions and anger.
7. I have a great distrust for authority figures since their clearly ineffective handling of the criminal proceedings. As such, I have myself become involved in criminal activity and now have a criminal record.
8. The abuse has rendered me unable to cope with constant feelings of depression, anxiety and hopelessness.
9. I have suffered grave psychological damage as a result of

the abuse. As a result of my inability to cope with the psychological effects, I have, on a few occasions, been committed to psychiatric institutions.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

10. I verily believe that the city leaders of Cornwall have failed to take the necessary steps to protect their citizens from abuse. They have also failed in seeking out and nurturing the victims who have already suffered from this sexual abuse epidemic that plagues the city.

11. Despite four charges being brought against him, and a designation as a dangerous offender, [REDACTED] was convicted of only two offences and only completed a three year prison term. In my opinion, he did not have to face the consequences of his behaviour, however, I have had to endure the consequences of his behaviour, and will for the rest of my life.

12. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

13. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

14. I am currently receiving limited psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured at the hands of [REDACTED]. However, as a result of the abuse against me, I find it difficult to fully engage in my healing process as I am not satisfied that I can trust the people that are currently providing my care.

15. I verily believe that I will continue to require psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse.

### **Standing**

16. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

17. I further understand that I have the potential for a civil action or application for criminal injuries compensation and that those legal rights may be impacted by my participation within the Inquiry. Accordingly, I believe that I need access to legal counsel, as do other victims like me, in order to fairly participate without detrimental impact upon my civil and administrative remedies.

18. Having personally experienced the depths of the impact of sexual abuse and the related institutional failings, I, like other victims have the greatest motivation to see the system corrected and improved.

19. I strongly believe that there is no greater advocate for systematic improvement of the treatment, handling, and prosecution of sexual abuse cases than the victims themselves.

### **Funding**

20. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I have been clinically diagnosed with complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, severe major depression and suicidal ideation. As such, I am currently receiving employer group insurance benefits in the monthly amount of \$2,800.00. This is my only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and

be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] C-123**

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I, [REDACTED] of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") who was sexually abused in the Cornwall area.
2. In and around 1948 and until 1953, I was sexually abused by Father Hood and Father Gauthier.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

- a. The Province of Ontario did not offer me any counselling or support for the abuse that I endured while in their institution. Had intervention been offered, my life would have been very different. I would not have spent my adult life crippled with guilt and shame.
- b. When I reported the sexual abuse to the authorities, specifically a police officer and a judge, my complaint was disregarded. As a result, I feel that the authorities failed to protect me and other potential victims of sexual abuse in their community.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. I developed behavioural problems as I struggled to cope with my guilt and shame. I turned to alcohol as a coping mechanism and became addicted.
6. I have an inability to trust others and, at times, cannot control my emotions and anger. At times I have become violent and hostile toward my partner.
7. I have a great distrust for authority figures since their failure to respond to my allegations of abuse. This has resulted in difficulties with the law.

8. As a result of the abuse, I suffer from very poor self-esteem.

9. The abuse has rendered me unable to cope with constant feelings of depression, anxiety and hopelessness.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

10. I was abused and I reported it to the authorities. They did not believe me and did not complete a thorough investigation into the allegations that I made.

11. I verily believe that the city leaders of Cornwall have failed to take the necessary steps to protect their citizens from abuse. They have also failed in seeking out and nurturing the victims who have already suffered from this sexual abuse epidemic that plagues the city.

12. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

13. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice

institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

14. I am not currently receiving psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured at the hands of Father Hood and Father Gauthier.

15. Although I believe I require counselling and support to deal with the effects of the abuse, I am not confident in the system which offers to provide such.

### **Standing**

16. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

17. I further understand that I have the potential for a civil action or application for criminal injuries compensation and that those

legal rights may be impacted by my participation within the Inquiry. Accordingly, I believe that I need access to legal counsel, as do other victims like me, in order to fairly participate without detrimental impact upon my civil and administrative remedies.

18. Having personally experienced the depths of the impact of sexual abuse and the related institutional failings, I, like other victims have the greatest motivation to see the system corrected and improved.

19. I strongly believe that there is no greater advocate for systematic improvement of the treatment, handling, and prosecution of sexual abuse cases than the victims themselves.

### **Funding**

20. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I am not currently receiving any social assistance or benefits and have no income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] C-124**

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I, [REDACTED] of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. I am one of the group of victims who was sexually abused (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") in the Cornwall area.
2. In 1977, at the age of twenty-one, I was sexually abused by Ken Seguin, a parole officer with the Department of Corrections. This abuse continued for six to eight months.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

- a. The perpetration of sexual abuse by a person entrusted with my counselling and rehabilitation led to my complete distrust in the system.
- b. Had I felt protected enough to seek the support of others in trying to cope with the effects of the abuse, my life would have been different. My ongoing struggle with relationships and sexuality may have been minimized.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of this sexual abuse, I lost my childhood. I struggled to come to terms with what had happened and I turned to drugs and alcohol to help me cope.
6. Since the abuse and the failure of any form of institutional response, I have lost trust in authority figures and institutions.
7. I have developed problems in maintaining normal intimate relationships with others.
8. Mr. Seguin was in a position of authority and control over my future, as he had an ability to affect my parole. He threatened me and, as such, I felt it was necessary to submit to his sexual advances. This has led to confusing feelings with regard to my sexuality.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

9. I verily believe that the other victims of sexual abuse were poorly treated by the Courts when their cases came to trial and, as such, this has greatly discouraged me. I believe that these victims were called liars by those in authority. I have lost complete faith in the judicial system.

10. Because of my status as a parolee, I did not report the abuse because I was fearful of not being believed.

11. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

12. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

13. I am currently not receiving any psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured at the hands of Ken Seguin.

14. As a result of the abuse at the hand of a person in a position responsible for my counselling and rehabilitation, I have no faith in the current services available for such treatment.

### **Standing**

15. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

16. I further understand that I have the potential for a civil action or application for criminal injuries compensation and that those legal rights may be impacted by my participation within the Inquiry. Accordingly, I believe that I need access to legal counsel, as do other victims like me, in order to fairly participate without detrimental impact upon my civil and administrative remedies.

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18. I strongly believe that there is no greater advocate for systematic improvement of the treatment, handling, and prosecution of sexual abuse cases than the victims themselves.

### **Funding**

19. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I have been clinically diagnosed with anxiety. As such, I am currently receiving benefits from Ontario Disability Support Program in the monthly amount of \$911.00. This is my only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MARC LATOUR**

I, MARC LATOUR, of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims who was sexually abused (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") in the Cornwall area.
  
2. In 1975, at the age of sixteen, I was sexually abused by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] This abuse continued for approximately one and a half years.
  
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
  
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

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- a. The perpetration of sexual abuse by a person entrusted with my counselling and rehabilitation led to my complete distrust in the system.
- b. At the age of eighteen I attempted suicide. At that time, if I had received the required intervention by doctors and the police, my life today would be vastly different.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of this sexual abuse, I lost my childhood. I struggled to come to terms with what had happened and I turned to drugs and alcohol to help me cope.

6. My poor coping mechanisms resulted in my inability to concentrate and led to poor performance in school. This has resulted in my inability to maintain gainful employment.

7. Since the abuse and the failure of any form of institutional response, I have lost trust and respect for authority figures and institutions. This has led to difficulties with the law.

8. Since the abuse I have struggled with low self-esteem and frequent nightmares.

9. I have difficulties with social relationships and my relationship with my family has been seriously affected by the abuse. In particular, I have experienced marital problems due to my inability to cope. I am also detrimentally over-protective of my children.

10. I suffer from Fibromyalgia, a chronic pain condition, which is known to be an effect of the abuse. My doctor has informed me that I will suffer from this for the rest of my life.

#### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

11. I was a troubled child when [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] By abusing me, he made my life worse instead of better.

12. After my attempted suicide at the age of eighteen, there was no intervention by doctors or the police.

13. [REDACTED]  
However, instead of helping me, they put me in harm's way by allowing [REDACTED] to sexually abuse me while under his care and control.

14. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a

victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

15. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

#### **Clinical Support**

16. I am currently not receiving any psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured at the hands of [REDACTED]

17. I have sought counselling in order to help deal with the abuse. However, I am unable to find the one-on-one counselling that I desperately require.

18. I verily believe that I will need counselling for the rest of my life. The Fibromyalgia reminds me everyday of what I went through and makes it difficult for me to go on with my day-to-day life.

## **Standing**

19. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.


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21. Having personally experienced the depths of the impact of sexual abuse and the related institutional failings, I, like other victims have the greatest motivation to see the system corrected and improved.

22. I strongly believe that there is no greater advocate for systematic improvement of the treatment, handling, and prosecution of sexual abuse cases than the victims themselves.

**Funding**

23. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I am currently receiving benefits from Ontario Disability Support Program in the monthly amount of \$ 940.00. This is my only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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LISA DIANE COLLETTE, a Commissioner, etc.,  
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry,  
for the Corporation of the City of Cornwall.  
Expires June 9, 2007.

  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF** [REDACTED]

**C-125**

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2. In 1959 and until 1966, I was sexually abused by Ken Seguin, a parole officer with the Department of Corrections, and by Brother Victor of St. Therese School.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

- a. The Province of Ontario did not offer me any counselling or support for the abuse that I endured at the hands of their employee. Had intervention been offered, my life would have been very different. I would not have spent my adult life crippled with guilt and shame.
- b. I do not believe in the system. I felt betrayed and re-victimized by the civil proceedings in this matter.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of the abuse, I could not concentrate in school. This led to poor educational performance.
6. I developed behavioural problems as I struggled to cope with my guilt and shame. I turned to drugs as a coping mechanism and became addicted.
7. I have been psychologically scarred as a result of the abuse. I have lost my enjoyment of life. I frequently experience feelings of depression and anxiety.
8. I have lost my faith and trust in the goodness of humanity. As such I find it difficult to develop intimate relationships with others.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

9. The Province of Ontario failed me in their attempt to rehabilitate me when they placed me in an institution where I was sexually abused and exposed to alcohol and violence.

10. I feel betrayed by the system. When officials became aware of the abuses they did nothing to stop it or help me as a victim.

11. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

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### **Clinical Support**

13. Currently, I am not receiving psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured.

14. I am currently not satisfied with the choices, or lack of, that are available to me.

15. I verily believe that victims of sexual abuse who struggle to deal with issues of trust should be able to seek individual counselling with qualified counsellors of their choosing.

16. I verily believe that I will require psychological support and counselling to help deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse.

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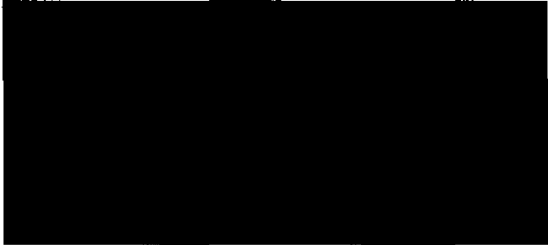
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### **Funding**

20. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. As such, I am currently receiving benefits from Ontario Disability Support Program and Canada Pension Plan in the monthly amount of \$1,400.00. This is my only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] C-126**

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1. I am one of the group of victims (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") who was sexually abused in the Cornwall area.
2. In 1967 and until 1973, I was sexually abused by Father Charlie MacDonald, [REDACTED] and the principal of St. Columban School.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

Upon order of the Commissioner dated May 29, 2006, a portion of this Affidavit has been removed from the website at the request of the Episcopal Corporation of Alexandria-Cornwall who sought removal, and the consent of The Citizens for Community Renewal, The Victims Group, The Men's Project and Father Charles MacDonald; those parties having expressed an interest in this matter, on the ground that it contained an unproven allegation which implicated an individual's right to be presumed innocent. This material is available at the Commission's office upon specific request.

- a. When the Church should have known about the abuses committed by their priests they had a duty to stop the continual abuse of other young victims.
- b. The Church did not offer me any counselling or support. Had intervention been offered, my life would have been very different. I would not have spent my entire life in crippling emotional turmoil.
- c. I do not believe in the system. I felt persecuted and disbelieved during the investigation into this matter.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of the abuse, I could not concentrate in school and as such, I dropped out after the eleventh grade.
6. I developed behavioural problems as I struggled to cope with my guilt and shame. I turned to drugs and alcohol as a coping mechanism and became addicted.
7. Because of the abuse, I find it difficult to trust others. As such, I am unable to develop intimate relationships with others.

8. As a result of the sexual abuse, I will live with the physical consequences of the abuse against me for the rest of my life.

9. Due to my emotional trauma, lack of education and deteriorating physical condition, I have been rendered virtually unemployable.

10. Since the abuse and the failure of any form of institutional response, I have lost trust in authority figures and institutions. This had led to troubles with the law.

11. As a result of the abuse I have spent my life in physical, mental and emotional turmoil. I frequently struggle with feelings of depression, anxiety and anger.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

12. When the Diocese became aware of the sexual abuse committed by their priests, they failed to take any action.

13. At no time have I ever been offered any psychological counselling or support by the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall to help me deal with the consequences of the abuse that I suffered.

14. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

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### **Clinical Support**

16. Currently, I am not receiving psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured. I have been placed on a waiting list for an assessment to determine my need for counselling.

17. I am currently not satisfied with the choices, or lack of, that are available to me.

18. I verily belief that victims of sexual abuse who struggle to deal with issues of trust should be able to seek individual counselling with qualified counsellors of their choosing.

19. I verily believe that I will require psychological support and counselling to help deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse.

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**Funding**

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County of Stormont, Dundas )  
& Glengarry, this 18<sup>th</sup> day )  
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE EVENTS  
SURROUNDING THE ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE IN CORNWALL, ONTARIO**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR STANDING AND  
FUNDING FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE ABUSE**

**AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] C-127**

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I, [REDACTED] of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. I am one of the group of victims who was sexually abused (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") in the Cornwall area.
2. In 1964, I was sexually abused by Roch Landry. This abuse continued for one year.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:
  - a. When other victims reported their abuse to the authorities, I

saw how they were treated and I did not report the abuse as I was fearful of the consequences I may have suffered.

- b. If I had received help in dealing with the consequences of my abuse earlier on, my life would have been different. I would have experienced less anxiety and feelings of helplessness and shame.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. Since the abuse and the failure of any form of institutional response, I have lost trust in authority figures and institutions.

6. As a result of the abuse, I spent most of my formative years in physical, mental and emotional turmoil. This has resulted in my experiencing flashbacks as an adult.

7. The abuse has rendered me unable to cope. I am depressed and am often overwhelmed with suicidal thoughts and feelings.

8. As a result of my inability to cope with the abuse, I have had difficulties in maintaining intimate relationships with others.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

9. I verily believe that the city leaders of Cornwall have failed in their duty to the citizens and helpless victims of sexual crimes.

10. I verily believe that the other victims of sexual abuse were poorly treated by the Courts when their cases came to trial and, as such, this has greatly discouraged me. I have lost complete faith in the judicial system.

11. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

12. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

13. I am not currently receiving any psychological help in dealing

with the abuse that I suffered at the hands of Roch Landry. I feel embarrassed and shameful and as a result am reluctant to seek out the help that I so desperately require.

14. I verily believe that I require psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse. However, I am not comfortable with local resources available.

### **Standing**

15. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

16. I further understand that I have the potential for a civil action or application for criminal injuries compensation and that those legal rights may be impacted by my participation within the Inquiry. Accordingly, I believe that I need access to legal counsel, as do other victims like me, in order to fairly participate without detrimental impact upon my civil and administrative remedies.


17. Having personally experienced the depths of the impact of sexual abuse and the related institutional failings, I, like other victims have the greatest motivation to see the system corrected and improved.

18. I strongly believe that there is no greater advocate for systematic improvement of the treatment, handling, and prosecution of sexual abuse cases than the victims themselves.

### **Funding**

19. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I am currently employed as a tow truck driver and I earn a monthly income of \$1,400. In addition, I receive Workplace Safety and Insurance Board benefits of \$262.00 per month. These are my only sources of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF RON LEROUX**

I, RON LEROUX, of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims who was sexually abused (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") in the Cornwall area.

2. In 1956 until 1961, I was sexually abused by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.

4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

a. The perpetration of sexual abuse by persons entrusted to

Upon order of the Commissioner dated May 29, 2006, a portion of this Affidavit has been removed from the website at the request of the Episcopal Corporation of Alexandria-Cornwall who sought removal, and the consent of The Citizens for Community Renewal, The Victims Group, The Men's Project and Father Charles MacDonald; those parties having expressed an interest in this matter, on the ground that it contained an unproven allegation which implicated an individual's right to be presumed innocent. This material is available at the Commission's office upon specific request.

guide my spiritual being led to a loss of my faith in God, authority figures and the system.

- b. Had I received earlier intervention in helping me cope with the effects of my abuse then my life today would be vastly different.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of this sexual abuse, I lost my childhood. I struggled to come to terms with what had happened and I turned to drugs and alcohol to help me cope.

6. Since the abuse and the failure of any form of institutional response, I have lost trust and respect for authority figures and institutions.

7. I have had to deal with overwhelming feelings of depression and have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

8. As a result of the abuse, I became promiscuous and often engaged in deviant sexual behaviour. My inability to maintain lasting intimate relationships with others has diminished my enjoyment of life.

9. I suffer frequently with feelings of anxiety and paranoia. As

a result, I experience painfully debilitating ulcers.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

10. When I reported the abuse to authorities they did nothing. They acted in such a way that I felt persecuted and re-victimized.

11. I verily believe that the city leaders of Cornwall have failed in their duty to the citizens and helpless victims of sexual abuse.

12. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

13. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

12. I am currently receiving limited psychological help in dealing

with the abuse that I endured at the hands of Fathers Cameron, MacDougauld and LaRocque.

13. I am not satisfied with the level of support that I am currently receiving. I believe that much more research needs to be done in order for professionals to adequately treat victims of sexual abuse. Furthermore, I feel that there is inadequate funding available to professionals in assisting their endeavours to properly counsel victims of sexual abuse.

14. I verily believe that I will continue to require psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse.

### **Standing**

15. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

16. I further understand that I have the potential for a civil action or application for criminal injuries compensation and that those

legal rights may be impacted by my participation within the Inquiry. Accordingly, I believe that I need access to legal counsel, as do other victims like me, in order to fairly participate without detrimental impact upon my civil and administrative remedies.

17. Having personally experienced the depths of the impact of sexual abuse and the related institutional failings, I, like other victims have the greatest motivation to see the system corrected and improved.

18. I strongly believe that there is no greater advocate for systematic improvement of the treatment, handling, and prosecution of sexual abuse cases than the victims themselves.

### **Funding**

19. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I have been clinically diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. As such, I am currently receiving benefits from Ontario Disability Support Program in the monthly amount of \$745.00. This is my only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] C-105**

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I, [REDACTED] of the Village of Glen Robertson, in the Township of North Glengarry, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. I am one of the group of victims who was sexually abused (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") in the Cornwall area.
2. In or around 1953, I was sexually abused by Brother George Edmond of St. Joseph's Training School. This abuse continued for 3-4 months.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

- a. The judicial system failed the victims. Brother George Edmonds was not prosecuted because he had health problems. The system, in not prosecuting Brother George Edmond for the abuses he committed, failed in deterring other sexual criminals.
- b. Brother George Edmond did not have to face the consequences of his actions. Neither the Church nor the judicial system made him accountable for the crimes he committed. This showed a complete lack of regard for the victims of abuse and the struggles that they will face for the rest of their lives.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. Since the abuse and the failure of any form of institutional response, I have lost trust in authority figures and institutions. I feel betrayed by both the Church and the judicial system.
6. As a result of the abuse, I spent most of my formative years in physical, mental and emotional turmoil. I have turned to alcohol to help me cope and have become addicted.
7. I am depressed. I often find myself overwhelmed with feelings of fear and anxiety.

8. As a result of my inability to cope with the abuse, I have had difficulties in maintaining intimate relationships with others, including with my wife.

9. The abuse took place at school. As a result, I became fearful and anxious when in the school environment. I was unable to concentrate and consequently only have a sixth grade education.

10. I continue to suffer the emotional effects of the abuse to this day. My daily struggle with depression and anxiety has led to poor performance at work.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

11. I verily believe that the city leaders of Cornwall have failed in their duty to the citizens and helpless victims of sexual crimes.

12. The system failed me and other victims of sexual abuse in not making a perpetrator of sexual abuse answer for his crimes. It is a mockery to what I have endured as a victim for Brother Edmond not to have been brought to proper justice.

13. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a

victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

14. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

15. I am not currently receiving any psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I suffered at the hands of Brother George Edmond.

16. I verily believe that I require psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse. However, I am not comfortable with local resources available.

### **Standing**

17. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I

have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

18. I further understand that I have the potential for a civil action or application for criminal injuries compensation and that those legal rights may be impacted by my participation within the Inquiry. Accordingly, I believe that I need access to legal counsel, as do other victims like me, in order to fairly participate without detrimental impact upon my civil and administrative remedies.

19. Having personally experienced the depths of the impact of sexual abuse and the related institutional failings, I, like other victims have the greatest motivation to see the system corrected and improved.

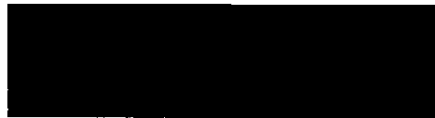
20. I strongly believe that there is no greater advocate for systematic improvement of the treatment, handling, and prosecution of sexual abuse cases than the victims themselves.

### **Funding**

21. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been an inability to maintain a regular work routine and attendance. As such, I am currently receiving benefits from Canada Pension Plan, a retirement

pension and some employment income in the total monthly amount of \$1,700.00. This is my only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF G. R.**

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I, G. R., of the Town of St. Andrew's West, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") who was sexually abused in the Cornwall area.
2. In 1968, at the age of ten, I was sexually abused by Father Lucien Lussier. This abuse continued for six years.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

- a. When the Church knew or ought to have known about the abuses committed by their priests, they had a duty to stop the continual abuse of other young victims.
- b. The Church did not offer me any counselling or support. Had they offered intervention, my life would have been very different. I would not have spent my adult life crippled with guilt and shame.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of the abuse, I could not concentrate in school and dropped out in Grade 9.
6. I developed behavioural problems as I struggled to cope with my guilt and shame. I began to abuse drugs and alcohol at the age of fourteen.
7. I was raised in a devout Catholic family. As a result of the abuse by a Catholic priest, I have lost total faith in my religion.
8. Due to my emotional trauma and lack of education, until recently, I have had great difficulty maintaining gainful employment.
9. I have an inability to trust others and, at times, cannot

control my emotions.

10. The lack of an institutional response to the reports of abuse has strengthened my distrust in authority figures and institutions.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

11. I verily believe that when the Diocese became aware of the sexual abuse committed by their priests, they failed to take any action.

12. No protection has been offered by the police or the church to the poor and uneducated victims.

13. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

14. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

15. Currently, I am receiving limited psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured at the hands of Father Lucien Lussier.

16. I am currently not satisfied with the level of support that I am receiving. Many of the resources available are an out of pocket expense, available to the limited few.

17. I verily believe that victims of sexual abuse who struggle to deal with issues of trust should be able to seek individual counselling with qualified counsellors of their choosing.

18. I verily believe that I will continue to require psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse.

### **Standing**

19. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of

this Inquiry are met.

20. I further understand that I have the potential for a civil action or application for criminal injuries compensation and that those legal rights may be impacted by my participation within the Inquiry. Accordingly, I believe that I need access to legal counsel, as do other victims like me, in order to fairly participate without detrimental impact upon my civil and administrative remedies.

21. Having personally experienced the depths of the impact of sexual abuse and the related institutional failings, I, like other victims have the greatest motivation to see the system corrected and improved.

22. I strongly believe that there is no greater advocate for systematic improvement of the treatment, handling, and prosecution of sexual abuse cases than the victims themselves.

**Funding**

23. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I am currently working as a residential painter. I earn \$15 per hour, however, my hours fluctuate greatly. On average, I earn approximately \$30,000 per year gross from painting, in addition to some nominal rental income. This is my only

source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF JAMIE MARSOLAIS**

I, JAMIE MARSOLAIS, of the City of Cornwall, in the United  
County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE  
OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims (hereinafter referred to as  
"Victims Group") who was sexually abused in the Cornwall area.
2. In 1981, at the age of nine, I was sexually abused by  
Richard Hickerson. This abuse continued for three years.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure  
that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the  
following:

- a. The judicial system failed the victims. Richard Hickerson was not prosecuted before he committed suicide. The system, in not prosecuting Richard Hickerson for the abuses he committed, failed in deterring other sexual criminals.
- b. Richard Hickerson did not have to face the consequences of his actions. He was not held accountable for the crimes he committed. This showed a complete lack of regard for the victims of abuse and the struggles that they will face for the rest of their lives.
- c. The support and counselling that I have received to help me deal with the effects of the abuse have been inadequate. Had I received earlier intervention, my life would have been vastly different. I would have felt more able to cope with my emotional trauma.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of the abuse, I could not concentrate in school and dropped out at sixteen years of age.
6. I developed behavioural problems as I struggled to cope with my guilt and shame. I experimented with drugs and alcohol at the age of sixteen.

7. The abuse has left me emotionally traumatized and I have had periods where I have been unable to work. I have had to rely on social assistance to get by.

8. Chronic alcoholism and chronic depression with overwhelming feelings of despair has resulted in thoughts of suicide.

9. My relationships with my spouse and children have been seriously affected by the abuse. I have difficulty trusting people.

10. I have a great distrust for authority figures since they have failed to respond to my allegations of abuse.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

11. I verily believe that the city leaders of Cornwall have failed to take the necessary steps to remove this dark cloud that is hanging over the city.

12. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

13. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

14. Currently, I am receiving limited psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured at the hands of Richard Hickerson.

15. I am currently not satisfied with the level of support that I am receiving. I, like many other victims, have limited medical coverage to seek the support that we so desperately need.

16. I verily believe that I will continue to require psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse.

### **Standing**

17. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the

Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

18. I further understand that I have the potential for a civil action or application for criminal injuries compensation and that those legal rights may be impacted by my participation within the Inquiry. Accordingly, I believe that I need access to legal counsel, as do other victims like me, in order to fairly participate without detrimental impact upon my civil and administrative remedies.

19. Having personally experienced the depths of the impact of sexual abuse and the related institutional failings, I, like other victims have the greatest motivation to see the system corrected and improved.

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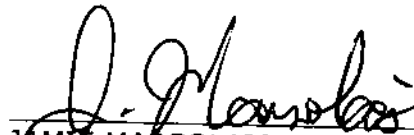
### **Funding**

21. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I have been clinically diagnosed with depression. For the past three months I have been employed and earn a monthly income of \$2,200.00. This is my only

source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] C-128**

I, [REDACTED] of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") who was sexually abused in the Cornwall area.
2. In 1967, at the age of fifteen, I was sexually abused by Father Charles MacDonald.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

- a. At no time did the Church offer me any support or counselling to deal with the consequences of the abuse.
- b. When the Church knew or ought to have known about Father MacDonald's sexual misconduct, they should have stopped him from hurting other children.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. I was raised in a family of devout Catholics. However, as a result of this sexual abuse, I have had a total loss of my Catholic faith.
6. I have lost the innocence of my childhood.
7. The abuse has rendered me unable to cope. I have turned to drugs and alcohol to help me deal with the effects of the abuse and have become addicted.
8. At the time of the abuse, I was suffocated by water and held in confined spaces and this has led to an ongoing fear of water and symptoms of claustrophobia.
9. The abuse has left me emotionally traumatized and I have been unable to maintain gainful employment. I have had to rely heavily on social assistance to get by.

10. The abuse has left me in emotional, physical and mental turmoil. This has resulted in an inability to develop meaningful relationships, particularly those of an intimate nature.

11. I have experienced a loss of enjoyment of life as I often find myself overwhelmed with feelings of depression and hopelessness.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

12. The criminal charges against Father MacDonald were dismissed due to *Charter* violations.

13. At no time have I ever been offered any psychological counselling or support by the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall to help me deal with the consequences of the abuse that I suffered at the hands of Father Charlie MacDonald.

14. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

15. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

16. I am currently not receiving psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured at the hands of Father Charles MacDonald.

17. I am not satisfied with the level of resources available to the victims of sexual abuse.

18. I verily believe that I require psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse. However, currently I am not willing to seek treatment as I believe it would further traumatize me. I am not ready to face some of these issues that I have so desperately tried to move on from.

### **Standing**

19. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it

is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

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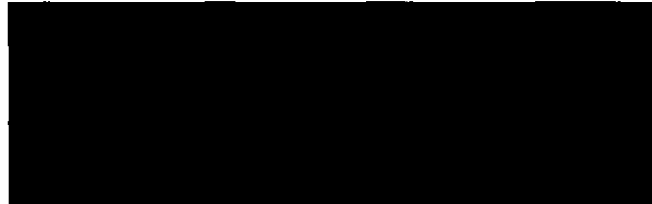
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### **Funding**

23. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. As such, I am currently

receiving benefits from Ontario Works in the monthly amount of \$536.00. This is my only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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SURROUNDING THE ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE IN CORNWALL, ONTARIO

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR STANDING AND  
FUNDING FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE ABUSE

**AFFIDAVIT OF KENNETH OUELLETTE**

I, KENNETH OUELLETTE, of the City of Cornwall, in the United  
County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE  
OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims who was sexually abused  
(hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") in the Cornwall area.
2. Beginning in 1959, I was sexually abused by Richard  
Ouellette. Beginning in 1969, I was sexually abused Ken Seguin, and  
later by Richard Hickerson and Chris Wilson. This abuse, in total, lasted  
for eighteen years.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure  
that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the

following:

- a. The system failed, in that, the Crown Attorney, Malcolm MacDonald, who was appointed to convict the perpetrators of abuse, was also a known pedophile. Because of his involvement as Crown Attorney, the perpetrators received reduced charges and minimal sentences.
- b. If I had received help in dealing with the consequences of my abuse earlier on, then my life would have been different. I would not struggle with ongoing psychiatric problems.
- c. Instead of helping me, the institutions in place to assist me, hurt me by conspiring against me.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of this sexual abuse, I lost my childhood.
6. I have struggled to come to terms with what happened and I have turned to drugs to help me cope.
7. Since the abuse and the failure of any form of institutional response, I have lost trust in authority figures and institutions.
8. I have developed problems in maintaining normal intimate relationships with everyone.

9. As a result of the abuse, I spent my formative years in physical, mental and emotional turmoil.

10. I suffer from severe psychiatric problems as a result of the abuse, namely, severe suicidal ideation, mood disorders, depression and anxiety.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

11. I verily believe that the police have failed the victims of sexual abuse. Specifically, they did not investigate many claims brought forward. As a result, I have lost complete faith in the judicial system.

12. I verily believe that the Crown Attorney and other justice officials who prosecuted the cases protected the perpetrators and failed to consider how the abuse damaged me as a victim.

13. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

14. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

15. I am currently receiving limited psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I suffered.

16. Currently, I am not satisfied with the level of support that I am receiving. I feel that it is a constant struggle to receive the care and help that I require.

17. I verily believe that I will continue to require extensive, long-term psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the very severe emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse. I gather this understanding from information and feedback gained during the counselling and therapy which I do receive and by the symptoms I continue to exhibit.

### **Standing**

18. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it

is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

19. I further understand that I have the potential for a civil action or application for criminal injuries compensation and that those legal rights may be impacted by my participation within the Inquiry. Accordingly, I believe that I need access to legal counsel, as do other victims like me, in order to fairly participate without detrimental impact upon my civil and administrative remedies.

20. Having personally experienced the depths of the impact of sexual abuse and the related institutional failings, I, like other victims have the greatest motivation to see the system corrected and improved.

21. I strongly believe that there is no greater advocate for systematic improvement of the treatment, handling, and prosecution of sexual abuse cases than the victims themselves.

### **Funding**

22. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I have been clinically



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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR STANDING AND  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] C-129**

I, [REDACTED] of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims who was sexually abused (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") in the Cornwall area.
2. In 1980, at the age of sixteen, I was sexually abused by Ken Seguin, a parole officer with the Department of Corrections. This abuse continued for eight years.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

- a. Had I received early, or any, intervention in trying to cope with the effects of my abuse, my life would have been very different.
- b. When I reported the abuse to Darcy Dupuis, a police officer, I was not believed. As a victim of abuse, I felt persecuted not protected by the authorities.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of this sexual abuse, I lost my childhood. I struggled to come to terms with what had happened and I turned to drugs and alcohol to help me cope.
6. My poor coping mechanisms resulted in my inability to concentrate, and I dropped out of school.
7. As a result of the abuse, I spent most of my formative years in physical, mental and emotional turmoil which resulted in difficulties with the law.
8. Since the abuse and the failure of any form of institutional response, I have lost trust in authority figures and institutions. This has led to a general paranoia and lack of trust in humanity.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

9. I verily believe that the other victims of sexual abuse were poorly treated by the Courts when their cases came to trial and, as such, this has greatly discouraged me. I believe these victims were called liars by those in authority. I have lost complete faith in the judicial system.

10. Since I was abused by Ken Seguin for such an extended period of time, I approached a police officer, Darcy Dupuis, and reported the abuse to him and I was dismissed.

11. At no time have I ever been offered any psychological counselling or support by the Department of Corrections, or any representative of the Province of Ontario to help me deal with the consequences of the abuse that I suffered at the hands of its employee, Ken Seguin.

12. I encountered difficulties with the law as a result of my inability to cope with the abuse and, as such, the police have treated me poorly. They have questioned my credibility and have failed me as a victim.

13. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a

victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

14. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

#### **Clinical Support**

15. I am currently not receiving any psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured at the hands of Ken Seguin.

16. As a result of the abuse at the hands of a person in the responsible position of providing counselling and rehabilitation, I have no faith in the current services available for such treatment.

#### **Standing**

17. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the

Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

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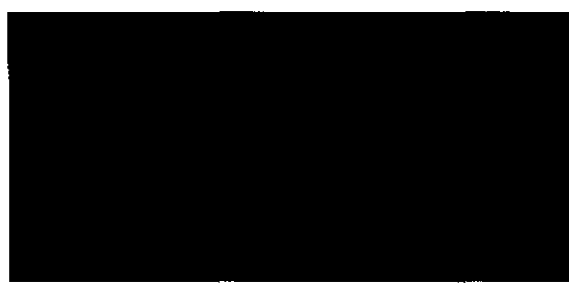
### **Funding**

21. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. As such, I am currently receiving benefits from the National Child Benefit Supplement and Family Benefits Allowance in the total monthly amount of \$700.00. This is my

only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] C-17**

Please see Supplementary Affidavits for corrections to this Affidavit.

I, [REDACTED] of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") who was sexually abused in the Cornwall area.
2. In 1995, at the age of 15, I was sexually abused by Jacques Leduc, a prominent Cornwall lawyer. This abuse lasted for three years.
3. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.
4. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:
  - a. When other victims reported their abuse to the authorities, I

saw how they were treated and this led to my distrust in the system.

- b. Had I received earlier intervention in helping me cope with the effects of my abuse then my life would have turned out differently.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

5. As a result of my abuse, I struggled to cope with its effects and I was expelled from school.

6. I have overwhelming feelings of shame and guilt which have played a role in the disintegration of my family. I have very low self-esteem.

7. The abuse has left me emotionally traumatized. I have had difficulties maintaining gainful employment.

8. My ability to cope has been non-existent and I have not received any psychological support. Instead, I turned to drugs and alcohol and have become addicted.

9. I cannot trust others and this has led to strained relationships with family and friends. Since the abuse and failure of any

form of institutional response, I have also lost trust in authority figures and institutions.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

10. The criminal charges against Jacques Leduc were dismissed due to *Charter* violations.

11. I verily believe that the city leaders of Cornwall have failed in their duty to the citizens and helpless victims of sexual crimes in Cornwall.

12. I am poorly educated and a low income wage-earner as a result of the abuse and, as such, the police have treated me poorly. They have questioned my credibility and have failed me as a victim.

13. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

14. My detailed experiences dealing with the police and justice institutions could be obtained by my testimony or the provision of a

summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

15. I am currently receiving limited psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I endured at the hands of Jacques Leduc.

16. However, I am not satisfied with the level of support that I am receiving. The options for counselling are severely limited in the Cornwall area. I verily believe that many of the other victims of sexual abuse do not have adequate resources to help them seek the counselling they require.

17. Due to our issues with trust, I verily believe that, as victims, we should be able to seek the help that we need from various resources.

18. I verily believe that I will continue to require psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse.

### **Standing**

19. As a first hand victim of sexual abuse, I verily believe that it

is crucial that my perspective be brought before the Inquiry. Therefore, I have a direct interest in the outcome of this Inquiry and, as part of the Victims Group, have a substantial interest in ensuring the objectives of this Inquiry are met.

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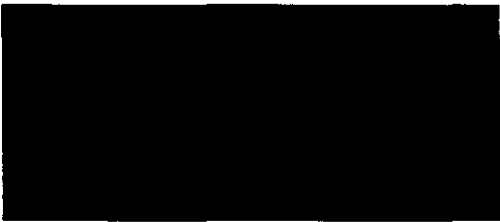
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### **Funding**

23. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I am currently employed as

a factory worker and earn a monthly salary of \$2,600.00. This is my only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my counsel of choice, receive funding to represent my interests without which I would otherwise be unable to participate in the Inquiry.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF STEVE PARISIEN**

I, STEVE PARISIEN, of the City of Cornwall, in the United County of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am one of the group of victims who was sexually abused (hereinafter referred to as "Victims Group") in the Cornwall area.
2. In 1965, at the age of seven, I was sexually abused by Robert Parisien and Gary Lalonde. This abuse continued for four years.
3. Both of the perpetrators of abuse toward me were victims of abuse themselves. Robert Parisien and Gary Lalonde were sexually abused by a priest in Alfred, Ontario. I believe this to be a mitigating factor in my own abuse.
4. The Victims Group seeks standing at this Inquiry to ensure

that the perspective of the Victims Group is brought before the Inquiry.

5. As a victim of sexual abuse, my perspective includes the following:

- a. When the Church should have known about the abuses committed by their priests they had a duty to stop the continual abuse of other young victims.
- b. If I had received help in dealing with the consequences of my abuse earlier on, then my life would have been different. I would have experienced less severe feelings of depression and helplessness.

### **Impact of the Abuse**

6. Since the abuse and the failure of any form of institutional response, I have developed a lack of trust and faith in authority figures and institutions.

7. As a result of the abuse, I spent most of my formative years in physical, mental and emotional turmoil.

8. Since the abuse I have suffered from low self-esteem. I am depressed and overwhelmed with feelings of hopelessness. I have experienced suicidal thoughts and feelings.

### **Failings of the Institutional Response**

9. I feel that the authorities did not handle my complaint with empathy or concern. I felt that they questioned my credibility; this has greatly discouraged me. I feel persecuted and re-victimized by the institutional response thus far.

10. I have been failed by many, including doctors, who despite my ongoing struggle with depression and suicidal thoughts offered no intervention.

11. When I approached the Church for counsel and support, I was turned away.

12. I believe that further details of my first hand experience as a victim dealing with the Cornwall police and justice system, which is the focus of Part I of this Inquiry, would be beneficial information for the Inquiry. I believe that my experiences and those of other victims must be canvassed by the Inquiry in order for it to fulfill its mandate.

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summary of my experiences. The provision of either would be most effective if counsel were provided to me as it would be to other victims.

### **Clinical Support**

14. I am currently receiving limited psychological help in dealing with the abuse that I suffered.

15. I am currently unsatisfied with the level of support that I am receiving. I believe that there are not enough resources available to assist me in my efforts to be emotionally rehabilitated.

16. I verily believe that I will continue to require psychological support and counselling to help me deal with the emotional trauma I have suffered as a result of the abuse.

### **Standing**

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### **Funding**

21. One of the devastating effects of my sexual abuse has been my inability to maintain gainful employment. I have been clinically diagnosed with anxiety and depression. As such, I am currently employed on a part-time basis as a personal support care worker and earn a monthly income of approximately \$1,400.00. This is my only source of income. Therefore, in order to participate and be adequately represented at the Cornwall Inquiry I require that Ledroit Beckett, as my

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