

## STATUTORY DECLARATION

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I, **Geoffrey Ryan**, of the City of Waterloo, in the Province of Ontario, do solemnly declare as follows:

1. I met Father Michael Gillissie while serving on the altar at St. George's parish in Ottawa during the 1980's. Gillissie was a deacon at the time and then was ordained as a priest.
2. My parents began to form a friendship with Gillissie inviting him to our house many times for meals and in turn we would visit his home in Aylmer.
3. I looked up to Gillissie due to my Irish Catholic upbringing.
4. I was frequently told by Gillissie how I was his favourite out of all the kids and how he expressed continuously how special he thought I was.
5. In March of 1991, my parents had again invited Gillissie for supper. My Dad and Gillissie drank a fair amount of alcohol that night.
6. I had just acquired my 365 driver's license (learner's permit at the time), it was decided that I would drive Gillissie's car back to the rectory (at that time he had been reassigned to St. Martin de Porres parish from St. George's).
7. The plan was that I would drive Gillissie home and then stay the night at the rectory, my Dad would then pick me up with his car in the morning.
8. When I arrived at St. Martin de Porres parish rectory in Bells Corners (Ottawa) with Gillissie he continued drinking in the kitchen of the rectory asking me to drink with him which I did.
9. After several drinks, Gillissie was intoxicated and began to turn the conversation to a sexual nature. I began to feel very uncomfortable and stood up when Gillissie also stood up and approached me from behind putting his arms around my upper waist region while whispering in my ear that "I must have a really big cock." I immediately became terrified as I had been sexually abused at the age of seven by another family friend. I told Gillissie at that point that I was going to bed, I proceeded to one of the spare bedrooms and locked the door in fear that he may try to come into my room.
10. Fortunately Gillissie did not come into the room I was staying that night, he served mass the next morning while I stayed in the locked room until my Dad arrived to pick me up.

11.I mentioned nothing to my Dad about the events at the rectory as we were always taught to respect priests.

12.I lived with this secret for 10 years.

13.A few of my friends at Notre Dame High School were camp counsellors at St. Brigid's camp north of Ottawa in Gatineau hills. These individuals told me that Gillissie was a frequent visitor to the camp and would drink excessively with Father Ken Keller and Auxiliary Bishop Brennan.

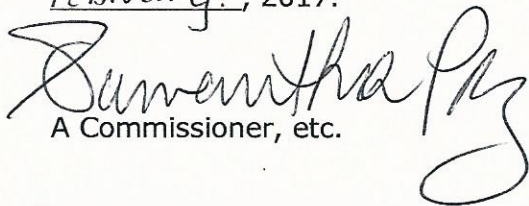
14.I received a phone call from Gillissie in October 2004 after a recent split with my Son's mother. Gillissie had been drinking and out with my parent's for dinner in Ottawa (I had relocated to Waterloo at that time). Gillissie repeated the exact message he had always relayed to be during my youth, "I was his favourite and special."

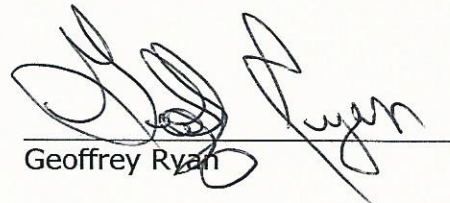
15.He asked me many times on the call If I was homosexual and I continually responded that I wasn't. I ended the call at that point and called my parent's, I relayed to them to never give my phone number to Gillissie explaining the events from the past for the first time.

16.I hope this statement will help others who may be suffering in silence.

I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is the same force and effect as if made under oath.

**DECLARED BEFORE ME** at the )  
City of Waterloo, in the province )  
of Ontario, this 8 day of )  
February, 2017. )

  
A Commissioner, etc. )

  
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Geoffrey Ryan )

**Samantha Alison Paz, a Commissioner, etc.,**  
Province of Ontario, for  
The Corporation of the City of Waterloo.  
Expires January 13, 2020