

Roger Vaughan



Two alleged sexual abuse victims sue Catholic order; Instead of seeking damages, the men are asking the Crosiers to identify members accused of abusing children.(NEWS)

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CORRECTION PUBLISHED 05/06/06: This story misstated the kinds of treatment plaintiff Charles Spahn has received. Spahn said he has received treatment for drug, alcohol and sexual abuse.

Two men who said they were abused by members of the Roman Catholic Crosier Order filed suit Thursday in Ramsey County District Court asking not for monetary damages but rather that the order release names of those accused of sexually abusing children.

Mark Mallinger, who said he was abused as a student at the Onamia, Minn., seminary in the 1970s, and Charles Spahn, 46, a former altar boy in Onamia who said he was abused from age 9 to 14, said they want to protect other children from going through what they did.

Spahn said he has been through treatment for drugs, alcohol and sexual addiction, as well as five years of therapy.

"The seminary at Onamia was truly a house of horrors," Mallinger said Thursday at a St. Paul news conference about the filing of the suit. "I know classmates were abused, and I know people suffered in silence and shame."

Mallinger, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, said the suit is not about money. "If we can protect one child, that's what it's about," he said.

Jeffrey Anderson, attorney for Mallinger and Spahn, said the suit names 14 members of the order who allegedly abused children. The suit said that in order to protect children from sexual molestation by Crosiers, the names of all who have been accused of sexual misconduct should be released.

The suit said that Spahn was sexually abused by Greg Madigan and that Mallinger was abused by Wendell Mohs, Neil Emon and Roger Vaughn. None of them could be reached to comment Thursday.

In October 2002, the order released the names of eight members deemed the subject of credible reports of sexual abuse of a minor. Neither Mohs nor Vaughn was on that list.

Last month, Robert Skjonsby, 40, of Port Orchard, Wash., filed suit against the Crosiers claiming he was abused by Mohs between 1980 and 1983 at Sacred Heart Church in Wahkon, Minn.

David Kostik, Crossiers spokesman, said Thursday, "We take all allegations that relate to sexual misconduct very seriously. ... The Crosiers have worked very, very hard to work with others who were victims of sexual abuse in the past and are committed to continue to work toward healing."

Kostik said in 2000 that there were 88 Crosiers in the United States, and this year the number is 72.

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Letting go of a lifetime of secrets; Thursday's announcement of a \$1.7 million settlement in a sex-abuse suit against the Catholic order of the Crosiers carried a surprise ending for two plaintiffs in the case.(NEWS)

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CORRECTION PUBLISHED 02/11/09: This story incorrectly quoted an apology by the Crosiers Fathers and Brothers to victims of clergy abuse. The order said it hopes a legal settlement helps the abused "move toward peace of heart and healing in their lives."

Fred Guenther and David Bidney already were on emotional tenterhooks as they prepared for the announcement Thursday that their sexual abuse lawsuits against a Roman Catholic religious order had been settled.

The Crosiers Fathers and Brothers, a Catholic religious order with an outpost south of Lake Mille Lacs, had agreed to pay nine plaintiffs \$1.7 million in damages and reveal the names of the abusive priests.

When Guenther and Bidney -- who had been best friends in junior high school -- saw each other, the bombshell hit. They had both been abused by the same man but kept it secret for 30 years.

"We had no idea, no idea at all, none," Guenther said after the two embraced in a long hug and Bidney, who was in tears, nodded in agreement. "We didn't tell each other. I didn't tell anyone until I told a counselor in 1998."

Both men described battling emotional demons that broke up their marriages. "I lost everything, but hiding it was the worst pain of all," Bidney said.

"The money will help with things like therapy," he said. "But without a doubt, the most important part is getting the names and the documents."

The key to the settlement was a suit filed in 2006 by Bob Skjonsby, a former Minnesotan now living in Port Orchard, Wash. Twin Cities attorney Jeff Anderson had eight other cases but was stymied because the statute of limitations on them had expired.

Skjonsby had spent 20 years as a naval officer, and the statute of limitations clock stops running while a person is in the armed forces, meaning that his case was still active. That was the legal wedge Anderson needed.

"As part of that case, we were able to do discovery," he said. "We were able to force the Crosiers to provide files of his case and all the abuse cases that were known to them."

At last, an apology

Thomas R. Carkhuff, the head of the Crosiers in the United States, issued a written statement apologizing to the victims and saying that he hopes the settlement helps the abusers "move toward peace of heart and healing in their lives. We are deeply sorry for these wrongs that were committed in the past by some Crosiers and for the pain that this abuse has caused these men and their families." The settlement names five of the perpetrators. Two of them, Gabriel Guerrero and Greg Madigan, continue as members of the order but have been removed from public ministry. The others, Gerald Funcheon (the abuser of Guenther and Bidney while at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Shoreview), Wendell Mohs (Skjonsby's abuser at Sacred Heart parish in Wahkon, Minn.) and Roger Vaughn have left the order.

"Bob is the real hero here," Anderson said of Skjonsby. "The Crosiers offered to settle his case for \$1.2 million, but he refused. He insisted that they come clean about everything. That was a very courageous thing to do, a very altruistic thing."

Skjonsby, who decided to step forward after his 2-year-old son drowned, said that money was never his motivation.

"The first time I contacted Jeff (Anderson) was simply to ask if he could recommend a counselor," he said. "It took the threat of the money to get the Crosiers to come forward to resolve this issue and provide the names of the other offenders."

At the request of the victims, not all nine names involved in the case were announced Thursday. And that gave Bidney reason to worry.

"Oh, I hope it's no one else we know," he said to Guenther.

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Crosiers to pay \$1.7 million.(U.S. BRIEFS) (Crosier Fathers and Brothers)(Brief article)



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ST. PAUL, MINN. -- The U.S. province of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers has agreed to pay \$1.7 million to nine men who allegedly were abused by members of that order in the 1960s, '70s and '80s. As part of the settlement, the Crosiers agreed to disclose names of other former clerics still alive who had "credible allegations" of sexual abuse made against them.

The Crosiers identified four men who "are subject to the settlement": Wendell Mohs, Gerald Funcheon, Gregory Madigan and Gabriel Guerrero. A statement from the order said that Madigan and Guerrero remain Crosiers but have been removed from public ministry and live under restrictions. Funcheon and Mohs left the order in the 1980s. Attorneys identified a fifth man involved in abuse, Roger Vaughn, as a former Crosier.

Bob Skjonsby, 43, was the only named plaintiff in the lawsuit because, according to his attorney Jeff Anderson, his case was the only one that met the statute of limitations for those abused as minors. The statute runs out at age 24, but the "clock" stops ticking while a victim is in the military, Anderson said. Skjonsby was in the Navy for 21 years.

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Mulheron, Susan

From: Carrie Powell <cpowell@crosier.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 12:58 PM
To: Mulheron, Susan
Subject: Roger Vaughn

Susan,

Here is the information we have for Roger Vaughn.

DOB: 6/16/1948 (Ft. Wayne, IN)

He made solemn profession with the Crosiers on 3/20/76 and was ordained in Ft. Wayne, IN, on 5/14/77.

On 10/6/2000, Fr. Carkhuff removed all faculties granted to Roger to function as a priest.

He was dispensed from his solemn vows on 11/27/01. He was not dispensed from priesthood. However, in a letter dated 12/22/01 from then Prior Provincial Thomas Carkhuff, osc, to Cardinal Egan, it was noted that Roger Vaughn was officially listed among the clergy of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America and residing in New York, NY.

The one place we could find where he was in Minneapolis was for his first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in 1975, which was before solemn profession and ordination.

Otherwise, our records do not show any residence or ministry assignment in the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis.

I have not had time to track down the address we have on file, but I will look on Monday.

Carrie

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From: Carrie Powell <cpowell@crosier.org>
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To: Mulheron, Susan
Subject: Re: Roger Vaughn

Susan,

Here is the latest contact info we have on file:

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On Wed, Nov 27, 2013 at 12:00 PM, Mulheron, Susan <mulherons@archspm.org> wrote:

Thank you! This is very helpful!

If you have a phone number for him, too, that would be great.

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Subject: RE: files

Unfortunately, we don't have any files or even notations in any of our databases about them. This is what I have been able to glean from the web about these two:

- 1) Roger Vaughn: OSC (Crosier). He served primarily in St. Cloud Diocese until the allegations, then was sent to Chicago, and after that New York. I do not know if he actually served the St. Paul/Mpls Archdiocese.
http://www.bishopaccountability.org/assign/Vaughn_Roger_osc.htm
- 2) [REDACTED] is deceased now. It looks like he was at St. Albert the Great, Mpls, from 1969-1978.
[http://www.bishopaccountability.org/assign/\[REDACTED\].htm](http://www.bishopaccountability.org/assign/[REDACTED].htm)

From: Mulheron, Susan
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Do we even know what diocese/order they are from?

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No we do not. Those two files we have searched everywhere and we do not have any record of having files on them.

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Can you please confirm whether we have any sort of paperwork or information at all on:

Fr. Roger Vaughn

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