

## Statement of Doe 20

Coming to terms with the fact that I was sexually abused by Fr. Michael Keating has been the most painful realization of my life. I carried this burden alone for so long because I never imagined that a man I believed to be so good and holy could ever do something so selfish and hurtful to a child. When I could no longer bear to carry this on my own, I went to the Archdiocese in 2006, hopeful that they would believe me, stand by me, and do what they could to bring protection and healing. My trust was betrayed, as they diminished the pain I had suffered through for so long and I was truly re-victimized when they tried to prove me wrong and keep Fr. Keating in ministry. I do not exaggerate when I say that what Fr. Keating did to me has caused me indescribable suffering. I have a strong faith and a deep love for Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. I also believe that every child has the right to innocence. This is why I cannot stay quiet any longer.