1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 2 3 ERIC E. HOYLE, 4 Plaintiff, 5 Civil Action No. 08-CV-347C VS 6 7 FREDERICK DIMOND, ROBERT DIMOND, and MOST HOLY FAMILY MONASTERY, 8 9 Defendants. 10 11 12 13 Examination Before Trial of NANCY BATTLE, held pursuant 14 to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, in the law 15 offices of Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf & Cunningham Coppola, 16 LLC, 1600 Liberty Building, Buffalo, New York, on 17 Monday, November 30, 2009, at 2:51 p.m., before Coleen 18 Wright, Notary Public. 19 20 21 22 23

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1 THE REPORTER: Stipulations? 2 MS. ELLIOTT: Miss Battle, my name is 3 Stephanie Elliott and I represent Most Holy Family 4 Monastery, Frederick Dimond and Robert Dimond in a lawsuit that's been brought by Eric Hoyle relative 5 6 to a sum of money that was given to Most Holy Family 7 Monastery some time ago. Under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as a witness you have the right to 8 9 review the transcript of the testimony that you give 10 here today after we're finished --11 NANCY BATTLE: Yes. 12 MS. ELLIOTT: -- and to make any corrections 13 or changes as you see necessary. Generally how it 14 works is after the testimony is transcribed by the 15 court reporter you would receive a copy of the 16 transcript in the mail and then you would review it 17 and on a separate page make any correction as you 18 see fit, as that is your right. You have the 19 opportunity to exercise that right and read and sign 20 the transcript or to waive it and just proceed with 21 the transcript as it is. Would you like to exercise 22 that right? 23 NANCY BATTLE: I guess it's most common to

1 do that or to make --2 MS. ELLIOTT: Everyone's different. It's up 3 to you whether you'd like to review and sign the transcript or not. You don't have to. 4 5 NANCY BATTLE: I don't see why I would have to, but, you know, maybe I will review it in case I 6 7 goof up or something. If I say something -- no. I don't want to review it. Never mind. Okay. That's 8 9 fair. 10 11 (Whereupon, the following stipulations were 12 entered into by the respective parties: 13 It is hereby stipulated by and between 14 counsel for the respective parties that the oath of 15 the referee is waived, filing and certification of 16 the transcript are waived, and all objections, 17 except as to the form of the question, are reserved 18 until the time of trial.) 19 20 NANCY BATTLE , B-A-T-T-L-E, 3500 Willow Avenue, 21 Number 104, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15234, after 22 being duly called and sworn, testified as follows: 23

1	EXAMIN	NATION BY MS. ELLIOTT:
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3	Q.	Good afternoon, Ms. Battle. As I said, my name is
4		Stephanie Elliott and I represent the defendants in
5		this case. You are here today pursuant to a
6		subpoena that you received from my office, correct?
7	Α.	Yes.
8	Q.	I'm going to be asking you a series of questions
9		this afternoon about your background and also about
10		your interactions with both parties in this case,
11		both the plaintiff and the defendants.
12	Α.	Yes.
13	Q.	If at any time you do not understand one of my
14		questions will you please let me know?
15	Α.	Yes.
16	Q.	If you do if you do answer a question I will
17		presume that you understood the question and you're
18		answering truthfully and to the best of your
19		ability, okay?
20	Α.	Yes.
21	Q.	If at any time you need to take a break please let
22		me know and we can accommodate you.
23	Α.	Okay.

1	Q.	Have you taken any substance in the past twenty-four
2		hours that you feel might impair your ability to
3		listen to my questions and answer them truthfully?
4	Α.	No, I have not.
5	Q.	Have you and I ever met before today?
6	Α.	Not to my knowledge.
7	Q.	Okay. Have you ever been known by any name other
8		than Nancy Battle?
9	Α.	Nancy Schweitzer.
10	Q.	Was that your maiden name?
11	Α.	That was my married name.
12	Q.	And what's your date of birth?
13	Α.	November 10th, 1953.
14	Q.	Happy belated birthday.
15	Α.	Thank you.
16	Q.	And the address that you gave us of 3500 Willow
17		Avenue, Number 104 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, how
18		long have you resided there?
19	Α.	It was eight years 2001, June no. Officially
20		April 2001, so that's almost nine years.
21	Q.	And are you born and raised in Pennsylvania?
22	Α.	Pittsburgh, yes.
23	Q.	Where did you live prior to 3500 Willow Avenue?

1	Α.	2457 Driftwood Drive, that's Bethel Park,
2		Pennsylvania.
3	Q.	And you said Schweizer was your married name?
4	Α.	Yes.
5	Q.	How long were you married for?
6	Α.	Two and a half years, approximately.
7	Q.	Do you have any children?
8	Α.	No.
9	Q.	And did you attend high school?
10	Α.	Yes.
11	Q.	Did you graduate from high school?
12	Α.	Yes.
13	Q.	What high school was that?
14	Α.	Bethel Park High School.
15	Q.	In Pittsburgh?
16	Α.	Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. It's a suburb of
17		Pittsburgh.
18	Q.	And what year did you graduate?
19	Α.	1972.
20	Q.	And after graduating high school did you go on to
21		complete any college work or vocational work?
22	Α.	Yes. Robert Morris College. It's downtown
23		Pittsburgh.

1	Q.	And did you graduate from Robert Morris?
2	Α.	I didn't I don't have a degree. I took some
3		courses there for a couple years.
4	Q.	Okay. And in what field?
5	Α.	Accounting. First liberal arts, then accounting,
6		and I also went to CCAC.
7	Q.	What's that?
8	Α.	Community College of Allegany County.
9	Q.	How long did you go there?
10	Α.	Within a couple years, some courses I took.
11	Q.	Did you obtain an associate's degree?
12	Α.	No.
13	Q.	And what kinds of courses did you take at CCAC?
14	Α.	Account first liberal arts and then accounting.
15	Q.	Are you employed?
16	Α.	Yes.
17	Q.	Where do you work?
18	Α.	I'm a partner with my sister in an accounting
19		business, Battle & Onofrey, O-N-O-F-R-E-Y.
20	Q.	And how long have you and your sister operated
21	Α.	Approximately
22	Q.	this business?
23	Α.	ten years.

1	Q.	One thing I forgot to mention earlier. As you can
2		see, we have a court reporter here that's taking
3		down all the questions
4	Α.	Yes.
5	Q.	and answers.
6	Α.	Right.
7	Q.	It's very important that we take it a little easy on
8		the court reporter
9	Α.	Oh.
10	Q.	and try not to speak over one another.
11	Α.	Okay.
12	Q.	It may be painfully obvious where my question is
13		going and you may know in advance of that, but I'd
14		ask that you wait until I get the question out
15	Α.	Okay.
16	Q.	until you answer, and I'll try not to talk over
17		you, either.
18	Α.	Okay.
19	Q.	And where is your do you have a main office for
20		Battle & Onofrey?
21	Α.	Yes. The address is should I give you the whole
22		address?
23	Q.	Sure.

1	Α.	5301 Drove Road, Suite Number M-119, Pittsburgh,
2		Pennsylvania 15236.
3	Q.	And this next question I am going to ask you has no
4		reflection on you or what I think of you. It's a
5		question we ask all witnesses. Have you ever been
6		convicted of a crime, whether by plea or trial?
7	Α.	I've gotten a traffic ticket, probably okay.
8	Q.	It doesn't count.
9	А.	A couple traffic no, that's all I can remember.
10	Q.	Okay. If traffic tickets counted we'd all be in
11		trouble, I think. Have you ever heard of Most Holy
12		Family Monastery?
13	Α.	Yes.
14	Q.	And when did you first learn about the organization?
15	Α.	Approximately July of 1999.
16	Q.	And how did you learn about it?
17	Α.	From a friend at my church.
18	Q.	And who was that?
19	Α.	Terry Nasoni.
20	Q.	Can you spell that, please?
21	Α.	N-A-S-O-N-I.
22	Q.	And what church were you attending when you learned
23		about MHFM from Miss Nasoni?

1	Α.	Our Lady of Fatima.
2	Q.	And where was that church located?
3	Α.	Carnegie, Pennsylvania.
4	Q.	And can you explain for me what kind of a church
5		that was?
6	Α.	Yes. It's a traditional Roman Catholic Church, has
7		a traditional mass.
8	Q.	And when you say traditional Roman Catholic Church
9		was it your understanding that Our Lady of Fatima
10		was affiliated with the Vatican in Rome?
11	Α.	I'm sorry. Would you repeat that?
12	Q.	Sure. What do you mean by traditional Roman
13		Catholic Church?
14	Α.	Well, it's a Catholic church that has the
15		Tridentine, if I'm pronouncing that right,
16		Tridentine mass, they go by many traditional things
17		of the church, you know, rules of the church that
18		the Vatican II does not go along with, like they
19		will not have the new mass, certain things they do
20		go along with, but certain things they don't, so
21		it's what you call now a traditional chapel, even
22		though it's not fully Catholic, but you can attend
23		it's permissible to attend mass there.

1	Q.	So it's the Our Lady of Fatima Church is not
2		affiliated with the current Vatican in Rome?
3	Α.	No, I don't believe, if I'm current with everything.
4		They're trying to be, but they are not, correct.
5	Q.	And when you learned about Most Holy Family
6		Monastery from Terry Nasoni what were you told, or
7		were you given something?
8	Α.	He gave me a magazine.
9	Q.	Do you remember the name of that magazine?
10	Α.	I think it was issue one, A Voice Crying in the
11		Wilderness. I believe it was issue one.
12	Q.	Did Terry tell you where he got the magazine?
13	Α.	Well, he I talked to him I think the next time
14		and he told me where he got it from, because he
15		knows he had met Brother Michael Dimond and spoke
16		very highly of the monastery, and I called you
17		know, the next time I talked to him I assumed where
18		he bought it, you know, because it was a magazine
19		from there, and we talked about it.
20	Q.	Okay. When Terry gave you issue one did he say
21		anything to you about it or did he say anything to
22		you about the monastery?
23	Α.	No. He just he handed it to me, and the next

1		time we talked we talked about it, he said, here,
2		this might be something you're interested in, and he
3		handed it to me, and I went home and read it and I
4		told him I was it was fascinating and I liked it.
5	Q.	And when you talked the next time what did you talk
6		about with Terry?
7	Α.	That's about all we talked about
8	Q.	Okay.
9	Α.	yeah.
10	Q.	At some point in time did you obtain any other
11		publications from Most Holy Family Monastery?
12	Α.	Well, then I started to call the monastery and ask
13		them questions, and then I would order things on my
14		own. Terry I don't think he gave me anything
15		else, because from then on I was calling the
16		monastery.
17	Q.	When did you start calling the monastery?
18	Α.	Right when around July of 1999, when I got the
19		magazine from Terry.
20	Q.	And at some point through your communications with
21		the monastery did you become a follower, a supporter
22		of their beliefs?
23	Α.	Right away, actually.

1	Q.	And why is that? What was so interesting to you?
2	Α.	They were truth, it was truth, the answers to my
3		prayers.
4	Q.	Now, do you have an understanding of what kind of an
5		organization Most Holy Family Monastery is?
6	Α.	Yes.
7	Q.	And can you explain that to me, what is your
8		understanding?
9	Α.	That they were Catholic.
10	Q.	Okay. What do you mean by that?
11	Α.	True Catholics. They do not compromise with the
12		truth, they don't go against anything. They are in
13		line with the truth.
14	Q.	Do you know whether Most Holy Family Monastery is
15		affiliated with the Vatican?
16	Α.	No, they are not at this time, because the Vatican
17		is empty of the true Pope and true Catholicism.
18	Q.	And is it your understanding that Most Holy Family
19		Monastery is independent of the Vatican
20	Α.	Oh, yes.
21	Q.	separate and apart?
22	Α.	Yes.
23	Q.	And over the time that you've become familiar with

1		Most Holy Family Monastery has either the monastery
2		or anyone from the monastery ever represented to you
3		that they are in any way affiliated with the
4		Vatican?
5	Α.	No. Anybody I have talked to from the monastery was
6		never, to my knowledge, affiliated with the Vatican,
7		right.
8	Q.	Is that something you learned through written
9		publications by the monastery, as well, or just in
10		speaking?
11	Α.	First in written publications and then, you know, to
12		back up my understanding a little better and
13		everything when I would talk to them, also, plus the
14		written articles and plus their DVDs.
15	Q.	Okay. You mentioned earlier that over time you've
16		purchased materials from the monastery, yes?
17	Α.	Yes.
18	Q.	And what kinds of things have you purchased from
19		Most Holy Family Monastery?
20	Α.	Books, magazines, DVDs, cassettes, many.
21	Q.	Okay. Have you ever donated money to the monastery?
22	Α.	Yes.
23	Q.	Okay. And why have you sought out to purchase those

1		materials and to even donate money to the monastery?
2	Α.	Well, for my own benefit and also to prosthelytize,
3		to convince other people.
4	Q.	Do you have an understanding of what the monastery
5		does, what is its goal?
6	Α.	Yes.
7	Q.	And what is it?
8	Α.	To convert people to the true faith of Catholicism
9		and to let and also to let them see what is going
10		on so they can be aware of it to save their soul.
11	Q.	About how many times have you purchased materials
12		from Most Holy Family Monastery?
13	Α.	Many times, and that was ten years ago this past
14		July, so there would be times when I wouldn't
15		because I wouldn't have enough, and then or if I
16		was in lack of funds right there, but then I would
17		continue to when I needed them or something new
18		would come out or if I wanted repeated material
19		which I thought was good to pass along to others.
20	Q.	And about how many times have you donated money to
21		the monastery over the years?
22	Α.	I don't know. Not too much. Not as much as I would
23		have liked to.

1	Q.	Sure.
2	Α.	I try to do it regularly, like once a month. I've
3		been doing that lately, not much, but I've been
4		doing that. And how often or how much did you say?
5	Q.	That's okay.
6	Α.	Okay.
7	Q.	As you sit here today can you give me an estimate of
8		how much you think you've donated over the years? I
9		don't want you to guess. If you have a rough
10		estimate, that's fine.
11	Α.	Yeah. Well, right now it's been about only twenty a
12		month, approximately, sometimes a little higher.
13		Before it has been more when I had the funds to do
14		it, maybe for Christmas, a hundred dollars here, and
15		I don't have that in front of me. I couldn't tell
16		you, you know.
17	Q.	That's fine. When you would purchase materials from
18		the monastery were those purchases made over the
19		Internet or by telephone or perhaps mail?
20	Α.	Never by Internet, to my knowledge, because I'm
21		slightly illiterate in the computer still. It was
22		mostly by phone or by mail. Mostly by mail, I'd
23		say, most recent, past year.

1	Q.	And as part of making those purchases did you have
2		to provide the monastery with information, contact
3		information, credit card information?
4	Α.	Well, yes. Either that or I would send a check. A
5		lot of times I used my credit card, yes.
6	Q.	What kinds of contact information did you have to
7		provide the monastery as part of those purchasing
8		transactions?
9	Α.	I'm sorry?
10	Q.	What kind of personal contact information did you
11		give the monastery when purchasing materials?
12	Α.	You mean like a credit card or
13	Q.	Correct. Your address, telephone number?
14	Α.	Yeah. Well, naturally my address if I wanted to get
15		the yeah, they do have my address, though,
16		because I'm on a mailing list when they send out
17		flyers.
18	Q.	Did you also give your telephone number?
19	Α.	Yes.
20	Q.	How about an e-mail address?
21	Α.	I think, yes, I did give my e-mail address.
22	Q.	And also you said your credit card number?
23	Α.	Yes.

1	Q.	And when you gave that information to the monastery
2		was it your understanding that it would be used only
3		by the monastery?
4	Α.	Yes.
5	Q.	Okay. And in giving that information to the
6		monastery did you in any way authorize it to be used
7		by anyone not affiliated with the monastery?
8	Α.	No.
9	Q.	Okay. Throughout the phone calls that you placed to
10		the monastery over the years would you always use
11		the same telephone number?
12	Α.	No, because I moved in between 1999 and 2001, so I
13		had a different phone number before. It was at my
14		parents' house.
15	Q.	But the number you would call to reach the
16		monastery, was that always the same number?
17	Α.	Yes. I'm sorry. Yes. I think the area code
18		changed, though, from 716 to 585.
19	Q.	And during the years you have communicated with Most
20		Holy Family Monastery did you ever have an occasion
21		to speak to an individual who represented himself to
22		be Brother Edmund?
23	Α.	Yes, I did.

1	Q.	When did you first speak with Brother Edmund?
2	Α.	It was well, I remember the summer of 2007, just
3		thinking, because I forgot some of my notes, but
4		I have them here. Most of it was the fall of 2006,
5		also, because of the questions I remember asking
6		him, but I know definitely a lot in the summer of
7		2007.
8	Q.	Okay. But you think the first time you ever spoke
9		with Brother Edmund was in the fall of 2006?
10	Α.	It was for about a two-year period.
11	Q.	Okay. And in that two-year period about how many
12		times did you have conversations with Brother
13		Edmund?
14	A.	At least twenty times.
15	Q.	And when you during that time frame when you
16		called the phone number for Most Holy Family
17		Monastery did you have a reasonable expectation that
18		Brother Edmund would be the one who answered the
19		phone?
20	Α.	Yes, when he started to be there. He was new there,
21		and then he was regularly answering the phone.
22	Q.	And what were the that's a lot of conversations,
23		twenty conversations. Can you give me an idea of

1 what the context or content of those conversations 2 were that you had with Brother Edmund? 3 Α. Yes, the summer of 2007 it was in regards to my 4 mother. She was seriously ill in the hospital and I 5 was even asking him to talk to her. That never 6 transpired, though, for whatever reason, the 7 opportunity wasn't there, but he was giving me advice on what to say to her because she was -- you 8 9 know, she was serious. Miraculously she's okay now. 10 She's not yet fully Catholic, but that's what I was 11 attempting to do, and I would call him for help and 12 advice and he would tell me what to do. 13 Would you also call to ask questions about Most Holy Q. 14 Family Monastery's teachings and beliefs? 15 Α. Well, if I had a question. I assumed he was either 16 aligned with them and in their conviction, so I 17 would call, and many times he would refer to them if he wasn't sure of a, you know, a rule or dogma or 18 19 certain Cannon law or for a judgment call, you know. 20 And during the times that you spoke with Brother Q. 21 Edmund did he demonstrate to you that he understood 22 and was familiar with the teachings and beliefs of 23 Most Holy Family Monastery?

1	Α.	Yes. Yes.
2	Q.	And during those times did he demonstrated to you
3		that he was in full agreement with those teaching
4		and beliefs?
5	Α.	Yes.
6	Q.	During the time that you've become familiar with
7		Most Holy Family Monastery have you also had
8		occasion to speak with and get to know Brothers
9		Michael and Peter?
10	Α.	Yes.
11	Q.	And have you spoken with them, as well, about the
12		teachings and beliefs of Most Holy Family Monastery?
13	Α.	Yes.
14	Q.	Would you ever expect Most Holy Family Monastery to
15		allow an individual into the monastery who was not
16		in complete agreement with its teaching and
17		believes?
18	Α.	Would you repeat that question? I'm sorry.
19	Q.	Sure. Knowing what you know about Most Holy Family
20		Monastery would you ever expect the monastery to
21		allow someone to become part of the monastery who
22		was not in full agreement with
23	Α.	No.

1	Q.	the teachings and beliefs?
2	Α.	I'm sorry. No, I wouldn't expect them to bring
3		anyone in that was not in, you know, agreement with
4		them.
5	Q.	Okay. At any time during the conversations that you
6		had with Brother Edmund did he ever tell you he
7		believed Most Holy Family Monastery was affiliated
8		with the Vatican?
9	Α.	No, he never said that.
10	Q.	Okay. Did he ever indicate the opposite to you,
11		that it was that it stood independent of the
12		Vatican?
13	Α.	No. No, he would you repeat the question?
14	Q.	Sure.
15		MS. ELLIOTT: Can you read back the
16		question?
17		(Whereupon, the above-requested question
18		was then read by the reporter.)
19		THE WITNESS: No. He never indicated to me
20		that. They were in opposition of, you know, the
21		current Vatican, and he never indicated that he was
22		no, he was in alignment with them. He was in
23		their conviction. He never said anything different.
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1	BY MS.	ELLIOTT:
2	Q.	And by being aligned in their conviction do you mean
3		aligned in Most Holy Family Monastery's conviction
4		that it's not affiliated with the Vatican?
5	Α.	Right, yeah.
6	Q.	Okay. During the times that you spoke with Brother
7		Edmund did he seem enthusiastic about the work he
8		was doing at Most Holy Family Monastery?
9	Α.	Yes, he did.
10	Q.	Do you have an understanding of what kind of work
11		Brother Edmund did while he was at Most Holy Family
12		Monastery?
13	Α.	Yes.
14	Q.	And what was that, what's your understanding?
15	Α.	Well, he was a brother and he was new there, a
16		rookie. I mean, you know, I figured he was in
17		training from the brothers with experience, Brothers
18		Peter and Michael. He was the new brother there. I
19		knew he would be new to some things, but I didn't
20		suspect in any way he was any different than them,
21		simplY because if he was he wouldn't be there, or I
22		never suspected of him at all, I never saw it in any
23		way.

1	Q.	And you told me a little earlier in your
2		conversations with Brother Edmund he you got the
3		impression that he was enthusiastic about the work
4		he was doing at Most Holy Family Monastery. Why do
5		you think that? What did he say, what did he do?
6	Α.	Well, he was just there, he was there for me,
7		answering the questions and, you know, representing
8		them. He seemed to take patience in answering my
9		questions. I didn't see where he was unhappy or
10		unenthusiastic in any way. You know, I didn't see
11		any contradiction there.
12	Q.	At any time that you spoke with Brother Edmund over
13		those years did he ever indicate any unhappiness or
14		dissatisfaction with the monastery or its teachings
15		or beliefs?
16	Α.	No.
17	Q.	Did he ever indicate to you that he was leaving or
18		thinking of leaving?
19	A.	No, he did not.
20	Q.	At some point did you learn Brother Edmund's legal
21		name?
22	Α.	I knew it when he was there before he became a
23		brother.

1	Q.	Okay. So you knew him as Eric before?
2	Α.	Eric, yes. I did not know his last name then, but I
3		knew he was Eric.
4	Q.	At some point did you learn Eric's last name?
5	Α.	I believe when I was talking to Brother Peter when
6		he I was talking to him and he said that Brother
7		Edmund had left and he mentioned his name very fast,
8		Eric, and I thought he said Coyle, until I got your
9		letter and it said Hoyle, so that's the only
10		indication that I got that he left.
11	Q.	Do you have any knowledge of the circumstances
12		surrounding Eric Hoyle's departure from Most Holy
13		Family Monastery?
14	Α.	Just per se from brother Michael and Brother Peter
15		that I'm trying to recall what it was. He left
16		because he wasn't in agreement with them. He was
17		they were describing him as schismatic in the fact
18		that he was saying that people cannot go to any of
19		the churches no matter what, even tolerable
20		tolerably, and it's according to the Brothers and
21		the true position of the church you can go in
22		certain questions in certain circumstances you
23		can, but he was saying he was adamant that you can't

1		at all, that's what I heard, and he was saying this
2		to Holy Family and wasn't in agreement with them.
3		That's all I heard, per se.
4	Q.	Do you recall I know it's been several years, but
5		do you recall the last time you spoke with Brother
6		Edmund while he was at Most Holy Family?
7	Α.	I remember the summer of 2007 specifically, may have
8		been after that. The fall of that year I knew I
9		believe that's when he was gone. It has to be two
10		years now, I think, because and I was in shock
11		when I heard he was gone. I had no idea. I
12		wondered why, because yeah.
13	Q.	Why were you in shock when you learned that he had
14		left?
15	Α.	Well, because it's such a sublime vocation and such
16		a beautiful one that I couldn't possibly I
17		couldn't possibly realize someone leaving, and he
18		seemed he seemed like a good person, like the
19		brothers, Brother Peter and Michael, and I was in
20		shock, and I just I had asked Brother Michael at
21		one point two questions, was he an infiltrator
22		pretending, and Brother Michael disagreed and said
23		something else, that, no, he didn't think that he

1		was originally, he thought his intention was pure,
2		you know, just honest at first.
3	Q.	During the conversations that you had with Brother
4		Edmund did he ever talk with you about how he came
5		to be at Most Holy Family Monastery?
6	Α.	No. If he did I forget.
7	Q.	Did he talk with you about his process of coming
8		into the monastery and what that involved?
9	Α.	No, he did not.
10	Q.	Did he ever talk with you about his reasons for
11		being at the monastery and whether he had an
12		ultimate goal for being there?
13	Α.	No, he did not.
14	Q.	Did Brother Edmund ever talk with you about a sum of
15		money that he gave to the monastery upon entering?
16	Α.	I don't think he did.
17	Q.	Have you spoken with Eric Hoyle since he left Most
18		Holy Family Monastery?
19	Α.	No, I have not.
20	Q.	Okay. Through all of the dealings that you've had
21		with the monastery has the monastery or anyone from
22		the monastery ever represented to you that it is
23		affiliated with the Vatican?

1	Α.	No. No one from the monastery has ever said that to					
2		me or gave me any idea that they were affiliated					
3		with the Vatican.					
4	Q.	And is it your understanding that Most Holy Family					
5		Monastery stands independent and separate from the					
6		Vatican?					
7	Α.	Yes.					
8	Q.	And that's something that you've learned in speaking					
9		with Brothers Michael and Peter and through their					
10		publications?					
11	Α.	Yes.					
12	Q.	Has Most Holy Family Monastery or anyone from the					
13		monastery ever represented to you that the monastery					
14		was part of the Order of St. Benedictine Monasteries					
15		approved of the Vatican?					
16	Α.	They are members of, you know, the Order of St.					
17		Benedict, but I'm sure the current Vatican is as					
18		it stands right now the fake Vatican does not					
19		recognize them. From even some other groups I had					
20		spoken to, you know, I mean, even though they are,					
21		they and yeah.					
22	Q.	And no one from the monastery ever represented to					
23		you that they were recognized by the Vatican?					

1	Α.	No, no one ever yeah. I know anyone that I ever					
2		spoke to from the monastery never indicated that					
3		they were under the Vatican.					
4		MS. ELLIOTT: Okay. Can we just take a					
5		quick minute?					
6		(Whereupon, a recess was then taken.)					
7	BY MS.	ELLIOTT:					
8	Q.	Miss Battle, over the years did you call Most Holy					
9		Family Monastery with questions about different					
10		things?					
11	Α.	Yes.					
12	Q.	Okay. Was one of the topics that you called with					
13		questions about looking for information on which					
14		independent churches were permissible to attend?					
15	Α.	Yes.					
16	Q.	Okay. And why what was your understanding of					
17		that information and why did you call with those					
18		questions?					
19	Α.	Because there's certain chapels you can attend in					
20		good conscious and certain you cannot, because					
21		they're at this point there's hardly any to go to					
22		that are tolerable, but you can tolerate some, and I					
23		wanted I drove them crazy. I wanted to know					
	1						

specifics and wasn't using good judgment. You know, 1 I could have answered some of the questions myself 2 3 from some of the information that they gave me, but 4 I didn't, and that's what I would call about many 5 times. And, also, then Brother Edmund, yeah, I'm 6 sure I called him about that. I have some questions 7 written down that I asked him, you know, and that was the reason, because I wanted to know if it was 8 9 permissible to go, and they would answer to the best 10 of their knowledge when I would give the information 11 about the chapel or the priest, but it was something 12 that I did have enough information from them that I 13 could figure it out, you know. 14 Q. And the recommendations that you received on chapels 15 or churches that were permissible to attend, was it 16 your understanding that those chapels or churches 17 were independent of the Vatican, they were not 18 affiliated with the Vatican? 19 Yes, I believe most of them are, that -- oh, well, Α. 20 except for Eastern Rite masses, they're affiliated 21 with the Vatican, but in certain cases you can go. 22 Did you review -- did you review any documents in Ο. 23 preparation for your testimony today?

1	Α.	I went over notes the best I could to try to				
2		remember and I forgot them, so I was writing them				
3		down in the waiting room there.				
4	Q.	What notes are these that you reviewed? They were				
5		notes that you had taken over the years?				
6	Α.	No, no, just from the past few weeks when I received				
7		your letter, conversations I had with Brother				
8		Edmund, that's what I was thought I was to recollect				
9		the best I could.				
10	Q.	Okay. And you said that you don't have those notes				
11		with you now, but when you were waiting out in the				
12		waiting room you were jotting some things down?				
13	Α.	I have them where I'm staying at right now, but,				
14		yeah, I started to write things down.				
15		MS. ELLIOTT: Do you mind if I take that and				
16		we'll have that marked?				
17		THE WITNESS: Yeah. It's sort of chicken				
18		scratch, but I can sort of understand it. Well,				
19		it's not too bad.				
20		MS. ELLIOTT: Let's have this marked.				
21		(Whereupon, Exhibit B, handwritten notes,				
22		were then received and marked for identification.)				
23	BY MS.	ELLIOTT:				

1 Q. Miss Battle, I'm going to hand you a document that we have now marked as Exhibit B with today's date. 2 3 Can you explain for us what that document is? 4 Α. Okay. These are calls with Brother Edmund, about 5 twenty calls the summer of 2007, as I was saying, 6 was mostly about my mother, and I even wanted him to 7 talk to her. A girl -- it was in -- I'm pretty sure that was the fall of 2006 a girl was pretending to 8 9 be interested in the faith, her name was Lisa, and 10 he told me how to handle her, because she was borrowing money from me, which I was stupid enough 11 12 not to, and I inquired to Brother Edmund about who 13 may attend mass with me, depending on their 14 conviction, in case they would receive holy 15 communion without being in full conviction, in other 16 words, in the state of grace. I asked him if it was 17 permissible to stay for Benediction. I believe he 18 referred to one of the Brothers about that, I'm not 19 sure, to stay to Benediction after mass. Okay. 20 That's just a note about him. 21 Okay. Another note about, okay, he was 22 advising me on the advice a friend was giving me, 23 telling me, where he thought he was off a little bit

1		or maybe coming off from a wrong point of view, too
2		materialistic or whatever. He I asked him about
3		a career choice once I leave my current position,
4		just little things. It got I was just a pest.
5		It was even I would call for any question, even
6		if it wasn't directly involved with the faith.
7		Okay. Asked his advice on whether I was it okay for
8		me to receive the sacraments until I cleared up a
9		legal matter with my family, and he gave me advice
10		on that.
11	Q.	So
12	Α.	On many times where to go to mass, too. I don't
13		know if I wrote that down.
14	Q.	So is it fair to say the notes we've marked on this
15		paper, Exhibit B, are your recollections of
16		different conversations you had with Brother Edmund
17		over the years?
18	Α.	Yes, and a couple things in the middle are what I
19		thought, you know, like he was always in full
20		agreement with the brothers. They were just notes.
21		You know, the rest are conversations with.
22		MS. ELLIOTT: Let's just go off the record
23		for a minute.

1		(Discussion off the record.)						
2	BY MS.	ELLIOTT:						
3	Q.	Back on. Miss Battle, you referenced earlier that						
4		you reviewed some notes in preparation for your						
5		testimony today, and that what we've marked as						
6		Exhibit B is not the notes that you reviewed before						
7		today, but what you jotted down?						
8	Α.	It's pretty similar.						
9	Q.	Okay. The notes that you reviewed for today, is						
10		there anything in those notes that is not what you						
11		have written down here that's been marked as Exhibit						
12		B?						
13	Α.	I believe that's all I had.						
14	Q.	Okay. Other than those notes did you review						
15		anything else in preparation for your testimony						
16		today?						
17	Α.	No, I did not.						
18		MS. ELLIOTT: Okay. Those are all the						
19		questions that I have for you.						
20		THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.						
21		MS. ELLIOTT: But Mr. Eaton, I will turn it						
22		over to him, and I'm sure he will have some						
23		questions.						

1 THE WITNESS: Okay. 2 3 EXAMINATION BY MR. EATON: 4 5 As you know, I represent Mr. Hoyle. Q. 6 Α. Yes. 7 Just a couple questions, and if my questions are Q. 8 confusing ask me to restate them. 9 Α. Okay. 10 If you answer I'll assume that you understood the Q. 11 question --12 Α. Okay. 13 -- and answered it. Okay. You said -- you Q. 14 testified at one point that you understood that Eric 15 had become a brother and was then using the name Edmund? 16 17 Α. Yes. 18 I think you said something with regard to the fact Q. 19 that he was in training. 20 Α. Well --21 What did you mean by that? Q. 22 I called -- that's in my own mind, I said he's a Α. 23 rookie, he's not a veteran, the team, you know, that

1		I when he would first when he first answered
2		the phone he was Eric, and then I told a friend who
3		was calling up there, I said, do you know that Eric
4		is now Brother Edmund, and that's how I I think I
5		heard it on one of their programs, and I thought
6		that's Eric's voice, but it's now Brother Edmund, so
7		I knew, and when I called, I said, oh, are you
8		Brother Edmund now, and he said yes. That's how I
9		knew.
10	Q.	Did you have any other conversation about him being
11		in training to become a monk or further
12	Α.	No.
13	Q.	his status in the monastery?
14	Α.	No, I did not.
15	Q.	In reviewing the materials that you received from
16		the monastery and the discussions you had with folks
17		there how important was it to you that this was a
18		Benedictine monastery?
19	А.	How important was it to me? I didn't really focus
20		on what they were at first. In fact, even though
21		I'm not young, ten years ago, when I first
22		discovered them, it was to me I was first
23		enlightened of Catholicism, then from then on I was

1		very interested in the Benedictine Order, because I
2		was because they were because of the good
3		monastery they were. They were such truth, and so I
4		started to learn more about the Benedictine Order.
5	Q.	Did you ever have a conversation with anyone at the
6		monastery or learn through any of their publications
7		how they had become a Benedictine Order, what the
8		history had been there?
9	Α.	No. I think maybe just a little bit Brother Michael
10		had told me there was a Brother Joseph. I'm not
11		sure of his last name.
12	Q.	Natale?
13	Α.	Yes. Yes, that sounds familiar. And he told me
14		little things about him, you know, certain things,
15		and then I read about his name in one of their
16		magazines, I believe.
17	Q.	Uh-huh. Do you recall reading strike that. Did
18		you read any of their publications on the Internet?
19	Α.	Yes. I read their well, I read their website,
20		and I prefer to read articles more than the website,
21		but I like their website, and I have magazines and
22		books from the monastery and DVDs and cassettes.
23	Q.	And it was your understanding well, strike that.

1		What was your understanding with regard to the				
2		connection between Most Holy Family Monastery and				
3		Joseph Natale?				
4	Α.	What was my connection?				
5	Q.	What was your understanding of the connection				
6		between the present monastery, Brother Michael, and				
7		Joseph Natale?				
8	Α.	Well, I think Brother Michael, when I first met him				
9		by phone ten years ago, he had told me that they				
10		were originally in New Jersey and he told me how the				
11		Brother and the generation before him, I suppose was				
12		Brother Joseph, and they were in New Jersey, but				
13		then they moved to Fillmore.				
14	Q.	Did he tell you anything about the status of Brother				
15		Joseph?				
16	Α.	No. Just a few comments about him, just, you know,				
17		different things about him.				
18	Q.	Did he indicate that Brother Joseph was a member of				
19		the Order of St. Benedict?				
20	Α.	Yeah, I think so, because I assumed that, yeah.				
21		Yeah.				
22	Q.	Miss Battle, do you are you familiar at all with				
23		an activity, I think maybe a radio show called Coast				

1		to Coast AM?				
2	Α.	Yes.				
3	Q.	Can you tell me about that?				
4	Α.	Well, I've listened to it a few times. It would be				
5		on in the middle of the night on the eastern east				
6		coast, around here one in the morning, and I'd have				
7		it on the radio, I listened to it before I knew that				
8		Brother Michael was on it, and he was on it I'm				
9		bad on dates. It was a couple summers ago, I				
10		believe, and so I knew he was going to be on it from				
11		the website, and I listened and it was pretty neat,				
12		and I think I he's been on more than once, and I				
13		only unfortunately, I only knew that once, and				
14		they got many calls from people as a result of that				
15		show.				
16	Q.	It was a call-in program?				
17	Α.	Yeah, it was a call-in, yeah. There was calls in.				
18	Q.	And what about The Frank Whalen Show, do you have				
19		any recollection of that?				
20	Α.	No.				
21	Q.	How about The Mark Dankof Show?				
22	A.	No. I think that's the only show I listened to				
23		other than TV, the History Channel recently. I				

1	don't recall listening to other ones, but I saw it
2	on the website that he was on different ones. I
3	don't know if they were local in Pittsburgh,
4	Pennsylvania.
5	MR. EATON: I don't have any further
6	questions. Thank you for coming.
7	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
8	MS. ELLIOTT: What I'm going to do is I'll
9	make a copy of this for you and we'll keep the
10	original, if that's okay.
11	THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah. Sure.
12	* * * 3:41 p.m. * * *
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