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 Videotaped Examination Before Trial of PATRICK WALSH, 13 14 held pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 15 in the law offices of Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf & 16 Cunningham Coppola, LLC, 1600 Liberty Building, Buffalo, 17 New York, on Monday, November 30, 2009, at 12:42 p.m., 18 before Coleen Wright, Notary Public. 19 20 21 22 23

1 **APPEARANCES**: 2 CHAMBERLAIN D'AMANDA By: K. WADE EATON, ESQ., 3 1600 Crossroads Building, Two State Street, 4 Rochester, New York 14614, Appearing for the Plaintiff. 5 6 RUPP, BAASE, PFALZGRAF, CUNNINGHAM COPPOLA, LLC, By: STEPHANIE G. ELLIOTT, ESQ., and 7 KIMBERLY GEORGER, ESQ., 1600 Liberty Building, 8 Buffalo, New York 14202, Appearing for the Defendants Frederick and Robert Dimond 9 and Most Holy Family Monastery. 10 PRESENT: 11 Stephen J. Metschl, Videographer, Eric C. Hoyle and 12 Frederick Dimond. 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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| 1 | MS. ELLIOTT: Usual stipulations. |
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| 2 | MR. EATON: Yes. |
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| 4 | (Whereupon, the following stipulations were |
| 5 | entered into by the respective parties: |
| 6 | It is hereby stipulated by and between |
| 7 | counsel for the respective parties that the oath of |
| 8 | the referee is waived, that signing, filing and |
| 9 | certification of the transcript are waived, and all |
| 10 | objections, except as to the form of the question, |
| 11 | are reserved until the time of trial.) |
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| 13 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Today is Monday, November |
| 14 | 30th, 2009. The time is twelve forty-three. The |
| 15 | location is the law office of Rupp, Baase, |
| 16 | Pfalzgraph, Cunningham & Coppola. The name of this |
| 17 | action is Eric E. Hoyle, plaintiff, versus Frederick |
| 18 | Dimond, Robert Dimond, and Most Holy Family |
| 19 | Monastery, defendants. Counsel present are K. Wade |
| 20 | Eaton on behalf of the plaintiff, and Stephanie |
| 21 | Elliott on behalf of the defendants. Our court |
| 22 | reporter will now swear the witness. |
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| 1 | | PATRICK WALSH, W-A-L-S-H, 801 Berberry Drive, |
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| 2 | | Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446, after being duly |
| 3 | | called and sworn, testified as follows: |
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| 5 | EXAMIN | ATION BY MS. ELLIOTT: |
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| 7 | Q. | Good afternoon, Mr. Walsh. My name is Stephanie |
| 8 | | Elliott and I represent Most Holy Family Monastery, |
| 9 | | Frederick Dimond and Robert Dimond, who have been |
| 10 | | named as defendants in a lawsuit brought by Eric |
| 11 | | Hoyle relative to a sum of money that was given to |
| 12 | | Most Holy Family Monastery some time ago. You are |
| 13 | | here today pursuant to a subpoena that you received |
| 14 | | from my office, correct? |
| 15 | Α. | Yes. |
| 16 | Q. | Okay. I'm going to be asking you a series of |
| 17 | | questions this afternoon, a little bit about your |
| 18 | | background and also about your interactions with |
| 19 | | both the plaintiff and the defendants in this case. |
| 20 | | If at any time you do not understand one of my |
| 21 | | questions will you please let me know? |
| 22 | Α. | Yes. |
| 23 | Q. | If you do understand a question I will presume that |
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| 1 | | you understood it and you're answering truthfully |
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| 2 | | and to the best of your ability; is that fair? |
| 3 | Α. | Yes. |
| 4 | Q. | Have you taken any substance in the past twenty-four |
| 5 | | hours that you feel might impair your ability to |
| 6 | | understand my questions and answer them truthfully? |
| 7 | Α. | No. |
| 8 | Q. | The address that you gave us of 801 Berberry Drive |
| 9 | | in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, how long have you resided |
| 10 | | there for? |
| 11 | Α. | About five years. |
| 12 | Q. | And do you recall at what location you lived at |
| 13 | | prior to 801 Berberry Drive? |
| 14 | Α. | Yes. 2729 it was a brief, brief stay, in |
| 15 | | Norristown, Pennsylvania, County Line Road, 2729 |
| 16 | | County Line Road. |
| 17 | Q. | Have you ever been known by any name other than |
| 18 | | Patrick Walsh? |
| 19 | Α. | No, except in China. I've worked in China and I go |
| 20 | | by a Chinese name there. |
| 21 | Q. | Okay. And what's your date of birth, sir? |
| 22 | Α. | January 26, 1966. |
| 23 | Q. | Are you married? |
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| 1 | Α. | Yes. |
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| 2 | Q. | Do you have any children? |
| 3 | Α. | Yes. |
| 4 | Q. | What's your wife's name? |
| 5 | Α. | Chia-Lang, C-H-I-A, hyphen, L-A-N-G. |
| 6 | Q. | And how many children do you have? |
| 7 | Α. | Three. |
| 8 | Q. | Can you give he me their names and ages, please? |
| 9 | Α. | John, sixteen; Francis, fourteen; Christopher, one. |
| 10 | Q. | And how long have you been married for? |
| 11 | Α. | In trouble if I |
| 12 | Q. | We won't tell your wife. Don't worry. |
| 13 | Α. | '90. |
| 14 | | MR. EATON: It's on the inside of your band, |
| 15 | | right? |
| 16 | | THE WITNESS: Yeah. Seventeen years. She |
| 17 | | would kill me. |
| 18 | BY MS. | ELLIOTT: |
| 19 | Q. | And do all of your children live with you and your |
| 20 | | wife at 801 Berberry Drive? |
| 21 | Α. | They do. |
| 22 | Q. | Were you born and raised in Pennsylvania? |
| 23 | Α. | Yes. |
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| 1 | Q. | Now, you said you have spent some time or spend some |
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| 2 | | time in China. Does your work take you there? |
| 3 | Α. | Yes, it was for work, yeah. |
| 4 | Q. | And you're presently employed? |
| 5 | Α. | I am. |
| 6 | Q. | And who do you work for? |
| 7 | Α. | AmerisourceBergen, one word. |
| 8 | Q. | And what kind of a company is Amerisource? |
| 9 | Α. | It's a pharmaceutical distributor, and I'm an |
| 10 | | internal auditor. |
| 11 | Q. | And in a nutshell can you explain for me what you |
| 12 | | do? |
| 13 | Α. | I carry out audits that are mandated by an audit |
| 14 | | plan which is approved by the board of directors. |
| 15 | Q. | Audits of financials? |
| 16 | Α. | They can be operational in nature or they can be |
| 17 | | financial statements of subsidiaries or whatever the |
| 18 | | board deems necessary based on its risk assessment. |
| 19 | Q. | Okay. Did you attend high school anywhere? |
| 20 | Α. | I did, at North Penn High School in Lansdale, |
| 21 | | Pennsylvania. |
| 22 | Q. | And did you graduate? |
| 23 | Α. | I did, in '84-'85. |
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| 1 | Q. | And did you go on to complete any college course |
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| 2 | | work or vocational work? |
| 3 | Α. | I continued with a bachelor's at Drexel University. |
| 4 | Q. | Do you remember what year you graduated from Drexel? |
| 5 | Α. | '90, '89. |
| 6 | Q. | And how long have you been working for Amerisource? |
| 7 | Α. | I'm in my third year there. |
| 8 | Q. | Who did you work for before Amerisource? |
| 9 | Α. | Carpenter Technology. |
| 10 | Q. | And what did you do for Carpenter Technology? |
| 11 | Α. | Internal auditor, same work, same function. |
| 12 | Q. | After your bachelor's degree at Drexel University |
| 13 | | did you go on to complete any other educational |
| 14 | | course work? |
| 15 | Α. | I went to Taiwan to study Mandarin Chinese at Dong |
| 16 | | Hwa (sic) University. |
| 17 | Q. | And did you obtain any degree? |
| 18 | Α. | No formal certificates, just fluency. |
| 19 | Q. | Now, the next question I ask is something we ask all |
| 20 | | witnesses. It's no reflection on you or any opinion |
| 21 | | of you, but we need to ask, have you ever been |
| 22 | | convicted of a crime whether by trial or plea |
| 23 | | bargain? |
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| 1 | Α. | Never. |
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| 2 | Q. | Have you ever heard of an organization called Most |
| 3 | | Holy Family Monastery? |
| 4 | Α. | Yes. |
| 5 | Q. | When did you first learn about Most Holy Family |
| 6 | | Monastery? |
| 7 | Α. | I learned of Most Holy Family Monastery around the |
| 8 | | I'm not certain of the years, but '99, maybe '98, |
| 9 | | but when I started going to a chapel run by the |
| 10 | | Society of St. Pious X in Eddystone, Pennsylvania. |
| 11 | Q. | And how did you learn of Most Holy Family Monastery? |
| 12 | | Did somebody tell you about the organization? |
| 13 | Α. | Yes, and I someone had given me a piece of |
| 14 | | literature about them. |
| 15 | Q. | Do you remember what that was? |
| 16 | Α. | It was an issue called Voice Crying in the |
| 17 | | Wilderness, a magazine. |
| 18 | Q. | Voice Crying in the Wilderness? |
| 19 | Α. | Yes. |
| 20 | Q. | Do you remember who gave that magazine to you? |
| 21 | Α. | My mother. |
| 22 | Q. | Do you know how she obtained it? |
| 23 | Α. | No. |
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| 1 | Q. | Do you know whether that magazine, Voice Crying in |
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| 2 | | the Wilderness, is also referred to as issue one? |
| 3 | | Have you ever heard it referred to in that manner? |
| 4 | Α. | Yeah, probably the first issue. |
| 5 | Q. | And when you received that magazine from your mother |
| 6 | | what did you do with it? |
| 7 | Α. | I read it, and raised a lot of questions that I |
| 8 | | started to ask people that I went to church with at |
| 9 | | the SSPX chapel about the issues. |
| 10 | Q. | Any particular issues that you can recall in |
| 11 | Α. | Yeah. Just statements made by past popes and |
| 12 | | councils that were condemning Vatican II |
| 13 | | proclamations and practices. There were many. I |
| 14 | | don't know really which things about the liturgy |
| 15 | | of the mass, its validity, priestly ordinations, |
| 16 | | sacraments. It's been years since I've read that |
| 17 | | issue, but |
| 18 | Q. | Okay. You referenced earlier that at the time you |
| 19 | | first learned of Most Holy Family Monastery you were |
| 20 | | attending a chapel run by the Society of St. Pious |
| 21 | | X. What is the Society of St. Pious X; can you |
| 22 | | explain that to me? |
| 23 | Α. | My understanding is it's an organization which has |
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1 mass centers across the United States and Europe and 2 maybe probably the rest of the world, although I'm not sure how many places, and they -- they have 3 priests that are ordained under an older rite that 4 5 precedes the Vatican II ordinations, and they have 6 schools that are run by a lot of the parishioner or 7 the attenders of these mass centers. So is the Society of St. Pious X affiliated in any 8 Q. 9 way with the Vatican, the current Vatican? 10 I don't know their current status, only 'cause I Α. 11 haven't read it recently, but for the past several 12 years they or their founder had been excommunicated 13 by one of the people who claim to be the Pope in 14 Rome --15 Q. Okay. 16 -- and so by that act they were viewed as being, you Α. 17 know, not in communion with the -- what the world 18 today generally refers to as the Roman Catholic 19 Church. 20 Okay. Not -- it's not part of the mainstream Q. 21 Catholic Church that people -- most people refer to? 22 Typically, while I was starting to go down Α. No. 23 there if I -- you know, my mother would say, you

| 1 | | know, consult our what I would call the normal |
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| 2 | | parish priest on the matters, they would they |
| 3 | | would state that they are not in communion with the |
| 4 | | Roman Catholic Church hierarchy. |
| 5 | Q. | Okay. How did you come to be a follower of the |
| 6 | | Society of St. Pious X? |
| 7 | Α. | I started kind of arguing some of the issues with |
| 8 | | the pro-lifers, if we can call them, in our what I |
| 9 | | call the Nova sort of chapel that I went to, which |
| 10 | | is a reference to the new Vatican II church, and |
| 11 | | and then they would like by I think through some |
| 12 | | of those discussions someone, you know, gave me the |
| 13 | | number of someone who gave me a video about the new |
| 14 | | mass, and then I somehow got the location, someone |
| 15 | | told me there's actually if you actually want to |
| 16 | | see this mass it's actually going on, you know, and |
| 17 | | I was surprised that it was going on, you know, |
| 18 | | within an hour drive of my house, so I went down and |
| 19 | | showed up and I went to a Latin mass. That's kind |
| 20 | | of how I got to to know of it. |
| 21 | Q. | Okay. When your mother gave you the magazine Voice |
| 22 | | Crying in the Wilderness did she also give you an |
| 23 | | explanation as to why she was giving it to you? |
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| 1 | Α. | No. No. She knew the topics I was interested in |
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| 2 | | and gave it to me, kind of not really promoting it, |
| 3 | | but sounded like the stuff I was talking about. |
| 4 | Q. | Okay. And you said that you did review that |
| 5 | | magazine? |
| 6 | Α. | Yeah. |
| 7 | Q. | And after that point did you have occasion to read |
| 8 | | or obtain any other publications from Most Holy |
| 9 | | Family Monastery? |
| 10 | Α. | Yeah, because I went down to well, I was going to |
| 11 | | mass at this St. Jude's, this Eddystone SSPX chapel, |
| 12 | | and the people that I was talking with, I started to |
| 13 | | realize who the people were that had I'd say do |
| 14 | | more research than other people. There's some that |
| 15 | | kind of went there for the kind of, well, |
| 16 | | traditional nature of things and others that were |
| 17 | | very, you know, serious about research and these |
| 18 | | topics and encouraged me to read many books of the |
| 19 | | SSPX that they put out, kind of apologetics, |
| 20 | | defenses of their founder, Archbishop Lafebvre, and |
| 21 | | then in that pursuit I started to go back and, I |
| 22 | | don't know, either write the monastery or if someone |
| 23 | | and asked for more of their literature, and I |
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don't know when or how -- I don't know when the 1 issues came out, but there were issues that came out 2 3 subsequent to the first issue, that when they became 4 available I would like order a copy and read it, and 5 then when I - - I would get in arguments, in a good 6 sense of the word, with people at my chapel, and 7 then, you know, they would put forth arguments why maybe some of the claims in the magazine I was 8 9 reading were false, and they were footnoted, and so 10 I would call the monastery from time to time and ask 11 them to -- you know, where do you get this 12 information or how can I corroborate it or buy my 13 own book and see it for myself, and that was the 14 first time I actually kind of picked up the phone 15 and called the monastery and said, you know, where 16 do you get this book name from or how can I get a 17 copy. 18 Q. And when was that? 19 I would say maybe 2003 or '4, started to research it Α. 20 more heavily. 21 Okay. So after reviewing and reading that initial Q. 22 magazine Voice Crying in the Wilderness you kind of 23 began to conduct your own research and eventually

| 1 | | reached out to Most Holy Family Monastery |
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| 2 | Α. | Yeah. |
| 3 | Q. | to learn more? |
| 4 | Α. | Actually, to challenge it, because I kind of wanted |
| 5 | | to prove it wrong, because I felt that if the |
| 6 | | doctrine all trues that they were putting forward in |
| 7 | | their material and the consequences of not believing |
| 8 | | in such doctrines were, in fact, true, then I would |
| 9 | | have to change my life pretty significantly in terms |
| 10 | | of my family affiliations and ways I conducted |
| 11 | | myself, and so I was kind of trying to I was like |
| 12 | | taking the guidance of people that were discouraging |
| 13 | | me from the SSPX to try and prove the information |
| 14 | | wrong, go like read all their buy the books that |
| 15 | | they were quoted and try and refute it. |
| 16 | Q. | So although you learned of Most Holy Family |
| 17 | | Monastery in the late '90s, '98-'99, it wasn't until |
| 18 | | 2003 or 2004 that you actually reached out to the |
| 19 | | monastery to begin to learn more from them? |
| 20 | Α. | Yes, I think that's about the time. |
| 21 | Q. | And as we sit here today are you still in |
| 22 | | communication with the monastery, in other words, do |
| 23 | | you call the monastery from time to time with |
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| 1 | | questions or to purchase materials? |
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| 2 | Α. | Yeah, I still do, like at the you know, I'll |
| 3 | | still call at the end of the year when I sit down to |
| 4 | | do my taxes and make a donation, or call to, you |
| 5 | | know, ask a question on a book that they've that |
| 6 | | I've heard they've just put out or, you know, make |
| 7 | | orders, but it's not as frequent, nor has it been |
| 8 | | recently, because after I like I went into a |
| 9 | | period of time I was really intensive researching |
| 10 | | and then I began to feel comfortable with the the |
| 11 | | amount of research and support that went behind. I |
| 12 | | just became more confident and kind of backed off a |
| 13 | | lot of my intensive, you know, questioning, and also |
| 14 | | just work responsibilities and then the new baby, I |
| 15 | | just not as often as I once did. |
| 16 | Q. | Do you have an understanding as to what kind of an |
| 17 | | organization Most Holy Family Monastery is? |
| 18 | Α. | I think so. |
| 19 | Q. | Can you describe for me your understanding? |
| 20 | Α. | They're, you know like a religious or a secular |
| 21 | | sense, or both? They're an apostolate that tries to |
| 22 | | reach out and educate as many people of all faiths, |
| 23 | | religions, to explain to them the true Christian |
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| 1 | | doctrine for the salvation of their souls. |
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| 2 | Q. | During the time that you've known about and been |
| 3 | | familiar with Most Holy Family Monastery has the |
| 4 | | monastery or anybody from the monastery ever |
| 5 | | represented to you that it's affiliated with the |
| 6 | | Vatican? |
| 7 | Α. | No. I think they've made it very clear that by |
| 8 | | virtue of the truth of their doctrines they are |
| 9 | | outside communion or not in communion with the |
| 10 | | current holders of power in the Vatican, the current |
| 11 | | hierarchy, the current widely-accepted hierarchy. |
| 12 | Q. | And during the time that you've known and been |
| 13 | | familiar with Most Holy Family Monastery has the |
| 14 | | monastery or anybody from it ever indicated to you |
| 15 | | that they are affiliated with any other entity or |
| 16 | | organization, or have they made it clear that |
| 17 | | they're independent? |
| 18 | Α. | They've I think always, at least for me, have gone |
| 19 | | out of their way to show that they're not in |
| 20 | | communion with the Vatican, the like the |
| 21 | | Benedictine Order that well, like that would be |
| 22 | | well, there's different Benedictine Orders, that |
| 23 | | they're not affiliated with those that aren't |
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| 1 | | correct in their doctrines, but like not every one, |
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| 2 | | because I guess you don't know who's doing what, so |
| 3 | | there could be I guess monasteries or whatever that |
| 4 | | are following like the Benedictine rule that aren't |
| 5 | | also that are doing the same thing or something, |
| 6 | | but that anyone who publicly, you know, like a |
| 7 | | public way manifests or teaches heretical teachings, |
| 8 | | that by that they would be not in communion with |
| 9 | | that group, which would include like all these, you |
| 10 | | know, seminaries and monasteries, Franciscans, |
| 11 | | Augustinians, Benedictines. |
| 12 | Q. | You said earlier that the Society of St. Pious X has |
| 13 | | schools |
| 14 | Α. | Yes. |
| 15 | Q. | seminary schools for people to become priests |
| 16 | | eventually? |
| 17 | Α. | Yes. |
| 18 | Q. | Do you happen to know how many schools world-wide |
| 19 | | they have? |
| 20 | Α. | At one time I was trying to find schools for my |
| 21 | | kids, because I wanted them to go this is I've |
| 22 | | since parted from the SSPX, but during the time that |
| 23 | | I was there I looked at their like they have a |
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1 main website with their schools and places, and I did notice that they had quite a few, unfortunately, 2 3 maybe fortunately now for me, but they didn't have one close to me. The closest one they had was in 4 5 Syracuse. I took my kids up there just to look like 6 at it, I stayed overnight with a guy from SSPX St. 7 Jude's who was the sponsor to my son in his confirmation. He let us stay over there, check out 8 9 the school, and I also went to one of their -- one 10 of their Benedictine monasteries at New Mexico. 11 SSPX had a Benedictine community in Silver City, New 12 Mexico called Our Lady of Guadalupe. And, again, 13 they were one that was not associated with or 14 acknowledged by the --15 Q. The Vatican? 16 -- Benedictine Order or the Vatican. Α. 17 Okay. So in that sense SSPX is -- it's independent Ο. 18 of the Vatican, it's not related, it's separate? Yeah. They officially, you know -- they're separate 19 Α. 20 from the Vatican by the palpal pronouncements and 21 are -- I'm pretty sure there's numerous statements 22 by church officials in the accepted hierarchy that 23 you're not to go there, that you don't fulfill your

| 1 | | duty of obligation for the mass and reception of |
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| 2 | | sacraments and, you know, at their chapels. That's |
| 3 | | a pretty widely-known thing. |
| 4 | Q. | When did you part from SSPX? |
| 5 | Α. | About, I guess, 2004. |
| 6 | Q. | And why? |
| 7 | Α. | Excuse me. Because, well, I had been the main |
| 8 | | point, as I had learned mostly from my studies of |
| 9 | | the information from Most Holy Family Monastery, but |
| 10 | | also other there are many writers on this topic |
| 11 | | of like that refuse the hierarchy of Rome, but I |
| 12 | | started to I always debated and argued after |
| 13 | | mass, like over donuts and coffee with people, and |
| 14 | | it was okay, but it was kind of stressful because, |
| 15 | | you know, my kids played with their kids and some |
| 16 | | people were really offended deeply, because it's a |
| 17 | | very contentious issue when you're when you're |
| 18 | | telling people, you know, that the very sacraments |
| 19 | | they're receiving and the things that they're |
| 20 | | praying for dearly are in jeopardy, and I would push |
| 21 | | the issues, and a lot of people complained about |
| 22 | | that, and then I, you know, Father one of the |
| 23 | | priests that was there at the time kind of talked to |
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| 1 | | me about it and I informed him that he was, you |
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| 2 | | know, promoting heretical positions by defending and |
| 3 | | supporting these Society of SSPX positions, and |
| 4 | | then he told me he asked me if I taught that to |
| 5 | | my children and I said that I did teach these things |
| 6 | | to my children, and he said that he would he |
| 7 | | would firstly withhold the sacraments from me there, |
| 8 | | and also if I was imposing on my children these |
| 9 | | beliefs as their father that he would also have to |
| 10 | | withhold the sacraments from them, so it was kind of |
| 11 | | the time to go, and at the time I stopped going. |
| 12 | Q. | And you said earlier, I believe, that SSPX runs a |
| 13 | | Benedictine monastery |
| 14 | Α. | Yeah. |
| 15 | Q. | in New Mexico? |
| 16 | Α. | That's right. |
| 17 | Q. | And what was the name of that monastery? |
| 18 | Α. | I think it's called Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel or |
| 19 | | Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery. |
| 20 | Q. | Okay. Do you know if SSPX runs any other |
| 21 | | Benedictine monasteries? |
| 22 | Α. | Yeah. I think they operate one in Europe or France |
| 23 | | or something, but they're they're I don't |
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| 1 | | think, and I think they're open about this, that |
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| 2 | | they're not they're not recognized or |
| 3 | | acknowledged by the what people believe to be the |
| 4 | | Benedictine Order of St. Benedict of the Catholic |
| 5 | | Church of the United States. |
| 6 | Q. | And by that do you mean recognized by the Vatican? |
| 7 | Α. | Right. |
| 8 | Q. | Okay. During the time that you've been familiar |
| 9 | | with Most Holy Family Monastery has the monastery or |
| 10 | | anybody from the monastery ever told you that it was |
| 11 | | a Benedictine monastery recognized by the Vatican? |
| 12 | Α. | No. They've consistently at least told me, because |
| 13 | | I used to I called that's one of the common |
| 14 | | attacks you receive at SSPX, like if you're |
| 15 | | supporting Most Holy Family Monastery, you know, |
| 16 | | you're always attacked on the Benedictine succession |
| 17 | | of the monastery, and that their position is that |
| 18 | | they are not in communion with the Benedictine Order |
| 19 | | that people accept when I say people, |
| 20 | | nontraditional Catholics view as the Benedictine |
| 21 | | Order, like that they're by their doctrines |
| 22 | | they're they're not them. |
| 23 | Q. | And when you say they're consistent on this point |
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| 1 | | who are you referring to? |
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| 2 | Α. | I mean the monastery, whenever I call the monastery, |
| 3 | | or consistent in when they write about it. |
| 4 | Q. | Okay. |
| 5 | Α. | They, when they talk about it, when they write about |
| 6 | | it in their because they write about it in their |
| 7 | | magazines or their books. |
| 8 | Q. | And that's something that you've seen throughout |
| 9 | | publications you've obtained from Most Holy Family |
| 10 | | Monastery? |
| 11 | Α. | The one book where I it was addressed, that I |
| 12 | | remember it from, was a big book that they put out |
| 13 | | called What Really Happened to the Catholic Church |
| 14 | | after Vatican II, I think there, and just in their |
| 15 | | my discussions and call-ins with Brother Michael, |
| 16 | | like and Brother Peter, like I would call in and |
| 17 | | ask questions and they didn't always have time to |
| 18 | | get to talk to me, but I would leave my number and |
| 19 | | my name and a time, eventually they would come back, |
| 20 | | and I had asked about that question on a couple of |
| 21 | | occasions, just their Benedictine status. |
| 22 | Q. | And what were you told? |
| 23 | Α. | That the Benedictine community, and being a |
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Benedictine is by following, you know, the order and 1 rules of St. Benedict as they've been handed down, 2 3 and that they -- and that they can like vary in time 4 and place in terms of, you know, pastoral -- or needs of your apostolate, like if you're -- some of 5 6 them, like help the poor, or some of them teach in 7 schools, or that they can -- that they have to follow a certain set of rules to make them believe 8 9 certain things that are part of being like the 10 community of Benedictine monks. 11 So I just want to make sure I have this correct. Q. Is 12 it your understanding then that the monastery was 13 Benedictine by virtue of its following of the Order 14 of St. Benedict, as opposed to whether or not it was 15 associated or affiliated with the Vatican? 16 MR. EATON: Object to the form. 17 I'm sorry? THE WITNESS: BY MS. ELLIOTT: 18 19 Q. You can answer the question. 20 Okay. That what made you Benedictine was the life Α. 21 you lived and the rules that you followed and, you 22 know, that you take -- ultimately you take vows and 23 that these vows with the good intention make you a

| 1 | | Benedictine. |
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| 2 | Q. | At any time were you ever under the impression or |
| 3 | | belief that Most Holy Family Monastery was |
| 4 | | affiliated with the Vatican? |
| 5 | Α. | No. They at all times they always made it clear |
| 6 | | that they were broken away from them by reason of |
| 7 | | doctrinal difference. |
| 8 | Q. | Do you have any understanding of how the monastery |
| 9 | | is able to run, how it can do what it does |
| 10 | | publishing materials and teaching? |
| 11 | Α. | I don't know how they you mean from like |
| 12 | | operational, how they study so much and write these |
| 13 | | things or, you know, how they |
| 14 | Q. | Financially. |
| 15 | Α. | I would think that it's through donations and |
| 16 | | because the literature and like the CDs or tapes or |
| 17 | | books are very, very cheap. Like when I first |
| 18 | | started, you know, trying to learn everything I |
| 19 | | could, 'cause when I got into this, you know, you're |
| 20 | | so, you know, concerned that you're being pure about |
| 21 | | your doctrine and you want to learn more, you want |
| 22 | | to buy all these tapes, and most the VHS tapes when |
| 23 | | we were buying them were like twenty dollars, and |
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the monastery would sell them for very low fees, 1 2 which I assume was to cover costs and get the 3 message out, at least that's what they told me. And 4 the other -- you know, there was this one group, 5 like Tradition in Action and this other group, like, 6 what was it, like Catholic Family News, they would 7 advertise people that would have tapes and things on a lot of these topics, but they were always like 8 9 twenty, thirty bucks, and I've often wondered how 10 they actually did it, and I just figured that they 11 kept a real lean budget or something. I don't know 12 they're -- I don't know how they do their financial 13 stuff. I've never been involved in that. 14 Q. Do you consider yourself a supporter of Most Holy 15 Family Monastery? 16 Α. Yeah. 17 And for about how long would you say you've been a Ο. 18 supporter of the organization? 19 2003 or '4 to the present, other than I bought Α. 20 things from them, but I didn't -- they're pretty 21 cheap, so I didn't think that was like a -- I'm sure 22 it helped, because it helped cover costs, but I 23 didn't start being like a donation contributor

| 1 | | supporter until probably 2004, around that time. |
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| 2 | Q. | And have you made more than one donation to the |
| 3 | | monastery? |
| 4 | Α. | Yeah. I I don't know how many times I've |
| 5 | | donated, but I would say, you know, more than maybe |
| 6 | | five or ten times, but I usually do it and, you |
| 7 | | know, at once, like I won't be giving like twenty |
| 8 | | dollars a month or anything like that. I'll do it |
| 9 | | if I if my bank account's good and I know I got |
| 10 | | the year covered and I know when my car payments |
| 11 | | like I'll do it more like that, and, of course, buy |
| 12 | | their buy their books when they come out. |
| 13 | Q. | As you sit here today can you give me an estimate of |
| 14 | | how much money you've donated to the monastery over |
| 15 | | the years? |
| 16 | Α. | A few thousand dollars cumulatively. |
| 17 | Q. | And about how many times have you purchased |
| 18 | | materials? |
| 19 | Α. | Five or ten. That's about reasonable. |
| 20 | Q. | And why what prompted you to begin donating money |
| 21 | | to Most Holy Family Monastery? Why did you feel the |
| 22 | | desire to do that? |
| 23 | Α. | Because I felt that they were promoting the true |
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doctrines that the Catholic Church -- the true 1 2 Catholic Church has been teaching through her 3 Magisterium or her infallible teaching authority 4 through popes and councils through the centuries, 5 and I felt that they were not only doing that, but 6 doing it effectively and putting out -- you can just 7 tell when you read a book how much work has gone into it, and I felt that -- I've often had trouble 8 9 with charitable donations going to all kinds of 10 things that aren't really the work, that I just felt 11 they were really out there working really hard and 12 it was a good place to give my money. 13 Q. So in your mind there's a distinction between what 14 you just referred to as the true Catholic Church and 15 what now exists in Rome that people refer to as the 16 Vatican? 17 That's fundamentally huge behind all of what Α. Yeah. I'm saying, absolutely. That's critical. 18 19 And what you're telling us here today is that Most Q. 20 Holy Family Monastery teaches the true Catholic 21 faith and not what is taught by the Vatican in Rome? 22 They teach the true Catholic faith in areas where Α. 23 Rome isn't or is teaching errors in that regard, but

| 1 | | I don't think they say that nothing coming out of |
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| 2 | | Rome is true, that it's filled with a lot of truth, |
| 3 | | but kind of adulterated by heresy and error. |
| 4 | Q. | Now, when you made your purchases of materials at |
| 5 | | various times over the years from Most Holy Family |
| 6 | | Monastery were those purchases made over the phone, |
| 7 | | by Internet, or both? |
| 8 | Α. | Phone. |
| 9 | Q. | Okay. |
| 10 | Α. | I don't think I made I don't know if I can say I |
| 11 | | didn't, but usually I would call on the phone, |
| 12 | | 'cause I like to talk to them and ask questions and |
| 13 | | learn about the latest, you know, thing they were |
| 14 | | working on to kind of touch contact with them with |
| 15 | | something that I looked forward to learning about |
| 16 | | and would do it that way. |
| 17 | Q. | About how frequently would you call the monastery? |
| 18 | | On average? |
| 19 | Α. | I guess it's tough to say. You know, some months |
| 20 | | more often, but maybe five times a year. I'm really |
| 21 | | just trying to make a reasonable estimate. |
| 22 | Q. | Sure. That's fair. On the occasions when you |
| 23 | | purchased materials from Most Holy Family Monastery |
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| 1 | | I assume that you had to provide some personal |
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| 2 | | contact information? |
| 3 | Α. | Yes. |
| 4 | Q. | What kind of information did you have to give? |
| 5 | Α. | My name and address, my credit card information, |
| 6 | | standard credit card information, and a billing, |
| 7 | | confirm that my address was the billing address, |
| 8 | | that type of personal information. |
| 9 | Q. | Would you have to give a telephone number, as well? |
| 10 | Α. | I don't recall in my case |
| 11 | Q. | Okay. |
| 12 | Α. | whether I did or I didn't. |
| 13 | Q. | When you gave your personal contact information and |
| 14 | | your credit card information for those purchases was |
| 15 | | it your understanding that that information would be |
| 16 | | used only by Most Holy Family Monastery? |
| 17 | Α. | Yes. |
| 18 | Q. | Okay. You didn't authorize it to be used outside of |
| 19 | | the monastery or by somebody not affiliated with the |
| 20 | | monastery? |
| 21 | Α. | Yes. |
| 22 | Q. | Okay. Now, at any time during your familiarity with |
| 23 | | Most Holy Family Monastery did you ever come to |
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| 1 | | speak with an individual who represented himself to |
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| 2 | | be Brother Edmund? |
| 3 | Α. | Brother Edmund, yes. |
| 4 | Q. | Do you recall when the first time was you that you |
| 5 | | spoke with Brother Edmund? |
| 6 | Α. | It was about late 2005. I was I had gone to a |
| 7 | | professional Sarbanes-Oxley conference in Baltimore, |
| 8 | | and I'd come back and was calling to make a purchase |
| 9 | | or and received was answered by Brother |
| 10 | | Edmund, whom I didn't know at the time, it was the |
| 11 | | first time I had the I had, you know, been |
| 12 | | answered by the phone by him, first time I had |
| 13 | | contact with him. |
| 14 | Q. | And at that time at the refer to himself as Brother |
| 15 | | Edmund or did he say his name was Eric? |
| 16 | Α. | Brother Edmund. |
| 17 | Q. | Okay. At any time since that point have you come to |
| 18 | | learn Brother Edmund's legal name. |
| 19 | Α. | No. I saw in back this year in spring like a |
| 20 | | headline about the monks suing the monastery, and |
| 21 | | that's when I saw his name as Eric. |
| 22 | Q. | Do you remember where you saw that headline? Was it |
| 23 | | in a newspaper? |
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| 1 | Α. | No. It was Internet, like a law CCH |
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| 2 | | Publications. They do, I think, the tax updates. |
| 3 | Q. | And through that article you learned that Brother |
| 4 | | Edmund's legal name was Eric? |
| 5 | Α. | Was Eric, yeah. |
| 6 | Q. | Did you learn his last name? |
| 7 | Α. | I think so. Hoyle, Eric Hoyle. |
| 8 | Q. | And this was in the spring of 2009, this past |
| 9 | | spring? |
| 10 | Α. | Yeah. That's when I saw that there was this thing |
| 11 | | going on. |
| 12 | Q. | And you said the article was on the website for CCH |
| 13 | | Publications? |
| 14 | Α. | I think so. |
| 15 | Q. | Okay. |
| 16 | Α. | Like they give tax and update advisories on all |
| 17 | | kinds of things affecting law. |
| 18 | Q. | Outside of that article on CCH Publications have you |
| 19 | | come across any other publication or references to |
| 20 | | this lawsuit? |
| 21 | Α. | No |
| 22 | Q. | Okay. |
| 23 | Α. | yeah. On Wikipedia I saw you know, I was |
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1 reading Wikipedia on -- I go there a lot for all 2 kinds of stuff, and I typed in Most Holy Family 3 Monastery and saw a bunch of negative stuff about 4 them, and then I saw in there that there was this --5 someone put a reference to there being a case or a 6 suit or a dispute on that. 7 Q. And when was that, when did you see that? I don't -- around in the springtime, when I -- that 8 Α. 9 headline was there. 10 Was it the article from CCH Publications that Q. 11 prompted you to go to Wikipedia and search Most Holy 12 Family Monastery? 13 I think so, just having seen that and see what's Α. 14 going on. 15 Q. Did you print out a copy of the article from CCH 16 Publications? 17 No, but I -- I took it and I -- as soon as I saw it Α. 18 I took it and I e-mailed it to the monastery and 19 said, you know, I'm really sorry to see this happen 20 and you're in my prayers and, you know, like -- and 21 that I was shocked to see this, you know, this 22 headline about Brother Edmund, you know, taking 23 action against the monastery.

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Q.

Why were you surprised by that?

Because when I had called the monastery in making my 2 Α. 3 orders and met him on the phone, although this is was the first time I've ever seen either Brother 4 Michael or Brother Edmund, I was really excited to 5 6 talk with him and to find out his story. We kind of 7 shared our common backgrounds, if you will, and our excitement for the monastery, just being there and 8 9 doing what they're doing, and I was really happy to 10 hear someone else besides Brother Michael and Brother Peter, if you will, because I was, you know, 11 12 hoping for them to have vocations and grow as a 13 community, because my kid's now, you know, sixteen 14 now, and the other's fourteen. Like I -- I looked 15 at in hope of them having a community with -- you 16 know, with people growing in this thing, so I was --17 I was shocked, because when I talked with Brother 18 Edmund on the phone, you know, he was really smart, 19 articulate, very -- just say gentle, meek, like a 20 kind of example -- it was someone I was happy that 21 my, you know, what I hoped for for my kids to go 22 enter a community with -- because my kids are smart 23 kids, you know, and I'd like them to go in around,

| 1 | | you know, smart people, that their faith is in the |
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| 2 | | front and center of what they're doing. When I saw |
| 3 | | it I was like, I don't know, shocked, just |
| 4 | | disappointed. |
| 5 | Q. | You said that you and Brother Edmund shared |
| 6 | | excitement about the monastery? |
| 7 | Α. | Yeah. |
| 8 | Q. | Can you explain to me what you mean by that? |
| 9 | Α. | Yeah, because I I kind of taught him I was |
| 10 | | kind of curious, I'm like how did you find this |
| 11 | | place, like what you know, what made you come |
| 12 | | here, why are you here, like I wanted to know his |
| 13 | | kind of conversion story and told him my conversion |
| 14 | | story, my walk or journey through the SSPX, and told |
| 15 | | him about my my time at the SSPX schools, and |
| 16 | | then he told me about his time with the SSPX, I'm |
| 17 | | not sure, it was either at a school or one of their |
| 18 | | mass centers. We had similar kind of experiences |
| 19 | | where we were kind of attacked for believing the |
| 20 | | truer doctrines and how, you know, very few people |
| 21 | | were standing up for the truth in doctrines. Told |
| 22 | | him about my my visit when I went with my parish |
| 23 | | to the Benedictine chapel in New Mexico, you know, |
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1 how -- how -- that it was sad that there was a community, you had a church, you had a chapel, you 2 3 had an alter, a sacrifice, but not the true 4 doctrines, that that -- that that's what -- you 5 know, many people had masses, many places had masses, many places have Latin masses, many people 6 7 have valid masses, but not all defended rigorously the doctrinal purity that they were doing, and I 8 9 commended him for -- I remember telling him, you're 10 -- whatever you did or however you prayed to get here you've made a great decision for your life. 11 12 Ο. And did he respond? 13 Yeah. He said he was very happy. He told me his Α. 14 kind of story about how he had gone from place to 15 place, you know, where religion and seeking out 16 religious truth was important to him, and I'm not 17 sure what he had done before his -- whatever 18 affiliation he had mentioned about the SSPX, but 19 that he -- he maybe like had converted or had come 20 to the Catholic faith as being the true faith, that 21 was important to him, and that he, also, I think, 22 had kind of shared -- he felt that the -- you know, 23 that they were heading toward a very -- not like

| 1 | | apocalyptic, but very harsh times could be ahead of |
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| 2 | | us and, you know, like economic troubles and the |
| 3 | | you know, and that this was a nice you know, to |
| 4 | | be here and do the, you know, this kind of work and |
| 5 | | this, you know, quiet, secluded place was a great |
| 6 | | place to be and for people to be, it's a great |
| 7 | | community. |
| 8 | Q. | So during your conversations with Brother Edmund did |
| 9 | | he indicate to you his belief that what Most Holy |
| 10 | | Family Monastery was teaching was the true Catholic |
| 11 | | faith? |
| 12 | Α. | Yeah, that it's that it's that that's what was |
| 13 | | good about it, it's doctrinal doctrinal purity |
| 14 | | and, you know, defending the true Catholic religion. |
| 15 | Q. | And that it was separate and distinct from the |
| 16 | | Vatican in Rome? |
| 17 | Α. | Yes. |
| 18 | Q. | Okay. You first spoke with Brother Edmund you said |
| 19 | | sometime late in 2005; is that correct? |
| 20 | Α. | Yes. |
| 21 | Q. | Do you recall when the last time was that you spoke |
| 22 | | with him? |
| 23 | Α. | I don't know the time frame, but maybe a year or so |
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1 after that where I guess because of my talking with him about my experiences with the SSPX and the 2 3 Brother -- the two brothers, Michael and Peter, they 4 -- I think it was Brother Edmund, that we were 5 calling each other to set up a radio program to --6 for me to like come in and share my, you know, 7 anecdotal accounts of things at the SSPX chapel that I was -- that I was at, some of the weird things 8 9 they taught and did that were either erroneous or 10 heretical, and -- and so Brother Edmund had -- we 11 talked on setting up that -- the time for it and to 12 kind of call me in and hook me in to the -- patch me 13 into the -- I don't know how they technically do it 14 on their end, but that I think that one was like the last time I recall talking to him. 15 16 Do you know approximately when that was? Ο. 17 I guess like 2006, 2000 -- maybe 2006. Α. 18 MS. ELLIOTT: Okay. Can we go off the 19 record for just a moment? 20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 21 thirteen thirty-seven. 22 (Discussion off the record and video.) 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record at thirteen

| 1 | | forty-two. |
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| 2 | BY MS. | ELLIOTT: |
| 3 | Q. | Mr. Walsh, between the first and last time that you |
| 4 | | spoke with Brother Edmund all told about how many |
| 5 | | conversations do you think you had with him? |
| 6 | Α. | Maybe three or four. |
| 7 | Q. | Between the first time you ever spoke with him and |
| 8 | | the last time you ever spoke with him? |
| 9 | Α. | Yeah, because I don't always reach him. Sometimes I |
| 10 | | leave a message. I've had three or four |
| 11 | | conversations with from the first one until the |
| 12 | | over that two years. |
| 13 | Q. | Okay. And each time you spoke with him over the |
| 14 | | phone or during those times that you spoke with him |
| 15 | | over the phone did you begin to recognize his voice? |
| 16 | Α. | Yeah. |
| 17 | Q. | Okay. |
| 18 | Α. | Well, I I would, you know, upon hearing his voice |
| 19 | | say, you know, Brother Edmund. I think I can tell |
| 20 | | him from of apart from not sure if it was Brother |
| 21 | | Michael or Peter, but their voices are different |
| 22 | | than the two brothers. |
| 23 | Q. | During that time when you called Most Holy Family |
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| 1 | | Monastery did you have a reasonable expectation that |
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| 2 | | Brother Edmund would be there when you called? |
| 3 | Α. | He was usually, yeah, the one that would answer. |
| 4 | Q. | So yes? |
| 5 | Α. | Yes. |
| 6 | Q. | Okay. And did the purpose of these calls vary from |
| 7 | | time to time? |
| 8 | Α. | Yeah. It was usually to buy something and then, you |
| 9 | | know, kind of make conversation about the, you know, |
| 10 | | the Catholic faith, new topics that were discuss |
| 11 | | Catholic issues. |
| 12 | Q. | And would you talk about the teachings and beliefs |
| 13 | | of Most Holy Family Monastery? |
| 14 | Α. | Yeah, that is what it would be talking about. |
| 15 | Q. | And during your conversations did Brother Edmund |
| 16 | | always indicate his agreement with those teachings |
| 17 | | and beliefs? |
| 18 | Α. | Yeah. I mean, he would defend the monastery's |
| 19 | | position on the teachings and beliefs. |
| 20 | Q. | At any time did Brother Edmund ever indicate to you |
| 21 | | that he believed Most Holy Family Monastery was |
| 22 | | affiliated with the Vatican? |
| 23 | Α. | No. We were he that we were not affiliated |
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| 1 | | with the Vatican. |
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| 2 | Q. | He made that clear to you? |
| 3 | Α. | Yeah, and, you know, and talk about the the SSPX |
| 4 | | and how they were because we would talk about how |
| 5 | | the SSPX was also not associated with them, but that |
| 6 | | the monastery, neither were we, but that we were |
| 7 | | different. We were both not affiliated with them, |
| 8 | | that's my reason for thinking so, because we were |
| 9 | | like the SSPX in that we were outside the official |
| 10 | | hierarchy or the diocese, but but that there was |
| 11 | | still there had to be like purity of doctrine to |
| 12 | | make you like in the right to be in the true |
| 13 | | church. |
| 14 | Q. | So even though SSPX and Most Holy Family Monastery |
| 15 | | may differ on certain views, they were both the same |
| 16 | | to the extent that they were outside |
| 17 | Α. | Yeah, tha |
| 18 | Q. | the Vatican? |
| 19 | Α. | we were both in the same boat in the one regard, |
| 20 | | meaning we're both outside the Vatican, but that |
| 21 | | SSPX was not in the boat, if you will, the right |
| 22 | | boat, the true faith, because of its heresy, and |
| 23 | | that's what made, you know, the monastery's |
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| 1 | | positions one to follow. |
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| 2 | Q. | And you told me that during one or more of your |
| 3 | | conversations with Brother Edmund you learned that |
| 4 | | you had somewhat of a shared history? |
| 5 | Α. | Yeah, in that we had been through I don't recall |
| 6 | | now the SSPX affiliation, but I thought it was a |
| 7 | | school or mass center, that he had also had similar |
| 8 | | experience to me. |
| 9 | Q. | And when you say similar experience what do you |
| 10 | | mean? |
| 11 | Α. | In that you have to like explain to people why |
| 12 | | you're outside the official hierarchy because of |
| 13 | | heresy or because your hierarchy holds a heretical |
| 14 | | position, they lose jurisdiction. They lose |
| 15 | | jurisdiction to be in the true authority, even |
| 16 | | though they hold the the visible, you know, |
| 17 | | levers of power or the chairs or the buildings that |
| 18 | | they that they reside in, that we're outside of |
| 19 | | them in the you know, in the way it appears on |
| 20 | | the surface, but we're in effect keeping the true |
| 21 | | doctrines of the church. |
| 22 | Q. | Did you learn from Brother Edmund that before coming |
| 23 | | to Most Holy Family Monastery he had actually |
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| 1 | | attended SSPX masses? |
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| 2 | Α. | I don't know that he told me he went to a SSPX mass, |
| 3 | | but I assumed he must have, because when you're in |
| 4 | | affiliated with an SSPX group, a social, what you |
| 5 | | you kind of can't be if you're not going to mass |
| 6 | | with them. It's a it would be a strange thing. |
| 7 | Q. | Did he ever tell you that he had inquired into |
| 8 | | becoming a priest through SSPX? |
| 9 | Α. | I remember him making reference that he had, you |
| 10 | | know, wanted to become a priest, but I didn't he |
| 11 | | may have told me. I don't recall whether it was |
| 12 | | through like a hierarchy seminary or an SSPX |
| 13 | | seminary, but I did tell him that I had visited the |
| 14 | | that was one of the things we talked about, I had |
| 15 | | visited the seminary in Winona, Minnesota, because I |
| 16 | | had taken a group of our SSPX chapel kids while I |
| 17 | | was still in good with them on like a big field |
| 18 | | trip, take all the boys to see the ordinations |
| 19 | | there, so and I had told him, you know, a lot of |
| 20 | | just a little bit about that, and like what a |
| 21 | | shame it was that they had all this beauty and |
| 22 | | liturgy and, you know, the bishop and the |
| 23 | | ceremonies, and then afterwards the children coming |
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up and kissing the ring of the bishop and kissing 1 the hands of the newly-ordained priests, because 2 3 they would give -- you could receive a plenary indulgence for such an act, and how this -- like I 4 was in my -- when I was talking to him about the 5 6 seminary, like that was like -- I was lamenting 7 that, you know, like all these nice things, and yet still outside the -- you know, outside the church 8 9 and truth, and that that was like a point of 10 agreement like for how -- what do you call it --11 what a pity or how sad that is that that's -- that's 12 the state of what we're dealing with. 13 Q. During the conversations that you had with Brother 14 Edmund did he seem -- I know you said you shared 15 excitement about Most Holy Family Monastery in the 16 work that was being done. Did he seem happy to you 17 about the work he was doing at the monastery? 18 Α. Yeah. In fact, like I don't know the words he used, 19 but like that he had really found the -- you know, 20 fulfilling the purpose that he -- that he wanted to 21 do, working with real Catholics, really making a 22 difference, because we were like -- apparently there 23 were many, many people were getting the message from

| 1 | | the work that they do and did. |
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| 2 | Q. | And when you say working with real Catholics are you |
| 3 | | referring to those who follow the true Catholic |
| 4 | | faith as opposed to those affiliated or following |
| 5 | | the Vatican in Rome? |
| 6 | Α. | Real Catholics meaning the people at the monastery |
| 7 | | and then all those people that are, you know, being |
| 8 | | helped by them that are that are keeping, in |
| 9 | | spite of all the difficulties, of trying to be an |
| 10 | | authentic true Orthodox Catholic, to really help in |
| 11 | | that regard was like fulfilling and rewarding and |
| 12 | | very like a blessing, a great a great thing. |
| 13 | Q. | At any point did he ever indicate to you that he was |
| 14 | | unhappy or dissatisfied with his work at the |
| 15 | | monastery or the happenings at the monastery? |
| 16 | Α. | No. |
| 17 | Q. | When you read the article well, strike that. |
| 18 | | When was the first time you learned that Brother |
| 19 | | Edmund was no longer with Most Holy Family |
| 20 | | Monastery? |
| 21 | Α. | In that when I sent the e-mail to the monastery, |
| 22 | | when I saw that, I guess I think it was in spring |
| 23 | | this year. |
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| 1 | Q. | So when you saw the article on CCH Publications? |
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| 2 | Α. | Yeah. |
| 3 | Q. | Okay. That was the first you |
| 4 | Α. | That was the first, and I sent off the e-mail and |
| 5 | | said I can't believe this. |
| 6 | Q. | Okay. |
| 7 | Α. | And I didn't know. I was like I didn't know when |
| 8 | | it happened or anything, but I was just shocked. I |
| 9 | | know when I sent it. I don't know when this thing |
| 10 | | happened with them, like I don't know when Eric like |
| 11 | | left or I just that's when I found out, and |
| 12 | | apparently it had already been for a while. |
| 13 | Q. | Did you ever speak with Eric Hoyle about why he |
| 14 | | left |
| 15 | Α. | No. |
| 16 | Q. | Most Holy Family Monastery? |
| 17 | Α. | No. |
| 18 | Q. | As you sit here today do you have any understanding |
| 19 | | as to why he left Most Holy Family Monastery? |
| 20 | Α. | No, other than what I read in that article. |
| 21 | Q. | Okay. At any point during your conversations with |
| 22 | | Brother Edmund did he talk to you about his process |
| 23 | | of becoming part of the monastery? |
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| 1 | Α. | No. I don't think so. |
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| 2 | Q. | Did he ever talk about his entry into the monastery |
| 3 | | and steps of that process? |
| 4 | Α. | As I recall, he learned about the monastery and |
| 5 | | somehow found out about them and came there and |
| 6 | | liked it and then joined. |
| 7 | Q. | Did he ever tell you why he chose Most Holy Family |
| 8 | | Monastery, what his ultimate goal was? |
| 9 | Α. | To be to be part of the Catholic defending the |
| 10 | | Catholic faith. |
| 11 | Q. | Did he ever tell you that he came to Most Holy |
| 12 | | Family Monastery to ultimately become a Benedictine |
| 13 | | monk? |
| 14 | Α. | I don't I don't know if he said that. I assumed |
| 15 | | that that's what he wanted to do. |
| 16 | Q. | But you don't recall him ever telling you that |
| 17 | | specifically? |
| 18 | Α. | No. |
| 19 | Q. | Okay. I take it that through your years of |
| 20 | | familiarity with Most Holy Family Monastery you are |
| 21 | | pretty familiar with the monastery's teachings and |
| 22 | | beliefs? |
| 23 | Α. | Yeah. |
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| 1 | Q. | Okay. And would you ever expect Most Holy Family |
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| 2 | | Monastery to allow someone into the monastery who |
| 3 | | was not in total agreement with the teachings and |
| 4 | | beliefs of the organization? |
| 5 | Α. | No. In fact, once I called and asked if I could |
| 6 | | visit, and when I was when I first started to |
| 7 | | trying to prove it wrong I was trying to argue a |
| 8 | | position against the monastery and I asked Brother |
| 9 | | Michael if I could come there, and he said why, |
| 10 | | like, he says, if you don't hold these beliefs, no. |
| 11 | | 'Cause at first I was trying to prove them wrong on |
| 12 | | some arguments, and when I first started out with |
| 13 | | them it wasn't a real wasn't a friendly it was |
| 14 | | kind of just a very cold not cold, but what's |
| 15 | | your question, you know, and when I was arguing |
| 16 | | against them it was like why are you at one point |
| 17 | | he asked me why are you why are you doing this, |
| 18 | | and I told him I want to prove this wrong, because I |
| 19 | | want to 'cause if you're right I got to change a |
| 20 | | whole bunch of stuff, and he's like, well, you know, |
| 21 | | you work on that first, you know, like that was |
| 22 | | their my sense was that they were they were |
| 23 | | really, really strict on doctrine. If you didn't |
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1 agree with their doctrine, that -- because at first I wasn't being friendly, I wasn't approaching them 2 3 in a friendly manner. I was approaching them in, 4 you know, kind of argumentative sense against them. It wasn't that he said no. It was just like -- I 5 6 think he said, too, that they were very, very busy 7 doing work and if you're just coming to like just kind of check us out, like I wasn't offering to come 8 9 there like as a friend or believer, I was just like 10 can I come up, and he was like, well, for what 11 purpose, because I was being kind of argumentative 12 at the time, but the doctrines were very, very 13 strict on purity of doctrine. 14 Q. During any of the times that you spoke with Brother 15 Edmund did he ever indicate to you that he was 16 planning on leaving the monastery? 17 No. Α. Did he ever indicate to you that he planned to stay 18 Q. 19 for some time, or permanently, perhaps? 20 I assumed it was, you know -- I don't think he said Α. 21 he was staying there permanent, but I assumed he was 22 because he was putting his, you know, whole efforts 23 into that. I think that's what -- I mean, I thought

| 1 | | he was doing it for a vocation. Maybe I was hoping |
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| 2 | | he was doing it for a vocation, but I thought that |
| 3 | | that's what he was doing it for, a vocation to live |
| 4 | | a religious life. |
| 5 | Q. | Did Brother Edmund ever talk to you about any money |
| 6 | | he gave to the monastery upon entering? |
| 7 | Α. | No. |
| 8 | Q. | Do you have any knowledge about that as you sit here |
| 9 | | today other than what you've read in an article? |
| 10 | Α. | Only when I read that. I didn't know anything about |
| 11 | | that. |
| 12 | Q. | Okay. |
| 13 | | MS. ELLIOTT: I don't have any further |
| 14 | | questions for you, Mr. Walsh, but I'm sure Mr. Eaton |
| 15 | | has a few. |
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| 17 | EXAMIN | ATION BY MR. EATON: |
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| 19 | Q. | I introduced myself earlier. I'm Wade Eaton. I'm |
| 20 | | Mr. Hoyle's attorney. I just want to clear up a few |
| 21 | | things. If I ask you a question and you don't |
| 22 | | understand it or it's vague, confusing, let me know |
| 23 | | and I'll try to change it. |
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| 1 | Α. | Okay. |
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| 2 | Q. | And if you answered a question that I ask you I'll |
| 3 | | assume that you feel comfortable in understanding |
| 4 | | the question that I've asked. |
| 5 | Α. | Okay. |
| 6 | Q. | Thank you. This the Internet piece that you saw |
| 7 | | in the CCH website, tell me some more about that. |
| 8 | | What do you recall the content of that? |
| 9 | Α. | That monk sues monastery, or for RICO statute, and |
| 10 | | wants his money back. It's been a long it's been |
| 11 | | months since I looked at it. |
| 12 | Q. | Do you recall that any particular amount of money |
| 13 | | was mentioned? |
| 14 | Α. | Yeah. It was like a million dollars or something. |
| 15 | Q. | And did you know what they meant by RICO? |
| 16 | Α. | No. Well, I don't know what that stands for. |
| 17 | Q. | Was there any |
| 18 | Α. | But I've heard that word before a lot. I don't know |
| 19 | | what it stands for. |
| 20 | Q. | Well, it stands for Racketeer Influenced Corrupt |
| 21 | | Organization |
| 22 | Α. | Okay. |
| 23 | Q. | Act. Anything more on the detail that you can |
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| 1 | | remember of this description of the lawsuit or that |
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| 2 | | was in the CCH website? |
| 3 | Α. | That it was Eric Hoyle, that he was suing the |
| 4 | | monastery for this amount of money and wasn't for |
| 5 | | not being able to become a Benedictine. |
| 6 | Q. | I believe that you testified that sometime in 2003 |
| 7 | | or 2004 you called the monastery, and by that I mean |
| 8 | | Most Holy Family |
| 9 | Α. | Yeah. |
| 10 | Q. | to get some background information on them. What |
| 11 | | do you recall about that conversation, what you |
| 12 | | asked them and what you were told about their |
| 13 | | background? |
| 14 | Α. | Could you repeat that again, what you said about |
| 15 | | their background information? |
| 16 | | MR. EATON: Can you read the question back? |
| 17 | | (Whereupon, the above-requested question |
| 18 | | was then read by the reporter.) |
| 19 | | THE WITNESS: Okay. I called because I |
| 20 | | at this time I had read maybe one or two of their |
| 21 | | issues of this magazine, and I had highlighted my |
| 22 | | magazine in areas where I wanted to ask them for |
| 23 | | specific proof or questions, and I asked them about |
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1 -- there were certain areas about baptism of desire, that was one of them, and another important one to 2 3 me was when -- when a pope can be infallible. I remember there were two issues. I asked them the 4 5 books that they used, and then I ended up buying a 6 copy of Denzinger, either from them or they told me 7 where I could get the copy, and I asked them about like who they were and how they came to be and what 8 9 right did they have doing what they were doing. 10 MR. EATON: ΒY 11 That's what I'm specifically interested in, the last Ο. 12 few things. You asked them about who they were, how 13 they came to be, what right did they have. 14 Α. Yeah. 15 What did they tell you in response to that kind of Q. 16 inquiry? 17 Α. That there was a -- that there was a monk, Brother 18 Joseph, and he had started the monastery, and that 19 he died and that Brother Michael took over, and that 20 they had taken the correct vows necessary to be a 21 monk, that they had -- that they had taken their 22 vows, and their vows were important to be 23 Benedictines.

1 Q. Did he say anything more about what particular vows 2 they had taken or where they had taken them? 3 Α. No. I don't remember what -- what the details of that were. Like I just wanted to make sure, like 4 are you guys Benedictine monks, and how do you be 5 6 Benedictines, and they said by taking vows and 7 living this Benedictine life, and they said they could, you know, I don't know, get me more on that 8 9 if I wanted or that it was in like -- that it's in 10 books and this stuff can be looked at and read, and, 11 you know, knock yourself out if you want to figure 12 it out, that you can actually verify these -- you 13 know, that communities require vows to be taken and following certain rules, and that there's like the 14 15 superior, and that the head is called like an abbott 16 or senior, just gave me like what a monastery is, 17 because up until that time I don't think I ever 18 really thought much about what monasteries were. 19 Did they say anything to you about what -- well, Q. 20 strike that. You said they told you you could look 21 up the rules in a book or something. 22 Well, I mean, like there's -- when I would call them Α. 23 I was like -- in my call I'm asking about baptism of

desire, and they would give me a specific reference 1 to say, you know, St. Ambrose from Jurgens, Fathers 2 3 of the Church, paragraph whatever, that, you know, 4 that was very much the nature of our call, very -like I had -- I was calling with very specific 5 6 questions, and he said, yeah, if you want to verify these like notions about Benedictine rule and 7 community they can be found at such and such, and I 8 9 was like, oh, okay, but I was more calling for the 10 doctrinal points that I was in an argument about 11 than that, but asked the question on the lesson and they told me this was -- it sounded like the answer 12 13 that they told me was, you know, was verifiable. 14 Q. When they told you about having to take vows and 15 live in accordance with the Benedictine rule, that's 16 how you become a monk, did they reference any 17 specific documents, any books, that set forth the 18 Benedictine rules or make reference to any broader 19 Benedictine organization or hierarchy? 20 No, that only in that they weren't part of the Α. 21 hierarchy of like what would be the Benedictines at 22 large, because of the -- by virtue of heresy, but not -- like I don't know which order or whether 23

there's orders and suborders, like I don't -- I 1 don't know that. I don't think they told me that. 2 3 But they had told me then and on another occasion that it was like not part of the -- you can't go be 4 5 a Benedictine at the American Order of St. Benedict 6 place, that that was -- because they're falling into 7 heresy and they're in communion with Vatican II. That's what they told me. 8 9 Q. Did they discuss with you the existence of any 10 Benedictine Order that continued to be legitimate, 11 in other words, did not adopt Vatican II principles, 12 that was sort of not in communion with them? 13 They never directed me to them, or if there were, or Α. 14 I don't recall them ever telling me there were other 15 like legitimate Benedictine chapters or in different 16 locations, I don't think. 17 Ο. Well, you mentioned something about -- I'm sorry. 18 Go ahead. 19 I don't know that I asked them, though, either, like Α. 20 for that. 21 You mentioned there was one in New Mexico, that the Q. 22 SSPX -- was this an off-chute of SSPX in New Mexico 23 that was a Benedictine community?

| 1 | Α. | Yes. |
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| 2 | Q. | Our Lady of Guadalupe? |
| 3 | Α. | Yeah. I had gone there. I mentioned that I had |
| 4 | | gone there during my time with the SSPX. The people |
| 5 | | in our the men's group, if you will, it was |
| 6 | | called The League of Christ the King, was just like |
| 7 | | a men's group within the SSPX chapel, had organized |
| 8 | | a like a work of charity toward the monks to |
| 9 | | support them in New Mexico, and we all went out |
| 10 | | there and helped them build a bell tower. We like |
| 11 | | we weren't allowed to communicate with them. |
| 12 | | Like we had to stay separate from their monk |
| 13 | | functions, but we kind of helped them. Like I was |
| 14 | | like watching the cement thing turn for part of it, |
| 15 | | although I'm not a construction worker by trade, |
| 16 | | and, you know, bringing water, just helping out. |
| 17 | | Like that's where I where I learned about what a |
| 18 | | Benedictine community looked like. |
| 19 | Q. | And was it your understanding at that time that the |
| 20 | | Benedictine community that you just referred to that |
| 21 | | was not in communion with the Vatican at that time? |
| 22 | Α. | Yeah. They were also not in communion or not part |
| 23 | | of a like there's the Order of St. Benedict |
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that's like part of the Vatican II church, has all 1 2 its locations, like that wouldn't be one of them. 3 It would be not on their -- on their list. That 4 would be -- they would probably be called like roque 5 or renegade by the -- by the Vatican II guys, and then these guys will say, well, they're not --6 7 they're not real. They're not -- they're not -they can't be Benedictines in the Order of Benedict, 8 because Benedict is a Catholic. Like Benedict would 9 10 roll over in his grave if you -- you're saying 11 you're a Benedictine and then you're teaching 12 heresy, like that's the way -- they're their own 13 community. 14 Q. Have you read articles posted on the MHFM website? 15 Yeah, but not all -- there's too many for me to --Α. 16 there's a lot of them. I used to read it -- I used to read it a lot before, and then since the baby and 17 18 all and just my job responsibilities have just 19 required a lot of travel and things, and I've kind 20 of -- I watch it, I check in on it from time to time 21 now. 22 Have you read the article entitled Our Benedictine Ο. 23 Community which is posted on their website?

| 1 | Α. | A while ago. I think it's been there yeah. |
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| 2 | Q. | And do you recall any of the substance of that |
| 3 | | article? |
| 4 | Α. | Just, you know, I think they talk about their |
| 5 | | like they moved to New York from from Jersey and |
| 6 | | I don't know specifically. I guess they have |
| 7 | | like maybe the rules they follow or I don't know. |
| 8 | | I do know, though, that that's a page that they have |
| 9 | | on their site. |
| 10 | Q. | Did the use of the suffix OSB ever create any |
| 11 | | confusion in your mind as to whether this particular |
| 12 | | group was in communion with the Vatican or not or |
| 13 | | whether they were an off-chute of some other Order |
| 14 | | of St. Benedict? They don't put any asterisk after |
| 15 | | OSB, right? I mean |
| 16 | | MS. ELLIOTT: Form. |
| 17 | | THE WITNESS: Well, no, but, I mean, like |
| 18 | | neither does the SSPX, neither does the I think |
| 19 | | there's like there's like Order of St. Benedict. |
| 20 | | There's like Anglican Benedictines, there's |
| 21 | BY | MR. EATON: |
| 22 | Q. | You mean outside the Catholic Church. |
| 23 | Α. | Yeah. These are like you know, Anglican Orders |
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1 were condemned by Leo the XIIIth and they still got -- they have Benedictine monasteries, like there's 2 3 -- I think they call themselves OSB, everybody calls themselves OSB if you're Benedictine, because you're 4 following the Order of St. Benedict, at least that's 5 6 my understanding as I learned from their -- from 7 what they do, that you're a Benedictine by your -your following being Catholic and following the 8 9 Order of St. Benedict, that makes you -- 'cause 10 there's like Third Order, I think, like laypeople that are Benedictines, there's lay Franciscans Third 11 12 Order people. They don't even walk around in a 13 habit or anything. They're just -- they're part of 14 -- they keep certain -- like my friend that I used 15 to know a while back is a pro-lifer. He called 16 himself a Third Order Franciscan. He didn't walk 17 around in the sandals and beg or anything, but he --18 he would like follow certain rules of prayer that 19 would fit into his married life, but he was 20 partaking in the Order, and so he could refer to 21 himself as like, oh, I'm, you know, I'm Franciscan 22 and put, you know, whatever Franciscan Order things 23 after your name, like that's -- that's what that --

1 I think that's what that means to Catholics that are 2 familiar with Orders. It's the kind of Orders of 3 these -- that kind of operate independently more 4 than say like a parish priest who's got a, you know, 5 those real lines direct up through to the vice 6 chancellor of the diocese, you know, for real day-to-day money stuff, like that's pretty solid. 7 But the like Franciscan Orders and Benedictine 8 9 Orders and Augustinian, there's other -- there's 10 lots of Orders, you're following like an Order, like 11 you're following in your little piece, and by doing 12 so you get graces, like there's like -- there's like 13 things you can join, if you say a rosary and you 14 promise, you make these promises to say these things so many times a day, you partake in indulgences that 15 16 go along with these things, and then you're part --17 you become part of that confraternity or part of that Order. That's what I understand it to be. 18 19 Did you ever speak with Eric about his intention of Q. 20 becoming a Benedictine monk? 21 Not on becoming a monk, 'cause, I mean -- only that Α. 22 I encouraged him. I thought he was doing a great 23 thing. I don't know what he did with it. That's

| 1 | | why I was surprised when I found out he didn't. I |
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| 2 | | was like what went wrong. |
| 3 | Q. | Well, you said you had some conversations about your |
| 4 | | history |
| 5 | Α. | Yes. |
| 6 | Q. | and some parallel and mentioned something about |
| 7 | | you were both sort of in the same place. I just |
| 8 | | wondered whether |
| 9 | Α. | We said the similar like coming to finding the |
| 10 | | monastery is what I meant, with both SSPX we both |
| 11 | | or I don't know. I was assuming because he knew a |
| 12 | | lot about the SSPX that he must have been SSPX, like |
| 13 | | I was, and that we both kind of ran into the walls |
| 14 | | that you run into, 'cause when you're really |
| 15 | | searching for truth in doctrine you hit walls of |
| 16 | | contradiction of teaching. And, for example, if |
| 17 | | you're at the SSPX and you're trying to understand a |
| 18 | | doctrinal purity of truth that a pope is infallible |
| 19 | | when teaching to the church on faith or morals and |
| 20 | | that he has universal and absolute jurisdiction over |
| 21 | | the faithful, and when you come to that truth and |
| 22 | | you realize that's a doctrine and then you see stuff |
| 23 | | going around you, like at the SSPX, where they're |
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1 teaching you don't have to obey the Pope on this and you can do that, and you hit this what I call -- it 2 3 doesn't -- there's no internal harmony to what 4 you're searching for. And we had hit like some of the same conflicting -- or clinkers, if you will, 5 6 and so we were like kind of sharing about those 7 things that we hit and the inconsistency or the contradictions of it, and we kind of both came to --8 9 when we found the teachings at the monastery we were 10 like these are so consistent. That was what I meant 11 when we had the same kind of a background from our 12 SSPX experience. 13 But you don't recall having any discussion with Eric Q. 14 about -- or Brother Edmund about his plans for the 15 future? 16 I -- like I said, I don't recall discussing Α. 17 specifically that with him, but I -- I was assuming 18 that's why he was there, because you can become a 19 monk and you can -- you can also -- some monks are 20 ordained priests, some are -- just remain faithful 21 to the oath of the Benedictine vow and remain holy 22 in that regard and receive the graces and promises 23 of keeping such a commitment and its vocation, voci,

a voice, a calling, that's what it is, so I -- you 1 can become a monk, you can also become a monk and 2 3 become a priest. Like I didn't -- I didn't go into, 4 Eric, what is your calling, what -- you know, like I didn't do that. I didn't go that far with him on, 5 you know, his vocation. I just told him that I was 6 7 really happy that this place was here and that he was doing what he was doing, because my children, 8 9 you know, I pray, like every Catholic father should 10 pray, for their children to hear their vocation and 11 also that it be a religious one and to not do 12 anything to stop that and to do everything to foster 13 that, so for being in a situation where I am right 14 now and feeling that there are very few people, other than the monastery, that are teaching purity 15 16 of Catholic doctrine, anybody can go set up a 17 website and teach purity of Catholic doctrine, but 18 to have a place where they're actually following --19 attempting to follow an Order and to become 20 Benedictine, to have that, the ability, that's a --21 that's a thing that I hope -- you know, that's a 22 good thing, and I thought that he was on that, too, 23 you know.

1 Q. Have you ever visited the monastery? 2 No. Α. 3 Q. To your recollection did Eric try to contact you after he left the monastery? 4 5 MS. ELLIOTT: Form. You can answer the 6 question. 7 THE WITNESS: No. If he did I wasn't there, 8 or --9 MR. EATON: I think that's all I have. 10 11 RE-EXAMINATION BY MS. ELLIOTT: 12 13 Q. I just have a couple quick questions. You've told 14 us here that you learned a fair bit about Eric 15 Hoyle's history in leading up to his time entering 16 Most Holy Family Monastery. Outside of your shared 17 history with SSPX what else did you learn about Mr. 18 Hoyle's history? 19 Not much, other than we -- that he I guess was kind Α. 20 of pursuing religious truth even before that, like 21 was like looking for -- looking for the truth in 22 religion. I'm not sure of his background. I think 23 it was not like brought up Orthodox Catholic or

anything, but I don't recall what he -- what he was 1 2 or said he was, and then he ended up at the SSPX or, 3 again, I don't know how he knew about it, but we 4 talked about his experience. In my mind I want to 5 say it was like a school in like -- in the north midwest, but I don't remember, and I wouldn't want 6 7 to make it like I don't know what I'm talking about, but it was some school or mass center, and that he 8 9 came to the chapel or the monastery, and I really 10 don't know much beyond any of that. 11 Did he ever talk to you about any other religious Ο. organizations that he was affiliated with other than 12 13 SSPX and Most Holy Family Monastery? 14 Α. None that stuck in my mind. 15 During the conversations or throughout the Q. 16 conversations you had with Brother Edmund while he 17 was at Most Holy Family Monastery did he demonstrate 18 to you that he understood the teachings and beliefs of the monastery? 19 20 I mean, again, bright, articulate, could Α. Yes. 21 explain an argument, if you will, or argument in the good sense of the word, like -- and often, you know, 22 23 reiterated the -- what the teachings were that I had

| 1 | | read, which I assume must have come from his having |
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| 2 | | read, like I did, all this stuff, 'cause when you |
| 3 | | read this stuff you like I can't speak for |
| 4 | | everyone, but a lot of people I know that have come |
| 5 | | to this you go through like a reading binge of, you |
| 6 | | know, reading through much, much stuff, and, you |
| 7 | | know, he struck me as being able to reference, |
| 8 | | ability to quote, you know, like councils or |
| 9 | | teachings, and which were all like the monastery's |
| 10 | | teachings. |
| 11 | Q. | So in your opinion then he showed that he understood |
| 12 | | the teachings and beliefs of Most Holy Family |
| 13 | | Monastery? |
| 14 | Α. | In every one that I talked with him about. |
| 15 | Q. | Okay. During the conversations you had with Brother |
| 16 | | Edmund while he was at Most Holy Family Monastery |
| 17 | | did he demonstrate the understanding to you that the |
| 18 | | monastery was not affiliated with the Vatican in |
| 19 | | Rome? |
| 20 | Α. | No. Was not his what he spoke about with me |
| 21 | | was that the same as that of the monastery, that |
| 22 | | they were not part of the Rome Post Vatican II |
| 23 | | communion with that Most Holy Family Monastery |
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| 1 | | was out of communion with that group, was a very, |
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| 2 | | very important part of this, like for that to have |
| 3 | | been otherwise I would have hung up the phone or |
| 4 | | said you know, wouldn't have hung up the phone, I |
| 5 | | would have been like what are you talking I would |
| 6 | | have argued severely on that point. |
| 7 | Q. | So he demonstrated to you and showed his |
| 8 | | understanding that Most Holy Family Monastery was |
| 9 | | not in communion with the Vatican? |
| 10 | Α. | Yes. |
| 11 | Q. | Okay. What's your bachelor's degree in? |
| 12 | Α. | Business administration. |
| 13 | | MS. ELLIOTT: Do you have any further |
| 14 | | questions? |
| 15 | | MR. EATON: Nothing further. Thank you. |
| 16 | | MS. ELLIOTT: Mr. Walsh, under the Federal |
| 17 | | Rules of Civil Procedure you have the right to |
| 18 | | review the transcript from your testimony here today |
| 19 | | and to make any corrections or changes as you deem |
| 20 | | necessary. You have the opportunity to exercise |
| 21 | | that right and could do so by us having the |
| 22 | | stenographer send to you a copy of your transcript, |
| 23 | | and you would review it and there would be a |
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1 notation page at the end where you can make any 2 changes, or you have the opportunity to waive that 3 right if you do not wish to do that. Do you wish to 4 exercise your right to read and sign your transcript 5 or do you wish to waive it? THE WITNESS: Can I -- I'd like to -- what 6 7 I'd like to do, in answer to this question, is my wife and baby are in the hotel right now, and 8 9 they're -- I extended the checkout time, and I'd 10 like to know what time it is first and then --11 MR. EATON: It's two thirty. 12 MS. ELLIOTT: Let me just -- you don't have 13 to do it now. THE WITNESS: Well, I was wondering if I 14 15 could come back or do it at a later time. 16 MS. ELLIOTT: You wouldn't even have to come 17 back. 18 THE WITNESS: Okay. 19 The transcript would be sent MS. ELLIOTT: 20 to you and you would then review it on your own 21 I believe you have thirty days to do so once time. 22 you receive it, but you wouldn't have to come back 23 here, you wouldn't have to do it now. It would be

| 1 | sent to you once it's prepared. |
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| 2 | THE WITNESS: Yeah, I would like to make |
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