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Romanucci & Blandin Secures \$880,000 Settlement on Behalf of Two Boys Exploited by Priest

June 23, 2021

Romanucci & Blandin, LLC announces the \$880,000 settlement of a case involving the sexual abuse of two altar boys on the Southside of Chicago by Catholic priest Father Norbert Maday. The priest, who was convicted and imprisoned in other child abuse cases, was relocated several times by church leaders during his career. The two victims in this case say Maday exploited them repeatedly over thirty-five years ago while they were students at St. Bede the Venerable Elementary School when they were 10 to 13 years old.

Maday is no longer living, but in light of recent favorable case law permitting Illinois childhood sexual abuse victims to pursue justice in the courts, these victims were able to achieve some measure of justice for what happened to them.

The abuse included, among other things: Fondling and groping the boys' genitals and buttocks; showing pornography to them, masturbating in front of Plaintiffs; and giving and encouraging Plaintiffs and other boys to consume alcohol before or during the abuse.

The settlement was reached on March 22, 2021. The Plaintiffs were represented by Romanucci & Blandin Attorneys Jason Friedl and Martin Gould.

"This settlement is about far more than money for these two former altar boys. It is about justice and finally getting the closure they deserve on deeply troubling experiences from their childhoods. We appreciate the efforts of the Archdiocese of Chicago to help them heal from this abuse," said Attorney Jason Friedl.

"It is incredible the impact this type of abuse has on a child and it creates intense personal challenges for the rest of their lives. The strength and courage required to come forward with this experience cannot be underestimated, and we acknowledge our Plaintiffs for their bravery," said Attorney Martin D. Gould.

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