

To Whom It May Concern,

Hi my name is Raymond Dziedzic. I write in support of Committee Bill 3, Section 19. I am 53 years old. My wife and I own a home and reside in Torrington CT. I am self employed owning and operating a small excavating business, R.D. Construction LLC for the past 25 years. My wife works for a local nursing home for the past 35 years.

I was and still am a victim of Father Stephen Crowley pastor St. Francis Torrington CT. I can remember this like it was yesterday. Even though it's been over 40 years since it happened.

Here is one little detail, when he was finished with me he put his face within six inches of mine and told me remember" Mr Dziedzic this is between me and you, man to man,do I make myself clear!"

On the surface you might say this guy is doing ok. And I am. But deep down this weighed heavy on me. My biggest regret is that I never came forward earlier. As this may have helped or stopped others from becoming victims. Even though I reluctantly told my mother as I broke down in tears that same day. She calmed me down and told me everything is going to be ok. But I was adamant that she not tell dad or confront Father Crowley. Even though I had a great relationship with both my parents. That's the kind of power this man had over me. To my Father's dying day I never did speak with him on this matter. I believe my mother confronted the school, and I continued in this school until 7th grade when I was confronted with this same situation. This time I was prepared to do whatever it took for this not to happen! And it worked. My parents moved me to another school but no action was taken against the school or father crowley? After that my faith in church and the school system faded severely. It seemed the only people I could trust was my family and myself,so I dropped out of high school in my 10th grade and went to work. I put up a hard shell and put my nose to the grindstone that was how I dealt with it. I never had the courage to talk with someone professional on this matter.

Although I have spoken with my wife, my brother who is a victim of the same man and a close friend another victim of this man, both in their fifties and never came forward. It's a sore subject and I still get angry as the conversation goes on. I believe I have the courage to talk about this now. I never regretted going to work to this day, I always felt my best at work. But I often wonder where or what I might be had this not happened to me.

So in closing I think this lookback law could help victims move forward and become more productive members of society. Even though this happened many years ago does not mean it did not happen. People need closure no matter how old they are and this may help stop people from becoming victims in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Raymond Dziedzic*