

Chicago Archdiocese pays \$2.6 million to settle two more abuse cases

CHICAGO - The Archdiocese of Chicago agreed in December to pay out \$2.6 million to settle two cases of clergy sexual abuse.

The sum was in addition to a \$12.6 million settlement announced in August with 16 victims of clergy sex abuse in the archdiocese.

A \$1.2 million settlement involved a teenage boy who said he was abused by Father Daniel McCormack, the former pastor of St. Agatha Parish in Chicago who is serving a prison sentence after pleading guilty in 2007 to abusing five boys.

Father McCormack, who has been suspended from all priestly functions, did not plead guilty to abusing the boy in this settlement, but the archdiocese decided on the settlement after conducting its own review of the case, with the help of a panel of retired Cook County judges. Father McCormack also abused the boy's older brother.

A second payment of \$1.38 million went to a man who accused Father Chester Przybylo of having abused him from 1987 to 1992. Przybylo is now a pastor of an independent church in Winfield, Ill.

The settlements will be funded by insurance and proceeds from the sale or lease of undeveloped property, the archdiocese said.