

# Records: Priest attended man

**Court • Officials knew of allegations but still gave him access to children.**

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The Archdiocese of Boston knew one of its priests spoke in favor of sex between men and boys at a 1979 meeting that apparently led to the founding of a national group advocating the practice, according to documents released Monday by the attorney of a man who accuses the priest of rape.

The documents show archdiocese officials knew of sexual misconduct allegations against the Rev. Paul Shanley since at least 1967, but continued to allow him access to children in different parishes for three decades.



**GREGORY FORD**, alleged to be an abuse victim, is hugged by a woman who identified herself as Sister Marie • Photo: AP

The papers also show that the officials had been told as early as 1977 about Shanley's teachings on sex between men and boys.

"All of the suffering that has taken place at the hands of Paul Shanley, a serial child

molester for four decades - three of them in Boston - none of it had to happen," said Roderick MacLeish, an attorney for the family of alleged abuse victim Gregory Ford.

Ford, 24, alleges in a lawsuit filed this year that he was re-

