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# Lawyer Representing Mount Cashel Victims says Clients Relieved to See End of Long Battle

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(Mount Cashel Orphanage, circa 1942.)

The lawyer representing victims of sexual abuse at Mount Cashel Orphanage in the 1940s, 50s and 60, says his clients are relieved but tired.

The Archdiocese of St. John's recently accepted responsibility for the abuse after exhausting all of its options in the courts. On Sunday, Archbishop Peter Hundt told parishioners the diocese will have to [restructure and sell properties](#) to settle the claims, estimated to be in the tens of millions of dollars.

Geoff Budden represents the victims in the case. He says it's been a long battle with many ups and downs along the way, adding his clients are relieved and pleased with the court decisions but nonetheless tired and emotionally drained.

The sale of properties, which could include churches, parish halls, and other land, only applies to assets under the control of the Archdiocese of St. John's on the Burin and Avalon Peninsulas.

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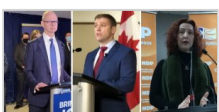
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