



# Conversations with My Molester a journey of faith

A play about reconciliation  
written and performed  
by Michael Mack

## Saint Paul Catholic Church

### Harvard Square

29 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge MA 02138  
DiGiovanni Hall

**Thursday, March 29**  
**7:30 pm**

### Tickets

\$15 good will donation suggested  
but pay whatever you are able

### More information

Call Carol at 617-666-2855  
or visit

[www.michaelmacklive.com](http://www.michaelmacklive.com)

2012 marks the 10-year anniversary of the *Boston Globe's* investigative reports that triggered the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. Since then, the Church has responded with unprecedented reforms.

In that same spirit of self-examination, during this Lenten season of reflection, several groups at St. Paul Parish are offering Michael Mack's remarkable play of reconciliation as a testament to the Holy Spirit's power of healing.

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## ***Conversations: a Lenten Offering***

Lent is traditionally a time of reconciliation in advance of Christ's resurrection at Easter. In the Lenten spirit of reflection, several groups\* at St. Paul Catholic Church in Cambridge are co-sponsoring a production of Michael Mack's one-man play *Conversations with My Molester – a Journey of Faith* as a remarkable testament to the power of reconciliation.

Michael Mack is an award-winning poet, playwright, and actor, as well as a parishioner at St. Paul. His lyric play chronicles the events that took him full circle away from – and back to – the Catholic Church, providing a moving testimony to renewal in the spirit of the Church's “Catholics Come Home” initiative.

### **About the Play**

The 90-minute solo show premiered at the Boston Playwright's Theatre in January 2012 directed by Daniel Gidron, netting rave reviews for its “brilliant” and “sensitive” portrayal of a very difficult subject, and taking the audience on a “unforgettable” journey of “remarkable beauty” (quotes from Saint Paul parishioners).

Like many Catholic boys in the 1960's, Michael grew up wanting to be a priest. That dream ended at age 11 when he was abused by his pastor – trauma that haunted him for decades. Forty years later, Mack landed on his former pastor's doorstep for a conversation, but what happened next was beyond anything he ever imagined.

After the St. Paul performance, the “conversation” will continue with an audience talkback featuring Michael Mack and Barbara Thorp, LICSW, Director of the Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection for the Archdiocese of Boston. Refreshments to follow.

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### **Tickets**

\$15 good will donation suggested, but pay whatever you can (to help defray production costs). Tickets may be purchased at the door, and after all Sunday Masses.

### **Location**

St. Paul Catholic Church is located 29 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, 02138 at the corner of Mt. Auburn and Bow Streets, five blocks from the Harvard Square MBTA stop. At the church, follow signs to DiGiovanni Hall located on the lower level.

### **Parking**

**Parking meters are free after 8pm** in Harvard Square.

Paid parking is available at several locations a few blocks away. The two closest are:

**Harvard Square Parking Garage** (65 John F. Kennedy Street).

**University Place Garage** (124 Mount Auburn Street).

**Another Option:** park at the MBTA's huge Alewife garage (11 Cambridgepark West, Cambridge, 02140) and take the Red Line subway to Harvard Square.

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