

# AIDS HELL OF A TOP LORD

A WELL-KNOWN peer has been living in torment, knowing his gay son was suffering from AIDS, it was revealed last night.

But the victim claims he has been CURED at a prayer meeting conducted by Catholic priest Peter Rookey.

The young man, whose father is a leading member of the House of Lords, has been persuaded by friends to keep his identity secret to protect his family.

But he says he is willing to sign a statement testifying to his "cure" and to give his doctor permission to confirm it.

The statement will be read at a Mass for AIDS

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victims in London later this year.

The man claims he was healed by American priest Father Rookey, 75, at The Friends' Meeting House opposite

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## AIDS

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Euston station in London.

Organiser Rick Miller, 43, said yesterday:

"Father Rookey prayed over the man who told me later he was suffering from AIDS."

"When he told me his name I recognised it immediately. His father is a prominent member of the House of Lords and very well-known."

Another person at the meeting who claims she was cured by Father Rookey is ex-nurse Heather Duncan.

### Cripple

Heather, 35, who's from Aberdeen, faced life as a cripple after nerves at the base of her spine were torn when she tried to lift an elderly patient.

Three operations brought no relief and she was awarded a State disability allowance.

Two years ago she went to a Mass that was conducted by Father Rookey at a shrine in Madugorie in former Yugoslavia.

*She says the priest handed her a crucifix, laid his hands on her head and asked: "Do you believe in Jesus? Do you want to walk?"*

When Heather said "Yes" he told her: "In the name of Jesus, stand up and walk."

Heather claims she DID walk.

Father Rookey, who was ordained in Chicago in 1941, wears a monk's black habit and Reebok trainers.

### Laughed

He said: "Please don't call me a saint. I am just the instrument of Jesus. It is Jesus who cures through me.

"To be used in such a way is a very humbling experience.

"When I first realised I could cure the sick I was not frightened that God was using me in this way."

*The priest laughed when he admitted he that was unable to cure himself of increasing deafness.*

Father Rookey, speaking in Chicago, added: "It is wonderful that a young man has been cured of AIDS and it is very brave of him to give testimony of his cure."