

AIDS HELL OF A TOP LORD

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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."

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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