

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING FREDERICK BISTRICKY¹

1965 - Ordained

6/21/65 Appointed Curate at Holy Trinity Parish in Racine, WI effective July 7. (21243)

7/7/65 - Curate, Holy Trinity, Racine, WI

11/22/65 Appointed Curate at St. Patrick's Parish in Beaver Dam, WI effective November 30. (21246)

11/30/65 – Curate, St. Patrick's Parish, Beaver Dam

7/29/65 Appointed District Director for Catholic Youth Organization of District 12 (Dodge County) effective immediately. (21247)

7/29/65 - District Director for Catholic Youth Organization of District 12

6/16/67 Transferred from St. Patrick's to appointment as Curate at St. Augustine Parish in Milwaukee effective June 27. (21248)

6/27/67 - Curate, St. Augustine, Milwaukee

1/3/74 Handwritten note from Fr. Donald Weber. Bistricky states people are afraid of Fr. John Albinger and that the personnel board feels his behavior is a matter of "imprudence or indiscretion." (21415)

1/18/74 Handwritten note from conversation with a woman about Bistricky (difficult to read). (21416)

12/20/74 Handwritten note from Fr. Donald Weber about Bistricky working with youth. Note indicates "came to door nude???" Letter says "something was done" about parents' concerns. (21413)

(undated) Handwritten names of personnel board contact and possible name and phone numbers of "concerned parents." (21414)

10/13/74 Cover letter to Cousins enclosing letters from families at St. Augustine who are disturbed by Bistricky's behavior and concerned that it does not meet their values. Also purports to copy the priest personnel board. (21338)

Letter from a parent to Cousins stating that Bistricky took pictures with her son's camera on a retreat including one of 3 boys without any undershorts, bending over "Flipping the moon." She enclosed the picture. Letter states that Bistricky explained the picture as "a way of releasing their sexual inhibition." (21333-21335)

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10/14/74 Letter from parents discussing pictures of their son mooning that were taken by Bistricky. The parents met with Bistricky, and were dissatisfied with his response. (21336-21337)

Letter from parent to Cousins regarding her 12 year old son's interactions with Bistricky at CCD class, which she felt were inappropriate due to swearing and use of slang. (21339-21340)

Letter from a parent to Cousins discussing incidents that occurred in the past 2 years where Bistricky took a picture of boys mooning. (21341-21342)

Continued letter from parents concerned that Bistricky has pinched their son's buttocks as a form of punishment, had conversations with their daughter about sex, and he once answered the door nude. (21343)

Letter from parents to Cousins who were concerned by second-hand stories their daughter told them about Bistricky. (21344)

Letter from parents whose daughter was in CCD class with Bistricky. Letter expresses concern about Bistricky talking about mooning and punishing children who pass notes by having them kneel on the floor and put their heads between his legs. It is not clear from the letter whether this punishment was just discussed or actually occurred in class. (21345)

Letter from parent whose son is in CCD classes with Bistricky. Her son learned about national sex week from Bistricky and Bistricky pinched two boys on the chest as punishment. (21346-21347)

Letter from a concerned parent of a CCD attendee expressing concern that Bistricky talked in class about streaking, he swore, and he described a picture of a nude boy. Specifically states that Bistricky threatened to punish boys by forcing them to kneel and place their heads between Bistricky's legs but no one was forced to do so. (21348-21349)

Letter from a parent who attended Bistricky's CCD classes with her son. She is concerned with Bistricky's language and detailed descriptions of sexual acts. (21352)

Letter from parents concerned about Bistricky's influence over young people. (21353)

Letter from parents whose daughter saw boys in the backseat of a car driven by Bistricky. (21354)

Letter from parents whose son had to have a wrestling match in the nude on a retreat. His shorts were "removed by force" by an unidentified actor. (21355)

1/4/75

Report to Cousins saying Ombudsman met with 19 people from St. Augustine parish who were concerned that Bistricky "establishes a promiscuous and permissive climate when working with adolescents," he encourages nudity, uses

foul (not profane or inappropriate) language, allows nude wrestling matches, and constantly tries to drive a wedge between parents and children. However, they do not accuse him of any personal promiscuous relationships with boys or girls. Bistricky keeps children at parish till 1 and 2 in the morning. Bistricky showed children nude pictures. Parishioners at meeting want Bistricky to get professional help and be reassigned. They note that Archbishop and Fr. Waldbauer talked to Bistricky. (21418-21420)

1/75 (undated) Ombudsman Donald Weber's note to Cousins stating that he should read the report before they meet and that Weber "learned a few things from these sessions!!!" (21412)

2/3/75 Report from meeting with Bistricky, who had explanations for some of the incidents. "Other incidents he left in the realm of indiscretions or lack of control in his supervision of adolescents." He is seeing a counselor and agreed that concerned parents could be informed of this. Main contact for the concerned parents was contacted and was "very satisfied." Told her Bistricky was seeing a counselor and encouraged her to tell the others to "cool it" and adopt a greater posture of charity towards Bistricky and his future efforts to re-construct the youth program, to which "she was very agreeable." (21417)

5/28/76 Appointed associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Sheboygan, WI effective June 15. (21251)

6/15/76 - Associate Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Sheboygan, WI

11/10/81 Vice Chancellor letter to Bistricky appointing him temporary administrator at Immaculate Conception in Sheboygan, effective immediately. (21255)

11/10/81 - Temporary Administrator, Immaculate Conception, Sheboygan, WI

11/25/81 Appointed Administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in Plymouth, WI effective December 15. (21128)

12/15/81 - Administrator, St. John the Baptist, Plymouth, WI

2/13/84 Appointed Temporary Administrator of St. Andrew's in Le Roy, WI effective immediately. (21129)

2/13/84 - Temporary Administrator, St. Andrew's, Le Roy, WI

4/18/84 Appointed Pastor at St. Andrew's in Le Roy, WI effective May 15. (21130)

5/15/84 - Pastor, St. Andrew's, Le Roy, WI

7/1/86 Log Entry No. 337. Noted that after concelebrating a mass with Bistricky, a complaint of improper talk with teenagers or marriage preparation couples was mentioned in passing. (27508)

- 7/2/90 Letter from medical doctor to Sklba saying he examined Bistricky, who has been under much stress recently and developed stress related symptoms. Recommends a 3-4 month medical leave of absence. (27576)
- 6/19/91 Appointed Temporary Administrator at Ss. Peter & Paul in Nenno, WI and St. Anthony in Allenton, WI effective June 30. (21166)
- 6/30/91 - Temporary Administrator, Ss. Peter & Paul, Nenno, WI; St. Anthony, Allenton, WI
- 4/5/93 Assigned assistant to the Archivist in the Chancery office effective April 12. (21174)
- 4/12/93 - Archival Assistant, Chancery Office
- 2/24/94-
5/27/94 Notes regarding Bistricky's relationship with a prison inmate via U.S. Mail. Discusses that Bistricky, who was feeling depressed and lonely, was duped by the inmate, who has a history of preying on the elderly. The two have been communicating in a sexual manner and Bistricky sent the inmate goods and money. Liz Piasecki and others met with Bistricky to ask him to discontinue the relationship by mail and return to psychotherapy, which he had previously undergone for help coping with his mother's death. (21362-21368)
- 5/27/94 Notes on Bistricky stating that his therapist noted concern about Bistricky's work with children because his sexual fantasies involve high school age young adult males, 18-20 years old. Also noted that Bistricky has no boundaries around sex. (21368; 21370)
- 7/1/95 Bistricky listed as retired (disability). (21198)
- 7/1/95 - Retired, Disability
- 7/1/95 Bistricky letter to Weakland requesting Disability Pension status for 6 months to 1 year and letting him know that he will continue to do weekend help out work until healthy enough to return to full ministry. (21195-21196)
- 7/12/95 Weakland letter to Bistricky granting his retirement effective June 30. (21204)
- 3/22/97 Memo about speaking with Sklba, who had recently received a call about accusations against Bistricky. The individual claimed to have previously met with both Sklba and the memo writer about the allegations, but neither recalled the meeting. (33599)
- 9/17/97 Log Entry No. 729. Meeting with Bistricky to review information discovered in the files about allegations of his inappropriate behavior at St. Augustine parish prior to 1977. Bistricky's lack of adult responsibility and adolescent behavior were addressed in counseling and seemed to be properly resolved when handled previously by others. (27517)

- 9/25/97 Sklba letter to Bistricky stating that at a recent meeting, it was “very helpful to receive the larger context of your recollections regarding discussions with Fr. Donald Weber and Archbishop Cousins subsequent to the arrival of the letters which recently surfaced.” Sklba suggested that Bistricky not have unsupervised contact with minors. (21109)
- 12/98 According to his Christmas letter, Bistricky helped out at some parishes over the summer. (21215-21216)
- 3/25/02 According to a sexual abuse intake report, survivor learned that Bistricky is helping out at Immaculate Conception parish. (21085-21086)
- 4/12/02 Letter from Hornacek with precept enclosed restricting Bistricky from any public ministry and contact with minors. (21217-21218)
- 5/14/02 Letter from Barbara Reinke saying that the Archdiocese has decided to turn all complaints about sexual abuse over to the District Attorney. (33601)
- 9/26/02 Memo from Barbara Reinke to Bistricky’s file saying that she spoke with a woman who had concerns about Bistricky. Reinke told her that while Bistricky was accused of encouraging nudity and streaking and using crude language in 1974, no one claimed sexual touching ever occurred at that time. Also, his therapist had no data in 1994 that suggested any sexual abuse. (33569)
- 11/4/02 Letter from unknown author to Dolan outlining complaints about Bistricky’s sexual overtones and actions and also says that Bistricky is still helping at Immaculate Conception. Author claims she was in contact many times with Fr. Fliss in 1973 and 1974 and “begged, threatened, etc. for him to do something regarding the inappropriate behavior of Fred Bistricky.” Says “Bishop Fliss had always been a stone blocking my attempts to speak with Archbishop Cousins.” Author admits this was reported to District Attorney Mike McCann but not to Archbishop Cousins. (21293-21294)
- 2/3/03 Dolan letter to Bistricky confirming the restrictions on him. (21295)
- 5/1/03 Letter from retired Judge John Fiorenza enclosing his investigation of Bistricky along with Bistricky’s statement, in which Bistricky denies all allegations of misconduct. Investigation report outlines all allegations of abuse and inappropriate behavior by Bistricky. (21106; 21094-21105)
- 7/3/03 Email regarding Bistricky from a former teacher at St. Augustine, saying that there were credible allegations of abuse while Bistricky was at St. Augustine and the pastor at the time, Fr. John Albinger, knew about the allegations and covered for Bistricky. Reports that he abuse was also reported to the head of the Archdiocesan Priest’s Senate, Fr. Bob Schneider, who told the father of one of the abused to drop it or the father wouldn’t be allowed to enroll in the permanent diaconate program. (21088)

- 7/7/03 Dolan letter to Bistricky telling him that now that Judge Fiorenza has determined that the allegations did occur, Dolan will submit the case to the CDF. (21222)
- 7/7/03 Dolan letter to Cardinal Ratzinger saying there have been allegations against Bistricky and asking that he be dismissed from the clerical state via any means available. He encloses Bistricky's assignment history and a summary of the allegations against him. (21301-21304)
- 7/23/03 Letter from Dolan to Bistricky continuing restrictions from all public ministry and asking that he not present himself as a priest. Dolan indicated he will seek canonical counsel regarding how to present Bistricky's case to the Holy See and encouraged Bistricky to confer with a canon lawyer as well. (21228)
- 8/14/03 Notes of meeting with a survivor saying: "I told them about the absence of records from the 1970s" in response to their implication that the Archdiocese failed to deal with the problem in a timely manner. (27481-27482)
- 8/25/03 Letter from Dolan to a survivor saying that Bistricky will be permanently removed from ministry. (21312)
- 2/1/05 Abuse intake report from an individual who was abused by Bistricky when he was 11-12 years old at St. Augustine from 1968-1969. (123880)
- 2/10/05 Amy Peterson Letter to a survivor informing the survivor that the photos taken by Bistricky had been sent to Rome to make the case for his laicization. (32193)
- 9/14/05 Letter from Dolan to the CDF enclosing an updated report on Bistricky since a second person has come forward with a credible allegation of abuse that corroborates the initial report and again requesting that Bistricky be dismissed from the clerical state via any means available. (39446-39449)
- 1/27/06 Letter from the CDF to Dolan informing him that because Bistricky denied the allegations, it would be more appropriate to initiate an administrative penal process than proceed *ex officio*, which could still result in dismissal from the clerical state or some other perpetual penalty. Other options include approaching Bistricky regarding the possibility of voluntary laicization or directing the cleric to a life of prayer and penance with the possibility of celebrating Mass privately, pursuant to the Essential Norms. (21079-21080)

12/17/06 – Deceased