Entry for the File of Knighton, Marv By Barbara Reinke
September 2, 2003
I have had a couple of phone calls with in which I have assured him that the matter with Mary Knighton will not be dropped at this point. However, it will be up to Diocesan Review Board to determine the next steps in the process. In heard that another victim of Mary Knighton came forward to the Journal. It seems that also has recently talked to and learned that not only was a bused, but so were his brothers and consins. Will ask to arge those victims to come forward. I plan to talk with again at the end of the week. Hopefully, I will have more information from the Diocesan Review Board.
BR:saz Typed 9/29/03

September 8, 1997

Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee Archbishop Cousins Center 3501 South Lake Drive P.O. Box 07912 Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

Peace to you in the compassionate Jesus! I wanted to inform you that I did not physically move all my belongings to Phoenix as hoped. I did accept the position with the Scottsdale School District and worked at one of their high schools for a month. They were fully aware that once again, I found myself having difficulties selling my home in Wauwatosa. The problem is, there are a glut of homes for sale throughout the Milwaukee community, including the suburbs, which makes for a slow market. In no way can I incur additional housing cost without the sell of my home; nor do J wish to get into renting my home.

While serving briefly at Desert Mountain High School, I felt a tremendous sense of purpose being in the ministry of education. I found that parents were glad to know there was a priest on staff. I miss the opportunity to serve those students and their families and also the ability to fully serve as an ordained priest of God. It would have been advantageous to assist the priest at this newly formed parish in the area where I was working.

I also found out that in no way is Bishop O'Brien going to grant me faculties in his diocese. It is amazing how a slanted view of a person's priestly performance and service, can leave a lasting character damage. I again find myself dealing with past pains and hurts regarding this; when it wasn't necessary and again, most uncharitable. However, amid that, I must move on and continue to do what I was ordained to do in this priestly ministry, which is serving others.

At this time then, I am requesting to rescind my letter of February 11, 1997 and the permission to take a personal leave of absence with faculties and with the permission to relocate to Phoenix under the provisions of Canon 270.

I realize that presently there are not any opening in our Catholic schools. I would however, like to accept a position within the diocese as a temporary administrator or as an associate of a parish, until such time there is a post that can be pursued in education. I miss that ministry and know that I serve our people and the diocese best in that field.

The recent deaths of two great servants, Princess Diana's and Mother Teresa's compassion for the less fortunate touched so many. May we all realize, that no matter what our status or

position is in life, we are call called to serve as Jesus served. This has been a remarkable week, especially seeing the numbers of people throughout the world, who openly long for compassion and love, even from their leaders. There is much to be learned by these recent spiritual events of our time.

As I write this, there is much sadness and frustration within, due to the fact that the move to Phoenix once again was foiled. However, in the midst of it all, as St. Paul says, "it is when I am weak, that I am strong." My faith, hope and love sustains a broken heart!

both at Pius XI High School. found it hard coming back here, he is not a winter person. is fine, he was resigned to leave, he was happy to return; however, he is one who adapts quite easily to change. They continue to be a blessing my life and in this ministry.

If you would like to meet with me regarding my future assignment, please know that I am most open having a conference with you.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

Sincerely in the loving Jesus,

Mary T. Knighton

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 16, 1988

The Reverend Marvin Knighton

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Marv,

I received your letter of September 11th and I must admit, Marv, that I was deeply irritated by it. You have a pattern of doing what you please and then informing superiors. I simply want to go on record as saying that I have not given you my permission to adopt the two children that you speak of in your letter.

You cannot continue, Marv, to go on just doing what you please and then informing the rest of us later and expect that God's blessings will be abundant on your life and on your ministry.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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July 13, 1989

The Reverend Marvin Knighton

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226

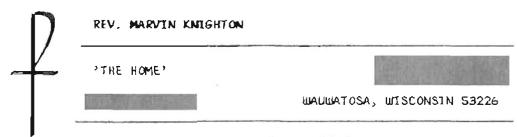
Dear Marv,

Thanks for letting me know of the arrival of the boys. I do hope it all turns out well for you and that the burden does not become too much at times.

Will you have enough money to take care of all of this? Let me know.

Thanks for the letter. Many blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



July 10, 1989

Archbishop Rembert Weakland O.S.H. Archbishop of Milwaukee 3501 South Lake Drive P.O. Pox 07912 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Dear Rembert:

Peace to you! I appreciated your response to the letter I sent regarding the Overnight. I am sure that the number of men who don't attend is a reflection of something, maybe those who choose not to come may do so in the future.

I am writing to inform you that the boys that I mentioned you I was taking in have arrived. They came in tired from their long trip to the U.S.A. They are originally from Korea. I write this not to be disrespectful to you or the other auxiliaries. I know you are against this undertaking, but please understand it is something I was encouraged to do by my friend/brother, The boys are 6 1/2 & 9 years of age. They are part African American with Korean nothers. They are not related, but now they are. They arrived July 3, 1989

I have received a phone call from the Herald and told them not to write anything on this. I don't want any publicity regarding this decision nor will I do anything to embarass you and your role as our Ordinary. Please know Rembert, I do respect your position as Archbishop. This choice I made was done with fourteen years of consideration and prayer.

Looking at these children and the plight of Amerasian children in Asian countries makes one wonder what are we doing to our children. Then again, look at what is happening with our children in our U.S.A. We have to alert adults to the possible damages we are doing to our young.

Thank you for your time, and again, know I am not doing this out of defiance. Oh! Don't worry about me, you won't have a George Stalling here. Peace!

Fraternally,



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August 26, 1991

Rev. Marvin T. Knighton

Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Dear Father Knighton,

Following the recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board and in accord with Cannons 539-540 of the 1983 Code, you have been appointed Temporary Administrator of St. Frederick Parish in Cudahy until a new pastor is appointed. This appointment is effective September 3, 1991.

As Temporary Administrator you come under the provisions of Canon 540 which is quoted here in full:

- The parochial administrator is bound by the same obligations and has the same rights of the pastor, unless the diocesan Bishop prescribes otherwise (cf. cc. 519; 528-530; 535).
- The parochial administrator may not do anything which could prejudice the rights of the pastor or could do harm to parochial property.
- When he has discharged his office, the parochial administrator is to give an account to the pastor.

You have the responsibility for the Pro Populo Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (c. 534); you are authorized to sign checks on all parish accounts to cover ordinary expenditures and to meet payroll obligations. Please note, in keeping with Canon 540, paragraph 2, no extraordinary changes are to be made. Urgent matters should be referred to the Archbishop.

Thanks, for assuming this assignment. Your willingness to do this is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. (Ralph C. Gross

Chancellor & Vicar General By special delegation

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 10, 1992

Rev. Marvin T. Knighton

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Father Knighton,

It is with a sense of joy in our shared faith that I ask you to become the Campus Minister to the students at Mt. Mary College in Milwaukee. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I am happy to entrust this office to your care beginning on July 1, 1992. This appointment is being made for a period of up to one year after which time your term will be reviewed for possible extension.

As the Campus Minister at the college, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying. To accomplish this mission, I ask you to work closely and in collaboration with the administration of Mt. Mary College.

It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226 March 23, 1994

Most Reverend Thomas J. O'Brien Bishop of Phoenix The Roman Catholic Church of Phoenix 400 East Monroe Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2376

Dear Bishop O'Brien:

Peace to you! I spoke with my Archbishop, Rembert Weakland today March 23, 1994, seeking his permission to leave our Archdiocese and transfer to serve in your diocese as priest. He is granting me that permission and will be contacting you in the near future.

This is my formal letter to you requesting to serve as a diocesan priest in the Diocese of Phoenix. I recognize that in doing so, there is usually a three year period before actual incardination can take place. I request to serve as priest, and I recognize that I am called to Obedience to you as Bishop and your Successor of Phoenix.

I look forward to serving in Phoenix at one of your Catholic High School as Campus Minister and assisting in your parishes. I believe I have something to give and I will gain much from the Faithful of Phoenix. In the midst of my excitement, there is sadness about leaving Milwaukee that has been home for twenty-five years. I leave a superb Archbishop, an excellent presbyterate, as well as, numerous friends. However, I am ready and most willing to serve in Phoenix, I look forward to the change.

I hope to hear from you soon regarding my assignment and when you would like me to report to serve. I again thank you for our meeting March 11th, I look forward to our serving together, the people of Phoenix. Let us pray for one another.

Fratemally,

Rev. Mary T. Knighton

CC.

Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland O.S.B.



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June 15, 1994

Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee Archdiocese of Milwaukee P.O. Box 07912 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Weakland,

I am writing in reference to Father Marv Knighton who as you know has indicated an interest in coming to the Diocese of Phoenix to serve here as a priest with the purpose of seeking incardination.

As you know, I have spoken to you personally about him and have reviewed his file that you provided.

After evaluating all of this information and considering our circumstances and needs here, I have decided not to pursue his request for incardination.

I have shared this information with Father Knighton who understandably was quite disappointed. I have also spoken to Father Thomas Venne about this matter.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter and I hope you understand. I gave this matter serious consideration and prayer.

With all personal good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Thomas J. O'Brien

Bishop of Phoenix

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- 25 YEARS -Building, Blessing, Becoming The Body of Christ August 23, 1994

AB:

Bishop O Brien phoned He would like a letter from you explaining Marv Knighton's status. He spoke with Len Barbian and Len explained to him that Marv is on a personal leave of absence. Apparently Marv is trying to helpout in the Diocese and the Bishop doesn't want him to do so. Until you clarify how you want to proceed, Barbara Anne will not act on your request to draft a letter.

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August 24, 1994

Rev. Marv Knighton c/o St. Maria Goretti

Scottsdale, Arizona 85250

Dear Father Knighton,

I was just recently surprised to learn that you have moved here with your two adopted sons.

I contacted officials at the Milwaukee Archdiocese and was informed you had taken a personal leave. A letter regarding your status will be sent to me soon.

I really do not know what your intentions or plans are but I wish to inform you that you do not have the faculties of the Diocese of Phoenix and therefore may not perform any public ministry.

I wish you well and ask God's blessings upon you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Thomas J. O'Brien

Bishop of Phuenia

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cc: Rev. Jack Spaulding, Pastor St. Maria Goretti

Rev. Michael Deptula, Assoc. Pastor

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December 23, 1994

Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee Archdiocese of Milwaukee 3501 South Lake Drive P.O. Box 07912 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

Peace to you! I hope this Christmas find you rested and at peace. I am writing to request another five month extension of my "personal leave" in good standing with faculties, though that doesn't mean much in Phoenix. I am under contract with the Scottsdale Public Schools and will complete my work at the end of May. It also will be good for Peter and Daniel to complete a full year at Our Lady of Perpetual Help grade school here in Scottsdale. I will be taking some courses too at Arizona State University.

I understand fully that I will be unable to function totally as a priest here in Phoenix. The damage that has been done to my name is irreversible. I at times remain hurt, not discouraged, by what has been done. I know in my heart, that there are numerous individuals and families who see me differently than what was portrayed to Bishop O'Brien, the Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix. It is the mutual love and respect that others hold for me in Milwaukee and here in Phoenix, that heals, strengthens and encourages me to continue in the priesthood. My faith in God is "the" source of my strength.

It is with that recognition I will return to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to continue as a minister in the priesthood. I believe you know that I treasure the gift of priesthood. I desire to continue in this ministry that our God has granted to me share with others. In no way will I allow that gift nor the blessings of fatherhood (with to be ruined due to this recent experience. There have been too many hurting events of my past, initially from the time I was in high school, where I was told by a nun that, "I would never become a priest because I was black". That statement and other experiences (not all racially) has not prevented me to do what I was called to do. I share this with you not out of spite, but to let you realize the road to priesthood wasn't always easy.

I am aware that the changes in the Central City Parishes continue to progress with Joc Perry becoming one of the pastors. I am willing to take an assignment in the Central City in any way you would like me to serve. I am not certain what will the needs be at the St John de Nepomuc site with the consolidation, however, I am open to serving there if you like or with the Central City schools, or any of our schools in Milwaukee in some capacity. I do hold a certified M.Ed. degree from Marquette University in counseling. You know my first love is in the ministry of education.

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I am also open to these associate positions that are available according to the mailings I have received:

St. John Vianney- Brookfield

St. Dominic-Brookfield

Holy Apostles-New Berlin

In the midst of all that has happened, I look forward to returning. I prefer to remain here, but will not. I also believe that you and I need to be reconciled in some way, probably over a good meal, and some good wine together, your treat, (smile). I suggest this, not because I hold anything against you or Bishop O'Brien, but truly feel something is amiss here, and it needs to be healed.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Bishop O'Brien mainly out of respect for him and his position as the Shepherd of Phoenix. I realize for him too, that this whole circumstance has been difficult. I feel bad for him, I believe he has been caught in the middle of it all.

I hope to return possibly in February to look for a house to purchase and definitely in March. We will head back to Milwaukee at the end of May or the first part of June. Please know in the midst of all this, I continue to respect and love you as I have in the past. I believe we all are simply trying to do our best in a sometimes a hectic world.

The time here has been good, amid all that has happened.

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Rev. Marv T. Knighton

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP



March 6, 1995

Rev. Marvin T. Knighton Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Dear Father Knighton,

It is with a sense of joy in our shared faith that I ask you to become the Pastor of a Central City Catholic parish, temporarily named Parish East, Milwaukee. Following the recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board, I am happy to entrust the faithful of this parish to your pastoral care beginning on June 20, 1995. This appointment is being made for a period of up to six years after which time it will be reviewed for possible extension.

As the Pastor of this parish you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying, and also of administrating at the parish, together with the Parish Council and those organizations designated to work with you. Also, I trust that you will work diligently with the priests in the district and enter fully into the current Archdiocesan Parish Planning, "Walking Together: Collaborating for the Future".

It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert C. Weakland, O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee



June 28, 1996

Rev. Marvin Knighton

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Marv:

In the absence of Archbishop Weakland I write to acknowledge your request of June 5, 1996 for a personal leave of absence with faculties for priestly ministry, together with permission to move back to Phoenix, Arizona in vocation of Canon 271 highlights the deep personal feelings and convictions which permeate your request. Therefore, after conversation with Archbishop Weakland and the Personnel Board, I write to grant your request as stipulated.

I know that these years have not always been easy. We certainly are grateful for your contribution to healing the historical hurts associated with so many pastoral concerns associated with the life and work of the Church in Central City Milwaukee over the years. The energy which you tried to bring to establishing the foundations for a new Catholic community at St. Martin dePorres parish now remain a valuable part of the Church's history. We are grateful for your efforts and trust that God will bring them to his own fruition in future years.

I do not know whether your requested return to Phoenix will find any opportunities for stable priestly ministry in that region. For that reason I wish to somehow establish a formal structure of contact and support. Permission is hereby granted for one year, renewable upon review in Spring of 1997 in order to be assured that you are receiving the network of human and priestly support needed for long term happiness and spiritual growth. May God bless you abundantly in this decision.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/rt Copy to:

> Archbishop Weakland Bishop Thomas O'Brien Fr. Leonard Barbian





March 6, 1997

Reverend Marvin Knighton

Wauwatosa WI 53226

Dear Marv,

I am finally getting back to your letter of February 11th. I took a little extra time because I wanted to talk it over with Bishop Skiba.

With this letter I give you permission to take a personal leave of absence with faculties and with permission to relocate to Phoenix. There is no doubt, Marv, that you have done your best work in school ministry and I can see why you want to return to that profession. Blessings on you.

You know as well as I that it would be very difficult to alter the mind of Bishop O'Brien. I am afraid that there is not too much that I can do in that regard. I certainly will be seeing him in June and will bring up the issue again. My own assessment is that you somehow would have to gain his goodwill and confidence in you. I am hoping that that will work out for you.

Thanks for the good work that you have been doing here among us. I read your column regularly and find that I always get a good new insight.

Many blessings on you, Marv. Peace.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

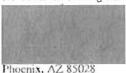
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Rev. Marvin T. Knighton



August 25, 2003

Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan Archbishop of Milwaukee. Archbishop Cousins Center 3501 S. Lake Drive PO Box 07912 Milwaukee, WI 53207 0912

Dear Archbishop Dolan:

Peace to you! I hope that you have had a peaceful and relaxing vacation. I am glad that you are receiving positive responses from so many in Milwaukee. The people of this archdiocese are good people and desire to serve and build the Kingdom of God. In my twenty-eight years serving as a minister in the priesthood, I am profoundly impressed by their compassion, love and concern in making our church community most productive, in living out the Gospel and our Sacramental lives as Catholic Clustians.

My thoughts and prayers are also with you as our Shepherd, where you have to tend to pertinent issues that we all face in regard to sexual abuse in our Catholic Faith. It is our faith that calls us to be people of hope and we will rise to a new sense of being Church amid the present pains we face.

Lam pleased to let you know that on August 22, 2003, the feast of the Queenship of Mary; I was acquitted of the false allegation that has plagued my life this past year and a half. It truly has been an agonizing time in my life. The support of my family, friends, former students, their parents and so many has been a blessing.

I am an African American priest, ordained May 24, 1975 by the late Archbishop William E. Cousins, I am a classmate with Bishop James Harvey and Bishop Joseph N. Perry and others from the class of 1975, who are outstanding men in the priesthood. I am fifty-three and holding! The majority of my ministry has been in secondary education where I have had the opportunity of serving at Messmer, Pius XI, and Dominican High Schools. I also have served in Public education here in the Milwaukee area and also in Phoenix, Arizona. I recently served for one year as Campus Munister at St. Mary's High School in Phoenix Arizona. I was privileged to serve as well, at Mount Mary College as Campus Minister and I also taught a summer course in education for two summers.

Due to my years serving in education, I hold two Master Degrees. I obtained a Master Degree in education from Marquette University in May 1986. That degree is in counseling and personnel work with a certification in middle to secondary education in counseling. I went back to school to obtain another Master Degree in administration, K-12 that I obtained from Cardinal Stritch University in May 2000. I hope to continue to serve in that capacity for I believe that is how I best serve our people, the Church.

I have three adopted sons, who are not biologically related
were born in South Korea. They are of African American/Korean descent. Children who are not full Koreans,
especially Black children, have a terrible time being accepted and never are able to obtain citizenship as Koreans.
The tragedy of such children is, in Korea they are considered a non-entity and therefore, they hold no rights and
privileges if they remain in Korea. The other deplorable reality about their background is, that as Americans, we do
not offer such children or adults citizenship, unless they are adopted or sponsored. A classimate, Fr. Dilarion
Mikalofsky who serves in the Air Force encouraged me to adopt and I did. Our former Archbishop did not sanction
these adoptions, however, it was an issue I felt morally I had to do and therefore did it out of personal convictions of
the Gospel. I might add, he did come to our hope for lunch with and me when they were six and nine.

My youngest son is from here. His background is, that he is part Japanese, Caucasian and African America I may try to get him into golf! A gang in Milwaukee murdered his mother in front of him. She was shot in the heat from a sawed off shotgen. Who was three at the time, was found on top of her in a pool of blood, as she he dead in an alley. It was on the front page of the paper and I read the article and prayed for him for two weeks. I lat met him on Christmas day and from there he has come into our lives. I did not want to adopt him due to me being forty-seven at the time. I also knew my parenting would soon end and was looking forward to that change. My two sons insisted that we take the steps because he needed a home and felt we all would do well with and for him. Archbishop Weakland did not sanction this adoption. He did however said he understood why because as he stated "Marv, you have a big heart"
came to our home as a foster child and I encouraged that steps be taken to seek a two-parent home for him Milwaukee County Social Services really wanted me to adopt him because they felt under my guidance that he had truly prospered and had come alive, which he did. He stayed with us for four months and I felt had by my decision not to adopt, but left it was in the best interest for his future. The family he went to only kept him for six months if was said and tragic to see how emotionally he had deteriorated and this truly occurred after being with this family for three weeks. The Milwaukee County Social Services at the time then pleaded with me to consider adoption and I did. I might add that he truly is doing well and continues to blossom in being a fine young lad. He is in 4th grade a St Thomas the Apostle here in Phoemx. He, as well as are a blessing in my life, as well as mother and family in Detroit and so many friends during this difficult time in my ministry. My father passed away July 24, 1995.
As you are aware, I was in the midst of a false allegation that a young man, bad alleged to Project Benjamin back in February 2002. I mention my accuser's name because he had gone to the secular press stating where was, and openly has shared these false allegations.
I have known him since he was in 8th grade and know he has struggle emotionally even before I met him. I have enclosed a timetable of my contact with him and his family for your information.
There is however a tremendous sense of hurt and anger in me in regard to how this matter has been handled, not on recently but also in the past. In 1993 I had found out that my accuser had asserted to his then therapist and his father that I supposedly had an "inappropriate" relationship with him. I found out through the father when I met him in Kohl's supermarket in Wauwatosa. He wouldn't speak to me and I wasn't sure if he was in one of his moods where would not speak. I later found out from him after visiting their home that his son had made allegations against time. Again, I have enclosed a chronological timetable with this letter.
The young man in 1993 never went to the Archdiocese or Project Benjamin to voice this false allegation. I knew about it and knew whatever he was saving was false and therefore; I went to report this information to our Vicar at the time, Fr. Thomas Venne. was quite pastoral; forthright in asking the needed pertinent questions he had to do. He suggested that I make an appointment to meet with Matthew Flynn, was aware of the situation, since he legally represented the Archdiocese.

I went to see Mr. Matthew Hynn and shared with him my contact with the family and my accuser. He too asked the needed questions and I felt comfortable with such questioning because I knew then as I do now, nothing mappropriate ever happened with this young man. Mr. Flynn then suggested that we simply wait to see if he would file a report with Project Benjamon. I wanted the Archdiocese to call the young man, his father in and deal with the issue, but Mr. Flynn preferred that we wait.

Two or more weeks had passed and my accuser never filed a complaint with the Archdiocese via Project Benjamin. I then met with Mr. Matthew Flynn for a second time and he told me not to worry about it. He felt that the young man wasn't going to do anything. I did not feel comfortable with that decision and again requested that as "legal counsel" for the Archdiocese, that we be proactive in such a delicate matter and meet with my accuser. Mr. Flynn told me that it would be too much of a hassle to do anything legally and most likely nothing would happen. How wrong was that?

The week of February 18, 2002 I received a phone call from our present Vicas for priests, Fr. Joseph F. Hornacek, He stated that he needed to nicct with me but never gave me any clue why and what we were meeting about. I assumed that since I would be up for an assignment and I was seeking an administrative position in one of our Catheire Schools, it was going to be about that. This still bothers me that Fr. Hornacek chose to not abide by our diocesan policy in dealing with this delicate issue. I might odd, that the Archdiocesun policy was totally disregarded throughout my whole ordeal, as well as my Canonical Rights and my Civil Rights and Libertics.

February 28, 2002 at 9:45 A.M. I met with Fr. Joseph Hornacek and the Director of Project Benjamin, Dr. Barbara Reinke. We niet in Joseph's office. I went into Joseph's office and later Dr. Reinke came in from S. Kathleen's office. We sat there and they both stared at me, not saying a word. I finally looked at Joseph and asked him what was the meeting about. He then told me that there was an allegation that came in to Dr. Reinke's office and they wanted to know what was this all about. I might add, they had no papers of the written allegation for me to read, nor did Fr. Hornacek suggest before the meeting that I might have my attorney present or someone with me as a witness to this meeting. Again, this was in total violation of my rights and archdiocesan procedures.

They both began to ask numerous questions, never stating whom my accused was. I finally told them; "I know who you are talking about.

They both were surprised and I then shared with them how I had known back in 1993 he and his father were spreading around to others this false allegation of me having an mappropriate relationship with them. I also shared with them that I had met with our then Vicar and met with Mr. Matthew Flynn, attorney for the Archdiocese.

The questions again kept coming from Fr. Hornacek and Dr. Reinke and again, they never would showed me any documentation that Dr. Reinke may have taken during her interview with my accuser. Their whole approach to my interview with them was a source of "entrupment." During the interview both Fr. Hornacek and Dr. Reinke put words into my month I had never said. They fed back to me false information that supposedly I had confessed to and never did. Dr. Reinke neither had correct information regarding this young man's psychological history, his schooling and other pertinent concerns as well. Neither of them could keep information correct, and basically what they were doing was seeing me as guilty. Throughout this process, Fr. Joseph Hornacek and Dr. Barbara Reinke abused their specific roles and responsibility as Vicar and Director. Fr. Hornacek was neither "diplomatic" nor "inbjective" as it is written in the job description for Vicar for Clergy. It was the most disgusting and unfair meeting with Fr. Hornacek and Dr. Reinke. It was obvious to me that they both had taken on a prosecutor's role against me. Again, it was Fr. Joseph's responsibility to initially tell me and encourage me to bring someone with me, as a support and as a witness for me. He never made any such suggestions. Fr. Joseph also never spoke with me about my Canonical rights, nor did he suggest any names for me to seek out Canonical advise.

In our first meeting I told them both that I did not trust them, and I still don't! It was in that meeting that we agreed that I should meet with my accuser and they would set the meeting time. I later questioned such a meeting after speaking with Attorney Matthew Flynn; he didn't see any value in it. I spoke with my attorney at the time and he too didn't think that it was advisable. I shared my concern with Fr. Hornacek and Dr. Reinke and they both felt that I was trying to "hide" something. I therefore agreed to meet and we did, March 8, 2002.

Heft the meeting with the two of them and was really saddened and disheartened by the process. Hater went to meet with my supervisor, Maureen Gallagher to share what happened. Dr. Gallagher was most supportive and encouraged me to write a chronological time line, that would explain my contact with this family and I did.

Friday, March 8, 2002 was the day that I met with my accuser and those present were as follows:

Fr. Joseph Floriacek Vicar for Clergy Mrs.

Dr. Barbura Reinke Director of Project Benjamin Mrs. Vicki Boneshoe/ My friend/tworld My accuser

Mr. Lee Angert Therapist stepmother

There is an enclosed copy of that meeting with this letter. At the end of that meeting. Dr. Barbara Reinke asked my accuser if I had ever touched him or him me inappropriately. His response to that question was, "No, in no way did Fr. Minry ever do anything like that." The tragedy following that meeting was, that my accuser must have spoken with someone following that meeting, for when he later nici with our District Attorney, the information he gave to him or her is quite different. Here is a young man, along with his family and possibly others, who are posturing in a criminal act by giving false testimony to the District Attorney. This of course has been decided through our legal system with my acquittal.

Following that meeting I was instructed by Fr. Joseph Hormacek that my work as a consultant was limited. I was not to meet with students alone, nor was I to have any contact with young people. I understood somewhat his concern, yet. I found myself being treated as "guilty." I suggested to him and Dr. Reinke that I could give them lists of futurer students who in the past I had taken on tops, taken on retreats who are now adults who have the highest respect, admiranon and love for me and I them. I even suggested that they meet with my two older adopted sons who are now adults, and they both looked at me and said, "no, they were not interested in meeting with any of these people." I found their stance on this issue to be again unfair, and they being unwilling to look at the whole picture.

April 10, 2002 I met with Fr. Joseph Hornacek and Dr. Barbara Reinke again and in that meeting I again found them both evasive and sharing false information. Fr. Hornacek was quite critical of the chronological report I had written in regard to my contact with the family. Fr. Hornacek accused me of saying that I had abused and I told him that I never had said that. He argued with me and finally. Dr. Reinke commented that I had never had said that I abused She said, "Joe, he never said that he climbed in bed and kissed him in the mouth." Joe, then remarked, "I have it in my notes." I responded, "Joe, just because you wrote it in your notes doesn't mean I said it. I never said that I climbed in bed and kissed him in the mouth." Fr. Joseph then ap-logized. Following that meeting, I received a letter stating that they had notified The Department of Public Instruction that my licenses/certifications should be put on hold, even without any convictions.

In that meeting they then brought up a complaint from a likew from my past experience dealing with Fr. Joseph Rornacek and Dr. Barbara Reinke, it would be better not even to comment on this complaint. I looked at the both of them and simply said, "I have nothing to say about the latter shared with them that I knew Mr. I looked at thim and again said; "I knew the young man back in 1972 and 1973." Fr. Hornacek again said, "Oh! It was in 1974 and 1975." I again told him that I knew the young man back in 1972 and 1973. Now, I am not sure if he has a hearing problem or not but he sure wasn't listening. It was after those comments; I refused to answer any questions on this complaint. He then made a sneering remark to me. "How many more of these complaints are we going to get about you?" I felt his comment was highly rude and out of place!

Lagain found the both of them not giving me the information on written paper. In no way was I going to share with them anything, whether something did or didn't happen. They both simply didn't tell the truth and falsified information. In that meeting Dr. Reinke then said that she had spoken with Barbara Cusnek, the Chancellor for the Archdiocese. She mentioned we know you have an adopted child who is a minor and I am telling you have to take him to be interviewed by "Protective Services." I looked at her and told her that I needed to check with my attorney's first. At that point, Dr. Reinke began to point her linger in my face saying, "Dun't you dare contact your afformey. Don't you mess up our process." I was taken back by her response and then shared with her and Fr. Joseph that I had rights and that they both had violated both my Canonical and Civil Liberties. This inceting was not productive at all! Dr. Reinke then began to call me a "child abuser." I was then told that my Faculties were dismissed, however, I was able to celebrate Eucharist alone or with another priest. Fr. Joseph also told me that my salary was cut in ball and I argued that wasn't fair simply said, "I'm sorry." This was later changed after I spoke with Dr. Maureen Gallagher and she was able to maintain my "full salary" until June 2002. In July 2002 my salary was cut in half and to this day, I never received a letter stating why that had been done. Since then, I have had to self my home and move in with a friend who was most willing as so many others, to take my son and me in.

During this process I had requested from Fr. Hornacek and Dr. Reinke written information they had received and to

no avail, I couldn't receive it. I then wrote Archbishog Rembert Weakland and asked him to intervene and he did. I then received the needed information to give to my attorney at the time that was located in Madison, Wisconsin. I called Dr. Reinke on the occasion of receiving the information and told har that dates and times were inaccurate. Her response to me was, "Look Mary, I am not going to quibble with you over some minor details." Again, I found her response and attitude proscutatory and most unfair.

The tragedy of all this is, I haven't heard from anyone, except a letter from Archbishop Weakland (after I wrote him after his struggles). Bishop Skiba finally wrote in August and Fr. Hornacek, after I had written him hoping he was fine following his surgeries. I have not received a phone call from anyone in the Vicar's Office, to see if I was fine. Those persons who have been compassionate enough to call from our Archdiocesan Offices has been Dr. Maureen Gallagher, David Prothero and others from the school office. She has been most supportive, compassionate and understanding. There have been priests who have been most supportive, calling me, getting together with me for lunch, which I have found most supportive, and a source of healing. The support also comes from numerous former students and their parents, people from parishes I have served.

) am deeply saddened by the turn of events that have transpired since February 2002. It is a travesty that those in positions of authority have treated me in such an uncharitable manner. It is tragic that this whole matter with could have been averted back in 1993. Now, the Archidiocese has turned their back on me and so many other priests.

My first attorney who was from Madison, Wisconsin was quite concerned about the Archdiocese's handling of my situation. There are a number of concerns that my attorney then and my attorney I have now feel the actions by the Archdiocese border on the line of being "criminal" in nature. The Chancellor of our Archdiocese, Barbara Ann Cusack violated Canonical Law, as well as the Privacy Act 1974, when she gave out information from my personnel files and then that information was falsified, which was then given to the District Attorney. Some of the false information that was given to the District Attorney was done specifically to discredit me as a priest. The commentaries that Dr. Reinke writes in the DA report is appalling. During my trial proceeding, some of that information was brought forward even though it wasn't damaging information.

I truly believe Dr. Reinke should resign from her position as Director of Project Benjamin, along with her teaching position at St. Francis Seminary. I also hold that Fr. Joseph Hornacek should resign from his position as Vicar due to his role in not being forthright with me on a number of issues and him too, falsifying information to our former Archbishop and to the District Attorney as well. He also unprofessionally shared with a priest of the archdocese that I would never function as a priest in this archdocese. He never had the courtesy to share that information with me. I also believe our Chancellor, Barbara Ann Cusack should resign, due to her violating my Canonical and Civil Liberties in missising my personnel files. I again wish to emphasize the criminality of what has been done to me has been most disturbing and upsetting.

Jam fully aware that Fr. Joseph Hornacek holds a bias towards me and has since I was ordained back in 1975. He along with others who were on the faculty back then in no way wanted me to be ordained. Thanks to me taking the initiative and meeting with our then our Archbishop, William E. Cousins, I was ordained. Joseph to this day holds a bias towards me. Professionally, Fr. Hornacek should have removed himself from my situation since he has and is unable to make decisions based on fairness, diplomacy, and objectivity and opholding Christian Values.

I have spoken with two different Canonists and will most likely will be working with one in particular in regard to my Canonical Rights that have been violated. Some of the issues in regard to Canon Law that draw a concern are as follows:

Cannon 220 No one is permitted to damage unlawfully the good reputation which another person enjoys not to violate the right of another person to protect his or her own privacy.

- Cannon 221 (1) The Christian faithful can legitimately vindicate and defend the rights which they enjoy in the Church before a competent ecclesiastical court in accord with the norm of law.
 - (2) The Christian faithful also have the right, if they are summoned to judgement by competent authority, that they be judge in accord with the prescription of of the law to be applied with equity.
 - (3) The Christian faithful have the right not to be punished with canonical penalties. Except in accord with the norm of law.
- Cannon 281 (1) When clemes dedicate themselves to the ecclesiastical ministry they deserve a remuneration which is consistent with their condition in accord with the nature of their responsibilities and with the condition of time and place; this remuneration should enable them to proved for the need of their own life and for the equitable payment of those whose services they need.
- Cannon 384

 The diocesan bishop is to attend to preshyters with special concern and listen to them as his assistants and advisers; he is to protect their rights and see to it that they correctly fulfill the obligations proper to their state and that means institutions which they need are available to them to foster their spiritual and intellectual life; he is also to make provision for their decent support and social assistance, in accord with the norm of law.
- Cannon 1390 (1) One who falsely accuses a confessor before an ecclesiastical superior of the offense mentioned in can. 1387 incurs an automatic (latae sententiae) interdict; and if a cleric, also a suspension.
 - (2) One who furnishes an ecclesiastical superior with any other calumnious denunciation of an offense or who otherwise injures the good reputation of another person can be punished with a just penalty, even including a censure.
 - (3) A calumniator can be coerced also to make a suitable reparation.
- Cannon 1391 The following can be punished with a just penalty in accord with the seriousness of the offense:
 - one who fabricates a false public ecclesiastical document, or changes, destroys or conceals an authentic document, or uses a false or changed document;
 - 2, one who uses another false or changed document in an ecclesiastical matter;
 - 3. One who states a falsehood in a public ecclesiastical document.

I recognize that I am not a Canonist, however, I have spoken with Canonists and it is most obvious not only to me, but others, that my rights as a Cleric have been violated. The abusive issues in regard to my canonical rights are again only one segment of concern. The other issues at hand are how my civil rights and liberties have also been violated as well.

Dr. Barbara Reinke is a professional psychologist. Dr. Reinke as a psychologist is fully aware of the ethical codes that counselors and psychologists are called to adhere to in the State of Wisconsin. Dr. Reinke has violated a number of those ethical codes some of those violations are as follows:

Psy 5.01 (2) Gross negligence in the practice of psychology.

- (4) Performance of professional services inconsistent with training, education, or experience.
- Reporting distorted, erroneous, or misleading psychological information.
- (9) Allowing professional judgment to be controlled by another.
- (17) Failure to avoid dual relationships or relationships that may impair one's objectivity or create a conflict of interest. Dual relationships include treating employees, supervisees, lose friends or relatives.

Archhishop Dolan, I realize this letter has become quite lengthy, however, the longevity of this written concern only slightly touches the pain I have endured this past year and a half. This has truly been a test of my faith, not so much in God, but in a Church that I have believed and served in for numerous years. I hope that at some point we will have the opportunity to meet in regard to the issues I have shared. My afterney is quite concerned about this matter.

I hope that due to my acquittal, my past income from July 2002 to the present, including my reimbursements for retirement investments are returned to me. I also believe in fairness, I should be put on full salary for the fiscal year of 2003-2004 in to compensate for the damage that has been done. I also believe that according to the Archdiocesan policy, the diocese is to assist in full or partial Legal assistance due to my acquittal. I am hoping that fairness will finally come in all matters, including my reinstatement with full faculities. I am not at this point ready to actively serve in the ministry at this time for I do know I need to be healed. However, in the future, I hope to serve as I have been called.

Due to the circumstance that has occurred I am requesting too that I remain in Phoenix with the idea and appreciation of Canon.271. I do wish to incardinate in with the Diocese of Phoenix but wish to reside until time has past from this tragedy. I helieve for personal wellness and for my adopted son Marcus as well, the distance from the Milwaukee community is needed. Let us pray for healing for all who have been involved.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Rev. Mary T. Knighton '75

Enclosures:



August 13, 2007

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Marvin T. Knighton

Phoenix, AZ 85028

Dear Mary,

I am sorry to be the one that needs to affirm the fact that the penal trial called for by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has been completed. The decision of the Tribunal found that crime was committed in two of the three counts presented. The judges have imposed the penalty of pennanent restriction from ministry. I presume that you received this information and have discussed it with your canonical advocate.

Given this situation, I am writing to ask you if you would prefer to seek a voluntary laicization from the clerical state. Such a decision on your part may help to bring closure to this experience and help you to move on to a new leg in your life's journey.

Would you kindly respond to this letter in writing by the end of August, 2007? If you should decide to seek voluntary laicization, someone at the archdiocese would be happy to help you with the process.

Thank you for the consideration, Mary. Please know that you are in my prayers daily.

In the Lord Jesus.

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Very Reverend Curt J. Frederick

Vicar for Clergy

C: Dr. J. Michael Ritty, advocate



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31 January 2009

PROT. N. 325/2003-28756 (In responsione flat wrentio buius numeri)

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you regarding the case of Rev. Marvin KNIGHTON, a priest of your Archdiocese who has been accused of the sexual abuse of minors. This Congregation has received from Rev. Knighton an appeal against the sentence, given on 27 July 2007, in the Penal Process carried out at First Instance by the Metropolitan Tribunal of Detroit. Your Excellency has also requested that a more severe penalty be imposed on Rev. Knighton than that given in the Tribunal of First Instance.

The Congregation has authorized the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to carry out a Penal Process at Second Instance and would therefore kindly request that Your Excellency ensure that all of the Acta pertaining to this case are forwarded to the said Second Instance Tribunal. Your own concerns regarding the penalty imposed should also be included. Your request should be construed as a petition that the Promoter of Justice in Second Instance file for a dimissio in poenam.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, with prayerful support and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

* Luis F. LADARIA, S.J. Titular Archbishop of Thibica

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Secretary

His Excellency
Most Rev. Timothy M. DOLAN
Archbishop of Milwaukee
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TIMOTHY MICHAEL DOLAN

Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia Archiepiscopus Milvauchiensis

PRECEPT

In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of my authority as discessar bishop (c. 381, §1), and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, I formally place upon Reverend Marvin Knighton the following obligations:

- 1) To refine from all contact with minors, vulnerable adults, and other persons or categories of persons who have proven to be occasions of temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist; Eucharist may be celebrated in a private setting alone or with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require my explicit permission in each case;
- 3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious, temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 4) To cease any and all activities and relationships that may be described under the broad category of pastoral counseling;
- 5) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

The reasons motivating this decree are the allegations of sexual activities in violation of the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1). These restrictions are seen as necessary and product precautions and will remain in effect until notice of their revocation. Any violations of this precept could result in penal action and this decree shall serve as canonical warning to that offect.

This decree shall be executed by means of its communication to Reverend Marvin Knighton by Very Reverend Joseph Homacek.

Most Reversed Timothy M. Dolan

Archbishop of Milwanke

Given this 5th day of September 2003

Notary

SEAL

Entry for the File of Marvin Knighton By Barbara Reinke

April 11, 2002

BR:saz

I received a call from Father Mary Knighton, who did not see the need to have his son.
interviewed by Child Protective Service workers and fears for the disruption for
his son. Mary believe that the interview that was carried out with his older son during the
adoption process of should suffice. I explained to Mary that I recognize the
unusualness of this situation and want to work with him to find a way to accomplish this
in a sensitive manner, and I will do whatever is necessary to be in full compliance with
the law regarding mandatory reporting. Mary indicated that he would try to locate the
adoption worker who previously addressed this issue and put her in touch with me.
D.W.
BR:saz
Addendum to the note about Father Mary Knighton.
Addending to the note about Pather Many Kinghton.
During this conversation Father Mary admitted that he had "made a mistake" in the
incident with but he insisted that this incident occurred in 1973, prior to his
being ordained a deacon, and thus his behavior does not concern us. He launched into
another recital of problem until I cut him off.
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August 28, 2003



Personal & Confidential

Archbishop Timothy Dolan Archdiocese of Milwaukee 350 S. Lake Dr. St. Francis, WI 53235

Dear Bishop,

For the past year I had hoped that I would have had the pleasure of meeting you, but it was not to be. Perhaps I will have that honor as a result of this letter. I know your brother Bob very well. I've known he and his lovely wife for many years and have been his great supporter over the years. He's just simply terrific.

I also wish to congratulate you on your anniversary. You have brought life back into this Archdiocese and as a Catholic I greatly appreciate it. My brother Fr. Pat Boyle S.J. is a moral theologian at St. Mary's Seminary in Mundelein. Bishop Jerry Listecki is a very good friend who I have met through my brother.

The reason for my letter is Fr. Marv Knighton. I represented him in his criminal case. What happened to this poor man is quite sad. Project Benjamin blew it. They should not be in the investigation business. They believe the accuser absolutely and that was a mistake. Their judgment was impaired. I know there is now a new organization but I think the same flaws exist.

During Fr. Marv's trial, the usual suspects were there. Peter Isley, et al, were in attendance giving support where there should have been no support. While I applied people who help people who were abused, there still should be some balance to these things and as I told Peter, not every priest is guilty. Clearly Marv was not. As a matter of fact in 1994 Marv went to the Archdiocese and asked for an investigation because he heard rumors that there were some unstated allegations about him. The position was that since there wasn't a complaint, there

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should not be an investigation. That was a mistake and if an investigation was had it is my belief that the matter would have been resolved there on the spot and none of this would have happened.

This priest is destitute. He had no help on legal fees. His salary was reduced by one half and then almost completely stopped. No one has contacted him to help. I would hope that there will be help. Legal fees are due. I could not let this man go to the gallows simply because he had no money. I thought that if we were successful he would receive help from the Diocese. I trust that there will be help. Lord knows we saved the Diocese some money and embarrassment and perhaps put everyone on notice that no longer will the Diocese roll up the tent but will fight these claims if they're not meritorious.

I would really like to have a cup of coffee with you and discuss what I think the Diocese should do with these cases. All you have to do is call and I'll be there immediately. I know your brother will vouch for me in that I'll never reveal a confidence or ever embarrass my Church which is as important to me as family.

God bless Bishop and thank you very much for what you've done to bring us back from the abyss we were in these last few years.

Sincerely yours,

BOYLE, BOYLE & PAULUS, S.C.

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OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

October 13, 1988

The Reverend Marvin T. Knighton

Dear Marv:

Just a word to acknowledge your note and to express my sadness at seeing the level and anger and hurt expressed in your words to the Archbishop. I know that he has tried very hard to be supportive and to nurture your own personal and priestly gifts over the past ten and one-half years.

I think it is a mistake in judgement and perception to refer continually to the Seminary experience. I am not sure that I or anyone has a very clear memory of the issue since we really do deal with each other as we are today rather than allow ourselves to be held captive by experiences from the past. I do know that a vast number of priests feel that you have charted your own course without much prior consultation. I have the impression that your decisions to purchase the first home and then your present location were taken without prior clearing as the CLERGY MANUAL would direct. I also know that the Archbishop took a great dear of heat from priests when the article in the paper stated that your work at Whitnall was with his approval, when the records would indicate that you signed the contract before approaching him personally. Furthermore, even though our office has said absolutely nothing about the matter, I have heard priests express their unhappiness at your unwillingness to participate in Periodic Review. I say all these things not to point a finger, but to illustrate the sorts of things in recent years which have contributed toward the image to which the Archbishop alluded.

I do pray for the healing that we all need and, in particular, that you may experience this moment as an expression of care even if it means saying some tough things. I am delighted to learn that the work at Pius goes well again.

May the graces of this new academic year and the support and challenging encouragement of your friends be a sign of God's providential love be an opportunity for new growth always.

Fraternally,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

November 12, 1993

Reverend Thomas Venne Vicar for Clergy Personnel Archdiocese of Milwaukee PO Box 07912 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Dear Thomas:

I hope this letter finds you in good health and now able to sleep well at night. I recall experiencing similar cycles unable to sleep which can be most annoying.

My thoughts are with you, the Archbishop and our Auxiliaries and so many others who must deal with the negative press coverage we the Catholic clergy and community endure. It is most interesting the latest accusation of a Church Prelate,

comes when the bishops gather for their meeting. I can identify with anyone who is falsely accused, the trauma, hurt, confusion and the many other varied feelings one bears. My prayers are with the Cardinal and others who suffer in this area.

I write mainly to inform you that I am exploring the possibilities of working in the Phoenix Diocese. I have written Bishop Thomas O'Brien and recently Fr. Jean Blaise S.D.S., of their Priest Personnel for a possible meeting in early December. Again, I want you to know I am simply exploring the possibilities. I also realize that permission must first of all be granted from Archbishop Rembert Weakland on this matter.

Please know that this interest and desire to work in the Phoenix area has been with me for some time. I realize I am not getting younger and do desire to continue in ministry as priest, but would relish the opportunity of serving in a different environment which includes climate.

I have not heard from Fr. Blaise yet but do hope we can meet in the first part of December. I ask that you keep me in your prayers as I continue to discern my life in the Spirit.

I look forward meeting with Fr. Robert Betz regarding my periodic review and would appreciate your input with my results. continue to pray for one another, and for the People of God.

Sincerely,

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Marv T. Knighton (Rev.)

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Department of Clergy Personnel

FILE COPY

June 6, 1994

Most Reverend Thomas J. O'Brien Bishop of Phoenix 400 East Monroe Phoenix, AZ 85004-2376

Dear Bishop O'Brien,

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At your request and with the permission of Fr. Marv Knighton, I am sending you copies of the information in his Personnel File. This office began in 1980 and information before that was not kept, except the Chancery files of appointment letters. There have been three Vicars and the first pages are our log items regarding Marv from the most recent to the earliest. The initials are mine R.T.V. (Rev. Thomas Venne), R.J.S. (Bishop Richard J. Sklba) and those without initials are the first Vicar Joe Janicki. We hope this information will be helpful to you. If there is any need for clarification, please let me know.

I know that Marv is looking forward to sharing his ministry in your diocese. I know you will find him pleasant to work with. Blessing on your ministry.

Sincerely,

FORWARD

150 YEARS

Let us go

RTV/sks

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP



June 19, 1995

Rev. Marvin T. Knighton St. Martin de Porres Parish

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212

Dear Father Knighton,

It is with a sense of joy in our shared faith that I ask you to become an Associate Pastor at All Saints Parish, Milwaukee. Following the recommendation of the Priests' Placement Board, I am happy to entrust the faithful of All Saints Parish to your priestly care in collaboration with the Pastor, Father Joseph Perry, effective December 1, 1995. This appointment is for up to six years.

As Associate Pastor, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying, and of administrating those areas delegated to you by the Pastor, Father Perry. You are also asked to collaborate with the Parish Council and those organizations designated to work with you. Also, I trust that you will work diligently with the priests in your district and enter fully into the current Archdiocesan Parish Planning, "Walking Together: Collaborating for the Future".

It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee



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November 10, 1995

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Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee Archbishop Cousins Center 3501 S. Lake Drive P.O Box 07912 Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

Peace to you! I met with Fr. Carrol Straub today regarding my remaining on as pastor at St. Martin de Porres. The past six months have not been easy by any means for me and our joint staffs from All Saints. As you know I have dealt with the passing of my father and then two months and a day later, my ninety-fiver year old maternal grandmother passed as well. My life has been impacted with tremendous changes from not remaining in Phoenix; moving back to Milwaukee, buying a home, being installed as a new pastor that has had and continues to have numerous conflicts. This has been more than just a simple transition!

The past few weeks it is becoming apparent to me emotionally and physically, that I no longer wish to continue in this position as pastor. I have strived to confront the issues at hand in order to build Christian Community and facilitate our parish community to reach out to those in need. There have been times when I felt that progress has been made but my hopes are doused when I meet with those openly opposed to the directions we are striving to undertake.

It is most obvious that there is a segment of parishioners who are unwilling to collaborate with All Saints as was suggested by the former Transition Team. Some of those individuals against collaboration serve on our Parish Council which in itself poses problems. There is a group here who are negative, disruptive, exclusive and demean and undermine my position as pastor. There behavior at times is also directed to parishioners as well. Fr. Joseph Perry recently wrote a letter to one of our parishioners who is attempting to draft a letter to you, demanding that the Archdiocese financially maintain these two sights for five years. This attempt was in process without my knowledge, somehow Joseph got the information. The tragedy of all this is, the dissension from the few is prevalent at our 10:30a.m. Liturgy.

I am requesting to end my pastorate at the end of November 1995. I would hope that you request Fr. Phil Rifenberg to continue on as Temporary Administrator if he is willing. I have spoken with Joseph on this issue and he would be fine if I continued as his Associate at All Saints and St. John's Chapel. I would maintain what I am doing such as overseeing the "Learning Center and the Meal Program", along with my counseling at St. Rose Grade

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School, I would continue to be part of this collaborative staff and doing whatever to pastorally encourage that reality.

I realize that my request dampens what you have hoped for these two parishes. The process in the past wasn't easy, the continuation of developing these parishes is difficult, there are more problems that I foresee down the road, especially with some parishioners from St. Martin de Porres.

I hope that we can meet on this request at your convenience. I appreciate your time and efforts on this matter and Fr. Carrol's listening and compassion. Please know, as I do with all major decisions, I do in prayer and consultation.

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cc. Fr. Carrol Straub

Fr. Leonard Barbian

Fr. Philip Rifenberg

Fr. Joseph N. Perry



July 24, 1996

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee 3501 South Lake Drive P.O. Box 07912 Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Bishop Sklba:

I regret to inform you that I am unable to take the counseling position offered me in the Phoenix area for the 1996-1997 academic year. I will not be moving to Phoenix as I hoped. I have not been able to sell my present home here in Milwaukee and in no way can incur additional housing costs without the sell of my home. I spoke with the principal in Arizona who was hiring me and we agreed that she needs a counselor in place within a week.

I cannot thank you enough for your understanding, your compassion that is needed with those who are called to shepherd. You truly are gifted with listening, humor and sensitivity that I appreciated when we met this past summer. Knowing that your kindness and love is there, facilitates me in accepting this present reality of remaining here Milwaukee.

I will remain as the Associate Pastor at All Saints for now. I know that Fr. Joseph Perry will appreciate my presence with him as we strive to heal a community that has gone through change. Until something opens in education I will strive to do what I can to enhance All Saints/St. Martin de Porres/St. John's chapel in being a community of faith.

May God bless you in all your good works.

Sincerely in Christ

Mary T. Knighton (Rev.)

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June 5, 1996

Bishop Richard J. Sklba Auxiliary and Acting Ordinary of The Archdiocese of Milwaukee 350! South Lake Drive P.O. Box 07912 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Dear Bishop Sklba:

Peace to you in the Risen Christ! Thank you for your time meeting with me on May 22, 1996. Your compassion, your understanding and humor was appreciated. You are a gifted listener which allows empathy for others to exude from you.

As you know the past year has been most trying in many ways for me. In June 95' I returned to Milwaukee from Phoenix, Arizona. I dealt with the sudden death of my father, a few months later my maternal grandmother died, along with my immersion into a difficult Pastorate at St. Martin de Porres. The months from June to November were most trying and emotionally taxing in many ways, which finally encouraged me to resign as Pastor of St. Martin de Porres. It has been good serving with Joseph Perry at All Saints. In the midst of all that transpired, my faith in God and Jesus remains strong.

These past months being in parish ministry, I realize even more that I best serve "The People of God" is in the field of education. I am aware as St. Paul states; " there are different gifts...", I believe my gift is enhancing the lives of youth and their parents in the field of education. It is that ministry I miss and hope to return in some capacity.

When I lived in Phoenix, I worked for the Scottsdale Public Schools and found it personally rejuvenating. Though it was a secular institution, the staff, students and their parents were aware that I was a Roman Catholic Priest. They were delighted to have me on their faculty. While I worked for them, I helped to design a homeroom concept, similar to what exist at Pius XI High School. I recently received a request from the District to return for the 1996-1997 academic year as a Counselor at their new high school where this program is in place. If it is all possible, I would like to accept that request.

I am fully aware that our Local Church is suffering with the shortage of priest and the need for priest in parishes. However, I am also aware that the lives of people can be touched in other aspects of ministry as well. At this time Bishop Sklba, I feel it would be beneficial in a wholistic sense for me to return to Phoenix and serve in education. I shared some of those reasons in our discussion. I am not seeking excardination nor at this time desire it.

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As "Acting Ordinary" of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, I am requesting a "Personal Leave of Absence with Faculties", along with permission to move to Phoenix. This appeal is under canon 271. I am requesting to be relieved of my Associate Position at Ali Saints at the end of July. I realize that if this is granted, it does not automatically allow me to function as a priest within the Diocese of Phoenix. I hope a favorable letter to Bishop Thomas O'Brien, stating that I am priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, in "good standing" will facilitate me to serve fully as a priest. I realize that there may be difficulties regarding this matter due to past events in 1994-1995. As you know, I have served our Milwaukee community well and I hope to continue serving wherever I may be.

In granting this personal leave, I realize according our Clergy Manual this is for six months, and can be renewed. After a six- month period, namely in December, I will write Archbishop Weakland to determine the situation. I realize too, that my health insurance premiums will be my responsibility, as well as my payments into my retirement fund.

I am grateful for all you have done and the time you have given me. I realize that your position is taxing and I appreciate your time regarding this concern. You are giving a fine service to Milwaukee. Let us pray for one another and our world.

Sincerely in the Risen Lord,

Rev. Marv T. Knighton

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Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. Rev. Carrol C. Straub
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