January 14 - 1934

My dear Father Riedl:-

I have put on my calendar:May 6th-St Joseph's Waukesha,2 o'clock a.m.,and I assure you that it will be real pleasure to be with you on that day and contribute my little efforts to your work in the Parish.

I assure you that never did I for a moment entertain anthing but the greatest confidence in you.It was a great sorrow to me that sickness and your anxiety for your dear sister's health gave you so much annoyance and made it impossible for you to continue your work with your wonted vigor.Fortunately Fr.Krusing never at any time made any unfavorable mention of you to me and I did not know the matters that you mention concerning him.Without this information I thought him a hard-working and satisfactory assistant and I am sorry that my confidence has been shaken in him by your frank representations of the facts in the case.My regret is that these matters were not brought to me long ago for my attention.

When you are better if you will write a complete relation concerning him and his ministry in your Parish I shall take the necessary canonical action.

Be assured of my continued appreciation of your fine priestly qualities and of your zeal and of my prayers that you may enjoy the health to realize your fine program for Religion in your Parish.

Pray for me.

With blessing,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

The Reverend J.A.Riedl.

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ST. JOSEPH'S RECTORY
[redacted]
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

1/11/34

The Most Rev. S. A. Stritch, D.D.

Your Excellency:—

If I am not too late, — may I ask you to reserve Sunday, May 6, — for our Ladies Sodality — (Guild) Holy Communion Mass at 6:45 or 8:00 o'clock, — to suit your convenience.

The enclosed Parish Bulletin is self-explanatory.

Your presence here on May 6. will very materially aid to bring about desired results.

The realization of confidence misplaced in Fr. Kunsing is a severe blow, — and I find it difficult to snap out of it.

But I am reassured by leading parishioners, who were also intrigued by him, of the loyalty of rank and file of parish.

The sad part of all, — he spread the news of Fr. Chmielewski failings, — and is largely responsible for reports reflecting on character of Fr. Carroll; even baseless months in advance, of Fr. Carroll's transfer, claiming a "pull" with Officialis, Fr. Barbian. I have evidence that he maligned me to Fr. Barbian, and I will be guided by you in the matter here to clear myself.

As soon as I feel physically able, I will ask Your Excellency for an interview; am very anxious to meet Fr. Kunsing in your presence.

My sister Julia befriended him and his family in a very material way. His gossip among parishioners reflecting on her was also too much to bear, she also is sick abed.

Reports about his misconduct continue: charge of undue familiarity — and indiscretions coming from Hospital nurses.

I am satisfied that he felt free to cover his own tracks after succeeding putting Frs. Carroll and Chmielewski out of his way.

He also sponsored liquor-parties, securing the liquor from Doctors and Sheriff's Office.

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ST. JOSEPH'S RECTORY
[redacted]
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

I am not vindictive, — but want to help save the young men from further transgressions.

If Your Excellency wishes, a number of my leading parishioners, both men and women, will, at any time, meet you to acquaint you of true conditions here.

I want to express my sincerest appreciation to Your Excellency for your confidence in me as expressed to our Fr. Edmund, Obist.

I have tried to do and to give of my best. If I have not come up to expectations, it is because of the unwholesome tradition here, — because of unsettled economic conditions, — and because of "double-crossing" by Fr. Kruising.

He is so money-mad that I consider him capable of committing simony.

He is interested in the Church's Liturgy only with a dollar-sign.

When, on several occasions, I tried to give him fraternal correction, he would answer me that I believed lay-people rather than a fellow-priest.

Fr. Chmielewski's services were a real boon to our parish, — being able to hear confessions in six languages.

Fr. Carroll was appointed Spiritual Director of Young Ladies Section of Archdiocese by Fr. Barbian and Miss Williams. He did nothing to involve him in any misconduct, but rather to thoughtlessness, — and nothing of a serious nature, as I have learned.

May I ask Your Excellency to show him every possible indulgence!

As Fr. Edmund puts it, — Fr. Kruising was extremely jealous.

We have organized a permanent Parish Finance Committee of more than 100 members to have contact with every family. They serve not as money-collectors, but rather as "educators", — to acquaint parishioners with true conditions.

I regret very much to have to bother Your Excellency, — but you are my only appeal, as my Archbishop and Father.

Faithfully Yours,

J A Riedl

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Clyman, Wisconsin

May 31, 1935.

The Most Reverend Samuel Stritch D.D.

Archbishop of Milwaukee

Your Excellency,

I wish to acknowledge the acceptance of my assignment to St. Joseph's Parish Pastorate at Lyons.

Your Excellency is very generous to me in placing more confidence in me. I hope that I shall be able to correspond to all requirements.

May I ask Your Excellency to be mindful of me in prayer, not only in general, but, if possible, in particular?

Obediently in Christ,

O. G. Fleming.

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January 17th, 1938.

The Rev. Oswald Krusing
Lyons, Wisconsin

Dear Father Krusing:

By Special Mandate of the Archbishop, I am appointing you Pastor of St. Mary of the Lake, Pell Lake, Wisconsin, for the purpose of incorporating the Mission according to the provisions of the Diocesan regulations.

Sincerely yours,

Vicar General.

BGT
HVS

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September 20, 1939.

Rev. Oswald Krusing,
Lyons, Wisconsin.

My dear Father Krusing:

You are hereby appointed Pastor of St. Stephen Parish at New Coeln, Wisconsin, with the rights and prerogatives and duties of a "Parochus Amovibilis" as given in the Code of Canon Law. This appointment is effective at once and you are directed to be at your new post of duty not later than Thursday, September 28th, 1939.

Wishing you every blessing in your new field of labor and with appreciation of your fine labors, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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September 6, 1941

The Rev. Oswald Krusing
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Krusing:

A situation has arisen since speaking to you that will prevent me from granting you the permission you desired before the end of this year.

I regret the delay, but due to the fact that we are so short of priests, it is not possible for me to do otherwise than delay the permission until the end of this year.

Wishing you every blessing, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR
BISHOP'S HOUSE
1108 EAST SECOND STREET
SUPERIOR, WIS.

November 23, 1942

Dear Archbishop:

Your paternal interest in the Diocese of Superior and its Bishop is sincerely appreciated.

Regarding Father Krusing's desire to enter the Armed Forces, I am in complete agreement with your good judgment that the change would be too radical for a person of his temperament at this time. If he is willing to come to Superior to work for a time until he has readjusted himself to the life of a diocesan priest, I shall be happy to receive him. He could be of genuine service to our poor Diocese at this time.

Both the Bishops' Meeting and the Extension Meeting were informative and inspirational, but the tempo of deliberation was as swift as the modern aeroplane.

With sentiments of esteem and gratitude, I remain

Cordially yours

In Nomine Jesu

+ William P. O'Connor
Bishop of Superior

The Most Reverend
Moses E. Kiley, S.T.D.
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November 24, 1942

The Rev. O. G. Krusing
Our Lady of the Valley Monastery
Valley Falls, R. I.

My dear Father Krusing:

Following the suggestion in your letter of November 15th, I wrote Bishop O'Connor asking if he could give you a place temporarily in the Diocese of Superior. I feel that perhaps that would be the better way or returning to pastoral work, rather than taking up work immediately in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Bishop O'Connor has kindly offered to give you a place in the Diocese of Superior for the present as he is very short of priests. You might inform me or Bishop O'Connor when you expect to return so that he can plan accordingly.

I remain, wishing you every blessing,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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Our Lady of the Valley Monastery
Valley Falls, R. Island
November 15, 1942.

The Most Reverend Moses E. Kiley D.D.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Most Reverend Archbishop
Your Excellency,

A year closes on the indefinite leave of absence you granted me, that I might test my inclination to become a Cistercian Monk at Valley Falls.

While, with God's help, the year seems to have been spiritually fruitful, still I regret that the experience of the year convinces me that I have no vocation for this life of a Monk. I wish to leave here, and the glorious Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception would make the departure

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more devout. If your Excellency wish it to be sooner, so it shall be.

In truth, Archbishop, I feel a bit abashed at this my seemingly futile attempt at monasticism, and I shrink from the eyes back home that await to see me a monk. I do feel awkward and embarrassed. Some fellow priests might be prompted to ridicule and jolly me about, but I am no ex-monk for I never was one. God knows it all, and you understand.

If you think that my return to Milwaukee would place me in a too tense and prejudicial situation because of a year's novitiate here, you might, if you wish, let me out to some other Archdiocese or Diocese, hopefully.

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however, keeping me attached to you. Perhaps you would like me to make an intermediary step to my return to Milwaukee by serving as Chaplain, for a while, in the Country's Armed forces - say the Marines.†

Archbishop, I will securely await your direction, conscious that you understand all and will dispense well. In your arrangement I wish to see the will of God.

I am very grateful for your past kindnesses and generosity.

Obediently in Christ
O. G. J. Kreusing.

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July 11, 1944

The Rev. Oswald Krusing, D.D.
St. Louis Rectory
[redacted]
Washburn, Wisconsin

My dear Father Krusing:

Seeing that Bishop O'Connor has informed you that he can release you from the care of St. Louis Parish, Washburn, Wisconsin without too great inconvenience to him, I hereby appoint you to the pastorate of Holy Apostles' Parish, New Berlin, Wisconsin. You will please be take charge of this parish on Wednesday, July 19, 1944, at which time the priest of the Fathers of the Sacred Heart, who has been caring for this parish since the death of Father Lofy, will turn over to you the books and records of the parish.

Wishing you every blessing and success in your new field of labor, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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Thursday, October 31, 1947

[redacted], Holy Apostles Parish, New Berlin, Wisconsin, deposed

that he is the uncle of [redacted], a pupil of Holy Apostles school;

that [redacted] is about 14 years of age

that in early September, [redacted] came home from school terribly upset

that she told her mother that Father Krusing called [redacted] to the house

that after a few moments, Father Krusing ordered [redacted] to strip to the waist; that he ordered her to sit on his lap and that Father Krusing sucked he breasts; that he had her on the floor and made advances but that she resisted;

that Father Krusing then said "all right" when you are ready call on me again;

that Father Krusing told [redacted] not to mention a word about this affair to anybody, not even to her father or mother, for if she did she would go to hell;

that when a few days later Father Krusing spoke to [redacted], he did ask her if she said anything to her mother; and when [redacted] answered Father that she did, he told her "you will now go to hell"

that it is rumored about the parish that Father Krusing has been intimate with other girls from the parish and that he threatened these girls that they too would go to hell if they mentioned anything he may have said ir done to them;

that it is gossiped among some women in that parish that when Father Krusing's mother kept house for him she herself caught him with a young girl in his house and that the mother thereafter left the rectory; that since that time Father Krusing does not have a housekeeper;

On Thursday, October 23rd, [redacted], was invited by Father Krusing to answer doorbells and telephones while Father was out bowling; that a certain [redacted] phoned the rectory that evening and said "tell Father Krusing that if he doesn't keep his fingers off my girl's skirts I'll tell about this doings to the whole parish"

That when [redacted] told one of her companions about her experience with Father Krusing the companion said to [redacted] "that's nothing you should have seen what he did to me"

Most Rev Msgr. Atkielski

I don't know how to say it, but I'm desperate just now - something must be done about it and soon if not sooner. A Priest - A Catholic priest takes indecent liberty with girls in school and girls out of school - girls of 12 yrs to 19 yrs, and about 20 girls is all that I know about and could name by name, and from his parish.

Certain girl of 12 yrs in this school is at times called by him to come to his home at noon and stays all after noon that day in his home under lock and shades down, doing what? and after school tells her little sister, "Don't tell mother I was all afternoon in the priest! doing what? well I know! —

Another case, there are two sisters one 12, other 19 yrs;= same stuff - and he goes so far as to call for these girls at their homes under pretense that he has some work for them to do, or we'll go just for a little ride and what happens? well next stop is his home and another rape or what ever you care to call it playing with her "privacy" (plain english)

Another case - which you may if you care to prove very easily I'm sure - A girl of 15 left from this parish to enter [redacted] to later become [redacted]

[redacted] this same priest who is having his fun (as he called it himself, and this you can prove as to date and thing, that happened, by the sisters themself, if they are honest), that same priest has taken this girl out of [redacted] at least one time that I know, under some pretense or other, and what do you think happend (same old story).

Well that's only few I'm telling you about - but I could tell you about all these 20 cases, and what about those we don't know of.

Just over a week ago, one of these 20 (her own words) I was raped by a man, - pulled into a car and attacked - my folks don't know anything about it. I don't dare tell 'em, if it wasn't for Father Kruesing I don't know how I'd get home! Father Kruesing knows what happened - yes he was there and he's your man.

Now come I !!! it happened to my own daughter - this same priest takes indecent liberties with her - and this is not the first time (admitting it herself to us her mother and dad and her confessor) What do you make of it?

Now - I don't want to harm these innocent little girls by calling the police into the picture - they are innocent - did not know better or what was wrong - seeing that it comes from a priest - a man that serves God - one we were taught to honor, from our

first days of school! Yes this man of 44 yrs!! and also these girls are such nice good girls, and I know everyone of these 20. And what about their parents? I sure don't want to hurt them either - far from it - they brought up these children in Catholic schools - a good Catholic home, every one of them.

Not one parent suspects anything! we took this man into our homes as one of the family and what does he do? wrecks our homes our families - the lives of our dear ones - our children! O My God I'm going plain nuts over all this - I can't stand it any longer - If this man is not removed from here immediately - I'm going to tell the world wide - if it must be a scandal, well let it be a scandal - if it must hurt me and all it must - and I'm willing to take my share of suffering upon myself.

The pity is the children - they will be marked for life.

And another thing - an innocent man is deprived today of a right to be free - to have a church or to have a word of his own, he is being looked upon as a criminal - a liar - and what not and also being labled insane, a good for nothing - laught at and it was said that his earnings are about five cents a days. Yes, this innocent man is behind the bars, I know, you put him there,

Yes he saved a soul - O my God - the soul of my daughter, may God Bless him forever for it, what a true friend and how hard he has worked to save her; Only God knows.

Now you ask who put the finger on this innocent man - No one else but Father Kuesing just to cover things up so he would not be found out - So just to get him out of the way — he knew to much about him -

Now as I said before - Scandel if it must be, but I hope you prefer the other way and have pity for the children and their folks

[redacted]
Waukesha, Wis.
March 30, 1949

Archbishop Moses E. Kiley
Milwaukee, Wis.

Your Excellency:

It has been stated that this will never reach the eyes of the Archbishop, but I am appealing for the sake of my children and all the children of Holy Apostles in New Berlin.

In one room out here the sixth, seventh and eighth grades are together. They are given "catechism" lessons by Father Fruing — these lessons consist of these subjects:

Lectures on pregnant women

A talk on change of life.

The statement that "when your mothers lose their figures and get big" and fat, they are going to have a baby.

The problems of figuring out how

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large the Blessed Mother must have been with the Infant by the time she made the journey on a donkey to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

I am not a confirmed crank, and I have not taken the word of my seventh grade daughter but have had confirmation of such lessons.

Sermons on the sixth commandment were so filthy we parishioners were completely shocked. With children attending the Mass, Father spoke of how probable it would be to have little seven and eight year old boys sliding their hands up a girl's leg.

Our children have been told the things they must know at the age we feel is proper — I have bought books from the Church Mart for this purpose, but surely, Your Excellency, these are not proper subjects from a priest for this age group.

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We have been told time and time again that Catholic education is the only thing for a Catholic child, but I don't believe even a public school lectures on these subjects without permission.

With all the dreadful things we read in the papers, we Catholic parents must curb and guide our children somehow, but we are absolutely hampered in our efforts out here. We have talked together and have come to the conclusion that, if we never had had children before, we will now because of some of the thoughts which Father insatillates in their minds.

We cannot take our problems to Father himself because out here we are living in a miniature Russia. A temper tantrum is all we get out of it, and we either conform to these rules or we may go elsewhere.

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Because I know that no one will read an anonymous letter, I am signing my name, but my husband and I are fully aware of the fact that should this appeal be given any consideration and Father Fleming be told of the identity of the writer, we will, more than likely, be dismissed as members of the parish which has been done before. But we take this chance because our children's morals are our most important consideration.

If we are silent because of our fear of Father (and, in that, I include many parishioners) I feel that we can be termed "negligent parents" as many judges term parents of delinquent children.

Please protect our children, Your Excellency, and please help us!

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. [redacted]

COPY

August 3, 1955

Mr. [redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear [redacted],

I wish to acknowledge your communication of July 27th.

Since the envelope was marked "confidential" it is not clear to me to what extent I am free to avail myself of the same. Obviously, if I am confront Father with the various points brought up in the letter, he has a right to know who has signed the letter. It is not clear to me whether or not you wish this use of your letter to be made.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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[redacted]
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

July 27, 1955

PHONE
FRANKLIN [redacted]

Most Reverend
Albert G. Meyer
Archbishop of Milwaukee
2000 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Excellency:

The undersigned, respectively the recent past president and the present president of the Holy Name Society of Holy Apostles Parish,humbly submit the accompanying complaint against Rev. O. Krusing, our pastor.

We are prepared to furnish names of corraborating witnesses to verify the substantial truth of each incident described in this complaint.

This complaint is not exclusive nor all encompassing but is rather a recital of incidents known to us of our own knowledge or on information and belief from witnesses who in our opinion are of unimpeachable veracity and character.

Very truly yours

[redacted]

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Now come [redacted] to complain of Father Krusing as follows:

1Q That he has an overwhelming preoccupation with sex and has discussed it both publicly and privately, from the altar as well as elsewhere, in an improper fashion, detrimental to children particularly and the parish as a unit

E.G.

A) During the school year of 1953-54 Father Krusing gave detailed instructions to the girls of Holy Apostles Parish school, some as young as the age of nine, concerning the physical act of reproduction including diagrams of the sexual organs. At this time he told the girls they were filthy, messy beings, and left them with the impression their sole purpose for existence is the satisfaction of the male.

B) He printed in the Sunday bulletin a prohibition against wedding gowns which exposed the "carnal cleavages" of the wearer.

C) In early summer of both 1954 and 1955 he declared from the altar that girls and ladies were wearing shorts so abreviated as to expose their "abdominal crevices".

D) At a meeting of the Holy Name Society he described the pictures of nude men and women presented in the Art Magazine published by the University of Wisconsin in lurid detail, making definite mention of breasts, nipples and other parts of the human anatomy. The guest speaker at that meeting was a woman.

E) On the last day of school 1954, from the altar, he told the assembled children and parents that if mothers allowed their girls, even little three and four year olds, to wear shorts and any such child should

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be ravaged by a teen aged boy the crime would be that of the girl, and furthermore, that the civil law should be changed so as to punish the girl as the transgressor.

F) Last week a non-Catholic neighbor volunteered the following question to one of the plaintiffs, "What's the matter with Father Krusing, I don't speak to him very often but everytime I do he talks about sex?"

G) Father Krusings sermon for the 17th of July just past was prefaced by saying that he would discuss the sixth commandment strictly from a theological point of view, and would say nothing to incite or arouse. He proceeded to admonish the mothers to watch carefully the boys with whom their daughters kept company because the boys were basically beasts; but that the mothers knew what boys were like, just like the men they married: but perhaps some mothers had tamed their men down a bit. Further that the woman's sexual impulse was for affection while that of the man was an "erupting, driving" force that must be satisfied. He admonished the congregation that no sexual experience is allowed outside of marriage, but he went on to point out specifically the things allowed in marriage such as fondly, touches etc.etc.

2) That Father Krusing, both publicly and privately, from the altar as well as elsewhere, held Father Okopinski up to ridicule and desparagment to the detriment of the reputation of Father Okopinski and the integrity of the priesthood.

E.G.

A) On the occassion of a First Holy Communion party at the home of a parishioner in May of 1954 Father Krusing referred to Father Okopinski as the "little

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Polak".

B) At the parish card party on May 1, 1955 he told a group of persons, among them a non-catholic, that Father Okopinski "didn't walk like a man, talk like a man, or act like a man."

C)Father Kruising habitually referred to Father Okopinski as "junior".

D) On many occassions Father Krusing publicly criticized Father Okopinski for being too slow in the Celebration of Holy Mass.

E) At an executive board meeting of the Holy Name Society Father Krusing criticized Father Okopinski for being overzealous in trying to correct bad marriage situations.

F) Father Okopinski was gradually eliminated from all outside activities of the parish such as Holy Name, Ladies Sodality etc. In fact Father Krusing solicited for more lay-teachers so that he could relieve Father Okopinski of the task of instructing the Neuman Club.

3) That Father Krusing has maliciously maligned all girls as a class without distinction causing great emotional upset in certain girls and engendering false ideas in the minds of boys.

A) E.G.

A) Father Kruising told the assembled congregation from the altar that the 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls were dirty, filthy, pigs and called on the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle as witness to its truth.

B) Entering a classroom during the last month of school this year Father Kruing singled out one girl and, in the presence of the class, accused her of "walking sexy", and of wearing a false complexion. This procedure was repeated to the same child within

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the week. The child was badly hurt and her parents have announced their intention to send her, along with her brothers and sister, to public school henceforth.

C) He offered to show the undersigned salacious notes claimed to have been written by the "girls" and confiscated by him. The offer was rejected. He further claimes he has never found such a note written by a boy.

D) Mrs [redacted]son, age nine, told his little sister that he would no longer play with her because Father said "girls were no good."

E) [redacted] has remarked on several occassions that "girls were no good, Father said so".

F) Father Krusing at a committee meeting, said that little girls are all right but that when they reach the age of 12 or 13 they turned into sex bombs and were no good from then on.

G) On our way to a wake, there were several men in the car, Father Krusing state that he wasn't a woman hater but that he was the next thing to it and that the only real good woman ever created was the Blessed Virgin Mary.

4) That Father Krusing conduets parish affairs on the basis of a police state and disposes of persons not presently useful to him by means of character assassination.

E.G.

A) Father Krusing told us he would veto nomination of Mr. [redacted]s a holy Name Committee Chairman because Mr. [redacted]had a "bad family background and was always stabbing him in the back." Investigation indicated said Mr. [redacted]was an outstanding Christian who had [redacted] and even conducted a daily block rosary for the intention of the Holy Father and Father Krusing.

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B) That I, [redacted] spoke to Sister Superior of our school regarding tatling which appeared to be prevalent. Sister flatly stated that all the sisters condemned tatling. Upon questioning Sister admitted that Tatling was encouraged in the school and assented when I asked if this practise was fostered by Father Krusing.

C) Father Krusing publicly stated that his private group of Mass Servers had requested he call a special meeting of their group for the purpose of discussing the disciplining of two of their number; that such a meeting was held and that the group suggested and voted the two culprits be dropped from membership and that he, Father Kruing, had reluctantly complied with their wishes. Interregation of three of the 13 members of the group, including one of the culprits, disclosed that none of the three had heard of such a meeting, nor attended one. The culprit questioned was not appraised of the action nor the reason for it. His name was merely omitted from the servers' schedule.

D) Father Krusing went to the parents of an eleven year old boy and demanded to know where the boy had obtained fifty cents which he had but mimutes previously spent at the local candy store. Moreover, he accused the child of pilfering the money from the church offering boxes. In fact the boy had earned the fifty cents helping aneighbor do some form work. Subsequently Father Krusing asked this child how he could be so bad when his father was a daily communicant.

E) I, [redacted] Father Krusing demanded I drop my activities. he said there probably wouldn't be room in the school for my children if I did not comply. I complied.

F) F) The retreat chairman upon presenting the list of retreatants to Father Krusing was criticized for asking certain men on the list to make the retreat, saying "he's no good", concerning various individuals on the list.

G) Father Krusing advised one family of children not to play with the children of another family also attending our school becuase the second family was "no good". (at school as well as at home)

H) Father Krusing criticized me, [redacted] for using two three year old boys in a Holy Name function because their mothers were those terrible women who constantly stabbed him in the back.

I) Father Krusing stated that everyone on a certain street were no good, that they were all constantly stabbing him in the back and "would drive nails into my butt if they could".

J) Father Krusing accused the daughter of the local baker of improper conduct whereupon a controversy developed with the parents of the girl. Father Krusing told the parents to stay away from church, which they have done; and furthermore, from the altar he forbade the parishioners to patronize the bakers place of business.

K) That Father Krusing appoints women committee chairmen without consulting them and will accept no resignation for any reason including ill-health. Ladies thus appointed who do not serve are villified by a steady stream of gossip and innuendo.

L) Father Krusing ordered one grade school boy to stay away from church and off church property except for Mass on Sundays, after this boy had been involved in a minor escapade.

M) Father Krusing tried to dissuade a lay-teacher from giving two brothers, ages 12 and 14 attending

nite religions classes, extra instructions to prepare them to make their first Holy Communion on the grounds that they came from a bad family, that these children had no morals and were merely beasts.

5) That Father Krusing publicly indulges in racial prejudices.

E.G.

A) On the occassion of a Holy Name executive board meeting Father Krusing stated that the Polish parishes in Milwaukee indulged in practices condemned by the church and indicated that simony was one of these practices. Furthermore he stated that the Archbishop was aware of these practices and is trying to eradicate them but that the Polish people cling to their old country ways despite the Archbishops efforts. Father Krusing stated that he has personnally told priests of these parishes to become Americans as we are.

B) On the occassion of a Sodality meeting Father Krusing state that all negro's smell.

6) Father Krusing has taken certain other actions which we find objectionable.

E.G.

A) He has discontinued the school bus as he says, "in order to separate the wheat from the chaf." " the good Catholics will find some means to get their children to school," and our first responsibility is to those who really want to be Catholics. He has admitted to us privately that he does not want to expand the school and this is a method of reducing potential entolment, disregarding the conscientious people who have no other means of transportation as well as those lax families who most need the help of Christian educations.

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B) That prior to our annual Holy Name poultry card party of last fall Father Krusing told us that the Archbishop had advised certain pastors, among them Father Krusing, to refrain from conducting any type of gambling at parish functions; but that he wanted a a lottery at the card party, fearing financial failure. The officers objected to the lotteries and Father Krusing in the last instance left the decision up to the officers.

C) That Two years ago Father Krusing abolished all youth activities in the parish. The very last of these activities was a softball team managed by Father Okopinski. Father Krusing told the executive board that he had expressly directed Father Okopinski to disband the ball team but that Father Okopinski had deliberately disobeyed him. Subsequently Father Okopinski testified that no such directive had been given.

Father Krusing accused the retreat master who had given a conference on youth problems and activities of deliberately trying to destroy all that Father Krusing had spent years in buidling. Furhtermore he he accused the Holy Name president of stabbing him in the back by asking the retreat master to give his conference to Father Krusing. This accusation was groundless and Father Krusing abused the man to whom he had made the accusation for trying to appraise Father Krusing of the true facts in the matter.

Father Krusing wrote a letter to the retreat master and among other things advised him that the youth in his parish were well provided for while in point of fact not one youth activity existed in the parish.

Father Krusing has frequently stated that the C.Y.O. movement was harmful instead of salutary

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and on one occassion stated that the Archbishop and most of the older pastors agreed with him.

From the stated evidence which we are prepared to verify by other testimony we concluée that the affairs of Holy Apostles parish are conducted with a violence which is of fear and hatred and that the integrity of souls is being thereby jeopardized and the possibility of grave scandal is imminent.

Wherefore we pray tht your excellecny examine the facts and if our conclusion is borne out take whatever measures are necessary to correct the abuse.

6 [redacted]

Dated this 27th day of July 1955

[redacted]

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

PHONE
FRANKLIN [redacted]

August 8, 1955

Most Rev. Albert Meyer
Archbishop of Milwaukee
2000 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Excellency:

We appreciate your concern over our identity in confronting Father with our charges. We have felt a strong moral compunction to take the action we have already taken and we certainly give you our permission to disclose our identity in case it is necessary in order to arrive at a proper conclusion in the matter.

We feel you are somewhat familiar with the allegations made in our letter of July 27th and know that you will not compromise us unless in your judgment it is necessary.

We reiterate that we welcome a personal conference on the matter and would also welcome the opportunity to submit witnesses for your interrogation.

It is our observation that the condition of the parish is deteriorating daily at an increasing rate and we pray that some conclusion may be made before the damage is too great.

[redacted]

June 11, 1956

The Rev. Oswald G. Krusing,
[redacted]
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Dear Reverend Father:

This letter is to inform you that I am transferring you from the pastorate of Holy Apostles Parish, New Berlin, and appointing you Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, St. Francis, Wisconsin.

This appointment is to become effective on Tuesday, June 26th, on which date you will kindly report to your new assignment.

In view of the fact that this is a transfer from one pastorate to a new one, you are herewith dispensed from making the profession of faith and taking the oath against modernism as required by Canon Law.

Wishing you every blessing of God in your new field of labor, and expressing my most sincere thanks for the fine work done in your present assignment, I beg to remain with best wishes and the assurances of a remembrance in prayer,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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September 1, 1956

The Rev. Oswald G. Krusing

[redacted]

Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

Reverend dear Father:

I herewith appoint you Ordinary Confessor for the students at St. Francis Minor Seminary.

You may confer with Father Riedel, the Rector, relative to arranging a time suitable to the Seminary schedule and your own responsibilities.

With every best wish and blessing, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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October 24, 1958

The Rev. O. G. Krusing
[redacted]
Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

Dear Father Krusing:

Pursuant to our conversation of several days ago this letter is to inform you that I am accepting your wish for a transfer from your present assignment.

I herewith appoint you Administrator (ad normam Canon 472-473) of Holy Name Parish, Racine, effective Tuesday, November 4th, on which date you will kindly report to your new assignment.

Wishing you every blessing of God in your new field of work and again commending you for the fine work done at Sacred Heart, St. Francis, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Administrator
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

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February 13, 1959

The Rev. Oswald G. Krusing
[redacted]
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Father Krusing:

You are as of this date appointed Pastor of Holy Name Parish, Racine, where you have been serving as Administrator. You are dispensed from repeating the Profession of Faith and the Oath against Modernism.

It affords me great pleasure to make this appointment and I assure you that my prayers are joined to yours as we ask God to bless your labors in this new field.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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RACINE, WISCONSIN

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March 15, 1962

Bishop William Cousins
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Re: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

I have been consulted by [redacted] of [redacted] with regard to certain complaints against Oswald Krusing, Pastor of Holy Name Church, Racine, Wisconsin, involving their daughter [redacted] age ten. Specifically, [redacted] complain that Oswald Krusing sexually molested their daughter [redacted] and that these offenses occurred many times over the past two years.

The Priest occupies a home together with his Mother, as housekeeper, and two other priests. While inviting the girl to his home to play cards, on many occasions he took the girl to his private bedroom and took the following action. He undressed her, undressed himself, masturbated in her presence, asked her to touch his penus, lay on top of her, kissed her on her lips, told her he loved her, and told her to say she loved him, and touched her at her breasts and vagina. He told her not to tell her Mother, the police or the Bishop.

On Sunday, March 11, 1962 after receiving a telephone call from the Priest requesting her to come to his home, [redacted] told her Mother of these experiences.

The Priest telephoned to [redacted] several times each day on the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. [redacted] asked him why he had betrayed her trust, and "painted the girl black." The Priest spoke of human weakness, and stated that [redacted] had not been sexually molested.

[redacted] wish to discuss these charges with you at your earliest opportunity.

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