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- In the above numbered case, the following documents are hereby incorporated into the acts of the case:
- 1. A letter from Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. to Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger dated July 17, 1996.
- 2. A letter from Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. to Gilberto Cardinal Augustoni dated March 10, 1997.
- A letter from Archbishop Bertone to Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. dated March 24, 1997.
- 4. A letter from Cardinal Augustoni and Archbishop Grocholewski to Archbishop Weakland dated April 9, 1997.
- 5. A letter from Archbishop Rembert Weakland to Archbishop Bertone dated May 14, 1997.
- 6. A letter from Bishop Richard J. Sklba to Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy dated December 1, 1993.
- 7. A letter from Bishop Raphael Fliss to Rev. Lawrence Murphy dated December 16, 1993.
- A letter from Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. to Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy dated December 29, 1993.
- 9. A letter from Bishop Richard J. Sklba to Rev. Lawrence C, Murphy dated October 12, 1994.
- A letter from Terry A. Kohut to Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. dated November 7, 1994.
- 11. A letter from "Fr. Murphy" to and dated "Christmas 1994".
- 12. A letter from to "Mr. Lawrence Murphy" dated February 12, 1995.
- 13. A letter from ______ to Lawrence Murphy dated December 2, 1995.
- 14. A letter from to dated December 2, 1995.
- 15. A letter from Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. to Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy Dated December 11, 1995.
- A letter from Barry M. Cymerman to Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. dated November 7, 1996.

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18. A letter from Rev. Philip J. Heslin to Rev. Thomas Brundage dated December 31, 1996.

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19. A letter from Rev. Thomas Brundage to Rev. Philip Heslin dated January 6, 1997.

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- 20. A letter from Rev. Thomas Brundage to Rev. William Horath dated January 6, 1997.
- The first four pages of a letter from Rev. Irving C. Meyett to 21. Rev. Thomas Brundage dated January 17, 1997.
- 22. A letter from Rev. Thomas Brundage to Rev. Irving Meyett dated January 28, 1997.
- 23. A letter from Rev. Thomas Brundage to Rev. Lawrence Murphy dated June 23, 1997.
- 24. A letter from Rev. David Walsh, C.SS.R. to Rev. Thomas Brundage dated June 10, 1997.
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- taken July 26, 1996. 26. The deposition of
- The deposition of taken June 19, 1996. 27.

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Office of Auxiliary Bishop

October 12, 1994

Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy

Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512-0050

Dear Fr. Murphy:

In recent weeks there have been several complaints and expressions of concern regarding your appearance at various social events in which members of the deaf community have participated.

With regret, I feel constrained to reiterate and possibly clarify the restrictions which events have necessitated. For the good of all parties concerned I request that you refrain from all Sacramental ministry anywhere and that likewise you not participate in any social events in the Archdiocese or elsewhere which may either be sponsored or attended by members of the deaf community. These restrictions may be difficult, but are essential in view of the serious issues which have recently been brought to the attention of the Archdiocese.

Sincerely,

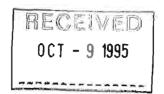
Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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September 25, 1995

/Fr. Lawrence Murphy RE:

Dear Rembert:

Thanks for your note concerning **second**'s complaint. I have discussed the situation with Barbara Ann Cusack and she has suggested three options:

- Initiation of a judicial penal process to declare Fr. Murphy impeded from the exercise of orders.
- Initiation of an oral contentious process which could be completed in a short period of time.
- 3. A process through the administrative tribunal addressing the violation of Robert's rights for sacramental care without harm.

I do not think that a confrontational meeting would be very helpful because Fr. Murphy simply "doesn't get it." I feel it would be unproductive if not harmful and enraging for and/or the others who have alleged the same behavior by Murphy in the confessional setting.

Please let me know about the above options.

O.N.6.1995 Dear Liz, Sincerely, I would suggest no.2. There is certainly enough material to suggest it, but the time-lagese could be a problem commindly. Let me know. If we so proceed, we should let Bishop Flins know.

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December 2, 1995

Wisconsin School for the Deaf Delavan, WI 53115

As you know, and I have full knowledge of, you are quilty of failing to make immediate reports about the sexual abuse of young deaf children while they attended St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee. All this took place while you were both a dormitory supervisor and teacher at St. John's from 1970-1983.

Because of this failure to report the sexual abuses in the years you served at St. John's, I believe you should immediately resign your current position at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. I believe you had the professional responsibility to protect the rights of the young deaf children and it is obvious you did not do so. While I am sure you would like this past situation to be forgotten, I feel a responsibility to the young deaf children of your school not to let any possibly reoccurrence take place under your tenure.

If I do not receive a copy of your letter of resignation to the Superintendent of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, I feel I have no choice but to mail him a copy of this letter and make him aware of your past failures to protect deaf children under your care.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the President of Wisconsin School for the Deaf Alumni Association, W.S.D. alumnus and Gallaudet University Archive.

I request you take this action to be effective no later than January 1, 1995.

c.c: WSD Superintendent WSD Alumni Association President WSD alumnus

Gallaudet University Archive



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 17, 1996

His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger Prefect, The Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith 00120 Vatican City State Europe

Your Eminence,

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I am writing to inform you of two situations in which two priests of this Archdiocese have been accused of solicitation of a penitent so as to commit a sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue (c. 1387). The cases are completely unrelated and happened at very different points in time, but only recently have come to light. I now seek your counsel as to the procedure I should follow.

Shortly before I began my sabbatical on January 1, 1996, I directed my Vice Chancellor, the Reverend James E. Connell, J.C.D., to investigate the allegations that had been made against the two priests. Now, upon my return on July 1st, Father Connell informs me that in both cases sworn testimony has been given concerning the charges I mentioned above. Father Connell believes that the testimony has been given to the Church in good faith and must be taken seriously, and I concur.

The first case concerns the Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy, a priest whose only assignment was as Chaplain, and eventually Director, of Saint John School for the Deaf in Milwaukee from 1950 to 1974. According to the person who has given the sworn testimony concerning Father Murphy's use of the confessional to solicit sinful actions against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue, many other students were also victims of Father Murphy in this same manner, and we are now in the process of gathering additional testimony from some of these other persons. Although allegations against Father Murphy had been brought to my predecessor, allegations that resulted in a civil suit that was later dropped, this is the first that I had heard of the abuse of the confessional. I find that the deaf community tends to keep its problems and embarrassments to themselves, thus explaining the reluctance of these victims to bring forth allegations earlier.

Father Murphy was ordained a priest in May of 1950, began a leave of absence during September of 1974, and has never lived within the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee during my years as Archbishop. Soon after I took office, I became aware that Father Murphy's leave of absence was due to sexual matters, but it was only less than one year ago when I learned of the possibility that solicitation in the confessional might be part of the situation. That is when I decided to have Father Connell conduct an investigation. My concern now is not simply for necessary justice, I am even more interested in a healing response from the Church to the deaf community within the Archdiocese so that their anger may be defused and their trust in ecclesiastical ministers be restored.

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The second case concerns the Reverend Michael T. Neuberger, a priest who has had a variety of sexual and financial allegations brought against him in recent years. Dealing with Father Neuberger included a process to remove him from the office of pastor of a parish in Milwaukee. Also, suggestions came forth that Father might have used the confessional to solicit sinful actions against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue. Thus I decided to have Father Connell investigate this matter as well. As a result of Father Connell's investigation, sworn testimony has been obtained from three highly respected and credible persons that Father Neuberger admitted this crime to them, thus establishing an "extra-judicial" confession (cc. 1536, §2 and 1537). The three witnesses are a psychologist employed by the Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and two licensed clinical social workers employed by the State of Wisconsin who specialize in the assessment and treatment of sex offenders. These witnesses proclaim under oath to Father Connell that during their discussions with Father Neuberger about the sexual allegations that had been made against him, Father in fact acknowledged a variety of crimes, including use of the confessional for the purpose of solicitation.

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Furthermore, these three witnesses say that Father Neuberger made his admission (<u>confessio</u>) at a time when such an admission could not have been to his advantage and thus was not expected by the witnesses (<u>tempore non</u> <u>suspecto</u>). As a result, Father's admission surfaces as a confession actually made so as to tell the truth, rather than as a fabrication by Father so as to attain some advantage.

Let me also say that once I became aware of the possibility that both Father Murphy and Father Neuberger had committed the crime of solicitation (c. 1387), I discussed the particulars of the cases with my canonists and requested that they research what canonical process is appropriate, given the length of time since the crimes, or if this subject matter is reserved to the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (c. 1362, $1, 1^{\circ}$), thus not under the norms of prescription presented in the Code of Canon Law. Now that the investigations have been conducted and the canonists have researched the issue, I have the understanding that this offense is under your jurisdiction. So I seek your counsel on how to proceed.

Finally, Your Eminence, while my comments in this letter have been very factual and legalistic in tone, please be assured that my primary concern is the spiritual well being of all the persons involved with these cases, and that includes Father Murphy and Father Neuberger.

Thank you for your assistance, and I have the honor to be, Your Eminence,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee Father Irving C. Meyett (Retired) 2528 East 3rd Street Superior, Wisconsin 54880 (715) 398-7196 JANUARY 17, 1997

REV. THOMAS T. BRUNDAGE, M.DIV., J.C.L. DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF ECCLESIASTICAL PROCESSES, ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE, 3501 LAKE DRIVE, P.O. BOX 0791, MILWAUKEE, WIS 5 53207-0912

RE: Fr. Lawrence Murphy

Rev. and dear Father Brundage:

Allow me to introduce myself: The heading of this letter tells of my present status in the Diocese of Superior, Wis. During the period of time which is relevant to the matter of Fr. Murphy: I was appointed Pastor of Boulder Junction (St. Anne's Parish), with the mission of St. Mary's, Sayner, Wis. (which includes the towns of St. Germain, Wis, and Star Lake, Wis), and the mission Parish of St. Rita's, in Presque Isle, Wis. in August of 1970. [It will become relevant later in this letter why I now mention that the area of these places is larger than the city limits of Milwaukee, Wis, proper, not including the suburbs, and that my Parishoners lived from one extremity of these Parishes to the other]. I continued in the office of Pastor in these parishes until poor health forced my retirement in November of 1989. At that time I was succeeded by Rev. William Horath, now Pastor of Three Lakes, Wis.

In October of 1972, my Mother, who was serving in the capacity of Parish housekeeper, suffered a cerebreal hermorage which rendered her completely paralyzed, with the exception of very limited use of her right anm. With sporadic help, I tried to care for the Parishes and my Mother, until in 1974, it became abundantly clear that I could no longer carry on with these combined responsibilities. [I include this detail because it has much relevance to the matter of Fr. Murphy's case too.]

After serving as Summer helper Priest in these Parishes under the Pastorate of Fr. James Gutzler (RIP) and Fr. Richard Herrmann, now of the Diocese of LaCrosse, Wis., Fr. Murphy retired permanently to his Parent's cottage in the Boulder Junction Parish, and after Obtaining the Faculties of the Diocese of Superior by agreement between Archbishop Cousins (R.I.P. of Milwaukee, and the Bishop of Supererior, George A. Hammes (R.I.P.), Fr. Murphy served as a full time Assistant Pastor (without enjoying the official title or salary) both under my years of service (retired, in Nov. 1989), and subsequently under Fr. William Horath for a number of years. If it were not for Father Murphy, and his total dedication of the work of the Parish in his capacity, I could never have continued at Pastor until Nov. of 1989. (After my Mother's death in 1986, my health continued to deteriorate to the point that I had to undergo a series of 4 major operations before my final retirement in Nov, 1989. During this

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time the entire burden of the care of the Parishes fell upon Fr. Murphy's shoulders, and he carried on the work admirably.

To simplify the testimony of Fr. Murphy's service during his tenure in the three Parishes, I hope that it might be helpful if I catagorize the area's of service in Numerical order:

1. AS A PARISH PRIEST:

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In addition to the normal services as a parish Priest: Sunday and week-day Masses; Officiating at Weddings Funerals and Baptisms: instructing converts etc. Father also supervised both our Grade school and Highschool religious programs, which included his personal instruction of most High School classes, and the complete preparation of Confirmation classes over a period of many years. During this time, we enjoyed nearly 100% attendance at our High School classes -a rare phenoman^o in our area. Parents from Presque Isle, for example, regularly brought their Grade and High school students through all the winter months on a thirty mile round trip to receive their Catechetical instructions. (this meant 60 miles of travel per week to get these instructions -- on the high school level all from Fr. Murphy - over many years.

As you may know, our Parishes are in the heart of one of the largest tourist areas of Northern Wisconsin, and from Memorial Day to Labor day we had to offer 12 Masses every week-end for many years, and then we reduced the number to 11 Masses, and finally to 10 Masses. To take care of these many Masses, Fr. Murphy would offer from 5 to 4 or 3 Masses every Summer weekend. We always heard Confessions before all of our week-end Masses, and Fr. Murphy was always most conscientious in providing this service. Beside this, Fr. Murphy was always the one to provide a Wednesday Mass at St. Mary's Church in Sayner, and would regularly attend their Altar, and Holy Name Society meetings, when I couldn't be present.

His devotion to the shut-ins and the sick in their homes from one end of our far-flung Parishes to the other made him the object of much well-deserved love and esteem throughout our area. (He never accepted extra compensation for these services) It should be noted too that his devotion to the hospitalized of our Parishes called for many a 40 mile round trip to the only hospital in our area at Woodruff, Wis. For these visits, too, Father never asked for nor received extra compensation.

EXTRA PAROCHIAL SERV. DES: Father's success with youth became well known in the area, and he frequently conducted Confirmation retreats or days of recollection at neighboring parishes in Mercer, Wis. Eagle River, Three Lakes, and Woodruff. He conducted several "days of recollection" for women's groups of these Parishes over the years as well.

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SERVICES TO THE DEAF, AND THE SECULAR COMMUNITY:

It soon became known that Father would serve the deaf at our Masses upon request, and although we never advertised this, either in our Sunday Bulletins or in any other way, the deaf would come and inquire at the Rectory through speaking friends, or by phone, in the same way, and upon request Fr. Would provide "SIGNED MASSES" as possible. He was most generous in this matter, and I was frequently visited after these Masses and thanked by his deaf friends. On occasions of picnics etc, in the area, there would sometimes be a large number of Deaf at his "Signed" Masses. I got to know several of his deaf friends over the years, and am still in communication with some of them at this time. Fr. would also, to my personal knowledge, travel long distances to/^{either} officiate at weddings, funerals, or anniversaries of Deaf friends, or to provide the "signing" whenever another priest would officiate.

When it became known to our Resort -owner Parishoners that Father was a good teacher of the sign language they requested him to conduct classes for them to enable them to more efficiently serve their deaf guests during the vacation months. This soon became so well known that Father was requested from a wide area to conduct these classes. This grew to the point that NIcolet College in Rhinelander Wis. assigned him as a special professor of the Sign language on their staff, and in this capacity he conducted classes in Sign Language over a large area of the north woods for several years.

A most important point: Over the period of nearly 20 years that Father helped me in my Pastoral work, and served large number of persons, I never ONCE received any complaint against him on any level (except that a very few were displeased that his "signed" Masses took too long, but on inquiry i discovered that none/His Masses lasted over an hour) I think that this is an exceptional record, and the record speaks for itself that insofar as needed Father indeed lived a blameless and most exemplary life in all areas, including those matters of the "Allegations".

FINALLY's Father, I would like to add a few personal notes to the above.

For many years, I served as Father's Confessor, and so can, of course, address only those matters of the public Allegations. Father made me acquainted with these on his arrival to live in Boulder Junction, and shortly after that I read an article in the Milwaukee Journal that mentioned such allegations against him and the school had been thrown out by the Court due to lack of sufficient substantiating evidence. This was in the neighborhood of 20 years ago.

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At that time, to my knowledge, there was no allegation in the matter of Sollicitatio made against Father, I can only say that up now, for the first time some 20 years later, to have this brought up agaist him was most devastating, and caused a serious downhill turn in his health. He, of course entirely denies this allegation, but, what defense can a Priest, thus accused, bring on his behalf, except total denial of the accusation.

Also, Father, it seems to be alleged that Father refused any personal or professional counselling, that would bring about emendation of life. To my knowledge, (and I'm sure I would have known of this, no such offers were ever made to Fâther Murphy. By the way, was any counselling ever sought or offered to the accusers in the matter of Christian forgiveness, and against seeking Vengeance. To me, Father it was horrifying to hear that these matters are now, 20 years later, being brought up because it is deemed that Father Murphy has not been made to suffer sufficiently for his alledged misdeeds. What an arrogant instance of the mortal sin of RASH JUDGEMENT. I know of many sufferings that Father has undergone during the years. A few years ago, the local police and sheriff's departments received condermatory allegations against Fr. Murphy, both of which departments summarily dismissed the charges. But even the fact of these allegations being made were the cause of tremendous anxiety and suffering on Father's part. He voluntarily chose exile to the North woods to a cramped little cottage to save St. John's school from more turmoile after these allegations surfaced, which was a very hard thing for him to do. He was requested, by the way, to stay on at the school as a business administrator, and, as you know, Fr possesses very special gifts as a fund raiser.

In the most recent allegations, I have been informed, it is stated that there are "hundreds" of aggrieved persons involved in these alleged actions. I would submit, to the selfevident falsity of this particular accusation, since this would have required the total lack of knowledge of the Sisters at St. John's who were the students close advisors and teachers over many years of Fathers work at the school, or the complicity of the whole group in covering up his alleged "hundreds" of alledged mis-deeds.

For the 25 years of Father's service at the school, Sister M. Praxedes Akerly USP (R.L.P.) served in close collaboration with Father as the chief cook for the institution. Upon Father's "retirement' to the North woods, sister also retired as the Chief cook because of her advancing years. In spite of this, Sister, at Father's request came up to serve as my housekeeper, and part-time nurse to my Mother mostly because of her great esteem for Father, and her willingness to serve the Church in any was possible, even in her advanced years. She was a living saint in my house for many years.

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March 10, 1997

His Eminence, Gilberto Cardinal Agustoni Prefect, The Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura 00120 Vatican City State Europe

Your Eminence,

I am writing to request your assistance in a matter of justice for certain persons under my jurisdiction. A priest of this Archdiocese has been accused by three penitents of solicitation in the confessional so as to commit a sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue (c. 1387). Also, each penitent is a deaf person and the alleged offenses occurred while all of the penitents were minors. Furthermore, because these deaf persons tend to have very limited communication skills, these crimes did not come to my attention until long after canonical prescription would allow a penal action on my part. Finally, true scandal in the near future seems very possible because in November of 1996, I received a letter from an attorney suggesting the possibility of civil court action which no doubt would become well known in this community.

I approach you now requesting that a waiver of the canonical requirements concerning peremptory time periods be issued. With such a waiver we would be able to proceed with appropriate canonical processes to effect justice in this case.

I wrote to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in July of 1996 when I became aware of the details of the situation. My hope was that, given the condition of the penitents, the length of time since the alleged crimes, and that the subject matter seems to be reserved to that Congregation (c. 1362, S1, 1°), perhaps His Eminence would grant special norms for a penal process in this case. So far, however, I have received no response.

Hence, I now seek your assistance. The issue concerns how the Church can provide justice when the administration of justice was impossible because all of the penitents were physically prohibited from reporting the crime at the time of the incidents, or soon thereafter, due to a lack of the vocabulary and skill necessary to acknowledge their psychological trauma.

The cause concerns the Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy, a priest whose only assignment was as a Chaplain, and eventually Director, of Saint John School for the Deaf in Milwaukee from 1950 to 1974. Moreover, according to the three persons who have given sworn testimony concerning Father Murphy's use of the confessional to solicit sinful actions against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue, many other students were also victims of Father Murphy in this manner. Consequently, I believe there are in reality many additional victims needing justice and assistance.

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Although allegations against Father Murphy had been brought to the attention of my predecessor, allegations that resulted in a civil suit that was later dropped, I first became aware of the matter in 1995. So, shortly before I began my sabbatical on January 1, 1996, I directed the Reverend James E. Connell, my Vice Chancellor, to investigate the allegations. Then, upon my return on July 1, 1996 and after learning the results of this investigation, I instructed the Reverend Thomas T. Brundage, J.C.L., my Judicial Vicar, to research which canonical process would be appropriate. His effort convinced me to write to Cardinal Ratzinger in July of 1996.

My concern now is not only for the necessary justice, but I am also very interested in a healing response from the Church to the deaf community within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, so that their anger may be defused and their trust in ecclesiastical ministers be restored.

Finally, Your Eminence, while my comments in this letter have been very factual and legalistic in tone, please be assured that my primary concern is the spiritual well-being of all the persons involved in this case, including Father Murphy. Now I await your response.

Thank you for your assistance, and I have the honor to be, Your Eminence,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI 00120 Città del Vaticano, Palazzo del S. Uffizio 24 March 1997

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Your Excellency,

In your letter of the 11 December 1966, you requested direction regarding the procedure to be followed in the cases of Revv. Lawrence C. MURPHY and Michael T. NEUBERGER, priests af your Archdiocese accused of the crime of solicitation during confession (cf. c. 1387).

In setting forth the matters in detail wich you have reported, the Congregation would ask Your Excellency to instruct the respective processes in accord with the attached "*Instructio de modo procedendi in causis sollicitationis*" with particular attention to numbers 5 and 55. While the norms of this document remain in force, they must obviously be read them in light of the new canonical legislation especially with respect to the citation of canons.

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

Dareirio Bertone

(enclosure)

His Excellency Most Rev. Rembert G. WEAKLAND, O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee, USA

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May 5, 1997

Reverend James E. Connell Archdiocese of Milwaukee 3501 South Lake Drive P.O. Box 07912 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Dear Father Connell,

I am writing this letter to you because I have been waiting to hear from you about the waiving the ecclessiastical statue of limitations from Rome. I believe you still have no response from Rome. Is that correct? I would like to tell you that I did write a letter to Cardinal Angelo Sodano at the Vatican Church twice in March and May, 1995. I received his registration card that he did receive my letter but he <u>never</u> answered me. I am very disappointed.

I heard that Archbishop Weakland complained that he has received no response from Rome so he contacted a priest judge in Washington, D.C. to tell Rome to respond to him. I guess he still has not heard from Rome. Is that correct?

Please tell me why.

Thank you,



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Fr. Brundage, I'm sorry this isn't more prodessionally done It is the best I can do date mig Claude 0.51

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Feast of Saint John the Baptist June 24 1997

Dear Father Brundage,

I did not live in a vaccum. I am a very perceptive person. As Rev. L.C. Murphy's brothers were Lawyers; a partner in the Firm it was obvious there was more to the story than "Black-Mail," or to what met the eye.

One summer a pall hung over St. John's. took papers etc. from Fr. Murphy's room and burnt them in the incinerator behind the old barn. Fr. Murphy had to leave No explanation was given to me. I started to make STORH NOVENAS. I believe it was Bishop Meyer Who reversed the decision and Father Murphy was alowed to remain at Saint John's School for the Deaf.

I was on duty with the boys many hours. All the children loved Fr. M. He spent a great deal of time with them. He was young and it was a good way to learn Sign Language. One particular day after the bell rang for school, the boys Coat room was jamoned with boys. As I peeled offrow after row of boys there stood Fr. M.. I was embarrased for intruding.

I prided myself in being able to give the boys a sense of independence and yet I was aware of where each group was. One Saturday there were several teen age boys missing; one of them being I searched everywhere. The old from building had a Tower, the door was locked. Later I learned that the boys could get into the tower view. the dorm windows, across the tile roof and, into the tower window. was a terribly disturbed teen ager. He always was running to Fr. Murphy for protection. One Saturday I locked in my class-room to isolate him as punishment. jumped on I was in the room. Suddenly a desk, opened a window and was gone Names that stick, out are a - from 55 from from HOLED from (?)and When the tragedy was at its hight it was name who came to the fore. phoned, I answered the phone, he told to be sure and tell Fr. H. to stop by. me

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in Class in 1949-50-I had He was an abnormal deaf child. He had was wonderfully understanding parents. still wetting his paints at that age - Unusual. I met sometime after the scandle was going full blast, when he said, " I didn't -- I only wanted to protect the deat mean children. At this time Fr. M. spent endless hours talking to Sister Thomasilla and Sister Humbeline. after supper in the Sister's dining-room. Sister Thomasilla was sure that Fr. M. did no wrong. She defended him till her dying day. September <u>23</u> <u>1976</u> She is a Saint. appro About 1967 Before he got what is Sister Thomasilla me at the K.C. Picnie. words out 0 ran up to us and listen told me not to left. because ... to

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In the recent past a deat person told me that School for the Deaf he continued with You Kriow Fr. H. " Fr. M. had hired as dorm supervisor in a grade school dorm. It was a very trying time for me, as I had dorm duty in the same area. was a rare child, when he was maybe five or six I thought he didn't have a brain in his head. 15 The reason I mention because his sister wines and dines me. She phones she invites me up to her property . Of course she talks about Father Murphy. I always feel quilty/used. At present In the recent past when I read in Hand in Hand that the Archdiocese had revoked Fr. M.'s priestly faculties followed by an article offering Counciling for it left little doubt in my mind that the verdict was "GUILTY" To this day no one has offered me any explanation and I refuse to ask.

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I have seen Fr. M. several times in the recent past. He comes to visit age 98, at the _____ just happen to be there. He knows I wisit her each Wed. afternoon. He is a broken man. He knows that 77777 will not be satisfied until he is behind bars. Fr. M. offered me no other information. He wanted to know if thew. I wanted to say "Knows what?" I will start making Storm Novenas again. Inhave nightmares every night regarding Saint John's They always take place in the Old Building. I am never in control. What a tragedy. His mom said, "He's my son." Father Eugene Gehl said to him, "You don't give a Tinkers Damn." Respectfully, Sister Mary Claude

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July 8, 1997

I recall Sister Thomasilla mentioning that at one point in time Father Murphy physically pointed out to one/some boys their sex organs.

July 14, 1897

Sister Martha Ann promised me to meet with me re: At present she has some physical problems besides M.S. that she has to deal with. She hever had him in her dorm as a charge,

Sieles Mary Claude O. S. F.

Reverend Lawrence Murphy

Boulder Junction, WI 54512

12 January, 1998

His Excellency Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith Piazza della S. Ufficio 11 00193 Rome ITALY

Dear Cardinal Ratzinger:

I am a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, living in the Diocese of Superior in Wisconsin. I am writing to you about a procedure which was begun against me by the Superior Diocese at the urging of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. It is a procedure concerning my dismissal from the clerical state, using the Norms issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1962, entitled <u>De modo procedendi in causis sollictationis</u>.

My case can be summarized as follows: In 1974, I resigned from the St. John School for the Deaf, St. Francis, Wisconsin, in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, because of accusations of sexual misconduct. Archbishop Cousins, then Archbishop of Milwaukee, agreed that I could reside at a summer home owned by my family in the Superior Diocese. I have lived there ever since. My ministry was never restricted, but I received no further pastoral assignments. Because of my ability to communicate in sign language, however, I was called upon to assist in this area from time to time. Also, because my ministerial priesthood had not been restricted in any way, I also assisted local parishes in the Superior Diocese when called upon. There have been no further accusations against me since I left St. John's in 1974.

Nearly five years ago, however, some former students of St. John's began contacting the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, raising allegations against me. These were not allegations of recent misconduct, but were for offenses allegedly committed between the years 1963 and 1969. Some of the allegations involved solicitation in the confessional.

Without examining these accusations according to the 1962 norms, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee began penal proceedings against me, to dismiss me from the clerical state. When my Advocate, Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, J.C.D., from the Archdiocese of Chicago, pointed out that the time limits had run out for bringing such cases to the penal process, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee attempted to begin a procedure against me based on solicitation in the confessional. My Advocate again pointed out that the proceedings could only be instituted by the diocese



where I was living, that is, the Superior Diocese. Therefore, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee prevailed upon the Diocese of Superior to begin these proceedings according to the 1962 Norms published by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. A decree was issued on 6 January, 1998 informing me of this fact. The Diocese of Superior is using the personnel of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to prosecute the case.

I am appealing to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for the following reason: I ask that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declare the decree of citation by the Diocese of Superior invalid. The accusations against me were for actions alleged to have taken place over twenty-five years ago. This goes against the 1962 Norms which state that an action must be brought within one month of the alleged solicitation.

I am seventy-two years of age, your Eminence, and am in poor health. I have just recently suffered another stroke which has left me in a weakened state. I have followed all the directives of both Archbishop Cousins and now Archbishop Weakland. I have repented of any of my past transgressions, and have been living peaceably in northern Wisconsin for twenty-four years. I simply want to live out the time that I have left in the dignity of my priesthood. I ask your kind assistance in this matter.

Because of my poor health and the severity of the winter weather in Wisconsin, I will be visiting my brother in Houston, Texas until after Easter. Therefore, I would ask that any of your correspondence until that time be addressed to my Advocate, Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, J.C.D., Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, Chicago, IL 60611, USA. I have enclosed a copy of the mandate I signed appointing Father Lagges my Procurator and Advocate. I will keep Father Lagges apprised of my whereabouts until I return to my home in Boulder Junction.

Sincerely yours in the Lord Jesus,

Rev. Laurence & Musphy

(Rev.) Lawrence Murphy



CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI 00120 Città del Vaticano, Palazzo del S. Uffizio 6 April, 1998

111/96-06252 PROT. N. (In responsione flat mentio butus numeri)

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Excellency,

I am writing in relation to the case, already known to you, of Fr Lawrence **MURPHY**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee who resides at present in Boulder Junction (WI), accused of solicitation in confession against disabled minors. Fr MURPHY wrote a letter dated 12 January, 1998 to this Congregation requesting that the Decree of citation issued from your diocesan Tribunal on 6 January be declared invalid because of disconformity with the norms of the "Instructio de modo procedendi in causis sollicitationis" since "an action must be brought within one month of the alleged solicitations".

Fr Murphy also stated that he wished to live out the time that he has left in the dignity of his priesthood and added the following considerations:

- the accusations refer to actions alledged to have taken place over 25 years ago (1963-69),

- in 1974 "because of accusations of sexual misconduct" he resigned from St John's school and in agreement with the then Archbishop of Wilwaukee took up residence in Superior with no further pastoral assignment,

- he has always followed the instructions given him by both the former and the present Archbishop of Milwaukee and has lived peaceably in Northern Wisconsin for 25 years,

- he is now 72 years old with delicate health and declares that he is repented of any past sins.

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His Excellency Most Rev. Raphael Michael FLISS Bishop of SUPERIOR, U.S.A. This Congregation, after an attentive examination of the whole situation, would like to point out firstly that the finality of the period of one month fixed by the norms of the "Instructio" was to bring the penitent to comply with the obligation imposed by canon 904 of the 1917 Code (not incidentally adopted formally by the 1983 Code), and not to fix a term for penal action.

Secondly and taking into consideration what has been expressed by Fr Murphy in his letter, and before deciding upon a judicial process to establish the canonical responsibilities of the accused priest, this Congregation invites Your Excellency to give careful consideration to what canon 1341 proposes as pastoral measures destined to obtain the reparation of scandal and the restoration of justice.

I take the opportunity to wish you a blessed Easter in the joy of the risen Christ and with sincere respects, I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

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May 13, 1998

Monsignor Tarcisio Bertone Secretary The Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith 00120 Vatican City State Europe

RE: Prot. N. 111/96-06252

Your Excellency:

I wish to gratefully acknowledge your letter of April 6, 1998 regarding Fr. Lawrence Murphy, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese who lives in the Diocese of Superior.

After having carefully considered your request that the pastoral measures expressed in Canon 1341 be employed, it is my judgment that all reasonable pastoral methods have been exhausted. I have come to the conclusion that scandal cannot be sufficiently repaired, nor justice sufficiently restored, without a judicial trial against Fr. Murphy.

The scandal and the sense of injustice that pervades the deaf Catholic community is of such a level that demands the careful administration of justice in this very tragic situation.

I have instructed the Tribunal to employ the 1962 Norms in this process, as per your request.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend Raphael M. Fliss Bishop of Superior

bcc: Reverend Thomas T. Brundage

Subj: Re: LM case Date: 98-05-19 19:15:47 EDT From: R1Sklba To: TBRUN

Thanks, To, for the update on the L Murphy case. I would find having a copy of the **second** materials helpful in case the Cardinal veers into that material when I meet with him on other (Biblical) issues. I promise not to give a diatribe against you and your abusive treatment of my person when I have my special meeting with the Signatural RJS aka + Castro

Resume of the meeting of the Superiors of CDF with the prlates interested to the case of the Rev. Lawrence C. MURPHY, a priest accused of solicitation in Confession (Prot.N. 111/96)

The meeting occurred Saturday May 30 the 1998 in the center of the CDF. For the CDF they were present: S.F. Mons. Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary, which has presided at the meeting, the R.P. Gianfranco Girotti, Under Secretary, Don Anthony Manna of the Disciplinary office, Don Michael Jackels (translator) and P. Anthony Ramos. They were introduced to those who requested the meeting: S.F. Mons. Rembert Weakland, Archbishop of Milwaukee (USA), his Assistant, S.E. Mons. Richard Sklba andS.F. Mons. Raphael Fliss, Bishop of Superior (USA).

1. S.E. Mons. Weakiand has briefly described the issued, making notice of the following: 1) there are a lot of the victims of abuse by the Rev. Murphy, all not identified; 2) in 1974 there was an intervention towards the Rev. Murphy, but nothing was recorded in the files of archdiocese (this occurred after the threat of a civil trial, concluding with the imposition of the punishment for the accused and which resulted in the priest being sent to another diocese, i.e. Superior); 3) the community of the deaf at present maintains a great indignation for this case and it refuses every pastoral solution; 4) because of the long period of time spent from the facts of the case, it is no longer possible to start a civil trial in the state of Wisconsin; 5) the Rev. Murphy doesn't have any sense of remorse and it seems not to realize gravitates it of that that you/he/she has done. Besides, 6) there and the danger of big scandal if the case was publicized by the press. According to the picked testimonies, the misdeeds of the Murphy would have origin in the Confession.

2. The Secretary CDF underlined the long period of time by now departed (more than 35 years!) from when they took place, that it also constitutes a true canonical problem, and the fact that no other accusations news of crimes or scandals have arisen from during the years to he has been in Superior and that there are not enough elements to instruct a canonical trial. Yet it notices and unacceptable that he can celebrate the Eucharist in the community of the deaf community of Milwaukee; the diocese will need therefore to prevent him from celebrating Eucharist, and may also recourse to some penal remedies. Fr. Murphy can be summoned him to celebrate the Eucharist only in the diocese of Superior only with permission of his Ordinary i.e. the archbishop of Milwaukee and that of the ordinary one of the place where he resides. Such permission however must be communicated to him in writing.

3. Regarding the eventuality of a canonical trial for the crime of solicitation in Confession, S.F. the Secretary attracts the attention on some problems that it introduces: 1 () The innate difficulty trying such a crime, whose interpretation must be done strict secrecy; 2 The difficulty that they have the furnish proofs and testimonies without increasing the scandal, taking into account some inherent limits of the impairment caused bythe distance of the facts in the time. However the case underlines the need to reflect seriously on the grave evil perpertrated by him and on the fact that there needs to be proof of the evil.

3) it should be mentioned to the generous law of defense that exists in USA and the difficulties that would arise from the execution of this case.

4. S.F. Mons. Weakland should try to have the Rev. Murphy declared impeded from ministry; Three psychologists would have to examine him, decide if he is a typical pedofile, which therefore. To the The Secretary, Gianfranco Girotti, stated that the priest must give clear signs of repentance, otherwise he must be applied to a trial.. It is recommended that Fr. Murphy be entrusted it to a priest who like his spiritual director then would have periodic meetings with him every one or two months.

5. 5. F. finally the Secretary restates the two central points to be followed towards the priest in question: 1 () the territorial restriction of the celebration eucharist and 2 () the needed remorse and reform of the priest.

Before the conclusion of the meeting, S.F. Mons. Weakland reaffirmed the difficulty he will have explaining this to the community of the deaf.

May 30 th 1998

Letter to be handwritten by Fr. Murphy

August, 1998

Dear

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I understand that I have caused great pain to you, and I apologize for this. I will not try to offer an excuse for my behavior because there simply is no excuse for it. You were in no way responsible for what happened at St. John's School. I alone was responsible, and I accept the anger you feel toward me. You wrote me a very powerful letter three years ago, and I did not respond. You deserve a response, and I apologize for not giving you one then.

I hope and pray that you are now able to move forward with your life, putting the past behind you. I am deeply sorry for the anguish you have suffered because of me.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Murphy



August 19, 1998

Re: Murphy, Prot. N. 111/96

His Excellency Most Reverend Tarcisio Bertone, S.D.B. Secretary, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith Piazza del S. Uffizio 11 00193 <u>Rome</u> ITALY

Your Excellency,

Thank you for the summary of the meeting that I, Bishop Fliss, and Bishop Sklba had with you in Rome on May 30, 1998, regarding Father Lawrence C. Murphy, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese accused of solicitation in the confessional. I found the document an excellent summary of our conversation.

After I returned home from the *ad limina* visit, I met with my advisors to put together a pastoral plan that would address the needs of Father Murphy, the victims of the abuse, and the wider Catholic deaf community in Milwaukee. I wish to briefly inform you of the decisions I have made in this regard.

First, I have instructed my Judicial Vicar to formally abate the judicial process that had begun against Father Murphy.

Secondly, I have instructed our canonists to immediately begin an administrative process to have Father Murphy declared Irregular for Ministry (C. 1044.2, 2). Following your suggestion, I certainly will have Father Murphy assessed by psychological experts as part of this process. Ample care will be provided so that all of Father Murphy's rights are respected throughout the process. I should note also that Father Murphy has an advocate in these matters, Father Patrick Lagges, J.C.D., of the Chicago Archdiocese.

Thirdly, I plan on strengthening the precepts that have already been placed upon Father Murphy. I need to do this to assure that Father Murphy does not continue to seek contact with members of the deaf community, which often in the past has resulted in considerable dismay in the deaf community.

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August 19, 1998

His Excellency Most Reverend Tarcisio Bertone, S.D.B. Secretary, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

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Working with my Vicar for Clergy, I will strongly urge Father Murphy to write letters of apology to the persons whom we know he has sexually abused. I assure you that there will be no reference in any form concerning the sacrament of penance in these letters.

Also, seeing that Father Murphy is in poor health, I have also drawn up plans for his funeral that will be pastorally sensitive to the needs of Father Murphy's family as well as the needs of the deaf community.

Finally, we will continue to pay for the counseling for any of the victims of the sexual abuse.

Again, I wish to express my appreciation for your concern about this grave pastoral situation in my Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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



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September 14, 1998

Decree

This decree formally concludes the penal case against Fr. Lawrence Murphy, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee who had domicile in the Diocese of Superior, Wisconsin. Fr. Murphy died on August 21, 1998. The Acts of the case will be kept in the secret archives of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for the period of time prescribed by law.

Rev. Thomas T. Brundage

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Notary

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October, 1998

Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24

We send you this special issue of *Hand in Hand* to inform you that Fr. Lawrence Murphy died on August 21. He had lived in Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, since he left St. John School for the Deaf in 1974.

The death of someone we know can bring forth many emotions. It is not always easy to sort out those emotions, but our faith in God can help us to face the source of any pain. And the passage of time can help to heal that pain.

Bishop Richard Sklba spoke at the private funeral held for the Murphy family at Holy Cross Cemetery. We hope those of you who knew Lawrence Murphy may find comfort in the bishop's words which began with a reference to the passage from John's gospel printed above. The bishop said:

"As any grade school child knows, seeds carefully placed into the soil don't really die at all — the seed's outer cover becomes too narrow, too contained, and new life begins. As first graders we placed seeds into glass containers, then watched wide-eyed as the mystery of new life began ... first the root down into rich soil ... then the new leaves ... and finally the plant reaching upward toward the light.

"Lawrence Murphy put his roots deep into his family. To be a priest in one's own family is a wonderful but also very unique experience ... celebrating not Advent or Lent or major holy seasons as such, but always present for family gatherings. Uncle Larry was at christenings,

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

graduations, weddings, family events of all sorts giving gifts, watching families grow, offering congratulations or sympathy. You knew him in his laughter and sorrow, in good health and on difficult days.

"His entire priesthood was devoted to the deaf community. When I first met him in the autumn of 1960 — at St. Mary's in Elm Grove where he was a Sunday help-out — he talked about St. John's. He loved the school and its community very much. He did so much wonderful work for the youngsters and staff.

"But not everything he did was good. I say that not to offend or hurt, but because it's true. Painful

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accusations were made. They surfaced again in recent years, with increased bitterness. I don't know the whole story, but I do know that the amount of damage became clear and that Father Murphy was in the process of writing letters of personal apology. The matter hadn't yet been resolved when he died.

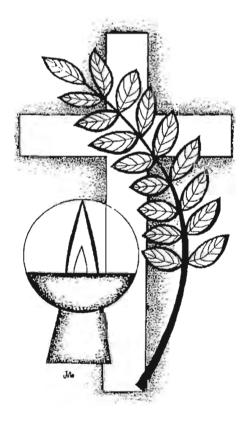
"So to protect your grief from disruption and to respect your sorrow, this had to be a very private funeral. I can't tell you how badly I feel about all this, for I knew Larry for almost 40 years and liked him very much.

"I have a theory about the last judgment for each of us ... only a theory, but one which gives me much comfort and hope. I do not believe the last judgment will be when all our secret sins are revealed to the whole world. In fact, I suspect that it is a bit arrogant to think that the whole world is even interested in anyone's secret sins. No, I believe the last judgment will be that time when God reveals fully to each of us who we really are. Finally we will understand the decisions we have made throughout life; we will understand how we chose to live life and will comprehend the impact of our choices.

"It is at that final judgment, I believe, when we will hear God clearly calling us by name ... we will most humbly hear our own name as we never heard it before, and we will rise to claim this deepest identity. God will forgive us and embrace us and bless us forever.

"Thus, when we commend someone we love to God's embrace, like the seed that doesn't really die, we take comfort and hope in God's gift of new life. As we come together this morning, we believe that our good and gracious God has called Larry by name, inviting him now to claim that identity he forged in the choices he made throughout his life — may God grant him peace."

– Bishop Richard Sklba August 28, 1998



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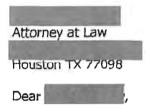
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December 2, 1998



Your letter sent to the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio was referred back to me. First of all, my deepest sympathies on the death of your brother, Father Larry. I realize these have not been easy days for you.

Opening up the case of the accusations against Father Larry became necessary because the accusations involved abuse of the confessional. Concerning that material there are no time restrictions. Because of the nature of these accusations I had to deal with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome. We tried our very best to act responsibly and followed all the norms of Church Law carefully. I can only assure you that the evidence presented to our own Ecclesiastical Tribunal was such that it could not be ignored.

Through all this procedure the anger of a significant group in the deaf community was indeed great. I believe it is a miracle that we were able to keep it from exploding in the newspapers with the ruination of Father Larry's reputation.

Last May when I was in Rome for my *ad limina* visit, I was asked to attend a meeting at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to discuss this sad case in the light of the convincing evidence. Present were Bishop Fliss of Superior, Bishop Sklba, and myself. The Congregation was represented by Archbishop Bertone, Secretary of the Congregation, Monsignor Girotti, Undersecretary, several canonists, a notary, and consultants. At that meeting the officials reflected with us on the need to avoid scandal and also about our plans for the eventual possibility of having to face the circumstances of Father Larry's death, given his precarious health. Everything was planned to avoid an article in the press that would give vent to the anger of the deaf community, a larger portion being informed of the serious allegations than you might be aware of.

It was my belief that you had been well aware of this concern on my part but had not agreed on the seriousness of the situation and, thus, were not in total agreement with the restrictions I placed on the funeral arrangements. I feel absolutely certain in my own mind that if we had permitted the case to run its full length, Father Larry would have been stripped of his

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priesthood and buried as a lay man. We took this chance in the hopes of keeping the issue private. The attempt was successful. Although you may have found Bishop Skiba's words and actions unacceptable, they were sufficient to calm the waters and avoid public scandal.

Our pastoral concern now is to heal the wounds in the deaf community, overcome the hatred and anger, and then move on. I hope you will join in helping us on that pastoral concern.

Again my sympathies and blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

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February 12, 1995

To Mr. Lawrence Murphy:

I am writing this letter because I am very, very, very furious at you for molesting me when I was a student at St. John's School for the Deaf, ruining my life and almost ruining my marriage.

I cannot keep our secret about your life as a terrible molestor at our school for many years. I must tell the truth to Archbishop Weakland about you and how you ruined mine and many other children's faith in God and Jesus. You made us hate the Catholic church because we couldn't understand how you could be such a hypocrite of a priest who taught us about God while you were the secret molestor.

Everytime I see other priests I wonder, "Are they molestors, too?" They always remind me of you; a clever wolf, a mortal sinner, a heavy luster who walked among us every night in the Catholic dorm. We couldn't even hear you coming. I would lay awake every night shaking in fear that this would be a night you would touch me. Can you imagine that? Can you? Jesus on the cross on the wall saw you coming every night to molest us. He must have been shocked and grieved every time. I hope he cried like we did, because we were innocent children, pure Christians, good altar boys, and cute lambs. I hope Jesus is very furious at you and will send you to hell very soon.

I remember almost everything now. It is all so ugly it makes me want to throw up every time I have to face another memory of you. One time you told me that a deaf boy molested you at St. John's School and that is why you became a molestor. I do not believe you anymore!! Do you hear me? I don't believe you !!! You always blamed deaf children! I cannot

stand to hear you famous say, "I am very kind to deaf children and they stab my back, why?" You must be a very sick person. We did not stab your back. We finally started protecting each other from you because you are the skillful, sly, molestor. Some people still believe you are a holy priest. I cannot stand it!

It finally became clear to me why you required some deaf boys who couldn't pay tuition to work for you while others did not have to work for pay. The boys who had to work all had foreskins and the ones who stayed for free were all circumcised. Remember, you didn't like boys with foreskins. We circumcised students paid in another way; a sick way that haunts me every hour of my waking life. Do you understand me? The answer must be that you are mentally ill. How else could you molest me at night and then raise the host to God in the morning?

Do you remember another time I cannot stand to think about? A time that a poor deaf helpless boy went to St. Francis Police Station and told them that you molested him. You told the policeman that "The kid is mentally retarded." The policeman believed you and left. I want to know how you live with yourself. How do you look in the mirror knowing the number of lives you've destroyed? You are such an expert liar I guess you have convinced yourself that you have done nothing wrong. I am here to tell you that you have done major harm to us. Many of our lives are over because of you. Tell yourself THAT the next time you shave. Shame on you!

Do you remember when you caught a deaf boy sleeping with another deaf boy? Do you? I do. You spanked him with your belt but all the while you molested him. The depth of your destruction is like a deep dark bottomless pit that has no end.

Do you remember when I told you that molested us? The

next thing I knew he left our school. You must have missed him alot since you went and visited him so many times. You make me sick.

Do you remember how you punished us and told us we couldn't eat our breakfast because we did not receive holy communion? No one dared to say you had no right to enforce the laws of the church because you were nothing but a molestor. Why didn't we say anything? Because we were frightened lambs and you were the deadly wolf. Now I know you are less than nothing. Not powerful. Nothing but a sick manipulator.

Do you remember how you told my high school girlfriend that her parents complained that I dated her too much? She asked her parents and they were puzzled. Why were they puzzled? Because they never said that! You were jealous of my interest in her. You wanted me to be YOUR lover. I cannot stand to think of it. I can't describe how revolted I was when I was told you admitted to the therapist that you were "in love with mel"

One of my sickest memories is how you shared your secret molesting of boys with **secret** at St. Rita's School for the Deaf. You two had nothing less than a Catholic pornography ring! You molested the children in your Catholic elementary dorm and sent them on to **secret** Catholic high school dorm where he then took his turn molesting them.

Do you remember ? I recall he quit Catholic Catholic pornography school. He came over to your school with his parents. You told his parents you wanted to talk to him alone. He told me you told him that you were gay and wanted him back. He was shocked and his parents asked him what was wrong. Like the rest of us, he said nothing.

God must punish you and send you to hell to

stay forever.

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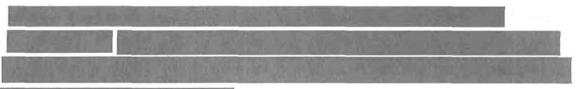
things you will now see face. The very least you could do is be sorry, but you aren't. Well, I am. I am sorry for and myself and all of the other's whose futures you wiped out from under them.

Do you remember when caught you molesting me? I wished and prayed he would help me and I also wished he could report you to Archbishop Cousin. But guess what? He figured since you were molesting us then he was free to do it, too. And he did!

You and are responsible for one boy He, too, was a good friend of mine. He too has never enjoyed the life the Catholic church has provided for you. I curse you and both!

Hey, does the church know about your male lover in Monroe, Wisconsin? Again, I am confused as I was taught at your hand a priest vowed chastity. But what is that compared to the number of souls you have single handedly destroyed? Anyway, I am sure Satan knows and is very proud of you, his servant.

But just tell me one thing. How could you hurt me the way you did? I was just a little kid. My mother had just told you



She told you all of that and BEGGED you to

take care of me. I was numb with grief and fear and looked to you for some kind of comfort and security. You were all I had. No one at home signed. I could not communicate with them. I turned to you and what did you do? You molested me, that's what. You took advantage of a lost little boy who had no one else. Because if you remember, as I do, you told me that my mother no longer loved me and only loved my brother You isolated me from the one person who possibly could have rescued me. I hate you for that.

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I never understood why you were so popular with the deaf children. They seemed to love you very much. I know now how children often run to the very people who hurt them.

Remember the big statue of Jesus hugging the children beside our old school? The statue showed him being very kind to them. You fooled us by copying that pose, got us close and molested us. You should have never been a priest in the first place.

I remember when my friend wanted to become Catholic so he asked me You baptized him . . . then molested him after confession. That is so disgusting!!!!!!!!!

Last year I learned that Archbishop Weakland fired you. It was one of the happiest moments of my life. But then I heard you still serve Mass in your home. How dare you! You cannot serve Mass because you are not a priest anymore. God does not accept you as a priest because you molested and ruined us. You must stop serving Mass. YOU ARE NO LONGER A PRIESTII!

Do you know that you really ruined my life? I could never trust men because I thought maybe they would molest me as you did. Do you remember that first time? I came to confession and you asked if I had been masturbating. Then you told me to pull down my pants. I will always feel the horror of that moment. The conflict inside. Telling me to go to the bed and lie down. Touching me. Letting me believe that it is not a sin if you are the one masturbating me. I would not go to hell because you are a priest. And then continuing to allow me to believe that garbage for so many years! And then wanting me to touch you, bringing my hand to touch

you. I become sick thinking of it.

Because of you I have had trouble relating to people because I was always afraid they would ask me about you. The shame was isolating and all consuming. I did not want to become close friends with anyone in college because again I was afraid they would discover my dirty secret. Now I look at different priests and wonder, "Are they molestors?" I lost my Catholic faith because you confused me about Jesus and God. They should stop your heart and send you to hell before you rape more children.

The pain was unbearable at times. When I met my future wife I finally told someone about my hideous past. I told her. Instead of relieving me I suddenly was overcome with excruciating panic attacks. The worse part is, I almost lost her because I blamed her for them. I couldn't plan a wedding because I could never predict when I would be sent spiraling into the fear that was so overwhelming. So, thanks to you, we were married alone in a church of no particular faith.

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and anxiety attacks were so debilitating I couldn't concentrate. But with the love and support of my wonderful wife who stood by me through it all,

You almost ruined my marriage, but you couldn't.

I wanted to start a family four years ago, but I couldn't because of my instability.

I curse, curse, curse you!

You built a new school in order to molest more children and ruined them. The school closed. You ruined the Catholic deaf children's future.

I remember being very angry with you while I was in high school. You had taken me to your cottage in Boulder Jct. I told you I planned to tell Archbishop Cousin about you. You told me that you were insane and told me to go ahead to tell the bishop. I finally told Archbishop Weakland that you admitted that you are insane.

I have one more thing to tell. You taught me about heaven and hell in our school. Now I know for sure that you will see your powerful Satan in hell very soon. God lets no one into heaven who is not deeply, truly, and shamefully sorry for his sins, in your case, atrocities. I am sure that Satan will be proud to give you a big award, "The Best Molestor on the Earth." You should be very excited about seeing again who should also share your torment.

I have been working very hard to get my soul back with God and Jesus. With the love and support of my family and friends I hope to heal. My shame and my dirty secret are back where they belong, with you, their creator.

cc: Archbishop Weakland Pope John Paul II



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

23 July 1974

Most Rev. William E. Cousins Archbishop of Milwaukee 345 North Ninety-fith Street Milwaukee, Wiscosin 53226

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you once again on the matter of Father Lawrence Murphy and St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee.

Apparently **Deparently** is not at all mollified by Your Excellency's realignment of administrative duties to the benefit of the situation in question. In fact, we are both subject to her disatisfaction so that she threatens to take the matter to the civil courts. Her letter thus goes on to state:

"Since we - representing the group of deaf who have in the past been molested by Father Murphy - wish to prevent any further occasion for wrongdoing, and since the Church does not wish to do any more than cover up - much like the celebrated Watergate - it is time to continue the case where it belongs in the courts with charges of immorality and probably perversion on the part of the present director of St. John's Father Murphy. We hate to see the probable scandal arising from this public presentation of this problem - but whatever scandal arises, please be assured that the cause is the mishandling of the case on the part of the Church. It could have been avoided, if the Archbishop had chosen to act fairly; it could have been avoided if the Apostolic Delegate had pursued the case promptly and intelligently." I have answered this lady's letter to the effect that I considered that the Archbishop's action effectively precludes any possibility of offense and thus I do not see the utility of any recourse to the courts.

In the likelihood that will continue to express her disatisfaction I thought it might be helpful to Your Excellency to be made aware of her latest communication.

With cordial regards and

best wish, I am

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Apostolic Delegate

SUMMARY OF MEETING MAY 16, 1974

RE: Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy

PURPOSE: Bring people of differing viewpoints together to reach a satisfactory solution to the charges presented by the complainants.

- 1. Archbishop Cousins began by indicating that Father Murphy would relinquish his position as Director and Principal of St. John's School for the Deaf while a complete investigation of the charges was conducted.
- 2. Speaking for the supporters of Father Murphy, opened with a statement acknowledging the concern of the complainants and asked that and his supporters consider the good of the church, the school, and the deaf community in any position that they take.
- 3. **Solution** spoke for the complainants. She objected to statement and declared that **solution** and the other complainants were not on trial. She indicated that the complainants would remain silent and would not respond to any questions or comments except through her.
- Control 4. presented a six point proposal and said that this proposal was the only one that the complainants would be willing to discuss and that it was final.
 - 5. In order to facilitate the meeting, the six point proposal was accepted for discussion on a point by point basis. Discussion never advanced beyond the first point.
 - 6. Sister Martha Ann mentioned the great danger of misunderstanding and the difficulty of accurate communication among the deaf. She suggested that a simple statement can admit of several interpretations.
 - 7. **Complaint who have now requested that their names be removed from the bill of complaint on the grounds that they did not fully understand what they were signing.**
 - 8. Charged that Archbishop Cousins had knowledge of complaints as far back as 1960. This was denied. It was pointed out that the "flyer" was in error. The incident referred to concerned Archbishop Meyer in 1957 or 1958.

RE: MURPHY

- 9. Archbishop Cousins indicated that he had received a letter from about a year ago. The Archbishop indicated that in his reply to he stated that the Archbishop's investigation did not substantiate the charges that had been made. In the did not present any further evidence or correspondence at that time.
- 10. The supporters of Father Murphy suggested that he resign as Principal but keep his position as Director. This was rejected by the complainants.
- 11. The Archbishop again suggested that Father Murphy remove himself while a complete investigation is conducted.
- 12. Archbishop has all the information he needs to act.
- 13. It was pointed out that the Archbishop was presented with nothing more than unproven allegations. Until now no testimony has been taken from the the complainants. In the interest of completeness and fairness it was asked that additional information and witnesses now in the possesion of the complainants be made available to the Archbishop. The refused to release any more information, claiming that the Archbishop already had sufficient information and evidence.
- 14. demanded that their six point proposal for the removal of Father Murphy be agreed to in writing at this meeting otherwise they will take civil and legal action.
- 15. was again asked to furnish additional information and witnesses and agree to an investigation of the charges. She refused to do so and led the delegation of complainants from the meeting.

The Meeting began at 7:20 P.M. and ended at 8:45 P.M.

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June 8, 1973



Many thanks for your letter of June 4th in which you outline the case you want to discuss with me in person. It involves the dismissal of your boy, **seed**, from St. John's School for the Deaf apparently for his smoking.

As you have intimated, you can be sure that I will make every investigation. I have not found Father Murphy unreasonable in these matters, but there is always the possibility that an individual instance can bring to light a situation that would otherwise have gone undiscovered. If this be the case, you can be certain that proper steps will be taken.

I cannot quite understand what you mean when you say in your letter, 'We're not through yet."

In the meantime, if discipline is too strict, as you allege, I can discuss the matter at length with the Administration.

Assuring you of my interest in any institution or agency within our jurisdiction, I am, with every blessing,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins Archbishop of Milwaukee May 25, 1973

My dear

I acknowledge your recent note, which arrived just this morning, in which you ask for an appointment after June 2nd of this year.

I would be more than happy to see you, but I would strongly recommend that you write to me and give me some general idea of what it is you want to discuss. In so many cases I must refer people to other departments or other agencies, that I would not want to waste your time if a more direct way of handling the situation was open to us.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the hope of serving you better, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins Archbishop of Milwaukee



5-19-73

DEAR REVEREND COUSINS WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE To HAVE AN Appoint mente To See you Concerning A very SERIOUS PERSONAL PROBLEM? I LIVE IN BUT CAN COME TO MILWAUREE ANY TIME After June 2nd 1973 For AN Appointment. MY HUSBAND AND F, KNOW You from WE WERE MARRIED THERE TWENTY FIVE YEARS ALD PLEASE SET UP AN APPOINTMENT + FWILL BE THERE THANK YOU

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December 10, 1976

James E. Collis, Esq. Law Offices of Donald C. Haberman 212 West Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee WI 53203

Dear Mr. Collis:

St. John's School for the Deaf hereby agrees that it will pay for psychological counseling for and interpreters' fees in connection with

such counseling, provided, however, that St. John's total payments for such services will not exceed \$2,000.00 nor will it pay for any such services performed after December 1, 1977. St. John's School for the Deaf agrees that the may bring legal action to enforce the agreement stated above if for any reason the School defaults in its performance of the agreement.

Yours truly,

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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By Fr. Donald Zerkel Director

October 6, 1975

The Most Reverend William E. Cousins P.O. Box 2018 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Archbishop:

Following our conversation with Don Murphy, the Attorney, Larry's brother, I am sending you the name of the priest's psychiatrist who is highly recommended by the Sacred Heart Fathers of Hales Corners. He is the Ph.D., at Ph.D., at Superior, Wisconsin 54880. He is also one of the Assistant Chancellors of the Diocese. The Sacred Heart Fathers mentioned that if you wish to know more about his capabilities, that you could consult Bishop Hannes.

May I mention something to you in strict confidence that after we left your office Larry's brother, **Mathefactor**, told me that he hoped that you would absolutely insist on Larry seeing a psychiatrist. You had mentioned in your conversation with him that you can't command him to do so, but **seeing** is of the old school yet and he now feels that this is an absolute must. You also mentioned to me if there were any other priests I knew who might give Larry a helping hand, I would like to tell you that the closest one to Larry in his class and whom he respects very highly is Father Ed Olley.

Sincerely,

Bil.

Bill Farrell

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Million have, in the past, persecuted and threatened the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy, former Director of St. John's School for the Deaf of Milwaukee, and St. John's School for the Deaf. I have given serious thought and consideration to my past actions and realize the harm to the Community and mental strain I have caused to persons involved.

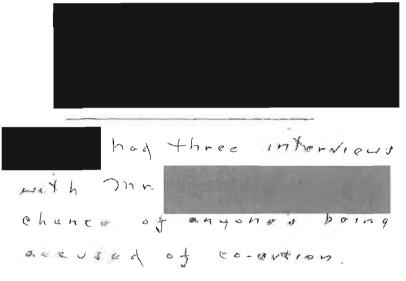
I promise to stop from this day and forever these actions (sending threatening letters, threatening to picket, spreading scandalous talk) against the Archbishop of Milwaukee, Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy, and St. John's School for the Deaf.

I fully understand and agree with the content of this statement. I am doing this freely - no one is forcing me to make this statement. I do it to attain my own peace of mind.

A legal action was begun against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy. I wish this action be dropped as of this

day of May , 19 75. WITNESS My HAND THIS 27 DAY OF May, 1975.

In the presence of:





The Archbishop wants proof and is going to send Fr. Schneider to me... I want to be sure to have now proof for them...and I also wanted to be sure in my own min d that this is not fabricated (made up) by and the second and passed along...however, today I'm more convinced than ever that this is true and these poor deaf people are being used by a sick man.

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also -- state said he didn't think it right when priest asks him at confession if he plays with boy - then he said yes - then priests makes him "show me how you do it"... he thinks this is not fair or right when Fr. Murphy does this,

Also -- was in last week - a boy named - (he still goes to ///// is very much afraid of Fr. Murphy - he graduates this May - and he told that Fr. Murphy played with him in 1973)....but he is afraid to tell.

The man from **that wrote the private note is married and his wife does not know -** that is why they are not sure if he will come here and testify - but he wrote note in good faith to help his friends.

Delavan deaf community (kids etc.) call Milwaukse Fairy school at St. Johns--- they laugh at boys from St. Johns because they all know about Father Murphy...

Fr. Murphy wants kids to go to summer camp every year - then he cho oses 3-or so boys to come to his summer cottage - he is good to them - pays for movies - they are happy -he feeds them steak - they get boat ride-water ski - then when sleeping - he comes into bedroom - wakes them - tells them to come to his room to talk to them - then they do - and he touches them and plays with them....next night - he goes and wakes a different boy -they go with him because he is good to them at cottage...when they get a little older and are called fairy and know what bad they did -- then they feel bad and don't know what to do because Fr. Murphy does it with other boys too.

I was told a Milwaukee Journal reporter was told about this last weekend by a different deaf mand and he now wants to talk to me --- I want him to get here and I will threaten him if recessary to keep it out of the paper (ax although I really wonder if I should because I feel that maybe I am not listened to either and someone must help these poor people)....

(THIS PARAGRAPHY FOR WHO WORKS WITH ME ONLY)...."I have been told by many deaf at Delevan about Father Murphy and would be willing to come into your office to swear to this (and about the reput: Signed

We have read the above and everything stated is true-all is not written that we said - but it is impossible to copy everything...we will tell more with when called in for hearings. We sale when we tall this he don't dony it.....

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4-12-74

My name is **a second second** ... and I am a former student at St. John;s School for the Deaf.

Everything that has maid regarding Father Murphy is true... I know because I am a 1970 graduate and up until that time I also had been sexually molested by Father M.

I also know boys that were visited in their bedrooms in 1973 and 74 and I would be willing to come and tell this to whoever the proper people are that could help . so that all the deaf can be sure that this will be stopped.



Many deaf people are afraid of Father Murphy and will not come forward and talk. that is why he has been doing this same thing all these years. We do not want to make threats...but he will be stopped now. we hope with the help of his fellow priests.

The people that are now willing to talk are no longer afraid and will talk in court.



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December 12, 1973

Lawrence Murphys

For ONE year I had talked to the policeman, detectives, assistant District Attorney, and lawyer.

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For twenty-three years (1950-1973) you are still the sexually molester. Now dare you tell your friends a thousand times that you stopped sexually molesting the deaf boys. What is a pricet? A priest is a sexually molester.

Someday this letter may be shown in public.



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P.S.S. What I tell is TRUE.