

June 14, 1950

The Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy

[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin

My dear Father Murphy:

I hereby appoint you to assist the Reverend Eugene J. Gehl, Rector of St. John's School for the Deaf, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. You will please to report to Father Gehl on Friday, June 16th, 1950.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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June 12, 1961

Mr. Edward J. Stiec  
Grand Knight-Elect  
3012 South Harman Street  
Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Stiec:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop, grants approval for Father Lawrence Murphy to act as Chaplain for the Cardinal Stritch Council No. 4614, Knights of Columbus for the forthcoming year with the understanding that it will not interfere with his responsibilities and that he is willing to assume the obligation, having received Father Eugene Gehl's consent.

With kind personal regards and good wishes, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

V. Rev. Msgr. Francis M. Beres,  
Vice Chancellor

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June 19, 1963

The Rev. Lawrence G. Murphy

Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

Dear Father Murphy:

By this letter I officially appoint you Director of St. John's School for the Deaf effective Monday, July 1st.

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 field.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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# Military Ordinariate

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
30 EAST FIFTY-FIRST STREET  
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

TELEPHONE ELDORADO 3-3457

December 30, 1963

HIS EMINENCE  
FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN  
MILITARY VICAR

Inq: Auxiliary  
MURPHY, Lawrence C.

Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy  
St. John's School for the Deaf  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Murphy:

Father Raymond Vint, Chaplain, Wisconsin National Guard, has written to ask us to appoint you as an auxiliary chaplain to the 128th Aircraft and Control Squadron in South Milwaukee.

In conjunction with your appointment may I ask you to be good enough to execute the enclosed form of application and to return it to us together with a small photo of yourself of passport dimensions. We shall then be happy to send you your ecclesiastical appointment as an Auxiliary Chaplain of the Military Ordinariate.

✓ Please have your Chancery Office send us a note granting you permission to assume these additional duties.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph F. Marbach  
Chancellor

cc - Fr. Vint

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ADOM037456

November 3, 1972

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My dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your letter of October 30th in which you outline in some detail the unfortunate episode involving [REDACTED] and the Administration at St. John's School for the Deaf in the person of Father Murphy.

I shall bring this matter to Father's attention in personal interview, in the confident hope that justice and charity will be served.

With every blessing, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM037474

June 19, 1974

The Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Father Murphy,

Grand Knight Robert F. Day has requested that you be appointed Chaplain for Cardinal Stritch Council #4614 of our Knights of Columbus. Your term of office would be from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

If you are willing so to serve, please look upon this letter as an official recognition of your appointment to that position.

With warm personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Father Mathieu (State Chaplain, Knights of Columbus)  
Grand Knight Robert F. Day  
Personnel Board

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April 28, 1975

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My dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 13th and completely agree with everything you say about Father Murphy. I hold Father in the highest regard and look forward with you to the day when he will return to full service in the deaf community. Father's concern for the School was the basis of his present decision.

Every consideration will be shown Father Murphy, but it is good to know that people like yourself with close ties to the School speak so highly of a dedicated priest.

With warmest of personal regards and with every blessing, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM037480

November 8, 1975

Rev. Donald Zerkel, Director  
St. John's School for the Deaf  
3680 South Kinnickinnic Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Rev. Zerkel:

Here is my duty as a former student of St. John's to ask you to remove two men from St. John's School ground (Lawrence Murphy and [REDACTED]) - to stop the messy things and straighten them out. I encourage you, Sisters, teachers, children and Alumni to work together to keep St. John's School for the Deaf a "GOOD SCHOOL".

I was told that Lawrence Murphy was presented a \$1,000 check from St. John's Alumni Association. I wrote a letter to [REDACTED] the president of St. John's Alumni Association for getting the check back from Lawrence Murphy due to St. John's Alumni Constitution in which it states that it must have the members' approval. Also, I asked [REDACTED] for his resignation because he betrayed our St. John's children for neglecting their needs and is still Lawrence Murphy's best supporter. The letter I wrote was not been answered within the 10 days (in September 1975) I had requested. I would appreciate it for the good of St. John's School and deaf children if these two men be removed from St. John's School and the \$1,000 check canceled immediately or I will be forced to go to see the lawyer to have this done. I would like for you to please answer this letter within 10 days for you comment on this situation.

Respectfully  
[REDACTED]

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November 10, 1975

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The Reverend Leonard J. Scherrer  
St. Michael's Priest Fund  
2491 North Murray Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Dear Father Scherrer:

This concerns Father Lawrence Murphy. He has received from Archbishop Cousins an extension of his temporary leave of absence. His address is, pending further notice, St. Anne's Parish, [REDACTED] Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512.

Father Murphy should receive a salary reimbursement of \$200.00 effective November 1. Since he receives some remuneration for services offered at St. Anne Parish, Boulder Junction, he assured the Archbishop that it will not be necessary for him to receive a full salary from the Priest Fund. The full pension contribution (\$350 +), should be deducted nevertheless.

We ask also that Father Murphy's Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage be continued.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon  
Chancellor

RGS/ef

cc: The Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy

The Reverend John J. Waldbauer

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THE CHANCERY

## CLERGY CREDENTIAL

This is to certify that the Rev. Lawrence C. MURPHY  
is a duly ordained priest of the Roman Catholic Church, authorized to  
exercise the ministry within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Ordained: May 27, 1950 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Presently stationed at St. Anne's Church, Box 110, Boulder Junction, WI 54512



Signed: Michael T. Newman  
(Rev.) Michael T. Newman  
Chancellor

Given at Milwaukee May 9, 1983  
(date)

Address of Priest/Deacon: St. Anne's Church, Box 110, Boulder Junction, WI 54512

Diocese/Religious Community: Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Date and Place of Marriage:

Other Information: Requested for authorization to witness marriages  
within the State of Minnesota.

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Strictly Confidential

11 February 1986

The Rev. Michael T. Newman  
Chancellor  
Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
3501 South Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Father Mike:

I do hope you may recall me —  
a deaf [redacted] in Milwaukee —  
and a former assistant at [redacted]

[redacted] I am presently assigned  
to [redacted] downtown, which  
has a small group of deaf parishioners  
and [redacted]. Our last meeting was  
at All Saints' Cathedral where our  
prelates signed the Covenant between  
the respective Archdiocese and Diocese three  
summers ago.

I am writing this letter from brother  
to brother in Christ seeking what is  
proper in the name of justice.

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Two important things came out of my dream: the establishment of a Lions Club and an award in recognition of services for the hearing impaired.


I rounded up civic-minded deaf men and some fathers of deaf children in 1974 and challenged them to form the Greater Milwaukee Lions Club for the hearing impaired and friends of the same. It was chartered in February, 1975, and they elected me as charter president and served two terms. I was re-elected president for 1979-1980. It was I who created the coveted "Distinguished Service Award." The first recipient, to my pride, is Robert Ziamak, the Chief of Milwaukee Police, which was presented in 1976. It became our proud tradition. Other recipients, to date, include James Wahner, June Carr of the Milwaukee Hearing Society, and to name a few.

What shocked me recently is that the Distinguished Service Award

Committee members have chosen the Rev. Lawrence Murphy, formerly of St. John's School for the Deaf as the 1986 recipient. It did break my heart as well as anger me, for I do not want to see the reputation of the Distinguished Service Award be tarnished. As I see, the present members of the D.S.A. Committee are cronies of Father Murphy.

I do not need to discuss the details of Fr. Murphy's background at St. John's School for the Deaf with you, for you probably have heard enough of this. In order not to embarrass the Lions International and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, I would like to know if you can check the personnel file of Fr. Murphy and have a meeting with the Committee members and president of the Greater Milwaukee Lions Club and advise them to drop the idea of honoring Father Murphy which is not appropriate, or to speak ethically?

Your advise will be greatly appreciated.

Your brother in Christ,  


P.S. Mum is the word!

The Greater Milwaukee Lions  
Club Board meets at St.  
John's Center on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
of the month at 7:30 pm.

bcc Bishop Fliss  
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VICAR FOR PRIEST PERSONNEL

July 15, 1980

✓ Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy  
St. Anne Church  
[REDACTED]  
Boulder Junction, WI 54512

Dear Father Murphy:

Recently Bishop Ralph Fliss mentioned to me that you are desirous of returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to minister to the adult deaf community. At the same time, Bishop Fliss mentioned that if such were necessary, you would be willing to entertain other possibilities.

Perhaps, it would be best if you and I discussed this matter personally rather than through the awkwardness of correspondence. If you plan to be in Milwaukee this summer, we could get together at that time. Otherwise, we could speak over the phone. Whatever is your convenience, please let me know.

With every best wish, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,



(Rev.) Joseph A. Janicki  
Vicar for Priest Personnel

JAJ/srs

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DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

1201 HUGHITT AVE.  
SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN, 54880

July 9, 1980

The Reverend Joseph A. Janicki  
Vicar for Personnel - Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
P.O. Box 2018  
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Father Janicki:

Father Lawrence Murphy from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is presently residing near Boulder Junction, Wisconsin. He lives privately with his mother. He has become a very good friend and a pastoral associate of Father Irving C. Meyett at St. Anne's Church in Boulder Junction. Father Meyett is also responsible for the missions at Presque Isle and Sayner. I am sure Father Murphy assists him in all three places.

Not long ago in a discussion with Father Murphy it became quite clear that he is interested in clarifying his status and relationship to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He is desirous of obtaining somehow, somewhere an appointment to make use of his priesthood and his talent in the apostolate for the deaf. He is most desirous of returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and there minister to the adult deaf community. He is also willing to entertain other possibilities, if such were necessary.

In a recent conversation with Archbishop Weakland, I was left with the impression that it would not be advisable at this time to invite Father Murphy to return to Milwaukee to work among the deaf. I am wondering if I might impose on your kindness and your office to pursue this entire question with me. I think Father Murphy has a great deal to offer, especially in the area of the deaf apostolate. He can be reached at St. Anne's Church, [REDACTED] Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512.

Hoping you continue to cultivate your good nature and sense of humor, I remain

Very sincerely in Christ,



The Most Rev. Raphael M. Fliss  
Coadjutor Bishop of Superior

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October 29, 1975

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The Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy

Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

Dear Larry,

Our last conversation was more productive to my mind than some other conversations of the past. I was grateful for your understanding and happy in the knowledge that you would continue to serve in your present informal assignment in Boulder Junction. I was also agreeably impressed by your willingness to seek professional counseling. I think this is essential to your own sense of inner peace. The continuing frustrations can lead to serious consequences unless they are put into proper perspective.

I am submitting the name of a priest psychiatrist who comes very highly recommended, and I urge you to seek his help at the earliest possible date, unless you have already come to an agreement with someone else who is competent in this field.

Ph.D. may be reached at (Catholic Charities Bureau) Superior, Wisconsin 54880, phone or (his residence) Superior, Wisconsin 54880, phone

Please inform me immediately if this arrangement is not acceptable and let me know what other arrangements you have made.

With warm personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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April 13, 1987

Dear [REDACTED]:

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I write to acknowledge your letter of March 18, 1987 and to request again your understanding of the circumstances surrounding your initial phone call some time back. I erred in answering the telephone impulsively in the midst of the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then was distressed to discover that my hastily scratched notation of your telephone number had been lost in transit. My apologies for any suggestion that the matter was deemed unimportant or of little consequence.

In attempting to assess the situation over the past year, I continue to be puzzled by the fact that a large portion of the deaf community insists on inviting Father Murphy to all celebrations and pressuring him to be present. Moreover, in several discrete consultations with Roman Catholic Priests active in ministry to the deaf community, I discover that I am unable to find a similar understanding of the events to which you allude and to which you attempt to respond in a pastoral fashion. I will continue to attempt to provide care for all persons in the community and to seek the best interests of everyone. I will also share your letter with my immediate colleague, Bishop Leo Brust, in order to be assured that our own response is as wise and effective as possible. Your allegations are serious and deserve consideration. At the same time, the passage of so many years should suggest a thoughtful pastoral context for the entire situation.

May the graces of Holy Week and Easter be the occasion for your own dealing with the anger you expressed so candidly in your letter. May the joy of Easter be yours in abundance. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

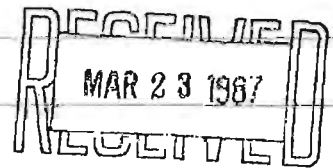
Most Reverend Richard J. Skiba  
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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18 March 1987

The Most Revd. Richard J. Skiba  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
P.O. Box 2018  
Milwaukee, WI 53201



Dear Bishop Skiba:

Referring to your letter of December 18, 1986 in which you recounted to me the confrontation of Father Lawrence Murphy and you at St. John's Center on Thanksgiving Weekend.

It was a very, very unfortunate thing that you permitted Fr. Murphy to celebrate Mass with you in front of so many deaf people who came from many places to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Ephphatha Chapter of the International Catholic Deaf Association.

The very harmful thing you did was to give Father Murphy a praise and warm welcome in front of the deaf eyes and you taught them that there is nothing wrong for a priest to molest boys and/or perform sexual activities with some boys in his cottage up north. You have hurt Father Murphy's victims who are still experiencing psychological problems and they are so confused by the Church's teaching on sexual morality!

As a former employee of the former St. John's School for the Deaf, I know the facts regarding Father Murphy's deplorable conduct and he has no credibility, whatsoever. For example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] went to his office to get some help, but, instead, saw Fr. Murphy with an elementary boy student with his pants off. He had

invaded the privacy of boys in their dormitories in late evening hours to molest with certain boys who were afraid to resist, and some of them were mentally retarded. That was why he hired deaf men as supervisors so as not to hear Fr. Murphy's devilish activities! Some of them were so upset and confided themselves to a deaf supervisor and he kept his mouth shut, lest he would lose his job.

To make it worse, after Fr. Murphy was removed from St. John's School a former student and his father filed a civil lawsuit against Fr. Murphy after his lawyer found it possible to prove his wrongdoing. Guess what happened then? Fr. Murphy had his cousin who happened to be a Sister of St. Francis do the filthy work for him. She went to the victim's apartment every evening for about a month or so to manipulate him to sign a piece of paper.

He refused to do so for a long time. Then his landlord became fed up with this thing and expressed his annoyance to the victim. The Sister was very clever with deceiving words that prompted the victim to sign the paper when the straw broke down. He did not know the consequence of signing a paper like this. Thus, he became a "double victim" of injustice. The paper said he was to give up the lawsuit and that his attorney's fees would be paid by Fr. Murphy. So, what on earth for heaven's sake, why are you so tolerant of Father Murphy, no matter what without being sensitive to the plight of his victims who have to bear them for the rest of their lives.

I ask you to please read the Covenant Statement of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, especially Clause number six which reads:

"To work together for social justice and the common good."

How do you relate this explicit clause with the way you handle Father Murphy? As of now, I seriously question the Sincerity of our covenant relationship as long as you show the lack of social concern for the sexual victims and the lack of responsibility for correcting the gross irresponsibilities of a priest who is supposed to be very accountable for what he does for the people of God.

You can see how angry I am in the name of social justice and I do not condone any abuses priests make on the people of God. I suggest that you have heart to heart with Archbishop Weakland as to what appropriate action should be taken that will be good for the whole Community. If it is your preference to hide the dirty white towel, I ask you to seriously plan not to renew our Covenant

this fall, so as to be very honest with us for not being able to maintain Clause #6 as expected by both sides.

In conclusion, in the light of Father's Murphy's Questionable background, your remarks in the last paragraph of your letter of December 18<sup>th</sup>: "I ask that you be a means of reconciliation within the community and ask your understanding should he (Fr. Murphy) appear in the future when invited by members of the Catholic clergy" is still very questionable. Again, the victims do not deserve to be further repressed and I ask you to be more concerned with them and bring them back to the Church with reconciliation and keep Fr. Murphy at distance.

cc: The Most Rev.  
Rambert Weakland, OSB

Sincerely,



**ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE**  
Priests' Personnel Board

June 11, 1986

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P.O. Box 2018  
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Wis. 53201  
414/769-3300  
Archbishop Cousins  
Catholic Center

The Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy  
St. Anne's Church  
[REDACTED]  
Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

Dear Father Murphy,

Many thanks for the cooperation and patience you have shown the Board as it worked with you to evaluate your current term of office.

We are pleased to inform you that Archbishop Weakland concurs with our recommendation to extend your term of office at St. Anne's Church in Boulder Junction, for a period of six years.

The Board is requesting any input from you regarding your future plans, whether you intend to return to the Archdiocese or stay in Boulder Junction or retirement. Would you please advise at your convenience. This information will help the Board as it plans for both the future needs of yourself and the Archdiocese.

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to guide you in your priestly service..

Sincerely yours,

THE PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

Monsignor Francis M. Beres  
Acting Executive Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

FILE COPY

December 2, 1987



Dear [REDACTED]:

Your letter of November 12, 1987 arrived at my office during our annual meeting in Washington of the Catholic Bishops. In reflecting upon your comments with prayer and thoughtfulness, it seems that everything I might say was already stated in my previous letter.

I thank you for your continuing concerns and ask you to please realize that a large segment of the hearing impaired community insists upon inviting Father Murphy, and this also must be dealt with respectfully and prayerfully. We continue to do everything possible in order to bring the Lord's grace to painful human situations of the past.

May the graces of advent be yours in abundance.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba  
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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Dear Bishop Skiba.

As you probably are aware of the "150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ministry with Catholic Deaf People" at St. John's Center on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Noon, I have a very strong presumption that Father Laurence Murphy will, no question, be there for the Mass and social gala.


I would like to persuade you to please call Father Bill Key to have a heart to heart meeting with you and demand that Father Murphy be not around St. John's Center at all nor be recognized or honored by the deaf Catholics on account of his damaging reputation. I personally believe that it is time for you to stick your head out since you are empowered by your office of Bishop as a custodian of

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Christian Faith that includes the teaching  
of morality. I also would like to  
implore you to please have Archbishop  
Rembert Weakland to give Father  
Murphy his disciplinary order that  
Father Murphy be not permitted  
to celebrate /concelebrate Mass for the  
deaf and attend functions in  
the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

As a former employee of St. John's  
School for the Deaf where I was  
betrayed by Father Murphy, I  
am still a victim and experience various  
psychological symptoms. That is why I  
continue to speak up in the name  
of social justice on the behalf of  
numerous victims of Father Murphy.

Sincerely yours



# saint james church milwaukee

Wednesday in Easter Week  
2 April 1986

Dear Bishop Skiba —

I hope you are having a very blessed and joyous Easter, especially the pleasant weather each day.

We had a "smooth sailing" at March's board meeting of the Greater Milwaukee Lions Club in which the board members voted to drop this year's Distinguished Service Award for a man who does not deserve it.

Enclosed please find the flyers for you and Father Mike Newman to see and may I ask you to please monitor by assuring us that Father Lawrence Murphy be not permitted to attend the affair of June 14/15 weekend, so that certain male alumni would not be offended or get bad flashbacks of their tragic experiences.

I was employed as a high school

the reverend charles lynch, rector: tty & voice 271-1340

ADOM037568

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Sayner, Wisconsin 54560

ST. ANNE'S PARISH

Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

ST. RITA'S PARISH

Presque Isle, Wisconsin 54557

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 110 - BOULDER JUNCTION, WISCONSIN 54512

PHONE: (715) 385-2390

Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 1992

Dear Archbishop Weakland,

I would like your permission to retire at this time.  
I have come to the decision that it is necessary for  
me to retire from active duty due to my health condition.

[REDACTED] I have had  
complications from my sickness and deterioration especially over  
the last 2 years. I realize the best I could do at this time  
in my priesthood is to ask your consideration and submit  
my desire for retirement. I know personally I am making the  
right decision. I beg your understanding of my health problems.

Thank you for all you have done for me through the years since  
your appointment to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I didn't have  
the opportunity to really meet and know you because of distance  
and work periods but I did appreciate your writings in the  
Catholic Herald Citizen - all correspondence - your personal Christmas  
Card with a feeling of warmth. God Bless You in the New Year  
and always.

Respectfully  
Fr Lawrence C. Murphy

ADOM037576

# ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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Office of Auxiliary Bishop

October 28, 1993

OCT 29 1993

Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy

Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

Dear Fr. Murphy:

Earlier this month the Archdiocese was again confronted by a serious allegation against you, stemming from several years ago.

I spoke with Bishop Ralph Fliss on October 7, 1993 in order to share that information with him. Since the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference was about to convene a meeting in Milwaukee Bishop Fliss promised to bring this matter to your attention, as well as to the notice of the pastor of St. Anne in Boulder Junction.

I think it is imperative that you discuss the matter with Fr. Thomas Venne (currently recovering from eye surgery) and probably also with Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki so that your own rights might be properly safeguarded that this time and that justice and compassion might be provided for all concerned. I know that this matter continues to be difficult for all of us.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba  
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

Let us go  
FORWARD



CELEBRATING  
150 YEARS  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

RJS/rt Copy to:  
Fr. Thomas Venne  
Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki

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ST. MARY'S PARISH

Sayner, Wisconsin 54560

ST. ANNE'S PARISH

Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

ST. RITA'S PARISH

Presque Isle, Wisconsin 54557

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 110 - BOULDER JUNCTION, WISCONSIN 54512

PHONE: (715) 385-2390

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Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1993

Dear Fr. Venne,

I am responding to Bishop Skelbas' letter of which you have a copy. I'm sorry I was not informed of the allegation by whom, where, and when. If it refers to the incident stemming from 1973-74 handled by Archbishop William E. Cousins it was settled and all should be in my personal file I would think. All I know it was all resolved and I have been gone for 19 years. I hope this will resolve our present problem. Hope you are feeling better and returning to good health. We had our first big Winter Storm in the Northwoods. Please keep me in your prayers and be assured of mine. God Bless you in your work.

Father Murphy

ADOM037584

To: "Emergency Intervention" Committee  
 From: Barbara Anne Cusack  
 Re: Decisions at Meeting on 12-14-93  
 Date: December 14, 1993

As a result of our meeting on December 14, 1993 the following decisions were made and action steps proposed with the following time lines and designated persons responsible:

<u>Decision/Action</u>	<u>Time line</u>	<u>Person(s) responsible</u>
Set up meeting between three former St. John's students and Archbishop	Contact: ASAP Meeting: between Christmas/new years	Liz Piasecki
Prepare letter to Fr. Murphy from Archbishop revoking faculties for penance & preaching, imposing precepts to restrict areas of ministry to private Mass only (self/housekeeper only); no public interpreting (copies of letter to Cindy Deehre, Fr. Bill Key, Liz Piasecki)	By Friday 12/17	Chancery
Contact Bishop Fliss with information on latest actions (copy of above letter?)	By Friday 12/17 (?)	Archbishop
Schedule special meeting of advisory board to present actions taken (Fr. is retired and will not exercise any public ministry)	ASAP	Cindy Deehr
Prepare special Hand in Hand issue; raise issue of abuse in general w/ announcement of group sessions available; announce retirement of Fr. Murphy from all activities; obtain addt'l names/addresses for mailing from St. John alumni/ae list & Fr. Mulcrone (Chicago)	Jan/Feb	Cindy Deehr

Contact Fr. Don Zerkel with information on decisions made and actions planned	ASAP	Cindy Deehr
Plan group sessions for members of deaf community; plan for related publicity; arrange sites in Milw. and Delavan	Jan/Feb ?	Tom Schneider in consultation w/ Cindy Deehr
Contact Matt Flynn re. releases for meeting w/Archbishop; other liability issues related to group sessions; overview of strategies planned	ASAP	Liz Piasecki
Contact Chicago Archdioc. response coord. regarding issue and strategies being taken in this case	?	Liz Piasecki

Assessment and evaluation have not revealed any current cases or any that fall within the reporting statute. Therefore, no contact with civil authorities was deemed necessary.

  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

October 16, 1998



Dear Sister,

Thanks for writing your note to me. I readily understand your concerns.

I did not want a public funeral Mass for Father Murphy in order to avoid the kind of publicity that would simply have dragged his name across the pages of the press in a way that we don't need. I am sure you understand the sentiment among so many members of the deaf community and how emotional they are about this issue. I talked in Rome at great length about how to handle all of this, so that we would not create any more negative publicity toward Father Murphy than need be. I can readily assure you, Sister, that if I had permitted a public funeral of the kind that was wished for, it would have been awful in terms of the reaction and how the press would then have dealt with all that is out there. To protect Father Murphy's good name I had to do what I did and keep this as quiet as possible. So far we have succeeded in preserving his reputation, and I hope we are able to do so in the future.

Thanks for your concern and for writing. By all means, pray for him and have Masses said for him in private; but please do not agitate the community to the point where the press would simply destroy his name. We need healing now in the deaf community and I beg of you to be a part of that healing process, so that we can put this chapter behind us and move ahead. Many blessings on you, Sister.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



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

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DRAFT

**PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**DATE:** August 27, 1998

**TO:** Archbishop Rembert Weakland  
Bishop Richard Sklba  
Father Tom Brundage  
Jerry Topsiszewski  
Jean Mullooly  
Barbara Anne Cusack/ Father Jim Connell

**FROM:** Liz Piasecki

**RE: RECONSTRUCTION OF TIMELINE IN THE LAWRENCE MURPHY CASE**

The following has been pieced together from various records here and from Father Murphy's self-report to the investigating team in 1993:

**June 16, 1950:** Assigned to St. John's School for the Deaf as an assistant.

**July 1, 1963:** Appointed director of St. John's School for the Deaf

**Fall, 1973:** [REDACTED] and several other deaf students bring [REDACTED] from the school's Harvest Picnic to the Milwaukee Police. [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] copy a note that [REDACTED] had written telling the police that [REDACTED] had been molested by Murphy in the City of St. Francis. The police chief in Milwaukee at the time, Robert Ziarnik, was involved with St. John's and could sign. According to Murphy, the Milwaukee Police handed the case over to the St. Francis Police. The St. Francis Police called Archbishop Cousins who called in Murphy. Murphy said that Archbishop Cousins told him that the police would come out to the school to investigate.

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Murphy said the police spoke with [REDACTED] and then concluded that his allegation was unfounded. [REDACTED] parents also verified that their son could not have written the note which was given to the police. They requested that they "be left alone" wishing no part of the removal effort or the pressing of criminal charges.

**March, 1974:**

Allegations are brought to Archbishop Cousins by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The original group of complainants handed out leaflets at Archbishop Cousins' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Cathedral: "Act now. To get Lawrence Murphy out of St. John's is a victory for God and other deaf boys at St. John's today."

**April, 1974:**

The original group was assisted by A [REDACTED], a hearing woman who had employed the deaf. According to the media report (written by Bill Janz and Mary Zahn) [REDACTED] gave a packet of letters that some of the deaf had written to the Personnel Board. Archbishop Cousins called [REDACTED] and met with her the next day (April 21, 1974).

**May 9, 1974:**

Archbishop Cousins met with the complainants, [REDACTED] and several others, including Mr. [REDACTED] from St. John's, Mr. [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. According to the press, [REDACTED] claimed the Archbishop refused to listen to the deaf men and the group walked out of the meeting.

**May 18, 1974:**

Archbishop Cousins removes Murphy as director of St. John's, but allows him to remain as fund-raiser and alumni/as director there.

**Summer, 1974:**

The original group threatens to file a civil lawsuit against the Archdiocese. Murphy is removed and goes to Boulder Junction in September to a family home to live with his mother. The stay in Boulder Junction is "indefinite" in the words of Archbishop Cousins. Murphy felt hurt and believed

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Archbishop Cousins was essentially dismissing him permanently from the Archdiocese.

**Murphy told the investigating team that throughout these developments, he never admitted to Archbishop Cousins that he had sexual contact with the boys at St. John's.**

██████████ files a civil lawsuit in Milwaukee County Circuit Court alleging that he had been sexually abused by Murphy and seeking damages. The suit is dismissed in September of 1976 following an agreement in which ██████████ was to receive \$2,000 of counseling at the expense of St. John's and the Archdiocese. Murphy paid for ██████████ legal fees.

**August 10, 1990:** One complainant ██████████, his father, and their attorney approach ██████████ for help in a lawsuit against the Archdiocese. She refused to cooperate and notified Bishop Sklba.

**Fall, 1993:** Several victims come forward to the Archdiocese. They meet with Archbishop Weakland who believes their story.

Murphy meets with Archbishop Weakland and further restrictions are imposed including no unsupervised contact with minors and no public ministry of any kind. In addition, Murphy is told to stay away from the deaf community and he is not to function again as an interpreter for the deaf.

In October of 1993, a day of reflection is offered by the Archdiocese for the deaf and hearing impaired on the topic of healing from childhood sexual abuse. Murphy's behavior is publicly acknowledged to the deaf at that gathering and further victims invited to come forward.

**Winter, 1994:** The deaf are notified in Hand in Hand in a special edition of the restrictions placed on Murphy.

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Liz Piasecki and Cindy Deehr met with the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Advisory Council to explain the allegations against Murphy and to get their wisdom on the situation.

A special treatment group for deaf or hard of hearing persons who have been victims of sexual abuse as children is offered by Catholic Social Services. Also individual therapy is offered.

**Early, 1995:** Canonical proceedings begin against Murphy. Victims who have come forward cooperate in testimony in the canonical trial.

**December, 1995:** Healing service for victims of sexual abuse is held at the Cathedral. Interpretation was utilized for the deaf who came.

**November, 1996:** Demand letter is received from a Milwaukee attorney seeking damages for [REDACTED] is living in [REDACTED] already has signed settlement agreement and is precluded from further action).

**Fall, 1997:** Mailing is done to the deaf community of Murphy's picture and charges of molestation. No one could report its source.

**August 21, 1998** Murphy dies.

3. Murphy, Lawrence

On January 4, 1994, we received copies of letters from Archbishop Weakland (dated 12/29/93) and Bishop Fliss (dated 12/16/93) to Lawrence Murphy that in both Diocese he only has faculties for private celebration of Eucharist and no other sacraments, refrain from all unsupervised contact with minors, avoid places of proven temptations, and cease all interpreting for deaf/hard of hearing in a public setting.

RTV

785. Murphy, Lawrence

On July 7, 1994, I received a call from Lawrence Murphy. He said he had not heard anything since his meeting with Dr. Piasecki and me. I told him I also had no further information, but would talk to Dr. Piasecki. On 7/11/94 I spoke to Dr. Piasecki, who said she would call Larry to let him know the current situation. Larry also informed me that he had a stroke on March 1, but fortunately there was no permanent damage. He also has a new Post Office Box. It is P.O. [REDACTED]. He asked that the appropriate office be notified.

RTV

✓ 417. Lawrence Murphy

In a meeting with Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki on July 13, 1994 I restated the limitations of the Archdiocese on all of Fr. Murphy's ministry until all issues were thoroughly investigated and resolved.

RJS

812. Murphy, Lawrence

On July 19, 1994, I received a call from Larry Murphy. He said that Dr. Piasecki had not called him. I spoke to Dr. Piasecki, who said that she would call him today with an update on his situation.

RTV

✓ 467. Lawrence Murphy

On July 27, 1994 I spoke with Larry and authorized him to baptize his grand-nephew at St. Anne's Church in Boulder Junction on the weekend of July 31, 1994, with the understanding that only family members would be present and no members from the deaf community would be invited. We spoke of his own loneliness during this time of investigation and he reported the fact that he suffered a slight stroke on March 1, 1994. I followed the conversation with a formal letter of authorization to Fr. Murphy for the baptism (with a copy to Fr. James Bartelme recently appointed pastor of St. Anne's Parish in Boulder Junction).

RJS

✓ 512. Lawrence Murphy

On August 12, 1994 Dr. Piasecki reported that members of the deaf community were coming to St. Ann's Parish in Boulder Junction attempting to find Fr. Murphy's address because of old loyalties and because of friendship with his deaf housekeeper. Dr. Piasecki indicated that she had spoken with Fr. Murphy on Friday, July 29, 1994 reaffirming the strict limitations on his ministry and learned that information was not being readily shared regarding Fr. Murphy's whereabouts through the Pastor of St. Ann's Parish.

RJS

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✓612. Lawrence Murphy

On Friday, October 8, 1993 I again addressed the recent allegations in a conversation with Bishop Fliss who promised to call both Fr. Murphy and the pastor of St. Ann's in Boulder Junction the subsequent day in order to alert them to these developments and to invoke whatever restrictions might be appropriate pending further investigation.

RJS

✓645. Lawrence Murphy

On October 27, 1993 the Professional Mental Health Review Board reviewed the information currently available for [REDACTED]. I reported that I had authorized the payment of \$520.00 under the encouragement of Dr. Piasecki, who was subsequently authorized to approve an initial four sessions in order to develop a therapy plan and to utilize the services of W [REDACTED] and an interpreter (at \$20.00 per hour). The plan when completed would be returned to the Review Board.

RJS

✓689. Lawrence Murphy

On November 11, 1993 I learned that Fr. Murphy had been in Waukesha for a Mass on October 31, 1993 as part of a long standing annual private celebration with a Schoenstatt Sister and her deaf father - probably prior to his reception of my letter asking that he contact Tom Venne's office.

RJS

981. Murphy, Lawrence

On November 16, 1993 I called Lawrence Murphy to inform him that [REDACTED] recently met with Liz Piasecki regarding Larry's alleged inappropriate behavior some 20 years ago, while he was at St. John's School for the Deaf. I told him there were serious allegations and several other people seem to be discussing this. He said he thought it was finished because of the legal action in the 1970's. I told him about civil lawsuits and how people are coming forth and going to lawyers. I told him that it was very important for him to meet with us soon. I told him Dr. Liz Piasecki would call him with further details. Liz did speak with him and we will meet with him on 11/23/93 and on 11/24/93 with Larry, the Archbishop and Matt Flynn.

RTV

✓701. Lawrence Murphy

[REDACTED]

RJS

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On Friday, November 6, 1987 and again on Friday, December 18, 1987 I spoke with Archbishop Cousins regarding the circumstances of Larry's move to the Superior Diocese. The Archbishop was very clear in stating that he told Larry he could not return to his position of pastoral appointment within the hearing impaired community of the Archdiocese, but that the Archbishop would not prohibit occasional contact with that community. In light of the circumstances, the Archbishop recommended that such contact not be too frequent, especially at that time, but did not prohibit presence for special celebrations.

RJS

907. Murphy, Lawrence

On Thursday, November 9, 1989 Bishop Fliss inquired about limitations which may have been placed upon Larry's ministry at the time of his move to the Superior Diocese.

RJS

660. Murphy, Lawrence

On Friday, August 10, 1990 I spoke with [REDACTED], a woman who employed deaf workers in her [REDACTED] over the years and who was somewhat involved in the hearing allegations against Larry many years ago. At the suggestion of [REDACTED] she called to say that she was approached by [REDACTED] (spelling?), his father [REDACTED], and their attorney on Wednesday, August 8, 1990. The party requested her assistance in initiating a formal law suit against Father Murphy and the Archdiocese. She indicated to them and to me that she had no intention in cooperating with this in any way since she believed that Father Murphy had made adequate amends for any inappropriate actions on his part. She called to alert us to this potential, [REDACTED]

RJS

130. Murphy, Lawrence

On Friday, December 13, 1991 Archbishop Weakland received a letter from John R. Sweeney from the law firm of Melli, Walker, Pease and Ruhly in Madison concerning a potential litigation against Lawrence alleging abuse of Mr. [REDACTED], a former student at St. John's School for the Deaf. [REDACTED]

137. Murphy, Lawrence

[REDACTED]

RTV

✓693. Lawrence Murphy

On November 11, 1992 I spoke with Bishop Fliss asking that continued supervision be provided for Larry in his work within the Diocese of Superior. Bishop Fliss stated that he had reported the initial allegations to the prior pastor and would now make sure that the current pastor at the parish where Larry resides would be fully apprised of the historical circumstances which led to Larry's movement Northward.

RJS

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518. Father Lawrence Murphy

Bishop Fliss will write me a letter pertaining to Father Murphy's desire to return to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and work as a free-lance priest in the area of the Adult Ministry to the Deaf. I told him that both Archbishop Weakland and I did not feel that this could happen, but that I would take up the matter directly with Murphy after I received his letter.

7/8/80

556. Father Lawrence Murphy

Received a letter from Bishop Fliss asking that I pursue the question of the possibility of Father Murphy's returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Bishop Fliss knows that Archbishop Weakland and I feel that this would not be advisable. I will now pursue the matter personally with Father Murphy.

7/15/80

37. Murphy, Lawrence

Father Don Zirkel called to say that he heard Murphy was in town recently at a party and made the statement that he was returning to the School for the Deaf and the sister in charge of administration was leaving. This had greatly upset [REDACTED] and other people. He just wanted to know what the story was. I told him that Murphy would not be returning to the School for the Deaf if indeed he did come back to the diocese. I told him I had not heard from Murphy in a while and felt sure that the rumor was completely unfounded.

1/12/81

102. Murphy, Lawrence

On Monday, March 3, 1986 I received a phone call from a [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (through the assistance of his wife), regarding the negative response of many in the deaf community toward a possible award for Larry. I indicated that I did not believe such would be wise and was actively working to discourage further talk of such a public citation. He indicated some young deaf people who continue to experience scars as a result of whatever happened several years ago and I suggested that he discuss this with either Father Bill Key or Father Don Zerkel prior to arranging a meeting with myself regarding payment of counseling fees.

RJS

391. Murphy, Lawrence

In a conversation with Bill Key, I learned that Larry attended the recent reunion of the deaf community at St. John Center on June 14-15, 1986 even though I wrote him explicitly requesting that he not do so. My letter was personally read to him over the phone by Sister Rose in order to be sure of communication, but he attended nonetheless. My conversation with Archbishop Cousins indicates that he had been instructed not to participate in any form of deaf ministry or to have any contact with the deaf community.

RJS

601. Murphy, Lawrence

On Wednesday, November 26, 1986 I had an extended telephone conversation with Larry in which I repeated my request that he not attend the 75th anniversary of the Ehiphta Society due to resistance in the community. He insisted that his opponents "had their day in court" without substantial results, that he had never been forbidden by Archbishop Cousins to relate to the deaf community, and that he was tired of all these years of forces exile. He insisted that he would come in spite of my request. After consultation with Leo Brust and Fran Beres, I decided to attend the Mass at St. John's Center but absent myself from the dinner.

RJS

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(see statement)

5/70

• was ~~also~~ probably about 16

• locker

bed

dresser

desk

bedroom could mean anywhere

1964



1970

Never see him  
- summer  
- Xmas

could be after school  
pyjamas

be alone

+ sexually acting out with others

- later - when supervising  
while washing up -  
meant to teach

12/8

- spanked with a belt (while clothed)

confession

(Who?)

? Boy or girl

? older or younger

• this would answer

necessary question

if girl - would be  
more serious (pregnancy)

Confession everywhere. Bathroom/closet/classroom etc

12/8

Disturbed child

Would accept very willingly

~~has~~

LM masturbates self while not.

LM arranged for [redacted] to go to Technical College - [redacted]

In bed together at cottage -

[redacted] went up several times

sex in NY  
not DC

Did touch [redacted] penis  
at cottage - came from  
[redacted]

more than once

20-21??



CATHOLIC  
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of Milwaukee, Inc.

*your copy  
made 10/18*

DATE: October 12, 1993  
TO: Archbishop Rembert Weakland  
FROM: Liz Piasecki, Psy.D.  
RE: Allegations against Father Lawrence Murphy and  
St. John's School for the Deaf

On October 7, 1993 I received a call from Mr. [REDACTED], who is the father of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is the individual who reported allegations against Father Lawrence Murphy last week. Mr. [REDACTED] wanted to tell me we should expect "deluge" of complaints against Father Murphy once it becomes known in the deaf community that [REDACTED] has come forward and reported his complaint. I think you should be aware of this.

As of this date, I have not received any further complaints or contact by individuals alleging sexual misconduct by Father Murphy.

LP:bk

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FAX 414/769-3408



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ArchSteps:

no Public Mass in MWKE

no unsupervised contact of youth / deep

( Eval team for S. Murphy )

no sacramental ministry / no public  
— community preserve in deaf

73-74

complaints

[redacted]

[redacted]

- said he wanted money

- "wanted a teaching job

- (jealous of other hires)

- was an "dog" (???)

- Lm said if you clean up your life (get off dog)

- Lm → BB to go to Arch Bishop

- to tell everything

@ 30 minutes 2'11" take

(teacher in Delano)

rejected  
at the  
DC  
(Deaf Community)

went with 3 people  
to Cousins (home)

- BB

- Budziszynsk (???)

had  
already  
graduated

phone call from Arch Bishop's Secy (Kilias?)

Jubilee

that consists of...  
17... friends

...for...

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We the representatives\*of the deaf community, for the good of the community, do hereby propose the following positive and direct action:

1. That Father Lawrence Murphy resign his position as principal and director of the St. John's School for the Deaf.

2. That Father Murphy cease and desist from any and all activity involving the aforesaid school and the deaf community on a permanent basis.

3. That unless the above action is taken concerning Father Murphy within the next 30 days this group will take the necessary and proper action under both the criminal and civil laws of the State of Wisconsin.

4. That this group feels that the best interest of all concerned necessitates immediate action.

5. It is our intention that the aforesaid be carried out in a manner not to bring scandal on the Church, however, in the event that no action as indicated above is taken concerning Father Murphy then and in that event only do we intend to use whatever means necessary to remove the scandalous condition now existing.

6. That in the event this group receives in writing assurances that the course of action outlined in this proposal is followed then we will consider this matter closed.

\* as members of the deaf community who have suffered this indignity.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

15 April 1974

To Whom May It Concern:

This confidential paper concerns what I heard time after time regarding Father Lawrence Murphy's behavior as described in the following cases.

CASE ONE: The first time I began to question Father M.'s integrity (or reputation) was when I was questioned seriously by my former Gallaudet College classmate and graduate fellow (5 yrs. althogether) who was then the first Roman deaf seminarian at Catholic University in the spring of 1969 as to whether Fr. M. was to be trusted. I was then an Episcopal theological student in Alexandria, Va. He was my week-end guest. His account is this: He knows Fr. M. thru the national conventions of the International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA). One night he happened to recognize him in the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Wash., D.C. in that spring. Fr. M. disguised himself as a "poor man" with old clothes on. He was around a men's lavatory. When the two were encountered, Fr. M. avoided it by going to a different direction. My friend who became upset decided to go on and follow him to ascertain his identity, however, if I remember right, Fr. M. went into the lavatory, but my friend retreated to a remote place in hope of cornering him once he got out of the lavatory. The second encounter made the same result, so my friend became disgusted enuf to leave the building. He added that he believed that it was Fr. M. in fact the graduating seniors of St. John's School were then staying on the campus of Gallaudet College for a few days. My friend did visit with the seniors but did not see Fr. M. for he was not around one evening. He was the sole chaperone - no female chaperone for the girl seniors, my friend reacted. It was hard for me to believe it for there could be a person who could look like Fr. M. so I forgot all about it.

CASE TWO: After working at St. John's School for the Deaf for one year, 1971-1972 as a high school counselor and senior boys' dorm supervisor, I was challenged by a St. John's graduate in the fall of 1972 whether I had observed Fr. M.'s "eccentric" behavior and immoral influence on boys. (None of these incidents occurred while I was there with my own eyes.) I politely replied negatively. The graduate blamed Fr. M. for making him what he is who has multiply emotional problems. At that time, I listened to him as he sounded off his chest with some reservation. His face looked quizzical for I did not "see" what was wrong with Fr. M. Later my friend's account of his encounter with Fr. M. in Wash., D.C. came back to my mind and I became somewhat suspicious but thought that Fr. M. could have solved some of his problems as some men do in their 40's.

CASE THREE: Since I am a teacher of the deaf in the Milwaukee Public Schools, a college educated teacher aide confided to me not too long ago that her husband, then a fifth or sixth grader at St. John's, was a trouble making student. Not only was he punished or whipped by Fr. M. but also molested. Being offended the boy was strong enuf to hit Fr. M. which gave him a good set back. He threatened to tell his mother of this. He did. She planned to file a legal suit against him for immorality. However, Fr. M. successfully appeased her by giving her a drastically reduced tuition for her son's education at St. John's. She remains MUM under fear ever since. The boy still knows who the other boys are who were mistreated by Fr. M.

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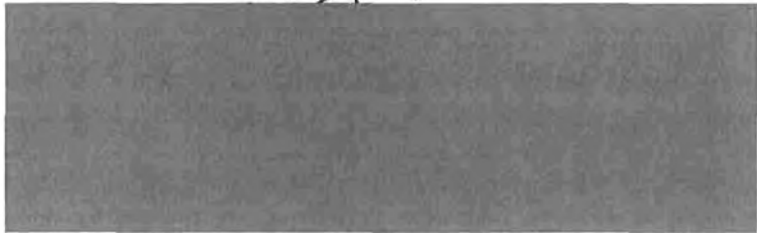
CASE FOUR: It is an annual custom for the graduating seniors at St. John's School for the Deaf to take a class trip to New York-Washington, D.C. or Nassau-Florida for one full week every spring. Fr. M. is the sole chaperone. In the spring of 1973, he went with the senior girls to Nassau without a female chaperone! We may wonder how parents would react if their daughters went with him without a chaperone of their own. It does not look good at all, one can react honestly.

CONCLUSION: The more I hear of Fr. M's unacceptable doings, the more concerned I become of the well-being of the deaf children at St. John's as well as the name of the School.

We all are very proud of the mission and accomplishments of St. John's School for the Deaf because of the high dedication of the teaching Sisters of St. John's along with lay teachers who make sacrifices of their time, energy, talent, and love for the deaf children who are the American citizens of tomorrow as well as the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ of today. Christianity is very hard to teach them while letting some of them be exposed to what appears to be double standards that could be avoided.

We pray that the hierarchy of the Milwaukee Archdiocese will take a constructive and Christian action by simply finding out as to whether the accounts of Fr. M. are true or not. I implore, in the Name of God, not to let St. John's School for the Deaf be like a school bus loaded with innocent children of God being driven wildly by a sick driver. Can we help to stop it?

Faithfully yours,



Mr. Legal Aid Attorney,

I am

I would

ask you to help my case. My case is homosexual. Enclosed my story. You may read them. I would like to sue Reverend Lawrence Murphy for damaging my normal life. Enclosed Rev. Murphy's story.

Last ~~Christmas~~<sup>December</sup> in 1972 I wrote a letter to a deaf lawyer of Chicago. Enclosed his letters.

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter to Archbishop Cousins of Milwaukee. Enclosed his letter.

Also, I went to the vice squad I made a complaint. They said to me you are too old.

On September 9, 1973 my deaf friends and I will go to St. John's School for the Deaf for Harvest Picnic. We will ask the St. John's students if they are

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If so, we will bring them to the police station ~~for~~ to make complain against Rev. Lawrence Murphy.

That's all I can say. What shall I do now?

LAWRENCE C. MURPHY

- \* He is the director of St. John's School for the Deaf of Milwaukee.
- \* He is sexually child (boy) molester for almost 23 years.
- \* He plays the immodest things with the deaf boys in his bed and their beds.

We, the formerly St. John's students committee, made a petition that Lawrence C. Murphy shall resign as the director of St. John's School for the Deaf because he is sexually child-boy molester. Our petition will be sent to Archbishop Cousins.

Around 1960's a priest who was working with the deaf adults in Chicago went to Milwaukee and told Archbishop Cousins about Lawrence C. Murphy and his actions. Archbishop Cousins gave Lawrence C. Murphy a final warning.

Last year a letter was sent to Archbishop Cousins about Lawrence C. Murphy being a sexually child-boy molester.

Archbishop Cousins' letter of May 21, 1973 was received, and was stated: "The facts you supply are very limited, as is indicated by [REDACTED] letter. In the meantime, I have made an investigation, but I have been unable to uncover a foundation for your allegations. I am in no way shrugging off your complaint; I am simply indicating that I have made every approach to arrive at the truth."

Last year the three St. John's boys were fired by Lawrence C. Murphy because of their smoking.

Can you explain what is the difference between the smokers and the sexually child-boy molester? (The boys' parents knew about that.)

Priests, DON'T BE SILENCE - - JUST ACT NOW!

To get Lawrence C. Murphy out of St. John's School is a victory for GOD and other deaf boys at St. John's today.

What God and we tell is TRUE: Lawrence Murphy is still the sexually child-boy molester.

THE FORMERLY ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF STUDENTS COMMITTEE

FILE COPY

**ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE**  
Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

June 6, 1986

The Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy  
Saint Anne's Church  
[REDACTED]

Boulder Junction, WI 54512

3501 S. Lake Drive  
P.O. Box 2018  
Milwaukee  
Wis. 53201  
414/769-3300  
Archbishop Cousins  
Catholic Center

Dear Father Murphy,

Much to my dismay, I learned that a letter dictated to you early last month had been lost in a malfunction of the dictaphone, and as a result, my letter had not been sent in its intended timeframe. Since I am not able to reach you by phone, I am requesting the help of my secretary to help avoid any embarrassment or difficulty for you.

I learned of the proposed reunion of Saint John Alumni next weekend, June 14 and 15 at Saint John Center here in Milwaukee. I also learned of considerable unrest and of the threatened renewal of publicity and legal action should you appear at that gathering. I attempted to write earlier, and now again renew my request that you not attend this gathering if you had intended to do so. I do not understand all the history of this matter, but do desire to protect you and your name from further negative or damaging public comment. I recall with appreciation the years when you served at Saint Mary's in Elm Grove and hope that your work in Boulder Junction is enjoyable and graced. Thanks for your understanding and help.

Sincerely,

*+ Rich*

Richard J. Skiba

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[REDACTED]

November 7, 1994

Archbishop Rembert Weakland  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
3501 South Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Rembert Weakland,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am deaf. I was raised for a time at St. Rita School for the Deaf in Cincinnati, Ohio. I was a good, devout Catholic who was taught and deeply believed in the Ten Commandments, Heaven and Hell. I received first communion from Father Klenke.

[REDACTED] when I was at St. Rita's and just ten years old. He was the one who cared for me at home because no one could communicate with me.

At that time St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee opened a room for me. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I didn't want to believe him so I went to laundry mat with my mother. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I went back to St. John's School for the Deaf [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I saw Father Murphy who was very popular with the children. They seemed to like him. I wanted him to pay attention to me. He did.

At about twelve years old I masturbated and felt very, very afraid because I had been convinced it was a mortal sin and I would burn in hell forever. I was so afraid to die with a mortal sin. Priests and nuns told us about mortal sin and hell and fire and devils and the pictures were vivid in my mind.

I did not want to go to hell so I confessed to Father Murphy in confession. I believed him as God and acting for Jesus. Father Murphy wanted me to meet him at his office.

He asked me to pull my pants down and I was shocked but he was a priest so I pulled my pants and my underwear down. He looked around my penis and touched it. He brought me to his bedroom and put me on the his bed and molested my penis. I ejaculated and cleaned myself and left his bedroom. I was

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puzzled and relieved that I was not sinner because he was a priest. He molested me for many years. I believed it was not a sin because a priest was doing it and priests never sin.

Later I graduated from [REDACTED]. I visited Father Murphy in Boulder Junction. That is where he took care of me and molested me there in the past. He wanted to molest me again and I said, "No". He was very angry.

I felt sick and guilty because I never told the truth about Father Murphy. At one point my good friend told me Murphy had molested him, but I was too ashamed to admit it happened to me, too. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Not long before that my other friend told me about Father Murphy molesting him, too. He ended up in a mental hospital for many years after that. I thought it was my fault, too. Both could have been saved if I told them my ugly secret.

I was sure to go to hell like Catholic church taught me. My soul now was not with God. Father Murphy did that to me.

Did you know that Father Murphy had a secret with [REDACTED] at St. Rita's School for the Deaf about molesting the children? They were very excited together. Father Murphy molested elementary school children and sent them to St. Rita's high school for the deaf and [REDACTED] enjoyed molesting them. Who would have believed it even if I had told at the time, huh?

I suffered for many years because I could not tell people because I was very ashamed and guilty. For years I felt isolated and alone and always afraid someone would know my secret. I stayed alone, and had a very difficult time trusting anyone.

I had trusted Father Murphy to take care of me. He had told me early that my mother told him she did not love me but he did and would take care of me. Being deaf I had no one else. No one in my family knew sign language. My brother [REDACTED] my mother (so Murphy said) didn't care about me. He was all I had, my father.

When I finally did become close to a woman I was nearly forty years old. Imagine that. And she was the one I finally told my terrible secret. Two months later I was suffering horrible panic attacks. I couldn't eat or sleep and wanted hide or kill myself. She took me to a psychologist. I told him what happened and he did not help me. My panic attacks continued everyday for nearly three years until a psychologist gave me some medicine to help me. And I learned to talk about what happened to me.

I tried to get help from [REDACTED] but he told me it was "no big deal". [REDACTED] in Chicago simply said it was horrible but couldn't help me. My suffering continued and my marriage almost failed because of my terrible pain of being close to someone.

When I received the newsletter last year that Father Murphy finally was defrocked I finally felt some relief that lasted without medicine. I called the number right away and was told that he admitted molesting me and thirty-four other boys. I treasure that on my TTY tape.

He told the psychologist he was "in love with me" and that I was special to him. I was sick again when I read that part from Liz.

I want to tell you all of this because I have hired a lawyer to represent me in a lawsuit against Father Murphy, St. John School for the Deaf, and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. However, part of me is still Catholic enough to want to give you a chance to make restitution to me. I believe I would feel better if you did this without a lawyer. I am asking for 1.5 million dollars. From my research I am sure a court would award me more than twice that and I am not afraid to go public with what happened to me. I am no longer a frightened deaf altar boy.

In my heart I want peace and want to finally go on with my life. I have already lost my soul and my childhood and have little to look forward to in the afterlife, as your church has taught me. For that, and out of your own sense of morality, I am sure you will consider my offer.

Many have told me it would make a great book or movie and that I am morally obligated to have a big ugly public trial, but I would like to avoid all of that as the Catholic Church has had enough bad press. They don't need the story of a poor fatherless deaf boy left in the care of the Catholic priest only to be molested.

Please carefully consider my offer. I must do something to give myself the feeling that you have accepted responsibility for what happened to me. That is all I want and need.

Thank you for your time and I will await your reply.

Sincerely,



June 10, 1997

Rev. Thomas Brundage  
3501 S. Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Brundage:

I was stationed in Chicago as chaplain of the deaf from 1955 until 1963. I believe it was in the early part of that period that several deaf teen agers who lived in Chicago but attended St. John's School in Milwaukee made some remarks that indicated that Fr. Murphy was taking advantage of them. It was either at that time or on another occasion that they or other deaf boys mentioned that he would go into their dormitory at night and suggested that one of the boys should come to his room to go to confession. I did not discuss any details with them.

I drove to Milwaukee to meet with the then Archbishop Meyer. Later he informed me that Fr. Murphy had at first denied the charges but two weeks later admitted them. He was sent to some retreat house in northern Wisconsin and told to return to St. John's to undue the harm he had done. At a convention of pastoral workers with the deaf Larry told me I should have gone directly to him when the matter came to light with the Archbishop.

Dates and events are now foggy in my memory but I do recall very clearly the following: a group of young deaf boys placed circulars on the windshields of priests at a clerov meeting accusing Fr. Murphy of sexual activities with them. The deaf members of a local newspaper's printers' union insisted that a strong article be placed in one of the papers. Archbishop Cousins called a meeting of the teachers at St. John's school but Fr. Murphy was the interpreter at the meeting. I recall very vividly a deaf man stopping to see me in Chicago and using the occasion to tell me that Fr. Murphy had given him a catalogue of homo-sexual bars, etc., in various cities. I got the very strong feeling that this deaf man was feeling guilty and wanted me to take action to defend deaf persons and to put an end to Fr. Murphy's activities. I called Archbishop Cousins and in response to his very direct questions indicated that I thought Fr. Murphy was still active and was influencing deaf persons. Shortly after that Fr. Murphy was removed from the diocese. At various conventions, workshops, etc., I sometimes met deaf people who told me they had seen him in Milwaukee, etc.

On the telephone I mentioned that the reports concerning his use of the confessional to provide homosexual activities seemed serious enough to me to be reported. I sought the advice of our moral professor at Oconomowoc and followed his advice to report the matter to the Apostolic Delegate in Washington. What may have happened I do not know. This was my last involvement in the matter.

Sincerely,

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Fr Brundage,

I'm sorry this  
isn't more profession-  
ally done. It is the  
best I can do.

Sister Mary  
Claude  
O.S.F.

Dear Bishops:

After receiving the CDF's letter indicating that there is no statute of limitations in cases such as LMs', I met last week with the Board for the deaf ministry in the Archdiocese. I inquired if there were any pastoral measures that still could be used to resolve this matter. I received a very firm message (and I believe it is reflective of the larger community) that the only justice for the deaf community would be the removal from the clerical state for LM.

I heard phrases such as "that man should not be allowed to be buried in priestly robes," and "there are just so many victims."

I explained that even if we find him guilty here in Milwaukee, the case would probably be appealed to the Holy See and there is no guarantee that our decision would stick. Their response was that even one affirmative decision from the Tribunal in Milwaukee, would do a great deal of good for the deaf community, and that they would then feel as though they have been heard.

After the meeting, I contacted Bishop Fliss, under whose jurisdiction the case rests. Bishop Fliss indicated that he felt that all pastoral measures have been exhausted and that we should proceed with the case. Bishop Fliss then wrote a letter to the CDF acknowledging their letter and indicating that he has ordered the case to proceed according to the 1962 norms.

Bishop Fliss stated that he wanted to bring-up this matter to the CDF when he is making his ad-limina visit. I agreed to assemble some notes about the case for him in preparation for this meeting. Would either or both of you want the same notes?

I have set a June 30, 1998 deposition date for LM. I will be interviewing a couple more victims between now and then.

Before the LM interview, I will send a strong letter to LM strongly advising him to contact Jim Connell to begin the laicization process.

If either of you have any thoughts or concerns about these developments, please let me know.

Peace,

Tom

Subj: Re: Murphy  
Date: 98-06-26 18:19:21 EDT  
From: Rgeow  
To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have no problem with a meeting with Murphy before the end of July, but I hope that the agenda will be clear and unequivocal. I do not believe we should be discussing anything but just laying down the ground rules for the future. Can we do that? Perhaps a written document will also be necessary.

Take care.

+Rembert



CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

*GRUPPO Casa di Valcare*  
Palazzo del S. Uffizio

July 13, 1998

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LA PRESENTAZIONE DI QUESTA LETTERA È OBBLIGATORIA

**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

Your Excellency:

This Congregation forwards to you, as agreed, the documentation from the meeting of May 30, 1998, concerning the case of the Rev. Lawrence Murphy, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee accused of solicitation in the sacrament of Confession who is currently resident in the Diocese of Superior. At this meeting, in addition to Your Excellency, Bishop Raphael Fliss and Bishop Richard Sklba also took part.

This Dicastery has every hope that the priest in question will demonstrate a willingness to cooperate in the solution to this painful case which will favour the good of souls and avoid scandal.

With kind regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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His Excellency  
Most Reverend **Rembert WEAKLAND**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee, USA

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CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00120 Città del Vaticano,  
Palazzo del S. Uffizio

September 28, 1998

PROT. N. 11/96 - 06996  
*(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)*

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 2, 1998, informing this Congregation that the Reverend Father Lawrence Murphy, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and resident in the Diocese of Superior, died on August 21, 1998.

Having taken note of his passing, the case of the accusation made against Father Murphy of solicitation in the Sacrament of Confession is, in effect, closed.

This Dicastery commends Father Murphy to the mercy of God, and shares with you the hope that the Church will be spared any undue publicity from this matter.

With kind regards and prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Carissio Bertone*

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His Excellency  
Most Reverend **Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee, USA

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2. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with an annual amount of funding for use in ongoing therapy. At [REDACTED] request, this amount is being provided in payments as follows: October 15, 2005 - \$75,000; October 15, 2006 - \$25,000; October 15, 2007 - \$25,000; October 15, 2008 - \$25,000. [REDACTED] understands that the Archdiocese considers the October 15, 2008 amount full and final payment for any therapy expenses [REDACTED] may incur at any time in the future.

3. If [REDACTED] desires a meeting with the Archbishop of Milwaukee at some time in the future, he will contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee who will assist with scheduling such a meeting. All parties shall bear their own expenses should such a meeting be scheduled.

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[REDACTED]

  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

9-19-05

Date

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4. The Archdiocese agrees to cover the cost of [REDACTED]'s attendance for one week at the facility known as "The Farm" to facilitate further healing. Arrangements for attendance are to be made by [REDACTED]'s contact with the Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocese.

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Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
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