

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NAME: DH

ORDINATION: 1958

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY:

Assistant – Christ King Parish (Wauwatosa, WI) – June 20, 1958
 Assistant – Sacred Heart Parish (Racine, WI) – July 7, 1960
 Faculty – Catholic Memorial High School (Waukesha, WI) – July 6, 1961
 Faculty – St. Joseph High School (Kenosha, WI) – June 16, 1970
 Associate Pastor – St. John Vianney Parish (Brookfield, WI) – June 13, 1972
 Associate Pastor – Holy Family Parish (Whitefish Bay, WI) – June 13, 1978
 Pastor – St. Mary Parish (Pewaukee, WI) – February 9, 1982
 Leave of Absence – July 14, 1988
 Resignation – November 30, 1988
 Awaiting Assignment – December 1, 1988
 Unassigned with restricted ministry – September 1, 1995
 Restricted from all public ministry – April 2002
 Retired – May 6, 2002

ACCUSATIONS:

Year of Action	Victim	Age	Alleged acts	Year reported
1968	Doe #1	12	Sexual assault; genital fondling	May 4, 2002
1969	Doe #2	11	Sexual assault; genital fondling beneath clothing	May 4, 2002
1969	Doe #3	18	Attempted sexual contact (once)	July 1988
1970	Doe #4	16	Sexual assault (once)	July 1988
1968-	Doe #5	11-16	Sexual assault (25 to 40 times)	July 1988
1970	Doe #6	17	Sexual contact (multiple)	July 1988
1985	Doe #7	18	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1985	Doe #8	17	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1985	Doe #9	15	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1972	Doe #10	11	Genital fondling	April 25, 2002

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

Year	Type/case	Conviction	Sentence
2002	District Attorney ordered criminal investigation	Cases beyond statute of limitations	
2002	Civil suit filed by victim	Settled out of court	
2002	Counter suit filed by Hanser	Settled out of court	

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MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESE

Year	Action
1988	Asked to take personal leave while allegations studied; substance of allegations acknowledged and resignation from office accepted; professional counseling and spiritual direction ordered
1991	Permitted to make personal arrangements to provide chaplain services with no appointment to office at a hospital with restrictions and monitoring providing no contact with minors
1995	Precept restricting all public ministry, revoking faculties, and ordering no contact with minors (May 25, 1995); modification of precept allowing exercise of ministry and restoration of faculties but only in a hospital setting with no contact with minors (September 13, 1995)
2002	Precept reinstates all restrictions on public ministry (April 3, 2002)
2004	Case referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

SUSTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE DIOCESE

H2 is independently wealthy with a luxury home and automobile and considerable assets. Nonetheless, because he is eligible he receives a monthly pension check from the priests' pension plan and is provided the same health benefits as any retired priest.

RESPONSE / RE COURSE

Year	Action
1988	Admitted the substance of the allegations by the Doe family, submitted resignation from office, paid the major part of the settlement with the family
2002	Confronted by second set of parents; admitted substance of allegations and asked for "confidentiality" from them, offered to write letters of apology but letters deemed inadequate due to "excuses" for behavior

INVESTIGATION PROCESS:

The 1988 claims were taken to H2 by the Vicar for Clergy and acknowledged. Subsequent claims have been consistent with the reported pattern. Most of the victims were from large families. H2 became friends with the family and subsequently invited the male children in the family to his home where the assaults took place.

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RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTRY
REV. DAVID HANSER

1. You will continue in individual therapy with Dr. [REDACTED]
 2. The appropriate hospital administrator will receive full disclosure regarding the allegations made against you in the past. The administrator must consent to your continued employment. In addition your immediate supervisor will receive appropriate disclosure including these conditions and restrictions.
 3. The following restrictions will be in place regarding your ministry as a hospital chaplain:
 - A. You may minister only within the following constraints as noted in the January 1, 1996 letter from Bishop Richard Sklba to you:
 - a. You are permitted to engage in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism (in emergency situations), Eucharist, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick within a hospital setting only; No other public ministry is permitted.
 - b. The faculty to hear confession is restored in the limited setting noted in (a).
 4. No other public ministry includes no parish help out work, no public funerals, no other sacramental work whether in a private or parish setting, no home Masses, and no public representation of the pastoral care department of the hospital in which you are employed outside of the hospital setting.
 5. You are to refrain from all contact with minors. The only exceptions are the following:
 - A. You may provide pastoral care to minors within the hospital setting provided there is no one else available to do so and you have first attempted to provide alternative coverage.
 - B. Within the hospital setting, you will refrain from being alone with minors except for the Sacrament of Penance.
- You are on notice that any violation of the trust placed in you by your administration of the Sacrament of Penance in these situations will result in canonical action against you. Any violation by way of sexual misconduct with minors in the limited settings noted will result in the notification of the appropriate civil authorities.

C. Under no conditions will you be present with any minor within the hospital setting who is sedated, asleep, anesthetized, or otherwise in an altered state of consciousness without another individual present.

D. Extended counseling of minors (more than two pastoral visits) in the hospital setting is prohibited.

E. In any hospital situation in which there is ambiguity about whether these restrictions may be possibly violated, you are to consult with the monitor appointed by the Vicar for Clergy or with your immediate supervisor prior to providing ministerial services.

F. Under no circumstances will you continue any relationship with a minor whom you have met as a condition of your employment at the hospital.

6. You will cooperate with the monitor appointed by the Vicar for Clergy regarding oversight of compliance with these restrictions and conditions for ministry.

8. You will report any disciplinary actions against you in the hospital setting immediately to the Vicar for Clergy.

9. Review of these restrictions and conditions for ministry will occur in June 1997 or sooner at the discretion of the Vicar for Clergy. It is your responsibility to initiate the June 1997 review.

4-22-02

Dear Bishop Skelba,

It is with a very heavy heart
that I write this to you.

Our family also was hurt by
Rev. Hansen. While he was at St. John
Vianney. Our son [REDACTED] was asked
to help Rev. Sane at the cottage on
Moose Lake also. This project with
involved staying overnight, after
work and some winter ski lessons.
He never questioned this, not having
been warned by anyone.

When [REDACTED] returned, he told us
that if Fr. Hansen needs help again,
he was not available. He added "He
is a very lonely man." I was stunned.

I told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
said to please keep an eye on Sane.
My guess is this was '82 - '84, when
[REDACTED] was in 7th or 8th grade. Sane

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[REDACTED]
never asked him again. It seems, to
the best of my memory, that [REDACTED] left
then to become pastor at St. Mary's.

[REDACTED] went on to

[REDACTED] and,

[REDACTED] where he kept his

[REDACTED] The new links in [REDACTED]

I plan on mailing him Journal article
along with a letter from me, next week.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I don't want to spoil
this special celebration.

[REDACTED]
Obviously [REDACTED] does not know I'm
writing this to you. I certainly didn't
want to add to your problem, but knew
I had to tell you. I regret not
doing it when this happened.

[REDACTED]
I wish I could turn the
clock back somehow.

CLERGY PERSONNEL OFFICE LOG

655. Hanser, David

On Wednesday, July 6, 1988 I received a phone call from Sister Rosemarie Klotz indicating allegations of inappropriate activity between Dave and members of the [REDACTED] family. I also received a call from [REDACTED] requesting that I contact [REDACTED] about the same matter (work, [REDACTED] home, [REDACTED]) but was not able to find anyone at the office.

RJS

678. Hanser, David

On Friday, July 8, 1988 I spoke with Mr. [REDACTED] (work, [REDACTED]; home, [REDACTED]) regarding allegations of abuse toward his brothers, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Two are substantially, allegedly, emotionally traumatized as a result of this matter. I then spoke with Dave by telephone indicating the general nature of the serious allegation without names. I subsequently visited Dave on Friday evening, July 8, 1988 at the parish rectory, reviewing briefly the way in which the information came to my attention through the Common Council Task Force, the general nature of the allegations (without names) and stating the request of the Archdiocese that Dave accept an administrative leave as of Tuesday, July 12, 1988 in order to protect all parties concerned with formal residence at Bethany House and the request that he not have young people at his cottage at Moose Lake. Dave took notes of our conversation, and informed me that his lawyer, Mr. Charles J. Hausmann (633 West Wisconsin Avenue, 271-5300) was very angry about lack of due process. I refused to speak with the lawyer directly and simply pointed out that I was following the administrative procedures outlined in the Clergy Manual for such allegations. Dave stated that he would fight the matter on a legal basis and indicated that he would contact me over the weekend. On Saturday, July 9, 1988 I spoke with [REDACTED] and his wife agreeing to change my vacation plans in order to meet with the alleged victims on Thursday evening, July 14, 1988 at one of their homes.

[REDACTED]

RJS

685. Hanser, David

On Saturday, July 9, 1988 I spoke with Dave's lawyer, Mr. Charles Hausmann with Dave in attendance on the other end of the line. I authorized Mr. Hausmann to be in communication with Joe Dean and informed the lawyer that I had scheduled an initial meeting with the alleged victims on Thursday, July 14, 1988. We agreed that the administrative leave would be effective Wednesday, July 13, 1988 and that formal residence effective that same date would be at Bethany House although Dave would be free to spend time at his mother's home in Milwaukee. Father Casper, OFM Cap., will provide sacramental services at St. Mary Parish in Pewaukee with no formal statement to the parish this weekend.

RJS

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741. Hanser, David

On Wednesday, July 27, 1988 I spoke with Attorney John McNally in order to reaffirm my desire that Dave have formal residence at Bethany House. I described the situation, and John agreed that this might be a beneficial arrangement providing Dave have the opportunity to live with his mother at: [REDACTED] even though his mail would be sent to the Bethany House address. In our discussion I again recommended the alternative as residential treatment at one of the major institutions authorized for specialized care such as St. Luke's in Maryland, Southdown outside of Toronto or St. Barnabas Center in Oconomowoc. John agreed to bring these matters to Dave for further discussion.

RJS

753. Hanser, David

On Friday, July 29, 1988 Attorney John McNally called to say that David would accept the site of residence, namely, Bethany House, as requested by the Archdiocese. On Monday, August 1, 1988 I had an extended telephone conversation with [REDACTED] who gave me an update of her association with the [REDACTED] Family and expressed a positive assessment of my method of dealing with them thus far.

RJS

780. Hanser, David

On Wednesday, August 3, 1988 I met with [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; telephone, [REDACTED]) who stated that his relationship with Dave began when he was a senior in high school or first year in college and has continued intermittently every since. [REDACTED] also stated that he has experienced [REDACTED] for some years after 1980 and then again during the last two years, and suspecting that some of his inability to obtain a full-time, permanent position may be related to this association. I also met with his father, [REDACTED], at the same address who requested that the names of the family not be divulged to Father Hanser out of fear that the more vulnerable members might undergo pressure or harassment. I offered to assist in paying for some of the therapy which [REDACTED] is currently undergoing. The father continues to worry about [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

RJS



791. Hanser, David

In consultation with Mr. Charles Hausman, we selected Friday, August 26, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. as the most convenient and proximate date for a meeting to discuss residential treatment for Dave.

RJS

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636. Hanser, David

On Monday, June 10, 1991 Chaplain Weeden called from Zablocki Medical Center [REDACTED] to report that his appeal had been rejected by Bishop Roque's office and, therefore, David's chaplaincy would be terminated in the near future pending the endorsement of a substitute.

RJS

816. Hanser, David

On Monday, July 22, 1991 the office received a letter from David's therapist, Dr. [REDACTED] reporting that he had been treating Dave for more than two and one-half years and stating that "he has worked through problems relating to allegations about his conduct and does not now present any risk to any age person with whom he might work." Dr. [REDACTED] noted as a result of his own experience that David's prognosis is excellent and is judged capable of handling any stress which he current work might bring.

RJS

994. Hanser, David

On Wednesday, September 25, 1991 I met with Dave and gave him a letter endorsing his application for NACC certification, carefully written after consultation in order to include references to the professional care provided by Dr. [REDACTED] and the supervision which had occurred over the past year and a half at St. Joseph Hospital from Father Richard O'Donnell who was in full knowledge of the older allegation.

RJS

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688. Hanser, David

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Personnel Board will assign a temporary administrator to the parish, and our office will assume responsibility for Dave's salary and benefits.

RJS

691. Hanser, David

On Thursday, July 14, 1988 I met with [REDACTED] (same address as the father) [REDACTED] telephone, [REDACTED] who alleged a single unsuccessful attempted encounter in approximately 1969 at the age of 18 or 19; [REDACTED] (temporarily at [REDACTED] telephone, [REDACTED] who alleged a single contact with force as a high school junior in approximately 1970 or 1971; [REDACTED] telephone, [REDACTED] who alleged between 25 and 40 encounters between the ages of 12 and 17 or approximately from 1968-1973; and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (same address as the father) who had not experienced any improper activity on the part of the priest. I was informed that contact had been made earlier this spring with Waukesha County Child Abuse Office and with Chief of Police of Pewaukee. I also learned that efforts are currently underway to contact parishioners who have left St. Mary Parish in an effort to see if such actions were in any way related to similar allegations. I expressed my consternation, regret and apologies for these allegations, and promised to speak with their father, Mr. [REDACTED] and their brother, [REDACTED] (same address as the father) as soon as possible. I expressed a willingness to assist in paying for therapy deemed necessary. The common requests of all parties was for some expression of pastoral care from the Church in their regard, assistance in therapy costs and the assurance that Father Hanser would not be allowed to function in some situation where such activity could continue. The tone of the conversation was candid, calm and respectful. [REDACTED]

RJS

718. Hanser, David

On Monday, July 25, 1988 I spoke with Mr. John McNally, a partner in the Law Firm with Mr. Charles Hausmann (absent from the country for vacation for two weeks), requesting that St. Barnabas Center be named the legal residence for Dave rather than Bethany House which supposedly had some pejorative notoriety. I explained that St. Barnabas Center in Oconomowoc was a residential treatment center and could not be used for mere legal address and requested that the formal residence at Bethany house be maintained since I had no alternative to suggest. I also expressed my frustration at my inability to speak directly with Dave himself during this time of crisis and wrote a letter to that effect.

RJS

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1114. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, November 22, 1988 I met with Dave to review his current status, and insisted that it was impossible for him to return to St. Mary parish in Pewaukee. I again requested his resignation from that parish suggesting November 30, 1988 as a target date after which he would be in the category of awaiting assignment while receiving spiritual direction and counseling with an eye toward seeking a suitable placement in June. He is currently assisting Gene Neuman at St. Kilian's (having explained the entire situation to Gene).

RJS

1147. Hanser, David

On Wednesday, November 30, 1988 I received a letter from Dave formally resigning the pastorate of St. Mary's in Pewaukee effective this same day and accepting the category of awaiting assignment. I spoke with Gene Neuman regarding Dave's part-time help out at Hartford asking if Dave had shared the circumstances of his current situation to assure appropriate supervision and [REDACTED] indicated an endorsement of this arrangement.

RJS

127. Hanser, David

On Monday, February 6, 1989 I had an extended phone call with [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] to review and explain the contents of my recent letter. I explained the current status of the situation, noted the limitations within which I work and described the investigation which I pursued over the recent months. I explained how proposals associated with "Project Benjamin" would be viewed as a partial response to this particular situation and agreed to speak with Father John Hanley about the matter in the future since [REDACTED] was at the high school at the time referred to in the allegations.

RJS

190. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, February 21, 1989 I received a phone call from Chaplain Don Sass of St. Luke Hospital reporting that Dave will enter a basic CPE Course at St. Luke's beginning February 27, 1989 and is intending to move into an advanced second unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee beginning June 5, 1989. In view of rumors regarding alleged pedophilia, Don called asking if there was some information he should know of. I acknowledged the allegation relating to several years back and suggested that the hospital designate areas of adult patients pending the conclusion of investigation. I also recommended that Don speak with Dave so that Dave might receive the type of pastoral care he needs at this time.

RJS

511. Hanser, David

On Monday, May 8, 1989 Bishop Leo and I met with the Archbishop to review several cases. It was determined that prior to any specialized assignment there would be a candid conversation to see if there were any matters still not disclosed or discussed from earlier history. It was presumed that a detailed plan would be in place regarding the therapeutic support group, ongoing supervision, counseling and some type of spiritual life.

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449. David Hanser

Dr. [REDACTED] again telephoned asking for some information regarding the ministerial restrictions imposed upon David at St. Joseph's Hospital. He called again in my absence with this inquiry.

RJS

658. David Hanser

On August 30, 1995 the Archbishop requested, after consultation with Dr. [REDACTED] of Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital and the Consultants, asked that I notify Dave of renewed faculties restricted to certain areas of hospital ministry at St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee. I attempted to do so later that same day ([REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Nashota, WI 53058) but was only able to speak with his sister who resides with him.

On August 31, 1995 I spoke with Dave directly and communicated the Archbishop's decision to lift some of the faculty restrictions so that David might resume sacramental ministry at St. Joseph Hospital, effective September 1, 1995, with a formal letter of authorization to follow in the near future.

RJS

262. David Hanser

On March 21, 1996 I spoke with Dr. [REDACTED] Director of Pastoral Care Dept. at St. Joseph Hospital, at the request of Fr. Carroll Straub in order to alert him to the existence of allegations from the past, the assurances given the Archdiocese by Dr. [REDACTED] and the ministerial restrictions in place for Fr. Hanser's ministry at the hospital.

RJS

427. David Hanser

On April 26, 1996 I had an extended telephone conversation with Dr. [REDACTED] of St. Joseph Hospital in which he relayed the anger of the Hospital Administrator over the fact that he was never told anything of past allegations by the Archdiocese (even though the entire matter was discussed with Fr. Richard O'Donnell who gave assurances that he would take responsibility for doing so). I also learned that the Hospital might be proceeding to terminate David's position because of an allegedly negative review of David's condition, given by Dr. [REDACTED] to the Hospital Administrator the previous week.

RJS

510. David Hanser

On May 17, 1996 I joined Carroll Straub in meeting with David Hanser (who requested the additional presence of Thomas Trepanier) in order to discuss the status of David's ministry and current restrictions. After a ranging discussion of issues it was agreed that David would seek the Vicar's permission for any liturgical celebration outside the actual confines of the hospital. He also agreed to the basic proposal for monthly support/monitoring by Deacon Thomas McGuire according to the specific profile to be established in consultation with all parties concerned. I reviewed the fact that I had initiated conversation with the head of Pastoral Care at St. Joseph Hospital earlier that year in order to make sure that the Hospital Administration was properly informed of the background allegations. David indicated that Mr. [REDACTED] was no longer in employment at the hospital and might be a source of problems with the information he possessed.

RJS

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694. Hanser, David
I visited him to discuss some of the complaints that had come to my attention from Father Darnieder, Father Newman, and the Archbishop. With her permission I discussed Mrs. [REDACTED] letter to the Archbishop with Hanser. He had an answer to all the complaints listed in the letter except for the accusation that he uses vial and terrible language in front of the children. He denied this vehemently and asked me to help him get the matter cleared up so that this kind of smear would not emanate through the parish. I got the general impression that Father Hanser was trying very hard to do a good job in a parish where situations like obtaining a new principal and other school personnel have caused some hurt feelings as usually happens.

7/22/82

816. Hanser, David
He told me that things were going well in the parish now that school has started and they have a new principal. The people seem to be calmer and at least there is no tension or controversy at present. He has been working closely with Sr. Michelle and Sr. Rene Kuban and asked me to share with Sr. Rene the letter that was received from Mrs. [REDACTED]. He would like Sr. Rene to help him reconcile the differences between himself and [REDACTED] if possible.

9/3/82

891. Hanser, David
Sister Rene Kuban asked my advice about confronting Hanser with some of the information she is receiving from parishioners and even from the new principal. It seems that they all see Hanser as coming on too strong and being confrontational in many instances. I told Sister Rene to discuss this with him because she heard it from the people first hand. I asked her to do it in a calm and gentle manner.

9/24/82

271. Hanser, David
He just called to give me a little update on things at the parish. He said in general everything is good and that he is feeling fine. He is experiencing a problem with his neighbor, Father Huettl, who will not cooperate with the parish school district in order to help enlist children from his parish for the Catholic Grade School of St. Mary's. He refuses to allow any bulletin announcements to be made or to have any of his parishioners contacted. He has hung up on the principal of St. Mary's twice. I asked Hanser if he had discussed this personally with Huettl. He admitted he had not. I encouraged him to do so to see if some collaborative action could take place. He said that there is also a very bad feeling between St. Mary's and St. Anthony's. He said that right now Father Schmelzer is a lot of trouble because of the way he handled the firing of their principal. He noted how the shoe was on the other foot last year when he did not renew his principal's contract and how much criticism he took from Schmelzer at that time.

3/13/84

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On Wednesday, August 3, 1988 I met with [REDACTED] (REDACTED) telephone, [REDACTED] who stated that his relationship with Dave began when he was a senior in high school or first year in college and has continued intermittently every since. [REDACTED] also stated that he has experienced severe depression for some years after 1980 and then again during the last two years, and suspecting that some of his inability to obtain a full-time, permanent position may be related to this association. I also met with his father, [REDACTED], at the same address who requested that the names of the family not be divulged to Father Hanser out of fear that the more vulnerable members might undergo pressure or harassment. I offered to assist in paying for some of the therapy which [REDACTED] is currently undergoing. The father continues to worry about [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

RJS

787. Hanser, David
[REDACTED]

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800. Hanser, David

(Wednesday, August 10, 1988) I have repeatedly attempted to contact the [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED], in an effort to obtain the name of the grade school principal mentioned in our conversation, without any success as yet.

RJS

791. Hanser, David

In consultation with Mr. Charles Hausman, we selected Friday, August 26, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. as the most convenient and proximate date for a meeting to discuss residential treatment for Dave.

RJS

840. Hanser, David

On Thursday, August 25, 1988 I spoke with Bishop Maida regarding the case. He advised the limitation of faculties in some way as a temporary response to the allegation pending final investigation and also suggested that an evaluative process be recommended as part of an assessment of whether or not Dave should return to the parish. This would preclude all possible discussion of treatment prematurely during this time of investigation. On Friday, August 26, 1988 I called various treatment centers to learn that St. Barnabas Center had an opening immediately, that St. Luke's Institute in Maryland had an opening as of September 18, 1988 (which I requested be temporarily reserved for Milwaukee) and that Southdown, outside of Toronto, did not have an opening until November 13, 1988. That same afternoon I met with Mr. Charles Hausmann in his office for an hour and a half (with Dave present but not participating in the discussion). Mr. Hausmann indicated that his own investigation suggested a very strong desire on the part of the complainants (whose names I did not mention) for substantial settlements. He asked that I pursue some effort to obtain the specific amounts of recompense desired by the plaintiffs in order for him to properly protect Dave's rights. He stated that he would take my request for an evaluation under advisement and would respond after considering all implications. I stated that if this were refused I would feel forced to invoke complete suspension. I also requested that Dave formally avoid any ministerial or social contact with adolescents pending the investigation.

RJS

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[REDACTED] On Thursday, June 22, 1989 I had an extended conversation with [REDACTED] (home, [REDACTED]), a very disturbed woman, alleging that her nervous breakdown which began between 1958-1963 was caused by her referral to psychologist [REDACTED] by Dave Hanser at Christ King Parish.

RJS

683. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, June 27, 1989 I spoke with [REDACTED] at St. Luke Hospital who reported that [REDACTED] had been making allegations about Dave's past with the result that Dave was informed by Chaplain Harvey Berg that he should not apply for a second quarter of CPE in the Fall. Dave used the CPE process well and did complete the quarter unit.

RJS

760. Hanser, David

[REDACTED]

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REDACTED

822. Hanser, David

On Friday, October 6, 1989 I met with Dave and Dr. [REDACTED] the therapist, at Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital, with whom David has been meeting weekly for the past year. I outlined recent developments and reiterated the fact that assignment to parish ministry does not seem feasible at this time. Both concurred that parish ministry is not within Dave's desire, but rather continued CPE certification toward hospital ministry remains his current objective. He is in an extended program at St. Joseph Hospital which will finish in March, 1990 and hopes to be available for assignment to hospital ministry in spring of 1990. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that he would be willing to write a letter including a professional recommendation that David is ready for ministerial assignment without undue concern on the part of the Archdiocese at this time. I listed my recommendation that ongoing spiritual direction, therapy and a support group would be the request of the Archdiocese. Dr. [REDACTED] did not believe that a support group would be helpful in this instance and indicated that his letter would state the same.

RJS

899. Hanser, David

On Monday, October 23, 1989 a file was discovered in Bishop Leo [REDACTED]'s locked drawer indicating an allegation from 1975 related to the [REDACTED] family. This information had been totally unknown to me before that date.

RJS

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I spoke with the Archbishop that same afternoon and received approval on the condition that this settlement be legally confidential. An obvious consequence to this case is the question of what type of pastoral ministry might be possible for Dave in the future.

RJS

1055. Hanser, David

On Friday December 22, 1989 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], I wrote a letter as part of the settlement indicating that the advice of professional therapists would be respected in determining any future assignments for David, that there would be restrictions regarding any vulnerable portion of Church membership and that supervision would be available in the future.

RJS

12. David Hanser

[REDACTED]

RJS

47. David Hanser

On Wednesday January 10, 1990 I spoke with Fr. Richard O'Donnell, Chaplain of St. Joseph Hospital to make sure that Rich understands some of the special supervisory needs of Dave at this time. Rich stated that Dave is working in a general geriatric section of St. Joe's Hospital and agreed to continue providing adequate supervision and refraining from any assignment to pediatric wards.

[REDACTED]

RJS

217. Hanser, David

On Wednesday, March 7, 1990 I was shocked to discover a letter from a lawyer representing [REDACTED] requesting financial settlement for difficulties experienced as a result of their inappropriate relationships.

[REDACTED]

RJS

227. Hanser, David

[REDACTED]

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✓ 139. David Hanser

On March 31, 1992 I joined Tom Venne in meeting with David to bring his leave of absence to resolution. After reviewing the events of the past four years I stated that Fr. Richard O'Donnell is willing to offer full-time ministry at St. Joseph's Hospital to David. With the realization that his supervisor would know the history of the allegation and with under the condition that David not entertain unsupervised adolescents at his cottage home, or accept responsibility for pastoral care in the Pediatric Section of the Hospital, I gave approval for such a full-time assignment. Tom Venne stated that David accepted the conditions and also was willing to sign them in writing should Tom, after legal counsel, request such a formality. When the entire matter will be resolved, David will receive permission to change his formal residence from Bethany House to the address of the cottage near Moose Lake.

RJS

300. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, March 31, 1992 Dick Sklba and I met with David Hanser to discuss the request from Richard O'Donnell for David to be assigned to full time ministry at St. Joseph Hospital. Dick reviewed with Dave, circumstances of an allegation, which has now been settled. In light of the allegation Dick asked for two conditions of Dave in considering this assignment. One was that he have no adolescents at his cottage without the supervision of other adults and that he not work with any adolescents in his hospital ministry. Dave said that he was 100% in favor of these conditions and they were already being observed. I also asked about continued counseling as a condition, and this also is being done on a 3-4 week basis. Dave feels this is important for him. I will check with Matt Flynn to see if these conditions should be in writing and signed by Dave.

RTV

✓ 676. David Hanser

On Wednesday, November 4, 1992 I spoke with Fr. Richard O'Donnell reviewing the circumstances of the allegation against David and asking that the basic information be once again shared with the Administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital, which he promised to do.

RJS

✓ 710. David Hanser

On November 23, 1992 I spoke with Fr. Richard O'Donnell who reported that he had brought the full picture of David's background to the CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital. They decided that Dave's current Chaplaincy could continue as currently exercised.

RJS

390. Hanser, David

On March 15, 1994, we received the Periodic Review for David Hanser, which was done by [REDACTED] on 2/16/94.

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✓501. David Hanser

On July 20, 2002 at the request of Barbara Ann Cusack, I signed a renewed ministerial restriction precept for Fr. David Hanser to be in place, pending revocation.

RJS

✓539. David Hanser

On July 29, 2002 I met with [REDACTED] who wanted to discuss her concern regarding the rebuffed advance made by David Hanser against her 7th grade son, [REDACTED] in approximately 1983, and her request of Father Leonard Barbian at that time that some note of concern be placed in the hands or file of David Hanser. Since, to the best of our knowledge, her son [REDACTED] continues to insist that nothing occurred at that time, or thereafter. [REDACTED] sees no need for further action in his regard.

RJS

1019. Dave Hanser

November 18, 2002 Dave Hanser is the subject of a news article in the Waukesha issue of the Milwaukee Journal, reporting that he is being sued in Waukesha County Circuit Court by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for alleged breach of agreement not to work with children made in January of '90.

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129. Dave Hanser

February 5, 2003 Dave Hanser spoke at length with Deacon Dave Zimprich who acts as Hanser's monitor. Hanser reported agreement was reached after 6 hours of mediation. Mark Camelli was the mediator; Hanser and his attorney John Schiro and the [REDACTED] and their attorney were present. Hanser will make a public apology, contribute to a clergy sexual abuse victims' group, pay for both attorneys' fees and the mediator's fee. All parties will sign off on a statement being prepared by Camelli. Hanser complains to Zimprich about a number of issues re the Archdiocese and the double standard between how Archbishop Weakland and the offending priests are treated.

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Fr. David Hanser

Chronology

1958 Ordained Priest
1958 Assistant Christ the King
1960 Assistant Sacred Heart, Racine
1961 Faculty Catholic Memorial
1970 Faculty St. Joseph High School
1972 Associate Pastor St. John Vianney
1975 Temporary Administrator St. John Vianney
1978 Associate Pastor, Holy Family, Whitefish Bay
1982 Pastor, St. Mary, Pewaukee

July 6, 1988 Allegations come to Bishop Sklba about three possible victims of sexual abuse by Fr. Hanser dating back between the years of 1968-1973.

- police previously advised 1-

with restrictions

July 8, 1988 Bishop Sklba puts Fr. Hanser on administrative leave effective July 13, 1988 from St. Mary Parish and puts him under restrictions not to have unsupervised contact with minors.

*- requires Cath. Miller
At my*

July 14, 1988 and other times in July Bishop Sklba meets with alleged victims and family members and offers therapy and pastoral care.

July 1988 Bishop Sklba secures treatment/therapy for Fr. Hanser and re-asserts the earlier restrictions.

November 1988 at the request of Bishop Sklba, Fr. Hanser resigns the pastorate at St. Mary, Pewaukee

December 1, 1988 Fr. Hanser is put on "waiting assignment" status and is not given an assignment. He continues to be under restrictions.

1992 Fr. Hanser, after pursuing training on his own, received a certificate to be a hospital chaplain.

1992 Fr. Hanser begins working at St. Joseph Hospital, but this is not an official assignment of the Archbishop

1992 Fr. Hanser's restrictions are further articulated: (These had been in place previously, but were formally re-articulated when he went to work at St. Joseph Hospital)

- a) no unsupervised contact with anyone under 18 at work
- b) no unsupervised contact with a minor at the residence or cottage
- c) regular counseling from approved professional

*- story of allegation shared with hosp
- support*

Sept. 1, 1995 After years of therapy and testimony of psychiatrist, Fr. Hanser is assigned to St. Joseph hospital under supervision and with full disclosure of past allegations to the administration and the restrictions noted above. He was given permission to resume limited exercise of priestly ministry. at hospital

April 2, 2002 The Archbishop accepts the retirement of Fr. Hanser on his 70th birthday, May 6, 2002

May, 2002 Parent reports an allegation of abuse of her child, but the alleged victim and the victim's father will not come forward. This is assumed to be an old allegation, but no dates were given. One other family came forward to report alleged abuse.

~~Hanser~~
Therapy costs were paid by the Archdiocese for two of the three initial victims. The third victim did not request therapy.

January 20, 1982

The Reverend David J. Hanser
Holy Family Parish

Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin 53217

Dear Father Hanser:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, and with the concurrence of the Archbishop, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at Holy Family Parish, Whitefish Bay, and officially appoint you Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Pewaukee, effective February 9, 1982.

You are reminded that the required Profession of Faith will be made in the context of the Installation Ceremony to be scheduled in the near future at your parish.

In keeping with the Term of Office Policy inaugurated August 1, 1980, your assignment will exist for a period of up to six years from its effective date and after that will be reviewed for possible extension.

I know that you have looked forward to assuming the office of pastor, and I assure you that my prayers are joined with yours as we ask God to bless your labors in this new work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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July 11, 1988

The Reverend David J. Hanser
St. Mary Church
[REDACTED]
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Dear Father Hanser:

With this letter I request that you take an administrative leave from your responsibilities as Pastor to the people of St. Mary Parish in Pewaukee, effective Wednesday, July 13, 1988. I suggest that you make Bethany House your formal residence during this time and have informed Father William Murray of this development.

Prayers and best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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bcc Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, OSB
Reverend Ralph C. Gross

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July 25, 1988

Bishop Richard Skiba
Cousins Catholic Center
3501 S. Lake Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Bishop Skiba,

I wish to extend my gratitude to you for coming out to the house to talk with us last week. For many years, this has been a considerable burden on my family which was compounded by the fact nothing was done. You appear to be a very genuine individual and just talking to you, I believe, helped a lot.

We appreciate the offer you extended for the Archdiocese to pay for any counseling my family may require. I personally would appreciate it if you would look in on my dad and other brothers from time to time. I worry, especially with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], that they won't take the opportunity to seek counseling.

During our meeting, you requested a contact person for our family. Although [REDACTED] volunteered, he is not in the area and not always available. My sister, [REDACTED], has agreed to act as a "go between". She is [REDACTED] and is completely aware of the situation. Her address [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

We are deeply committed to see that David Hanser does not affect any more kids. I hope through your investigation this can be achieved. I assume you will be contacting individuals in Hanser's former parishes for similar stories - [REDACTED] mentioned she heard a rumor that while at St. John Vianney, Hanser was involved in an incident with an altar boy. [REDACTED] also has the name of the principal that knew of Hanser.

We recognize the difficulties but we also would like to see an effort made to contact and offer assistance to other victims.

Again thank you for your help and please keep us informed.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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December 6, 1988

The Reverend David J. Hanser

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Dear Father Hanser :

In the absence of Archbishop Weakland I write to acknowledge your letter of November 26, 1988 in which you formally resign from the pastorate of St. Mary Parish in Pewaukee, effective November 30, 1988.

I understand that you will be placed in the canonical category of "awaiting assignment" as we seek a mutually acceptable assignment in June. It is my hope that these months may serve as an opportunity for sharpening any special pastoral skills necessary for your next assignment.

I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for the work you have done in behalf of the people of St. Mary's Parish. Your administrative skills for contemporary parish life are held in esteem and appreciation by your people.

May the Lord bless you during this time of transition and enable you to continue serving with fruitfulness and satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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January 17, 1989

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of January 9, 1989 and to say again that I am very pleased to learn that some positive results are beginning to show as a result of the counseling sought by your two brothers. In conversations and letters I strongly encouraged them to seek the professional care needed, and I am pleased to hear your comments.

As you know, even before our meeting last July, I invoked an administrative leave for Father Hanser according to the stipulations of Canon Law. While the matters discussed at your home are both serious and complex, extensive investigation has not revealed any evidence of further improper relationship with minors on his part. In view of the issues raised from the past, Father Hanser's resignation was requested, and the present months have been devoted to professional counseling and spiritual direction. When sufficient therapy has been received, an appropriate assignment will be sought in the light of the professional judgements upon which our office must rely.

I assure you that I am handling this entire matter with the seriousness it requires with all respect for its long and complicated history. I ask your trust and confidence that these issues are being properly cared for, and that the matter is far from resolution as an episode of passing significance. While the resignation does not signify final action in the matter, pastoral confidentiality and respect for the needs of all concerned dictate that a more specific response to your inquiry cannot be provided. Thank you for your professional understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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January 9, 1989

Bishop Richard Sklba
Cousins Catholic Center
3501 S. Lake Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Richard:

It has been some time since we last spoke. My brothers are seeking counseling for which I am most grateful. I hope things will become more positive for them.

My brother, [REDACTED] informed me of a recent article in the Pewaukee paper discussing David Hanser's resignation from St. Mary's. This information triggered a concern I have: I am troubled that it has been about 6 months and yet we do not know what progress is being made in resolving this case. One of our objectives is to make sure Hanser cannot molest other children and moreover, we would hope appropriate disciplinary action be taken against him.

Can you let us know of the exact disposition of this case within the Archdiocese and the Archdiocese's intentions for resolution?

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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January 23, 1989



Dear [REDACTED]

Sincere thanks for your note of January 17, 1989 and for the bills resulting from your consultation with Dr. [REDACTED]. I have authorized the payment of these two items in an effort to be of assistance. Our Finance office may require some further indication of the specific reason for the billing (due to normal auditing procedures within the Archdiocese); consequently, some further discussion may be required before the final payment can be made. If you have any prior documentation regarding these bills, please forward them (or copies thereof) to my office.

I hope that you are experiencing additional peace and a greater sense of self-confidence in your personal and professional life. I continue to remember our discussion with genuine respect and offer prayerful best wishes for a good year of healing and growth.

I received a letter from [REDACTED] some time before Christmas in which he indicated consultation with an attorney and suggested a rather large sum of money related to final resolution of the matter. In a subsequent telephone conversation with [REDACTED] I indicated that my office only possessed a small amount of resources to assist in covering counseling costs. The amount mentioned in [REDACTED] letter was clearly beyond the competence of my office and would require the judgement of legal counsel and possible civil action. Such a matter would clearly be beyond the authority or responsibility of my office.

I am very pleased to know that you are feeling more positive and hopeful than you had in many years. You continue to have my support and encouragement. I trust that the new year will continue that experience. Please let me know if there is any further way in which I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/srs

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Dear Bishop Skiba,

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May 1, 1989

I have attempted to update my present situation personally with you via the telephone several times but circumstances just didn't seem to allow us to make contact. Therefore, please allow me to simply use this method to communicate the following:

I am presently enrolled in the C.R.E. program at St. Luke's since February for 3 months (1 unit) which ends about May 29. The next unit will begin in the first week of June at St. Joseph's for another 3 months. Each unit program is full time, 40 hours a week plus. Needless to say, I am learning much from the program, enjoying it even though it is very demanding, and personally receiving much insight - (I'm glad you recommended it!)

I have been seeing Dr. [redacted] at the Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital (Waumata) on a weekly basis since October. This too has proven well worth the effort. I continue helping out at St. John's in Hartford. Gene Neuman appreciates my assistance since early last fall and asks that I continual this regular weekend pattern thru the summer.

In conclusion, I thank you for your personal interest and support that you have shown me.

Sincerely,
Dare Fansen

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October 25, 1989

The Reverend David J. Hanser

Milwaukee, WI 53209

Dear Dave:

I write to offer a formal, though obviously much belated, response to your letter of June 25, 1989 which arrived just after I left the Archdiocese for the archeological expedition in Israel. I thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and Dr. [REDACTED] this fall. I found the entire conversation most helpful, and I trust that it also represented an expression of encouragement and support for you as well. Your intention to continue with Clinical Pastoral Education throughout the winter months and then to seek some appropriate reassignment is certainly a goal to which we are all committed. I will endorse some type of hospital chaplaincy even though I must acknowledge that it is the hospitals themselves who interview and select the candidate judged most suitable for pastoral work in each respective institution. While the Archdiocese may make recommendations and must authorize and confirm personnel choices made by the hospital, a certain portion of the process is beyond our immediate control or responsibility. I will do everything I can to work with Father Tom Trepanier toward the direction of hospital chaplaincy and encourage you to do the same as soon as it seems appropriate.

Continued prayers for healing and spiritual renewal.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/srs
cc Reverend Thomas A. Trepanier

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January 10, 1990



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Dear [REDACTED]

As you know, in view of the serious allegations raised regarding the ministry of Father David Hanser some 15 to 20 years ago, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has attempted to respond in a responsible fashion for the benefit of all parties concerned. The Archdiocese will not appoint Father David Hanser to any assignment which would involve other than incidental contact with children, and we will respect the opinion of professionals in selecting any future assignment for him.

As previously promised, Father Hanser will receive appropriate supervision in his future employment and training, and I will continue to investigate promptly any complaints brought to my attention in the future regarding Father Hanser.

Yours truly,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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April 10, 1991

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee
Office of the Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
351 S. Lake Drive, PO Box 07912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Bishop Sklba:

Thank you for your kind letter requesting endorsement for Father David Hanser to be a V.A. chaplain at the Clement J. Zablocki Medical Center in Milwaukee. I have discussed the matter with Bishop Dimino, our Vicar General. Because of the stress that is common in V.A. ministry and also because of the secular atmosphere and lack of thorough ecclesiastical support, we would prefer not to endorse Father Hanser at this time.

Permit me to express my deep appreciation to you and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for your generous support of the v.A. Hospital. I know how much you have personally been involved with the priests from your diocese who have served us so faithfully. We are deeply grateful and trust that you will understand our reluctance in this instance.

Asking your prayers, as I assure you of mine, I remain

Fraternally yours,

+Francis X. Rogue D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop
Vicar General, Veterans Affairs

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Office of Auxiliary Bishop

February 4, 1991

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The Most Reverend Joseph T. Ryan
Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A.
962 Wayne Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Archbishop Ryan:

I recently received a letter from the Reverend Richard A. Weeden, Chief of Chaplain Services here at Clement J. Zablocki Medical Center in Milwaukee, requesting permission to utilize the priestly ministry of the Reverend David Hanser as a member of his staff. Having explained the circumstances which led to Father Hanser's move from parish ministry two and one-half years ago and having been assured that the allegations regarding events of some 20 years ago would not be an impediment to Father Hanser's effective ministry at the Medical Center at this time, I write to request your endorsement in his behalf.

He is a priest with full faculties from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee whose ministry should not include adolescents for the wise protection of all concerned. Chaplain Weeden believes that Father Hanser's many gifts would compensate for this limitation in the pastoral community he would serve at the medical center and is, frankly, eager to have his assistance at this time.

Should additional information be needed, I would be willing to answer any questions you or your delegates may have in this regard. Your ecclesiastical endorsement is hereby requested with our gratitude.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/srs
cc Reverend Richard A. Weeden

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February 11, 1991

FILE COPY

The Reverend David J. Hanser
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Dear Dave:

It suddenly strikes me as having been a long time since our last conversation. I continue to hear good reports regarding your work at St. Joseph Hospital and also at Zablocki Veterans Medical Center. As this new year begins, I think it would be wise for us to meet in the near future in order to review the current situation regarding your pastoral assignment and to make some plans for the future which would be positive, realistic and able to engage your very best talents. At your convenience, please give a call to the office (769-3484) in order to set up a time which would be mutually convenient for such a conversation.

Meanwhile, best wishes for the graces of Lent and the new beginnings it promises.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/srs



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September 10, 1991

To Whom It May Concern:

Father Dave Hanser has been assisting us in the Pastoral Care Department here at St. Joseph's Hospital for quite some time and has recently been designated as one of our resident chaplains.

He has been a conscientious and energetic chaplain with many creative ideas.

I see him functioning on a truly pastoral role. He has many gifts that have barely been tapped, particularly in the liturgical field.

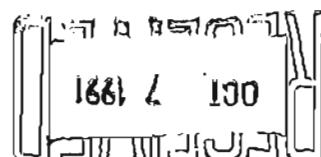
I would recommend Dave for certification as a chaplain at this time.

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard O'Donnell, O.S. Cam.

Rev. Richard O'Donnell, O.S. Cam.
Director of Pastoral Care Department

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Department of Clergy Personnel

April 15, 1992

FILE COPY

CONFIDENTIAL

The Reverend Richard O'Donnell, O.S.Cam.
Director of Pastoral Care
St. Joseph Hospital
5000 West Chambers Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210-1688

Dear Father O'Donnell:

bishop Richard Sklba has shared with me your letter of March 4, 1992 with the offer of a full-time chaplaincy position for Father David Hanser at St. Joseph Hospital. We were very happy to hear that Father Hanser has been well-received at the Hospital during these months that he has been helping as needed.

We are grateful that you have offered Father Hanser the full-time position which has recently opened up. We are glad to support this decision. Bishop Sklba and I recently met with Father Hanser to discuss this position, and he also is willing to accept the position of full-time chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital. We have spoken with him regarding his present restriction of not having unsupervised contact with patients under 18 years old. He is very open to continuing this present restriction.

Thank you very much for your continuing dedicated service to the hospital ministry. May you have a Blessed Easter.

Sincerely,

Reverend R. Thomas Venne
Vicar for Clergy Personnel

RTV/srs
cc Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Reverend David J. Hanser



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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
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JUN 22 1995

June 21, 1995

The Reverend David Hanser
[REDACTED]
Nashotah, Wisconsin 53058

Dear Dave,

By all means, take the Wedding on July 1st.

Sorry to have put you in this bind, but the criticism has been strong that I have not treated all alike; and so I have to be consistent. More than anything, however, is the protection to yourself as well as the diocese. You know that there is an aggressive network of those who feel they were/are victims and any public appearance in priestly ministry is the occasion for reaction on their part and unfortunate publicity.

Blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+Rembert or

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

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MAY 30 1995

May 25, 1995

Reverend David J. Hanser
St. Joseph Hospital
Milwaukee, WI 53210-1650

Nashotah, Wi. 53058

Dear Father Hanser,

As you are aware I must frequently review the situation of priests who have had allegations of misconduct placed against them. You know of my comments at the Spring Assembly for Priests where I indicated that accused priests may have to have some restrictions placed on the ministry they can offer. My concern is both to ensure that the integrity of the priesthood is upheld and to protect the diocese from any allegations of improper monitoring which might place persons at risk.

I have pondered how best to proceed with decisions regarding your status and exercise of ministry. I must bear in mind both my responsibility toward the good of the whole community and respect for your individual rights.

Given the serious nature of the obligations of celibacy, as well as the seriousness of violations alleged to have occurred by you, I find that some necessary and prudent precautions must be taken. This decision is ultimately a pastoral measure to protect the rights and reputations of all involved.

Therefore, I am enclosing a document which specifically details any ministerial restrictions which are to be observed by you. You have never been officially assigned to ministry at St. Joseph Hospital but have offered services there on your own. In order to avoid any scandal, we will have to inform the hospital that you can no longer provide such service.

I know that I can count on your cooperation and obedience in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Rembert G. Weakland

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

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Office of Auxiliary Bishop

January 13, 1992

Rev. David Hanser
St. Joseph Hospital

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210

Dear Dave:

Through some unexplainable event, the letter which I dictated before Christmas by way of response to your own communication of December 11, 1991, somehow vanished from the dictaphone tape and never reached the desk of Rita Tesar, my new secretary.

I apologize for the delay.

Trying once more then, I write to express my thanks for your update and to express my appreciation for the information regarding your forthcoming Certification through NACC.

As you may know, I had the opportunity to explore your current status with St. Joseph Hospital in a casual conversation with Fr. Richard O'Donnell earlier in Advent. I have learned of some concerns and suggest that we look for some occasion when you and I could sit down with Tom Venne in order to have a clear sense of the future in order to bring your own situation to resolution. I think a candid conversation would be helpful to everyone and I confess, I continue to regret the long shadow which I feel over our own relationship as the result of the strategy employed by your lawyer some time back. At any rate, I would like to heal that reality through a candid conversation sometime in the near future. I will be out of the area until the 22nd of January and would welcome a mutually convenient date for some conversation. I will ask Tom Venne's assistance in establishing that time.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/rt
Copy: Fr. Tom Venne

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April 2, 2002

Reverend David J. Hanser

Nashotah WI 53058-9433

Dear David,

With this letter I formally accept your resignation from active ministry and approve of your retirement as of your 70th birthday, May 6, 2002. You can be sure that you and especially your ailing mother will be in my prayers during this time.

I know that your ministry in the hospital in particular has touched the lives of many people and I indeed am grateful for it. I am also most grateful personally for your kindness to me when I lived in St. John Vianney Parish on arrival here in Milwaukee. Those are all good memories.

May God bless you in your retirement.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rembert G. Weakland". Above the signature is a small cross symbol.

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

CC: Bishop Richard J. Sklba
✓ Vicar for Clergy Personnel
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Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Prot. N.: 247/04

Milwaukee

Father David John HANSER

September 30, 2005

The Supreme Pontiff Pope Benedict XVI

having heard the opinion of this Congregation concerning the serious actions of the above named presbyter of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (Milwaukee, USA), with the proper documentation having been sent and finding this final decision to be beyond appeal and not subject to recourse,

has decreed

that the penalty of dismissal from the presbyterate be imposed.

This same presbyter is also granted a dispensation from all of the obligations connected with sacred Orders in accord with the following consideration:

1. The dismissal and dispensation take effect at the very moment of the decision of the Roman Pontiff.
2. The decree of dismissal and dispensation are to be communicated to the presbyter by the competent local Ordinary and no one has the right to separate those two elements. Indeed, further, it carries with it, insofar as it is necessary, absolution from censures.
3. Notice of the granting of the dismissal and dispensation is to be inscribed in the baptismal register of the aforementioned presbyter's parish.
4. With regard to the celebration of a canonical marriage, the norms set down in The Code of Canon Law must be applied. The Ordinary, however, should take care that the matter be discreetly handled without pomp or external display.
5. The ecclesiastical authority, to whom it belongs to notify the priest, should earnestly exhort him to take part in the life of the People of God, in a manner consonant with his new mode of living, to give edification, and thus to show himself a most loving son of the Church. At the same time, however, he should be informed of the following points:
 - a) the dismissed presbyter automatically loses the rights proper to the clerical state, as well as ecclesiastical dignities and offices; he is no longer bound by the other obligations connected with the clerical state;
 - b) he remains excluded from the exercise of the sacred ministry, with the exception of those functions mentioned in canons 976 and 986, §2, and, as a result, he may not give a homily nor is he able to hold a directive office in the pastoral field nor to exercise the function of parochial administrator;
 - c) similarly, he may not discharge any function in seminaries and in equivalent institutions. In other institutions of higher studies, which are in any way whatever dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise a directive function;

- d) in those institutions of higher studies which are not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not teach any discipline which is properly theological or closely connected with the same;
 - e) in institutions of lower studies, which are dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise the function of teaching a discipline which is properly theological. A dismissed and dispensed presbyter is held by the same rule in teaching Religion in an institution of the same kind not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority.
6. The Ordinary is to take care lest the dismissed presbyter, because of a lack of prudence, exhibits scandal to the faithful. This pastoral solicitude of the Ordinary is most important if a danger of abuse of minors, although remote, is present.
 7. Notification of the dismissal and dispensation can be made either personally or through an ecclesiastical notary or through registered mail. The dismissed priest ought to retain a copy properly signed attesting to his reception and acceptance of this dismissal and dispensation and also its precepts, but if he does not it does not impede the effect of this decree.
 8. At an opportune time, the Ordinary is to send a brief report to the Congregation on his completion of the notification, and, if there is any wonderment on the part of the faithful he is to provide a prudent explanation.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Offices of the Congregation, the 30th day of September, 2005.

/s/ William L. Levada
Archbishop Emeritus
of San Francisco in California
Prefect

/s/ Angelus Amato, S.D.B.
Titular Archbishop of Silens
Secretary

Date of notification: _____

/s/ _____
Signature of presbyter as sign of acceptance

/s/ _____
Signature of Ordinary

The Reverend David J. Hanser

Assignment: Pastoral Care
St. Joseph Hospital
Milwaukee, WI

As conditions of my assignment to ministry at St. Joseph's Hospital, I agree to the following:

1. Not to have any unsupervised ministry or visitation with patients, staff or visitors under the age of 18 years old.
2. Not to have any unsupervised contact with minors under the age of 18 years old at my residence or cottage.
3. To continue to receive regular counseling from an approved professional.

Rev. David J. Hanser
(Signature)

5-14-92
(Date)

Rev. R. Thomas Verne

5-20-92

Hansen, Dave

Nov. 1975 - Informed that D. H.
had taken teen age boy ([REDACTED]
to his cottage at the lake
to help him etc - but
while there went to bed
with the boy and touched
him indecently.

Called in D. H. to discuss
the matter - gave rather evasive
answers, but the [REDACTED]
family was moving to [REDACTED]

No response to my letter
to Mrs. [REDACTED]

November 29, 1975

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

In reference to your report regarding Father H, I wish to inform you that I have been in contact with him. He regrets that you did not confront him directly before you left this area, but he would be very willing to discuss the matter with you even now, should you choose to do so. He is also agreeable to keeping contact with me on this matter, if the alledged indiscretion has any further complications.

Trusting that the report of this attention will place your mind at peace, and assure you of the concern of this office for the holiness of all our brother priests, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Donald N. Weber
Ombudsman to Priests
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

ADOM012046

946. Hanser, David

The office was informed that David has agreed to enter St. Barnabas Center on Sunday, September 25, 1988. A letter received from Attorney Charles Hausmann on Friday, September 23, 1988 reported that the language regarding the availability of records from psychological assessment had not as yet been worked out. On Monday, September 26, 1988 I spoke with [REDACTED] who stated that the name of the principal with additional information is Mr. [REDACTED] currently working at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also reported that he and other members alleging abuse have made tentative arrangement to enter counseling with Dr. [REDACTED]. I encouraged [REDACTED] to seek counseling, and he agreed that the entire matter should be brought to conclusion as soon as possible.

RJS

955. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, September 27, 1988 I learned that [REDACTED] had all the basic information regarding the allegation from a source in the Court House. I spoke with [REDACTED], and, on the same day, met with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I also called Mr. [REDACTED] who indicated that he had no evidence nor had he heard any allegations concerning Father Hanser in this or related matters. I authorized payment for the sum of \$168.10 to Waukesha Human Services for counseling received by [REDACTED] as well as payment to the sum of \$98.00 to Dr. [REDACTED] for additional counseling received by [REDACTED]

RJS

1017. Hanser, David

[REDACTED] I also contacted Attorney Charles Hausmann in order to report that fact, and to indicate that I was recommending Dave's reassignment with continuing counseling to a non-parochial ministry. Mr. Hausmann explained that he has not as yet worked out the details for my reviewing the report from St. Barnabas Center, requested an extended meeting in order to review the current situation and make plans for the future, indicating that he envisioned himself withdrawing from the scene in the near future.

RJS

1048. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, October 25, 1988 I spoke with [REDACTED] who expressed concern for her brother, [REDACTED]. That same day I spoke with [REDACTED] himself [REDACTED] who indicated that he has [REDACTED]. I encouraged him to continue counseling and strongly recommended that he deal with Dr. [REDACTED] who is an expert in these cases.

[REDACTED] I learned that [REDACTED] has had several profession meetings with Dr. [REDACTED] and that situation seems to be moving along. With both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I discussed the issue of bringing the matter to some kind of conclusion by exploring the types of financial needs necessary for appropriate counseling and resolution.

RJS

ADOM012052

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August 10, 1988

Dear [REDACTED]

Just a word of personal thanks for your willingness to sit down with me on Wednesday evening, August 3, 1988, and an expression of appreciation for your candor and confidence. The topic was not an easy one to explore, and I was particularly grateful for your thoughtful sensitivity to the complexities of the matter. I share your concerns, and also feel very strongly the need to support you in your ongoing growth and healing. Please continue to work with your present counselor, and feel free to have any billing sent to my office at the above address. While our resources are limited, any priority should be extended toward assisting you during this time of renewed strength and self-confidence. Feel free to keep me informed of any developments as they may occur to you. You are, indeed, a good and decent man whose movement toward the fullness of inner maturity and Christian faith I wish to support in every way possible.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/srs

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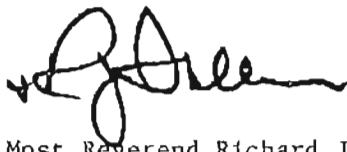
October 17, 1989

Psychological Services, LTD.
7400 West Brown Deer Road
Milwaukee, WI 53223

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I write to inform your office that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has been notified of a lawsuit to be initiated against us on behalf of [REDACTED] In light of such action, we no longer can assume responsibility for financial assistance in meeting the bills for his therapeutic counseling. In my initial conversations with [REDACTED] I indicated that I was unable to make any judgement regarding his allegations from the past, but clearly noted a level of need at that time to which I desired to respond in pastoral fashion. The announcement of legal action no longer makes this advisable.

Sincerely,



Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/srs
cc: Mr. [REDACTED]

BCC FINANCE
MR. JOSEPH BEAN

ADOM012090

June 11, 1958

The Rev. David J. Hanser
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Hanser:

This letter is to inform you that you are herewith appointed assistant at Christ King Parish, Wauwatosa, effective Friday, June 20th, 1958.

You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Huepper.

Under separate cover you have already received a signed copy of the Faculties of the Archdiocese.

May I again assure you that you are always most welcome to discuss any of your problems with me. Wishing you every blessing of God in your priest work, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Albert G. Meyer
Archbishop of Milwaukee

C O P Y

ADOM012114

Rev. David J. Henser

CHRIST KING CONGREGATION

REV. JOSEPH R. HUEPPER, Pastor

2604 North Swan Blvd.

Wauwatosa 13, Wis.

May 19, 1959

Your Excellency:

About three months ago I visited you at the chancery office. At this time I came to you with the situation in which I found myself at Christ King.

On the occasion of this meeting I admitted at great length that I was quite confused and knew not what to do about the "events" that happened to me since my placement after ordination last June, 1959.

In the course of your kind discussion you had asked me, "Father, what is your solution to the problem; what would you do if you were me?" Those words made such an impression upon me that therein I found the solution to the situation.

Your words made me think as I have never thought before about the matter I presented to you; and shortly thereafter I came to these two conclusions regarding myself:

1. When I left the seminary, I had dreams of the future work that lay ahead of me. But the little "shocks" that occurred to my over-idealistic and immature mind (shocks that any newly ordained is bound to find in his first years) were gradually bringing me back to reality. I did not recognize that this was happening until after I had given your above words lengthy consideration. I was forced to admit to myself that immaturity and ultra idealism were causing the problems to exist in a over magnified light and unduly out of proportion to reality.

2. Also, I woke up to the fact that I consulted you expecting to get "the magic answer", "the magic pill" that would remove all "aches and pains" that occur at one time or another in the life of any priest.

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CHRIST KING CONGREGATION

REV. JOSEPH R. HUEPPER, Pastor
2604 North Swan Blvd.
Wauwatosa 13, Wis.

So realizing my immaturity and over-idealistic outlook, plus the fact that I wanted someone else to cure the situation here painlessly for me, I tried an approach which I should have done from the beginning of my assignment. And so my "beginning" began not last June of 1958, but shortly after my visit with you about three months ago in 1959.

In the course of a realistic approach, I have come to know the true Father Joseph Huepper; and he has come to know me. There has been such a change in the over-all picture that words fail to describe it now. Regardless of what others say or what I have said or thought in the past, I now look back and ashamedly admit my errors.

It is unbelievable how we understand each other even in spite of the little differences of our natures that exist between us. These things seem to make no difference at all; in fact, they actually have and are now making us appreciate one another for what we truly are.

Rather than continue to describe the new picture as it has developed and continues steadily to do so, I feel that I owe you an apology for my immaturity in approaching the problems that confronted me. But rather than an apology, I would prefer to extend to you my sincerest gratitude for your questions. They might seem as nothing, but to me they have made all the difference in this priestly world of mine - a world of true reality and growing maturity that has brought a contented type of happiness that I once firmly and erroneously thought impossible at Christ King.

Your humble servant,

Rev. David J. Hanser

Rev. David J. Hanser

June 21, 1960

The Rev. David J. Hanser

[REDACTED]
Wauwatosa 13, Wisconsin

Dear Father Hanser:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as assistant at Christ King Parish, Wauwatosa, and appoint you assistant at Sacred Heart Parish, Racine. This appointment is effective Thursday, July 7, 1960, on which date you are kindly asked to report.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your new field of endeavor, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

C O P Y

ADOM012118

June 21, 1961

The Rev. David J. Hanser

Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Father Hanser;

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as assistant at Sacred Heart Parish, Racine, and appoint you to the Faculty of Catholic Memorial High School, Waukesha, effective Thursday, July 6th. You will kindly report on that date to the principal, Father John Hanley.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your new field of endeavor, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

C O P Y

ADOM012119

May 16, 1972

C
Reverend David J. Hanser
St. Joseph High School
[REDACTED]
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53410

O
Dear Father Hanser:

P
Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position on the Faculty of St. Joseph High School, Kenosha, and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. John Vianney parish, Brookfield, effective June 13, 1972. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Paul F. Lipscomb.

Y
With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Faternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM012123

September 17, 1975

C
✓The Reverend David J. Hanser
St. John Vianney Parish

O
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005

P
Dear Father Hanser:

This is to inform you that His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop appoints you temporary administrator during the absence of Father Paul Lipscomb from St. John Vianney Parish. With this letter, you are furthermore authorized to sign checks on all parish accounts.

V
With kind regards and good wishes, I am

Fraternally,

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor

RGS/ef

ADOM012125

May 24, 1978

The Reverend David J. Hanser ✓
St. John Vianney Parish

[REDACTED]
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005

Dear Father Hanser:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at St. John Vianney Parish, Brookfield, and appoint you Associate Pastor at Holy Family Parish, Whitefish Bay, effective June 13, 1978. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Robert J. McCormick.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

ADOM012130

Entry for the File of [REDACTED]
By Barbara Reinke

April 15, 2002

I received a call from [REDACTED] who asked detailed questions about Father Hanser's career. I told him that since his family had come forward about Father Hanser in 1988, Father Hanser had been limited to ministry as a hospital chaplain under supervision. In response to his questions about previous moves between parishes, I assured [REDACTED] that were not aware of allegations against Father Hanser before 1988.

BR:saz

ADOM012170

August 10, 1995

Most Reverend Rembrandt G. Weakland, OSB
Archbishop of Milwaukee
3501 S. Lake Drive
P.O. Box 07912
Milwaukee, Wisc. 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable time and concerted interest in meeting with Dr. [REDACTED] and myself on July 28, 1995. I appreciated your sincere pastoral concern and significant affirmation for my ministry at St. Joseph's Hospital. I am grateful. Thank you.

Dr. [REDACTED] asked that I present you with a synoptic summary of events leading up to our meeting. In the Fall of 1987, I contacted Fr. Tom Trepanier regarding possible allegations that might occur. After much personal disclosure and discussion, and following the policy regarding allegations, he directed me to contact attorney Charles Hausmann, stressing that I follow his advice as an important part of the process. Having done this, I kept in frequent contact with Fr. Trepanier informing him of the status of my situation. At the same time and on my own volition, I met with psychotherapist [REDACTED] whom I knew for about ten sessions in later Winter - early Spring of 1987 to 1988. He recommended psychiatrist Dr. [REDACTED] whom I began to meet till the present.

In July of 1988, Bishop Sklba met and informed me of allegations requesting the necessity of resigning from the Pastorate of St. Mary's, Pewaukee according to policy with which I complied. I continued to work with my lawyer and followed his legal directions as reinforced by Fr. Trepanier. In the interim, the lawyer became the intermediary between the Archdiocese and myself until the situation was settled in late December of 1988.

I followed Bishop Sklba's request in the early Fall of 1988 to have an evaluation at a number of suggested sites. I complied and entered Carl Rodgers Memorial Hospital, Valley Road, Summit, Wisconsin, for a five day period in October of 1988. In my early contacts with Bishop Sklba, he suggested that I might possibly try to get into some Clinical Pastoral Education program (CPE). His advice proved to be very appropriate. I enrolled in my first unit in the Spring of 1989 at St. Luke's Hospital, Milwaukee, and found it to be extremely insightful. I thanked Bishop Sklba for the opportunity and pursued unit two in the summer of 1989 at St. Joseph's Hospital under the Pastoral Care Director and Supervisor, Fr. Richard O'Donnell, with whom I shared and grew. He became my confidant and in turn had contact with Bishop Sklba and Fr. Trepanier in priest personnel. Fr. O'Donnell saw that the hospital environment was conducive to my well-being in many faceted ways. This conclusion was based on what was being achieved through the mysterious and graced world of suffering which opened up dimensions of compassion dormant in my life.

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Continuing this pursuit, I was accepted for unit three in the Fall of 1989 through Spring 1990 at the Veteran's Administration Center, Milwaukee. The CPE program was suddenly and permanently terminated. Fr. O'Donnell offered me 1989-1990 Fall-Spring extended unit at St. Joseph's in which I enrolled and successfully completed. At his request, I did fill in at St. Joseph's as needed. From January of 1991 to June I also worked at the Veteran's Administration Hospital under Chaplain Richard Weeden. This experience provided another dimension of ministry to the sick. Then in the summer of 1991, Fr. O'Donnell suggested that I might work simultaneously at St. Joseph's and St. Camillus Campus in the nursing home area. He also advised me to be certified in the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. I immediately began this process and presented the completed requirements in the Fall of 1991. I was certified in early Spring of 1992 and maintain NACC certification to date. Somewhere in this time frame, in a meeting with Bishop Skiba, he appraised me of a Pastoral Care position of Directorship at Marian Franciscan Home, Milwaukee, and encouraged me to apply. I did so but a woman with experience was chosen. Shortly thereafter, Fr. O'Donnell invited me to a full-time position as resident staff chaplain at St. Joseph's. Approval was given by letter to Fr. O'Donnell from Bishop Skiba and Fr. Thomas Venne, the Vicar for clergy. I accepted the position with Dr. [REDACTED] concurring with his approving encouragement.

I had been employed full time until your letter of May 28, 1995 requesting I terminate this position at St. Joseph's. I immediately informed Dr. [REDACTED] and Fr. Tom Trepanier. In presenting this to Fr. O'Donnell, he recommended and arranged an official Personal Leave which was approved by him and granted by the hospital for a six month period with the ability to return at anytime within that period. Fr. O'Donnell wanted to keep this possibility open. At our meeting of July 28th, 1995, I requested your permission to return to St. Joseph's on September 1st, 1995, continuing under Dr. [REDACTED]'s supervision. As you recall, Dr. [REDACTED] has agreed to assume complete legal and personal responsibility for my ministry in his professional capacity.

Archbishop, I have tried to detail as closely and accurately as I can recall the events leading up to our meeting. I continue to see Dr. [REDACTED] and maintain a close relationship with Fr. Trepanier who has proven to be a personal and competent confidante. I have kept both Dr. [REDACTED] and Fr. Trepanier closely apprised of my ongoing life events. I have shared the same with Fr. O'Donnell. In my work with him, I sincerely feel that I have grown and been graced in many ways by his support and understanding. I have earnestly striven to fulfill all agreed upon requirements and complied with the expectations of my person and position. I have also appreciated your support as well as that of Bishop Skiba along with the Archdiocese these past eight years. I sincerely hope and pray that I may be permitted to work at St. Joseph's Hospital serving the needs of the sick and suffering in commitment.

Thanking you for your kind consideration of the presented matter, I remain,

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Hanser

Rev. David J. Hanser


ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 13, 1995

Reverend David J. Hanser

[REDACTED]
Nashotah, WI 53058

Dear David,

Upon the advice and recommendation of your therapist, I have considered moderating some of the ministerial restrictions that were issued in May of this year. Given the assurances of Doctor [REDACTED] regarding your situation, I have altered the conditions under which you may exercise priestly ministry.

Effective September 1, 1995 you may resume some limited exercise of priestly ministry according to the following requirements:

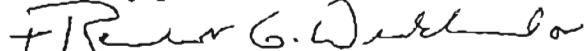
- 1) You may celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism (in emergency situations), Eucharist, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick within a hospital setting only; no other public ministry is permitted.
- 2) The previously placed restriction to refrain from all contact with minors remains in force;
- 3) You are to continue to avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 4) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is restored only in the limited setting noted above.

These ministerial conditions and restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. They are to be shared with your therapist and periodic reports on your condition are to be provided to me by him.

Given the nature of your situation, I am unable to formalize your ministry with an official chaplaincy assignment. However, if a hospital administrator, having been fully informed by you of the conditions under which you may minister and the reasons for such limitations, should choose to employ your services, I would not place any objections to such a plan. Because this would not be a regular ministry assignment it would not be published or listed as such.

I hope these matters are clear. If you have any questions about the meaning of any of these conditions, please contact my office immediately. I know that I can count on your cooperation and obedience in fulfilling these requirements for ministry.

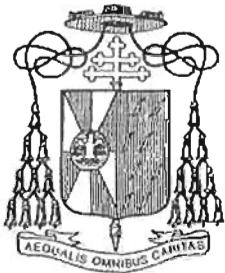
Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

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REMBERTUS GEORGIUS

Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedi Gratia

Archiepiscopus Milwaukiensis

PRECEPT

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

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

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

This decree shall be executed by means of its communication to Reverend David Hanser by Very Reverend Joseph Hornacek.

Given this 3rd day of April, 2002.

+Rembert G. Weakland
Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
Ron James E. Connell
Notary

SEAL

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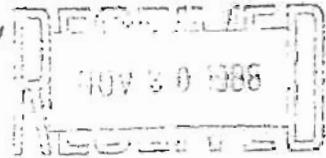
ST. MARY'S CONGREGATION

449 West Wisconsin Avenue, Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

Reverend David J. Hanser
Pastor

11-26-88

Most Rev. Richard J. Sklba
3501 S. Lake Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Dear Bishop Sklba:

As Pastor of St. Mary's, Pewaukee, I am formally informing you of my resignation of this position, requesting that it be terminated effective November 30, 1988.

I have discussed the above with you previously in detail, the conclusion that the category of "awaiting assignment" would seem proper, which I also request at this time. Since I will be on awaiting assignment at your suggested request, I ask that the Archdiocese assume responsibility for my salary and health insurance premiums.

Thanking you for your kind and concerned attention in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely,
Rev. David J. Hanser

Dear Archbishop Weakland, March 23, 2002

I request of you that I be permitted to enter my formal retirement as of my forthcoming 70th birthday on May 6, 2002.

I have been anticipating this decision since age 68 when I started receiving my priest's retirement pension in June 2000. But due to the repeated requests of [REDACTED] then director of Spiritual Care Services for the Covenant System, I delayed the decision to retire at that time. When she abruptly resigned her position in October 2001, this again necessarily delayed the process due to department census and shortage of staff.

Now, due to the care that is being required of me more and more for my ailing and ailing mother of 94, I find it necessary for her and my well-being to retire. I have informed the Spiritual Care Director of Covenant as to my intention. She and our staff have been anticipating this decision for some time through our discussions.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this matter. I know that I sincerely appreciate your past kindness shown to me and your service to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as you retire.

Gratefully,
Rev. David J. Hanser

Rev. David J. Hanser

[REDACTED]
Nashotah, WI 53058-9433

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
NAME: David John Hanser

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

AGE: 72

ORDINATION: May 31, 1958

YEARS OF MINISTRY: 30 years (Not in
any formal assignment since 1988)

ORIGINAL DIOCESE OF INCARDINATION: Archdiocese of Milwaukee

CLERIC'S ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

Nashotah, WI 53058

PROCURATOR: Unknown

PROCURATORS ADDRESS:

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY:

Assistant – Christ King Parish (Wauwatosa, WI) – June 20, 1958
Assistant – Sacred Heart Parish (Racine, WI) – July 7, 1960
Faculty – Catholic Memorial High School (Waukesha, WI) – July 6, 1961
Faculty – St. Joseph High School (Kenosha, WI) – June 16, 1970
Associate Pastor – St. John Vianney Parish (Brookfield, WI) – June 13, 1972
Associate Pastor – Holy Family Parish (Whitefish Bay, WI) – June 13, 1978
Pastor – St. Mary Parish (Pewaukee, WI) – February 9, 1982
Leave of Absence – July 14, 1988
Resignation – November 30, 1988
Awaiting Assignment – December 1, 1988
Unassigned with restricted ministry – September 1, 1995
Restricted from all public ministry – April 2002
Retired – May 6, 2002

ACCUSATIONS:

Year	Victim	Age	Alleged acts	Denunciation
1975	[REDACTED] family"	Not specified	Not specified	Note in record that a file was found in 1989 in a locked file in an auxiliary bishop's office (Bishop Leo Brust) with a complaint from 1975 about sexual improprieties with children from this family; file not located currently
1968	[REDACTED]	12	Sexual assault; genital fondling	May 4, 2002
1969	[REDACTED]	11	Sexual assault; genital fondling beneath clothing	May 4, 2002
1969	[REDACTED]	18	Attempted sexual contact (once)	July 1988
1970	[REDACTED]	16	Sexual assault (once)	July 1988
1968- 1973	[REDACTED]	11-16	Sexual assault (25 to 40 times)	July 1988

1970	[REDACTED]	17	Sexual contact (multiple)	July 1988
1985	[REDACTED]	18	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1985	[REDACTED]	17	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1985	[REDACTED]	15	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1972	[REDACTED]	11	Genital fondling	April 25, 2002

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

Year	Type/case	Conviction	Sentence
2002	District Attorney ordered criminal investigation	Cases beyond statute of limitations	
2002	Civil suit filed by victim	Settled out of court	
2002	Counter suit filed by Hanser	Settled out of court	

MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESE

Year	Action
1988	Asked to take personal leave while allegations studied; substance of allegations acknowledged and resignation from office accepted; professional counseling and spiritual direction ordered
1991	Permitted to make personal arrangements to provide chaplain services with no appointment to office at a hospital with restrictions and monitoring providing no contact with minors
1995	Precept restricting all public ministry, revoking faculties, and ordering no contact with minors (May 25, 1995); modification of precept allowing exercise of ministry and restoration of faculties but only in a hospital setting with no contact with minors (September 13, 1995)
2002	Precept reinstates all restrictions on public ministry (April 3, 2002)
2004	Case referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

SUSTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE DIOCESE

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INVESTIGATION PROCESS:

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

NAME: David John Hanser

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

AGE: 72

ORDINATION: May 31, 1958

YEARS OF MINISTRY: 30 years (Not in
any formal assignment since 1988)

ORIGINAL DIOCESE OF INCARDINATION: Archdiocese of Milwaukee

CLERIC'S ADDRESS: W330 N6385 Hasslinger Drive
Nashotah, WI 53058

PROCURATOR: Unknown

PROCURATORS ADDRESS:

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY:

Assistant – Christ King Parish (Wauwatosa, WI) – June 20, 1958
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1968-	[REDACTED]	11-16	Sexual assault (25 to 40 times)	July 1988
1973	[REDACTED]	17	Sexual contact (multiple)	July 1988
1970	[REDACTED]	18	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1985	[REDACTED]	17	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1985	[REDACTED]	15	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1972	[REDACTED]	11	Genital fondling	April 25, 2002

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CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

Year	Type/case	Conviction	Sentence
2002	District Attorney ordered criminal investigation	Cases beyond statute of limitations	
2002	Civil suit filed by victim	Settled out of court	
2002	Counter suit filed by Hanser	Settled out of court	

MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESE

Year	Action
1988	Asked to take personal leave while allegations studied; substance of allegations acknowledged and resignation from office accepted; professional counseling and spiritual direction ordered
1991	Permitted to make personal arrangements to provide chaplain services with no appointment to office at a hospital with restrictions and monitoring providing no contact with minors
1995	Precept restricting all public ministry, revoking faculties, and ordering no contact with minors (May 25, 1995); modification of precept allowing exercise of ministry and restoration of faculties but only in a hospital setting with no contact with minors (September 13, 1995)
2002	Precept reinstates all restrictions on public ministry (April 3, 2002)
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May 17, 2004

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May 17, 2004

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

In accord with the norms of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, I am submitting for your consideration the case of a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Reverend David John Hanser has been accused of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors. The summary of these allegations is enclosed. Father Hanser has admitted that a number of these acts of sexual assault occurred.

Over the years, efforts were made to provide spiritual and psychological interventions that would rehabilitate Father Hanser. It was thought that a non-parochial assignment might be possible. With our current understanding of the nature of his condition, it is clear that he will never be able to assume any public ministry.

As we have reviewed the various files, it is clear that he consistently abused his office both to gain access to vulnerable boys and to elicit the trust of their parents. He used his personal and family wealth as a way to approach families of similar status and befriend them. He manipulated those friendships into opportunities to take the young males to his lake cottage where the sexual contact occurred.

The impact on his various victims has been significant. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is paying ongoing therapy costs for several of them and has done so for a number of years. Our new found awareness of the severity of damage caused by sexual abuse at the hands of clergy makes it impossible for us to ignore this situation.

The notoriety of this case became even more serious in 2002 with the announcement of a criminal investigation. While no charges were filed because of the statute of limitations, the district attorney concluded that, in his professional judgement, the assaults did occur. Additional publicity arose with the filing of civil suits. Rather than take a humble and remorseful stance, Father Hanser occasioned more scandal by suing the individuals who filed the suit. Because of his financial status, he was able to arrive at a monetary settlement the details of which have not been shared with me.

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

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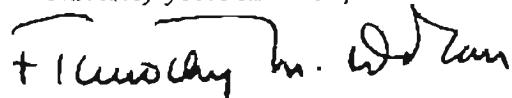
Given the nature and frequency of the alleged and admitted sexual abuse, along with the serious abuse of office, I have pondered long and hard to arrive at an opinion about the most appropriate action to be taken. In order that justice may be made manifest and healing of the victims and the Church may proceed, I am asking that Reverend David John Hanser be dismissed *ex officio, ad poenam* from the clerical state. Father has sufficient financial resources to care for his personal needs and will continue to receive his pension. He owns his own home where he is currently residing.

If the judgement of Your Eminence is that this case should proceed to a dismissal by decree of your Congregation, I would cede to that judgement. Furthermore, if it is your judgement that this case should proceed through a canonical penal process, I humbly request a dispensation from prescription as well as a sanation of any procedural errors that may have occurred during the years this case was under investigation. The severity of the offenses is such that it is my opinion that these requests are justified.

I look forward to your further instructions in this matter.

With sentiments of deepest esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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February 18, 2005

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio
00193 Rome Italy

Reverend David J. Hanser, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Your Eminence:

I write to you today as the advocate and procurator for Father David J. Hanser, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I am enclosing a copy of the mandate.

Father Hanser contacted me on February 9, 2005, after he had just received a letter sent from the Archbishop of Milwaukee, the Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, on February 5, 2005, which indicated the Archbishop's intent for the laicization of Father Hanser. The Archdiocese has not yet provided any information or explanation about the allegations made against Father Hanser. The only source of information has been the media. I have requested the opportunity to review Father Hanser's file and am waiting to arrange a specific date.

I understand that his current situation stems from incidents that allegedly occurred a number of years ago. It is also my understanding that Father Hanser is living in retirement and has had his faculties restricted. Further, I have spoken briefly with Ms. Barbara Anne Cusak, the Delegate of the Archbishop of Milwaukee, the Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, who informed me that Father Hanser's case has already been forwarded to the Doctrine of the Faith along with the Archbishop's *votum* asking for an involuntary dismissal from the clerical state.

Father Hanser has been retired since May, 2002. His ministry has been restricted. The Archdiocese has sought little contact with Father Hanser since that time. Father Hanser is well over seventy years of age.

Father Hanser does not want to be laicized. He wishes to remain a priest in his retirement, but he does not seek to be active. He is concerned about the supplemental health insurance provided by the Archdiocese – something very understandable for a man of his age.

I ask you to allow me time to review Father Hanser's files and the information which the Archdiocese has so that I can provide an appropriate defense statement on his behalf.

Sincerely,

J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D.
Advocate and Procurator for Father

encl: canonical mandate

✓ cc: Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan; Father David Hanser



CANON LAW PROFESSIONALS

February 17, 2005

MOST REV. TIMOTHY M. DOLAN

Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
3501 South Lake Drive
P.O. Box 070912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

FEB 22 2005

RE: Reverend David J. Hanser

Dear Archbishop Dolan:

I have been contacted by Reverend David J. Hanser to assist him as a canonical advocate and procurator regarding his current situation with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He has appointed me according to canon 1481 and other appropriate norms of Canon Law. I am enclosing a copy of the mandate.

I have spoken with Father Hanser and understand that his current situation stems from incidents that allegedly occurred a number of years ago. It is also my understanding that Father Hanser is living in retirement and has had his faculties restricted. Further, I have spoken briefly with Ms. Barbara Anne Cusak who informed me that Father Hanser's case has already been forwarded to the Doctrine of the Faith along with your *votum* asking for an involuntary dismissal from the clerical state.

I have written to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger and asked for additional time to submit a defense statement. I have enclosed a copy of the letter. I will be in touch with Barbara Ann Cusak to arrange a time to come to Milwaukee to review the files in the near future.

Sincerely,

J. Michael Ritty, J.C.L., Ph.D.
Advocate and Procurator for Father

encl:

- canonical mandate
- Letter from J. Michael Ritty to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger

c: Father Hanser

March 5, 2005

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter sent to you by Mr. Michael Ritty on behalf of Reverend David Hanser (copy enclosed). The matter being addressed was sent by the archdiocese to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in May 2004. Since Mr. Ritty is being given incorrect information by Father Hanser, I thought it important to correct some statements contained in the letter you have received.

Father Hanser has apparently informed Mr. Ritty that he does not know the substance of allegations against him because the archdiocese has not "provided any information or explanation about the allegations." This statement is false. Father Hanser was informed when these allegations first came forward in 1975 and again in 1988. In 1988 one family with multiple victims came forward and he admitted the veracity of the reports. He resigned from office at that time. Again, in 2002, when he was confronted by the parents of three members of a family who were abused, he again admitted the abuse and offered to send them a letter of apology. He was a party to a settlement and provided a portion of the monetary compensation in the first instance. Father Hanser filed suit against that same family in 2002. Clearly he knows what allegations have led to canonical action against him.

Thank you for your attention to this case. If there is any further information I can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With sentiments of esteem and much gratitude, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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March 25, 2010

Archbishop Listecki
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
3501 South Lake Drive
St. Francis, WI 53235-0912

RE: Claim against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Dear Archbishop Listecki:

I am writing to file a claim for monetary damages against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for sexual abuse on me by a priest, Father David Hanser. This abuse occurred in the early 1960's on the property owned [REDACTED] in Nashota, Wisconsin. Father Hanser was renting a cottage on [REDACTED] on Moose Lake for a number of years and would always be bringing young boys out to the cottage throughout the summers to play at the lake. What went on in his cottage at night was a nightmare.

His sexual abuse on me occurred over one of the summers I spent at [REDACTED] property when I was around 11 or 12 years old. I told my older brother shortly after it occurred, and he insisted that I tell our parents. He and I told our parents of what had happened, but they, as well as my grandfather and grandmother, did not believe us. How could a Catholic priest sexually assault a young boy, they said. Impossible, they said. That's the way it was in the early 1960's. Nobody believed such a thing was even remotely possible, partly because the Archdiocese covered it up.

I have been repressing this sexual abuse over the past 50 years, but the recent disclosure in the press involving the Pope has brought all the repressed memories rushing to the surface.

[REDACTED]
I am really not interested in going public with this information. I would rather settle this matter quickly, quietly and fairly without fanfare. To that end, I am making a demand on the Archdiocese in the amount of \$250,000.00 to forever settle this matter.

I await your response.

Very truly yours,

ADOM033395

LAICIZATION RESCRIPT - UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Prot. N.: 247/04

Milwaukee

Father David John HANSER

September 30, 2005

The Supreme Pontiff Pope Benedict XVI

having heard the opinion of this Congregation concerning the serious actions of the above named presbyter of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (Milwaukee, USA), with the proper documentation having been sent and finding this final decision to be beyond appeal and not subject to recourse,

has decreed

that the penalty of dismissal from the presbyterate be imposed.

This same presbyter is also granted a dispensation from all of the obligations connected with sacred Orders in accord with the following consideration:

1. The dismissal and dispensation take effect at the very moment of the decision of the Roman Pontiff.
2. The decree of dismissal and dispensation are to be communicated to the presbyter by the competent local Ordinary and no one has the right to separate those two elements. Indeed, further, it carries with it, insofar as it is necessary, absolution from censures.
3. Notice of the granting of the dismissal and dispensation is to be inscribed in the baptismal register of the aforementioned presbyter's parish.
4. With regard to the celebration of a canonical marriage, the norms set down in The Code of Canon Law must be applied. The Ordinary, however, should take care that the matter be discreetly handled without pomp or external display.
5. The ecclesiastical authority, to whom it belongs to notify the priest, should earnestly exhort him to take part in the life of the People of God, in a manner consonant with his new mode of living, to give edification, and thus to show himself a most loving son of the Church. At the same time, however, he should be informed of the following points:
 - a) the dismissed presbyter automatically loses the rights proper to the clerical state, as well as ecclesiastical dignities and offices; he is no longer bound by the other obligations connected with the clerical state;
 - b) he remains excluded from the exercise of the sacred ministry, with the exception of those functions mentioned in canons 976 and 986, §2, and, as a result, he may not give a homily nor is he able to hold a directive office in the pastoral field nor to exercise the function of parochial administrator;
 - c) similarly, he may not discharge any function in seminaries and in equivalent institutions. In other institutions of higher studies, which are in any way whatever dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise a directive function;

- d) in those institutions of higher studies which are not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not teach any discipline which is properly theological or closely connected with the same;
 - e) in institutions of lower studies, which are dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise the function of teaching a discipline which is properly theological. A dismissed and dispensed presbyter is held by the same rule in teaching Religion in an institution of the same kind not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority.
6. The Ordinary is to take care lest the dismissed presbyter, because of a lack of prudence, exhibits scandal to the faithful. This pastoral solicitude of the Ordinary is most important if a danger of abuse of minors, although remote, is present.
 7. Notification of the dismissal and dispensation can be made either personally or through an ecclesiastical notary or through registered mail. The dismissed priest ought to retain a copy properly signed attesting to his reception and acceptance of this dismissal and dispensation and also its precepts, but if he does not it does not impede the effect of this decree.
 8. At an opportune time, the Ordinary is to send a brief report to the Congregation on his completion of the notification, and, if there is any wonderment on the part of the faithful he is to provide a prudent explanation.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Offices of the Congregation, the 30th day of September, 2005.

/s/ William L. Levada
Archbishop Emeritus
of San Francisco in California
Prefect

/s/ Angelus Amato, S.D.B.
Titular Archbishop of Silens
Secretary

Date of notification: _____

/s/ _____ /s/ _____
Signature of presbyter as sign of acceptance Signature of Ordinary



CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI
(Dimissio e statu clericali ac dispensatio ab oneribus)

Prot. N. 247/04

Milvaukiensis

D.nus David John HANSER

Die 30 m. Septembris a. 2005

Summus Pontifex Benedictus, Papa XVI

Audita relatione huius Congregationis circa gravem agendi rationem supradicti presbyteri archidioecesis Milvaukiensis (v.d. Milwaukee, U.S.A.), praemissis praemittendis, supra omnia atque inappellabili decisione nullique recusui obnoxia,

decrevit

poenam dimissionis dicto presbytero irrogandam esse.

Eidem presbytero etiam dispensationem concedit ab omnibus oneribus sacrae Ordinationi conexas iuxta sequentes rationes.

1. Dimissio ac dispensatio vim habent ab ipso momento decisionis Romani Pontificis.
2. Dimissionis ac dispensationis Decretum presbytero a competenti Ordinario loci notificetur, cui numquam fas est duo illa elementa sciungere. Idemque insuper secundum absolutionem a censuris, quatenus opus sit.
3. Notitia dimissionis ac dispensationis adnotetur in Libris baptizatorum paroeciae praedicti presbyteri.
4. Quod attinet si casus ferat, ad celebrationem canonici matrimonii, applicanda sunt normae quae in Codice Iuris Canonici statuuntur. Ordinarius vero curet ut res caute peragantur sine exteriore apparatu.
5. Auctoritas ecclesiastica, cui spectat Decretum praefato sacerdoti notificare, hunc enixe hortetur, ut vitam Populi Dei, ratione congruendi cum nova eius vivendi condicione, participet, aedificationem praestet et ita probum Ecclesiae filium se exhibeat. Simil autem eidem notum faciat ea quae sequuntur:

- a) presbyter dimissus eo ipso amittit iura statui clericali propria, dignitates et officia ecclesiastica; ceteris obligationibus cum statu clericali conexis non amplius adstringitur;
- b) exclusus manet ab exercitio sacri ministerii, iis exceptis de quibus in can. 976 et 986 § 2 CJC ac propterea nequit homiliam habere, nec potest officium gerere directivum in ambitu pastorali neve munere administratoris paroecialis fungi;
- c) item nullum munus absolvere potest in Seminariis et in Institutis aequiparatis. In aliis Institutis studiorum gradus superioris, quae quocumque modo dependent ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit;
- d) in aliis vero Institutis studiorum gradus superioris ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica non dependentibus nullam theologicam disciplinam tradere potest;
- e) in Institutis autem studiorum gradus inferioris dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit. Eadem lege tenetur presbyter dimissus ac dispensatus in tradenda Religione in Institutis eiusdem generis non dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica.

6. Ordinarius curet ne presbyter dimissus, propter defectum debitae prudentiae, fidelibus scandalum praebeat. Haec pastoralis sollicitudo Ordinarium a fortiori gravissime urget si adest periculum quamvis remotum minoribus abutendi.

7. Notificatio dimissionis et dispensationis fieri potest vel personaliter per notarium aut ecclesiasticum actuarium vel per «epistulas prescriptas» (*raccomadata, certificada, enregistrée, registered, Einschreiben*). Sacerdos dimissus unum exemplar restituere debet rite subsignatum ad fidem receptionis et ~~acceptio~~ eiusdem dimissionis ac dispensationis ac simul etiam praceptorum, quod si non faciat integer manet effectus huius Decreti.

8. Tempore autem opportuno, Ordinarius competens breviter ad Congregationem de peracta notificatione referat, et si qua tandem fidelium admiratio adsit, prudenti explicatione provideat.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

Ex Aedibus Congregationis, die 30 m. Septembri a. 2005

+ *William J. Levada*

* Gulielmus J. LEVADA

Archiep. Emeritus

Sancti Francisci in California

Praefectus

F. Kuehl

* Angelus AMATO, S.D.B.

Archiep. Titularis Silensis

a Secretis

Dies notificationis *January 19, 2006*

David J. Hanover
Subsignatio Presbyteri in signum
~~acceptio~~

+ Timothy R. Dolan
Subsignatio Ordinarii

*My signature is not a sign of acceptance of laicization
but I intend to abide by the effects of the rescript.*



CONGREGATIO
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00120 Città del Vaticano,
Palazzo del S. Uffizio

27 October 2005

PROT. N. 247/04 - 21722

(In responsione fuit mentio huius numeri)

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Excellency,

I write with regard to the case of the Reverend David John HANSER, a priest of your Archdiocese, who has been accused of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors and concerning whom Your Excellency has requested dismissal from the clerical state *ex officio et in poenam*.

This Dicastery, after a careful and attentive study of the facts, and in light of the faculty granted to this Congregation by the Supreme Pontiff on 7 February 2003 to dispense from Article 17 of the *Motu proprio* "Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela" requiring a penal judicial process, has decided to support your request that the above-mentioned priest be dismissed *ex officio et in poenam* from the clerical state.

In an audience granted on 30 September 2005, the Supreme Pontiff decreed that the Reverend David John Hanser is dismissed *ex officio et in poenam* from the clerical state and is, moreover, released from all obligations of the Sacred Priesthood, including that of celibacy. Any censures under which he may be labouring are remitted by this decree.

Your Excellency is asked kindly to inform Father Hanser of this grave decision according to paragraph 7 of the enclosed decree. A signed and notarized copy of the decree should be returned to this Dicastery at your earliest convenience.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere respects and I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

* Angelo AMATO, SDB
Titular Archbishop of Sila
Secretary

(Enclosures)

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Timothy M. DOLAN
Archbishop of Milwaukee
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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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Office of Auxiliary Bishop

December 22, 1989

In view of the serious allegations raised regarding the ministry of Father David Hanser some fifteen to twenty years ago, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has attempted to respond in a responsible fashion for the benefit of all parties concerned. Toward that end, I can attest that the opinion of professionals will be respected in selecting any future assignment for him, that his ministry will be restricted regarding alleged vulnerable portions of church membership, and that appropriate supervision will be provided.



Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee



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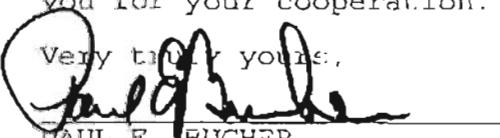
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Dear Dr. Reinke,

I am contacting you concerning this office's investigation relative to David Hanser. I wanted to thank you for your courtesy and professionalism you showed relative to this entire matter. I also appreciate your courtesies in allowing me to review the personnel file of David Hanser on Monday, January 6, 2003.

Based upon my review of the file, at this point in time, I will be closing the matter out with no adverse action being taken against David Hanser. Unfortunately, I am not able to proceed against David Hanser due to the statute of limitations. My review of his personnel file was not able to document any time that he was out of the State of Wisconsin for a significant period of time. There is no doubt in my mind, based upon the review, that David Hanser assaulted these young boys and has caused them significant harm. I wish I could hold him criminally responsible, but unfortunately, I cannot.

I do, however, want to thank you and the Milwaukee Archdiocese for the very professional manner in which you handle these cases, as well as your sensitivity in these matters. I know the victims very much appreciate it. Best of luck to you, and again, thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,


PAUL E. BUCHER
District Attorney
State Bar #1014958

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
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DATE OF BIRTH: May 6, 1932

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1969	[REDACTED]	18	Attempted sexual contact (once)	July 1988
1970	[REDACTED]	16	Sexual assault (once)	July 1988
1968-	[REDACTED]	11-16	Sexual assault (25 to 40 times)	July 1988
1973				
1970	[REDACTED]	17	Sexual contact (multiple)	July 1988
1985	[REDACTED]	18	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1985	[REDACTED]	17	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1985	[REDACTED]	15	Sexual contact	May 1, 2002
1972	[REDACTED]	11	Genital fondling	April 25, 2002

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type/case</u>	<u>Conviction</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
2002	District Attorney ordered criminal investigation	Cases beyond statute of limitations	
2002	Civil suit filed by victim	Settled out of court	
2002	Counter suit filed by Hanser	Settled out of court	

MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Action</u>
1988	Asked to take personal leave while allegations studied; substance of allegations acknowledged and resignation from office accepted; professional counseling and spiritual direction ordered
1991	Permitted to make personal arrangements to provide chaplain services with no appointment to office at a hospital with restrictions and monitoring providing no contact with minors
1995	Precept restricting all public ministry, revoking faculties, and ordering no contact with minors (May 25, 1995); modification of precept allowing exercise of ministry and restoration of faculties but only in a hospital setting with no contact with minors (September 13, 1995)
2002	Precept reinstates all restrictions on public ministry (April 3, 2002)
2004	Case referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

SUSTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE DIOCESE

Father Hanser is independently wealthy with a luxury home and automobile and considerable assets. Nonetheless, because he is eligible he receives a monthly pension check from the priests' pension plan and is provided the same health benefits as any retired priest.

RESPONSE / RE COURSE BY THE CLERIC

<u>Year</u>	<u>Action</u>
1988	Admitted the substance of the allegations by the [REDACTED] family, submitted resignation from office, paid the major part of the settlement with the family
2002	Confronted by [REDACTED] parents; admitted substance of allegations and asked for "confidentiality" from them, offered to write letters of apology but letters deemed inadequate due to "excuses" for behavior

INVESTIGATION PROCESS:

The 1988 claims were taken to Father Hanser by the Vicar for Clergy and acknowledged. Subsequent claims have been consistent with the reported pattern. Most of the victims were from large families. Father Hanser became friends with the family and subsequently invited the male children in the family to his lake cottage where the assaults took place.

April 19, 2002

Statement of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

An allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. David Hanser was received by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1988. Fr. Hanser was immediately placed on administrative leave. At the time, Bishop Richard Sklba met with both the victims and their mother.

On the recommendation of Fr. Hanser's therapist and with the therapist's assurance that there was no risk in placing Fr. Hanser in a pastoral assignment doing hospital ministry, Fr. Hanser was allowed to work as a hospital chaplain. He began that ministry in 1991.

At the onset and on multiple occasions, Bishop Sklba personally contacted the Director of Pastoral Care at the hospital and reviewed the background regarding the allegation of sexual abuse, the assurances of the therapist, and the ministry restrictions placed upon Fr. Hanser by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Those restrictions excluded unsupervised contact with minors and excluded work in the pediatric areas of the hospital.

In addition, notification of the past allegation, therapist's assurances, and ministry restrictions was given to the hospital administrator.

In March 2002, Fr. Hanser notified the Archdiocese and the hospital of his plans to retire as of May 6, 2002.

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1070. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, November 1, 1988 I met with Attorney Charles Hausmann to discuss the current status and future plans for Dave's ministry. He reported that Dave has been seeing Dr. [REDACTED] of the Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital for professional counseling and [REDACTED] SDS for spiritual direction after his return from St. Barnabas Center at the end of September. We discussed an agreement by which any conversation I might have with Dave would be considered confidential. I subsequently informed Attorney Hausmann that one of the plaintiffs had requested a settlement of \$500,000 to cover counseling costs and damages. On Wednesday, November 2, 1988 I brought both the letter from [REDACTED] and the proposed agreement to Joe Dean for his study and review. On that same morning I met with Dave Hanser in my office in order to discuss his needs and those of the larger Church at this time. I recommended that he resign from the pastorate at St. Mary's in Pewaukee for personal reasons, that he take some time to continue counseling and seek either CPE for hospital ministry down the line or some other type of specialized training should a different ministry better match his gifts.

Hanser cont.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1988 I received a phone call from Dr. [REDACTED] indicating that [REDACTED] had begun some type of treatment with him. I authorized billing to our office in my brief conversation with Dr. [REDACTED]

RJS

1097. Hanser, David

On Thursday, November 10, 1988 Attorney Charles Hausmann called expressing concern that payments for counseling expenses may result in extending the Statute of Limitations. [REDACTED]

Hanser cont.

On Thursday or Friday, November 10 or 11, 1989 I spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) expressing my surprise over the large amount of money requested and repeating that my initial offer had only extended to actual costs involved in counseling. In view of the fact that his suggested sum of money had been formulated in consultation with a lawyer, I stated that I would be forced to refer the matter to our Archdiocesan Legal Counsel before formalizing a response.

RJS



May 19, 1970

Reverend David J. Hanser
Catholic Memorial High School
[REDACTED]
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

Dear Father Hanser:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position on the Faculty of Catholic Memorial High School, Waukesha, and appoint you to the Faculty of St. Joseph High School, Kenosha, effective June 16, 1970. You will kindly report on that date to the Principal, Father Paul Esser.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Faternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Please return to:

ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD
1500 South 29th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

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1-10-69

PERSONAL DATA FORM - 1969

The information below is essential to the effective utilization of Diocesan Personnel and will be used with the strictest confidence.

(Please type or print your replies.)

1. Name HANSER REV. DAVID John
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Year of Birth MAY 6, 1932 Ordination Class June 1958

2. My personal preference with regard to PARISH work would favor my assignment to (mark as #1, the kinds of parishes in which you have the deepest interest;
mark as #2, those in which you have a moderate interest;
mark as #3, those in which you have little interest;
mark as 0, those in which you have no interest):

No Special Preference

Bilingual Parish
(Specify) _____

City Parish

Inner Core Parish

Suburban Parish

Changing Parish

Parish with two
Associate Pastors

Other (Describe)

Parish with one
Associate Pastor

education on sundays
level in field of guidance
 Counseling - especially

Parish without
Associate Pastor

3. Among parish activities, where does your main interest lie?
A (e.g. - C.C.D., Youth Work)

if in a parish - youth work

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIEST PERSONNEL BOARD

RECEIVED

1989 - PRIEST PERSONNEL REPORT

FEB 20 1989

NAME OF PRIEST: DAVID J. HANSER

TITLE/ASSIGNMENT: "WAITING ASSIGNMENT"

PARISH/AGENCY/INSTITUTION:

PHONE NUMBER(S): OFFICE: _____ HOME _____

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW:

 My term of office is 1989, and I request: An extension A change of assignment My term of office is NOT 1989, but I am open to reassignment in the next 12 months I request a personal contact from a Board member to discuss a possible change of assignment or some other matter.COMMENTS: _____

_____CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DURING THE PAST YEAR (WORKSHOPS, COURSES, READING, TRAVEL) AND ANY DEGREES YOU HAVE EARNED IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

_____INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH YOU BELIEVE WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE PERSONNEL BOARD CONCERNING YOUR HEALTH, JOB SATISFACTION, AND INTEREST IN FUTURE ASSIGNMENTS:
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Beginning February 27, <sup>1989</sup> I will be enrolled in the basic C.P.E. Course at St. Luke's Hospital, Milw. from 8-5:00 M-F with weekend work also from time to time. This will be 3 months for a total of 400 hours ending May 27. Then on June 5th I will start the 2nd step of C.P.E. at St. Joseph's Hospital, Milw. which will

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING HEALTH, JOB SATISFACTION, ETC., - CONT'D.

Conclude on Aug. 27/89. Therefore, I might consider  
an "in residence" situation at some parish in the  
future for either during the first or second session  
of the C.P.E. Course and would like to know of any  
"openings" or availability of this kind of arrangement.

CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE ON-CALL TO OFFER MASS EITHER ON WEEKDAYS OR WEEKENDS  
IN PARISHES WHICH OCCASIONALLY NEED TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE EXTENT  
TO WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED AND AVAILABLE. (THE PERSONNEL BOARD DESIRES TO MAINTAIN  
A CURRENT LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE "HELP-OUT").

→ I am presently assisting Rev Gene Yernow at  
St. Julian in Dartford until the deacon in  
residence is ordained in May. This is usually  
Weekends but has also involved some weekday help.

HOW COULD THE PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD BE OF GREATER ASSISTANCE TO YOU?

In addition to the above, I do not want my  
name being put out "as available". Rather,  
I would want to know "what's available,"  
be informed by personnel board (secretary),  
and then make the contacts myself.

PLEASE RETURN THIS REPORT TO THE PERSONNEL BOARD OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 1, 1989. THANK YOU!



RECORDED  
JULY 22 1991  
Medical College of Wisconsin

[REDACTED] M.D.  
Director  
[REDACTED] MSW  
Associate Director

Department of Psychiatry and  
Mental Health Sciences  
Division of Child and  
Adolescent Psychiatry

July 18, 1991

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba  
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee  
3501 South Lake Drive  
P.O. Box 07912  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912

Dear Bishop Sklba:

As you are aware, I have been treating Father David Hanser over the past two and a half years. With his permission I would like to bring you up to date on his progress.

I can assure you that he has worked through problems relating to allegations about his conduct and does not now present any risk to any age person with whom he might work. I have dealt with many cases such as his and can tell you that the prognosis is excellent and he is capable of handling any stress that his current work might bring.

Should you have additional questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], M.D.

[REDACTED]

Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital  
1220 Dewey Avenue  
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213  
(414) 256-2600

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[REDACTED], M.D.  
Director  
[REDACTED] MSW  
Associate Director

Department of Psychiatry and  
Mental Health Sciences  
Division of Child and  
Adolescent Psychiatry

July 31, 1995

Most Reverend Rembrandt G. Weakland, OSB  
Archbishop of Milwaukee  
3501 S. Lake Drive  
P.O. Box 07912  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

Thank you for meeting with Father Hanser and me on July 28th. The purpose for our meeting was to discuss Father Hanser's current status. [REDACTED]

I am quite willing to continue to monitor his progress by personally accepting responsibility in assuring that his work is above reproach. He is quite willing to do this. He has also agreed to allow me to share with you any information that you might need in order to maintain this assurance. I would also request that you permit me to be the liaison with his supervision at the hospital while keeping you informed of the same. He has also agreed to allow me to share with you any information that you might need in order to maintain this assurance.

If the above is acceptable to you for the advisory meeting of August 28th, would you please inform me on receipt of this letter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
M.D.

[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital  
1220 Dewey Avenue  
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213  
(414) 258-2600

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Entry for the File of Rev. David Hauser  
By Barbara Reinke

April 4, 2002

I spoke with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is concerned about the current whereabouts and activities of Father David Hanser, and initially requested to come to Milwaukee to review his records. According to [REDACTED] he and her husband, [REDACTED] first became acquainted with Father Hanser when they were both students at [REDACTED]. He sexually abused [REDACTED] and then three of his younger brothers ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]). The abuse came to light when the brothers gathered for Christmas in 1987, and again in July, 1988. Bishop Skiba came out to their home. (There was initially some confusion about dates, but the Vicar for Clergy office confirmed that it was July, 1988, which [REDACTED] subsequently agreed to have been the case.) [REDACTED] is upset that the statute of limitations issues prevented further pursuit, and she indicated an inability to look at their wedding pictures. [REDACTED] also was upset because one of her sisters-in-law saw Fr. Hanser functioning at St. Lukes Hospital in 1988. I checked with Barbara Anne Cusack, Chancellor, who reported that Fr. Hanser was one of the priests returned to limited ministry with supervision at the recommendation of his therapist. However, Fr. Hanser has now decided to retire rather than be reviewed by the new Task Force. I explained to [REDACTED] that Fr. Hanser had been allowed to engage in limited hospital ministry under supervision, but was now retired.

BR:saz

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Entry for the File of [REDACTED]  
By Barbara Reinke

April 30, 2002

I spoke with [REDACTED]. She indicated that the purpose in going to the newspaper was to enable other families to come forward and she wanted to know if other families indeed have. I explained to her that at this point I have been contacted by two additional families, but neither of their reports fit within the statute of limitations, as they occurred in the 1970s. I explained to [REDACTED] that after taking these reports, Fr. Joe Horacek and I would be meeting with Fr. Dave Hanser and confronting him with all of the evidence. I indicated that I do not know what will happen as the next step, but she is welcome to stay in touch me. I informed her as to how her brother can seek out his therapy and submit the bills to Project Benjamin.

BR:saz

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Select Hanser Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

- 4/24/02      Sexual abuse intake report alleging abuse of an 11 year old boy by Hanser at St. John Vianney in approximately 1972. Hanser slept in the same bed as the survivor, fondled him, kissed him, and told him he loved him.
- 10/17/06     Sexual abuse intake report alleging abuse of 7 or 8 year old boy by Hanser in 1977 at St. John Vianney. Hanser brought the survivor to the rectory and manipulated and fondled the survivor's genitals.