

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING OSWALD G. KRUSING¹

12/18/26 – Ordained

10/1/27 – Assistant, Sacred Heart Parish, Sun Prairie, WI (15777)

12/9/27 – Assistant, St. Victor Parish, Monroe, WI (15777)

2/15/28 – Assistant, Immaculate Conception Parish, Milwaukee, WI (15777)

2/12/30 – Assistant, Holy Redeemer Parish, Madison, WI (15777)

7/10/30 – Assistant, St. Joseph Parish, Waukesha, WI (15777)

9/30/30 – Assistant, Our Lady of Rosary Parish, Kenosha, WI (15777)

1/11/34 Rev. J.A. Riedl letter to Rev. S.A. Stritch stating that he has “misplaced confidence” in Krusing. There have been reports of Krusing’s misconduct. Misconduct relates to spreading gossip and drinking. (15462-15463)

1/14/34 Archbishop letter to Rev. J.A. Riedl indicating he did not know the matters mentioned concerning Krusing. (15461)

4/6/34 – Residence at St. Catherine’s Hospital with Mission at Kenosha (15778)

12/12/34 – Pastor, St. John’s Parish, Clyman, WI (15778)

5/29/35 Archbishop letter to Krusing appointing him pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Lyons. (43253)

5/31/35 Krusing letter to Stritch accepting his assignment at St. Joseph’s Parish in Lyons. (15465)

6/13/35 – Pastor, St. Joseph’s Parish, Lyons, WI (15778)

1/17/38 Vicar General letter to Krusing appointing him pastor of St. Mary of the Lake in Pell Lake. (15466)

1/17/38 – Pastor, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Pell Lake, WI

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9/20/39 Archbishop letter to Krusing appointing him Pastor of St. Stephen Parish in New Coelm effective at once. (15471)

9/20/39 – Pastor, St. Stephen Parish, New Coelm, WI (15778)

9/5/41 Archbishop letter to Krusing indicating that a situation has arisen that will prevent him from granting Krusing the permission he desires before the end of the year. They are short of priests and it is not possible for him to do otherwise. (15472)

11/30/41 – Left for Cistercian Monastery (15778)

1941-42 – Trappist Novitiate, Cumberland Valley Falls, Rhode Island (29834); (15778)

11/15/42 Krusing letter to Rev. M.E. Kiley discussing the leave of absence he was granted a year ago. He wanted to become a monk, but couldn't do it. He wants to return to Milwaukee, but feels the other priests will make fun of him. He requests to go to another diocese. (15479-15481)

11/19/42 Archbishop letter to Rev. William P. O'Connor (Bishop of Superior) indicating receipt of letter from Krusing stating that he does not feel fit for the life of a Trappist and that he speaks of applying as a Chaplain. The Archbishop does not believe Krusing would be good for the position and wants to know if O'Connor could use Krusing until he gets his bearings. (43262)

11/23/42 William O'Connor (Bishop of Superior) letter to Archbishop stating he agrees that it would be too radical of a change for Krusing to join the armed forces (become a Chaplain). He would be happy to receive him in Superior. (15474-15475)

11/24/42 Archbishop letter to Krusing stating he can go to Superior before returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. (15478)

1942-44 – St. Louis Parish, Washburn, WI (29834)

7/11/44 Archbishop letter to Krusing appointing him Pastor of Holy Apostles' Parish in New Berlin effective July 19, 1944. (15482)

7/19/44 – Pastor, Holy Apostles' Parish, New Berlin, WI

1947 Report from parishioner at Holy Apostles regarding "K's inappropriate conduct" with reporter's niece (no record of response). (29834-29835)

10/31/47 Uncle of 14 year old girl from Holy Apostles school indicated his niece came home from school upset. Krusing called her to the house and told

her to strip to her waist and made advances, but she resisted. Krusing told her not to mention the affair to anyone or she would go to hell. There is a rumor that Krusing had been intimate with girls from the parish and threatened that they would go to hell if they told. It is gossiped in the parish that when Krusing's mother kept house for him, he was caught with a young girl and since he has not had a housekeeper. Person answering phones for Krusing said someone called and said keep your fingers off my girl's skirt or I will tell about his doings to the whole parish. (15485)

- Undated [Redacted] letter regarding allegations of Krusing and indicating involvement of their daughter. Author demands that Krusing be moved and refuses to involve police out of concern for daughter and other suspected survivors. (15487-15490)
- 3/30/49 Holy Apostles parent letter to Kiley complaining about language used in junior high classes about sex education. (15491-15494)
- 7/27/55 Attorney and parishioner letter to Meyer regarding complaints against Krusing and enclosing a complaint against Krusing. Complaint states, among other things, that Krusing has an overwhelming preoccupation with sex and discusses it publically and privately, disrespect for females, singling out certain children, families, neighborhoods and business and publicly calling them bad. (15506-15515); (29834-29835)
- 8/7/55 Archbishop letter to attorney/parishioner in response to letter and complaint indicating he does not know what he can do with the letter because it was marked confidential. (15504)
- 8/8/55 Letter from attorney/parishioner to Archbishop in response to August 7, 1955 letter thanking the Archbishop for his concern over their identity and giving him permission to disclose to Krusing who signed the letter if such disclosure is necessary. (15516)
- 6/11/56 Archbishop letter to Krusing appointing him Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in St. Francis effective June 26, 1956. (15518)
- 6/26/56 – Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Francis, WI
- 9/1/56 Archbishop letter to Krusing appointing him Ordinary Confessor for the students at St. Francis Minor Seminary. (15521)
- 10/24/58 Archbishop letter to Krusing accepting his wish for a transfer of assignment and appointing him Administrator of Holy Name Parish in Racine, effective November 4, 1958. (15522)

11/4/58 – Administrator, Holy Name Parish, Racine, WI

2/13/59 Cousins letter to Krusing appointing him Pastor of Holy Name Parish in Racine effective immediately. (15523)

2/13/59 – Pastor, Holy Name Parish, Racine, WI

3/15/62 Attorney letter to Cousins stating that his client's daughter was sexually molested by Krusing and the offenses happened many times over a 2 year period. Krusing told her not to tell the police, her mother or Bishop. Krusing denied the allegations. (15527-15528). Krusing confronted by Auxiliary Bishop Atkielski and denied it at first – attorney for parents contacted diocese and said parents wanted no publicity – Krusing sent to Trappist monastery in Iowa for penance – letter from Krusing from monastery to Monsignor Beres speaks of “misconduct” and “mistakes” but minimized impact and effect – moved from monastery to psychiatric hospital in Minnesota for treatment – assigned to convent chapel as a “probation period” at recommendation of doctor – later returned to parish. (29834-29835)

3/22/62 Krusing letter to Rev. Roman Atkielski indicating he is leaving for a Trappist Monastery. Krusing states a woman called about her boy and a school circumstance. She said that there would never be any publicity or scandal and no one would know about this. She also said the lawyer was ordered never to disclose the affair. Letter indicates that the Archbishop wanted to see Krusing and that Atkielski placed great emphasis on Krusing's departure before the end of the week. (15529)

3/22/62 Krusing letter to Atkielski indicating that when this distasteful affair broke the woman and her family indicated that there would be no trouble or scandal. (43319)

Undated Handwritten notes state: “For 2 years . . . Blame for doing it again . . . No complete act . . . Even after marriage, he would still go after her.” (15531)

1962 Krusing letter to Beres stating again he thought the woman and her lawyer would never tell or cause a scandal about the affair. He said it may affect his return home. He discusses his move to administrator. (43322-43323)

1962 Krusing letter to Beres indicating that he is ready to come back to ministry and this time there will be no more mistakes or misconduct. (15535-15536)

- 3/27/62 Krusing letter to Beres stating he has to leave where he has been staying at the Trappist monastery. (43328)
- 1962 Krusing letter to Beres indicating arrived at the psychiatric hospital. He has restrictions, but he hopes they can be modified. Krusing had an exam by one doctor and he has excellent health, but Krusing would not disclose to him why he was there because Krusing would prefer to declare that detail to the doctor in charge. (15540-15541)
- 4/6/62 Krusing letter to Beres. Krusing states he had a clinical psychology test. Krusing relates that the results of the tests were satisfactory and that, as a result, he does not expect the doctor to order additional tests. Krusing indicates that he wrote to the Archbishop about getting a parish when he returns. (15542-4443)
- 4/16/62 Krusing letter to Beres regarding an report from treating doctor that will be made to Cousins. (15552)
- 4/5/63 – Chaplain, Notre Dame Infirmary, Elm Grove, WI (15778)
- 6/22/64 Cousins letter to Krusing appointing him Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milwaukee, effective July 1, 1964. (15569)
- 6/24/64 Cousins letter to Krusing letting him know he is glad he accepted the position at St. Charles Borromeo. (15574)
- 7/1/64 – Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Milwaukee, WI
- 3/8/66 Cousins letter to Krusing appointing him Pastor at St. Rita’s Parish in West Allis, effective March 22, 1966. (15577)
- 3/22/66 – Pastor, St. Rita Parish, West Allis, WI
- 11/14/68 Parishioner of St. Rita’s letter to Fr. Reiff and Board members stating that they have a list of complaints about Krusing, but they will wait to see if Krusing retires the next spring so they do not have to worry about retaliation toward the three associate pastors. States, “We detest the manner in which he is hurting hundreds of children and adults.” (43170)
- 11/18/68 Reiff letter to parishioner regarding Krusing, concurring with her decision to delay action until they see what happens in the spring. (43171)
- 6/19/69 Beres letter to Norman Schuch indicating the Archbishop approves Krusing to be the Faithful Friar of the Msgr. Arnold General Assembly of the Knights of Columbus for the 1969-1970 year. (15578)

- 1/8/70 Krusing letter to Cousins asking permission to present his request for retirement effective February 16, 1970. (15595)
- 1/19/70 Cousins letter to Krusing granting his request for retirement effective February 16, 1970, and praising him for the work he has done as a priest. (15596)
- 1/22/70 President of the Parish Council letter to Reiff. Jarantoski states they should not take any action on Krusing's request to resign. The Parish Council demands that Krusing reconsider his resignation and do everything they can to prevent its acceptance by the Archbishop and to do whatever is necessary to reconcile the problems which precipitated his resignation. (15636)
- Undated List of complaints about Krusing. Complaints include: obsession with sex, noticing women's legs and making crude remarks to women and nuns, refusing to hire janitors, and hiring unqualified teachers. (15637)
- 1/30/70 Reiff letter to Parish Council President regarding Krusing's request to resign and inquiring about "the problems which precipitated his resignation." (15635)
- 2/13/70 Vicar General Sylvester Gass letter to Krusing stating he can celebrate mass daily at home, but not in a bedroom. (15597)
- 2/16/70 – Retired
- 2/17/70 Parish Council President letter to Reiff accepting Krusing's resignation. (15634)
- 5/6/78 Krusing letter to Vicar General Msgr. Sylvester Gass regarding Krusing's resignation as director of the Apostolate of Christian Renewal. (15601)
- 3/11/94 Vicar Log Entry No. 330. RTV gave Krusing a copy of a note from Weakland granting his request for a dispensation from the divine office. (43214)
- 5/25/95 Weakland letter to Krusing stating he must review the situation of priests who have had allegations of misconduct placed against them. Weakland states that even retired priests may have to have restrictions placed on them. This is 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. Weakland encloses a list of ministerial restrictions for Krusing. (15606-15607)

- 8/17/95 Vicar Log Entry No. 625. Sklba had a meeting with Krusing regarding his great depression and spiritual anxiety given the recent letter from the Archbishop. He seemed more at peace with learning that he was not forbidden to celebrate the Eucharist alone if no one else is available. (43214)
- 8/28/95 Vicar Log Entry No. 650. Sklba restored Krusing's faculties for Confession when approached privately, but he is not to provide Sacramental ministry to a parish in a more general fashion to parish communities. (43214)
- 8/30/95 Sklba letter to Krusing regarding his faculties. Weakland and Sklba decided to restore them for Confession when Krusing personally approached by a visitor in an individual fashion. Sklba refers to Weakland's letter from last May stating he was not allowed to make himself available to the parishes of the Archdiocese. (15826)
- 10/29/95 – Deceased
- 7/9/96 Sexual abuse intake report indicating that a survivor was abused by Krusing in 1943-1944 when they were 12-13 years old at St. Louis Parish in Washburn (Diocese of Superior). (123886)
- 8/23/97 Piasecki entry on Krusing's chart stating that Sklba met with a survivor of Krusing. Survivor reported that she was abused by Krusing as a minor 40 years ago. Sklba noted that he found her story credible. Sklba told her that someone came forward right before Krusing passed away and Krusing's faculties were restricted. Sklba indicated that the Diocese would be willing to pay for therapy bills and that it would have to be reviewed by the Professional Mental Health Review Committee. Archdiocese paid \$15,000 to survivor in therapy costs. (29834-29835)
- 4/30/02 Sexual Abuse Intake Report indicates survivor abused by Krusing in mid 1950s when she was about 11-13 years old at Sacred Heart of Jesus in South Kinnickinnic. Individual states that she reported this to Sklba in 1986. She reported this to Fr. John Michael Murphy when she was in her 20s. (35472)
- 1/12/04 Vicar Log Entry No. 12. Sklba met with Reinke to review several current cases. Agreed that problematic situations would be encouraged to go to mediation without treatment plan review out of a sense of care for the resolution of these situations and the good of the survivors, as well as good stewardship on our part. (15718)
- 1/13/04 Reinke met with survivor of Krusing (survivor previously reported on 4/30/02). Survivor reported being abused by Krusing in the 8th grade.

Survivor tried to tell Sr. Roseanne after the survivor entered a convent, but she accused her of lying and/or seducing Krusing. Survivor said she told some others in the Church, and she wonders if any of them ever informed the Archdiocese. During the meeting, Reinke connected with Dr. Cusack, and they reviewed Krusing's history. Reinke told survivor that abuse cases were handled differently when she first told and there was an absence of records from Archbishop Cousin's time. Reinke discussed the availability of therapy and mediation. (35469)

- 6/17/04 Sexual Abuse Intake Form. Abused by Krusing in approximately 1934 when the woman was about 10-11 years old. She encountered Krusing at Holy Rosary Church in Kenosha and St. Catherine's Hospital. (15624-15625)
- Undated Krusing's assignment history and abuse report history. (29834-29835)
- Undated Krusing's appointments. (15777-15778)