

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING CHARLES WALTER¹

5/25/74 – Ordained

5/31/74 Cousins letter to Walter appointing him Associate Pastor at St. George Parish in Kenosha, effective June 18, 1974. (47398)

6/18/74 – Associate Pastor, St. George Parish, Kenosha, WI

9/15/75 Sampon letter to Walter appointing him Temporary Administrator pending an official pastoral appointment to St. George Parish. (21604)

5/27/77 Cousins letter to Walter appointing him Faculty Member at De Sales Preparatory Seminary-High School in Milwaukee, effective June 14, 1977. (47400)

6/14/77 – Faculty Member, St. Francis De Sales, Milwaukee, WI

3/22/79 Weakland letter to Walter appointing him Associate Director, Residence Program, St. Francis de Sales Call to Ministry Program – High School Level, effective June 1, 1979. (47447)

6/1/79 – Associate Director of the Residence Program at St. Francis de Sales Call to Ministry Program

10/29/81 Vicar Log Entry No. 1335. Walter is doing help-out at the parish in Dousman two weekends out of the month. (21424)

2/8/83 Archbishop letter to Walter noting that he has committed himself through the next school year at the Call to Ministry. (21453)

2/6/84 Walter letter to Weakland requesting to temporarily be transferred to the Diocese of La Crosse to be closer to his parents. (21456)

2/16/84 Archbishop letter to Walter confirming that going to the Diocese of La Crosse is only temporary and thanking him for his work in the Call to Ministry Program. (21455)

3/26/84 Vicar Log No. 334. Walter decided not to leave the Archdiocese to accept a position near his parents in the La Crosse Diocese. (21424)

3/27/84 Walter letter to Rev. John Paul (Bishop of La Crosse) indicating that he will stay in the Milwaukee area because Walters' parents' plans have changed. (21457)

6/7/84 Weakland letter to Walter appointing him Associate Pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Brookfield, effective June 19, 1984. (47542)

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6/19/84 – Associate Pastor, St. Dominic Parish, Brookfield, WI

5/22/87 Weakland letter to Walter appointing him Pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish in West Bend, effective July 1, 1987. (21459)

5/22/87 – Pastor, St. Frances Cabrini Parish, West Bend, WI

5/8/89 Sklba letter to Walter to discuss a personnel issue. Letter states, “because of the legal ramifications and lawsuits we can’t say in public all that we would like to.” Letter indicates Walter handled a tough situation well and the best thing to do is put it behind him. The letter is in response to a letter from Walter regarding the non-renewal of a teacher’s contract which may lead to litigation. The document does not relate to allegations of sexual abuse.

6/27/89 Vicar Log Entry No. 682. Sklba indicates call to Walter to alert him allegations made regarding allegations of a sexual relationship between Walter and two adult males. Walter denied them categorically and indicated that one of the men received any restrictions of duties as a result of libelous allegations. (21424) (46241)

11/21/89 Rev. Pulice letter to Walter approving his sabbatical. (47548-47549)

12/9/89 Vicar Log Entry No. 994. Conversation with Walter with an update into the situation at St. Dominic and St. Frances Cabrini. (21424)

12/30/90-6/7/91 – Sabbatical (21561)

5/17/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 542. Sklba received a phone call from Mary Kay Balchunas about her conversation with an individual abused by Walter alleging inappropriate activity from 1979-1981 when the individual was 15-16 years old and a student at De Sales High School and in the Call to Ministry Program at Dominican High School. (21425)

5/22/91 Sklba letter to Walter regarding his relationship with a male student at De Sales High School and the Call to Ministry Program from 1979-81. (21467)

Sklba letter to Rev. Poczworowski regarding a telephone call with [redacted] about the allegations. Sklba will take immediate action to contact the priest in question. (21468)

Sklba letter to [redacted] expressing his appreciation for his courage and candor during their telephone conversation on May 18, 1991. Sklba will deal with the issues as promptly as possible. (21469)

Vicar Log Entry No. 572. Sklba spoke with Wenig about allegation concerning Walter’s ministry. Wenig was clear in stating that no allegations ever surfaced during the time he was associated with the Call to Ministry program. (21425)

6/11/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 646. Sklba had conversation with Walter. In response to the recent allegations, Walter acknowledged that a relationship existed 10 years ago

but no other incidents have occurred. Walter stated that he had been in counseling for approximately ten years and agreed to meet about the situation and make a decision in its regard. (21425)

- 6/19/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 680. Sklba met with Walter about the allegation. Walter acknowledged two incidents of inappropriate activity with the individual but that there has been nothing with that individual or anyone else since then. Walter will return to counseling. Sklba will be contacting the therapist regarding Walter's suitability for continued ministry. Sklba will contact the individual to report the substance of the conversation with Walter and explore the individual's needs at this time. (21426)
- 6/19/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 680. Sklba contacted the individual to report the conversation with Walter. Individual requested a written summary of the actions taken. Sklba indicated that since he did not write a formal report, he would send copies of his log entries to the individual.
- 6/21/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 680. Conversation with Tom DeVries from West Bend who said there has been no inappropriate behavior from Walter. Tom will act as on-site monitor for Walter for the time being and Walter will no longer receive ministry with young adults. (21426)
- 6/25/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 695. Sklba had conversation with Walter's psychologist who said Walter's situation has been handled well because he has not left his assignment but his ministry has been restricted. Sklba contacted Walter to again state the restriction of faculties to exclude pastoral care for adolescents at this time. (21426)
- 7/2/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 730. Walter's therapist reported that he sees no danger with Walter remaining in his position as long as the restrictions are imposed. (21427)
- 7/24/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 833. Sklba attempted to contact the individual regarding the costs of counseling thus far. (21427).
- 8/6/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 861. Sklba learned that Walter's therapist determined that Walter needed no additional therapy. (21427)
- 8/30/1991 Vicar Log Entry No. 917. Sklba met with the individual to continue the discussion of the individual's present needs. Sklba asked for a summary of the amounts of money thus far expended toward professional therapy and requested that all future bills be sent to Sklba's office. (21427)
- 9/10/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 960. Conversation with Walter regarding a new allegation by the individual that might involve the Sacrament of Penance, a canonical situation. (21428)
- 10/15/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 37. Sklba acknowledged the receipt of the letter detailing the sums that had been expended for the individual's therapy. Sklba also

confirmed the receipt of an initial bill from the individual's current therapist. Sklba stated that both of these had been authorized for payment from the Archdiocese. Sklba reiterated his promise to send a summary of the log entries to the individual documenting the various steps which have been taken since the matter first came to Archdiocesan attention. Sklba repeated the statement of Walter's therapist that the matter had been dealt with after the initial incidents in 1979 and thus, did not seem to require extensive professional treatment at this time. Sklba explained the seriousness of the individual's allegations and informed the individual that in view of the individual's clear statement, a letter would be sent to Cardinal Baum of the Sacred Penitentiary regarding the matter (the allegations involving the Sacrament of Penance). (21428)

- 11/1/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 88. Sklba met with the individual. The individual inquired about the possibility of meeting with Walter's therapist to be personally assured that all the significant issues associated with the allegation have really been addressed in Walter's therapy. Sklba offered such a meeting if the individual requested it. The individual indicated a possible need for three more years of therapy and financial assistance with personal needs. Sklba offered the assurance that the individual's needs would be assisted, presumably on the basis of a professional letter written by himself supported by a formal statement from his therapist.
- 12/9/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 121. Sklba notified the office that he had received a response from the Sacred Penitentiary and had followed the instructions promptly. (21429)
- 2/24/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 86. Attorney Forrest Laidly sent letter indicating discomfort over lack of information regarding follow-through, and requesting meeting with Sklba and the Archdiocesan Attorney. (21429)
- 5/21/92 Sklba letter to Walter reiterating the understanding between Sklba and Walter that he will not be involved in any type of supervisory or specialized pastoral care with the young people of the parish. (21696)
- 5/20/92 Vicar Log Entry. Indicates conversation with Tom DeVries about his responsibilities as monitor for Walter. Learned that Walter was a chaperone along with the Principal for an 8th grade trip out of state. There was supervision, but Sklba expressed his disagreement with that decisions and requested that the earlier agreement be retained and that Walter have no responsibility for minors pending the resolution of the entire matter. (21429)
- 9/24/92 Vicar Log 681. Reference of a letter from an attorney Laidley. The letter seeks "damages in excess of 1 million dollars." (21712)
- 9/25/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 554. Sklba talked to Walter, advised a consultation with a psychologist and that a decision regarding Walter's continuing presence at the parish would only be made after the information was available. (47514)

- 10/2/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 712. Meeting with Walter and attorneys. Sklba to discuss the September 24 letter and the allegations. Hopes that a lawsuit can be avoided. (21712)
- 11/3/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 807. Letter from another attorney, Susan Rosenberg, who was retained by the individual in a suit against Walter. (21712)
- 11/5/92 Church leaders from St. Francis Cabrini letter to Weakland in support of Walter. (21483)
- 11/24/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 711. Tom Trepanier visited Walter to discuss his future and the possibility of resigning at the end of his term in June 1993. (21585)
- 12/11/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 749. Sklba spoke with Tom DeVries who reported that the parish staff met without Walter. Sklba affirmed that Walter may be asked to leave before the end of his term in June 1993. (21432)
- 12/29/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 992. Agreement reached with the survivor. (21432)
- 2/3/93 Letter from Susan Rosenberg (attorney for the survivor) noting that a condition of the settlement was that Sklba send a letter assuring him that a problem evaluation and investigation was performed with respect to Walter. (47668)
- 2/5/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 81. Settlement agreement sent to the survivor. (21432)
- 2/26/93 Sklba letter to Attorney Rosenberg regarding allegations involving incidents from fourteen years ago and indicating they take the allegations very seriously, that the Archdiocese will continue to investigate them, and will continue to take appropriate action. (47576)
- 3/5/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 141. RTV signed the settlement papers and returned them to Quarles and Brady. (21432)
- Matt Flynn letter to Susan Rosenberg (attorney) enclosing fully executed Settlement Agreement. (47567)
- Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], Walter, and the Archdiocese for \$150,000 plus four years of psychotherapy expenses. (47568-47573)
- 5/25/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 480. Conversation with Walter. Archbishop asked RTV to clarify Walter's request for personal leave. Walter requested a one year leave. Walter had questions about future assignments and says Weakland told him that there would be no restrictions on his ministry if he wanted to help out while he was in Florida. (21433)
- 7/1/93 – Personal Leave (21561)
- 7/20/93 Weakland letter to Walter indicating he should call a Father Thomas Marin in Fort Lauderdale, FL when Walter is there. (47467)

- 11/9/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 960. Walter is not helping in ministry in Florida. (21434)
- 3/30/94 Walter letter to Weakland indicating he is not helping in Florida and it has been difficult to break into the diocese. He did a week-long mission at at Immaculate Conception around Eau Claire and was chaplain on a cruise. (21672-74)
- 4/22/94 Walter letter to Weakland indicating that Walter told people, in response to inquiries, that he would be preaching missions throughout the country. (47471-72)
- 6/6/94 Vicar for Clergy letter indicating Walter has permission from Weakland to stay in Florida into the foreseeable future. (47589)
- 6/30/94 Vicar Log Entry No. 760. A letter was sent to Walter saying he is unassigned due to medical reasons. Walter requested this so he could obtain financing for housing. (47670)
- 10/4/94 Rev. Patrick O'Neill (Archdiocese of Miami) letter Weakland asking for a letter of good standing for Walter so he can do a weekend Mass or two in Florida. (47477)
- 11/28/94 Walter letter to Weakland indicating he will do help-out over Christmas in Eau Claire and wishes to help in the Archdiocese of Miami one or two weekends a month. (47473-74)
- 01/95 Notes from Sklba regarding several priests from the Archdiocese. With regard to Walter, he is requesting celebret. (55968-70) (55969)
- 4/11/95 Cusack memo to Weakland regarding Walter. Memo indicates the Archdiocese of Miami has not yet issued faculties. (21436)
- 5/24/95 Memo to file regarding conversation with Walter. Walter's health is not good. Walter is asked to communicate the Archdiocese of Milwaukee when he anticipates visiting. Walter is reminded that there are restrictions on his ministry. Walter is not in a physical condition at this time to offer ministry. (47479)
- 5/21/96 Walter letter to Cusack. He had two mission assignments in Canada in the past year, is doing a wedding next week at Cabrini, requests an update to his celebret, and asks for contact for bishop in Palm Beach to try to get connected there. (21686)
- 7/1/95 – Sick Leave (21561)
- 8/9/96 Cusack letter to Walter enclosing renewed celebret. Inquires about Walter's progress in relating to the diocese in Florida. (47623)
- 8/20/96 Cusack letter to Walter enclosing renewed celebret and indicating they did not get a chance to discuss the matter of his authorization for ministry in Florida. (47483)
- Renewal authorized by Weakland. (47485)
- 9/1/98 Walter e-mail to Cusack asking for a renewed celebret. (47489)

- 5/5/99 Hornacek letter to Walter congratulating him on 25 years in the priesthood. (21545)
- 7/1/99 – Sick Leave (21557)
- 7/15/99 Schweihs letter to Walter approving him for retirement with disability, entitling him to a full pension. (47633-34)
- 8/31/99 – Retired (21710-21711)
- 10/9/00 Walter e-mail to Weakland requesting to take cover for friend at St. Patrick in Janesville for part of the time that the priest is away on sabbatical. (47653)
- 10/12/00 Weakland e-mail to Walter in response to request regarding St. Patrick in Janesville, stating that he should check in with Bishop Bullock so that everything is up front. (47654)
- 2/26/01 Walter e-mail to Weakland indicating he is in Janesville at St. Patrick Parish. (47655)
- 3/1/01 Vicar Log Entry No. 152. Sklba had brief conversation with Walter who was beginning a stint as a priest in residence at St. Patrick Parish in Janesville while the pastor is on sabbatical. (21434)
- 1/13/02 Walter e-mail to Weakland regarding his health. E-mail indicates that he had a good time in Janesville and while he was there he chatted on AOL with [redacted]. The person he talked to was doing well and wanted to talk again and meet in person. Handwritten note from Weakland on the bottom- “perhaps this email correspondence should be put into Charlie Walters’ file.” (47662)
- 1/15/02 Dolan letter to Walter indicating he’s reviewing priest files and noticed that Walter has had problems in his past. He restricts Walter further: he is to have no public exercise of ministry, no unsupervised contact with minors, and is not to wear his collar in public. (21709)
- 1/27/03 Dolan letter to Walter indicating he is reviewing priest files. Hornacek will be contacting Walter for a personal meeting in the future. In the meantime, Walter is not to partake in any exercise of ministry where he is living. (21435)
- 3/24/04 Reinke Entry for Sexual Abuse Log. Discussion with how to proceed with the funeral director that cannot be permitted access to youth. Walter gave permission to use his name in confrontation. (55584)
- Undated Walter list of assignments. (21561) (21710-21711)