

① Cloutier - ord. - 1975

② 1st Ass. - St. Francis Cab. (Ed Duffing)

a) Complaints immediately - taking out same 8 boys

b) "fag"

c) filthy language - screaming

d) Riot - incident - home keeper

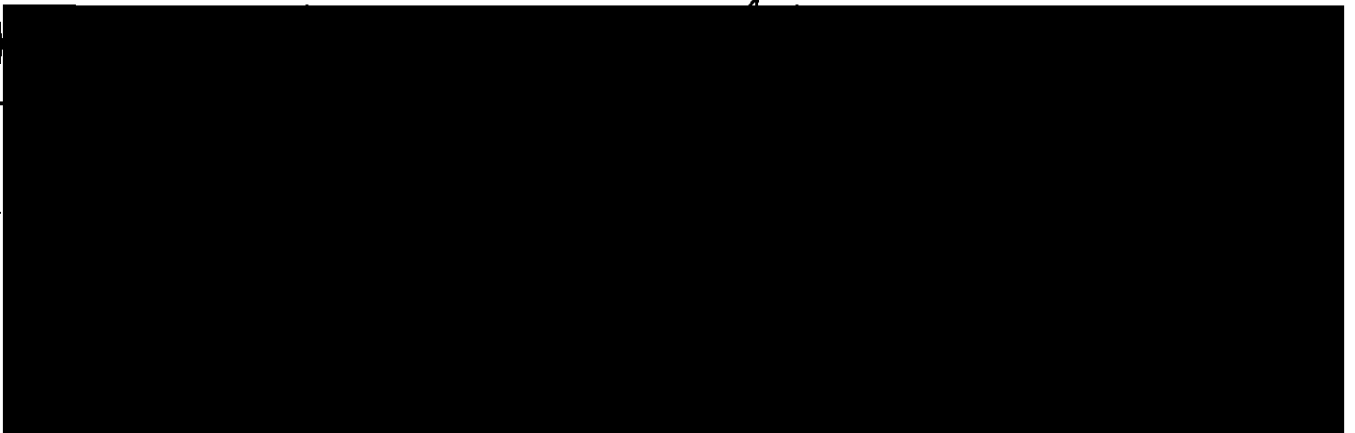
e) Principal doesn't want him in school (all in detention 1 yr.)

f) Duff asks him to leave parish Sept. '76.

③ N.B. Polygraphed 6/29/79 -

"Results conclusive, telling truth, no violence."

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⑤ Are there any materials in files at C.O.? Ref. is made to items not in this file.

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⑦ Letters to Chgo. - late June, 1981 - assigned to John Paul St. Ct.



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December 30, 1991

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

I received your letter with your spirited support of Fr. Bill Cloutier, who formerly served at St. Peter's Church in Skokie. I know he would be pleased to hear your feelings about him and his service there. It is also a wonderful thing to see that he had influence on young men who are going on to priesthood. I hope and pray that they stay the course.

With regard to your statement about how the Archdiocese has dealt with Fr. Cloutier, the fact is that the Archdiocese in no way has condemned him. Our policies and procedures dictated that we had to remove him from the parish because of the nature of the allegations made against him. He is presently under our care, [REDACTED] and he seems to be in a good frame of mind.

As the weeks and months go on, we will be working with him to see how he may continue to exercise his ministry in the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese has begun to address this serious problem openly and we promise to be as forthright as we possibly can in the future.

We have enlisted the help of public relations people and crises management professionals in handling this case. No decision is made without wide consultation.

I assure you that we are doing everything possible to handle this problem with openness and honesty, and with care for both victims and those who are at fault. Please keep us in your prayers and we promise to do the same for you. Thank you for taking time to write. I hope you have a very good 1992.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Pat O'Malley".

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests

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