

**Metropolitan Tribunal
Archdiocese of Chicago**



Memo

To: Leah McCluskey
From: Fr. Dan Smilanic - *MS.*
Date: February 6, 2007
Re: Fr. Ray Skriba

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Today at 2 pm Fr. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests, and I met with Fr. Ray Skriba. There was a problem with his observance of some of the specifications of his Individual Specific Protocols. As you recall, earlier you and I had spoken with the Cardinal about this.

Briefly, I explained to Fr. Skriba that he had to be in compliance with his protocols or the archdiocese would pursue his laicization. The specification I emphasized was that you had to have a telephone number where he could be reached. I reminded him that if the archdiocese was called upon to account immediately for his whereabouts and it could not, the consequences would be dismal for all those involved. I told him that if he was unclear about the meaning or implementation of the protocols, he should call you. I identified you as the one who explained and put into operation his protocols. He asked what he should do if he could not find you to ask his question; I told him to call one of the Vicars for Priests, or failing that, he could call the Cardinal.

In the course of the conversation, I recalled three of the allegations against him; they ranged over the time of his active ministry from the beginning to the end. I reminded him that because money was paid to some of those bringing the allegations, it could not be spent on the works of the Church.

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