

June 22, 1964

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
Woodland,
Wisconsin

Dear Father Becker:

This letter is to inform you that you are herewith appointed curate at Holy Assumption Parish, West Allis, effective Wednesday, July 1st. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Rose.

Under separate cover you will receive 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.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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February 21, 1972

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✓ Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
[REDACTED]
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213

Dear Father Becker:

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Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at St. John de Nepomuc parish, Milwaukee, and appoint you Associate Pastor at Holy Family parish, Whitefish Bay, effective February 25, 1972. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Harold J. Ide.

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

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM025644

June 14, 1974

Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
Holy Family Parish
[REDACTED]
Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin 53217

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at Holy Family parish, Whitefish Bay, and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. William parish, Waukesha, effective June 18, 1974. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Donald F. Quartana.

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

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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St. William's Rectory

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Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
August 15, 1974

The Rev. Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Father Sampon,

I am writing to you in response to the August 13th letter I received from the Due Process Office. I understand that you received a copy of the communication and according to the letter the matter is now back in your hands.

I would take issue with several of the statements of the Fact Finding Committee which I will proceed to enumerate.

#1 I was not given a choice as to whether I was to remain at St. John de Nepomuc after the rehabilitation of ██████████ That was a bilateral decision between the Personnel Board and a counselor at De Paul Rehabilitation Center.

#2 My departure was made known before the fact and was a bilateral decision (Fr. Frank Wirz of the Bethlehem Fathers being the second party). He had previously discussed his part in the matter with Fr. Don Reiff then serving on the Personnel Board. Our decision was printed in the Sunday Bulletin at St. John's prior to our departure.

#3 Some parishes pay their employees on the 1st of the month, some on the 15th, some at the end of the month. If there is a standardized procedure now, there was not in 1970 and I was informed that the reason why a first of the month payment was to be observed was to insure a salary payment if and when a man was transferred during the month.

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- #4 The date of February 14th was chosen since I was entitled to vacation time. The Board was informed where I could be reached during that time and I was in direct communication with them.
- #5 The help-out assignment at Rubicon was as a favor to the Board. I was not informed that this was in lieu of a salary payment.
- #6 My assignment to Holy Family was not the most desirable assignment and I doubt whether too many priests were fighting to go there in view of the newspaper publicity. For the record I did not choose to leave there in June of this year, but again that was a decision unilateral made to pacify the current pastor.

In conclusion I am seeking an equitable financial settlement at this time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

St. William's Rectory

Waukesha, Wisconsin
December 11, 1974

Rev. Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 N. 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Sampon:

This is to inform you that I will be leaving my assignment at St. William's with the permission of Archbishop Cousins and the Personnel Board on December 26, 1974.

From January 2-6 I will be attending a Seminar on Campus Ministry at Barry College, Miami, Florida.

On January 10, 1975 I will assume my new assignment as Catholic Chaplain at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. This assignment will terminate by contract on August 1, 1976 and is renewable.

As suggested by you on the phone I would like to remain in the Pension Plan and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee joining the group of priests presently working outside of the diocese.

My immediate superior will be Rev. John H. McDonnell, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Please forward all mailings to me at my new address after December 26, 1974.

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
Catholic Community
Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia 25703

Phone: Area Code # [REDACTED]

Wishing you a happy holiday season and a blessed New Year I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

ADOM025656

July 16, 1976

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His Eminence
John Joseph Cardinal Carberry
4445 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

Your Eminence,

Father Franklyn W. Becker is a priest of this Archdiocese in good standing. He has been interested in Campus Ministry, almost to the exclusion of other assignment. As a result, I gave him leave to accept a position in Campus Ministry in the Catholic Community of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

To the best of my knowledge he has served well, but his contract terminates as of August 1, 1976. No Campus Ministry vacancy is open in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Father Becker now seeks permission to join the Campus Ministry team at St. Louis University under the direction of Father Neal McDermott, O.P.

This letter will serve as permission for him to accept this position if it meets with your approval and the conditions you set down for such extra-archdiocesan service are met.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Father Neal McDermott, O.P.
Father Franklyn W. Becker
Personnel Board

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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS MINISTRY

BUSCH MEMORIAL CENTER
20 NORTH GRAND BOULEVARD
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103

October 28, 1976

Most Reverend William E. Cousins, D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you as the Ordinary for Father Franklyn Becker to inform you that I have asked for Father Becker's resignation from the Department of Campus Ministry at Saint Louis University.

Father Becker came to work at Saint Louis University under certain restrictions and with clear directives as to his job. I explicitly cautioned him against relating to homosexuals as he had previously. We do not accept or permit the moral liberalism espoused by the homosexual group called "Dignity." Father Becker has celebrated Mass for this group in his apartment and has encouraged practicing homosexuals to attend services at the University. He also maintains that these men may receive the sacraments without regard to the present moral teaching of the church.

Since his arrival Father Becker has been a difficult person to work with. He does not accept authority, prefers to go his own way, and is not responsive in his reporting on a weekly basis as he is required to do. He has attributed remarks to the Campus Ministry team to support his own distorted views and has lost acceptability with all of us here.

I personally think that Father Becker is not a malicious priest, but is misguided and intellectually shallow and naive. He does not seem to have any insight as to why he must not continue here. He really believes that I have over reacted. This decision was a unanimous decision of the Campus Ministry team in consultation with the President of the University. I have given Father Becker the option to leave on the ground that he would like to be closer to his mother who is aged.

If there are any further comments or discussion on this matter, I will be most happy to talk to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Neal W. McDermott, O.P.
Director

ADOM025672

February 9, 1977

The Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor - Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Monsignor Rawden,

With Father Sampon not being available for a couple of weeks, the Vice-Chancellor has forwarded your February 1st letter to the Personnel Board Office. This response is made in an attempt to honestly respond to you in a way that will allow you to make a next step concerning Father Franklyn W. Becker.

Father Becker was ordained over twelve years ago. During this time, he has been an Associate Pastor in four places. A little over two years ago, he requested permission from Archbishop Cousins to seek involvement in Campus Ministry in some place other than the Milwaukee area. Following such permission, he has served at Marshall University and St. Louis University. With the continuing blessing of the Archbishop to pursue another location, he has come to you.

The willingness of Father Becker to serve as a campus minister in this Archdiocese has been expressed by him. Up until now and for the foreseeable future, there does not seem to be a situation calling for his being accepted; therefore, to evaluate the level of his performance, you might be served well in your decision to consult with the two colleges mentioned before, since he has only served in a parish here.

Should such investigation continue your interest in his being released, you could almost presume permission be granted to facilitate his coming to Los Angeles. Should that step be completed, a recontact of Father Sampon, who is being sent a carbon copy of this letter, could negotiate the permission requested.

In conclusion, please find the specifics of Father Becker's previous location;

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Catholic Community at Marshall University
1673 Fifth Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25703

Busch Memorial Center
20 North Grand Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103

(304) 525-4618

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John J. Waldbauer,
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board

CC: Reverend Robert G. Sampon

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*Bob,
Welcome back!
Hope you had a good time -
John*



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015
388-8101

February 1, 1977

Reverend Robert G. Sampson
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
P. O. box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Bob:

Yesterday, Father Franklyn W. Becker, an incardinated priest of your jurisdiction, was interviewed by us.

Father Becker indicated his desire to perform his apostolic ministry in Los Angeles. He seemed interested primarily in Campus Ministry work.

Could I impose upon you to send a confidential letter of your estimation of his priestly character and, if you so desire, a letter of permission for him to work in the diocese of Los Angeles.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

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cc Rev. Patrick Thompson, Newman Director

ADOM025678

May 27, 1977

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The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
[REDACTED]
Woodland, Wisconsin 53099

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Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position of Awaiting Assignment, and release you to work outside the Diocese, effective June 14, 1977.

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

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

388-8101

February 22, 1977

Reverend Franklyn W. Becker

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Woodland, Wisconsin 53099

Dear Father Becker:

After due consideration, His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, has decided that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles should decline the offer of your priestly services.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

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blind copy - Rev. Robert G. Sampon, Chancellor, Milwaukee ✓
Rev. Patrick Thompson

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Woodland, Wisc.
53099

March 1, 1977

Rev. Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53099

Dear Bob,

Since I am currently unassigned I have been exploring several published openings in and outside the Archdiocese. Right now it seems that a change of climate would be beneficial. I am undergoing minor surgery in mid-March to hopefully improve a chronic sinus condition which was aggravated by a crash into a glass door at 6:00 a.m. at the Hermitage at Big Sur, California during a recent visit.

The California climate beckons and at the present I am being considered for a position on the team at St. Bridgid's Parish in San Diego. What I need is a letter of recommendation from the Archdiocese. I hope to see Archbishop Cousins at the Confirmation at Neosho tomorrow evening and will mention my plans to him at that time.

The purpose of this letter is to formalize my request for a letter to be sent to:

Rev. Lloyd Bourgeois
4735 Cass Street
San Diego, CA 92109

Thank you for your correspondence with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The results were negative, but I am hopeful that I may fare better in San Diego.

Sincerely in Christ,



(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

ADOM025684

February 24, 1978

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
St. Brigid's Church
[REDACTED]
San Diego, California 92109

Dear Frank,

Thanks for your letter of February 16th and the kind words on my appointment to Milwaukee. It would be good to meet with you in person, but, as California is a long ways off and I do not expect to be there in the near future, this letter will have to suffice.

I personally would have no objections if you wish to be incardinated into the San Diego Diocese; however, you will have to clear this with San Diego. I will give my consent without problems.

Many blessings on your life and work, Father, and thanks again for the pleasant letter.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

ADOM025689

saint brigid's church

[REDACTED]
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109
[REDACTED]

February 16, 1978

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street P. O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my belated congratulations on your appointment as Archbishop of Milwaukee. While I have not met you personally, through your column in the Catholic Herald and through my Milwaukee contacts I feel that the Spirit has indeed favored us with a most beautiful and benevolent bishop.

The second reason for this letter is an appeal to your benevolence. I am one of your priests working outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee with the permission of your predecessor, Archbishop Cousine. In his wisdom he allowed the restless spirit within me to pursue a ministry that led me to West Virginia for two years where I served as chaplain to the Marshall University Catholic Community and then a brief time at St. Louis University. Finding the latter rather unfulfilling, I was led to California and my present position. All this after serving ten years as an associate pastor in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

At St. Brigid's I have found a warm and loving community, headed by a man whom I love and respect. The California climate is agreeable and I feel a renewed sense of mission. The ministry is varied enough to provide the challenge I need and I would very much like to remain in my present position.

I have made my wishes known to the Archdiocesan Personnel Board and I am hereby seeking your permission to extend my stay in California with a possible view to incardination in the Diocese of San Diego. My only family ties in Wisconsin are my widowed mother, who was thrilled to be photographed with you at the Fond du Lac reception in your honor, and some cousins with whom I have limited contact. A move to California seems a good idea at this time, particularly since the Wisconsin climate has presented some health problems for me.

I would very much like to serve the people of God under your direction, but since you are there and I am here, there is a geographical problem. Your expertise in music is well recognized and our Choir Director here will have occasion to profit from it when he attends the Convention at Scranton. I wish I were also able to attend. St. Brigid's has a very fine choir which is one of the reasons I enjoy being here.

I have had some contact with members of your Community at St. Charles Priory where our Parish Team had a day of recollection. I hope that sometime a visit to the San Diego area will provide time for a personal visit.

I hope you will pardon the informality of this letter, but will rather regard it as a token of heartfelt esteem for your person.

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saint brigid's church

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109
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I do not know when I can arrange a trip to Wisconsin, since my mother recently spent two weeks here. Incidentally she has been the organist at St. Mary's, Woodland since 1933 and will be most appreciative of your musical talents.

Looking forward to meeting you personally and hoping that we can come to a meeting of minds regarding my position I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker
Class of 1964

P.S. The new priests' directory has me listed as the Class of 1974. I would be happy to have ten years taken off my life, but since they say "life begins at forty" my California beginnings may be as providential as your "coming to Wisconsin".

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saint brigid's church

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109
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April 25, 1978

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your letter of February 24th. I have been deliberating over the decision of remaining in California or returning to my home base. Circumstances here have changed since my last communication with you and I have decided to return to Milwaukee.

I am writing to Fr. Joseph Hornacek of the Personnel Board to inform him of my decision in the hope of receiving a summer assignment. My contract here ends the 16th of June, but since I have vacation time coming I would be able to leave earlier should a need arise.

I have also been in communication with Father Eugene Henke of Delavan and he informs me of a possible opening there. I had applied for that position a year ago and would be willing to accept that assignment if offered. I would also be willing to accept the assignment at Christ King Parish if there are no other options at this time.

Looking forward to meeting you personally and awaiting word from the Personnel Board I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✓ *Franklyn W. Becker*

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

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January 30, 1979

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher
2031 Sunset Boulevard
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Bishop Maher,

Recently it was brought to my attention that Father Franklyn Becker will be returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I felt it would be helpful to write to you a personal and confidential letter to see if there is anything that you feel I should know as he returns here to this diocese.

It would be helpful if I could get some idea of his conduct while he was with you and if there is some reason why he is now returning to Milwaukee.

I am sure you understand my concern.

Thanks for all you have done.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

ADOM025697

May 10, 1979

His Eminence
Terence Cardinal Cooke, D.D.
Military Ordinariate
1011 First Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Your Eminence,

With this letter I would like to formally give my approval to the request of the Reverend Franklyn Becker for admission to the Navy as a Catholic Chaplain.

Father Becker is a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and I am the Archbishop of the Diocese and thus his superior.

If there is further information that is needed from me, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

ADOM025701

July 13, 1979

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The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
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Delavan, Wisconsin 53115

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position of work outside the Diocese and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee, effective August 1, 1979. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Raymond E. Vint.

Accept my prayers and good wishes as you move on to a new area of priestly work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

ADOM025703

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

DEHAVAN, WISCONSIN 53115

July 2, 1979

The Rev. Joseph A. Janicki
345 N. 95th Street Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Joe,

I'm writing to you regarding my current status in the hope that you will relate the information to Bob Sampon when he returns from Europe.

The military assignment did not come through as I had hoped it would and I have withdrawn my request for military service at this time. I have informed the Personnel Board of the decision and am hoping for an assignment in the Archdiocese by August 1st. In the interim I will remain at St. Andrew's.

My concern at this time is regarding salary for the month of July. As you know I was subsidized by the Diocese for the months of March through June. This included the Parish contribution to the Blue Cross/ Blue Shield program. I am hoping for the same arrangement for the month of July or until I am reassigned. I am receiving stipends and room and board at St. Andrew's, but I am not on their payroll.

I realize that you may not be able to handle this matter until Fr. Sampon returns, but I wanted to inform you of my current situation.

I enjoyed the class get-together and hope we can keep in closer touch in the months ahead.

Sincerely in Christ,



Franklyn W. Becker

*St Michael's Priest
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St. Margaret Mary Parish

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53222

REV. RAYMOND E. VINT
PASTOR

461-6073

April 14, 1980

The Most Reverend Rember G. Weakland, O.S.B.
345 North Ninety-fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your response to my letter of February 11th. The situation has worked itself out here to the point where I almost hate to leave. I have been in touch with Father Hornacek regarding my future assignment and I have had five sessions with [REDACTED]. He does not see the need for further counseling at this time, but we have agreed to get together again when I feel the need. Sometimes a lot of growth can take place during a crisis. The sessions with [REDACTED] have been beneficial and I thank you for steering me to him.

I am looking forward to the concert at St. John's and the Spring Clergy Conference.

I am scheduled to take the ACMI Tour to the Holy Land in May if the situation in the Middle East does not force a cancellation.

Again thank you for your concern and help.

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn W. Becker

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

ADOM025709

August 8, 1980

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The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
Temporary Administrator, St. Joseph Church
[REDACTED]

Lyons, Wisconsin 53148

Dear Father Becker:

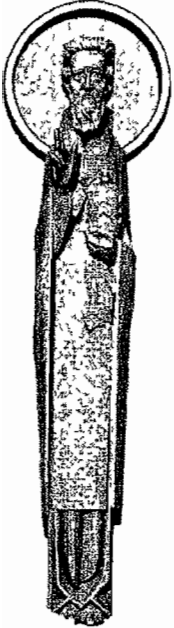
Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment and with the concurrence of the Archbishop, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Temporary Administrator at St. Joseph Parish, Lyons, with the Mission of St. Kilian, Lyons Township, and appoint you Temporary Associate Pastor at St. Eugene Parish, Fox Point effective August 12, 1980. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor Father William H. Mackin.

Accept my prayers and good wishes as you move on to a new area of priestly work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord.

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

ADOM025711



ST. EUGENE CONGREGATION

REV. WILLIAM H. MACKIN, PASTOR

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53217

October 17, 1980

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
802 North Jackson Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Your Excellency:

It has been several months since I have corresponded with you, but I was grateful for your kind reception at Bob Deahl's ordination as I was for your sympathetic column in the Herald dealing with the gay issue.

As you know I have held several short term assignments since I left St. Margaret Mary Parish in the spring. I feel that I have cooperated well with the Personnel Board including my willingness to meet with [REDACTED] on a regular basis. All of this does not seem to have bettered my bargaining position for an assignment in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Having spoken to Fr. Hornacek today and Fr. Janicki earlier this week it would seem that I am somewhat a persona non grata when it comes to placement. It is for that reason that I am writing to you. I still believe that I am called to serve as a priest and if not in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, then hopefully somewhere else. I do not know where that somewhere else is and I am hopeful that you might lead me in the right direction. If possible I would like to return to the west coast, if you could steer me to a benevolent bishop. After my San Diego experience I do not feel I could return to either San Diego or San Bernardino, but perhaps you could direct me elsewhere. I have considered the Diocese of Phoenix as a possibility and have addressed an inquiry to Bishop Rausch. I do not have any other leads.

I am not trying to run away, but perhaps a geographical change outside of the Archdiocese is what is needed at this time.

I am beginning to feel that my presence here at St. Eugene Rectory is becoming a bit burdensome and that is why I feel a bit of urgency at this time.

Hoping to hear from you either by letter or phone I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

ADOM025712

December 5, 1980

C The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53227

Dear Father Becker:

O Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, and with the concurrence of the Archbishop, I herewith transfer you from your present position of awaiting assignment and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. John Parish, South Milwaukee, effective December 9, 1980. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father William Heffron.

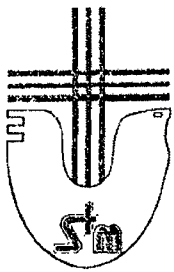
P In keeping with the Term of Office Policy inaugurated August 1, 1980, your assignment will exist for a period of up to six years from its effective date and after that will be reviewed for possible extension.

Y Accept my prayers and good wishes as you move on to a new area of priestly work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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Saint Mary's Student Chapel

331 Thompson Street • Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

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Franklyn Becker ✓

June 22, 1983

The Reverend
Michael Newman
345 North 95th St.
P.O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Father Newman,

A priest from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, FRANKLYN WILLIAM BECKER, has responded to our search for a priest to be a member of the Pastoral Team in campus ministry serving the Catholic Community of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Fr. Becker has stated he is in good standing with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and is anticipating an assignment within the Archdiocese in the near future.

May we please ask you for a letter of recommendation for Fr. Becker, as we are interested in talking with him about our need for a priest on our Pastoral Team?

May we presume to hear from you soon on this matter? Our need is acute and we hope to make some decisions soon to fill this position.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Reverend Robert T. Kerr
Pastoral Team, St. Mary's Student Chapel

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ARCHDIOCESE
OF MILWAUKEE

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

August 13, 1983

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board and Father Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel, I am assigning you to continuing education in Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee effective September 1, 1983. On that date you are to report to Father Richard O'Donnell. During that same period it is my understanding that you will also be functioning there as a part-time hospital chaplain.

You have my continued blessings on your ministry.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ Rembert G. Weakland

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, CSB
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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cc Rev. Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel
Rev. John Nesseth, Coordinator of Health Affairs
Rev. Eugene Neuman, Priests' Personnel Board
Rev. Richard O'Donnell, Pastoral Care, St. Joseph Hospital

Peace, Lynn. My prayers are with you.

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Marge.....

Welcome back. Hope you are feeling better.

Re. Fr. Frank Becker

He noted that his listing in the Catholic Herald directory indicated that he was on sick leave. I think that he is on study leave. Correct me if I am wrong.

If possible would you please correct that information for the State and National directories.

Thanks,

Fr. M

11/29/83

Fr. Mike,

Please note attached...per Fr. Janicki's instructions.

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ADOM025731

REC'D APR 18 1984

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53209

April 17, 1984

Rev. Michael T. Newman
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Dear Michael:

Just a few lines to bring you up to date on my status. I have accepted the position of Chaplain at the Winnebago Mental Health Center subject to the approval of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Diocese of Green Bay. The position begins on May 14th. My only income for the month of April is that from St. Mary's Nursing Home and that amounts to \$100.00.

I will therefore be in need of the diocesan subsidy for the month of April and the first half of the month of May. The position at Winnebago is contingent upon my passing the physical examination to be administered next week and diocesan approval.

I will not be receiving any income from St. Joseph's Hospital this month.

Should I be accepted for the position at Winnebago I would like to remain under the Archdiocesan Health Care plan since the policies offered by the State of Wisconsin do not provide the extended coverage that I need.

I will need the salary subsidy as well as the living allowance for April and the first half of May per our agreement.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Easter!

Sincerely yours,

Frank

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

My last Sunday helpout at St. Mary's Nursing Home will be on April 29th. Fr. Greg Chycinski will take the Family Mass on May 6th and Fr. Bill Murray will cover the assignment after that.

ADOM025805

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To: Archbishop Weakland
From: Barbara Anne Cusack *BA*
Re: Request for a "celebret"
Date: 1/14/94

The attached request for a celebret (stating his good standing and permission to be outside the diocese) came in from Father Franklyn Becker. Because I am uncertain about Fr. Becker's status, I contacted Fr. Tom Venne to ask whether or not I could issue this celebret. Tom stated that he did not know and that you would be the one to make such a decision. I'm sorry to trouble you with what seems like such a trivial matter. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Jan. 21. '94

Barbara,

or for celebret.

-Peter

*Personal & sent
to me
1/21/94*

Let us go
FORWARD



CELEBRATING
150 YEARS
1843-1993

"Let us go
forward
on the road
that has
brought us
to where
we are"

PHILIPPIANS 3.16

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To Bush
Date 10/17/94 Time 3:45

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M. Dr. Lew Van V.
of _____

Phone _____

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WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT

RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message It is ok to
write a letter of
good standing concerning
Dr. Donald Becker.
The Archbishop gives
his green light.
Operator Maey


ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY PERSONNEL

FILE COPY

January 30, 1997

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[REDACTED]
Woodland, WI 53099-0040

Dear Franklyn,

I merely wanted to confirm what we agreed to at our meeting with the Archbishop on 1/29/97. It seemed to be a profitable meeting. I was pleased to hear you acknowledge that you do reflect on your actions and are beginning to realize and accept that each has consequences.

The Archbishop was clear in pointing out that the insurance risk for your conduct is totally an Archdiocesan responsibility. He stated that the only time he would be willing to risk was when a person developed a certain amount of self knowledge together with the recognition that amending one's ways was absolutely essential.

It was agreed upon that you could continue to do help-out ministry as in the past in the Rubicon area. You are required to continue to see Dr. [REDACTED] weekly, as well as report to Tom McGuine, your monitor, monthly. It is presumed you will continue to make progress and when you begin to see your therapist only once weekly, at that time you will also join "group". You were encouraged to develop a circle of mature friends, people who are not lonely or angry, who can give you appropriate feedback.

I hope you felt the meeting was as productive as I did. You cleared away a lot of suspicion in your relationship with the diocese and the Archbishop. Continue to make progress and work on those homilies.

Prayerfully,

Carrol C. Straub

Reverend Carrol C. Straub
Vicar for Clergy

CCS/sks

Subject: [Fwd: Father Franklyn W. Becker]

Date: Mon, 15 Apr 2002 09:40:53 -0500

From: Barbara Anne Cusack <cusackb@archmil.org>

To: Joe Hornacek <hornacekj@archmil.org>, reinkeb@archmil.org, Bishop Sklba <R1Sklba@aol.com>

This inquiry came to me from one of my former canon law students. I responded but thought you all should have this information for your records.

Barbara Anne

Subject: Father Franklyn W. Becker

Date: Fri, 12 Apr 2002 10:31:07 -0700

From: "Steve Callahan" <SCallahan@diocese-sdiego.org>

To: cusackb@archmil.org

Hi Barbara:

I got a call yesterday from Father Peter Escalante, pastor of St. Brigid Parish here in San Diego. A man came to see him recently, and told him that as a teenager he worked in the parish rectory in the late 70s. As a teenager he was beginning to wonder whether his orientation was homosexual. He was invited to the home of a parish choir member, a gay man. The choir member introduced him to the choir director, also gay. The choir director introduced him to Father Franklyn Becker, who apparently was in residence at the parish. There were sexual encounters with Father Becker. They stopped when the guy's younger brother started working in the rectory, and he warned Becker to stay away from his brother.

The guy wants to be assured that others are not at risk and that Becker is not active in ministry. The Kenedy directory lists him as on leave. What is Becker's status?


Steve

COPY

June 18, 2002

Mr. E. Michael McCann
District Attorney
821 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Mr. McCann,

As per our agreement, I am enclosing materials for your review. The first intake report will need special and, if possible, expedited attention. 

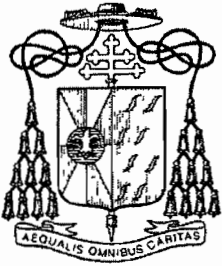


The second intake report involves an allegation against Father Franklyn Becker. Father is not authorized for any active ministry and is under full restrictions. We have had multiple complaints about him in the past. No charges were ever pressed.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Anne Cusack
Chancellor



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Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia

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PRECEPT

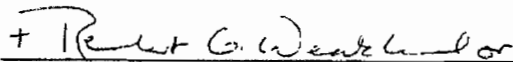
In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of my authority as diocesan bishop (c. 381, §1), and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, I formally place upon Reverend Franklyn Becker the following obligations:

- 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 Franklyn Becker by Very Reverend Joseph Hornacek.

Given this 10th day of April, 2002.



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



Notary

SEAL

ADOM025855

July 26, 2002

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

████████████████████
Mayville WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

Thank you for your letter of July 18, 2002, in which you express your concerns over the salary package that you are receiving for the current fiscal year. I acknowledge your gratitude for the small increase in salary, though this does not include an increase in the living allowance.

During the past several years you did not have a formal assignment in the Archdiocese. This was due to some confusion and doubt resulting from allegations of sexual abuse in the past. Given the number of allegations that have been reported in recent months you would never have been allowed to serve even as a helpout priest had all of this been known to Archdiocesan authorities prior to the spring of this year.

Compensation items such as retirement supplement, professional reimbursement, retreat fee and continuing education fee are all based on a person's assignment to a parish or some other institution in the Archdiocese. I consider it generous on the part of the Archdiocese to have given you some retreat fee or continuing education fee and retirement supplement during the years in which you were not formally assigned to any parish. Therefore it is certainly not with any sense of arbitrariness that such compensation items are withdrawn at this time when you are considered unassignable for any future ministry.

Let me also take this opportunity to report that Barbara Anne Cusack, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, is currently preparing the statement for publication in the Catholic Herald that will report you as one of the originally six priests whose files were being reviewed by the Special Commission established by Archbishop Weakland for this purpose. I will make every effort to make sure that you have a copy of that statement before it is given to the Catholic Herald.

Thank you for your prayers for my speedy recovery. I am happy to report that surgery went well and the recuperation period should end within the next week or two. Hopefully your vacation time in Canada provided the kind of relaxation and renewal you hoped for.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally Yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
Vicar for Clergy

JFH/ks


ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 3, 2003

Reverend Franklyn Becker
[REDACTED]

Mayville, WI 53050

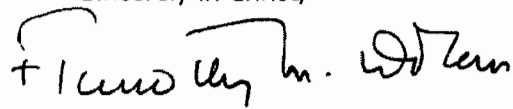
Dear Franklyn,

As I continue to adjust to my role as Archbishop, I am undertaking a review of files of priests. I note that there have been problems in your past of which you are well aware. Father Hornacek will be contacting you for a personal meeting in the near future to discuss this situation with you on my behalf. If you want to meet with me personally at some point after your conversation with Joe, I am certainly open to that possibility.

In the meantime, I see that a precept restricting your exercise of ministry is in place. I would like to confirm those restrictions: You are to have no unsupervised contact with minors and no public exercise of ministry; Private celebration with only another priest or priests in attendance is permitted, but no other sacramental ministry. Given the current state of matters, I would also ask that you not wear your collar in public settings, nor present yourself in public as a priest. This is for your protection as well.

I regret that my first formal correspondence with you needs to be on such a delicate and painful matter. I am sure you understand that the scope of my responsibilities in caring for the flock entrusted to me and for you requires that I do so.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

1016. Franklyn Becker
October 29, 2002 Franklyn Becker is phoned by Dave Zimprich to change date of a monitoring appointment. Becker reported reading the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article about the listening session on 10/26/02 during which a sexual abuse was reported taking place in Lyons, WI at the time Becker was assigned there. Zimprich did not share any info about the intent of another victim to file a formal complaint against Becker for abuse in CA. JFH
120. Franklyn Becker
February 4, 2003 Franklyn Becker meets with Vicar who further explains content of the Archbishop's 2/3/03 letter. Becker admits to some but not all of the detailed abusive behavior outlined by a victim-survivor now residing in California. Becker is taken aback by recommendation that he move to Cousins Center for purpose of more realistic monitoring. He cites need to find new nursing facility for 98 year old mother in Milwaukee and lease on apartment till November of '03 as reasons for hoping a different monitoring strategy could be employed in Mayville. JFH
282. Franklyn Becker
April 24, 2003 Dave Zimprich phones Vicar to report on his monitoring meeting with Franklyn Becker on 4/23. He is depressed over his mother's failing health and hopes he does not need to change residence before she dies. He is concerned about smaller amount of financial support from diocese 7/1/03 and has asked for assistance with prescriptions from St. Michael's Priest Fund. JFH
316. Franklyn Becker
May 5, 2003 Franklyn Becker is called by Vicar to inquire about his mother's health status. Vicar assures Franklyn that he will not need to change residence at this time but that his participation in a group for priest sex offenders is urged. He is willing to do so. He reports he was phoned by [REDACTED] former priest and canon lawyer from San Diego who is organizing priest perpetrators. Becker found him obnoxious and did not cooperate. JFH
332. Franklyn Becker
May 9, 2003 Franklyn Becker is arrested today according to an email from [REDACTED]. The California Attorney General has details. Barbara Anne Cusack informs the bishops and Matt Flynn. Hornacek informs Dave Zimprich and Dean Charlie Wester. JFH
342. Franklyn Becker
May 13, 2003 Franklyn Becker is released from Dodge Correctional Facility according to Attorney Pat Madden who negotiated bail down to \$10,000. Madden will now file a writ of Habeas Corpus; Becker allegedly contends he was not in San Diego during time of alleged misconduct there. Hornacek obtains info from Cusack showing Becker to have been there from June of '97 until sometime between January and May of '99. Hornacek phones Becker at home and he confirms he was at St. Bridget Parish in San Diego for those 2 years. His next hearing is June 10th in Juneau. JFH
362. Franklyn Becker
May 19, 2003 Franklyn Becker notifies Vicar he was able to break the lease on his apartment and asks if it is permitted to move in with Charlie Wester at his rectory. Vicar gives permission as long as Becker's attorney also approves. JFH
400. Franklyn Becker
May 30, 2003 Franklyn Becker vacated his apartment in hopes of living with Charlie Wester at his rectory for a short time (til June 10th hearing). Parishioners objected so inquiry was made about using empty rectory at Rubicon. Al Van Beek also found negative reaction from people. So after 2 nights at the Mayville Inn, Becker is expected to move into Mayville Heights senior apartments in Mayville by 6/2/03. JFH
488. Franklyn Becker
June 30, 2003 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar to request Mass stipends from Chancery to augment his reduced income. JFH

493. Franklyn Becker
June 3, 2002 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar re concern that his financial support might be reduced which would make it difficult for him to pay his bills. On 6/10 Vicar phones Becker to report that his retreat fee, continuing education fee and retirement supplement would be eliminated this year. He rents an apartment for \$615 monthly. Vicar suggests an article in the Catholic Herald may be used to share his story as one of the six priests whose files were reviewed. Becker would see the contents of the article before it went to press.
JFH
546. Franklyn Becker
June 19, 2002 Franklyn is seen by Dave Zimprich for monthly monitoring meeting. Becker has contacted a Chicago attorney to learn whether he should be receiving additional financial support from the Archdiocese. He revealed that he continues to periodically be in contact with a woman from Whitefish Bay who made a complaint against him. Zimprich pointed out this makes no sense; Becker's explanation made less sense.
JFH
660. Franklin Becker
July 18, 2002 I phoned Franklin Becker to inform him of the '02-'03 approved compensation in his case. He was told that his minimal salary was increased, his housing amount was not changed from last year and that the retirement supplement was eliminated. He already knew that the Continuing Ed Fee and the Retreat Fee would be eliminated. He is concerned that he no longer is able to earn stipends because of the Precept, which he mentioned is beyond the 3 months (I told him that Barbara Anne Cusack is updating the Precept.) He asked how these decisions could be "arbitrarily" made. I recommended that he put his concerns in writing so that the Vicar would receive it as soon as the he returned to the office after his convalescence. It sounded like Franklyn was reluctant to do so. He also verbalized a feeling of "injustice" that some were able to continue in ministry.
KS
661. Franklyn Becker
July 18, 2002 Franklyn Becker is the subject of a monitoring status report submitted by Dave Zimprich following their July 17th meeting in Oconomowoc. Becker wonders when he might be able to return to ministry, realizing his 3-month Precept needs to be renewed. He will be on a 10 day vacation to Canada starting next week. His brother from Muncie, Indiana, will stay in his apartment during that time to care for their mother.
JFH
669. Franklyn Becker
July 19, 2002 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar re his salary package for new fiscal year. He complains about not receiving "professional reimbursement" for the past ten years and now having "arbitrarily" lost his retirement supplement.
JFH
498. Franklyn Becker
On July 20, 2002 at the request of Barbara Ann Cusack I signed a renewed ministerial restriction precept for Fr. Franklyn Becker to be in place, pending revocation.
RJS
566. Franklyn Becker
On August 12, 2002 in the context of a meeting of the College of Consultors it was unanimously recommended that some statement be published regarding removal of Fr. Franklyn Becker from ministry due to allegations.
RJS
768. Franklyn Becker
August 17, 2002 Franklyn Becker is phoned by Vicar and told his case will be made public in the Catholic Herald next week; it may also appear in the Journal Sentinel with the names of 2 or 3 additional priests who will leave active ministry in August. A brief sample paragraph of the notice is read to Becker. In response to his query he is told he will most likely not be allowed to do any public ministry ever again.
JFH

On April 8, 2002 in a conversation with Deacon David Zimprich who staffs the Archdiocesan monitoring program I concluded that Franklyn should be directed not to accept any more regular weekend help outs, even though his monitoring program is in place both at St. Jerome Parish in Oconomowoc and St. Mary Parish in Mayville, pending further developments with the Commission

RJS

209. Franklyn Becker

On April 9, 2002 I met briefly with Fr. Hornacek to review my conversation with David Zimprich regarding Franklyn Becker, since I had recommended that he cease from all public weekend ministry pending further conversation with individuals who had contacted Dr. [REDACTED] we concurred that a formal precept should be drawn up and sent to him, limiting his ministry pending further investigation and the report from the special Commission.

RJS

293. Franklyn Becker

April 10, 2002 Franklyn will be told by Dave Zimprich today that he is to refrain from all public ministry including helpout service on weekends. A written precept will follow. This afternoon Dave Zimprich submitted written report on his meeting with Becker. Becker returned his signed consent form after crossing out two sentences. Vicar speaks with Becker by phone this evening responding to questions about the form, the precept and financial concerns.

JFH

388. Franklyn Becker

May 10, 2002 Franklyn Becker is called by Vicar for meeting to deliver precept to him. He inquires about reason for this action at this time and is told an alleged victim came forward recently. When he asked for the name he acknowledged knowing the person. He is also told no additional compensation will be given to make up for lost stipends and stole fees. He is also told he is not allowed to celebrate the June 29th 50th Anniversary Mass as he requested at St. John, Rubicon.

JFH

402. Franklyn Becker

May 14, 2002 Franklyn Becker is seen by Vicar and given precept. He continues to meet weekly for therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] which he finds helpful.

JFH

595. Franklyn Becker
7/26/01 Barbara Reinke asked for a clarification concerning Franklyn Becker. She was concerned that I might use him to be TA at Neosho/Rubicon/Woodland if [REDACTED] were to go away for treatment. I clarified with her that I had no intention to do that. My concern was that if [REDACTED] did leave, I needed to deal with Franklyn Becker since he is a regular help out at those parishes.

WEK

714. Franklyn Becker
September 17, 2001 Vicar meets with Franklyn Becker to review some of his goals and to challenge some of his recent behaviors (e.g. preoccupied conversations about [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] overnight at Park East Hotel, attending movies with homosexual theme at Downer) which could be interpreted as flirting with occasions of temptation. Becker denies any intent at misbehavior. Vicar challenges any effective results of continued weekly sessions with Dr. [REDACTED] and invites Becker to discuss this with her.

JFH

16. Franklyn Becker
January 7, 2002 Franklyn sends notice to the Vicar requesting that he be able to retain his help-out position at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland with a new pastor arriving in June 2002. He also wishes to consider residency at St. John Rectory.

JFH

137. Franklyn Becker
February 18, 2002 Franklyn is the subject of the monthly monitoring report which Dave Zimprich submitted to the Vicar following his 2/13 meeting with Franklyn. There is nothing significant to report.

JFH

390. Becker, Franklyn
On November 5, 1998 Fr. Becker called to inform us of his new address:
[REDACTED] Mayville, WI 53050 - [REDACTED]
SKS
128. Becker, Franklyn
February 8, 1999 Franklyn is called after his return from a seminar for clergy in Florida. He appreciated this gesture of support. He is grateful to live in Mayville where he can visit his 94-year-old mother in a nursing facility each day. He continues to benefit from weekly sessions with Dr. [REDACTED] and enjoys being able to help out in parishes.
JFH
555. Becker, Franklyn
July 28, 1999 Vicar meets with Franklyn Becker and Deacon Tom McGuine to report to Becker on results of group meeting of 7/12/99 with Dr. [REDACTED] McGuine and [REDACTED]. Hornacek reviews the restrictions of 6/11/96 and will adapt numbers 2 and 5 which will allow Becker to preside at Eucharist with minors as servers, and will allow him to attend cultural events if accompanied by a mature adult without specific permission of Vicar each time. He's commended for faithfully attending weekly therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] and monthly monitoring meeting with McGuine. Becker's progress includes less anger, less preoccupation with other priests' stories and ongoing effort to maintain appropriate boundaries. He is encouraged to take advantage of more educational pursuits and to obtain a spiritual director.
JFH
501. Franklyn Becker
On August 16, 2000 in the absence of Fr. Hornacek I gave Fr. Franklyn Becker permission to join a commercial tour to Oberammergau, leaving September 15, 2000 and returning approximately two weeks later.
RJS
905. Franklyn Becker
October 10, 2000 Franklyn meets with Vicar to discuss any need to change restrictions and to inquire whether he needs to meet with a monitor after Deacon Tom McGuine leaves the area in January 2001. Frank is informed that the Archbishop usually follows the therapist's recommendation and Dr. [REDACTED] believes Frank continues to need a weekly conference. Vicar affirms need for Franklyn to meet with new monitor, Deacon David Zimprich, but perhaps only every other month.
JFH
561. Franklyn Becker
7/16/01 Barbara Anne Cusack advised me that someone has brought another charge of sexual misbehavior (from the past) against Franklyn Becker. Barbara Reinke is checking into the allegation. I will wait for her report.
WEK
581. Franklyn Becker
July 19, 2001 Barbara Reinke filed Sexual Abuse Intake Report of [REDACTED] who reported on 7/13/01 with allegation against Fr. Franklyn Becker dating back 1 1980 or 1981.
KS
580. Franklyn Becker
7/19/01 I spoke with Barbara Reinke about the sexual abuse victim who came forward against Franklyn Becker. It is an old incident. I was concerned that we might have to deny Franklyn the faculties to do helpout. He helps Russ Stommel out. Barb and I agreed that we could wait until next week when Bishop Sklba returns to discuss whether or not any action needs to be taken.
WEK

94. Becker, Franklyn

December 2, 1997 - Dr. [REDACTED] called to give me an update. She moved her practice:

Wisconsin Psychological Association: [REDACTED]
Milwaukee 53225 [REDACTED] H: [REDACTED]

Franklyn has been coming in regularly.

- a) She keeps him in check.
- b) She notices a raise in his anxiety level.
- c) He has had relapses, but no children.
- d) He has lack of trust of other priests.
- e) Group sessions would not work. He is only now beginning to trust Dr. [REDACTED]
- f) He has lack of fraternity in the priesthood.
- g) Impulsive behavior
- h) Needs to develop friendships for the future.
- i) He wants to go back into the closet happily.

Dr. [REDACTED] said the positives are:

Insight
Trust (with her)
Beginning to see the damage he caused
Boundaries not to be crossed
Personality disorders are being worked on

He is to stay away from boy's magazines.

He has a working defiance of authority.

She helped him to realize that he has a pretty good life - with support from the diocese.

He has anxiety. (Dr. [REDACTED] said she likes that - It keeps him on the straight and narrow.)

We will continue to monitor (Tom McGuine) and call John Yockey.
3 persons: John Yockey, Tom McGuine, Franklyn Becker.

TFK

115. Becker, Franklyn

April 14, 1998 - Dr. [REDACTED], Franklyn's therapist, who had been trying several times but unsuccessfully to talk with Tom Kerstein since early March, and who had been informed by me of Tom's death, left a voice mail message that, since she will be in Birmingham, Alabama, with the Red Cross, she will contact us after 5/1/98. She wanted us to know that she is pleased with Franklyn's progress and that she advised Franklyn that if he has any psychological problems during her absence, he should call Dr. [REDACTED], in Dr. [REDACTED] office, at [REDACTED]. Franklyn was also encouraged to stay in touch with his monitor.

The last communication we received from Dr. [REDACTED] was on 3/19/98 when she was asking Fr. Tom why Fr. Yockey hadn't seen Fr. Becker since their first meeting, and wondered if Fr. Yockey is too busy or if their schedules are so different. Since Fr. Tom had never received that message, I called Tom McGuine on 4/9/98 and informed him of Dr. [REDACTED] call and concern and I asked Tom McGuine to follow up on that question. He agreed to do so.

SKS

126. Becker, Franklyn

On April 24, 1996 I talked to Dr. [REDACTED] who is Franklyn's psychologist. She felt that each week there was a little movement forward. She spoke of issues such as, assertiveness, self esteem, guilt, anxiety, anger, passive aggressiveness, negative feeling and denial. All of these need to be dealt with in the context of Franklyn's therapy. We had a lengthy discussion. I felt she had an excellent focus on where Franklyn is at.

CCS

216. Becker, Franklyn

On August 23, 1996 [REDACTED] called to complain that Fr. Becker is a public nuisance in the Woodland area. He calls the DNR, the police, then he uses these issues in his Sunday homilies. I asked Tom McGuine to speak to him this afternoon in his monitor session.

CCS

U 845. Lynn Franklyn Becker

On August 30, 1996 in a meeting with Len Barbian by way of response to Lynn's request for permission to go on another cruise, I shared Carrol's hesitation, since Lynn had excused himself from treatment programs on the basis of need to care for his mother. We acknowledged the possibility of giving such permission after further conversation with Lynn's therapist, whom Len promised to call.

RJS

25. Becker, Franklyn

On January 29, 1997 the Archbishop, Deacon Tom McGuine, Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and Dr. [REDACTED] met with Father Franklyn Becker to discuss his future. Dr. [REDACTED] indicated that Franklyn was beginning to reflect on his conduct and is developing a realization of consequences for his actions. After a lengthy discussion, the Archbishop explained to him why he continued to be a risk for the Archdiocese. It was agreed that he could continue to do help-out ministry with Fr. Wenig in the Rubicon area provided he continues to see Dr. [REDACTED] and provided Tom McGuine continues to monitor his conditions for ministry. It is presumed he must continue to make progress. It was also agreed that when he begins to see Dr. [REDACTED] once weekly, he will join a group. Franklyn also was encouraged to develop a circle of mature friends who would be able to give him appropriate feedback.

CCS

49. Becker, Franklin

On February 19, 1997 Dr. [REDACTED] called relative to Franklin's progress. She promised she would arrange group for Franklin. She finally got in contact with Dr. [REDACTED] in Madison who referred her to another therapist, Dr. [REDACTED]. So at this time she is having Franklin make an appointment with Dr. [REDACTED] for group, after which she will spend a little time with him relative to the folks who made allegations against him. This she will do only after Dr. Piasecki has given written permission. I believe this will conclude Franklin Becker's therapy sessions with Dr. [REDACTED]

CCS

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57. Becker, Franklyn
On February 8, 1996 I met with [REDACTED], Rev. Dismas Bonner, and [REDACTED]. We met with Franklyn Becker for feedback session at the St. Louis Consultation Center. This was relative to the evaluation of Franklyn Becker. [REDACTED] did the initial interview. Dismas gave the Spirituality summary and [REDACTED] gave the psychosocial history. The center is located at [REDACTED] St. Louis, MO [REDACTED]

Franklyn has had no spiritual director since 1988, again he relies on his own resources. He sees opposition between life in the spirit and the secular rather than having a wholistic incarnational spirituality. Celibacy has to be seen as a positive way of living out sexuality, which is essentially mystery.

[REDACTED] was tough, hoping to get Franklyn's attention. He asked, Do you want to change this in your life? Places recommended for therapy: 1) St. Luke's, Washington - long term like 8 months, 2) or New Mexico, 3) another alternative would be an intensive outpatient care where living in is monitored.

Franklyn stated he is willing to go for treatment, but not as long as his mom needs care. We agreed to continue conversation on this point.

I asked Franklyn Becker

1) to consider how sometime in the future he might get a county nurse in twice a week to look after his mother and maybe some neighbor on a daily basis, so he might consider this 8-months residency.

2) to find a spiritual director like Laurin Wenig who he can trust to talk to on a monthly basis about the matters we covered in this evaluation summary on 2/8/96 in St. Louis.

3) I asked him to reflect on boundary violations in his life several times each week. He and I spoke of examples of such boundary setting.

CCS

81. Becker, Franklyn
On March 6, 1996 I called Franklyn to request that he call Dr. [REDACTED] and set an appointment for therapy. He agreed to call for the appointment on Monday, March 11, 1996. He asked about the allegation that brought him to this point. I told him I didn't have that information, since it is kept by Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki.

CCS

112. Becker, Franklyn
On April 19, 1996 I talked to Franklyn about his progress in therapy with Dr. [REDACTED]. He has received permission from Bishop Sklba to go on a cruise as Chaplain on April 20, 1996, but will return for the Spring Assembly. After this time we will assign him to the monitoring program with Tom McGuine.

CCS

ADOM025887

152. Becker, Franklyn
On March 7, 1993 I met with Franklyn Becker at Cascade to discuss his recent letter regarding his choices for assignment. I told Franklyn of the allegations made by [REDACTED] regarding inappropriate sexual behavior on the part of Franklyn while he was Associate Pastor at St. Margaret Mary. Franklyn recalled [REDACTED] as a very disturbed person from a very disturbed family. Franklyn denies that he ever had any inappropriate sexual behavior with [REDACTED]. He recalled [REDACTED] tried to get some money from him by claiming he hit the windshield in a minor accident while Franklyn was driving him home. I informed Franklyn of [REDACTED] conversation of wanting to kill Franklyn and his story of the FBI contact in West Virginia. Franklyn was unaware of that and questions if it is true. Franklyn knows our concern. He still would like to be able to continue his priestly ministry.
- RTV
563. Becker, Franklyn
On June 18, 1993 we received a letter from Franklyn Becker notifying us that beginning 6/22/93 he will be living at [REDACTED] Woodland, WI 53099-0040 [REDACTED]. He will be available for help out work.
- RTV
656. Becker, Franklyn
On July 8, 1993 I spoke with Franklyn Becker regarding his compensation. Clarification was needed for the \$650.00 living allowance. Franklyn determined \$450.00 for rent and \$200.00 for food. Franklyn asked about Professional expenses and I told him that was not an included benefit when someone was not assigned. He will receive retreat and continuing education.
- RTV
134. Becker, Franklyn
On February 1, 1994, I called Franklyn Becker in response to his letter about Retirement Supplement and his future by way of an assignment. I told him the Retirement Supplement had been approved. He asked about his future for assignment. I told him his status would not change. Any change would be determined by Archbishop Weakland, and he would have to speak with him about any questions he had regarding the future. He said as long as he is caring for his mother he would continue as he is doing.
- RTV
500. Becker, Franklyn
On April 18, 1994, I received a letter from Franklyn Becker with questions regarding his compensation. He was concerned that he was not getting a monthly food allowance. I told him that he was getting \$200.00 a month for food but it is included with his salary. The \$450.00 for housing is separate because it is not taxable. He also asked that, if not assigned, he be listed in the Directory with his mother's address and not listed as "not assigned".
- RTV

931. Becker, Franklyn

On December 7, 1992 I received calls from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from St. Mary's, Cascade supportive of Franklyn Becker's ministry. A person from the parish is calling parishioners to sign a petition to have Franklyn removed. They said Franklyn is getting people back to Church including young people and wish he could stay. I told them we appreciate their supportive comments and that Franklyn is only there temporarily because of other plans for him in the future. On 12/8/92 [REDACTED] from St. Mary's, Cascade also called to express her support of Franklin Becker.

RTV

947. Becker, Franklyn

On December 11, 1992 we received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] from St. Mary's, Cascade. The finance committee held a general meeting for the parish and it was very favorable for for what is being done at the rectory and that there was general agreement to have Franklyn Becker remain as pastor. A meeting with their Parish Council President was recommended.

RTV

107. Becker, Franklyn

On February 24, 1993 I received a call from [REDACTED] who alleges inappropriate sexual behavior on the part of Franklyn Becker. The alleged behavior happened when Franklyn was assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish. [REDACTED] believes it was in 1977 shortly after he graduated from High School. [REDACTED] also alleges abuse by a priest in Northern Wisconsin and a Franciscan priest in Kenosha. [REDACTED] was aware that Franklyn was in West Virginia and California and that he goes on cruises and lives with his mother. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He also said he is working with an attorney in Chicago, a Mr. Dempsey. I made an appointment for 3/1/93 with [REDACTED], Dr. Liz Piasecki and myself.

RTV

128. Becker, Franklyn

On March 1, 1993 Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and I were present for an appointment with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not come, so I called the phone number he gave me. A woman who spoke on the phone identified herself as [REDACTED] mother. She said that he left the house on 2/28/93 after a disagreement, and she did not know when he would return. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She said that she was sorry she did not believe him in the beginning regarding his allegations. She felt that the priest was responsible for his condition, but she did not mention the name of the priest. Shortly afterwards I received a call from [REDACTED] She said [REDACTED] had called and was put in contact with Project Benjamin and Mary Kay's secretary took the call. [REDACTED] said he had an appointment with me and was sick and not able to come and [REDACTED]

RTV

51. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, October 21, 1991 I met with Franklyn to review his compensation while on awaiting assignment. Franklyn is part of the Pilot Compensation Plan this year. Compensation will be given according to this Plan with the regular deductions from salary as listed in the Clergy Manual.

RTV

395. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, May 20, 1992 I met with Franklyn to discuss his sabbatical and his financial arrangements. There is some confusion on the exact time of the sabbatical because of the cruise, Louvain and the Archbishop's tour group. I shared with Franklyn the guidelines from the Continuing Formation Handbook. He agreed that we will consider the months of June, July and August as his sabbatical time. He had already received his monies from the sabbatical fund. He will receive only 50 percent of his salary from Account 46 and no room and board during those months since it is part of the sabbatical funds. Lyn will return on August 9, 1992 following the Archbishop's tour and be ready for assignment.

RTV

566. Becker, Franklyn W.

On August 14, 1992 I received a letter from Franklyn Becker stating that he is available for help-out and reassignment. He stated that Tom Trepanier had called regarding Villa Clement but he turned that down. He states he has a desire to return to Parish Work in a suburban or rural parish. He asks for a meeting with Archbishop Weakland and Bishop Sklba to discuss his future assignment.

RTV

✓483. Franklyn Becker

On August 28, 1992 I gave tentative approval to Tom Trepanier for utilizing Franklyn Becker as a weekend help out at Cascade, after Dick Fetherston's departure and in view of Jim Thurman's unwillingness to continue that particular assignment.

RJS

691. Becker, Franklyn

On September 25, 1992 Archbishop Weakland, Bishop Sklba and I met with Franklyn Becker to discuss his future assignment. Franklyn was very frank about certain issues in his past and was aware of the implications for future assignments. He said he liked the short term help outs like he is now doing in Cascade. He also mentioned early retirement as a possibility. He is now 55. He was thanked for his honesty and Archbishop Weakland told him we would need time to discuss all these concerns in deciding on his future assignment.

RTV

✓559. Franklyn Becker

On September 25, 1992 I joined the Archbishop and Tom Venne in meeting with Lyn to discuss future options. I noted the many reasons which counseled against his assignment to parish ministry at this time.

RJS

002. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, October 8, 1990 the office learned of a volatile confrontation between Franklyn and [REDACTED] at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Although [REDACTED] is willing to discuss the matter with me and Franklyn, Franklyn does not seem willing to do so. Tom Trepanier will continue to press for a resolution/reconciliation meeting including himself as well. Tom agreed to visit the Hospital in order to determine if there are any issues present from the hospital staff. [REDACTED] came forward on Tuesday, October 9, 1990 to express his general unhappiness with the lack of availability on Franklyn's part during times of night emergency.

RJS

853. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, October 22, 1990 the office received a memo from Tom Trepanier reporting on his meeting with six nursing supervisors of West Allis Memorial Hospital regarding performance issues of the chaplain. In summarizing the concerns, the general issues seem to fall into three categories:

1. the perception that Franklyn does not respond pastorally or sensitively to emergencies or needs beyond sacramental celebration (repeatedly saying things like "I don't give last rites", or "this is a waste of my time", or "I'll talk to the family by phone");
2. arriving approximately 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and leaving the hospital by 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. claiming that he must allow time for emergencies; thus, resulting in the fact that many patients are not seen or visited except by Eucharistic ministers, even though approximately 60 percent (110) patients are Catholic on a regular basis;
3. the general perception that Franklyn possesses neither the personality nor interest to be an effective chaplain at the hospital.

RJS

913. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, August 21, 1991 Franklyn requested that I review the 1983 Wausau report. Lyn also gave me permission to speak with his therapist, [REDACTED] if needed.

RJS

896. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, August 21, 1991 Tom Trepanier and I met with Lyn in order to review the recommendations gathered from West Allis Memorial Hospital administrators and priests of the district, concluding that it was time for another person to be assigned to that ministry. He concurred, and we agreed upon September 15, 1991 as the final date for his work at the hospital after which he would go on awaiting assignment. I privately explained my hesitation regarding a parish assignment in view of historical circumstances. I agreed to seek clarification for salary and benefits of someone in the current priest compensation pilot program (at the September 6, 1991 Temporalities Committee meeting), and to see if a sabbatical opening might be possible this fall. Franklyn will draw up a list of possible ministerial interests and will contact [REDACTED] as well. We also spoke of some of his own fears as a result of the past experiences.

On Friday, August 23, 1991 Lyn called to request that he receive full salary through the month of September in order to cover his expected vacation time, which I approved. He also asked if he might apply for a part-time position at St. Francis Hospital which I also endorsed. In response to his request for the sum of approximately \$3,000 which had been placed in an account for help out services at West Allis Memorial Hospital, I indicated that the auditors would probably not approve the redirecting of such funds contrary to their designated purpose

RJS

ADOM025892

366. Becker, Franklyn

On Thursday, April 21, 1988 I received a phone call from a nurse at West Allis Memorial Hospital, [REDACTED] who requested special assistance in regard to the way in which Father Becker was responding to a dying Lutheran patient's request to see a priest. I called Franklyn at home and reported the phone call expressing my willingness to accept his judgement in the matter. On Monday, April 25, 1988 I received a phone call from [REDACTED] the Senior Vice President at West Allis Memorial ([REDACTED]) indicating that the entire matter had been finally resolved and that nurses and chaplain had probably said inappropriate things to each other during an argument over pastoral responsibility and care. The matter seems to be properly handled.

RJS

225. Becker, Franklyn

On Tuesday, February 28, 1989 [REDACTED] called to say that [REDACTED] is greatly concerned about Franklyn's unavailability at West Allis Memorial Hospital. A copy of the job description was requested (none current, but only a document arranged for Father Mueller in 1982). The matter will be discussed at the next district meeting, and I encouraged them to make sure that Franklyn was invited to be present.

RJS

243. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday, March 10, 1989 [REDACTED] reported a request from Franklyn that his monthly help out allowance be increased from \$250 to \$300. Since there has been no recent review of this financial and pastoral arrangement, [REDACTED] accepted responsibility to bring the entire matter to the next District meeting on March 17, 1989 and to ask the 13 parishes for some type of consensus in this regard. The entire plan for pro-rated cost sharing needs review and updating which [REDACTED] will take care of.

RJS

775. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday, September 15, 1989 I met with [REDACTED] regarding Franklyn's accreditation through NACC. [REDACTED] agreed to inquire of both Franklyn and the NACC offices regarding the reason for the discontinuation of efforts for full accreditation.

RJS

173. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, February 19, 1990 the Archbishop received a phone call from Franklyn, claiming that he in turn had received a call from Dick Godin in Austin, Texas, who allegedly gave the documentation to [REDACTED] A later conversation with [REDACTED] suggested that Dick still lives in Rockford, Illinois.

RJS

190. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, February 19, 1990 I spoke with [REDACTED] who expressed his serious unhappiness with the style of work performed by Franklyn at West Allis Memorial noting that one of his parishioners had been very seriously ill for 24 days without any evidence of sacramental administration on the part of the chaplain. I reminded [REDACTED] of the recent evaluation on the part of the entire district and encourage [REDACTED] to speak with Franklyn himself.

RJS

600. Becker, Franklyn

On Thursday, July 26, 1990 I received a phone call from [REDACTED] indicating concern on the part of [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) regarding the seemingly intensive pastoral care devoted to her son, [REDACTED], at West Allis Hospital. I immediately called Lyn at his home in order to bring this issue to his attention and to receive his explanation which sounds logical. He denied any riding through the neighborhood of the family and stated that he had discussed the entire matter with his supervisor, [REDACTED] at the hospital.

RJS

820. Becker, Franklyn
He called to say that Father Rich O'Donnell has offered to let him into the next CPE course at the hospital. This course will take up his time on Saturday mornings. He wanted to know if he could proceed along this line. I told him that I thought we were coming close to an assignment for him and that I wanted to talk to the Personnel Board about this. Becker will call me next Wednesday for further direction.
8/21/84
874. Becker, Franklyn
He heard of Father Ries's death and wondered if it would be possible for him to apply for the position at St. Mary Hill Hospital. I put him in touch with Father John Nesseth about this. Later Nesseth called me to say that he thinks it is too early to look into this matter but suspects that Sister Ellinda may be interested in going back to the original plan of having one priest between St. Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's Hill and using a number of the religious women to do pastoral work. Becker also asked about the availability of \$200 for a CPE course at St. Joseph Hospital. I told him that he could get the money from his continuing education fund (he told me it was all gone) or from Father Nesseth's budget if there was any left (Nesseth told me there was none left) or I suggested that he ask Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph's to let him work off the money in some way. I told Becker there simply wasn't any money around for this purpose.
9/11/84
966. Becker, Franklyn
He called to discuss the financial arrangements with regard to his forthcoming job at West Allis Memorial Hospital. He would like to be placed on Salary Plan B and also wishes alternate residency. He told me he would be willing to live in a rectory but he checked with St. Jude's but they are looking for a priest who will do more for the parish than he could do. He has an apartment spotted but said it would cost more than the present ceiling allowance would provide and wondered if that could be negotiated. I told him it definitely could not and that he would have to find something cheaper or go back to the idea of living in a rectory. He is going to check with a couple of more parishes to see if this would be possible.
10/15/84
994. Becker, Franklyn
Father Paul Esser called to express his concern about the assignment of Father Becker to West Allis Memorial Hospital. Esser worked on the Personnel Board at the time when Becker was having problems in California. Therefore, he knows his condition. I told Esser confidentially that Becker has been under psychiatric care for the last couple of years, has done CPE work, has gotten good recommendations from St. Joseph's Hospital and the approval of his psychiatrist to be in ministry once again in this type of setting. Esser felt much relieved about this and concurs that Becker needs to have a chance at reestablishing his reputation once again.
10/25/84
37. Becker, Franklyn
On Friday evening, April 19, 1985, while presiding over a confirmation at St. John Parish in South Milwaukee, I noted that Father Franklyn Becker acted as sponsor for a young man being confirmed.
RJS

Becker, Franklyn

Father Tony Karls, pastoral director at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison called to say that Becker had applied for a chaplaincy there which is currently available and had given my name as a reference. I told Karls that Becker had permission to seek a chaplaincy job, that we would offer him one in Milwaukee if one were available and that there was no reason why Becker could not do an adequate job given the experience he had at St. Joseph's Hospital and the recommendation he got from them. Karls was glad to hear this and said that he would send Becker the rest of the applications. I did not mention any of Becker's difficulties to Karls but I will now talk to Bishop O'Donnell. I was not aware that Becker had made application for this position.

7/12/84

832.

Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Bishop George Wirz (608-257-5000) about Becker's application at St. Mary's Medical Center. Wirz was extremely negative toward the idea of Becker becoming a chaplain there when he heard the story. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I told him that I understood and that I would ask Becker to withdraw his application. I told Wirz that I did not want to discuss this matter over the phone directly with Father Karls and Wirz understood my reason and position.

7/13/84

841.

Becker, Franklyn

He and I met at my request and I discussed the contents of Dr. [REDACTED] letter with him. I made it clear that while I could go along with Dr. [REDACTED] recommendation that he not be assigned to the convent over here, he definitely would not be assigned to a parish at this time. He is somewhat disappointed about this and mentioned that there are a number of other priests in the Archdiocese, e.g., [REDACTED], who have become pastors with similar backgrounds. I pointed out that maybe an incident or two occurred in the past but they did not have bad reputations that Becker has. I also pointed out the legal ramification and some of the law suits that are currently going on in the United States. I also asked him to withdraw his application from St. Mary's Medical Center in Madison and requested that he not apply for any position outside the Diocese without first talking to me so I can approach the local bishop before he makes application. We had what I thought was a very positive conversation in general. I told him that he had been very cooperative and asked him to be patient now as we "go the last mile". I also told him that we were going to assign him to West Allis Memorial Hospital as soon as that position opened. He seemed agreeable to this and said that this month and next he is working part time at St. Joseph's Hospital. I told him to inquire there as to whether a position will open in the future.

7/18/84

887.

Becker, Franklyn

He called to say that he has been offered part-time work for the month of September at St. Joseph Hospital and wondered if that would fit in with our plans for him. I told him to take the job at St. Joe's for September and that the position at West Allis would open up when we found a place for the present chaplain. I told him the position was his when it opened up.

8/10/84

ADOM025895

544. Becker, Franklyn

He called to see how things were going about getting approval for his new job. I told him of my discussion with Archbishop Weakland last Saturday in which the Archbishop told me that last Wednesday when he was in Green Bay, Bishops Maida and Morneau cornered him and gave him the impression that they did not approve of Father Becker becoming chaplain at the Winnebago Mental Health Hospital. Becker did not seem completely surprised at this although he said he needs an answer rather soon because he is scheduled for a physical exam on Wednesday and intended to look for an apartment at the same time. I told him that I would wait during this week to see if any word is forthcoming from Green Bay. In the meantime Becker intends to go through with the physical but not to do any serious apartment seeking. Becker told me that any negative reports on him in the Green Bay area could very well come from [REDACTED] in Bishop Maida's Tribunal. Becker said that he thinks [REDACTED] is under some surveillance in the Green Bay area.

4/23/84

564. Becker, Franklyn

I called Msgr. Roy Klister, the chancellor, to discuss what could be said to the Winnebago Institution about Becker turning down the job. I was surprised when Klister told me that he knew nothing about this. I told him that in my discussion with Bishop Maida, Maida had said that he was going to discuss this right away with Msgr. Klister. I then reviewed the situation and told Klister that I was quite sure that Bishop Maida intended to convey through Archbishop Weakland his decision not to allow Becker to assume that position and that the matter was settled. Klister is in the middle of this whole thing as I am with Mr. [REDACTED] from the State Hospital who hired Becker. Klister said that he wanted to talk to Bishop Maida and then would get back to me. Later he called me to say that I was right and that Bishop Maida would not change his mind on allowing Becker to take up the position even if it meant that he would be restricted to ministry only at the Winnebago site. I told Klister I would ask Becker to simply call [REDACTED] and to simply inform him that he has decided against taking the job. Later I did this and Becker said that he would handle the matter in that way. I told him that I would contact John Nesseth and see what other positions were open in the country for hospital chaplains. He said that his psychiatrist is encouraging him to go into hospital ministry or campus ministry and he is looking at a campus ministry position somewhere in another diocese.

4/30/84

242. Becker, Franklyn
Father John Nesselth called to say that Reverend Stan Joergenson, Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center, had just called Nesselth to say that he would not accept Becker as chaplain at VA. Evidently, Joergenson checked with one or more priests in the area and found out about Becker's past history. I told Nesselth to convey to Joergenson my own strong feeling that Joergenson should discuss this with Becker after leading him on all the way to thinking he had the position and also to ask Joergenson why he would not give a person who is trying to start over a chance. Later, I called Father Becker and told him the bad news. I asked him to contact the state hospital in Winnebago and nail down that position. Unfortunately, he told me that he has already told them that he would not be available. I had asked him to keep the lines of communication open in case the VA thing fell through. Becker said that he also has an appointment in Orange, California on April 1 for a interview in a hospital out there.
- 3/7/84
496. Becker, Franklyn
He told me that he was out to St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, California to look into the position of hospital chaplain that was offered there. By the time he had arrived there, however, they had chosen another priest for the position. Therefore, he has accepted the position at the Winnebago Health Center in Oshkosh. He will begin there on May 1, 1984. The contact person for the position is [REDACTED] Winnebago, Wisconsin 54985. Telephone: [REDACTED] Becker asked if I would take care of the necessary follow-up and paperwork. I told him I would do that and be in contact with him.
- 4/11/84
522. Becker, Franklyn
I called Bishop Maida of Green Bay because it was impossible for me to get there to see him in person before Easter. We discussed the situation of Father Becker without my mentioning Becker's name. I gave him full disclosure of what the situation was and asked him if he would be willing to give the man faculties for work at the Mental Institution at Winnebago. Maida was quite understanding and said that he certainly would get back to me before Easter. He told me that he wanted to discuss this a bit further with Bishop Morneau and also with Msgr. Klister. I assured him that if Becker were to be accepted, I would see to it that he continues his psychotherapy and that if anything went wrong we would have Becker out of the Green Bay Diocese within 24 hours and that Becker would be suspended.
- 4/17/84
527. Becker, Franklyn
I spoke to [REDACTED] at the Winnebago Hospital [REDACTED] He expects Becker to begin work sometime between May 7 and May 14. He has already spoken to Father Mercatoris and Msgr. Klister in the Green Bay Diocese. Becker's starting salary will be \$17,780.63. In a couple of months that will increase to \$21,336. In about six months it will increase 2-3%. He will be given a state pension and the right to an insurance program which will be an HMO or Blue Cross/Blue Shield (with a slight additional cost). He will receive two weeks vacation per year and three weeks at the end of five years. I told him that I would go ahead and try to work out the ecclesiastical details with the two dioceses.
- 4/18/84

1183. Becker, Franklyn

Fathers Metz and Nesselth met with me to discuss Becker's recent evaluation at St. Joseph Hospital's CPE program. The evaluation was positive and showed that Becker had the capability of becoming a hospital chaplain. It also showed that there had been much personal growth in the last several months. It also indicated that Becker desired to work for about six months or more in a hospital setting before returning to a second course in CPE. It was agreed that I would contact St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee to see if they would give him a position (even unpaid) for about six months with supervision. If this does not work out, Nesselth will look into the situation at St. Michael's Hospital.

12/21/83

6. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Mrs. [REDACTED] at St. Mary's Hospital and asked her to give consideration to Becker as a part or full-time chaplain for approximately six months. She said no position was available but would give it some consideration when she speaks to Sister Aurelia. It may be that Becker might be able to work there in an unpaid position.

1/3/84

29. Becker, Franklyn

Mrs. [REDACTED], pastoral director at St. Mary's Hospital, called to say that Sister Aurelia has decided it will not be feasible to offer a position to Father Becker at this time. The main reason they are giving is that they will not be able to adequately supervise him because their pastoral care department is in the process of evolution and they do not have a full-time pastoral care director. I thanked her for the consideration that was given and now will ask Father Nesselth to see what can be done at St. Michael's Hospital.

1/10/84

54. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to his psychiatrist, Dr. [REDACTED]. I explained that things were not going well in our being able to find a job for Becker. I wanted to know what [REDACTED] would think about Becker pursuing work outside the diocese in the health care field. [REDACTED] thought that if it were not too far away, Becker might be able to come in on a regular basis for the psychotherapy that he needs and which is the highest priority in his situation. He is going to discuss this with Becker on Thursday and I will talk to Becker on Friday. Later in the day I spoke to Father Nesselth and he told me that it looked like there was a place in Oshkosh opening up at the mental health center there. I asked him to pursue this and see if it might be available for Becker. In the evening Becker called to say that Father O'Donnell had offered him a help-out position for the month of February at St. Joseph Hospital and wondered if he could take it. I told him to go ahead. Becker said in passing that maybe this could lead to a full-time job at St. Joseph's which would be ideal.

1/17/84

60. Becker, Franklyn

He came to see me to discuss the possibility of a job in hospital ministry. I informed him that right now there was nothing available in Milwaukee but that a position, I am told, is available in Oshkosh. I pointed out to him that there is a CPE Program in Oshkosh that he could tie into down the line. He seemed to like the idea and agreed to make application next week for the position. It will allow him to return weekly for his appointments with his therapist. We then talked to Father Michael Newman and settled the matter of Becker's salary and benefits for the months of January and February. Hopefully, he will be located in a new job by March 1.

1/20/84

ADOM025900

1110. Becker, Franklyn

I met with him and his psychiatrist, Dr. [REDACTED] Street, Hales Corners [REDACTED] told me that he felt that he and Becker were getting into a very good type of trust relationship. [REDACTED] feels that Becker is being honest with him and that if the stress and tension of sexual problems becomes too great, he feels Becker will have the confidence to call him before acting out any of his urges. [REDACTED] reviewed Becker's request that he be given a chance to reenter parish ministry rather than continue in the health chaplaincy field. [REDACTED] concurs that the chaplaincy field could produce more stress and tension than would be good for Becker. Becker explained that this is due mainly to the fact that he is often on call at night and also finds it difficult to cope with the death and dying phase of his ministry. I reviewed for both [REDACTED] and Becker my own conviction that Becker should not go back to the parish ministry at this time. I pointed out to [REDACTED] the risks of personnel involvement and attachment to young men who are constantly around the parish. I also pointed out Becker's bad reputation among his fellow priests and the strong likelihood that it would be extremely difficult to find a parish that would accept him unless he would go outside the diocese which would also jeopardize the professional relationship he had with Dr. [REDACTED]. I think [REDACTED] came to see the picture a little more clearly as I explained some of the past situations that had occurred. He agrees that Becker needs a stable assignment in order to regain a good reputation. I asked that the health ministry be reconsidered and got Becker to admit that part of the stress he is involved in now centers around the fact that he is not only going to school full time but he is also working on a part-time basis at St. Joseph's Hospital. Following his CPE training, this particular work load would be reduced somewhat. I told them that I wanted to consult with Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph Hospital to see how Becker was doing and also with Nesselth to see just what would be involved in hospital chaplaincy as far as night calls, etc. [REDACTED] and Becker agreed to reconsider the whole thing and I told them that I would be in touch with them in the near future.

11/23/83

1142. Becker, Franklyn

Fathers Nesselth, Metz, and I met to discuss Becker's situation. I explained to them that his therapist and Becker have agreed to reconsider the idea of Becker working in the hospital ministry (for a while they felt that this ministry would not be what Becker needs at this time). Both Nesselth and Metz feel that it has to be told to Becker that there is no other choice in this Archdiocese but to comply with this type of ministry. Later on Nesselth contacted Father Becker and found out that Becker's evaluation in CPE this week went very well. Becker suggested that he would be willing to take another unit of CPE hopefully at a place like the hospital in Mendota, Wisconsin under the direction of Father Donald Shmauz. Nesselth was happy to hear about this and set up a meeting with O'Donnell, Becker, himself and myself for next week when we will discuss this further. It looks like Becker may have reconsidered and come around to our way of thinking.

12/2/83

1152. Becker, Franklyn

Father Nesselth shared with me and Father Metz Becker's CPE report (as reported by Becker). It is a good report in the sense that Becker retraces his personal history that led up to his CPE work rather accurately. It is also clear from his own statement that he understands that the alternatives for ministry have run out and that he is expected to make the best of hospital ministry. Now Nesselth and I will meet with Becker and with Father Richard O'Donnell of St. Joseph Hospital to discuss the CPE report from the standpoint of his supervisors.

12/5/83

ADOM025901

Father Nesseth called to see if I had any information, and I told him of my conversation with Mrs. [REDACTED] and that she would be getting back to me as soon as she spoke to Sister Aurelia about the possibility of Becker becoming part-time chaplain at St. Mary's and full time in CPE. Nesseth said that O'Donnell called him from St. Joseph Hospital and said they needed some help the first week in August. I told him to get a hold of Becker and have Becker do that work.

7/20/83

685. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Mrs. [REDACTED] from St. Mary's Hospital who told me that Sister Aurelia, president, and she had decided that they would not be able to hire Becker even on a temporary basis even while he receives CPE. They still feel he was too apprehensive about all the duties that were entailed in their job description. She also sensed a personality problem with Becker of a non-descript nature. She said that his lack of training would be the biggest factor for him not being hired.

7/25/83

698. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he has been accepted at St. Luke Hospital for CPE but Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph's Hospital is interested in him working there part time. It looks as though O'Donnell may be able to offer him a CPE course at St. Joseph's and some part-time work on the side. I told Becker that he should work this out with Nesseth and to let me know what has been decided. Becker also said that he had been talking to [REDACTED] at St. Michael's and finds out that the position there is still open but that they are probably looking for a religious order priest.

8/5/83

799. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he is anxiously looking forward to CPE. He said that he never thought he would become interested in hospital work but finds it more and more interesting and enjoyable as he helps out at St. Joseph's and in the other hospitals. He thinks it will be a fine career for him in the future. He told me he would like to remain in residence at the Bethany House at least during his CPE. I told him that we would have to see about the availability but that I thought something could be worked out. I told him also that we wanted to work out a new status for him and figure out everything that had to do with his salary. I told him that he would be expected to pay room and board but that the diocese would cover his CPE expense. He seemed to be very cooperative and happy.

8/29/83

864. Becker, Franklyn

I discussed his salary and other temporal arrangements with Father Michael Newman. The arrangement that Newman will discuss with Becker is this: Salary, health insurance, room and board (Bethany House) from the Archdiocese plus CPE tuition. Becker will be on his own for car expenses. He will be permitted the \$125 per month he receives from helping out at St. Mary's Nursing Home but the amount he receives from his part-time work at St. Joseph's Hospital will be a component of the total salary he receives from the Archdiocese.

9/17/83

543. Becker, Franklyn

I told him that there quite likely would be a position for him at St. Mary's Hospital. He showed interest and so I told him that I would talk to Nesselth about further details on Monday. He will have to interview with Nesselth and with St. Mary's Hospital. Becker told me that he has been going to Father Jack Raynaldo, SJ for spiritual direction and finds this to be very helpful and productive. I asked Becker to see Dr. [REDACTED] next week about arranging for a weekly session of psychotherapy. I told Becker if this could be done by a psychologist, all the better. Becker has a psychiatrist in mind and I told him to check with [REDACTED] first. Becker seemed very cooperative throughout the conversation then he told me of his extreme anger with [REDACTED] who has had a couple of men sleep over at the residence when Metz was away. Becker claims that [REDACTED] meets these people at his AA meetings, and I told Becker that if this is going on, [REDACTED] will "hang himself." I told Becker it would not be good for him to let his anger get the best of him over this and so we talked it out and he felt better. I told him I will be happier when he has a psychotherapist that he can share some of these feelings with. Becker realized that he probably would not get the job at Divine Savior-Holy Angels because of his lack of qualifications. He seemed to be in an excellent mood, and he told me he was really working hard on his personal problems.

6/10/83

554. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Father John Nesselth about Father Becker and a possible assignment for him at St. Mary's Hospital. Nesselth will now talk to representatives from St. Mary's about this before Becker interviews. Later on, I spoke to Dr. [REDACTED] and told him that we wanted Becker to undergo psychotherapy but only once a week. [REDACTED] said that he could take care of that for Becker if Becker was comfortable with him. I told the doctor of the possibility of him working at St. Mary's Hospital, and [REDACTED] has no problem with that. When I asked how the matter of the pediatric ward should be handled, [REDACTED] felt there would be no problem if Becker ministered to those people because they would not be there on a long-term basis to provide Becker with the opportunity of establishing a relationship with them. I told the doctor that when St. Mary's Hospital does some checking they may get some very negative feedback about Becker. I told him I thought it would be good if we could have St. Mary's talk to [REDACTED] if necessary. He is going to work that matter out with Becker so that he can be supportive of Becker to St. Mary's.

6/13/83

660. Becker, Franklyn

Father Nesselth called to say that St. Mary's Hospital reported that the interview with Becker for the chaplaincy position there did not go well. They got the impression that Becker was not all that interested in serious hospital ministry and the accountability that it requires. They thought that he was looking for something a lot easier. Nesselth asked me to pursue this with Mrs. [REDACTED] Director of the Pastoral Ministry Department [REDACTED] because I know [REDACTED] personally. When I spoke to her, she restated their position that they are having some difficulty with Becker's attitude. I told her that our plan would be to assign him part time with continuing education in clinical pastoral education. Following that a decision could be made as to his continuing at St. Mary's. She sounded willing to do this and said she would explore this further with Sister Aurelia, the hospital administrator. [REDACTED] will call me back.

7/19/83

ADOM025903

Becker, Franklyn

Becker and I met with Dr. [REDACTED] the psychiatrist, for [REDACTED] report and interpretation of the Wausau evaluation of Becker [REDACTED] liked the Wausau procedure. He said it was very adequate and accomplished what we wanted it to do. The only thing he would have preferred would be to have the actual results of the MMPI and the Rorschach test so that he could interpret them himself rather than have them computerized.). [REDACTED] told me that Becker is an ego-centric (verses ego-dystonic), pedophile and homosexual. This means that he has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out these characteristics. Usually such action will take place under stress. In Becker's case due to a rebellion against authority. [REDACTED] said he is not pessimistic as the people at Wausau. He said there are a couple of ways this situation can be approached all of which depend, of course, on Becker's willingness to alter his behavior. The ideal way would be psychoanalysis approximately four times per week for the next four to five years. The second way would be through analytic psychotherapy which could occur about one hour per week. In both cases there is no guarantee that Becker will be cured. The key in all of this is Becker's desire to be cured. We then spoke about assignment possibilities. [REDACTED] said that in his opinion, parish ministry is out of the question. The best assignment for Becker would be to an all-girls' college or high school, e.g., Divine Savior-Holy Angels. The second best would be to a geriatric nursing home or hospital setting. The next possibility would be full-time campus ministry. [REDACTED] realizes the possibility of homosexual encounters but pointed out that these are consenting adults not children and it is their decision rather than a seductive process. I asked [REDACTED] what he thought about hospital chaplaincy. He said that he would have no problem with this because very few hospitals have large pediatric wards and with CPE and under supervision he did not feel that this type of assignment would be bad for Becker. Becker did a little bit of protesting throughout this session and his anger flared at times. Frequently, he would remind me of so and so, and so and so who is doing this and that and getting away with it. I finally told him very plainly that we did not intend to play any more games with him. The past is past. We know and have identified his problem, and it is up to him now to demonstrate whether or not he really wants to be a priest. I told him we would probably enjoin some sanctions on him, e.g., the next time we get a complaint he will be suspended. This external force or pressure should help motivate him, I thought, and Dr. [REDACTED] concurred. Becker was agreeable to all of this, and I told him that I wanted to discuss this further with the Archbishop and that when I got back from my vacation we would map out a program for Becker. In the meantime, I asked him to get under the direction of a spiritual director. [REDACTED] thought it would be best if that person were a male. I gave Becker the names of three priests and asked him to contact each one of them. Actually that was [REDACTED] suggestion. He wants Becker to see each one of them several times to ascertain which one he feels most comfortable with. These priests are Father Oesterhaus, Raynaldo (both from Marquette High School), and Father Francis Dombrowski of the Capuchins. Becker agreed to do this.

5/10/83

Becker, Franklyn

I told him to arrange for an interview with Dr. [REDACTED] at Divine Savior/Holy Angels High School to see how his chances stood for an assignment there. He agreed to do this. I told him if he received a position like that he might be required to take some courses to get some certification. He has no problem with that.

5/12/83

318. District Attorney

1. Without any names mentioned and off the record I described the situation regarding Franklyn Becker to E. Michael McCann, the District Attorney. His reaction immediately was that the priest has been given adequate warnings and enough chances and that he should not be assigned anywhere where he could come in contact with youngsters. This precludes practically any kind of assignment. His advice was that we restrict him from ministry for about five years and if no complaints come forth in that time then perhaps he can be given another chance.
2. He asked me about a situation at St. John de Nepomuc involving slot machines. I told him that [REDACTED] collected old slot machines and every Monday night at a gathering of priests (AA group) in for a meeting, following the meeting they all played the slot machines. McCann was relieved to hear this but wants to track down where the complaint came from because he feels this would be an unsavory news item if it hit the press. Although he does not know whether this is illegal or not.

3/15/83

346. Becker, Franklyn

I met with him to request that he see Dr. [REDACTED], a psychiatrist for an opinion about his recent evaluation. I pointed out that we have some problems to deal with in assigning him and we all need more advice from professional people. Becker was very cooperative, signed the necessary letters of release, and will make an appointment today. He restated the fact that he wants to work as a priest and feels that he can do so responsibly in parish ministry. He told me that he has been inquiring about campus ministry in Illinois and Michigan where positions are open at the present. He asked if I had any objection to this, and I told him that I thought it ought to be discussed in the context of the total situation for which he is seeing Dr. [REDACTED]. I told Becker that any priest who receives permission to work in another diocese needs to be recommended by the Archbishop and myself and that we feel very strongly about letting another diocese know if any problems are involved in a priest's situation. The next step is for Becker to see [REDACTED] and then I will meet with [REDACTED] and Becker.

3/23/83

366. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he had made an appointment and will be seeing Dr. [REDACTED] on Wednesday, March 30.

410. Becker, Franklyn

Father Metz told me that yesterday he observed Father Becker coming out of the transitional residence for priests with a young boy. Metz recognized the boy as the same one Becker took on the Caribbean vacation late last year.

4/6/83

176. Becker, Franklyn
He and I received the report of his recent evaluation by the Wausau Mental Health Associates. The results are as follows:

1. In his spiritual assessment [REDACTED] OFM Cap. indicated the need for Becker to have a regular spiritual director. I told Becker that I would furnish him with a list of recommended spiritual directors in the Milwaukee Area.
2. The results of his physical examination were all normal except for some lab tests that showed a few abnormalities in the blood and urine. It was recommended to Becker that he have himself retested by his private physician in a couple of months to see if there are any fluctuations in these lab tests.
3. The psychological assessment shows that Becker is normal in every way. However, it did clearly indicate Becker's gay orientation and gay activity. The report forecasts that unless Becker is willing to control himself, there is a definite likelihood that the conduct of the past will be repeated. Dr. [REDACTED] said that their recommendation would be to have Becker assigned to a desk job somewhere where the temptations that would result from associating with young boys would not be present. I told him that there was little likelihood that this was possible to achieve. However, I said that a hospital chaplaincy where Becker would be under strict surveillance might be possible. Becker indicated that he was not interested at all in hospital work.

In the discussion that followed Becker continued to maintain his innocence claiming that all the accusations of the past were false and misinterpreted. [REDACTED] and I tried to point out to him that this is not the way others interpret his actions and behavior. He will never be able to succeed unless he does something to curb his associations with single males and also his lack of good judgement. [REDACTED] said that the report clearly showed that Becker has a need "to speak out on issues," particularly in the area of gay rights. I pointed out the problem was the manner in which Becker had been speaking out which was not in conformity with the Church's rhetoric on the matter. Becker said he admired Archbishop Weakland very much for the strong stand he took for gay rights in his Catholic Herald article. I told Becker there was a world of difference between that and the way Becker has spoken out to the news media. I asked Becker what kind of counseling he would give a person who wanted to live a gay life style. Becker said he would have to judge each case individually and would probably refer the person to the local Dignity Chapter where Becker said he could get advice from 30 to 40 priests about this kind of behavior. Before the interview ended it was decided that I would study the report further and discuss it with the Archbishop, and then we would proceed to see what kind of an appointment we could arrange for Becker. I told Becker it might be important for him to meet together with the entire Personnel Board in the near future. He is willing to do this. It will probably be necessary for us to readjust his status now from sick leave to awaiting assignment.

2/14/83

310. Becker, Franklyn
He called me from Sienadale where he had celebrated the 8 o'clock Mass for the sisters. Both he and the sisters agreed that it would not be financially feasible to pay him to drive down each day for the celebration of Mass. They feel that they will be better off by driving to one of the parishes in the neighborhood. I told Becker that was fine and that the sisters should make their own arrangements from now on. Later I spoke to Father Nesseth. He is more convinced than ever that Becker should not be assigned to hospital ministry because of the potentially dangerous temptations that might present themselves.

3/14/83

2. Becker, Franklyn
I spoke to Father Terrance Flynn at the St. Luke Institute in Washington. He told me they would be willing to do a complete evaluation of Father Becker, but the earliest available date they have for this is March 7 - 10. Later I spoke to [REDACTED] and he agreed that this is too long a time to wait. I told [REDACTED] that I would look into some other possibilities and contact him again soon.
- 1/3/83
15. Becker, Franklyn
Mrs. [REDACTED] called to say that she simply wanted to put in a good word for Becker. She knows he is under some pressure at the parish and would like to support him. She sees him as growing, improving, opening up, something she feels others do not see. She describes him as shy at first but then warm, caring, and kind and gentle. I thanked her for her support for Becker. She assured me that she was doing this on her own and that no one had put her up to it.
- 1/5/83
33. Becker, Franklyn
I ran into him at the Marquette basketball game. He has already begun to move into the priests' residence on 35th Street. I told him that we had him tentatively scheduled for evaluation at the Wausau Clinic the end of this month. He is willing to do this. He and I will discuss this more in detail next Tuesday when I have dinner at the house.
- 1/11/83
112. "Father X"
Father X is Franklyn Becker for the purpose of this news note. I received a letter from Mrs. [REDACTED] Whitefish Bay, 53217, Telephone: [REDACTED]. It expressed her concern for Becker. She has known him for 11 years and has become a confidant of hers. She realizes his weakness and knows the situations which led to many of his uprootings. She now hopes that we will follow through with psychiatric or psychological help for him. I spoke to her on the phone, and she told me I could share her letter with Becker's doctors. She probably would be willing to be part of a confrontation with Becker if need be, but she is somewhat reluctant of my sharing the letter with him immediately. What is disturbing is the fact that Becker continues to associate with the young boy he took on the cruise from St. John's Parish in South Milwaukee. Most recently, they both attended the permanent diaconate ordination at the Cathedral. He is also seeing a boy from St. Eugene's Parish in violation of the wishes of the boy's mother [REDACTED]. I asked Mrs. [REDACTED] to have the mother of that boy contact me to discuss this matter further. Mrs. [REDACTED] thinks that Becker is going to go through motions with us only and that he feels he can continue living his present life style. She hopes he can be helped but is somewhat pessimistic. She is willing to cooperate with us in any way that she can. Right now Becker is angry at her because she has criticized him for hanging around with both of these young boys. She feels that he will be back to see her eventually. She is like a "confessor" to him.
- 1/29/83

1120. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to [REDACTED] who told me that Becker made an appointment with him for after the holidays. [REDACTED] feels that Becker is simply going through motions because I am asking him to enter psychotherapy. [REDACTED] wonders whether Becker is treatable in this state. Later I spoke to [REDACTED] DRE at St. John, South Milwaukee. He feels that Becker is a very sick person who needs some type of help. He talks about Becker tormenting the blind musician at the parish. Also, he mentioned the incident of the 7th grade student who accompanied Becker to the Caribbean. He said that for a while Becker was turning him and others against Father Bill Heffron. Now these people realize how Becker had manipulated them. He also stated that Becker had made some inappropriate remarks from the pulpit and in the sacristy. [REDACTED] said that I could use this information with discretion and that he intends to speak directly to Becker about these matters. I also spoke to [REDACTED] She is the [REDACTED] at the parish. She too spoke of her frustration with Becker. She mentioned the incident about the piano and claims that he manipulated her to getting more involved in that issue than she really wanted to be. Now he has hidden her microphone out of spite. She claims he works the staff against the staff in a very manipulative manner and that he has been caught time and time again in lies. Each time he gets very angry. He has called her a "two-faced sob" in public. She feels pity toward him and thinks he needs some kind of help.

12/14/82

1131. Becker, Franklyn

When we met, he did not like my decision that he had to move from St. John's. He had hoped it would be possible to work with the next pastor, particularly if that were Father Anderson. I told him that our concern was that no pastor at this point will work with Father Becker. I told him we wanted to help him help himself and that I was not sure if [REDACTED] could provide the help that Becker needs at this point. Becker suggested that we let [REDACTED] be the one to decide that. I changed his appointed from January 4 to December 22. After he and [REDACTED] have discussed the matter for a while I will join in the discussion. I spoke to him about the possibility of a complete evaluation at a clinic in Washington, and he said that he would be very willing to cooperate with that. We spoke about him residing at the transitional priests' residence. He is willing to do that, but does not know what he will do with all his furniture at the rectory which he claims belongs to him. He also asked that he not be put on sick leave because this would be publicized around the Archdiocese. I told him I would talk to Derfus about it.

12/20/82

1140. Becher, Franklyn

He called to say that he had been thinking things over since our meeting yesterday. He now feels that he wants to see his personnel file, then he wants an appointment with the Archbishop, and then he wants to look into Due Process against [REDACTED] for the way he was treated at St. John's. I told him that I would let him speak to [REDACTED] about making an appointment with the Archbishop and suggested we talk about the other matters when we meet with [REDACTED] tomorrow. He seemed very agreeable to this.

12/21/82

1142. Becker, Franklyn

Due to unforeseen circumstances I did not arrive for the meeting with Becker and [REDACTED] until it was over and Becker had already left. I spoke briefly to [REDACTED] who told me they had a good meeting and that Becker is ready to undergo the psychiatric evaluation at the St. Luke Institute in Washington.

12/22/82

ADOM025908

Father Hornacek reported that Father Anderson is not sure whether he can assume the pastorate if he has to work with Becker. Later [REDACTED], the DRE at St. John's, called to express her grave concern for Becker remaining at St. John's Parish. She said that the piano incident is not over yet. Becker lied through this ordeal, she claims, and supposedly said that he would disband the parish council if ever he would get in charge. She does not trust him, but claims his initiative is good and his methods or approach are bad. The parish staff meetings have disbanded recently because of him. She objected to the fact that he took a Caribbean vacation at the height of the parish business. Worse yet, he took along a 7th or 8th grade child which has shocked many people. About three months ago, Becker told [REDACTED] and Tom Kalp, transitional deacon, that Becker is a homosexual. However, she quickly pointed out that she has never seen him make any overtures to others, especially children. He gave a retreat last summer to high schoolers and three times she was disturbed by his dwelling on the idea that people should be open to each other's sexual preferences. She claims Becker has gotten many negative letters about the piano incident. She strongly feels that he needs psychological help. I told her, confidentially, that we were working with him along these lines. She claims he has turned Heffron into a liar by his manipulative tactics. She claims that Becker harrassed [REDACTED] musician by following her and poking her deliberately in the back. This morning at the 8 o'clock Mass he spoke from the lectern about the piano issue trying to sway the people in that direction (On December 19 the parish council will decided on the piano--I told her about the need for a proxy). [REDACTED] hopes I will not have to use her name but she gave me permission to do so if necessary. Later on I spoke to Mr. [REDACTED], parish council president, at St. John's. He expressed his grave concern also for Father Becker. [REDACTED] feels that Becker is in need of psychological treatment. He said that the parish council is very disturbed about Becker, and I told [REDACTED] that Becker claims no one has ever confronted him about their feelings toward him. [REDACTED] said this simply was not true, but he agreed that in a very short time he and some of the other council members should talk to Becker about their concerns. I told him, confidentially, that I was working with Becker to get him treatment. I pointed out that I would follow through and that he could assure the people that even if Becker stayed for a little while longer, it would be under the supervision of the Archdiocese. [REDACTED] said he felt better about this, and I reminded him of the need for a proxy if the piano issue comes up. I told him we would have a temporary administrator there when Father Heffron leaves. This satisfied [REDACTED]. He told me that a few of the council members and he would confront Becker with their feelings toward him. This is to clear up any ambiguity in Becker's life about the people's feelings toward him.

12/10/82

1060. Becker, Franklyn

Father Heffron told me he is very upset because Becker has been acting very strangely since Heffron received his new assignment. There have been several incidents which exhibited Becker's extremely poor judgement. The most recent was Becker's acceptance of a chaplaincy for one week on a Caribbean cruise. Heffron did not object to this but later has found out that Becker has taken a 7th grade boy on the trip with him. Heffron has been in contact with the boy's mother who now realizes her mistake. I told Heffron that we were going to assign Becker to a sick leave and get him back into therapy with [REDACTED]. I spoke to [REDACTED] later in the day and he concurred that this is necessary procedure at this time.

12/1/82

1085. Becker, Franklyn

We met, but before I even said anything he knew that I was going to confront him about recent events that he was involved in at the parish. He had long explanations for the matter of the piano and tried to convince me that all the hubbub was not his fault but rather it was due to indecision on the part of Father Heffron and Heffron's vacillation. As regards taking a 7th grader on a Caribbean trip, he stated that he had just mentioned in passing that it would be good to have the boy as an altar boy. This was immediately picked up by the boy and his parents who arranged everything after that. Becker assured me that he had no physical contact with the boy although he admitted that they shared the same cabin (separate beds) and that they told the crew and passengers that the boy was Becker's nephew. When I showed Becker how both of these incidents looked to others, he admitted that in both cases he used bad judgement. I informed him that the Personnel Board has suggested that he be removed from the parish, and I expressed my own feeling that we would have a hard time getting the new pastor to work with Becker. He said that Father Anderson has looked at the place and has indicated to Becker that he would be willing to work with him (Hornacek met with Anderson who said that he could work with Becker until next spring). I told Becker that we were not sure that Anderson would be the pastor and that there could be problems for Becker if someone else is named the pastor. I asked Becker to see [REDACTED] immediately and discuss the possibility of the group therapy session that begins in January. Becker agreed to do this at once, and asked me not to remove him from the parish. Then he asked if he could be the temporary administrator in the interim, and I told him this would be impossible. I pointed out that if people are indeed afraid of Becker's indiscrete activity, they would be on the Archbishop's and my doorstep as soon as Heffron is gone to protest Becker's being named temporary administrator. I told him that this decision was in his interest as well as our own. He seemed to see the logic behind it, and when he asked whom we were considering and I told him it was Father Mackin, he was very pleased and relieved.

12/7/82

ADOM025910

740. Becker, Franklyn
[REDACTED] called to say that his brother and sister-in-law who live in St. John's Parish are worried about the relationship that exists between Becker and their teenage son. Becker is lavishing gifts and attention on the boy and the two are spending a lot of time together. I told [REDACTED] it would be helpful if the parents of the boy went directly to Becker and informed him they wanted this to stop.

8/17/82

806. Becker, Franklyn
Father Heffron came to see me today to say that Father Becker could no longer be the associate pastor there. He said the alternative would be that he himself would resign as pastor. I told him that was not acceptable because it would not be good for the parish. He claims Becker is lazy, causes trouble, and lacks common sense. It grates at Heffron to see someone receive a salary for doing nothing. The parish secretary and others in the parish are complaining about Becker. People are asking Heffron to have their weddings and funerals to avoid Becker. Heffron recalls that when Becker was sent there it was with the understanding that if things did not work out, Becker would go. It was his last chance. Heffron feels as though he has bent over backwards to help Becker but it is beginning to take a toll on him. Now he will confront Becker with this and tell him that he has seen me. Then he will write a letter to me about this and I will discuss the matter with the Personnel Board next week for a recommendation.

9/2/82

947. Becker, Franklyn
I spoke to [REDACTED] about the possibility of his being a part of the confrontation of Becker by me and Hornacek and Heffron. [REDACTED] feels it would be better for us to do the confrontation and then suggests that he follow up with Becker as his therapist.

11/1/82

32. Becker, Franklyn

Yesterday, Heffron contacted me with the information that the mother of one of the seventh grade boys told him that Becker was associating rather intimately with her son. The son claimed that he held is hand in the movie and touched him rather improperly in a swimming session. I told Heffron that we had to move on this immediately and decided to meet with him, Becker, and the parents of this boy on Saturday. When we met, Becker was completely floored at the accusation. He admitted that he had been rather closely associating with this boy, who was one of the very first he met at the parish. The parents commended him for taking some interest in their boy and they rather apologetically inferred to Becker about what the boy had said. Becker swore up and down that his motives were good and that nothing was out of order. The parents believed this, in fact the father of the boy apologized to Becker for even accusing him of this. There was little I could do at this stage but knowing Becker's background I am sure that his judgement was very poor. After the parents left, I asked Becker to get in touch with [REDACTED] I had spoked to [REDACTED] the day before and told him that I was considering relieving Becker of his job at the parish. After meeting with the parents, however, I decided to not press the issue at this point. Heffron seemed pleased with the outcome also.

1/10/81

414. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to [REDACTED] about Becker's progress. He said that recently Becker has been avoiding him. He wants to see Becker once a week and Becker is making all kinds of excuses to get out of those meetings. [REDACTED] feels as though Becker is not facing up to his personal problems. I explained my fears to [REDACTED] that Becker is now grinding his ax in a public forum. [REDACTED] felt that Becker, himself, and I ought to sit down together and confront the implications of such a situation. I am going to ask Becker to meet at [REDACTED] office next week Wednesday at 4 p.m.

3/4/81

892. Becker, Franklyn

[REDACTED] reports that there is some progress being made with Becker. He finally is beginning to see that his biggest problem stems from his impetuosity under stress. [REDACTED] told me of a couple of instances recently when Becker was able to control himself. He continues to see [REDACTED] and I reminded him of the celibacy statement we are looking for. He said he has been after Becker to do this and will remind him of it.

6/8/81

711. Becker, Franklyn

I called him in because he wrote a nasty letter to the Personnel Board applying for Whitewater and at the same time derogating the characters of Wagner and Budzynski. He told me that he was in an angry mood when he wrote the letter. I told him how the new policy on open listing worked and we discussed Wagner and Budzynski briefly. I put him on the spot to produce evidence against the two but as I thought, it was hearsay and rumor only. He told me he is doing fine at the parish where he is stationed and enjoys it there. I warned him not to do anything rash or it could hurt not only others but himself as well. He seemed to take the warning well but one never knows.

8/9/82

ADOM025912

44. F. BECKER

Vint told me that he has things worked out so that Becker can stay until the June appointments. Wittliff has agreed to this.

3/27/80

121. Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

██████████ called regarding a debt she claims Becker owes her. She was referred by Don Weber. I told her I would look into the matter and get back to her.

4/16/80

130. F. Becker

Discussed ██████████ complaint with Franklyn Becker. He regrets the fact she called the Chancery Office and asks to deal with her directly. I suggested only that his paying her \$25 00 a month will satisfy her. It might be the cheapest way around a potentially aggravating problem.

4/17/80

156. F. Becker

██████████ called twice and I referred her, both times, directly to Becker for the purpose to resolve the financial bickering that exists between the two. I told her that the Archdiocese had no part in this and I could not take her place of Becker's. She still seems to think that I am favoring Becker.

4/22/80

675. Becker, F.

Becker will be going to St. Eugene's Parish as Temporary Associate August 12. He hopes to stay there eventually depending on the wishes of the new pastor. If that does not happen, he wants to talk about a year's leave of absence for study purposes. I discouraged that idea and told him that I would like to discuss it further with him next week when he is in town. The Personnel Board see him going to St. John Kanty as Associate after St. Eugene's. I will also talk to him about some of the problems he is getting himself into by the way he talks publically about his life style.

8/8/80

747. Becker, Franklyn

We met to discuss his recent letter in which he applied for the associate pastor position at St. Eugene's parish if the new pastor would be agreeable to this. Otherwise, he wanted to take some time off for continuing study. After some discussion about his personal life style, he agreed that the situation at St. Margaret Mary had taught him an important lesson. He must not talk openly about the gay movement in a militant way. He assured me absolutely that he would cause no more problems along this line in the future if he got a position. I emphasized that he was not eligible for a parish as pastor and he agreed. I told him no decision could be made at St. Eugene's until a new pastor was there but that if it were not agreeable at that place we would find him a position as Associate. I told him he was free to apply for a short sabbatical but that a longer leave of absence for studies would be out of the question. We ended on a positive note.

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825. Becker, Franklyn

He called to see if I could tell him who the new pastor of St. Eugene's was and I told him not yet. He wants to know what his status is there so that he can begin to work with programs on the parish level if he is going to stay. I told him that by the weekend we ought to be able to let him speak directly to the pastor.

9/3/80

902. Becker, Franklyn

I discussed Becker's future appointment after I told him that Msgr. [REDACTED] did not want him to remain at the parish. I suggested he contact Father Stoll to see if the position of associate there would work out. He is also interested in development at St. Cecilia's in Thiensville. I told him that [REDACTED] called and wanted to contact him. She feels as though he still owes her money. This dates back to spring and the news notes can be consulted for more detail. Becker asked me to call her and tell her that he would definitely get in touch with her as soon as he gets a permanent assignment.

9/18/80

929. Becker, Franklyn

[REDACTED] has informed Franklyn Becker that [REDACTED] wants him to leave the parish by October 1 or 6 at the latest. I spoke to [REDACTED] and he does not want the people at the parish to get the impression that there is something wrong with Becker and, therefore, wants him to move as soon as possible. I told him that I had been working on this but that it might take some time. I will contact Becker to see if we can't speed up the process of his leaving St. Eugene's.

9/27/80

944. Becker, Franklyn

Father Stoll informed me that he would prefer not to have Franklyn Becker as an associate. He has talked to another priest who is willing to consider being associate there. I spoke at great length to try to convince him that Becker needs a position under the guidance of someone who can call him to accountability. Stoll is afraid that if Becker's problem manifests itself in the small community, the damage will be irreparable. I told him that Becker is now willing to settle down and needs one more chance. I told Stoll that we would help him work out a job description so that Becker would not be free to do as he pleases. Stoll's biggest worry is that if he leaves things up to Becker's initiative nothing will get done. Hornacek, Stoll, Becker, and I will sit down and discuss the matter further. I think it is time to make Becker aware of the fact that no priest wants to work with him.

10/3/80

1011. Becker, Franklyn

Yesterday I spoke to Hornacek about Becker's situation and suggested that we try to locate Becker at St. John Kanty Parish with Kazmierczak. Hornacek agreed to contact Becker to see if he would be willing to go there, then he will contact Kazmierczak. If this fails, we will have to do something about getting Becker off the scene at St. Eugene's before [REDACTED] explodes.

10/27/80

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436 N. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
November 14, 1974

Most Rev. Archbishop William Cousins
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Archbishop:

In view of what has been transpiring at St. William's during the past few weeks, I feel obligated to express my concern regarding the problems which seem to be worsening.

You are aware, of course, of the rift among people of this parish. Numerous families are now very much disturbed after having been held as a captive audience at two Sunday Masses during which the associate, Father Franklyn Becker, related his reactions toward living conditions at the rectory. Whether his recital of grievances had any basis or not, he surely did everyone a great injustice by speaking as he did about the parish's pastor on Vocation Sunday.

If a problem existed, I believe there are channels for recourse other than the pulpit where visitors and children are present along with parishioners.

Does Father Becker have a personal problem? If such should be the case, he surely cannot continue to take out his frustrations on the parish. After what has happened, it doesn't seem likely that so many words can be forgotten since they've reached so many people.

I hope that some action can be taken to remedy the present very unhappy situation.

Thank you for giving attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Sister Marlene


cc. Personnel Board

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memo from Fr. Robert Sampon

fall, 1970-



Came to Chancery to tell of
problem re her son 

Fr. Franklyn Becker.

- no fellow there at the time.
- this note filed 6/25/76,

G. M. J.

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February 5, 1979

Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
P. O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

In response to your letter of January 30, 1979, I wish to inform you that Father Franklyn Becker was relieved of his duties here in the Diocese of San Diego on the first of February.

This was due to conflict in the rectory with the other associate, and the associate that was transferred asked that no other associate be placed on assignment at St. Brigid's Parish as long as Father Franklyn Becker was appointed there. I therefore relieved him of his duties and appointed a new associate as of February 1st.

No doubt there are psychological problems in Father Franklyn Becker's life that he must solve.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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[REDACTED]
February 22, 1980

Rev. Raymond E. Vint, Pastor
St. Margaret Mary Parish
3930 North 92nd
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

Franklin Becker

Dear Father Vint,

It has come to our attention during the past few weeks that Father Becker has been involved in an incident which could cause consternation in our parish. In talking with him regarding this matter we have been impressed with Father's knowledge of himself and his openness and honesty. The incident which occurred in December is an isolated one, an incident which perhaps was not so much an inappropriate act but a concern for a teenage boy who might be struggling with his own identity.

Further discussion of the actual event is unnecessary at this time. As a member of St. Margaret Mary Parish we would like to offer support for Father Frank and hope that the incident will not be cause for him to be removed from the parish. Many have grown to respond to him, to respect and trust him. It would appear to us that in seeking therapy he has taken the necessary step to prevent a recurrence of the incident.

Father Frank's continuation in the parish would mean to us that our parish is willing to support one another in whatever crisis each is experiencing. We could foresee much growth occurring within a parish which had come to grips with a problem and stood behind a fellow human being.

As we look at the total parish we can see other problems which exist and which have not meant a change in personnel. We ask that the same lenience and understanding be demonstrated in this case.

We have been Catholics all of our lives, have been closely and intimately connected with the Church for many years and now feel a real commitment to be actively and humanely a part of the Christian Community. We would like to see the Church (all of us) continue to live up to its standards, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

When a member of a family is in error it is a sad and unfortunate turn when that member is rejected and turned away from the family unit. Surely the family name is tarnished, there is a certain amount of

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embarrassment, but the family that stands behind such a person and works through the problem is to be admired and commended. If the priests in this parish were to stand together in support, it is our guess that the rumors would slowly dwindle and the incident forgotten.

Jesus was not afraid to be identified with every type of person in society. He cared about them, felt their pain, recognized their humanity and loved them. This is truly an example for all of us to follow.

Thank you for your time in considering our opinion. We trust you will make the best decision for everyone concerned.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you personally. If you would like to do so, please call me in the evenings at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

cc: Father Frank Becker
Father Joseph Hornacek
Father Dick Mirsberger
Father Tom Wittliff
Most Reverend Archbishop Rembert Weakland

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[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222
February 11, 1980

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.
802 North Jackson Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you on the advice of Fr. Joseph Hornacek regarding the matter I presented to him last Monday and which has been brought to your attention. I sincerely regret having to write this letter which is in the nature of an apology for my actions which are an embarrassment not only to me but to the priesthood in general.

You have been most kind to me since my return to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and I am most grateful for your compassion and benevolence. When I spoke to you last year regarding the military chaplaincy, you were most cooperative even though that decision may not have been in my best interests. I accepted the assignment to St. Margaret Mary Parish knowing that there were some problems, not only with the pastor, but I was uncertain how I would get along with my classmate, [REDACTED]. As the months wore on the problems became more apparent. The lack of communication with Father Vint was certainly a contributing cause to my discontent, but perhaps equally disturbing was the lifestyle of [REDACTED]. With my orientation the frequent presence of teenage boys in the house at night was tantalizing to say the least. It was during that time that I met the boy with whom I became involved. There is much more that I could say about those evening sessions, but I do not wish to incriminate [REDACTED], as the boys refer to him at this time. I feel that he has his own problem to deal with.

I have been in communication with the mother of the boy involved and she is sympathetic and does not intend to press any charges. My concern is for the boy who has not dealt with the situation as I had hoped. Since he has chosen to share the incident with some of his friends, I have been cast in a bad light and the decision that I leave the parish seems to be a prudent one. I would be willing to stay on until June if that were deemed advisable. I have not discussed the matter with Fr. Vint, but will do so as soon as he returns from Florida.

I am grateful for the opportunity to meet with Dr. [REDACTED]. I have set up an appointment with him for this coming Thursday. I have also been in dialog with several other priests who have been supportive. I really see the need for a support group among priests of my orientation and have discussed the matter with Fr. Jim Arimond.

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As to my future I see several possibilities. Since last December I have been thinking about a return to California and have been in communication with two Franciscan communities--the Capuchins in La Canada and the Franciscans in Oakland. I have long been attracted to the Franciscan way of life and have been inspired by my patron saint, Francis of Assisi. Periodically I consider joining a religious community. I hope this is not an unrealistic escape.

I have also spoken to Fr. Jerry Lanser about the Albuquerque Villa and he referred me to Fr. Michael Foley. I spoke to Fr. Foley on the phone as Jerry had mentioned the possibility of an opening in campus ministry at the University of Albuquerque. He thought that perhaps in the event that I chose that option I could be in touch with the Servants of the Paraclete and their program while serving the campus community. I do not feel that I need to go through the six month program with them, but would find their support group beneficial.

The other option I would like to explore is the possibility of campus ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Since 1975 I have applied for a position in that area. In view of my background I believe I am qualified having attended Chaplains' School at Niagara University, two years as Catholic Chaplain at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and a short time at St. Louis University. I have attended conventions and seminars dealing with Young Adult Ministry in Florida, Ohio, and California so I have kept in touch. I find this type of ministry far more fulfilling than general parish work and for this reason I am questioning my role as a pastor for the 80's in Wisconsin. I understand that there will be an opening at UWM and at Parkside and I have indicated my interest to Fr. Roy Mateljan.

For the present I plan to remain at St. Margaret Mary Parish until the end of this month. I am willing to remain into March, if Fr. Vint wants me to cover for Fr. Dick Mirsberger who is going to Florida for a vacation. On the 10th of March I plan to fly to Hawaii with Fr. "Bruno" Henke and Fr. John Richetta to spend some time with Fr. Richard Beck. Since lodging will be provided, my expenses beyond airfare will be minimal. Originally Fr. Dominic Roscioli was going to accompany them but due to the illness of his father I will be going in his place. Right now I need a vacation and time to sort out my feelings.

I will be in need of a residence when I return from Hawaii. Several possibilities have been suggested. I had opted for an east side parish--where I could be close to the University to spend some time at the Newman Center with Fr. Larry Dulek. I have known Larry for some time and have also discussed my interest in campus ministry with him. Holy Rosary Parish has been suggested as a possibility. I have also been in touch with Fr. Ron Crewe at

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St. Hedwig's. A residency there also seems a possibility, particularly during the time he plans to be in Rome. He indicated that he will be away over Holy Week and Easter and has made a request for someone to cover for him. If he has not made other arrangements I would be willing to supply for him at that time.

I would also feel comfortable living with Fr. Jim Arimond and Fr. Richard Liska at Sacred Heart. I feel that Jim could be a real support to me. An added reason would be that I would be close to St. Francis School of Pastoral Ministry and the Albert Cardinal Meyer Institute. If I have the time I would like to take advantage of the programs that are offered there.

As a last resort I would be grateful if you could put me in touch with a benevolent bishop in California where I might serve. Periodically I get nostalgic for California--Wisconsin winters last too long--though this has been a mild one. I place this request in last place' because while my mother is alive I believe I should remain close to her. As you may recall she spoke to you at the Naim Conference luncheon here at St. Margaret Mary's. She and I were most edified by your homily and your references to your mother. She was widowed when I was five years old and is a great lady. She has been the organist at St. Mary's, Woodland since 1930. The parish will honor her this April. I do not wish to dishonor her any more so than I have already done. She is aware of my orientation.

This has been a long letter. I did not wish to bore you. I hope you can sort it out and that we can come to a decision which is best for me and for the Archdiocese. I do not enjoy being a "problem priest". I am grateful for a "benevolent bishop".

If you would like to meet with me at your convenience I would be happy to do so. I guess this is the "Bottom Line".

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

Franklyn W. Becker

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St. John's Rectory
[REDACTED]
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

August 2, 1981

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Your Excellency:

At the request of Fr. Joseph Janicki and after due consultation with Dr. [REDACTED] I am hereby complying with your request for a written letter of commitment to the priestly ideal of celibacy.

As you know, the last five years of my priesthood have been years of struggle and searching--a struggle to deal honestly with myself and the Church into which I was born. While the struggle is by no means over, I feel that with the aid of Dr. [REDACTED] I have been given greater insights into myself and am now able to deal with my orientation in a way that will not be destructive to me or to the Church.

God grants us graces at the times we most need them and I feel that this last year has been grace-filled for me.

Things are going well here at St. John's. Fr. Heffron has had a new burst of energy since his return from the Mayo Clinic and we have come to a better understanding of each other. I also find that the parish provides a challenge for constructive work.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I recommit myself to the priestly ideal of celibacy and service to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

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BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME Franklyn William Becker
First Middle Last

ADDRESS [Redacted] South Milwaukee, WI 53172
Number Street City Zip

PLACE OF WORK St. John's Church [Redacted] Milwaukee, WI 53172
Name Address City Zip

TELEPHONE [Redacted] (Office) [Redacted] (Personal)

I. TRAINING

Did you attend a minor seminary? yes

If so, which? St. Francis

Dates attended: Sept. 1955 to June 1958
Month Year Month Year

Were you graduated? yes Was your course of studies accelerated or lengthened for any reason?

Graduated from Mayville H.S. 1955 - Took Prep. Latin Course at
St. Francis 1955-56 Entered College Program in Fall of 1956.

Was there any interruption of your minor seminary stay? No - If so, please comment below:

Did you attend a seminary college? Yes. If so, which? St. Francis de Sales

Dates attended: Sept. 1956 to June 1960
Month Year Month Year

Were you graduated? yes Was your course of studies accelerated or lengthened for any reason?

No

Was there any interruption of your seminary college stay? No If so, please comment below:

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE cont.

If you have some supervision in your ministry, please describe the quality of the supervision:

No direct supervision.

It is unlikely that all your work relationships would proceed with perfect peace and harmony. Given this, do you think that there are dynamics harmful to you personally or to the harmonious operation of your work?

Lack of authority in some areas and inability to make decisions can be frustrating.

How would you change the ministry to which you are assigned, if you could? Already mentioned.

Pastoral team approach would be an improvement.

If you help in a parish, please describe your relationships with the pastor, associate(s), and the laity:

VIII. OTHER MINISTRY

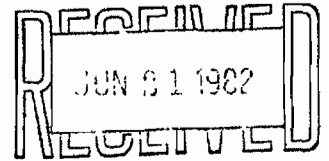
Please describe your involvement in the local civic community: Limited to meetings with other ministers, Kiwanis Club, etc.

Please describe your involvement in any clubs or fraternal organizations: I am not a member of clubs - make appearances on request.

Please describe your involvement in any archdiocesan, state, or national organizations:

I prefer not to get involved in these organizations which usually entail attendance at a number of meetings.

Please describe your involvement in any ecumenical efforts or movements: Participation in ecumenical services and meetings on a regular basis on the local level.



Person Interviewed

Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Interviewer

Rev. Joseph B. Frederick
June 7, 1982

Training:

Franklyn always seemed to feel quite close to the church and to priests. Part of this might be due to the fact that his mother has been organist at Woodhull for many, many years. After graduating from Mayville High School in 1955, Franklyn entered Carroll College in Waukesha, but stayed only a few weeks. He stopped in to see the Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Waukesha, who took him to the Seminary, and that's where he remained. Fr. John Twomey was probably as big an influence as anyone during his seminary days. Franklyn did emphasize the intellectual considerably and still does today. This is evidenced by his reading and by the continuing education courses taken.

Family:

Franklyn's father [redacted], died about 40 years ago, when he was only about 4 years old. Consequently, Franklyn remembers very little about him. His mother is still living and is now 77 years old. He and his mother either get together or he calls her at least once a week. She, naturally, did play a big part in his life. Even today Frank is concerned about her reactions to any moves he might make, not wanting to upset or hurt her by them. He does not however, feel that she dominates him, as one of the comments said. Frank has a brother in Indianapolis. There seems to be a positive relationship here.

Health:

Frank's physical health seems good, and, apparently he does have adequate concern in this area. The respondents, too, found no problem in this area. He exercises quite frequently in the form of jogging, bicycling, and swimming. Alcohol is clearly not a problem; his weight too, seems pretty well controlled.

Assignments in Ministry:

- a) Past Assignments

Frank has had nine assignments previous to his present position. He is now ordained 18 years. The longest assignment was four years. He most enjoyed the Campus Ministry work in Huntington, West Virginia. He also found this work most growthful and enriching. Frank seems to have a special liking to work with high school and college age young people. Frank prefers a Parish where he does have something to say and where he can make some decisions on his own. As far as why Frank had a considerable number of different positions since ordination, the reasons are hard to pin down. He seems to have left each one for a different reason.

b) Present Assignment

Frank is presently Associate Pastor at St. John's, South Milwaukee. The two priests he lives with, Frs. Bill Heffron and Vic Zwaska, are quite compatible for him. One of Frank's problems though, is that St. John's is really not his kind of parish, as Frank prefers the parishioners to be of a more "professional" bent. St. John's is primarily blue-collar. He feels his talents cannot be utilized as well here. Frank seems to relate quite well with the lay leaders, lay ministers, and the Parish School. He also feels that St. John's could nicely become a "team Parish". Frank would like to work in this situation, with more opportunity to make decisions. Frank is also reluctant to become too involved with the parishioners, for reasons which will be evident later.

Frank seems to prefer "one-on-one" work. An area which is not his favorite is hospital work. It is too depressing.

Spiritual Leadership:

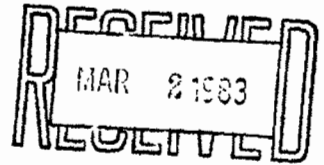
Frank, by his own judgment and that of the people, seems to do a more than adequate job in the various liturgical and sacramental functions. Also, his compassion, concern, sensitivity and understanding are seen and appreciated. The one point which surfaced quite often was that people would like to see Frank show a greater sense of enthusiasm and vitality as he goes about serving the people. Another comment coming through fairly often was that they would like to see him show more actual leadership in his ministry. Frank often feels ill at ease showing leadership because of the fact he is not the Pastor.

Lifestyle:

Two qualities which seem to be too strong in his life are fear and aloneness. Two fears are the fear of not being accepted by other priests, and the fear of the possibility of his homosexual orientation being found out by the people.

Frank has been hurt in the past by getting too close to people. Now he is hesitant and tends to withdraw.

St. John's Rectory
[REDACTED]
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53178



March 1, 1983

Dear Joe,

Just spoke to Wayne Kopruder regarding my salary for the month of February and future months. Wanted to clarify things as I am not operating under any false assumption. My expectations are full salary plus car allowance and food allowance part of which would go to support of the house. At present my only income is \$25.00 a week which I will receive from St. Mary's and any other help-out work I may do.

Since I have complied with all requests from you I am hoping that you will comply with mine. I have financial obligations to meet and cannot get by with a cut in salary.

As mentioned earlier I do not wish to be placed on the list of "work private" for personal reasons. And particularly since then Deffen has made derogatory remarks to me and has used privileged information against me. This is not paranoia but fact.

I hope the salary situation can be amicably resolved.

It was good being with a remnant of the class of '64 at Elkhart Lake.

Sincerely,

Frank
[REDACTED]

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I herewith authorize Father Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel, to release to Dr. [REDACTED] MD my Periodic Review resume and autobiographical questionnaire and also the 14-page comprehensive medical and psychological evaluation that was done under the direction of Psychology Associates in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Furthermore, I am authorizing at this time Dr. [REDACTED] to release to Father Janicki and Archbishop Weakland his findings and recommendations concerning myself and my present situation.

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3/23/83
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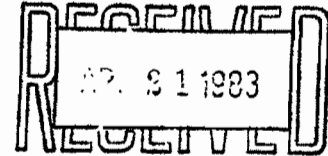
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✓ Copy: Father Janicki

April 20, 1983



The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker

████████████████████
Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012

Dear Franklyn,

After receiving your letter of April 10th, I spoke at some length with Father Joe Janicki about your future. I do not want to become too much involved at this point, lest you seem to be torn between too many authorities!

I am pleased with the way in which Father Janicki is trying to work with you to determine what is best for you and for the Church and know that you will continue to cooperate and keep me informed.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

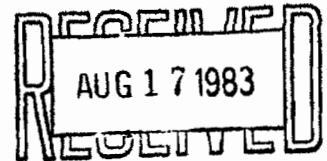
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August 13, 1983



PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Dear Frank,

I preferred to issue a separate letter in reference to your assignment at St. Joseph Hospital. My purpose in writing this letter is two-fold. First of all, I want you to know that I truly wish you to be successful in your new assignment. You have been ordained 19 years now and I know you desire to be successful in priestly ministry. I also share that desire.

However, a second reason I have in mind for writing this letter is to caution you that, because of past personal problems, should further occurrences of this same nature arise, I will have no alternative but to take canonical steps that would bar you from exercising any of the powers of orders or jurisdiction which you have as a priest. In addition, you would have no right to any financial support from the Archdiocese.

I hope this admonition will not be seen as something altogether negative, but, rather, as a genuine concern for your welfare and that of the people we serve collaboratively. I and my staff stand ready to assist you in any way we can. I want you to be faithful to your weekly psychotherapy session for additional support, and I would ask you to authorize your therapist to be in contact with me and Father Janicki if your therapist feels this would be advantageous.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

ADOM026051

July 18, 1984

██████████ M.D.

██████████
Shorewood, WI 53211

Dear Dr. ██████:

I appreciate the updated information on Father Franklyn Becker which you sent me within the past month. It is good to see that he is progressing under your care.

As you know, finding the right assignment for him continues to be problematic. I would concur with your observation that the assignment recently offered to him as chaplain to retired and physically ill sisters was less than ideal for him. As a last resort, however, I was hoping he might be able to work at it, even on a temporary basis, until the right assignment comes along.

A recent development seems to brighten the picture. There will soon be a chaplaincy available at West Allis Memorial Hospital that will be offered to Father Becker. I spoke to him today about it and he seemed to be interested. It may take a couple of months for this to transpire.

One thing that I must clarify is the matter of Father Becker being assigned to parish ministry. I can appreciate your recommendation along this line but in light of Father's problems in the past this would be impossible to effect at this time. This reason, quite frankly, is based on some pretty solid legal advice. This is not to say that Father Becker has exhausted his chances at parochial ministry forever. Establishing a stable record in a chaplaincy assignment ought to enhance his chances for a parish assignment in the future years.

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[REDACTED], M.D.
July 18, 1984
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I have already shared the above information with Father Becker. He gave me the definite impression that he would be cooperative. He has been so cooperative and hard-working in the past two years that I would like to see him go "the last mile" it takes for him to be a complete success.

Know that I will appreciate your continued attempts to help Father Becker cope with the stresses he may encounter.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

October 17, 1984

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Dear Father Becker,

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to become the Chaplain to the Catholic patients at West Allis Memorial Hospital in West Allis. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board and Father Joseph Janicki, the Vicar for Priest Personnel, I am happy to entrust this office to your pastoral care beginning on November 6, 1984. This appointment is being made for a period of time up to six years, after which time it will again be reviewed for possible renewal.

As representative of the Archbishop in that office, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying. To accomplish this mission, I ask you to work closely and in collaboration with the administration of West Allis Memorial Hospital.

It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 10, 1985

The Reverend Edward Dietrich
N.A.C.C.
3257 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Father Dietrich,

I understand that Father Franklyn Becker has completed two units of CPE at St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee, and is qualified for certification with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

Father Becker is a priest in good standing in the Archdiocese and I support his certification as a chaplain with your organization.

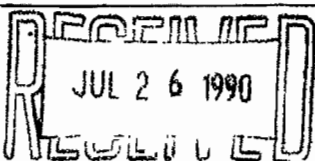
Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

Copy to Rev. Franklyn Becker
✓Mike Soika, Coordinator of Chaplaincy and Advocacy
(Archdiocese of Milwaukee)

ADOM026108

July 26, 1990



Dear Dick,

A nurse at the VA approached Fr. Russ Tikalsky yesterday and said that her son, [REDACTED] was a patient for two days at West Allis Hospital. Fr. Franklin Becker apparently took a liking to this boy, a teenager, and even though he knew him for only two days he has been calling this boy & was seen driving by his home. The mother is concerned.

The woman is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *Salph*

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September 19, 1990

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Father Becker,

I am writing in response to your recent request for an extension of your current position as Chaplain of West Allis Memorial Hospital. As you know, your term is November 6, 1990. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board and with the approval of Archbishop Weakland, we hereby extend your term for up to six years to November 6, 1996.

We hope this will afford you the opportunity to continue your priestly ministry, and we look forward to working with you in this endeavor.

Fraternally,

Fr. Tom Trepanier
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board

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*F. Becker was informed 9/19/90 that
you would be speaking with
him to get a more accurate
job description / accountability.*

T.T.

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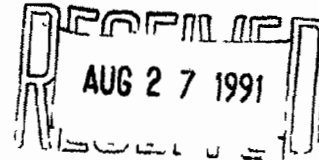
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August 26, 1991

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
West Allis Memorial Hospital
[REDACTED]
West Allis, WI 53227



Dear Father Becker,

I am writing to you pursuant to our meeting with Bishop Sklba on August 21, 1991. At that time we mutually agreed that for your benefit and that of all concerned, you would leave the position of Catholic Chaplain to West Allis Memorial Hospital effective September 15, 1991.

I trust that you have informed the appropriate people, since we will open list the position on August 29, 1991. In the interim the Personnel Board will seek a suitable replacement. Further, we will work under the direction of Bishop Sklba in finding a suitable assignment for you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Trepanier
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board

TT:pr

cc: Bishop R. J. Sklba ✓
Rev. J. M. Hudziak
Ms. Joan Betz



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
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Rev. Thomas A. Trepanier
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Tom,

I am writing to you as a follow-up to our phone conversation of last Friday. In regard to the matter discussed I also received the packet from [redacted] I sincerely apologize for the embarrassment this has caused you and the others involved. As you will note from the contents I am a prime victim of the exposure together with [redacted] The only reason I can recall why your name ever appeared on the list was that I felt that you among the others might have been willing to discuss the issue. Many of the people on the list had been or were celebrants for Dignity Masses. It was not meant to be a declaration or admission of a stand on the issue of homosexuality in the Church. I do not know if you were ever contacted for an interview.

I did not come into the project willingly and I rue the day when I agreed to an interview. As you will note from the correspondence the whole thing surfaced over ten years ago. I am not the same person I was then. People do change. There is a lot of inaccuracy in the report. For one, I was never "banished" to California. I was released by Archbishop Cousins for the assignment. Archbishop Weakland was installed while I was in California. A lot of the stories got mixed up in the telling. When one does an interview with a journalist, one is at the mercy of the interviewer. All I can say is that I sincerely apologize for my involvement with the project. I have expressed this to Archbishop Weakland and Bishop Sklba more than once.

I am at a loss as how to deal with this latest bomb dropped on me. Perhaps it is best to ignore it. I have had no communication with [redacted] since 1987. There was never a love relationship between us. I often sign my letters "Love and blessings" implying nothing other than Christian love. If anyone were to deal with [redacted] I would think it should be Bishop Sklba since he was his classmate in Rome.

I met with Tom Venne this morning. Hopefully the matter of finances can be straightened out. In the matter of a future assignment I am not opting for a position in Hospital Ministry. I need to get away from the stress of that setting and carrying a pager. Hopefully you will find something else for me. I am available for help-out work and hope to remain here in the City until I am reassigned.

Sincerely yours,
Franklyn W. Becker
[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

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Department of Clergy Personnel

March 16, 1993

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I am sorry that you were not able to keep the appointment that we had scheduled on Monday, March 1, 1993. I did call and talk to your mother, who informed me that you left the previous day. Then I received the information that you had called the Cousins Center and left notice that you were not able to keep the appointment. I certainly wanted to thank you for your consideration in calling to inform me.

When I called your mother, I asked her to please let you know that we were still interested in meeting with you. Since I had not heard anything these past two weeks, I called her today and asked where I might write to you. She gave me the address of Fr. Gorman.

I did want to let you know that we are concerned and want to be of help. I don't know when you will be in the Milwaukee area, but hope that we can get together at that time to discuss your concerns regarding Fr. Becker. I gave you my phone numbers, but in case you lost them, my office phone is 414-769-3490 and my home phone is 414-536-0374. I hope this letter finds you well. You are in my prayers.

Sincerely

Reverend R. Thomas Venne
Vicar for Clergy Personnel

RTV/sks



ADOM026209

May 10, 1995

Rev. Paul D. Janette
3501 S. Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Paul,

It was good to see you at the Spring Assembly. I found it very enlightening and beneficial.

I wanted to confirm my presence at the June 19-23 Retreat at Perpetual Help Retreat Center.

I would also like to sign up for the October 2-6 Retreat at Perpetual Help Retreat Center.

Since I was not reimbursed for a Retreat in 1994, I would like to apply those funds to my second Retreat in 1995.

As you know I am looking after my Mother in her home and helping out at Woodland, Neosho, and Rubicon. It is important that I get away periodically to keep my sanity. That is why I am scheduling the Fall retreat. It is close enough to home so I can keep tabs on Mom.

I hope that you can fill my request.

Hope that all is well with you and Sanity II!

Blessings,



Fr. Franklyn W. Becker

ADOM026221

MAR 20 1996



FR. FRANKLYN W. BECKER
CRUISE CHAPLAIN

Woodland, Wisconsin 53099-0040

March 19, 1996

Dear Carol,

I have agreed to see Dr. [REDACTED]

twice a week as long as she deems it appropriate. I have seen her on March 11, 18 and will see her again on March 21. This is 80 miles round trip for each visit. Since I am making these trips at the church's request I am asking that I be reimbursed for mileage as my auto lease which expires in Sept. '97 bills me for added mileage and I do not receive an auto allowance from the archdiocese.

I hope that this can be worked out between you and Wayne Schneider.

I'll see you at Reunion on the 26th!

P.S. Take it easy!

Sincerely,
FWB

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY PERSONNEL

FILE COPY

June 5, 1996

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
██████████
Woodland, WI 53099-0040

Dear Franklyn,

Hope you are doing well. I mentioned some time in the past that Tom McGuine, who is acting as Monitor for the Archdiocese, would be in touch.

Tom is a man of integrity. I think you will have confidence in him. He is a permanent deacon and has a son who is a priest in the San Diego Diocese. I hope you look upon him more as a companion on the journey than someone who polices.

Enclosed please find an explanation of the Monitoring program. I thought it would be good for you to be aware of the process before Tom calls you for an appointment.

Peace,

Reverend Carrol C. Straub
Vicar for Clergy

CCS/sks

SEP 05 1997

Sept. 4, 1997

Dear Tom,

Thank you for including me in the list of clergy who were recently hospitalized. I have recovered from my recent bout with kidney stones, but recurrence is always a possibility.

I wanted to let you know that I will be away from Sept. 21 - Oct 6. I will be travelling to Italy, Greece & Turkey - an educational pursuit, but not in the capacity of Chaplain.

I continue to see Dr. [REDACTED] on a weekly basis and have touched base with Fr. John Gockey as a possible on site monitor, since Fr. Lauren Wernig has left the area. I discussed this with Deacon Tom McKeeni also.

Recently I helped out at St. Malachy, Horicon & St. Mary, Mayville. I continue to assist at the Tri-Parishes of St. Matthew, St. John & St. Mary, Woodland, my home parish.

I have been asked to become involved with the Open 2000 program by the chairperson at St. Matthew. I leave this decision to your discretion.

I am scheduled for the November 3-7 Retreat at Oconomowoc.

wishing you well in your ministry, I am

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Franklyn W. Becker

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