

August 3, 1999

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker  
[REDACTED]  
Mayville, WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and Deacon Tom McGuine during the past week. I appreciated the opportunity to report to you firsthand the positive results of the consultation which I had with Dr. [REDACTED] Deacon Thomas McGuine, and Fathers John Yockey and Charles Wester. I would hope that you are encouraged by the positive report which I shared with you.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the revised Restrictions and Conditions which we reviewed during our recent meeting. The changes are somewhat cosmetic and occur in restrictions 2, 5, and 11. If you have any questions or need for further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I also promised to investigate whether or not any monies were doled out by the archdiocese because of allegations of sexual abuse attributed to you as perpetrator. Please know that the archdiocese has not spent any money for this purpose.

With prayerful best wishes for your continued effective ministry as help-out in parishes on weekends, and for your ability to be the primary caregiver to your mother at this time in addition to that already provided by the Nursing Home, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

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## **RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTRY**

### **REV. FRANKLYN BECKER**

1. You will continue in individual therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] and will cooperate with the Vicar for Clergy in any other requests for continued treatment.
2. You will have no contact with minors. The only exception is permission to have minors serve when you preside at Eucharist.
3. You will have no overnight guests in your place of residence.
4. Your ministry is limited to help-out work only as directed and permitted by the Vicar for Clergy. Any other requests for ministry (e.g. cruise chaplaincy) must be cleared in advance by the Vicar for Clergy and the Chancery.
5. You will avoid all places and persons who have been sources or occasions of serious temptations to violate sexual morality. Culture events on university and school campuses may be attended without advance permission of the Vicar for Clergy, if you are accompanied by a mature adult.
6. You will engage in regular spiritual direction with an individual approved by the Vicar for Clergy.
7. You will be obedient to the directives of the Archbishop regarding any further specifications which he might impose or request concerning your participation in treatment, ministry, and/or your personal life.
8. You will refrain from any retaliatory action against those who have reported on your prior behavior, their families, or those whose duty it is to impose accountability. This includes no contact whatsoever with the media.
9. You will refrain from conversation about the sexual orientation of other priests both publicly and privately.
10. You will cooperate with the monitor appointed by the Vicar for Clergy regarding oversight of compliance with these restrictions and conditions for ministry.
11. Review of these restrictions will be at twelve-month intervals or as directed by the Vicar for Clergy. It is your responsibility to cooperate with that review.

August 3, 1999

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

FILE COPY

January 18, 2002

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

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Mayville, WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

Thank you for your letter of January 3, 2002, in which you express your desire and hope for continued helpout ministry in the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland.

We are both aware that Fr. Russel Stommel will be transferring from the pastorate of those parishes in June, 2002. I do not foresee that this will effect your willingness and ability to continue to serve those parishioners as a weekend helpout. You are right in assuming that you would not be eligible for the position of Pastor at this time.

Once we both know who the new pastor will be, I would be pleased to be of assistance to you in informing him of your welcome ministry to the parishes in the past with the hopes of your being able to continue to provide this service. I understand that you have some personal things in storage at St. John's rectory, and may be desirous of seeking residency there in the future. It would be important for you to communicate to the new pastor your desire or hopes for ability to continue to store your personal items there/

Thank you for your expressed interested in these issues. Please know that you have my prayerful best wishes for every success in your helpout ministry in that northern area of our diocese. May this new year also be one of good health and blessing for your mother whom you care for in a special way.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

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January 3, 2002

The Very Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar General/Vicar for Clergy  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Dear Joe,

I am writing to you at this time to express my thanks for your kind Christmas message and also to express my concern for my future.

As you know I have been doing regular help-out work at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland which is fulfilling for me and also appreciated by the parishioners. With a pastoral change pending, numerous people have asked me to consider the position of pastor. Not only do I question my eligibility for the position but I also am not sure that I would want to take on that responsibility as I approach my sixty-fifth birthday. I do however hope to continue in ministry until age seventy if my health permits.

I would hope that whoever is chosen as pastor; would permit me to continue functioning in my present capacity and also consider a residency at the St. John Rectory where I have things in storage at present. With two rectories available this seems to make sense for me.

I realize that the position has not yet been open listed, but I bring my interest to your attention while plans are in the making.

Wishing you a happy and blessed New Year!

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE**  
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

April 3, 2002

Rev Franklyn Becker  
[REDACTED]

Mayville WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

As you know from Archbishop Rembert Weakland's letter to all priests of March 21, 2002, he has appointed a Special Commission to review all diocesan policies concerning our diocesan response to sexual abuse cases.

Bishop Richard Sklba also informed me that either he or the Archbishop has contacted you in recent weeks to inform you that your case is one of six which will also be reviewed by the Special Commission to make certain that all policies and protocols have been and are being followed.

Enclosed, you will find two copies of a consent for release of information form which has been formulated by Matthew Flynn, diocesan attorney. Please sign and date both copies and return one to me in the envelope enclosed for your convenience. I ask you to do this as soon as possible to help expedite the work of the Commission. If you have any questions concerning the form or its meaning do not hesitate to contact me or Matt Flynn.

You are in my prayers during this time of special challenge for our Church. If I can be of any assistance or support to you please be in touch.

Fraternally yours,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

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CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMISSION

I, Franklyn W. Bycku, hereby authorize the release to the Special Commission Appointed to Review Abuse Allegations of all records in the files of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee which pertain to me, including but not limited to mental health/psychiatric treatment records and drug and alcohol treatment records. I further authorize the Special Commission Appointed to Review Abuse Allegations to examine and copy any records or information contained in the files of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee which are relevant to me. A reproduced copy of this Consent Form shall be as valid as the original.

This disclosure is being made for the purposes of a review and investigation of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and any subsequent proceedings. Unless revoked earlier, this consent regarding records is effective until two (2) years from the date of signature. I understand that I may revoke this consent regarding records at any time except to the extent that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has already acted upon my consent. I further understand that information obtained as a result of this consent cannot be retrieved and may be used after the expiration date of the consent or its revocation.

~~I hereby release the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from all legal responsibility or liability that may arise from actions taken in reliance on this authorization. I further release from all legal responsibility or liability all Archdiocesan psychologists, including Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki, Dr. Barbara Reinke, and anyone associated with Project Benjamin, as well as all legal counsel for the Archdiocese, and authorize such parties to review said records and to freely communicate with the Special Commission. I understand that I am entitled to receive a copy of this authorization form, as well as a copy of any information with is obtained as a result of this informed consent.~~

This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by Federal law. Federal regulations (42 CFR Part 2) prohibit you from making any further disclosure of it without the specific written consent of the person to whom it pertains, or as otherwise permitted by such regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose. These records shall be maintained in a secure manner to make sure that unauthorized persons do not have access to the records.

Signature: Franklyn W. Bycku

Date Signed: April 6, 2002

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I called him in wife +  
recommended he get current  
status info from soc. sec.  
office preferably in writing.

April 6, 2002

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The Very Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Dear Joe,

I am returning the signed form you sent me with some questions and some misgivings.

I had hoped that after five years the matter would have been closed.

I am still in the dark about an anonymous allegation to which I cannot respond.

I was told by Bishop Sklba that I was permitted to continue my helpout work as before.

My questions are in regard to my Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage when I turn sixty-five in July. I received a letter regarding same from the Insurer.

I only entered the Social Security Program last year so will not be able to collect until age 70. I presume that also goes for Medicare since I believe the programs are joined.


I will need to be on the diocesan payroll until I am able to collect Social Security and Priest Pension.

I am wondering if things would be easier if I had Retirement Status.

I was sorry to hear about your pending surgery.

Hope to see you at the Spring Assembly.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

Eno.Release form

Phoned Becker 4-10-02  
Rent \$650 per mo.  
Car lease 600 per mo.

Help-out loan 500-600 per mo  
Expense concern over [redacted] who allegedly contacted Vicar  
Don Venne 10 yrs ago threatening to kill Becker

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ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE  
CHANCERY

May 31, 2003

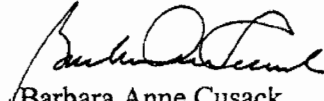
Most Reverend Gabriel Montalvo  
Apostolic Nunciature  
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008-3687

Your Excellency:

Archbishop Dolan has asked that I send you the enclosed correspondence to Cardinal Ratzinger for transmission by diplomatic pouch to the proper authorities. The matter addressed in this correspondence pertains to transmittal of the results of a preliminary investigation in accord with the norms of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter. A token of appreciation for your kindness will follow.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Barbara Anne Cusack  
Chancellor

Enclosures



  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

May 27, 2003

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11  
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

In accord with the norms of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, I am submitting for your consideration the case of a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Reverend Franklyn Becker has been accused of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors. The summary of these allegations is enclosed. Father Becker has admitted that a number of these acts of sexual assault occurred.

Over the years, efforts were made to provide spiritual and psychological interventions that would rehabilitate Father Becker. None of these efforts have been successful as he reoffended after each intervention, often while still in therapy. Father Becker was diagnosed as an impulsive pedophile in 1983. At that time, it was thought that a non-parochial assignment might be possible. A further psychological assessment was undertaken in 1996, after an additional accusation of past behavior came forward. In that evaluation it was advised that the potential for future reoccurrence of past behavior existed. Even while in ongoing therapy, he was known to have obtained child pornography. With our current understanding of the nature of his condition, it is clear that he will never be able to assume any public ministry.

As we have reviewed the various files, it is clear that he consistently abused his office both to gain access to vulnerable boys and to elicit the trust of their parents. Both in his parochial assignments and in his temporary functioning as a cruise chaplain, he found opportunities to abuse his office in a flagrant and repetitive fashion.

The impact on his various victims has been significant. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is paying ongoing therapy costs for several of them and has done so for a number of years. Our new found awareness of the severity of damage caused by sexual abuse at the hands of clergy makes it impossible for us to ignore this situation.

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

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On May 10, 2003, Father Becker was arrested for sexual assault. The alleged offense took place in California in the 1970's but, because he left the jurisdiction of the state, it remains an offense that can be prosecuted. He will be extradited from Wisconsin to California for trial. The public display that will now take place in the criminal trial in California, to say nothing of the civil suits that could arise there, makes the potential for true scandal very real. The media reports on this case have already begun.

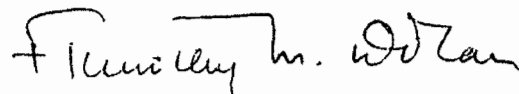
Given the nature and frequency of the alleged and admitted sexual abuse, along with the serious abuse of office, I have pondered long and hard to arrive at an opinion about the most appropriate action to be taken. In order that justice may be made manifest and healing of the victims and the Church may proceed, I am asking that Reverend Franklyn W. Becker be dismissed *ex officio* from the clerical state. Whatever financial needs he may have can be provided for from a special fund we will set up until such time as he is able to draw from the pension fund. Since it is conceivable that he will be spending some time in prison, he may be eligible for this pension by the time of his release.

If the judgement of Your Eminence is that this case should proceed to a dismissal by decree of your Congregation, I would cede to that judgement. Furthermore, if it is your judgement that this case should proceed through a canonical penal process, I humbly request a dispensation from prescription as well as a sanation of any procedural errors that may have occurred during the years this case was under investigation. The severity of the offenses is such that it is my opinion that these requests are justified.

I look forward to your further instructions in this matter.

With sentiments of deepest esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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NAME: Franklyn William Becker

AGE: 65

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
Mayville, Wisconsin 53050

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY: Presbyteral Orders – May 30, 1964

Curate – Holy Assumption Parish (West Allis, WI) – July 1, 1964

Associate Pastor – St. John de Nepomuc Parish (Milwaukee) – September 9, 1968

Associate Pastor – Holy Family Parish (Whitefish Bay, WI) – February 25, 1972

Associate Pastor – St. William Parish (Waukesha, WI) – June 18, 1974

Campus Minister–Marshall University (Wheeling-Charleston Diocese)– January 16, 1975

Campus Minister – St. Louis University (Archdiocese of St. Louis) – August 1, 1976

Awaiting Assignment – October 3, 1976

Permission to accept assignment in Diocese of San Diego – May 27, 1977

Associate Pastor – St. Brigid Parish (Diocese of San Diego) – June 24, 1977

Return to Milwaukee – March 1979

Associate Pastor – St. Margaret Mary Parish (Milwaukee) – August 1, 1979

Administrator – St. Joseph Parish (Lyons, WI) – July 1, 1980

Associate Pastor – St. Eugene Parish (Fox Point, WI) – August 12, 1980

Associate Pastor – St. John Parish (South Milwaukee, WI) – December 9, 1980

Sick Leave – January 25, 1983

Clinical Pastoral Education– St. Joseph Hospital (Milwaukee)–September 1, 1983

Awaiting Assignment – January 1, 1984

Chaplain – West Allis Memorial Hospital (West Allis, WI) – November 6, 1984

Awaiting Assignment – October 1, 1990

Unassigned with restricted ministry – July 1, 1993

Restricted from all public ministry – April 2002

#### DECREES ISSUED:

April 10, 2002 -- Precept issued with the following restrictions:

- 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.

July 22, 2003 – Above noted precept was reissued as being in effect for an indefinite period of time.

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**INVESTIGATION PROCESS:**

September 1, 1995 a three-person team of psychological and criminal experts was established to explore allegations that had arisen. The accused was informed of his canonical rights and signed a document on November 15, 1995, attesting to the fact that he was informed of his rights and understood them. In the interviews with this investigative team, the accused admitted not only some of the alleged incidents but also factually described and admitted to multiple others. These admissions were supported by various letters and entries in his personnel file.

**CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED DELICT(S):**

DATE OF ACCUSATION: February 1980 (Letter of admission by Franklyn Becker)

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): May 1979

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 45

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Attempted rape; genital contact

NUMBER: 1

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker served as associate pastor and was able to use his office to gain access to the alleged victim's trust.

DATE OF ACCUSATION: January 1, 1981

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): Fall 1980

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: Unnamed at this time

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 34

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Improper touching

NUMBER: Two

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker served as associate pastor and was able to use his office to gain access to the alleged victim's trust; the parents who brought the allegation stated that they had been pleased that a priest took an interest in their son

DATE OF ACCUSATION: August 17, 1982 (Reported by [REDACTED])

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1982

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 33

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Unclear at this time

NUMBER: Unclear at this time

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ACCUSATION: December 1, 1982

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): November 1982

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 33

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Unclear at this time

NUMBER: Unclear at this time

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; parents were proud that their son was chosen to serve as an altar boy on a cruise where their priest was going to be the chaplain and so they gave permission

DATE OF ACCUSATION: December 20, 1994

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1970

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 40

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital contact; attempted rape

NUMBER: 3

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish and the alleged victim served as an altar boy for him

DATE OF ACCUSATION: May 16, 2002

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-1967

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 49

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Unclear at this time

NUMBER: Unclear at this time

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish and the alleged victim served as an altar boy for him

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DATE OF ACCUSATION: June 17, 2002  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-1969  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 40  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: oral sex; taking lewd photographs of the boy  
NUMBER: 3

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish and took him on a cruise to serve as an altar boy

DATE OF ACCUSATION: July 1, 2002  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1977-1979  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 41  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Taken to watch homosexual male adults engage in group sex; genital fondling; nudity  
NUMBER: 5

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; informed him that he was assisting him in forming his sexual identity; alleged victim worked part time at the parish

DATE OF ACCUSATION: December 4, 2002  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1982  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 35  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling; oral sex; lewd photographs of boy  
NUMBER: 1

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker had been administrator at the family parish and took an interest in the boy; maintained contact when at another assignment; took the boy for an overnight stay at the new assignment when the incident occurred; made boy serve Mass for him the next day

**CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED PERPETRATOR:**

**CURRENT RISK:** Because Franklyn Becker is currently under criminal indictment, there is little risk that he will make contact with a potential victim at this time. However, the risk of serious scandal is extremely high.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION:** Franklyn Becker underwent several psychological evaluations and released their findings to his ecclesiastical superiors. The results of these evaluations are as follows:

1983 assessment – Psychology Associates, Wausau, WI (Signed current release on file, copy attached) – Evaluation conducted by a multi-disciplinary team of a spiritual director, medical doctor, psychiatric social worker, psychiatrist, and psychologist. – Psychiatric finding was Pedophilia.

1997 psychological assessment – Phoenix Clinic, Wauwatosa, WI (Signed current release on file, copy attached) – Evaluation conducted by a clinical psychologist – Conclusion – Compulsive behaviors and potential for future inappropriate sexual behavior

**CIVIL AUTHORITY'S ACTION:** Franklyn Becker was arrested on May 9, 2003 in Mayville, Wisconsin. He is being extradited to California where he will stand trial for at least two counts of criminal sexual assault.

**CURRENT STATUS:** Franklyn Becker has been without a ministerial assignment since 1990. He was permitted to provide weekend assistance at parishes under the supervision of the pastor. He was also monitored by archdiocesan officials. He was indefinitely restricted from all ministry in July 2002.

**RESIDENCE:** Private residence in Mayville, Wisconsin prior to arrest. Unclear where he will reside after extradition to California.

**SUSTENANCE:** Since being unassigned, he has received monthly support from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Currently that support is in the amount of \$25, 633 annually with an additional housing allowance of \$9,355. He has been maintained on the archdiocesan health, medical and dental insurance as well. Since contributions to the priests' pension fund have continued, he will be eligible for pension funding when he turns 68.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS  
INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Whenever an accusation of inappropriate behavior is made, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee takes seriously its obligation to discover the facts, provide for protection of individual and communal rights, and encourage fulfillment of obligations. In that regard, whenever an investigation or evaluation is being conducted with someone accused of an offense, the following shall serve as guiding principles:

- 1) Professional evaluators conduct the evaluation using accepted evaluation tools of their profession;
- 2) The person being interviewed/evaluated is informed of the process to be used;
- 3) The person being evaluated/interviewed is informed regarding what information will be shared with whom and waives the expectation of confidentiality regarding the sharing of information with necessary persons.

Upon being notified that an investigation/evaluation is being undertaken the accused person should be informed of his/her rights. These rights include:

- 1) The right not to implicate oneself
- 2) The right to counsel, civil and canonical
- 3) The right to review the results of any evaluation
- 4) The right to know what has been alleged and to offer a defense against the allegations
- 5) The right to due process
- 6) The right to have the investigation conducted with discretion lest his/her good name be endangered by the investigation.

In addition to being informed about his/her rights, the accused person should also be informed of certain obligations such as:

- 1) The obligation not to interfere in the investigative process
- 2) The obligation to observe any special provisions imposed by the diocesan bishop.

By affixing my signature below, I affirm that I have read and understand this statement of rights and obligations.

Fr. Franklyn W. Byckw 11/15/95  
Signature Date

Edward C. Benson  
(Witness)



JUN 18 2003

ARCHDIOCESE  OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

June 17, 2003

COPY

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker

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

Dear Lyn:

With many apologies and at long last, I write to thank you for your letter of April 23, 2003. So many things have occurred since that date shortly after Easter and I can only imagine the emotional roller coaster ride which you have been constrained to take as a result. When your communication first came to my desk, I was beginning the hectic cycle of daily letter reading and Confirmation celebration throughout the Archdiocese. So many issues of importance were relegated to some other moment when more attention could be given to the communication, rather than my being content with a pro forma acknowledgement. Since then your own judicial hearings and movement have, at times, left me a bit unsure of how best to be of assistance amid such shifting sands.

I understand your concern about financial questions because the impending change may have significant consequences, not only for yourself, but for your mother as well. Her advanced stage and deteriorating health undoubtedly make that a matter of concern for you, as well as your brother in Indiana.

I don't know the type of car you may currently lease, but I suspect that you are reviewing everything with an eye toward simplicity and good stewardship. I understand the personal need for such judgments since I have accepted a monthly salary of \$500, plus the social security supplement each year. My meetings on the national level, however, and meals hosted for local pastoral needs can and do come out of a professional allowance. I guess we both know what it is to be faced with major responsibilities and limited resources.

I continue to share your concerns with Joe Hornacek so that your basic needs may be met while awaiting further action with the District Attorney as the cases may require.

My prayers are certainly with you and my genuine interest in offering the emotional support, which may be especially necessary during this time of sadness and apprehension.

Sincerely in Christ,

RJP

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba  
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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**PENSION / ANNUITY VERIFICATION**

TO: Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
Rev Franklyn Becker

DATE: 5/30 APT. # 212

444-769-3430

DEVELOPMENT NAME: Mylk #15

APPLICANT/RESIDENT: F. Becker

TEL.#: \_\_\_\_\_

BENEFICIARY: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: 920 324-4784

**RUSH**

Phone 920-324-4050

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I hereby authorize release of any information requested regarding my income, assets, and allowances

See release  
Applicant/Resident Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number(s)

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- 1. Name of Plan or Annuity: ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
- 2. GROSS Monthly Payment from Pension or Annuity: \$ 1250 per MONTH
- 3. Cash Value: \$ N.A.
- 4. Interest Rate/ Estimated Earnings: % Rate N.A. Other: N.A.  
(If varies, provide average interest rate or the rate at the close of business yesterday.)
- 5. Penalty for Early Withdrawal: N.A.
- 6. Date of Initial Award: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Effective Date of Current Award: JULY 1, 2003
- 8. Changes in amount of award in next 12 months: Date: UNKNOWN Amount: \$ UNKNOWN

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Verifying Information: A. Kathleen Schwerts Date: 5/30/03

Title: Administrative Assistant Telephone Number: 414-769-3484  
Vicar for Clergy Office

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TO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APT. # \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICANT/RESIDENT: Franklin W. Beckwith  
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April 11, 1980

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

Dear Franklyn,

I am sorry that I did not at least drop you a little note in response to your letter of February 11th to let you know that I had received it and was indeed concerned.

I keep in touch with Father Hornacek and hope that all goes well.

Blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

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11/15/95

Franklin Becker

acting out 1st - 25 yr. old  
questioned about advertising fee. 1st incident = he was a deacon

a classmate - '63 - sometime

→ reported it to rector - [redacted]

also testified [redacted]

Spurred rector - [redacted]

he was asleep - (PB) touched him / jumped into bed with him

gentle contact - he was erect / no words exchanged

Summer

All student

highly erotic → classmate was partly nude -

(PB) → wet hand to his arse - PB went

back -

damaged returned for Green by license  
never spoke about it after that -

reported in March to rector - doesn't know for sure  
if classmate was the  
reporter -

(PB) had been out drinking in a gay bar -

Saw [redacted] for [redacted]

Spurred rector

- gave PB - but called Re. rector -

is sympathetic to gay issues

PB later ~~learned~~ learned might was gay

70's - [redacted] → Henty, West Va - 1975-1976

gay liberation movement -

(PB) put ad in Campus paper → to promote awareness group  
on campus -

article on sex in Campus newspaper -  
gave Catholic view on homosexuality - at another  
campus

Bishop → West Va - what news & letters were

"I have a low sex drive"

"I am not a promiscuous person"

PB had been Chaplain of dignity

got had slapped at St. Louis U. for his at dignity  
PB left St. Louis U. after explaining the nature of  
his involvement with dignity -

Cyd  
Sicut Chaplain

concept -  
"not a sexual predator"

P. 6 -

Chavis add. physical met. - not generally physical  
attracted to boys who needed - surrogate parent

swimming

area of affect - told him at movie -  
arm around shoulder

concept / wrestle in water - ? not a - no, one occasion  
I was [redacted] to court of Prot -

1980's

St. Johns in S. Minn.

Yessie him - I'd pull your [redacted] of - [redacted] checks  
he started to it -> he told his parents -> reported it  
at Joe Joubert

College student in W. Va -> Mar 21 - became exonerated  
not hi - "an affective relationship" - slept in hi  
not completely nude -  
[redacted] in bed of hope - wanted to get  
[redacted] hi in [redacted]

grandparents lived in Madison

took him to MURCE Gay bar - met former priest Peter -  
[redacted] wanted to spend night with P  
[redacted] FB - pulled him out of [redacted]  
FB in bed with DB IX - at Campus center -

"logos alcoholism & drug addict" on

Californian - adult - 25, 26  
y: 77-79 staff with good pay

St. Budget's / San Diego  
"we never slept together"  
he was a [redacted] - maybe disapproved

ad for Assoc parish in newspaper -  
Bishop did not approve of ad  
founder parish - blackboarded - perfume, drugs etc.  
parish covered it up

not physical - but "affected" -

1979 We FB left CA pastor → cited [redacted] to [redacted] man to  
protect parish from FB disclosure. The previous  
parish's problems.

also went to a gay retreat - someone  
parish was there -  
Ken

"after that I was pretty careful" -

Only → they didn't renew my contract -

in residence = Delano for while

Sued St. Budget's - still had a contract - again  
This story (coverup) was going on at

[Redacted]

att  
of 30

another person - Calif I got to know through a  
mutual friend -> died of AIDS since  
in bed with him / no direct genital contact  
= anal or oral sex in mutual masturbate

FB held his dose / kissed him  
-> he was married / bisexual

FB ryan to [Redacted] report -> felt it was exaggerated

no sex since '83 -> dead afraid of AIDS thing

5th class reunion -> classmate tried to rape me & it  
was so painful 1969

FB - had confided to him his attraction for him  
FB - left note under his door -  
classmate came to FB's room - "Is this what you want?"  
& dropped his pants - do you want me to come inside you?  
FB bled tried to put his penis in  
FB's anus -

I was in tight -  
didn't use any lubrication - I told him to stop -

[Redacted]

dx -

[Redacted]

17 yr old - fellow I got to  
know was here - another classmate who  
knocked him up to his room & got physical -  
membership at Levee Club FB told him  
1979 here - saw kid nude in shower - he was  
w/ well developed / w. hq -  
FB told him he was gay & other questions -  
reported it to Rev priest &  
other buddies of his & Rev priest - threw egg,  
let air out of tire  
FB told god what had happened with him -  
he got upset



Cruise - Nov '82 - [redacted]

went taking tapes - in good school - 7th grade  
my - S.M.W.E. → downtown

deceased -

[redacted] - writing a book  
classmate of RJ Sheln - Roman Semerani  
R. better → prof. tried to make a film of her.

got a phone call for her - wanted counseling for  
FB - met him at a hotel

before  
FB → [redacted]

tried to seduce FB -  
- ed. of Cath. Herald in Superior (Am. Leahy?)  
priest in Superior unit; gave letters to another  
priest - gave to other priest passed on to FB  
Richard Godin gave to [redacted]

activities in bus, baths, bushes -  
describe sexual activity in restrooms here  
- fantasy art good looking kids -

1970 [redacted] asked FB for interview  
FB furnished [redacted] names of 7 priests in MWCE he  
knew  
info went to [redacted] - Godin secret

she asks FB to write book together -  
name for price

Godin - FB) "I think I did sleep in her bed and  
wasn't any of my 'merry' friends"

Godin - tried to masturbate FB -  
FB "I don't want this"

1970 FB → met Ann to paint - All Family in Mitchell Bay

I've never told anyone at this time.

I was an abused child - verbally, emotionally  
predominant of my class in h.s.

Becker

- |   | Date                | Entry                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|
| ① | 1/10/81             | # 32                      |
| ② | 8/17/82             | # 740                     |
| ③ | 12/1/82             | # 1060<br>410             |
| ④ | 1/29/83             | # 112                     |
| ⑤ | 4/19/85             | # 37                      |
| ⑥ | 7/24/1990           | # 600                     |
| ⑦ | 2/24/93             | # 107                     |
| ⑧ | 12/1/94<br>(1970's) | letter from<br>[REDACTED] |
| ⑨ | 7/7/94              | Call from<br>[REDACTED]   |
| ⑩ | 2/11/80             | letter admitting          |

always knew he was a potential time bomb  
i.e. i. a little Nicolo not not as aggressive

took on a cruise - told people on cruise he  
was the uncle / shared a cabin together  
didn't know when charges would come

knew / as to parish

↓  
hospital

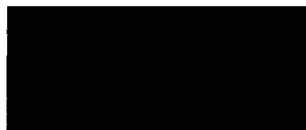
mo / - zero in a kid - take a long page  
by tip of seductive c kid -

he's been sleeping

seducing kids → parents' tremendous grateful  
for taking his burden their way

parents reluctant to <sup>parent</sup> accept to explicate  
kid

world's greatest scotchman & ambassador



- pauls don need just

bad judgement -

put himself in love - lust -  
Mercedes Benz / flash dresses

I that everywhere's he's gone → trail of seduction  
age 16, 17, 18 - usual -  
12 or 13 -

copy of notes from mtg w/  
Joe Hornacek on 12/26/82

Franklyn Becker

[1st indic. of poss prob - fall 1970 -  
report by mother re son - no follow up]  
2/82/80 - 2 parishioners aware of "unfort. incident"  
w/ teenage boy - prob. [redacted]

Becker promised tx + not to do it again,  
requested transfer

1981 mtg w/ parents of boy + Fr. Janick  
seeing [redacted]

letter to Weak. re committing to celibacy

8/1982 - [redacted] calls vicar re his bro +  
6is-intaw-concerned re rel. w/ their son  
parents told to confront Becker

12/82 - Fr. Heffernan reported to Vicar re  
Carrib. Cruise w/ boy [redacted]

mother supported Fr Becker

ψ eval in 2/83 - sent to hospital chaplaincy -  
1964 - rector learned of rel w/ fellow student  
sev. rels. w/ teenage boys reported -  
antic. further acting out

other alleg after 83 no notes '85- '88

'90 - complaint by [redacted] while chaplain  
at hosp.

no sp. Chaps.  
help-out while seeking weekly tx + under monitoring

'93 [redacted] contacted Venne - threatens  
harm to Becker  
assigned to Cascade ~~'93~~ 1990  
help-out since '91  
'96 - another eval. -

'84 - psychiatrist [redacted] recs another  
assignment bec of "progress"  
becomes chaplain at West Allis Mem. -  
term extended in '90 despite complaint  
left in '91 because of poor performance  
as chaplain - he's tired of complaints

Becker writes to [redacted]

'93 [redacted] incident

'96 Becker agrees to another eval -  
refuses residential + prog.  
starts seeing [redacted]  
sees monitor

11/9/07

St. Eugene's - Assoc Pastor

St. John's - S Millw thru 1982 - Assoc. Pastor  
late '82 - goes to St. Eugene's

# Joe Hornacek's notes from review of vicar files

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

DOB 7-15-37

Indained 5-27-64

Holy Assumption W.A. 7-1-64

Learning file - letter of 10-21-91 from [redacted] to Gregorius re packet received from [redacted] + regret for embarrassment caused by having Gregorius' name mentioned in a newspaper article. He denies a love relationship w/ Richard Dohm (Albba's classmate in Rome)

- letter of 11-30-96 Becker to Wheeland expresses desire for a reconciliation w/ you & the Arch of Mainz?

- letter of 1-30-97 Strunk to Becker acknowledges Becker in accepting consequences of his actions. Becker is seen as an insurance risk because of his conduct. He is allowed to continue help-out work & ~~is~~ <sup>is required</sup> to see Fr. Madeline Prachal weekly & to report to committee & even Fr. Madeline monthly.



- Becker began CPE training 9-1-83 @ St. Joe's
- 11-23-83 Becker now seeing Dr. [REDACTED], psychiatrist + Janicki meets w him.
- 5-26-84 Dr. [REDACTED] recommends to Janicki Becker could be considered for a private agent because of "program" he has made.
- Problem finding any kind of placement for Becker  
Change in WA membership 11-6-84
- 6-5-85 Complete 2 units of CPE @ St. Joe

No visit notes from April of '85 to April of '88

- 2-26-90 [REDACTED] complain about attention being shown to her son, by Becker since he was a patient at WA mem
- 9-14-90 Becker's term is extended at WA mem
- 8-21-91 " program to leave " "
- 10-21-91 see 1st page
- 2-24-93 Venue notes call from [REDACTED] re Becker's alleged sexual behavior while @ St. Margaret Mary in '72. [REDACTED] threatened to bill Becker & to commit suicide.
- 3-7-93 Venue notifies Becker about [REDACTED] allegations  
to her's agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 1-19-96 Straub meets w Becker who agrees to another eval - at St. Louis
- 2-8-96 Becker refuses residential treatment program while mother is alive.
- 3-6-96 Straub asks Becker to see Dr. Janicki
- 7-18-01 Defend home report of [REDACTED]

Incident file

- Call of '70 note from Surgeon states - name James Salomon come to attention to tell of problem re his son John + Jr Becker. No follow thru at this time. note filed 6-23-76
- 2-22-80 letter to Fr. Tony Faust from [redacted] stating they are aware of an unfortunate incident re Jr Becker + a teenage boy of the parish (youth to [redacted] but back for support of Becker
- 2-11-80 letter of Becker to Westland at advice of Hornsack - regrets incident w boy; mother will not press charges; ask for transfer from St Margaret Mary - will meet w [redacted]
- 1-10-81 Janicki notes Heffern reported a mother of 7th grade boy states Becker is intimate w her son - holding hands during movie; employer consulting during swimming w/ly held w Parents, Becker + Janicki Becker seeing [redacted] now
- 8-2-81 Becker writes Westland recommending self to state of affairs
- 8-17-82 Fr Faust calls Janicki to report his brother + sister-in-law are concerned over relationship of Becker + their teenage son. Becker, spends a lot of time w him + showers him w gifts. Parents told by Janicki to confront Becker directly.
- 12-1-82 Heffern tells Janicki Becker took 7th grade boy on Caribbean cruise w him. Boy's mother regrets giving permission
- 12-7-82 Janicki meets w Becker w/ no admittance and judgement in taking boy on cruise + stating it he was his nephew. Janicki recommends group therapy Becker [redacted] w/ [redacted]
- 12-10-82 Hornsack reports to Janicki that 3 mos ago Becker told some St John S.M. parishioner he was homosexual - several staff + trustees, state Becker made of youth before.
- 12-22-82 [redacted] tells Janicki Becker agrees to psych eval. at St John Hospital, Wash.
- 1-11-83 Becker will move into Bethany House ...

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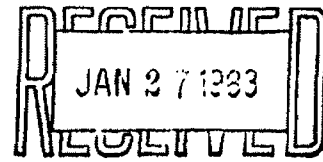
- 1-29-83 Janicki Learning <sup>from Young Anna Schulz</sup> Becker continues to see boy he took on cruise + another boy from St. Eugene's parish against his widowed mother's wishes.
- 2-14-83 Eval from Wasson Mental Health Services shows Becker in gay + participative in gay activities + enjoys speaking out in favor of alternate lifestyles (Admire Washland's stance on gay rights in Cate Herald) to news media.
- The Eval stated Becker's behavior a homosexual relationship w a fellow student, [redacted] It was reported by the other student to Pastor, Becker discussed it w the Bishop in March '64. Because it was a "first" nothing has come down. He admitted to several close relationships w adolescent boys <sup>12-16 years of age</sup> during his parish work + admitted one physical relationship. Recommendation to his sexual orientation is not likely to change. He will continue to act out sexually w adolescents unless given the opportunity. Psychotherapy will not change this + will not prevent further acting out.
- 5-8-83 [redacted], mother of [redacted], whom Becker took on cruise suggests Becker + states she believes he has been good softener on her son + nothing sexually happened on cruise.
- 3-15-83 Without mention of Becker's name Janicki describes his situation to E Michael Mc Cassin who recommends no assignment where he could possibly be in contact w minors - further suggests restriction from all ministries for 5 yrs.
- 3-30-83 Becker in meeting w Fr [redacted], psychiatrist.
- 4-6-83 mety reports seeing Becker w [redacted] at Bethany.
- 5-10-83 Fr [redacted] tells Janicki Becker is an ego-centric pedophile + homosexual. He is unable to stop himself from following thru on urges. Parish min is out of the question but would allow boys' chaperoning. Becker agrees to work w girls club.
- 6-10-83 Janicki asks Becker to work weekly w Zimmerman.

date	note	place	descriptor
79	FB	Marg Mary	• sex with youth
83	FB	psych eval	• numerous ages 12 and 16
1/10/81	32	S Milw	• 7th grade • touching in pool • held hand at movie
8/17/82	740	S Milw	• [REDACTED] (teen) • gifts
12/1/82	1060	S Milw	• took on cruise • 1/29/83 continuing relaj • 4/6/83 seen by Metz at transitional residence (410)
12/10/82	1104	S Milw	• homosexuality remarks to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] • sexuality references in high school retreat (summer 82)
12/14/82		S Milw	blind musician • poking • hid microphone • public denunciation
1/29/83 <del>12/1/94</del>	112	St Eugenes	• [REDACTED] child • continuing with cruise boy
2/14/83	176	sick	• statement of gay issues
5/10/83		sick	• Wausau report - pedophile
4/19/85	37	chaplain West Allis	• sponsor of young man
7/26/90	600	chaplain	• [REDACTED] undue attention
2/24/93	107	unassgn during 8/1/79	• [REDACTED] (HS grad)
12/1/94	[REDACTED]	8/72 on	• molested 7 year old son • unclear about others • friend of family 11 years
8/7/95	contact	1971 Nepomec 1972	• took to Y and grabbed movies (inappropriate) • HS frosh to WFB and attempted intercourse

therapists and evals:

- 1/10/81 Olen
- 2/14/83 evaluation at Wausau Mental Health Associates
- 11/23/83 [REDACTED]
- 12/2/83 CPE with [REDACTED]





January 26, 1983

Rev. Joseph Janicki  
2462 N. Prospect Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Janicki:

I am writing this letter in regard to a priest who is, as of Sunday, "awaiting assignment" and is presently up in Wausau undergoing a series of psychological tests. I am referring of course to Franklyn Becker.

I have deliberated over the past few days as to the wisdom of writing this letter. However, since you seem to be the one who has taken personal charge of his case, I decided to go ahead and write you. Lyn has been a very close friend of mine and my family for over eleven years, ever since he was assigned to Holy Family parish in Whitefish Bay. I have tried over the years to be a supportive friend. At the same time I have not blindly condoned many of his actions and patted him on the head just because he was a priest. I have seen him create the situations which led to his many uprootings, from Whitefish Bay, to Waukesha, to West Virginia, to St. Louis, to San Diego and finally back to Milwaukee.

I summoned the courage to write you because I am genuinely concerned about him, first as a human being, and secondly, as a priest with a future here in Milwaukee. Since, as I understand it, you were a classmate of his, I am sure you are aware that Lyn has few, if any, really close friends of long duration among either his priest peers, or the people he has met through his various assignments. He withdraws from any intimate, close relationships that require any giving on his part. I am a tenacious, bull-headed German, however, and have managed to hang in there as his friend, stormy though the road has been at times. He is a very attractive, sensitive man, a person who can seem to take a real interest in people's problems and thus has no trouble in drawing an admiring group of supporters around him early in an assignment. As time goes on and people become more aware of the real Lyn Becker and his many problems, including those with young boys, his new-found friends either walk away and don't want any part of him or a remaining few continue to believe his "poor, misunderstood priest" story and are quite willing to feed both his and their egos by wining and dining him in the manner consistent with his lifestyle. It's relatively easy to "buy" your own personal priest, especially one with his tastes.

From lengthy conversations with him over the past few weeks, I get the impression that the Archdiocese is finally beginning to draw the net around him and take more drastic steps to deal with his problem, other than merely directing him to [REDACTED]. I sincerely hope this is true. Anything less than this would merely be putting a bandaid on a bleeding sore to hid it from view without taking care of the sore. Therefore, my concern is that you might be misled by his "I'll play their game as long as it gets me a parish" attitude which I have perceived over the past weeks. While outwardly displaying acquiescence, I feel he is, on the other hand, still taunting you and others in authority. This was evidenced by his appearance at the deacon ordination

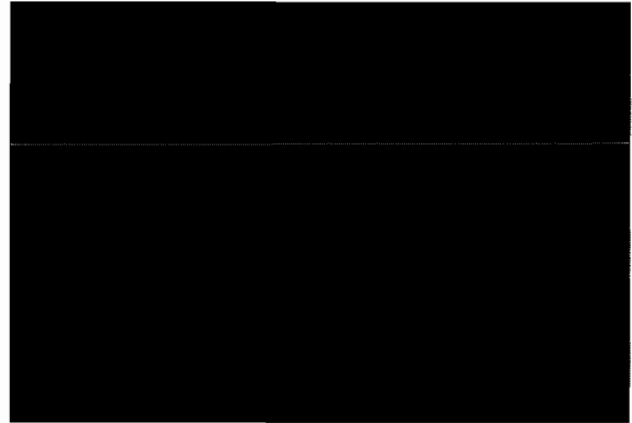
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last Saturday at the Cathedral with the young boy he took on the cruise last November, which incident was partially responsible for his removal from St. John's. His sole reason for being at the cathedral was to witness the ordination of a friend and former parishioner from St. Margaret Mary, who was well aware of the circumstances of his removal from there. His appearance with the boy caused much comment. It again proved either his lack of judgment and discretion OR his intent to flagrantly wave his attraction to young boys in the faces of his fellow priests and/or former parishioners from St. Margaret Mary. I think this incident proves he is really back on square one as far as any self awareness or perception of his problems.

I would hope, and assume, Father Janicki, that the contents of this letter would remain confidential. I am sure that if he ever knew I had written you it would be the final termination of our friendship and I would hate to see that. I think he may in the weeks and months ahead, need a friend who is not only supportive but who can get away with slapping his hands and voicing disapproval of his acts of indiscretion. Our friendship has endured enough and is such that I can do that. It would be unfortunate, I believe, if this were taken away from him. My concern is that you do not turn him out into a parish as a pastor, or team member (which he seems to feel he has been promised by the Archbishop) until he is truly judged capable of handling it by very competent psychologists, psychiatrists, or whatever.

I'm sure you can recognize that Lyn can be a very creative, sensitive, caring and warm individual and can, on many occasions, function well as a priest. At present, however, he is incapable of doing this for any extended period of time on a consistent basis. And this he won't be able to do until he recognizes his problems and shortcomings and willingly takes steps to overcome them. He is far from this realization. Until then, any new assignment would be just another bandaid and an innocent parish could get hurt.

Thanks for listening. I am concerned about him.



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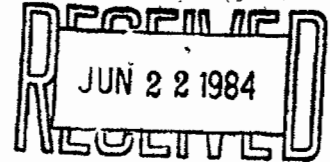
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SHOREWOOD, WISCONSIN 53211

TELEPHONE

June 20, 1984

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki  
Vicar for Priest Personnel  
3501 South Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207



Dear Father Janicki:

This letter is to keep you posted on Father Franklyn Becker's progress and my current recommendations regarding him. I last saw him yesterday, June 19, 1984, after a two week hiatus in treatment due to my recent vacation. He has been doing very well in treatment and making much progress at recognizing and doing something positive about his passive/agressiveness. He is becoming increasingly direct, and mature in his emotional responses and interactions. He is also finding it easier and more satisfactory to interact socially with those closer to his age.

However, as you know or suspect difficulty with dealing with either dominating or highly neurotic adult females (remindful of mother) can be an exhausting and stressful task for him. I fear that exiling him to chaplaincy for retired or physically ill nuns could lead to uncontrolled necrudescence of any or all of his problems. If the unconscious processes didn't get him, slowly increasing anger would almost certainly lead to a breakdown in the wellness he has begun to achieve relating to his passive/aggressiveness and manipulativeness.

It seems to me that the very best type of placement for him at this juncture as he seems to be proving himself for quite some time now, would be to place him in a small to medium sized community, ideally as associate priest--in a community large enough to have two priests serving the same church yet small enough that he could be kept under sufficient scrutiny by the other priest and by the forces which naturally operate in a smaller community. I discussed this recommendation with him, and he seems very happy to accept such a position could one be found. It is my belief that he could even be trusted with a sole pastorate, but I understand how you might see that as too great of a risk.

I would recommend that you review the February 1983 reports from Psychology Associates in Wausau and that you consider my remarks and recommendations in light of the description of Lyn's psychological makeup contained therein.

Very Sincerely,

M.D.

MGD/dbs

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

December 1, 1994

Archbishop Rembert Weakland  
Cousins Center  
3501 South Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

I read with great interest your article in the November 13 *Milwaukee Journal*. While for many years I did not think that you or the Archdiocese was adequately dealing with the problem of clergy abuse, recently I have felt you had become more forthright in addressing the problem. However, several quotes from that article, "...I have never dealt with a pedophile." and "[I] know[s] of no local priests who are true pedophiles" make me wonder if you truly *are* confronting the problem.

I find those two statements of yours very surprising as I am the mother of a young boy who, as a [REDACTED] was abused by a parish priest in Whitefish Bay in the 1970's. As I later found out, this priest had a record in his previous parish and after leaving Whitefish Bay, continued on his merry way in parish after parish, both here and out of state. According to anyone's definition, he was a pedophile. And he is still one of your priests in the archdiocese.

At the time that his offense against my son occurred, I was [REDACTED] children, very vulnerable and very committed to seeing that my children be educated in Catholic schools. That's how he came to know my sons; we took him into our hearts and into our family.

I will not go into the details of this priest's relationship with my family over the years. I was very naive and flattered that he took an interest in my boys, particularly the younger one. Neither of these boys had "reached puberty," which age category you use to distinguish between pedophilia and epebophilia.

You did remove this priest from parish work some years ago and persuaded him to go into hospital ministry. Accusations followed him throughout his stint in hospital work and he was abruptly terminated from his last assignment several years ago. He is now prematurely "retired," taking care of his elderly mother and helping out on weekends in neighboring parishes. For removing him from parish work, I commend you.

I was pleased to read your remarks indicating an understanding of the trauma and lasting effects such incidents leave on the victim's family, if your remarks were indeed sincere. It was many years before I realized the

[REDACTED]

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seriousness of this problem in my family. While I was at some point aware of this priest's reputation, I thought he held my family in too high a regard to try anything with either of my boys. As I indicated above, he was literally one of the family, and I was from a generation that had great faith in the Church and its clergy and put priests on a pedestal. Looking back, I can see that I was in a state of denial while much of this was going on.

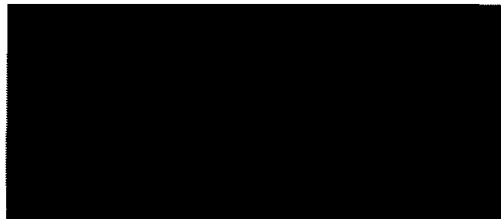
It wasn't until the Hlsly and then the Effinger matter made headlines in the newspaper that I grasped the seriousness of my son's abuse. At that time my older son made the remark that if his brother were living in Milwaukee, he would probably be leading the parade in suing the Archdiocese. I was shocked at his remark.

At no time did it ever occur to me to sue the Archdiocese or the priest.

[REDACTED] I believe we live in too litigious a society. Money could never heal the scars left by one priest's indiscretion. However, Archbishop Weakland, don't for a minute smugly think that the only cases of clergy abuse out there are the ones that sue and/or run to the media. All I really wanted over the past years was an acknowledgment by you and the Archdiocese that this problem existed and the seriousness of it. I still don't believe it would have caught your attention if various victims had not gone to the press. Therefore, I question whether your compassion is truly voluntary, but I do appreciate your efforts to make up for lost time.

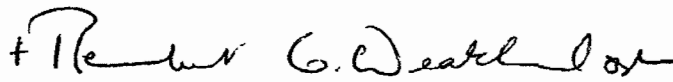
In addition to a deep sense of guilt for allowing, or even encouraging, this to happen to my son some years ago, I have in the past few years experienced a loss of faith, an indifference to the Church I was brought up in, and now a real bitterness that this particular priest has been "rewarded" with early retirement for a lifetime of botched assignments due to his fondness for the altar boys. He is doing exactly what he has wanted to do for many years - live at home with mother and make a career out of being a cruise chaplain, even to the extent of having calling cards made up indicating such. I find this very hard to accept.

I would be interested to know if you have any support groups for the families of children abused by the clergy and if so, if you could send me information on them. I'm sure there are many good Catholic families out there trying to cope with this problem but too ashamed to discuss it with family or friends.



September 1, 1995

I give Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and her clinical team permission to review Father Franklyn Becker's personnel and vicar's files for the purpose of evaluating and investigation of allegations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rembert G. Weakland".

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

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Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR  
RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Re: Rev. Franklyn Becker

7/15/37

D.O.B.

I, Rev. Franklyn Becker, hereby request and authorize the exchange of information between Catholic Social Services, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki, Vicar for Clergy, Archbishop R. Weakland, Bishop R. Sklba, and St. Louis Consultation Center regarding myself. I am aware that the disclosure of this information is for the purpose of psychological evaluation : evaluation of allegations of sexual misconduct. This authorization may be revoked by me at any time and will expire in one year.

I am aware that this information will be disclosed from my personnel records and other records at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Information to be disclosed includes:

- Psychiatric Findings )
- Psychological Findings) 1983 Report from Psychology
- Social Work Findings ) Associates, Wausau, WI
- Physical Findings )
- Recommendations )
- Other (Specify) Case material related to sexual abuse allegations

Client's Signature Franklyn W. Becker Date 1/19/96

Witness Carol C. Staud Date 1/19/96

**RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTRY**  
**REV. FRANKLYN BECKER**

1. You will continue in individual therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] and will cooperate with the Vicar for Clergy in any other requests for continued treatment.
2. You will have no contact with minors whatsoever. There are no exceptions.
3. You will have no overnight guests in your place of residence.
4. Your ministry is limited to help out work **only** as directed and permitted by the Vicar for Clergy. Any other requests for ministry (e.g. cruise chaplaincy) must be cleared in **advance** by the Vicar for Clergy and the Chancery.
5. You will avoid all places and persons who have been sources or occasions of serious temptations to violate sexual morality. This includes functions on university and school campuses unless you have received permission from the Vicar for Clergy in advance of that function.
6. You will engage in regular spiritual direction with an individual approved by the Vicar for Clergy.
7. You will be obedient to the directives of the Archbishop regarding any further specifications which he might impose or request concerning your participation in treatment, ministry, and/or your personal life.
8. You will refrain from any retaliatory action against those who have reported on your prior behavior, their families, or those whose duty it is to impose accountability. This includes no contact whatsoever with the media.
9. You will refrain from conversation about the sexual orientation of other priests both publicly and privately.
10. You will cooperate with the monitor appointed by the Vicar for Clergy regarding oversight of compliance with these restrictions and conditions for ministry.
11. Review of these restriction will be at six month intervals or as directed by the Vicar for Clergy. It is your responsibility to cooperate with that review.

Dear Liz,

There is no doubt that  
counseling him out of ministry  
would be the best solution.  
It would not be easy for him  
to get work, but we could  
try to help in that regard  
as we have with others.

This is the first I had  
heard of any abuse of his elderly  
mother.

Peace.

- Peter

Entry for the File of [REDACTED]  
By Barbara Reinke

April 4, 2002

I received a call from [REDACTED] a victim of Father Franklyn Becker. [REDACTED] has been following the Milwaukee Journal stories online, and is seeking information about whether Franklyn Becker is one of the six priests currently on assignment. I assured him that Franklyn Becker is not on assignment and has not been for several years. Franklyn Becker is currently in extensive counseling and monitoring, and lives with his mother. [REDACTED] was grateful for this information. I suggested that [REDACTED] could direct his anger about not releasing names to authorities in a letter to the Bishop. I also indicated to [REDACTED] that we would assist with brief therapy for the reactivation that has occurred. [REDACTED] can be reached at the following web address [REDACTED] I note that he might contact me again as needed.

BR:saz

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Status Report  
June 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at 11:20AM I met Fr. Becker at the Mug & Muffin Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker arrived in his new Toyota Camry XLE. He parked it at the far end of the parking lot where it wasn't by any other vehicles. I teased him about this. His response was now he had a poor man's car. He pointed this out to me several times before and after our meeting.

He asked if there was anything new about him at the archdiocese. I advised him that I was not aware of anything having come back from Rome as of yet. He is concerned about laicization.

I did tell him again that because of the budget deficit we would have to go "Dutch" and pay for our own lunches. He asked if there were any other cuts coming, such as to his monthly check. I said that I didn't know of anything else being cut that would affect him.

He said he had been feeling down. He said it was because he had to celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination alone. He said he went to Fr. Charlie's (Whalen) 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass on 5-30 and recalled his own ordination on the same day. Fr. Charlie had a big Mass at the parish. His picture was on the bulletin. The parish gave him a stole and a check for \$1,800.00. He, Fr. Becker, had nothing and received nothing. He was to have received his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary stole from the archbishop at this year's spring assembly. He said he spoke to a couple of his classmate and they had received notes or cards of congratulations from Joe (Fr. Joseph Hornacek, Vicar for Clergy). He got nothing and couldn't even celebrate the anniversary of his first Mass on 5-31. western

He said that he hadn't heard anything more from California. He had turned over the request from California for access to his personnel records from Milwaukee and San Diego to his criminal attorney in Milwaukee. The attorney did nothing with them and in fact missed the deadline for a response. He called the attorney and had the paperwork faxed to Attorney pat Madden who lives in the area of Fr. Becker's residence. Attorney Madden looked over the papers and suggested that Fr. Becker write a letter to the authorities in California explaining he felt these issues were of a confidential nature and he wouldn't authorize their release.

Fr. Becker said he did write and send the letter apologizing for the delay stating he had moved and the papers didn't get to him in time.

He said Attorney Madden sent him a bill for \$76.00 for this service. He then reiterated that he had given his criminal attorney \$15,000.00 last year and the man didn't do anything. They did negotiate a break and Fr. Becker got \$3,000.00 back. But the point is that Fr. Becker doesn't know what will happen to him next and he can't afford to keep paying these attorney's fees. He wonders if the archdiocese shouldn't be paying some of the attorney's fees since they are involved in these matters also.

He brought up compensation several times. He said he heard the priests were getting a raise and that they weren't happy. I explained the 5% proposal and the reasoning for cutting it to 2 ½%. I said with the 25 people being let go from the Cousins

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Center we didn't even know if we would get any kind of a raise. He mused as to whether or not he would get some kind of cost-of-living raise after July 1.

He brought up retirement. He said that he will be 66 this July. He can't get social security until he is 70. He knows there are some priests that have been allowed to retire before they turned 68. He wonders if he would be allowed to retire and what would happen to his pension if he did so and was laicized. We discussed pensions, etc. and he asked me to make a few inquiries for him about these matters. He is afraid to do so himself.

He said he thought about looking for employment but just can't do so. He said he is under way too much anxiety at this time in his life. He mentioned California, attorney's fees, lack of income, loss of income via laicization and potential loss of all pension benefits. (It was apparent to me that he had more anxiety than usual).

He brought up health insurance costs. He said that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] his therapists, were working to get him some benefits from an out dated disability policy he used to have. He hopes for some income from it but doesn't think it will happen. He also said he is concerned about the weekly visits to [REDACTED] and how he would pay for them as his insurance coverage has about run out.

I asked him about his visits. He said he meets with [REDACTED] weekly and periodically with [REDACTED]. He said they just sit and talk as he and I do. He doesn't think he needs to see [REDACTED] once per week. He thinks once per month would be adequate.

I asked about his current stress and anxiety levels. I asked whether or not he felt he would benefit from being on some type of medication. He said he has never been on these kinds of medication and didn't really want to go on them. He also worries about the cost of these medications on his budget. He did say [REDACTED] gave him her home telephone number a long time ago and that she told him if he ever feels he needs some medication(s) he should just call her and she would prescribe something.

In discussing his visits with [REDACTED] I suggested he contact Fr. Joe (Hornacek) to determine whether or not he could reduce his visits to once per month.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

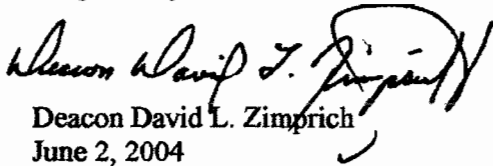
Fr. Becker said he continues to monitor the priest sexual misconduct scandal on an almost daily basis via the computer. He checks what is going on in California and

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Milwaukee. He believes that [REDACTED] his accuser in California, is a member of SNAP and a leader in the cry for justice. He worries that he will soon have to give a deposition and where that might occur. He worries whether it would be for the defense or the prosecution and who would pay.

I provided Fr. Becker with my new home telephone number and told him he was free to call me at anytime, especially if he felt overwhelmed by anxiety, depressions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
June 2, 2004

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Status Report  
April 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 11:30AM at the Mug & Muffin Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker said he had received a somewhat thick packet of legal materials from the State of California. He said that many of the victims of clergy abuse had joined together to file a class action suit against the diocese of San Diego. He mentioned that Attorney Jeffrey Anderson, who is representing some of the victims here in a suit against our archdiocese, is one of the attorneys' names within the paper work he received. He said that the materials asked for him to voluntarily send his personnel files to them for review.

He said that he didn't know what files they wanted. Did they want the files from California or Wisconsin or both? He said he didn't know whether or not he should comply with the request and send anything.

I asked him if he had spoken to an attorney and had the paperwork reviewed. He said he had called Attorney Smith, who had been representing him in the extradition hearing. He said he had done so because he felt they owed him some work since they charged him \$12,000.00 and really didn't have to do anything. Attorney Smith is looking over the paperwork.

He said he also contacted Attorney Pat Madden, a local attorney and someone he knows. Pat Madden told him confidentially that Smith had overcharged him as far as Madden was concerned. Madden also asked for a copy of the paperwork so he could review it for Fr. Becker.

Fr. Becker contacted Attorney Smith's office and they are forwarding a set to Attorney Madden for his review.

I told Fr. Becker he was right in having a lawyer review all of the documents that were sent by California. I would not send them anything back. I would wait until a court had ordered a subpoena and was specific in what it wanted in the way of "personnel files".

It was obvious that this has upset Fr. Becker and he is afraid he might have to return to California to stand trial or go to jail.

He was also upset that California would listen to [REDACTED] his accuser. [REDACTED] has a lot of problems and is just trying to get money. Fr. Becker said that he is mad that he has never been able to tell his side of the story.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

He said [REDACTED] calls him regularly. [REDACTED] continues to lose weight. He also continues to drive to West Bend to a Wal-Mart store to buy food such as cucumbers. He does this because they are the best and Wal-Mart has the best price. We continue to laugh at this reasoning compared to the drive and cost of gasoline.

He said [REDACTED] continues to call [REDACTED] a woman who used to work at the parish he was at in Lomira. Fr. Becker wonders if he drives her a little nuts also. He said [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] checks the computer often to get copies of parish bulletins that he is interested in. Fr. Becker asked me if I knew that I could get a copy of every Sunday bulletin by going to the archdiocesan web site. I said I didn't know this.

Fr. Becker said some people at the archdiocese will be happy with him. He smiled and continued. He said he is turning in his Lexus for a new Camry at Jack Safo Toyota tomorrow. He was going to wait until December but he got a good deal coupled with a \$1,000.00 rebate. The car is the same color as the one he is driving now because he likes the tan. He said this should save him about \$150.00 per month. He is taking out a 4-year lease on the Camry.

He continues to be very worried about money. He wonders if the archdiocese will keep sending him a check. He recalled, as he does almost every time we meet, that Bishop Sklba once said to him, "Don't worry Franklyn. The Church will take care of you." He wonders what Bishop Sklba meant by this.

He said that he was chewing something recently and suddenly it didn't feel right. Upon checking he found it was part of one of his crowns. He went to the dentist. The dentist said the crown had been fixed once before and they should do a new one. The dentist removed the old one and gave Fr. Becker a temporary. Next week he goes back for the new crown. He is concerned that this will probably cost about \$700.00. He wondered how much insurance might cover.

I asked him about his trip to Omaha for his niece's wedding. He said he didn't go. He said he hadn't been feeling well. He didn't know if it was a virus or what but he just didn't want to spend the time in an airport, at the wedding, etc. not feeling good.

He said his brother was not happy with him because he didn't call him for about two-weeks. When they finally did talk his brother was all right.

He said he went to his doctor for his annual checkup. The doctor told him his cholesterol was higher than before and increased the dosage of Lipitor that Fr. Becker is on. He is not happy about this. He also said the doctor told him that his PSI level is slightly elevated and that the doctor will check it again in 3-months.

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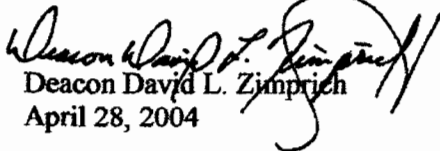
I asked him if he had started walking yet. He said that he had not but now with the nicer weather coming he was planning on doing so.

He mentioned his attempted visit to see Fr. John O'Brien. He said Fr. O'Brien has never called him back. He guesses Fr. O'Brien just wants to be left alone.

He mentioned the upcoming spring assembly. He said he heard that (Fr.) Mike Krejci had forced the issue and that the archbishop had changed his position and is allowing suspended priests to come. I asked him if he was going. He said that he was not. He didn't need people staring at him or saying something about him. He said it is his fortieth year as a priest and he should be getting a stole from the archbishop at the assembly. He wonders if he will even get a stole.

He said that his therapist has been questioning him regarding his insurance and whether the archdiocese will continue to pay for his therapy when his insurance coverage runs out. I said I didn't know how that worked.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
April 28, 2004

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Status Report  
March 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I Met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at 12:25 pm at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

He asked whether or not I had heard anything new about him. I said that I had not. I advised him nothing had been returned from Rome as of yet.

He stated that he was continuing to worry about money. He repeated that he can not go on social security until he is 70 years of age because he didn't join the program early enough.

He continues to wonder whether or not his salary will continue and for how long. He wonders whether or not there will be a cost of living increase this year.

He also brought up retirement. He said that he doesn't know what he is entitled to upon retirement. He doesn't know if health insurance coverage would continue or if he would have to pay for that out of his retirement income.

I asked him if he had spoken to any about these questions, either another priest or Wayne Schneider. He said that he had not. He is afraid to call Wayne Schneider because he is afraid of the answer(s) he might be given. He also doesn't want to ask before he knows what his ultimate status in the Church may be.

We talked about Easter and Holy Week. He said that he is flying out to Omaha on Good Friday. A niece is getting married in a Lutheran church there on Saturday. Then he is flying back home on Easter Sunday.

I asked him why he wasn't staying a few days longer since his brother, brother's wife and other relatives would be there. He just said he didn't want to intrude as they all had plans to do things. He did say his niece asked him to say a blessing before the meal at the reception on Saturday evening.



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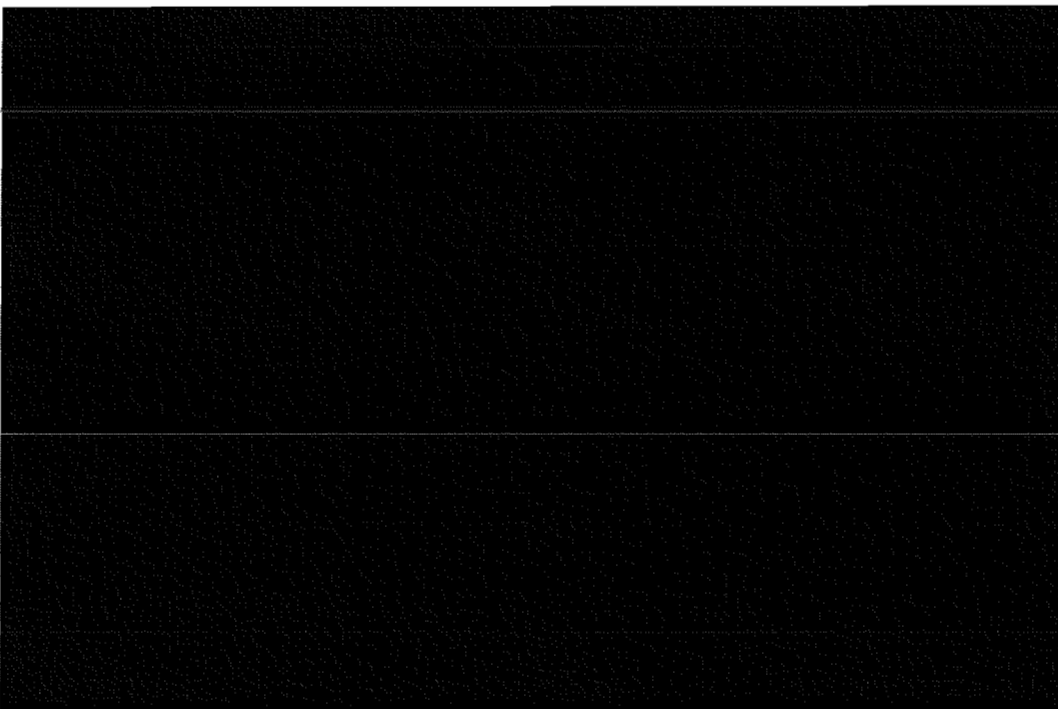
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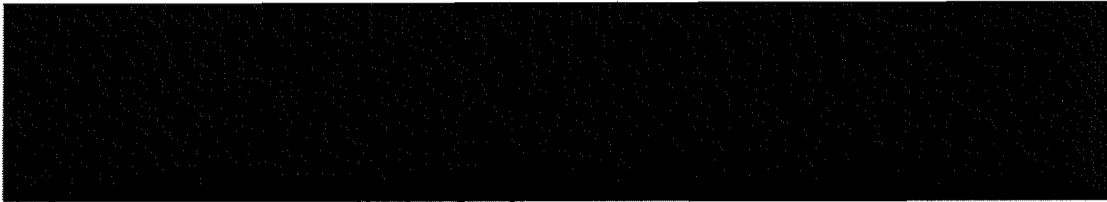


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He mentioned Fr. O'Brien and asked if I had heard anything about him. I said I had no new news. Fr. Becker said he went to a function or store and ran into Fr. O'Brien's sister. He asked how Fr. O'Brien was and she told him that he was doing all right. She said that he, Fr. O'Brien, goes over to Ireland a lot. Other than that he is living in a home on the family farm.

Fr. Becker took a drive one day recently and drove up to the farm to visit Fr. O'Brien. He had a nice drive but no one was at home when he arrived there.



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He said he continues to see his therapist. He recently asked her and her husband to fill out some paper work for his disability insurance carrier. He thinks he is eligible for some type of disability payout. He said the insurance company sent the wrong paperwork stating they sent papers asking for his physician's report. He had to call and spell out it was for psychiatric care. They sent the new forms and he is waiting for them to be completed and submitted.

He has not been exercising much because of the continued colder temperatures. He hopes to start walking more once the temperatures warm up. However, he is concerned about walking as he has been plagued by sciatic pain in his right leg for several months. He has been going to a chiropractor for sometime, seeing him several times per week. He said the man is not approved of by his insurance carrier so he submits the bills, gets the check and turns it over to the chiropractor.

We spoke about this treatment and I suggested that all of the "adjustings" might be the cause for continued sciatic pain. I recommended that it might be better for him to see his physician, obtain pain and muscle relaxing prescriptions and allow the sciatic nerve to heal. I shared my own bouts with lower back and sciatic nerve pain with him. He said he would think about it.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich  
March 31, 2004

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JAN 21 2004

Status Report  
January 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 11:30 AM at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker asked me if I had heard anything more about his case. I said that I hadn't. I indicated everyone is waiting for Rome to make the next move.

He said he was doing all right since the death of his mother. He thanked me for the card. He said he was surprised by the number of cards he had received. He said he got a number of cards from people he never would have expected and many of the people he thought he would hear from, he didn't. He said he got cards from brother priests as well as from Bishop Fliss, Bishop Bruskiwicz and Bishop Sklba. He was very appreciative of this support.

He did comment that he never heard a word from Fr. John Yockey. He thought this was strange. He wonders if Fr. Yockey is mad at him for some reason or something.

We talked about this and he said that he thought he would drive over to the rectory at St. Jerome's to see Fr. Yockey and ask him if something was wrong. He did admit that Fr. Yockey and he don't see each other that much since he can no longer be a help-out.

He said he does find himself getting ready to drive over to the nursing home about the same time every day as was his practice when his mother was alive and living there. He misses her but is happy she didn't have to suffer from long term memory loss like Alzheimer's patients do.

He said that he had recently gone to visit Fr. Ron Crewe at Sacred Heart Parish in Racine. He spent the night. He had never been to the parish before. They had a nice visit.

He said his brother's daughter had given birth to a baby girl since we last spoke. He said he is using some frequent flyer miles to go to Florida on February 2 for one week to visit the family. The niece has a home and Fr. Becker's brother and wife are staying with her. He was invited to stay there also but thinks it would be a little much with a new baby, parents and an uncle in the house. He called a retreat center he is aware of but they are booked the week he would be in Florida. He has two-nights stay booked at area hotels but is interested in checking out other retreat centers in the area. He is looking forward to seeing his family and enjoying the warmer weather.

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He mentioned he continues to worry about money. People probably think he inherited money from his mother. Just the opposite; she had some insurance to cover her funeral but it cost more than she had. When he does get the insurance he and his brother will have to add to it to cover the costs.

He said he has about 1 year to go on his Lexus lease. He can't wait to get out of the monthly payment and get something cheaper. He doesn't know what it will be, but it will definitely be much less per month.

We spoke about employment and even just something part-time to give him a couple of extra dollars in his pocket. He said the same thing he has for some time, "What could he possibly do?" He has basically dismissed the idea of obtaining employment. Yet makes references to what he might do if he loses the income he currently gets from the archdiocese.

If and when the time comes that he is dropped from any monetary assistance by the archdiocese, he most likely will need close counseling and monitoring to prevent self-inflicted harm to himself.



Fr. Becker said he went to the Clergy Night Out sponsored by Marquette University. He said he saw a number of old priest friends. He said he had a good time.

He said his back continues to bother him. He is seeing a chiropractor twice a week. He also sees [redacted] his therapist, every Tuesday. He said his life seems to revolve around appointments.

Fr. Becker appeared to be doing all right and making adjustments since his mother's death.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich  
January 21, 2004

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Status report  
November 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at 11:30 AM I met Fr. Becker at the Main Street Depot located in Oconomowoc.

After being seated at our table he asked, "Did you bring me any more bad news?" I said that I hadn't but then asked him what had happened. He asked me if I had heard anything about him. I said that I had not.

Fr. Becker then said that he had been contacted by Fr. Joe (Hornacek) a few days before. Fr. Joe told him that Rome had sent back his, Fr. Becker's, case. In doing so they asked Archbishop Dolan to contact Fr. Becker to see if he, Fr. Becker, would voluntarily apply for laicization. Fr. Joe then asked him if he would seek voluntary laicization. Fr. Becker replied that he would not do so.

Fr. Becker is very concerned about what would happen if he did seek voluntary laicization. He wonders what the archdiocese's responsibility would be toward him financially if he did this. Would it free up the archdiocese to just dump him? Would they continue to give him some kind of a salary? Would they continue to pay for health insurance? He stated he has been a priest for 40 years. The archdiocese owes him some kind of a living wage out of simple justice.

He said Fr. Joe asked him to write a letter to him stating that he would not seek voluntary laicization. He has since done so.

I asked if he had spoken to Pat Leggas, the canon lawyer, about this. He said that he had not. He doesn't really feel that Pat is representing him. He does have a friend from years ago who is also a canon lawyer. He called this friend and asked him what he should do and the friend advised him not to seek voluntary laicization. The friend indicated that the archdiocese must have a very weak case and that is why Rome responded as they did. Fr. Becker said he didn't know what kind of case they had since he was never given the names of all of the complainants or their specific complaints.

Fr. Becker then said he had also received a letter and call from Fr. Joe indicating that he and the other priests involved in clergy sexual abuse were not being listed in the Official Catholic directory (OCD). He said he was told that since they are not functioning it was thought best to leave them out of the OCD.

I suggested this might be good because that way reporters and alleged victims couldn't look him up and bother him. He somewhat agreed but felt it was one more way in which the archdiocese was slowly getting rid of the men.

He said he was not going to be involved in the group therapy for clergy involved in sexual abuse through [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] the husband of his therapist, had called Bishop Sklba [REDACTED] explained to the bishop that this type of therapy would not be good for Fr. Becker. Bishop Sklba had agreed. Fr. Becker seemed pleased about this.

Fr. Becker spoke about having to find some kind of employment if he were ultimately dumped by the archdiocese. He said that he is 67 and could retire at 68 but wouldn't have his quarters in for social security. He said he had heard that Fr. Mike Krejci had been applying for jobs. He wondered how he found out about them.

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I said he should call Fr. Mike and ask him. I said I knew he was using certain computer job search companies. He said he would have to think about this as he is really too old to start looking for a job.

He wondered what some of the other priests were doing for support and whether or not the archdiocese was continuing to provide checks and other help. He mentioned that he had received a letter some time ago from Bishop Sklba telling him he would be cared for by the archdiocese. [REDACTED]

I told him I didn't know anything about this.

I asked him how he was doing in light of what he had told me. He said some mornings he wakes up and just wishes that the Lord had taken him in his sleep. He said he is not currently, nor has he recently, thought about committing suicide. He does get depressed at times.

I asked him what he was planning on doing for Thanksgiving. He said he would just go to the nursing home and eat with his mother. She seems to be holding her own.

His brother is planning on coming up to Wisconsin from Muncie some time before Christmas. Fr. Becker is looking forward to seeing his brother and spending some time with him.

Fr. Becker mused as to whether or not his brother could take him in. He decided he could not afford to do so. His brother is retired from the railroad, married with 3 children and 3 grandchildren, with a fourth on the way. He is not rich. He has his pension and that is about it. His brother is comfortable but that would be all.

I assured him I would continue to keep him in my prayers. I told him if he needed me he should feel free to call me at any time to talk or to get together if things started to pile up and he needed to talk or felt he couldn't cope.

He said he had gone on the computer last Thursday and had pulled up the San Diego newspaper. He read an article a reporter had written about [REDACTED] is the man who filed a complaint against Fr. Becker in regards to an incident(s) that occurred when Fr. Becker lived and worked in California. Fr. Becker is concerned that the State of California might still try to come after him. He is also afraid that [REDACTED] might bring a law suit against him.

I asked if [REDACTED] has contacted him since the last time and he said that he had not.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich

November 19, 2003

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Status Report  
October 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at 11:30 AM at the Main Street Depot located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker said he was doing all right. He still isn't walking or exercising very much. Because of this he said he has put on a couple of pounds.

I asked about his mother. He stated that she is going down hill. Currently it isn't her physical health but her mental health that is failing. She is becoming more and more forgetful. He saw her on Monday. Every Monday she plays bingo. When he asked her about the bingo game she couldn't remember even having played. She routinely forgets things that he has told her several times.

He spoke to his brother from Muncie recently and his brother told Fr. Becker that their mother didn't know what or whom he was talking about when he told her about her grandchildren.

Fr. Becker fears that one day she will just pass away. It might be best for her but it will be very hard on him.

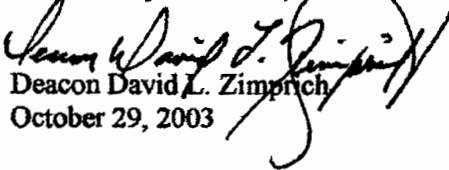
He said he had spoken to a friend who is a canon lawyer. The man recently attended the canon law convention in Spokane. He allegedly had spoken to Pat Legas, the Chancellor and canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Chicago while there. He asked about Fr. Becker's case and was told that things were being held up because Milwaukee wasn't sending all the materials that he, Pat Legas, had requested.

I indicated that I had not heard anything about any of the cases other than that they were all "sitting" in Rome.

We talked in general about the fires in California, Deacon Tom McGuine, who lives in California but not close to the fires, and the weather.

There was nothing of any note or concern to talk about or to report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimpfich  
October 29, 2003

Status Report  
September 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 3

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I met Fr. Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 at 11:25 AM.

I asked him how his trip to Door County had been. He stated he had a great time but that he wished it could have been longer.

I recalled he said he was going with a man named Ron. Therefore I asked him if Ron was the same man/priest who had come with him to the Cousins Center to look at the suites for retired priests. He said it was not. Ron is Fr. Ron Crewe, the pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Racine, WI.

He said they went out to eat several times. He said Ron loves to go to antique stores and so they drove all over Door County looking at antiques. He said Ron is always looking for old postcards from Germany.

I asked what else they did. He said he could have stayed in Door County but that Door County is too quiet for Ron. They drove to Sturgeon Bay and hit some antique shops there. They also ate out there one evening.

Fr. Becker mentioned that he had parked his car at a parish in Kohler, WI. The parish secretary said he could leave the car in her garage at the parish. When he got back and backed out of the garage he hit the left rear quarter panel on the side of the garage entrance. He subsequently went to the Lexus dealer and they were able to rub out the damage with rubbing compound.

He said he has one year left on the car's lease and can't wait for it to be up so he can get something less expensive.

He spoke of money again. He is very concerned about money. He said he had gotten a letter from Fr. Alan Jurkus, the head of the priests' St. Michael's Fund. In the past the Fund has given him money to help pay for prescriptions. The letter suggested he try to get some Mass stipend money to help him pay for the prescriptions in the future.

He said he had been told by the vicar that he couldn't get Mass stipends. He wrote to Fr. Jurkus and suggested that he, Fr. Jurkus, contact the vicar for him.

He said he also got several bills for medical expenses. He questioned his insurance company, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and was told that his deductible had been raised to \$500.00. He questioned this and I shared that I had WPS and my deductible had also gone up a substantial amount the last few years. He again said he didn't know how he would keep paying for things with his decrease in income.

He wondered if he were to be laicized would the archdiocese still be responsible for a portion of his health insurance, and what about his pension. I said that I thought the pension would be covered by Federal Law. However, I said I didn't know anything about the insurance coverage. I suggested he call Wayne Schneider at the Cousins Center.

Fr. Becker said he continues to worry everyday about his future. He is concerned about money. He can't sleep at night like he used to because he is so afraid of a knock on the door and the police being there to take him back to jail. He said he can never forget that experience and lives with it everyday and night.

Fr. Becker is deathly afraid that someone is going to come forward and make a complaint against him that will fall within the statute of limitations.

Page Two of Two  
September 2003  
Person # 3

He brought up the fact that the legislature was still exploring a law similar to the one if California that granted a 1 year time period for anyone abused by a priest to come forward. I said California's law had been found unconstitutional and I firmly believed if passed it would be found unconstitutional here also. The legislature can't grandfather in penalties greater than already in the law at the time of an offense. I said this was politicians placating their constituents.

He asked if I had heard anything more about his having to move to the Cousins Center. I said I believed that was a dead issue at this time.

He asked if the group therapy idea had died. I said that it hadn't but had been put on hold for a while because the vicar had been too busy with other matters to get a letter out to all of the affected priests.

I asked what he is doing to help take his mind off of his worrying and/or problems. He said he continues to see [REDACTED] his therapist.

He said he also checks the Internet daily to keep up on the latest issues concerning clergy sexual abuse. He mentioned some priest in another state who had recently been named in a story.

I asked him if he was walking. He said he wasn't. I tried to encourage him to do so on a daily basis since the weather was no longer as hot and humid as it had been.

He mentioned he had a bike in a closet in his apartment. But went on to say he never rides it. It is just too hard to get it out and take it outside. He doesn't have a helmet and doesn't like to wear them any way.

He asked if I had heard anything more about his case. I said I had not. The latest I had heard was that the archbishop was waiting to hear something from Rome. To date he hasn't heard anything about anyone's case.

Fr. Becker mentioned that the archbishop had called him a couple of weeks ago. He said it was about 4:30 in the afternoon. His telephone rang. He answered it and the voice on the other end said he was Archbishop Dolan. He said the archbishop asked him how he was. He told him that he, the archbishop, is his pastor as well as the pastor of everyone else in the archdiocese.

Fr. Becker said he tried to ask the archbishop something about his case. The archbishop said he was not able to discuss Fr. Becker's case with him. He, the archbishop, was just checking on Fr. Becker's state of mind and health, etc.

Fr. Becker asked about several of the other priests, i.e., Frs. Flynt and O'Brien. [REDACTED]

We talked about the priests gathering at St. Mathias. He said he hadn't heard too much about the meeting. He expected Fr. Charles Wester would tell the district all about it when they next meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich  
September 24, 2003

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7-12 mtg of Deakal, medicine, Jockey, Wata & Howard

Academic prog. to develop skills for his retirement years  
- more ministry?

alcohol program

How can we help you to use your creative skills  
in a way that fulfills you?

\* Has he signed release form yet? - re medicine 12-12-98

7-28-99 mtg w/ Franklin Becker <sup>less anger</sup> <sup>less presumption & other private stories</sup> <sup>good sense of humor</sup> <sup>continue work on boundaries</sup>

- 1) Affirm progress made then weekly mtgs w/ Dr. Deakal & Deakal
- 2) Commend him for monthly mtgs w/ Tom Medicine.

Reviewed since June '96  
last reviewed w/ R&W, Frank  
Medicine & his  
1-29-97

- 3) Review Restrictions noting changes in # 2 + 5  
Who is his spiritual director? #2 Having minor sense of purpose  
5/97 Dr. Reed at Holy Hill #5 Attending social functions on campus w/ responsible adults ok
- 4) Encourage relationships w/ mature adults + some clergy in his area regardless of faith background. Academic pursuits esp. alcohol
- 5) signed release form yet for Deakal to share info w/ Vicki?

going assembly / District mtg? / Retreat  
Discourage = obtaining a computer

Drive to France in Sept (Europe 17 days July of '98)  
Breast cancer in '97

✓ Any \$ paid out for law suite? No!



2. You will have no contact with minors. The only exception is permission to have minor serve <sup>when you preside</sup> at Eucharist.
5. 1st sentence remains. Cultural events on university and school campuses may be attended <sup>without advance permission of</sup> if <sup>accompanied</sup> by a mature adult.
11. Review .... at twelve month intervals

3-17-99 Dr. Charles Jacobson reports Franklyn <sup>Becker</sup> has been quite cooperative.  
~~Franklyn~~ He had one outbreak related to a bad tooth with an abscess.  
Dr. Weston told Frank that there were openings in perianth proximity.  
Charles told " this could not be a good choice for him  
because of several possible conflicts

At times he complains he's not being well-used by  
the Director. When she asked if he wanted her to suggest an  
assignment he admitted he was happy where he was,  
near his mother.

Becker handled a conflict w another assignment  
quite well over some noise - which he reported to the manager.

He shares books he's reading w her - which suggest  
his commitment to homosexuality + interest in young men.  
She walks thru potential problems w him which prevent acting out.

2 wks ago he was involved in a project re his enlarged  
prostate + this resulted in increased irritation + reduced sex drive  
She urged him to continue taking the med.

He goes in for back adjustments regularly, + ruminates  
about various illnesses he might have. He may also go in  
for an anonymous evaluation of any possibility of HIV

We're encouraging him to develop new friendships  
I'm not concerned about young guys but about those  
over 16 yrs of age w whom he likes to reveal too much  
about himself.

He's letting go of former relationships gradually + not  
dwelling upon those people who have had similar experience  
as he has.

She will be out of the office for next week

Conversation with Tom McGuine 6/12/96

Re: Franklyn Becker and His Monitor's File

Permission Granted

-for Franklyn to assist at Funerals when requested

-also permission granted to assist at Liturgy when youth are serving as acolytes

-also permission for Franklyn to go on cruise and not serve as Chaplain in July of '96

It was agreed that Fr. Laurin Wenig and Fr. Charles Wester serve as on-site supervisors.

DEC 28 1998

RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTRY  
REV. FRANKLYN BECKER

1. You will continue in individual therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] and will cooperate with the Vicar for Clergy in any other requests for continued treatment.
2. You will have no contact with minors whatsoever. There are no exceptions.
3. You will have no overnight guests in your place of residence.
4. Your ministry is limited to help out work **only** as directed and permitted by the Vicar for Clergy. Any other requests for ministry (e.g. cruise chaplaincy) must be cleared in advance by the Vicar for Clergy and the Chancery.
5. You will avoid all places and persons who have been sources or occasions of serious temptations to violate sexual morality. This includes functions on university and school campuses unless you have received permission from the Vicar for Clergy in advance of that function.
6. You will engage in regular spiritual direction with an individual approved by the Vicar for Clergy.
7. You will be obedient to the directives of the Archbishop regarding any further specifications which he might impose or request concerning your participation in treatment, ministry, and/or your personal life.
8. You will refrain from any retaliatory action against those who have reported on your prior behavior, their families, or those whose duty it is to impose accountability. This includes no contact whatsoever with the media.
9. You will refrain from conversation about the sexual orientation of other priests both publicly and privately.
10. You will cooperate with the monitor appointed by the Vicar for Clergy regarding oversight of compliance with these restrictions and conditions for ministry.
11. Review of these restriction will be at six month intervals or as directed by the Vicar for Clergy. It is your responsibility to cooperate with that review.

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I have read and have been explained the conditions of ministry established by the Vicar for Clergy.  
( Page One ) I have also received a copy. I agree to abide by these instructions I also have read  
and received a copy of the Monitoring Program for Priests dated April 1996.

Franklyn W. Byrnes  
Signature.

6/11/96  
Date.

Deacon Tom McGuine  
Monitor - Deacon Tom McGuine

6-11-96  
Date.

JUN 18 1996

June 14, 1996

Father Carrol C. Straub  
Vicar for Clergy  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
3501 South Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Father Carrol:

Enclosed you will find the results of my efforts concerning Father Franklyn Becker. I'm happy to report all went well and both on-site supervisors are in place. I have scheduled meeting with Father Becker for the remainder of the year and monthly contacts with the on-site priests. Thus far everyone is very supportive of the program and the efforts of your office to bring guidance and direction to these issues. I think the program will continue to be successful.

Within the next weeks I plan on contacting the remaining priests selected for monitoring.

In His service,

*Tom*

Deacon Tom McGuine

Enclosures (4)

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JUN 18 1996

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**REV. FRANKLYN BECKER**

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( Page One ) I have also received a copy. I agree to abide by these instructions. I also have read  
and received a copy of the Monitoring Program for Priests dated April 1996.

Franklyn W. Byrke  
Signature.

6/11/96  
Date.

Deacon Tom M. McGuine  
Monitor - Deacon Tom McGuine

6-11-96  
Date.



JUN 18 1996

Restrictions  
6/05/96

1. No contact with minors whatsoever.
2. No overnight guests in your place of residence.
3. Avoid all places and persons who are sources or occasions of serious temptations to violate sexual morality. This includes functions on university and school campuses.
4. Refrain from any retaliatory action against those who have reported prior behavior, their families, or those whose duty it is to impose accountability. This includes no contact whatsoever with the media.
5. Refrain from conversation about the sexual orientation of other priests both publicly and privately.

If any of these conditions are violated, contact Deacon Tom McGuine immediately at 549-1940 or at 691-5260. Both locations have answering machines and I will contact you within the day. You will be contacted by me once a month during this evaluation period either by phone or in person. For purposes of identity if we talk on the telephone, I will identify my middle name which is " William."

Thank you for your assistance.

Deacon Tom

Please keep this form and its contents confidential.

JUN 18 1996

Log in the matter of Franklyn Becker.

5-21-96

2:00 PM

Father Carrol Straub, Vicar for Clergy. Cousins Center.  
Assigned Father Franklyn Becker matter.

6-11-96

3:00 to 4:00 PM

Met with Father Becker for the first time at McDonald at Hwy. 83 and I-94. Went over the restrictions. Seemed very interested in completing the process. Was in California a number a years ago. For about to years. Enjoys cruises. Has taken about 20 so far. Usually is the spiritual director on board. Lives with his mother who is in her 80"s. Discussed his ministry and what I do for the Vicar.

When we discusses the restrictions he wondered about the following;

*Restriction Numbers and comments.*

- # 2 Sometimes there are altar servers at his masses. Is that a violation of #1.
- # 4 He will be taking a cruise July 7th through July 22, 1996 but will not be a director.  
Is that a violation? Refer Holland America Cruise.
- # 4 At times have been asked to do funerals. What should he do?
- # 6. Father Laurin Wenig is Father's spiritual advisor.
- # 8. Does not know who the family is therefore he can't harass.

I told him I would contact the Vicar for clarification on these issues.

We established the following dates for our next meetings;

July 5, 1996

August 23, 1996

September 27, 1996

October 25, 1996

November 29, 1996

December 27, 1996

All meetings scheduled at McDonalds at Hwy. 83 and I-94 at 3:00 PM until further notice.

Father's Lic plate is; FWB 37 Wisconsin, 96.

Father had no recommendations for the on-site people other than the pastor, Father Laurin Wenig. I stated I would give him a call.

Father Wenig's phone number is 625-3144

prayerful support.

6-14-96 at 10 AM.

Drove to St. Matthews Parish in Neosho, WI. Spoke with Father Laurin Wenig. After explaining the monitoring process he agreed to become one of the on-site supervisors. I gave him a copy of the condensed Restrictions and my business card. ( See enclosure.)

6-14-96 at 11 PM

Drove to St. Mary Parish in Mayville. Spoke with Father Charles Wester. After explaining the monitoring process he agreed to become one of the on-site supervisors. I gave him a copy of the condensed Restrictions and my business card.

6-14-96

Mailed results of my efforts to the Vicar.

Deacon Tom McGuine  
June 14, 1996 (2:46pm)

Before ending our meeting, Father Becker signed a copy of the restrictions. ( See enclosure.)

6-11-95 at 5:15 PM

Called Father Laurin Wenig. He had an appointment presently in his office. Will call back before 6:30 PM.

Gave him my number.

6-11-96 at 6:30 PM

Father Laurin called me at home. I explained the monitoring process. We agreed to meet on 6-14-96 at the rectory in Neosho

6-12-96 at 9:30 AM.

Father Carrol Straub telephoned as per my request. We discussed the concerns raised by Father Becker on 6-11-96 when we discussed the restrictions. The following were clarified by Father Carrol.

1. If altar servers are present for his masses, it will be OK.
2. The vacation cruise Father is planning does not violate the restrictions.
3. Doing funerals upon request are OK.
4. Father Laurin Wenig as his spiritual advisor is OK.
5. Father Wenig as one of the on-site monitors is OK.
6. Father Charles Wester, dean as one of the on-site monitors is OK.

I briefly advised Father Carrol of my meeting with Father Becker.

6-12-96 at 8:40 PM.

Received a message Father Becker had called my home

6-12-96 at 10:00 PM.

Called Father Becker at his home. He suggested Father Charles Wester be the second on-site person for the monitoring process. I advised him that I would contact Father Wester. I also advised Father Becker that I had a scheduled meeting with Father Laurin for 6-14-96. I also advised Father Becker that the Vicar had approved the various points raised regarding some of the restrictions. ( See entry dated 6-12-96 with Father Carrol.) Father Becker was very pleased with the fast response to his concerns and very pleased with the process thus far.

6-13-96 at 9 AM

I mailed a letter to Father Becker a short note reminding him of our meeting dates and offered my

JAN 27 2005

1. Fr. Lind notyf.  
2. Fr. Topygambhi notyf  
Fr. & am 1/26/05 -  
Ord. of Ticon 2/4/05

21 January '05

Dear David,

I am writing to you because I no longer know where to turn. I am in a state of depression and desperation and you know where that can lead. My letter to the archbishop goes unanswered as do those of Fr. Pat Lagyes. I received a copy of [redacted] letter to Fr. Curt Frederick indicating a recommendation for ongoing therapy which I cannot afford.

I have sent out job resumes, but am not optimistic because in my present state of mind I do not feel I can function in the job world.

The decision rendered on Dec. 6th has left me in a state of shock and bewilderment. While the Church has continued to support men like [redacted] for years, they feel it necessary to cut me out of health benefits when I need them most. If accepted into Medicare it will cost \$450 a month plus the \$250.00 I pay for medication since my Blue Cross has been terminated. All of this weighs heavily on me and I can barely perform the basic tasks of life. I make frequent trips to the bathroom due to an acute prostate problem. How can I get a job with these problems, physical as well as psychological? It's hard to "put on a happy face" and pretend all is well, when it's not.

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all was going well from 1992 to 2002 when I was allowed to perform the ministry for which I was trained. Now all of that has ceased. The loss of my mother, the loss of my priestly status has weighed heavily on me. I am no longer resilient & able to bounce back I don't know what the Church expects. More than one priest has taken the suicide route, the latest being [redacted] [redacted] I can well understand the pressures that motivate such actions.

You may convey my sentiments to Fr. Curt or Faithless & the Archbishop. I've had enough of Fr. Faithless's flippancy remarks. When did she become a judge?

It would be unfortunate if I were forced to go to the Interim with the story of continued cover-up in the Church. There are still many skeletons that remain buried; including those of our former Archbishop and a certain Monsignor.

I apologize for my bluntness, but I needed to put this in writing.

I hope you & your family are well.

Sincerely,

Franklin W. Becke

I'm still on call for jury duty till the end of the month.

JAN 11 2005

**COPY**

*Franklin BECKER's  
file*  
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**Subject: Budzynski LAICIZATION RESCRIPT**

**Date:** Mon, 10 Jan 2005 19:07:23 -0600

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

**To:** "Father Curt Frederick" <frederickc@archmil.org>,  
"David Zimprich" <zimprichd@archmil.org>

Here is my effort at a translation. I did make some of the suggested changes proposed by Pat Lagges. I do not see them as being as big a deal as he does.


As for Pat's contention of an additional financial obligation to Becker, I would cite the same canon (c. 1350.2) and say that it is on the basis of that canon that we gave him a lump sum of money. Our "due diligence" was exercised in informing the sheriff of his presence in the community.

If you need anything further from me before your meeting with Dan B., please let me know.

Curt, have you made the notification to place of baptism for Becker or am I supposed to do so?

Thanks!

BAC

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Prot. No. 348/03 - 17919

November 24, 2003

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11  
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

In accord with the norms of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, I am re-submitting for your consideration the case of a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Reverend Franklyn Becker has been accused of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors. The summary of these allegations was previously forwarded. Father Becker has admitted that a number of these acts of sexual assault occurred.

We have been asked by Archbishop Amato of the Congregation to approach Father Becker with a request that he seek voluntary laicization as a sign of repentance. Although our Vicar for Clergy had previously made this request of him, he was approached once again. As you can see from the enclosed letter, he is refusing once again to take the requested action.

While he attempts to present a defense based on cooperation and need for sustenance, in interviews with him, there is little display of repentance. His sorrow is not over what effect his immoral and abusive behaviors had on others, so much as it is remorse that he has lost a sense of status. The sustenance issues he raises are irrelevant. The Archdiocese understands its obligation to provide support if he is unable even though he may be dismissed. We are prepared to provide that support until such time as he is eligible for our pension which will be in less than three years.

Given the scope of his abusive actions, and the ongoing potential for criminal action against him in the state of California, I concur with the judgement of Archbishop Amato that the matter should be referred to the Holy Father for a *dismissio ex officio e statu clericali una cum dispensatione ab omnibus oneribus sacerdotalibus*.

With sentiments of esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

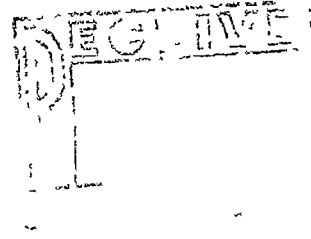
Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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September 11, 1992

Rev. Thomas A. Trepanier  
Executive Secretary  
Priests' Personnel Board  
3501 South Lake Drive  
P. O. Box 07912  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912



Dear Tom,

I'm writing to let you know that I am enjoying tending the flock at St. Mary's and St. Michael's. Since I have been well received, I am encouraged to make formal application for the position of pastor here.

With my rural roots, I see this as a viable option for me. It would also provide the opportunity for my mother to spend some time with me, particularly during the winter.

There is much that needs to be done here in the way of reconciliation, but I feel that I can rise to the occasion. Those people I have met seem willing to cooperate in making this a vibrant parish community.

An added plus would be the proximity to my classmate, Fr. Wayne Bittner, who would be a supportive influence.

I will be on Retreat from September 21st to the 25th at Oconomowoc where I can be reached in case of emergency. Fr. Bittner offered to be on call for any emergencies that might arise at the parish. I have also been in touch with Fr. Richard Robinson.

I will be meeting with the Archbishop and Bishop Sklba on the 25th of September at the conclusion of my Retreat. Hopefully we might discuss this option at that meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

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THE CHANCERY

*Limit 500  
RJM 6-3-80*

June 23, 1980

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker  
St. Cecilia Parish

Thiensville, Wisconsin 53092

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Reverend Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel, the Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., herewith appoints you temporary administrator of St. Joseph's Parish, Lyons, with the Mission of St. Kilian, Lyons Township, until a new pastor is appointed. This appointment is effective July 1, 1980.

As temporary administrator, you come under the provisions of Canon 474, have the responsibility of the Pro Populo Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, enjoy the rights of a pastor in accord with Canon 465, and are authorized to sign checks on all parish accounts to cover ordinary expenditures and to meet payroll obligations. Please note that in keeping with Canon 436, pending a pastoral appointment to St. Joseph's Parish and the Mission of St. Kilian, no changes are to be made. Urgent matters should be referred to the Archbishop.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Faternally yours in the Lord,

*R. G. S.*

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon  
Chancellor

RGS/mk

cc: Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek ✓  
Priests' Personnel Board

ADOM026740

NEWS RELEASE

Most Rev. Joseph H. Hodges, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, Rev. John H. McDonnell, diocesan Director of Campus Ministry, and Dr. Richard H. Rosswurm, Search Committee Chairman, have announced the appointment of Rev. Franklyn W. Becker as pastor of the Marshall Catholic Community at the University..

Father Becker, associate pastor of St. Williams Parish, Waukesha, has served for ten years in parishes of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Archdiocese.

Father Becker will assume the Roman Catholic pastorate at Marshall on January 1st. The regular schedule of the liturgy and other parish activities will resume at the beginning of the spring semester. He will also be associated with the ministry of the Campus Christian Center at the University.

*DL 12/12/74*

October 28, 1970

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker  
St. John de Nepomuc Parish  
[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216

Dear Lyn,

The principal of Messmer High School has apprised the Personnel Board of your generous giving of time in teaching religion at the school on a part time basis.

This fact is being recorded in your personal file at the Board office, and Archbishop Cousins will be informed of your extra efforts for the Cause to which we are all dedicated.

Sincerely,

ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

Rev. Donald E. Reiff  
Executive Secretary

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JT

do we have  
copies of our letters  
to parish' parents  
about Becker?  
October 18, 2007

JT: This is  
excellent. Thank you for  
your work. I have made  
some suggestions. I want to  
review again.

Archbishop,

Attached is the 1st draft of the "newsletter" communication to all Catholic households in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee regarding Franklyn Becker. The [redacted] summary from where this info is taken, is also attached.



After you review/approve, I will share with Barbara Anne and Kathleen, Fr. Curt, John Huebscher, and, eventually, Bishop Skiba.


It would be helpful if you add any "questions" to the "Q & A" that you think need to be included.

Here's the timeline:

- October 30: All changes/reviews complete and document moves to layout
- Oct 31 - Nov 11 - Layout, revisions, etc.
- Nov. 9 AM - Deliver final layout to Archbishop before departure for NY that afternoon
- Nov. 12 - final copy changes and sign offs.
- Nov. 13 - deliver to printer
- Nov. 19 - document is mailed

I'm worried  
so this pushing it  
this means it reaches homes  
- not yet  
a week later  
What's the  
earliest the  
- yes

On another note, have you talked to Archbishop Weakland? What was the result? Would you envision sharing this newsletter draft with him in advance?

Jerry 

documents  
are released!

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Mail to all registered households  
Mail date: week of November 12  
Deadline for final approval: October 31

RET TO JT

*As you  
are painfully  
aware*

Masthead: To Be Determined

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Dolan

Headline: TBD

*My brothers and sisters in Christ:*  
~~Dear Friends,~~

During the past <sup>five</sup> years, there has been an <sup>avalanche</sup> abundance of news regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests — both in this archdiocese and across the nation.

Since my arrival, I have promised to be open and <sup>trying best</sup> honest with you, the faithful Catholics of the Church in southeastern Wisconsin. Part of that openness has been my commitment to share news with you — <sup>could</sup> even when it's bad.

For example, you'll remember in summer of 2006, I <sup>told</sup> shared with you <sup>about</sup> the news of lawsuits facing the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for sexual abuse cases involving former priest Siegfried Widera, and the pending financial consequences of those lawsuits. Those nine cases in California were settled in a multi-million dollar agreement, *all of which I made public*

In July of this year, the Wisconsin Supreme Court handed down a decision directing that cases alleging sexual abuse against two offending priests of the archdiocese could proceed, even though the ~~age of the~~ events were 20-to-40-years old.

Those cases have now been returned to the trial judges to go forward through normal court procedures. In addition, since July 2007, two other cases have been

brought against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, alleging sexual abuse in Wisconsin by a different priest, named Bruce MacArthur. MacArthur was a priest of the Sioux Falls Diocese, but ~~did~~ served <sup>here</sup> within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for several years.

*not this archdiocese*

During the next months, the records of the three offenders will be part of the court proceedings. Thus, I am sending you this newsletter to let you know of the information that will be forthcoming. *As you're often told me, "archbishops, when there's bad news coming, we'd prefer to hear it from you first." Well, There are three priests accused of wrongdoing. None of these three accused individuals are serving as priests within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, nor have they done so for many years.* *as you see, this news is nauseating*

The accused are Siegfried Widera, Bruce MacArthur and Franklyn Becker. Widera is dead; MacArthur is under the direction of the Diocese of Sioux Falls and residing in a controlled nursing home; and Becker, who lives in southeastern Wisconsin, was laicized in 2003 and is no longer a priest. Information about all three men are included in this newsletter.

*more specific*

However, I want to talk specifically about the case involving Franklyn Becker. As I said, Becker was laicized in 200x. Although there could be various explanations for all the decisions that were made or not made, at the end of the day, you will see a particularly ugly example of how the Church made mistakes in its handling of these cases. *The information about this ex-priest is sickening.*

*I have to submit*

*dreadful*

Some might argue that since both doctors and civil officials made the same mistakes by recommending reassignments, transfers or "fresh starts," that the Church should not be held accountable for the decisions made 20 or 30 years ago. Some would say that the Church was simply doing what it felt best, considering the circumstances, the body of knowledge, available to us, at the time, and the expert recommendations, that were presented *claiming these offenders could be re-assigned.*

*following the wisdom of the time*

All true, but I need to say that our faith tells us that our Church must stand up *admission* for any decisions that were made, regardless of how these decisions were reached. *and decisions about Becker were bad.*

*this might be*

So what do we do next? Do we hide under the bed while the scab of this mess is once again picked open? No! The good work of Jesus Christ and His Church continues. ~~Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow~~ despite this mess and despite any of us. The mistakes of the past do not change the needs of our people today, the needs of today's community or the needs of our world.

Nor, let me remind you, do these things diminish the good work that has been done over the past five-plus years as we have ardently worked with victims-survivors to bring healing and resolution. Nothing changes our commitment to continue to work ~~with victims-survivors and~~ together ensure that we do everything in our power to protect our children and young people.

*the entire community and the*

In the past, people can point and say the Catholic Church is a shining example of what NOT to do, Now, however, even outside objective observers say the Catholic Church is an example of what TO do.

*as some of this data will show.*

That is why we insist upon safe environment programs in all of our parishes and schools. That's why all staff and volunteers who work with children take safe environment training as a way of recognizing the signs of abuse. That's why we have a full-time victims-assistance coordinator to work with victims-survivors, and I meet regularly with a community advisory board made up of survivors, advocates and experts in the area of sexual abuse. It's also why I directed the names of offending priests to be published on our archdiocesan website back in 200x.

*That's why now no priest who has a minor can ever serve as a priest again.*

Some of you might ask, "why?" Why are you telling us this; why can't you just let this be over and move on?" Part of me would like nothing more, but, I know, that this crisis will never be over. Practically, too, I know that you are better hearing this news from me, all at once.

So that's why I share it with you now. May I ask that you please pray for people who have been victims-survivors of sexual abuse, especially for those whose abuse came at the hands of clergy?

May I also ask that you pray for our Church, especially our Church in southeastern Wisconsin, that the Holy Spirit continue to guide us and give us strength to ~~do God's will, and that His will be done through the generous spirit of those who proclaim, teach, and live the Gospel.~~

*Get through this,*

Faithfully in Christ,

+TMD

*this Church be cleansed, purified, and renewed by the agency of this scandal, ~~our sin~~, and suffering.*

Front page sidebar: boxed  
Headline: Reporting Sexual Abuse



If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse, it is important that you come forward so you can receive assistance.

The Church has a mission to help the victims and survivors of sexual abuse. Sexual abuse is always wrong and not the fault of the individual who has been abused.

Reports can be made to the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services Office at (414) 769-3436.

A list of agencies in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee offering free services to victims/survivors of sexual abuse is available at <http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowResource.asp?ID=1270>. Also available at this link is a card listing all agencies, which can be printed and distributed.

Lawsuit summary  
Headline: TBD

*took his life!*

**Siegfried Widera.** Little needs to be added about Siegfried Widera. He was the priest who (died) in 200x, while on the run in Mexico after being criminally indicted on multiple counts of child sexual abuse. He last served as a priest in the Diocese of Orange, California, and both the Diocese of Orange and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee settled lawsuits in 2006 with nine California victims because of the harm he caused. The lawsuits were settled for \$16.65 million, with more than half of the amount paid by archdiocesan insurance companies, to the nine California victims, as well as one California victim of Franklyn Becker. All files of the archdiocese involving Siegfried Widera were disclosed and provided to the attorneys representing victims as part of the suit.

*eleven!*

**Bruce MacArthur.** The Archdiocese of Milwaukee was named in a lawsuit in South Dakota several years ago as a result of abuse that Bruce MacArthur committed when he served as a chaplain for a hospital in the Beaver Dam, Wis., area. In that lawsuit, MacArthur admitted his abuse of the victim-survivors. *where was it?* MacArthur served in the archdiocese from 19xx to 19xx.

*A little unclear. We must be clear to do what above here.*

MacArthur was ordained in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and served there both before and after serving in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. His years in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee were limited and, during the time, no incidents or of abuse were reported.

The earlier case involving MacArthur was brought in South Dakota and was settled, jointly with the Diocese of Sioux Falls, in 200X. All files of the archdiocese involving Bruce MacArthur were provided to the attorneys representing victims as part of that lawsuit.

Since the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision in July of this year, allowing ~~20 to 40-year-old~~ allegations to proceed under a fraud claim, three additional persons have sued the archdiocese and the Diocese of Sioux Falls, alleging abuse by MacArthur. *We do not know their names.*

*decided out -*

Sidebar: Becker Assignments (boxed)

Headline: Pastoral Assignments of Franklyn Becker

Franklyn W. Becker

Year of Ordination - 1964

Pastoral work and assignments

Holy Assumption Parish, West Allis (1964-1968)

St. John de Nepomuc Parish, Milwaukee (1968-1972)

Holy Family Parish, Whitefish Bay (1972-1974)

St. William Parish, Waukesha (1974)

Campus ministry at Marshall University in Wheeling, West Virginia (1974-1975)

Campus minister at St. Louis University (1976)

St. Brigid Parish, San Diego, California (1977-1979)

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee (1979-1980)

St. Joseph Parish, Lyons (1980)

St. Eugene Parish, Fox Point (1980)

St. John Parish, South Milwaukee (1980)

St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee (1983)

West Allis Memorial Hospital (1984-1991)

**Franklyn Becker.** Franklyn Becker attended Saint Francis de Sales Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop William E. Cousins in 1964. He was laicized in 2003, and is no longer a priest. His laicization was ~~directed~~ *ordered* by the Holy See upon the request of Archbishop Dolan.

Although the archdiocese had earlier been ~~sued~~ *renewed* in one case in California for the actions of Franklyn Becker, that case was ~~settled~~, along with the nine California lawsuits involving Siegfried Widera. Franklyn Becker's records were not yet processed in the lawsuit by the time that suit was settled. But as the current

Wisconsin lawsuits now go forward. Becker's records will be processed and delivered to the plaintiffs' lawyers. Those documents will show the following:

*You can imagine that these attorneys will dramatically publicize these files.*

- Fall 1970: The first report of trouble came to the archdiocese in fall of 1970, when a telephone report was made about a problem between a parishioner's son and Becker. No known follow up was done.
- November 1974: Pastor complains <sup>that</sup> ~~about~~ Becker's <sup>does not</sup> ~~lack of~~ work ~~ethic~~ at St. William parish.
- August to October 1976: Becker accepts position as campus minister at St. Louis University. Becker was forced to resign after 2 months. The University advises the archdiocese that part of the reason for the forced resignation was Becker's relationship to homosexuals and his encouragement of practicing homosexuals to attend services at the University. Also noted is that Becker is "difficult to work with."
- 1977: Archbishop Cousins releases Becker to work outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Becker works in the Diocese of San Diego.
- 1978: Becker advises now-Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland of his decision to return to Milwaukee. Bishop of San Diego tells Archbishop Weakland that Becker was relieved of his duties and believes Becker "has psychological problems he must solve."
- 1979: Becker is assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee.
- February 1980: Two parishioners are aware of an "unfortunate incident" with a boy. This is reported to \_\_\_(vicar??)\_\_\_\_\_. After meeting with \_\_\_(vicar??)\_\_\_\_\_, Becker promises treatment and not to do it again. He requests transfer from the parish (St. Margaret Mary).
- February 1980: A few days later, Becker writes to Archbishop Weakland apologizing for becoming involved with a boy, but blames the boy for sharing the incident and says he has been "cast in a bad light" and "the decision that he leave the parish (St. Margaret Mary) seems to be a prudent one." Becker's letter also states: "With my orientation, the frequent presence of teenage boys in the house (rectory) at night was tantalizing to say the least."

- February 1980: Recommendation by archdiocese that Becker consult with psychologist, which he does. After five sessions, Becker reports that no further counseling is needed and requests to stay at St. Margaret Mary.
- February 1980: Members of St. Margaret Mary Parish, aware of an incident of an inappropriate act with a teenage boy, asks for leniency and understanding, and requests Becker be allowed to say in the parish.
- June 1980: Becker appointed temporary administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Lyons.
- August to October 1980: Becker <sup>(for clerical)</sup> requests assignment at St. Eugene, Fox Point. Pastor objects. Vicar assures pastor that Becker is willing to settle down and "needs one more chance." Vicar also acknowledges that it is time to tell Becker that no priest wants to work with him.
- October 1980: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland complimenting the Archbishop's (Catholic Herald) column on homosexuality and the Church. Becker brings up his desire to return to California and whether there may be a "benevolent bishop" in California where he might serve.
- December 1980: Personnel Board recommends six-year assignment to St. John Parish, South Milwaukee.
- January 1981: Pastor (Hefferner?) informs Vicar of incident with Becker and a young boy who Becker touched improperly during a swimming session. Becker denies events. Pastor does not tell parents of Becker's prior history. Parents believe Becker and apologize to him for accusing him of this.
- March 1981: letter to Vicar (Fr. Janicki) tells of Becker "pursuing" boy and his friend because they have "common interests." Also talks of Becker's "living the good life."
- June to August 1982: Review by Personnel Board. Becker says he prefers working in a parish or with high school and college age young people. Becker writes Personnel Board requesting campus ministry assignment and complains about not receiving one in the past. Complains about two other priests being possible candidates when those priests are equally "not above reproach."
- December 1982: Pastor (Heffernan?) reports to Vicar that Becker took a minor on a Caribbean cruise. Boy's mother supports Becker. Vicar

is this necessary?

confronts Becker. Becker admits using "bad judgment," but denies any physical contact with boy. Becker ordered to see doctor for immediate therapy.

- December 1982: New pastor of St. \_\_\_\_\_ does not want to work with Becker. Becker removed from St. John's and ordered to be sent for a holistic evaluation.
- January 1983: Friend writes vicar on Becker's behalf. Friend "aware of his problems, including those with young boys..."
- February 1983: Psychology report sent to archdiocese reports Becker with pedophilia. "Possibility of sexual acting out with male minor children is high." Report recommends Becker's reassignment preclude involvement with youths.
- March 1983: Vicar consults with Milwaukee County District Attorney's office without using names. District Attorney advises that any such priest given adequate warnings ~~should~~ not be assigned where he could come in contact with youngsters. Advises to restrict from ministry for five years and if no other complaints are received, then, perhaps, give him another chance.
- March 1983: Becker's friend writes again reporting that, contrary to earlier belief, Becker has continued involvement with the boy (from the cruise).
- April 1983: After Becker writes Archbishop Weakland about future assignment, Archbishop Weakland refers him to the Priest Personnel Board saying he does not want to become too much involved at this point with Becker's assignments.
- May 1983: Mother of boy Becker took on cruise sends letter declaring nothing happened and defending Becker.
- May 1983: Another doctor advises archdiocese that Becker is ego-centric, a homosexual, and a pedophile, and has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out. Doctor says parish ministry is "out of the question" and recommends an all-girl college or high school, or a geriatric nursing home or hospital setting.

- August 1983: Becker assigned to St. Joseph Hospital. Weakland cautions Becker in assignment letter about the possibility of permanent removal from ministry.
- Fall 1983: Becker complains about hospital work, saying he does not wish to continue, that it is causing him stress, and he is not suited to the work. Requests to be placed on sick leave. Request is granted in November 1983.
- March 1984: After learning from the Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center that Becker would not be accepted as chaplain because of his background and past history, Vicar calls asking why the director would not give a person, who was trying to start over, a chance.
- June 1984: Another doctor recommends to archdiocese that Becker could serve as associate pastor, under the proper conditions, but Vicar informs doctor that parish ministry is not possible. *clinical psychologist*
- October 1984: Becker appointed as Chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Term is six years. Member of Personnel Board expresses concern but is assured by Vicar that Becker is getting treatment. (Board member (Esser) expresses relief and concurs that Becker needs to have a chance at re-establishing his reputation.) *name*
- April 1985: Archdiocese becomes aware that Becker served as Confirmation sponsor for young man being confirmed.
- June 1985: Because West Allis Memorial Hospital wants all its chaplains to be certified, Becker requests letter of recommendation from Archbishop Weakland. Archbishop Weakland writes to National Association of Catholic Chaplains supporting Becker's certification and stating that Becker "is a priest in good standing..."
- July 1990: Complaint received by Vicar about Becker's insensitive pastoral care to her son (at hospital) and alleges Becker was riding through the family's neighborhood. Mother is concerned that Becker is calling her son.
- September 1990: Becker's term as chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital is renewed for an additional 6 years.
- August 1991: The parishes served by West Allis Memorial Hospital decide to replace Becker as chaplain.

*summary*

- August 1992: Bishop Sklba give approval for Becker to provide weekend "help out" at St. Mary Parish in Cascade.
- September 1992: Member of St. Mary's parish, Cascade request Personnel Board to allow Becker to remain at parish.
- December 1992: Becker begins working temporarily at St. Mary's Cascade.
- July 1993: Becker unassigned with restricted ministry.
- January 1994: Becker wants to serve as temporary chaplain on a cruise, but needs a certificate of good standing from archdiocese. Archbishop Weakland is consulted because of Becker's restricted ministry. Certificate is issued.
- December 1994: Individual who sent letters in early 1983 as Becker's "friend," now notifies Archbishop Weakland that her own children were abused by Becker in the 1970s.
- February 1996: Becker sent for evaluation to the St. Louis Consultation Center. Report issued states that in absence of intervention, it is likely that patterns of problematic sexual acting out by Becker will recur. Treatment should be considered in a long-term residential facility specializing in treatment of sexual disorders.
- March 1996: Becker is referred to the Phoenix Clinic for treatment. An assessment report is issued in January 1997.
- April 1996: Becker requests permission to serve as chaplain on a cruise. No notation whether permission is granted.
- July 1996: Psychologist treating Becker advises archdiocese that Becker remains at risk to act out and questions whether he could be allowed on cruises. Archdiocesan staff (Piasecki) questions whether the treatment should shift to counseling Becker out of priesthood. Archbishop Weakland agrees that would be the best approach.
- November 1996: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland that "my greatest desire is for reconciliation with you and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee."
- January 1997: Phoenix Clinic advises archdiocese that without Becker in treatment, he remains a potential risk to act out against children.

- January 1997: Vicar informs Becker that he will have someone regularly check in on Becker to ensure Becker is maintaining his therapy and adhering to ministry restrictions.
- April 1997: New doctor treating Becker advises archdiocese that Becker is not cooperative and is, in fact, not treatable.
- July 1997: Becker continues to "help out" at parishes on an "as needed" basis.
- August 1999: Vicar reviews ministry restrictions with Becker, including approval for parish "help out" work, but restrictions against any other ministry, prohibiting contact with minors, and continuing therapy.
- January 2002: Becker requests approval to retain help out position at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland. Vicar reminds Becker he is not eligible for assignment, but is permitted to help out on weekends.
- April 2002: Becker restricted from all public ministry, including weekend help out.
- April 2002: Archbishop Weakland issues a Church order (precept) against Becker, which states Becker is to cease all public ministry, all pastoral counseling, may not hear confessions, must not contact any minors or vulnerable adults, to avoid places that have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality.
- April 2002: The Archdiocese of Milwaukee receives word from the Diocese of San Diego that a individual in California contacted them about Franklyn Becker and wants to be assured others are not at risk.
- May 2002: Becker is arrested for childhood sexual abuse.
- July 2002: Becker is advised that his name will be published by the archdiocese, along with five other priests who were not fully restricted from ministry because of sexual abuse allegations.
- August 2002: The existing prohibitions against Becker are made permanent by now-Archbishop Timothy Dolan. Vicar tells Becker, most likely, he will not be allowed to do any public ministry ever again.



- December 2002: Archdiocese receives allegation of childhood sexual abuse against Becker and refers it to the Milwaukee County District Attorney.
  - May 2003: Becker arrested on sexual assault charges in California.
  - May 2003: Archbishop Dolan petitions the Holy See, asking that Becker be removed from the clerical state.
  - Xxxxx: Becker is removed from the clerical state. <sup>Costs</sup> Archbishop Dolan ~~authorizes payment of \$10,000 to Becker for transition to lay status, to pay for medical insurance.~~ *Archbishop Dolan pays for his costs. Since his insurance coverage as a priest then stopped, Archbishop Dolan provided for reimbursement emergency room medical insurance for that (\$10,000) to cover the year until Becker is eligible for Medicare.*
- The above listing is ~~not complete,~~ but a summary of the more than 800 pages of documents related to Franklyn Becker.

#### Questions and Answers

Q: Why share this information?

A: The information will be part of a lawsuit filed against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and will be released to the plaintiff's attorneys. It has been a practice of Archbishop Dolan to share important news with the people of the archdiocese, even when the news is bad.

Q: Is this the worst of the records?

A: This is a summary of more than 800 pages of records. There are always phrases and parts of documents that can be used - in or out of context - that make something sound new or different or worse than reported in this newsletter. Nonetheless, we believe this is a fair portrayal of the incidents reported in the files. We do not make judgments on what is "better" or "worse." Any instance of sexual misconduct and sexual abuse of a minor is evil.

Q: What can we expect from the news media about these documents?

A: We would expect news media to treat this information as they would any other type of information considered "news." By providing a chronology of events in our records, our hope is to give readers a more comprehensive view

than they may be able to maintain from the news media or, because of limited space and time, the news media may be able to provide.

Q: What is the financial impact of these lawsuits?

A: The first concern of the Church is one of pastoral and spiritual care for all people of the archdiocese, including, especially in these matters, victim-survivors. At the same time, part of our care has to be a healthy concern for all the other equally-important constituents of the Church, and the Church's financial obligation to practice sound stewardship.

It is too early to tell what, if any, financial impact these lawsuits will have. Certainly, simply by paying for legal representation, the lawsuits cost money. Each year, a complete financial accounting of the financial impact of the sexual abuse crisis is prepared and that information is available at [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org). In addition, annually, the archdiocese has an outside, independent financial audit and the audit results are reviewed by the archdiocesan finance council and published on our web site. For more information, contact John Marek, CFO, at 414-769-3300.

Q: What about Legislation to open the statute of limitations

A: As much as we support helping victims of sexual abuse find healing, we cannot support a proposal that selectively repeals the statute of limitations , (against the Catholic Church or other religious institutions, but not, equally, all other public and private institutions. )

Careful:  
proposed  
legislation  
includes  
others

The statute of limitations exists for very good reasons. Finding the truth becomes more difficult as time passes. Key physical evidence is lost and personal recollections fade. Equally problematic, the accused or key witnesses die. Thus, there is a long history in our legal system regarding the importance of the statute of limitations in the American legal system. It is good law and its removal, even temporary, raises serious constitutional questions among legal scholars.

Perhaps, most importantly, the costs of defending lawsuits and of any damages that might ensue from them is born by innocent third parties, in this case

Catholic parishioners, who are in no way responsible for mistakes made by other individuals decades ago. Why in the world should the innocent > 00 000 Catholics of southeastern Wisconsin, who abhor what happened, have to be penalized? Discussed legislation would permit lawsuits against any defendant but it does not offer equal justice to every victims or survivor. State law limits the liability

of the  
"non-teaching" behavior --  
totally at odds with <sup>13</sup> what their  
Church stands for -- of advanced priests.

of government entities to \$50,000 per claim. Thus a child abused by a teacher in a Catholic school could be awarded millions by a jury, while a child abused by a public school employee could collect only \$50,000.

This is not speculation. Research reports the number of incidents of sexual abuse of children in the larger public school system(s) dwarfs the number of incidents in parochial schools.

Finally, the Church has not ignored victims whose claims are barred by the statute of limitations. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has voluntarily mediated settlements with over 160 survivors of abuse by clergy for whose claims were barred by the statute of limitations.

We think justice is better served learning from past mistakes and using our knowledge to secure better prevention, prompt reporting of abuse and strict accountability for offenders.

Q: Recently you announced a capital campaign – how does this affect that campaign?

A: The Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign is moving forward, with pilot parishes already in "campaign mode" at 15 sites. The *Faith in Our Future Trust* has been legally established to make sure the intent and conditions of donors are followed and respected. This *trust* is separate from the archdiocese, has obligations of its own, and can only be used for Catholic education and faith formation, not for debts of the archdiocese, the past or present expenses of the abuse crisis, or ~~paper clips~~ at the Cousins Center.

*operating costs*

Q: If you know that priests are guilty, why are you defending lawsuits? Why don't you just settle with the victims?

A: Resolution *has* been reached with nearly 160 individuals – the majority through the independent mediation system. Recognizing the need for a process outside the Church structure to address claims of sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan clergy, an independent, voluntary mediation systems was introduced in January 2004.

Q: That's great, but why defend lawsuits?

A: For people who have chosen to sue, that is a decision they have made. Once the matter is in the legal system, the processing of those claims is up to the courts. As part of that process, the archdiocese hopes the courts require the parties to investigate out-of-court settlements as a way to reach resolution. If resolution is not reached, the archdiocese has no option but to proceed as directed by the courts to resolve the matter.

Q: I thought victims-survivors could not sue the Church in Wisconsin.

A: That has been a myth for some time. Victims-survivors have always had the right to sue the Church. However, just like with any civil action, the window for suing the Church has been governed by a statute of limitations.

Sidebar on back panel: The Church's commitment to victims-survivors of clergy sexual abuse of a minor

Headline: TBD

Q. What about Becker? Is he still "at large"?

A. Yes. He has been laicized, so he can never again function as or represent himself as a priest; his name and crimes have been published, released to the press, and is permanently listed on the archdiocesan web-site; local law enforcement officials have been advised of his presence and his history, as have local parishes; and any new allegations against him are immediately turned over to the police (as is archdiocesan policy with all such matters).

① referred to proper authority

② Outside audit

③ issue of privacy principle that one should be able to

④ approach without in confidence whether that be a V/S / print log person