

January 14 - 1934

My dear Father Riedl:-

I have put on my calendar May 8th-St Joseph's Waukegan, 8 o'clock a.m., and I assure you that it will be real pleasure to be with you on that day and contribute my little efforts to your work in the Parish.

I assure you that never did I for a moment entertain anything but the greatest confidence in you. It was a great sorrow to me that sickness and your anxiety for your dear sister's health gave you so much annoyance and made it impossible for you to continue your work with your wonted vigor. Fortunately Fr. Krusing never at any time made any unfavorable mention of you to me and I did not know the matters that you mention concerning him. Without this information I thought him a hard-working and satisfactory assistant and I am sorry that my confidence has been shaken in him by your frank representations of the facts in the case. My regret is that those matters were not brought to me long ago for my attention.

When you are better if you will write a complete relation concerning him and his ministry in your Parish I shall take the necessary canonical action.

Be assured of my continued appreciation of your fine priestly qualities and of your zeal and of my prayers that you may enjoy the health to realize your fine program for Religion in your Parish.

Pray for me.

With blessing,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

The Reverend J.A. Riedl,

11/34

The Most Rev. S. A. Stritch, D.D.

Your Excellency:-

If I am not too late, - may I ask you to reserve Sunday, May 6, - for our Ladies Sodality (Guild) Holy Communion Mass at 6:45 or 8:00 o'clock, - to suit your convenience.

The enclosed Parish Bulletin is self-explanatory.

Your presence here on May 6, will very materially aid to bring about desired results.

The realization of confidence misplaced in Fr. Kuning is a severe blow, - and I find it difficult to snap out of it.

But I am reassured by leading parishioners, who were also intrigued by him, of the loyalty - of rank and file of parish.

The sad part of all, - he spread the news of Fr. Chmielowski's failings, - and is largely responsible for reports reflecting on character of Fr. Cornell; even baser words in absence, of Fr. Cornell's transfer, claiming a "fall" with officials, Fr. Barbican. I have evidence that he maligned me to Archbishop, and I will be guided by you in the matter - to clear myself.

As soon as I feel physically able, I will ask Your Excellency for an interview; am very desirous to meet following in your presence.

My sister Julia befriended him and his family in a very unskillful way. His gossip among parishioners reflecting on her was also too much to bear, she also is sick abed.

Reports - about his unscrupulous attitude: Charge of undue familiarity - and indiscretions coming from hospital nurses.

I am satisfied that he felt free to cover his own tracks after - succeeding putting Frs. Cornell & Chmielowski out of his way.

He also refused liquor - parties, securing the liquor from doctors and Sheriff's officers.

ST. JOSEPH'S RECTORY
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

I am not vindictive, - but want to help save the young men from further transgressions.

If Your Excellency wishes, a number of my leading parishioners, both men and women, will, at any time, meet you to acquaint you of the conditions here.

I want to express my sincerest appreciation to Your Excellency for your confidence in me as reposed in our Fr. Edmund, O.S.A.

I have tried to do and to give of my best. If I have not come up to expectations, it is because of the unwholesome tradition here, - because of unwholesome economic conditions, - and because of "double-crossing" by Fr. Koning.

He is so money-mad that I consider him capable of admitting sinning. He is interested in the Church's Liturgy ^{only} with a dollar-sign.

When, on several occasions, I tried to give him fraternal correction, he would answer me that I believed lay-folks rather than a fellow-priest.

Fr. Chmielowski's services were a real boon to our parish, - being able to hear confessions in six languages.

Fr. Carroll was appointed Spiritual Director of Young Ladies Section of Archdiocese by Fr. Goshens and Miss Williams. He did nothing to involve them in any misconduct, but rather to thoughtlessness, - and nothing of a pious nature, as I have learned. May I ask Your Excellency to show him every possible indulgence!

As Fr. Edmund puts it, - Fr. Koning was extremely jealous.

We have organized a prominent Parish Finance Committee - of more than 100 members to have contact with every family. They serve not as money-collectors, but rather as "educators", - to acquaint parishioners with true conditions.

I regard very much to have to bother Your Excellency, - but you are my only appeal, as my Archbishop and Father.

Faithfully Yours,
J. A. Riedel

Olyman, Wisconsin

May 31, 1935.

The Most Reverend Samuel Stritch D.D.

Archbishop of Milwaukee

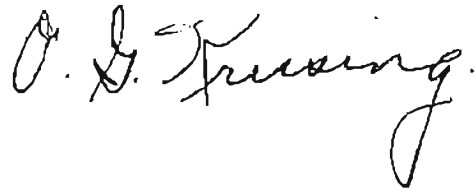
Your Excellency,

I wish to acknowledge the acceptance of my assignment to St. Joseph's Parish Pastorate at Lyons.

Your Excellency is very generous to me in placing more confidence in me. I hope that I shall be able to correspond to all requirements.

May I ask Your Excellency to be mindful of me in prayer, not only in general, but, if possible, in particular?

Obediently in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "O. G. Truesing". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.

January 17th, 1938.

The Rev. Oswald Krusing
Lyons, Wisconsin

Dear Father Krusing:

By Special Mandate of the Archbishop, I am appointing you
Pastor of St. Mary of the Lake, Pell Lake, Wisconsin, for
the purpose of incorporating the Mission according to the
provisions of the Diocesan regulations.

Sincerely yours,

Vicar General.

BGT
HVS

ADOM015466

September 20, 1939.

Rev. Oswald Krusing,
Lyons, Wisconsin.

My dear Father Krusing:

You are hereby appointed
Pastor of St. Stephen Parish at New Coeln,
Wisconsin, with the rights and prerogatives and
duties of a "Parochus Amovibilis" as given in the
Code of Canon Law. This appointment is effective
at once and you are directed to be at your new
post of duty not later than Thursday, September
28th, 1939.

Wishing you every
blessing in your new field of labor and with
appreciation of your fine labors, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

September 6, 1941

The Rev. Oswald Krusing
[REDACTED]
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Dear Father Krusing:

A situation has arisen since speaking to you that will prevent me from granting you the permission you desired before the end of this year.

I regret the delay, but due to the fact that we are so short of priests, it is not possible for me to do otherwise than delay the permission until the end of this year.

Wishing you every blessing, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

ADOM015472

DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

BISHOP'S HOUSE
1108 EAST SECOND STREET
SUPERIOR, WIS.

November 23, 1942

Dear Archbishop:

Your paternal interest in the Diocese of Superior and its Bishop is sincerely appreciated.

Regarding Father Krusing's desire to enter the Armed Forces, I am in complete agreement with your good judgment that the change would be too radical for a person of his temperament at this time. If he is willing to come to Superior to work for a time until he has readjusted himself to the life of a diocesan priest, I shall be happy to receive him. He could be of genuine service to our poor Diocese at this time.

Both the Bishops' Meeting and the Extension Meeting were informative and inspirational, but the tempo of deliberation was as swift as the modern aeroplane.

With sentiments of esteem and gratitude, I remain

Cordially yours

In Nazarene Jesu

William P. Otavien
Bishop of Superior

The Most Reverend
Moses E. Kiley, S.T.D.
2000 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

ADOM015474

After 5 days, return to
DIOCESAN CHANCERY OFFICE,
1108 East Second Street,
SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN.



The Most Reverend Moses E. Kiley, S.T.D.

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

PERSONAL

ADOM015475

November 24, 1942

The Rev. O. G. Krusing
Our Lady of the Valley Monastery
Valley Falls, R. I.

My dear Father Krusing:

Following the suggestion in your letter of November 15th, I wrote Bishop O'Connor asking if he could give you a place temporarily in the Diocese of Superior. I feel that perhaps that would be the better way or returning to pastoral work, rather than taking up work immediately in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Bishop O'Connor has kindly offered to give you a place in the Diocese of Superior for the present as he is very short of priests. You might inform me or Bishop O'Connor when you expect to return so that he can plan accordingly.

I remain, wishing you every blessing,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

ADOM015478

Our Lady of the Valley Monastery
Valley Falls, R. Island
November 15, 1942

The Most Reverend Moses E. Riley S. T. D.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Most Reverend Archbishop
Your Excellency,

A year closes on
the indefinite leave of absence
you granted me, that I might
test my inclination to become
a Cistercian monk at Valley
Falls.

While, with God's help, the
year seems to have been
spiritually fruitful, still
I grope that the experience
of the year convinces me
that I have no vocation
for this life of a monk.
I wish to leave here, and
the glorious Feast of Mary's
Immaculate Conception
would make the departure

more devout. If your
Excellency wish it to be sooner,
so it shall be.

* In truth, Archbishop, I feel
a bit abashed at this my
seemingly futile attempt
at monasticism, and I
shrink from the eyes back
home that await to see me
a Monk. I do feel awkward
and embarrassed. Some
fellow priests might be
prompted to ridicule and jolly
me about, but I am no
ex-monk for I never was
one. God knows to all,
and you understand

If you think that my
return to Milwaukee
would place me in a too tense
and prejudiced situation because
of a year's novitiate here, you
might, if you wish, let me
out to some other Arch-
diocese or Diocese, hopefully,

however, keeping me attached
to you. Perhaps you would
like me to make an intermediary
step to my return to Milwaukee,
by serving as Chaplain, for
a while, on the Country's Armed
forces - say the Marines.†
Archbishop I will securely
await your direction, conscious
that you understand all and
will dispense well. In your
arrangement I will
see the will of God.

I am very grateful for
your past kindnesses
and generosity,

Obediently in Christ
O. G. Kussing.

July 11, 1944

The Rev. Oswald Krusing, D.D.
St. Louis Rectory
[REDACTED]
Washburn, Wisconsin

My dear Father Krusing:

Seeing that Bishop O'Connor has informed you that he can release you from the care of St. Louis Parish, Washburn, Wisconsin without too great inconvenience to him, I hereby appoint you to the pastorate of Holy Apostles' Parish, New Berlin, Wisconsin. You will please to take charge of this parish on Wednesday, July 12, 1944, at which time the priest of the Fathers of the Sacred Heart, who has been caring for this parish since the death of Father Lofy, will turn over to you the books and records of the parish.

Wishing you every blessing and success in your new field of labor, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

ADOM015482

Thursday, October 31, 1947

[REDACTED], Holy Apostles Parish, New Berlin, Wisconsin, deposed that he is the uncle of [REDACTED], a pupil of Holy Apostles school;

that [REDACTED] is about 14 years of age

that in early September, [REDACTED] came home from school terribly upset

that she told her mother that Father Krusing called [REDACTED] to the house

that after a few moments, Father Krusing ordered [REDACTED] to strip to the waist; that he ordered her to sit on his lap and that Father Krusing sucked her breasts; that he had her on the floor and made advances but that she resisted;

that Father Krusing then said "all right" when you are ready call on me again;

that Father Krusing told [REDACTED] not to mention a word about this affair to anybody, not even to her father or mother, for if she did she would go to hell;

that when a few days later Father Krusing spoke to [REDACTED], he did ask her if she said anything to her mother; and when [REDACTED] answered Father that she did, he told her "you will now go to hell"

that it is rumored about the parish that Father Krusing has been intimate with other girls from the parish and that he threatened these girls that they too would go to hell if they mentioned anything he may have said or done to them;

that it is gossiped among some women in that parish that when Father Krusing's mother kept house for him she herself caught him with a young girl in his house and that the mother thereafter left the rectory; that since that time Father Krusing does not have a housekeeper;

On Thursday, October 23rd, [REDACTED] was invited by Father Krusing to answer doorbells and telephones while Father was out bowling; that a certain [REDACTED] phoned the rectory that evening and said "tell Father Krusing that if he doesn't keep his fingers off my girl's skirts I'll tell about this doings to the whole parish"

That when [REDACTED] told one of her companions about her experience with Father Krusing the companion said to [REDACTED] "that's nothing you should have seen what he did to me"

ADOM015485

Most Rev. Msgr. Atkieski

I don't know how to say it, but I'm desperate just now - something must be done about it and soon if not sooner. A Priest - A Catholic priest takes indecent liberty with girls in school and girls out of school - girls of 12 yrs to 19 yrs, and about 30 girls in all that I know about and could name by name, and from his parish.

Certain girl of 12 yrs in his school is at times called by him to come to his home at noon and stays all after noon that day in his home under lock and shades down, doing what? and after school tells her little sister, "Don't tell mother I was all afternoon by the priest! doing what? well I know! -"

Another case, there are two sisters one 12, other 19 yrs, same stuff - and he goes so far as to call for these girls at their homes under pretense that he has some work for them to do, or well go just for a little ride and what happens? well next stop is his home and another rape or what ever you care to call it playing with her "privacy" (plain english)

Another case - which you may if you care to prove very easily I'm sure - A girl of 15 left from this parish to enter [redacted] to later become [redacted]

██████████ this same priest who is having his fun (as he called it himself, and this you can prove as to date and thing, that happened, by the sisters themselves, if they are honest), that same priest has taken this girl out of ██████████ ██████████ at least one time that I know, under some pretense or other, and what do you think happened (same old story).

Well that's only few I'm telling you about - but I could tell you about all these 90 cases, and what about those we don't know of.

Just over a week ago, one of these 90 (her own words) I was raped by a man, - pulled into a car and attacked - my folks don't know anything about it. I don't dare tell 'em, if it wasn't for Father Kruesing I don't know how I'd get home! Father Kruesing knows what happened - yes he was there and he's your man.

Now come I!!! it happened to my own daughter - this same priest takes indecent liberties with her - and this is not the first time (admitting it herself to us her mother and dad and her confessor) What do you make of it?

Now - I don't want to harm these innocent little girls by calling the police into the picture - they are innocent - did not know better or what was wrong - seeing that it comes from a priest - a man that serves God - one we were taught to honor, from our

first days of school! Yes this man of 44 yrs !! and also these girls are such nice good girls, and I know everyone of these 20. And what about their parents? I sure don't want to hurt them either - far from it - they brought up these children in Catholic schools - a good Catholic home, every one of them.

Not one parent suspects anything! we took this man into our homes as one of the family and what does he do? wrecks our homes our families - the lives of our dear ones - our children! Oh My Lord I'm going plain nuts over all this - I can't stand it any longer - If this man is not removed from here immediately - I'm going to tell the world wide - if it must be a scandal, well let it be a scandal - if it must hurt one and all it must - and I'm willing to take my share of suffering upon myself.

The pity is the children - they will be marked for life.

And another thing - an innocent man is deprived today of a right to be free - to have a church or to have a word of his own, he is being looked upon as a criminal - a liar - and what not and also being labeled insane, a good for nothing - laught at and it was said that his earnings are about five cents a day. Yes, this innocent man is behind the bars, I know, you put him there,

Yes he saved a soul - O my Lord - the soul of my daughter, may God Bless him forever for it, what a true friend and how hard he has worked to save her; Only God knows.

Now you ask who put the finger on this innocent man - No one else but Father Kuesing just to cover things up so he would not be found out - So just to get him out of the way - he knew too much about him -

Now as I said before - Scandal if it must be, but I hope you prefer the other way and have pity for the children and their folks

[REDACTED]
Frankoka, Wis.

March 30, 1949

Archbishop Moses E. Filley
Milwaukee, Wis.

Your Excellency:

It has been stated that this will never reach the eyes of the Archbishop, but I am appealing for the sake of my children and all the children of Holy Apostles in New Berlin.

In one room out here the sixth, seventh and eighth grades are together. They are given "catechism" lessons by Father Prueing - these lessons consist of these subjects:

Lectures on pregnant women

A talk on change of life.

The statement that "when your mother loses their figures and get big and fat, they are going to have a baby."

The problem of figuring out how

large the Blessed Mother must have been with the Infant by the time she made the journey on a donkey to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

I am not a confirmed crank, and I have not taken the word of my seventh grade daughter but have had confirmation of such lessons.

Sermons on the sixth commandment were so filthy we parishioners were completely shocked. With children attending the Mass, Father spoke of how probable it would be to have little seven and eight year old boys sliding their hands up a girl's leg.

Our children have been told the things they must know at the age we feel is proper - I have bought books from the Church Mart for this purpose, but surely, Your Excellency, these are not proper subjects from a priest for this age group.

We have been told time and time again that Catholic education is the only kind for a Catholic child, but I don't believe even a public school lectures on these subjects without permission.

With all the dreadful things we read in the papers, we Catholic parents must curb and guide our children somehow, but we are absolutely hampered in our efforts out here. We have talked together and have come to the conclusion that, if we never had bad children before, we will now because of some of the thoughts which Father instills in their minds.


We cannot take our problem to Father himself because out here we are living in a miniature Quosia. A *tempus tentum* is all we get out of it, and we either conform to these rules or we may go elsewhere.

Because I know that no one will read an anonymous letter, I am signing my name, but my husband and I are fully aware of the fact that should this appeal be given any consideration and Father Trossing be told of the identity of the writer, we will, more than likely, be dismissed as members of the parish which has been done before. But we take this chance because our children's morals are our most important considerations.

If we are silent because of our fear of Father (and, in that, I include many parishioners) I feel that we can be termed "negligent parents" as many judges term parents of delinquent children.

Please protect our children,
Your Excellency, and please help us!

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. 

COPY

August 3, 1955

Mr. [REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear [REDACTED],

I wish to acknowledge your communication of July 27th.

Since the envelope was marked "confidential" it is not clear to me to what extent I am free to avail myself of the same. Obviously, if I am confront Father with the various points brought up in the letter, he has a right to know who has signed the letter. It is not clear to me whether or not you wish this use of your letter to be made.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM015504



MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

July 27, 1955

PHONE
FRANKLIN

Most Reverend
Albert G. Meyer
Archbishop of Milwaukee
2000 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Excellency:

The undersigned, respectively the recent past president and the present president of the Holy Name Society of Holy Apostles Parish, humbly submit the accompanying complaint against Rev. C. Krusing, our pastor.

We are prepared to furnish names of corroborating witnesses to verify the substantial truth of each incident described in this complaint.

This complaint is not exclusive nor all encompassing but is rather a recital of incidents known to us of our own knowledge or on information and belief from witnesses who in our opinion are of unimpeachable veracity and character.

Very truly yours



Now come [REDACTED] to complain of
Father Krusing as follows:

1Q That he has an overwhelming preoccupation with sex and has discussed it both publicly and privately, from the altar as well as elsewhere, in an improper fashion, detrimental to children particularly and the parish as a unit

E.G.

- A) During the school year of 1953-54 Father Krusing gave detailed instructions to the girls of Holy Apostles Parish school, some as young as the age of nine, concerning the physical act of reproduction including diagrams of the sexual organs. At this time he told the girls they were filthy, messy beings, and left them with the impression their sole purpose for existence is the satisfaction of the male.
- B) He printed in the Sunday bulletin a prohibition against wedding gowns which exposed the "carnal cleavages" of the wearer.
- C) In early summer of both 1954 and 1955 he declared from the altar that girls and ladies were wearing shorts so abbreviated as to expose their "abdominal crevices".
- D) At a meeting of the Holy Name Society he described the pictures of nude men and women presented in the Art Magazine published by the University of Wisconsin in lurid detail, making definite mention of breasts, nipples and other parts of the human anatomy. The guest speaker at that meeting was a woman.
- E) On the last day of school 1954, from the altar, he told the assembled children and parents that if mothers allowed their girls, even little three and four year olds, to wear shorts and any such child should

be ravaged by a teen aged boy the crime would be that of the girl, and furthermore, that the civil law should be changed so as to punish the girl as the transgressor.

F) Last week a non-Catholic neighbor volunteered the following question to one of the plaintiffs, "What's the matter with Father Krusing, I don't speak to him very often but everytime I do he talks about sex?"

G) Father Krusing's sermon for the 17th of July just past was prefaced by saying that he would discuss the sixth commandment strictly from a theological point of view, and would say nothing to incite or arouse. He proceeded to admonish the mothers to watch carefully the boys with whom their daughters kept company because the boys were basically beasts; but that the mothers knew what boys were like, just like the men they married; but perhaps some mothers had tamed their men down a bit. Further that the woman's sexual impulse was for affection while that of the man was an "erupting, driving" force that must be satisfied. He admonished the congregation that no sexual experience is allowed outside of marriage, but he went on to point out specifically the things allowed in marriage such as fondly, touches etc.etc.

2) That Father Krusing, both publicly and privately, from the altar as well as elsewhere, held Father Okopinski up to ridicule and desparagment to the detriment of the reputation of Father Okopinski and the integrity of the priesthood.

E.G.

A) On the occasion of a First Holy Communion party at the home of a parishioner in May of 1954 Father Krusing referred to Father Okopinski as the "Little

Polak".

B) At the parish card party on May 1, 1955 he told a group of persons, among them a non-catholic, that Father Okopinski "didn't walk like a man, talk like a man, or act like a man."

C) Father Krusing habitually referred to Father Okopinski as "junior".

D) On many occasions Father Krusing publicly criticized Father Okopinski for being too slow in the Celebration of Holy Mass.

E) At an executive board meeting of the Holy Name Society Father Krusing criticized Father Okopinski for being overzealous in trying to correct bad marriage situations.

F) Father Okopinski was gradually eliminated from all outside activities of the parish such as Holy Name, Ladies Sodality etc. In fact Father Krusing solicited for more lay-teachers so that he could relieve Father Okopinski of the task of instructing the Neuman Club.

3) That Father Krusing has maliciously maligned all girls as a class without distinction causing great emotional upset in certain girls and engendering false ideas in the minds of boys.

a) E.G.

A) Father Krusing told the assembled congregation from the altar that the 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls were dirty, filthy, pigs and called on the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle as witness to its truth.

B) Entering a classroom during the last month of school this year Father Krusing singled out one girl and, in the presence of the class, accused her of "walking sexy", and of wearing a false complexion. This procedure was repeated to the same child within

the week. The child was badly hurt and her parents have announced their intention to send her, along with her brothers and sister, to public school henceforth.

C) He offered to show¹ the undersigned salacious notes claimed to have been written by the "girls" and confiscated by him. The offer was rejected. He further claims he has never found such a note written by a boy.

D) Mrs [redacted] son, age nine, told his little sister that he would no longer play with her because Father said "girls were no good."

E) [redacted] has remarked on several occasions that "girls were no good, Father said so".

F) Father Krusing at a committee meeting, said that little girls are all right but that when they reach the age of 12 or 13 they turned into sex boxes and were no good from then on.

G) On our way to a wake, there were several men in the car, Father Krusing state that he wasn't a woman hater but that he was the next thing to it and that the only real good woman ever created was the Blessed Virgin Mary.

4) That Father Krusing conducts parish affairs on the basis of a police state and disposes of persons not presently useful to him by means of character assassination.

E.G.

A) Father Krusing told us he would veto nomination of Mr. [redacted] as a holy Name Committee Chairman because Mr. [redacted] had a "bad family background and was always stabbing him in the back." Investigation indicated said Mr. [redacted] was an outstanding Christian who had [redacted] and even conducted a daily block rosary for the intention of the Holy Father and Father Krusing.

B) That I, [REDACTED] spoke to Sister Superior of our school regarding tattling which appeared to be prevalent. Sister flatly stated that all the sisters condemned tattling. Upon questioning Sister admitted that Tattling was encouraged in the school and assented when I asked if this practise was fostered by Father Krusing.

C) Father Krusing publicly stated that his private group of Mass Servers had requested he call a special meeting of their group for the purpose of discussing the disciplining of two of their number; that such a meeting was held and that the group suggested and voted the two culprits be dropped from membership and that he, Father Krusing, had reluctantly complied with their wishes. Interrogation of three of the 13 members of the group, including one of the culprits, disclosed that none of the three had heard of such a meeting, nor attended one. The culprit questioned was not appraised of the action nor the reason for it. His name was merely omitted from the servers' schedule.

D) Father Krusing went to the parents of an eleven year old boy and demanded to know where the boy had obtained fifty cents which he had but minutes previously spent at the local candy store.

Moreover, he accused the child of pilfering the money from the church offering boxes. In fact the boy had earned the fifty cents helping a neighbor do some farm work. Subsequently Father Krusing asked this child how he could be so bad when his father was a daily communicant.

E) I, [REDACTED] Father Krusing demanded I drop my activities. He said there probably wouldn't be room in the school for my children if I did not comply. I complied.

F) F) The retreat chairman upon presenting the list of retreatants to Father Krusing was criticized for asking certain men on the list to make the retreat, saying "he's no good", concerning various individuals on the list.

G) Father Krusing advised one family of children not to play with the children of another family also attending our school because the second family was "no good".

(at school as well as at home)

H) Father Krusing criticized me, [REDACTED] for using two three year old boys in a Holy Name function because their mothers were those terrible women who constantly stabbed him in the back.

I) Father Krusing stated that everyone on a certain street were no good, that they were all constantly stabbing him in the back and "would drive nails into my butt if they could".

J) Father Krusing accused the daughter of the local baker of improper conduct whereupon a controversy developed with the parents of the girl. Father Krusing told the parents to stay away from church, which they have done; and furthermore, from the altar he forbade the parishioners to patronize the bakers place of business.

K) That Father Krusing appoints women committee charmen without consulting them and will accept no resignation for any reason including ill-health. Ladies thus appointed who do not serve are villified by a steady stream of gossip and innuendo.

L) Father Krusing ordered one grade school boy to stay away from church and off church property except for Mass on Sundays, after this boy had been involved in a minor escape.

M) Father Krusing tried to dissuade a lay-teacher from giving two brothers, ages 12 and 14 attending

nite religious classes, extra instructions to prepare them to make their first Holy Communion on the grounds that they came from a bad family, that these children had no morals and were merely beasts.

5) That Father Krusing publicly indulges in racial prejudices.

E.G.

A) On the occasion of a Holy Name executive board meeting Father Krusing stated that the Polish parishes in Milwaukee indulged in practices condemned by the church and indicated that simony was one of these practices. Furthermore he stated that the Archbishop was aware of these practices and is trying to eradicate them but that the Polish people cling to their old country ways despite the Archbishop's efforts. Father Krusing stated that he has personally told priests of these parishes to become Americans as we are.

B) On the occasion of a Sodality meeting Father Krusing stated that all negroes smell.

6) Father Krusing has taken certain other actions which we find objectionable.

E.G.

A) He has discontinued the school bus as he says, "in order to separate the wheat from the chaf," "the good Catholics will find some means to get their children to school," and our first responsibility is to those who really want to be Catholics. He has admitted to us privately that he does not want to expand the school and this is a method of reducing potential enrollment, disregarding the conscientious people who have no other means of transportation as well as those lax families who most need the help of Christian education.

B) That prior to our annual Holy Name poultry card party of last fall Father Krusing told us that the Archbishop had advised certain pastors, among them Father Krusing, to refrain from conducting any type of gambling at parish functions; but that he wanted a lottery at the card party, fearing financial failure. The officers objected to the lotteries and Father Krusing in the last instance left the decision up to the officers.

C) That Two years ago Father Krusing abolished all youth activities in the parish. The very last of these activities was a softball team managed by Father Okopinski. Father Krusing told the executive board that he had expressly directed Father Okopinski to disband the ball team but that Father Okopinski had deliberately disobeyed him. Subsequently Father Okopinski testified that no such directive had been given.

Father Krusing accused the retreat master who had given a conference on youth problems and activities of deliberately trying to destroy all that Father Krusing had spent years in building. Furthermore he accused the Holy Name president of stabbing him in the back by asking the retreat master to give his conference to Father Krusing. This accusation was groundless and Father Krusing abused the man to whom he had made the accusation for trying to appraise Father Krusing of the true facts in the matter.

Father Krusing wrote a letter to the retreat master and among other things advised him that the youth in his parish were well provided for while in point of fact not one youth activity existed in the parish.

Father Krusing has frequently stated that the C.Y.O. movement was harmful instead of salutary

and on one occasion stated that the Archbishop
and most of the older pastors agreed with him.

From the stated evidence which we are prepared to
verify by other testimony we conclude that the affairs
of Holy Apostles parish are conducted with a violence
which is of fear and hatred and that the integrity of
souls is being thereby jeopardized and the possibility
of grave scandal is imminent.

Wherefore we pray that your excellency examine the
facts and if our conclusion is borne out take whatever
measures are necessary to correct the abuse.

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Dated this 27th day of July 1955

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

August 6, 1955

PHONE
FRANKLIN

Most Rev. Albert Meyer
Archbishop of Milwaukee
2000 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Excellency:

We appreciate your concern over our identity in confronting Father with our charges. We have felt a strong moral compunction to take the action we have already taken and we certainly give you our permission to disclose our identity in case it is necessary in order to arrive at a proper conclusion in the matter.

We feel you are somewhat familiar with the allegations made in our letter of July 27th and know that you will not compromise us unless in your judgment it is necessary.

We reiterate that we welcome a personal conference on the matter and would also welcome the opportunity to submit witnesses for your interrogation.

It is our observation that the condition of the parish is deteriorating daily at an increasing rate and we pray that some conclusion may be made before the damage is too great.

ADOM015516

June 11, 1956

The Rev. Oswald G. Krusing,

[REDACTED]
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Dear Reverend Father:

This letter is to inform you that I am transferring you from the pastorate of Holy Apostles Parish, New Berlin, and appointing you Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, St. Francis, Wisconsin.

This appointment is to become effective on Tuesday, June 26th, on which date you will kindly report to your new assignment.

In view of the fact that this is a transfer from one pastorate to a new one, you are herewith dispensed from making the profession of faith and taking the oath against modernism as required by Canon Law.

Wishing you every blessing of God in your new field of labor, and expressing my most sincere thanks for the fine work done in your present assignment, I beg to remain with best wishes and the assurances of a remembrance in prayer,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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ADOM015518

September 1, 1956

The Rev. Oswald G. Krusing

Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

Reverend dear Father:

I herewith appoint you Ordinary
Confessor for the students at St. Francis Minor Seminary.

You may confer with Father Riedel,
the Rector, relative to arranging a time suitable to the
Seminary schedule and your own responsibilities.

With every best wish and blessing,
I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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ADOM015521

October 24, 1958

The Rev. O. G. Krusing

[REDACTED]
Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

Dear Father Krusing:

Pursuant to our conversation of several days ago this letter is to inform you that I am accepting your wish for a transfer from your present assignment.

I herewith appoint you Administrator (ad normam Canon 472-473) of Holy Name Parish, Racine, effective Tuesday, November 4th. on which date you will kindly report to your new assignment.

Wishing you every blessing of God in your new field of work and again commending you for the fine work done at Sacred Heart, St. Francis, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Administrator
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

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ADOM015522

February 13, 1959

The Rev. Oswald G. Krusing

[REDACTED]
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Father Krusing:

You are as of this date appointed Pastor of Holy Name Parish, Racine, where you have been serving as Administrator. You are dispensed from repeating the Profession of Faith and the Oath against Modernism.

It affords me great pleasure to make this appointment and I assure you that my prayers are joined to yours as we ask God to bless your labors in this new field.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM015523

[REDACTED]

RACINE, WISCONSIN

MELROSE 2-6150

March 15, 1962

Bishop William Cousins
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

I have been consulted by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] with regard to certain complaints against Oswald Krusing, Pastor of Holy Name Church, Racine, Wisconsin, involving their daughter [REDACTED] age ten. Specifically, [REDACTED] complain that Oswald Krusing sexually molested their daughter [REDACTED] and that these offenses occurred many times over the past two years.

The Priest occupies a home together with his Mother, as housekeeper, and two other priests. While inviting the girl to his home to play cards, on many occasions he took the girl to his private bedroom and took the following action. He undressed her, undressed himself, masturbated in her presence, asked her to touch his penis, lay on top of her, kissed her on her lips, told her he loved her, and told her to say she loved him, and touched her at her breasts and vagina. He told her not to tell her Mother, the police or the Bishop.

On Sunday, March 11, 1962 after receiving a telephone call from the Priest requesting her to come to his home, [REDACTED] told her Mother of these experiences.

The Priest telephoned to [REDACTED] several times each day on the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. [REDACTED] asked him why he had betrayed her trust, and "painted the girl black." The Priest spoke of human weakness, and stated that [REDACTED] had not been sexually molested.

[REDACTED] wish to discuss these charges with you at your earliest opportunity.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ADOM015527



Bishop William Cousins

ADOM015528

HOLY NAME CONGREGATION
1707 GRAND AVENUE
RACINE, WISCONSIN

March 22, 1962

The Most Reverend Roman R. Atkielski D.D.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Your Excellency,

This morning I phoned the Chancery but I could not speak to you, since you had left. I spoke to Monsignor Beres, stating that I was taking a vacation beginning tomorrow.

I leave here for New Mellery, Dubuque, and I should be at the Trappist Monastery by early afternoon. I made the arrangements by phone with Father Daniel, the Guest Master, stating that I would remain for a week or slightly less. So tomorrow, Friday, I leave here.

The phone number there is [REDACTED]

This afternoon [REDACTED] phone about her boy [REDACTED] and a school circumstance. She was kind and assuring. She emphasized their determination that there would never be any publicity or scandal, that no person knows of this and that no person will be told. She stated further that the lawyer was ordered never to disclose the affair and that this was to remain ever personal and private and religious.

You stated that the Archbishop would call me in, but he has not done so. Since you placed great emphasis upon my departure before the end of the week, I presume that I cannot wait longer than tomorrow morning, Friday. If the Archbishop wishes to see me, he may decide the day and the time and I will return. If that be a case then I would prefer to meet him in his residence rather than walk upstairs in the Chancery which would be most embarrassing because of the Tribunal officers, who are my associates in marriage case working, - or rather, with whom I associate in Tribunal work.

Respectfully,

Oswald S. Krueger

ADOM015529

██████████ — for 2 years.

No contribution

Plans for doing it again

No complete act
After a couple of months again
Even after marriage, he would still go after her.

Dear Frankie,

Monday

Here I come again - pardon - but I'm
crushed and lonely. This single little non-site is
so different from a spacious factory and this inactivity
is annihilating. I do pray W.P.C. will frank his position
now. The best master made it clear this noon that
he'd like the - all the rooms vacated by Friday for a group of
retirees arriving then. If I don't get by Tuesday
shored & wrote R.R.A. and explain or should I just
sit tight here - no matter. Oh I do wish to get back
to duty - and be sure - there'll be no more mistakes
or misconduct. It'll all be correct.

You are very tactful - could you get yourself appointed
to see [redacted] to be assured all will be quieted
all is pardoned & that the lawyer is silenced. They
live at [redacted]. They are
on the Southwest side - Taylor and beyond Durand to Maryland
east a couple blocks & there it is. Then I could
be returned soon. Since Hildenbrot at Port Washington
is living his last days there could be reason to call me
home to fill that place. Also since Leo Meyer is less so
aged I could be recalled from "sick leave" to step in there
as administrator or as "Believe me Fran - I was never
so sick as I am now - never never." This is terrible.
If not so good couldn't Fred Arnold be told to taking
a sick friend, me, for a couple of weeks or months. I know
he would, and he has room, or your place. Honest Fran
so shocked me unnerve I actually shook, especially
at his knees and wrists - the arms and legs much
no appetite - and horrible but little sleep
I should I would Walter saying on his name - but sick
and seeking rest. I know you'll take care of that crowd.
What about Weiss? In on the Comm Law Committee
and leave on and then those cases virtually ready and
no explanation offered. You work that one up and I know
you'll fix it up well. God bless (OVER)

I hope this won't be death of my 83 yr old mother.
Maybe some day you could phone my sister Beady at 30697
oh I suppose not, because of slavery. If only I could
return - perhaps - to live with my sister & mother at
[redacted] for a while. I just took out Social
Security and I'd like to build it up by working so when
I'm 65 I'd get some small income. If RRA talks to
you about this or WEC, you might suggest this about
if I should phone RRA - how can I? Well I could go to
a pay station couldn't I? you'll know this by Tuesday
or maybe I'll phone you from here "collect" (An ashamed)
Wed. Am. or Thursday Am. -? I know that WEC & RRA
are unwise your phone conversations & these letters
as I'd be out I will be very careful. Thanks for reading
this and my first letter to you. I am so thankful to
you and for you. I however are what you try to. I thought
for you. At home today Beady - it was home - the
Charity Society I see is an - and I wanted to really work
it up. Then for WEC, confers in 3 Churches and I
absent here - and pitifully under a cloud Heaven help me!
I spend my time - I try to pray - to read - at chapel -
but those jitters pound me into distraction and
restless exhaustion. I'm also attempting to renew
dogma. In the Church the crucifixes and altar
pictures are already covered with purple. In the
one corner there is a statue of St. Philomena!
The chapel services are inspiring in with
the superb rendition of Gregorian Chant. The
monks are pleasant. But all this seems
only to emphasize my wretchedness, - God have mercy.
You will never properly to evaluate the magnificent
support you are to me in this misery. God Bless
and prosper you

Ossie

How much more happy we were
at your first visit. We could
not have foreseen this or even
believed it could happen.

Tuesday

Dear Frank

I am grateful to you that I was admitted here yesterday. I arrived in early evening. I am in a closed unit (ward) but from the rigid control and management here I conclude it is psychiatric - which allows no favors at all - yet it's strictly shut in. But the Doctor has not as yet called on me, - which when he does I hope will permit some modifications. I'd like to say Mass - or at least visit the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. Doctor Dagan has not as yet made his appearance but an orderly Doctor [redacted] interviewed me - but I did not disclose to him the point of my presence here - saying I'd prefer to declare the detail to Doctor [redacted]. As Doctor [redacted] made a preliminary physical examination and concluded that my body health appears excellent but that further tests would continue.

Upon arrival yesterday evening - I was
given a lung T.B. test before being admitted
to a room (713). This morning there were
the urine and blood tests.

I am in psychiatric closed ward - reason -
said doctor - because there is no place
in the open psychiatric (ward) unit but at
such a time when there is an opening
I shall be transferred (room & bed). Here
there is no clothes closet - only bare walls - a
fine bed - one wood chair - no light
switches - 3 emergency buttons - no control
of windows - my possessions except some
clothes have been removed - including
money, watch, books, stamps, razor etc.,
and even the eye glasses are removed from
the room at night. The patients in this
closed unit are social enough. We eat
assembled in a kind of recreational room.
Food will quickly aid in weight reduction.
Time seems to drag and drag - a radio I
have with me is forbidden. If the Doctor
will allow me Chapel privilege all else
could be graciously supported. Still I have
no complaint - but I am happy. Ossie

Friday April 6, 1962

Dear Franne.

Still waiting on the knee, but I expect to be in a different room within a week. So far several physical tests which all resulted as satisfactory that Dr. [redacted] expects to order no others - that I requested none. A Dr. [redacted] gave me a Physical Psychology test yesterday - simple and elementary apparently and said there would be no more of that type. The neurologist has not yet entered the case but Dr. [redacted] said he'd be the last. I was consulted only twice by Dr. [redacted] himself. Today he is here but did not call on me or for me. He closed the fourth day. I write to none but you and my sister. I did write the Archbishop a short note of appreciation. I attempted to write Walter, Rose Ann and thought of Boss - but decided not to. You spoke on the phone about my taking Rodenkirch's job temporarily - sure - and whenever you say I'll leave there - but I suppose I'll be two or three weeks here - as if the Archbishop decides even longer, but here a long long stay is not envisioned. N.E.C. spoke

about my getting a small parish to start
of which order ^{than} one comparable to what
I had. But your idea would seem easier
for a start and then what he wishes. He
knows but while he sends a parish again
he might decide upon a different work
like perhaps along the convent line. I do
wait out the time. Even though there
are some fine parish prospects coming up
these could also be great urgency upon the
Archbishop for other work at least temporarily
in nomine Domini. Then you are still
there with Leo J. B. or the smallest will occur
I say I was allowed to say most to first
terse - and - apparently if this privilege will
continue. I'll be allowed outdoor privileges
very soon too - walk outside by myself and
later I hope for the use of the Ford I'd go to
the Capitol - University Museum - Library -
St Thomas College - Cathedral - City Centre
Publishers - Lubliner - Churches and civic
interests also. - But I'll wait for this.
Again I thank you for your generous
interest on my behalf and the many favors
you did for me on this damaging incident.
Thank you gratefully
Oster

Dear Franice,

Monday - 4-16-62

yesterday afternoon, he made a call here in my room - friendly and then spoke in some detail of his telephone conversation with the Archbishop. Of course the conversation drifted away again - this time to his Chicago convention. But it returned again - then about the report he'll make to W.E.C. - which apparently he will cover with gloom. He is a fine gentleman, but not too well versed in Catholic detail - as a priest but not deep in the "sacred can ecclesia". He takes and perhaps has in Catholic thought the commonwealth publication - and grants that it is very liberal. As for me he has not developed any corrective line - but suggest especially the punitive line - and unless he had formerly stated his report would be infernal now he states he'll render a report personal and important to W.E.C. - and sadly enough - we have had no added conversation pointed to the case wherein anything could be added to the history or facts of the case. It remains very

June 22, 1964

The Rev. Oswald G. Krusing
Notre Dame Infirmary
Elm Grove, Wisconsin 53122

Dear Father Krusing:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from your position as Chaplain at Notre Dame Infirmary, Elm Grove, and I officially appoint you pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Milwaukee, effective Wednesday, July 1st, on which date you are asked to report to your new assignment.

You are asked to make the required Profession of Faith and to take the Oath against Modernism in the Chancery before July 1st.

It affords me great pleasure to make this appointment and I assure you that my prayers are joined to yours as we ask God to bless your labors in this new field.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM015569

June 24, 1964

The Rev. Oswald G. Krusing
Notre Dame Infirmary
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

Dear Ozzie:

Many thanks for your good wishes on the Feast of St. William. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I had hoped to talk to you earlier about your appointment to St. Charles Borromeo. There was some thought that Father Bob Schweizer might be unable to continue as pastor and that Our Lady of Sorrows would provide an opening. Actually, I believe that St. Charles provides a better future and presently offers more of a challenge. For that reason I am happy that you accepted the assignment, knowing that a growing parish is in good hands.

With warm personal regards and with renewed thanks, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM015574

March 8, 1966

The Reverend Oswald G. Krusing
Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Parish
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221

Dear Father Krusing:

By this letter I herewith transfer you from the pastorate of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Milwaukee, and I officially appoint you pastor of St. Rita's Parish, West Allis, effective Tuesday, the 22nd day of March, 1966, on which date you are asked to report to your new assignment.

Permit me to advise you that you are dispensed from making the Profession of Faith and taking the Oath Against Modernism as is required by Canon Law for newly appointed pastors.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your new field of endeavor, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM015577

June 19, 1969

Mr. Norman Schuch, FN
1733 South 57 Street
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

Dear Mr. Schuch:

The archbishop herewith approves the selection of Father Krusing to be the Faithful Friar of the Monsignor Arnold General Assembly of the Knights of Columbus for the forthcoming year, providing he is willing to accept these responsibilities in addition to his present duties. Again, my personal congratulations to you.

Sincerely,

(Mgr.) Francis M. Beres

cc: Fr. Krusing

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ADOM015578

SAINT RITA PARISH

West Allis, Wisconsin 53219

Phone:

January 8, 1970

The Most Reverend William E. Cousins, D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

Your Excellency,

May I present my request for retirement
from the active ministry?

If you accept this I would resign my pastorate at St. Rita's
Church in West Allis, to be effective February 16, 1970.
I do also offer my resignation from the positions of
pro-synodal judge and defender of the bond in the Archdio-
cesan Tribunal, effective the same February 16, 1970.

I shall abide by your opinion in regard to this request.
If you prefer that I appear at your office because of
this, I shall do so.

Respectfully and gratefully,

Oswald G. Krusing
Oswald G. Krusing.

ADOM015595

January 19, 1970

The Reverend Oswald G. Krusing

West Allis, Wisconsin 53219

Dear Father Krusing:

Upon my return from the Bishops' Communications Workshop in New Orleans I found your letter of January 8th awaiting me.

I could not do less than recognize your request for retirement from the active ministry. You have served well and faithfully in your various assignments, and you have made a contribution to the Archdiocese that will remain a credit to your priestly zeal. Our personal relationships have been such as to make my own expression of gratitude one that is sincere and heartfelt. I have worked with you as a fellow priest, and I have valued you as a friend.

Acceding to your written request, please accept this letter as an acceptance of your resignation as pastor of St. Rita Parish in West Allis. Your resignation also applies to your positions of Pro-Synodal Judge and Defender of the Bond in the Archdiocesan Tribunal. The effective date for all will be February 16, 1970.

I shall immediately acquaint the Personnel Board with your decision.

I am always greatly concerned with arrangements made by our retired priests. I feel that they should live in surroundings consonant with their priestly dignity and under conditions that will do justice to their needs. You have made no specific mention of your future plans, but I am confident that you have given much thought to the matter. If there is anything we can do to supplement your plans, you have only to ask.

With the warmest of personal regards, with renewed thanks for your loyalty and service, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Cc: Personnel Board

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ADOM015596

February 13th, 1970

The Reverend Oswald G. Krusing, S.T.D.
St. Rita Parish
[REDACTED]
West Allis, Wisconsin 53219

Dear Father Krusing:

By virtue of the Apostolic Letter motu proprio "Pastorale Munus" of Pope Paul VI, n. I, 10, permission is hereby granted to you to celebrate Mass daily, even on the more solemn feasts, at home but not in a bedroom, the liturgical laws being observed.

With all best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Sylvester F. Gass
Vicar General

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ADOM015597

Greenfield, Wisconsin, 53220

May 6, 1978

The Rev. Monsignor Sylvester F. Gass, Vicar General
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Wisconsin

By this letter you are informed that as of this date I tender my resignation
as director of the Apostolate of Christian Renewal in the area of the Archdiocese
of Milwaukee, and also of the state of Wisconsin.

Respectfully,

Oswald G. Krusing

Reverend Oswald G. Krusing.

Copies of this to:

Rev. Luke Zimmer, S.S.C.C.,
Sister Mary Francis Nuss, S.S.N.D.

ADOM015601


ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

May 25, 1995

Reverend Oswald G. Krusing

████████████████████
St. Francis, WI 53235

Dear Father Krusing,

As you are aware I must frequently review the situation of priests who have had allegations of misconduct placed against them. You know of my comments at the Spring Assembly for Priests where I indicated that even retired priests may have to have some restrictions placed on the ministry they can offer. My concern is both to ensure that the integrity of the priesthood is upheld and to protect the diocese from any allegations of improper monitoring which might place persons at risk.

I have pondered how best to proceed with decisions regarding your status and exercise of ministry. I must bear in mind both my responsibility toward the good of the whole community and respect for your individual rights.

Given the serious nature of the obligations of celibacy, as well as the seriousness of violations alleged to have occurred by you, I find that some necessary and prudent precautions must be taken. This decision is ultimately a pastoral measure to protect the rights and reputations of all involved.

Therefore, I am enclosing a document which specifically details any ministerial restrictions which are to be observed by you.

I know that I can count on your cooperation and obedience in this matter.

Peace and blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Rember G. Weakland

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

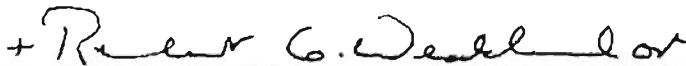
PRECEPT

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

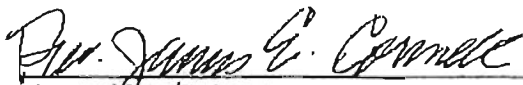
- 1) To refrain from all contact with minors;
- 2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist in other than a private setting with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require my explicit permission in 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) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

The reasons motivating this decree are the allegations of sexual activities in violation of the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1). These restrictions are seen as necessary and prudent precautions and will remain in effect until notice of their revocation.

Given this 25 day of May, 1995



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



Chancellor/Notary

SEAL

[REDACTED] recalled that her mother made noon dinners for Fr. Krusing and she took them over. She believes that may be how it started. When he was away for awhile, he wrote letters to her - she started looking for those letters before coming today. She said the abuse continued until he was moved elsewhere, lasting a couple years. "Why was he moved so much? Did they know?" [REDACTED]

History:

[REDACTED]

Current Therapist: None

Next Steps:

[REDACTED] is very emphatic about wanting the names of all priest offenders published.

[REDACTED]

I suggested that she consider psychotherapy to help with the ongoing emotional struggles.

[REDACTED]

Report given to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fr. Al Veik (Religious) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Tank (Non-Cleric) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Anne Cusack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Attorney | | |

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PARISH COUNCIL
ST. RITA'S CONGREGATION
2318 South 61st Street
West Allis, Wisconsin 53219
Phone: 541-7515

February 17, 1970

Rev. Donald E. Reiff
Archdiocesan Personnel Board
1500 South 29th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Rev. Reiff:

Your letter of January 30th, plus Fr. Krusing's subsequent audience with His Excellency, Archbishop Cousins, has convinced us to accept his resignation.

However, when a Pastor, who is an excellent priest, resigns his pastorate and gives as his reason "he has his soul to save and thus life in the rectory has become unbearable" — this requires no elaboration. We have been assured the matter will be taken care of.

Thank you for your interest and advice.

Sincerely,



Harvey J. Jaramoski
President, Parish Council

ADOM015634

January 30, 1970

C Mr. Harvey J. Jarantoski
c/o St. Rita Congregation
2318 South 61st Street
West Allis, Wisconsin 53219

Dear Mr. Jarantoski:

O The Personnel Board is in receipt of your letter of January 22, 1970 regarding the resignation of Father Oswald Krusing. It is quite a tribute to Father that such a strong endorsement of his contributions be recorded by the Parish Council.

P However, as stated in our telephone conversation of January 20, 1970, Father's resignation has already been accepted by the Archbishop, and we feel that it would be unfair to force a man to continue to carry such heavy obligations in these days of turmoil, when he has made his preference extremely clear.

Y The underlined clause in your letter opens up rather extensive possibilities. We would appreciate your elaborating on "the problem(s) which precipitated his resignation." Perhaps the matter might be pursued in depth; we await your response to the question.

We appreciate your obvious interest and concern.

Sincerely,

ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

Rev. Donald E. Reiff
Secretary

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SAINT RITA CONGREGATION
2318 South 61st Street
West Allis, Wisconsin 53219
Phone 541-7515

January 22, 1970

Fr. D. Reiff
Archdiocesan Personnel Board
1500 South 29 Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Fr. Reiff:


This is to confirm our telephone conversation of January 20th in which I had expressed to you the Council's request for you, and the other Personnel Board members, to defer any action on Fr. Krusing's letter of resignation until His Excellency, Archbishop Cousins, responds to our request for an audience.

For your information, the following is the resolution unanimously approved by the Parish Council.

"That the Council demands that Fr. Krusing reconsider his resignation and to do all in our power to prevent its acceptance by the Archbishop and to do whatever is necessary to reconcile the problem(s) which precipitated his resignation."

The underlining emphasis is mine, merely to remind you of our discussion relative to the problem that must be solved whether Fr. Krusing leaves or remains. Thank you! I remain --

Yours in Christ,


Harvey J. Jarantowski
President, Parish Council

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Complaints by parishioners.

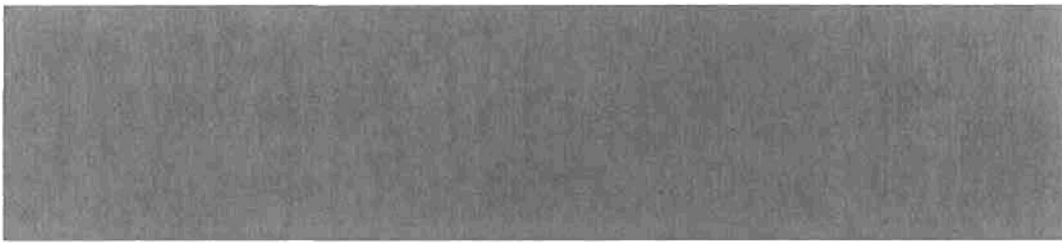
1. "egotistical maniac" — "sick or seivill or demented"
2. obsession with sex
3. overly conscious of women's legs + crude comments re them
(adultery for boy to look at girl's legs)
4. insulting crude remarks re boy women men. (extra Pilkington - brown - white)
5. refuses to hire parsonage
6. hires unqualified teachers (as long as they are male)
7. shouts from pulpit at non commitments on F. & Sunday
8. pushes ^{about} sermons till they cry, "I cannot read the"
9. lies about news (Kath. Dept.)
10. lies about priests (many the ditch skulls - do this job)
11. lies about parishioners (misquoting them to news & newspapers)
12. unkind to sick
13. families leaving parish & society.

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12. Dr. Barbara Reinke

On January 12, 2004, I met with Dr. Barbara Reinke for a review of several current cases including [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. We also discussed the fact that a November invoice for \$1,400 for treatment plan review from Dr. [REDACTED] had not been paid. We agreed that the matter should be resolved and decided that problematic situations would be encouraged to go to mediation without treatment plan review, out of a sense of care for the resolution of these situations and the good of victims, as well as good stewardship on our part. RJS



14. [REDACTED]

On January 12, 2004, in the context of a meeting with Dr. Barbara Reinke, we agreed that therapy and spiritual direction reimbursement would be concluded and that she would be requested to move into mediation. Further research by [REDACTED] revealed that the Archdiocese had already contributed \$15,069.0 to her therapy and spiritual well being as of December 31, 2003. RJS



17. [REDACTED]

On January 12, 2004, in the context of a meeting with Dr. Barbara Reinke, it was agreed that therapy costs be discontinued, since [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has terminated her relationship with [REDACTED] and is already in the group mediation process. The allegation has been viewed as very questionable. RJS

BORN Apr. 27, 1899, at Jefferson, Wis.

STUDIES Classics: Salesianum. Theology: Jesuit Gregorian University at Rome. Awarded Doctor's Degree in S. Theology.

TONDURE

ORDERS Sep., 1924, at Einsiedeln, Switzerland, Patriarch ^{Paul} de Ruyn.

SUBDEACON Oct. 30, 1926, at Rome, Cardinal Vicar of Rome.

DEACON Nov. 28, 1926, " " " " " " " " " " " "

PRIESTHOOD Dec. 18, 1926, " " ^{Card. Pompili} ~~Arche-Palica~~, " " for Mil.

APPOINTMENTS Asst. Sc. Hearts, Sun Prairie, Oct. 1, 1927.

" St. Victor, Monroe, Dec. 9, 1927.

" Imm. Conception, Milwaukee, Feb. 15, 1928.

" Holy Redeemer, Madison, Feb. 12, 1930.

" St. Joseph, Waukesha, Jul. 10, 1930.

" *Our Lady of Mercy, Waukesha, Sept 30 - 1930*

NAME

* KRUSING, REV. OSWALD G. S.T.D.

Took up residence at St. Catherine Hospital (still
 had mission at St. Joseph) - April 6, 1934.
 Pastor, St. John's, Clyburn - Dec. 12, 1934.
 Pastor, St. Joseph, Lyons, & Mission - June 13, 1935.
 Notary in Tribunal Oct. 6, 1939.
 Pastor, St. Stephen, New Coeln, Sep. 20, 1939.
 Left for Claretian Monastery November 30, 1941
 " " Trappist Monastery, Cumberland Valley Falls, Rhode Island
 To Superior Dec. 16 - '42
 Appts. Pastor, Holy Apostles, New Berlin, July 19, 1944
 Approved Advocate, May 14, 1947
 Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Francis - June 26, 1958
 Appointed Pro-Synodal Judge, to complete unexpired term of Father
 H. Spaeth, Sept. 16, 1957. (Term expires July 26, 1964)
 Administrator, Holy Name Parish, Racine, Wis., Nov. 4, 1958.
 Pastor, Holy Name Parish, Racine - Feb. 13, 1959 (* April 5, 1963)
 Chaplain, Notre Dame Infirmary, Elm Grove - (appointed as D.V.
 for Roman Cases)
 Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo, Milwaukee - July 1, 1964
 Apptd. Pro-Synodal Judge, Spt. 8, 1964; Pastor, St. Rita, West Allis & Spt.

BORN _____ cont.

STUDIES _____

TONSURE _____

ORDERS _____

SUBDEACON _____

DEACON _____

RIESTHOOD _____

APPOINTMENTS Resigned pastorate St. Rita, W. Allis Feb. 16, 1970. accepted

Resignation accepted Pro-Synodal judge; D.V. Roman cases,
 Feb. 16, 1970

Retired - February 16, 1970

Died at Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, Milwaukee-October 29, 1995

NAME
 ✱ KRUSING, REV. OSWALD G. S.T.D. (2)



AUG 30 1995

August 30, 1995

Rev. Oswald Krusing
Cousins Center - [REDACTED]

Dear Fr. Krusing:

In the context of a meeting with Archbishop Weakland on August 28, 1995 I had the opportunity to raise and review the issue of faculties which you had expressed in our earlier meeting.

After a consideration of the issues, Archbishop Weakland agreed to restore your faculties for Confession when personally approached by a visitor in an individual fashion. In view of his letter of last May however it is understood that restored permission would not include making yourself available to parishes of the area for Sacramental help out. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this significant area of priestly ministry.

May the Lord continue to bless you with peace.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/rt

Last Name	First Name	Date of Ordination	Assignment	From	To	Current Status
Krusing	Oswald	1926	Sacred Heart (SunPrairie)*	1927	1927	Deceased 1995
			St. Victor (Monroe)*	1927	1928	
			ImmConc (Mke)	1928	1930	
			Holy Redeemer(Madison)*	1930	1930	
			St. Joseph (Waukesha)	1930	1930	
			Holy Rosary (Kenosha)	1930	1934	
			St. John B (Clyman)	1934	1935	
			St. Joseph (Lyons)	1935	1939	
			St. Stephen (NewCoelm)	1939	1941	
			Trappist novitiate **	1941	1942	
			St. Louis (Washburn) ***	1942	1944	
			Holy Apos (New Berlin)	1944	1956	
			Sacred Ht (St.Francis)	1956	1958	
			Holy Name (Racine)	1958	1962	
			Notre Dame Convent Infirmery (Elm Grove)	1962	1964	
			St. Charles B (Mke)	1964	1966	
			St. Rita (W Allis)	1966	1970	
			Retired	1970		

*Madison was part of Archdiocese of Milwaukee until 1946

**Tested a vocation to monastery

***Transition back to diocesan life

1947 – Report from parishioner at Holy Apostles – K’s “inappropriate conduct” with reporter’s niece (nor record of response)

Undated and unsigned letter with allegation about K’s abuse of daughter – demanding that he be moved and refusing to involve police out of concern for daughter and other suspected victims (no record of response – with no date, hard to place chronologically)

1949 – Letter from Holy Apostles parent complaining about language used in junior high classes about sex education

1955 – Letter from Holy Apostles parishioner regarding K’s language and preoccupation with sexual matters, disrespect for females, singling out certain children, families, even neighborhoods and business and publicly calling them bad

1962 – Letter accusing K of sexually molesting girl – K confronted by Auxiliary Bishop Atkielski and denied it at first - attorney for parents contacted diocese and said parents wanted no publicity – K sent to Trappist monastery in Iowa for penance – letter from K from monastery to Monsignor Beres speaks of “misconduct” and “mistakes” but minimized impact and effect – moved from monastery to psychiatric hospital in

Minnesota for treatment - assigned to convent chapel as a "probation period" at recommendation of doctor - later returned to parish

K was a good friend of Monsignor Beres, a Chancery official who probably saw to his reassignment

No other reports of abuse prior to CURRENT CASE in 1997 reporting abuse from 1957.

Since 1997, Archdiocese has paid therapy costs for CURRENT CASE and husband of over \$15,000.

Attempt lump sum for therapy part of agreement so they can manage on their own. Offer to match what already spent plus an additional \$5,000 for total of \$20,000. At approximately \$2,000 / year (based on what was spent for the last 7) this would provide ten years of therapy, spread out however they want it.

Entry for the File of [REDACTED] Krusing, Rev. Oswald
By Barbara Reink [REDACTED]

January 13, 2004

I met with [REDACTED] from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. today. She requested this meeting in follow-up to the letter that she received from the Archbishop. She traveled from [REDACTED] to Milwaukee. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] talked at length about the difference layers of her abuse. After she escaped the abuse by Father Oswald Krusing at the end of eighth grade, [REDACTED] During her senior year of high school, she attempted to tell Sister Roseanne about the sexual abuse by Father Krusing. Sister Roseanne reportedly both accused her of lying and of having seduced him. [REDACTED] Subsequently, she told some others in the Church, and she wonders if any of them ever informed the Archdiocese. During the course of our meeting I connected with Barbara Anne Cusack by phone, and reviewed Father Krusing's history. I attempted to explain to [REDACTED] that in 1950s and 1960s, and even in the 1980s when [REDACTED] first reported this incident to Bishop Skiba, sexual abuse was not handled the same way that it is now. I also explained the absence of records from Archbishop Cousin's time.

BR:saz
Typed 2/5/04

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Intake Call: Date: _____ Time: _____ By: _____
_____ Phone _____ In Person

Director Date: 4/30/02 & 5/6/02 Time: _____ By: BR

Contact _____ In Person
Person Reporting: _____
Phone Number: _____
Current Address: _____

Allegations made by:
(if not same as above)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ Age at time of: _____
Phone: _____ Allegations: around 11-13 yrs.
Allegations Against: Fr. Oswald ~~Kreusing~~ KRUSING

Time Period: Mid 1950s
Where: Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, South Kinnickianic

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)
To Bishop Sklba in around 1986. She is calling now because she wants to know what was done with that report.
In her twenties she told Fr. John Michael Murphy in Milwaukee

Alleged Abuse:

The summer before 7th grade she was very uncomfortable with "how the new priest was looking at me" in church. In 7th grade he came into her religion class and said "I found you." He then sent for her every day to come to the rectory for an hour. On her way from the school to the rectory every day she would go into church and "pray for God to help me." "He hugged and kissed me, fondled my breast, had his hand between my legs and under my pants." "He took me places (such as Racine), which my parents thought was cool." This went on for two years. Around the time she was leaving 8th grade and then entering a _____ she stood up to him, and said something like "didn't your mother tell you not to do this to little girls?" "He was furious with me, asked how I could do this to him, but he left me alone then." She recalls asking _____ to go with her to ask him for a signature for the _____ so she would not have to see him alone. He reportedly took her to St. Catherine's and continued to bring her gifts.

History:

Current Therapist: None. I urged her to get one _____

Next Steps:

Report back to _____ about Fr. Kreusing, including whether her 1986 report was acted upon.

Report given to:

- Archbishop Weakland
- Bishop Sklba
- Fr. Joe Hornacek (Clergy)
- Fr. Al Veik (Religious)
- Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)
- District Attorney
- Matt Flynn (Legal)
- Molly Hatfield (Insurance)

make form

Krusing

November 14, 1968

Dear Father Reiff & Board Members,

This letter is to inform you of our decision regarding our dissatisfaction with our pastor, Father Oswald G. Krusing.

As you recall, three ladies from St. Rita's had a personal interview with you several weeks ago. Since that time, we did as you directed, preparing a statement listing the reasons of our discontent with Father Krusing's administration. However, prior to requesting parishioners' signatures, we sought the advice of Father Joseph Zeihen as to the advisability of our action since we anticipated retaliatory measures by our pastor toward our three associate pastors. Father Zeihen, though he admitted conditions were most unfortunate, suggested that we wait, informing us that Father Krusing is continually speaking of retiring next May. If only this were true! We have accepted Father Zeihen's decision, knowing full well that any action on the part of St. Rita's parishioners will hurt Father Krusing, although, let it be known, we detest the manner in which he is hurting hundreds of children and adults.

We have not undertaken this ordeal to hurt anyone, but rather because St. Rita's is beloved to so many good people. As Father Zeihen stated when he dissuaded us, we have tolerated the abominable situation this long, perhaps we can endure the discontent, the disappointments for another six months.

Should the promise of retirement not materialize, be assured we will resume our efforts to alter conditions existing now at St. Rita's, for our attitudes and principles remain the same.

Please remember our parish in your daily prayers. Perhaps intercession of our dear Lord is our only chance, but a change is essential. We thank you for your kindness and consideration, and sincerely hope another meeting will be unnecessary.

Gratefully

Mrs. [REDACTED]

ADOM043170

✓
Kraus

November 18, 1968

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53219

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of November 14, 1968. The Board certainly concurs in your decision of delaying action until you see what actually happens in Spring. Our recent conversation at the Board office and our correspondence are being kept on file, but, as you have said, we too hope another meeting may prove to be unnecessary.

Sincerely,

ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

Rev. Donald E. Reiff, Secy.

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ADOM043171

330. Krusing, Oswald

On March 11, 1994, I gave Oswald Krusing a copy of the note from Archbishop Weakland granting his request for a dispensation from the Divine Office. Oswald said the Archbishop did not give him a specific substitution, but to pray as he can. He said he prays six rosaries a day. He was happy to receive the Dispensation.

RTV

✓ 625. Oswald Krusing

On August 17, 1995 I had an extended meeting with Fr. Krusing who wanted to discuss his great depression and spiritual anxiety given the recent letter from the Archbishop. He seemed more at peace after learning that he was not forbidden to celebrate the Eucharist alone each day in the Oratory if no one else was available. He also reported that on two occasions since the end of May, 1995 when confronted by a very persistent priest visitor from out of State for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, he responded not knowing how to explain the situation under the Rubric of "ecclesia supplet". I promised to discuss his quandary with the Archbishop and he was grateful for the opportunity to speak about the matter with someone.

RJS

✓ 650. Oswald Krusing

On August 28, 1995 the Archbishop restored faculties for Confession when approached privately, with the understanding that he would not provide this Sacramental ministry to parish in a more general fashion to parish communities.

RJS

ADOM043214

May 29, 1935

The Rev. Oswald Krusing
Clyman, Wisconsin.

My dear Father Krusing:

By the promotion of the
Reverend A. Biber to the Pastorate of St. Matthew
Parish, Campbellsport, the Pastorate of St. Joseph
Parish at Lyons will be vacated on the 10th of June.

I appoint you to succeed Father Biber as Pastor
of St. Joseph Parish, Lyons, with the rights and
privileges of a "Parochus Amovibilis".

You may arrange with Father Biber to take up
your new duties at his departure for Campbellsport.

Asking God to bless you always and to make your
ministry abundantly fruitful.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

ADOM043253

November 19, 1942

The Most Rev. William P. O'Connor, D.D., Ph.D.
1108 East Second Street
Superior, Wisconsin

Dear Bishop O'Connor:

I have just received a letter from the Rev. Oswald G. Krusing, stating that he does not feel that he is fitted for the life of a Trappist. I am enclosing a copy of the letter which is self-explanatory.

As you see, he speaks of applying as a Chaplain. Personally, I do not feel that he is the type that we should permit to go as a Chaplain. However, you know him longer and better than I do. If you think that he would do all right as a Chaplain, I would so notify him and Bishop O'Hara.

My purpose in writing to you is to ask if you could use him for a while till he gets his bearings once more and his return from the Monastery will not be so fresh in the minds of the priests of Milwaukee who, he fears, will be apt to have fun with him over his venture. If you have no use for him and cannot use him to advantage, do not hesitate to say so because you have problems enough without taking on another.

Regretting that there was so much commotion and business going on both in Washington and in Chicago that I did not have a greater opportunity to talk to you, and with best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee.

Enclosure

ADOM043262

HOLY NAME CONGREGATION

[REDACTED]
RACINE, WISCONSIN

March 22, 1962

The Most Reverend Roman R. Atkielski D.D.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Your Excellency,

Since I wrote to you this afternoon this interesting incident occurred:

Answering the doorbell Father Braun welcomed a lady into the office; as she entered she handed him an envelope which she found pushed into the handle to open the door. He then in turn gave it to me because it read: "Rev. Father Krusing".

I opened it and there was in it a relic of St. Rita in a case, attached to a pretty handkerchief with the word "Rita" on it; and with it was a holy card of St Rita with a prayer to the Saint.

I recall that when this distasteful affair broke she stated that she and her family would ever pray for me, for my soul and that there be no scandal or trouble; she said further that she would give me her relic of St Rita to protect me. Perhaps, as I wrote in my first letter to you today explaining my departure, perhaps she phoned about her son [REDACTED] to be sure that I was here so that she could deliver the relic. The family is very religious on both sides parents and grandparents and children. They will not damage the church or the priesthood.

Bishop do not understand this to possibly mean that I am entertaining any continued social relationship with the family of [REDACTED] whose wife is the [REDACTED] in the incident above. I have severed all relationship with the family, and it shall be ever so.

I report this incident because I think that it might be helpful in solving the case,- and Heaven help us,- the sooner the better.

Respectfully,

Dawald G. Krusing

ADOM043319

Dear Fran

Friday

You'll want to hear that I arrived at 3:00 PM. I passed at Burlington to have my income tax report set up, and, sign up for the Social Security - self employed, non withholding 1st type. I spent a short hour driving around Suburban to see a couple of the Catholic Institutions and still I arrived at 3:00 o'clock having left Racine at 9:15 AM. In in the new guest house section - a room with bath etc - surprising! but mentioned in every detail. Father Daniel and Father Paul and Brother Joseph, on guest duty, were most cordial. Don't know guest, - person I'm writing in confidence, not known to the Chancery Office - this we back discuss. Fran, I recall that [redacted] stated they would never disclose the affair out that the lounge was few gentlemen and that he would never disclose any of it - and that if he did they could sue him because this is private - personal matter. I just write this because it might shorten the route home for me and for me to get back to work [redacted] said she - they - would never allow or cause any scandal. As you stated so beautifully for my consolation and assurance

March 27, 1962

The Most Rev. Benson P. Atkulski

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Your Excellency

I am still here at the Trappist
Monastery, Abbey of Our Lady of New Melleray, Dubuque
Iowa. This morning the Guest Master,
Father Daniel, informed me I may not
remain here after Friday noon, this week,
which computes a week here. It seems
a week is the conventional - usual - accepted
maximum for a guest - and besides they
have large lay retreat groups each
week etc.

Please - may I expect to hear from you
before Friday - so that I possibly may
prepare where to go until you recall
me to Milwaukee? This destitution
and alone-ness and away-ness from home
and priest friends and work is terrible!

Respectfully

Donald G. Krueger

Select Krusing Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

7/9/96 Sexual abuse in take report indicating a survivor was abused by Krusing in 1943-1944 when they were 12-13 years old at St. Louis Parish in Washburn (Diocese of Superior). Abuse consisted of intercourse, fondling, and oral sex and went on for several years.