



ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 15, 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 Daniel Budzynski has been accused of sexual abuse of minors. The summary of these allegations is enclosed. Father Budzynski has admitted that multiple acts of sexual assault occurred.

Over the years, efforts were made to provide spiritual and psychological interventions that would rehabilitate Father Budzynski. Although he was in therapy for decades, he continued to re-offend. There was some concern that his abusive behavior may have been triggered by alcoholism. However, even after achieving sobriety through a residential treatment program, he abused again. When it became clear that he could not be entrusted with a parochial assignment, it was thought that a non-parochial assignment might be possible. 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 campus ministry positions, he found opportunities to abuse his office in a flagrant and repetitive fashion. In at least one instance, he was simultaneously engaged in sexual activity with a young boy and his mother and her female friend. He has exhibited no remorse for these serious offences. His only remorse seems to be that he cannot do everything he wants to do because of the restrictions placed on him.

The impact on his various victims has been significant. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has yet to even locate all of the potential victims that could come forward for assistance. 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.

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As victims organize and become more public, the potential for true scandal is very real.

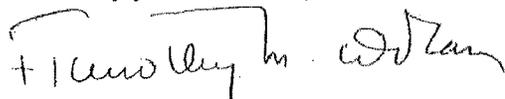
Given the nature and frequency of the alleged and admitted sexual abuse, along with the serious abuse of office, I have pondered long and hard to arrive at an opinion about the most appropriate action to be taken. In order that justice may be made manifest and healing of the victims and the Church may proceed, I am asking that Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski be dismissed *ex officio* from the clerical state. Whatever financial needs he may have can be provided for from the pension fund.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Dolan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'D'.

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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NAME: Daniel Aloysius Budzynski

AGE: 71

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

St. Francis, WI 53235

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY: Presbyteral Orders – May 26, 1956

Assistant -- St. Helen Parish (Milwaukee) – June 26, 1956

Assistant – St. Mary Parish (Menomonee Falls, WI) – September 21, 1961

Assistant – St. Hedwig Parish (Milwaukee) – July 12, 1962

Assistant – St. Joseph Parish (West Allis) – July 7, 1965

Assistant – St. Paul Parish (Milwaukee) – July 6, 1966

Associate Pastor – St. Casimir Parish (Milwaukee) – June 17, 1969

Associate Pastor – St. Bernadette Parish (Milwaukee) – September 28, 1971

Associate Pastor – St. Peter Claver Parish (Sheboygan, WI) – November 14, 1972

Leave of Absence – September 14, 1973

Associate Pastor – St. Joseph (Wauwatosa, WI) – March 4, 1974

Leave of Absence – May 1, 1976

Campus Ministry – Diocese of La Crosse – August 1, 1976

Sick Leave – January 21, 1982

Pastoral Team – St. Patrick (Whitewater, WI) – September 1, 1982

Awaiting Assignment – June 28, 1983

Associate Pastor – St. Louis Parish (Caledonia, WI) – June 19, 1984

Pastor – St. Louis Parish (Caledonia, WI) – September 4, 1984

Chaplain – St. Francis of Assisi Convent (Milwaukee) – October 19, 1987

Chaplain – Villa Clement Health Center (West Allis, WI) – October 15, 1992

Retired – May 31, 1994

#### DECREES ISSUED:

May 25, 1995 – Precept issued with the following restrictions:

- 1) To refrain from all contact with minors;
- 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) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

May 7, 2001 – Above precept renewed

February 3, 2003 – Additional restrictions added to precept as follows:

- 1) No public presentation of self as a priest by garb or designation
- 2) No access to Seminary buildings

#### INVESTIGATION PROCESS:

In the past, several reports of sexual abuse of minors were admitted to by Budzynski. He was told to seek counseling. In 1982 he was sent to a residential treatment facility for alcohol abuse. His psycho-sexual problems were also addressed in that context.

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In February 1994, a three-person team of psychological and criminal experts was established to explore a new allegation that had arisen. 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. Of the following alleged delicts, the majority are based on the accused's own admission.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED DELICT(S):

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: .  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski served as assistant pastor and was able to use his office to gain access to the alleged victim's trust; took him on a camping trip

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (Last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Improper touching  
NUMBER: One  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Incident occurred on same camping trip noted above

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling, mutual masturbation, sharing pornography  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; he had parents' permission to take him on camping trips

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DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; he had parents' permission to take him on camping trips;

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (brother of above)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (brother of above)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 49-52  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling; mutual masturbation  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

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DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-51  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (brother of above)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 45-48  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling; mutual masturbation  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-51  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

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DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY (Last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-50  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (Last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-51  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; he took special care of the boy's invalid mother; took him on camping trips; on one occasion said Mass with the boy the following morning after sexual contact

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DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (Last name not recalled)

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-51

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling

NUMBER: Several times

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; took him on camping trips; on one occasion said Mass with the boy the following morning after sexual contact

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-69 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 46-49

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling; oral sex

NUMBER: Several times

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; took him on camping trips; also had sexual relations with the boy's mother and her friend; boy [REDACTED]; August 2002 [REDACTED] came forward to report incident and ask for apology

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DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1969-71 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 48-49  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling; mutual masturbation  
NUMBER: 5 or 6 times

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; took the boy on a camping trip; frequently had him come to the rectory; supplied him with pornography

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1969-71 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (Last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47-48  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Several times

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; took him on camping trips

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1969-71 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: ■■■  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 45-46  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Took nude photographs of the boy in a sexually compromised position with his brother  
NUMBER: Once

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1969-71 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (brother of above)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Took nude photographs of the boy in a sexually compromised position with his brother  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1971-72 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 49  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Mutual genital fondling  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: came to Daniel Budzynski after [REDACTED] was taken into the rectory to spend the night

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1971-72 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 45  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; allowed boy to stay overnight at the rectory when the other priest was gone; event was circulated among parents at the parish; Archbishop Cousins placed him on a leave of absence

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DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1972-73 (Exact dates not recalled but the events occurred during summer studies in San Francisco so an approximation is possible)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: Not recalled (admitted as "several minor kids")  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: unclear  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Unclear  
NUMBER: Unclear  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was at the University of San Francisco for summer studies; parents reported actions to parish priest where he resided

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1972-74 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Twice  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; boy played music for parish Mass

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1972-74 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 47  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Twice  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; boy played music for parish Mass

ADOM024141

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1974-76 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Not certain  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Mutual genital fondling and masturbation  
NUMBER: Unclear but more than once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynksi was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1974-76 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 42-43  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Nude massage; genital fondling  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynksi was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; actions took place in the presence of another minor; placed on leave of absence

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1976-80 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 41  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Sodomy  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynksi was campus minister

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DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1976-80 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name not recalled)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 41  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Sodomy  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was campus minister

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1976-80 (Exact dates not recalled but place of assignment provides an approximation)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: (last name possibly)  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 36  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was campus minister and the boy was the younger brother of a student; the fondling occurred under the table at a restaurant where Budzynski was the guest of the parents

DATE OF ADMISSION: February 1994  
DATE OF INITIAL REPORT: January 11, 1982  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): January 1982  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 34  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
KIND: Genital fondling  
NUMBER: Once  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was a guest in the family home and had been a long-time friend of the family from his days as their associate pastor; he also attempted to fondle the older brother and possibly a child from another family who was staying overnight; placed on leave of absence and sent for alcohol treatment

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DATE OF INITIAL REPORT: April 2002  
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1967 (approximately)  
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY:  
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 49  
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male  
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:  
    KIND: Fondling the chest  
    NUMBER: Several  
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Daniel Budzynski was associate pastor at the parish

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED PERPETRATOR:

CURRENT RISK: The greatest risk posed is Daniel Budzynski's failure to recognize or accept the seriousness of his offenses. He portrays himself as the "victim" and even makes assertions that these encounters were helpful to the children and they wanted them to take place. He admits that his celebration of Eucharist with some of them he saw as sacrilegious. Given the number of known victims, to say nothing of those who may not yet be admitted or reported, the risk of serious scandal is extremely high.

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION: Daniel Budzynski was in therapy for most of the years these alleged or admitted events took place. Initially, there was some assessment that the alleged or admitted abuse was caused by alcoholism. However, in 1987, after attaining sobriety, he offended again.

CIVIL AUTHORITY'S ACTION: So far there are no cases that fall within the criminal statute of limitations. The District Attorney for Milwaukee County has reviewed the chronology and arrived at this conclusion. Unless there are more recent victims not yet known, the hands of civil authorities are tied.

CURRENT STATUS: Daniel Budzynski has not been in a parochial assignment since 1997. He was permitted to serve as a chaplain at a convent and a nursing home but was ordered to have no contact with minors. When the 1994 allegation was brought forth he was encouraged to and did submit a letter requesting retirement. The request was granted and he moved into a diocesan facility for retired priests. He was initially permitted to provide weekend assistance at parishes under the supervision of the pastor but that was terminated in 1995. He was also monitored by archdiocesan officials. He has been indefinitely restricted from all ministry since 1995. In 2003, he was ordered not to appear in public in clerical attire. He was also restricted from access to the Seminary on whose grounds his residence is located.

RESIDENCE: Meyer Hall, a diocesan supported residence for retired priests.

SUSTENANCE: He receives his monthly pension and lives in diocesan subsidized housing with all meals provided.



CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00120 Città del Vaticano,  
Palazzo del S. Uffizio

14 October 2003

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(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Excellency,

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has received your letter of 15 July 2003, in which Your Excellency remands the case of the **Reverend Daniel BUDZYNSKI**, a priest accused of sexual abuse with a minor, and for whom you are requesting the dismissal from the clerical state *ex officio et in poenam*.

After a study of the case, this Congregation wishes to inform Your Excellency that it is widely disposed to proceeding with your request. However, from the documentation submitted there remains some confusion as to the actual ages of the victims of Fr. Budzynski's alleged abuse. It is not clear, for example, from the table you submitted, whether the age of the victims as indicated referred to their age in 1994 or 2003. If Your Excellency could clarify this point, the Congregation will be able to proceed with its study of this case.

Looking forward to receiving this documentation at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

✠ Angelo AMATO, SDB  
Titular Archbishop of Sila  
Secretary

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend **Timothy M. DOLAN**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee  
Office of the Archbishop  
3501 South Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912, USA.

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October 28, 2003

Most Reverend Angelo Amato, SDB  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
Palazzo del Uffizio  
Vatican City 00120

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your helpful response in the matter referred to the Congregation regarding Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski. The ages listed in the original report submitted were the ages of the alleged victims in 2003. A revised summary report is enclosed. It lists each alleged victim along with the age at the time of the reported sexual abuse. The current, 2003, age is also listed. This list should correspond to the names in the original report.

I hope this material is helpful to you in resolving this case. If there is any further assistance we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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DANIEL ALOYSIUS BUDZYNSKI  
 REVISED REPORT

NAME OF ALLEGED VICTIM	AGE AT TIME OF ALLEGED ACTS	CURRENT (2003) AGE
	13	50
	13	50
	10-13	47-50
	10-13	47-50
	10-13	47-50
	12-15	49-52
	11-14	48-51
	8-11	45-48
	11-14	48-51
	10-13	47-50
	10-13	47-50
	11-14	48-51
	11-14	48-51
	9-12	46-49
	14-16	48-49 (?)
	13-15	47-48 (?)
	11-13	45-46
	13	47
	15	49
	11	45
	16	47
	16	47
	Unclear (below 16)	
	14	42
	14	41
	14	41
	12 (?)	36
	13	34
	13	29
	7	39
	13	35
	13	49

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Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Prot. N.: 266/03

Milwaukee

Father Daniel A. BUDZINSKI

October 29, 2004

The Supreme Pontiff Pope John Paul, II

having heard the opinion of his Eminence the Cardinal Prefect of this Congregation concerning the serious actions of the above named presbyter of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (Milwaukee, USA), with the proper documentation having been sent and finding this final decision to be beyond appeal and not subject to recourse,

has decreed

that the penalty of dismissal from the presbyterate be imposed.

This same presbyter is also granted a dispensation from all of the obligations connected with sacred Orders in accord with the following consideration:

1. The dismissal and dispensation take effect at the very moment of the decision of the Roman Pontiff.
2. The decree of dismissal and dispensation are to be communicated to the presbyter by the competent Ordinary and no one has the right to separate those two elements. Indeed, further, it carries with it, insofar as it is necessary, absolution from censures.
3. Notice of the granting of the dismissal and dispensation is to be inscribed in the baptismal register of the aforementioned presbyter's parish.
4. With regard to the celebration of a canonical marriage, the norms set down in The Code of Canon Law must be applied. The Ordinary, however, should take care that the matter be discreetly handled without pomp or external display.
5. The ecclesiastical authority, to whom it belongs to notify the priest, should earnestly exhort him to take part in the life of the People of God, in a manner consonant with his new mode of living, to give edification, and thus to show himself a most loving son of the Church. At the same time, however, he should be informed of the following points:
  - a) the dismissed presbyter automatically loses the rights proper to the clerical state, as well as ecclesiastical dignities and offices; he is no longer bound by the other obligations connected with the clerical state;
  - b) he remains excluded from the exercise of the sacred ministry, with the exception of those functions mentioned in canons 976 and 986, §2, and, as a result, he may not give a homily nor is he able to hold a directive office in the pastoral field nor to exercise the function of parochial administrator;

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- c) similarly, he may not discharge any function in seminaries and in equivalent institutions. In other institutions of higher studies, which are in any way whatever dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise a directive function;
  - d) in those institutions of higher studies which are not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not teach any discipline which is properly theological or closely connected with the same;
  - e) in institutions of lower studies, which are dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise the function of teaching a discipline which is properly theological. A dismissed and dispensed presbyter is held by the same rule in teaching Religion in an institution of the same kind not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority.
6. The Ordinary is to take care lest the dismissed presbyter, due to a lack of due prudence, exhibits scandal to the faithful. This pastoral care seriously urges the Ordinary with the greatest if any danger of abuse of minors, however remote, is present.
  7. Notification of the dismissal and dispensation can be made either personally or through an ecclesiastical notary or through registered mail. The dismissed priest ought to retain a copy properly signed attesting to his reception and acceptance of this dismissal and dispensation and also its precepts, but if he does not it does not impede the effect of this decree.
  8. At an opportune time, the Ordinary is to send a brief report to the Congregation on his completion of the notification, and, if there is any wonderment on the part of the faithful he is to provide a prudent explanation.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Offices of the Congregation, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

/s/ Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger  
Prefect

/s/ Angelus Amato, S.D.B.  
Titular Archbishop of Silens  
Secretary

Date of notification: \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of presbyter as sign of acceptance

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Ordinary