

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (hereafter "Agreement") is made by and between James Beck and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee (hereafter "Archdiocese"), and all of its affiliated entities.

WHEREAS, James Beck has determined to voluntarily leave the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church under certain conditions, as more specifically set out below; and

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is willing to accept James Beck's resignation from the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, and in reliance on that resignation is willing to agree to the terms set out below; and

WHEREAS, James Beck and the Archdiocese wish to settle and compromise all claims that either of them may have against the other, and wish to accomplish the complete and total separation of James Beck from the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein provided and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties to this agreement hereby agree as follows:

1. The Archdiocese agrees to pay to James Beck the sum of \$25,000, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. All parties will bear their own costs and attorneys fees associated with this settlement.

2. James Beck presently is entitled to a severance reimbursement from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee priest's

pension fund. This reimbursement will be paid to James Beck pursuant to a letter from James Beck directing how these funds are to be paid, so long as consistent with the rules of the plan.

3. James Beck agrees to sign a letter of resignation in the form attached as Exhibit A to this Settlement Agreement.

4. The Archdiocese agrees to pay for six months of medical insurance for James Beck commencing on the date that he signs this Settlement Agreement and letter of resignation. Following that six-month period, James Beck shall inform the Archdiocese if he elects, pursuant to law, to continue that coverage at his own expense for 18 more months. The Archdiocese shall have no obligation to pay any amounts towards medical insurance following the six month period referred to above.

5. In return for the payments set out above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, James Beck agrees to release and forever discharge the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes and schools, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from, and covenants not to sue them for, all

claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that he may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Settlement Agreement, including without limitation any claim of any nature arising from any entitlements he could assert from having been a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. By signing this Settlement Agreement and attached letter, James Beck hereby resigns from the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, and agrees never to function in any capacity as a priest, nor to seek reinstatement to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church at any time. He further agrees to give up any claim or entitlement that he may have to any benefit, compensation, support, or other attribute of the Roman Catholic priesthood, other than as specifically set out in the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release. He further agrees not to perform any of the functions of the priesthood, including without limitation, administering the sacraments and the celebration of mass, and in no respect will hold himself out to be a priest of the Roman Catholic Church in the future.

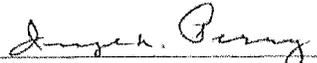
6. The Archdiocese, and all of its affiliated entities, hereby release and forever discharge James Beck from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature that they may have had up to and including the date of the signing of this Settlement Agreement.

7. The parties agree that this Agreement is not an admission of liability on the part of any party.

8. The parties agree not to disclose to any third party, including, without limitation, any newspaper, any electronic media, any reporters, or to release for publicity any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement.

9. In witness of this Agreement, we have signed below on the dates indicated.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JAMES BECK  
Date: 2/18/95

In presence of:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MILWAUKEE

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 2/18/95

In presence of:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 12-14-04

PAYEE: Franklyn W. Becker

CHECK #: 40487

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
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JAN 10 2005

December 29, 2004  
Year of the Eucharist

Reverend Patrick R. Lagges  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father Lagges,

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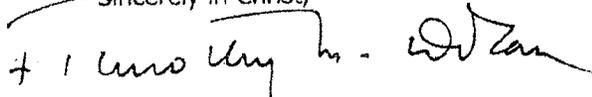
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With best wishes during the blessed Christmas season, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

FILE COPY

February 21, 2003

Rev. James M. Flynt  
[REDACTED]  
West Bend, WI 53090

Dear James,

This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversation of February 17, 2003. At that time I communicated to you the report I received following the February 13, 2003 meeting of the Review Board. After carefully studying the written reports of Joseph Link, Acting Chief Investigator for the District Attorney's Office, and a summary report of my February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with you, the Review Board recommended to Archbishop Dolan that you not continue to serve in priestly ministry. The Archbishop accepted their recommendation and will communicate this to you by letter upon his return to the office March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I expect that the Archbishop will also ask you to voluntarily resign the pastorate of St. Frances Cabrini, West Bend, and encourage you to seek laicization.

The following paragraphs outline what the Archbishop is prepared to offer you in recognition of your canonical rights and the Archbishop's canonical obligations.

- 1) If a priest elects voluntary laicization, we would offer what has been our practice, if not policy, for more than a decade, namely \$10,000 when the petition is submitted and \$10,000 when a definitive response is received, regardless of the contents of the response. We would offer, in addition, and new to our practice, minimum support during the time the case is in process. That minimum support would be the monthly amount a pensioned priest receives. During the processing of the case we would also provide some outplacement assistance. This assistance could consist of payment for services from a career counseling office, such as the one at Marquette or Stritch. These services provide the individual with information about how to "translate" their skills from one career to another. We could then offer three sessions of outplacement assistance which provides help with resume writing, interviewing skills, etc.
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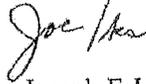
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James, I am deeply saddened to have to communicate what must be very disappointing news for you. I remain grateful and appreciative for the many years of priestly ministry through which you served God's people in our Archdiocese to the best of your ability. I urge you to contact a canonical advocate to be of assistance to you at this time of serious decision-making. The Archdiocese will pay for the canonical advocate's services.

With prayer for your personal regard, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

FILE COPY

May 12, 2003

Rev. James Flvnt  
[REDACTED]  
West Bend WI 53090

Dear James,

My chief purpose in writing to you is to get the enclosed check to you as soon as possible and to inform you of the change in the amount of financial support you will receive from the Archdiocese effective May 1, 2003.

Though your letter of resignation to Archbishop Dolan was sent March 31, 2003, you continued to receive full salary, health and dental insurance, continuing education and retreat fees through April, 2003, as pastor, canonically speaking, of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, West Bend.

Upon resigning the pastorate and voluntarily beginning the process of laicization, you are now receiving a check for \$10,000 to cover some transition expenses. As of May 1, 2003, you will receive \$1250 per month plus health and dental insurance from the Archdiocese. This will continue throughout completion of the laicization process or until your future employment would cover salary and health and dental benefits.

My prayerful wish is that this time of transition may become ever less a time of painful frustration, and evermore a time of healing and renewed hope.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

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*P.S. you will also receive another check for \$10,000 at the conclusion of the laicization process.*

2nd Check was prepared August<sup>10</sup> 2007

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

February 5, 2003

Rev. James Jablonowski

██████████  
Wauwatosa WI 53208

Dear Jim,

During the past month I had the opportunity to meet with you and each of my brother priests who stepped aside from active ministry at Bishop Skiba's request in 2002, and who continue to hope and pray for a just resolution to this painful transition period. I promised to remain in communication with you as helpful and necessary.

Archbishop Dolan sent you a letter January 16, 2002, asking you to voluntarily submit your resignation for the pastoral welfare of the parishioners or to respond by February 5, 2002, with reasons for choosing not to do so. I believe a follow-up letter from the Archbishop will be sent to you this week.

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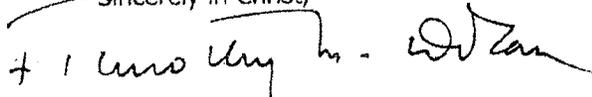
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Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
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December 14, 2004

**BY CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Franklyn W. Becker  


Mayville WI 53050

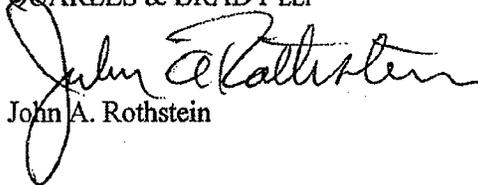
**RE: Settlement Check**

Dear Mr. Becker:

I have been asked by Deacon David L. Zimprich to forward to you the enclosed check in the amount of \$10,000.

Very truly yours,

QUARLES & BRADY LLP



John A. Rothstein

JAR:rlw  
Enclosure

cc: Deacon David L. Zimprich

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bc: ~~Dr.~~ Barbara Anne Cusack

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

FILE COPY

September 10, 2003

Rev. Daniel J. Massie

Wauwatosa WI 53226

Dear Dan,

With this letter I outline the terms of financial support which you now receive and will continue to receive for the next year or so. These have been previously discussed with you. Let me know if this letter satisfies what you have requested by way of "agreement."

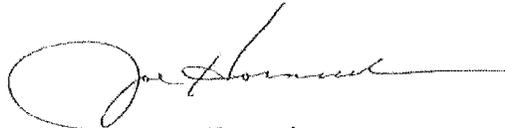
Upon your removal from office (Team Member of St. Michael, St. Patrick and St. Peter Churches, Beaver Dam) effective July 1, 2003, you began to receive an amount consistent with that currently provided to pensioned priests of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, namely \$1250 per month, pension payment, and health and dental insurance.

You have elected to apply for voluntary laicization. As soon as your petition letter has been sent to Rome through the assistance of Father James Connell, Vice Chancellor, you will receive a check for \$10,000. When a definitive response is received, regardless of the contents of that response, another check for \$10,000 will be given to you. During the time your case is in process the monthly support payment of \$1250, plus pension payment and health and dental insurance continue for up to one year (July 1, 2004). At the end of that year you are free to ask for an additional six months coverage of health and dental insurance but at your own expense. This coverage ceases as soon as your employment provides this benefit.

Regarding pension benefits for a priest who leaves ministry, there are two options available to you including reimbursement of all personal contributions made by you to the Plan plus 6% interest. The second option provides a reduced benefit for life beginning at age 68, and is available to you because you have participated in the Plan for more than ten years. You are asked to elect in writing one of the two options within 6 months after termination of your assignment (December 31, 2003). If no election is made, you are only entitled to your personal contribution plus 6% interest.

With prayerful best wishes that this information can be helpful to you, I remain

Fraternally yours,



V. Rev. Joseph-F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

JFH/ks

Cc: Rev. Patrick Lagges, JCD



ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

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Rev Daniel Massie  
[REDACTED]  
Beaver Dam WI 53916

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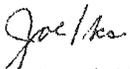
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V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

FILE COPY

May 12, 2003

Rev. John O'Brien  
[REDACTED]  
Eden WI 53019

Dear John,

During our recent meeting on April 16, 2003 you and I talked about various possibilities for retirement and the amount of financial support the Archdiocese is able to continue to provide to you, depending upon the scenario you would choose.

Because of your recent eye surgery, your diabetic condition, and related problems of decreasing health, I can imagine that you could seek early retirement based upon a letter from your primary physician to confirm your need to retire before the age of 68 years because of these several health factors. In this instance your retirement would be termed "disability retirement" and you would receive the full monthly benefit which is now given to retired priests at the age of 68 or older, namely \$1250 a month. Health and dental insurance premiums will also be paid for you.

Because the Archbishop has indicated that you will not serve again as a priest, you also have the option of seeking voluntary laicization.

If a priest elects voluntary laicization, we would offer what has been our practice, if not policy, for more than a decade, namely \$10,000 when the petition is submitted and \$10,000 when a definitive response is received, regardless of the contents of the response. We would offer, in addition, and new to our practice, minimum support during the time the case is in process. That minimum support would be the monthly amount a pensioned priest receives. During the processing of the case we would also provide some outplacement assistance. This assistance could consist of payment for services from a career counseling office, such as the one at Marquette or Stritch. These services provide the individual with information about how to "translate" their skills from one career to another. We could then offer three sessions of outplacement assistance which provides help with resume writing, interviewing skills, etc.

John, I've already informed you that if you choose not to seek voluntary laicization the Archbishop will submit your case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome. During this time that the penal process is imposed, and this could last for up to a year, the archdiocese would be responsible for supporting you to the same extent that a retired priest now receives support, namely \$1250 a month. (This level of support will in fact begin with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, July 1, 2003.) At the conclusion of the penal trial, if there is a penalty imposed of dismissal from the clerical state, your canonical obligation of support ceases but some small amount could be given to you in charity.

May 12, 2003

In all instances we would maintain you on our health insurance for one year at diocesan expense. You would then be free to ask for an additional six months of coverage, but at your own expense. This coverage would cease as soon as you had employment providing this benefit.

To my best recollection, John, these are the options which we discussed at our last meeting. After careful perusal of the above information if you have any questions or need for further clarification, please be in contact with my office.

With prayerful best wishes for improved health and a renewed sense of hope during this difficult time of transition, I am

Faternally yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

JFH/ks

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September 18, 2003

Rev. John O'Brien  
[REDACTED]  
Eden WI 53019

Dear John,

It was good to speak with you on the phone earlier this week.

Enclosed please find the forms I spoke of for your application for disability retirement. Please complete yours and have your primary physician complete his as well.

Again, you can expect to receive the promised check for \$10,000 as soon as your letter has been sent to Rome, later this month or the first week of October.

Fraternally yours,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

JFH/ks

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
CHECK REQUISITION

FILE COPY

Check Amount: \$10,000.00

Date: October 6, 2003

Payee: JOHN A. OBRIEN

Address:



City, State, Zip: EDEN WI 53019

Purpose of Check: SEVERANCE PAY

Return check to requisitioner

Mail check directly

Requisitioner's Signature

Dept./Office Director Approval

  
Account Number

Payee Social Security Number: 

Required for individual persons on Payee line. SSN not required for reimbursement requests.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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**Subject: Material needs**

**Date:** Mon, 16 Dec 2002 18:58:24 -0600

**From:** "ttrep" [REDACTED]

**To:** "Sr. Kathleen Schweihs" <schweihsk@archmil.org>

**CC:** "ttrep" [REDACTED]

Dear Sister Kathleen,

A blessed Christmas. I need your help with something. Archbishop Dolan told the people of St. Dominic Parish that the Archdiocese was "continuing to care for Father's material needs". I have not received any financial support from the Archdiocese since November 1, 2002, so I am wondering if you would be able to facilitate this issue of my material support to ensure that the statement is credible for all of us. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Fr. Tom Trepanier

*How shall I (or you?) respond?  
Yes - The only "financial support"  
currently/monthly is  
health insurance premium.  
He received the amount of  
\$20,000 in mid-May 2002.  
Both of these based on his requested  
resignation from active ministry  
& Archbishop Beckard's letter of 5/8/02.  
I have question on Wayne's Wm asking if  
Pension board same perhaps again in fall 2002.*

  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

February 5, 2003

Rev Jerome Wagner  
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Malone WI 53049-1239

Dear Jerry,

During the past month I had the opportunity to meet with you and each of my brother priests who stepped aside from active ministry at Bishop Sklba's request in 2002, and who continue to hope and pray for a just resolution to this painful transition period. I promised to remain in communication with you as helpful and necessary.

Archbishop Dolan sent you a letter January 16, 2002, asking you to voluntarily submit your resignation for the pastoral welfare of the parishioners or to respond by February 5, 2002, with reasons for choosing not to do so. I believe a follow-up letter from the Archbishop will be sent to you this week.

A couple different proposals were suggested by way of attempting to resolve the "situation." After careful study of these proposals and computation of their potential cost to the Archdiocese, after further reviewing the history of what was offered in similar cases in the past, what your canonical rights are, and what the archbishop's canonical obligations are, the following plan was approved by Archbishop Dolan:

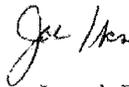
- 1) If a priest elects voluntary laicization, we would offer what has been our practice, if not policy, for more than a decade, namely \$10,000 when the petition is submitted and \$10,000 when a definitive response is received, regardless of the contents of the response. We would offer, in addition, and new to our practice, minimum support during the time the case is in process. That minimum support would be the monthly amount a pensioned priest receives. During the processing of the case we would also provide some outplacement assistance. This assistance could consist of payment for services from a career counseling office, such as the one at Marquette or Stritch. These services provide the individual with information about how to "translate" their skills from one career to another. We could then offer three sessions of outplacement assistance which provides help with resume writing, interviewing skills, etc.
- 2) If the priest does not want to seek voluntary laicization but would rather have the penal process imposed, we would have an obligation of minimal support from the time he loses office until the case is complete. During the time of the trial, which could be up to a year, we would provide a monthly subsidy at the level of a pensioned priest. At the conclusion of the trial, if there is a penalty imposed of dismissal from the clerical state, your canonical obligation of support ceases but some small amount (obviously less than the \$20,000 above) could be given in charity.

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- 3) In all instances we would maintain the priest on our health insurance for one year at our expense. He would then be free to ask for an additional six months of coverage but at his own expense. This coverage would cease as soon as he had employment providing this benefit.

While this plan may not be exactly what you hoped for, it is a genuine effort to respond justly and equitably.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek  
Vicar for Clergy

JFH/ks

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DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

February 8, 2005

Jerome A. Wagner

Malone, WI 53049-1239

Dear Jerry,

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 2005. I'm sorry about the hurt that contact brings. Please, if you do not wish contact because it is too hurtful, just let me know. My intention is not to cause you stress.

I am happy to offer answers to the questions you pose in your letter. If Rome denies the petition for a dispensation from prescription and instructions for a penal trial, the Archbishop could do nothing or petition for an administrative act of laicization. If the petition is granted we will receive instructions for conducting a trial here in Milwaukee. That would be implemented through Paul Hartmann's office.

Regarding a request to return to the lay state, this can be initiated at any time prior to a final disposition. Once the outcome of a trial is had, it is too late, I believe. Once Rome has executed an administrative act of laicization it is too late. Before those dates, one can voluntarily request a return to the lay state.

When a priest requests voluntary laicization, the archdiocese of Milwaukee has a custom of helping the priest through the period of transition financially. At the filing of the petition, the priest is given \$10,000. Through the period of the transition he is supported at a sustenance level, which is what you are currently on. When the laicization is granted and is accepted by the priest another \$10,000 is offered. Ecclesially, you are not allowed to present yourself as a priest nor function in any way as a priest, the exception being in death the possibility of anointing and/or confession.

Regarding publicity, the Archbishop has limited any announcements to the priests of the Archdiocese, utilizing his first Thursday of the month circular.

I hope this is helpful to you, Jerry. Please be assured of my continuing prayers for you. I wish you only good things, Jerry. God bless.

If I can be of help to you in another way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In the Lord Jesus,

Very Reverend Curt J. Frederick