

To Fr. Heiser...

I have found that my love of people takes me into some very touchy situations at times... because - as a trusted friend, it is natural to also become a confidant.

As a Christian, I cannot break these trusts - but if I see a wrong, I must step in and ask for permission to talk these confidences over with the proper 'understanding' authorities that can help solve the problem before it become mishandled.

It came to my attention that there is a Catholic Priest who was about to be exposed - arrested and headlined for wrongs that certain people claimed he imposed upon them.

As I learned more about the situation - I also learned who the Priest was - and what he was accused of. I also learned that the Archdiocese has been alerted to this as early as 1960 - but he (the Father involved) was talked to and made promises that he would quit his wrongs and that was the end of it... but not really - as late as 1973 it is proven that he has committed these immoral acts - and today I learned that as recent as this year of 1974 they are still continuing.

Police in St. Francis have now been approached about arresting him - and also petitions - witnesses are gathered and about 20 reputable, intelligent people are now involved and willing to come forward and talk to whomever they should about the situation. (This I also was told today - April 9th)

They know I trust a priest that is in a position to bring this situation forward and will listen to them - so it has been asked that I arrange a meeting with the trusted man and "break the ice" then they will want to talk to him also. (with me present)

Last Friday one of the witnesses told me that he was prepared to take a route by beating up the priest (with the help of others) and purposely get arrested - then when asked why he beat the man up - he could tell all and it would be exposed...

Another very desperate witness had told the above mentioned that he will kill the priest - and any time he would be locked up would be worth stopping the priest's work by having people know about the situation. This was not an idle threat nor the talk of a maniac - it was a desperate plea for help that no one has listened to.

I was told that since I had talked to the first witness and offered to get help and make sure someone listened, he went to the man that wanted to actually kill the priest and told him there was a chance for help - so to calm him down a little.

Last Friday I told the one witness that the "expose" would also hurt him - his family - and many others - many good priests who are doing a sincere job - I also feel very sorry for the priest actually involved - I do not know him personally - I know he must be dedicated to his work and in this sin, has a "monkey on his back". I am not without sin and it hurts me to talk about this because I do not want to be condemning anyone - but I also do not want to have all hurt by news of this nature coming out in the wrong way.

The wonderful man that visited me today (a young brilliant Catholic - definitely Christian man) is a very close friend of many of these people - he is trusted and respected and will be the one to contact you after we have had our talk this morning.

The charge here involves sexually molesting - bad enough - but sexually molesting children - add to that it being a "home" situation - add to that the children being deaf. It is quite a charge and would not be stated if I did not have proof - witnesses - to back this, and any other necessary things needed.



ADOM024647

May 4, 1974

I want to have my name removed from the petition
presented by [REDACTED] against Father Murphy.

* I did not fully understand what I was signing and
do not want Father Murphy removed from St. John's.

** I Fully Understood - But I Forgive you !*
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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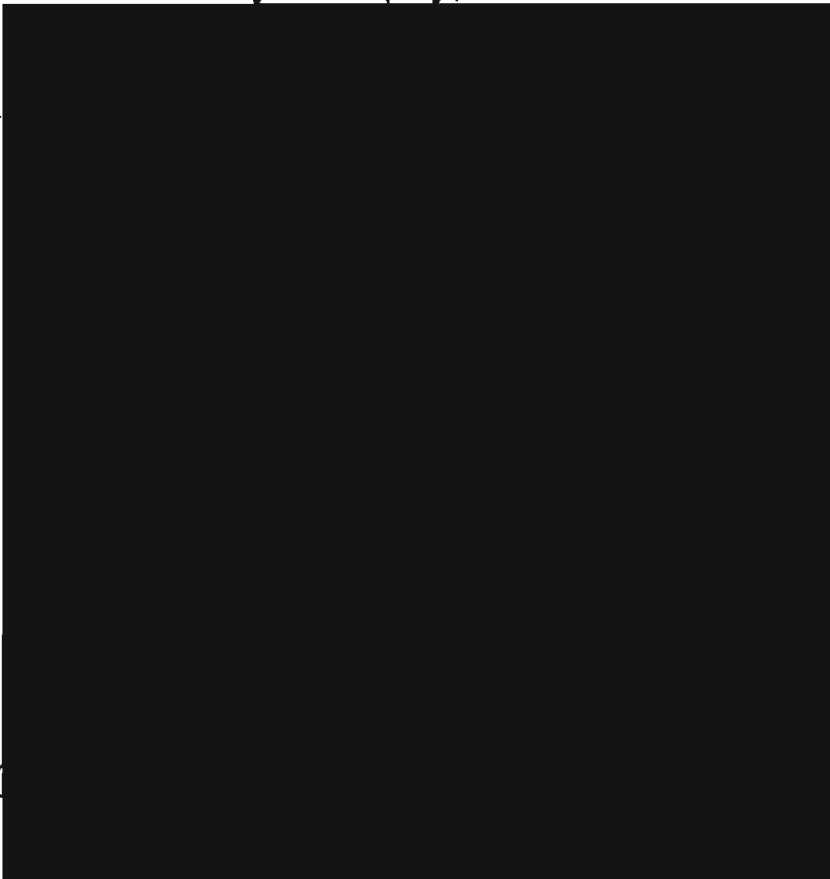
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[REDACTED]

ADOM024653

PETITION

We make a petition that Rev. Lawrence Murphy shall resign as the Director of St. John's School for the Deaf because he is the sexually child(boy) molester, from 1950 to present.



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out of St. Johns.

I called the parents of the
boys & girls you mentioned.
[redacted] mother said that
her son had been physically beaten
by Father Murphy numerous times.
I have not been able to contact
[redacted] — we called and sent
a telegram but so far no answer.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Another said that was hit by Father Murphy
is [redacted] — I
talked to her mother also — but she has
graduated and does not see any one
from St. Johns but they are willing
to write letters for proof if we need it.
I have the name of two priests
that work with the Catholic School

system, I hope to drive there next
week some time to talk with them
I will keep you posted.

My son [redacted] goes to [redacted]
[redacted] he has your address and
will let them talk to you.
He understands sign language pretty
good.

We certainly will do all we
can to help if at all possible and
if this is going on at St. Johns - we
certainly should see to it that
some thing is done. But we do
have to be careful not to accuse
some one if we do not have enough
proof - so get as many people as
you can to send you letters as
to the nature of incidents that
happened to their children then
we can go ahead with legal procedure.

There is no use going to Bishop
Cousins he always denies everything.
He would not help us when [redacted]
was kicked out.

Can you get a meeting together
of the Adult deaf away from

St. Johns, get a few people who
feel this way about Father Murphy
and lets get together for an open
discussion.

Do you know Sister Martha
Anne? She is a friend of mine. Does
she know any of this? I would
doubt it but I'm sure she would
help if needed.

I'll let you know as soon
as I talk to [REDACTED]. If he
says go ahead with the action we
will, but we do have to be careful.

Do let me know what you
hear from the others - also keep all
letters concerning this matter.

Write Again
[REDACTED]

OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Date Report Taken: October 26, 2007

Time: Phone x **In Person**

Received By: Amy Peterson

Person Reporting:

Phone Number:

Address:

Allegations made by:
(if not same as above)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Date of Birth:

Age at time of

Allegations: Eleven through thirteen

Allegations Against:

Time Period:

Where:

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)

1971 to 1973

St. John's School for the Deaf, Milwaukee WI

_____ who was an adult staff person at St. Johns. _____ then went on to tell parents of those students who were abused by Murphy and _____. _____ also told _____ parents.

Alleged Abuse:

_____ was sent to St. John's at the age of ten. He was sent there because his father had heard from other parents of deaf children that St. John's was a good school and they were enrolling their children there and taking them out of the _____ School. _____ stated that he arrived at St. John's and was scared. He did not realize it was a residential school and that he would be staying there for long periods of time unable to visit his parent, because they lived _____ miles away. _____ described the dorms he stayed in as one big open room with lots of beds. He said that there were rooms with doors in the corner of the dorm where the staff stayed. _____ said that some of his friends from _____ were at St. John's and they helped him learn the ropes. He continued to be very homesick through the first year. Early in his stay, _____ said that bedtime was early and he often couldn't sleep and would lay in bed awake. Most nights it was completely dark, however he would often see a shadow of someone walking through the dorm. He said one night stood out because it was a full moon and more brightly lit in the room and he could see that the adult was taking a student out of the dorm. One of the students in the bed next to him told him that this always happens and to get used to it. He watched as the student went out of the room with the adult but he couldn't make out who the adult was. One night during the first year, _____ said the regular dorm supervisor wasn't there and there was a replacement person. He said again he noticed the shadow come into the room and he thought it was the fill-in supervisor. He got up to go to the bathroom and saw Father Murphy with another student. _____ said that Murphy told him to be quiet and go back to bed. _____ said he didn't understand, went back to bed and didn't think anything of it. After Christmas break, _____ said he was sleeping when something woke him up. It was Father Murphy and he gestured to _____ toward him. He took _____ into the bathroom and began to touch _____ penis. While doing so, he said to _____, doesn't this feel good? _____ reported that he was terrified and didn't know what to say but a reluctant yes. _____ said that he began crying and Father Murphy comforted him and kissed him on the head and sent him back to bed. _____ said he cried and cried that night. Approximately two to three weeks later, _____ said he saw another boy crying and although he didn't talk to him, looking back, he thinks that the same thing probably happened to him.

In _____ second year, he said that on one occasion, he saw two boys "playing with each other's genitals" and thought they must have learned that from Father Murphy. They weren't in _____ group of friends and were a little younger. _____ still stayed in the same dorm although some of his friends moved into the older dorm. _____ became the dorm supervisor and _____ said he would touch the boys. He was a former student and was hired by the school. _____ would threaten _____ with demerits. He would say that if _____ wouldn't do what _____ wanted that he would get lots of demerits. _____ would say things like "how will you explain the demerits to your parents." _____ would have _____ touch him and also perform oral sex on him. _____ would also touch _____ genitals. This happened in the dorms throughout the entire second year, more occasions than _____ can count. _____ said that when he did refuse, _____ would give him demerits and he remembers going home for Easter break and his father asking him what all the demerits were for. He didn't tell his father the real reason and made up other excuses.

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had them remove their gowns and take their pants off. [REDACTED] stated that he thought Murphy was going to spank him, but in the light of day, Murphy touched their genitals. [REDACTED] said he tolerated it, but felt sick. The other boy said it was alright. [REDACTED] stated that he thought this student was from [REDACTED]

he asked a few other students who confirmed [REDACTED] story. [REDACTED] said he felt safe with [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] began to tell the parents of other students in [REDACTED] what was going on. He drove many of them home to their parents. He drove [REDACTED] home and instructed [REDACTED] to tell his parents about the abuse. [REDACTED] said he couldn't and wasn't yet ready. [REDACTED] gave him a couple of weeks to tell his parents and when he didn't, [REDACTED] phoned [REDACTED] parents and told them about the abuse.

Age Group	Total	Male	Female	Male	Female
18-24	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
25-34	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
35-44	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
45-54	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
55-64	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
65+	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

He wants to get this off of his chest. He is hoping to one day share this story of abuse with his wife. He no longer goes to deaf functions or reunions because it is too uncomfortable for him, knowing that many attending had been abused.

_____ wants to get this behind him. He believes that reporting the abuse will help. He also stated that he would like to pursue

through mediation and they had recommended Sherwood. This reporter will assist [REDACTED] as needed. When offered the opportunity to meet with the Archbishop, he declined for now. He doesn't want to retell his story and is very uncomfortable with clergy and stated that it was difficult for him to meet at the diocesan building in La Crosse. He did say however that he would like a letter of apology sent to him and his mother from the Archbishop.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | District Attorney | | | | |



January 1, 2004

COPY



Dear [REDACTED]

I write to you because you have experienced, firsthand, the pain caused by sexual abuse within the Church, and you courageously reported the abuse to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. No words can apologize sufficiently for your experience, but I will continue to try by saying again how sorry I am. Knowing that no remedies can adequately address the harm done, I still want to make you aware of a variety of services available to you and intended to assist in your healing.

Dispute resolution services to address your unique needs for recovery will become available in mid-January. Eva Soeka, a nationally known expert in dispute resolution systems, is creating a process independent of the Church that will make use of the best mediators in the area. I continue to believe that this initiative represents the best way for us to meet together about your situation and provide assistance. More details and information about how to enter into this process will be available in mid-January. At this time, I ask you to start considering if this might be the right next step for you.

Catholic Charities is also offering a new support group in Milwaukee for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. This group will offer a faith-based perspective, and is meant to supplement other support groups available in the area. A flyer is enclosed.

Financial assistance with psychotherapy also remains available. To access this, or for other questions about our services, please contact Dr. Barbara Reinke in our office for Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services (414-769-3436 or reinkeb@archmil.org). Also enclosed is a brochure about our policies and procedures when a report is made.

I continue to meet privately with those victim-survivors who find that helpful. Please contact me at 414-769-3496 if you would like to arrange such a meeting. We have also arranged for several priests, sisters and lay ministers, who are professionally-trained in providing spiritual direction, to be available. If you would like to speak with one of them, please contact Barbara Anne Cusack, my delegate for sexual abuse issues, at 414-769-3341.

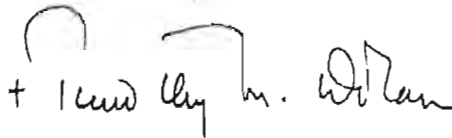
It is also important for me to communicate with you about our efforts to prevent clergy sexual abuse in the future. Our *Code of Ethics* makes it clear that no such behavior is to be tolerated within ministry. Our *Mandatory Reporting Responsibility* policy specifies that any employee or volunteer working in our parishes and schools must report any suspicion of abuse. In addition, all adult staff, and volunteers who work with children are required to participate in training to enhance awareness of childhood sexual abuse.

One final thing: if you would prefer not to have further contact from me or from any Church representative, please let us know using the enclosed return letter and pre-stamped envelope.

Much more remains to be done, and we welcome your suggestions. You can use the enclosed response letter and envelope for that purpose as well.

Please know that I am concerned about you and I pray for you. I apologize for the past misdeeds and wish to restore your wholeness as best we can.

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Dolan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Above the signature, there are two faint, light-colored circular marks, possibly from a stamp or a previous signature.

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee






CATHOLIC
SOCIAL
SERVICES
of the Archdiocese
of Milwaukee, Inc.

June 5, 1996



Dear 

Enclosed is the settlement check for \$75,000 as agreed upon by all of us. I truly hope that this money will make a difference in your life and  and further the healing process for both of you. I am also enclosing a fully signed copy of the settlement agreement. You will note that Father Murphy did sign it, and so he is fully aware of the intentions of the Archdiocese to be supportive of you.

I am glad to hear that you are recovering from your  surgery. You and  remain in our thoughts and prayers.

I will talk to you soon. Peace.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth C. Piasecki, PsyD.

Coordinator, Archdiocesan Response to Sexual Abuse

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Enclosures

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ADOM031294

April 19, 1996



CATHOLIC
SOCIAL
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of the Archdiocese
of Milwaukee, Inc.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your recent letters to me. I am back in the office after having surgery. I am sorry that my absence delayed my response to you.

I understand that the language in the settlement agreement concerns you, especially about the Church and Murphy agreeing not to make any claims against you. That is standard wording in the settlement agreements which is really a protection for you. Anybody can sue anybody for almost anything, [REDACTED]. That part simply says that in signing this agreement, Murphy cannot sue you. You are right that he has no reason to do so but it is better to have that agreement in writing. The Archdiocese has never sued a victim and has absolutely no intentions to do so with you. So please put your heart to rest on that matter.


The Archbishop's policy at present, [REDACTED] is to offer **no** settlements to victims, only to pay for their therapy costs. This is because there are no financial reserves left in the Archdiocesan budget. Your offer of \$75,000.00 is the **one** exception because the Archbishop recognizes the harm that Murphy did to you. [REDACTED] received no settlement from [REDACTED] because his allegations were false. Being hearing has **nothing** to do with determining settlement amounts. Please understand that, [REDACTED] Your settlement offer is one of the biggest ones ever made by this Archdiocese to a victim whether deaf or hearing.

I am sorry that we cannot offer you more money. Again, when the church trial begins, you can ask for money from Murphy personally although I do not know if you will realistically collect anything. Please let me know if you are willing to sign the settlement papers. I am afraid that the offer will be withdrawn if we cannot reach a conclusion soon.

I am sorry to hear that you have developed [REDACTED]. I hope you are feeling better and that you [REDACTED]. I also feel very badly for you and [REDACTED]

You and [REDACTED] are in my thoughts and prayers very often. Please let me know about the settlement offer. Also if there is anything else I can do for the two of you, please let me know.

Peace and Easter blessings,


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[REDACTED]

Feb 1, 1996

Dear Liz,

As you know I have had some real concerns about the wording on the legal document. I understand the word alleged cannot be removed. Although it upsets me greatly the reason for such wording has been explained to me. However, as I read it over [REDACTED] noticed something that must be changed. The agreement specifies the 1970's as the time the abuse occurred. That date would put me in my Twenties! I was raped the first time in 1963 when I was thirteen years old!

I also don't understand the section saying Murphy would drop all complaints against me. How can I sign a document implying I in anyway am to blame for his repeated sexual assaults against me. Could you sign it and not feel ashamed and dirty? I am so upset by all of these words - these "hearing" words.

You said that the Church accepts responsibility for what happened. Murphy admitted he sexually abused me. The paper says he and the Church denied they ever did anything wrong! I am sorry I don't understand people admitting then denying their own words.


The paper said Murphy was part of the settlement. What part was his? The Church offered me \$75,000.00 last year. The Church offers me \$75,000.00

this year? If Murphy is part of his settlement, where is his added portion? The paper clearly states it is a joint agreement. Where is Murphy's \$75,000.00? Maybe it is just more language all twisted. I am very confused.

When is the Court date for Murphy? I will testify against him.

I hope someone can explain all of this to me.

Sincerely,



SETTLEMENT AND PIERRINGER
RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Settlement and Pierringer Release Agreement (hereafter "Agreement") is made by and between [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (hereafter sometimes collectively referred to as "claimants"), St. John's School for the Deaf and its affiliated and successor corporations (hereafter "St. John's"), and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee (hereafter "Archdiocese"), and all of its affiliated entities.

WHEREAS, the claimants allege certain claims against St. John's and the Archdiocese, arising from certain sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] commencing in or about 1974 and continuing for a period of time thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the claimants further allege that the Archdiocese and St. John's may be liable for the actions of [REDACTED] that give rise to the alleged claims; and

WHEREAS, St. John's and the Archdiocese deny the claimants' claims, and there is a dispute between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement wish to settle and compromise all claims of the claimants against St. John's and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's and St. John's employees, agents, officers, directors

and assigns and affiliated and successor corporations, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes, schools and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, arising from the sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] without the necessity of formal litigation and expense, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Settlement Agreement, consistent with the principles of Pierringer v. Hoger, 21 Wis. 2d 182, 124 N.W.2d 106 (1963) and its progeny, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by [REDACTED];

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. St. John's and the Archdiocese jointly agree to pay to the claimants by check made payable to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the total sum of \$4,427.48, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. All parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees associated with this settlement.

2. In return for the payment in paragraph 1, above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

[REDACTED] agree to release and forever discharge St. John's and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's and St. John's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, and affiliated and successor corporations, 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, loss of society and companionship, derivative or otherwise, of any nature that they 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 assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or anybody else at St. John's.

3. It is hereby understood and agreed that this agreement is intended to constitute a full and final release by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of all their claims of

any nature against St. John's and the Archdiocese. Pursuant to this agreement, St. John's and the Archdiocese are, and shall in the future be, discharged from any and all liability whatsoever, including, without limitation, liability for contribution to and/or indemnification of any other person.

4. By this agreement, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] hereby covenant and agree to indemnify and hold the Archdiocese and St. John's harmless of and from any future or further exposure or payment with reference to the matter set forth in this agreement, including, but not limited to any litigation, claim or settlement which may hereafter be instituted, presented or effected by or on behalf of the claimants or any other person, or by any person seeking contribution, subrogation or indemnification in connection therewith. It is understood that the intent of this agreement is that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will protect and hold St. John's and the Archdiocese harmless from any future or further payments or exposure with regard to the matters addressed in this agreement, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] agree to credit and if necessary to satisfy that portion or percentage of the total damages, if any, which may have been caused by St. John's and/or the Archdiocese, as such may be determined in any litigation, claim

or settlement which may hereafter be instituted in connection with the matters addressed in this agreement. In the event that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] fail to immediately satisfy any such judgment to such extent, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] agree that upon filing a copy of this release, without further notice, an order may be entered directing the clerk thereof to satisfy said judgment to the extent recited above.

5. St. John's and the Archdiocese hereby release and forever discharge the claimants from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature that were in existence up to and including the date of the signing of this Settlement Agreement.

6. As a condition precedent to the payment of the sum set out in paragraph 1, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] hereby agree not to disclose to any third-party, including, without limitation, any newspaper, any electronic media, any reporters, and any other individual, or to release for publicity any of the allegations which have been made against St. John's and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, or the terms of this Agreement. The terms of this agreement relating to confidentiality do not apply to any disclosures made to [REDACTED] therapist, attorney, support person (as that term is used in AODA

treatment) or close friends or relatives. The claimants understand and agree that the confidentiality and secrecy required in this Agreement are material considerations for the payments to be made pursuant to this Agreement.

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

8. [REDACTED]

DECLARE THAT THEY HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS. [REDACTED] FURTHER DECLARES THAT HE HAS OBTAINED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING FOR THE INJURIES ALLEGED AND UNDERSTANDS THEIR IMPACT ON HIM; AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DECLARE THAT THEY VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT THE TERMS AND SUM OF MONEY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A FULL AND FINAL COMPROMISE, ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

9. In witness of this Agreement, we have hereunto set our hands on the dates respectively indicated.

[REDACTED]

IN PRESENCE OF:

[REDACTED]

Date: 9/14/97



IN PRESENCE OF:



IN PRESENCE OF:



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

By:

Thomas F. Kerstein
Fr. Thomas F. Kerstein

Date:

Sept. 24, 1997

IN PRESENCE OF:

Kathleen Schmitt

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

By:

Beth Ann Paul

Date:

9-24-97

IN PRESENCE OF:

John C. Pausa

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September 11, 2002

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
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ATTN: Barbara Reinke, Ph.D.
Director, Project Benjamin

Dear Barbara,

I hope you don't mind that I've called you Barbara and if you don't mind would you please call me [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

I wanted to write to you today to let you know that I've received your letter dated September 9, 2002 and I want to express my deepest gratitude for helping me to finally put some closure to this nightmare behind me.

I've had to live with this sick feeling for over 20 years and I've allowed it to destroy my life and if it wasn't for my wife of 10 years it probably would have destroyed my marriage.

If I wasn't sure of his name before I definitely recognized it when you mentioned it in your letter and it felt like I was hit in the chest with a sledgehammer but when I read that he was deceased I also felt a sense of relief, and May God forgive me, but I'm glad

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because he is no longer able to hurt other children, I just wish that he would have been stopped before he was able to cause so much pain to so many lives.

At this point [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and I will accept any help that you're willing to give to me because I am tired of the control that this has had over my life.

I have been unable to take advantage of any help since [REDACTED] because nothing has been available.

[REDACTED] I'll look forward to meeting with you but until then I look forward to our continued correspondence.

Again I want to thank you for what you've done and I look forward to your help in my finally being able to put this behind me and hopefully begin to heal.



Subject: [Fwd: Question of identifying Fr. Murphy]

Date: Thu, 22 Aug 2002 13:50:02 -0500

From: Barbara Reinke <reinkeb@archmil.org>

To: Shirley Zakszewski <zakszewskis@archmil.org>

Subject: Question of identifying Fr. Murphy

Date: Thu, 22 Aug 2002 11:00:00 -0500

From: Barbara Reinke <reinkeb@archmil.org>

To: bishopsklba@archmil.org, cusackb@archmil.org

Dear Bishop Sklba and Barbara Anne,

I have been corresponding with [REDACTED] about sexual abuse he suffered in 1978 at the [REDACTED] (Diocese of Superior). On the surface the facts seem to connect with the possibility of Fr. Larry Murphy having been the offender; the complainant does not know the name. However he describes the offender as follows: "He was a tad on the heavy side, balding, if I remember correctly late 40s, and his most distinctive trait was that he was always using sign language even though he could speak normally." Does this sound to you like it matches Fr. Larry Murphy? Can you think of anything else to do to make a positive identification? Would we want to send a picture to him, or a line-up of pictures, to make identification?

I would appreciate your ideas. My understanding from you, Barbara Anne, is that we will accept responsibility if it does seem to be Fr. Murphy, rather than refer this case to the Diocese of Superior.

Thanks,
Barb

November 16, 1968

The Most Reverend
Archbishop William E. Cousins, D.D.
2000 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Archbishop Cousins:

I am the father of [REDACTED]
deaf children, [REDACTED] (age 10) and [REDACTED] (age 7) attend St. John's
School for the Deaf in Milwaukee.

It is hard to describe to you the feelings, anxieties and fears experienced by parents with handicapped children. No one of course expects miracles but countless prayers are offered that these little ones may somehow, at least, learn to communicate and gain whatever other knowledge and skills are necessary so that they may eventually take their place in the world as useful, God-fearing citizens. There are also many prayers offered for the safety of these children during the bi-weekly trips back and forth between home and St. John's. Then comes the long, seemingly endless two week waiting periods until the children are home again, for two days, and we are all together and everyone is happy and safe.

This week, however, something happened at St. John's which adds to the anxieties, is unexplainable by any rational reasoning, and is completely unacceptable to me as a father. I feel that this matter should be brought to your attention for investigation and for any necessary corrective action.

My wife picked up our sons [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at St. John's this past Friday afternoon for their bi-weekly visit home. While the boys were loading their luggage into the car, Sister [REDACTED] took my wife aside to tell her of an incident which took place during the early part of the week.

It seems that my son [REDACTED] (10 years old) was using naughty language in signs on the playground and one of the older boys took him in to see Fr. Murphy about it. By the time [REDACTED] got to Father Murphy's office he was quite beside himself and in the course of his scolding from Father Murphy, he threw a temper tantrum (which is not unusual for a young person who does not have the faculty to express himself verbally because of his handicap). Sister, who was in Father's office at the time, said that while having his tantrum, [REDACTED] accidentally (Sister used the word "accidentally") kicked her in the shin. At this, Father "slapped [REDACTED] across the face a couple of times" according to Sister's own statement. It seems that Sister was asked by Father Murphy to explain the matter to my wife, father than explain it himself. I can only conclude from this that Father either did not have the courage to do the explaining himself or that he did not feel that what had happened was serious enough or important enough to justify any of his time.

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Up to this time, my wife had not looked closely at [REDACTED] and in accordance with our understanding of the need for disciplinary action at times, my wife made a statement to Sister to the effect that she need not worry about it. However, when my wife then got out to the car and was able to see the boy, she was flabbergasted to see that the entire left side of his face from the level of the eye-brow down to the shirt collar was black and blue, as was the right side of his neck from behind the ear down to the level to his shirt collar. It is obvious that the boy received quite a severe beating. I do know that I, as a father, would not countenance such action on my own part, and I simply fail to be able to understand any such action whatever on the part of a priest.

Since you are the immediate superior I feel obliged to call this matter to Your Excellency's attention for immediate action and corrective measures. As a responsible Catholic father I consider that I have the right to demand the following:

- 1) A full and satisfactory explanation of the entire incident.
- 2) Assurance that there will no recurrence of such disciplinary actions by Father Murphy or by any other staff member of the school involving my children or any other children at St. John's School for the Deaf.
- 3) A full and sincere apology.
- 4) Assurances, in writing, that there will be no attempt on the part of any official or staff personnel of St. John's at repercussion either physical, mental or scholastical as a result of this incident or this letter.
- 5) That the doctor bill for examining this child's injuries be paid for by St. John's School.
- 6) That serious consideration be given to the possible need of a rest for Father Murphy.

I wish to notify you that, should there be any permanent harm or trouble of any kind as a result of this incident, I will seriously consider bringing civil action against the individual or individuals concerned.

I am returning both of my sons to St. John's this Sunday with some apprehension and misgiving and would therefore appreciate a prompt reply from your Excellency.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. [REDACTED]

cc/to
Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy

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Archdiocese of Milwaukee

The Chancery

2000 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53233

January 21, 1969



Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Pursuant to our phone conversation, I again reviewed the case of your son, [REDACTED], with Father Lawrence Murphy, at St. John's School for the Deaf. I also informally interviewed people associated with him, not in the sense of the specific incident, but rather in regard to his general administration of St. John's School for the Deaf. They were of the highest praise for him. I then reviewed the case with the archbishop and we feel very assured that there will never be another incident like that, which occurred relative to your son, [REDACTED]. It was an unfortunate incident; the result of some repulsive action. There is no indication in Father's history of efficient administration which would indicate that this could again become a problem.

If I can be of further help, please contact me.

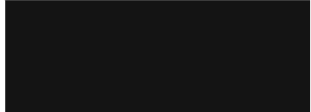
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis M. Beres".

(Msgr.) Francis M. Beres
Vice Chancellor

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January 13, 1969



The Most Reverend
Archbishop William E. Cousins, D.D.
2000 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53233

*Sent
1-13-69*

Dear Archbishop Cousins:

On November 16, 1968 I wrote to you concerning the beating administered to my ten year old son [REDACTED] on November 11, 1968 at St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee by the principal of that school, Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy

On December 11, 1968 I was contacted on the telephone by a man who identified himself as the Vice-chancellor of the Milwaukee Arch-diocese. During this phone conversation, I ask for and was promised, "within a day or two", a written response to the demands outlined in my letter to you of November 16.

Please be advised that as of this date, I have not received this promised letter nor have I heard any further word of any kind from your office.

I do not consider the response, or rather the lack of response, from your office to date to be acceptable and therefore find it regrettably necessary to again solicit Your Excellency for assistance in bringing this matter to a prompt and satisfactory conclusion.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

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The following is my recollections of my phone concersation with Msg. Beres (sp.?), the Vice-chancellor of the Arch-dioceses of Milwaukee. He called me at approx. 12:15 P.M. on Dec. 11, 1968 in response to my letter to Archbishop Chas. E. Cousins of the Milwaukee Dioceses dated 11/16/68 regarding the beating administered to my son [REDACTED] at St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee by the Rev. Lawrence E. Murphy, Principle of St. Johns.

The Msg. stated that he had attempted to contact me by phone on several (4) occasions; the first time being 2-4 days after receiving my letter. He said that the Archbishop insisted that the contact be personal rather than by letter and that if contact by phone became imposable, he, the Msg., would drive to Rockford to make the contact.

Msg. said that Fr. Murphy was/called in for an explination of the matter two days after my letter got to the Bishop. Father M. said that he had talked to my wife and me and given assurances that no recurrence would take place. He further stated that this was the first time in his 18 yrs. that anything like this had happened and that he, Fr. M.; had gone too far. Fr. M. also stated to the Msg. that he had seen my wife at least once since we talked to him and that he preceived a 'coldness' toward him on the part of my wife.

I explained to the Msg. that Fr. M. had given us assurances but only after he new that a letter had been written to the Archbishop. I agreed also that there probably was a certain amount of coldness but under the circumstances, I felt that it was only natural. Most mothers would not be very friendly with a man, whom she had trusted to care for her child 9 mos. out of every year for the past 7 years, and who in turn rewarded this trust by beating this mother's son's face black and blue.

I reaffirmed my 6 demands (except for payment of the Dr. bill) as outlined in the letter of 11/16 and told Msg. that we needed assurances from higher authority than Fr. M. himself. Msg. offered these assurances over the phone but I insister that they be made in writing by his office. He agreed to do this within the next day or two. He also invited my wife to call him collect [REDACTED] if she wanted to talk to him or if he could be of any help or service to her in this matter.

I thanked him for his time and consideration and reassured him that we meant no personal harm to Fr. M. We simply intend only to see to it that our son is never mistreated by Fr. M. or anyone else at St. John's ever again. I ask him to please convey this to Fr. M. He agreed. We thanked each other and hung up. End of conversation.

[REDACTED]
12/12/68
12:45 P.M.

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Amy Peterson

From: cathdeafch [cathdeafch@archchicago.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 9:37 AM
To: petersona@archmil.org
Subject: RE: our previous correspondence

Dear Amy,

Today after Mass with the deaf community, I sat down with [REDACTED] I gave him the message that you asked me to communicate. I explained that the Archdiocese would in no way be willing to re-open his case or re-negotiate his settlement. I also explained the offer to pay for more counseling. He was devastated. His pain was the pain of someone who had been raped - literally and figuratively, and was just re-victimized. His reaction was expected, but still heart-rending.

He is not sure what he will do; he is terrified to go anywhere near the Cousin's Center. He thought about going to the press, but then signed to me, "for what? The Archbishop of Milwaukee and his lawyers would not care what the paper printed."

I spent a fair amount of time with him, most of it a broken man simply crying. I don't care who you show this to in your Archdiocese. I am not angry at you; you tried your best. The truth is that the Church in the person of Larry Murphy destroyed this man's life, and the Church of Milwaukee in its official capacity finished the job. The people who made the settlement years ago knew they had someone who was vulnerable and naive. They used a person who represented trust, Sr. [REDACTED] to con [REDACTED] into this settlement. All the legal jargon in the world cannot take away that what happened to him was wrong, and what he continues to suffer is wrong. More money will not take away the pain or restore his self-esteem. It might have helped carry him into the future with a bit more security. He has nothing. I gave him \$300 today to help him get back to [REDACTED] I contacted the priest who works with the deaf there to alert him to [REDACTED] situation.

I thank you for what you tried to do for him. I think he knows that you were not out to hurt him. I don't think he will live long. Stress and depression kill people. He has more than most of us can ever imagine. There's a lot more I would like to say, but I am too angry right now and it would come out in an inappropriate way.

Reverend Joseph Mulcrone

Catholic Office of the Deaf
640 N. LaSalle Street, ste. 390
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312.751.0394 fax

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (hereafter "Agreement") is made by and between [REDACTED]; Lawrence Murphy; St. John's School for the Deaf and its affiliated and successor corporations (hereafter "St. John's"); and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee (hereafter "Archdiocese"), and all of its affiliated entities.

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] alleges certain claims against Lawrence Murphy, the Archdiocese, and St. John's, arising from alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Lawrence Murphy commencing in or about 1964 and continuing for a number of years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] further alleges that the Archdiocese and St. John's may be liable for the actions of Lawrence Murphy that give rise to the alleged claims; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Murphy, St. John's, and the Archdiocese deny liability for the claims, and there is a dispute between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement wish to settle and compromise all claims of [REDACTED] against Lawrence Murphy, St. John's, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of St. John's and the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes and religious orders, and

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any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, arising from the alleged abuse of [REDACTED] by Lawrence Murphy without the necessity of formal litigation and expense, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Settlement Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual contact or abuse of any nature between Lawrence Murphy and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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. Lawrence Murphy, St. John's and the Archdiocese jointly agree to pay to [REDACTED] the total sum of \$5,000, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. All parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees associated with this settlement.

2. In return for the payment in paragraph 1 above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, [REDACTED] agrees to release and forever discharge Lawrence Murphy, St. John's, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of St. John's and 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 assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Lawrence Murphy.

3. St. John's, Lawrence Murphy, and the Archdiocese hereby release and forever discharge [REDACTED] from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature that were in existence up to and including the date of the signing of this Settlement Agreement.

4. As a condition precedent to the payment of the sum set out in paragraph 1, [REDACTED] hereby agrees not to disclose to any third-party, including, without limitation, any newspaper, any electronic media, any reporters, and any other individual, or to release for publicity any of the allegations which have been made against Lawrence Murphy, St. John's, and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, or the terms of this Agreement. The terms of this agreement relating to confidentiality do not apply to any disclosures made to [REDACTED] therapist, support person (as that term is used in AODA treatment) or close friends or relatives. [REDACTED] understands and agrees that the confidentiality and secrecy

required in this Agreement are material considerations for the payments to be made pursuant to this Agreement.

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

6. [REDACTED] DECLARES THAT HE HAS READ THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS TERMS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FURTHER DECLARES THAT HE HAS OBTAINED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING FOR THE INJURIES ALLEGED AND UNDERSTANDS THEIR IMPACT ON HIM; AND DECLARES THAT HE VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTS THE TERMS AND SUM OF MONEY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A FULL AND FINAL COMPROMISE, ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

7. In witness of this Agreement, we have hereunto set our hands on the dates respectively indicated.

[REDACTED]

Date: 2-2-94

IN PRESENCE OF:

[REDACTED]

LAWRENCE MURPHY

Lawrence P. Murphy

Date: Feb. 12, 1994

IN PRESENCE OF:

John H. Smith

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MILWAUKEE

IN PRESENCE OF:

By: Fr. R. Thomas Venne
Fr. R. Thomas Venne

Eparch C. Piosare

Date: 2/2/94

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL FOR THE
DEAF

IN PRESENCE OF:

By: Fr. Joseph C. Cross
Date: 2/3/94

Eparch C. Piosare

STATE OF WISCONSIN, : CIRCUIT COURT, : COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Plaintiffs,

STIPULATION

vs.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
and LAWRENCE C. MURPHY,

Case No. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Defendants.

James H. Miller,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED and agreed by and between the above
named parties, and approved by their counsel as follows:

1. That Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars be and is hereby
given by the defendant, ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE, to the plaintiff,
Charles W. Kemp,

[REDACTED] subject to the following contingencies:
Attorneys for Defendant-Archdio-

a. That said sum shall be disbursed to St. John's

School for the Deaf and shall be held in trust by
said institution for the benefit of [REDACTED]

b. That said sum is to be used for professional
counseling of [REDACTED] by
Arnold, Murray & O'Neill
Attorneys for Defendant-Lawrence
C. Murphy

c. Upon recommendation of the treating psychologist
that further Counseling cease, any sums remaining
in trust shall be returned to the defendant
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE.

2. Defendant, LAWRENCE C. MURPHY, hereby agrees to pay
plaintiffs' attorneys as compensation for services rendered and
costs, the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

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to the plaintiffs,
Charles J. Camps.

subject to the following contingencies:
Attorneys for Defendant-Archdiocese

- a. That said sum shall be disbursed to St. John's School for the Deaf and shall be held in trust by said institution for the benefit of [REDACTED]
- b. That said sum is to be used for professional counseling of [REDACTED] ^{Arnold, Murray & McMill} _{Attorneys for Defendant-Lawrence C. Murphy}
- c. Upon recommendation of the treating psychologist that further counseling cease, any sums remaining in trust shall be returned to the defendant ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE.

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2. Defendant, LAWRENCE C. MURPHY, hereby agrees to pay plaintiffs' attorneys as compensation for services rendered and costs, the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

3. Further that upon exercise of the above two provisions, plaintiffs will file a motion for dismissal and order for dismissal along with a general release absolving defendants of any further claims of the plaintiffs.

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STANDARD

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CLERK OF COURT
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Dated this 22 day of SEPT, 1976.

Plaintiff

Plaintiff

James E. Collis

James E. Collis,
Law Offices of Donald C. Haber
man, J.D.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Charles Q. Kamps,
Quarles & Brady
Attorneys for Defendant-Archdi
ocese of Milwaukee

James P. O'Neill
Arnold, Murray & O'Neill
Attorneys for Defendant-Lawrence
C. Murphy

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~~C. Murphy~~

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Hello Amy,

I am confused and concerned as this is not what I understood our agreement to read and what I discussed with Barbara. It was my understanding that what others received and mediated was not of any concern to my case with the Diocese. The Diocese set this precedence immediately when we went into mediation and perpetuated it throughout the process.

My main goal, as stated in mediation, was to become a healthy person as God had created me. I also wanted this for my family, as I believe God wants this for us. I want to function, as I believe others do in a healthy fashion with each other and their families. This was terribly missing for years and I was caught knowing it was not working, but not having the tools to fix it. The unhealthiness perpetuated for years and now that I have a glimmer of what can exist within families, I want to create that within mine, and eliminate it within my children so this behavior does not continued into another generation.

My second need was to get some retribution for what was done to me and to that end, I had initially requested more money. The Diocese facilitator told me that no other victims had received this kind of money and if my main concern, need and goal, was to become a healthy functioning person and for my family to be able to do the same, then therapy paid for by the Diocese was the best solution.. Settle for a lot less money and therapy guaranteed, for me, my children, my husband and couples too if needed. Plus any medications required paid for by the Diocese.

I trusted the Diocese to honor my requests and also was willing to work within their constraints. The contract did not reflect this agreement and thus my conversations with Barbara began and multiple changes occurred within this document to confirm this agreement and arrangement. It was also bothersome to me that an article came out in the Milwaukee Journal shortly after my mediation ended, stating that victims negotiated settlements close to the figure I had initially requested and believe I deserved. I discussed this with Barbara and to that end we agreed to the arrangement I have been using for the past years and the contract states.

I am planning to continue with the same arrangement of payment that we have all agreed.

Thank you for your help. Please feel free to contact [REDACTED] my therapist, as stated before in my email, if you want to feel more comfortable with the nature of therapy I am diligently pursuing.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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August 18, 2005

Greetings:

In light of last month's Wisconsin Supreme Court decision, and publicity about other legal matters, I want to take this opportunity to let you know that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee continues its commitment to assisting and supporting those who have been sexually abused by church personnel. The issue of clergy sexual abuse remains an important pastoral priority for the archdiocese. We are firm in our resolve to create a safe environment in our parishes and schools.

Contrary to some recent media reports, it remains the policy of the archdiocese to protect and keep in confidence the names of victims of sexual abuse, understanding fully the harm that could be caused in not doing so. We have no interest in publicly identifying people who have suffered this horrible tragedy.

The Office of Sexual Abuse and Prevention and Response Services continues to provide outreach to those abused by church personnel, their families and supporters. Amy Peterson, our Victim Assistant Coordinator, is available to take a report of sexual abuse by church personnel. Amy also can provide referral and resource information.

On Saturday, October 8th, at the request of victim-survivors, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, in partnership with local sexual assault service providers, is co-sponsoring "A Day of Healing." This day-long retreat is for survivors, their families and supporters. There will be a variety of workshops available and the keynote speaker will be Sue Archibald from The Healing Alliance. There is no cost to attend this retreat and it will be held at the Aurora Conference Center. For more information please call (414) 769-3436.

Reports of sexual abuse by church personnel can always be made directly to the Amy Peterson at (414) 769-3436 or to the independent mediation system at (866) 302-9215.

We are grateful for the wisdom that victims/survivors, their families and the community provide as we continue to strengthen our response services. We realize that, while much good work has been done over the last three years, we can always do more for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse, as well as work to prevent abuse from occurring in the future.

Please feel free to contact me or Amy with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of St. John's and the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, arising from the alleged abuse of [REDACTED] by Lawrence Murphy without the necessity of formal litigation and expense, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual contact or abuse of any nature between Lawrence Murphy and [REDACTED];

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. St. John's and the Archdiocese jointly agree to pay to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the total sum of \$3,000, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. All parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees associated with this settlement. The above payment will be made by check jointly payable to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

2. In return for the payment in paragraph 1 above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] agree to release and forever discharge the estate of Lawrence Murphy, St. John's, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of St. John's and the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, 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 they 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 assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Lawrence Murphy.

3. St. John's and the Archdiocese hereby release and forever discharge [REDACTED] from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature that were in existence up to and including the date of the signing of this Agreement.

4. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] agree that they will not reveal to anyone, other than as may be mutually agreed to in writing, any of the specific terms of this agreement or any of the amounts, numbers or terms and conditions of any sums payable to them hereunder. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] hereby understand and agree that this confidentiality section of the Agreement is of paramount importance and that observance of this confidentiality section is of the essence to the agreement achieved between the parties. They agree to abide by the terms of this confidentiality section as consideration for and as an integral part of the Agreement.

5. As a condition precedent to the payment of the sum set out in paragraph 1, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] hereby agrees not to disclose to any third-party, including, without limitation, any newspaper, any electronic media, any reporters, and any other individual, or to release for publicity any of the allegations which have been made against Lawrence Murphy, St. John's, and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, or the terms of this Agreement. The terms of this Agreement relating to confidentiality do not apply to any disclosures made to [REDACTED] therapist, support person (as that term is used in AODA treatment) or close friends or relatives.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] understand and agree that

the confidentiality required in this Agreement is a material consideration for the payments to be made pursuant to this Agreement.

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

7. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DECLARE THAT THEY HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS. [REDACTED] FURTHER DECLARES THAT HE HAS OBTAINED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING FOR THE INJURIES ALLEGED AND UNDERSTANDS THEIR IMPACT ON HIM; AND DECLARES THAT HE VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTS THE TERMS AND SUM OF MONEY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A FULL AND FINAL COMPROMISE, ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

8. In witness of this Agreement, we have hereunto set our hands on the dates respectively indicated.

[REDACTED]

IN PRESENCE OF:

[REDACTED]

Date: 5-31-01

[REDACTED]

IN PRESENCE OF:

Barbara Reule

Date: 5-31-01

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[REDACTED] signature is invalid as he is declared incompetent in the court system & I am his legal Guardian. You made no attempt to word any of this for a deaf or deaf cognitively disabled person to understand or accept all of this myself but

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ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MILWAUKEE

By: Richard J. Skellu
Date: May 31, 2001

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL
FOR THE DEAF

By: Paula C. [Signature]
Date: 6-1-01

IN PRESENCE OF:

Barbara Reinke

IN PRESENCE OF:

Margaret J. Zischer

OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Date Report Taken: June 10, 2008

Time: 11:30 am Phone X In Person

Received By: Amy Peterson

Person Reporting: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Allegations made by:

(if not same as above)

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Age at time of [REDACTED]

Allegations: Ten through Seventeen

Allegations Against: Lawrence Murphy

Time Period: 1950 - 1957

Where: St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?) Fr. Walsh, a priest from the Archdiocese of Chicago

Alleged Abuse:

[REDACTED] reported that he was sent to St. John's school when he was nine years old in 1949. He stated that one year later Lawrence Murphy came to the school. He said that his first year was fine, and that when Murphy arrived, he was very nice at first. Sometime during [REDACTED] first year, he stated that Murphy called to him while he was walking through the hall and instructed him to come to his room in the evening. [REDACTED] stated that he slept in the dorm room upstairs and that Murphy's office was downstairs. He went down stairs to the office. When he got there Murphy told him to go into the bedroom. Murphy went to lay on the bed while lying on the bed he instructed [REDACTED] to take off his pants and underwear. [REDACTED] said he was told to leave his shirt on. [REDACTED] stated that Murphy touched his private parts. As he stood in front of Murphy with his genitals exposed, Murphy was telling him what his testicles, penis and some gland were. While he was touching [REDACTED] he took tissues and put them in front of [REDACTED] penis and told him to come. Then he showed [REDACTED] the tissue and said this is what a seed is. Murphy told [REDACTED] was done. [REDACTED] pulled up his pants and asked Murphy if he could go to Communion the next day. Murphy said it was OK.

[REDACTED] stated that one or two days later this happened again and then continued on and off until he graduated. [REDACTED] reported another thing Murphy would do is while [REDACTED] was sitting in a chair in Murphy's office next to Murphy at the table, was put his hand in [REDACTED] pant's pocket and rub his penis.

[REDACTED] said that he believed he was the only one this was happening to and that he thought Murphy chose him specifically. He stated Murphy was kind to him but that the incidents when Murphy would molest him made him feel terrible about himself. He believed that Fr. Gehl and the nuns didn't know what was happening to him. [REDACTED] did not remember the number of incidents but stated that they occurred off and on throughout his entire school experience at St. John's. [REDACTED] kept repeating during the interview that he wished he had told his parents. He also stated that his friends at the school never said anything.

History:

[REDACTED] was born one of [REDACTED] children and the only deaf child to hearing parents. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] his parents sent him to St. John's School for the Deaf. He said he would often take the train into Milwaukee from [REDACTED] and then back again during breaks. His mother would sometimes pin an envelope to his shirt with the tuition payment inside. He stated that is difficult to think about the fact that his parents paid for his tuition all those years while he was being abused. [REDACTED] stated there were many things he liked about St. John's School. He loved playing sports. He stated that he was quiet and the nuns liked him. He said when he graduated and went on to another school, he missed St. John's except for Fr. Murphy. He told this reporter that he was very relieved when he went up to receive his diploma at graduation and he saw that Fr. Murphy's name wasn't on it. St. Thomsilla (principal) had signed it as well as Sr. Georgine (teacher). When he graduated from St. John's, he went to a school in [REDACTED] when a priest at the school approached him and asked him to scratch his back. He felt very uncomfortable and stated that the priest wanted [REDACTED] to rub or massage his back and that he felt it was inappropriate. [REDACTED]

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Next Steps:

█ would like a meeting with the Archbishop. He would also like to pursue mediation. He is in counseling and has a counselor that signs. His insurance currently covers his therapy costs. If that changes and he needs financial assistance, he will notify VAC. VAC will support █ and his family as needed.

☒ Archbishop Timothy Dolan

☒ Bishop Richard Sklba

☒ Fr. Curt Frederick (Clergy)

☐ Fr. Al Velk (Religious)

☐ Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)

☒ Barbara Anne Cusack

x Bishop William Callahan

☐ District Attorney

Intake form
SAZ/Revised 2/25/08

Additional Notes: These were added after the interview via email.

"The year after I graduated from eighth grade, then I went to high school in █ I came home on holidays. One time, my friend invited me to his house in █ About 7 of us friends and, including my parents and friends' parents were there. I was about 17 years old. Fr Murphy also went to that party. Before Fr Murphy went home, he called me over to the house's bedroom and shut the door. He asked me to sit and he sat, asked me to forgive him, I said nothing, inside me I said why me and when he tried to hug me< I push him away and said I will scream, he left the room. Later in the car with parent going back home, they ask me, "oh you go to confession with Fr Murphy?" I smiled, but inside myself I say I hope I never see Fr Murphy again.

I want to add, when I said bad word to teacher or misbehaved, I get into trouble and have to see Fr Murphy. He would tell me to take my pant off and he used the back of his hand to hit my penis often and it hurt a lot."

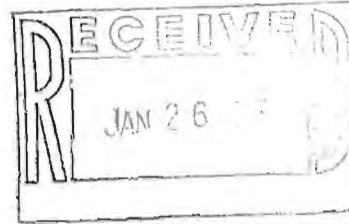
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January 21, 1993



The Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy

Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

Dear Father Murphy,

With this letter I accept your request for retirement from active priestly ministry for health reasons. As you know, one never retires from being a priest, only from some of the responsibilities that go with a definite assignment.

I want to say thanks for the zeal you have shown throughout the years. May God continue to bless you in every way and be gentle and kind to you.

Peace and many blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

CC: Bishop Richard Sklba
Vicar for Clergy Personnel
Priests' Personnel Board
Priests' Pension Board
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THE CHANCERY

September 12, 1974

M E M O R A N D U M

Re: Father Lawrence Murphy

From: Father Robert G. Sampson *RGS*

In a phone conversation with Father Murphy on Saturday, September 7, 1974, the following details were worked out:

Father will take what will be called a "Temporary Sick Leave" beginning in mid-September. This will be the designation in the fall edition of the Catholic Herald Citizen directory and in the forthcoming Pastoral Handbook.

This leave will extend until the end of November. After that time he will be in touch with the Archbishop as to future plans.

As far as the financial arrangements for Father are concerned, note the following:

Rita ✓ St. John's School will pay his salary through the end of September.

Father will make application to the St. Michael's Priest Fund for full salary for the months of October and November. The Chancery will verify Father's permission from the Archbishop to take a temporary sick leave.

Rita ✓ St. John School will continue him on their Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan through the end of the year 1974, i.e. the School will keep him on the forthcoming quarter which begins October 1.

Father was asked to so inform the St. Michael's Priest Fund so that his insurance will not be transferred to its group.

Father Murphy has paid up his Priest Pension Plan assessment through the fiscal year 1975, so there is no need to deduct this from his St. Michael's Priest Fund check.

I agreed to ask the Catholic Herald to continue sending the paper to Father at the Boulder Junction address until further notice.

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M E M O R A N D U M

Re: Father Lawrence Murphy
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Father's address (not to be published) for the next three months will be:

Reverend Lawrence C. Murphy
General Delivery
Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

Telephone contact can be made through the local parish. Phone:

Reverend Irv Meyett
Pastor, St. Ann Parish
Boulder Junction
1-715-385-2390

A copy of this memo will be given to St. Michael's Priest Fund, to Father Murphy, as well as to the Archbishop.

RGS/ef

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Deliver to: Elizabeth C. Pisasecki, Psy. D.Fax: (414) 769-3408

From: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

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----- Message -----

Hi Liz,

This is inform to you today. You know I am not good writer. Yesterday I went to Red Carpet West Allis on 10901 West Lapham Avenue for Deaf Tourney. I talked with other victims and other friends and support me almost 100% percentage. I already gave your business cards to victims. They gave me their names. They (Class of 1953) told me that not 100 boys - they know about 200 boys but maybe more than 200 boys from 1950 to 1974. They said to me, "He should not stay as priest - Archbishop must remove him right now"

I discussed with other victims about confession. They does not agreed with you. They told me that they complained about him that he always bother them in dorm or bathroom for confession. He molested them before or during confession He looked for boys' weakness - not solve boys' sex problem.

Thank you.

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May 15, 1974

I, [REDACTED] graduated from St. John's School for the Deaf in May, 1970. Here is my story with Father Lawrence Murphy from 1964 to 1970.

In 1964 I went to Fr. Murphy's office with my problems with Sister and Fr. Murphy scolded me as a bad boy. Then he encouraged me to his bedroom and taught me about sex. At the first thing he spanked my ass with his belt and he started touching my penis while he explained the sex things to me. Few days later again he called me to his bedroom and asked me to take my clothes off so he touched my penis and explained the sex things to me. So he started to bother me many times for coming to his bedroom and forced me to play the immodest things with him. Few days later he came to the boys' dormitory and to my bed and he touched my penis while [REDACTED] saw us from his bed. Sometimes Fr. Lawrence Murphy came to the boys' dormitory to bother me. One night I saw Fr. Murphy touching [REDACTED]'s penis in [REDACTED]'s bed.

About 1967 or 1968 we moved to a new St. John's School building and again Fr. Murphy came to my privacy bedroom (with no door) and touched my penis in my upper bunk bed while [REDACTED] slept in lower bunk bed. Again, Fr. Murphy touched my penis all the time until I graduated.

During my confession with Fr. Murphy few times he played with my penis in the bedroom, in the bathroom, in Fr. Murphy's office. He always asked me in confession "did you play with the other boys?" I told him yes. Then he asked for the names of the other boys and I told him the names of the boys. So he bothered the other boys.

During the summer times Fr. Murphy took some boys and me to his cottage and on the way to his cottage I was a passenger and sat near Fr. Murphy driving while he touched my penis in front of the other boys. I don't know if they saw us. He treated us like his sons: went to the movies, restaurant, museum, etc. In his cottage bedroom he touched my penis and in the other nights, he played with the other boys.

During my Senior Trip to New York City and Washington, D.C. for a week, Fr. Murphy played with me in the hotel bedroom few times.

For my six years, I had suffered bad from Fr. Murphy.

When I go to the court, I will prove my truth about Fr. Murphy and will ask Fr. Murphy to take his clothes off. Before he takes his clothes off, I say to the judge that Fr. Murphy's penis is uncircumcised.

One more thing to say, many times Fr. Murphy went to the boys' shower room and looked down at our boys' penis. At that time Mr. Barnett was our boys supervisor.

Hereby, I sign my name on this true story about Fr. Murphy.

[REDACTED]

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Entry for the Chart of Father Lawrence Murphy
By Liz Piasecki

February 24, 1997

Today, I met with Father Tom Brundage, Barbara Anne Cusack, and Father Jim Connell in the Chancery and Tribunal Offices regarding the canonical situation of Father Lawrence Murphy. Father Tom Brundage indicated that there is a problem regarding the statutes of limitation on the solicitation in the confessional, allegations brought forward by several deaf individuals. Pat Legus is the canonical advisor for Father Murphy. He had pointed out that there is a thirty day statute of limitations on the solicitation issue because the 1962 canonical norms apply in this case, rather than the 1983 Code of Canon Law. Father Brundage notes that in the 1983 Code the statute of limitations is five years, which also would fall short of the time span needed to proceed canonically against Father Murphy. He said that at this point, Father Murphy's case would be held in abatement, canonically, until we hear from Rome regarding a waiver of the statute of limitations. Father Brundage would be speaking with Bishop Burke, Canonist from the Diocese of La Crosse, and may proceed going to Washington to speak with the Papal Nuncio and request a waiver in this case. Father Brundage also noted to us that there is some indication from the Diocese of Superior that Father Murphy has continued his contact with deaf people by helping out with deaf retreats and Mass against the directives of Archbishop Weakland and Bishop Sklba. There may be a possibility of moving administratively in the issuance of several penalties for that disobedience. We discussed the way to contact the three individuals who have filed complaints. [REDACTED] and I will speak with [REDACTED] I will be in touch with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will send a letter to [REDACTED]

LCP:saz
3/24/97

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11/15/93 Entry for the file of Father Lawrence Murphy

by Liz Piasecki

I spoke today with Father Lawrence Murphy in Boulder Junction, WI [REDACTED]. I called Father Murphy at the request of Father Tom Venne who had spoken briefly with Father Murphy on the same day regarding allegations that had been made against him by individuals within the deaf community. I informed Father Murphy that we needed to arrange some time for him to come down to the Archdiocese and to give us his side of the story. He was quite reluctant at first, saying that he had dealt with this situation around 1975 and he considered this to be a closed situation. I informed him of the multiple allegations that had been made recently and I informed him that these were very serious allegations and the Archdiocese would not be able to ignore them. He requested a meeting with the Archbishop when he comes down here as well as legal counsel. We did schedule a time for Father Murphy to come down to Milwaukee on Tuesday, November 23rd. He would arrive here mid-afternoon and meet with Father Venne and myself. Then on Wednesday, November 24th, a meeting was set up with the Archbishop, Matt Flynn, myself, Tom Venne, Bishop Sklba, and Father Murphy to review this case.

11/24/93 Entry for the file of Father Lawrence Murphy

by Liz Piasecki

Father Murphy came to the Archdiocese to meet with Archbishop Weakland, Bishop Richard Sklba, Attorney Matthew Flynn, Father Tom Venne and myself to discuss the situation regarding a number of allegations which have been made against him regarding sexual misconduct a number of years ago. Father Murphy at that meeting denied the allegations; however, the following restrictions were told to him by the Archbishop. Father Murphy is to have no public masses in the Milwaukee Archdiocese again. He is to have no public ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from this point on and that includes sign interpretation for the deaf in any kind of public way. He is to have no unsupervised contact with youth either here or in his retirement help-out position in Boulder Junction. He is to have no public presence in the deaf community until further notice and no sacramental ministry of any kind in the deaf community. He was asked to not stay with the deaf community when he is in Milwaukee on personal business. He was also asked to not contact any individuals whose names were on the list provided for us by some victims. He was also told that he should not be in any way trying to whip up any kind of defense on his part among individuals in the deaf community who support him. Furthermore, Father Murphy is to participate in an evaluation in the next several weeks regarding this whole situation. Father Murphy did agree to the Archbishop's requests and I do believe that some of these restrictions at least will be put in writing by Bishop Sklba and sent to Father Murphy.

Priest Leaving School for Deaf

By MARY ZAHN
and WILLIAM JANZ

Father Lawrence C. Murphy, a widely known priest who has been associated with St. John's School for the Deaf since 1950, has resigned from the school.

For months Murphy has been the center of a controversy in which a small group of deaf men and others have attempted to get him removed.

However, in reply to a question Friday whether he had resigned under pressure, the priest said, "I'm going on a rest. I'm following doctor's orders."

Comment from the archdiocese could not be obtained Friday night.

From 1963 until May of this year, Murphy was the director of the school at 3680 S. Kinross Ave., St. Francis. In the last few months, the priest has been in charge of financial affairs and public relations at the school.

Most Former Students

The small group of deaf men, most of whom are former students at St. John's, began working for Murphy's removal last spring and had been holding meetings almost weekly since then.

The group's first public protest was in March when members passed out flyers at Archbishop William E. Cousins' 25th anniversary celebration held at St. John Cathedral.

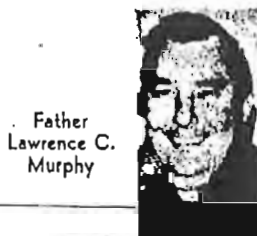
In part, the flyers said, "... Act Now. To get Lawrence C. Murphy out of St.

John's School is a victory for God and other deaf boys at St. John's today."

A month after the protest, Mrs. Arlene Quant, a local businesswoman, agreed to help the group. Mrs. Quant, who owns Bethke Printing Co., 6427 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa, became interested because she has employed deaf people.

Chronological Account

The following is a chronological account of the group's



Father
Lawrence C.
Murphy

activities under the direction of Mrs. Quant:

- In April, Mrs. Quant contacted the Personnel Bureau of the Archdiocese. A few days later she gave an official in the archdiocese a packet of letters that some deaf men had written concerning Murphy.

- Archbishop Cousins called Mrs. Quant on April 21 and asked to meet with her. She saw him the next day.

- On May 9, a meeting was attended by Cousins, Murphy, several other priests and nuns, Mrs. Quant, John Conway, a counselor of deaf children who

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PRIEST Archbishop Had Met With Group

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works for the state, and four deaf men.

Mrs. Quant claimed the archbishop refused to listen to the deaf men and she and the group walked out after one and a half hours of discussion.

- An article appeared in the Catholic Herald Citizen on May 18 announcing that Murphy had given up his directorship and was being reassigned to other duties in the school.

The story said that Murphy was "relieved of all teaching and pastoral duties as they relate to the students."

- During the summer, Mrs. Quant and the group continued to meet with priests and archdiocesan officials. It also wrote letters. The group threatened to start a civil lawsuit when they said, they felt church officials were stalling them.

Murphy said Friday that his last day at the school is Wednesday. He has no plans to return to St. John's, he said.

After his sick leave, he said, he did not know where he would be assigned.

Murphy was an instructor of religion and a counselor to deaf children at St. John's from 1950 until 1963 when he was appointed the director.

During that period, Murphy helped establish an athletic program and an alumni association for the deaf.

He also was midwest adviser to the International Catholic Deaf Association and chaplain of Cardinal Strich Council 4614 of the Knights of Columbus.

In May, 1968, Murphy received the American Legion Award for Distinguished Service for Child Welfare.