

SEMINARIAN'S RECORD

Name HATCH RICHARD E Address 906 E. Center, Rochester Parish S. Francis
 Last First Middle

- Petition for Affiliation
- Baptismal Certificate
- Confirmation Certificate
- Parents' Marriage Certificate
- Petitioner's Birth Date Oct 28, 1927
- High School Record
- Recommendation of Pastor
- Recommendation of School
- OCTOR'S EXAM:
 Date _____
 Date _____
- Letter of Acceptance

COLLEGES ATTENDED:

- 1. Address _____
 From (Date) _____ To _____
- 2. Address _____
 From (Date) _____ To _____

SEMINARIES ATTENDED:

- 1. Address _____
 From (Date) _____ To _____
- 2. Address _____
 From (Date) _____ To _____

TEST. FROM SEMINARY RECTORS:

- 1. Name of Sem. _____
- 2. Name of Sem. _____

EX-RELIGIOUS:

- Religious Superior _____
- Indult(s) from Holy See _____
- 1. Date _____
- 2. Date _____

OATHS:

Domicile _____ Service _____

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Sub-deacon (Date) _____
 Faculties (Date) _____

ORDERS	Test. on Studies	Test. on Exam	Test. of Rector	Test. Bishop of Dom.	Petition and Declaration of Freedom (Date)	Publication (Date-Place)	Retreat (Date)	Dimissorials (Date)	Ordination (Date)	Dispensations	
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Ostiariate					P	x x x					
Lectorate					P	x x x					
Exorcist					P	x x x					
Acolyth.					P	x x x					
Subdiaconate					PD						
Diaconate					PD						
Priesthood					PD						

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HATCH, ROBERT

Born in Pipestone, now lives in Rochester, Minn.

This young man is a freshman at Loras, studying for Maryknoll. Maryknoll is paying at least part of his expenses.

Father Houlihan, the retiring Registrar, informs me that Robert is a good candidate for the priesthood, and that his work is a little above the average.

3-19-47

J.H.S.

RH000100

Maryknoll Junior College

Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc. . . . (legal title)

Lakewood, New Jersey
Jan. 28, 1948

His Excellency
The Most Rev. Leo Binz D.D.
Coadjutor Bishop of Winona
275 Harriet Street
Winona, Minnesota

Excellency,

I am writing in regards to my transfer from the Maryknoll Mission Society to the diocese of Winona. I have talked the whole matter over with my pastor at home, Father Jensen- St. Francis Parish in Rochester and also with my spiritual director and the Rector here at Maryknoll and all agree that since I have not the calling to the missions, but still feel I have a vocation to the Priesthood, this is the best thing to do. Father Jensen recommended that I write to you and seek an appointment with you or one of the priests at the chancery. In regards to this appointment, I will be in Rochester on Monday of the week of the 1st. If I am able to obtain such an appointment I would be grateful if you would address a letter to me and tell me when I may see you.

Thanking you for all
Consideration

I remain,

Richard E. Hatch

Marykn ^{no} ¹⁷ College

Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc. . . . (legal title)

Lakewood, New Jersey

January 30, 1948 •

Most Rev. Leo Binz D.D.
Coadjutor Bishop of Winona
275 Harriet St
Winona, Minn.

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

Richard Hatch, a student at this school, has requested a letter of recommendation, since he is hoping to be accepted as a candidate for the priesthood in the diocese of Winona.

We have found Richard to be a young man of good character and fair intelligence. No adverse criticism has been made about his character at our faculty meetings. He is quite weak in Latin but has done fairly well in other subjects.

As far as I know, there seems to be no good reason why he should not be given a chance to prepare for the diocesan priesthood, since he is withdrawing from this school of his own free will.

With all good wishes to you, dear Bishop, I remain,

Respectfully yours in Christ,


Rev. Joseph W. Connors M.M.

Rector

RH000102

Church of St. Francis of Assisi
1112 Third Street S. E.
Rochester, Minnesota

January 31, 1948

Very Rev. Bernard A. Mangan, Chancellor
Diocese of Winona
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Mangan:

Your kind assistance is asked in regard to a young parishioner of mine by the name of Richard Hatch. Until yesterday, he was studying for the priesthood at Maryknoll, after being with them for two years approximately (I believe that is about correct). At Christmas time, he told me that he thought he would be dropping out of the foreign mission field, but was anxious to continue his studies for the diocese. He wrote me to this effect about 10 days ago. I answered by telling him that he should have letters from his superiors addressed to the Bishop telling the latter of his case.

His folks have recently notified me that he will be home either Sunday or Monday, and I am sure he will be over to see me, as he is anxious to continue on to school.

Please advise the proper procedure, so that I will be all set for him when he calls, and if he is acceptable to the Bishop, to arrange for his continuance at school. He put in a year at Loras College -- I believe that Maryknoll did, or does, have some working arrangement with the college for their students.

If you should desire a personal interview -- which I recommend to you -- let me know the time and the hour, and I will send him down. He can make good connections via the 400 in the afternoon, but possibly that gets him into Winona too late for you.

Thanking you for any consideration and help you can give in this request, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Rev. R. J. Jansen

RH000103

February 1, 1948

Richard E. Hatch
906 East Center Street
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Richard:

In reply to your letter of January 28, I wish to inform you that I shall be happy to see you on the afternoon of February 2. You may come to the Chancery Office immediately upon your arrival from Rochester on the 400.

With all best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Chancellor

RH000104

February 1, 1948

Rev. Raymond Jansen
St. Francis Church
Rochester, Minn

Dear Father Jansen:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my
letter to Richard Hatch. I hope that he may be able to
arrange to come here on the 400 on tomorrow afternoon,
Feb. 2.

Thanking you for your kindness in
arranging for this interview, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Chancellor

February 2, 1948

Reverend Joseph W. Connors, M. M.
Rector, Maryknoll Junior College
Lakewood, New Jersey

Dear Father Connors,

I am grateful for your letter of
January 30 with reference to Richard Hatch;
and I shall look forward to hearing from
this young man. Our need for priests is
very great indeed; and I hope he can make
good.

With sentiments of esteem and with
all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Coadjutor Bishop of Winona

SEMINARIAN PETITION FOR AFFILIATION

Your Excellency,

It is my earnest desire to become a Priest; and I am firmly resolved to take the necessary means to persevere in my vocation. I humbly beg to be accepted as a student for the Diocese of Winona. I present this petition entirely of my own free and spontaneous will, with the advice and approval of my confessor.

Name Richard Edward Hatch

Date of birth Oct 28, 1927 Place of birth Pipestone, Minn.

Date of Baptism Nov. 13, 1927 (infant) Place of Baptism Pipestone, Minn.

Father's name Charles Edwin Hatch Occupation Electrical Engineer

If deceased: Date of death

Mother's maiden name Emma Bertha Knott

If deceased: Date of death

Religion of father Catholic of mother Catholic

How many children in the family? Boys Five Girls One

Name of Parish St. Francis - Rochester Minn.

Where have you been resident outside of the Diocese of Winona for six months or more since your 14th birthday?

Horas College - Dubuque, Iowa

Mary Knoll Jr. College - Lakewood, N.J.

Mare Island Calif.

Do you labor under any impediment or irregularity? no

For what year and course will you register? 2nd Semester Sophomore

Please give name and location of each school you have attended, also the period of attendance:

Lourdes High - Rochester, Minn. - 2 1/2 years high school (Freshman, Soph., Junior)

Horas Academy - Dubuque, Iowa - 1 year high school (senior)

Mare Island Apprentice school Mare Island Calif. - 1/2 year high school (soph)

Horas College - Dubuque, Iowa - 1 year College (Freshman)

Mary Knoll Jr. College Lakewood, N.J. - 1/2 year College (soph)

Were you dismissed from any school? no

Were you ever a member of a Religious Community? yes - Mary Knoll

Have you received any orders? No

On the understanding that the Diocese of Winona will make payments for Seminary board and tuition for your Philosophy and Theology courses (younger students requiring financial assistance may make application for necessary loans), do you agree, if accepted, to fulfill the regulations of the Diocese regarding repayments? Yes.

I enclose a Baptismal certificate, Confirmation certificate, and the record of my parents' marriage.

With sentiments of reverence and devotion, I remain

Your Excellency's humble servant in Christ,

Richard E. Hatch

Signature of Applicant

Date: Feb. 2, 1948

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Winona, Minnesota

The accompanying record is valid as a transcript when it bears the seal of the college and the signature of the Registrar.

Grades are reported as follows: A (highest passing), B, C, D (lowest passing), E (conditioned), F (failure), Inc. (incomplete), W (withdrew). The grades P or S indicate passing or satisfactory work in a non-credit course, and the grade U indicates unsatisfactory work in a non-credit course. Where a non-passing grade is secured, the number indicating credit is enclosed in parentheses.

Honor points are assigned on the basis of the quality of a student's work, as follows: For each hour of A - 3 points; B - 2 points; C - 1 point. The requirement for graduation is 120 semester hours of credit and as many honor points as credits. Catholic students are required to have an additional 8 semester hours credit in Religion.

Credit is not granted for only one semester of a year course, indicated on the record by an asterisk - thus 3*.

The term honorable dismissal refers to conduct only. Penalties for poor scholarship, if still active, are shown on the record. If the deficiency has been removed it is not shown on the record.

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The following is a list of the abbreviations used in this record:

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| B.—Biology | M.—Mathematics |
| C.—Chemistry | M.L.—Modern Language |
| D.—Drawing | O.—Orientation |
| E.—English | P.—Physics |
| Ec.—Economics | P.E.—Physical Education |
| Ed.—Education | Ph.—Philosophy |
| F.A.—Fine Arts | P.S.—Public Speaking |
| G.—Greek | P.Sc.—Political Science |
| H.—History | R.—Religion |
| L.—Latin | S.—Sociology |

PERMANENT RECORD

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
WINONA, MINN.

NAME HATCH, Richard Edward

HOME ADDRESS 906 E. Center St. Rochester, Minnesota

PARENT OR GUARDIAN Charles E. Hatch

DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 28, 1927 PLACE Pipestone, Minn.

DATE OF ENTRANCE 2-2-48 LEFT

REENTERED LEFT

ADVANCED STANDING FROM Maryknoll J.C., Lakewood, N.J.

HIGH SCHOOL Loras Academy Dubuque, Iowa

GRADUATION DATE June 2, 1946 RANK 46/150

DEFICIENCIES

ENGLISH	4	ANC. HIST		ALGEBRA I	1	PHYSICS	1
LATIN	3	MOD. HIST	1/2	ALGEBRA II		CHEMISTRY	
FRENCH		U. S. HIST	1	P. GEOM.		BIOLOGY	
SPANISH		CIVICS		S. GEOM.		G. SCIENCE	1
GERMAN		GOV'T	1/2	TRIG	1/2	COM'L SUB	
SPEECH	1/2	SOC. STUDIES		MECH. DRAW.		OTHERS	1/2
		ECONOMICS	1/2			TOTAL	14

DEGREE

DATE

MAJOR

TOTAL CREDITS

MINOR

HONOR POINTS

MINOR

GRADUATION HONORS

COURSE NO.	COURSE DESCRIPTION	GRADE	SEM. C'DT	H. P.	COURSE NO.	COURSE DESCRIPTION	GRADE	SEM. C'DT	H. P.
Credits Accepted from Loras Coll., Iowa-1946-47									
Ll3,14	Case & Cyp	C	8	8					
Rel.1,2	Freshman Religion	B	2	2					
Bl,2	General Biology	B-C	8	12					
E 1,2	Rhet. & Comp.	C-B	6	9					
Sp 1,2	Spanish Grammar	C	8	8					
Credits Accepted from Maryknoll Jr. Coll., Lakewood, N.J. 1947-48									
R201-2	Moral Guidance	C	2	2					
E20102	Advanced Rhetoric & Oratory	B	3	6					
H201-2	Modern European Hist. II	B	3	6					
S201-2	Advanced Speech	B	1	2					
St. Mary's College									
II Semester 1947-48									
R22	Means of Catholic Life II	B	1	2					
E22	Intro. Literature II	C	3	3					
L22	Horace	C	3	3					
Ph31	Logic	C	3	3					
PS12	Extemp. Speaking	B	2	4					
H14	U.S. History from 1861	C	2	2					
M12	Plane Trigonometry	C	3	3					

HONORABLY DISMISSED

ISSUED: JUN 7 1948

Brother J. Leo
BROTHER J. LEO
REGISTRAR

RH

Hatch, Richard E.

Conduct

Satisfactory

JHS.
6-14-48

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RECOMMENDATION OF A CANDIDATE

HOOD

Your Excellency,

Mr. Richard E. Hatch of this Parish desires to study for the priesthood, and in compliance with your request, I make answer to the following questions:

In your opinion does the candidate give evidence of proper motives in seeking the priesthood?

As far as I can tell, yes.

Are you convinced that he is not seeking the priesthood "to enjoy the easier (according to the common opinion) clerical life, to attain honors, to acquire riches more readily, or to escape manual labor, or to enjoy clerical privileges, such as exemption from military service, or at least to enjoy a higher station"?

I sometimes wonder -- but for the present I am convinced that none of the above are influencing his decision to study for the priesthood.

Are you convinced from positive signs that the candidate in question has a vocation to the priesthood?

Not completely so, but sufficient to recommend him for the seminary at which time the matter should be completely settled.

Do you recommend his acceptance by the Diocese of Winona?

No further than the answers to the above questions imply.

Has he always conducted himself prudently with boys, girls, and women?

Yes

Does the candidate seek the priesthood freely and spontaneously?

There is some maternal influence that I do not care for.

Is there any danger that he is influenced by grave fear, absolute or relative, such as reverential fear?

No -- but I can't help but be convinced that it was the maternal influence that took him from Maryknoll, and influenced his studying for the diocese.

Is there any pressure being exerted to induce the candidate to enter the priesthood, whether by parents, relatives or others?

Answered above -- the mother's influence was certainly a factor in his applying for the diocese.

Do the candidate's parents enjoy a good reputation?

Yes -- they are hard working people.

Is there in the family any inclination toward drunkenness?

One ~~son~~ has trouble with the liquor, but so far not to the extent that he cannot be straightened out.

Has the candidate inherited "a disposition toward lust which savors of atavism"?

No.

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Is there among his relatives any epileptic, or insanity?

No

What is your judgment of the physical fitness of the candidate?

He enjoys good health as far as I know.

What is your judgment of his mental ability?

Average.

What is your judgment of his moral fitness and character?

He is a good boy.

What is your judgment of his piety?

So far, he has not reached the illuminative way, but is at the sacraments regularly each week, or two.

What foreign languages does he know?

None that I know of.

How long have you known the applicant?

About 4 to 5 years — ever since he was a student at Lourdes H.S.

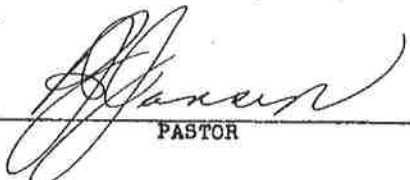
Are you yourself a relative of the candidate? No.

If so, please indicate the names of other Priests who can be interrogated regarding him.

I have just now read Canons 983-988 of the Code of Canon Law; and on my own knowledge, after careful inquiry, I attest that the candidate does not labor under any irregularity or impediment.
EXCEPTIONS?

None.

REMARKS:


PASTOR

Date: July 3, 1948

RH000109

June 6, 1954

Reverend Richard E. Hatch
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Father Hatch,

It gives me great pleasure to assure you that the faculties of the Diocese of Winona are herewith granted to you. The pagalia of these faculties is herewith enclosed and I would suggest that you study them with great care at your earliest opportunity.

I am also enclosing a statement certifying to the civil authorities of the State that you are authorized to assist at marriages. You should take this document to any Clerk of Court in the State and register with him before you become eligible to assist at marriages in the State of Minnesota.

With kindest regards and very best wishes, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

N.B. Kindly read Statutes 25, 30, 56-63 (Diocesan Synod).

June 6, 1954

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Reverend Richard E. Hatch, Rochester, Minnesota, is an ordained priest of the Diocese of Winona. He is authorized to assist at marriages according to the ecclesiastical canons of the Roman Catholic Church.

Bishop of Winona

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EDUARDUS ALOYSIUS
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA
EPISCOPUS WINONENSIS

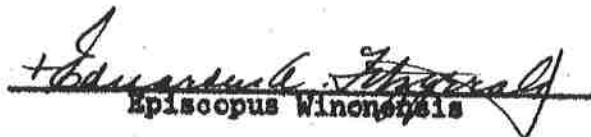
Universis et singulis, ad quos praesentes litterae pervenerint
notum facimus

Dilectum Nobis in Christo Domino, Rev.dum D., D.

Richardum Eduardum Hatch

praevia spiritualibus exercitiis, ac praevio examine de ejus idoneitate ad normam Sacrorum Canonum, cum caeremoniis et solennitatibus a Sancta Romana Ecclesia praescriptis, in Ecclesia Cathedralis Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu, Winonae de Minnesota, die 6a mensis iunii, anno 1954, ad presbyteratum, servatis rite servandis, a Nobis in Domino promotum fuisse. In quorum fidem has litteras, a Nobis et a Cancellario Nostro subscriptas, sigilloque munitas, expediri jussimus.

Datum Winonae, e Cancellaria Winonensi, die 6a mensis iunii, anno 1954.


Episcopus Winonensis

Cancellarius

NONA.

4, 1925
...; studied Classics at
1946
Dubuque
... Theology at
1950 to
... at
... A. Fitzgerald
...; entered this diocese

J.S. Austin,
1 letter June 21, 1957;

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BIOGRAPHIC CYCLOPEDIA--DIOCESE OF WINONA.

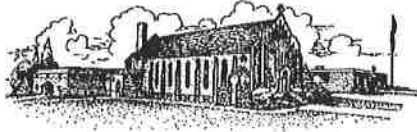
Rev. Richard Edward Hatch born Oct. 28, 1927
at Pipestone, Minn. ...; studied Classi
Loras College, Dubuque - for Maryknoll from 1946-1947
Maryknoll Junior College, Alhambra, N. Y. 1947-1948
to 1948, Philosophy at St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn.
from 1950 to 1950, Theolog
St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul from 1950
1954 Ordained June 6, 1954
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona by Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald
for the diocese of Winona from Maryknoll
Feb. 1948, and formally with acceptance July, 1948

which papers are at the Chancery

Missions since ordination Asst. St. John Vianney, Airmont, June 23, 1955
Asst. St. Leo's, Pipestone, June 21, 1957; Asst. St. James, St. James, Aug. 30,
Asst. St. Mary's, Winona, June 19, 1962;

Notable achievements B.A. St. Mary's College, Winona, 1950
Military service 1943-1944

Remarks Parents: Charles E. and Emma B. (Kauke) Hatch
~~Died at Pipestone~~ Entered Service of the Parachute Dec. 1943



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Saint Mary's Church

315 Summit Avenue

Winona, Minnesota

creditors. I have not within the last year contracted any new debts, nor do I have any intention of doing so. I shall try my utmost to take care of these above creditors as soon as possible and then will make an effort to pay off my indebtedness to the Diocese.

I have arrived at my new assignment and am in the process of getting settled but wanted to let you know my financial situation as you requested. Hoping everything will eventually be normal in my situation.

I remain
Sincerely in Christ
Father Richard Hated

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

Terrace Heights
WINONA, MINNESOTA

Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D. S.D.
Bishop of Winona
275 Habriet Street
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Bishop

I am writing in reference to the letter which I received from you last week. In this letter you state that I am behind in my payments to the Diocese in the amount of \$480. I was aware that I had not made the June payments but this was the only one I checked recently with _____ and she informed me of this fact. I deeply sorry for this mis-understanding and will strive to rectify this situation as soon as possible.

There were other references in your Excellency's letter to me of useless Auto - Trips of which I was not aware, and also a reference of the trip to the opera, which I did not at the time consider to be wrong. I am again sorry for any difficulty I may have caused. It is true I have purchased a new auto but only because the old one, which was three years old, developed a multitude of difficulties which were far too expensive to repair. There is at this time no debt of any kind on this car from any bank or loan association. The money was given by a dear friend, who informed me, that they wish to remain anonymous. Once again I regret this inconvenience.

It is with deep regret that I write the remainder of this letter. I have after prayer and consideration decided that I do not belong to the league of priests. I do not seem to satisfy the lawful authority which is to me an indication I must not also satisfy God and am thus a failure in my duties. I will never of course desert my priestly life, for there not now nor has there ever been, a woman or any other individual in my life. I have desperately to be friendly with everyone. I shall wherever I go continue to make payments to the Diocese of Winona for whatever I owe, until such time as I no longer am in debt. I hope I can quickly accomplish this. I want to thank you Bishop for kindness to me. I hope that no-one will cause you the difficulties that I have. Please pray for me, that God may help me to find my place in life and will perhaps grant that someday I may return with a better result.

God Bless you Bishop

Sincerely
Father Richard Hatch

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PIPESTONE, MINN., Apr 5th 1960

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DUE (DAY OF EACH MONTH)
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SECURED BY: } Rev Richard E. Hatel

ADDRESS: Pipestone, Minn.

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, I HEREBY GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE WITH-
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A. R. STILLWELL, VICE PRESIDENT
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C. J. WIERSMA, VICE PRESIDENT
G. P. SCROGGIE, CASHIER
C. B. STAVENGER, ASS'T CASHIER
DALE EIKMEIER, ASS'T CASHIER
ELLA LEE IHLAN, ASS'T CASHIER
BETTY RICKERMAN, ASS'T CASHIER & AUDITOR
W. R. EKDOM, INSURANCE MANAGER

July 11, 1961

The Right Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D.D.
P.O. Box 115
Winona, Minnesota

Most Reverend Fitzgerald:

We have a matter of concern to us and hesitate to burden you with it but feel it is necessary to consult with you before any further action is taken. Reverend Richard E. Hatch, who was an assistant at St. Leo's church here in Pipestone, borrowed money from our bank and we now find it impossible to collect. The note has become delinquent to the point where the examiners are criticizing us severely. The amount is relatively small, but no payment has been made on the principal since November 9, 1960, in spite of numerous notices, letters and telephone calls. The balance due at this time is \$85, with interest of \$10.20, making a total due of \$95.20.

We call this to your attention because we know that, accounts payable were left at numerous business establishments throughout Pipestone; some of which have been paid by the local pastor. A small overdraft payment was made by an employee of our bank to take care of Reverend Hatch's overdraft with us. We ask that you advise us of what your recommendations would be for the collection of the balance on our loan, and thank you very much for any assistance you may be able to give us.

Sincerely yours,

A. R. Stillwell
Vice President

ARS:E

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July 13, 1961

Mr. A. R. Stillwell
Vice President
First National Bank
Pipestone, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

I regret very much to learn that Father Hatch, former assistant at St. Leo's Church in Pipestone and a priest of the Diocese of Winona, has been negligent in meeting his financial obligations with the bank. In order to clear this matter, I am enclosing herewith a check for \$95.20 to cover the interest of \$10.20 on the principal of \$85.00 which is due. Kindly return to me the canceled note so that I may take up the matter with Father Hatch.

Very truly yours,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

RH000021

July 13, 1961

Reverend Richard Hatch
St. James Church
St. James, Minnesota

Dear Father Hatch,

I have just received a letter from the First National Bank of Pipestone, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. I am sincerely sorry to have such information caused by a priest of the Diocese who does not have a full realization of the seriousness of contracting debts and failing to meet financial obligations. A priest above all should be fully aware of the seriousness of the Seventh Commandment "Thou shalt not steal" which certainly includes failure to pay debts. Such is a serious sin, a matter of confession and restitution, and one could hardly receive absolution without full intention of making adequate restitution and also repairing the damage and the scandal given. Such actions jeopardize the good name and reputation of the Church and particularly of individual priests.

I have spoken to you several times in regard to your apparent disregard and lack of concern for debts which you have and which you incur.

In order to relieve this particular scandal in Pipestone I have personally sent a check for \$95.20 to cover that obligation there and I expect that you will return this to me immediately. If I do not hear from you within two weeks, I shall notify Father Buchheit to withhold from your parish salary \$25.00 each month until this particular debt is paid.

I regret very much that information has also come to me that you have apparently found it necessary to take a vacation to Florida. Certainly one who is deeply in debt is not justified in expending money in such a manner. In addition to that, reports have come to me that you have taken one or two teenagers with you in spite of the advice which I gave to you at the time of your retreat.

Since it seems impossible for me to impress fully upon you the seriousness of matters of this kind and also in regard to

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your finances, I shall find it necessary to suspend you from all priestly work if I receive any further reports concerning debts which are unpaid or the taking of teenagers with you on trips no matter what the objective may be.

I sincerely pray that you will realize the seriousness of all of these matters and readjust yourself so that you may continue to avoid being a source of scandal to others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.
cc: Fr. Buchheit

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W. R. EKDOM, INSURANCE MANAGER

July 14, 1961

The Right Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D.D.
Diocese of Winona
275 Harriet Street
Winona, Minnesota

Most Reverend Fitzgerald:

We thank you very much for your check of \$95.20 which covers the note of Reverend Hatch, former assistant at St. Leo's church in Pipestone, Minnesota. This covers the balance of the note of \$85 due here with interest of \$10.20.

Again, thank you and we assure you we appreciate your prompt action on this. Thank you.

Yours very truly,



A. R. Stillwell
Vice President

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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA

July 17, 1961

Your Excellency;

I was greatly disturbed over the letter (copy) I received the other day. I do hope and pray that it will not become necessary for your excellency, to enact the measures, indicated or rather mentioned in your letter.

I had planned to contact you personally yesterday, but somehow my time became too far-occupied, and consequently this letter, to acquaint you with my position - or even my guilt for that matter.

I did encourage Father Hatch to see his father, if he had enough money to do so. He claimed to have \$225.00 available for the trip. I did not know about the Pipestone indebtedness now and I informed about other indebtedness of his except for the information about the shoe loan obligation you acquainted me with at the retreat. Father had also told me about that situation of his.

I did not know about anyone traveling with him until they had been on the road for five days, and even now I do not know, how many were with him. I was told this morning that at present Father Hatch is in Rochester, visiting his brother. He did not stop at the rectory when he passed through St. James, but of course his vacation period extends to July 22nd, and so I cannot take that fact into

account. Hoping and praying that your excellency's action will cause Father Hatch to make a proper adjustment, and that I might do my part prudently and properly,

Your obedient priest
Steven Buchheit.

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July 18, 1961

Reverend Urban Buchheit
St. James Church
St. James, Minnesota

Dear Father Buchheit,

Thank you for your letter of July 17 in regard to the matter concerning which I wrote to Father Hatch. I sincerely hope that with your encouragement and prudent guidance he may make an effort to learn the value of money and the necessity of living within one's income. I also hope that he will profit from my injunction in other matters.

Thanking you for your help in this matter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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August 3, 1961

Skelly Oil Co.
P.O. Box 436
Kansas City 41, Missouri

Attention: Mr. Roger Kessler

Dear Sir:

I am sorry to hear about the debts contracted by Father Hatch of St. James, Minnesota, with your company and his failure to pay according to his promises. I have advised him that he immediately make definite arrangements with you; and I will be pleased to hear from you if he has not done so within a month.

Very truly yours,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Father Hatch

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SKELLY OIL COMPANY

SKELLY BUILDING—605 WEST 47TH STREET—P.O. BOX 436

TELEPHONE—LOGAN 1-3575

KANSAS CITY 41, MISSOURI

MARKETING DEPARTMENT
ROGER KESSLER
CREDIT CARD SUPERVISOR

December 19, 1961

08-57136-6

His Excellency
Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald, D. D.
Bishop of Winona, Minnesota
275 Harriet
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

Re: Father Richard E. Hatch
St. James, Minnesota

Once again I would like to impose upon you regarding Father Hatch's credit card account.

We have not received payment or word from Father Hatch as to his intentions for payment. The balance is now \$256.10.

We are hopeful that you can lend a hand in solving Father Hatch's problem. Please know, that we will be most grateful to you for any assistance that you can give us.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a most happy and joyous Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,



Roger Kessler

88:52

RH000028

December 27, 1961

Reverend Richard E. Hatch
St. James Church
St. James, Minnesota

Dear Father Hatch,

I regret that it is necessary for me at this time to write you another letter concerning your unpaid bills about which I wrote you last August and which we discussed when you came to my office.

At that time you assured me that you would make immediate plans to liquidate these debts and that if necessary you would sell your automobile. I have since learned that you had bought a new car with a very large indebtedness which certainly was beyond your ability to pay.

At that time I informed you that I wanted you to send me within the week a list of all unpaid accounts, which you promised to do. To this date I have not received any such accounting.

The enclosed letter is certainly very embarrassing to me and to all priests who recognize that there is a virtue of honesty which includes the payment of all just debts. Since I know that you have not made any effort to pay anything on the debt which you have owed to the diocese since your ordination as a partial repayment on the cost of your education, nor on the amount which the diocese paid to the bank at Pipestone to save the credit of our priests, which is one of a priest's most valued possessions, I am at a loss to know why you have not made some payment or at least written a letter to the Skelly Oil Co. to explain to them what plan you had in regard to the payment of this account which I presume is a just debt.

Since the non-payment of debts involves a moral principle, it is difficult to understand how a priest can possibly

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carry on his priestly work knowing that he is defrauding creditors of that which is their just due.

I must insist at this time that you send to me within a week from this date a statement of your present outstanding debts with a positive statement of what plans you have to help pay these debts. It is not necessary for you to come to Winona which involves an expenditure of money for traveling, because a letter of explanation will fulfill my above order.

If I do not hear from you by letter within a week, it will be necessary for me to take some other drastic action which I am reluctant to do but which will be necessary for me to save the reputation of the priests of this diocese.

Awaiting word from you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

cc: Father Buchheit

Present indebtedness on record in Chancery:

Partial repayment for educational help due since 1959-----	\$730.00
Money paid by diocese to Pipestone bank, September, 1961-----	\$ 95.00
Skelly Oil Co.-----	\$256.10

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Jan 5, 1961

Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald
Bishop of Winona
Winona, Minnesota

Reference to debts:

1. Automobile - \$2380.00 - monthly payment \$60.00
2. Texaco - \$19.00 - \$15.00 monthly payment
3. Diocese of Winona - \$1081.00
4. Western Oil Co - \$75.00 - One payment due
5. First National Bank - \$36.00 - Two payments due (final)
6. Mayo Clinic - \$78.00 - Medical Attention

Your Excellency:

These are all of the debts that I can at present recall to date. The car payments are for a Dodge 1960 24,000 actual miles. I did try to sell this automobile and other things, such as my shotgun. There doesn't seem to be a market for these things in this area. To sell my car, I would have to take \$500.00 less than actual value. In the last few months I have not been anywhere nor spent money foolishly. I admit that I went beyond good reasoning in the past, but such things cannot be changed, for what is done is done. I can only try my best in the future to alleviate the debts that I have, with all the means that I have. I too hold this obligation as binding in justice and do not intend to let them pass without

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some means of payment, for I cannot now sleep
at night for worry over these debts. Truthfully
I acknowledge the bad light this places on the
clergy; I do not wish anyone suffer for my
foolishness. I am also deeply sorry for having
caused Excellency so much trouble. I am
aware of the many problems that you have
without mine. I shall try my utmost not
to cause anymore trouble for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ
Father Richard Hatch

January 8, 1962

Skelly Oil Co.
P.O. Box 436
Kansas City 41, Missouri

Attention: Mr. Roger Kessler

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith our check for \$256.10 which represents payment in full of the account due you by Father Hatch of St. James. Kindly send us a receipt for the same.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Bishop of Winona

enc.: \$256.10

RH000031

January 8, 1962

Reverend Richard E. Hatch
St. James Church
St. James, Minnesota

Dear Father Hatch,

I have received your letter of January 5 in answer to my inquiry and I thank you for your statement contained therein. Although I am very sorry to hear about the indebtedness which you have incurred, particularly in regard to purchasing an automobile, I recognize the fact that there is nothing we can do at this time to change the situation. My only hope is that you have learned a lesson: never to purchase anything for which you do not have the cash available at the time of purchase. It is so easy to buy on credit; but the payment of those obligations becomes a very serious problem for many. In the recent issue of Newsweek the danger of installment buying is well explained; and I hope that my priests may realize that any debts incurred must be paid.

In your case the indebtedness seems to be staggering and almost impossible. But it can be paid by a personal austerity program. When the time may come that these obligations are paid, one will realize that we must live within the means that we have. I am sure that this is the experience of any priest who certainly has sufficient income if he only wishes to live within that income. Once you have gone beyond the possibilities, the burden seems to be extremely heavy.

As I told you at retreat last year, I cannot possibly appoint anyone as pastor of a parish, having responsibility and charge of finances, if he has not shown the ability to economically manage his own personal income regardless of how small it may be. A priest receives his living including board and room and therefore does not have the personal responsibility in that regard that a man in the world would have. Whatever income he receives is over and above personal living expenses. Under ordinary circumstances this would amount to a salary of \$50.00 a month and Mass stipends of approximately \$60.00 a month. In general, priests are able to live easily within that income; but you cannot drive

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automobile nor can you contract the debts of travelling expenses, for every mile that you drive a car, it costs money. However, I believe that you have now come to realize this fact and I am hoping that this expensive lesson may have taught you the important lesson of not buying things on time.

In order to facilitate the readjusting of your finances I am paying from diocesan funds the indebtedness to the Skelly Oil Company of \$256.10 which you apparently owe them for gas, oil and other equipment. I wish to re-establish the credit of my priests which is excellent; but your failure to pay debts on time injures the credit of any priest, and that is serious.

I am accordingly sending them a check today of \$256.10, and adding that to the indebtedness which you now have with the diocese for the loan of \$300.00, which was granted you at the seminary in Winona to enable you to complete your preliminary training for the priesthood, and also for the refund of at least \$600.00 which every priest makes for the expenses which the diocese incurs for the theological course at the seminary. In your particular case the diocese paid to St. Paul Seminary for that purpose \$2,650.00.

We asked you in 1954 to repay the diocese the loan of \$300.00 and a refund of \$600.00 on the theology expenses so that we might help other boys who aspire to the priesthood but who lack funds to reach the goal which they desire. All priests except you have paid back these obligations which have been due since 1954. In your case according to our records, you have paid \$80.00 on these accounts. We sent you a note in 1959 for the unpaid balance on those obligations but you never returned that note to us even after I had spoken to you about it at retreat in 1961.

In September we received notification from the National Bank of Pipestone of a long-overdue note balance of \$95.00. The Diocese of Winona paid that account. Therefore, at the present time you have existing obligations with the diocese of \$995.00 less \$80.00 which you have paid, leaving a balance of \$915.00. With the payment by us of the Skelly Oil Co. bill of \$256.10, we now have a total charged to your account of \$1,171.10. I am enclosing herewith a check of \$128.90 to help you pay in full your debt with the Texaco Co. as well as the Western Oil Co. and the

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First National Bank, I presume of St. James.

I am also enclosing herewith a note which I ask you to sign for \$1,300.00 which will cover this indebtedness to be repaid to the Diocese of Winona within five years, carrying an interest rate of 4% which we must pay for money that we borrow, I hope that you will return this note immediately so that we may have a record in the Chancery of this obligation. I hope also that you will pay regularly on that note, monthly if possible, so that it will be recognized and fulfilled. I recognize that a monthly payment of \$60.00 on the car which apparently is an obligation leaves you very little for any other purpose. But certainly it will not create any hardship in the fact that you are not able to travel as you have done in the past until these just debts are paid and you have begun to learn how to live within your income and to manage money efficiently and economically.

I trust that you will return this note properly signed and that you will have Father Buchheit sign as a witness to this note, not as an obligation on him, but rather that there may never be any question of recognition of an obligation.

I trust that your health may remain good and that you eventually may be able to say: "I owe no one."

With very best wishes and all hopes that you may accept this advice in the spirit of charity in which it is given because I have no other interest except yours that you may efficiently and competently do your priestly work of which you are capable, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc. Check for \$128.90
Note for \$1,300.00

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January 8 62

Within five years-----

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Diocese of Winona Investment Fund-at-the---

One thousand three hundred and no/100-----

the Chancery in Winona

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Jan. 8, 1967

Witnessed by:



\$1,300.00

January 8 1962

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promise to pay to

the order of Diocese of Winona Investment Fund

One thousand three hundred and no/100 Dollars

at the Chancery in Winona

Value received with interest at the rate of four per cent per annum.

No.

Due Jan. 8, 1967

Richard E. Habel

Witnessed by:

Father Urban Buchheit

NO. L1-1120 1/2



SKELLY OIL COMPANY

SKELLY BUILDING—605 WEST 47TH STREET—P. O. BOX 436
TELEPHONE—LOGAN 1-3575
KANSAS CITY 41, MISSOURI

MARKETING DEPARTMENT
ROGER KESSLER
CREDIT CARD SUPERVISOR

January 10, 1962

Re: #08-57136-6
Father Richard E. Hatch
St. James, Minnesota

His Excellency
Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald, D.D.
Bishop of Winona, Minnesota
275 Harriet Street
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 8, 1962 and for the enclosed check for \$256.10, which has been credited to the account of Father Hatch.

As you requested, enclosed is a receipt for the check.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely yours,


R. M. Laudon,
Creditman

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January 24, 1962

Reverend Richard E. Hatch
St. James Church
St. James, Minnesota

Dear Father Hatch,

I am enclosing herewith a letter and a bill from the Mayo Clinic which I hope you will take care of immediately by acknowledging the obligation and making arrangements to pay at least in monthly installments so that the good reputation of priests may be maintained. Kindly let me know what action you have taken in this regard.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

cc: F. S. Elling, Mayo Clinic

RH000038

January 25, 1962

Reverend Richard E. Hatch
St. James Church
St. James, Minnesota

Dear Father Hatch,

I have just received another phone call from the J. C. Penney Co. of St. Paul advising me of an unpaid account which has been long overdue for purchases made by you from them. I am very sorry that apparently your statement to me of unpaid bills was not entirely accurate. I cannot understand how any person in his right mind can be unaware of accounts due.

If I receive another notice from any source of your failure to take care of accounts, I will have to suspend you in order to protect the reputation of priests who try to be honest and who recognize the rights of others. I thought when I advanced funds to you in order to take care of some accounts, it would be the last time I would hear unfavorable reports concerning you.

This Penney account seems to be only \$17.00. I have advised them that they have my permission to proceed legally against you in the same manner in which they would proceed against any other delinquent account which, of course, means placing a lien on any income that the individual may have and giving publicity to the credit risk that such people are.

I am very sorry, Father, to have to write a letter of this nature to you, but I am growing somewhat impatient with these mounting claims being presented to me against you. I would like to receive from you hereafter on the first of each month a statement of what payments have been made by you and the amount of accounts still due. I would like to refer to particularly to the Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy I, 5.

With kindest regards and hoping that we may soon have all these matters suitably adjusted to give us time to do our priestly work, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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Saint Mary's Church

315 Summit Avenue

Winona, Minnesota

June 20, 1962

Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.
Bishop of Winona
275 Barrett St.
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Bishop

Enclosed is a schedule of all the debts I
owe. \$2162.00 on car at 1st National Bank of Iowa -
Mayo Clinic - \$78.00
Union Natl Bank - \$1,511.60 \$431.60
Tafco - \$202.00 - tires + gas -

I used the money I received to take care of as many
of these old bills, as I could. I now owe only the above

June 20, 1962

Reverend Richard E. Hatch
St. Mary's Church
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Hatch,

I thank you for the report which you have given me concerning your present financial obligations as follows:

First National Bank of St. James	
for payment on car-----	\$2,162.00
Texaco Oil Co. for gas, tires, etc.-	202.00
Mayo Clinic-----	78.00
Union National Bank, (place?)-----	151.60
Diocese of Winona, for education	
fund and cash advanced to pay	
debts 1/8/62-----	1,300.00
Accrued interest on note-----	18.40
TOTAL-----	\$3,912.00

I am enclosing herewith diocesan checks made out to you and the creditors as follows:

Mayo Clinic-----	\$ 78.00
Union National Bank-----	151.60
Texaco Oil Co.,-----	202.00
Diocese of Winona, accrued interest	
on \$1300.00 note-----	18.40

Kindly endorse these checks and send them to the creditors as indicated and also return to the Chancery the receipts as soon as you receive them.

I also request that you sign the enclosed note for \$1750.00 to the Diocese of Winona and return it to us in place of the present note which we now hold. I trust that you can make monthly payments on this note of at least \$10.00.

I would recommend that you contact the First National Bank of St. James to ascertain what discount you would receive

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if you redeemed the note which they now hold. I am sure that the interest rate charged by the bank is very high and we need to try to get your financial obligations into some shape that there may be some hope that you can eventually liquidate such a heavy indebtedness.

I am happy to hear that you have full intentions and resolutions not to again go into debt for anything. Only in this way will you be able to become solvent.

I am happy to hear that you have taken up your work at St. Mary's and I am sure that you will find it most pleasant and stimulating and an opportunity to do much good.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

August 6, 1962

Reverend Richard E. Hatch
St. Mary's Church
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Hatch,

My attention has been called to the fact that you have failed to make your monthly payment of \$60 on your indebtedness to the Diocese of Winona which advanced the money to pay up your outstanding debts. It was our understanding that assembling all of your take took care of everything, that you would send them each month immediately after receiving your monthly check from the parish a payment of \$60. This is absolutely necessary and must be insisted upon.

Unless we hear from you immediately it will be necessary for us to ask Monsignor Snyder to forward your monthly check to the Chancery to be credited to your account. I do not wish to do this because I think it is important that you acquire the habit of meeting your obligations in accordance with promises made and that if for any very special reason you are unable to do so, you would immediately confer with us.

Awaiting word from you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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June 13, 1963

Reverend Richard E. Hatch
St. Mary's Church
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Hatch,

I am sorry to have to write again in regard to your financial obligation with the Diocese of Winona.

On June 30, 1962, after our discussion of the problem and your agreement to cooperate, the Diocese advanced sufficient funds to refinance outstanding debts as you acknowledged them. For a loan of \$3,822.30 you signed a note payable within five years with an annual interest of 5% as well as a guaranteed payment of at least \$60 monthly, payable regularly at the Chancery.

I regret to state that you have not fulfilled this agreement since at the present time I find that you have paid \$480 on account, which represents eight monthly payments. There are four monthly payments past due totalling \$240. The annual interest on the balance due on June 30, 1963, is \$178, or a total due on that date of \$418 in order to fulfill the contract. I expect that you will make arrangements to meet this obligation or to present yourself to give me an adequate explanation in this regard.

I am sorry also to inform you that I believe you have not curtailed your expenditures in the manner in which I had advised you so as to meet your financial obligations without incurring new ones. I have been informed that you attended an opera in Minneapolis recently which, although it might be profitable and interesting for you, certainly is not justifiable for one whose debts are always heavy. Secondly, you have made unnecessary auto trips which could have been more limited. Thirdly, you have purchased another automobile from the Adamson Motor Co. of Rochester. If this is true, I will have to take drastic action in your regard

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after I have heard any circumstances that might alter my judgment.

I am sure that you understand as well as I that it would be impossible to assign you as an administrator of a parish before I have received positive evidence of your ability to handle and fulfill your personal obligations in an honest and reliable manner.

I will be happy if I can have evidence that you do intend and will fulfill such resolutions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

Fr. Joseph Hoapice
James Springs, N.M.
August 25, 1963 87025

Your Excellency
Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.
Bishop Of Winona
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Bishop:

It has been four weeks now since I arrived at Via Ceoli so I thought I would take this opportunity to drop you a line. All things considered, everything is working out fine. It is true that the hours here drag by rather slowly, but with the spiritual exercises and work schedule, they are not too bad. One does get an opportunity to read and the library here is vast and contains many of the latest editions. I therefore have taken the opportunity to catch up on some my reading, especially in regard to the newest editions. There is one particular publication which I found most interesting, "Letters from the Vatican," this book is indeed a most revealing synopsis of the first session of Vatican II.

I have been going to regular discussion sessions with _____, the acting superior. We have discussed many things concerning myself and my relationship with past difficulties. I found out many things concerning myself and am indeed enlightened concerning some of my personal characteristics. One can indeed find a deep insight into his soul, if he but stops and gives himself time to consider God's plan for his well-being.

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Thinking things out, I realize I must have been a real little
rude to your Excellency, but I assure you with no real malice or
forethought. It is true the past cannot be changed, one can only
pray the same will not happen in the future. Therefore I want to
take this opportunity to express my sincere apologies for any
hardship I may have caused and also to thank you for your consider-
able kindnesses to me. I know that some scandal must have been
caused by my imprudent actions and I hope to God that I will be
forgiven these mistakes, as He sees me guilty. I also sincerely
hope no-one else follows this foolishness of imprudence, for from
experience I can tell such a one, that his conscience will haunt
him forever.

The Vatican council session being close at hand, I suppose
you are preparing for your journey to Rome. I hope that God smiles
favorably on your trip.

I will write more at a later date, especially concerning the
disposition of myself and my future in the priesthood.

Having this letter finds you in good health, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ

Father Richard Hatch

Father Richard Hatch

Nov. 26, 1963

Dear Monsignor

In regard to my joining the order of the Servants of the Paraclete, I must have official permission from my Bishop. Would you be so kind as to send this permission to Father Gerald Fitzgerald, Superior - Via Coeli Monastery, Jimmy Springs, New Mexico (87025). Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Sincerely in Christ
Father Richard E. Hatch

Via Coeli

MONASTERY OF THE SERVANTS OF THE PARACLETE

OFFICE OF THE SERVANT GENERAL

Jemez Springs, New Mexico

December 9, 1963.

Right Rev. Harold J. Dittman
Vicar General
Diocese of Winona
Winona, Minn.

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor,

Thank you for your note of December 2nd in re Father Richard Hatch. Those close to him to whom I mentioned your query gave these opinions: one said "impossible" and the other said "not likely" inasmuch as he is so close to Father Richard as to be aware of his former problem and believes that he has definitely closed the door on the past.

Moreover, pending His Excellency's permission, Father Richard is being readied to go to our novitiate for priests in Brownhill, England and is showing no interest in moving off base. I think in this matter we can allow the dead to bury the dead.

Very Cordially in Spiritu,

The General of the Holy Spirit
Very Rev. Gerald M. C. Fitzgerald, S.P.

Servant General.

May 22, 1964.

The Most Rev. Father General
Servants of the Holy Paraclete
Via Coeli
Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

Most Reverend Father:

We have here in Vidor some Mr. or Fr. Richard Hatch, who came from England about two months ago. As we understand he was a member of your Congregation or, maybe, one of the priests you take care of.

He came to live with his sister in law, divorced from her first husband to whom she was not married canonically. Now Fr. Richard is planning on marrying her next Wednesday, by the J.P. This has come to our knowledge accidentally, but there is no doubt about it.

This is a very anticatholic town and as soon as this is known by the public is going to be like a bomb exploding in the Community.

We would like to have some information about said Fr. Richard, if he is really a priest; maybe with some information we can do something. The ideal would be for him to go and live somewhere where he could not be known, but I do not think we will be that lucky, mostly because of the future "wife" who, in my opinion, is more in need of an asylum than of a husband.

Will you, please, Father, answer as soon as possible telling me something about Fr. Hatch? I will appreciate it very much.

With my best wishes, I remain fraternally yours in Christ

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Via Coeli

MONASTERY OF THE SERVANTS OF THE PARACLETE

OFFICE OF THE SERVANT GENERAL

Jemez Springs, New Mexico

May 26, 1964

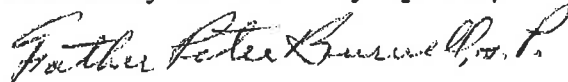
Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald, D.D.
Bishop of Winona
275 Harriet St.
Winona, Minn. 55987

Most Rev. and dear Bishop Fitzgerald:

Yesterday, just after speaking by phone with Your Excellency regarding _____, we found in our day's mail the enclosed letter concerning Father Hatch. By phone, we informed Father that Father Hatch is a priest, and advised extreme caution in dealing with the case, due to the vindictive nature of Father Hatch.

We are sorry to be the bearers of such tragic news, but we feel this merely confirms Your Excellency's views and ours that most anything can happen in the case of this unfortunate man. We shall commend him to God in prayer, and trust that, eventually, grace will triumph and he will come to his senses.

Sincerely in the Holy Spirit,



Father Peter Burwell, S.P.
Secretary General

May 26, 1964.

The Rt.Rev.Msgr.Emmett F.Tighe
Chancellor.
P.O.Box 588
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Monseignor:

Father Richard Hatch, who "used" to belonged to that Diocese of Winona, is here in this town of Vidor.

According to information received from the Superior General of the Servants of the Paraclete, Fr.Hatch was a patient at Via Coeli in New Mexico. Due to the fact that he seemed to recover or improve in whatever his problem was, he was sent to the house the Congregation has in England to give him one more chance. Well, it didn't help too much, because he came back to the States about two months ago.

His brother left his wife about one year ago; they lived in Beaumont, Texas, five miles from the town of Vidor. The lady, with two adopted daughters they had, came to live in Vidor. She's been a problem for us since, simply because she is completely crazy.

Now Fr.Richard appears in the scene. He came to stay with his sister in law, already divorced from her husband. And tomorrow, May 27, both Fr.Richard and the late _____ will be "married". If there was ever a mess, this is going to be another.

I am telling you this because you'll probably like to know where your subject is now. He must me COMPLETELY CRAZY; I do not know him, but the fact that he is marrying that lady is a more than sufficient reason for me. He does not even suspect what he is getting into. So I don't think you have to feel too sorry for him: he is sick, very sick.

Now, as I understand from the information received from the Servants of the Paraclete, Fr.Hatch had some troubles in Winona and even tried to take the Bishop to court. We would appreciate some information about this, because very soon we will have to use Vidor, with a population of 30,000, has 47 churches, only ours Catholic. It is a very anti-Catholic town and this news are going to be a bomb exploding in the Community. Maybe with a little information about his background we'll be able to deal with the problem, at least with our Congregation. So, dear Monseignor, I hope you will send some information.

With my best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ

RH000060

May 28, 1964

Dear Father

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 26 informing us as to the present address and activities of Reverend Richard Hatch. We have not heard of him since he left Via Coeli Retreat House several days after Easter. I have informed our Bishop of the present whereabouts of Father Hatch, and we will certainly pray for this unfortunate priest. We will hope and pray also that his present activities will not do too much harm to the People of God. Bishop Fitzgerald is very grateful to you, Father, for the information directed to this office.

Father Hatch was a problem here in our Diocese during the years of his service. He is a person capable of much good work. It is reported that he was a very good teacher and a very fine preacher of the Word of God. He was, however, constantly incurring bad debts and was accused of many indiscretions and much imprudence. In view of these indiscretions, which were denied by Father Hatch and never definitely proved, His Excellency Bishop Fitzgerald directed that Father Hatch go to Via Coeli for correction. From that time on, that is, since last June, Father has been under the supervision of the Paraclete Fathers.

Your letter indicates that you have all information that we have in our possession. I am truly sorry that I am not able to add to this in order to help you meet this problem. As you mention in your letter, Father Hatch is a very disturbed man and he has refused help that has been very kindly offered to him. Our Bishop regrets much that he is not able to do more for him.

Praying God to bless you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. Emmett F. Tighe
Chancellor

RH000061

August 14, 1967

Reverend Father Cephas, S.P.
Via Coeli
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Father Cephas,

I thank you for your letter and for the information which you have given us concerning the work of the Paraclete Associates. I trust that your efforts may be most fruitful in the apostolate to which you and your other members are dedicated.

I am wondering whether you have the address of Father Richard Hatch, a former priest of this Diocese and also for a time a candidate for your Paraclete Society. I have not heard from him since he left Via Coeli without my permission. Rumors have come to me that he has contracted marriage, but I do not have definite knowledge. I do not have his address nor do I know where he may be. I have thought that perhaps in your searching you may have located him. I would be happy if you could give me his address.

With prayers for your success, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

RH000062

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9/96

To the Family,

As we go through life we learn more about how events condition and sometimes change who we are. . . . went from a loving caring young alter boy to a sexually abused, fearful, shamed, spiritually robbed child at the hands and mind of Father Hatch. This abuse was not a minor incidence but a repetitive experience for . . . with trips to the confessional between events to shame . . . for causing Father Hatch to do this to him. These memories were suppressed for years, but have shaped his whole life. Why all the anger with . . . all these years? Now we know. . . . has lived the last few years of his life living with these recalled memories. His current therapist deals with abuse not addiction. The drug abuse was done to medicate his shameful existence caused by Father Hatch. At the end of this letter is just one of many incidences being recalled by done to him by Father Hatch..

. . . is healing from this past. However, we must not forget how he arrived there. He has stopped using illegal drugs, but we must understand the clinical supported reasons why he did. . . . is not unique. His life's path is similar to many other young men we read about and grieve for. He is still a very fragile person; however he will get better because his childhood cries have finally been heard. I do not and will not allow anyone to question these truths.

Read . . . letter to himself. He wants the memories of a robbed childhood to go away. He wants the thoughts of shooting himself to go away. He wants the depression to end. He wants to love and see all his family. He wants to be productive and happy. These things are easier said then done.

Traditional therapy programs of giving it up to a higher power are being documented now not to work with clerical sexual abuse. . . . has a founded fear in not trusting God let alone anyone else who represents him.

. . . recovery will not be God based. It will be with love and understanding from those he grows to trust.

Please understand these words are truth. . . . was abused severely. With me there will no longer be a debate as to what caused the chain of events in . . . life. I ask any who may question these truths not to burden . . . or I with doubts. It takes all our energy at this time just to move forward. I with . . . will take responsibility of his life from this point forward. I will not allow anyone to put the weight of his abused past upon him.

We have found our brother. His life is changing . . . Now it must be rebuilt. Your support is welcome. Please keep the details of this letter to those who love . . . Also for my and . . . sake do not rush to call. Please allow this enormous sigh to settle a few days.

RH000064

"Can't get used to losing you. No matter what I try to do, loving you is all I can do"

The above words would be sung to [redacted] by Father Hatch as he ejaculated in [redacted] mouth. [redacted] now lives with this recalled memory that was suppressed as a young child. The taste of semen; the helplessness of a god figure dominating-raping him; the guilt that Father Hatch said it was [redacted] fault, but by confessing your sins to God through me you will be forgiven and of course your sins are only shared with God and your Priest. These acts upon [redacted] are sick and perverted and their weight must finally be burdened by the man and institution that caused them.

9.17.96

I want to be happy
I want to be able to laugh, to smile
I want the thoughts of suicide, to kill my-
self to stop. I want the vision of a gun
to the side of my head or at the edge of
my mouth & feeling with this of pain in-
side & wanting it to finish. I want to
stop thinking of death 2-8 hours per day
I want to know hope, life & that there is
an answer. I want ~~to~~ to be able
to have a clean living environment & clean
clothes. I want my health. I tired of being
sick & in pain physically, emotionally &
mentally. I want to be able to take
charge of my life. I am numb and un-
able to feel myself or others. I want
therapy. It seems that the 2 choros
I have is to use to mask or find
peace in pain. I want understanding
that I am sick & unable to function & I
that I need help. I want to live
I want to get unstuck



Syl Jones gives moving testimony to life's possibilities after abuse

I was surprised and moved to read Syl Jones' very personal and courageous story of struggle with and mastery of childhood sexual abuse (Opinion, Oct. 13). Thank you for publishing it, for it is a gift to other male survivors of sexual abuse.

While for decades researchers have known that 10 percent of men experience contact sexual abuse before adulthood, only in the last half dozen years have men begun to come forward and describe their suffering.

Jones eloquently tells of such abuse, as well as the oppressions of gender stereotyping, homophobia and blame it exposed.

For some abused males the story seems to end there: a life traumatized and limited by vic-

timization.

For many others, like Jones, the story continues as their life, while challenged by abuse, finds important support and new possibilities.

For Jones such support and hope came from a mother's unconditional love, a grandmother who gave understanding at a critical time and a teacher who gave him strength and direction to develop his talents, saying, "Success is the best revenge."

After despair, he chose a life informed by books and writing. Jones chose to overcome the effects of abuse rather than be repressed by them.

This story is one not heard often enough in the media. We need more such stories of a man

who can acknowledge his sexual victimization and also describe how he rose above it and the other oppressions that seem always to be part of it.

I know many other men who were raped or abused who went on to become writers, athletes, scientists, business leaders, politicians — and just plain, healthy, effective people.

If such stories of hope and emancipation are more widely circulated among male survivors and their families, more people would move from a problem-saturated narrative to a life rich in possibility and a hope-filled future.

— *Walter H. Bera, Minneapolis. Therapist.*



Illustration by Craig MacIntosh

Male victims of sexual abuse may suffer without sympathy

By Walter H. Bera

The week of May 21 began and ended with front-page stories connected in a way few people realize.

It began with the 21-year-old Israeli gunman who, dressed in army trousers and armed with a military semiautomatic rifle, lined up and killed seven Arabs. A senior police official said the suspect was distressed by a recent breakup with his girlfriend and "wanted to take revenge for an incident eight years ago in which, he claimed, he was sexually abused by an Arab." Officials described him as "deranged."

At week's end, a 26-year-old St. Paul man who was sexually abused by a former Roman Catholic priest more than a decade ago was charged in Wisconsin with plotting to kill him. The suspect's fiancée said, "He never really recovered from what Adamson (the ex-priest) has done to him. There's been a lot of pain."

These sensational stories underline the powerful, long-lasting and tragic effects that the sexual abuse of male adolescents can have. Unfortunately, the male victim of sexual abuse is unrecognized, misunderstood and unsupported.

The best studies suggest that about 10 percent of males and 20 percent of females are sexually abused in childhood or adolescence. Many clinicians feel that male victimization and its effects are underreported.

The greatest barrier to recognition and admission of sexual abuse is socialization. Males are trained to be strong, to deny vulnerability and repress hurt. They are expected

to be competitors, in control and aggressive. This gender stereotyping creates the shame and denial males must overcome to recognize that they have been forced, tricked or manipulated into sexual contact. It is especially confusing because the offender is usually someone in a position of trust or authority.

Homophobia contributes by confusing issues of sexual abuse with misconceptions and fears about gay males. One such myth is that the men who sexually abuse boys are homosexuals. The great majority of such offenders are heterosexuals.

Another myth is that if you were abused by a male, it was because you are or acted gay. This self-blame, often encouraged by the offender, adds an enormous burden and confusion to normal adolescent sexual development. It can make a boy wonder whether an act of abuse determined his sexual preference. Not only does abuse by someone you trusted hurt your trust in others, it hurts your trust in yourself.

Some abusers are women. About a quarter of male victims report sexual abuse by a female — perhaps an older sister, relative, family friend or teacher. Society suggests that such boys got "lucky." Teen movies like "Teacher's Pet" perpetrate such myths. That boys might be used, manipulated or objectified is considered impossible. Society says that boys can protect themselves — or, if abused, are less affected than girls.

As a result of these issues, boys are more likely to act out their anger and hurt. Males often become aware of their victimization long after the last contact. They may initially tell their spouse or a

friend, or a therapist they are seeing for another problem.

Those who dare talk about such matters often meet with judgment and suspicion. They may be treated as having "asked for it" in some way, or may even be suspected of being a perpetrator. Few female victims are immediately suspected of being offenders.

Because of the gender stereotyping, victim services historically have been identified as for girls and women. Males have difficulty going to such settings to address these issues, knowing they don't fit in. Slowly this is changing as more sexual assault centers and therapists become aware of the unique dynamics of male victimization. Some centers are hiring male staff and making special outreach efforts. Men's centers and literature are developing.

How can you respond to a male, young or old, who reports having been sexually abused? Listen to his story completely and nonjudgmentally. Believe and affirm that the abuse happened and that it had significant effects on him and his relationships. Provide empathy and support. Get more information on male sexual abuse for yourself and him. Refer him to qualified professionals.

An early, sensitive response might help save others from carrying a burden of hurt and shame to the point of violence.

Walter H. Bera is a psychologist and consultant in Minneapolis. He is writing a book on male adolescent sexual abuse victims and offenders.

CONFIDENTIAL FILE NOTATION

Date: November 21, 1996

Re: Knowledge of Report of Sexual Misconduct by diocesan personnel

On November 20, 1996, _____ Receptionist of the Pastoral Center, received a telephone call from _____ of _____ was inquiring about a priest by the name of Fr. Hatch who served at _____ in _____ wanted to know the dates which Fr. Hatch served at the parish. _____ indicated that he came to the parish on _____. She also indicated to _____ that he _____ At that point _____ indicated that she was inquiring because her son _____ "was sexually abused by Fr. Hatch" presumably while he was stationed at _____

I contacted _____ by telephone at approximately 6:30 p.m. on November 20, 1996 to follow up on this alleged incident. I asked if her son would be willing or interested in making a formal incident report with the diocese. She indicated that she did not believe her son was "ready" to do such, but that she would pass the information on to him through their other son who was in contact with _____. I informed her that if _____ did wish to make a formal incident report, he could contact me at the diocesan pastoral center.

Prepared by: John M. Vitek, Chancellor

RH000075

Knowledge of Alleged Sexual Misconduct

Reported: May 6, 1997

At approximately 3:45 p.m., I retrieved a voice mail message from _____ on behalf of his _____, who was allegedly abused by a clergyman of the Diocese of Winona sometime in the _____

After speaking with Rev. Gerald Mahon, Vicar General, who delegated Mr. John Vitek, Chancellor, to respond to the call, Mr. Vitek returned _____ call to _____. Mr. _____ was asked to have _____ submit a written statement concerning the allegation and forward it to Mr. Vitek. _____ agreed to do so. The conversation lasted approximately 20 minutes during which _____ "vented" his anger and frustration with the situation and pain for his "suffering."

June 6, 1997

Mike Burns
Internal Revenue Service
6040 Earle Brown Drive, Room 200
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Dear Mike:

Enclosed are the papers for Power of Attorney. I have also enclosed other pertinent information. All information is to be confidential.

Thank You,

RH000077

Date: _____

To: _____

From: _____

6/6/97

John,

Enclosed is history
of the past four years. Please
call to review. is
Therapy is expensive and help
would be appreciated.



DIOCES A
PO BOX 588
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987-0588

Pastoral Center —
55 West Sanborn

Office of the Chancellor

Tel: 507/454-4643
Fax: 507/454-8106

June 12, 1997

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear

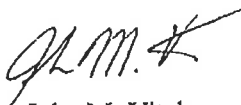
I am writing to confirm receipt of the records you have sent concerning
Thank you for forwarding this information to me. I am enclosing for your review a copy of the
diocese of Winona's sexual misconduct policy. I am doing so for a few reasons.

First, I want to assure you, again, that Bishop Vlazny is absolutely committed to doing all that is
within his power to prevent any sexual misconduct from occurring ever again within the church.
He also is committed to doing all that he can to bring healing and a renewed sense of hope to the
lives of those who have been affected by the destructiveness of sexual abuse, especially when such
has been committed by a member of the clergy.

Beginning on page 13, section 6.2 outlines the "investigatory" process which the diocese follows.
As the person responsible for "investigating" this reported incident, I will continue to follow the
process outlined in our policy. This process may take some time to complete. I will do all that I
can to move the process forward in the most reasonable time possible.

If you wish to contact me for any reason, please feel free to do so.

Sincerely,



John M. Vitek
Chancellor

cc: ✓ Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Mr. George Restovich
Mr. Mike Saffel

RH000079

FILE COPY

DIOCESE OF WINONA
PO BOX 588
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987-0588

Pastoral Center --
28 West Sankston

Office of the Bishop

Tel: 507-454-4643
Fax: 507-454-9165

December 3, 1997

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. _____ :

As you may have already heard, on October 28th I was appointed to serve as the Archbishop of the Diocese of Portland in Oregon. I will be leaving for Portland in mid-December. Before I depart, however, I wish to extend to you and your brother, _____, one last note of my care for you as the pastor of the Church of Winona.

Since I first learned of your brother's situation, I have placed him and your entire family in my prayers. I have prayed for _____ healing and for his eventual restored trust in a loving God, if and when that might be possible. _____, I have also placed you in my prayers, giving thanks to God for the loving support you have given to _____ through these most difficult times. As I prepare to depart Winona, I assure you that you and _____ and your entire family will continue to be placed in my prayers even as I pastor the church of Portland. I will not forget you.

Please be assured that the commitment I made to you on August 5, 1997, will continue to be upheld by the Diocese of Winona. A diocesan administrator will be elected in late December to administrate the diocese during the time in which the diocese awaits its new bishop. Also, Mr. John Vitek will continue to serve as Chancellor of the diocese. Please continue to be in conversation with Mr. Vitek about your needs or concerns.

Again, I assure you of my continued prayer that the healing power of Christ may restore _____ to whole health through the love and support of his family, friends, and those trained to help him in his healing. The peace of Christ be with you.

Sincerely Yours in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Archbishop-elect of Portland, Oregon

cc: Rev. Michael Hoepfner
Mr. John M. Vitek, Chancellor

RH000085

Memo

Diocese of Winona

Office of Finance

To: Fr. McGrath
From: John Broadwater
Subject: Victim Counseling
Date: July 31, 1998

Enclosed is a bill from Dr. Bera for the treatment of
· bill through June 12, 1998. If there has been an updated agreement, I am not aware of it.
Would you please review this and advise? Thanks.

I was instructed to pay Mr.

RH000086

DIocese of Winona
PO BOX 388
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55901-0388

Diocesan Center
33 West Sibley

Office of the Informant

88 70 101107
Fax 507 467-1100

17 December 1998

CONFIDENTIAL

Walter H. Bera, Ph.D.
1111 West 22nd Street - Suite 210
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dear Doctor Bera,

With this letter I authorize payment by the Diocese of Winona to the University of Minnesota for reconstructive dental work up to \$10,000 for a client of yours.

This request which you have made on behalf of is extraordinary, but on the strength of your recommendation and expected therapeutic value of the work, we are pleased to be able to extend this assistance in pastoral solicitude for

Thank you for your professional competence and particular care you have for the survivors of clerical sexual misconduct.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Very Reverend Michael Hoepfner
Diocesan Administrator

cc: Reverend Edward F. McGrath
✓ Mr. John Broadwater, Director of Finance

RH000087

DIOCESE OF WINONA
PO BOX 588
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987-0588
MEMORANDUM
Office of the Chancellor

Pastoral Center —
55 West Sanborn

Tel: 507/454-4643
Fax: 507/454-8106

To: Mr. John Broadwater
From: Fr. Ed McGrath
Re: Dr. Bera bills
Date: 9 March 1999



MAR 9 1999

I authorize payment of charges for reviewed progress with Dr. Bera.

from 30 January 1999 to 31 July 1999, having

I authorize payment of charges for reviewed progress with Dr. Bera. Also for the record, if it is not already been noted, the Diocese of Winona will pay for orthodontic reconstruction for

from 30 January 1999 to 31 July 1999, having up to \$10,000.

cc: Walter Bera, Ph.D.

RH000088



Office of Human Resources and Schools

DIOCESE OF WINONA
PASTORAL CENTER

June 6, 2003

Walter H. Bera, Ph.D.
KENWOOD THERAPY CENTER
1111 West 22nd Street - Suite 205
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dear Dr. Bera,

Thank you for your follow-up call to my message regarding dental treatment for
We appreciate your letter of description and the attached documentation regarding reconstructive
surgery through the University of Minnesota. As mentioned, we are willing to help with the cost
of this dental work and thank you for your willingness to make arrangements for billing directly
for this service.

I spoke at length with _____ regarding the help with clean-up costs for _____ property.
He will connect with my office in the future to forward a billing for the dumpster requested once
it is scheduled.

It is our protocol to make payments to companies, therapists, or counseling services directly.
This practice ensures accountability to our process and the records for specific cases. It is helpful
to be able to work through you to aid _____ with these expenses.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Mrs. P.J. Thompson, Director
Office of Human Resources

cc: Rev. Michael Hoepfner, Vicar General
Rev. Michael Cronin, Chancellor

55 West Sanborn Street ■ PO Box 588 ■ Winona, MN 55987
Telephone: 507/454-4643 ■ Fax: 507/454-8106 ■ E-mail: pthomps@dow.org

RH000092

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COLLEGE OF
saint teresa
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

3-26-05

Dear Rev. Becker,

a friend of mine, had
told me you were looking for information
about. And, if you wanted more in-
formation to contact me.

I am happy to supply you with what I
know. It took me ~~to~~ several years to find
out what I know. By nature, I am an analytical
person and I enjoy research. However, this was
difficult because the truth was not uplifting.

As I told you at the Winona Manor
(by the way thanks for your visit) was actually
abused by the former priest Richard Hatch. So
my knowledge it was oral say. Where in the
church it occurred I am not sure. I assume
it was the sacristy. After the act, Hatch would
make him go to confession and confess de
tho he was the cause of it. Tells how he
made him go to The Communion Rail for his
penance. was empty and tells how alone
he was. That there was no one and certainly
not God. This is a ten (or ^{years old} ~~thirteen~~) child!!

Of course, could not mention this to his
parents, particularly me, a diehard Catholic. So

62) He buried it. Went to college and became an excellent Chiropractor with healing ability. But, as research has proven, sexually abused children turn to drugs and so it was with [redacted]. The drugs got the best of him and in the early nineties his siblings did an intervention and he entered rehab. In a matter of days the sexual abuse surfaced and life changed for the worse of course.

It is my understanding you feel St. Mary's should be rededicated. I agree with you 100%. I have a feeling you don't quite believe all you are being told. Therefore I am giving you the addresses of people who will verify [redacted] abuse. There are others who were abused but never came forth. I am referring to St. Mary's.

Leland Smith, now deposed, attempted to molest our oldest son, but he quickly got out of his car. His sister, a good friend, does not believe this. I have never mentioned it to her since I believe everyone has some issue of denial in their lives. The biggest one being the majority of Catholics who do not want to hear about sexual abuse by the Priests and only want it to go away.

I did the research on my own because no one (Pastoral Center and Priest friends) had information as to his whereabouts.

Knowing he was from Rochester I found who, in turn, gave me his Aunt's address

63) "She informed me of the following: Richard came to visit her in the summer of [redacted] with two young boys as companions. After a few days the

(3)



COLLEGE OF

saint teresa

WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Mothers of these boys - bussed out to Calif. and brought the boys home. (They had learned what Hatch was about) One mother is deceased. The other was (sp?) and lived in Rochester and I assume is still there.

After that episode Hatch never returned to St. Mary's. The sister said he entered a program in Arizona that she thought was for alcoholism or that he had taken money from the parish and the Bishop sent him for treatment. I never told his sister that her brother was a pedophile.

After treatment she said he went to England and joined an order of Brothers. Left that, came back to U.S. Got more schooling, left the Great-Lords. When I called he was retired from teaching in a public school in Beaumont, TX. He had taught for 33 years, had married and had two step-daughters.

On a return call several years later the sister told me he was dying of cancer. He would have been in his early seventies. I don't know if he died or not. I never called her again because she was suspecting he was a pedophile and was very upset.

RH000095

A

been in therapy for years with

DR. WALTER BERA
KENWOOD THERAPY CENTER
2809 WAYZATA BLVD.
MPLS, MN 55405
TEL: 612-377-9190

Dr. Bera is world-wide acclaimed therapist
on sexual abuse. He gives many seminars all
over the world. We are grateful to the Deese
for paying for therapy; they would
welcome you to attend a therapy session. I know
they wanted to attend but I
don't think he ever did.

Dear

This is my little 'ole Royal portable typewriter from days past. I found someone to fix it and it works like new again. I am typing this since I have a lot of important items to pass on. And I am also making a carbon incase this letter gets misplaced.

First, was really put out that you did not let her know you were in town since she wants to keep up a relationship with . That's a friendship you should foster.

I have found out the following: Fr. Hatch served at when he left.

Remember he took the two boys and to L.A. in the spring of to visit his and did not return.....According to the records at the Diocesan Pastoral Center he went into treatment in Dec. 1963. But they did not seem to know what kind of treatment.

At any rate would have been when he arrived, then turned and by his next birthday() Hatch would be gone. So, was of age at the time of the sexual abuse. His grade level would have been I would have to look up how old he was when he entered kindergarden. My numbers are based on his entering

I called the Mayo clinic and he had who did their residency there. who now paractices in the United Kingdom; and who now practices in Billings, Mt. at So he could be contacted to hopefully find Hatch. They may be protecting him so one would have to be careful how one does it. is a specialist in . They were born and raised in . Perhaps the mother and father are still there.

After having called the Diocesan center a John Vitec called me and assured me that Bishop Vlasy was very much in sympathy with any victims of this abuse and does believe the Diocese owes them recompense, and asked that contact them when he is ready to so so. So, I don't think you will have much of a contest there but just working things out.

Love,

RH000007

TO: Disability Benefits Analyst

FROM:

SUBJECT: Disability Claim

Enclosed is the following:

- signed authorization to obtain information form.
- a list of all clinics, professionals and doctors has sought treatment from.
- articles on clerical sexual abuse

has been disabled for years. His claims of chronic fatigue are documented. He nearly died from undiagnosed septic shock. If not for an emergency operation at Abbot Northwestern hospital, he would have. These circumstances so weakened that he went into depression and started recalling memories of Childhood Sexual Abuse by Father Hatch. This is when the abuse of drugs started. He was and is living with what this man did to him. circumstances are very common for Clerically Sexually Abused Children. All the treatment programs ask that give it up to a higher power---GOD. trust in GOD was shattered as a child. Documentation now supports these facts. nearly committed suicide because people were uneducated to his needs and his trust in GOD was/is still shattered.

About three months ago I after years of trying to work through his shame, depression and fatigue I stopped him from committing suicide. We are now on a treatment program that he is responding to.

In the mean time has lost is that he built over the last 15 years. He has seen his income go from 200 thousand dollars a year to being a destitute without my help.

My question is why would any functional man allow this to happen? The answer is is and has been sick and functionally disabled. This is way he has not responded to your requests.

He was not and is still not able to organize his life. He is finally recovering but it is going to take time and the question remains if he will ever be able to practice Chiropractic again.

During our telephone conversation of last week you acknowledge was disabled and offered a settlement of roughly 18 months disability on the condition relinquish further claim to being disabled as a . This is unacceptable.

You also mentioned during our conversation that His policy is still in force even though he is in arrears, because a claim is in process. Please acknowledge this for our records.

Insurance is purchased to protect and provided timely coverage. I understand this claim has been difficult because was/is functionally disabled. We ask at this time the claim be honored in a timely fashion so may start recovering with dignity.

RH000008

7/1

I spoke w/ Fr. Emmett Tighe at
Madonna Towers at 1:45 p.m. He
recalls not the specific nature of the
"indecisions" of Fr. Hatch.

Was common for Bishop Fitzgerald to
not share such details with anyone.

John Vitale



COLLEGE OF
saint teresa
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

First contact —

RICHARD HATCH
4595 ARTHUR RD.
BEAUMONT, TX

These date back 8 or 10 yrs ago. When I contacted the sister, Richard Hatch had cancer and is probably gone by now.

and a ^{boy} accompanied Hatch to Calif. The ^{boy}

is a son of Hatch spent a lot of time at her home when she was a ^{boy} there were always a number of boys with him. But the rumor

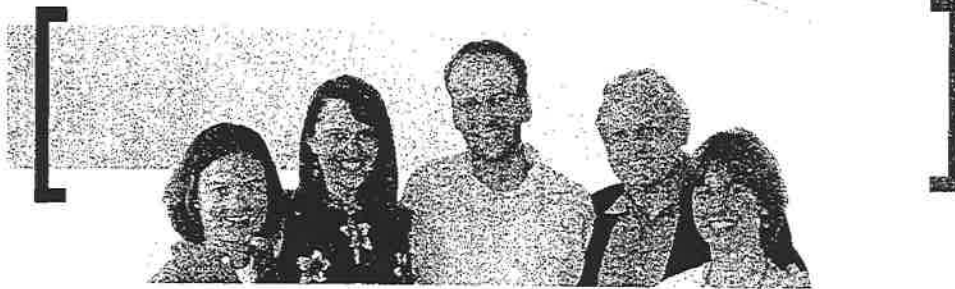
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We will verify this story. Hatch took
photographic pictures of them at the
home, is a of
and son of

Sincerely in Christ Jesus

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN
HOW THE GOOD NEWS GETS AROUND





Susan Andersson, Deb White, John Stillman, Walter Bera, Jessica Brown

Kenwood Therapy Center Staff

Walter H. Bera, PhD

Walter is Center Director and Founder with more than 20 years of clinical experience. He holds Minnesota Licensure as a Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist and Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Walter has authored a variety of articles, books, videos and curricula and is a past Bush Fellowship recipient. He is an AAMFT Approved Supervisor and AFTA member. Walter is an adjunct faculty member and clinical instructor at a number of area universities and after work is a 3rd Degree Black Belt Sensei in Shotokan Karate and active Kali/JKD practitioner.

Susan E. Andersson, MA

Susan is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who enjoys working with children, adolescents, adults, families and couples drawing from an integrative perspective. She obtained her Masters in Counseling Psychology and Post-Masters Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy from Saint Mary's University. Susan utilizes Narrative, solution-focused, cognitive-behavioral and systemic ideas in her work, framing these in an outcome-informed, client-centered manner. She has specialized interest and experience in adolescent emotional and behavioral problems, parenting and couple-related issues. Susan is completing the doctoral program at the University of St. Thomas.

Jessica Brown, PsyD

Jessica is a Licensed Psychologist, therapist and researcher with specialized training in Narrative and solution-focused therapy for adolescents and adults. Her PsyD is from Minnesota School of Professional Psychology. Jessica's clinical interests have focused on grief, sexual abuse victimization and perpetration, sexual compulsivity and compulsive overeating. She is interested in qualitative research and therapy outcome research.

Deborah White, PhD

Deb is a Licensed Psychologist who works with adolescents and adults collaboratively to help them recognize and leverage their strengths when facing difficult life issues: depression, anxiety, grief, loss, divorce, trauma, abuse, self-esteem, etc. She teaches at the University of Minnesota where she received her PhD in Counseling Psychology. In her work as a therapist, Deb draws on her experience in Personal and Organizational Counseling, as well as the creativity and discipline of her theatre and martial arts backgrounds.

John Stillman, MSW

John is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker who works with children, adolescents, adults and families from a collaborative, competency-based and client-centered approach. John obtained his Master of Social Work degree from the University of Pennsylvania and has intensive family therapy training at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic. He has specialized experience in adolescent behavioral issues, early childhood development and childhood abuse and neglect.

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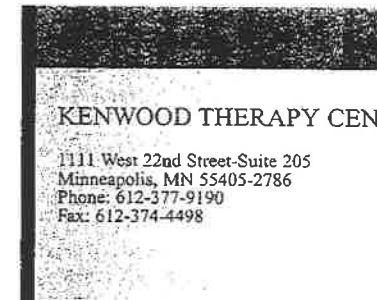
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RH000013



St. Mary's Catholic Church
1303 West Broadway Street
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To: PJ Thompson
Cc: Father Hoepfner

Fr: Father Becker *Wanda*

Re:

Date: April 12, 2005

Enclosed please find a letter which I received recently from [redacted] It contains several allegations against former diocesan priests regarding abuse or attempted abuse of her sons. It also contains second-hand allegations concerning at least one other victim.

[redacted] tells me that she is also furnishing this information to [redacted] and Voice of the Faithful. I would not be surprised if they attempted to contact the alleged victims. In particular I wonder if it would be in the interests of the church to contact anyone named herein who has not yet made contact with the diocese.

I came by this information indirectly through a concerned parishioner, [redacted] whose son also alleges attempted abuse by one of the former priests named herein. The views ascribed to me herein do not necessarily represent my views; more likely

Please contact me if you have further questions. Thank you.

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612-374-4498

Memo

To: Dr. Walter Bera

From: P.J. Thompson

Pamela J. Thompson

Re: Letter referenced during phone call 4/15/05

As per our phone conversation, I have included the letter that came to my office via the pastor of the parish here in Winona. I appreciate your continued help and all you do for victims. Again, this issue was more of a concern to me due to the fact it was also forwarded to the Winona Voice of the Faithful, who have been volatile in their interactions with the bishop and our processes.

Thanks!

PJ Thompson, Pastoral Care Assistance Coordinator

Attachment: 7 pages

From: Colletti, Msgr. Richard
nt: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 1:23 PM
o: kglover@co.winona.mn.us
Subject: Request for info

Investigator Keith,

Here is what I found for Richard Hatch, former priest of the Diocese of Winona; I am still trying to find his present address, if he is alive:

Date of Birth = October 28, 1927

Loras College, Dubuque (for Maryknoll) = 1946-1947

St. Mary's College = Feb. 1948 to 1950

St. Paul Seminary = 1950 to 1954

Ordained = June 6, 1954

Dates at St. Mary's Parish = June 19, 1962 to June 1963

Last date of correspondence = August 14, 1967

Msgr. Rick Colletti
Vicar General/Chancellor
Diocese of Winona
Rector, Cathedral of the Sacred/St. Casimir & Newman Center

From: Father Rick <frrick@cathedralwinona.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2013 9:27 PM
To: Engbrecht, Shirley
Subject: RE: Phone Call

Shirley, in this file check the baptismal certificate to see what the "E" stands for in Richard E. Hatch. Thank you.

Rev. Msgr. Richard M. Colletti
360 Main Street
Winona, MN 55987
mobile: 507-317-0301 frrick@cathedralwinona.org
Vicar General/Chancellor, Diocese of Winona
Rector of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Pastor St. Casimir; Chaplain of Newman Center

From: Engbrecht, Shirley [mailto:SEngbrecht@dow.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 10:40 AM
To: Colletti, Msgr. Richard
Subject: Phone Call

Hello Monsignor,
Sorry to bother you.....the sheriff's investigator from Winona County, Kraig Glover called, 507-259-9932 and said he would like to talk with you about a former priest, Richard E. Hatch who headed Catholic Schools around 1962. He also gave his email: kglover@co.winona.mn.us

I told him you were on retreat and that I would give you his message.

Shirley

E. Shirley Engbrecht
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From: Gerald Kosse <pastor@triparishmn.org>
ant: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 2:35 PM
To: Colletti, Msgr. Richard
Subject: Bulletin article on the sexual abuse by priests
Attachments: DOW Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information with the names of the four priests.docx

Dear Msgr. Richard Colletti,

Here is the article that I revised which I will insert in a future bulletin with the names of the four priests that served at St. Joseph, St. Leo, and St. Martin. I did not translate it into Spanish as it did not affect them. Again, a parishioner approached me saying that we should name them as they served in the three parishes. No one has so far come to me and spoke to any abuse by these four priest.

I will wait for your response.

Thanks!

Msgr. Gerald Kosse

Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any the following priests, Fr. Sylvester Brown, Fr. Robert Taylor, Fr. William Curtis, and Fr. Richard Hatch, who have been accused of sexual abuse and who served in our three parishes of St. Joseph, St. Leo, and St. Martin, and by any other diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (507)454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Peter Martin by calling (507)858-1264 or email pmartin@dow.org.



Procedimientos diocesanos para hacer frente al abuso sexual de menores

La Diócesis de Winona se ha comprometido a proteger a los niños, los jóvenes y otras personas vulnerables en nuestras escuelas, parroquias y actividades apostólicas. Tenemos un cuidado especial y la intención permanente de atender eventuales víctimas de abuso sexual y sus familias. Para informarnos sobre alegaciones actuales de abuso sexual por parte de miembros del clero o empleados laicos o voluntarios en la Diócesis de Winona contacte: (507)454-2270, Extensión 255 Víctimas de abuso sexual, además de contactar a las autoridades civiles, se les pide de dirigirse a la

diócesis para recibir asistencia pastoral. El Coordinado de Asistencia a la Victim le proveerá tal asistencia.

<http://www.dow.org/Departments/Life/SafeEnvironmentProgram.aspx>

Richard Edward Hatch

Status: Deceased

DOB: 10/28/1927 in Pipestone Minnesota Parents: Charles E. and Emma B. (Knott) Hatch
DOD: 10/15/2005

Education:

1946 - 1947 – Attended Loras College in Dubuque Iowa
1947 - 1948 – Attended Maryknoll Junior College in Lakewood New Jersey
2/1948 - 1950 – Attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona
1950 - 1954 – Attended Saint Paul Seminary in St Paul Minnesota

Ordained 6/6/1954 at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona by the Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald

Assignments:

2/1948 - Entered diocese from Maryknoll
7/1948 - Incardinated into Diocese of Winona
6/23/1954 - Parochial Vicar for Saint John Vianney in Fairmont
6/21/1957 - Parochial Vicar for Saint Leo in Pipestone
8/30/1960 - Parochial Vicar for Saint James in Saint James
6/19/1962 - Parochial Vicar for Saint Mary in Winona
12/1963 - Entered Servants of the Paraclete
10/15/2005 - died in Mauriceville Texas