

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST RECTORY

310 SOUTH BROAD STREET

MANKATO, MINN.

Jan 2, 1948

Proprietor Student

The Most Reverend Leo Big
Minnesota, Minn.

Most Reverend and Dear Bishop:

Hal Brown

a member of this parish and a senior in high school has expressed his intention to study for the priesthood. He will be pleased to have your advice in regard to the choice of the college to attend.

His address is Mankato Minn Route 4.

He is a devout Catholic boy. His parents died when he was a child but he has been well taken care of by good Uncle. I feel that he will be a good subject for the priesthood.

Your sincerely in Christ,
J. E. Matthey

January 20, 1948

Very Reverend Philip E. Matthews
St. John the Baptist Church
310 S. Broad Street
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Father Matthews:

I have for attention your letter of January 12, addressed to His Excellency, regarding Sal Brown, a prospective seminarian. Your warm recommendation of this young man is most encouraging. It will be a pleasure to accept him as a candidate for the priesthood in the Diocese of Winona as soon as he has completed his High School studies.

A form for petitioning affiliation with the Diocese of Winona will be sent to him in due time, and you will also receive a form to be completed in recommending this candidate.

The matter of choosing a College for this young man will be attended to as soon as his formal petition has been accepted and a transcript of his High School credits has reached the Chancery. I am sure that you will continue to encourage him in his worthy ambition.

With all best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Chancellor

Answer - Student

February 9, 1948

Very Reverend Philip E. Matthews
St. John's Church
310 S. Broad Street
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Father Matthews:

I enclose herewith a Seminarian Petition for Affiliation with the Diocese of Winona which I would ask you to transmit to Sal Brown whose name you recently submitted ~~as~~ a candidate for the priesthood in this diocese. I also enclose a form for yourself which you may use in giving your recommendation of Mr. Brown as a candidate for the priesthood. Please ask this young man to forward his baptismal certificate, confirmation certificate, and parents' marriage certificate to the Chancery along with his Petition for Affiliation. These matters should be attended to without undue delay so that arrangements can be made for Mr. Brown to enter college next September.

With all best wishes and thanking you for your kind interest in this candidate for the priesthood, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Chancellor

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SEMINARIAN PETITION

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 *Sylvester Francis Brown*

Date of birth *Sept. 7, 1930* Place of birth *St. Joseph's Hospital*
Man Kato, M

Date of Baptism *Sept. 11, 1930* Place of Baptism *All Saints Church*
Madison Lake, M

Father's name *Sylvester Brown* Occupation *Farmer*
If deceased: Date of death *Feb. 2, 1930*

Mother's maiden name *Frances McCarthy*
If deceased: Date of death *Sept. 9, 1945*

Religion of father *Catholic* of mother *Catholic*

How many children in the family? *2 Boys /* Girls *1*

Name of Parish *St. John The Baptist, Man Kato, Minn.*

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

Do you labor under any impediment or irregularity? *No*

For what year and course will you register? *1st Year College*

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

All Saints School - 8 yr.

Franklin Junior High School - 1 yr.

Man Kato High School - 3 yr.

Were you dismissed from any school? *No*

Were you ever a member of a Religious Community? *No*

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?

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,

Signature of Applicant

Date:

Sylvester Francis Brown

RECOMMENDATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

Your Excellency,

Mr. *Spluenter Brown* 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? *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"? *yes*

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

Do you recommend his acceptance by the Diocese of Winona? *yes*

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

Does the candidate seek the priesthood freely and spontaneously? *yes*

Is there any danger that he is influenced by grave fear, absolute or relative, such as reverential fear? *no*

Is there any pressure being exerted to induce the candidate to enter the priesthood, whether by parents, relatives or others? *no*

Do the candidate's parents enjoy a good reputation? *They are dead*

Is there in the family any inclination toward drunkenness? *no*

Has the candidate inherited "a disposition toward lust which savors of atavism"? *no*

Is there among his relatives any epilepsy or insanity? *Not that I know*

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

What is your judgment of his mental ability? *Good*

What is your judgment of his moral fitness and character? *Very Good*

What is your judgment of his piety? *Very good*

What foreign languages does he know? *None*

How long have you known the applicant? *1 year*

Are you yourself a relative of the candidate? *No*
If so, please indicate the names of other Priests who can be inter-rogated regarding him.

I have just now read Canons 985-988 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?

REMARKS: *candidate has one sister. Their parents died when they were children. Both are very dutiful in their religion. They receive communion weekly. They have wealthy uncles who have helped them through school. Thus, Subject would not have to worry about an easy life in the world which convinces me that he has the proper motive in seeking the priesthood as a vocation. Father Mc Mahan of Mahan's Lake has a better knowledge of the boy and his family than I have.*

P. C. Matthews
PASTOR

Date:

March 8, 1948

Very Reverend Philip E. Matthews
St. John the Baptist Church
310 S. Broad Street
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Father Matthews:

I wish to thank you for the following documents which you have forwarded to the Chancery on behalf of Sylvester Francis Brown who seeks to be affiliated with the Diocese of Winona as a candidate for the priesthood.

- (1) Your recommendation of Sylvester Brown
- (2) Sylvester Brown's Baptismal certificate and Confirmation certificate
- (3) Marriage certificate of Sylvester Brown's parents
- (4) Sylvester Brown's petition for affiliation with the Diocese of Winona

When these documents shall have been examined by His Excellency both you and Sylvester Brown will be informed as to what decision has been reached in regard to the latter's application for Affiliation with the Diocese of Winona.

Thanking you for your kind interest in this candidate for the priesthood, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Chancellor

March 15, 1948

Reverend George H. Speltz
St. Mary's College
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Speltz:

The enclosed is being sent to you for your information. I am sure that if this young man should come to the college during the Spring you will help him in preparing his course of studies for next September.

With all best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Chancellor

enc.

March 15, 1948

Brother Joel, F.S.C.
St. Mary's College
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Brother Joel:

I am writing to inform you that Sylvester Francis Brown of St. John the Baptist Parish of Mankato has been accepted by His Excellency as a candidate for the priesthood in this diocese and that he has been instructed to report at St. Mary's College without delay so that he may begin his studies as a freshman in September.

With cordial greetings and all best wishes to you and my other friends at St. Mary's, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Chancellor

March 16, 1948

Very Rev. Philip E. Matthews
St. John the Baptist Church
310 S. Broad Street
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Father Matthews:

I enclose herewith my letter of acceptance for Sylvester Francis Brown and ask your kindness in transmitting same to this young man if it is satisfactory. Since colleges have so many applications for registrations in these days, it is a matter of great importance that Sylvester be encouraged to make his reservation at St. Mary's immediately.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Coadjutor Bishop of Winona

enc.

March 18, 1948

Sylvester Francis Brown
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Sylvester:

Some days ago I received through your pastor your petition for affiliation as a student for the priesthood in the Diocese of Winona. I am pleased to encourage you in this praiseworthy ambition; and I desire herewith to accept you formally as one of our seminarians. In doing so, I wish to assure you of my prayers that you may persevere in your worthy desire and that you may become a holy and zealous priest in the Diocese of Winona.

The certificates of your Baptism, your Confirmation, and of the marriage of your parents', which accompanied your petition, will be kept on file here until such time as they are needed for the major seminary.

In regard to your studies for the priesthood, I would urge that you make immediate application at St. Mary's College, Winona, to be accepted for the beginning of the new academic year which begins in September. It is important that your application for registration be sent to St. Mary's at the earliest date.

In regard to the expenses connected with your studies it will, of course, be necessary for you to defray all expenses for your first two years of College. For the succeeding years you will be entitled to the assistance made possible by the offerings received from the parishes for the training of priests; but the obligation is accepted by the student to refund after ordination \$125.00 for each scholastic year he was supported by the Diocese. In the event of a change of plans the full amount advanced becomes payable when a student discontinues his studies; but capacity to pay will, of course, govern the terms of settlement.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Coadjutor Bishop of Winona

SB000308

October 1, 1948

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Sylvester Brown, Mankato, Minnesota, is a student preparing for the Catholic priesthood under the direction of the competent ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese of Winona; and that he is satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of instruction at St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota, a recognized theological or divinity school.

Goadjutor Bishop of Winona

Full name: Sylvester F. Brown

Home Address: Route 4, Mankato

County: Blue Earth State: Minnesota

For what year of studies are you enrolled? 1st

If your classification is doubtful for any reason, please explain:

Have you registered for Selective Service? yes

Where did you register? Winona

How much of G.I. Bill Benefits do you have (including this year)?

What is the date of your birth? September 7, 1930

Signed Sylvester F. Brown

Present address St. Mary's College

Date: October 4, 1948

Diocese of Winona
278 HARRIET STREET
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Seminarian,

Your kindness is requested in completing the following questionnaire and returning same to this office at your earliest convenience. I sincerely hope that you will have a pleasant and profitable year of study. Please feel free to write to me at any time on any problem that you may have.

With cordial greetings and all best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bernard P. Manpan
Chancellor

October 1, 1949

Full name: *Sylvester Francis Brown*

Home address: *Route # 4, Trankota*

County: *Blue Earth* State: *Minnesota*

For what year of studies are you presently enrolled? *sophomore*

If your academic classification is doubtful for any reason, please explain _____

If you are a Veteran, please state the amount of G.I. Bill benefits which are still available to you (including the present year): _____

Where did you spend your summer holidays? (Give addresses) _____

Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. McCarty
Route # 4
Trankota, Minnesota

If you worked during the past summer, please state the name and address of your employer and the name and address of the pastor of your place of work:

(1) *C. G. Hodapp, 411 East Olive St., Trankota, Minn.*

(2) *Rev. Father Mathew, St. John's Parish, Trankota*

If you worked, please explain the nature of the work in which you were engaged: *M. Annabert's helper.*

(N.B. Be careful to answer all questions)

Signature *Sylvester F. Brown*

Present address *Route # 4*

Trankota, Minn.

Date *October 12, 1949*

Send address *St. Mary's College*
Winona, Minn.

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I Semester 1974-75			
All	Catholic Dept of Life I	1	6
All	Latin Department	3	4
All	Classical Department I	3	4
All	Classical Department II	3	4
All	Intermediate Maths	3	4
All	Mathematics	3	4
All	Philosophy	3	4
All	Science	3	4
All	English	3	4
All	History	3	4
All	Art	3	4
All	Music	3	4
All	Physical Education	3	4
All	Foreign Languages	3	4
All	Other	3	4
All	Total	33	60

II Semester 1974-75			
All	Catholic Dept of Life II	1	6
All	Latin Department	3	4
All	Classical Department I	3	4
All	Classical Department II	3	4
All	Intermediate Maths	3	4
All	Mathematics	3	4
All	Philosophy	3	4
All	Science	3	4
All	English	3	4
All	History	3	4
All	Art	3	4
All	Music	3	4
All	Physical Education	3	4
All	Foreign Languages	3	4
All	Other	3	4
All	Total	33	60

Saint Mary's College

Winona, Minnesota

Report of Sylvester Brown
for SEMESTER ending Jan. 27, 1951

Conduct - A

(This grade report may not be used for transference of credit to another institution.)

Course No.	Title of Course	Cr. Hra.	Grade	
Ph33	Cosmology	3	C+	Significance of grades: A, excellent; B, good; C, satisfactory; D, barely passed; E, not passed (conditioned); Inc., work unfinished; F, failed; W, withdrew. E may become D when another examination is passed.
Ph37	Hist of Phil	2	B	
L37	Adv Latin Prse	2	B-	
H31	Med. Civilization	3	C+	
Ed33	Ed Psych	3	A-	
E21	Intro to Literature	3	A-	

[Signature]
Registrar

June 21, 1952

Mr. Sylvester Brown
Route 3
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Sylvester,

I am pleased to assign you to study theology at the Catholic University with residence at the Sulpician Seminary in Washington, D. C. I have notified the Rector of your assignment and have informed him that I will send the necessary papers which are on file at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. I presume that it will be necessary for you to obtain another certificate of health for their records.

I am sure that you will continue the splendid work and the spirit of cooperation which you have shown during your four years at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

Wishing you God's blessing as you begin another phase of study in preparation for the Holy Priesthood, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

Brown, S.

conduct - A

faculty vote
favorable - 2

BROWN, SYLVESTER F.

Conduct: "B"

Faculty vote: favorable - 2

JAS

DIOCESE OF WINONA
STUDENT RECORD

Name BROWN, Sylvester F. *Feb 10 1930* Date of Birth Sept. 7, 1930
 Home address Rt. 4, Mankato, Minn. Parish St. John the Baptist

Schools Attended	Year	Class	Reports		Expenses Paid
			Scholastic	Character	
St. Mary's IHM			<i>Mar. 31, 1956 - 7th</i> A	<i>graduation fee</i>	<i>952.</i> <i>25.00</i>
Theo. College	52-53	Th. I	B	S	\$400.00
Theo. College	52-53	Th. I	B	S	400.00
Theo. Col.	53-54	Th. II	B	S	400.00
Theo. Col.	53-54	Th. II	B	S	400.00
Theo. Col.	54-55	Th. III	B	S	400.00
Theol. Col.	54-55	Th. III	B	S	400.00
Lomas Col. '55	summer	school			33.75
Theol. Col.	55-56	Th. IV	B	S	400.00

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The Catholic University of America

WASHINGTON 17, D. C.

GRADE REPORT

NAME OF STUDENT BROWN SYLVESTER F

1	28	53
MO.	DAY	YR.

GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
GRADUATE			
A-EXCELLENT	MORAL THEOLOGY	A	
B-SUPERIOR	AMER CHATOLIC HISTORY	A	
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL	CANON LAW	B	
F-FAILURE	FUNDM DOGMATIC THEOLOGY	B	
I-INCOMPLETE	APOLOGETICS	B	
UNDERGRADUATE			
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE	ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN B	B	
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE	HOMILETICS INTRODUCTION	B	
C-AVERAGE	HOMILETICS CATECHETICS	B	
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE	SACRED SCRIPTURE EXEGES	C	
F-FAILURE	SACRED SCRIPTURE	D	
I-INCOMPLETE			

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GRADE REPORT

NAME OF STUDENT BROWN SYLVESTER F

1	28	53
MO.	DAY	YR.

GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
GRADUATE			
A-EXCELLENT	FED RELATIONS TO EDUC	A	2
B-SUPERIOR	PRO SEMINAR IN EDUCATION	C	2
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			
UNDERGRADUATE			
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE			
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE			
C-AVERAGE			
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			

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GRADE REPORT

NAME OF STUDENT

BROWN SYLVESTER F

1	27	54
MO.	DAY	YR.

GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
<u>GRADUATE</u>			
A-EXCELLENT	CANON LAW	A	8
B-SUPERIOR	RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE	A	
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL	MORAL THEOLOGY	B	
F-FAILURE	DOGMATIC THEOLOGY	B	
I-INCOMPLETE	MEDIAEVAL CHURCH HISTORY	B	
<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>	PSYCHOLOGY OF ADOLESCENT	B	
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE	ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN	C	
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE	SACRED SCRIPTURE ACTS	C	
C-AVERAGE			
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			

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The Catholic University of America

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GRADE REPORT

NAME OF STUDENT

BROWN SYLVESTER F

6	9	53
MO.	DAY	YR.

GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
<u>GRADUATE</u>			
A-EXCELLENT	HOMILETICS MORAL	A	
B-SUPERIOR	HOMILETICS CATECHETICS	A	
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL	CANON LAW	A	
F-FAILURE	AMERICAN CATH HISTORY	B	
I-INCOMPLETE	ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN	B	
<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>	FUNDAM DOGM THEOLOGY	B	
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE	APOLOGETICS	B	
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE	SACRED SCRIPTURE	B	
C-AVERAGE	MORAL THEOLOGY	B	
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE	SACRED SCRIPTURE	C	
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			

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The Catholic University of America

WASHINGTON 17, D. C.

GRADE REPORT

NAME OF STUDENT

BROWN SYLVESTER F

6	9	53
MO.	DAY	YR.

GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
<u>GRADUATE</u>			
A-EXCELLENT	FEDER RELATIONS TO EDUC	A	2
B-SUPERIOR	CHURCH AS ORGANIZATION	B	2
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			
<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>			
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE			
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE			
C-AVERAGE			
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			

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Theological College
401 MICHIGAN AVE., N E.
WASHINGTON 17, D. C.

I, the undersigned Sylvester J. Brown
Seymour of the Diocese of Arizona do now
herby present to the most Reverend Bishop my
petition for absconment to tenure and the
four canon rules. I do this wholly of my
own free and spontaneous will, fully
aware of any specific obligations attached
to these rules.

Signed: Sylvester Brown

Returned: John F. M. Cornick, S.S.
Date: April 2, 1954

Theological College

401 Michigan Ave., N. E.

Washington 17, D. C.

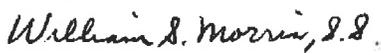
Sylvester F. Brown

Candidate for Tonsure and Minor Orders

Opinion of the Rector and Faculty

One is immediately impressed by the bright, friendly, and child-like disposition of this young man. He is a perfect gentleman and is extremely kind in his dealings with others. It follows quite naturally that he is very popular with his fellow students. He is observant of the rule and lives the seminary life completely. He is deeply religious. We feel that he will make an excellent priest.


John P. McCormick, S.S.,
Rector


William S. Morris, S.S.,
Vice-Rector

May 10, 1954

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Theological College

401 Michigan Ave., N. E.

Washington 17, D. C.

May 11, 1954

The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Your Excellency:

I have consulted the seminary faculty, and we recommend that
Your Excellency call to first clerical tonsure and all minor orders
SYLVESTER FRANCIS BROWN ✓
JAMES AMBROSE McCAULEY
students of the Diocese of Winona.

Herewith I enclose for the Chancery files:

Rector's testimonial (for all ordinands)
Petition for tonsure and minor orders
Faculty opinion.

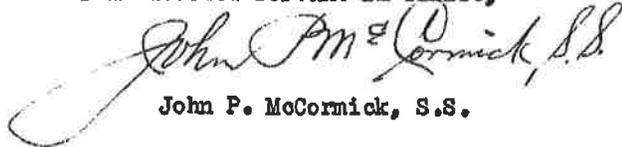
For Mr. McCauley there is also enclosed a testimonial letter
from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Certificates of baptism, confirmation, and parents' marriage
are in our files and are in order.

If Your Excellency wishes these young men to receive tonsure
and minor orders in our ordinations of June 1-2, would you kindly for-
ward the necessary dimissorial letter? A form is enclosed for Your
Excellency's convenience.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Your devoted servant in Christ,


John P. McCormick, S.S.

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GRADE REPORT

NAME OF STUDENT

BROWN SYLVESTER F

6	8	54
MO.	DAY	YR.

GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
GRADUATE			
A-EXCELLENT	HOMILETICS ELOQUENCE	A	
B-SUPERIOR	CANON LAW	A	
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL	DOGMATIC THEOLOGY	B	
F-FAILURE	MORAL THEOLOGY	B	
I-INCOMPLETE	MEDIEVAL CHURCH HISTORY	B	
UNDERGRADUATE			
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE	SACR SCRIPTURE EXEGESIS 2	B	
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE	ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN	C	
C-AVERAGE			
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			

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GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
GRADUATE			
A-EXCELLENT	EDUC PSYCH 3 PERSONALITY	A	2
B-SUPERIOR	RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE	A	2
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			
UNDERGRADUATE			
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE			
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE			
C-AVERAGE			
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			

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GRADE REPORT

NAME OF STUDENT BROWN SYLVESTER F

1	27	55
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GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
<u>GRADUATE</u>			
A-EXCELLENT	LITURGY	A	
B-SUPERIOR	ASCETICAL THEOLOGY	A	
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL	CANON LAW	A	
F-FAILURE	HOMILETICS ELOQUENCE	B	
I-INCOMPLETE	DOGMATIC THEOLOGY	B	
<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>			
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE	ANCIENT CHURCH HISTORY	B	
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE	MORAL THEOLOGY	C	
C-AVERAGE	SACRED SCRIPTURE 2 & 3	C	
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			

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NAME OF STUDENT BROWN SYLVESTER F

1	27	55
MO.	DAY	YR.

GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
<u>GRADUATE</u>			
A-EXCELLENT	MARRIAGE INSTRUCTION	B	2
B-SUPERIOR	TESTS & MEASUREMENTS 1	B	2
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			
<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>			
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE			
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE			
C-AVERAGE			
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			

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401 MICHIGAN AVE., N. E.
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I, the undersigned, Sylvester Francis Brown
is presenting to the Bishop my petition for the
reception of subdiaconship and diaconship, as the time
for the sacred ordination is near at hand. Having
thoroughly considered the matter, you feel, as you may
fully testify in the first place, that I am devoid of
any sort of condemnation or moral stain, and that
the aforesaid sacred orders, that I desire to be permitted
to receive and to receive them and that I will never
desist from them, believe I have been and will continue
to be worthy of them.

I acknowledge that I have many of the virtues
and their consequences which are found in the saints and
and that I have many of the virtues and their consequences, with
the grace of God, I believe I have been and will continue
to be worthy of them.

I declare solemnly that I am clearly aware of what the
importance of this act is, and I firmly believe, with all my heart
and strength, that the work which I am doing is of a most noble and
holy nature.

I have a very good conscience that I have always according
to the best of my ability, and most especially in the discharge of my
duties and whatever I have done in the Church, to be just, upright
and true, and that I have never been guilty of any crime
which would disqualify me from receiving the sacred orders
of the Church.

The Lord promises, who I serve, who I love, to help me, God
and the blessed spirits, which I shall call upon my hand.

Sylvester Francis Brown

March 27, 1953

Witnessed: John P. M. O'Connell, S.S.

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I, the undersigned, *Agostino J. Brown*
of the Diocese of Winona, having received
tonsure and the four minor orders do now
present to the Most Reverend Bishop my
petition for advancement to the subdiaconate
and diaconate.

I do this wholly of my own
free and spontaneous will, fully aware of
the specific obligations attaching to these
orders.

Agostino J. Brown

Witnessed: *John M. G. ...*

Date: March 28, 1955

Juramentum ab eis praestandum qui subdiaconi ordinantur

Ego... Sylvester Brown.....

jurejurando affirmo me animum habere mancipandi me in perpetuum

Dioecesi... Winonensi.....

Sic me Deus adjuvet et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

Datum... Washingtoni..... die... 3a... mensis... Aprilis... anni 1955.

Testis: *Johannes P. M. O'Connell, S.S.* *Sylvester Brown*.....

Rector Coll. Theol. Washingtonen.

FORMULA PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET IURISIURANDI
A SUMMO PONTIFICE PIO PAPA X PRAESCRIPTA

"Præcipimus ut præter fidei professionem, iusiurandum det" (doctor in Seminario) "Antistiti suo, secundum adiectam infra formulam, et subscripto nomine.

Iusiurandum hoc præmissa Fidei professione per formulam a sa. me. Decessore Nostro Pio IV præscriptam, cum adiectis definitionibus Concilii Vatican; suo Antistiti item dabunt:

I. Clerici maioribus ordinibus initiandi; quorum singulis antea tradatur exemplar tum professionis fidei, tum formulæ edendi iurisiurandi ut eas accurate prænoscant, adiecta violati iurisiurandi, ut infra, sanctione.

II. Sacerdotes confessionibus excipiendis destinati et sacri concionatores, antequam facultate donentur ea munia exercendi.

III. Parochi, Canonici, Beneficarii ante ineundam beneficii possessionem.

IV. Officiales in curiis episcopalibus et ecclesiasticis tribunalibus, haud exceptis Vicario generali et iudicibus.

V. Adlecti concionibus habendis per quadragesimæ tempus.

VI. Officiales omnes in Romanis Congregationibus vel tribunalibus coram Cardinali Præfecto vel Secretario eiusdem sive Congregationis sive tribunalis.

VII. Religiosarum familiarum Congregationumque Moderatores et Doctores antequam ineant officium.

Professionis fidei, quam diximus, editique iurisiurandi documenta, peculiaribus in tabulis penes Curias episcopales adserventur, itemque penes Romanarum Congregationum sua quæque officia. Si quis autem, quod Deus avertat, iusiurandum violare ausus fuerit, ad Sancti Officii tribunal illico deferatur."

Motu Proprio "*Sacrorum Antistitum*" diei I Septembris, MCMX.

PROFESSIO ORTHODOXAE FIDEI
IUXTA FORMAM A SUMMIS PONTIFICIBUS PIO IV ET
PIO IX PRAESCRIPTAM

Ego, ~~Sylvester Brown,~~

firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quæ continentur in Symbolo fidei, quo Sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum Patrem omnipotentem, factorem cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium et invisi-

bilium. Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula, Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero, genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt, qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de cœlis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu

Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in cœlum, sedet ad dexteram Patris; et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos et mortuos, cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit; qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur, qui loquutus est per prophetas. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.

Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones reliquasque eiusdem Ecclesiæ observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram Scripturam iuxta cum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto, nec cam unquam, nisi iuxta unanimum consensum Patrum, accipiam et interpretabor.

Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novæ legis a Iesu Christo Domino Nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria, scilicet, Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Pœnitentiam, Extremam Uctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium, illaque gratiam conferre; et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et adprobatos Ecclesiæ catholicæ ritus in supradictorum omnium sacramentorum solemnem administrationem recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula, quæ de peccato originali et de iustificatione in sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium et propitiatorium Sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis, atque in sanctissimo

Eucharistiæ Sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter corpus et sanguinem una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Iesu Christi, fierique conversionem totius substantiæ panis in corpus, et totius substantiæ vini in sanguinem, quam conversionem catholica Ecclesia transubstantionem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi. Constanter teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis iuvari. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum reliquias esse venerandas. Firmissime assero imagines Christi ac Deiparæ semper Virginis, nec non aliorum Sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertiendam. Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo. Sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam omnium ecclesiarum matrem et magistram agnosco, Romanoque Pontifici beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori ac Iesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac iuro.

Cætera item omnia a sacris Canonibus et œcumenicis Conciliis, ac præcipue a sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo, et ab œcumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, præsertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor; simulque contraria omnia, atque hæreses quascumque ab Ecclesiâ damnatas et reiectas et anathematizatas, ego pariter damno, relicio, et anathematizo. Hanc veram catholicam fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in præsentem sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et immaculatam usque ad extremum vitæ spiritum, constantissime, Deo adiuvante, retinere et con-

feri, atque a meis subditis seu illis, | spectabit, teneri et doceri et prædicari,
quorum cura ad me in munere meo | quantum in me erit, curaturum.

Ego idem, Sylvester Brown

spondeo, voveo ac iuro. Sic me Deus adiuvet, et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

IURISIURANDI FORMULA

Ego, Sylvester Brown

firmiter amplector ac recipio omnia et singula, quæ ab inerranti Ecclesiæ magisterio definita, adserta et declarata sunt, præsertim ea doctrinæ capita, quæ huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem: Deum, rerum omnium principium et finem, naturali rationis lumine per ea quæ facta sunt, hoc est per *visibilia* creationis opera, tamquam causam per effectus certo cognosci, adeoque demonstrari etiam posse, profiteor. Secundo: Externa revelationis argumenta, hoc est facta divina, in primisque miracula et prophetias admitto et agnosco tamquam signa certissima divinitus ortæ christianæ Religionis, eademque teneo ætatum omnium atque hominum, etiam huius temporis, intelligentiæ esse maxime accommodata. Tertio: Firma pariter fide credo, Ecclesiam, verbi revelati custodem ac magistram, per ipsum verum atque historicum Christum, quum apud nos degeret, proxime ac directo institutam, eandemque super Petrum, apostolicæ hierarchiæ principem ejusque in ævum successores ædificatam. Quarto: Fidei doctrinam ab Apostolis per orthodoxos Patres eodem sensu eademque semper sen-

tentia ad nos usque transmissam, sincere recipio; ideoque prorsus relicto hæreticum commentum evolutionis dogmatum, ab uno in alium sensum transeuntium, diversum ab eo, quem prius habuit Ecclesia; pariterque damno errorem omnem, quo, divino deposito, Christi Sponsæ tradito ab Eaque fideliter custodiendo, sufficitur philosophicum inventum, vel creatio humanæ conscientiæ, hominum conatu sensim efformatæ et in posterum indefinito progressu perficiendæ. Quinto: Certissime teneo ac sincere profiteor, Fidem non esse cæcum sensum religionis e latebris *subconscientiæ* erumpentem, sub pressione cordis et inflexionis voluntatis moraliter informatæ, sed verum assensum intellectus veritati extrinsecus acceptæ ex auditu, quo nempe, quæ a Deo personali, creatore ac domino nostro dicta, testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credimus, propter Dei auctoritatem summe veracis.

Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subicio totoque animo adhæreo damnationibus, declarationibus, præscriptis omnibus, quæ in Encyclicis litteris "*Pascendi*" et in Decreto "*Lamentabili*" continentur, præsertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant.— Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiæ repugnare, et catholica dog-

mata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum verioribus christianæ religionis originibus componi non posse.—Damno quoque ac relicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi liceret historico ea retinere quæ credentis fidei contradicant, aut præmissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo hæc directo non denegentur.—Reprobo pariter eam Scripturæ Sanctæ diiudicandæ atque interpretandæ rationem, quæ, Ecclesiæ traditione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicæ Sedis normis posthabitis, *rationalistarum* commentis inhæret, et critice textus velut unicum supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere amplectitur.—Sententiam præterea illorum relicio qui tenent, doctori disciplinæ historicæ theologicæ tradendæ, aut iis de rebus scribenti seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine catholicæ traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus opæ ad perennem conservationem uniuscuiusque revelati veri; deinde scripta Patrum singulorum interpretanda solis scientiæ principiis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclusa, eaque iudicii libertate, qua profana quævis monumenta solent in-

vestigari.—In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore profiteor, quo *modernistæ* tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe deterius, pantheistico sensu illud admittunt; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historiæ factis æquandum; hominum nempe sua industria, solertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque Apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes ætates continuantium. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retineo et ad extremum vitæ spiritum retinebo, de charismate *veritatis certo*, quod est, fuit eritque semper in *episcopatus ab Apostolis successione*,¹ non ut id teneatur quod melius et aptius videri possit secundum suam cuiusque ætatis culturam, sed ut *nunquam aliter credatur, nunquam aliter intelligatur absoluta et immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos prædicata*.²

Hæc omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab iis sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adiuvet et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

1. Iren. 4, c. 26.

2. Proæser. c. 28.

Apollonius Brown

Professione fidei præscripta emissa, hoc iuramentum editum et subscrip-

tum est coram me die

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Aprilis

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1955

Joanne P. M. Cornick, S. D.

Rectore Coll. Theol. Washington

Theological College

401 Michigan Ave., N. E.

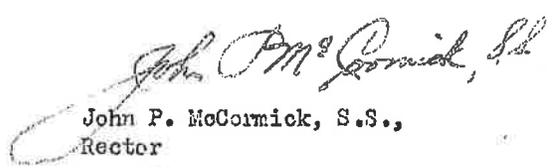
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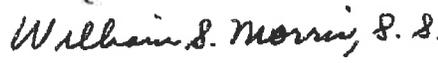
Sylvester F. Brown

Candidate for Subdiaconate and Diaconate

Opinion of the Rector and Faculty

This young man continues to merit the very favorable opinion which was expressed concerning him last year. He radiates optimism, is very likeable, and is most cooperative and obliging. He has fair ability but great kindness and zeal. We feel that he gives fine promise for a zealous priesthood.


John P. McCormick, S.S.,
Rector


William S. Morris, S.S.,
Vice-Rector

May 11, 1955

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Theological College

401 Michigan Ave., N. E.

Washington 17, D. C.

May 17, 1955

The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Your Excellency:

I have consulted the seminary faculty, and we recommend that
Your Excellency call to the sacred orders of subdeaconship and deacon-
ship

SYLVESTER FRANCIS BROWN ✓
JAMES AMBROSE McCAULEY
JOHN MATTHEWS TIGHE

acolytes of the Diocese of Winona.

Herewith I enclose for the Chancery files:

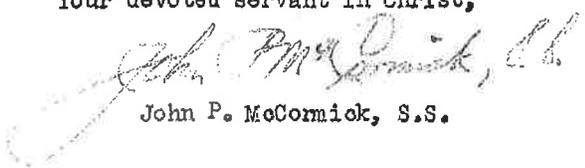
Rector's testimonial for all Winona ordinands
Petition for subdiaconate and diaconate
Profession of faith and oath against modernism
Oath of allegiance to the Diocese
Oath of freedom and knowledge
Faculty opinion.

It is my understanding that this seminary does not take care
of the publication of the banns. Will the Chancery notify the church
of baptism of the reception of subdiaconate?

If Your Excellency wishes these young men to receive subdi-
aconate on June 2nd and the diaconate in the fall, would you kindly
forward the necessary dimissorial letter? A form is enclosed for
Your Excellency's convenience.

Asking Your Excellency's blessing on our work, I am

Your devoted servant in Christ,


John P. McCormick, S.S.

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May 20, 1955

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Philip E. Matthews
St. John the Baptist Church
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Monsignor Matthews,

On June 2 Sylvester Brown of St. John the Baptist Parish is to be ordained to the sacred order of subdeaconship at the Theological College, Washington, D. C. In accordance with the prescriptions of Canon 998 would you kindly make publication of this order which Mr. Brown will receive. This publication should be made at the principal Mass on Sunday, May 29.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chancellor

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NAME OF STUDENT

BROWN SYLVESTER F

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GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
<u>GRADUATE</u>			
A-EXCELLENT	CANON LAW	A	
B-SUPERIOR	ANCIENT CHURCH HISTORY	A	
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL	SACRED SCRIPTURE PSALTER	A	
F-FAILURE	HOMILETICS ELOQUENCE	B	
I-INCOMPLETE	DOGOMATIC THEOLOGY	B	
<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>	MORAL THEOLOGY	B	
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE	SACRED SCRIPTURE EXEGES	C	
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE	ASCETICAL THEOLOGY	D	
C-AVERAGE			
D-THE LOWEST PASSING GRADE			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			

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GRADES	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS
<u>GRADUATE</u>			
A-EXCELLENT	CURRIC OF 2NDARY SCHOOL	B	2
B-SUPERIOR	THE LIFE OF CHRIST	B	2
C-SATISFACTORY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL			
F-FAILURE			
I-INCOMPLETE			
<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>			
A-HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE			
B-SUPERIOR WORK, CLEARLY ABOVE AVERAGE			
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STATEMENT

DUBUQUE, IOWA Aug. 4, 19 55

IN ACCOUNT WITH

LORAS COLLEGE

Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald

Chancery Office
275 Harriet St.,

Winona, Minn.

Date	Statement Rendered	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Brown, Sylvester F. Summer School charges			
	Reg. fee	5.00		
	Tuition	10.00		
	Board	12.00		
	Room	6.75		
				\$ 33.75

LORAS COLLEGE
DUBUQUE, IOWA

PAID
AUG 6 1955

By



PATRICIUS ALOISIUS

DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA

ARCHIEPISCOPUS WASHINGTONENSIS

Universis Praesentes Litteras Inspecturis Salutem et Benedictionem in Domino.

Fidem facimus et testamur *Abhshh/del Rbshhsh* NOS

Die 28 *Mensis* sept. *Anno* 1955

dilectos (um) Nobis in Christo infra inscriptos (um) Sylvestrum Brown

ex { *Diocesi* Winonensi
Ordine
Congregatione
Societate

promovisse ad diaconatum.

Datum Washingtonii signo Rectoris Collegii Divinitatis apud Universitatem Catholicam Americae

Die 29 *Mensis* sept. *Anno* 1955

De Mandato Illius et Revermi Archiepiscopi
Josephus Arand
Rector

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SYLVESTER BROWN, THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
401 MICHIGAN AVE., N. E., WASHINGTON 17, D. C.

December 14, 1955

Your Excellency

Several weeks ago I received final approval on my dissertation. The last requirement before receiving my degree was fulfilled. Although my dissertation was tentatively approved this summer in order to take comprehensions at Dubuque, it has now been submitted for typing before being placed in the library. The study was on the attitude Catholic priests have toward the Legion of Mary and the Obedy. It proved to be very interesting.

Now having completed the work on the degree, I wish to thank you for the appointment here at the Catholic University and the opportunity to acquire the degree. I also appreciated the opportunity to take the comprehensions during the summer. It made

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WASHINGTON 17, D. C.

GRADE REPORT

NAME OF STUDENT BROWN SYLVESTER F

RESIDING ADDRESS: BROWN SYLVESTER F
401 MICHIGAN AVE NE
WASHINGTON 17 DC

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TERM	COURSE	DESCRIPTION OF COURSE	GRADE			CREDIT HOURS			GRADING SYSTEM
			1ST	2ND	SUM	1ST	2ND	SUM	
EO	555	PASTORAL MEDICINE	A						UNDER GRADUATE: A-EXCELLENT B-SUPERIOR C-AVERAGE D-LOWEST PASSING F-FAILURE I-INCOMPLETE WP-WITHDRAWN PASSING WF-WITHDRAWN FAILING GRADUATE: A-EXCELLENT B-SUPERIOR C-SATISFACTORY F-FAILURE I-INCOMPLETE X-CONDITION N-NO GRADE REPORTED
EO	505	SACRAM DOGM THEOLOGY	A						
EO	545	PASTORAL THEOLOGY	A						
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preparation much easier.

*All of the group here has enjoyed
being your guest at dinner during the
Bishops meetings. Such kindness does much
for a family spirit among the groups.*

Sincerely in Christ

By Walter F. Brown

Theological College
401 MICHIGAN AVE., N. E.
WASHINGTON 17, D. C.

I, the undersigned, Sylvester F. Brown,
of the Diocese of Minn., having received
diaconate, do now present to the Most Reverend
Bishop my petition for advancement to the
priesthood.

I do this wholly of my own free
and spontaneous will, fully aware of the
specific obligations attaching to this order.

Signed:

Sylvester F. Brown

Witnessed: John P. M. [unclear], etc.

Date February 17, 1956

FORMULA PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET IURISIURANDI
A SUMMO PONTIFICE PIO PAPA X PRAESCRIPTA

"Præcipimus ut præter fidei professionem, iusiurandum det" (doctor in Seminario) "Antistiti suo, secundum adiectam infra formulam, et subscripto nomine.

Iusiurandum hoc præmissa Fidei professione per formulam a sa. me. Decessore Nostro Pio IV præscriptam, cum adiectis definitionibus Concilii Vatican; suo Antistiti item dabunt:

I. Clerici maioribus ordinibus initiandi; quorum singulis antea tradatur exemplar tum professionis fidei, tum formulæ edendi iurisiurandi ut eas accurate prænoscant, adiecta violati iurisiurandi, ut infra, sanctione.

II. Sacerdotes confessionibus excipiendis destinati et sacri concionatores, antequam facultate donentur ea munia exercendi.

III. Parochi, Canonici, Beneficarii ante ineundam beneficii possessionem.

IV. Officiales in curiis episcopalibus et ecclesiasticis tribunalibus, haud exceptis Vicario generali et iudicibus.

V. Adlecti concionibus habendis per quadragesimæ tempus.

VI. Officiales omnes in Romanis Congregationibus vel tribunalibus coram Cardinali Præfecto vel Secretario eiusdem sive Congregationis sive tribunalis.

VII. Religiosarum familiarum Congregationumque Moderatores et Doctores antequam ineant officium.

Professionis fidei, quam diximus, editique iurisiurandi documenta, peculiaribus in tabulis penes Curias episcopales adserventur, itemque penes Romanarum Congregationum sua quæque officia. Si quis autem, quod Deus avertat, iusiurandum violare ausus fuerit, ad Sancti Officii tribunal illico deferatur."

Motu Proprio "*Sacrorum Antistitum*" diei I Septembris, MCMX.

PROFESSIO ORTHODOXAE FIDEI
IUXTA FORMAM A SUMMIS PONTIFICIBUS PIO IV ET
PIO IX PRAESCRIPTAM

Ego, Sylvester Brown,

firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quæ continentur in Symbolo fidei, quo Sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum Patrem omnipotentem, factorem cœli et terræ, visibilibus omnium et invisibilium.

Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula, Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero, genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt, qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de cœlis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu

Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in cœlum, sedet ad dexteram Patris; et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos et mortuos, cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit; qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur, qui loquutus est per prophetas. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.

Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones reliquasque eiusdem Ecclesiæ observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram Scripturam iuxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto, nec eam unquam, nisi iuxta unanimum consensum Patrum, accipiam et interpretabor.

Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novæ legis a Iesu Christo Domino Nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria, scilicet, Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Penitentiam, Extremam Unctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium, illaque gratiam conferre; et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et adprobatos Ecclesiæ catholicæ ritus in supradictorum omnium sacramentorum solemnem administrationem recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula, quæ de peccato originali et de iustificatione in sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium et propitiatorium Sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis, atque in sanctissimo

Eucharistiæ Sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter corpus et sanguinem una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Iesu Christi, ferique conversionem totius substantiæ panis in corpus, et totius substantiæ vini in sanguinem, quam conversionem catholica Ecclesia transsubstantionem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi. Constanter teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis iuvari. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum reliquias esse venerandas. Firmissime assero imagines Christi ac Deiparæ semper Virginis, nec non aliorum Sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertiendam. Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo. Sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam omnium ecclesiarum matrem et magistram agnosco, Romanoque Pontifici beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori ac Iesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac iuro.

Cætera item omnia a sacris Canonibus et œcumenicis Conciliis, ac præcipue a sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo, et ab œcumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, præsertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor; simulque contraria omnia, atque hæreses quascumque ab Ecclesia damnatas et reiectas et anathematizatas, ego pariter damno, reicio, et anathematizo. Hanc veram catholicam fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in præsentem sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et immaculatam usque ad extremum vitæ spiritum, constantissime, Deo adiuvante, retinere et con-

feri, atque a meis subditis seu illis, | spectabit, teneri et doceri et prædicari,
quorum cura ad me in munere meo | quantum in me erit, curaturum.

Ego idem _____ Sylvester Brown

spondeo, voveo ac iuro. Sic me Deus adiuvet, et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

IURISIURANDI FORMULA

Ego _____ Sylvester Brown _____

firmiter amplector ac recipio omnia et singula, quæ ab inerranti Ecclesiæ magisterio definita, adserta et declarata sunt, præsertim ea doctrinæ capita, quæ huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem: Deum, rerum omnium principium et finem, naturali rationis lumine per ea quæ facta sunt, hoc est per *visibilia* creationis opera, tamquam causam per effectus certo cognosci, adeoque demonstrari etiam posse, profiteor. Secundo: Externa revelationis argumenta, hoc est facta divina, in primisque miracula et prophetias admitto et agnosco tamquam signa certissima divinitus ortæ christianæ Religionis, eademque teneo ætatum omnium atque hominum, etiam huius temporis, intelligentiæ esse maxime accommodata. Tertio: Firma pariter fide credo, Ecclesiam, verbi revelati custodem ac magistram, per ipsum verum atque historicum Christum, quum apud nos degeret, proxime ac directo institutam, eandemque super Petrum, apostolicæ hierarchiæ principem ejusque in ævum successores ædificatam. Quarto: Fidei doctrinam ab Apostolis per orthodoxos Patres eodem sensu eademque semper sen-

tentia ad nos usque transmissam, sincere recipio; ideoque prorsus reiicio hæreticum commentum evolutionis dogmatum, ab uno in alium sensum transeuntium, diversum ab eo, quem prius habuit Ecclesia; pariterque damno errorem omnem, quo, divino deposito, Christi Sponsæ tradito ab Eaque fideliter custodiendo, sufficitur philosophicum inventum, vel creatio humanæ conscientiæ, hominum conatu sensim efformatæ et in posterum indefinito progressu perficiendæ. Quinto: Certissime teneo ac sincere profiteor, Fidem non esse cæcum sensum religionis e latebris *subconscientiæ* erumpentem, sub pressione cordis et inflexionis voluntatis moraliter informatæ, sed verum assensum intellectus veritati extrinsecus acceptæ ex auditu, quo nempe, quæ a Deo personali, creatore ac domino nostro dicta, testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credimus, propter Dei auctoritatem summe veracis.

Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subicio totoque animo adhæreo damnationibus, declarationibus, præscriptis omnibus, quæ in Encyclicis litteris "*Pascendi*" et in Decreto "*Lamentabili*" continentur, præsertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant.— Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiæ repugnare, et catholica dog-

mata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum verioribus christianæ religionis originibus componi non posse.—Damno quoque ac reiicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi liceret historico ea retinere quæ credentis fidei contradicant, aut præmissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo hæc directo non denegentur.—Reprobo pariter eam Scripturæ Sanctæ diiudicandæ atque interpretandæ rationem, quæ, Ecclesiæ traditione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicæ Sedis normis posthabitis, *rationalistarum* commentis inhæret, et critice textus velut unicum supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere amplectitur.—Sententiam præterea illorum reiicio qui tenent, doctori disciplinæ historicæ theologicæ tradendæ, aut iis de rebus scribenti seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine catholicæ traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus ope ad perennem conservationem uniuscuiusque revelati veri; deinde scripta Patrum singulorum interpretanda solis scientiæ principiis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclusa, eaque iudicii libertate, qua profana quævis monumenta solent in-

vestigari.—In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore profiteor, quo *modernistæ* tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe deterius, pantheistico sensu illud admittunt; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historici factis æquandum; hominum nempe sua industria, solertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque Apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes ætates continuantium. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retineo et ad extremum vitæ spiritum retinebo, de charismate *veritatis certo*, quod est, fuit eritque semper in *episcopatus ab Apostolis successione*;¹ non ut id teneatur quod melius et aptius videri possit secundum suam cuiusque ætatis culturam, sed ut *nunquam aliter credatur, nunquam aliter intelligatur absoluta et immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos prædicata*.²

Hæc omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab iis sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adiuvet et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

1. Iren. 4, c. 26.

2. Præser. c. 28.

Sylvester Brown

Professione fidei præscripta emissa, hoc iuramentum editum et subscrip-

tum est coram me die *18^o* mensis *Martii* anni *1956*

Joanne P. M. Gormick, S. B.

Rector Coll. Theol. Washingtonen.



PATRICIUS ALOISIUS

GRATIA DEI ET SANCTAE SEDIS APOSTOLICAE
ARCHIEPISCOPUS WASHINGTONENSIS

Per praesentes litteras cunctis fidem facimus atque testamur dilectum Nobis in Christo.....SYLVESTRUM BROWN.....qui, ratione commorationis per plusquam sex menses intra limites Nostrae Archidioecesis, litteris testimonialibus Nostris indiget ut ad ordines promoveri possit, per totum illud tempus ita vitam et mores instituisse, ut quoad sciamus, liber ab omni censura et ab omni ordinationis impedimento ex Archidioecesi nostra discesserit, adeoque ex hac parte nihil obstare, quominus ab Episcopo suo ad Tonsuram aut Minores Majoresve Ordines rite promoveatur.

In quorum fidem has testimoniales litteras, manu Nostra subscriptas, expediri jussimus.

Datum Washingtonii, sub signo sigilloque Nostro, die DECIMA QUINTA.....
mensis.....APRILIS..... anni 1956.....

De Mandato Ordinarii

Rector
Collegii Theologici
Catholicae Universitatis Americae
Washingtonensis

Theological College

401 Michigan Ave., N. E.

Washington 17, D. C.

Sylvester F. Brown

Candidate for Priesthood

Opinion of the Rector and Faculty

There is nothing to add to the favorable reports previously sent regarding this young man. We feel that he gives very fine promise for the priesthood.


John P. McCormick, S.S.,
Rector

April 28, 1956

SB000336

May 8, 1956

Rev. Mr. Sylvester F. Brown
Theological College
401 Michigan Avenue, N. E.
Washington 17, D. C.

Dear Sylvester,

It has been customary for the priests to repay to the Diocese the sum of \$125 for each year of education paid for by the Diocese. I am, therefore, enclosing a Note to this effect. We would appreciate if you would sign and return this at your earliest convenience. You will note that it is expected that the amount to be paid should be made in monthly installments of at least \$10 beginning with September 1, 1956. Also note that a discount of 20% is allowed if the amount is paid before September 1.

According to the records here at the Chancery you received \$952 from the Scholarship Fund at the time that you were at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. From what I have learned, the understanding is that one-fourth of the amount received is to be repaid to the Diocese. In view of this \$238 will be owed. Of course, the 20% discount which is allowed in regard to the repayment of the seminary obligation does not apply to this Scholarship payment.

I understand that the question has arisen as to whether or not it is necessary that you write in advance for reservations to be made for the ordination ceremony at the Cathedral. This is not necessary since we can work out this matter the previous evening.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. F. W. Klein
Chancellor

enc.

SB000337

Theological College

401 Michigan Ave., N. E.

Washington 17, D. C.

May 8, 1966

The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Your Excellency:

I have consulted the seminary faculty, and we recommend
that Your Excellency call to the sacred order of priesthood

SYLVESTER FRANCIS BROWN ✓
JAMES AMBROSE McCAULEY
JOHN MATTHEWS TIGHE

deacons of the Diocese of Winona.

Herewith I enclose for the Chancery files, besides the
Rector's testimonial for all the Winona ordinands, the following
papers for each of these three young men:

Certificate of diaconate
Petition for priesthood
Oath of freedom and knowledge
Profession of faith and oath against modernism
preliminary to granting faculties
Testimonial from Archdiocese of Washington
Faculty opinion.

It is my understanding that this seminary does not take
care of the publication of the banns.

Trusting that Your Excellency is making speedy progress
toward a complete recovery and promising my prayers, I am

Your devoted servant in Christ,


John P. McCormick, S.S.

SB000338

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D. D.
Bishop of Winona
Box 115
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

As a tangible expression of my appreciation for the financial assistance given by the Diocese for my education to the Holy Priesthood, I agree to contribute to the Diocese of Winona the sum of \$500.00 to help educate other young men for the priesthood. This amount shall be paid to the Diocese in monthly contributions of at least \$10.00 beginning with September 1, 1956.

Date May 10, 1956

Signed Hyacinth F. Brown

A discount of 20% will be allowed by the Diocese if the above amount is paid in full before September 1, 1956.

SB000339

**EDUARDUS ALOYSIUS
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA
EPISCOPUS WINONENSIS**

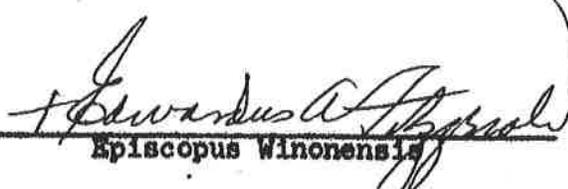
**Universis et singulis, ad quos praesentes litterae pervenerint
notum facimus**

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

Silvestrum Franciscum Brown

**praeviis spiritualibus exercitiis, ac praevio examine de ejus
idoneitate ad normam Sacrorum Canonum, cum caeremoniis et solem-
nitatibus a Sancta Romana Ecclesia praescriptis, in Ecclesia
Cathedralis Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu, Winonae de Minnesota,
die 31a mensis maii, anno 1956, 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 31a mensis
mai, anno 1956.**


Episcopus Winonensis

Cancellarius

May 31, 1956

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the Reverend Sylvester F. Brown, Mankato, 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

May 31, 1956

Reverend John M. Tighe
Winona, Minnesota

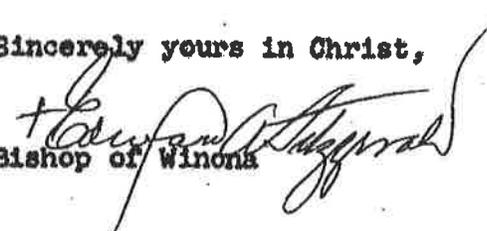
Dear Father Tighe,

It gives me great pleasure to assure you that the faculties of the Diocese of Winona are herewith granted to you. The pagella 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).

SB000342

May 31, 1956

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I wish to congratulate you on your ordination to the Holy Priesthood for the Diocese of Winona and to wish you many blessings in your work.

You will kindly report at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary on June 14 to assist the priests there.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
TERRACE HEIGHTS
WINONA, MINNESOTA

June 29, 1956

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald
275 Harriet Street
Winona, Minnesota

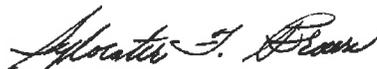
Your Excellency,

This letter is in regard to the conversation of a few days ago. At that time I asked about the regulations concerning permission to keep a car. A car was given to me as an ordination gift. Permission was granted and this letter was requested as a record of it.

The car is a 1956 Plymouth.

Thank you for granting this permission.

Obediently yours in Christ


(Rev.) Sylvester F. Brown

SB000344

July 3, 1956

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am pleased to grant you permission to accept the 1956 Plymouth which was given to you as an ordination gift. I hope that it may be of great help to you in your priestly work.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

July 27, 1956

Reverend Sylvester Brown
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am pleased to appoint you to be assistant principal and instructor at St. Mary's Catholic High School, Owatonna, with residence at Sacred Heart Rectory, Owatonna, effective as of August 16, 1956. In making this appointment I expect that you will devote full time during the school year to your work at St. Mary's Catholic High School as instructor in the subjects that will be assigned to you and in supervising the activities of the students. You will receive your compensation from St. Mary's High School for nine months of the year, and from Sacred Heart Church during the summer months of June, July and August when you will serve as an assistant pastor. Since you will have residence at Sacred Heart Rectory, I know that you will give assistance to Mgr. Kasal in the hearing of confessions and in the offering of Holy Mass on Sundays, insofar as it does not interfere with your school work. You will offer daily Mass for the Sisters at the Convent unless some emergency, such as a funeral or wedding at Sacred Heart, may require your presence at a regular parish Mass.

Since this marks the beginning of the Senior High School at Owatonna, it is important that every effort be made to contribute toward the success of this undertaking because upon the foundation that will be laid now will depend the strength of the superstructure that will be built during the coming years.

I have granted you permission to be absent from your assignment during the last week in August when you will be in attendance at the Mission Crusade Convention to be held at the University of Notre Dame, August 23 to 27. I hope that you will continue your interest in the mission work as you have done during your school days as a college and seminary student.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

ST. MARY'S CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
730 SOUTH CEDAR STREET
OWATONNA - MINNESOTA

July 9, 1957

His Excellency, The Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald
275 Harvard Street
Kansas, Miss

Your Excellency,

Enclosed is a check for the scholarship fund to
educate seminarians. Please enter it as an
anonymous gift. It is only a token of the thanks for
those who helped me.

Sincerely in Christ
Father Sylvester Basso

July 11, 1957

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Marian High School
730 South Cedar Street
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I wish to thank you for your very generous contribution toward the education of seminarians. I trust that God may bless you for this generosity.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

August 11, 1958

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Sacred Heart Church
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

With the approaching opening of the new Marian High School I am pleased to appoint you to be Executive Secretary of the St. Mary's School Board which will include the grade school and the Marian High School.

This Board will approve the general policies for the schools and also the budget necessary to be paid by each parish monthly for ten months for the operation of both schools.

I am also appointing you as Superintendent of the schools. You will be assisted by the new Principals who have been appointed by the Sisters of St. Francis, and particularly by Sister Mary Colman who will be the Principal of the high school. She has had considerable experience in the operation of high schools in many places in the Diocese and also is experienced in the requisites for the accreditation of a Catholic high school.

I am sure that you will work with the pastors and the Sisters in the development of these schools in Owatonna.

Wishing you many blessings and success in this important work, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Msgr. Kasal
Fr. Speck

SB000349

Rev. Sylvester F. Brown
810 South Cedar Street
Owatonna, Minnesota

August 12, 1958

The Most Rev. Edward C. Fitzgerald
275 Huron Street
Minneapolis, Minn.

Your Excellency

I received your letter of appointment
as Executive Secretary of the school board and
superintendent of the schools here in Owatonna.
You can be assured of my whole hearted
work in this appointment. May I ask for
your prayers so that I may live up to
what you expect of me.

Obediently & Sincerely in Christ
Sylvester F. Brown

August 14, 1958

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Sacred Heart Church
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am herewith appointing you to act as chaplain for the Catholic Daughters Court 1180 of Owatonna for the coming year. I have notified Mrs. Mary Prekker, Grand Regent, whose address is 703 South Oake Street, that you will assist them in their spiritual work.

I trust that you will find it convenient to accept this appointment and that you will zealously help them in their work of Catholic Action.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Msgr. Kasal

SB000351

August 25, 1958

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Sacred Heart Church
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am herewith appointing you to be Extraordinary Confessor for the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Christ the King Parish in Medford for a period of three years beginning with Ember Week of next month.

I am sure that you will prayerfully perform this important work of spiritual guidance for the good Sisters who will repay you by their prayers for you.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

ST. MARY'S CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
730 SOUTH CEDAR STREET
OWATONNA - - MINNESOTA

August 28, 1958

The Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald
275 Summit Street
Minn., Minn.

Your Excellency
I have received your recent letter noting the change of date for the dedication to October 25th, the appointment as extra ordinary confessor to the Rectory at Medford and the appointment as chaplain to the Catholic Daughters. I will attempt to discharge these duties to the best of my ability.

Work on the school was slow for a time, but now it is coming to completion. The top two floors are ready for school. Work remains in the cafeteria and kitchen area.

Our short term loan from the Security Board for \$5,000 will be due September 20th. Investigation is being made for an extension, if you wish to have it carried out that way.

Would it be possible for you to provide at our first graduation class from Marian High School next spring? It would be a great honor for us.

Obediently and sincerely yours in Christ
Rev. A. L. Brown

SB000353

September 2, 1958

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Superintendent, Marian High School
730 South Cedar Street
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am pleased to hear that the building program has progressed satisfactorily and that you will be able to open classes today.

Since the Diocese has already loaned Marian High School \$350,000.00, I would be pleased if we are able to secure an extension of the present loan from the Security Bank. I am enclosing herewith a proxy authorizing such a loan.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

February 22, 1960

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Sacred Heart Church
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am enclosing a letter which I have received from _____ in which she seeks a dispensation for her family. She refers me to you as knowing the general situation and conditions.

I therefore delegate you to grant her a dispensation so that the only times when they would not be permitted to eat meat would be Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of the year, the Vigil of Immaculate Conception on December 7, and December 23, if you consider such a dispensation desirable.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona



*Fell
J. Brown*

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

on Marian Drive

Owatonna, Minnesota

Superintendent, Fr. Sylvester Brown

Phone-7875

Principal, Sr. M. Colman, O.S.F.

August 7, 1961

*The Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald
275 Hamlet Street
Vienna, Va.*

Your Excellency,

*I wish to thank you for the appointment to
care of the state school children.*

*My hope is that Father Halloran will be able to
teach a couple hours a day in school. Increased enrollments
always present a teacher problem. With the situation
as it is at the rectory, teaching does help to give one
a feeling of accomplishment also.*

*Sincerely,
Father A. Brown*



MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL
on Marian Drive

Owatonna, Minnesota

2/4/63

The Most Rev. Edward Tuttydahl
275 Harriet St.
Minna, Minn.

Your Excellency,
Rev. Barry of the Episcopal Church asked me
to talk on the ecumenical movement. I told
him that I would have to have permission
to do so. He has indicated that he would
write you.

In further discussion, I found it would



MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL
on Marian Drive

Owatonna, Minnesota

be in the church proper and have problems
of a religious service. With this additional
information, I feel it is something different
than my impression at first. Please advise
me in regard to your desire in this.

Assuredly and obediently,
Father Ayl. Brown

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

"Where the whole family worships together"

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:00 A. M. Holy Communion
10:30 A. M. Family Worship Service*

Rev. C. H. "Jack" Berry Sr., Rector
Rectory - 116 E. Prospect St.
Phone 451-6688

*Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Kindly Address All Mail—P. O. Box No. 344

February 5th, 1963

The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, Bishop
Diocese of Winona
275 Harriet St.
Winona, Minnesota.

Re: Father S. F. Brown, Principal
Marian High School
Owatonna, Minnesota

Your Excellency;

Again this year, we are planning a series of midweek noontime Lenten services to which the entire public is most cordially invited. It is a very short service consisting almost entirely of a sermon, talk, address, or meditation. Our format was very successful last year, so we are following it again this except for the matter of an offering. This year, there will be no formal offering, but rather an opportunity for a free-will contribution after the service.

Our format is as follows:

12:10 - 12:14	Short grouping of prayers.
12:14	Introduction of the Guest Preacher.
12:15	Guest Preacher
12:29	Closing Prayer and Benediction.
12:30	Luncheon is ready on the tables in Brown Hall.
1:00 P.M.	People are back at their places of business.

The theme which I have chosen for this year's series is -
"THE ECUMENICAL ASPECT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH" - and have invited Guest Preachers for the various Wednesdays of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire, and seek your approval, for Father Brown to be one of our Guest Preachers. I would be most happy if you would give your approval, for he is very well liked and respected in this community, is one whom I consider a very good friend, and would very much like to have as an opening speaker on Ash Wednesday, February 27th. If this date did not meet with his approval it might be that March 13th would suit his convenience better. In any event, we can work out the details as to date, if it would meet with your approval and blessing.

Sincerely hoping that you will find it possible to extend your approval for his acceptance of our invitation, and assuring you of our sincere and deep appreciation for the work being accomplished by The Ecumenical Council under the direction of Pope John, I remain

Most sincerely,



CHB/ms cc/FrB

SB000357

February 6, 1963

Reverend C. H. Berry, Sr.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Berry,

I have your letter of February 5 in which you request permission for Father Brown of Marian High School to participate in a Lenten service which you conduct for the public. I am pleased to hear of the title of your series of talks; but I cannot grant permission for Father Brown to participate in a religious service in a church other than our own.

I would be willing to grant him permission to appear at your church outside of a religious exercise to speak on the Ecumenical Council, but the time allotted for this noon-day service would hardly be sufficient to give any adequate explanation of the program which was under way and will reconvene this year at Vatican City.

I appreciate very much your courtesy in inviting him, but I trust that you will understand that our position of not participating in any religious service of our separated brethren remains as always. Our ecumenical understanding is that there must be charity among us and that we must respect the sincere and honest opinions of others who are following the dictates of their conscience. We must, however, follow our own convictions that the Catholic Church possesses the one true faith to which, of course, we would welcome all to join with us under the leadership of Christ through His representative, the successor of St. Peter, Pope John XXIII.

Wishing you success in your endeavor to develop a religious spirit in the Lenten season, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

SB000358

February 6, 1963

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Marian High School
Marian Drive
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to Dr. Berry. I do not think that we can join in a religious service such as he has outlined because we are still prohibited by Canon Law from participating actively in a religious service other than our own.

I have stated in my letter to him that it would be possible for you to speak on the Second Vatican Council to a group provided that you alone would have charge and that the occasion would be merely a talk on the Vatican Council and not a religious service.

With kindest regards and best wishes and hoping to see you next Sunday evening at the K. of C. dinner, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

SB000359

April 26, 1963

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Marian High School
Marian Drive
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

On the recommendation of the administration of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary I am pleased to appoint you to serve as a member of the faculty of the Seminary and St. Mary's College in Winona effective as of June 17. You will kindly consult with Bishop Speltz concerning the work that will be assigned to you and the room at the Seminary where you will reside.

I also grant you permission for the projected trip to Europe concerning which you asked me some time ago.

It is with regret that I relieve you of your duties as Superintendent of St. Mary's Grade School and Marian High School which you have so successfully administered during the past seven years. During this time you have organized the High School and brought it to its present excellent status.

I am sure that the same zeal which you have exercised in that assignment will be exercised in your new responsibilities of guiding and directing the candidates for the priesthood at our Seminary as well as the students at St. Mary's College who may come under your direction.

With prayers for your success and hoping that you may enjoy a very pleasant trip through Europe, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Most Rev. George H. Speltz

SB000360

April 30, 1963

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Marian High School
Marian Drive
Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

To confirm our conversation of last evening I am pleased to grant you permission to be absent from the Diocese from June 24 to August 16 in order that you may make a trip to Europe including attendance at a two-week summer Institute at Oxford University.

I would be pleased if you could secure more information concerning the possible Scripture course that is being offered there at that time as I believe it would be useful to you in your newly assigned work at St. Mary's College in the department of Religion.

I am enclosing herewith a celebret which I hope will be useful to you in your travels; and I pray that you may enjoy the relaxation and educational experiences available by a European trip.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

SB000361

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

Terrace Heights
WINONA, MINNESOTA

May 4, 1963

His Excellency
Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald
Chancery Office
275 Harriet Street
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

I am enclosing Confirmation cards from Vernon Center and Lake Crystal. Although I assured Father Guerber that a honorarium was unnecessary, he did give me one.

I wish to acknowledge and to thank you for your check of \$100 as a stipend from the Chancery. The monthly Seminary check will be reduced in a like amount.

I wish to ask your permission for publication of my Ames talk on Theology of Rural Life: The Catholic Perspective which you read a few weeks ago. The Iowa State University is publishing all the papers given during the three day symposium.

I have written Father Sylvester Brown to tell him how very happy we are that he will be joining the College and Seminary faculty. I feel that he will be a very valuable addition to the faculty. I want to thank you very sincerely for sending him to us. I am suggesting to Brother Julius, Dean, that Father Brown teach some Religion courses, one of the Education courses taken by our seminarians and that he be given some scheduled hours for counselling at the College. I shall also ask Father Brown to supervise the Saturday morning teaching of Religion with the hope that the Saturday morning work can be integrated with the Education course he will be teaching.

With all esteem and good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+ George H. Spelts

Most Reverend George H. Spelts
Auxiliary Bishop of Winona
Rector

May 9, 1963

His Excellency
The Most Reverend George H. Speltz, D. D.
Rector, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Bishop Speltz,

In accordance with your request I am pleased to approve and grant an imprimatur for the publication of the talk on "Theology of Rural Life" which you gave at Iowa State College.

I congratulate you on the excellence of that paper and trust that it may be helpful to many in the development of a sane and important program for rural development.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
WINONA, MINNESOTA

The Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald
275 Harriet Street
Winona, Minn

Your Excellency
Father ^{Edward} Sherman and I will be visiting
Rome on July 10th through the 13th.
We are to have reservations at the
Pensione Sitta, Via Vittorio Emmanuel Orlando 90
We would like to have an audience if
possible.

Sincerely + obediently
A. Brown

I have a safely deposit box at Winona National
Savings Bank.



OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE COUNSEL
Phone (507) 455-0172

Dear Becky Mother

On last Tuesday, your question about
when I would like to see you in
person. I'd not sure if you still want
I would state a preference. After reflecting you
it is the freedom of the world's justice
system, all the more challenging.
The reason for saying this is:

1) In the light of all previous practices
efficiency I feel I can move in
distancing their importance.

2) I have not continuing in working
to help our schools open. My experience
as representative in Washington and in
helpful for the school. I hope you will.

3) It is not to be done in place over
this time, unless you see a
part over that would not be
done with someone else.



OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE CHAPLAIN
Phone (507) 452-2172

I have had contact through retreat work in that area. I know Fr. Daly fairly well. I feel I could work jointly in that area and thereby attain my degree in Religious Education from Loyola.

My aunt of mine has been helpful about being my housekeeper. Lake City would allow her to be fairly close for family contacts.

I understand your problems in placing priests. This is merely to put in writing some reflections on your first question to me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Lyle Brown

August 21, 1963

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

In addition to your assignments as instructor at St. Mary's College, I wish to appoint you as chaplain at De Sales Hall for the faculty of the Christian Brothers and also to serve as assistant chaplain to Father Literski for the college students. I also appoint you as ordinary confessor at the Scholasticate.

I also appoint you as Diocesan Director of Vocations. This position does not require any special active work outside, but you will serve as a clearing house for those who seek Vocation materials or seek assistance in regard to the Vocation Crusade.

Wishing you many blessings as you undertake your new assignments, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Msgr. McGinnis
Brother I. Basil

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

Terrace Heights
WINONA, MINNESOTA

August 23, 1963

The Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald
275 Harriet Street
Winona, Minnesota

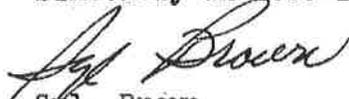
Your Excellency;

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your appointments as chaplain at De La Salle Hall, assistant to Father Literski, confessor at the Scholasticate and Director of Vocations.

I will do my best to fulfill these duties.

I wish to thank you for allowing me to visit Europe this summer. I feel that I have gotten a great benefit from it. I found the course at St. Mary's College in London very helpful in formulating a program for my education course here.

Sincerely and obediently in R


S. L. Brown

SB000365



Saint Mary's College

WINONA, MINNESOTA - 55987

OFFICE OF THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

July 20, 1964

The Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald

275 Harriet

Winona, Minn.

Your Excellency:

I am deeply grateful to you for allowing me to attend the Loyola Counseling Institute. Two things in my life have influenced my own spiritual life in such richness. It is my hope that I may share this through out my life in the priesthood - most especially those looking toward that vocation.

The scripture well at Maryknoll - Glen Elgin was rewarding also. He had a faculty of world fame.

I have been advised to submit the expenses of this institute to your office. They are as follows:

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Saint Mary's College

WINONA, MINNESOTA - 55987

OFFICE OF THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Loyola Counseling Institute

Tuition

\$50⁰⁰

Board + Room

\$43⁰⁰

Marshall Scripture Institute

Tuition + Board + Room

\$65⁰⁰

My hope is that my assistance to you in your apostolate will reflect your generosity in allowing me to do this study.

Sincerely in Christ
Al. Brown

July 24, 1964

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am pleased to hear that you had a very successful and profitable spiritual experience at the Counseling Institute in Chicago as well as the Scriptural weekend at Maryknoll.

We are enclosing a check for \$152 as reimbursement for the expenses incurred by you. The Diocese notified the priests that it would reimburse anyone who wished to attend an official institute of our contribution of \$60 toward expenses.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

SB000368

J. M. S.

School Sisters of Notre Dame

218 90. LINTON ST.

BLUE EARTH, MINNESOTA

June 21, 1965

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

Your Excellency,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Since Father Francis Felton
died we have been without a
Confessor at Blue Earth. Our
mission will be open all summer,
so we humbly beg your
Excellency to appoint a confessor
for us.

May God reward you for
your care of us.

Sincerely,
Sister Mary Justin
Superior

L. J. Ch.

June 22, 1965

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
St. Mary's Church
Winnebago, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I will be pleased if you will accept the obligation as ordinary confessor pro tem to the School Sisters of Notre Dame located at Blue Earth since they inform me that their convent remains open during the summer and Father Felten had been their confessor.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Sister Mary Justin, Superior
Blue Earth

SB000370

St. Mary's Church

PHONE NO. 272
WINNEBAGO, MINN.

July 14, 1965

Your Excellency.

My days at Winnebago have been most enjoyable. Although I'm sure Marquette would have given some new ideas, the chance to be in a parish was most rewarding.

To keep up on current affairs I did attend the Summer Bible Workshop at the Marshall

St. Mary's Church

PHONE NO. 272
WINNEBAGO, MINN.

Seminary near Chicago last week. I found it a great help for some new views to present next fall. Is the system of re-emburment still in force this year? The fee was \$70⁰⁰.

I'll be looking forward to celebrating your 49th on the 25th of this month.

Yours, & obediently yours
Lyle Brown

SB000371

July 19, 1965

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
St. Mary's Church
Winnebago, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I have received your letter and am happy to enclose our check for \$50 which is the amount I have promised to reimburse all those who attended Institutes this summer. I am pleased to know that you were able to attend one of them and that you have profited from the one at Glen Ellyn.

As the date of your administratorship at Winnebago draws near, I presume that you have arranged for a vacation period.

I would be happy if you are able, without conflict with your present plans, to help temporarily at St. Mary's Church in Worthington beginning August 16 until and including September 12. Monsignor Hale has been given permission to begin a trip to Europe after August 15 and will be gone until November, but I hope to be able to send another priest to assist there after September 12. If you have already made definite plans, otherwise, please let me know so that I can arrange for someone else to supply.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

SB000372

May 3, 1966

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

In accordance with our conversation in discussing the important work of Spiritual Director of the Seminary I herewith appoint you to this very responsible position for the coming year. You will continue to serve as Director of Vocations, helping promote them whenever possible, and you will teach a partial schedule of classes at St. Mary's College insofar as it does not conflict with your necessary work of spiritual direction for the seminarians.

It is my desire that the program of spiritual direction at the Seminary continue insofar as each member of the faculty is eligible as a spiritual director for the students who may choose them for that purpose. The overall purpose of the Seminary Spiritual Director shall be to work with members of the faculty and to hold with them dialogues to discuss problems and the implementation of their solution. These shall be conducted under the direction of the Rector of the Seminary who is ultimately responsible for all the activities and life within the Seminary.

I am sure that you will be most effective in giving prudent and wise guidance to those who are preparing for the priesthood. Upon their formation depends their life in the priesthood and their efficacy in dealing with the People of God under the direction of their Bishop.

We discussed the possibility of your attending a workshop or some course which would be of value to you in your new work. I trust that you will find someplace where you may obtain this assistance. I expect that the Seminary shall be responsible financially for your salary during the summer as well as the expenses incurred in pursuing such course.

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Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
May 3, 1966
Page two

Thanking you for your very splendid cooperation in all assignments that have been given to you, and with prayers that God may bless you in this new responsibility, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Msgr. McGinnis

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STUDENT GRADE REPORT
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GRADE REPORT

OF STUDENT BROWN SYLVESTER F

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BROWN SYLVESTER F
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

May 7, 1966

The Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald
275 Harriet
Winona, Minn.

Your Excellency,

I thank you for the trust you have placed in me by the recent appointment you have given me. May God grant I live up to the expectations you have in me.

Permission has been granted by Fr. Curran to attend his course at Loyola University.

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Terrace Heights
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

The course will be in session from June 15th to August 5th.

May God go between you and all harm.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Agyl. Brown

May 7, 1966

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am pleased to hear that you will be able to enroll at Loyola University for the summer session June 15 to August 5. I trust that the courses and the contacts made with those attending the session may be most helpful to you in the pursuance of your assigned tasks through the coming year.

Asking God's blessings on you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

SB000376

Dear Father,

Just a note to reinforce the sentiments I expressed to you last week. I am really sorry that you will not have the intimate contact with the students as in the past. This sorrow, if such it might be called, is tempered by the realization that you are much more an influential and spiritually significant role in the diocese as Spiritual Director (master) of our seminaries. I pray that an abundance of grace will attend your effort.

Please do not feel disassociated with the college, however, I certainly would appreciate it were you to continue to consider yourself as part of the faculty.

Again, thank you for the wonderful service that you have rendered the boys on campus over these years.

Very sincerely,

Brother J. Gregory, F.S.C.
President

Father S. J. Brown
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

May 10, 1966

cc - Bishop Fitzgerald

SB000377



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Chancellor

June 15, 1966

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D.D.
Bishop of Winona
275 Harriet Street
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Your Excellency:

May I acknowledge with gratitude your gracious letter of June 2, 1966, informing Bishop O'Donnell of your plan to send Fathers Sylvester Brown and David Busch, priests of the Diocese of Winona, to attend the 1966 summer sessions at Loyola University here in Chicago. Father Brown has already arrived in Chicago and has paid a courtesy call here at the Chancery Office. Enclosed is a copy of the letter of His Excellency, Archbishop Cody, granting faculties to Father Brown.

As Your Excellency states in your kind letter, Father Busch will arrive around June 26, and we shall be looking forward to meeting him.

With sentiments of esteem and deep appreciation, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John R. Keating
Assistant Chancellor

Enc.

SB000378



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 15, 1966

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Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Loyola Hall
6551 North Sheridan Road
Chicago, Illinois 60626

Dear Father Brown:

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In view of your credentials and your legitimate assignment to the Archdiocese of Chicago by your own Most Reverend Ordinary, I am pleased to grant you permission to reside in this Archdiocese for the duration of the 1966 summer session at Loyola University.

P

I hereby grant you the faculties of the Archdiocese of Chicago for the duration of your residence at Loyola Hall. Since you are not strictly a "vicarius cooperator," I would advise you that this does not include the faculty of assisting at marriages. You must be expressly delegated to assist at each particular marriage by the pastor or his assistant.

Y

A subsequent change of residence in the Archdiocese may be made only with my written consent, at which time your faculties will need to be renewed.

With every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear Father Brown,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

SB000379

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY — CHICAGO
Graduate School

Name BROWN, Sylvester Francis

Address St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn. 55987

Telephone

Date of Birth 9/7/30 Place Minnesota

Degree Sought (Unclassified) M. Rel.ED. Field Religious Education

Colleges Attended Saint Mary's College

Degrees and Dates B.A., 1952

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	SESSION	HOURS	GRADE	INSTRUCTOR
Psyc 368	Problems of Interviewing and Counseling	1966	Summer	3	93 A	Fr. Curran
Psyc 569	Seminar in Non-Directive Counseling	1966	Summer	3	93 A	Fr. Curran
Educ M71	Institute on Religious Education	1967	Summer	6	94 A	Staff
Educ 429	Philosophy & Contemporary Man	1968	Summer	2	A	Dr. Boelen
Educ 437	Religious Anthropology	1968	Summer	2	B	Fr. DiGiacomo
Educ 448	Laboratory in Human Relations	1968	Summer	2	A	Fr. Egan

MASTER'S PROGRAM

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GRADING SYSTEM IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Prior to September, 1941
 SH—Special Honors (96-100)
 H—Honors (85-95)
 P—Passed (75-84)
 F—Failed (0-74)
 I—Incomplete
 X—Absent from Examination
 W—Withdrawn

After September, 1941
 A (93-100) 4
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 C (77-84) 2
 D (70-76) 1
 F (Failure) 0
 W—Withdrawn with permission
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 I—Incomplete
 X—Absent from examination

Numerical Grades in the Graduate School
The Graduate School of Arts & Sciences converted to letter grades effective June 1, 1969.

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The Graduate School

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF COURSE	DEPT.	COURSE NUMBER	SEM. HRS. CREDIT	GRD.	POINTS
BROWN SYLVESTER F.		08 00000851			
1ST SUM 1968-69					
DEVEL OF CHRISTIAN PERSONALITY	RLED	414	2.0	A	8.0
RELIGIOUS SOCIOLOGY	RLED	402	2.0	A	8.0
SAC MEDIA CONTMP SPIRITUALITY	RLED	413	2.0	B	6.0
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CURRENT	6.0	6.0	22.0		3.67



June 21, 1966

The Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald
275 Street
Minna, Minn.

Your Excellency:

So far, summer school has proved most interesting. The readings will certainly keep me busy. I've made contact with a number of spiritual directors. I'm sure this, plus the contact with the priests coming to the Pastoral Institute will help prepare me for the fall. Thank you for allowing me to have this opportunity.

Msgr. Galbraith wrote me a very encouraging letter. I'll be anxious

to see him this summer.

I hope I'll be able to come home
for your anniversary. I'll have to
wait and see how the parish
situation is at that time. Presently,
I'm at St. Stephen's Church, 1253 Everett
Des Plaines, Ill. I'm to help out here
for three weeks while the assistant is
away and then week-ends for the
rest of the summer session. The church
appreciated your letter and our assistance.

May God go between you and all
harm.

Respectfully Yours,
Alfred Brown

June 27, 1966

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
St. Stephen's Church
1253 Everett
Des Plaines, Illinois

Dear Father Brown,

I thank you for your letter of June 21 and am pleased to hear that you are registered and adjusted to your class work and that you are finding it congenial as well as very instructive. I am also pleased to hear that for the next three weeks you have a home in a parish which I am sure will be helpful to you in preparation for your seminary assignment.

I have received word from Archbishop Cousins of Milwaukee that they are hosting a convention for diocesan directors of vocations September 12-15. I hope that you may be able to arrange your schedule so as to attend this meeting because of the critical period of confusion through which we are passing. The Diocese will be responsible for your expenses. I am sending your name to Archbishop Cousins since the registration to this is limited.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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St. Stephen's Rectory
1207 EVERETT AVE.
DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

July 5, 1966

Most Rev. Edward Fetyguald
275 Hermit
Winona, Minn.

Your Excellency,

Parish life in the suburb has
been a lesson in itself. I have
gotten a great deal from it.

The pastor here was very much
pleased to see the personal interest
you take in the priests of your
diocese. The fact that you took
time to write to me was a
great surprise to him.

I'll be happy to attend the
vocation director's convention on
Sept 12th to 15th.

Did you know that

St. Stephens Rectory
1267 EVERETT AVE.
DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

*husband has terminal cancer? He
has always been so concerned about
doing an effective service as*

*May God go between you and
all harm.*

*Sincerely & obediently
yours in Christ*
Sgt. Brown

September 7, 1967

Reverend Sylvester J. Brown, M.A.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Winona, Minnesota, 55987

Dear Father Brown,

In accordance with our conversation, I will be pleased if you are able to arrange to attend the Meeting of the Diocesan Directors for Vocations scheduled for Kansas City, Kansas, September 18 - 21.

I believe that the easiest method of transportation will be by air from Rochester to Kansas City and return. I am enclosing herewith a check for \$100.00 to cover the expenses to attend this meeting. I trust that they may be able to give us some helpful guidance to re-establish and increase vocations which have lessened greatly in the past few years.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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November 27, 1967

The Danforth Foundation
607 North Grand Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Dear Sirs:

The Reverend Sylvester F. Brown, M.A., has requested that I write to you my recommendation and evaluation of his abilities and qualifications for a Danforth Campus Ministry Grant.

He was ordained a Catholic priest for the apostolate of Christ in the Diocese of Winona on May 31, 1956. He completed the classical and philosophical courses prescribed for admission to a school of Theology with the A. B. degree summa cum laude from St. Mary's College in June, 1952, and was elected to membership in Delta Epsilon Sigma, national honor society. He successfully completed his course in Theology at the Catholic University in Washington, D. C. and received the degree Master of Arts in June, 1956.

He has served as an associate pastor at Sacred Heart Church and as Superintendent and Principal at Marian High School, Owatonna, Minnesota, and as chaplain at the State School in Owatonna from 1956 to 1963.

He has served as Spiritual Director at St. Mary's College and at our Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, since 1963.

In all these assignments he has demonstrated his interest in this work of serving youth and has also been an efficient and inspiring Instructor at St. Mary's College.

I gladly recommend him for the Grant which will help him to grow in the important work of the Campus Ministry to continue this apostolate to which he would return if he qualifies for the Grant. He has demonstrated an intense interest in his

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apostolate. He is an effective counselor, administrator and speaker. He has been invited by many groups to speak on his work and apostolate.

He has a most pleasing personality and is most unselfish in his service to all men. I have not discovered any particular weaknesses. I have known him personally since he entered our Seminary in 1948 and during the years since 1956 when he has served as an ordained priest under my jurisdiction.

He enjoys good health, maturity of judgment, a sense of humor and deep commitment to his apostolate.

I am sure that he will profit from advanced studies in the field of Campus Ministry and will reflect honor upon a Foundation which will help him continue his studies in that area.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald
Catholic Bishop, Diocese of Winona
President, Immaculate Heart
of Mary Seminary

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THE DANFORTH FOUNDATION

607 NORTH GRAND BOULEVARD
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63102

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Request For Recommendation

The Reverend Sylvester F. Brown is applying for a Danforth Campus Ministry Grant. These appointments are intended for those in positions of campus religious leadership (college chaplains, directors of religious activities, S.C.A. secretaries, denominational ministers to the campus, directors of Final Fifth Hillal Foundations, Newman chaplains, and others in comparable positions), who show promise for significant work in the academic community. The Foundation plans to assist up to fifty campus ministers to undertake a year of graduate study in order to strengthen their intellectual resources for their careers in religious leadership on campus.

You are being asked to share your candid evaluations of the candidate named above. Would you be good enough to send us a letter in the envelope provided, giving us your judgment on the following items about which you have knowledge of the candidate.

We would like to know your estimate of the applicant's intellectual potentialities for successful graduate study; whether or not you believe he is capable of outstanding work, satisfactory work, or less than satisfactory graduate work.

We would appreciate your evaluation of the quality of the applicant's work with students, faculty and administrators; and some of the factors that lead you to that evaluation. Descriptions of specific professional accomplishments or achievements in his campus ministry will be helpful.

Your opinion of the personal attributes of the applicant would be most valuable. We would appreciate your comments on his relationships with other persons, leadership ability, appearance, social poise, emotional health, maturity of judgment, sense of humor, perception of social issues, and vitality and depth of religious commitment.

What is your evaluation of the applicant as a professional campus clergyman? How would you rate him as a counselor, as an administrator, and as a public speaker? Is he gifted in teaching and in group work?

The application will be strengthened if you include in your evaluation comments about any areas of weakness in his work or personal attributes.

We hope you will feel free to add any other information that you believe would be of help to us in determining the applicant's qualifications for a Campus Ministry Grant. Your reply will be held in strict confidence.

Please indicate your name, title, and relationship to applicant (college administrator, faculty member, official of employing agency, ecclesiastical superior, student in candidate's program, or professional colleague).

We are most appreciative of your help.



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THE DANFORTH FOUNDATION

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To: Chief Employing Official or Major Ecclesiastical Superior

Rev. Sylvester F. Brown is applying for a 1968-69 Danforth Campus Ministry Grant. These appointments are intended for persons in the campus ministry (college chaplains, directors of religious activities, SCA secretaries, denominational ministers to the campus, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation directors, Newman chaplains, and others in comparable positions) who have shown promise for significant work in the academic community and who wish to strengthen their work in campus leadership. If awarded this grant, the applicant may choose whether he wishes to use it in 1968-69 or 1969-70.

We need from you the following information:

1. Recipients of this grant are expected to return to campus work upon the completion of the year. Would you please give us your expectations regarding the candidate's professional future in campus religious work.
2. Are you prepared to recommend him unreservedly for this study opportunity? Yes No

Comments: Rev. Sylvester Brown has been engaged in counseling students at Marian High School and the State School at Owatonna; Spiritual Director at St. Mary's College, Winona, and since 1963 he has been Spiritual Director to student seminarians at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona. He has given positive indication of interest in and ability to understand students in Campus Ministry. If he receives an appointment for a Grant, he will be given a leave of absence so that he may return to his present responsibilities.

Name

Edward W. Ziegler
Bishop of Winona

Title

Address 275 Harriet Street

Winona, Minnesota 55987

This form must be received at the Foundation office by December 10, 1967, for the candidate's application to be given consideration.

Date Nov. 27, 1967

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August 21, 1968

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown, M.A.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

Since Father Haggerty has been assigned to St. Mary's Parish at Minneiska, I am relieving him of his appointment as Spiritual Director of the Winona Serrans which he has so capably fulfilled during the past six years.

I am asking you to accept this appointment so as to coordinate their program with that of the Seminary in the development of vocations for the holy priesthood and religious life. I trust that you will be able to accept this appointment and give the Serrans the guidance in this matter with which you are very well acquainted.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Dr. J. Vincent Wadden

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

Terrace Heights
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Aug 30, 1968

Most Rev Edward Fitzgerald
Bishop of Winona
Winona, Minn.

Dear Bishop,

I am pleased to accept the appointment
as Spiritual Director of the Ferrans. I do believe
the co-operation that can be given between the
seminary and the Ferrans can be helpful to
both.

Sincerely in Christ
J. Brown

July 28, 1969

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
Terrace Heights
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

In accord with our recent conversations I am pleased to appoint you as Spiritual Director to the students at St. Mary's College, Winona, effective August 14, 1969. I am sure that your experience as a counselor and instructor of students will serve to make you very effective in fulfilling your new responsibilities. You will have many opportunities to oversee the preparation of young men for leadership in Catholic Action.

I wish at this time to express my appreciation for the faithful service you have given in your various assignments in the Diocese of Winona. I thank you and commend you in particular for your zealous work as Spiritual Director of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

It is my intention that you continue to serve as director of vocations of the Diocese. In this office you will have opportunities to assist the other priests of the Diocese in inspiring our young people to embrace a vocation in religion.

With kindest personal greetings and a request for prayers, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Msgr. Roy E. Literski
Brother George Pahl, F.S.C.

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SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, Winona, Minnesota 55987

July 11, 1970



OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE CHAPLAIN
Phone (507) 452-2172

Dear Emmett,

Here is the bill for the summer session.
If you'd pay it from there, I'll get the
money from St. Mary's when I get back.
This year they have not given any clergy
discount. It has almost doubled the cost

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, Winona, Minnesota 55987



OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE CHAPLAIN
Phone (507) 452-2172

I'm glad it's my last summer for that
reason. I'm not sure how much of the
budget at St. Mary's will be able to
cover. We can settle that when I get
home.

School has been extremely interesting.

Art Brown

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June 21, 1971

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
St. Mary's College
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am pleased to appoint you as pastor of the parish of St. Martin, Woodstock, and St. Mary's, Lake Wilson, effective July 1, 1971. I commit to you the full care of souls of these parishes with all the faculties, duties, rights, and privileges according to the Code of Canon Law and our diocesan statutes. I know that your training and experience will enable you to take a very active part in the religious education program of the Slayton area.

I wish at this time to thank you for your wonderful priestly work exercised at St. Mary's College and in all parochial assignments in which you have served. I am sure that you will give the People of God of your parishes the same attention which you have given to all who have lived under your care.

I would appreciate it much if you would make arrangements with Father Raymond Redder, Dean of the Slayton Deanery, for your formal installation as pastor. This ceremony, described in our diocesan statutes, should take place as soon as possible after your arrival in your new parishes. I shall enclose the documents for your Profession of Faith and Oath Against Modernism which should be taken before or during your installation as pastor. I shall also enclose the document showing your official possession of the parishes. After your installation please send these documents to our Chancery at your earliest convenience.

With kindest personal greetings and asking a remembrance in your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Rev. Raymond J. Redder

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that

The Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
is an ordained priest of the Diocese of Winona and is
authorized to assist at marriages according to the
ecclesiastical canons of the Roman Catholic Church.

Given at Winona, Minnesota

this 23rd day of June 1971.

Chancellor, Diocese of Winona

Decree of Possession

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI,

The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters being Ordinary of the Diocese of Winona,
I, Raymond J. Redder, Dean of this district and delegate
of the Most Reverend Ordinary, give to the

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown

the possession of the

Parish of St. Martin, Woodstock, Minnesota,
NAME OF CHURCH and NAME OF CITY
St. Mary Lake Wilson, Minnesota
to which he has been canonically appointed July 1, 1971
DATE

Raymond J. Redder
Dean—Delegate

Joseph L. S. Szpanek
Witness

Edward W. Manduscheid
Witness

This document is to be signed before the services and is read after the transfer of the symbols of pastoral prerogatives and powers.

Profession of Faith and Vow against Modernism

I, with a firm faith, believe and profess each and all the articles that are contained in the Nicæan Creed which is used by the Holy Roman Church. I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages; God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God; begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were created. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was made flesh of the Virgin Mary; and became man. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He rose, according to the Scriptures, and He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead; of whose reign there shall be no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

I admit and embrace most firmly the apostolic and ecclesiastical tradition and all the other constitutions and pre-
scriptions of the Church.

I admit the Sacred Scriptures according to the sense which has been held and which is still held by holy Mother Church, whose duty it is to judge the true sense and interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures, and I shall never accept or interpret them except according to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.

I profess that the sacraments of the New Law are, truly and precisely seven in number, instituted by Our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind, though all are not necessary for each individual: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. I profess that all confer grace and that of these Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders cannot be repeated without sacrilege.

I also accept and admit the ritual of the Catholic Church in the solemn administration of all the above-mentioned sacraments.

I accept and hold, in each and every part, all that has been defined and declared by the Sacred Council of Trent concerning Original Sin and Justification. I profess that in the Mass is offered to God a true, real, and propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead; that in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist is really, truly, and substantially the Body and Blood together with the soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that there takes place what the Church calls transubstantiation, that is the change of all the substance of bread into the Body and of all substance of wine into the Blood. I confess also that in receiving under either of these species one receives Jesus Christ, whole and entire.

I firmly hold that Purgatory exists and that the souls detained there can be helped by the prayers of the faithful. Likewise I hold that the saints, who reign with Jesus Christ, should be venerated and invoked, that they offer prayers to God for us and that their relics are to be venerated.

I profess firmly that the images of Jesus Christ and of the Mother of God, ever Virgin, as well as of all the saints should be held and retained and given due honor and veneration. I also affirm that Jesus Christ left to the Church the faculty to grant indulgences and that their use is most salutary to the Christian people. I recognize the holy Roman, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as the mother and teacher of all the Churches and I promise and swear true obedience to the Roman Pontiff, successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and Vicar of Jesus Christ.

Besides I accept, without hesitation, and profess all that has been handed down, defined, and declared by the Sacred Canons and by the general Councils, especially by the Sacred Council of Trent and by the Vatican General Council, and in a special manner concerning the primacy and infallibility of the Roman Pontiff. At the same time I condemn and reprove all that the Church has condemned and reprovèd. This same Catholic faith, outside of which nobody can be saved, which I now freely profess and to which I truly adhere, the same I promise and swear to maintain and profess, with the help of God, entire, inviolate, and with firm constancy until the last breath of life; and I shall strive, as far as possible, that this same faith shall be held, taught, and publicly professed by all those who depend on me and by those of whom I shall have charge.

I therefore promise, swear and vow.

I firmly hold and accept each and every definition of the unerring teaching of the Church, with all she has maintained and declared, but especially those points of doctrine which expressly combat the errors of our time. In the first place I profess my belief that God, the beginning and end of all, can be certainly known and therefore proved to exist by the natural light of reason from the things that are made, that is, from the visible works of the creation as a cause from its effect. Next I recognize and acknowledge the external arguments of revelation, that is, divine facts, especially miracles and prophecies, as most certain signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion, and I hold that these are altogether suited to the understanding of every age and of all men, also of our times. Thirdly I likewise hold with firm faith that the Church, the guardian and exponent of the revealed Word, was proximately and directly founded by the true and historic Christ Himself, while He dwelt amongst us, and that she was also built

upon Peter, the Prince of the Apostolic Hierarchy, and upon his successors to the end of time. Fourthly, I sincerely accept the teaching of faith as transmitted down to us from the Apostles through the orthodox Fathers in the same sense and even in the same wording; and, therefore, I wholly reject the heretical notions of the evolution of dogmas, which pass from one sense to another alien to that which the Church held from the start; and I likewise condemn every error whereby is substituted for the divine deposit, entrusted by Christ to His Spouse and by Her faithfully guarded, a philosophic system or the creation of a human consciousness, gradually refined by the striving of men and finally to be perfected hereafter by indefinite progress. Fifthly, I hold for certain and sincerely profess that Faith is not blind religious sense making its way out of the hidden regions of the sub-liminal consciousness, morally tinged by the influence of heart and will, but is a true assent of the intellect to truth received from without by hearing, an assent whereby we believe to be true, because of the authority of the all-true God, whatever by the personal God, our Creator and Lord, has been spoken, testified and revealed.

I further, with all due reverence, submit and with my whole mind adhere to all the condemnations, declarations, and ordinances contained in the Encyclical letter *Pascendi* and in the Decree *Lamentabili*, particularly regarding what is called the history of Dogma.

I also reject the error of those who aver that the Faith proposed by the Church may be in conflict with history, and that Catholic dogmas in the sense in which they are now understood cannot be harmonized with the more truthful "origins" of Christianity. Moreover, I condemn and reject the opinion which declares that a Christian man of better culture can assume a dual personality, one as a believer and another as an historian, as if it were permissible for the historian to hold fast what his faith as a believer contradicts, or to lay down premises from which there follows the falsity or the uncertainty of dogmas, provided only that these are not directly denied. Likewise I reject that method of estimating and interpreting Holy Writ, which, setting aside the Church's tradition and the analogy of Faith and the rules of the Apostolic See, adopts the rationalists' principles and with equal arbitrariness and rashness considers criticism of the text the one only supreme rule. Furthermore, I reject the opinion of those who hold that a teacher of the science of Historical Theology or the writer on the subject must first put aside the notions previously conceived about the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition or about the divine aid promised for the perpetual preservation of each revealed truth; then, that the writings of individual Fathers must be interpreted solely by the data of science, without any reference to sacred authority, and with that freedom of judgment wherewith every profane record is usually examined.

Finally and in general, I declare myself to be far removed from the error of the modernists who hold that in sacred tradition there is nothing inherently divine; or who—far worse still—admit it in a pantheistic sense; so that thus there would remain only a bare simple fact equal to the ordinary facts of history, viz., that the school started by Christ and His Apostles finds, in the ages that follow, men to carry it on by their energy, their skill, and their genius. Wherefore most firmly do I retain and to my last breath will I retain the Faith of the Fathers of the Church concerning the sure endowment of truth, which is, has been, and ever will be in the succession of the Episcopate from the Apostles; not in such a way that what seems best and most fitting according to the refinement of each age may be held, but that the absolute and unchangeable truth preached from the beginning by the Apostles may never in any different wise be believed, never in any different wise be understood.

Haec omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab illis sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelica.

(Seal)

Alvaster G Brown

Attest:

Raymond Pedder
Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi)

Date

July 3, 1971

July 30, 1971

The Reverend Sylvester Brown, Pastor
The Church of St. Martin
Box 105
Woodstock, Mn. 56186

Dear Father Brown,

Welcome home! I know that you enjoyed your days in Europe and I hope that you are returning to Woodstock feeling well and rested.

I am writing this letter to give special recognition to the splendid work you did over the past years as Vocation Director in this diocese and to thank you for the continuing personal efforts and financial sacrifices you made to further this special apostolate. I rejoice with you, too, in the success which attended your contacts with young people and I know that they also appreciated your personal interest in them.

As you will note in the July 28th issue of THE COURIER, we have attempted to follow the recommendations of the "Program for Priestly Formation" and organized a vocation team which involves priests, Sisters, Brothers, and students. We hope to include, in one way or another, all interested groups like the Serrans, the Council of Catholic Women, and, of course, the priests of the diocese. As the team grows in experience I am confident they will ask your help and draw on your experience; it becomes more and more apparent that the one-to-one approach is essential at the present time with its emphasis on personalism and openness.

I enjoyed the weekend at Woodstock and Lake Wilson; as you perhaps already know, the people are delighted to have you as their pastor and they are looking forward to improved programs of religious education for both their children and themselves.

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your work as Vocational Director, and a request for your prayers, I remain

Faternally in Christ Jesus,

Bishop of Winona

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Church of St. Martin

Woodstock, Minn.

May 25, 1973

Most Rev. Louis Wetters
275 Harriet
Minna, Minn.

Your Excellency,

I understand there is no possibility
that Father Harold Mountain is going to
leave Wells in the near future and that
Fr. John Mich prefers staying in Blue Earth.
Since these two places are not opening,
I would definitely prefer to remain
at Woodstock and Lake Wilson for the present.

Sincerely
Rev. Ayl Brown

May 29, 1973

The Reverend Sylvester F. Brown, Pastor
The Church of St. Martin
Woodstock, MN

Dear Father Brown,

As you perhaps know, the present Pastors as well as several other priests share your interest in Wells and Blue Earth; obviously, some one or even several priests are going to be disappointed. With the help of the members of the Personnel Board, however, I do hope to find the very delicate balance between the preferences of our wonderful priests and the pastoral needs of the people in our 131 parishes. Unexpected and serious events like Father Scheuring's surgery make that just a bit more difficult.

Be assured that I will take note of your present preference just as I did keep in mind for the past several months your request for a pastoral assignment somewhere in Region III. May the Holy Spirit help both of us together discern the Father's will in this important matter.

I hope you are enjoying the glorious day we are having in "the valley" - the first one in about a week!

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your priestly work in the diocese, and a request for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in the Lord Jesus,

Bishop of Winona

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JMS

Church of St. Martin

Woodstock, Minn.

July 31, 1973

Most Rev. Loren Matten
275 Harriet
Minna, Mn.

Dear Bishop Matten,

As I close the parish books, I realize how you'd appreciate the finalization of the college fund under my name. I have been using some personal funds to subsidize some youth activities. We've sent some students to help in Appalachia this spring. In addition we want to work on some retreat programs and over night get together with informal discussions about our faith. I feel the \$224.70 could be effectively used for such activities.

Summer 1973 has been grand but busy. I've been team teaching a course for priests and pastors of the area at the Clayton Center. Many of the projects begun at St. Martin's are complete - marriage enrichment courses, synod 75, new carpets in the church hall and rectory and an electronic bell system. I appreciate the chance to complete these. Sincerely, in Christ,

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June 24, 1974

The Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
St. Martin's Church
Woodstock, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

I am pleased to appoint you as pastor of the Parish of SS. Peter and Paul, Blue Earth, and the Parish of Our Lady of Mercy, Guckeen, effective July 11, 1974. I commit to you the full care of souls of those parishes with all faculties, duties, rights, and privileges according to the Code of Canon Law and the diocesan statutes. Enclosed is the form of resignation and acceptance of the new assignment. I ask that you sign this and return it to the Chancery.

I wish at this time to commend you for your wonderful priestly work exercised in all pastoral offices to which you have been assigned. I am sure that you will give the people of God of the Parishes of Ss. Peter and Paul and Our Lady of Mercy the same attention which you have given to all who have lived under your care.

I delegate the Reverend Elmer W. Kellen, Vicar of Region III, to install you in your new parochial assignments. Your installation as pastor should be arranged for as soon as is convenient for you and for Father Kellen. This ceremony should be a public ceremony to which the members of the parish are invited. It is an important sign by which pastoral authority is entrusted to you. I shall enclose the Decree of Possession and the Profession of Faith and Oath Against Modernism which you should take at the time of your installation. Please send these documents to the Chancery immediately after the ceremony of installation.

As both of us know, the Second Vatican Council and the implementation of its directives by the Sacred Congregations, especially For the Doctrine of the Faith, For the Discipline of the Sacraments, For Divine Worship, and For Catholic Education continues to touch and influence the faith life of the people in every parish. In asking you to share with me the serious responsibility of providing pastoral care to all the people living within the boundaries of the Blue Earth and Guckeen parishes, including those who for

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The Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
June 24, 1974
Page two

whatever reason have grown careless in the practice of their faith, I wish to stress the importance of celebrating the Eucharistic Liturgy and the Sacraments according to the revised rites. The various options which our official liturgical books provide can be used to nourish the faith and devotion of our people if they are prepared for their use by careful explanations. From time to time and with an announcement of the fact, the New Order of the Mass should be celebrated in the Latin language (the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Agnus Dei either sung or recited by the people with the Preface, Eucharistic Prayer, and Communion Rite prayed out loud by the celebrant).

In order that the people play their proper roles in the life and worship of the Church each parish must have an elected parish council with working committees (e.g. Liturgy, Education, Temporal Affairs, Community Life, and Vocations). Each parish is expected to send elected representatives to the meeting of the Regional Pastoral Council and to cooperate with the other parishes in the activities and projects of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. For 1974-1975 this means active involvement of priests and people in the preparations for the Diocesan Synod in the traditional sense which the Priests' Senate has called for to define for our times all the dimensions of the Church in the Diocese of Winona. Your leadership in Ss. Peter and Paul Parish and Our Lady of Mercy Parish is the only thing that can make certain that the Synod actually furthers the interior and spiritual renewal of your parishioners. It is because I am confident of your cooperation that I am asking you to give the Synod top priority in your new pastoral assignment. And finally, I want to ask you to make a special effort to observe this Year of Reconciliation in your parish; on my return from the ad limina around the first of October I will be happy to celebrate a Eucharistic Liturgy of Reconciliation for groups of parishes, perhaps on the regional level. Each parish should have a Holy Year Committee; at least, the Liturgy Committee should sponsor this important effort toward spiritual renewal.

With kindest personal greetings and asking for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Rev. Elmer W. Kellen

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Decree of Possession

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI,

The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters being Ordinary of the Diocese of Winona,

I, Reverend Elmer W. Kellen, ~~Dean of this district and~~ delegate

of the Most Reverend Ordinary, give to the

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown

the possession of the

Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul, Blue Earth, Minnesota,

NAME OF CHURCH

and

NAME OF CITY

Our Lady of Mercy

Guckeen, Minnesota

to which he has been canonically appointed July 11, 1974

DATE

Rev. E. W. Kellen
Dean-Delegate

Martin J. McLowry
Witness

Shiley Baker
Witness

This document is to be signed before the services and is read after the transfer of the symbols of pastoral prerogatives and powers.

Profession of Faith and Oath Against Modernism

I, with a firm faith, believe and profess each and all the articles that are contained in the Nicæan Creed which is used by the Holy Roman Church. I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages; God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God; begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were created. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was made flesh of the Virgin Mary; and became man. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He rose, according to the Scriptures, and He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead; of whose reign there shall be no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

I admit and embrace most firmly the apostolic and ecclesiastical tradition and all the other constitutions and prescriptions of the Church.

I admit the Sacred Scriptures according to the sense which has been held and which is still held by holy Mother Church, whose duty it is to judge the true sense and interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures, and I shall never accept or interpret them except according to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.

I profess that the sacraments of the New Law are, truly and precisely seven in number, instituted by Our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind, though all are not necessary for each individual: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. I profess that all confer grace and that of these Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders cannot be repeated without sacrilege.

I also accept and admit the ritual of the Catholic Church in the solemn administration of all the above-mentioned sacraments.

I accept and hold, in each and every part, all that has been defined and declared by the Sacred Council of Trent concerning Original Sin and Justification. I profess that in the Mass is offered to God a true, real, and propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead; that in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist is really, truly, and substantially the Body and Blood together with the soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that there takes place what the Church calls transubstantiation, that is the change of all the substance of bread into the Body and of all substance of wine into the Blood. I confess also that in receiving under either of these species one receives Jesus Christ, whole and entire.

I firmly hold that Purgatory exists and that the souls detained there can be helped by the prayers of the faithful. Likewise I hold that the saints, who reign with Jesus Christ, should be venerated and invoked, that they offer prayers to God for us and that their relics are to be venerated.

I profess firmly that the images of Jesus Christ and of the Mother of God, ever Virgin, as well as of all the saints should be held and retained and given due honor and veneration. I also affirm that Jesus Christ left to the Church the faculty to grant Indulgences and that their use is most salutary to the Christian people. I recognize the holy Roman, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as the mother and teacher of all the Churches and I promise and swear true obedience to the Roman Pontiff, successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and Vicar of Jesus Christ.

Besides I accept, without hesitation, and profess all that has been handed down, defined, and declared by the Sacred Canons and by the general Councils, especially by the Sacred Council of Trent and by the Vatican General Council, and in a special manner concerning the primacy and infallibility of the Roman Pontiff. At the same time I condemn and reprove all that the Church has condemned and reprovèd. This same Catholic faith, outside of which nobody can be saved, which I now freely profess and to which I truly adhere, the same I promise and swear to maintain and profess, with the help of God, entire, inviolate, and with firm constancy until the last breath of life; and I shall strive, as far as possible, that this same faith shall be held, taught, and publicly professed by all those who depend on me and by those of whom I shall have charge.

I therefore promise, swear and vow.

I firmly hold and accept each and every definition of the unerring teaching of the Church; with all she has maintained and declared, but especially those points of doctrine which expressly combat the errors of our time. In the first place I profess my belief that God, the beginning and end of all, can be certainly known and therefore proved to exist by the natural light of reason from the things that are made, that is, from the visible works of the creation as a cause from its effect. Next I recognize and acknowledge the external arguments of revelation, that is, divine facts, especially miracles and prophecies, as most certain signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion, and I hold that these are altogether suited to the understanding of every age and of all men, also of our times. Thirdly I likewise hold with firm faith that the Church, the guardian and exponent of the revealed Word, was proximately and directly founded by the true and historic Christ Himself, while He dwelt amongst us, and that she was also built

upon Peter, the Prince of the Apostolic Hierarchy, and upon his successors to the end of time. Fourthly, I sincerely accept the teaching of faith as transmitted down to us from the Apostles through the orthodox Fathers in the same sense and even in the same wording; and, therefore, I wholly reject the heretical notions of the evolution of dogmas, which pass from one sense to another alien to that which the Church held from the start; and I likewise condemn every error whereby is substituted for the divine deposit, entrusted by Christ to His Spouse and by Her faithfully guarded, a philosophic system or the creation of a human consciousness, gradually refined by the striving of men and finally to be perfected hereafter by indefinite progress. Fifthly, I hold for certain and sincerely profess that Faith is not blind religious sense making its way out of the hidden regions of the sub-liminal consciousness, morally tinged by the influence of heart and will, but is a true assent of the intellect to truth received from without by hearing, an assent whereby we believe to be true, because of the authority of the all-true God, whatever by the personal God, our Creator and Lord, has been spoken, testified and revealed.

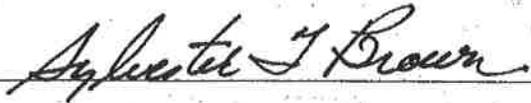
I further, with all due reverence, submit and with my whole mind adhere to all the condemnations, declarations, and ordinances contained in the Encyclical letter **Pascendi** and in the Decree **Lamentabili**, particularly regarding what is called the history of Dogma.

I also reject the error of those who aver that the Faith proposed by the Church may be in conflict with history, and that Catholic dogmas in the sense in which they are now understood cannot be harmonized with the more truthful "origins" of Christianity. Moreover, I condemn and reject the opinion which declares that a Christian man of better culture can assume a dual personality, one as a believer and another as an historian, as if it were permissible for the historian to hold fast what his faith as a believer contradicts, or to lay down premises from which there follows the falsity or the uncertainty of dogmas, provided only that these are not directly denied. Likewise I reject that method of estimating and interpreting Holy Writ, which, setting aside the Church's tradition and the analogy of Faith and the rules of the Apostolic See, adopts the rationalists' principles and with equal arbitrariness and rashness considers criticism of the text the one only supreme rule. Furthermore, I reject the opinion of those who hold that a teacher of the science of Historical Theology or the writer on the subject must first put aside the notions previously conceived about the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition or about the divine aid promised for the perpetual preservation of each revealed truth; then, that the writings of individual Fathers must be interpreted solely by the data of science, without any reference to sacred authority, and with that freedom of judgment wherewith every profane record is usually examined.

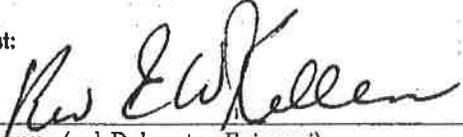
Finally and in general, I declare myself to be far removed from the error of the modernists who hold that in sacred tradition there is nothing inherently divine; or who—far worse still—admit it in a pantheistic sense; so that thus there would remain only a bare simple fact equal to the ordinary facts of history, viz., that the school started by Christ and His Apostles finds, in the ages that follow, men to carry it on by their energy, their skill, and their genius. Wherefore most firmly do I retain and to my last breath will I retain the Faith of the Fathers of the Church concerning the sure endowment of truth, which is, has been, and ever will be in the succession of the Episcopate from the Apostles; not in such a way that what seems best and most fitting according to the refinement of each age may be held, but that the absolute and unchangeable truth preached from the beginning by the Apostles may never in any different wise be believed, never in any different wise be understood.

Haec omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab his sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

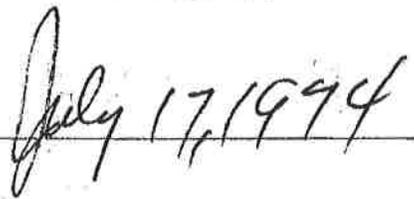
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Attest:


Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi)

Date



His Excellency
The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters, D. D.
Bishop of Winona
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

I herewith resign my pastorate at St. Martin
Church, Woodstock, and St. Mary Church, Lake Wilson to be
effective July 11, 1974 and accept the pastorate
of Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Blue Earth, and Our Lady
of Mercy Church, Guckeen.
I will report at my new assignment on July 11, 1974.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Alveta Brown

Date

July 17, 1974

Church of St. Peter and Paul
Blue Earth - Minnesota

Most Rev. Bishop Louis Watters,
275 Street
Minna, Minn

Dear Bishop Watters,

You are most welcome to
stay over at Blue Earth on any
of your travels. Your visit would
very enjoyable.

I shall be the best I can
on the next program. We bring
it up at our next region all
meeting.

Sincerely in Christ
Ayl Brown

Church of SS. Peter and Paul

214 South Holland
Blue Earth, Minnesota 56013

Dear Bishop Louis Valter

Luckily I was able to get a
missionary priest of the Society of St. Vincent
to stay at Blue Earth during my
trip. It will give me an ease
of conscience while I'm away.

Sincerely
JAC Brown

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July 19, 1974

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Blue Earth, Minnesota

Dear Father Brown,

Your letter addressed to Bishop Watters has just arrived here at the Chancery. The Bishop is pleased to hear that you have been able to engage a missionary priest of the Sons of St. Patrick to be the vicar substitute for the parishes of Ss. Peter and Paul and Our Lady of Mercy.

It will be necessary that we have the name of the priest who is to take your place. Will you or your substitute please give us this information. The faculties of the diocese are extended to this priest, but we would like to have his name for our record.

Personal best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chancellor

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Church of SS. Peter and Paul

214 South Holland
Blue Earth, Minnesota 56013

22nd July 1974.

Msgr. Emmett F. Tighe,
Office of the Chancellor,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Msgr. Tighe,

In reply to your letter of July 19th addressed to Fr. Brown
I wish to inform you that my name is _____ of the
I belong to the _____ and I am present in Winona Diocese on
behalf of Bishop Dunne of Kitui making the Mission Appeal in the churches so
kindly allocated by you for this purpose.

I would like to thank you for the welcome extended to me by the priests of
Winona Diocese, and for the faculties which you have granted.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

SB000030

(Courier 2)

April 12, 1975

The Reverend Sylvester F. Brown, Pastor
SS. Peter and Paul Church
Blue Earth, MN

Dear Father Brown,

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus!

Following our discussion of this matter on last Wednesday morning, this present letter is to appoint you to the important office of Chaplain to the Twin Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America. As you know, the office of this Council is in Mankato.

Indicated that as Chaplain you could help the Council by promoting attendance on the part of people of the parishes of the area at the Scouter Development Program he is planning, by encouraging the Religion Emblems Awards, and doing what you can to help with the summer chaplaincy program at scout camp.

As we both know, boys can benefit a great deal from participation in scouting; I am grateful to you for your willingness to add the religious component to their experiences as scouts and I hope that you will receive whole-hearted cooperation from those people whom you will need to ask for help.

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your priestly dedication, and a request for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

SB000031

June 2, 1975

Dear Bishop Watters,

I have intended to write this for quite some time but it seems to be one of those road-to-hell projects---well intentioned but unaccomplished. In the past I haven't been particularly shy about writing to tell the bishop, whoever he was, when I thought things were askew. So it is only fair and proper to report when I think things are unusually right.

I'm sure you already know it---but Father Brown's arrival on the scene at here hath wrought a quiet miracle. Our very first impression was that here was a priest who truly enjoyed his work. It was an accurate assessment. He is people oriented and it shows in every word he says and every move he makes. A few skeptics figured that smile had to be a fake but even they have come to admit that he is for real---smile and all.

He really has found the key and knows what it is all about. The parishioners love him but so do the townspeople. Catholics are popping out of the woodwork---known fallen ways, new converts and complete surprises. Parishioners who've gone to Mass in other towns for years are back in the pews in Changes are coming to pass without upheaval and pain. Going to church is a warm experience. Our rather turned-off kids come home occasionally and greet Father Brown, "Hey, Father! I really enjoyed your neat service and the church looks great!" Or words to that effect. I have been thanking the Man Upstairs for sending him to us and have appointed myself a committee of one to thank you too.

There is one point of worry. Many of us are concerned that he may be overextending himself. This is a parish with catching up to do, with endless talent to be put to use etc. Coupled with that is Father's stated priestly goal of service. There are limits to time and physical output. This combination makes for more activity than one person could handle on a long term basis. We would rather have him do a little less and stay healthy and ours for a long time to come.

The diocese seems to be perking along fairly well according to the COURIER. I'm glad to see that the Board of Education is being overhauled. You probably don't remember but I sent you a letter re that body once. Ha! I miss doing my column but still can't get back in the groove to do it. Maybe they wouldn't have me but I still think they need some input from the "loyal opposition". I stirred people up if nothing else.

Anyway---Thank you for Father Brown and for all of your diocesan efforts. We pray for your health and success in your own demanding and open ended job.

Sincerely yours,

SB000032

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June 4, 1975

Dear

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Thank you for your kind letter regarding Father Brown and his effective pastoral work in both and the. As you might suspect, it is rather encouraging to receive such a glowing report about one of the many dedicated priests of the diocese. I hope you have indicated your appreciation to Father Brown.

Like you, I have some concern about Father's workload; however, I would like to suggest to the members of the Parish Council as well as to all the members of the parish that they can help him in many, many ways. I hope that the standing committees of the Council are active and that more and more people are willing to accept their share of the responsibility for making programs and projects successful.

Father Brown, I know, appreciates being pastor of ; he is very conscious of the fact that he is building on what previous pastors accomplished. It is good to see so many evidences of vitality as parishes become alive by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I hope you and the members of your family enjoy a very pleasant summer.

With kindest personal greetings, a special blessing, and a request for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

SB000033

Church of SS. Peter and Paul

214 South Holland
Blue Earth, Minnesota 56013

July 16, 1976

Dear Bishop Hatters

Because of the dry weather
some of the crops are not needing
the care of the migrant workers
as projected. Some are returning
home. I don't think there would be
enough remaining to take your
time to come. Could you give me
delegation to confirm the five or
six that would be ready?

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ayl Brown

July 19, 1976

The Reverend Sylvester Brown, Pastor
SS. Peter and Paul Church
Blue Earth, MN

Dear Father Brown,

It is easy for me to understand how difficult it is to predict how many migrant children will be in the Blue Earth in the middle of next month. As much as I was looking forward to coming to SS. Peter and Paul on August 15th for Confirmation, I will accept your recommendation.

As you requested, I hereby per modum actis delegate you to confirm the five or so migrants who will be prepared for Confirmation on August 15th; may I ask you to return the enclosed card and report form with the names after the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation?

With kindest personal greetings and renewed gratitude for your priestly work in the diocese, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

SB000407

July 30, 1976.

Rev. Sylvester Brown, Pastor
SS. Peter & Paul's Church
Blue Earth, Minn. 56013

Dear Father Brown:

An OFFICIAL BULLETIN of the Diocese of Winona and the Friday, August 6th issue of THE COURIER will announce the appointment of the ten Area Directors. As you know, I did ask for the recommendations of priests, Religious and lay people; in addition, I took into consideration other factors before making my final decision.

This letter is to thank you for the effective work you did with the priests of your continuant education group and to ask your cooperation with Father Harry Jewison whom I am appointing Director of the Blue Earth-Fairmont Area. Since I know how important it is to give more and more of our priests the opportunity to share in the responsibilities of diocesan-wide leadership, only five of the ten Area Directors who are now being appointed served as leaders of the priests' groups which accomplished so much of the up-building of the Church. With these new appointments being for two years, it is to be expected that others will be asked to accept the responsibilities of Area Director as some of the terms are completed.

I am greatly encouraged by the positive response to the recently announced geographical divisions of the diocese. Much of this is due, I believe, to the effective work you did with the priests of your group during the past year. I am grateful for this and I know that your brother priests share my gratitude.

With kindest personal greetings, a special blessing, and a request for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

SB000408

July 3, 1978

The Reverend Sylvester F. Brown, Pastor
The Church of SS. Peter and Paul
214 S. Holland Street
Blue Earth, MN

Dear Father Brown,

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and the many, many people in the diocese of Winona you are serving in His name!

As you know, the Executive Board of the Coalition of Churches for Migrant Concerns (CCMC) is comprised of appointees of the Minnesota Council of Churches and of the Minnesota Catholic Conference who in turn select others to serve with them.

At the June 27-28 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Catholic Conference consideration was given to the appointment of four to the Executive Board of CCMC. You will be as pleased as I am to learn that you were unanimously endorsed for that important position.

I am writing today, then, to ask you to accept this appointment; your interest in and experience with the migrants in the Blue Earth area will make it possible for you to contribute in significant ways to the deliberations of the Executive Board.

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your cooperation in this important matter, and a request for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: The Reverend Donald Borgen, OMI
Director, SA/SW Department of MCC

Church of SS. Peter and Paul

214 South Holland
Blue Earth, Minnesota 56013

July 6, 1978

Most Rev. Loras J. Watters,
55 West Sanborn
Wadena, Mn 55987

Dear Bishop Watters,

Thank you for your recent letter
in relation to the migrant program
for our state. I'll be pleased to accept
your appointment to this board.

At the moment we are in full
swing with the program here. We had
hoped for a government school here but
red tape held it up.

In Christ's service
Ayl Brown

July 14, 1978

The Reverend Sylvester Brown, Pastor
Church of SS. Peter and Paul
214 South Holland
Blue Earth, MN

Dear Father Brown,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus who calls us to serve His people in their many pastoral needs!

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a member of the Board of the Coalition of Churches for Migrant Concerns. As you know from my previous letter, I am certain that you will be able to make significant contributions to the policy formulations of this ecumenical group.

I have already forwarded your name to Father Donald Bergen, the Executive Director of the Social Action/Social Welfare Department of the Minnesota Catholic Conference; he, in turn, will inform Sister Suzanne, the corresponding person in CCMC. No doubt, you will be receiving information from Sister and invitation to attend meetings.

It is good to learn that your migrant program at Blue Earth is under way and that you are pleased with the progress. From the sound of things at the Wednesday meeting of the Executive Board of our wonderful Winona Council of Catholic Women, more and more migrant families will be "settling out" in some of the places in our diocese. We are fortunate to have Father Verdick who is willing to use his Spanish and experience in South America to help them.

Do enjoy the summer!

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your priestly work in the diocese, and a request for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

June 12, 1981

The Reverend Sylvester F. Brown, Pastor
SS. Peter and Paul Church
Blue Earth, MN

Dear Father Brown,

Prayerful greetings to you in the name of Christ Jesus who calls both of us as brother priests to minister to the pastoral needs of His pilgrim people in this diocese!

With this letter I am pleased to appoint you Pastor of Pax Christ Parish, Rochester, effective July 7, 1981. As you know from our recent conversations, I make this appointment with deep gratitude to you for your continuing willingness to accept your part of our joint responsibility and privilege of living and acting "in persona Christi" as Pope John Paul II insists all priests do.

Also, I hasten to thank you for your fidelity to the wonderful people of both SS. Peter and Paul and Our Lady of Mercy for these seven years. I know that the parishioners join me in expressing great gratitude to you. As we both know, these have been years of faith renewal and spiritual growth for all of you.

Then, too, I join you in praising and thanking God that your efforts to call forth the charisms of all the members of both parishes elicited such enthusiastic response. With each person putting his or her gifts at the service of all the others, the Risen Lord Jesus became present among you in a more personal and intense way. Yes, indeed, God is good and His love is everlasting.

A warm welcome awaits you at Pax Christi. You will be able to build on what Father McCauley has started so effectively. The Parish Council will be of great help to you. Special attention will have to be given to working with the Board of Education of St. Pius X and Lourdes. Your experience in Catholic education and your convictions about its importance as well as the need for a sound religious education program will be invaluable.

The official announcement of your appointment will be in the Courier of June 25th. You can tell the people of Blue Earth and Guckeen on the weekend of June 20-21st. By that time you will also know the name of your successor.

I will be delighted to install you at the 4:00 pm Liturgy on Saturday, July 18th. We both know how instructive this simple rite is for the people. Since I will be going on to Hayfield to install the new pastor that at 7:15, I won't stay for anything to eat with you.

With kindest personal greetings, a special blessing as you begin this next segment of your journey with Christ Jesus back to the Father, and a request for your prayers, I remain
Fraternally in Christ,

SB000412

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters, D.D.
Bishop of Winona
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Your Excellency:

I herewith resign my pastorate at SS. Peter & Paul Parish,
Blue Earth and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Guckeen to be
effective July 7, 1981 and accept the pastorate of
Pax Christi Parish, Rochester
I will report at my new assignment on July 7, 1981

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Date June 15, 1981

Decree of Possession

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II,

The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters being Ordinary of the Diocese of Winona,

I, Loras J. Watters, Dean of this district and delegate
of the Most Reverend Ordinary, give to the

Reverend SYLVESTER F. BROWN
the possession of the

Parish of Pax Christi, Rochester, Minnesota,
NAME OF CHURCH NAME OF CITY

to which he has been canonically appointed July 18 1981
DATE

Dean—Delegate

Joseph M. Graupmann
Witness

Witness

This document is to be signed before the services and is read after the transfer of the symbols of pastoral prerogatives and powers.

Profession of Faith

I, _____, touching with my hand God's holy Gospels, enlightened by divine grace, profess the faith which the Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church teaches. I believe that Church to be the one true Church, which Jesus Christ founded on earth: to which I submit with all my heart.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

I believe that seven sacraments were instituted by Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind; namely, Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders and Matrimony.

I believe that the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, is the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth, that he is the supreme visible head of the whole Church, and that he teaches infallibly what we must believe and do to be saved.

I also believe everything which the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church defines and declares we must believe. I adhere to her with all my heart, and I reject every error and schism which she condemns.

So help me God and these His holy Gospels which I touch with my hand.

Gloetie Dixon

(Seal)

ATTEST:

John J. Wathen
Ordinary of Winona (Delegate)

Date *7/18/81*

DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 580
Tel. 507 459-4643

Feb. 22, 1984

The Reverend Syl Brown, Pastor
The Church of Pax Christi
Rochester, MN

Dear Father Brown,

Prayerful greetings in the name of Christ Jesus, the source of our peace!

As you note, I am enclosing a copy of my letter of this morning to Father Taylor. While that letter speaks for itself I do want to add this further expression of gratitude for the steps you took to improve communications with the members of the Council of . . . Communication problems let unresolved only grow to more serious proportions. On the other hand, cooperation between members of parishes witness^{es} to the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus among us.

I hope that your Parish Council will see the wisdom of inviting and his wife or some other couple to present the concept of stewardship. Father Trocinski reported at the last Presbyteral Council meeting that the response in St. Theodore's to their presentation was a very pleasant surprise.

Do enjoy these lovely days of "pre-spring".

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your love for the priesthood and a request for your prayers, I remain,

Faternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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Office of the
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PO Box 588
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June 4, 1984

The Reverend Sylvester Brown, Pastor
The Church of Pax Christi
4105 18th Ave. N.W.
Rochester, MN 55901

Dear Father Brown,

Prayerful greetings to you in the name of Christ Jesus who is Lord for ever and ever!

As you will recall from our conversation at the Lourdes graduation, I am appointing the Reverend John W. Ozburn to be Associate Pastor at Pax Christi and also half-time faculty member at Lourdes High School, effective June 28, 1984.

Father Ozburn, as you know, was pleased with the pastoral experience he gained while working with you last summer. It will take some time and effort for you, Mr. Leahy and Father Ozburn to work out a reasonable balance between his two assignments. I know that both of you share my concern that he have sufficient time for prayer and reflection on the Scriptures, living conditions which will foster an authentic experience of belonging to faith communities in both the parish and the school, and opportunities to draw on his splendid educational background and years of successful experience in the public school system.

I will leave it to you, Father Brown, and to Mr. Leahy (and perhaps the Lourdes Board or Finance Committee) as to how the compensation, car allowance, and other benefits are to be divided between Pax Christi and Lourdes.

It is encouraging to learn that the response of the people of Pax Christi to the stewardship concept was so positive. That should make it possible for you to hire people to help with the upkeep of the property and other tasks which lay people can do. This, in turn, should provide you with some time for relaxation, especially for at least the evening meal on most days of the week with Father Ozburn. I know that you will find the time to pray at least part of the Liturgy of the Hours together each day.

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your commitment to the pastoral care of the people of Pax Christi, and a request for your prayers, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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Bishop Loras J. Watters
Diocese of Winona
55 West Sanborn
Winona, Mn.

Dear Bishop,

A little over a week ago, I understand that one of my parishioners, _____ came to speak with you concerning the actions of a Father Brown during a counseling session. As I am sure you could tell, both _____ and _____ were, and still are, very upset by the whole incident.

_____ is a sensible man and is content to let the church handle the situation in its own way. ...But he was _____ It is to his credit that I can sense very little anger in him. But _____ is concerned that there may be many more people who also have been abused by Father Brown. As a member of the clergy, I share his concern. _____, who is Catholic, feels outraged at what happened, betrayed by her church and, as the one who encouraged _____ to speak with Father Brown, she feels responsible for _____

The purpose of this letter, at the request of both _____ and _____ is to ask that we be kept informed as to what actions the Diocese is taking regarding Father Brown's abuse of _____ and the Church. Personally, I feel the incident merits immediate action. Please keep us on top of what is happening. I think it would be a balm to _____ outrage and to _____ feeling of violation to know that something is being done.

Thank you for your consideration. the time you spent visiting with _____ and _____ and for any communication you feel you can share with us.

Yours in Christ,

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WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
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July 18, 1985

Dear

Prayerful greetings to you,
Jesus who is Lord for ever and ever!

in the name of Christ

Thank you for your letter which gives me the opportunity to tell you the steps I have taken since and reviewed the unfortunate experience with Father Brown on the evening of July 3, 1985.

As soon as our meeting here in the Pastoral Center on Monday, July 8th, was over, I telephoned Father Brown and arranged to meet with him on Wednesday, July 10, on my way back from a meeting of the Board of Directors of our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in Medford. Father Brown was waiting for me when I arrived at about 5:15 o'clock.

I told Father how disturbed both and were when they came to report what considered very unprofessional conduct on his part during a counseling session. I asked Father to review what happened; as he talked it became evident that what he thought at the time to be an honest effort to stress the sacredness of human sexuality was rather what correctly identified as being violated.

Recalling deep feelings of outrage because she had encouraged to contact Father Brown and her question about how many more people may have been abused by him, I spent almost one hour on this very serious matter. Father Brown assured me that it had never happened before and that it would never happen again. He expressed great regret and concern for and He is most anxious to make amends in any way he can.

While I accepted Father Brown's statements, I still insisted that he contact a psychiatrist like Doctor Frank Tyce in Rochester or Doctor Joseph L. Gendron in Minneapolis for psychological testing and an evaluation as to his need for counseling and therapy. Father Brown was most willing to do this.

I will be in again in a few days; I will ask Father Brown for a report on his efforts to make an appointment with a doctor and further request that he contact me on a regular basis regarding what course of treatment is being prescribed and his fidelity to following it.

As and probably told you, I share your admiration for both of them and the rightness of their moral judgment in this disturbing case. In asking them to try to forgive what seems to be a single instance of human weakness I hasten to promise them and you, that I will continue to

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insist that Father Brown accept whatever help he might need and let you know of the progress he is making. I know that you share my prayers and hopes that Father Brown who has^{so} extended himself to respond to people's pastoral needs that they come from all over to be members of Parish will find some one or more persons to minister to him in this present crisis.

I am grateful to you, for giving me this opportunity to indicate just how seriously I take what happened and to thank and again for having the moral courage to talk with me about their feelings of outrage and their heartache which I share.

As you note, I am sending a copy of this letter to and to Father Brown; I know, will discuss it with and you.

Again, I am very sorry for what happened and I assure you that I will take all possible steps to make certain that it never happens again.

With kindest personal greetings and a request for your prayers, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc:

Reverend Syl Brown

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July 18, 1985

Dear

Prayerful greetings to you and

As you see, I am enclosing a copy of my reply to letter to me. As I indicate in that reply, I am pleased that your Pastor wrote because it gives me the opportunity to let you know what steps I have taken to help Father Brown and thus make certain as is humanly possible that no other person experiences what you did during the counseling session. I intend to continue to ask for reports on the progress of the counseling or therapy, if such is necessary.

Again, I want to tell you and how much I admire your sound moral sense and your willingness to come and talk with me. I know that this entire matter is very distressing to you as it is to me. However, you two, Father Brown and I are equally concerned that no one else have a similar experience.

Rather than repeat what I wrote in reply to letter, I am enclosing this copy.

Be assured that I continue to have a prayerful concern for you and Your maturity and spirit of Christian forgiveness impress me a great deal; this is all the more reason that I will make every possible effort to help a brother priest who is filled with sorrow and remorse as well as with concern for you and because of the suffering and pain he brought into your lives. Please God, all this suffering on the part of all of us will have some redemptive value and will ultimately advance the Kingdom through a more responsible exercise of authentic fraternal charity.

If there is anything more Father Brown or I can do to help ease the pain, please let me know; we are more than willing to try.

With kindest personal greetings to you and and a prayer that God will bless both of you in His best way, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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July 19, 1985

The Reverend Syl F. Brown, Pastor
The Church of Pax Christi
4105 18th Ave. NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Dear Father Brown,

Pax et bonum!

As you see, I am enclosing a copy of each of three letters; they speak for themselves.

It is obvious that _____ and _____ continue to be concerned with what they consider to be a serious violation of counseling ethics. As you know, legally they have every right to ask me, "What did you do and what is Father Brown doing about this case?"

I spent considerable time in trying for the proper balance between pastoral concern for _____ and _____ and fraternal support for you in my reply to _____ carefully written letter.

For your best interest as well as for mine, I must keep a log on this case. May I ask if you have contacted either Dr. Tyce or Dr. Gendron? Also, I need to have an answer to the question regarding what the outcome of the testing was and what, if any, therapy was agreed upon. Naturally, a signed statement by the Doctor becomes an important piece of evidence that "some one did something" to see to it that no other person will have a similar experience.

Needless to say, I find this letter difficult to write; however, given the current thrust of the news media we have no alternative but to take the matter with the utmost seriousness and comply with what experienced lawyers recommend as a prudent course of action to any adult who is reported as having compromised a counselee.

I have no doubt but what _____ and _____ will be satisfied if I can assure them that you are receiving counseling from competent doctors. Neither do I have any reservation about what I wrote to _____ about our review of the matter; I know of your regret and your ability to avoid this type of conduct in the future. Your exceptional empathy for people of all ages and your effective ministry to their many and varied pastoral needs are appreciated and admired by all of us. I know that you value the implicit trust and confidence people have in you; it is the basis of much of the spiritual and human growth you make possible for them.

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You know that I am most anxious to help you in any way I can. Please feel free to write or telephone any time; I am more than happy to stop at P.O. Christi whenever I am in the Rochester area.

Thank you for having the real estate agent, I believe, telephone the other day. It sounds as if progress is being made and that we do indeed need to involve all the pastors of Rochester in the discussion and ultimate decision. Perhaps we can arrange a meeting in early August - Monday, August 5th, would be a possibility - before the Eagle Open!

With kindest personal greeting, renewed gratitude for your priestly commitment, and a request for your prayers, I remain,

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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Dear Bishop Vlazny,

Please say yes - allow Father Brown
to continue the great work he is doing
here in _____ at _____ If

you are concerned that he is overworked,
there are many here who are willing to
help anyway we are able to - or send
an assistant priest if that is possible.

Please know that Father Brown is
not the kind of person who can be
replaced without a great deal of loss
to us, his family. He is wonderful with
any age person and seems to have the
ability to serve long hours with unflagging
energy. He is always considerate, kind
and understanding. He is needed here
and would like to stay. Please allow
this request to be granted! Thank You

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

The card says in few words far better than what I could say in many. You saw a need with me and followed through with all of the arrangements. I knew you are very busy to take time with a person hurting as myself. Thank you for giving me that special time and extended time out of your schedule and probably free time as well. I am grateful Father Brown came and admitted wrong doing. Only I would like to be able to say--I forgive from the heart. I am listening to a tape on forgiveness by Father Ron Roth and he uses the Scripture reading ---FATHER FORGIVE THEM, THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO. This applies in this situation and in the wrong I do.

I know you are trying to deal with all of the church scandal. Forgive me if I appeared to show disrespect after Father Brown left in regard to how the Church or you are handling situations. I knew and trust you trying to do your best and above. However, I have a hard time believing priests are always honest to you about sexuality issues. Pray that I will let go of the past as not to allow it to color or shadow what is being done today by the Church and that I can become more trusting and less judgemental. *Sincerely,*

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Dear Sir =

I realize this letter may do no good now - but I'd feel better if I got this off my mind:

Father Brown of _____ is a very wonderful person who has endless energy as you will know. He also has a way with young people; he gets the point across without sounding harsh or demanding.

_____ is a young parish as you know and I think Father Brown is the perfect man to lead the young families of the parish.

I personally thought Mass was a time to read the bulletin and look around the church hoping time would go faster. But Father Brown is such an inspiration to everyone. It's hard to explain.

It will obviously take 2 priests to take his place, as you know. No other 1 person ~~can~~ can do what he does. He must have been struck by lightning at some point in his life - because the room or church just lights up when he walks in with his ever smiling face.

I must go now -

God Bless you

January 29, 1989

Dear Bishop Nazny,

I am forced to think about a subject that I have pushed to the back of my mind. I always knew that at, ~~some~~ time, Father Brown would leave

It seems the time has come. Could you somehow see in your heart to extend the time that he be with us?

He is such an inspiration. He is the hardest working person I think I've ever known. He gives & gives & gives. Could he not be at beyond the 8 years?

My 2 sons both received their first Communion from Father Brown. My oldest boy will be

confirmed next year, and then,
my second son, three years
later. Asking for both might
not be possible, but perhaps
for Father Brown to be here at
least for the oldest sons'
Confirmation.

And, also, he just completed
the Spiritual Center. It
would be wonderful for him to
enjoy its use for a little
more time.

Please consider extending
his appointment. Your prayerful
consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely

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Dear Bishop Vlazny

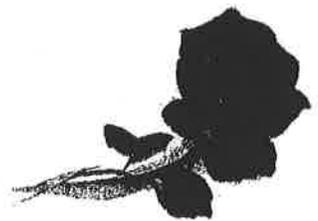


I would really
wish if you would
let Fr. Brown stay.

He is really friendly
and nice. He also
teaches me about God.

Thanks

from,



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Office of the
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February 7, 1989

Dear

Thank you very much for your nice note in which you told me how much you like Father Brown. I too think he is really friendly and nice.

Did you know that I just moved a year and one-half ago to come here to serve as Bishop of Winona? During our lifetime, we priests are called upon to serve many of God's people. It's an important reminder to all of us that our work is truly God's, not our own. God bless you and pray for all our priests. Maybe you too will someday hear God calling you to be one of His priests.

Your friend in Jesus,

Bishop John G. Vlazny

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February 8, 1989

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If and when he moves, you can be sure that the good work he has done among you will not be lost. We priests plant the seed, but it is God who gives the growth.

God bless you, your family and the entire parish community of

You can be assured of my prayers, support and appreciation in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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Bishop of Winona

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RECEIVED FEB 27 1989

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Bishop H. Blazey
Cathedral of St. Francis
Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Blazey, —

Just a note expressing
my concern over Dr. Dyer
Brown's leaving
I hope you really give
this one some thought,
as I don't imagine another
priest will ever do the
work this man does. He
works and moves as thru.
Please reconsider! Thank.

Respectfully,

RECEIVED FEB 28 1989

Most Reverend Bishop John Vlazny
55 West Sandborn
Box 588
Winona, Minnesota 55987

February 26, 1989

Dear Bishop Vlazny:

I am a new parishioner at the
. In Fact, I only recently joined the
Catholic Church from the Bishop Vlazny,
I am making a heart-felt plea to you requesting that the
blessed Father Syl Brown be granted an extension in his station
at the parish.

Father Brown is known throughout as a most
thoughtful, hard-working, and dedicated priest. When I be-
came engaged to

, there was no ques-
tion about where we would go for both my adult catechism and
our PreCana classes. Whereas had previously attended
the we agreed that with all
of the wonderful things we had heard about this Father Brown,
we would visit him and his parish. We are now establishing
ourselves as members of the parish. Indeed, he
is everything everyone had said he would be, and more.

Both and I are rather quiet, reserved individuals.
Father Brown managed not only to make us feel welcomed and
at ease, but he seemed to sense that our particular needs
were special, and therefore treated us as though we were spe-
cial. Everyone is special to Father Brown. I was as
(very) as was "VC" (very Catholic). How-
ever, I wanted to become Catholic because I feel very strongly

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that a home needs a unified faith for strength and for a foundation on which children can learn and grow with solid Christian values. Only through many long conversations with Father Brown was I able to better understand the issues in which I found conflict concerning the Catholic faith. and I both grew to understand Catholicism better, much more completely than by simply reading catholic literature, which I had been studying for over one year. Father Brown's bright eyes and wise words join his warm and loving heart to simply fill his peers with the presence of the Holy Spirit. We, like the other members of _____ have grown to love and respect Father Brown in a very special way, uniquely because he is the person that he is.

I understand that the Catholic church rotates the parish priests by terms that used to be eight years each. Reportedly, the definition of the duration of a term has recently been reestablished as a six year term, renewable for a second six year term, for a total of twelve years maximum in a particular parish. Father Brown has explained that his eight year term has come to an end, and that he must now be relocated to another parish within the diocese.

Bishop Vlazny, I understand and respect the purposes of the rotation of parish priests. That is, by rotating the priests throughout the diocese, parishes will each get the opportunity to have the better priests, and they also may find consolation in the fact that, should they get a less dynamic priest, they are not confined to that individual for a lifetime. However, _____ offers a unique situation in this schema. Our community is large enough that there are several Roman Catholic parishes from which the people may choose. Father Brown offers a special inspiration that I have not found at the other parishes. Granted, that is only my personal point of view, obviously the fact that I sit in a crowded pew says something for the way the other parishioners feel about Father Brown.

In addition, Father Brown's ministry at the _____ is still growing; _____ and in the _____ he still has many lessons to teach; many new people in the _____

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community are still in need of the care, love, and spiritual guidance for which Father Brown is so well known. As new resident physicians at the enter training each summer, and old residents complete their training and move away from a flux of some three-hundred families into and out of occurs every year. Many of these young adults meet and marry in others are blessed with children, but all of them have spiritual needs; I cannot implore you enough to consider just how much these young people would benefit from growing with Father Brown. I doubt very seriously that another priest could readily pick up the instruments in the parish and make a symphony of our members. Yes, other communities deserve to have such a wonderful priest, but what I am attempting to convey to you is that still needs Father Brown very much.

Bishop Vlazny, the new rules suggest that a priest may remain in a parish for a maximum of twelve years. I pray that you will consider a renewal for Father Brown to serve in the for another four year term. In this way, the twelve year maximum would not be violated. I pray that you can find it in your heart to consider the tremendous ministry that Father Brown does in the area, and still has to do. If you wish, I will personally contact the members for a formal petition to you to consider the extension of his term to the maximum. If you feel there is absolutely any way that I or the other members of the parish can secure Father Brown for the extended term, please do not hesitate to call me or write to me. I very much appreciate your consideration. I will in the meanwhile continue to pray for Father Brown and

Sincerely,

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March 2, 1989

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Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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RECEIVED MAR 2 1989

Dear Bishop Murray,

I do believe you are the one I should be writing to - I just hope it's not late.

The leaving of Father Brown from [redacted] is something that I am having trouble accepting. Father Brown has spent these years at [redacted] working like crazy and has achieved so much that I don't understand how he can be moved when there is so much more he can do. [redacted] probably one of the most "young people" parishes around. Father Brown can relate to these young people. I know of a few priests who can come down hard on people and say "we need 'X' amount of money for this - please donate". Father [redacted] though, has a way in which people know that if he says something - there is no reason to doubt it. It's hard to explain - but what it comes down to is that Father Brown was (is? please) the best person for our growing parish. How he does it by himself is a mystery - but he is always smiling and happy! What a terrific combination - how rare!

The one comment about his leaving that I've heard most about his leaving is something like this: "No wonder young kids do not want to become priests if their reward for hard work is a transfer whether they want it or not."

Father Brown is not that young anymore; why can't he be allowed to sow some more seeds and stay to watch them grow?

I realize this all sounds like a case of selfishness,

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but why break a man's spirit if it is not totally necessary?

No other Priest loves kids as much as Father Brown
and no other Priest is loved by kids as much as he.

Please don't let this be the last Easter Egg Hunt with
Father Brown -

We need him, he needs us.

Please do not feel as though you must respond. I read your schedule in the
Courier; and realize you are very busy! Sincerely,

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If and when he moves, you can be sure that the good work he has done among you will not be lost. We priests plant the seed, but it is God who gives the growth.

In your letter you pointed out the very special relationship that Father Brown has with the young community at I assure you that our Clergy Assignments Committee is keeping that in mind in assisting me in the appointment of a new pastor.

When we give our hearts to our work, it is always difficult to let go. I certainly found it very painful a year and one-half ago when I moved from Chicago to become the Bishop of Winona. But, honestly, I have found new life and new energy here and am grateful that I received this call from the Church. I assure you that I too have Father Brown's best interests at heart.

God bless you and the entire parish community of You can be assured of my prayers, support and appreciation in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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If and when he moves, you can be sure that the good work he has done among you will not be lost. We priests plant the seed, but it is God who gives the growth.

I realize that you believe in the uniqueness of your situation in
I concur with that judgement and I assure you that our Clergy Assignments Committee will keep that in mind in assisting me in the appointment of a new pastor.

God bless you, your family and the entire parish community of
You can be assured of my prayers, support and appreciation in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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March 5, '89

RECEIVED MAR 7 1989

Dear Bishop Ulagany,

My name is _____ and I am
a member of _____ in _____
Our parish has recently learned that we'll
be losing our Pastor, Father Syl Brown. I
do realize that normally, a Priest stays
at a Parish for no longer than eight years.
With all of my heart, I wish this time there
was an exception.

Father Brown is the most dynamic, most
giving, hardest-working and caring Priest I
know. He serves this huge parish in a
way no one else ever could. There is no
way you could walk into Mass & feel
unwelcomed. He makes a special point
of not only welcoming people with open
arms but inspiring in each and every
one of us incentive to do the same. He
is certainly my source of inspiration
and has helped me with some personal
problems as well. As busy as he is, he

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always finds time for anyone who asks. Friends of mine who are not even Catholic know him through all of the different functions he attends in our entire community.

I am a CCO teacher at _____ & help the youth of the Parish publish a monthly newsletter. My daughter is very active and is the Youth Representative for the Diocese of Winona, along with being on Youth Core Group, & she also teaches CCO. She shares my feelings about Father Brown leaving.

One more comment I'd like to share with you, Bishop Vlazny, is that I've recently joined the _____, partly in carrying on the works of my deceased Grandfather, but also, because of my inspiration from Father Brown & my great appreciation for all he does for all of us. He is the one who moved me to take part in doing whatever I can to promote that special

ministry of the Priesthood. I began by contributing monthly to this organization as I felt it was one of the few things I could do, if not directly, indirectly. We need more like him!

Thank you, Bishop, for listening. I believe it would be so advantageous to all of _____ people, if he were able to stay. Of course, your decision will be accepted willingly, but I needed to express my deepest thoughts regarding this.

May Christ's peace be with you,

RECEIVED MAR 8 1989

Bishop John Vlaszny
Diocese of Winona
55 W. Sanborn
Winona, Minnesota

March 7, 1989

Dear Bishop Vlaszny,

It is with full recognition of a selfish request that I write you with hopes that you would re-consider your decision to move Fr. Syl Brown from You see, Fr. Brown has touched and changed many lives during his term at and these changes are still occurring on a daily basis. When the seeds of a crop are beginning to flourish, do we ask a different farmer to tend the crop?

I have been involved in many groups at since I moved to and joined the church. I have taught CCD, facilitated RENEW groups, Genesis II groups, served on the Adult Core Group Education committee for the past two years, and have participated in Father's Catholic Inquiry class. I can vividly recall his presence at virtually every meeting, if even for a brief sharing. I used to be amazed at how one man could possibly physically and mentally handle that much activity with such deep commitment. My wondering was answered when at one inquiry class, one prospective parishioner asked Father why priests were not allowed to marry. He paused for a moment and then explained that the commitment of a priest is to live their ENTIRE life for the good of others. It all became crystal clear for me at that moment-Father truly believes and does live his entire life for others. It is precisely this commitment that he continually fills that brings Christ directly into the midst of all of us at

His spirituality is energizing. His gentle ways comfort the most distraught. He is a very special part of our family and has brought new life to many "ho-hum catholics". He has pulled us through one of the most difficult experiences many of us will ever face, the tragedy, by teaching us to replace our fear with faith, trust, and hope in the Lord. He has grown with us, beside us, and through us, but we are still young. We are growing all of the time and his guidance is critical to the cohesiveness of a parish of our size.

I know that your decision to move Fr. Syl is based on a want to do what is best for both his and our personal growth. I also know that your decision will be a well-planned and wise one. Please know that you are in our prayers to do what is best for all concerned.

Sincerely,

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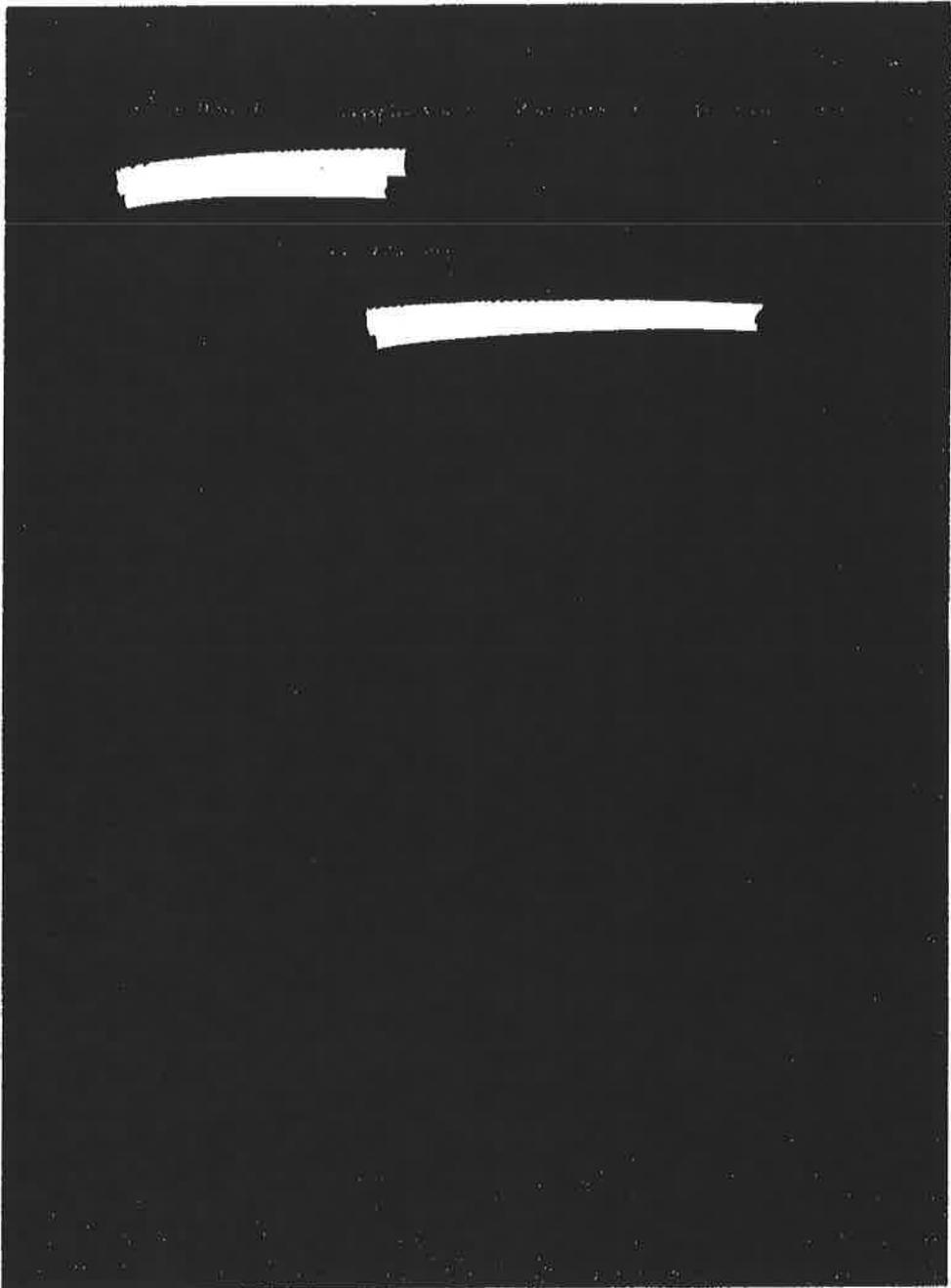
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~~at Reverend Syl Brown~~

DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

FILE COPY

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel, 507/454-4643

March 9, 1989

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Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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RECEIVED MAR 17 1989

March 10, 1989

Dear Bishop John,

I'm a fairly new parishioner
at
My family and I moved to
about 4 years ago. I
spent months attending the
churches in our area, before
I found and
ultimately Father Syl Brown.
The very first time I attended
mass at Father Brown
was saying the mass and I
knew this was the church for
me.

Father Brown has a special
quality. He is a very loving
and caring person and he
almost shines with it. We
all at feel very
much a part of the church
because of Father's devotion to
us all. He has given so much
to me and my family I
feel a devotion and deep caring

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for him.

Because of all my feelings for Father Brown I have been very upset the past few weeks after hearing that we are soon going to lose him.

Bishop John, I'm not very knowledgeable about how the church works in these cases. Is there some way that we could keep Father Brown at?
? This may be selfish of me but I really don't want to lose him. He means so much to us all.

When Father announced that he would be leaving he said he would be the loser and that we parishioners were the church. But he is our leader, our role model and the back bone of

The church just will

not be the same without him.
He's such a major entity.

Thank you so much for
taking the time to read
my letter. Please, if it
is possible let us keep
Father Brown at

May God Bless You,

March 12, 1989

Dear Bishop Vitzony,

I am a member of

in I am separated from my husband of 17 years and going through a divorce. Fr. Brown has been very helpful to me with guidance, spiritual support, and his perceptions and insights into me and how I relate to others. He holds a mirror up to me and reflects what he sees. Sometimes it's hard for me to admit it, but his insights are very much on target. Sometimes he provides me with comfort and hope, sometimes with food for thought, sometimes with a challenge. I've been separated for 7 months. I'm just getting started walking this lonely path.

I ask that you extend Fr. Brown's time at so that I may have the constancy of Fr. Brown's support,

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comfort and guidance in my ^{for a while longer} life. I have
so many other changes going on now in my
life, so many losses, that my world
seems upside down. I would be grateful
if you would extend Fr. Brown's time
at:

Thank you, dear Bishop.

Sincerely,

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

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March 20, 1989

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Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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RECEIVED MAR 24 1989

Dear Bishop Vlanzy,

My family moved to _____ in _____ and we joined _____ My husband and I are in our mid-thirties and we have _____ My husband grew up in _____ and I grew up in _____ and we were both raise in Catholic schools. We moved to _____ shortly after we were married and lived there for ten years. In all of our experience in parish life we have never had such a superb priest as Father Brown. I am sure you have received several letters on what a wonderful priest Father Brown is and we would just like to add our name to the list. We can not express in words all he has done for us. In my mind Father Brown is priest that a person thinks a priest should be. I have to admit that I have not known more than ten but Father Brown has to be the best. I have never written a letter to someone's superior to praise a person before but I just have urge to do so.

We know Father Brown is suppose to leave our parish soon and if at all possible we would love to have him stay if that is his wish. I do not understand how things are handled in these situations but we are just letting you know that we all love Feather Brown dearly and if he has to leave we will miss him dearly. But some parish will receive a blessing by having him. I guess we should share is great qualities with others and another parish should be entitled to his talents also. But we are going to be greedy(hopefully not sinful) and ask you to please let Father Brown stay at least awhile longer. We have become so much stronger in our religion and we feel Father Brown is the reason and we have so much more to achieve. Thank you for listening from our hearts.

Sincerely,

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

FILE COPY

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 508
Tel. 507/451-4643

March 24, 1989

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Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:wb

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March 24, 1989

His Most Reverend John Vlazny,

Father Syl Brown from _____ Church is currently counseling my fiancée and myself in preparation for our wedding on _____ Father Brown is the only priest I have the pleasure of knowing since I've moved in Minnesota _____ years ago. He knows both of us really well and has helped us grow spiritually. My fiancée is Lutheran and has been impressed with Father Brown's gift of extending his open arms to people of different church denomination. He knows both of us well and has helped us grow spiritually. He is truly a remarkable person and an inspiration for us. His leadership has made it easier for me to stay active in the parish.

Our wedding will be a very special event in our life. This event will truly be very special if Father Brown could be the celebrant. We would be very grateful if his stay in _____ could be extended. We will pray for him.

Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully yours,

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RECEIVED APR 3 1989

March 31, 1989

Bishop John Vlazny
Diocese of Winona
55 West Sanborn St.
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny:

This letter has begged to be written for over four years. My biggest regret is that it took Father Syl Brown's impending transfer to finally get me to my typewriter. The original intent of my letter was to thank Father Brown for the way he touches my life and to encourage him to keep up the good work. Now, I find I must write to urge you not to transfer him.

My husband and I began attending September . We had just moved to from and were eager to make this small city of spiritual and medical healing our home. That first Sunday at I knew I was in the right place. The atmosphere was filled with love, fellowship and friendship. This was truly a strong faith family, one like I've never experienced anywhere else.

It's this positive, loving approach to living with God and each other that has kept me going to church each Sunday. If I happen to miss Mass, I feel a loss - not because of guilt, but because the eucharistic celebration each Sunday gives me strength to go forth through the week. And the man who sets the tone for this parish is Father Brown.

What I'm about to say next you won't hear about many priests: I enjoy, learn from and am inspired by Father Brown's sermons. He gives so much of himself - to the congregation as a whole and to each individual who seeks his help.

was raised in a traditional Catholic family in
I am a former who chose to become a Catholic
in . We have been active in Renew, Valuing Your
Sexuality, Ministers of Hospitality and Confirmation while at
We have grown so much since the days when our bitterest
fights were over religious issues. Our beliefs have since
moved from their far corners to more compatible ground.

This is due, in part, to the people we've met at the
ideas we have exchanged and the approach Father Brown takes
to his calling.

There is a place for women in the church led by Father Brown
- a prominent place. I so appreciate that! There aren't
many other Catholic houses of worship where that's the case.

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And as a "cutting edge" Catholic, Father Brown has made it very clear that there too is a place for me at God's table. That, perhaps, is his most valuable gift of all to me.

At a time when Catholics have been "falling away," Father Brown packs them in. Please reconsider your decision to transfer Father Brown. We - and you - need him in

Cordially.

Parishioner

cc: Father Syl Brown

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RECEIVED APR 5 1989

April 4, 1989

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of my family and myself; however, I am certain that our feelings are shared by many of the parishioners at in

My husband, along with our children are rather new to The decision to stay in and finally make a permanent home was based on a variety of reasons--and Father Syl Brown at is one of those reasons.

Personally, it would be a tremendous loss to our family if Father Brown were to leave; and in a community which experiences a lot of transitory people it is nice to have something, someone you can count on--when everything else is changing.

I realize that change is a necessary part of life--but so is commitment and a sense of belonging. Father Brown is an inspiration and a catalyst for much of the good work achieved at He is truly the leader of our Faith Family and we would like to see him continue to lead us in our spiritual journey to the Lord.

Thank you for listening and caring about the concerns of our

May the Peace of Christ be with you always.

Sincerely,

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

FILE COPY

Office of the
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PO Box 508
Tel. 507/454-4643

April 5, 1989

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Bishop of Winona

JGV:wb

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WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

COPY

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

May 8, 1989

Reverend Syl F. Brown
Pax Christi Church
4135 Eighteenth Avenue N.W.
Rochester, MN 55901

Dear Syl,

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you for a term of six years as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, St. Clair, effective June 30, 1989.

Father Joseph Mountain, dean of the Mankato Deanery, will act as my delegate in receiving your profession of faith. I ask that you also contact him as soon as possible concerning your formal installation as pastor. It is good for the people to have an opportunity to celebrate these new beginnings and to welcome you in a prayerful and public way.

Syl, I greatly appreciate the wonderful pastoral service that you have offered the people of Pax Christi and the larger Rochester community over these past eight years. You have done extraordinary work in so many ways. In particular, I must commend you for encouraging responsible stewardship and a highly successful commitment to the needs of young people in the community. The new parish center will be a lasting memorial to your pastoral zeal.

I am confident that the parish community at Immaculate Conception will receive you warmly and respond wholeheartedly to your pastoral leadership. As you begin this pastoral charge, you have my support, appreciation and prayers. If you ever need me for anything, please do not hesitate to call. I encourage you to collaborate closely with your brother priests of the Mankato Deanery. The diocesan curia and support staff at the Pastoral Center in Winona stand ready to assist you in your many and varied responsibilities.

It is my prayer that this centennial-year appointment will be a blessing for you and your people. Be assured of my continuing best wishes and fraternal affection.

Your brother in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:wb

cc: Reverend Gerald Mahon
✓ Reverend Donald Schmitz
Reverend Joseph Mountain
Reverend Harold Mountain

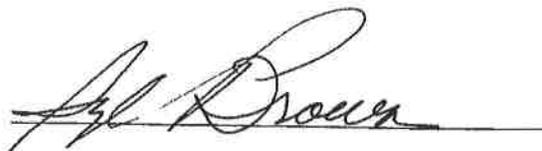
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

I, Sgt Brown, with firm faith, believe and profess all and everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith that is:

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father,
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

I firmly embrace and accept all and everything which has been either defined by the Church's solemn deliberations or affirmed and declared by its ordinary magisterium concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, according as they are proposed by it, especially those things dealing with the mystery of the Holy Church of Christ, its sacraments and the sacrifice of the Mass, and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff.



(Seal)

ATTEST:



Ordinary of Winona (Delegate)

Date August 22, 1989

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

COPY

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 500
Tel. 507/454-4643

October 5, 1989

Reverend Syl F. Brown
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Syl,

It is obvious that you have moved very well into your new pastoral responsibilities at Immaculate Conception Church in St. Clair. I am very grateful to you and the Lord for this happy turn of events. As you know, it is the plan in the Mankato Deanery that one day St. Ann's Church in Janesville and Immaculate Conception Church in St. Clair would be served by the same pastor. With the resignation of Father Elmer Kellen from the pastorate of St. Ann's Parish in Janesville at the end of this month, the time is now. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to appoint you pastor of St. Ann Church in Janesville, effective November 1, 1989, while maintaining your present duties as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in St. Clair. Your term as pastor of St. Ann's will be co-extensive with your term of office at Immaculate Conception, which comes to an end on June 30, 1995.

Once again, Syl, I am sure that the people of St. Ann's Parish will receive you warmly and respond with enthusiasm to your pastoral leadership. You know that you have my support, appreciation and prayers. As always, if you need me for anything, please do not hesitate to call. I hope that you are building up a good relationship with your brother priests in the Mankato Deanery.

Father Joseph Mountain, the dean, will assist you with any practical concerns that may arise as you try to establish a cooperative spirit between the parishioners of both faith-communities. In all these efforts, you have my continuing best wishes and fraternal affection.

Your brother in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:wb

cc: Reverend Gerald Mahon
✓ Reverend Donald Schmitz
Reverend Joseph Mountain
Reverend Elmer Kellen

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Dear Bishop John
I feel like I've died
and gone to heaven. I'm
enjoying St Ann's very
much. The other day I
stopped to see a man
out of the church for over
20 years. He was so pleased
I stopped. He received the
Sacraments. That afternoon
I took communion to a



woman who had been in
an invalid marriage and
is now dying of cancer.
I'm making arrangements
for baptism of the children
whose parents want to get
their marriage blessed.

These are life-giving
experiences to me. Having
more time to be the kind
of pastor I want to be is
rewarding. Thanks to you
Ayl Brown



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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

November 3, 1989

CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Duane Ollendick
Olmstead Medical Building
210 Ninth Street S.E.
Rochester, MN 55904

Dear Dr. Ollendick,

One of our priests, Father Syl Brown, now serving at
will be calling you for an appointment and an evaluation. I would
be grateful if you would receive him at your earliest convenience.

Father Brown is a very good priest who is coming off a challenging
assignment as pastor of these past
eight years. He worked diligently and was beloved by many of the
people. He found it hard to leave the parish but seems to be adjust-
ing well to his new responsibilities.

During my time as bishop (July 29, 1987 to the present) Father Brown
has not been the object of any serious criticism, complaint or
question. But, time and again, issues have been raised from the past
involving his unusual approach to dealing with young men who may be
experiencing some sexual difficulties. It happened while he was
serving as _____ and it seems to have
happened again in _____. His unusual prayers and blessings have
raised the eyebrows of some parents and other concerned Catholics, but
their remarks and inquiries are usually of a more private nature. My
predecessor, Bishop Watters, indicted to me that he had to deal with
the reaction of some who questioned Father Brown's judgement in these
matters.

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Dr. Duane Ollendick
November 3, 1989
Page 2

You yourself are already familiar with the situation because of our earlier discussion. I spoke to Father Brown and he is willing to come to see you, as both you and I thought would be a wise course of action.

I shall be out of the diocese until November 14, but I will be pleased to receive your report later this month. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:wb

cc: Reverend Syl Brown

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PO Box 885
Tel: 507 454-0640

February 5, 1990

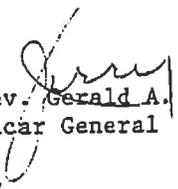
Rev. Sylvester Brown
Church of the Immaculate Conception
P.O. Box 100
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Syl,

Thank you for your request in reference to a seminarian for the summer months. I will refer your request to Bishop Vlazny as I do in all cases, and we will continue to make plans about seminarians for the summer.

Hope all is well as you continue to bring the two parishes together in a workable schedule.

Sincerely in Our Lord,


Rev. Gerald A. Mahon
Vicar General

✓bcc: Bishop John G. Vlazny

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FILE COPY

DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

February 23, 1990

Reverend Syl Brown
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Syl,

Thank you very much for the invitation to stay overnight in St. Clair on March 10. I have not accepted the invitation because it will be rather late in the evening when the gathering at St. Thomas College is finished and I do believe it would be better to stay there overnight and drive early in the morning to Janesville for Confirmation.

I was grateful that we had an opportunity to meet when you were here in Winona for retreat at the end of January. I want to remind you about the importance of our agreement that you revisit Dr. Ollendick to review his evaluation. It will be important for me to have input from both of you before making any further determination, particularly since you are presently unwilling to go along with his proposal for a more thorough assessment.

It was my understanding that were you and Dr. Ollendick not able to achieve some meeting of the minds, then I would send you to another psychologist for an evaluation and report. In all these matters, Syl, I assure you that I truly do have your best interests at heart and respect you deeply for your dedication and service to the Church. Know that you are always in my prayers.

At present I am unclear about my role in arranging for another meeting involving yourself and Dr. Ollendick. I thought you would handle the arrangements yourself, but I shall send a copy of this letter to Dr. Ollendick so that he will be advised of our present stance. May the coming days of Lent be a time of grace and blessing to you and the people of both parishes whom you serve as pastor.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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cc: Dr. Duane Ollendick

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The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona Diocese
55 West Sanborn Street
Winona, MN 55987

RE: Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
D.O.B. 9/7/30

Dear Bishop Vlazny:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the letter which you sent to Father Brown dated February 23, 1990. The purpose of this correspondence is twofold; first, just to let you know that I have not yet heard from Father Brown regarding the possibility of a follow-up meeting with him so as to further discuss the results of my evaluation, and second, to share with you the names of other individuals whom I thought might be considered for a second opinion in this matter. Specifically, as I had previously discussed with Father Rick Thompson, I had suggested three individuals:

- 1) _____ who is in private practice here in Rochester. _____ was one of my mentors during my Mental Health Center days and has a good overall understanding of mental health issues along with some specific experience in the area of sexual disorders and dysfunctions. Further, he is a (good Catholic man) who would also have the further understanding and insights into the roles and demands of priesthood.
- 2) _____ Licensed Consulting Psychologist, whom I do not know well at a personal level. I do know, however, that _____ has worked in the Rochester area for many years, specifically with the subpopulation of sexual difficulties, and she has also been a consultant to our own county legal and social service systems in this area. She too is in private practice.
- 3) The final consideration would be that of an individual whom I do not know at all and, quite frankly, received rather mixed reviews from others on. His name is _____ a social worker by training, I believe, who too has practiced within the _____ area for probably the last fifteen years. While much of the "mixed reviews" which I

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hear about him concern more personal issues, he seems to be highly regarded as a sex therapist and one of the original experts in this geographic area on this subject.

I have identified the three potential referral sources above in the order of what would be my own preferred referral choice. I think it would be important that if a follow-up opinion were obtained, you or Father Brown make available my evaluation for either direct refutation or concurrence, or you may be left with a report that is biased by the more selected information which Father Brown may choose to share. Finally, considering that Father Brown has yet to follow through with contacting myself, it may be more expeditious at this point to just move for follow-up second opinion rather than to further delay this process. I have not forwarded these referral names to Father Brown, although as you may or may not know, he did request (February 15) a copy of his MMPI which he wanted to utilize for follow-up evaluation so that the testing need not be repeated.

As always it is a pleasure to be of service to the Diocese.

With warmest regards,



Duane G. Ollendick, Ph.D.
Licensed Consulting Psychologist

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55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

March 19, 1990

Reverend Syl Brown
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Syl,

This week I had a chance to speak with Father Jerry Mahon about some of the summer placements of seminarians. He told me, as you had indicated during my visit for Confirmation, that you had offered your services as a supervisor for one of the seminarians this summer.

Syl, I really do not believe that this is the year for you to take a seminarian for the summer. I appreciate your willingness to become involved in their priestly formation, but, until some of my concerns about your own personal well-being are resolved, I do not believe that such an assignment would be appropriate at this time.

We do need to talk again about the matter, I know. I hope that you have made your appointment to meet with Doctor Ollendick once again. Please don't get discouraged. I really do believe that your priestly effectiveness and personal health will be vastly improved (if that can be possible!) when we finish dealing with some of these matters. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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LICENSED CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST
LAKE AVENUE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING
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FAIRMONT, MN 58031
PHONE: (507) 235-5651

September 19, 1990

Bishop John Vlasney
Box 588
55 W. Sanborn
Winona, MN 55987

RE: Psychological Evaluation of Fr. Sylvester Brown

Dear Bishop Vlasney:

I have had the opportunity to do a psychological evaluation of Fr. Sylvester Brown, and he has requested that I write a report of my findings. My practice is to write reports tailored to the needs of the reader. In order to provide you with information relevant to your needs, I need to know what questions you would like to have addressed in the report. If you could send a note listing some areas of concern and/or questions, it would be most helpful.

Thank you for your interest and assistance.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Switras, Ph.D.
Licensed Consulting Psychologist

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Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Rev. Sylvester Brown
From: Bishop John Vlazny
Date: September 25, 1990
Re: Enclosed Letter From Dr. Switras

This past week I received this letter from Dr. Joseph Switras of Fairmont. I found it rather unusual since I had clearly indicated to you that I wanted him to review the evaluation of Dr. Ollendick and respond accordingly.

Certainly I would have written a preliminary letter to your visit had I know with whom you were going to visit and when you would do so. I do not see how it's possible for him to respond to my concerns after the evaluation unless he has been properly informed beforehand. Please clarify this matter with me at your earliest convenience. Frankly, I was going to call you about this since I had not yet heard from you during the summer months.

May the Lord continue to bless your priestly ministry in Janesville and St. Clair. I shall be awaiting your response before communicating with Dr. Switras.

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Office of the
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PO Box 508
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October 24, 1990

Joseph E. Switras, Ph.D.
Lake Avenue Professional Building
No. 116 - 208 West Second
Fairmont, Minnesota 56031

Dear Dr. Switras,

Recently I received the report of the current psychological evaluation you did for Fr. Sylvester Brown. I am enclosing the report as it was received in my office. Since it was unsigned, I would appreciate your signature on the document and also an opportunity to speak with you about the evaluation.

When I receive the signed report from you by mail, I shall call your office to try and establish a time when we might be able to converse over the phone about Fr. Brown and your report. Since you and Dr. Ollendick came to very different conclusions, I certainly want to clarify the differences and proceed with Fr. Brown in a way that is good for him and for the Church he serves.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
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October 29, 1990

Dr. Duane Ollendick
Olmsted Medical Group
210 Ninth Street, SE
Rochester, Minnesota 55904-6400

Dear Dr. Ollendick,

Please permit me to update you in the case of Rev. Sylvester F. Brown, whose psychological evaluation you sent to me last December 1st. As you know, Fr. Brown had serious disagreements with your recommendation that he be considered for a more intensive psychosexual evaluation. I gave him the opportunity to have another psychological evaluation with another licensed consulting psychologist. He eventually concurred with that recommendation and visited with Dr. Joseph E. Switras of Fairmont in late summer. Dr. Switras sent his evaluation to me on October 1st.

Enclosed you will find a copy of this evaluation. I consulted with Dr. Switras by telephone today concerning his evaluation. It does seem that Fr. Brown cooperated with him fully and shared with him a copy of your evaluation. On the basis of his report, I am inclined not to insist that Fr. Brown pursue this matter further.

Any observations or suggestions that you might be able to make at this time would be helpful. Whereas Fr. Brown was not fully cooperative in all these developments, it does seem that he did comply with my request in approaching another psychologist and that he cooperated fully with Dr. Switras.

Thank you very much for your attention to this situation and the many others that I have referred to you since coming to Winona. I hope that we will have a chance to meet again in the not-too-distant future. Perhaps another luncheon engagement would work out well. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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PO Box 508
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November 7, 1990

Rev. Syl Brown
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, Minnesota 56080

Dear Fr. Brown,

Thank you very much for visiting with Dr. Switras this fall. He has sent me an evaluation and we have clarified a few matters over the telephone.

So, I would like to meet with you soon and review the evaluation and take the necessary steps to put this matter to rest. In particular, I would like to discuss the suggestion of Dr. Switras that there may be some "need for some additional training in the area of handling sexual-related problems and a review of counseling procedures and ethics in regard to the area of sexuality and counseling."

Thanks very much for your cooperation in this and so many other matters. I look forward to seeing you in the not-too-distant future. God bless.

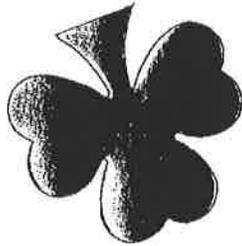
Your brother in the Lord,

John G. Vlazny

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This turned out okay
 following cards of concern and
 support from so many friends
 and overwhelming help.
 Hope my story will be
 for only a short time.
 Love
 Kenneth & P

Dear Bishop John,
 This is the first letter I've
 written to anyone since I
 arrived last week. As I
 indicated on the phone when
 you called, this has been the
 most painful experience of my
 life.
 When I arrived here, the
 doctor here was concerned with
 the pains in my chest and left
 arm. I was sent to a specialist
 and given a stress test. The

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Office of the
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PO Box 588
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March 25, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
Villa St. John Vianney
Lincoln Highway and Woodbine Road, PO Box 218
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

Thanks very much for your note and the green shamrocks. You continue to have a very special place in my heart and in my prayers. I am sorry that the pain of separation from your people and your work continues, but I am hopeful that the community of Villa St. John will eventually help you find some peace and lead you in the ways of wellness. As Father Joseph Gill reminded one of the assemblies of bishops in which it was my privilege to attend, there is a price to be paid for our wellness. It is not always easy.

Thank heavens the pains in your chest and left arm were not indicators of more serious physical problems. Just letting go of things at St. Ann's and Immaculate Conception must have been stressful for you in the final days. I am sure you are missed but I am confident that and will do their best to keep things perking. The people will appreciate you all the more when you return!

From March 18-23 I was directing a retreat for the seminary deacons of the St. Paul Seminary at St. John's in Collegeville. It was a grace-filled and inspirational experience. It brought back many memories and provided me with a pleasant escape from my regular duties. On Sunday afternoon, after a Saturday snowfall, I went out with some of the monks to the woods and witnessed their work in tapping the maple trees in order to make maple syrup for use in the monastery and for gifts to their friends. After tasting some of it, I wish I were one of their friends!

As the church moves closer to Easter, Syl, I pray that you will appreciate the paschal mystery all the more from the very different perspective that will be yours at the Villa St. John. When I gather with our brother priests for the Christ Mass at St. John's in Rochester, you will be uppermost in my thoughts and prayers. I would also ask you to keep uppermost in your prayers a few special intentions that touch upon the lives and ministry of some of our brothers in the presbyterate. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John

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Bishop of Winona

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Office of the
Bishop

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April 22, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
Villa St. John
Lincoln Highway and Woodbine Road
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

As we celebrate these beautiful days of Easter I send you my prayerful greetings and assure you my continuing support. This coming Sunday I will be visiting St. Ann's in Janesville for Confirmation. You will be uppermost in my thoughts and prayers at that time. says that he is "doing his best" to keep things moving along until you return. also is pleased with the opportunity to take care of the folks at Immaculate Conception in St. Clair while you are away.

Holy Week and Easter were special privileged moments in my life as a bishop again this year. Our Christ Mass in Rochester on Monday of Holy Week was probably our best. and the people of St. John's went out of their way to welcome the priests and the many other participants in the liturgy. The hospitality for the priests was outstanding. Everyone seemed to have a good time. It's always a nice night to be bishop. I am confident that you will have many opportunities to use the holy oils that were blessed that night upon your return.

This week I shall be heading up to St. Paul for a meeting with the Bishops of the Province and our spring Minnesota Catholic Conference meeting. continues to coordinate the efforts of the MCC and Archbishop Roach seems quite pleased with his service. We shall all have to offer Archbishop Roach some condolences over losing the papal visit to Denver! When he thinks about all the work that would have come along with the honor, he may start feeling a little better!

My mother and sister came for a Holy Week visit to Winona. I brought them back home on Easter Sunday afternoon and returned to Winona on Tuesday. It was nice to have a lazy, old-fashioned day off on Monday. I had the chance to visit with some friends and catch up on a few personal chores.

was back in the hospital on Palm Sunday afternoon. He is moving into his new home and plans to stay at the parish until July 1st. I hope that he is not pushing himself too much. His health is not the greatest and I do hope that he will be able to enjoy his retirement without having to check into the hospital at regular intervals.

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Office of the
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May 15, 1992

Rev. Sylvester F. Brown
Villa St. John Vianney
Lincoln Highway & Woodbine Road
Downingtown, PA 19335

Dear Syl,

I am writing in reference to the problems which is confronted with at . has extra responsibility because you are gone and ordinarily the staff and people in the parish make a special effort to accommodate the administrator who comes to serve. In this case it seems to be the opposite, with unreasonable demands being made and a spirit which is not conducive for to accomplish his purpose.

I asked to call you and I am writing simply because your voice may help us correct the situation. It sounds like you are extremely involved in the present administration of the parish and becomes less than the administrator. It is my hope something can be done to move on from where we are. Thank you.

Minnesota is looking more beautiful everyday and the weather has been basically delightful. I hope your treatment continues to be a source of new life and blessings for you during these Easter days.

Sincerely in Our Lord,


Rev. Gerald A. Mahon
Vicar General

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Holy Family Parish

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P.O. Box 37
Lake Crystal, Minnesota 56055

Bishop John Vlazny
Diocese of Winona
55 West Sanborn
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May 15, 1992

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

This past week I received a phone call from Dr. Thomas Tyrell requesting that the diocese send a letter to Father Brown again reiterating our concern regarding returning to the diocese as well as family celebrations at this time. I informed Dr. Tyrell that I would consult with you and that a letter would be drafted and sent to Father Brown. I also informed him that the letter would contain a statement regarding our consultation with the staff at Villa John Vianney. Please find enclosed a sample copy of a letter that we could possibly send to Father Brown. After consulting with Father Mahon we agreed that the letter would be best received coming from yourself.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Richard Thomson

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May 15, 1992

Dear Father Brown,

After much consultation with the staff at Villa John Vianney and with Father Thomson, we have all agreed that it is premature for you to return to Minnesota. This decision is based on therapeutic needs.

It has been my hope for you since the beginning of the process that you could come to understand and believe your own need for being at Villa John Vianney. It is, I know a very difficult and painful experience to find oneself in a treatment setting, yet I know that this is for your own best interest. Sometimes you may feel like you are being punished and you therefore have to allow others to make life decisions. All that I would wish for you is that you could take the best possible care of yourself, that you would allow yourself to enter into the treatment program at Villa John Vianney and not be pulled away by others needs. I know as a priest we all feel very deeply an obligation to our families and our parishes. That is why when we genuinely have to care for ourselves it can sometimes be very difficult to say no to others.

Syl, I wish you to take care of yourself, to put your emotions and energy into the treatment program. I want you to be able to return to your parish feeling well about yourself.

Syl, I'd ask that you would please consider inviting your family to help you take care of yourself and your needs at this time. Also, that you would let go of your parish and all those responsibilities. Fathers Hodapp and Schneider can watch the store until you return. Please trust that your people understand that at this time you need to take care of yourself.

Sincerely,

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Addendum: Today, Friday, May 15 I received another call from Dr. Thomas Tyrell. He asked that we would include in the letter reference to any potential legal difficulties regarding Father Brown's behavior. They have emphasized this with him at the treatment center and he takes this aspect of his behavior very lightly. I again reiterated to Tom that we are only aware of one incident involving

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May 20, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
Villa Saint John Vianney
Lincoln Highway and Woodbine Road
P.O. Box 218
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

It was good to speak with you, albeit briefly, last week when you called. It seems that there has been much discussion about a possible return for you to Minnesota in the near future. But, after much consultation with the staff at Villa Saint John Vianney and with Father Rick Thomson, it is clear to me that all agree such a return would be still quite premature. This decision is based on therapeutic needs.

It has always been my hope, right from the very beginning of the process initiated this past winter, that you would come to understand and believe you own need for being at Villa Saint John Vianney. I recognize that this is certainly a very difficult and painful experience to find yourself in a treatment setting, but I am sure that this is in you own best interests.

You may at times feel that you are being punished and that, as a consequence, you must allow others to make life decisions for you. There is no punitive intent, but there certainly is a reasonable basis from your earlier behaviors to undertake these protective measures. All I ask is that you take the best possible care of yourself and that you allow yourself to enter into the treatment program without being pulled away by the needs of others. As priests we all feel very deeply our responsibilities towards our families and our parishioners. When we truly must take care of ourselves it can often be very difficult to say no to others.

Syl, I am asking you to take good care of yourself, to put your emotions and energy into the treatment program. I want you to be able to return to your parishes feeling good about yourself and your ministry.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to consider inviting your family to help you take care of yourself and your needs at this time. If they sense you are at peace, they will be too. As far as your parishes are concerned, let Fathers Hodapp and Schneider take care of the store until you return. You need to let go of these responsibilities for awhile. The people are most understanding. They love you and certainly they want you to take care of your own needs.

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Reverend Syl Brown
May 20, 1992
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As always, you have a very special remembrance in my prayers. I send you most cordial greetings from beautiful southern Minnesota. Spring lasted around three days. Now it's summer and the Twins are winning again! God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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cc: Dr. Thomas Dyrell
Rev. Dr. Richard G. Thomson

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Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
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June 4, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
Villa St. John
Lincoln Highway and Woodbine Road
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

The Confirmation season has come to an end and by the end of this month there should be some lazy, hazy days of summer to enjoy here along our beautiful river. Although the events of this month will keep me engaged, for the most part, they should be quite pleasant. I look forward to the ordination of _____ on June 17th. Please keep them and all our brother priests in your prayers.

This week there were two deaths among the religious of our diocese whom I am sure you came to know quite well in your priestly ministry. _____ of St. Mary's Hospital died earlier in the week. Her funeral will be held Thursday evening in Rochester. The sisters invited me to preside at the liturgy. I never knew her in her active days. She certainly was one of the greats among the Rochester Franciscans who did so much for health care over the years. May the Good Lord give her pardon and peace.

The other giant of the past who died this week is _____ of St. Mary's College. Bishop Watters will be having his funeral on Friday evening. I shall be at Lourdes for the high school graduation, but I hope to attend the wake service in the late afternoon before I drive to Rochester. The brothers have been remarkably kind to me since my arrival here five years ago and I certainly want to be with them as they pay their respects to _____. The Lord has called home two of His all-stars.

The week also marked some sad deaths among young people. A cousin in his early thirties died on Sunday. His parents are most disconsolate. I have been close to them over the years. In fact, back in the early 1950s I was in their wedding party. _____, the son of _____, also died in a work-related accident. He was thirty-one, I believe. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the Lord. I ask you to keep these young men and their families in your prayers as well.

I take no news out of St. Clair and Janesville as good news. The people continue to miss you but _____ and _____ are handling things well. As I mentioned in my last letter, it is good for you to let them take care of things for now so that you can take better care of things when you return. I forgot all about your housekeeper and I am sure that this is not easy for her. But she will be at peace if you are.

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Reverend Syl Brown

June 4, 1992

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Next week I shall be going up to the College of St. Benedict's to celebrate the Eucharist with the women who will be gathered there from our province as representatives of their diocesan Councils of Catholic Women. Our women are hosting the liturgy and they told me that it is traditional for the bishop of the group planning the liturgy to come and celebrate the Mass. I wonder about such a tradition since the host bishop is also invited to celebrate a Mass on the next day. Bishop Hanus will be with the ladies on Tuesday. Oh well, it gives me a good excuse to be out of the office on Monday. I think I shall drive up on Sunday evening and stay overnight in St. Cloud. It will be far easier than getting up super-early on Monday morning and trying to beat the clock for the 10:45am Mass there.

Most of our seminarians have begun their summer assignments. Jim Steffes will not be returning from Rome until later in the month and so he begins on July 1st. Ruben Spinler is in Austin this summer. I still recall how much he appreciated being with you last summer. Fred Rolstad will be his new pastor. He could be his son! Please join me in praying that God will bless our diocese with sufficient priests and good pastoral ministers to work with them in the service of our people.

Bishop Watters has made the big decision to move to California in August. As you know, he has been residing with the Christian Brothers at St. Mary's College these past five years. His sisters persisted in their request that he consider moving out to California and live with them in Pacific Grove, which is near Monterey. He spent a couple of months there with them this winter and seemed to enjoy it very much. I am grateful that he seems to delight in this possibility. I do hope it works out. He does plan to come home each year for a couple of months in the summer. I think he would want to be here at the time of the June workshops and the priestly ordinations.

Syl, during this week before Pentecost we are all praying for even greater blessings from the Holy Spirit in the life of our diocesan church. I ask that same Spirit to heal you of any hurts at this time and to renew your sense of trust and deep faith in your own priestly life and ministry. We live in such challenging times. Like yourself, I do want to be a man of faith and service. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me as I attempt to shepherd this local church. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+John

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July 13, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
Villa Saint John Vianney
Lincoln Highway and Woodbine Road
P.O. Box 218
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

This past weekend I was thinking about you as we celebrated the Fourth of July weekend here in Winona. I hope you had a fine reunion with your family up in the Cities. Friday and Saturday were glorious days for me. Lots of time at home with little or nothing to do!

All those who were given new assignments have reported for duty, thanks be to God! I have spoken with most of our brother priests who are in new situations and everyone seems to be adjusting quickly. I guess we become pros at moving, but not without some pain. Both of the newly ordained are here in Winona. They bring new life and enthusiasm to the rest of us.

The June workshops went very well this year. All the main speakers were very well received and there was a good spirit present among all the participants, ordained and non-ordained. The Liturgy of Ordination was upbeat and renewing for all of us priests present. You were missed but I know you will be with us next year. Bob Schneider and Tim Hodapp carry on as best they can and look forward to your return with growing eagerness. I met some of your parishioners at the Serra Club dinner in Mankato and all asked to be remembered to you. Naturally the people in St. Clair think you should just take care of them and the folks in Janesville think you should just take care of them. Oh to be Solomon!

My own vacation begins at the end of next week. I have no great plans for my time away, but I do hope to spend some time with my family and also some days in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, along the shores of Lake Geneva. That should be relaxing and enjoyable.

Four seminarians are assigned to Holy Spirit Parish this summer with Dale Tupper. They are doing census work. At last the folks of Holy Spirit seem to have a place for their home. Dale's getting serious now about the building project and told me to reserve Pentecost Sunday of 1994 for some kind of dedication. I hope he makes it. I wish it could be sooner. But the community there, many of whom are your former parishioners, is doing very well even at Bingo World!

While you were away _____ was at Guest House. He returned to the parish on July 1st. I think I told you that he has cancer and is undergoing

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chemotherapy. Please do keep him in your prayers. The prognosis is good but chemotherapy is not much fun. is home for the summer and staying in Rochester while studying German. He goes up to the U of M for classes a couple of times a week. He is at Resurrection Parish with Don Schmitz.

our fourth theologian of last year who chose not to be ordained, is also at Resurrection. I hope that this year of pastoral internship will help clarify things for him.

As you probably have noticed in the newspapers, the Twins continue to do well. Maybe there will be another World Series in store for Minnesota this fall! I went up to the Dome for a game in June to watch my beloved White Sox lose to the Twins. When I go home for vacation my brother-in-law has arranged for some tickets to see a baseball game in Chicago. They have a new ballpark on the south side and I look forward to that excursion.

At the end of this month I complete my fifth year as Bishop of Winona. How quickly the time flies by and how much more remains to be done. I look forward to the planning process of the next few years in order to become more proactive and less reactive in my decisions and actions.

The construction crew is around my house these days. We are making an addition on the first floor - a chapel. I have been thinking about it for a couple of years and finally decided to go for it. This will allow me to add a guest bathroom up on the second floor in the space which had been utilized as a temporary chapel since I moved into the house. As you can well imagine, a few eyebrows have been raised but the deans and the members of the Presbyteral Council encouraged me to go ahead with the project. I hope they have most of the work done by the time I return from vacation, but that is probably a futile wish since they will probably abandon the project from time to time when other building sites require their time and attention. But with the house a bit in disarray, I really can't have any visitors now and I hope to have a few guests at summer's end. We'll see how this all works out.

God bless you, Syl. I do hope to get out to visit you later this summer. If I don't do it soon, you will be standing on my doorstep ready to visit me! God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

John

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July 22, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
Villa Saint John Vianney
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Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

You caught me completely off guard last Saturday morning when you called. Our conversation earlier in the week led me to believe that you had settled in very well at Villa St. John and were well into your program. I am sorry that the stress of treatment continues to plague you but I am extraordinarily grateful to you and the Lord that you did not leave and will hopefully complete treatment at Villa St. John.

Since our conversation ended on such a difficult note, I am grateful to have this opportunity to drop you a line. I have returned briefly to the diocese during my vacation for the funeral of . He died at Saint Anne's Hospice on Sunday, July 19th. I saw him for the last time on Wednesday, July 15th. His blood pressure was very low and they did not believe he would last the day. He fooled all the medical experts, but the Lord did relieve him of his anxiety and suffering. May he rest in peace. He was the senior priest of the diocese in terms of age. Father Scheid, as you know, has been the senior priest in terms of years of ordination. I think he now holds seniority in both categories.

My vacation will continue until July 30th. It is nice to be free. After the funeral I shall head down to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin for some relaxation. The first days at home were busy ones with a family reunion, trips to the doctor, and other related family chores. But I do enjoy the time at home.

God bless you, Syl. I do hope to see you at Villa St. John before you return home. I shall try to put together a couple of days next month, if at all possible, to make the safari to the East Coast. The months and years ahead are important for the church of Winona. This is not the easiest time to serve the church but it certainly is an important one. As you come to the end of your time at Villa St. John, it will be important for you to embrace your priestly ministry realistically and wholeheartedly once again. I am praying that you will accomplish that task in the weeks ahead.

Believe it or not, July 29th will mark the fifth anniversary of my installation as Bishop of Winona. I do love this diocesan church and I pray that I can be its faithful servant. Please keep the needs of our diocese in your prayers.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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July 27, 1992

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Dear Bishop John

Thank you for your letter of July 25th. It has been very helpful. I had the enclosed letter written but I hadn't sent it.

Thank you for the letter you have sent. I got copies of all of them and the re-issued check came

had relatives in Jewett. He was blessed with a long full life.

The fact that I had been feeling well when I called is true. Beside my desire to be home, the factors that

got to me were: news of an in operable brain cancer and limited time to live for a Cousin of mine who was my classmate for twelve years of school and then he married a Cousin of mine (not his relative). I am Ed's father & their first born son. My sense of separation and loss was and is great. In addition to that a parishioner told me that Fr. Harold Muentem was to substitute for Fr. Kolapp. You had indicated to me before I came to St Clair that might be an issue. He always loves to have full information about the parish. These all were in addition to my other issues here.

The "good news" is that
I've been put into pre-discharge
on August 4th. Thank be to God!
This can last six or more
weeks - but it is a sign
of hope!

I'll call you after your
vacation.

In Christ

Agf

August 1, 1992

COPY

Dear Syl:

During the past few years I have been working on issues of personal growth, including a healthy sexuality. As part of this, I have reflected on an incident of what I must conclude was sexual abuse on your part, with regard to me.

When I was a - at

, I came to you for a counselling session. As I remember, I had only been at the a few weeks, and the concerns I wanted to talk about were my feelings of being anxious about the academic workload, and about whether I was being called to I did not initiate any discussion on sexuality.

you began to talk about sexuality, explaining to me what an erection is (and explaining slang terms like "hard-on", which I didn't know), about the physical factors which cause sexual arousal, etc. I remember your asking me whether I had experienced this, and my wondering why we were talking about these things when they really weren't my concerns. Then you brought up the matter of circumcision, explaining why many male babies are circumcised, etc. You asked me whether I was circumcised. I replied that I didn't know. Then you suggested that if I undressed so that you could see my genitals, you would help me to know whether I was circumcised. I was very uncomfortable with this, and would not do it (for which I am glad today). For all of this, I remember wondering why these things were such an issue. The message I got from you was that I ought to be interested. My "gut feelings" were telling me that something was wrong here, but I thought, "Well, he's a priest, and must know what he's doing. Maybe this is a normal part of counselling. It must be OK."

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After some exposure, & remembering your
and was very wary of s^t - i - e with you, especially
alone. I don't believe I made any more one-to-one counselling
appointments with you. I do remember a few comments from
to the effect that, "Whenever you talk to
Dr. Brown, he will get the conversation around to sex, somehow."

All of the above left me embarrassed, self-conscious,
and confused as to the role of sexuality in my own growth,
and as to the role of _____ in dealing with this.

As I reflect on this, it seems that I was taken ad-
vantage of in a very unhealthy way - that you were
using your position to be sexually exploitative and abusive.
I am angry at having been placed in this position,
and see the injustice of it more clearly as I look back
upon it. However, I am not writing to you out of vindictiveness,
but in the hope that this will help you to focus on the
reality of the unhealthy behavior that took place - and that
this will be a help to you.

I do not desire that you would make any reply to
me, nor do I wish to engage in any dialogue with you about
this. God's blessings to you, Dyl, and His continued
healing and care.

Sincerely in Christ,

P.S. As an afterthought, I am hoping that others have contacted
you to relate similar experiences. For example, a friend
of mine who was _____ has
told me of a similar experience with you, except that
he did undress for you to allow you to see his genitals.
He has dealt with a great deal of guilt and shame
over this. I am hoping that stories like his will be brought
to you - all in the interest of helping.

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Dr. Thomas Tyrrell
From: Bishop John Vlazny + *John Vlazny*
Date: August 3, 1992
Re: A Letter for Father Brown from a Victim of the Past

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I wrote to Father Brown as well as a letter written to him by a former victim who is now I am hopeful that you or someone at the Villa will be able to review this matter with Father Brown while he is in treatment.

In the present climate, these issues do not die. In fact, if they seem dead, they clearly come to life again. Father Brown needs to deal with this unfortunate aspect of his past realistically. I know that you will be helpful. God bless.

Enclosures

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August 3, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
Villa St. John
Lincoln Highway and Woodbine Road
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

This past week _____ was visiting in Winona and I had a chance to speak with him. He knew that you were away and he gave me a letter which he asked me to pass on to you. I am enclosing the letter and sending a copy to _____ so that you can consider this matter as well in relation to your therapy.

Syl, I look forward to my visit with you at Villa St. John on August 20th. Please know that you continue to have a special place in my prayers. All goes well back here in Winona. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
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cc: Dr. Thomas J. Tyrrell

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August 12, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
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Dear Syl,

Thanks for your two letters of July 21st and 27th. I was happy to hear from you. I hope that you continue to make progress in treatment.

Syl, I look forward to my visit with you on August 20th. My plans are to arrive at the Philadelphia Airport on Thursday morning, August 20th, at 10:30 a.m., on Midwest Express Flight #905. I am hopeful that someone from Villa Saint John will be able to meet me and bring me to Downingtown. I must be back in the city by 6:00 p.m. to board the train for Washington where I have an appointment the next day. I hope that you can arrange for transportation on that leg of the journey as well. Thanks very much. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+V Vlazny

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August 28, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
Villa Saint John Vianney
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Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

On Wednesday I received word that you had decided to stay at the Villa to complete treatment. After our long and painful meeting with the staff at the Villa, you did indicate that such would most likely be your choice. I am deeply grateful to the Lord for helping you and to you for heeding the advice of those who know you and care about you.

My trip from Downingtown to Philadelphia and then on to Washington was uneventful. But I almost did miss the train station in Philadelphia because I fell asleep. I could have wound up in New York! That would have been a tough one trying to explain to and the people at St. Luke's.

There is a hint of fall in the air today. But I am still holding onto summer. On Monday we have our Diocesan Religious Education Day in Austin. Sister Joanne said that we have the biggest advanced registration ever. I hope that all goes well. I have my workshop prepared and I must finish my homily this evening. It's always a good day.

Yesterday I made a trip up to St. Paul for a visit with the Archbishop. We had to clear the air about some matters and I was glad I went. It was a lovely drive along the river. I managed to stop in St. Patrick's Guild and spend a little money. That may not have been such a good idea. I should spend my cash in southern Minnesota and support the local economy!

As was clear during my visit to the Villa, you have worked hard during your stay there. I encourage you to use this remaining time very well and complete the unfinished business at hand. Sometimes it just takes a while to get to things. I certainly was impressed with the professionalism and the caring dispositions of the men and women who met with us last week. Thank you for being so attentive to me during my brief stay. Even though all the issues weren't up front at lunch, I still enjoyed my time with you and am grateful that the staff helped us take in the whole picture honestly and realistically.

Keep at it, Syl. Please keep the needs of our church in your prayers while you are at the Villa and also add an extra prayer for vocations to priesthood and religious life from our Catholic community here in southern Minnesota. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

J. Vlazny

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: File of Father Sylvester Brown
From: Bishop John Vlazny + *John Vlazny*
Date: September 1, 1992
Re: Visit to Villa St. John Vianney, Downingtown, on August 20, 1992

Upon arrival in Philadelphia I was met by Father Brown and a driver from the Villa. I had luncheon with Father Brown and then a nearly ninety minute session with him, Dr. Tom Tyrrell and three other members of the staff. During that session the following matters were discussed.

1. During his stay at the Villa for more than six months Father Brown has dealt with his own victimization as a youngster. Many behavioral ramifications resulted.
2. Father Brown was intent on leaving the Villa on August 27th against the advice of ALL the professional staff.
3. I personally reviewed my own experience of manipulation by Father Brown in the past and even on this day.
4. During his stay at the Villa, Father Brown has not yet dealt with the incidents of his abusing others. Letters from _____ that came to the Villa this month opened the door.
5. If Father Brown decides to return to Minnesota on August 27th, I made it clear that he will not be able to return to his parishes and he will not be allowed to minister. His living and treatment arrangements will have to be settled (perhaps at his own expense).

A new pastor/administrator will then be needed for the parishes because of his own indefinite leave from ministry.
6. Dr. Tyrrell said that he will not "make Father Brown stay" at the Villa. The decision to stay to complete his treatment must be his own.
7. If he does stay, he certainly may come home for a weekend visit with his family. The key is to finish treatment and deal with all issues.
8. After the session I spent approximately one-half hour with Father Brown. He did indicate that he would stay. He seemed calm and somewhat appreciative.
9. As I reflected on our luncheon meeting, it was not a truthful session. Father Brown was unconsciously manipulating me to achieve his own desired need to look good by getting home when he told people he would.

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September 11, 1992

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
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Lincoln Highway and Woodbine Road
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

This letter is being sent a bit late, but its wishes are still most sincere. I noticed that you observed a birthday on Labor Day, September 7th. I pray that as you begin another year of life you will continue to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and find much joy and personal peace in the knowledge of God's love for you.

Syl, I do hope that things are going well for you. It has been three weeks since I came to visit. The final weeks of treatment are always important. I hope you will persevere to the end and come home with renewed vigor and enthusiasm for life and ministry here in southern Minnesota. As always, you have a very special place in my prayers, but especially now.

This past week my mother and sister visited in Winona. It was good to have them around. Unfortunately, I had to be on the road a lot while they were here, but I did take them out to Worthington with me for the deanery meeting and had them stay overnight at the Holiday Inn while I took advantage of the St. Mary's Rectory Inn! We came back home on Friday by way of Mankato and visited Sister Stanisla and Father Scheid on Good Counsel Hill. It gave me a chance to show off another part of the diocese.

While they were here I went to Blooming Prairie on Sunday evening for the Spanish-language Mass with the migrant families. We had seven Confirmations and four First Communions that evening. I also went to Madison, Wisconsin for the funeral of _____ on Labor Day. The traffic coming home was quite heavy and it took me much longer for the return trip than it did in the morning hours. _____ was a good friend from my early days in the priesthood back in Chicago. All of us really were fond of him. He was our vicar general and an auxiliary bishop when I was ordained.

On Wednesday of this week I went to Indianapolis for the installation of Archbishop Daniel Buechlein. He is a member of my Bishop's Support Group. In going to Indianapolis he really returned home. He was a monk of the St. Meinrad's Abbey before being assigned as Bishop of Memphis in early 1987. He gave them five and one-half good years, but really left too soon. But his friends in Indiana are probably happy to have him back.

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Reverend Sylvester F. Brown

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I talked to Bob Schneider briefly after my return from Downingtown but I have not talked to Tim Hodapp. I should call him and advise him that you will be away a little longer. He probably knows that by now, but I still should give him a jingle. You are frustrated and they probably are too. It's always difficult to work without any clear notion about when the end will be in sight. Bob had some definite ideas about organizing things at St. Ann's for this new year. He didn't want to do anything that would unsettle you, but I said that, if he set up a good plan, it probably would be helpful to you so that you would not get trapped into doing too much by yourself in the future. If you don't like what he sets up, you can blame me. But I suspect that he will have things in tip-top shape for your return.

Syl, please keep all of us back home in your prayers. We didn't have that Labor Day blizzard that I was worried about, but the weather continues to be a bit weird. The Twins are still in the race, but Oakland has begun winning again. And the Vikings won their first game, but so did the Bears!

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John

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October 19, 1992

Reverend Syl Brown
Villa St. John Vianney
Lincoln Highway and Woodbine Road
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Syl,

It's hard to believe that nearly two months have passed since I visited you at the Villa St. John. I received good news this past week that you will most likely be back with us sometime next month. I look forward to your return and I assure you of my continued prayers and support on your behalf.

The weeks have been busy since I last saw you but I also had some vacation time. I went to Spain on October 4th and came back October 12th. I had a wonderful visit to Madrid, Seville and much of the region of Andalucia. I traveled with one of my seminary classmates. We took the high-speed train from Madrid to Seville, visited the World's Fair there, and then rented a car to drive around Andalucia. I especially enjoyed the tour of the countryside. It's so different from southern Minnesota. The people of Spain are most friendly and welcoming. Since I know their language, the visit was all the more enjoyable.

Back home again with a pile of mail on my desk, as usual. But I have worked through most of it by now. This past weekend I was out west at Slayton and Pipestone for Confirmation. John Ozburn is just about ready to move into his new rectory. Bob Taylor has a new director of religious education who comes to us by way of Duluth. She seems to be a winner and I hope things work out for him there with her assistance. His beginnings were not easy because Larry Gavin's pastoral minister didn't take to Bob too well.

The first retreatants of the year came to IHM last week. It was the usual wild October crew. The brothers tend to get a bit frisky and I hope the retreat director was not offended. He was a fine parish priest from Saginaw, Michigan. I spent Wednesday with the retreatants and had a good opportunity to visit with Larry Brixius who was home from Bolivia for a month's vacation. He really needed the time away. Life in the missions is not easy. Larry also came to Slayton for the Confirmation on Saturday. The people enjoyed seeing him.

This past month we hired one of our former seminarians, James Driscoll, as our first Diocesan Director of Stewardship. He and Jerry Mahon are going around to the deaneries for meetings with the priests. They still have visits scheduled with the priests of the Winona deanery and the Worthington deanery. They will give me a report when they finish and then I shall probably offer a

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response to the input from the priests. The Diocesan Appeal, as you very well know, continues to be a neuralgic issue in our ongoing relationship. I am sorry about that, but I am still hopeful that we can do better without slitting one another's throats. I think the presence of a full-time director will really make a difference for all of us. Whenever one's approach is half-hearted, it should not be surprising that the results are only half of what one had hoped.

It has been a beautiful fall here in Minnesota. The fall colors arrived early and were a delight to the eye. I traveled down the river to New Melleray Abbey for a gathering of the Iowa bishops and the major religious superiors of the state. Sister Fran Cunningham, a School Sister of St. Francis from Milwaukee, and I were the presenters and facilitators. It was not the easiest gathering imaginable, but I think it went reasonably well. In fact, the group decided to extend its meeting next year for an additional day. That much seemed positive about the discussion.

My own support group will be meeting for two days down in Clarendon Hills, Illinois next week. It will be good to be with them for prayer, discussion and fun. One of our number, Dan Buechlein, is the new Archbishop of Indianapolis. It should be good to hear about his first adventures there.

There hasn't been much news from St. Clair or Janesville lately. I know that the folks in St. Clair are eager to get going on a few projects when you return. You will probably be eager yourself to enter the fray. I just hope and pray that you will try to keep some balance in your life and keep your own personal needs as a priority.

You may have heard that _____ our former _____ of _____ died on October 7th. I had the opportunity to visit him a few times during his final illness. His wife, _____ was a marvelous nurse and companion during his final weeks. He died at peace with the cross of his final illness. I was away at the time of his funeral, but Jerry Mahon said there was an excellent turnout at St. John's in Rochester for the liturgy.

Syl, during these final weeks, please wrap things up nicely, keep us all in your prayers, and enjoy the fading splendor of Autumn. We had our first snow in Minnesota this past week. It wasn't much, but it was a reminder of what's to come. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John

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November 5, 1992

Thomas J. Tyrrell, Ph.D.
Staff Psychologist
Villa St. John Vianney Hospital
Lincoln Highway at Woodbine Avenue
P.O. Box 219
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear Dr. Tyrrell,

Thank you very much for your recent letter of October 29 in which you informed me of the clinical recommendations that you anticipate offering to Father Brown for his aftercare upon discharge on November 18, 1992.

Be assured that I do indeed elect to subscribe to the program you have recommended. I am grateful that your clinical team is willing to work with the Ministry Supervision both before and after discharge.

You indicated in your letter that a copy of your recommendations has been sent to Father Richard Thomson. I shall send him a copy of this letter and request that you and he cooperate in making all of these matters clear to Father Brown and workable here when he returns home. Father Brown has agreed to come and meet with me upon his return. He has an appointment scheduled for Wednesday, November 25.

Be assured of my deep appreciation for the assistance you and your staff have given Father Brown. I was particularly grateful for your professional assistance during my visit in August. It will be important for you to be very clear with Father Brown that the diocese, upon your recommendation, does prohibit his involvement in the area of counseling adolescents or young adults as well as any work which involves sexual counseling such as marriage preparation. Obviously, special arrangements will have to be made among the people Father Brown now serves. That will probably be difficult for him to accept, but I intend to cooperate with this recommendation.

Please give my warmest greetings to your staff, particularly those whom it was my privilege to meet during my recent visit. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+John G. Vlazny

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cc: Reverend Richard G. Thomson

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Office of the
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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Bishop John G. Vlazny
From: Reverend Gerald A. Mahon 
Date: December 23, 1992
Re: Reference of Sexual Misconduct

This is a continuation of the memo in reference to the phone conversation with Mr. I was able to reach him this afternoon and he revealed the following story.

is presently in When he was old he went to confession to Father Brown, who at that time was pastor at He was celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation face to face.

Father Brown allegedly asked the following questions: Do you play with yourself? If you do play with yourself, how does it feel? Then he touched him on the knee and asked him to talk about it, the response from his son was, "No, I don't." Five years later the boy told his father when he was a student at Earlier he told his He also told that that Father Brown had done this to another boy, his friend who followed him into the confessional.

prefers that you do not use his name, but he desires that you talk to Father Brown. Once again, he was aware of Father Brown's leave of absence and time of treatment. I informed that Father Brown was away for many reasons which included his sexuality. I informed him that we had not received a report about a minor he touched inappropriately or inappropriate questions. But Father Brown was dealing with his sexuality in reference to adults. I apologized and informed that we would be happy to talk with his son and offer him some assistance if he desired to deal with his hurt professionally. He assured me that he thought his son was fine, but he is going to talk with him when he returns from law school during the holiday.

was very complimentary, Bishop Vlazny, about your homily at He thought you were terrific because you did speak and raise the question. He felt responsible to get back to you because he would not want Father Brown being inappropriate with any other persons. If Father Brown has dealt with these concerns in treatment, is not hesitant about his participation in a parish. But he realizes he needs supervision and close accountability.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Bishop John G. Vlazny
From: Reverend Gerald A. Mahon *gma*
Date: December 23, 1992
Re: Sexual Misconduct

The Reverend Thomas J. Hargesheimer called me this morning at 8:45 a.m. to discuss the conversation he had with

alleges that Father Syl Brown touched his son in the confessional when he was ten years old. Also he possibly touched his other son and talked about sexuality and struggles with sexuality. is going to talk with his sons when they come home from school. One is presently in law school. wondered why Father Brown was away for treatment and was a bit concerned that he has returned to the parish.

I have tried to reach , which is his home residence, and which is his number at As of 2:00 p.m. today, I have not reached

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December 24th, 1992

Rev. Gerald Mahon
Pastoral Center
55 W. Sanborn St.
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Dear Father Mahon:

In response to your request I am enclosing the following facts about the two incidents that I reported to you on Wednesday, December 23rd.

I. CONVERSATION WITH

1. At the conclusion of the meeting a said he wanted to talk to me. This conversation took place about 9:00pm on Monday, December 21st, 1992.
2. He told me that he was considering talking to the Bishop concerning an incident that happened to his son and another young man when they went to confession to Father S. Brown.
3. If I recall the conversation correctly, he said there was inappropriate questioning by Fr. Brown to the boys about their sexual feelings and actions. I also think he said the young boys were touched by the priest. (I don't recall the exact type of touch etc.)
4. I told him that he should speak to the Bishop about the matter and encouraged him to do so as soon as possible.
5. On Tuesday, December 22nd, I placed a call to at his place of work and once again encouraged him to report the incident. I gave him the name of Rev. Gerald Mahon, the Vicar General of the diocese, as the person he could contact. This call was placed sometime after 9am. He told me that before he called the diocese he would talk to his son when he came home for Christmas.

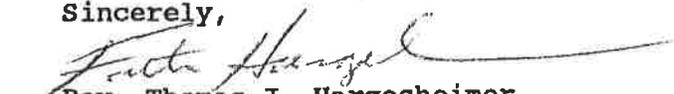
II. CONVERSATION WITH

1. I returned to the rectory on Tuesday, December 22nd about 1:30pm. I noticed a phone message to call a "concerning pressing legal charges against " the former
2. I called around 4:30pm.
3. In our conversation he informed me that he had been sexually molested by He also told me that he had talked to someone (I forget the name) and they told him to talk to me. He didn't. He also said at a later date he wrote me a letter about it but never sent it to me. I told him that I would get back to him with a week or so.

III. CONVERSATIONS WITH FATHER MAHON

1. I called Fr. Mahon as soon as I could on Wednesday, December 23rd. I believe the call was placed shortly after 8:00am and reported what I had been told by and by
2. I received a call from Fr. Mahon after 2pm on December 23rd. He informed that he had talked to and

Sincerely,


Rev. Thomas J. Hargesheimer
Pastor

Fr. Mahon talked to
after
discussing the matter
with Fr. Hargesheimer. This
should read - Father Mahon
was going to contact

Deevid A. Mahon

Feb. 1, 1993

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

I would like to thank you for listening to me on Saturday night at after Mass and praying with me. The tears I had with your Blessing at the end of Mass were tears of healing, but the wounds are deeper.

Your talk was well done. Another person from [redacted] was attending Mass and told me your talk was short and to the point. I had to swallow what I wanted to say to her. I thought--God, why another saying something to me about such a painful situation that she had no way of knowing.

After talking to you, I did more thinking and realized I was not handling very well the past. So, I called Father Joe Keefe and visited with him in Winona. In talking to Father Joe, I had to come to accept that I haven't forgiven Father Brown which I thought I had. Yes, I had made amends to Father Brown about my HATRED for him and REVENGE which I mainly have worked through. Also, I believe I had in the statement I read that I forgave him and now have to admit it was lip service and not from the HEART. I did admit to Father Brown the good that came out of the situation as it brought me closer to God, brought me to the Charismatic Prayer Group and brought me to Over-eater Anonymous and now to other 12 step programs.

Father Joe pointed out to me that I have to know what I am forgiving Father Brown for in the process of Forgiving. I didn't realize how deep the hurt or how much I haven't worked through until my anger surfaced more in the past months with publicized abuse, and reminders at work. I regret not knowing the complete details of what happened between [redacted] and Father Brown. I have to forgive whatever took place. There is more I need to forgive as betraying a trust that I had for Hierarchy--by the Grace of God I remained Catholic. There were seeds of mistrust on my part with [redacted]

Did this really happen or is he a real Catholic hater?

Called--what a Barbaric Practice by CATHOLICS. How could Father Brown represent our Catholic faith in such a way to bring disgrace to our Church, shame to [redacted] and humiliation. I have to forgive for all that too. This situation happen right after my Dad died. How dare Father Brown pick a vulnerable time to let me down. I feel my anger swelling up now. I had to accept rejection of [redacted] and his mom. I regret not being married but accept [redacted] not the right one for me. I ask God--Why did you have to go to such extremes to get me not to marry [redacted]? I am still angry at God. After being in the Charismatic prayer Group for awhile, I joined the Covenant Group. I shared that I had hated a person after a break-up but not giving much details, much less a priest. I was selective in whom I shared this situation with in detail and went for counseling. I feel I am grieving the loss of self-esteem and creditability--How many would believe me then about Father Brown since this town thought he was a "GOD". I feel I was keeping a dark secret that I chose not to share to protect Father Brown's character, protect the Church, and Priest in general. I was hoping this was all a nightmare and would go away. I lost emotional and spiritual support and empathy by not sharing more with Covenant and at the same time one couple felt very strong that nothing wrong should be talked about priests. Consequently, my feelings were not validated. I lost mom 1 1/2 years after Dad died so I was grieving the loss of two parents, loss of a boyfriend and Father Brown. A part of the puzzle of Father Brown was lacking. Also, Father Brown visited his aunt at work for about 6 to 9 months frequently until she died. I acted professionally around him but hurting deep inside. I wanted to shout about him and run away from work. As you can see there is much to let go, forgive and move on. Bishop, you brought up the idea of talking to Father Brown with another person. I know I desire forgiving so I can get on with my life. I need God to deliver me from all that is withholding me in saying TRULY I FORGIVE. I need God's wisdom in this area now or your advice.

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I just thought of another thing and I feel this is getting down to the onion peel. I had confided in Father Brown about _____ and my relationship. Did Father Brown take advantage and betray a personal trust of me not just the CHURCH. I have to forgive and this area hurts probably the most.

I am in my over-eating again. If I loose the weight and start to get compliments I start to eat more either to punish or to numb the feelings again. Granted there are more issues that are causing my over-eating now and related in not forgiving others and myself.

What I lack these years was a safe environment to voice what I felt and get validation for what I felt. Then a person can let go of the hurt, turn it over to God, let the healing take place, and allow spiritual and emotional growth to blossom. I tried to talk about this situation in 12 step groups, but talked in circles and I looked like the "crazy one" because others did not know where I was coming from or what I was getting at without details, and I ended up feeling more insecure and angry.

Have you considered offering a week-end retreat on HEALING just for victims and significant others and family of those abused by PRIESTS OR RELIGIOUS? Since this is spread throughout the country, I don't know how many would take advantage of or show an interest. Consider having lay people available for those who reject the Church and religious for those who are comfortable, giving in the same area. There would be questions asked, anger expressed in a safe environment, and possibility of reconciliation beginning or continuing. This might have to be offered in the cities, for the whole state. Another idea would be a 12 step program on this issue of Abuse by priest or religious for the victim and significant others and family. Also the abusers families are hurting and have to deal with forgiving their love one and accept him or her. I feel this would be harder to implement. Possibly if a retreat would prove effective this would be another avenue, and then probably a short duration of 3 months. Food for thought.

Since I am a mild dyslexic person overlook typing corrections. It is easier to read my typing than my writing.

I asked Father Joe to read and to forward this letter to you.

Thank you for hearing me out and reading a letter that became far longer than I expected, and I wanted to clarify statements.

Sincerely yours

P.S. As I recall this incident happened on July 3, 1985. On July 4, 1985, Father Brown called me at home to tell me He talked to _____ last night and things were worked out. I was on cloud 9 to speak of. When I got hold of _____ I told him Father Brown had called and _____ shouted to me how I could send him to a PERVERT. I was in shock, I think as he talked on. Needless to say I didn't sleep much, called in sick July 5, 1985 and went out to his place then his parents and his Mom hesitantly open the door as I stood in the rain. Father Brown called me a few days later at home and I hung up on him. I need healing to forgive Father Brown. As stated in the big book of AA, I believe, some are spiritually and emotionally sick and that would fit here.

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ATTENTION
PERSONNEL
HAVE ONLY BISHOP
OPEN TO READ LETTER

BISHOP VLADNY

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FILE

Office of the
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February 25, 1993

Dear

Please accept my warm greetings and prayerful support as we begin the holy season of Lent. You will have a very special place in my heart and in my prayers during these forty days.

I want you to know that I did not receive your letter of February 1 until this past week. Perhaps the delay was a result of your meeting with Father Keefe. I simply did not want you to think that I was ignoring your letter.

During our conversation in last month, I did suggest the possibility of a meeting with Father Brown so that you could speak with him about the hurts in your life that resulted from his actions. Perhaps the sharing of the hurt would be an important step in order to achieve the healing you need so that you might be able to forgive him. I would be willing to speak with Father Brown in order to arrange the meeting and I would also be personally present at the meeting unless you preferred that I ask another priest to represent me when you and Father Brown meet.

Certainly it was good to hear from you. I realized after you left in January that I never asked your name. I am sorry about that. It would have been difficult to contact you once again unless you had written.

During this holy season let us keep one another in prayer. I look forward to hearing from you. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazonis

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazonis
Bishop of Winona

JGV: jm

SB000153

March 2, 1993

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

Before Lent started I did complete a 5th step. Now due to a food allergy, I will be accountable in writing to a Doctor what I eat so my overeating will be more in check. With working on the willingness to forgive Father Brown, this probably will be one of my better Lent's.

Thank you for answering my letter and clarifying the time span for writing. Also you clarified for me that seeing Father Brown would be a step before forgiving.

I would appreciate YOUR presence at such a meeting. I feel another Priest could feel uncomfortable under circumstances with their peer. Your schedule has to be very busy and I feel bad asking your time for this matter. Would you please make the arrangements? I work mainly days unless I pick up more hours. I have off every other Friday and Tuesday, and every other week-end. I could be in Winona by 4:15 P.M. or anytime on my days off. Would we drive to where Father Brown lives? My days off without plans are as follows:

March 9, 13, 19, 23
April 2, 16, 20, 24, 25
May 4, 8, 9, 14, 18, 22, 23, 28.

Could you make it very clear that I do not want contact with Father Brown alone per phone or in person? As I said before I felt he denied the situation. What he denied was that he did not touch and that may be true. Father Brown told me he had to work out forgiving me before for going to Bishop Walters, and that this situation would have to be straighten out in Heaven. I may be very judgemental but I did not feel sincerity or sorrow for whatever he did.

It is I who should have introduced myself before talking to you. Thank you for your prayers and you are in mind.

Sincerely yours,

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March 8, 1993

Dear

Thanks very much for your letter of March 2nd and the list of dates in which you would be available. I shall now be contacting Father Brown about our conversation since I have not yet alerted him to this invitation to meet together.

I will get back to you about the details. It probably would be best to meet here in Winona, but I will let you know. You have the support of my prayers during this graced season of Lent. I really hope and pray that this will be "one of your better Lents," as you suggested in your letter.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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March 11, 1993

Dear

This past week I had the opportunity to speak with Father Brown about our planned meeting. He is certainly willing to meet with the two of us and I believe it will be a blessed moment for all of us.

Thank you for the many dates you offered. My own calendar is quite complicated in the spring time and, after reviewing the dates you offered, I suggest we meet in . . . Tuesday, May 18, at 4:30pm. I shall send a copy of this letter to Father Brown so that he too will be advised of that date and place.

If you have any difficulty with these arrangements, please do not hesitate to call. I look forward to seeing you in May and assure you of my continued prayerful support. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:jm

cc: Reverend Sylvester F. Brown

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RECEIVED MAR 17 1993

March 13, 1993

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

I did not expect to receive an answer for a meeting date so soon.
Thank you for making the arrangements.

I will plan on meeting you and Father Brown at _____ on
Tuesday, May 18, 1993, at 4:30 PM.,

In case of emergencies my home number is _____
work number is _____

Continue to keep praying for a spiritual healing. I am in the
process of listening to tapes on PRAYER COURSE FOR HEALING LIFE'S HURTS
by DENNIS AND MATT LINN AND SHEILA FABRICANT.

Sincerely yours,

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FILE

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Father Syl Brown
From: Bishop John Vlazny + John Kearney
Date: May 5, 1993
Re: Our Meeting on Tuesday, May 18

There is a slight change in our plans for the meeting we have scheduled together on Tuesday, May 18. I am still hopeful that both of you will be able to be present on that day. If it is not possible, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Our meeting is rescheduled for 3:30 p.m. at
We will use the office of

. Her office is located on the main floor, . When
you arrive please inquire at the reception desk for directions to her office.

I look forward to seeing both of you on May 18. You and your intentions will
be in my prayers.

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SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF WINONA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Sexual Misconduct Policy of the Diocese of Winona and that I have read it, understand its means, and agree to conduct myself in accordance with the Policy.

Date: 3/21/93

Signed: Agg Brown



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Bishop Varray —

August 1, 1993

attending your and
a person — contacted
about his Uncle who was
sexually abused by Rev. Syl. Brown —
he alleged. His Uncle,
committed suicide at 19 years old.

refers to a note book which
has information about Fr. Brown and
I have written asking that he
contact me. I recommend you contact
Father Brown to clarify the allegations

James A. Theobald

SB000159

Aug. 8, 1993

Re: Fr Brown/

2 spoke with Fr. B. about
allegation on 8-6-93.

2 learned the following:

1 died 8-9 yrs. ago. He was
an on again / off again Catholic.
Fr. B. never met him nor was he
abuser.

2. Parents are known to Fr. B.
They had been concerned re. Some
teacher with whom had a
homosexual relationship.

3. Fr. B was involved with
parents & was called in after
the suicide

4. Parents of had problems with
father of

+ John DeLorenzo

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MEMORANDUM

To: Bishop John Vlazny
From: Father Gerald Mahon
Date: September 3, 1993
Re: Reverend Syl Brown

Rick Thomson called about a phone conversation he had with [redacted] believes [redacted] to be a reasonable person who has many concerns about the financial matters at [redacted] and gave a number of examples of what appears to be a problem.

[redacted] has tried to call me and we were not able to connect. He is difficult to get a hold of by his own admission which has resulted in no contact between us as of this time.

[redacted] recently became concerned because Syl has not shared honestly with him. He plans to confront him strongly on their next meeting. After listening at length to [redacted], I do wonder about the possibility of inviting [redacted] to facilitate a meeting with Father Brown present. Since Rick was there for a short time and works with Syl, he might be able to confront the suspicions about inappropriate management and administration of funds. The building project seems to be one of the concerns, but there are obviously others which he has not been able to deal with directly.

Also, I can chat with you about this in person to clarify some of the issues.

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RECEIVED SEP 17 1993

Reverend Dr. Richard Thompson
Holy Family Parish
PO Box 37
Lake Crystal, MN 56055-0037

September 14, 1993

Bishop John Vlazny
55 W. Sanborn Street
Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny:

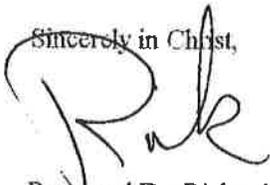
Before our meeting next week, I thought it important that I bring to your attention a matter in regards to Father Brown. Last week I received a call from

He spoke to me about some serious concerns regarding finances and parish life.

In particular, there is a good deal of concern regarding parish finances. Also, there seems to be some fear on his part as well as other parishioners in communicating with Father Brown. They have been ignored and chastised for questioning some of these financial transactions.

I referred to Father Mahon regarding these difficulties. Also, I will be meeting with on Wednesday, September 29th. You may want to discuss strategies regarding this situation.

Sincerely in Christ,



Reverend Dr. Richard Thompson

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Dec. 21, 1993

RECEIVED DEC 22 1993

Dear Bishop Ulagney,

I am from the
in - and I am writing to
you to let you know my feelings for
Father Brown.

I think Father Brown is a very humble person, he is a very good priest. He does not turn down anyone who needs help and is usually almost running instead of walking to get things done.

Father Brown takes groups of students & adults to the Soup Kitchen in . He tries to make us aware of the less fortunate.

As far as our building project is concerned, I would like to see everything except the parking lot be sold & relocate the priest's home & the catechism school along with the additional needs - a handicapped entrance, more class rooms & possibly more social hall room as we are very crowded for funeral lunches. Possibly we could even have the parking lot to the south of our church. I think it is very dangerous for small children, especially during Lent when it's dark - to cross the parking lot to get to church with incoming traffic. We can't put a price on these little lives. We never should have built that school across the street from our church, but we have a chance to change that now.

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On second thought, someone made the remark that we couldn't sell the priest's home because it was donated by someone + that was a stipulation. I'm not dealing with facts here - just what people have told me.

belongs to our parish - she is the mother of 12 children, she supervises playground activity at our public school in and she is the one who brought to my attention that we should relocate everything on the south side of the street. She would be a very good authority on the safety of children.

Some people are against building additional facility with our church because they say we don't need it. Some of the people I know who say this are living in more than \$125,000 houses, only 2 people in the house. I'm sure the people who built our church made much bigger sacrifices in 1916 or thereabouts when they built it. They also had to have been building for the future generations because I'm sure there weren't enough people in in the early 1900s to fill that church.

I'm sure I'm not thinking of everything I want to write at this time, but have done the best I could now.

RECEIVED DEC 28 1993

12-27-93

Dear Bishop John B. Vlazonis,

I was attending mass at
Father Syl Brown appreciate
in October.

To be saddened by the letter from the
Bishop concerning Father Syl. Was very hard for him
to hold up reading it before the parish. Something hard
to come back on after a trip. Had your address for
people who would write a letter for him.

Father Syl was our priest in
before you moved him to
and
now to

I was Lutheran was having problems with my
marriage my pastor will going ~~along~~ along with my
husband. Heard from a reliable source Father Syl Brown
would talk with anybody.

He helped me with my marriage and my problems.
Didn't know me and I didn't know him. Turned out
he was very helpful went quite a few times to him.
Have keep in contact with him after he left.

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Marriage ended didn't work out. Her health got real bad so I left him.

Marrried a Catholic man never knew there was any nice people left in the world, my Father liked thought he'd be better for me and very well than what I had. My Dad died 1 month after we were married. Was quite hard on me was very close to him. Father Syl was gone too. Had 2 people gone that were real close to me.

Father Syl Brown just confirmed me in October 10, 1993. Decided to join the church my husband now has cancer in 2 spots. We are awaiting final approval of his commitment papers in.

Father Syl will be doing a church ceremony for us. my wish is to say I was married in a church. We've been waiting a long time over 2 years 1 month for these papers to go through.

Father Syl is a great priest does quite well to work with 2 parishes and keep things going the best he can. Enjoy his masses. Compared to the ones at my home church.

How anybody can run this person down is very heartbreaking to me. Works very hard at both parishes meetings, masses, wedding teaching people like me the confirmation of the church explained things very well. I feel Father Syl Brown should be commended for his many years of being in the priest hood. He's every understanding person who cares, wants you to feel better about yourself than you did before you came into his office.

Love
Would like a reply please

Showing how you care
My faith has grown since Father
concerning my cancer husband's situation
Confirmation and Priests etc.

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December 29, 1993

Dear

Please accept this acknowledgement of your letter of December 27. I appreciate the support you give Father Syl Brown, but he really is doing very well.

Sometimes in the face of criticism we priests easily become discouraged. That certainly would not be surprising for a good man like Father Brown. Please do keep him and the people of his parishes in your prayers.

Blessings to you and your husband for the new year. I am glad that Father Brown has been helpful to the two of you. I shall be praying for your husband in his illness. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:jm

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December 29, 1993

Dear

Please accept this acknowledgement of your letter of December 21 in which you expressed your support for Father Brown. I trust that you have shared some of your ideas about the parish building project at _____ with Father Brown himself. I shall take the liberty of sending a copy of your letter and my reply to him.

Blessings to you and all the people at _____ for the new year. We have so many opportunities to proclaim the good news of the gospel. We cannot let our minor disagreements overburden us. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all the parishes of our diocese.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

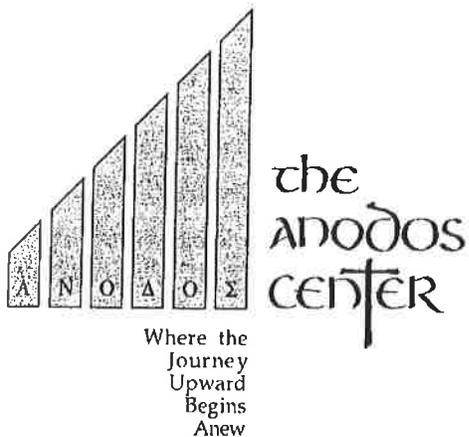
+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:jm

cc: Reverend Sylvester F. Brown

SB000168



January 12, 1994

Bishop Blazny
55 West Sanborn Street
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Blazny,

Father Salvatore Brown is scheduled to return to The Anodos Center for Psychological Reassessment. We look forward to beginning the four-day process on January 31, 1994. A conference will be held on Thursday of that week at 11:00 a.m. to discuss reassessment results.

We invite you or an appropriate representative to attend the conference and we will provide you with a follow-up written report upon receipt of the client's consent. We encourage you to discuss the issue of confidentiality with the client prior to the initiation of the reassessment process.

In order to evaluate Father Brown's continuing progress, it is necessary for you to complete the enclosed form. Please complete this form with detailed background on issues important for our consideration in reassessing Father Brown. We would appreciate receiving it by January 27, 1994 so that we may begin our preparation.

We look forward to working with you in the continuing support of Father Brown.

Sincerely,

Sandra O'Hara, M.S.
Program Director

SOH:mck
enclosure

Feb. 2, 1994

RECEIVED FEB 08 1994

Dear Bishop,

It was good to work with you in I felt good about the session. The people were open & receptive; their goodness was very apparent. There continues to be some dissension about council procedures & the building project but they are moving along.

I write to express my concern about Syl Brown. Before the meeting started, he pulled me aside to show me new evidence that he was not at fault. I found his comments during the meeting not very helpful. He was obviously unable to admit fault. Some people reported to me afterwards that he was making belittling comments to them and questioning their presence there. Since that evening a finance council member talked to me about the awful meeting they had this week & the confusion that continues to happen. "Fr. Brown is unwilling to let us see all the accounts." In all of that, I have sensed the people questioning Fr. Brown's ability to lead them out of this turmoil.

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My observations are:

Syl Brown has not accepted his fault
in any of this

He continues to blame & manipulate
people.

His ministry in _____ is
presently very ineffective.

I offer these observations to help
you know a bit more of what is going on
in _____ Jim willing to talk more
about this if you wish. But for now
Jim off to the ski slopes of Colorado.

Peace,

FILE

DIOCESE OF WINONA
33 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Deacon

PO Box 432
Tel. 507/454-4643

February 14, 1994

Dear

Thanks for your letter of February 2nd. I hope you had a good vacation on the ski slopes of Colorado.

Your observations about our meeting at _____ and Father Brown's behavior are very important. If his ministry there is truly ineffective, we may need to consider a change there. I certainly would be willing to discuss this at greater length with you.

I have not resolved this matter yet with Father Brown. It will be important for me to visit with him as a follow up to the meeting with the parishioners. Maybe the three of us need to sit down together. Let me know your thoughts. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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Where the
Journey
Upward
Begins
Anew

April 11, 1994

Most Reverend John Vlazny
Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

This psychological report is based on the clinical interviews and testing results of Father Sylvester Brown's re-evaluation assessment conducted from January 31, 1994 to February 3, 1994 at the Anodos Center. This report responds to the general findings of this assessment process which was recommended upon discharge from Villa St. John Vianney Hospital. Our evaluation procedure is a multidisciplinary one that includes our staff psychiatrist, pastoral counselor, and psychologist, whose signatures appear at the end of this integrative report.

While we have provided a current update of Father Brown at this time, we recognize the dynamic nature of one's life and ministry and suggest that this report be viewed as an instrument for present discernment. Individual and/or community changes may necessitate further evaluation and consultation with our professional staff. Please feel free to initiate such contact with a telephone call.

The contents of this report are sensitive and confidential and are being released by the Anodos Center only to those identified through the written authorization of Father Brown. Given the psychological complexity of some of this information as well as its private significance, we urge you to exercise the utmost thoughtfulness in disseminating any of its contents.

If we can be of any further assistance to you regarding Father Brown or in any other way, please let us know. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you in our shared ministry.

Sincerely,

Sandra O'Hara, M.S.
Program Director

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COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS
Diocese of Winona

Minutes of the Meeting 29 April 1994
Pastoral Center

Present: Bishop John G. Vlazny, Rev. Gerald A. Mahon, V.G.; Rev. Msgrs. Roy Literski, J. Richard Feiten; Revs. Donald Grubisch, James McCauley, Donald P. Schmitz, Joseph Keefe, John Kunz, James Timm. Absent with excuse: Rev. Tom Jennings. Present with passive voice: Rev. Edward McGrath, secretary; Mr. John Broadwater, Director of Finance.

- I. Bishop Vlazny opened the meeting with a prayer at 2:00 pm.
- II. The reading of the minutes was dispensed.
- III. The agenda was approved
- IV. Review of the financial situation at St. Felix, Wabasha.

The review noted for the College the ongoing concern about the large debt for the parish. As construction bills have been paid, the repayment of the loan to the diocese should begin soon. It was noted that interest payments billed 31 October 1993 and accrued to date have not been paid, but this is not unusual and a matter of concern if the payback period is delayed. The Bishop spoke of the difficulty of completing a successful capital campaign for the remainder of the debt after the current pledges run out because the project is complete.

- V. Review of the financial matters at Immaculate Conception, St. Clair.

The review noted for the College that a large sum of money was unreported to the Diocese and most parishioners. The amount of tax owed to the Diocese from the investment of the funds will be calculated and applied. Fr. Harold Mountain was asked to arrange for the repayment of \$17,000 to the parish for funds used to purchase an automobile for himself at the time of his retirement, with only the approval of the trustees, lacking the required proxy and contrary to diocesan policy. Fr. Sylvester Brown will review and bring his accounting procedures into line with acceptable accounting practices.

- VI. Review of the financial problems at St. Bernard's, Stewartville.

The College considered three issues relative to the situation at St. Bernard's:

- a) payment of diocesan tax on unreported income by the parish;
 - b) restitution by Father Engels;
 - c) the reassignment of the pastor, Fr. Richard Engels.
- a) **The College, after discussion and individual consultation of the members, recommends to the Bishop that payment of tax on unreported income be made to the diocese.**
- b) Regarding the question of restitution by Fr. Engels to the parish, members of the College recommended restitution. The question was raised about fair criteria. Fair and just criteria are the diocesan policy for compensation of priests and justice to the people of the parish. **The Bishop and the Director of Finance will work on a figure for restitution by Fr. Engels. The Bishop will consult the College by mail in making the final decision.**
- c) Regarding the reassignment of Fr. Engels, questions were raised about a proposed fiscal officer: Accountable to whom? How long would the arrangement last? **The College, after discussion and individual consultation of the members, recommends that the Bishop reassign Fr. Engels to parochial responsibility as a Parochial Administrator, without the faculty of financial administration. Fiscal responsibility will be assigned to another person appointed by the Bishop with accountability to the Bishop through the Diocesan Director of Finance.**
- IV. In the interest of time, the diocesan budget was not reviewed in detail. The College was assured that, even with the new personnel, the budget will be balanced.
- V. The discussion concerning just salaries in small parishes was deferred to a later meeting.
- VI. The Bishop adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Edward F. McGrath, Secretary

DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of Diocesan
Finances

PO Box 688
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Confidential Memo

To: Fr. Mahon

From: John Broadwater 

Date: November 7, 1994

Re: Fr. Syl Brown,

I received a call on November 7 from Fr. Brown. He said that he intended to terminate his Religious Ed. Director and asked for advise on how to go about it. I asked the reason that they were pursuing the termination, and he said that they were paying her \$18,000 and that their budget could not afford that much and that they would be creating the job at \$12,000. I asked if that was a reduction in hours worked and he said that it was not.

I also asked him if he intended to do this right away and he said that she had a contract through the end of the fiscal year and so the change would take place next year. I then asked if he would offer the job at a reduced salary to the existing director, and he said that "no he would not".

It was starting to sound to me like he was eliminating a person more than reducing the budget line so I advised that he contact an attorney before taking any official steps. I followed up by telling Fr. Brown that local attorneys may not have the expertise in this area that he would need and that he should call George Restovich in Rochester.

On November 8, I mentioned the situation to Sr. Joanne Loecher to see if she knew anything about this individual and why this might be happening. She said that there had been a conflict between the director and Fr. Brown.

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of
Religious Education

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

November 9, 1994

Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona
P.O. Box 588
Winona, Minnesota 55987

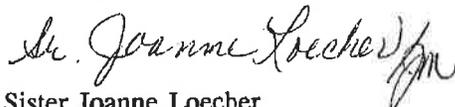
Dear Bishop Vlazny,

This is a letter that I write to you about a phone call I received a week and one-half ago from _____ She was calling for a listening ear. The incident she called about regarded an abusive situation between Father Brown and herself which lasted about one-half hour. She reported that "Father Brown was very inappropriate in his anger. He was abusive emotionally and verbally to me with many accusations that were demeaning and unchristian. He was irrational and unreasonable. At one point he took off his collar and shoved it at my neck and my face."

Because of Father Brown's abusive anger, _____ became so ill that she had to take a half-day sick leave. She is concerned about having a safe place to work. She asked about writing to Father Brown and sharing her concerns over what had happened. I suggested she write a letter requesting a meeting with Father, herself and another neutral person to discuss the incident. _____ felt that could be a possibility and said that she would try to write a letter to Father Brown.

_____ a very competent, dedicated, professional _____ who has a master's degree in theology from _____, has worked ten years as a religious education director and seventeen years as a teacher.

Sincerely in the Lord,



Sister Joanne Loecher
Director of Religious Education

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DIocese OF WINONA
15 WEST BROADWAY
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55991

Office of the
Vicar General

EO Sec. 288
Tel. 507/454-4667

November 10, 1994

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown

Dear Father Brown,

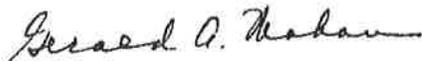
I am writing in reference to concerns about an employer/employee relationship at
phoned the Pastoral Center and visited with
for the Diocese of Winona, about
a conversation with you which led her to feel disrespect and mistrust.

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny, Bishop of Winona, has reviewed this material and
desires a meeting between you and with additional persons.

In the face of this conflict, I am asking the dean, Reverend John M. Kunz, to meet with
you and along with This will allow for a professional
review of your conversation and hopefully you will be able to move towards some resolve
about the conflict and create an environment of trust and respect.

Father John Kunz is out of town presently but when he returns the meeting needs to be
called as soon as possible within light of everyone's schedule.

Sincerely in the Lord,



Reverend Gerald A. Mahon
Vicar General

cc: Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Reverend John M. Kunz

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S. Brown

December 3, 1994

Dear Bp Vlazny,

Recently you requested that I meet with _____ and Fr. Syl Brown concerning a recent conversation they had. We met on Wed., November 30 along with Sr. Joanne Loecher and Fr. Joe Pete. Both Fr. Brown and _____ were given the chance to tell there experience of the Oct. 25 encounter. It seemed apparent to me that there has been a pattern of misunderstanding growing over a period of time. Fr. Brown did apologize for his angry comments of that day but expressed how he felt pressured into the situation. There continues to be tension between them but this was a good step towards establishing a working relationship.

It was decided to continue the process with the help of a facilitator. I will be meeting with Fr. Brown and _____ this Tuesday (Dec. 6) to facilitate further healing.

Sincerely in the Lord,



Rev. John Kunz
Dean

cc: Fr. Syl Brown

Fr. Joe Pete

SB000187

FILE

DIocese of WINONA
CLAUDE SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 509
Tel. 507/454-4643

February 6, 1995

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Saint Ann's Church
Box 218
Janesville, Minnesota 56048

Dear Syl,

Thanks for coming to visit with me during your retreat days. I am sorry that I was unable to make it to Saint Clair for Confirmation on Saturday. I am still homebound but I am at least "interested" in my work once again.

At the end of our visit you mentioned that you would be terminating your psycho-therapy sessions with Dr. Switra at this time. One year ago Villa Saint John recommended that you have such monthly sessions. Given the fact that you desire termination of these sessions and are also interested in a change of assignment this year, I think it would be a good time to return to the Villa for another evaluation which the diocese would provide for you. I know it may be somewhat awkward for you to return to the Villa now, but your own well-being and the appropriateness of terminating psycho-therapy need to be considered by me.

Frankly, I am also concerned about the restrictions on your ministerial activities in a new pastoral setting. It would be good for me to have an honest feedback from the Villa about your aftercare as we look to the future.

I shall send a copy of this letter to Father Thomson and I ask you to make arrangements with him for the evaluation at Villa Saint John. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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cc: Reverend Richard G. Thomson

SB000189



February 20, 1995

Most Reverend John Vlazny
55 West Sanborn
Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

Father Richard Thomson has scheduled Father Sylvester Brown to return to The Anodos Center for Psychological Reassessment. We look forward to beginning the four-day process on March 27, 1995. A conference will be held on Thursday of that week at 11:00 a.m. to discuss reassessment results.

We have invited Father Thomson or an appropriate representative to attend the conference and we will provide you both with a follow-up written report upon receipt of the client's consent.

In order to evaluate Father Brown's continuing progress, it is necessary for you to complete the enclosed form. Please complete this form with detailed background on issues important for our consideration in reassessing Father Brown. We would appreciate receiving it by March 20, 1995 so that we may include it in our preparation.

We look forward to working with you in the continuing support of Father Brown.

Sincerely,

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FILE

DIOCESE OF WINONA
43 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 508
Tel. 507/454-4643

February 27, 1995

The Anodos Center
P.O. Box 219
Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335

Dear

Enclosed are my responses to your inquiries in preparation for the reassessment of Father Sylvester Brown which will begin on March 27, 1995. I believe Father Thomson plans to be with you on March 30 to discuss reassessment results.

Thanks very much for the care you have given priests of our diocese. I hope that this visit of Father Brown will be helpful to him and his ministry.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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Enclosure

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 598
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April 5, 1995

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Saint Ann's Church
Box 218
Janesville, Minnesota 56048

Dear Syl,

It was good to have an opportunity to visit with you in Fairmont on Tuesday. Thanks for meeting me at the annual Diocesan Rural Life Day. I'm sorry that I couldn't take you to lunch.

Syl, I certainly heard your anxiety about a move and I am grateful that you expressed it to me. I will remain open to your staying at Janesville for another year, but I still wonder if you could entertain the possibility of taking a move within a year or two. Otherwise, I guess we just have to presume you will stay at Janesville until you retire. That doesn't seem like a good long-term plan nor does it seem like it would even be desirable for you, but that latter observation may be off target.

When I hear from Villa St. John I will be in touch with you again. I know that you will be leaving for the Holy Land after Easter and I certainly do not want you to travel with any more anxiety than you already have.

God bless you and your people as you prepare for Holy Week and the great Easter feast. The folks in St. Clair should be told now about the appointment of Fr. Russell Scepaniak as their new pastor at the end of June. As I told you, Russ will also be providing the sacramental ministry at St. Thomas More Newman Center in Mankato. I hope that will be a good package for him and for the needs of the people. God bless.

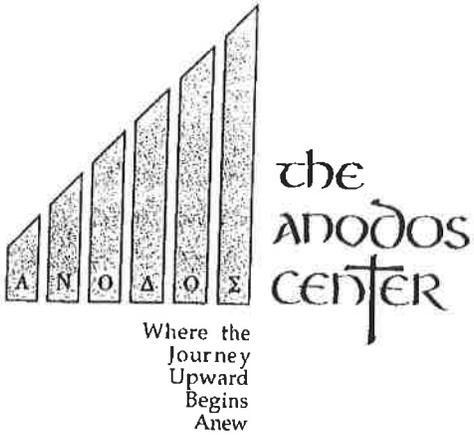
Your brother in the Lord,

John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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April 6, 1995

Most Reverend John Vlazny
55 West Sanborn
P.O. Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

In order to assist you in your decision-making process regarding Father Sylvester Brown, enclosed are the diagnostic impressions and recommendations which resulted from the assessment conducted at The Anodos Center from March 27, 1995 to March 30, 1995. A complete report will be forthcoming. If you have any questions or concerns until its completion, please feel free to call the number listed below.

We look forward to serving you in our mutual ministry to support Father Brown.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Karney, Ph.D.
Clinical Director

RJK:mck
enclosure

Bishop John G Vlazny
Diocese of Winona
55 West Sanborn
Winona, MN 55987

April 13, 1995

Dear Bishop Vlazny:

I have been instructed by the Pastoral Advisory Council of
to write you a letter of thanks for
extending the appointment of Fr. Sylvester Brown in our parish. In
these times I am sure you hear plenty of complaints about priests
and church workers, however we wanted you to know we appreciate the
work Fr. Brown has done in our parish. In my talks with
parishioners, the qualities appreciated by the parish could be
grouped under the heading of pastoral care. Parishioners appreciate
the concern for families, the efforts at evangelization, the
concern over troubled marriages, the encouragement to parishioners
to participate in the governance of their parish through the
diocesan guidelines, the encouragement through Reconciliation, the
efforts at community ecumenism and the encouragement to look at
missions beyond the boundaries and membership of our parish.

We feel we have received a blessing on our parish with your
willingness to extend this appointment. Thank you very much.

Yours,

cc: Fr. Syl Brown

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

April 25, 1995

Dear

Thanks very much for your letter of April 13 in which you expressed your appreciation for the pastoral leadership of Father Syl Brown. Please advise the members of the parish pastoral council that I have responded to your letter and that I ask for their continuing support and prayers on behalf of Father Brown. God bless all of you with Easter grace and joy.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

John G. Vlazonis

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazonis
Bishop of Winona

JGV:jm

SB000205

DIocese of WINONA
SOUTH WISCONSIN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55901

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 599
Tel. 507/454-6600

May 16, 1995

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Saint Ann Church
Box 218
Janesville, Minnesota 56048

Dear Syl,

What a blessing it is for us to serve the people of the Diocese of Winona as priests! During these beautiful days of Easter we proclaim by word and deed, together with the wonders of nature, the marvelously good news of the Resurrection. You have done this so well for so many years. I can never thank you adequately for the way you have shared your personal gifts with our people.

Your 1989 appointment for a six-year term as pastor will expire this year. I am grateful that you were able to be honest with me about your need to stay at Saint Ann's Church, Janesville, for at least another year. I fully support your decision to relinquish your responsibilities of Immaculate Conception Church, St. Clair. Both of these responsibilities were challenging and you handled them very well while addressing some significant personal issues in your life at the same time.

Grateful for your fine priestly ministry, it gives me great pleasure to appoint you Parochial Administrator of Saint Ann's Church, Janesville, for the coming year, effective June 28, 1995. We can review the status of this appointment next spring and decide whether or not you would be willing and able to take on a new assignment or would prefer to finish out your years of priestly service at Saint Ann's in Janesville. Please know that I am open to either possibility. But I would appreciate your willingness to consider another assignment at a later date in order to assist me with the many needs of the diocese and the diminishing number of priests available for service.

If you ever need me for anything, Syl, please don't hesitate to call. Our diocesan curia and support staff are ready and willing to assist you in your many and varied responsibilities. I know I can count on you to continue collaborating with your brother priests in the Mankato deanery in our mutual efforts to build up a strong and holy presbyterate at the service of God's people.

Syl, I know I do not give adequate expression to my personal affection to those of you who are my brothers in the priesthood. Please know that I thank God each day for your support, collaboration and friendship. As I give you this call in the name of the church, I am sincerely grateful for your willingness to serve so lovingly and faithfully. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:jm

cc: Reverend Gerald A. Mahon
Reverend William M. Becker
Reverend John M. Kunz

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454 4643

May 16, 1995

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Saint Ann Church
Box 218
Janesville, Minnesota 56048

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Your brother in the Lord,

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The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:jm

cc: Reverend Gerald A. Mahon
Reverend William M. Becker
Reverend John M. Kunz

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

June 1, 1995

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Saint Ann's Church
Box 218
Janesville, Minnesota 56048

Dear Syl,

It was good to visit with you Wednesday over lunch. I am glad you sought clarification about your appointment as administrator of Saint James Parish in Janesville, effective June 28, 1995.

Syl, as I told you and reiterated in the letter of appointment, I am asking you to accept this assignment for a one-year period. If, at the end of the year, you do indeed decide to remain in Janesville for the rest of your priestly ministry, I will appoint you for a second term. It is my hope that by then we will know whether or not the Janesville pastorate would include a neighboring mission. This will also give you some time to make a more measured judgement about the desirability of moving once again or not.

You are a good priest and you have given God's people faithful service. As I told you on Wednesday, I still have a hunch that you might be interested in a move if the right place were to open up. But, maybe in God's providence, Janesville is the right place. If so, that will be fine. Have a wonderful summer. God bless you and your people.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazonis

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazonis
Bishop of Winona

JGV:jm

SB000423

August 22, 1995

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Saint Ann Church
Box 218
Janesville, Minnesota 56048

Dear Syl,

Thanks very much for your recent note and the sharing of your joy as you continue your pastoral service among the people of Saint Ann's in Janesville. The summer months are hurrying by much too quickly. I look forward to seeing you when we gather more frequently in the fall.

My own vacation in the latter half of July was delightful and restful. The pace is beginning to pick up, but I trust that the Lord will help me keep up with all of you. Take care of your heart. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

MOST REVEREND JOHN G. VLAZNY, D.D.
55 WEST SANBORN STREET
WINONA, MN 55987
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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 580
Tel. 507/454-4643

May 16, 1996

Reverend Sylvester F. Brown
Saint Ann Church
P.O. Box 218
Janesville, Minnesota 56048

Dear Syl,

With today's feast of the Lord's Ascension, the church turns our attention to the guidance and companionship of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our shared mission. As we prepare our hearts for the feast of Pentecost during the next nine days, I shall be remembering you in a special way in appreciation of our privileged partnership in giving God's people across southern Minnesota a shepherd's care.

Last year at this time I appointed you as administrator of Saint Ann's Church in Janesville. At the time I was hopeful that another suitable assignment would be available for this spring and you might be willing to accept it. But my pastoral visit in February and our own conversations confirm the wisdom of your own decision to remain as pastor at Saint Ann's.

Syl, it gives me great pleasure to reappoint you for a six-year term as Pastor of Saint Ann's Church in Janesville, effective July 1, 1996. It is my understanding that you are perfectly free to request a change in assignment before that second term expires. It will be good enough for me to know that you are serving our people as a parish priest anywhere in the diocese. But the folks in Janesville are very pleased that you will be staying right there.

Certainly feel free to call upon me when you need. Our diocesan curia and support staff also want to support and encourage your efforts as a pastor. You have been a good friend and neighbor to your brother priests in the Mankato deanery and I know you will continue to participate actively in their meetings and collaboration. Please do keep me in your prayers and I promise to remember you in mine. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV/jm

cc: Reverend Gerald A. Mahon
Mr. John M. Vitek
Reverend John M. Kunz

SB000425

St. Bernard's Parish

Rev. Dr. Richard Thomson, OSC
116 4th Ave SE
Stewartville, MN 55976

Telephone 507 533-8257

CONFIDENTIAL

May 12, 1997

Most Rev. Bishop John Vlazny
Diocese of Winona
PO Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

Confidential Memo To File

RE: Fr. Syl Brown

My last meeting with Fr. Brown was on Wednesday, March 12, 1997. The journey with Fr. Brown has been a long and difficult experience, in particular, Fr. Brown's struggle to gain personal insight into his attitudes and behavior.

Like so many who ultimately find themselves in treatment, Fr. Brown spent most of his life blocking out both his feelings and his behavior. He accomplished this through work. It seems that for much of his priestly ministry, Fr. Brown has sought for acceptance in what he was doing. To that end, he was and is a successful person. He is much loved and in some cases revered by many people in the Diocese. This situation only served to make it all the more difficult for Fr. Brown to gain insight into the nature of his behavior, his sense of self, and his perspective on the world around him.

Not to rehash the struggles in treatment, however, those struggles gave insight into what the nature of Fr. Brown's recovery would be. He has complied, though sometimes dissenting with what has been requested from him. His insight regarding himself does not go beyond "his need to take care of himself". The treatment and continuing therapy have put a halt to any acting out sexually, but as far as dealing with his own sense of shame, little has impacted on that reality. For myself, there is something of an irony here in that Fr. Brown would present himself as a deeply spiritual person. I do not question whether he is or not but I certainly question the depth of that spirituality.

At the present time, he is content to remain in Janesville and I believe would most likely retire from the parish. He tells me he is continuing in spiritual direction with one of the sisters in Mankato and he does attend the 12-Step Recovery Group on a regular basis. I don't believe there is any real concern for the Church regarding Fr. Brown's acting out. I do not see him as a predator. I would recommend an annual check-in and I would hope that Fr. Brown will continue to attend the 12-Step Recovery Group as well as meeting with Sister.

Signed,

Rev. Dr. Richard Thomson, O.S.C.

RT/pc

cc: file

March 10, 2000

Rev. Syl Brown
St. Ann's Catholic Church
PO Box 218
Janesville MN 56048

Dear Father Brown:

Thank you for your letter expressing your willingness to serve as pastor of the Church of St. Ann for the year 2000-2001.

I appreciate very much your willingness to continue in full time ministry although you have surpassed the age-where "retirement" in this diocese often occurs.

As I indicated in my letter to you, it is my intention to write each year to those priests who have reached and surpassed the age of 68 so that we might review how their service is going.

Again, thank you for your ministry as a priest through Jesus Christ. May this Lenten season be a time of grace for you as we prepare for Holy Week and a joyous Easter celebration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

BJH:kve

cc: Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner
✓ Rev. Edward F. McGrath
Rev. John Kunz

 **FILE**

June 3, 2002

Dear Bishop Bernard J. Harrington:

I am writing on the priest situation.

In July of 1985, my boyfriend then,
was betrayed by Father Sylvester Brown
at with
inappropriate behavior.

I have forgiven Father Brown in a letter
to him, but when talking to the Bishop before
you the comment was made if Father Brown
should remain a priest. I was told he
was in treatment 9 months.

My concern is - if this issue is taken
care of so no others are being abused.

Thanks for looking into the matter.

Sincerely yours,

June 26, 2002

Rev. Sylvester F. Brown
Church of St. Ann
307 W 2nd St.
PO Box 218
Janesville, MN 56048-0218

Dear Father Brown:

Thank you for the opportunity of talking with you yesterday regarding future decisions.

As we mentioned in our conversation yesterday, it would be best for you to apply for Senior Priest status in the Diocese of Winona. Due to your present physical condition and the national climate at this time, I would ask you to submit a formal letter to me seeking Senior Priest status and resigning as pastor of St. Ann's, Janesville.

You have been a good and faithful priest these many years. I know that it has been quite difficult at various times, especially with regards to the very extended time in therapy. I would ask that July 31, 2002 be the termination date of your present assignment. After that date, I strongly suggest that you step out of all public ministry for the next few months. That would include weekend assignments, confessions, celebrant at weddings and funerals.

As I mentioned to you, once the expanded Review Board of the Diocese of Winona is in place, I will submit your individual case for their evaluation. I am committed to making my decision in light of their counsel. As I mentioned in my meetings with the priests in St. Charles and Fairmont and in our own conversation, Article V of the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young Adults will be the guideline for the Diocese of Winona.

I thank you once again for your very faithful years of service. I would encourage you to reflect upon the many happy experiences and the love of so many people during your 46 years of priestly ministry. I especially thank you for your generosity of staying on these past three years in service to the diocese.

Be assured of my own personal support and friendship in the months and years to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

BJH/jt

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

TO: ✓ Very Rev. Michael Hoeppner
Very Rev. Edward McGrath

FROM: ✉ Bernard J. Harrington +BJH

DATE June 27, 2002

RE: Father Sylvester Brown

Today, June 27, 2002, I met with Mr. He is presently a parishioner at
and works at . He is a
At one time, he was

About , at approximately , he went to celebrate the Sacrament of
Reconciliation at He confessed the sin of self abuse. At that time, Father Syl Brown
took the opportunity to give some spiritual direction. Father Brown told the penitent that the
Church has a special blessing for genitals and he would like to give him this blessing and he
should come and make arrangements for this occasion. Throughout this whole discussion,
remained silent.

Needless to say, he was quite taken back by this whole situation. He, shortly after that, called
Father Bob Brom of the diocese. Father Brom advised him not to have any contact with Father
Brown and that they have had this difficulty with him previous to this occasion.

A few weeks later, had occasion to talk with Father Brown on the phone on a
professional matter and Father Brown asked him when he would be coming in for the blessing.
told him that he would not be coming in and that was the end of the conversation.

Due to the present atmosphere with regard to sexual abuse, thought it was important
once again to bring up this issue to me, the bishop.

I shared with him that Father Brown will be stepping out of pastoral ministry and explained to
him the procedure that I have gone through to accomplish full compliance with the Charter for
the Protection of Children and Young Adults.

. only purpose was to share this information with me. The conference lasted a little
over 20 minutes.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

TO: Very Rev. Michael Hoepfner
Mrs. P.J. Thompson
Rev. Michael Cronin
Rev. Edward McGrath

FROM: Bernard J. Harrington +BJH

DATE: March 17, 2003

RE: Father Sylvester Brown

This past weekend I had occasion to celebrate the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration at St. Ann's in Janesville. Much to my surprise, at the very last moment, Father Sylvester Brown presented himself fully vested for Mass to be a concelebrant.

Both _____ and _____ have told me that he is accepting assignments every place and his name is frequently appearing in the paper as having attended a funeral or some other functions.

I believe that we should follow through on the request from _____ who is putting forth his formal charge. I believe not only should we have the formal case from _____ but we should have informal documentation from _____ and other cases that we have listed in our files.

Secondly, I think that Father Sylvester Brown should be interviewed and if there is substantial evidence, to be put on notice that he should not present himself as a priest publically or celebrate Mass publically.

I have talked about this with Father Michael Hoepfner and I am hopeful that we can move on this rather quickly, for at the present time, Father Brown is active in ministry in many fronts.

Thank you for meeting with us here today. We're here to hear from you so that you can tell your story and we'll ask questions for clarification during this time. For the record, could you state your name and date of birth

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Thanks. I think we'll just go ahead and just have you tell us in your own words what you'd like to say since you've asked to give us a formal allegation.

I came to _____ in the _____ and Fr. (Syl) Brown was the spiritual director at the _____ I think I first got associated with him in what they called T groups - they had them for _____ and they were difficult for the guys...and ummm -- Fr. Brown was my spiritual director.

When you say that these "T" groups were hard for the guys, what do you mean?

It was hard because we had to share and it was a time to share personal things and he asked us to share many things and it was uncomfortable for many of us...not just me. And - ahh - from what I can remember, the first session I had with Fr. Brown was about sexuality. He pretty much wanted to know what I knew about sexuality and seemingly his purpose was to kind of educate me or to fill in gaps about sexuality, I guess. I remember he gave me a book about sexuality.

Do you remember the name of this book?

I don't remember the name of it, no. In his discussions with me he asked me if I knew what circumcision was and whether I was circumcised or not. I didn't know. I think really - as I remember - he'd be saying to me, you know, that I was pretty naive as a person and that I probably didn't know so many things. He said he wanted to help me understand. His suggestion was that if I stripped he could help me understand these things.

At what point was this in your time

I'm thinking it was fall or early winter. I remember there was some snow around so it must have been winter. The winter of _____ So into my first year. So he had me umm - and I think I at first refused and then he kind of the next session encouraged me to do it again....and I though yes, maybe it would help if I let him see. So I finally agreed to strip in his presence and he encouraged me to have an erection.

What kind of encouragement do you mean? Did he touch you?

No um he encouraged me - verbally. So then, he could explain what an erection was. And that happened. And then he, um....then he prayed a blessing over me - over my genitals I should say..and I got dressed and left.

So, after that nothing else occurred?

Well, I was involved in my own recovering some time and Syl came back - it was a 12 step that Rick Thomson started.

Was this an Alcoholics group, what type of group do you mean?

Any 12 stepper - anyway, I was around Syl some as he returned and it um...it became clear after a little bit he wasn't interested in recovery - it scared me ...he was very evasive and when he talked about what happened to him in treatment...I could tell he didn't get it. It didn't seem to make sense to me.

What would have indicated to you that he did get it?

I would say that there was an understanding of his boundaries...That he was not so invasive of other peoples ministry.

Anything else?

I wasn't around him until 95 - then I moved to and he was in - so being a neighbor, just being around I ran into his sickness all over again. His invasive nature came out to me in a number of ways. I even saw for awhile that he had a young man living with him. I saw him still continuing to run around and do ministry in a number of places. Like he would come and do - like there was a lady dying he would come visit. I think striking to me - was the husband was standing at the casket - an 85 year old man and standing at the casket Syl is massaging this mans back - and this man was not a touchy feely kind of guy - and Syl just - I wanted to say leave this man alone. It was again an example of that Syl did not have a clue of his invasive nature.

And then the other one that came to me was where a woman : and her mother was dying in who was a parishioner of Syls and Syl drove this woman to see her mother. When he walked into the room to visit this woman - maybe 80 years old - he kissed her on the lips and the was very distressed by this and didn't feel it was appropriate. She said she'd like that reported to the diocese. She didn't say she thought it was abusive, but she thought it was inappropriate.

and how did you come to know this? Did she meet with you or call you?

She came (2001) to talk to me about some other things and then talked about this. So then, the only other thing - I think, when the bishop called me and talked me (this is as he said, Syl will be retiring and it wasn't by choice - but because of his background. We had discovered then that my letter had not gone to the diocesan file - but to the treatment center. I actually did find a copy of the letter - or rewrote it...and sent it to the file. He (Syl) actually had scheduled a wedding August 3rd - but was scheduled to retire.

So there was no touching?

No - no touching.

What was his demeanor? Do you remember?

No, he was trying to educate me and to um....

Did he talk like he was educating, for example this is this....this is why this happens, that is that?

I think so...at the time I think I was naive enough that I thought this is something that I was supposed to do. I didn't know about these matters at all. I remember that I wanted to get out of there though - I felt terrible afterwards, I wanted to avoid him at all costs. I think the next week I was heading downtown and somehow he was heading downtown and I think he offered me a ride. I felt awful getting in his car. He did ask how I felt after the last session - I just said "fine" because I didn't want to talk about it. I have no recollection that I went back to him again. I believe he left at the end of the year. I don't remember that I had other sessions with him.

Did you talk about this with anyone that you remember?

I never really told anybody really - I think for many years I didn't think about it or didn't think there was anything wrong with it then...In ahh - I probably didn't have much to do with him but when I moved to guess later - I began to run into him. When you get around where he is you begin to run into him. He had already left and was in and he kept running back.

What do you mean, running back?

Some of were angry at him
Anyway - then in

What happened?

I began, I think in my own life - I began to deal with depression and issues in my own life around sexuality that I probably had never faced...those began to surface On - I'm not sure of the exact timing around that time I was told he was sent to treatment - told me. He said to me during treatment time, he said they had a hard time getting hard data - and at some point we were in support group together ... I must have said it at some point. Actually in those early years of: I'm sure in I talked about it. Then said, "...would you be willing to write a letter to the treatment center describing your experience?" I said, "Yes I would" - so in wrote the letter to the treatment center describing what happened. That was it.

Did he do the wedding?

No. The people said they invited him to say prayer and he did. I called the bishop and let him know. I was upset though and didn't understand. I didn't think he was supposed to be doing ministry. I suppose my incident happened when I was [redacted] but - I know it didn't fall under the policy - but my sense was that this was a very dangerous man. I asked the bishop if there were any restrictions placed on him and he said, "I asked him to lay low in his retirement." When I went [redacted] said I didn't want him [redacted] One of the Religious Ed. teachers came to me and said that Fr. Brown had said mass here for the confirmation class. That was in November 2002 and I found out when I got back in February 2003.

(Gave copies of newspaper clippings to Fr. Hoepfner)

I hadn't really searched anything out but I kept hearing that Fr. Brown came and did this funeral - or that funeral. I think the only time he came to [redacted] was that one...but I know now he is quite active. I know that he filled in at [redacted] recently. One at [redacted] I think when [redacted] was gone....and in [redacted] there was a funeral on March 19th.

So when I talked to the bishop - I told him that the other day - I guess well, what was I going to say....

So you're still concerned...

I guess I'm confused. Where I'm confused is - actually I wrote the letter last July and sent it. Which was a re-creation of the letter I sent to the treatment center last July. Why was Syl Brown allowed to function knowing this?...I didn't see any restrictions put on his behavior. I asked Bishop - he said he told him to lay low but I didn't see it happen. What took so long?

For that, we do apologize. I think that one of the things we began doing is looking at procedures again and I was asked to get back to you and then [redacted] came about. I can say that we're sorry for the delay. (At this point in the meeting, Fr. Hoepfner reviews the procedures for the preliminary investigation of penal cases. He explains that the promoter of justice becomes like the district attorney. So, from the beginning, the promoter of justice should be involved... Bishop can assign someone to be the promoter of justice. He reviews the fact that actions caused to individual do not necessarily have to be touch in order to be considered grave - or mortal sin... We also look at those things that the person does for their own sexual gratification.)

As you look back to your [redacted]. Would you consider this incident you told us about to be sexual abuse...by this definition?

It was an action - yes...

Would you consider this to be a mortal sin?

I feel it was - I may not have been aware of it at that moment...and it has felt to me like sexual

abuse and I believe he does get sexual gratification out of it.

As we've discussed there is a need for proof or evidence. What evidence would come forth to support this accusation? Do you have any other proofs that you could bring forth.

I just remembered - I forgot some part - I guess in talking to that Fr. Syl Brown also approached him with the same request.

What is your recollection of what you heard?

He did not have the same encounter - he refused it. But, the other one is who um...has or knows that he was really seen among priests as being a "ball blesser" that was the reputation he had at the college...I think - that was just kind of, um...known...and would know that when they tried to get Syl that was the issue with guys...that they were hearing these things. As I understand it, they were trying to get him off the faculty.

When you say, "they" who are you referring to?

They - means the (who was) and

So that's our description that we're dealing with - you're right about the age description but if it's seen as an act of sexual abuse the congregation is allowed to bring it forward - but the age limit is 16 for a case to go to the congregation to do this.

O.k. - well, one other one I remember - what got him into treatment was a man in came forth about what Syl did to his son and then that got him into treatment.

O.k. - is there anything else?
(Shakes head indicating "no")

Again, I see two things here...

I see you're bringing forth something that happened to you. The bishop will say, is there any one else that he would have others that would give us proofs or documents or evidence to put together. First - that he did something to you.

The bishop could deal with another issue that being he is invasive of other people's ministry... Each may be treated differently.

When the bishops came back from Rome they had agreed to try to move now - as best they could in view of what they had decided. If you had asked Rome for changes in the liturgy - you would not at that point have to change the liturgy. He said, we did the best we could - but they did come back and move on it.

But, there seemed to be no restrictions for some like - but, Syl - didn't do that.
My concern is that Syl has an interest in young men and boys and I don't get it. I've fought with him about incidents when he has ministered to but he continues to do it. It short

circuits ever having to deal with issues.

Have you or have any of your
ministering

ever told Syl Brown that you don't want him

It's tough because they have relatives, people that know him...I guess I don't know if I've ever said it, you know, don't do it. I'm not after Syl Brown - I'm concerned about the people, I don't know what he's doing. He scares me...I'm concerned about his ability to have access to young men and that even affects other parishioners. I don't think I understood his abuse of me - to me it's where he gets his jollies - and to me they are just as abusive to me. They come across as inappropriate behaviors and to me it gets abusive.

Is there anything else you want to share with us?

Will I know - will I receive anything or know if he's on restrictions?

I would suspect because he's very unhappy about this situation that Bishop will talk to him.
Can I - maybe for my own peace of mind...the fact that I gave this instance last July ...that's what was really hard for me.

We apologize for that. You're right - it did take some time. As I said, we've been learning too and I was to get back to you and then happened. But, now, we are taking your statement today which is the first step in the process. You're making or issuing a formal accusation.

It still didn't feel good - that 9 months went by and it seems like nothing was done.

We understand that...in July the team wasn't clear that this was an official accusation.

I assumed - and I guess that when the Bishop said he would re-open the case...that in the Bishop's mind there has never been closure...

What would you like to see the outcome be?

I believe he should be restricted in ministry - that's all I really look for is that I don't believe he should be working in parishes, I don't - I mean - he can say mass...concelebrate...
I'm back and forth - because I see people who did something and they're out
Syl did something and he's in...And there's a part of me that says what you did to me was this serious - so there's that part of me that says he shouldn't be able to be called Father - because that's what happened to these other guys.

Just know that there's an understanding that all the facts of these confidential cases are not given - and there's an understanding of the various feelings that come with such an emotional occurrence. You seem to feel torn between having Fr. Brown be able to say mass with someone when invited and not being able to be called Father or present himself as a priest at all.

What I would say is he cannot set boundaries - and that's my thing. You'd say, "well you can do this and this - he can't and won't."

Statement typed by team member: P.J. Thompson _____
Submitted for signature on this 25th day of March, 2003.

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Signature

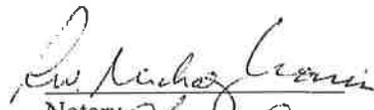
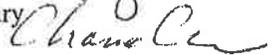
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DE C R E E

I have this day accepted the Preliminary Investigation report of Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner,
ordered on April 2, 2003 regarding an allegation made by _____ that he was a victim
of sexual misconduct by Rev. Sylvester Brown.


Signed:

Date: April 26, 2003


Notary


DE C R E E

Whereas, I have received this day, April 2, 2003, from
accusation that he was sexually abused when he was
by Rev. Sylvester Brown, a priest of the Diocese of Winona...

I decree that a Preliminary Investigation in accord with Canon Law and the Essential Norms for
Dioceses/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or
Deacons be conducted by Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner.

In accord with the norm of law, this Preliminary Investigation shall inquire about the facts, the
circumstances and about imputability of what alleges.

Given this date, April 2, 2003, by me, Samuel J. Haring, Bishop of Winona.

(Seal)

Notary: Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner
Chancellor

MEMO

TO: Very Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner
FROM: ✕ Bernard J. Harrington + *BH*
DATE: April 7, 2003
RE: Interview with Father Syl Brown

I met with Father Syl Brown on Friday, April 4, 2003 in the rectory of St. John's, Mankato.

I gave him the letter that was prepared by you dated April 3, 2003.

I found Father Brown to be most cooperative. I informed him that he is not to do any public ministry. I did not tell him that he could not wear his collar. I informed him of his canonical rights and encouraged him to get civil and canonical counsel.

We discussed specific commitments that he had made in the next few weeks and he has agreed to cancel all of them. I have him explicit instructions not to do any ministry at Sacred Heart, Waseca or St. Ann's, Janesville parishes.

I did inform him that I excluded as canon lawyers, Fathers Hoepfner, Cronin and McGrath. I did mention to him that Father Bill Kulas would be another lawyer who would be available for his services or he could check the Twin Cities. I also told him to call Father Hoepfner to inquire if there are any other canon lawyers in our Diocese.

I reiterated that the investigation is underway of the formal charge and that Father Hoepfner would be in contact with him shortly.

I explained the gambit of possibilities as the result of this investigation from being reinstated to ministry to the other extreme of laicization.

He was very thankful that I handled this in a pastoral manner and that I am sensitive to his situations.

Given his Senior Priest status and his present health condition, he should find this sufficient reason to turn down any invitations to ministry.

Brown, Sylvester
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PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REPORT
TO BISHOP HARRINGTON FROM FR. HOEPPNER
April 26, 2003

I have concluded the Preliminary Investigation you assigned me to conduct pursuant to the accusation you received from [redacted] that he was sexually abused when he was [redacted] by Rev. Sylvester Brown, a priest of the Diocese of Winona then assigned [redacted]. As your decree directs, I inquired about the facts, the circumstances and about the imputability of what as alleged, in accord with the norm of law.

The Allegation: [redacted] alleges that he was sexually abused by Fr. Brown in the fall/winter of [redacted] when he was [redacted] old and [redacted]. Fr. Brown, who was spiritual director, said he wanted to help [redacted] understand sexuality better. He asked [redacted] to share personal things with him. For example, he asked him if he knew what circumcision was and whether he was circumcised or not. [redacted] said that Fr. Brown's suggestion was that if [redacted] stripped, Father could help him understand these things. [redacted] refused but in a following session Fr. Brown again encouraged [redacted] to strip and [redacted]. Fr. Brown encouraged him to have an erection so Fr. Brown could explain what an erection was. [redacted] testified that this happened and Fr. Brown then prayed a blessing over his genitals. [redacted] then got dressed and left. There was no touching. [redacted] said that he was naïve enough to think this was something he was supposed to do. He felt terrible after this and avoided Fr. Brown. [redacted] has no recollection that he ever went back to Fr. Brown again. At the end of the year, Fr. Brown left his position at [redacted].

[redacted] testified that for many years he never told anyone of this incident, other than maybe to mention it in his [redacted]. He did not think about it or think there was anything wrong with it then. He did not have much to do with Fr. Brown. [redacted] that in 1991 he began to run into Fr. Brown more and more. [redacted] was bothered by this and noticed that some of the [redacted] were angry with Fr. Brown for [redacted]. In 1991 [redacted] began to deal with his own depression and issues in his own life around sexuality that he had never faced. [redacted] and a member of [redacted] invited [redacted] to send a letter about the incident to a treatment center where Fr. Brown had been sent and so in 1992, [redacted] wrote a letter to that center describing what had happened.

In 1995 [redacted] moved to [redacted] and Fr. Brown was in nearby [redacted]. [redacted] testified that he ran into what he calls "Fr. Brown's sickness" all over again. Fr. Brown was invasive of [redacted] did not keep appropriate boundaries and was invasive of other people. [redacted] testified that he did not see this as abusive but as inappropriate. According to the description of sexual abuse given in the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* [redacted] believes that what Fr. Brown did to him [redacted] sexual abuse. He says that, although he was not aware of it at the time, it has felt to him like sexual abuse and he believes Fr. Brown did derive sexual gratification from it.

[redacted] is concerned and wants restrictions placed on Fr. Brown's ministering. [redacted] is concerned that Fr. Brown has an interest in young men and boys. [redacted] testified that he has fought with Fr. Brown about times when Fr. Brown has [redacted]. When asked if he ever told Fr. Brown that he does not want him [redacted] testified that he does not know that he ever told him, "don't do it." [redacted] testified that Fr. Brown scares him. [redacted] is concerned about Fr. Brown's ability to have access to young men and that this even affects other parishioners. [redacted] testified that he now sees Fr. Brown's invasive behavior as abuse. [redacted] believes Fr. Brown should be restricted in his ministry. That is what he is looking for. He does not believe Fr. Brown should be working in parishes. He does think that Fr. Brown should be allowed to say Mass and concelebrate but admits that he goes back and forth on this. [redacted] said, "some priests have done something and they are out of ministry; Fr. Brown did something and he's in." There is a part of him, [redacted] testified that tells him that what Fr. Brown did to him is so serious that Fr. Brown should not be able to be called Father because that is what has happened to other priests. [redacted] believes that

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even if Fr. Brown has boundaries placed on him and his ministry, Fr. Brown will not keep them. He will not be able to just "lay low" and so he should clearly and firmly be restricted.

testified, in conclusion, that the session he described was sexual abuse. At the age of , he was not able to identify it clearly then as such, as is not uncommon for a victim. "However, understanding abuse, my own growth, and experiencing Fr. Brown's continual behavior which crosses ministerial/parish boundaries, made me aware that the experience with him at was sexual abuse." said that he experiences Fr. Brown as incapable of keeping appropriate boundaries. Therefore, he questions his capability for functioning appropriately in the ministry of priesthood. He hopes Fr. Brown is sanctioned accordingly.

Evidence Submitted: As the incident of alleged sexual abuse took place in a private setting, does not have the name of any eyewitness to submit. He does submit as possible sources for corroboration the names of

He offers the names of who, was also propositioned by Fr. Brown. offers the name of

offers in evidence two newspaper clippings from March of 2003. One is a funeral notice that indicates Fr. Brown will be officiating at a funeral in The other indicates Fr. Brown will be concelebrating a funeral in

Documentary Evidence: Diocese of Winona records show that

and in the fall of The file the Diocese of Winona has on issues associated with Fr. Brown is already substantial. The following information from materials in this file is pertinent to this case.

July of 1985, Bishop Watters received a letter from who wrote on behalf of a parishioner of his who had gone to Fr. Brown for counseling at the recommendation of this parishioner's fiancée. During a counseling session. reported, Fr. Brown "violated" the man. The man was concerned that there were other people Fr. Brown had "abused." The fiancée felt responsible for sending the man to Fr. Brown and for his "molestation." They wanted to know what action Bishop Watters would take. Bishop Watters wrote he had met with Fr. Brown. Bishop Watters reviewed with Fr. Brown what the man felt to be "unprofessional conduct" and during that review, Bishop Watters wrote, it became evident that what Fr. Brown thought at the time to be an honest effort to stress the sacredness of human sexuality was rather what the man correctly identified as "being violated." Fr. Brown expressed regret and concern for those involved and said that "it had never happened before and that it would never happen again." Bishop Watters directed that Fr. Brown have psychological testing and an evaluation. Bishop Watters also wrote the man involved.

January – April, 1989: There are numerous letters in the file praising Fr. Brown as an excellent priest and pastor and requesting that Bishop Vlazny to keep Fr. Brown at Bishop Vlazny responded to each letter, often indicating generally that Fr. Brown is a good priest.

November 3, 1989: Bishop Vlazny referred Fr. Brown to Dr. Duane Ollendick for an evaluation indicating that Fr. Brown is "a very good priest" who has not been the object of "any serious criticism, complaint or question." However, time and again, issues have been raised from the past involving his unusual approach to dealing with young men who may have experiencing some sexual difficulties. His unusual prayers and blessings have raised the eyebrows, Bishop Vlazny says. Fr. Brown was seen on November 13, 1989 and November 30, 1989 and the summary report is in the file. Two specific areas of potential concern are singled out. One, regarding the premarital counseling Fr. Brown engages in with couples. Fr. Brown acknowledges that he does delve into the sacredness of sexuality with couples but said that he has no direct evidence to suggest that this was offensive to anyone. Fr. Brown denied that at those times there was ever any directed action, blessing of,

touching of, or revealing of genitals by couples in his presence. The second area of concern regarded two incidents in the past when Fr. Brown said he tried to help troubled young men. One was in _____ and the other in _____

One young man had fears, Fr. Brown said, that he had harmed his penis and the other, a 30 year old man, had fears of sexual performance. In each instance, Fr. Brown invited the man to show him his penis if it would help. The young men did. Fr. Brown said his sole purpose was to reassure these individuals. The second of these incidents was apparently reported to Bishop Watters and he dealt with it. Fr. Brown maintained to Dr. Ollendick that his intentions were honorable, that there was no vicarious sexual arousal or excitement in these two incidents for him, and that in retrospect he recognized that it was inappropriate to provide any sort of subtle or direct direction or guidance that would lead to the revealing of one's genitals. Fr. Brown indicated that there had been no occurrences since that time. Fr. Brown denied that any unusual circumstances or difficulties arose during his tenure at either a high school or while being involved at the seminary, although, Dr. Ollendick wrote, "I suspect it is fair to assume he likely approached the entire area of sexuality more directly or openly than what others might have." Dr. Ollendick remained "unsettled" by the nature of the known incidents and "concerned" that there may be "blind spots" in Fr. Brown's professional judgment. Dr. Ollendick recommended that Fr. Brown be considered for a more intensive psychosexual evaluation with experts in this area.

October 11, 1990: Bishop Vlazny received a report from Dr. Joseph Switras who had conducted a psychological evaluation of Fr. Brown and follow-up interviews. The report noted that Fr. Brown did not evidence any sexual disorders, any pathological sexual attitudes, ideation, impulses, drives, or preferences. No antisocial or victimizing trends were indicated. It was not felt that any past behavior reported about Fr. Brown of a sexual-related nature were part of any more general and pathological psychological condition. It was felt that the areas of concern that motivated this evaluation were not part of any ongoing or developing pathological process. The suggestion was for some additional training for Fr. Brown in the area of handling sexual-related problems and counseling.

February 26, 1992: Fr. Brown was evaluated at Trinity House, Chicago, Illinois. Part of the report given to Bishop Vlazny said that Fr. Brown does have a difficulty with boundaries. It said that Fr. Brown projects on to others his own worry and concern about sexuality and then attempts to reassure himself by reassuring them. This becomes problematic as he naively does not recognize inappropriate boundary crossings. There were strong indications of poor judgment.

March 9, 1992: Fr. Brown attended Villa St. John Vianney in Dowingtown, Pennsylvania, for residential treatment. The file contains a memo sent to Dr. Tyrrell at the Villa from Bishop Vlazny containing a copy of a letter written to Fr. Brown August 1, 1992 by _____ who was _____

_____ while Fr. Brown was on staff there. _____ wrote Fr. Brown recalling how in the fall of 1968, Fr. Brown had discussed sexuality with him in a counseling session. Fr. Brown had invited him to undress and show his genitals. _____ declined to do this but was confused, embarrassed and self-conscious. He felt sexually exploited, abused and taken advantage of. He was angry and was writing to let Fr. Brown know this and realize how unhealthy the behavior that took place was. He hoped that this would be a help to Fr. Brown now and sought no reply.

_____ did admit to him that he did undress for Fr. Brown. The name of _____ not given. A copy of the Plan to Stay Well for Fr. Brown at the time of discharge is in the file. The Plan includes individual psychotherapy for at least four years following discharge, comprehensive psychological assessments annually and the formation of a ministry supervision team. On November 2, 1992, Fr. Dr. Rick Thompson, health officer for the Diocese of Winona, sent a memo to Bishop Vlazny after visiting at the Villa. It noted that Fr. Brown had become aware during treatment of his past vulnerability particularly regarding his past sexual behavior. The consensus at the Villa was the Fr. Brown was not a predator. It was recommended that a limit be placed on Fr. Brown's ministry, specifically, that he avoid one-on-one engagement with young men and that he avoid marriage counseling. Fr. Thompson remained "cautiously optimistic" that Fr. Brown will have a successful re-entry to ministry.

December 23, 1992: Fr. Mahon, the Vicar General, writes a memo to Bishop Vlazny regarding a phone conversation he had with a father at the request of another priest who had talked to this father. The man had reported that while Fr. Brown was at _____ his son, who was _____, had gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to Fr. Brown. Five years later he told his father that Fr. Brown had asked direct questions about sexuality which the father thought were inappropriate and had touched him on the knee. The father had heard that Fr. Brown had been away for treatment and had wondered why. The man said his son is fine now and said that if Fr. Brown had dealt with these concerns in treatment, he would not be hesitant about Fr. Brown returning to a parish with supervision and accountability.

May 18, 1993: _____ wrote Bishop Vlazny on February 1, 1993: She is the former fiancée of the parishioner of _____ wrote Bishop Watters about in 1985. She recounts what happened. On May 18, Bishop Vlazny and Fr. Brown meet with _____ Fr. Brown apologized and _____ acknowledges her gratitude for the meeting and apology in a note to Bishop Vlazny.

August 1, 1993: Fr. Mahon informed Bishop Vlazny of an accusation he had received that Fr. Brown, some years prior, abused the uncle of a young man, now 23 years old, now reporting this. Bishop Vlazny spoke to Fr. Brown who said that he knew the uncle but had never met with him at all. Fr. Brown knew the parents of the uncle and assisted them when the uncle committed suicide. The parents though the uncle had a homosexual relationship with someone.

September 3, 1993: Issues surfaced regarding finances at _____ parish and Fr. Brown. A meeting is set up with Fr. Brown and parish leadership and the issue is addressed.

December 29, 1993: Bishop Vlazny received letters supporting Fr. Brown as pastor.

January 31 - February 3, 1994: Fr. Brown returned to The Anodos Center, St. John Vianney Hospital, Downingtown, Pennsylvania for follow-up. Correspondence in preparation for the follow-up indicated that Fr. Brown had been faithful to his aftercare program. Fr. Dr. Rick Thompson wrote: "In the course of the past year, there have been a number of significant experiences for Father Brown. They include a meeting with the fiancée of one of his victims...Father Brown has encountered some struggles within his parish and some significant areas of administrative mistakes... Lastly, Father Brown encountered some inappropriate accusations from the former pastor and rumors regarding Father Brown's behavior. These rumors and accusations have been extremely difficult, and Father Brown, in fact, has confronted one individual regarding this situation. I believe that Father Brown has worked very hard with his program and has sought to deal with these significant experiences as they have happened." The outcome of the follow-up was that the aftercare treatment recommendations made at the time of Fr. Brown's discharge are to continue for at least another year.

November 30, 1994: Fr. Brown attempted to terminate his Religious Ed. Director at _____ An incident of abuse was reported by the Director, accusing Fr. Brown of inappropriately expressing his anger in a meeting with her. The Dean, Fr. John Kuz, was asked to mediate a session with Fr. Brown and the Director. The meeting was held on November 30, 1994. The Dean reported to Bishop Vlazny that there had been a pattern of growing misunderstanding between Fr. Brown and the Director. Fr. Brown apologized for the angry comments he made. It was felt that the meeting was a good step towards developing a good working relationship. The Dean facilitated another meeting of Fr. Brown and the Director a short time later for further healing.

March 27, 1995 - March 30, 1995: Fr. Brown returned to The Anodos Center for follow-up. Correspondence in preparation for this indicated that Fr. Brown has been faithful to the aftercare requirements. No relapses regarding inappropriate behavior with young people and in respect for boundaries were reported. There was concern expressed by Fr. Dr. Thompson over Fr. Brown's "growing and expanding flock. Fr. Brown continues to exhibit a tremendous need to be needed." The recommendation at the conclusion of the follow-up was that the aftercare program set up at the time of discharge continue to be followed for at least another year,

with some modification. Individual psychotherapy was reduced from at least once a month to as frequently as Fr. Brown and/or his support team deem necessary.

May 12, 1997: In a memo to file dictated by Fr. Dr. Rick Thompson following what was his last meeting with Fr. Brown. Fr. Brown, Fr. Thompson stated that Fr. Brown "has complied, though sometimes dissenting with what has been requested from him. His insight regarding himself does not go beyond 'his need to take care of himself.' The treatment and continuing therapy have put a halt to any acting out sexually, but as far as dealing with his own sense of shame, little impacted on that reality." Fr. Thompson wrote, "At the present time, he is content to remain in _____ and I believe he would most likely retire from the parish. He tells me he is continuing in spiritual direction...and he does attend the 12-Step Recovery Group on a regular basis. I don't believe there is any real concern for the Church regarding Fr. Brown's acting out, I do not see him as a predator. I would recommend an annual check-in and I would hope that Fr. Brown will continue to attend the 12-Step Recovery Group as well as meeting with Sister (his spiritual director)."

March 30, 2003: _____ offered in evidence two newspaper clippings from March, 2003. One is a funeral notice that indicates Fr. Brown will be officiating at a funeral in _____. The other indicates Fr. Brown will be concelebrating a funeral in _____.

What Crime? Was a crime committed? What is the crime or delict this case is dealing with? The 1983 Code of Canon Law addresses the crime of sexual abuse in Canon 1395. Canon 1395.2 states that a cleric who has committed an offense against the sixth commandment with force or threats or publicly or with a minor below the age of sixteen is to be punished with just penalties, including dismissal from the clerical state if the case warrants it. The USCCB booklet *Canonical Delicts Involving Sexual Misconduct and Dismissal from the Clerical State* notes that the offense mentioned in 1395.2 need not be a complete act of intercourse, nor should the term be equated with the definitions of sexual abuse or other crimes in civil law. The norm is whether the act in question is an external act that qualifies as an objectively grave violation of the sixth commandment. The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* adopted in June of 2002 by the USCCB ends with a Note which begins by stating: "Sexual abuse of a minor includes sexual molestation or sexual exploitation of a minor and other behavior by which an adult uses a minor as an object of sexual gratification."

_____ does not testify to force or threats being used or that the alleged act was public. The act is alleged to have happen in _____ and _____ was 18 years old and not a minor at the time.

Canon 1389 of the 1983 Code states that one who abuses ecclesiastical power or function is to be punished in accord with the seriousness of the act or omission not excluding deprivation from office. Canon 1399 is a general norm stating that, in addition to the cases already mentioned, the external violation of a divine or canonical law can be punished by a just penalty but only when the special gravity of the violation demands punishment and there is an urgent need to prevent or repair scandal.

Imputability: Canon 1321.1 states: "No one is punished unless the external violation of a law or precept, committed by the person, is gravely imputable by reason of malice or negligence." Imputability is presumed when a delict has been committed. Canon 1321.3 establishes this presumption of law: "When an external violation has occurred, imputability is presumed unless it is otherwise apparent." The act has been committed but it is not sufficient to consider the act alone. The act must have been posited with sufficient internal deliberation and freedom to be gravely imputable insofar as it results from personal malice or culpability. Furthermore, it is not sufficient that there be grave imputability. If full imputability was lacking, the diminution in imputability is cause by which the penalty must be tempered according to law. When full imputability is not found, Canon 1324 states that the person found guilty of a violation of the law or of a precept is not exempt from a penalty but the penalty set by law must be tempered or a penance substituted in its place. Canon 1324 lists 10 factors and directs that a penalty be tempered or a penance substituted when one or more of them are found to apply to a case. Among those mentioned are: one who acted with only the imperfect use of reason; one who lacked the use of

reason due to a mental disturbance; one who acted in the serious heat of passion as long as the passion had not been voluntarily stirred up or fostered; by one who acted without full imputability provided there was grave imputability. Canon 1324.2 notes that a judge can temper a penalty or substitute a penance "if any other circumstance exists which would lessen the seriousness of the offense." Canon 1325 states that a judge can punish more severely than a law or precept has stated "a person who has been given some dignified position or who has abused authority or office in order to commit the offense."

The documentary evidence in this case provides information about Fr. Brown's upbringing and his personality that may suggest a diminished imputability. In his December 1, 1989 report to Bishop Vlazny, Dr. Ollendick notes that during his adolescence, approximately age 14, Fr. Brown's uncle initiated and maintained a sexual relationship with him which consisted of his uncle masturbating him. This was confusing for Syl and he subsequently felt some degree of anger and exploitation. His uncle willingly stopped approaching him when Syl found out that it was wrong and told him that it had to stop. Fr. Brown had taken the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory and the resulting profile was reported as quite stable. There were, however, elevated scores in the area of inhibition of aggression and overcontrolled hostility along with heightened needs for affection. The report noted that Fr. Brown had a great deal of difficulty in openly expressing anger and may be somewhat naïve and suggestable at times. Dr. Ollendick was concerned that Fr. Brown's background may play a role in the formation of "blind spots" in his professional judgment.

The evaluation from Trinity House, February 26, 1992, noted that Fr. Brown was "conflicted" in the area of sexuality. His coping style was seen as inadequate because of a combination of factors. "He projects on to others his own worry and concern about sexuality and then attempts to reassure himself by reassuring them. This becomes problematic as Father naively does not recognize inappropriate boundary crossing." The report noted that Fr. Brown felt more "comfortable experiencing his own sexual conflict in a male context than risking the same with women. This is problematic as Father's helpfulness may easily be interpreted as a paraphilic interest." The evaluation indicated that Fr. Brown did not have a sexual disorder. It was felt that there were unresolved sexual issues that impacted upon his pastoral functioning. There were strong indications of poor judgment. It was felt that Father would benefit greatly from therapeutic experience that would address the issue of personal boundaries.

On October 29, 1992, shortly before Fr. Brown completed his treatment at Villa St. John Vianney, Fr. Dr. Rick Thompson met with the staff of the Villa to discuss Fr. Brown's aftercare program and his re-entry into active ministry. Fr. Thompson reported to Bishop Vlazny that Fr. Brown had "become aware of his vulnerability particularly regarding his past sexual behavior." The staff did not think that Fr. Brown was a predator. They felt he did not present a problem for that kind of behavior. Fr. Thompson reported that Fr. Brown's "sexual acting out in the past has been attributed to a neurotic response to his upbringing in a dysfunctional family and as a response to the abuse that occurred in his own life."

Prescription: Can a penalty be imposed? The time for imposing a penalty for a crime against the sixth commandment and for the crime of Canons 1389 and 1399 has run out. Canon 1362.1 of the 1983 Code sets a general time of prescription for delicts of three years, with 1362.1.2 setting the time at five years for delicts by a cleric against the sixth commandment. Prior to the 1983 Code, the prescription for delicts against the sixth commandment was 5 years.

Summation: 1. _____ alleges that he was sexually abused on one occasion by Fr. Brown in the fall/winter of _____ when he was _____ years old and a _____ believes that Fr. Brown derived sexual gratification from the incident. _____ alleges that as Fr. Brown violated boundaries with him, Fr. Brown, in his ministry, has and continues to violate boundaries _____ sees Fr. Brown as incapable of keeping proper boundaries and this too, according to _____, gets abusive. _____ is concerned that Fr. Brown has access to young men. _____ believes that because Fr. Brown is incapable of

keeping appropriate boundaries, Fr. Brown is incapable of functioning properly in priestly ministry. Therefore, believes, Fr. Brown should be clearly and firmly restricted. This is what he asks.

2. There are no eyewitnesses to the alleged incident.

3. The documents held by the Diocese of Winona in Fr. Brown's file clearly give indication that an incident such as described by _____ could have happened to him. The letter from _____ clearly indicates that Fr. Brown propositioned him in the same manner that _____ says he was propositioned. The report from Dr. Ollendick of November 3, 1989, clearly indicates that on two occasions, one in _____ and another in _____, Fr. Brown invited men to disrobe. They did and he blessed their genitals.

4. The documents held by the Diocese also give clear credence to the accusation _____ makes that Fr. Brown did not keep appropriate boundaries. The reports and documents from the Villa St. John Vianney clearly indicate Fr. Brown's problem in this area.

5. This is not a case of sexual abuse of a minor as set forth in Canon 1395.2 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law as _____ was 18 years old at the time of the incident he alleges.

6. There is a question of whether Fr. Brown really did derive sexual gratification from the alleged incident as alleges, e.g. Dr. Ollendick's comments in his report of November 3, 1989 and Fr. Brown's denial that this is why he acted as he did.

7. Canon 1389 on the abuse of ecclesiastical power or function and Canon 1399 on the external violation of a divine or canonical law may apply in this case.

8. The reports and documents from the treatment Fr. Brown has undergone give some indication of the possibility of a diminished imputability for Fr. Brown for any incident such as that alleged.

9. The time of prescription in which a penalty can lawfully be applied for the alleged sexual abuse of _____ has run out.

10. Fr. Brown completed treatment in 1992 and was reassigned to priestly ministry. He was monitored and was seen as faithful to his aftercare program and there have been no accusations of recent sexual misconduct e.g. Fr. Dr. Rick Thompson's Memo to File of May 12, 1997, "The treatment and continuing therapy have put a halt to any acting out sexually..."



Office of The Vicar General

DIOCESE OF WINONA
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MEMORANDUM

To: Diocesan Review Board Members
Fr: Fr. Hoepfner
Re: Recommendation To Bishop Harrington
Date: May 5, 2003

Greetings! Below is a draft of the statement/recommendation that you, the Diocesan Review Board, agreed that you would make to Bishop Harrington regarding the case he asked you to look at and that you discussed at your meeting Thursday, May 1, 2003. The statement/recommendation is constructed from my notes of your discussion and the thoughts that you seemed to have consensus on. It is a short statement but very adequately, I believe, expresses your advice/ recommendation to him. Please review the statement/recommendation and write any comments or thoughts you may have on the page or its reverse side and return it to me. I will give the final recommendation to Bishop Harrington. A copy will be available for your review at your next meeting. Thank you for your work.

Statement

Bishop Harrington, we, the Diocesan Review Board, at our May 1, 2003 meeting, reviewed the Preliminary Investigation as you requested. We, the members present, found that there were sufficient proofs in evidence to support the probability that the act which alleged did happen to him. We see the act as one of sexual abuse as described by the *Charter and Norms*. We see the action as voyeuristic. We do not see the act as sexual abuse of a minor, as the age of the victim was 18. We also see the act as a violation of an office, position and power. We do not see an urgent need to repair scandal. We understand that the statute of limitations for applying a penalty for this act has run out and do not see this as a case needing "clerical capital punishment," i.e. laicization. We understand that the priest involved has had treatment and that a good aftercare program was implemented, followed and monitored up to five or six years ago. We understand that the priest is now a Senior priest. We do not see him unfit for all priestly ministry.

Recommendation

Our recommendation to you is that before Father be allowed to do any priestly ministry, he be re-evaluated. If the re-evaluation is favorable, our consensus is that he could do priestly ministry with some restrictions, namely, he could do no one-on-one ministry, including the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and he could do no marriage counseling. He should be cautioned about violating boundaries. He should attend a 12-Step program, continue in spiritual direction and follow his aftercare, relapse prevention plan. He should be monitored.

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**Meeting: Bishop Harrington with Fr. Sylvester Brown
Fr. Hoepfner and Fr. Kulas in attendance.
May 16, 2003 3:00 p.m.**

1. Accusation: On April 2, 2003, Bishop Harrington received an accusation from [redacted] that he was sexually abused by Fr. Brown when he was [redacted] and Fr. Brown was a spiritual director [redacted] alleges that in the fall/winter of [redacted] when he was [redacted] years old and [redacted] Fr. Brown suggested to him that he strip off his cloths and reveal his genitals so that Fr. Brown could help him understand sexuality better. [redacted] refused to do so but in a subsequent spiritual direction session, Fr. Brown again invited [redacted] to strip and he did. Fr. Brown encouraged him to have an erection and this happened. Fr. Brown said a blessing over [redacted] genitals. [redacted] then got dressed and left. There was no touching.

[redacted] said that for many years [redacted] he did not have much to do with Fr. Brown. In 1995 [redacted] was stationed in [redacted] and Fr. Brown was in [redacted] [redacted] said that he began to run into "Fr. Brown's sickness" all over again. Fr. Brown was invasive of [redacted] did not keep appropriate boundaries and was invasive of other people's boundaries. According to the description of sexual abuse given in the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, [redacted] believes that what Fr. Brown did to him [redacted] was sexual abuse. [redacted] believes, Fr. Brown has been invasive of people's boundaries. [redacted] asks that restrictions be placed on Fr. Brown's ministering. He is concerned that Fr. Brown doesn't respect boundaries and has open access to young men. [redacted] sees Fr. Brown's invasive behavior as abusive. He does not believe Fr. Brown should be working in parishes. [redacted] testified that part of him believes that what Fr. Brown did to him was so serious that Fr. Brown should not be able to be called "Father" because that is what has happened to other priests. [redacted] believes that Fr. Brown just is unable to keep appropriate boundaries so he should be clearly and firmly restricted.

2. Action: Bishop Harrington:
- received the accusation
 - initiated a Preliminary Investigation in accord with canon law
 - notified [redacted]
 - notified Fr. Brown
 - instructed Fr. Brown to refrain from ministry. (This was not a penalty but an administrative action in accord with canon law taken by the bishop from the perspective of the bishop's pastoral responsibility to govern and regulate ministry in view of the good of the church.)
 - received the Preliminary Investigation
 - instructed the Diocesan Review Board to review the Preliminary Investigation and advise him.
 - received the advise of the Diocesan Review Board

3. Findings:

- age: the incident was alleged to have taken place when _____ was 18 years old. Therefore, this is not a case of sexual abuse of a minor, the age for a minor at that time being 16. Consequently, this is not a case about which the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith must be notified.
- sexual abuse and boundaries: sexual abuse includes sexual molestation or sexual exploitation of a minor and other behavior by which an adult uses a minor as an object of sexual gratification. The norm is whether the conduct or interaction qualifies as an external, objectively grave violation of the Sixth Commandment. Imputability is presumed upon external violation. Bishop Harrington considers the evidence sufficient to indicate the alleged act in _____ was indeed sexual abuse. Bishop Harrington also considers that there is sufficient evidence to indicate Fr. Brown has not kept appropriate boundaries.
- presumption: the time limit in which a penalty can lawfully be applied for the alleged sexual abuse has run out.

4. Hear Fr. Brown

5. Final Action: Fr. Brown completed treatment in 1992 and was reassigned to priestly ministry. He was monitored and was seen as faithful to his aftercare program and there have been no new accusations of inappropriate behavior of the kind brought forth by

In this day in the church, Bishop Harrington, recognizing his pastoral responsibility in administration of this local church, needs to be especially cognizant of the common good.

Therefore:

- before Fr. Brown be allowed to do any ministry, he is to be re-evaluated.
- if the evaluation is favorable, he will be allowed to do some ministry with restrictions.
- he will do no one-on-one ministry, including the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- he is to do no marriage counseling or marriage preparation.
- he is to be cautious about violating boundaries.
- he will attend a regular 12-Step program.
- he will continue in spiritual direction.
- he will follow his aftercare program, relapse prevention plan.
- he will be monitored and work with his monitor regularly and faithfully.

June 11, 2003

Rev. Sylvester Brown
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Cery
sent 6/12/03

Dear Fr. Brown:

I hope these days are enjoyable for you and that your health is continually improving.

Thank you for coming to my office on Friday, May 16, 2003. Subsequent to our meeting, I met with on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. With this letter, I now put in writing the stipulations we discussed when we met under which you will be allowed to minister. As I mentioned to you, these stipulations are not a penalty but are an administrative action I am taking, in accord with canon law, in light of my pastoral responsibility to govern and regulate ministry and in light of the common good of this local church.

The stipulations are these:

That you will have a re-evaluation before you are allowed to do any ministry.

If the re-evaluation is favorable, you will be allowed to minister with these restrictions:

- you will do no one-on-one ministry, including the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- you are to do no marriage counseling or marriage preparation.
- you are to be respectful of boundaries and cautious of violating boundaries.
- you will attend a regular 12-Step program.
- you will continue in spiritual direction.
- you will follow the aftercare, relapse prevention program, set out at the end of your treatment at Villa St. John Vianney and the Anodos Center.
- you will be monitored and work with your monitor regularly and faithfully.

Any infringement of these stipulations or failure to comply will result in removal from all ministry.

After looking at a number of options for your re-evaluation, I ask that the re-evaluation or re-assessment be done at the Kenwood Therapy Center in Minneapolis, MN. Dr. Bera of this Center is familiar with the Anodos Center in Dowingtown, Pennsylvania and assures us that he and the staff of the Kenwood Center have done re-evaluations for persons who have attended the Anodos Center. The closeness of the Kenwood Center is certainly a plus. Please work with Fr. Hoepfner in making arrangements for your visit at the Kenwood Therapy Center. The address is: Kenwood Therapy Center, 1111 West 22nd Street, Main Suite 205, Minneapolis, MN 55405-2786. The telephone number is: 612-377-9190.

Syl, although all of this may be difficult for you, I see this arrangement as a fair and workable solution. When your re-evaluation is complete, please make an appointment to come and see me so that we can review it and see where we are. I remind you to make no arrangements to cover for our brother priests until you and I have met and you have received permission to minister. Know that you have my support and that you are in my prayers.

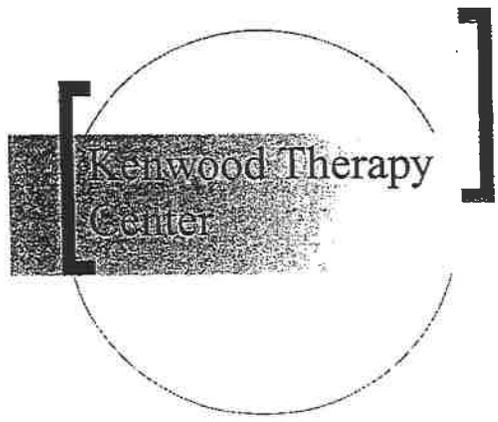
Sincerely in Christ,

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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.

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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.

Center Services Available:

Child, Adolescent and Adult Therapy: Individual, couple, family and group.

Mental Health Issues: Depression, anxiety, phobias, grief, overeating, abuse.

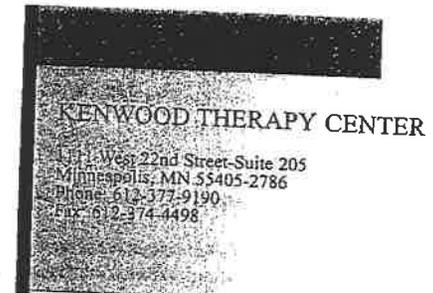
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FAX

Attn: P.J. Thompson

From: Michelle Craveiro MA, LMFT.

Date: 7-10-03

of Pages (including cover): 2

Re.: Fr. Brown

Message:

Please find the enclosed release in order to return information being requested. Also included is a 300 Q for yourself, Bishop Herrington, and Fr. Mike Hoepfner to complete. Fr. Brown is coming for his next mtg on 7/16. I am hopeful to have some information

Please copy the Q for other parties

back at that time. Thank you for all

your assistance. MC

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PJ,

We are also requesting a letter to our attn. at Kenwood Therapy Center, LLC, stating that the Diocese of Winona is requesting a personal & sexual Boundary Assessment.

Please include if you will the questions to address (if you feel the 360Q does not attend to it) and what specifically you need the assessment to speak to.

Thanks.

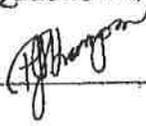
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360 Questionnaire for Fr. Brown

Your Name: PJ Thompson  Date: July 14, 2003

How do you know Fr. Brown: I formerly worked How Long: 14 years
in the Rochester community where he was a pastor. I have also worked with him through my participation on the Sexual Misconduct team and have facilitated seminars for priests in the diocese.

Please complete the following to assist with our assessment and assure the most accurate and current information. Thank You!

1. What are your most current concerns about?

My most current concerns center around Fr. Brown's ability to understand appropriate relationships and the boundaries one should have in those relationships. As a senior priest, he is alone more often and seeks companionship and relationship. I am not certain he has the ability to secure healthy relationships - even though I have witnessed his willingness to do his best at interacting with others (whether they are brother priests or lay members of a community).

2. What are the reasons for your concerns?

Most recently, he was interviewed about his "progress" and concerns we had regarding his past accusations from a boy at his former parish and then

He seemed almost non-plused about the issues of asking these young men to expose themselves. He validated the behavior as something 'educational' for them and that he had no sexual gratification from these events...he was just 'trying to help them understand'. He also has done little over the past several years in terms of following his care plan from Adonos Ctr.

3. Are there any specific event that led to these concerns?

After a review of his file, the most recent accusation brought forward the fact that Fr. Brown has not been a member of any type of support system group and he still didn't seem to understand the ramifications of his own behavior. Following our interview and after receiving instructions from the bishop to refrain from ministry, he offered to cover masses on two different weekends for priests in the diocese. Knowing how his actions affected one would think he wouldn't try to serve in that parish or the surrounding communities...however, he has gone into

4. What are some questions you would like answered at this time? the same town to be a part of a

*Does Fr. Brown understand how a victim can still feel vulnerable service. even after an acknowledgement of wrong-doing, years later?

*How does Fr. Brown foster healthy new relationships?

*Does Fr. Brown feel he has a mentor/spiritual director that he can share things with and that advises him?

*Does Fr. Brown understand that saying "no" to others is o.k.?

*Does Fr. Brown know the difference between appropriate and inappropriate boundaries? (Sexual, friendship, family, brotherhood)
Please use back of page or add pages if more room is needed

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5. What ideas or recommendations do you have to prevent the same concerns in the future?

Attendance at support group meetings and a discussion of how he is dealing with the lifestyle of a senior priest.

Being accountable to a care-plan and responsibly checking in with a designated representative.

Refraining from taking on additional ministry obligations that occur geographically near the the victim who recently came forward.

6. What attempts have already been made to address these concerns?

Fr. Brown met with the bishop and was given restrictions administratively. However, he did not follow these. It seems clear that he will need to have a person that he checks in with to monitor any ministry he is able to do. This follow-up evaluation will aid our in-house team

in determining how we can help Fr. Brown to be successful with after-care.

7. Can we call you if we have follow-up questions? Yes No

8. What is the best way to reach you? Pastoral Center between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m

507+454-4643 Ext. 223

9. Can we share your concerns with Fr. Brown? Yes No

Michelle,

I am hopeful that you received the correspondence I mailed at the end of the week requesting the Boundary Assessments.

Regarding a verbal permission from - I spoke with him this AM and he is willing to talk with you. He can be reached Tuesday-Friday between 8:00 - Noon.

Thom
P.J.

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AUTHORIZATION FORM

This form when completed and signed by you, authorizes me to release and/or exchange protected information from your clinical record to the person(s) you designate.

I Syvestra F. Brown authorize:

Walter H. Bove, PhD
Michelle A. Cravino, MA, LMFT
Kenwood Therapy Center, LLC
1111 West 22nd street, Suite 205
Minneapolis, MN 55405
612-377-9190

and/or his or her administrative and clinical staff (cross out if not applicable); to release and/or exchange this information:

- Initial Assessment/History
 - Past and Ongoing Case notes
 - Summary of Treatment
 - Medical/Lab Results
 - Consultation Reports
 - All of the above
 - Other (specify) Verbal communication
- Treatment Plan
 - Psychological Testing and Evaluation
 - Neurological Testing
 - Chemical Dependency Evaluation
 - Educational Assessments

Verbal/written authorization to contact
(Provide description of the information that you want disclosed. Your description should be as specific and detailed as possible.)

This information should only be released and/or exchanged with:

P.J. Thompson, Diocese of Winona (Individual(s)/Clinic)

(ph) 507 454-4643 ~~507 454-4643~~ 507-454-8106 (Fax)
(Address) (Phone/Fax)

I am requesting my counselor to release this information for the following reasons: ("at the request of the individual" is all that is required if you are my client and you do not desire to state a specific purpose.)

This authorization will expire:

- 30 days after termination of treatment
- Upon my written request
- Immediately after requested information is received
- Other (Specify) _____

You have the right to revoke this authorization, in writing, at any time by sending such written notification to my office address. However, your revocation will not be effective to the extent that I have taken action in reliance on the authorization or if this authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage and the insurer has a legal right to contest a claim.

I understand that my counselor generally may not condition psychological services upon my signing an authorization unless the psychological services are provided to me for the purpose of creating health information for a third party.

I understand that information used or disclosed pursuant to the authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipient of your information and no longer protected by the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

Syvestra F. Brown
Signature of Client (Parent/Guardian for Minor)

7/2/03
Date

If the authorization is signed by a personal representative of the client, a description of such representative's authority to act for the client must be provided.

October 16, 2003

*Notes: from
Dr. Thompson
received with Fr. Brown.*

Fr. Sylvester Brown
302 NW 4th Street
PO Box 232
Elysian, MN 56028

Dear Syl,

Following our meeting to review your progress and the report from Dr. Walter Bera, I also met with our Pastoral Care Assistance Coordinator, P.J. Thompson. As you might know, she connects with the therapy center and is also aware of your continued progress and the positive steps you've made.

After a discussion about the recommendations made by Dr. Bera and Ms. Craveiro, it is important that we aid you in continued success with your therapy. To this end, I have revisited my notes of our earlier conversation and amended some of our agreement for the time being. I believe it is best to use a step-by-step approach as recommended by the Kenwood Therapy Center. I believe it is best that you begin your re-entry into ministry in the following ways:

1. You may do supply ministry that includes weekends at parishes or individual Masses at local churches.
2. You will continue to participate in every-other week sessions at the Kenwood Therapy Center.
3. You will contact the Pastoral Care Assistance Coordinator when you schedule supply ministry at a parish or local church. In the event that she is unavailable, please contact the Chancellor or Vicar General of the diocese.
4. You may perform marriages. + funerals.

It is important that you understand that the following restrictions remain in place for now:

- You cannot do any Sacramental ministry outside a parish setting. + local churches.

- You may not hear confessions either in normal circumstances or in Communal Penance Ceremonies.
- You may not provide any marriage or pre-marriage counseling. ^{or} be a spiritual director or counselor.

I commend you again on the progress you have made so far. Please know that it is my desire to help you serve the people of God positively. I continue to hold you in prayer. As I review your continued progress, we will discuss additional ministries in the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Bernard Harrington

Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

cc: Dr. Walter Bera
P.J. Thompson

*Anybody here or who can
do to move toward by being
able to do Reconciliation -
Communal and for individuals?*

*What is it he should be working on
do us to get back to
being able to do
Reconciliation?*

*Get ps know & ask w minister
in their parish or territory.*

*Stop & visit friends? okay
Stop in at wake service? okay
diff than ministry.*

12.3-03

Dear Bishop Herrington,

From a conversation with PJ, I understand you have requested the enclosed of Father Syl. Brown. Fr. Brown stated he was unaware of this request & therefore had not submitted this to you before. Please inform myself of Fr. Brown if there is anything further you may need.

Respectfully,
Michelle A. Craveiro.

To: Ms. PJ Thompson

Re: Father Sylvester Brown

Dear Ms. Thompson;

This letter is to update you on the work we are doing with Fr. Syl. He is currently attending monthly two-hour therapy sessions at the Kenwood Therapy Center. It is our understanding from our past phone conference call and from Fr. Syl's report that he continues to report when assignments arise for him to help out for vacationing priests and others such as weddings and funerals. This is in accordance with the restrictions still in place for him.

On our end, Fr. Syl has continued being successful with his aftercare treatment. We have been working on the healing process between Fr. Syl and [redacted] which has had some positive outcome to this historically unresolved painful situation between them. [redacted] has communicated this to us through phone conversations with Dr. Bera.

Fr. Syl's success can be described by his continued clarity in sensitivity and political astuteness. His sensitivity to social situations has clearly improved. He has asked for clarification on how his presence has affected or is being understood by [redacted]

This gesture is one not of assumption but assuredness of the comfort of others. As well, Fr. Brown was asked to have a celebration of thanks in his honor when leaving the Montgomery assignment to which he declined. He explained this as wanting the parish to celebrate and welcome the incoming priest and not wanting his part to overshadow the importance of the event. These speak also to Fr. Syl's understanding of the importance of appropriate boundaries. Most recently Fr. Syl was asked to do a funeral in the absence of [redacted] to which he graciously yet with certainty declined.

[redacted] is pleased with the progress and being kept in the loop. He is concerned to know if the dioceses in which Fr. Brown substitutes is informed that he has a history with sexual misconduct? Can you clarify this with us or [redacted] directly?

Fr. Syl continues to be forthright and honest in his work at the Kenwood Therapy Center. There is evidence in the recent decisions he has made that he possesses a different position of awareness of self and self in relation to others. He has communicated gratitude for what he has learned through the process of his treatment. We enjoy meeting with him and will continue his aftercare treatment with an every-other monthly meeting and follow-up with you in the form of phone conversations and written updates. Please contact us if there is any further clarification you may need or with questions you may have with regard to our work with Fr. Syl.

Respectfully,


Michelle A. Craveiro, MA, LMFT

c.c. file



Office of The Vicar General

DIOCESE OF WINONA
PASTORAL CENTER

December 17, 2003

Rev. Sylvester Brown
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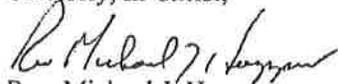
Dear Fr. Brown:

Blessings to you these days of Advent, 2003.

Bishop Harrington received your note and that of Michelle C. As I had mentioned to you previously, it is good that you put in writing your plans for the pilgrimage next year and inform the Bishop about them so that he is okay with it all. Bishop Harrington is fine with you leading this pilgrimage and being listed as "spiritual director." You know, as we have discussed, that you can offer Mass publicly in church buildings. You are not free, however, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and you will have to work with this limitation with those on the pilgrimage. That is the way it is for now.

So, the trip certainly looks like it will be a great one. I'm sure you will enjoy it.

Sincerely, In Christ,


Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner
Vicar General

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Memo

To: Fr. Mike Hoepfner
From: PJ
Date: April 8, 2004
cc: Fr. Mike Cronin
Subject: Therapy follow-up - S. Brown

Fr. Mike,

I had a telephone conference with Dr. Walter Bera, Michelle Cuavero and Fr. Brown yesterday to review follow-up regarding his treatment. During these sessions, we discuss progress - continued needs and clarify any questions that surface.

Syl is doing very well and has now come to recognize the impact his actions had on many individuals while he served at the Seminary and later in parishes. He has worked through the childhood abuse he suffered himself and has also spoken to about how he hurt him. The continuing therapy in which Dr. Bera works is born out of a 360 degree process which enables all parties affected to gather and openly address feelings and ways to move through the pain. Syl admitted to some of the same behaviors on his behalf involving during some recent sessions and wanted us to be aware of that.

Most recently, while working with they reached a break through for him as well. He was able to accept a letter of apology written by Fr. Brown as a part of his healing and letting go of the anger and hurt he has experienced. He said that he would be open to Fr. Brown that was permitted.

Due to the continued progress both have made, sessions will continue but on a less frequent basis. I asked Fr. Brown to continue to connect with us by telephone if he would like to cover a funeral at the last minute. However, I did ask that he begin to take the responsibility of noting dates he has offered to cover for others on a calendar and simply forward that to our office. This gives him the task of keeping the record and getting it to us on a bi-weekly basis.

He asked if the committee would discuss reinstatement of his faculties during our next meeting. During recent one-to-one sessions via telephone with Dr. Bera, he noted that we look at this conservatively and carefully re-instate 'permission' or specific faculties on a limited basis slowly. In this way, Fr. Brown will continue his progress and therapy follow-up while he gains confidence but is not overwhelmed. If you'd like to discuss this further, please let me know. I'll provide additional information during our team meeting.

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fax : 507-454-8106

To P.J. Thompson
Re: Fr. Syl Brown.

This note is to confirm our request of clarification of the event of Father Brown's upcoming trip to Italy and the restrictions relative to that trip. Our concern is that it seems to us, by how Fr. Brown describes his role during the trip, that it is in violation of the order of no outside parish ministry.

Fr. Brown has reported that he has discussed this with Fr. Hoepfner & it is understood what his intentions are.

We would appreciate what understanding the Diocese has at this time and what specifically has been communicated to father Brown with regards to the trip.

Request is
pending to
Bishop

A note from the desk of
Father Syl Brown

Dear P. J.

Here are the activities
I have been helping with
during the month of July.

If you wish more
information, please let
me know.

Thank you for all
the help. A report
should be sent to you
from Kenwood.

Sincerely,
F. W. Syl Brown

Clarification of Intent for Trip

By: Fr Brown

The intended role for the upcoming trip will be as Spiritual Director. This means that Father Brown will be conducting Mass each day of the trip for anyone who chooses to participate. There will a detailed listing of the Mass celebrations that will be held throughout the trip. This will be available later as the time of the trip grows closer. This will be presented to you at the time this is available.

There is no individual spiritual direction intended for any pilgrims during this trip.

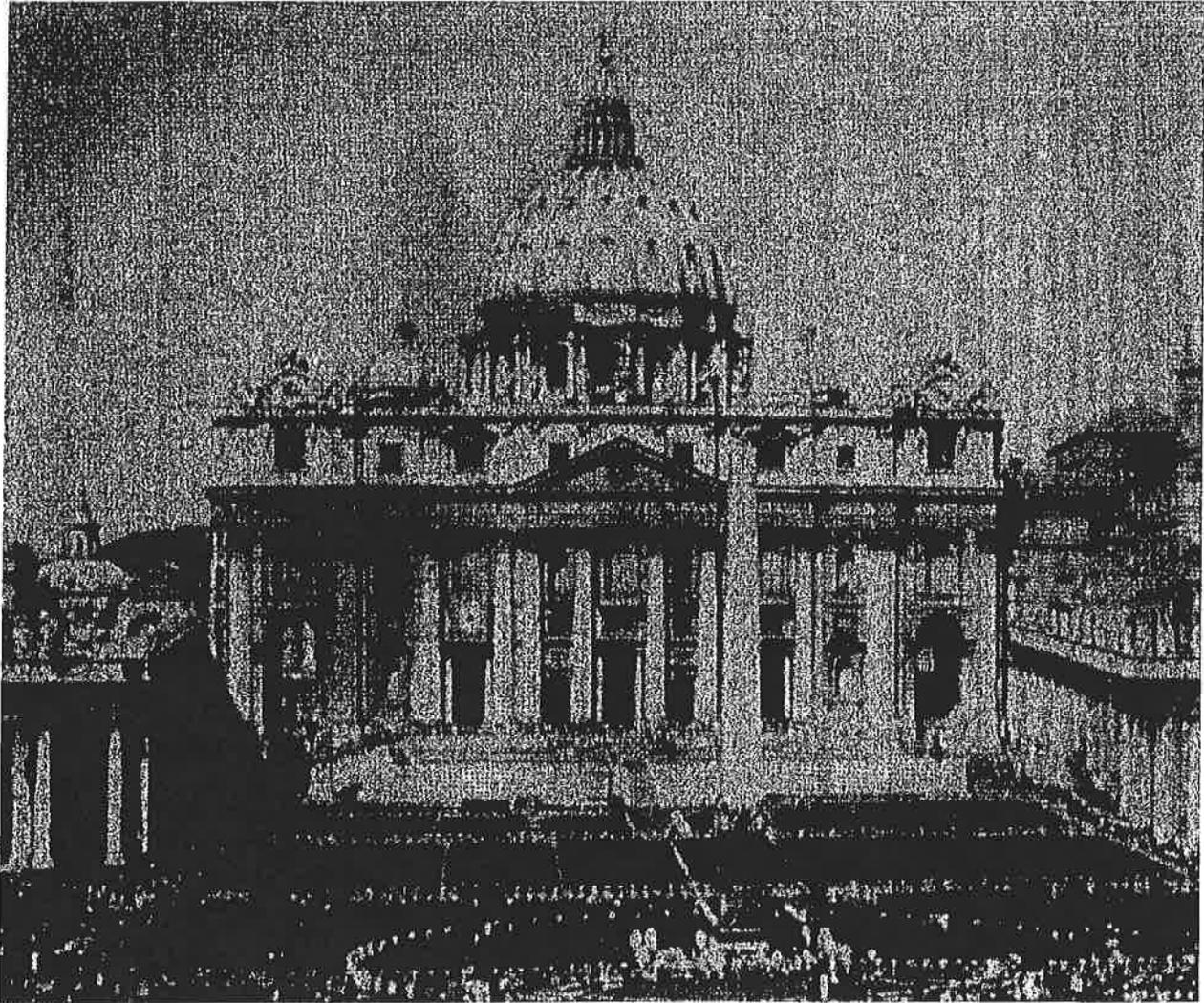
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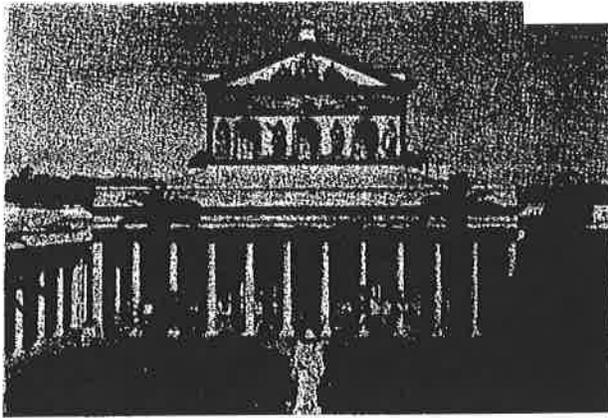
Father Sylvester Brown

15 Day Pilgrimage Tour
Rome–Assisi–Ravenna–Florence
Venice–Pompeii–Sorrento
Isle of Capri–Medjugorje
April 23–May 7, 2004–\$2950.00* from Minneapolis
Spiritual Director: FATHER SYL BROWN

* Round Trip, Price Per Person, is based on Double Occupancy, and includes Tips, Airport Taxes, and two meals a day.



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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OUTSIDE THE WALLS-ROME

15-DAY PILGRIMAGE SHRINES OF ITALY & MEDJUGORJE DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

1st DAY MINNEAPOLIS/CHICAGO/FRANKFURT

Depart Minneapolis to Chicago and change planes to Frankfurt.

2nd DAY FRANKFURT/VENICE

Arrive Frankfurt and change planes to Venice. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon enjoy a tour of Venice including the Doges Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Square. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

3rd DAY VENICE/PADUA/RAVENNA/FLORENCE

Depart for Padua where St. Anthony spent much of his public ministry. He was such a great orator that no church was large enough to hold those who came to hear him. For most of us he is known as the Patron Saint of things lost. After celebrating Mass in the Basilica of St. Anthony review various art works including the largest bronze works of Donatello. Continue to Ravenna to see the famous mosaics in San Appolinare and Sanvitale, and on to your hotel in Florence for dinner and overnight.

4th DAY FLORENCE

Today enjoy a tour of Florence including the Academy of Fine Arts, Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo and the Baptistery with its celebrated bronze doors. This afternoon is free in Florence, followed by dinner and overnight at your hotel.

5th DAY FLORENCE/SIENA/ROME AIRPORT/ DUBROVNIK

Depart for Pisa, located on the River Arno, where Mass will be celebrated in the Romanesque Cathedral located in the huge Miracle Square which adjoins the Baptistery and Leaning Tower. After lunch depart to the perfectly preserved city of Siena, birthplace of St. Catherine, Virgin and Doctor of the church. Stroll through the silent narrow streets from the central square viewing the Italian architecture. Continue to the airport for your flight to Dubrovnik and on to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

6th DAY DUBROVNIK/MEDJUGORJE

Enjoy a morning tour of Dubrovnik, the pearl of the Adriatic, visit the Shrine of Blaise before driving to Medjugorje.

6th and 7th DAYS MEDJUGORJE

Join the daily English Mass, visit Apparition Hill and climb the

ross Mountain, via Way of the Cross. Meetings with locutionists and Fr. Jozo will also be scheduled if possible. In the evenings attend the recitation of the Rosary and the healing service at St. James Church. During the day you have the opportunity for confession or to spend time in prayer in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

8th DAY MEDJUGORJE/SPLIT/ROME/ASSISI

Attend morning Mass at St. James Church before departing to Split for your flight to Rome. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight.

9th DAY ASSISI

Visit St. Mary of the Angel Church in Portiuncula and visit St. Francis' Chapel, the Rose Garden, Francis' Cave and the chapel of Francis' death. Following Mass continue to the Tomb of St. Francis and St. Clare's Church where her body lies intact and where the famous St. Damiani Crucifix who spoke to St. Francis is located. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

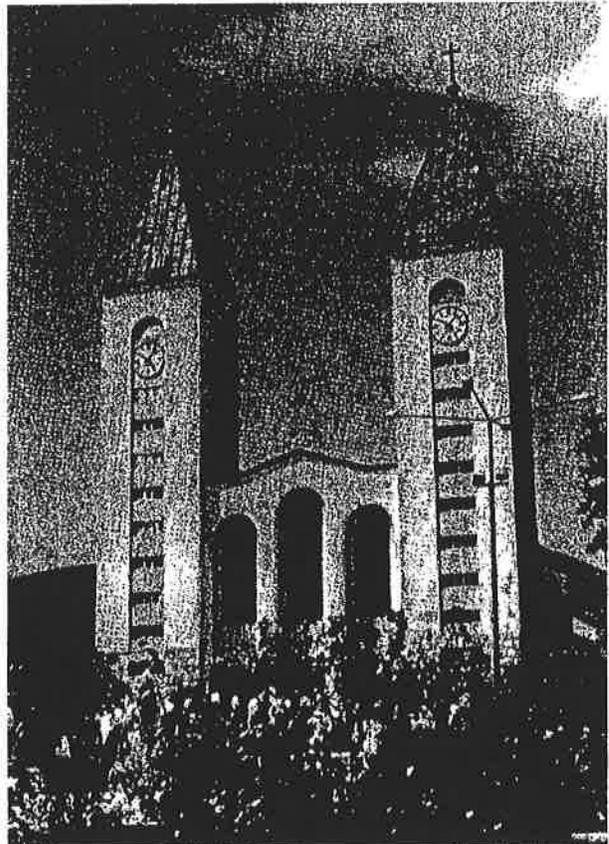
10th DAY ASSISI/POMPEII/SORRENTO

Depart Assisi to Pompeii to see the ruins and visit the Rosary Basilica. Continue to your hotel in Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

11th DAY SORRENTO/ISLE OF CAPRI/SORRENTO

Enjoy a tour of Sorrento and an excursion by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri to see the famous "Blue Grotto". Return to your hotel in Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

12th DAY SORRENTO/MONTE CASSINO/ROME



ST. JAMES CHURCH-MEDJUGORJE

Depart to Monte Cassino, home of the Benedictine Order the Abbey before continuing to Rome. If time permits you will visit the ancient Catacombs. Continue to your hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight.

13th DAY ROME/PAPAL AUDIENCE

Transfer to the Vatican to attend the Papal Audience. This afternoon you have a tour of Rome including St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul's Church Outside the Walls. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

14th DAY ROME

Visit Vatican City, including St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world, the Vatican Museum with its halls of paintings, tapestries, statuary, and the breathtaking Sistine Chapel. View the Roman Forum and visit the Colosseum. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

15th DAY ROME/FRANKFURT/CHICAGO/MINNEAPOLIS

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Frankfurt, with connecting service to Chicago and on to Minneapolis.

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Dear Fellow Pilgrims:

I would like to invite you to join me on this wonderful Pilgrimage. We visit Rome to receive Our Holy Father's blessing for our journey of Faith. As we visit all of the beautiful Churches in this Eternal City, and we begin to understand the gift of our Catholic heritage. We will visit Assisi, Venice, Florence, Siena, Pompeii, and Sorrento. Then we will journey to Medjugorje. We will be celebrating Mass every

day in many of the greatest shrines and churches.

A pilgrimage is a great way to set our hearts aflame for the Lord and empower us to go out and share God's touch of love with others.

Join me on this Pilgrimage of Faith.

FATHER SYL BROWN

For additional information and reservations, please contact:

FR. SYL BROWN
 302 North 4th Street Box 232 Elysian, MN 56028
 Phone: (507) 267-4876



REGISTRATION FORM

FR. SYL BROWN APRIL 23-MAY 7, 2004

I have read and agree to the conditions as set forth in this brochure.

Full Passport Name _____

Name for Tour Badge _____

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Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Church _____

Emergency Contact/Phone: _____

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Dear P.F.

Thank you for the
good news you shared
with me on Nov 2nd

I'm very pleased with

Dr. Bera & Micheli.

May God bless you
in your work as
Chancellor

From the desk of:
FR. SYL BROWN



**A note from the desk of
Father Syl Brown**

Dear P.J.

August was a little
less busy for me -

Here is the information
on the trip to Ireland, Wales
and England that I
plan to take in May 2005.

Hope all is going
well for you

Father Syl Brown

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Dear P.J.

I wanted to send this
until after I met with
Dr Bera. He has been
pleased with the program
I am following. He said
he would send you a progress
report.

Enclosed is the trip line
planning for Israel

F. W. [Signature]

7th Ave Drive
Monthly Record for the year

AUGUST 2004

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SEPTEMBER 2004

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<p>3 White All Saints St Clair</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — S</p>	<p>4 White</p> <p>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD — S</p>	<p>5 White/White St Clair</p> <p>St. Vincent Ferrer, Pr — (M)</p>	<p>6 All Saints White Elsaw</p>	<p>7 White</p> <p>St. John Baptist de la Salle, Pr — M</p>	<p>8 White</p>	<p>9 White</p> <p>Funeral Mother House</p>
<p>10 White</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>11 Red</p> <p>St. Stanislaus, BM — M</p>	<p>12 White</p> <p>Mother House</p>	<p>13 White/Red</p> <p>St Clair 1st Communion Talk St. Martin I, Pp M — (M)</p>	<p>14 White</p>	<p>15 White</p>	<p>16 White</p> <p>St Peter in St Peter</p>
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<p>24 White</p> <p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>25 Red</p> <p>ST. MARK, Ev — F</p>	<p>26 White</p>	<p>27 White</p> <p>St Clair Mass for Funeral ccd</p>	<p>28 White/Red/White</p> <p>St. Peter Chanel, Pr M — (M) St. Louis Mary de Montfort, Pr — (M)</p>	<p>29 White</p> <p>Confirmation St Ann's</p> <p>St. Catherine of Siena, VD — M</p>	<p>30 White/White</p> <p>St. Plus V, Pp — (M)</p>

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<p>1 <i>White</i> Madison Lake St Clair</p> <p>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>2 <i>White</i> Mother Home Market</p> <p>St. Athanasius, BD — M</p>	<p>3 <i>Red</i> St Clair</p> <p>STS. PHILIP and JAMES, Aps — F</p>	<p>4 <i>White</i> Madison Lake</p>	<p>5 <i>White</i></p> <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p> <p>ASCENSION OF THE LORD — S *May be Observed on the Seventh Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>6 <i>White</i> Madison Lake St Clair</p>	<p>7 <i>White</i> Madison Lake St Clair</p>																																																																																																																													
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<p>15 <i>Red</i> Trip</p> <p>PENTECOST SUNDAY — S</p>	<p>16 <i>Green</i></p> <p>(Seventh Week in Ordinary Time)</p>	<p>17 <i>Green</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Green/Red</i></p> <p>St. John i, Pp M — (M)</p>	<p>19 <i>Green</i></p>	<p>20 <i>Green/White</i></p> <p>St. Bernadine of Siena, Pr — (M)</p>	<p>21 <i>Green/Red/White</i> Funeral at 2:00 PM Madison Lake St Clair</p> <p>St. Christopher Magallanes, Pr and Companions, MM — (M) Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>																																																																																																																													
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<p>3</p> <p>Green</p> <p><i>Via a Navis</i></p>  <p>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Green/White/White</p> <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> <p>St. Elizabeth of Portugal — (M) Independence Day — Proper Mass</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p>St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Pr — (M)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Green/Red</p> <p>St. Maria Goretti, VM — (M)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Green/Red/White</p> <p><i>Montgomery</i></p> <p>St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Pr M and Companions, MM — (M) Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Green</p> <p><i>St. H. ch...</i></p>  <p>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>11</p> <p>White</p> <p>St. Benedict, Ab — M</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p>St. Henry — (M)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>White</p> <p><i>8:15 Montgomery</i></p> <p>Blessed Kataril Telakwita, V — M</p>	<p>15</p> <p>White</p> <p><i>8:15 Montgomery</i></p> <p>St. Bonaventura, BD — M</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Green/White/White</p> <p><i>Holy Spirit</i> <i>St. Cloud Pen</i></p> <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel — (M) Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Green</p> <p><i>St. Bridget Simpson</i></p>  <p>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p>St. Camillus de Lellis, Pr — (M)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Green/Red</p> <p>St. Apollinaris, SM — (M)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p>St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Pr O — (M)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>White</p> <p>St. Mary Magdalene — M</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Green/White/White</p> <p><i>Heidi Polke</i> <i>Josh Arndt</i> <i>Ray Christ</i></p> <p>St. Bridget of Sweden, R — (M) Blessed Virgin Mary — (M) <i>Rochester</i></p>
<p>24</p> <p>Green</p>  <p>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p><i>St. Hilary</i> <i>St. Hilary</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Red</p> <p>ST. JAMES, Ap — F</p>	<p>26</p> <p>White</p> <p>Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary — M</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>29</p> <p>White</p> <p>St. Martha — M</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Green/White/White</p> <p><i>St. New Prague</i></p> <p>St. Peter Chrysologus, BD — (M) Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>

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<p>4</p> <p>Green</p> <p></p> <p>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p> <p>Labor Day — Proper Mass: Blessing of Human Labor — (M)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Green</p> <p><i>New Prague</i> 8 Mass 10 Funeral <i>Janesville</i> 7-Divine Mercy</p>	<p>8</p> <p>White</p> <p>NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY — F</p>	<p>9</p> <p>White</p> <p>St. Peter Claver, Pr — M</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p>Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Green</p> <p></p> <p>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p>The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>White</p> <p>St. John Chrysostom, BD — M</p>	<p>14</p> <p>White</p> <p>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS — F</p>	<p>15</p> <p>White</p> <p>Our Lady of Sorrows — M</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Red</p> <p>Sts. Cornelius, Pp M and Cyprian, BM — M</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Green/White/White</p> <p><i>Wedding</i> <i>Marysburg</i></p> <p>St. Robert Bellarmine, BD — (M) Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Green</p> <p></p> <p>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Green/Red</p> <p>St. Januarius, BM — (M)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Red</p> <p>Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Pr M, Paul Chung Haseong, M and Companions, MM — M</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Red</p> <p>ST. MATTHEW, Ap Ev — F</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>23</p> <p>White</p> <p>St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Pr — M</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p><i>New Prague</i></p> <p>Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Green</p> <p><i>New Prague</i></p> <p>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Green/Red</p> <p><i>← Study Day</i></p> <p>Sts. Cosmas and Damian, MM — (M)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>White</p> <p>St. Vincent de Paul, Pr — M</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Green/Red/Red</p> <p>Wenceslaus, M, Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, MM — (M)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>White</p> <p>STs. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, and RAPHAEL, Archangels — F</p>	<p>30</p> <p>White</p> <p>St. Jerome, Pr D — M</p>	<p>Check Your Current Diocesan Regulations for Holy Days of Obligation</p>

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<p>2 ^{Green} </p> <p>St Joseph Kankato</p> <p>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>3 ^{Green}</p>	<p>4 ^{White}</p> <p>St. Francis of Assisi, R — M</p>	<p>5 ^{Green}</p> <p>New Prague</p>	<p>6 ^{Green/White/White}</p> <p>Trip</p> <p>St. Bruno, Pr — (M) Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, V — (M)</p>	<p>7 ^{White}</p> <p>Our Lady of the Rosary — M</p>	<p>8 ^{Green/White}</p> <p>Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>
<p>9 ^{Green} </p> <p>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>10 ^{Green}</p> <p>COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED</p>	<p>11 ^{Green}</p>	<p>12 ^{Green}</p>	<p>13 ^{Green}</p>	<p>14 ^{Green/Red}</p> <p>St. Callistus I, Pp M — (M)</p>	<p>15 ^{White}</p> <p>St. Teresa of Jesus, VD — M</p>
<p>16 ^{Green} </p> <p>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>17 ^{Red}</p> <p>St. Ignatius of Antioch, BM — M</p>	<p>18 ^{Red}</p> <p>ST. LUKE, Ev — F</p>	<p>19 ^{Red}</p> <p>Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Pr M and Companions, MMA — M</p>	<p>20 ^{Green/White}</p> <p>St. Paul of the Cross, Pr — (M)</p>	<p>21 ^{Green}</p>	<p>22 ^{Green/White}</p> <p>Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>
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<p>6</p> <p>Green</p> <p>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>9</p> <p>White</p> <p>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME — F</p>	<p>10</p> <p>White</p> <p><i>Funeral</i></p> <p><i>Nativity</i></p> <p><i>Cleveland</i></p> <p>St. Leo the Great, Pp D — M</p>	<p>11</p> <p>White</p> <p>VETERANS' DAY</p> <p>St. Martin of Tours, 8 — M</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Red</p> <p><i>Boys celebrated</i></p> <p><i>Cathedral of St Paul</i></p> <p>St. Joseph, BM — M</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Green</p> <p><i>St Michael's</i></p> <p><i>Kenya</i></p> <p>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p>St. Albert the Great, BD — (M)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Green/White/White</p> <p><i>Funeral</i></p> <p><i>St Mary's</i></p> <p><i>Le Center</i></p> <p>St. Gertrude, V — (M) St. Margaret of Scotland — (M)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>White</p> <p>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, R — M</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Green/White/White</p> <p>Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul in Rome, Ap — (M) St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, V — (M)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p><i>Confession</i></p> <p><i>St Cloix.</i></p> <p><i>St Anne</i></p> <p><i>Le Seno</i></p> <p>Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>
<p>20</p> <p>White</p> <p><i>St Michael's</i></p> <p><i>Kenya</i></p> <p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING — S</p>	<p>21</p> <p>White</p> <p>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary — M (Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Red</p> <p><i>St Anna's</i></p> <p><i>4th Degree</i></p> <p><i>Mass</i></p> <p>St. Cecilia, VM — M</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Green/Red/White/Red</p> <p>St. Clement I, Pp M — (M) St. Columban, Ab — (M) Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Pr M — (M)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Red/White</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY</p> <p>St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr M and Companions, MM — M Proper Mass: In Thanksgiving to God</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Green/Red</p> <p>St. Catherine of Alexandria, VM — (M)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Green/White</p> <p>Blessed Virgin Mary — (M)</p>
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**A note from the desk of
Father Syl Brown**

Dear P.D.

Where do these months
go?

I'm leaving for
Ireland on Monday.

I'm not sure if I
sent you the info on
the trip to Italy - it is
the same one I took
last year. This year it
is from Oct 6 to Oct 20.

May God go between
you and all harm

F. Syl

November 21, 2005

Rev. Syl Brown
302 NW 4th St.
P.O. Box 232
Elysian, MN 56028

Dear Fr. Brown:

God's blessings to you as we conclude another liturgical year of blessings.

It was in May of 2003 that you and I met and discussed your priestly ministry in this local church. At that time I found it necessary to place some restrictions on your ministering as a priest.

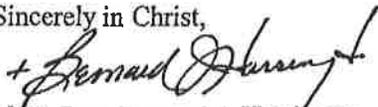
After we met, you began to work with Dr. Bera to review the matters that were at the source of our concern and to learn more healthy ways of relating to the people you serve. Some time ago, because of the progress you made, I was able to lift a number of the stipulations. Three remained: no ministry outside of a parish setting; no hearing the Sacrament of Reconciliation individually or communally, no pre-marriage or marriage preparation.

I am happy to write to you today to lift these final three remaining stipulations. I do so at the recommendation of Dr. Bera, Fr. Hoepfner and Mrs. P.J. Thompson with whom you have been working. I lift these stipulations but do so with one word of caution for you: you are not to put yourself in one-on-one situations where you are alone with boys and young men.

Fr. Brown, I am happy for the work you have faithfully done to address these issues of concern in your life. I urge you to continue to put into practice what you have learned. Continue to follow the sound direction your care and after-care programs set out for you. Continue your journey to holiness with the help of competent spiritual direction.

Thank you for all you do for God's people here. May the Good Lord always bless you and the work of your hands.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most. Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

cc. Fr. Hoepfner
✓ Mrs. P.J. Thompson



JANUARY 2006

Remember that people with disabilities lead lives just like people without disabilities -- they go to school, get married, work, have families, do laundry, grocery shop, laugh, cry, pay taxes, get angry, have prejudices, vote, plan and dream like everyone else.

Fr. Ag. Brown's schedule

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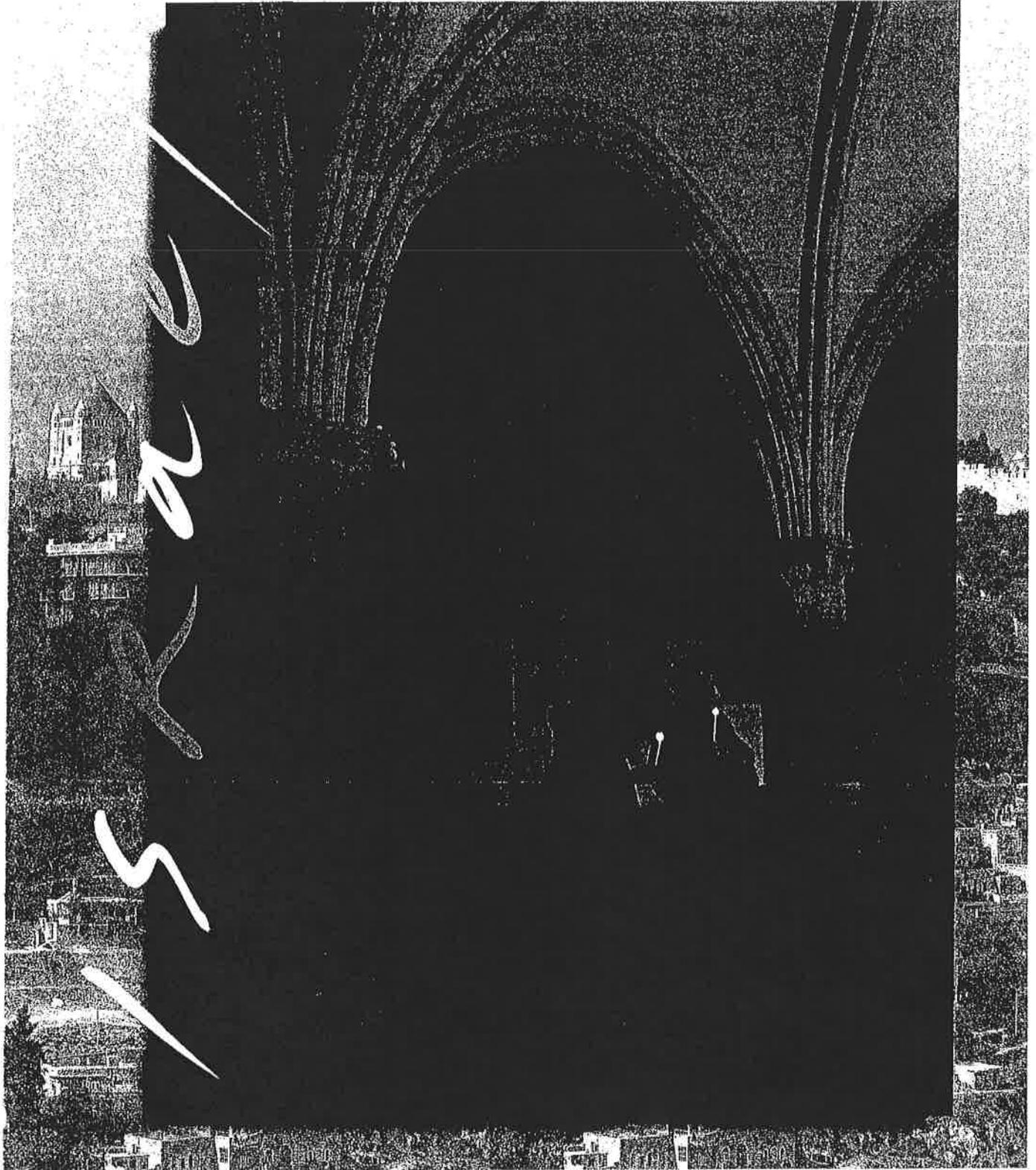
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*Round trip price per person, based on double occupancy, including tips, airport taxes and shore taxes

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: FR. SYL BROWN



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DAY 01 - MINNEAPOLIS/CHICAGO/FRANKFURT

Depart Minneapolis to Chicago and change planes to Frankfurt.

DAY 02 - FRANKFURT/TEL AVIV

Arrive Frankfurt and change planes to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 03 - TEL AVIV/TIBERIAS

Begin your Holy Land pilgrimage with a visit to Caesarea, which was built by Herod as a major seaport at the time of Christ, was later occupied during the Byzantine and Crusader periods and which contains ruins from all of these periods. Continue to Haifa, a modern seaport which is situated on the slopes of Mt. Carmel to see the mountain of Elijah, where we will visit Elijah's cave and the cradle of the Carmelite Order at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Continue to Nazareth and celebrate your first Mass in the Holy Land at the Basilica of the Annunciation before visiting the churches commemorating the house of the holy family, Joseph's workshop and Mary's well. Stop at Cana to visit the church where Christ turned the water into wine before ending the day in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee at the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 04 - TIBERIAS

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee before driving to the northern end of the Sea of Galilee to visit the village of Capernaum at the site where Peter lived and Jesus performed much of his ministry in the Galilee. Here you visit an ancient synagogue, and a first century house and Byzantine Church which are now located under a modern Franciscan Church. Continue up the hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee to the beautiful Mount of Beatitudes where you have time for private prayer in the gardens before celebrating Mass at one of the outside altars overlooking the sea. Depart by bus to the Church of the Primacy and the Benedictine Basilica commemorating the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. End your day of touring with a visit to the Jordan River and reflect on Jesus' baptism by John and renew your baptismal promises. Return to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

DAY 05 - TIBERIAS/JERICO/JERUSALEM

Leaving the Sea of Galilee this morning you drive to Mt. Tabor and transfer to taxis for an exciting ride to the top of this mountain where tradition locates the site of the Transfiguration to celebrate Mass. Continue down the Jordan Valley to Jericho for a visit to the Tel of the ancient city and a view the Mt. of Temptation. Continue to the Dead Sea and Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Stop at the Inn of the Good Samaritan before continuing to Bethany to see the church and the tomb of Lazarus. Continue to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 06 - JERUSALEM/BETHLEHEM

Begin your day in Jerusalem at the top of the Mount of Olives with its famous view of the Temple Mount. Walking down the Mount of Olives you stop at Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over Jerusalem before passing by the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene on our way to the Garden of Gethsemane to view the venerable olive tree which witnessed Jesus' solitary vigil. Visit the Church of All Nations before celebrating Mass there or at one of the other churches adjacent to the Garden. This afternoon continue to Bethlehem, passing the tomb of Rachel and the Field of Boaz. In Bethlehem you visit the Grotto of the Nativity, the Oratory of the Manager and the cave where St. Jerome lived the latter portion of his life after translating the Bible into Latin. Complete the afternoon with a visit to the Shepherd's Field before returning to your Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 07 - JERUSALEM - OLD CITY

Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate, stopping at the Pools of Bethesda before continuing on the Via Dolorosa and Way of the Cross. Included are stops at the Chapel of the Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of Ecco Homo and all remaining Stations of the Cross before arriving at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where you celebrate Mass. This afternoon visit the Dome of the Rock, El Aqsa Mosque, the ancient Jewish Walling Wall, the Citadel, David's Tower and the Russian excavations. Return to your Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 08 - MT. ZION/UPPER ROOM

Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the Room of the Last Supper and visit King David's Tomb. Continue to the Friary "Coenaculum" for Mass at the Most Blessed Sacrament. Drive through the Valley of the Cross to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist, and visit the Church of the Visitation. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 09 - TEL AVIV/ATHENS

Transfer to the airport in Tel Aviv for your flight to Athens. Upon arrival into Athens you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon enjoy a tour of ancient Corinth to visit the Temple of Apollo, Marketplace, the Bema, the Agora and Corinth Canal. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10 - ATHENS/PIRAEUS/MYKONOS

Transfer to the port of Piraeus to board your Greek Islands cruise. The first port of call is Mykonos, an island of beautiful beaches and secluded coves, where you may disembark and stroll through the narrow streets, shops and cafes. Return to the ship for dinner and the overnight sail to the island of Kusadasi.

DAY 11 - KUSADASI (EPHESUS)/PATMOS

This morning the ship arrives into Kusadasi. Disembark and drive to Mt. Koresos, situated in a small valley where the humble chapel lies on the site of the house where the Virgin Mary is believed to have spent her last days. Continue to Ephesus where you will discover innumerable monuments including the Forum, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the Thermal Baths of Sclasilk and the Great Theatre built in the Greek era which is still noted for its remarkable acoustics. Return to the ship for your afternoon departure to Patmos, an island of outstanding natural beauty comprised of rocky hills, dozens of tongues of land reaching out into the sea, tranquil beaches and many picturesque inlets. Disembark at the port of Scala to the village of Chora where the Monastery of St. John is built within the walls of a strong fortification. Visit the small museum where priceless ecclesiastical treasures, books, manuscripts, mosaics, icons, vestments and jewelry are housed. Continue to the nearby Grotto of the Apocalypse to see the niches in the wall that mark the pillow and ledge used as a desk by the author of the Book of Revelation and the crack in the rock made by the voice of God honoring the Holy Trinity. This evening enjoy dinner on board the ship and set sail to the island of Rhodes.

DAY 12 - RHODES & LINDOS

Arrive Rhodes early this morning and enjoy a full day on this beautiful island, famous as a medieval city of the Knights of St. John. Disembark and drive to the city of Lindos, one of the most important of the three great cities of ancient times. See the Acropolis of Lindos which is perched on the brink of a precipice 400 feet above the sea. Return to the city of Rhodes to enjoy a panoramic drive through the new part of the city before continuing to Mt. Smith to see the ruins of ancient Rhodes, the Temple of Apollo and Diagoras Stadium. Return to the ship for dinner and set sail to the Islands of Crete and Santorini.

DAY 13 - CRETE/SANTORINI

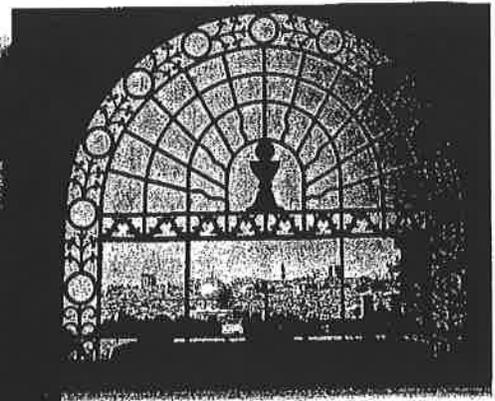
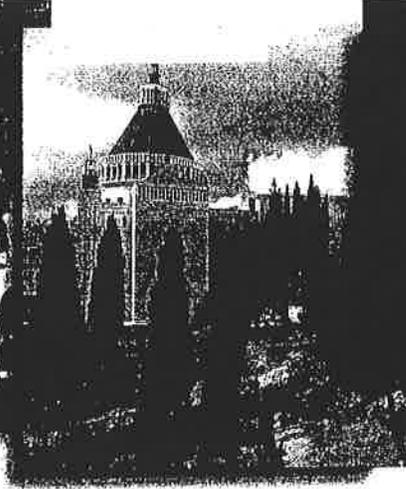
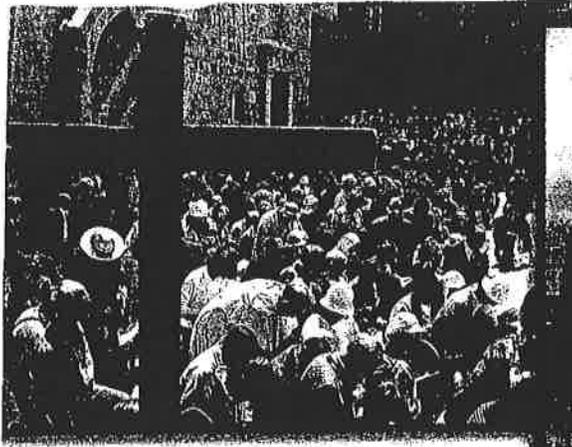
Arrive this morning into Heraklion, the largest city on the island of Crete, the center of the Minoan Civilization, and the mythological home of Zeus. Disembark for a drive to the Knossos excavations, a civilization dating back to 4000 BC when a great empire flourished on the island of Crete. This afternoon you set sail for Santorini, an island of peace and tranquility with superb views of the Aegean Sea. It is famous for the typically Cycladic architecture and its houses resembling "bird nests" tucked away into the dramatic cliff-side. Return to the ship for dinner and your overnight return to the port of Piraeus.

DAY 14 - PIRAEUS/ATHENS

The ship returns to the port of Piraeus this morning and you disembark for your return to Athens. This afternoon's tour includes the Acropolis, Mars Hill, and the Parthenon. Continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 15 - ATHENS/FRANKFURT/CHICAGO/MINNEAPOLIS

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Fr. Syl Brown

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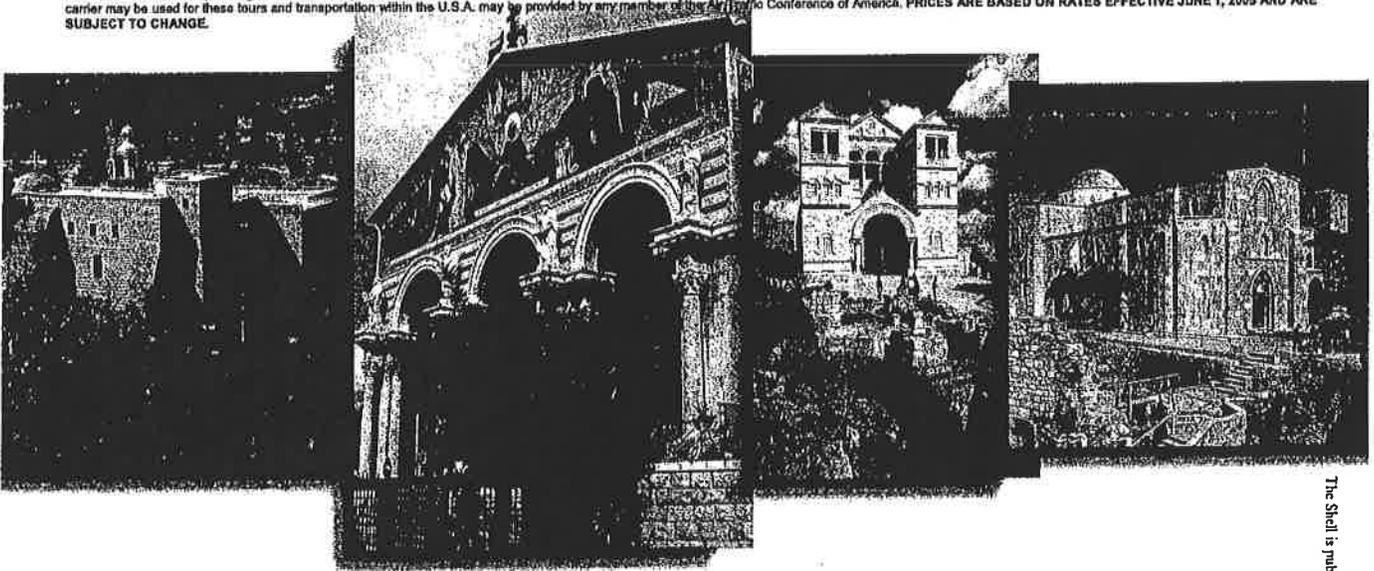
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May 1, 2006

Rev. Sylvester F. Brown
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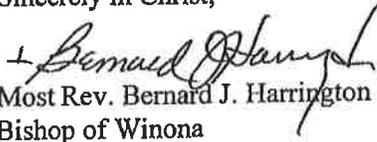
Dear Father Brown:

Thank you for the invitation to your 50th Anniversary of Ordination. How wonderful to celebrate and give thanks for 50 years of committed service to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, my Confirmation schedule keeps me from attending but I am sure the day will be a joyous celebration and a blessing for you and all who are able to join with you.

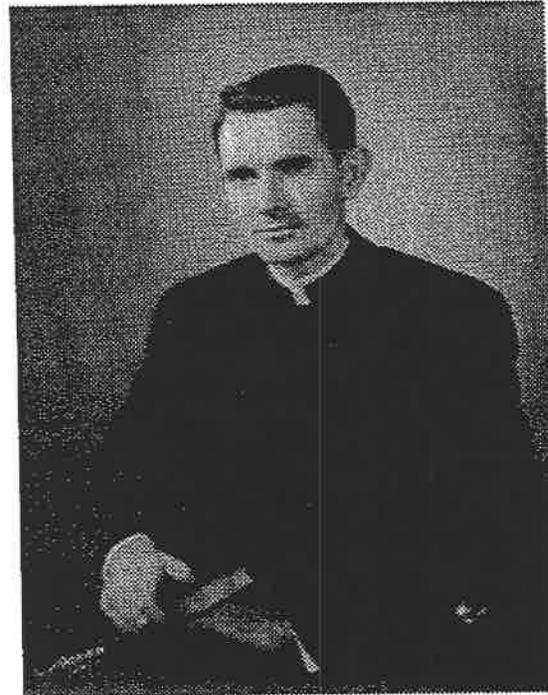
Syl, although I cannot be with you on May 20th in person, I will be with you in spirit thanking the Good Lord and thanking you for your priestly ministry. The faithful of this local church have truly been blessed through you. From the day of your ordination on May 31, 1956, you have ministered to the young and the old and people in between. As a teacher, you presented the Catholic faith so others could come to know, love and respond to God in their lives. As spiritual director you helped young men discern if they too were called to serve as priests. As pastor, you guided and nourished countless many on their life journey with the Lord. Thanks be to God, you have been and continue to be an "alter-Christus."

Congratulations and thank you for your 50 years of priestly ministry. As you have generously responded to the call of Christ in your life, may God continue to be generous to you, blessing you with many happy days, good health, and peace of mind and heart. May you continue to know God's love for you each and every day.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

Fr. Syl Brown



50th Ordination Anniversary

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*and family
invite you to dinner
at the Catholic School Center
on Good Council Hill
on May 20th at 1:00 p.m.
to celebrate Fr. Syl Brown's
Fiftieth Anniversary of his Ordination.*

*A Mass of Thanksgiving
included as a Sunday mass
will be offered at 4:00 p.m.
This event is planned to give
special time for visiting
between dinner and mass.*

December 3, 2007

Rev. Sylvester Brown
302 NW 4th Street
PO Box 232
Elysian, MN 56028

Dear Fr. Brown:

With this letter, I officially appoint you as Parochial Administrator of the parish of St. Ann in Janesville effective December 31, 2007. I am most grateful that you are willing to help out and serve the faithful of the parish at this time.

Your appointment is in accord with canons 539 and 540 of the Code of Canon Law. As Parochial Administrator, you enjoy the same rights and are bound by the same duties as a Pastor. You are not permitted to do anything which can prejudice the rights of the pastor or harm parish goods.

Fr. Brown, I remind you to continue to put into practice what you have learned in your care and after-care programs as you serve this parish. It is important that you follow previous directives and continue with competent spiritual direction in your journey.

May the Good Lord bless you always.

Sincerely in Christ,



+ Bernard J. Harrington

Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

cc. Msgr. Donald P. Schmitz, Vicar General
Mrs. P.J. Thompson, Chancellor
Rev. John Kunz, Dean

Thompson, PJ

From: Todd, Sandy
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 3:30 PM
To: Thompson, PJ
Subject: Syl Brown

Importance: High

Dates of 2008 sessions @ Kenwood Therapy – Syl Brown

1/3
1/17
1/21
2/11
2/15
2/29 – 1 hour phone consultation
3/11 – 1 hr phone consultation
3/13
4/15
4/17

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Thompson, PJ

From: Thompson, PJ
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2008 9:11 AM
To: Harrington, Bishop Bernard; Harrington, Bp. Bernard
Subject: FW: Fr SB/FYI

Bishop,

As per my notes from an earlier e-mail in this regard, I wanted you to see the latest update from Dr. Bera in answer to the concerns voiced in a letter from [redacted]. I don't know if you had an opportunity to talk to him about this when you stayed with him, but I would be willing to offer [redacted] time to see Dr. Bera about this himself and try to work through the things that are still concerning him. I looked up the time frame when he had spoken to students during confessions and it was in December. He went to therapy the first week of January and attended 10 subsequent sessions and now does periodic sessions to follow-up on progress.

Hope your meetings are going well.

PJ

From: Walter Bera
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 10:26 PM
To: Thompson, PJ
Subject: Fr Syl

Dear PJ,

Just a note to confirm that Fr. Syl was fully evaluated regarding the complaint and every concern brought up was investigated: Overwork, slipping back into inappropriate sexual language, can't say no, etc. All concerned parties were interviewed including

Fr Syl was fully cooperative and insightful as to how his inappropriate sexual questions occurred, developed strong plans as to how to avoid such situations in the future and is fully committed to an aftercare plan. The conclusion is that Fr. Syl is an older priest blessed with high energy and positive spirit and love of the priesthood and is NOT a danger in any way for parishioners or public.

He is committed to checking up and doing ongoing therapy and maintain a personal audit of his relationships and behavior to avoid any difficulties in the future. These sessions are scheduled every three months.

His next session is:

Fr Syl Brown
scheduled July 17, 2008 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

I hope this helps clarify any concerns or questions regarding Fr. Syl's fitness as a priest.

Sincerely,

Walter Bera, PhD

Kenwood Therapy Center, LLC
2809 South Wayzata Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55405

June 16, 2008

Dear

You recently sent a letter of concern regarding the ministry of Fr. Syl Brown in our diocese. I am now aware that both Dr. Walter Bera and P.J. Thompson contacted you as a matter of follow-up when an issue arose between Fr. Brown and some Faith Formation students. Mrs. Thompson shared that the purpose in doing so was to reassure you that Fr. Brown's aftercare plan was in place and working well. As a matter of practice, whenever a concern is brought forward, there is a complete review of the facts, individuals are interviewed and through our Office of Pastoral Care, appropriate steps are implemented.

An issue surfaced from an interaction with a student during the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a parish in another diocese in late December. The Director of Faith Formation from this neighboring diocese originally phoned regarding a need for some ideas when visiting priests encounter difficult situations. She apologized for the behavior of all the students in general while one of our priests visited to help with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then mentioned the topics that surfaced from students during confessions. She felt it was important that we know several male students asked about interactions with girls, relationships of intimacy and the topic of sexuality in general. In light of what they had shared, the students were asked if they were sexually active already. Their confessor was Fr. Brown.

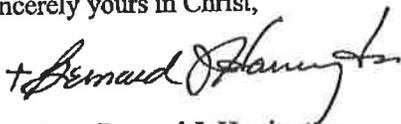
Upon further discussion with Fr. Brown, he admitted he wasn't certain of what to say to the boys when asked some questions. When he learned that the students were making jokes and were uncomfortable he wrote a letter of apology to the students and the director. He asked the Chancellor if it would be good to re-connect with Dr. Bera for more suggestions about how best to handle situations like this. We approved sessions and felt this would be a positive step. He began seeing Dr. Bera in January of 2008. Eight subsequent sessions to offer resources and enable him to talk more about this situation were attended. As you are probably aware, he still attends periodic appointments to discuss any concerns as a part of his follow-up plan.

I understand that you also brought up concerns with Dr. Bera that Fr. Brown was doing too much and his schedule seemed very full. This issue was also reviewed and addressed in collaboration with the Chancellor.

Please know that I have prayerfully listened to our Holy Father and believe, as he does, that we must be diligent in addressing issues of abuse. I can appreciate your concerns and am hopeful that you can see that this situation did not reveal "yet another victim" but rather a positive outcome and a commitment by Fr. Brown to continued aftercare during his priesthood. His substitution has been helpful and his schedule does not appear to be overextended. He is applying what he has learned through therapy and an ongoing plan for healthy living.

It is concerning to me, that this issue arose back in late December and is still something that is disturbing you. I am hopeful that this helps to clarify this situation further. I will keep you in my prayers and if it would be helpful for you to visit with Dr. Bera yourself, please make arrangements and we will assist you in this counseling. Perhaps having more formal sessions to process some of your concerns and feelings would be beneficial.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

cc: Msgr. Donald P. Schmitz, Vicar General
Mrs. P.J. Thompson, Chancellor
Dr. Walter Bera - Kenwood Therapy Center

Dear

It was my pleasure to host your Mom and you for lunch, and for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You are always welcome in Winona, and may the Lord bless you always. Keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Bishop John M. Quinn

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From: Hennessy, Joel
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 12:52 PM
To: Colletti, Msgr. Rick; Dose, Larry; Thomas Braun
Subject: FW: Message from Fr. Brown's

fyi

Joel

From:]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 12:49 PM
To: Hennessy, Joel
Subject: Message from Fr. Brown's

Joel,

I have been in contact with Tom Braun this weekend with the concern that my name would be included in the list released today. Tom indicated that the press release would try to distinguish between the initial "plausible" threshold which then became synonymous with credible. I still do not know how that was allowed to happen given those words have completely different meanings to the public. Even in your announcements to the press that the names would be announced today, no mention was given of plausible. Why? All the headlines are running with credible (which I realize is the wording of the study), with no context on how that came to be. No article I have seen has mentioned the plausible criteria that created the list. Now my name is listed right next to Thomas Adamson and is always the first one listed if they highlight Adamson's actions.

Will the current priests in the impacted parishes be sending communications to the parishioners on the distinction of plausible and credible? If so, will that be sent electronically or mailing or waiting until Sunday's sermons? I recognize that is in the news outlets benefit to have more salacious headlines, but there isn't even info buried in the story to clarify the confusing use of language. It will be a small fraction of the people who will actually read the full press release. In the meantime, countless people are thinking the worse scenario of my uncle and now my 85 year old mother will have to field numerous calls about news stories that don't have all the facts.

Any info on what steps the Diocese will be taking to get the plausible part of the story out would be immensely appreciated. I know this is a difficult time for the Diocese, but I really appreciate learning the plan from a communication standpoint. That will be very helpful to my mom and our family.

From: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 1:15 PM
Content: Quinn, Bishop John
To: Disgusted
Subject:

(Most Rev) Not!

John M. Quinn

I was born in Germany, raised a Roman Catholic. I am a believer in Jesus Christ and God the almighty.

But now I am also a Catholic who is disgusted by your behavior.

You, the official church, have fought the allegations and dragged the victims thru the mud.
You, the official church, have done more harm than the perpetrators could ever do.
You, the official church, are a bunch of money grabbing sick bastards.

Here at Pax Christy Church, I have seen too much to believe that this church is caring and kind.

Example: My 4 children were given all their catholic rites (baptism, first communion, weddings etc. here at Pax.

They had all their children baptized here at Pax. Well, almost all.

The Catholic Nazi priest here decided that my youngest grandchild could not be baptized here because his parents had moved away from here (Shakopee)

See, my daughter grew up in that church, was married in that church, and that priest told her that her child could not be baptized here. Her first three children were baptized here.

After pleading with the priest and promising to pay all costs associated with the baptism, he relented and said my grandson could be baptized here but only AFTER mass. Not during mass like others.

Then during the actual mass his sermon was about people who think the church "Owed them something". A direct slap in our faces.

My daughter has now left the Catholic church. Are you surprised?

Why am I telling you this? So you can see that your, our church is run by power hungry men. Any little power they can excerpt over people, they will do it.

Don't you see it? Power is what these men seek!

Like Father Cook of St Charles MN. I knew him well. Too well. He was a human pig! Everyone knew it. How come the Bishop did not do anything about him? Because he was a great fundraiser.

Money, money and more money!!!!

Father Cook (actually not a Father because that is a title he never earned) he held a funeral service in St Charles where he stopped the son of the deceased from giving a eulogy for his father because he, Cook, had not approved it.

The man cried! Cook sat down and ate the lunch they served and then later told me that people are too demanding. He said that now

some people want a mass in Spanish. What a nerve of these people.

What a human Pig.

In the end do I think this letter, these notes will make any difference? No!

But think about this. My youngest daughter got married at Pax. We asked the then current priest if he minded that we would like Father Syl Brown to officiate.

She loved that priest. He came and officiated at her wedding. Now, she is devastated!!!!!!!!!!

That is YOUR fault!!

You should have told us about the allegations!! You had an OBLIGATION!. Dam YOU. You cause so much PAIN!

A response is not needed.

From: [REDACTED]
Content: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 10:58 AM
To: Hennessy, Joel
Cc: Thomas Braun; Colletti, Msgr. Rick
Subject: Re: Message from Fr. Brown's

Thanks for the reply.

I was going to call Tom later today with a few questions, so it might be easier to list here.

1. Can you clarify again why Winona did not distinguish between the substantiated claims and unsubstantiated similar to how the Archdiocese did?
2. With the pending request to see the files on these cases, would they have access to the priest's full personnel file or just the specific claims that put them on the John Jay report?
3. Can we get any information about the specific claim and how it was determined not to be substantiated? We just don't want any surprises if the information is required to be released in the future, just like Monday's info. If that is not possible, you have put us in a very difficult position with my [REDACTED] always listed right after Adamson and no way to refute anything.

I know this is not easy for anyone, I am just trying to work to find some peace for my entire family with some additional info. Telling my [REDACTED], is on a list of "credible" child abusers, was beyond heartbreaking. To not have any info on why he was on the list made it also confounding, confusing and impossible to reconcile with the person he knew.

If it would be better to discuss over the phone, my [REDACTED]

Thanks in advance,

On Wed, Dec 18, 2013 at 10:16 AM, Hennessy, Joel <JHennessy@dow.org> wrote:

First, please let me express that my family and I have been praying for all of you. I cannot imagine the pain and emotions you are enduring right now. This situation is difficult for so many.

I'm sorry I wasn't able to respond to your last message. I discussed your message with Tom Braun since you referenced him in your message and he informed me he would address your questions and concerns. Monsignor Colletti also mentioned that he was in communication with families of the priests.

I am not privy to the content of the personnel files or details of the allegations. I do know that we simply cannot release any information which may complicate or hinder the legal process. I am hopeful that this will come to light through these processes.

Bishop Quinn is meeting with all priests in the very near future to discuss communications and to guide them in pastoring their parishioners through this difficult time.

I pray that the answers we all seek will come quickly.

Sincerely,

Joel Hennessy

Diocese of Winona Pastoral Center

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 9:44 AM

To: Hennessy, Joel

Subject: Re: Message from Fr. Brown's

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Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 10:16 AM
To:
Cc: Thomas Braun; Colletti, Msgr. Rick
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John,

First, please let me express that my family and I have been praying for all of you. I cannot imagine the pain and emotions you are enduring right now. This situation is difficult for so many.

I'm sorry I wasn't able to respond to your last message. I discussed your message with Tom Braun since you referenced him in your message and he informed me he would address your questions and concerns. Monsignor Colletti also mentioned that he was in communication with families of the priests.

I am not privy to the content of the personnel files or details of the allegations. I do know that we simply cannot release any information which may complicate or hinder the legal process. I am hopeful that this will come to light through these processes.

Bishop Quinn is meeting with all priests in the very near future to discuss communications and to guide them in pastoring their parishioners through this difficult time.

I pray that the answers we all seek will come quickly.

Sincerely,

Joel Hennessy

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From: Gerald Kosse <pastor@triparishmn.org>
Sent: 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>

Sylvester F Brown

Status: Deceased

DOB: 9/7/1930 in Mankato, Minnesota Parents: Sylvester & Frances (McCarthy) Brown
DOD: 1/6/2010

Education:

1948-1952 – Attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary of Winona

1952-1956 – Attended Theological College in Washington DC

Ordained 5/31/1956 at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona by the Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald

Assignments:

- 8/16/1956 - Asst Principal, Instructor for St Mary School in Owatonna; in residence at Sacred Heart in Owatonna
- 1957 - Superintendent for Marian High School in Owatonna
- 8/22/1961 - Chaplain for State School in Owatonna
- 6/17/1963 - Instructor for Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona
- 6/17/1963 - Faculty for Saint Mary College in Winona
- 6/8/1966 - Spiritual Director for Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona
- 8/14/1969 - Spiritual Director/Instructor to students for Saint Mary College in Winona
- 1970 - Master in Religious Education from Loyola University Theological College in Chicago
- 7/1/1971 - Pastor for Saint Martin in Woodstock, Saint Mary in Lake Wilson
- 7/11/1974 - Pastor for Saints Peter and Paul in Blue Earth, Our Lady of Mercy in Guckeen
- 7/3/1978 - Coalition of Church for Migrant Concerns Executive Board
- 7/7/1981 - Pastor for Pax Christi in Rochester
- 6/30/1989 - Pastor for Immaculate Conception in Saint Clair
- 11/1/1989 - Pastor for Saint Ann in Janesville - in addition to above
- 3/9/1992 - Medical Leave of Absence - Saint John Vianney in Downingtown, Pennsylvania
- 11/18/1992 - Returned to Janesville and Saint Clair
- 6/28/1995 - Parochial Administrator for Saint Ann in Janesville - one year term
- 7/1/1996 - Pastor - re-appointed for Saint Ann in Janesville
- 8/14/1996 - Moderator for Winona Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for the Waseca/Owatonna Area
- 7/1/2000 - Pastor - re-appointed for Saint Ann in Janesville - 1 year term
- 8/1/2002 - Retired
- 12/31/2007 - Parochial Administrator for Saint Ann in Janesville, Saint Joseph in Waldorf
- 1/6/2010 - Died at his home in Elysian
- 1/11/2010 - Mass of Christian Burial Saint John the Baptist in Mankato with the Most Rev. John M Quinn officiating with burial at Calvary Cemetery in Madison Lake.