

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING GEORGE A. ETZEL¹

12/8/42 – Ordained

12/16/42 Appointed assistant pastor at Holy Assumption Parish in West Allis, WI effective December 19, 1942. (29047)

12/19/42 – Assistant Pastor, Holy Assumption Parish, West Allis, WI

8/5/58 Appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Allenton, WI with attached Mission of St. Mathias in Nabob, WI effective August 18, 1958. (29049)

8/18/58 – Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Allenton, WI; Mission of St. Mathias

2/7/66 Appointed pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Pewaukee, WI effective February 21, 1966. (29054)

2/21/66 – Pastor, St. Anthony Parish, Pewaukee, WI

10/3/67 Appointed pastor of St. Martin Parish, Ashford, WI effective November 7, 1967. (29055)

11/7/67 – Pastor, St. Martin Parish, Ashford, WI

8/30/82 Letter from Etzel to Vicar for Priest Personnel, Rev. Joseph Janicki, explaining the claim from Etzel's review that he "made eyes at the girls." (29129)

11/15/84 Letter from Etzel to Weakland asking to retire due to health issues. (8988-8989)

11/26/84 Letter from Weakland to Etzel granting Etzel permission to retire. (29117)

1984 – Retirement

10/24/91 Letter from Etzel to a woman saying he misses her and he doesn't know how she stood it for so long. (33340)

4/5/92 Letter from a woman abused by Etzel's to Weakland discussing her abuse by Etzel when he was a pastor at St. Martin's in Ashford, WI from 1977-1981. She was about 14 years old and he abused her. He often heard her confession at the same time. Etzel also abused her sister while the woman was watching. (8890-8891)

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- 4/8/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 314. Indicates Weakland gave RTV a letter from a woman abused by Etzel when he was pastor at St. Martin's in Ashford, WI. (58431)
- 4/15/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 328. Indicates RTV visited Etzel at the hospital and told him about the allegations against him. Etzel admitted to rubbing the girl's back but says he did not touch her indecently. Etzel was told not to have unsupervised contact with minors. (58431)
- 4/25/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 344 indicates RTV spoke with Etzel about the allegation and the woman's concern that other minors be protected from any inappropriate behavior by Etzel. Etzel realized that his behavior was inappropriate. RTV also told Etzel that he was not to have any unsupervised contact with minors. (8883)
- 8/3/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 535 says RTV met with Etzel and the woman he abused and facilitated a discussion between them. The woman spoke about her experiences and Etzel apologized. (58433)
- 12/16/92 Letter from a woman abused by Etzel saying she is returning the money he gave to her in a Christmas card. She writes that he is likely wrestling and agonizing over parts of his life including the effect he had on her and other girls. (33332) She encloses the card Etzel sent to her, which says that he misses her lots and he's sad and sorry. (33333-33334)
- 8/9/93 Sexual abuse survivor interview report from a woman reporting abuse by Etzel from when she was a minor in 1967 until 1992. Etzel continues to harass her. She describes abuse and his confession procedures with students where he would have them sit in a dark room, alone in the rectory and he asked them explicit questions about their sexual behaviors. (33381-33383)
- 8/18/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 501. Indicates Sklba met with Liz Piasecki about the second allegation against Etzel. They noted the similarity of allegations and possibility of a pattern and repeated calls from Etzel to the person. (58434)
- 9/17/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 561. Indicates Sklba spoke with Liz Piasecki and received the proposed settlement of \$12,000 to \$15,000. (58434)
- 10/27/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 643. Discusses that \$12,000 seems excessive for post-trauma distress syndrome, so more information was needed. (58434)
- 11/4/93 Vicar Log Entry No. 668. Indicates Sklba learned that the individual withdrew her request for financial compensation. (58435)
- 5/25/95 Letter from Weakland to Etzel enclosing a precept that Etzel is to refrain from all contact with minors, cease public ministry, avoid areas that tempt sexual morality, and may not hear confession. (8920-8921)

- 7/5/95 Letter from Weakland to “Vic” thanking Vic for supporting Etzel. Says the restrictions are for Etzel’s own good and “otherwise I could not guarantee that the allegations could be kept out of the press.” (9003)
- 11/13/95 Teacher newsletter saying that Etzel is willing to say mass or have small group do a reconciliation service at his home. (8945)
- 12/28/95 Letter from Sklba to Etzel written at the request of Weakland indicating Weakland’s intention is to restore his faculties for public celebration of the Eucharist at the parish effective 1/1/96. He is also willing to restore faculties for private confession effective 1/1/96. (8929)
- 1/1/96 Precept signed by Sklba restoring Etzel’s faculty to hear confession only when penitent requests the individual celebration and public celebration of Eucharist on weekdays. Remaining restrictions continue. (29183)
- 1/17/96 Letter from Sklba to Etzel enclosing letter reflecting changes in exercise of ministry. (29182)
- 1/22/96 Teacher newsletter indicates that Etzel still is willing to say mass or reconciliation in private for a class in his home. (8943-8944)
- 4/19/96 Vicar Log Entry No. 394. Vicar Log indicates Sklba met with Straub to review George’s violations of his Canonical restrictions and to highlight issues which Straub promised to raise in a meeting with Etzel. He asked Straub to make sure Fr. Ed Kornath knew of the restrictions and their reasons so adequate supervision would be in place. (58435)
- 2/5/03 Vicar Log Entry No. 126. JFH visited Etzel to inform him that his name will be submitted to the CDF. (8888)
- 4/11/03 – Died
- 2/9/05 Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement for \$60,000. (57190-57192)
- 3/29/05 Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement for \$75,000. (57182-57184)
- Undated Background for mediation document includes a case against Etzel that began with a 4/7/92 letter reporting abuse by Etzel. The abuse started when the woman was 14. A second report was received in 8/93 and a third report was received in 2004. (1246)

