

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING GEORGE HOPF¹

5/28/49 – Ordination

08/49 – Assistant, St. Joseph, Milwaukee (39329)

3/11/54 Archbishop letter to Hopf appointing him assistant at St. John Nepomuc in Milwaukee effective March 13, 1954. (13522)

3/13/54 – Assistant, St. John Nepomuc, Milwaukee, WI

4/8/60 Cousins letter to Hopf appointing him Spiritual Director of Division 4 for the Catholic Youth Organization. (13523)

7/3/62 Cousins letter to Hopf appointing him assistant at St. Mary's Parish in Waukesha effective July 12, 1962. (13524)

7/12/62 – Assistant, St. Mary's Parish, Waukesha, WI

8/28/63 Cousins letter to Hopf appointing him instructor of Religion at Catholic Memorial High School in Waukesha for the upcoming school year. (13525)

2/13/64 Cousins letter to Hopf appointing him as District Director of the Archdiocese's Vocations program. (13526)

8/29/64 Cousins letter to Hopf appointing him instructor of religion at Catholic Memorial High School for the upcoming school year. (13529)

3/29/66 Parishioner letter to Cousins regarding the rumors surrounding Hopf's transfer. (13538)

5/10/66 Beres letter to parishioner assuring him that rumors do not form the basis of transfers in the Archdiocese. (40911)

6/24/66 Cousins letter to Hopf transferring him to St. Mary Parish in South Milwaukee effective July 6, 1966. (13527)

7/6/66 – Assistant, St. Mary Parish, South Milwaukee, WI

3/30/67 Rev. C.A. Altenbach (pastor at St. Mary's) letter to Cousins complaining about Hopf. (13542)

1/26/68 Cousins letter to Hopf appointing him assistant at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in West Allis effective February 7, 1968. (13528)

¹ This timeline was principally prepared by Jeff Anderson & Associates PA; Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. provided limited corrections to certain entries and assisted with redactions of abuse survivor information that could potentially have identified individual abuse survivors.

2/7/68 – Assistant, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, West Allis, WI

2/2/68 Cousins letter to parishioners indicating Hopf's transfer was as a result of an emergency hospitalization, which left a parish unmanned and there is no other motivation involved. (40917)

10/28/68 Cousins letter to Hopf appointing him pastor at Holy Rosary Parish in Milwaukee effective November 19, 1968. (13618)

11/19/68 – Pastor, Holy Rosary Parish, Milwaukee, WI

7/28/69 Vicar Log Entry. "Interview – leave of absence – J. Lesch to be Administrator, Holy Rosary." (13596)

8/22/69 Cousins letter to Hopf appointing him administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in Woodhull with mission of St. Mary's in Eldorado effective September 3, 1969. (13546)

9/3/69 – Administrator, St. John the Baptist, Woodhull, WI

7/26/71 Cousins letter to parishioner acknowledging petitions to keep Hopf at Eldorado and Woodhull, but indicating Hopf's qualities cry out for promotion. (13547)

8/10/71 Cousins letter to Hopf appointing him to St. Peter Claver Parish in Sheboygan effective August 24, 1971. (13548)

8/24/71 – Pastor, St. Peter Claver, Sheboygan, WI

11/3/72 Cousins letter to Hopf notifying him that Daniel Budzynski was appointed associate pastor under Hopf and that Budzynski would work with the CCD program at St. Mary's Parish in Sheboygan Falls at the same time with Donald Peters. (40849)

5/15/73 Vicar Log Entry. Interview with G. Hopf and D. Budzynski. D. Budzynski denies any wrong actions. Both feel imprudence involved with too many kids around rectory. (13596)

9/18/73 Vicar Log Entry. Hopf stating that he has no indications of Budzynski acting out and advocating for him to stay at St. Peter Claver with him. (13596)

3/28/74 Hopf letter to the Personnel Board asking that he be transferred from St. Peter Claver because of he is "unable to meet the challenge of a larger city parish any longer because of spiritual, psychological, moral, physical and other problems dealing with help" and requesting the transfer "before any damage is done to the people of God at St. Peter Claver Parish. States that the request is urgent and he requests to go to a small parish or back to St. John's when and if it is available. (13601-13602)

9/15/75 Vicar Log Entry. Hopf suffered a stroke. (13597)

- 12/26/75 Physician letter to Sampon (Chancellor) indicating Hopf suffered a stroke in September 1975. (40946)
- 1/19/76 Letter to Hopf asking him to resign as Pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish because of stroke. (40947-40948)
- 1/20/76 Hopf form to Cousins stating that because of a disability he is resigning as Pastor of St. Peter Claver. (13562)

1/20/76 – Resignation

- 5/28/76 Cousins letter to Hopf officially releasing him from his pastorate and placing him on Sick Leave. (13563)

5/28/76 – Sick Leave

- 3/3/02 Weakland note to Sklba asking him to look into a note stating that Hopf was sent to monastery in 1967 and something made newspapers then and that no one apologized to a female involved. (13485-86)
- 3/14/02 Reinke memo indicates Sklba shocked by allegations against Hopf. (36023)
- 3/21/02 Individual expressed anger that Hopf's actions were overlooked, despite the police report, and that he was moved to another parish. Reinke explained inability to find the police records, but indicated the Archdiocese did not doubt the person's story. (36023)
- 3/28/02 Vicar Log Entry No. 249 (JFH). Vicar receives sexual abuse intake report from Reinke on Hopf regarding incident of sexual abuse that took place in 1969. (40789)
- 3/5/02 Sexual Abuse Intake Report, individual abused by Hopf in summer 1969. Survivor was twelve years old and the abuse occurred in Hopf's car. Reported incident to parents immediately after incident who contacted police. (39329-39330) (57714-57715)
- 2002 Report made in 2002 of abuse by Hopf that occurred in 1963-1969 when individual was 3-6 years old. (39329-39330)
- 4/22/02 Vicar Log Entry No. 243. Sklba spoke with Fr. Berghammer inquiring about Hopf's rapid departure from Holy Rosary Parish in 1967 or 1968. Berghammer reported that Sklba was the first person to ask the question and that Hopf left the Diocese for a three month residence at Saxony with classmate, Fr. Taylor. (40789)
- 4/23/02 Reinke letter to individual's mother indicating that the individual should contact Project Benjamin and states that they had one other report against Hopf. (13477)

- 4/25/02 Reinke entry for the file of [redacted] who remains angry that Hopf went on to work in other parishes and that the Archdiocese claims no awareness, based on its records, that he had abused her despite the police report in 1969. (13487)
- 1/1/04 Dolan letter to survivor indicating that a dispute resolution program will be available in January, Catholic Charities is offering a support group in Milwaukee for survivors, financial assistance remains available for psychotherapy, and he continues to meet privately with victim-survivors. (36004-36005)
- 2/12/04 Dolan letter to Ratzinger referring several cases for his consideration. (39323)
- 2/19/04 Reinke letter to [redacted] informing them of the release of the John Jay Study. (36002-36003)
- 07/04 Agreement and Mutual Release between [redacted], the Archdiocese, and Holy Rosary for \$50,000. (57457-57459)
- 7/8/04 Dolan letter to survivor indicating he has authorized the release of the names of priests who are now or would have been restricted from all priestly ministries. (35996)
- 10/16/04 – Deceased
- Undated Document outlining Hopf’s assignments and accusations. (39329-39330)