

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING EUGENE KREUZER¹

5/31/52 – Ordination

8/5/52 Archbishop letter to Kreuzer appointing him assistant at St. Anthony's Parish in Milwaukee, effective August 8, 1952. (14535)

8/8/52 – Assistant Pastor, St. Anthony Parish, Milwaukee, WI

6/11/56 Archbishop letter to Kreuzer appointing him assistant at St. Boniface Parish in Milwaukee, effective June 26, 1956. (14542)

6/23/56 Archbishop letter to Kreuzer rescinding his assignment to St. Boniface Parish. He is to remain at St. Anthony's. (14543)

3/12/71 Cousins letter to Kreuzer appointing him Pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Paris, effective March 30, 1971. (14547)

3/30/71 – Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish, Paris, WI

11/19/80 Vicar Log Entry No. 1107. Kreuzer has been at the Paris parish ten years and people are dissatisfied with him. (42992)

4/6/82 Newman (Chancellor) letter to Hornacek indicating that Kreuzer was discharged from the hospital. (43004)

6/18/82 Vicar Log Entry No. 585. Meeting held with parishioners at St. John Parish. The children are afraid of Kreuzer. Parishioners claimed they were lacking in spiritual leadership. Kreuzer indicated he would seek a change of assignment if the problems continue. (14502)

7/10/84 Vicar Log Entry No. 811. Parishioners wish to dialogue with Kreuzer about some of their concerns. (42996)

8/14/84 Vicar Log Entry No. 905. Meeting with Kreuzer who maintains the complaints are coming from a small group of parishioners that have given him trouble in the past. (42993)

10/26/84 Vicar Log Entry No. 1000. Kreuzer indicates he will be leaving the parish in 1986. Prior complaints appear to relate to Kreuzer's communication or lack of communication with the parish council. (42997)

5/22/91 Vicar Log Entry No. 569. Sklba noted that he met with Kreuzer about an allegation of sexual abuse. Kreuzer admitted that something had happened when he was drinking, but he has stopped drinking and assured Sklba that there is no

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cause for fear. Kreuzer was previously confronted by the parties involved and apologized. (14505)

4/23/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 193. Diocese of La Cross called to inform Sklba that they had been contacted by a doctor because he is treating a patient in the age of about 45 who claims to have been abused by Kreuzer when Kreuzer was at St. Anthony's Parish in Milwaukee. Sklba contacted the doctor who informed Sklba that the patient desired to remain anonymous.

4/27/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 206. Sklba noted that he talked to Kreuzer about the allegations received on 4/23/92. Agreed that Kreuzer would get treatment and that he would request early retirement. (14505)

5/1/92 Vicar Log Entry No. 213. Meeting with Kreuzer regarding report from 4/23/92 resulted in the agreement that Kreuzer would seek professional counseling and that he would request early retirement with the date to be established after consultation with the Priest Personnel Office. (14505)

5/21/92 Sklba letter to Kreuzer indicating his distress of learning of Kreuzer's cardiac problems and asking that Kreuzer seek the Archbishop's permission for formal retirement from the pastorate of St. John the Baptist Parish, effective June 30, 1992. (14604)

6/30/92 – Retired

1/15/93 Schweih's letter to Kreuzer confirming the date of his retirement as of June 30, 1992. (14611)

1/25/93 Cusack letter to Meyer regarding Kreuzer's resignation and the canonical process of retiring in the Archdiocese. (14550)

2/5/93 Weakland letter to Kreuzer confirming his resignation from active ministry effective June 30, 1992. (14549)

1992-1995 – Help Out Work at Various Parishes

12/29/94 Vicar Log Entry No. 911. Sklba received call from Kreuzer that he is doing parish bookkeeping for St. John the Baptist parish in Paris. Indicated he would be available for help-out at any of the surrounding parishes. (43000)

5/25/95 Weakland letter to Kreuzer. Due to the allegations of misconduct placed against him, he is enclosing ministerial restrictions. (43035)

Precept imposing restrictions because of allegations of misconduct, including: to refrain from all contact with minors; to cease all public ministry; to avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality; until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked. (14615)

- 6/7/95 Vicar Log Entry No. 443. Sklba received phone call from Kreuzer in response to the precept issued 5/25/95. Kreuzer agreed to cancel the occasional weekday Mass which he had provided at St. Mary's in Kansasville. (43000)
- 6/15/95 Kreuzer letter to Weakland stating that the incident was 30 years ago and was due to excessive drinking. Has been doing help-out work since his retirement. (14560-14563)
- 12/11/95 Kreuzer letter to Weakland indicating the allegation of misconduct arose in the spring of 1992 and that he had received treatment after the allegations arose. Kreuzer asked if there is anyway the restrictions imposed could be lifted. (14564-14569)
- 12/28/95 Sklba letter to Kreuzer informing him that Weakland decided to restore his faculties to hear confessions on the basis of an individual request, do certain funerals and also to celebrate the Eucharist on a case by case basis. (14570)
- 1/1/96 Precept signed by Sklba and Connell modifying the restrictions placed upon Kreuzer. (14572)
- 1/8/96 Vicar Log Entry No. 5 (CCS). Thomas Fait called to get permission for Kreuzer to help-out with Masses. Since he recently received a letter from Sklba with restrictions, this would likely be acceptable. (43000)
- 1/17/96 Sklba letter to Kreuzer stating that they have to issue a formal precept to partially restore his faculties with the exception of St. Anthony's Parish in Milwaukee. (14571)
- 2/1/96 Vicar Log Entry No. 76. Kreuzer could do help out work at St. Mary's in Kansasville or St. John the Baptist in Paris as needed without seeking permission from the Vicar's office in each instance. (14508)
- 3/17/97 Vicar Log Entry No. 67 (CCS). Kreuzer given permission to do help out on Sundays and weekdays at St. Francis Xavier. (14508)
- 12/22/97 Kreuzer letter to Weakland indicating there has been no change in his conduct and wondering who he is supposed to check-in with or report to. (14575-14577)
- 11/6/99 Vicar Log Entry No. 662. Sklba noted that Weakland restored Kreuzer's faculties for full help-out work, with the only continued restriction being no unsupervised contact with minors. (14508)
- 1/15/00 Kreuzer letter to Weakland indicating he has limited helping out to St. John's, St. Francis and St. Mary's and asking for modification of his restrictions. Kreuzer was asked by a chaplain at Kenosha prison to meet with Catholic prisoners who ask to see a Priest. (14579-14581)
- 7/25/00 Weakland letter to Kreuzer indicating it would be wise to keep his restrictions in place and does not think it wise for Kreuzer to become involved in prison or jail ministry. (14578)

- 2/8/01 Reinke pre-intake report to Sklba that she received a report from Fr. Scott Leannah that Kreuzer had sodomized one boy on a youth retreat in the 1970s and Kreuzer had recently contacted the individual. The individual believes it may have also happened to one other boy. (14632)
- 2/12/01 Handwritten note regarding Kreuzer indicating contact 10 years ago by [redacted] whose son abused by Kreuzer at St. Anthony's. (37061)
- Vicar Log Entry No. 86. Sklba met with Hornacek and Reinke regarding the allegation from the 1970s. Hornacek would bring the matter to Kreuzer's attention. (43002)
- Hornacek memo to Weakland, Sklba and Reinke. Indicating he phoned Kreuzer this afternoon about Kreuzer contacting [redacted]. Kreuzer admitted that he may have abused [redacted] because he was "stoned" at the time and didn't remember much about what happened because of his drinking problem. Kreuzer reported that 15 years ago he assisted the individual with certain problems and had subsequently contacted the individual to see how he was doing. Kreuzer was told to stop contacting the individual. (14633)
- 2/15/01 Reinke contacted the sister of the person that is the subject of the report on 2/8/01. Reinke told the sister that they find her brother's account believable, and that in fact another similar allegation was made against Kreuzer in 1995 and that Kreuzer has been instructed to cease all contact with her brother. ADOM043055.
- 2/16/01 Hornacek letter to Kreuzer affirming the advice he gave him recently not to contact [redacted]. (43056)
- 3/5/01 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting abuse perpetrated by Kreuzer in 1969 when survivor was 12-13 years old. Abuse occurred at a campground where Kreuzer had a trailer. Intake Report is a follow-up to the abuse first reported on February 8, 2001. Archdiocese will assist with locating a therapist. (123885)
- 3/16/01 Reinke memo indicating Kreuzer acknowledged the allegations probably occurred, but denied any specific memories, claiming he was impaired by alcoholism. (14515)
- 4/11/02 Reinke memo to Sklba and Hornacek indicating another person abused by Kreuzer has come forward and to make sure all appropriate restrictions are in place so that none of those abused by Kreuzer's could see him in public ministry. (32638)
- 4/15/02 Reinke letter to [redacted] apologizing that he was sexually abused by Kreuzer. Stating that Kreuzer has been known to us for many years as someone who offended against teenage boys and was one of the first to be removed from ministry and placed under restrictions. Indicating the Archdiocese would like to assist with his healing. (32640)

- 4/29/02 Hornacek letter to Kreuzer congratulating him on his 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. (14638)
- 4/29/02 Weakland precept to Kreuzer containing restrictions, including: to refrain from all contact with minors; to cease until further notice all public ministry; to avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality; to cease any and all activities and relationships that may be described under the broad category of pastoral counseling; and until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked. (14639)
- 5/13/02 Vicar Log Entry No. 396 (JFH). Kreuzer met with Vicar to receive precept which prevents him from future exercise of any public ministry and celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments. (43003)
- 7/18/02 Reinke memo to Sklba indicating the Archdiocese should pay for therapy for [redacted] from the date he initially contacted the Archdiocese. Therapy since contacting the Archdiocese has been effective and is expected to end next month. The reimbursement of therapy expenses will be significant amount of money, but it would be with the understanding that there will be no further financial assistance. (32643-32644)
- 7/20/02 Vicar Log Entry No. 502. Sklba signed a renewed ministerial restriction precept for Kreuzer to be in place, pending revocation. (43003)
- 7/22/02 Reinke letter to [redacted] indicating the Archdiocese (follow-up to Reinke memo on 7/18/02) has agreed to reimburse him for psychotherapy costs since the time he first contacted Project Benjamin. Because this is outside the usual procedures, he should not expect that any arrangement like this one would extend into the future. (32645)
- 7/22/02 Sklba precept to Kreuzer reiterating prior restrictions with the exception that these restrictions are in effect until notice of their revocation. (14645)
- 8/9/02 Hornacek letter to Kreuzer enclosing renewal of the Precept. (14644)
- 2/3/03 Dolan letter to Kreuzer noting that there have been problems in Kreuzer's past and reiterating the restrictions in place, including to not have any contact with minors and no public ministry. (14582)
- 1/1/04 Dolan letter to [redacted] indicating the Archdiocese will have dispute resolution services available mid-January, Catholic Charities offers a support group, financial assistance for psychotherapy remains available, and Dolan is available to meet privately with victim-survivors. Letter is to individual who contacted the Archdiocese in 2002, and previously received reimbursement for therapy costs (see Reinke letter on 7/22/02). (32630-32631)
- 2/19/04 Reinke letter to the same individual noted above indicating the release of the John Jay Study. (32628-32629)

7/8/04 Dolan letter to [redacted] indicating he has authorized the release of names of priests who are now or would be restricted from all priestly ministries. (37053)

3/14/05 Clergy Advocacy and Monitoring Program Protocols signed by Kreuzer identifying his restrictions. (43069-43071)

5/16/07 – Deceased

1/25/10 Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting abuse perpetrated by Kreuzer in 1961-1965 when the individual was 9-12 years old. Abuse occurred on trips the youth went on with Kreuzer. Abuse survivor wonders if others knew because he remembers Fr. Toelle at St. Anthony's always giving him a weird look when Kreuzer brought him into the rectory. (123885)

3/26/10 Listeck letter to same individual noted above thanking them for their courage in coming forward and stating that things are different now and they are doing everything they can to ensure that the tragedy of sexual abuse does not continue in the Church or society. Handwritten notes at the bottom state: "Mediation March 2010" – "Staggered Settlement Payments" (31770)

Undated Documents

Undated Letter to parishioners stating that there were allegations of sexual abuse of minors some 30 years ago and expressing that continued presence at the parish is not helpful. (14643)