Sex abuse case involving former Chicago Archdiocese priest settles for $1,375,000.

Previously secret records released

Cleric sued his victim, SNAP, Attorneys and others

Cleric worked in Chicago, NY & PA; now reportedly heads an "independent" Catholic shrine in Du Page County

Victim reported abuse to an archdiocesan bishop who accused him of lying

A new $1,375,000 settlement has been made in a child sexual abuse case involving a Catholic priest who worked in the Chicago archdiocese and now works as a pastor at Shrine of Christ the King in Winfield (Du Page County).

In a lawsuit filed in 2006 plaintiff claimed that from roughly 1987 through 1992, Fr. Chester (Czeslaw) Przybylo repeatedly abused the then 13 year old Polish immigrant boy at Five Holy Martyrs (4327 S Richmond Street, 773 254 3636) in the Chicago archdiocese. The lawsuit filed by the victim in today’s settlement alleges that Przybylo molested him at the parish rectory, the Chicago Health Club, and the River City Apartment complex. The victim, who filed his lawsuit anonymously, is now in his 30s, married with children, and living in Illinois.

According to newly-released documents, now-deceased Chicago Bishop Alfred Abramowicz confronted Przybylo regarding allegations that he sodomized a different teenager. Abramowicz believed that the incident occurred because Przybylo did not deny the allegations. (Document 5)

Further, a former Chicago archdiocese priest who was assigned at Five Holy Martyrs with Przybylo told Bishop Abramowicz that he saw the plaintiff wearing only his underwear in Przybylo’s room. (Document 8)

Remarkably, however, when plaintiff reported Przybylo’s abuse to Abramowicz in 1991, Abramowicz accused him of lying and urged him to go to confession, the victim reports.

In April, 1983, parents from Five Holy Martyrs parish wrote then Cardinal Joseph Bernardin about witnessing Przybylo hitting seven kids who were allegedly talking when they shouldn’t have been. (Document 1)

In July, 1984, Fr. Joseph Janicki, a high-ranking Milwaukee archdiocesan staffer, wrote that he thought Przybylo “is paranoid” and “crazy,” and has heard “innuendos about immortality and homosexuality” and that “Przybylo tried to proposition a priest.” (Document 2)

In an April 1990 memo, now-retired Chicago Bishop Raymond Goedert stated that a Chicago priest reported that gossip about Przybylo "seems to be more of a sexual nature. Ed has been hearing things such as Chester taking young boys up to his room and in the parish office." (Document 3) Another memo drafted by Goedert in May 1990 indicates that the same Chicago priest reports having "heard different priests who were either stationed with Chester or know about him refer to him as "Chester the molester." (Document 4) Likewise, another Chicago archdiocese document states that "Fr. Przybylo was known as "Chester the Molester" by the police officers in the neighborhood" around Five Holy Martyrs. This same document indicates that "there was an occasion when [an Archdiocese priest] walked by Fr. Przybylo’s room and saw a boy in only his underwear sitting on the cleric’s floor. . ." (Document 8)
In 2004, a top Joliet church official wrote then Bishop Joseph Imesch that Przybylo’s “hand-picked board” took over the Shrine and its assets of “over $1 million.” (Document 9.) According to a lawsuit filed in Du Page County, a year later, Imesch and other top staffers were notified that “it appears” Przybylo inappropriately used $35,000 “which was to be used for Masses” for his “lawyers’ fees.”

The sex abuse lawsuit against Przybylo was announced at two separate news conferences held in 2006 by SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAPnetwork.org, 312 455 1499).

In response, Przybylo sued the victim, the victim’s attorneys, SNAP, and a national research group called BishopAccountability.org, claiming slander.

Those lawsuits are still pending, as is the victim’s lawsuit against Przybylo for sex abuse (the $1,375,000 settlement is only on behalf of the Chicago archdiocese).

Przybylo is now a pastor at Shrine of Christ the King church in Winfield, an independent entity. Przybylo worked in the Chicago Archdiocese (312 751 8200) for 15 years before attempting to move to the Joliet Diocese (815 722 6606) in 1993.

Przybylo, a Chicago native, was ordained in 1976. He was educated at a seminary in Poland.

According to BishopAccountability.org, Przybylo lived at Holy Innocents parish in Chicago from 1991-93 and has been affiliated with the Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine in Whiting, Indiana.

He worked at churches in New York (St. Stanislaus in Utica in the Syracuse Diocese from 1976-77) and Pennsylvania (St. Mary’s in Reading in the Allentown Diocese from 1977-80). In 1981, he was reported in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. He worked at St. Michael’s parish in Dane Wisconsin (in the Madison diocese) where he reportedly lived with Fr. Albert J. Kunz whose 1998 murder remains unsolved.

The Shrine of Christ the King church is at 27W631 Beecher Avenue in Winfield (http://shrineofchristtheking.org/, 630 690 3520).

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Attorney Marc Pearlman, Chicago 312 261 4550, 773 368 0142 cell
22 April 1983

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Eminence:

It is with great sorrow and troubled minds that we write you to inform you of the misconduct of a priest at our parish, Five Holy Martyrs, 43rd and Richmond. This particular priest is in charge of the altarboys.

On March 23, 1983, at approximately 7:45 a.m., Father Chestra Przybylo, struck seven children in the sacristy. These children, who consisted of 6 altarboys and 1 little girl who was to be a commentator, were struck because Father Chestra said they were talking. They were struck as follows:

1) [redacted] - struck once on the right side of head.
2) [redacted] - struck once on the right side of head.
3) [redacted] - shoved against the wall causing child to hit his head on the wall.
4) [redacted] - punched once on the left side of face by his eyes, which caused his glasses to be knocked off his face and broken. Cost of glasses $66.00
5) [redacted] - kicked from behind into the cassock locker, pulled out by his hair, turned about face and thrown back into locker, causing laceration on his right leg.
6) [redacted] - struck 3 times in and around head area causing child to fall to the ground.
7) [redacted] - struck once over the head with priest’s prayer book.

At this point we have spoken personally to our Pastor Alfred L. Abramowicz, and he has made Father Chestra apologize to the children only after the children were made to apologize to him. Bishop stated to Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted], that we should be forgiving, because this was his first offense, and also Bishop has no other priest to put in charge of the altarboys.

We as parents feel that this priest needs help. We cannot allow our sons to serve because when this incident occurred, we were made aware of similar incidents that took place at alterboy meetings. We fear for the safety of our children and feel this priest should not be allowed to have charge over the altarboys.
Not to be gossip carriers, but we were also made aware of the fact that this priest was already removed from another neighboring parish because of his eccentricities.

Our last hope to find a solution to this dilemma is you!

We understand that you have a shortage, but you also must understand our very deep concern. We have given our Pastor one month to resolve this matter, but now we feel that we must bring this to your attention for further investigation and resolution.

Please understand, we wish to harm no one, but we do not want any child to get seriously hurt.

If you feel that you must contact any or all of us, we have furnished information below.

Only speaks Spanish

Mr. & Mrs.

PRZ-CB1-00260
Mr. & Mrs.

CC: Most Reverend Alfred L. Abrampolos
Five Holy Martyrs Church
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Chicago, Illinois 60632

Father Chester Prybylo
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Frank Fiorito
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All Parents involved who signed.

Sister Emily Marie
Principal of Five Holy Martyrs School
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Chicago, Illinois 60632
523-6161

PRZ-CB1-00261
Re: Chester PRZYBYLO

June 1986
- Came to Milwaukee
- Polish priest characteristics...

May 1986
- We told him he could not minister in Milwaukee. Fr. Najdok took over.

- P. Stanislaus Gwinn, Society of Jesus, was go-between for U.S. and Polish Bishop in finding priest.
- Mariette Sisters had him for a while.
- Bishop A. Tilded

July 13, 1987

If the record, I think Chester is paranoid; I think he is crazy. I think he should go back to Poland because he wanted to work around in church &
be involved and preach in Polish.

He got quite loudly in debt. He bought an unnecessarily large car on a thruster. It may have been representative
(410,000 dollars in 1976. First payment check bounced.
Bob tried to represent the car when he was at Kendall House)

Inquiries about criminality, homosexuality. A period who lived in the rectory claimed Chester tried to proposition him.

He did not want to have a priest in the house and let for $100 a month. They would have to drive him home.

(over)
Ed [REDACTED] called (254-3636). He was at a loss as to what to do about rumors, gossip, and innuendo concerning Chester. [REDACTED], but that is not the real issue at this time. The gossip seems to be more of a sexual nature. Ed has been hearing things such as Chester taking young boys up to his room and in the parish office. The organist also said that he took a "highlander" to some hotel or apartment. Ed does not know the age of the "highlander", nor is he sure of any of this. I told Ed that I would make a notation that he had called, but that it would not be fair to Chester to move on him if all we have is gossip and innuendo. I suggested that Ed watch Chester very carefully and document any information or events that he thinks are important. I suggested that he get back to me in a week or so and just let me know how things are going.
1. Ed [redacted] called. [redacted] said that he confronted Chester with the stories that were circulating about him and Chester just said that they were not true. But he didn't seem to react at all the way a normal person would when accused of such things. However, the following day he did express anger at what Ed had told him.

2. I asked Ed what are some of the things that he observes. He said that the most serious complaint is with regard to a young man by the name of [redacted] who is around the rectory frequently. He will come sometimes after 10 P.M. Ordinarily he would be in the office with Chester, but Ed made it very clear to Chester that no young person is to be on the second floor at all. And if he has someone coming to the office after 9 o'clock, he has to keep the office door open. Ed said that this same young man has borrowed Chester's car. He is only 16 years old, one day the police found him riding around the parking lot at 1 A.M. Evidently Chester had gone to a wedding and must have let this young man use the car and then [redacted] went to pick Chester up and eventually brought him home.

3. With regard to this young man, Ed said he has never seen anything improper. However, Ed has heard different priests who were either stationed with Chester or know about him refer to him as "Chester the molester".

4. Ed says that the above concern is the major one, but there are all sorts of other kinds of problems that Ed has with Chester and the way he deals with things. For instance, a funeral came in and the family specifically said they wanted the entire liturgy in English. Chester got into a big huff, didn't preach a homily and did the whole funeral in less than 20 minutes. Naturally, people complained.

5. I suggested to Ed that he simply keep a log and observe Chester carefully and if anything untoward happens, he should get back in touch with me.
May 26, 1999


Bishop A. Then told me he knew of one only incident. On August 14, 1968, the vigil of the Assumption, a 17 year old young man told Bp. A. That Fr. C. Had sodomized him. Bp. A. Confronted Fr. C., who did not deny it. Bp. A. Told me: "It's, so sickening -- on the vigil of the Feast of Our Lady!" He was on the verge of tears.

Within that week, the older brother of the 17 year old sent him back to Poland. The kid was not the sharpest and the older brother did not believe him and said he imagined it. Bp. A. believed it -- because Fr. C. Did not deny it.

"Despite that incident, I kept him but watched him like a hawk. I was consecrated in June -- this happened in August." Bp. A. And I discussed the mentality at that time. This was considered a sinful action for which confession and repentance was needed. He did not tell anyone -- not Cardinal Cody, nor anyone at the Chancery. Bp. A. continued: "I feared it might happen again. He was in charge of the altar boys. He had friends who outwardly had the characteristics of homosexuality, which I didn't like. At times he would stay out all night and come home at 6:00 a.m. Some mothers would complain he'd keep kids out until late at night. He would take them out caroling in the Christmas season and keep them out until 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. -- to which I objected. Chester had [Redacted]. They would go caroling from home to home and [Redacted]. Basically, that's why I told you to steer clear of him."

"When he went to Madison, [Redacted] came to ask me about him. I didn't tell Cody or the Chancellor at the time (1968)."

"To take him in today! I'm sure someone would come forward."

I observed: "We'd be opening ourselves to terrific problems that we don't need!" With which Bp. A. agreed.

Bp. A. Was not asked a thing about him. "I think it was [Redacted] Bp. A.'s successor at Five Holy Martyrs) who asked Chester to leave. Chester had terrible fights with the Sister who was a sacristan. Ed [Redacted] did not need that. Neither did I!"

"I see nothing to do but to do nothing" (for Bishop Inesich). Bishop Gorny should be told that in our opinion Chester would not pass the [Redacted].
"He (Chester) is a super Polish patriot. His mother can't speak Polish. He picked it up from his grandparents. Poor Chester has a sister with [REDACTED] She was [REDACTED] He comes from a very devout family."

Bp. A. Could not remember the name of the victim. He just remembers that within a week, he went back to Poland, sent back by his older brother, with whom he was staying. The older brother was embarrassed that his kid brother was talking about a priest. I said: "So he didn't believe the kid, but you did?" He replied, "I don't know whether he believed him or not but he was embarrassed because he was talking about a priest. I believed it because Chester did not deny it when I confronted him."

After we finished talking, I asked Bp. A. For his blessing and gave him mine. He was most gracious. He was dressed but lying in bed as we spoke, occasionally winching in pain. At one point, I could not understand him, so he got up and went into another room to get his false teeth.

He warmly asked me to give Joe his best regards. I told him [REDACTED] was downstairs waiting for me and asked he would like to greet him -- or rather not. He graciously said to bring him upstairs, so I did and we very briefly visited, then left.

[Signature]

Bishop Roger L. Kaffer
May 16, 2003

Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father,

I spoke with Bishop Kaffer about his conversation with Bishop Abramowicz regarding an allegation of sexual abuse on the part of Father Przybylo. Bishop Kaffer confirmed what he had written in a memo and expressed much concern that Father Przybylo not be incardinated into the Diocese of Joliet and that he not be given faculties. I believe at this point, we encourage Father Przybylo to be reconciled with his own bishop.

Thank you for your kindness. I enjoyed visiting with you last week. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Joseph J. Tapella
Vicar General
MEMORANDUM

To: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator
Re: Pryzblo, Rev. Czeslaw/Doe, John [identified as redacted]
Date: April 2, 2006

This memorandum is in response to the attached e-mail as well as to provide a summary of information of the matter concerning Rev. Czeslaw Pryzblo and John Doe, who has since been identified as [redacted].

PRA placed a call to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline on March 24, 2006 after learning of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against Fr. Pryzblo as reported in the Chicago Sun-Times and Tribune newspapers on March 23, 2006.

PRA spoke with Ms. Janet Headen of the DCFS Hotline on March 24th and provided the information reported in the aforementioned newspapers. Ms. Headen informed PRA that she would take a report at that time and that she would forward the matter to the Du Page County Child Advocacy Center for follow-up. PRA also provided Ms. Headen with the name and contact information of Jeff Anderson, the civil attorney representing the alleged victim.

PRA informed Ms. Headen of a phone call received the same day from [redacted] of [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] contacted PRA about the aforementioned matter after reading the articles in the March 23rd newspapers. Ms. Headen was informed that Mr. [redacted] told PRA that he worked as a [redacted] at Five Holy Martyrs at the time of the alleged abuse. She was also informed that Mr. [redacted] was able to identify the "Jon Doe" in the newspaper articles as [redacted] and that he [Mr. [redacted]] was concerned about Fr. Pryzblo's behavior with young boys at Five Holy Martyrs. When asked, PRA provided Ms. Headen with Mr. [redacted] contact information at [redacted]. It was agreed that PRA would contact Mr. [redacted] to inform him of the call made to the DCFS Hotline and that he should expect a phone call from a DCFS investigator.
After ending the March 24th phone call with Ms. Headen, PRA contacted [redacted] and informed him of the phone call to DCFS. Mr. [redacted] expressed his willingness to cooperate with the DCFS investigation. He then informed PRA of his knowledge from his time at Five Holy Martyrs that Fr. Pryzblin "...took an interest in him as well as [an interest in] other polish boys..."

To date, PRA has spoken with Ms. Peg Mayer, the DCFS investigator assigned to this matter. PRA has shared all of the aforementioned information with Ms. Mayer. During a phone conversation on March 31, 2006, PRA provided Ms. Mayer with the name and contact information for Sr. Judith Davies, Chancellor of the Joliet Diocese. PRA is also in the process of obtaining Fr. Pryzblin’s history of assignments while serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago, so that the information may be forwarded to Ms. Mayer.

Cc
Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Director Extern and International Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
Dr. Nicholas Wolsonovich, Superintendent of Schools
Fr. Snitka verbally provided the following information on his discussion with the former Rev. __________. When a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Fr. ______ was assigned for a period of time to Five Holy Martyrs with Fr. Przybylo. Fr. Snitka reported that Mr. _______ told him the following:

- Fr. Przybylo was known as "Chester the Molestor" by the police officers in the neighborhood.
- When assigned to Five Holy Martyrs, there was an occasion when the then Fr. ______ walked by Fr. Przybylo's room and saw a boy in only his underwear sitting on the choir's floor; Fr. _______ brought this incident to the attention of Bishop Abramowicz who responded by telling him that the boy was Fr. Przybylo's "...personal alter server...".
- After Bishop Abramowicz retired, Rev. Ed__________ was assigned as the new pastor of Five Holy Martyrs; the then Fr. _______ brought his concerns about Fr. Przybylo's interaction with boys to Fr. ______. Shortly after, Fr. Przybylo was removed from Five Holy Martyrs, but no facilities in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and then re-assigned in the Diocese of Joliet.

Ms. McCluskey shared the information with the Board members that Fr. Przybylo's current whereabouts are not known.

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board also made the following recommendations:

- That a notice of these proceedings be sent to the Diocese of Joliet, to the bishop of the diocese that Fr. Przybylo was ordained for, and to the bishop of the diocese that he was subsequently incardinated into.
- That Fr. Przybylo's name be placed on the warning list that is circulated throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago on a regular basis by the Office for Canonical Services.

Request for Supplementary Review

II. Updated

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PRZ-CB20-0007
Reverend Chester Przybylo

March 28, 1986
Letter from Bishop Joseph M. Zychlinski (Bishop of Tarnow) to Bishop Roger Kaffer: "I'd appreciate your kind assessment of the present situation and your opinion about the necessity of taking [possibly] using sanctions against Fr. Chester because of his illegal actions in the territory of the diocese of Joliet." (In reference to his celebration of traditionalist liturgy in spite of protests of ecclesiastic authorities.)

April 17, 1986
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Bishop Joseph M. Zychlinski (Bishop of Tarnow). Father Przybylo has no authority to celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Christ the King. "My own opinion is that he should be asked to return to his diocese of incardination."

August 14, 1987
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Father Przybylo requesting that he call for an appointment.

October 21, 1987
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Father Przybylo stating that he did not respond to the previous letter and asked to call for an appointment.

February 18, 1988
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Father Przybylo requesting that he call for an appointment.

April 13, 1989
File memorandum from Bishop Imesch regarding his meeting with Father Przybylo. Father, a native Chicagoan, studied theology in Poland and later received permission from his bishop in Poland to return to the United States. Worked in Archdiocese for 15 years, was not incardinated, went to Madison, WI for three years, then in approximately 1985 went to the Shrine of Christ the King in Joliet. (He was told by Fr. Al Kunz in Madison that he needed no permission to celebrate the Tridentine Rite.) Fr. Przybylo told Bishop Imesch he wanted to become part of the Joliet Diocese.

April 22, 1989
Bishop Imesch sent a letter to Father Thomas Paprocki in which he enclosed the memo regarding his meeting with Father Przybylo.

May 17, 1989
Letter from Bishop Imesch in response to Bishop Kazimierz Gorny's letter of May 5, 1989. Bishop Imesch stated that Father Przybylo had made no attempt to contact him; that Father has no faculties and functions without his permission; that he should be required to return to Poland.

May 26, 1989
Confidential file memorandum from Bishop Kaffer regarding a conversation held with Bishop Alfred Abramowicz about Father Przybylo's alleged abuse on August 14, 1989 of a young man (age 17) who was sent back to Poland by his older brother who did not believe he had been abused.

May 26, 1989
Letter from Bishop Imesch to a [redacted] in which he said that Father Przybylo does not and never had faculties from the Joliet Diocese; that he was ordained for a diocese in Poland; that the reason for Bishop Imesch visiting the Shrine was to make certain that the people understood they were not part of the Catholic Church: they are worshipping without approval of the Bishop.

July 23, 1989
Memo from Bishop Kaffer to Bishop Imesch stating that the revised date from Bishop Abramowicz was 1668 but August 26, 1982.
August 27, 1999
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Father Prybylo in which he was told he was misleading people by advertising the Shrine as celebrating a Roman Catholic Mass; that he is "not in union with the Church in Rome through the local bishop."

December 18, 1999
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Father Prybylo that people need to be informed that they are not in union with the Roman Catholic Church.

March 13, 2000
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Father Prybylo stating that he called several times over the past 10 days and left messages but no response. Asked to call for an appointment.

August 27, 2001
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Father Prybylo saying that he is not a priest in good standing; that he is not authorized to present himself as such and is being deceptive to his people.

August 27, 2001
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Bishop Gorny stating Father Prybylo continues to present himself as a Catholic priest and asking his attendance.

September 27, 2001
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Bishop Gorny saying he could not permit Father Prybylo to function as a priest in the Diocese of Joliet because he wants to be a priest "without any relationship to the diocesan bishop."

January 22, 2002
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Father Prybylo reminding him that he received no response to the Bishop's letter of August 27, and that he is not in good standing with the Catholic Church and is still deceiving his people.

July 18, 2002
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Bishop Gorny saying that Father Prybylo has not contacted him in response to Bishop Gorny's letter nor responded to letters from Bishop Imesch in April of last year and January 2002.

July 18, 2002
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Mr. Thomas Vall regarding the fact that Father Prybylo does not have faculties from the Diocese of Joliet, is not in good standing, etc.

November 22, 2002
File memo from Bishop Imesch saying that according to a Father Miek at St. Helen Church in Chicago, Bishop Gorny was supposed to come to Chicago in May and at that time there would be a meeting with Bishop Gorny, Father Prybylo and Father Miek.

April 8, 2004
Memo from Bishop Imesch to Father Tapella stating that Father Siedlecki was trying to get Father Prybylo to return to the Church and asked Father Tapella to meet with Father Siedlecki.

April 8, 2004
Memo from Bishop Imesch to Father Tapella re meeting with Father Siedlecki to state why he is not recognized or accepted by the Church.

April 26, 2004
Memo from Father Tapella to Bishop Imesch regarding a suit filed concerning the assets of the Shrine (over one million dollars). Father Tapella suggested that any reconciliation efforts with Father Prybylo ought to be placed on hold because of the invalidity of marriages he performed, his unwillingness to be subjected to any bishop's authority, etc.
May 18, 2006
Letter from Father Tapella to Father Glelecki. Father Tapella had spoken with Bishop Kalfar about his conversation with Bishop Abramowicz regarding an allegation of sexual abuse against Father Przybylo. Bishop Kalfar confirmed what he had written in a memo and stated that Father Przybylo not be incarcerated and not be given faculties.

June 7, 2006
Memo from Father Tapella regarding a conversation with (person's name) from Michigan possible misuse of funds belonging to his aunt. Mr. (person's name) was informed that Father Przybylo does not accept the authority of Bishop Imesch or his bishop in Poland.

July 1, 2006
Decree issued that Father Przybylo does not have faculties from Bishop Imesch and that the shrine of Christ the King is not authorized by the Diocese and enjoy no canonical status.

November 14, 2006
E-mail forwarded to Sister Judith Davies for Bishop Imesch from (person's name) alleging abuse by Father Chester Przybylo.

December 16, 2006
File memo in which Bishop Imesch spoke of his conversation with (person's name) that morning. He alleges having been raped six or seven times and suffering other abuse while Father Przybylo was at Holy Martyrs in Chicago. He was age 12. The Bishop sent (person's name) a letter that day in which he advised (person's name) to report to the State's Attorney at the DOFS.

December 19, 2006
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Bishop Gorney in which he enclosed an e-mail sent by (person's name) who alleged abuse by Father Przybylo between 1966-1987, and a copy of the letter sent to (person's name) Bishop Imesch asked Bishop Gorney to suspend Father Przybylo.

January 27, 2006
Letter from Father Przybylo to Bishop Imesch stating that he and the Board are willing to work with the Bishop.

March 2, 2008
A letter was sent to Bishop Imesch from the law firm of Kienlen & Platek stating that the Board of Directors of the Shrine voted to establish the Shrine as an independent entity, and stated that Fr. Przybylo does not have the right to negotiate with the Diocese about faculties.

March 22, 2008
The Diocese issued a formal statement regarding that Father Przybylo never had faculties with the Diocese, and is not connected with the Diocese in any way.

May 12, 2006
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Father Przybylo regarding his suspension and asking him to make that penalty known to his people.

May 18, 2008
In a file memo, Bishop Imesch stated he spoke with Father Przybylo who said he received the information from Bishop Rzeszowski and told parishioners of his suspension.

September 20, 2006
Letter from Bishop Imesch to Mr. Tim Hallett stating that it would not be possible to establish a canonical relationship between the Shrine and the Diocese.