

## MARK WEHMANN – TIMELINE



### 5/31/03 – Ordained

5/23/03 Letter from Flynn to Wehmann appointing him Parochial Vicar of Saint Augustine and Holy Trinity in South Saint Paul. (ARCH-005362)

### 6/17/03- Parochial Vicar of Saint Augustine and Holy Trinity, South Saint Paul, MN

2/22/05 Memo from McDonough to Flynn, Pates and Fallon indicating that **someone attending a youth sports event saw Wehmann touch a young person in a way that, while not illegal, made the girl uncomfortable. McDonough asked someone to call the police and give them the info.** (ARCH-004955-004956)

5/25/05 Letter from Flynn to Wehmann appointing him Parochial Vicar at the Church of Epiphany in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. (ARCH-005359)

### 6/15/05- Parochial Vicar to the Church of Epiphany in Coon Rapids. (005359)

1/10/06 Anoka County Human Services Referral of Child Abuse and Notes from a conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Doe, who said after completing training on recognizing sexual abuse they have an uneasy feeling about Wehmann. For instance, Wehmann had their 4<sup>th</sup> grade daughter on his lap when no other people were around, **he pats the bottoms of girls, he put his cheek against a girl's cheek and pushed his tongue against his own cheek, saying it was a "root beer barrel kiss"**, he spends considerable time with kids over adults, he laid on a girl's bed, etc. (ARCH-005255-005257)

1/13/06 Letter from Fr. Zehren to Flynn saying that the Church of the Epiphany school counselor was contacted by a parent with concerns about Wehmann and the counselor then reported the concerns to Child Protection. McDonough is meeting with Wehmann next week. (ARCH-005164)

Handwritten notes discussing incidents involving Wehmann and suspicious behavior around kids. (005227-005229)

1/17/06 Memo to Fr. Zehren, McDonough and Det. Furst discussing incidents witnessed with Wehmann and children, e.g., going to girls' basketball games, asking a boy to hang out over break, etc. (ARCH-004924-004925)

- Undated Letter from principal to Fr. Zehren, McDonough, Det. Furst re: Wehmann's recent behavior, which included putting arm around junior high girl and taking boy out of class. (ARCH-005062)
- Undated Faxed handwritten letter re: Wehmann's behavior with kids, including touching them while playing in the gym and the comments he makes. (ARCH-005238-005240)
- 1/25/06 Letter from McDonough to Dr. Barron asking for an assessment on Wehmann. After one incident, Wehmann moved to new parish where he has been paying excessive attention to young people. (ARCH-005166-005167)
- 3/6/06 Email from McDonough to Flynn, Pates, and Eisenzimmer indicating that Wehmann has undergone psych testing and he denies sexual attractions towards minors. **There is, however, mild proneness on Wehmann's part to impulsivity combined with immature psychosexual development.** Nothing indicates that he be permanently barred from being a pastor. (ARCH-004907)
- 3/9/06 Letter from the Principal at Epiphany School to Fr. Zehren (McDonough cc'd) asking for conditions to be placed on Wehmann, including that he is never to be alone with a student. (ARCH-005232-005233)
- 3/20/06 Letter from the Principal at Epiphany School to Fr. Zehren that they think it is inappropriate for Wehmann to have contact with students even though no criminal charges filed. Alleged behaviors include root beer barrel kissing, allowing students to sit on his lap, patting a student's butt, kissing a female student on forehead, etc. Handwritten note indicates it was McDonough's decision. (ARCH-005200)
- 8/24/06 Letter from McDonough to Flynn. Dr. Barron suggests that Wehmann get some help with his sexual boundaries. He also recommends Wehmann see a therapist to work out any unconscious attractions to minors. (ARCH-005040)
- 12/20/06 Letter from Flynn to Wehmann appointing him Parochial Administrator at Saint Mary in Shakopee, Minnesota. (ARCH-005442)
- 1/10/07- Parochial Administrator, Saint Mary, Shakopee, MN
- 3/8/07 Memo from Eisenzimmer to McDonough that he confirmed with Anoka County and charges wouldn't be pressed against Wehmann. (ARCH-005272)
- 7/6/07 Memo from McDonough to Flynn, Nienstedt, Pates and Council outlining recommendations for Wehmann, including that he be monitored, that there is a "circle of disclosure" surrounding Wehmann, and that at least trustees of the parish be contacted about the complaints against him. (ARCH-005273-005274)
- 3/25/08 Clergy Review Board Recommendation on Wehmann after his boundary violations with an eighth grade girl in South St. Paul. The Board's consensus is that Wehmann continue in his assignment, but it is inadvisable that Wehmann have assignment that included school or youth work. (ARCH-005077-005079)

7/1/08 Letter from Fr. Piche to a parishioner indicating that Wehmann's departure from St. Mary's was not as the result of "something he had done or not done." Looking at the initiatives that will take place in Shakopee, all parties agreed that a pastor with more experience would be better suited. (ARCH-005045)

7/11/08 Letter from Nienstedt appointing Wehmann Parochial Vicar to the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, effective August 1, 2008. (ARCH-005293)

8/1/08- Parochial Vicar, Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park, MN

10/2/08 Email from McDonough to Piche indicating Wehmann's problem was poor judgment, nothing worse. Wehmann's case is one of three or four that calls for reconsideration. (ARCH-004816)

2/4/09 Letter from [redacted] to Piche asking Piche to share examples of Wehmann's inappropriate behavior (e.g., giving root beer barrel kisses to little girls, patting girls on their behinds, grabbing students inappropriately on the playground) with the principal. (ARCH-005130)

6/1/09 Letter from Nienstedt to Wehmann appointing him Pastor at Church of Saint Bridget of Sweden in Lindstrom, Minnesota, effective July 1, 2009. (ARCH-005365)

7/1/09- Pastor at St. Bridget of Sweden in Lindstrom, Minnesota . (005365-66)

12/31/09 Memo from McDonough to Nienstedt and Laird summarizing his meeting with Wehmann and his therapist. McDonough wonders if Wehmann could be released from the monitoring program since he was cleared of any wrongdoing. (McD00203)

5/4/10 Handwritten notes on Wehmann say he creeps some teens out and there is talk about the way he acts around teenage girls. (ARCH-004931-004933)

5/26/10 Memo from Eisenzimmer to Piche and Laird. Eisenzimmer indicates that if anything goes wrong with the monitoring program, the Archdiocese could be exposed to legal liability. (ARCH-005016)

9/16/10 Memo from Eisenzimmer to Laird saying that Wehmann told a parent her son was good looking and if Wehmann were gay, her son would be attractive to him. This is one of a number of reports about Wehmann that have made people uneasy and suspicious. (ARCH-005266-67)

11/10/10 Memo from Fr. Tiffany to Nienstedt. Wehmann has been preoccupied by grade school children whom he has befriended. Wehmann also befriended an attractive young man and Wehmann commented to boy's mother that if Wehmann were gay, her son would catch his eye. (ARCH-005125)

11/22/10 Rourke letter to Nienstedt enclosing monitoring plan for Wehmann. Wehmann was involved in several instances of immature behavior with children that made

children and parents uncomfortable. It never reached the level of criminal, but it was significant enough for the Archdiocese to intervene. (ARCH-ESI-005830-005832)

- 6/9/11 Email from Haselberger to Piche, Laird and Eisenzimmer about Wehmann's proposed trip with teens from St. Bridget. Haselberger cannot find the complete Review Board recommendations, but the monitoring agreement states that Wehmann "be allowed to continue in ordinary ministry that does not involve regular contact w/ minor children." (ARCH-004853)
- 11/1/11 Letter to Piche indicates concerns about Wehmann and his relationship with youth. Staff and others have come to her with concern over his behavior. (ARCH-005335; ARCH-005223-005226)
- 11/4/11 Letter to Piche that she is not comfortable teaching the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade material Wehmann wants her to teach. (ARCH-004865)
- 1/21/12 Letter to Piche saying that he contacted the Archdiocese several months ago to report an incident of sexual misconduct and harassment relating to of one of the employees. (ARCH-005149)
- 2/6/12 Memo from Nienstedt to Piche asking why they should move Wehmann if they've spent so much time adjusting him to St. Bridget's. (ARCH-004903)
- 2/3/12 Memo from Piche to Nienstedt indicating a diagnostic report ruled out Asperger's syndrome and sexual attraction to children. (ARCH-004904)
- 2/16/12 Letter from a parent to Piche complaining that Wehmann talks about sexual issues with children. (ARCH-004990-004991)
- 5/12/12 Memo from Piche to Nienstedt. Wehmann is receiving counseling from Paul Ruff. Piche is leaning towards recommending that Wehmann remain in the parish another year. (ARCH-005060-005061)
- 5/25/12 Handwritten notes reference a "July youth group trip". (ARCH-005147)
- 8/9/12 Letter from Haselberger letter to Dan Felton of the Diocese of Green Bay indicating that Wehmann is a priest in good standing. (ARCH-005363)
- 9/8/12 Memo from Piche to Nienstedt attaching Fr. Murtaugh letter that says Wehmann has boundary issues and is not able to comprehend how his actions could be perceived as threat. (ARCH-005244)
- 9/24/12 Letter from mom and active parishioner at St. Bridget's to Murtaugh indicating that if the "bomb (sex abuse)" drops here, the bishops can't say they weren't warned. Includes concerns about Wehmann's behavior. (ARCH-004912-004914) With handwritten notes (ARCH-005245-005247)

- 9/28/12 Memo from Piche to Nienstedt indicating boundary issues with Wehmann were previously addressed through counseling. Wehmann does not appear to be a threat towards children, but does not comprehend how actions may be perceived as threat. (ARCH-005160)
- 10/5/12 Memo from Piche to Nienstedt. Wehmann admitted to poor judgment in the skit he came up with for the summer children's program. (ARCH-005098)
- 4/8/13 POMS Annual report. Wehmann is still being monitored. (ARCH-005161-005162)
- 5/21/13 Letter from Wehmann to Nienstedt indicating that because of Nienstedt's desire to appoint him elsewhere, he submits his resignation from St. Bridget's. (ARCH-005329)
- 5/22/13 Letter from Nienstedt to Wehmann appointing him Pastor at The Church of St. Boniface in Minneapolis, effective July 1, 2013. (ARCH-005340)
- 7/1/13- Pastor, The Church of St. Boniface, Minneapolis, MN; Part-time hospital chaplain at the University of Minnesota
- 7/2/13 Susan Mulheron letter to Chancellor of Diocese of Fargo indicating that Wehmann is in good standing and is not restricted by any canonical penalties or impediments, he has satisfied the diocese's safe environment training program, and has a clear background check on file. (ARCH-005404)
- 1/2/14 Signed statement from Wehmann that he checked out his personnel file to review it but will not remove anything, add to the file, or make marks. (ARCH-005395)
- 2/2/14 Letter from Kathleen McChesney to Kueppers indicating someone contacted her through the Kinsale website to provide information about Wehmann's previous inappropriate interactions with her children. She and her husband reported this to McDonough who said he'd put Wehmann through boundary training. (ARCH-005042)