

MARKS, FR. WILLIAM

(See Attachment)

ACTIVITY TRACKING SHEET

Situation name (person(s), group, institution): Fr. William Marks

Location:

Date received:

Current ministerial status:

Address, phone (confidential __yes __no):

Archdiocesan response team (coordinator listed first):

Legal representation

Archdiocese:

Other party:

Others, representing:

Other key resource persons:

Designated spokesperson(s):

Brief biographical data (age, education, work history)

Brief situation description:

Communication plan formulated, key elements are:

Statement or comments made to news media (date, by whom, attach copy):

Internal communications -- appropriate notification given to:

___ RECEPTIONISTS ___ CHANCERY STAFF ___ FULL STAFF

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Notification of pertinent people/constituents

- ☐ MEETING WITH PARISH LEADERS
- ☐ MEETING WITH WHOLE PARISH
- ☐ LETTER TO PARISHIONERS
- ☐ LETTER TO PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL
- ☐ OTHER:

UPDATES

<u>Action taken</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Next anticipated action</u>
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Last Will in General File 7-5-51

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Parish Leadership:

St. John, Hector

Pastor: Father Philip M. Schotzko (Bird Island)

Pastoral Associate: Sister Sharon Nohner, OSB

Parish Trustees: Carol Kramer, Lawrence Kulberg

Media Spokespersons: Sister Sharon Nohner and Carol Kramer

St. Clotilde, Green Valley

Pastor: Father John Pearson (Cottonwood)

Parish Trustees: Harold Dieken, Ernest Louwagie

Media Spokespersons: Father John Pearson and Harold Dieken

Diocesan Statement:

Legal proceedings in this case have begun. Parish and diocesan leaders are taking the allegations very seriously. We wish to share information regarding these allegations. The procedure outlined in the Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy requires that diocesan leaders reach out to any others who may have been similarly injured by Father Marks.

The purpose of the parish meeting is to express pastoral concern for the members, to explain the procedure implementing the diocesan policy, and to answer any questions or concerns raised by parishioners.

Pastoral team members present for the parish meeting were:

Bishop Raymond A. Lucker, Father Dennis Labat,

Chancellor; Gene Burke, Bishop's Delegate; Sister Dorothy

Schwendinger, Co-ordinator of Staff; and Paula Marti, Director of Communications.

The problem of sexual abuse of children, sexual exploitation of adults by those in positions of authority and influence, and physical abuse and family violence exist in our society. Unfortunately, some of those problems also occur in the church. The diocese is committed to preventing abuse and helping to heal the wounds. As part of that effort, a team from the Pastoral Center goes to parish communities when their present or former priest has been accused of sexual misconduct. Their purpose is to confront the problem in a straightforward manner, invite people to express and share their thoughts and feelings, and help them plan a course of dealing with the issue of abuse in our church. In no way is the purpose to air the pros and cons of the allegations. That must be done elsewhere. The specifics of a case are not discussed because all the details are not known. But we want parishioners to learn of the allegations and to give them an opportunity to share their experiences. Many church officials in the U.S. have not known how to deal with the issue of abuse until recently. We are learning and apologize for the mistakes of the past.

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Diocesan Media Spokesperson:

Gene Burke, Psychologist
Bishop's Delegate in Matters Pertaining to Sexual Misconduct
Diocese of New Ulm
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Paula Marti
Director of Communications
Diocese of New Ulm
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Diocese: Catholic Diocese of New Ulm was formed in 1957. Bishop Alphonse J. Schladweiler, (1957-75); Bishop Raymond A. Lucker (1976-present). The diocese comprises 15 counties in Minnesota: Big Stone, Brown, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Nicollet, Redwood, Renville, Sibley, Swift, and Yellow Medicine. Total of 9,868 square miles.

Diocese has 70,810 Catholics in a total population of 278,514.

Burke to coordinate local effort



Eugene E. Burke

Licensed psychologist, Eugene E. Burke, has been hired by the Diocese of New Ulm to assist in the implementation of the Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy.

Burke will coordinate the development of policy procedures and assist with the establishment of a review board, advocacy teams for victims and

perpetrators, and continuing education programs for prevention of sexual misconduct.

Burke brings to the diocese his experience as a clinical psychologist and family therapist. He received an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Minnesota.

He currently serves as Vice-chair of the Commission on Continuing Education for Priests in the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and as president of the Upper Midwest Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He has served on the Minnesota Legislature Task Force on Sexual Exploitation of Clients by Therapists, and is co-founder and CEO of Primary Executive Consultants, Inc.

Burke will be available, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during regular office hours at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 1400 Sixth North Street, New Ulm, MN., (507) 359-2966.

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New Ulm Diocese may face lawsuit

Former priest allegedly sexually abused 4 boys

By BRAD CANHAM
Marshall Independent

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Suit filed against St. John's church, d

Hector men allege sexual abuse by priest more than 30 years ago

by Ken Hublin
Editor

Allegations of sexual abuse have been made against a former parish priest who served more than 30 years ago at St. John's Catholic Church in Hector.

A suit has been filed against St. John's and the Diocese of New Ulm by three Hector men accusing Father William Joseph Marks, who served in Hector from 1954 to 1962, of sexual abuse of minors. Marks died more than 13 years ago in Marshall.

A fourth man from St. Clotilde parish in Green Valley, Minn., has joined in the allegations against the late priest, but has not filed charges in the matter. Fr. Marks served his last appointment at the church in Green Valley, near Marshall, from 1962 to 1979.

A parish meeting took place in

Hector June 22 and in Green Valley the following day to present what the church is doing about the allegations. Diocesan official Gene Burke related in a fact sheet sent to the News-Mirror and other media that "every effort is being made to respond with understanding, compassion and assistance for the individuals who feel harmed." Burke said the New Ulm Diocese, which comprises 13 counties in Minnesota including Renville, is taking the allegations very seriously. He is presently coordinating the implementation of the Diocesan Policy on Sexual Misconduct in response to these allegations.

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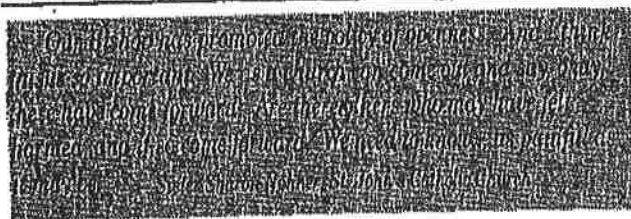
Present St. John's parish leadership, including Father Phillip Schotzko, Pastoral Associate Sister Sharon Nohner, and trustees Carol Kramer and

Lawrence Kulberg, have been kept apprised of the allegations and charges, according to the information supplied by the Diocesan Office of Communications in New Ulm.

Kramer, a longtime St. John's Church member and parish spokesperson for this matter, said she was shocked by the allegations. She had kind words to say about the priest who served the church for eight years.

"Father Marks was a very caring man. He was able to pull together a community that was somewhat anti-Catholic at that time (1954). We built a new church under his guidance and it was common to see him in his overalls working right alongside everybody else. And he would stroll downtown with his black pants, white t-shirt and suspenders and roll dice with the guys down at the coffee shop. He was a wonderful PR person, not only within the Catholic Church, but was highly regarded by the Protestants in Hector. I still have a wonderful letter written by (former editor) Anna Schaumburg that was read at his farewell."

The allegations are the first involving St. John's Church, and the first for the entire New Ulm Diocese, in a time when the church nationwide is under increasing fire regarding sexual abuse by priests. The most celebrated case in Minnesota was the recent conviction of Fr. James Porter of Oakdale on charges he sexually abused members of his church over the course of several years.



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church is sending shock waves through the parish and among its members, all of whom are hopeful for a prompt resolution to the satisfaction of all concerned. Still, the matter darkens the spirit of many of those who remember Fr. Marks and his work within the church. Summed up Kramer, "It is very hard for us to accept that he could have done this."

Sister Sharon Nohner echoed those feelings in an interview with the News-Mirror, but said the Diocese is being helpful with advice and assistance, and is to be commended for its openness and forthrightness about these allegations and about the issue of sexual misconduct in general.

"Our Bishop has promised the policy of openness. He does not wish to hide anything or be secret about it. And I think that is so important. We as a church can come out and say, okay,

these have come forward. Are there any others who may have felt harmed and if so come forward. We need to know... as painful as it may be."

Nohner says that until the facts are presented totally through upcoming deposition, many question and answer sessions with attorneys and church officials. St. John's will stand by and behind its parishioners with help, comfort and hope.

She said that if the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the complainants and defendants, it will not be heard in the courts nor will the victims' names be revealed.

"My role now will be working with the people and walking to the truth with them," Nohner explained. "This will be done with the faith and the hope that, as Jesus said, the truth must be brought to the light, and the truth shall set us free."

Abuse allegations prompt meeting in Green Valley

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Counselor offers aid for Green Valley

by Brad Canham
Independent Staff Writer

GREEN VALLEY — Psychologist Eugene Burke is on standby following the announcement Wednesday night at St. Clotilde's Catholic Church in Green Valley about allegations that a former priest sexually abused four boys.

Burke began his duties at the New Jersey Diocese on April 6, following the filing of a civil suit by three of the parishioners, which alleges that Father William Joseph Marks abused them. Marks, who had served at St. Clotilde's from 1962 to 1979, died in Marshall in 1979.

The law firm of Reinhart & Anderson of St. Paul is handling the case. The law firm did not return phone calls Thursday.

A five-member core group from the diocese, including Bishop Raymond A. Lucker and Burke, met with parishioners part of a new approach publicly dealing with sexual-abuse allegations, according to diocese Director of Communications Paula Marti.

The goal of the meeting was threefold, according to Burke, who was hired to implement the policies and procedures "for all aspects of sexual misconduct by employees."

The goals were to face up to the possibility of the alleged sexual abuse, ensure that parishioners heard the news of the allegations from the diocese and not an outside source, and to provide an opportunity for others who may have been injured to be acknowledged, he said.

"We were there acknowledging receipt of word of formal complaints," said Burke, who acknowledged that "sexual abuse has been a problem in church circles."

The problem in the U.S. has recently prompted Pope John Paul II to assign a committee of Vatican and U.S. canon lawyers to streamline the process of dismissing clergy found guilty of criminal sexual misconduct.

"We need to build trust with people, to be up front," said Burke. "If we've offended people by seeming indifferent, to officially apologize."

Parishioners at St. Clotilde's are facing shocking and disappointing news, Burke said. Father Marks was endorsed to many of the parishioners and was seen as a man to be looked up to, he said.

Chancellor Father Dennis Labat, another member of the diocese core group, is from the Green Valley area and attended St. Clotilde's when Marks was the priest. Labat remem-

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bers Marks as a personable man who often won first-place ribbons at the Lyon County Fair for the jellies he made and vegetables he grew.

The possibility that some of those same parishioners may have been subject to sexual abuse, based on the news of the recent allegations, is akin to "finding out the hero has feet of clay," said Burke.

If the allegations are true, individuals who have yet to step forward will find the church supportive, despite the fact that diocese has been harmed in the suit, he said.

In the past, victims of abuse often felt they wouldn't be believed if they came forward earlier, said Burke, who said victims might compare the procedure to "it is me against the big guy."

That kind of image is something the diocese hopes to change with meetings such as the one Wednesday night in Green Valley.

The psychological process that victims of sexual abuse undergo before finally naming their abuser is usually fairly simple, according to Burke.

"In most sexual abuse cases people remember the abuse," he said. "It recedes into the background and comes to the forefront during stressful times."

Only rarely and in traumatic cases does the memory of prior abuse become completely blocked out by an

individual, he said.

Memories, in general and in abuse cases, are reconstructed in context of the family or relationship "system" they occurred in, said Burke.

Reconstructions can include versions of the past that alter the actual events to perpetuate an image of the relationship that is closer to what a person is comfortable with, he explained.

The parishioners of St. Clotilde's could face a similar situation if the allegations of abuse are proven true, said Burke.

"You can call it reconstructed history," he said.

If the allegations are true, the diocese has no mechanism to honor victims of condemning Father Marks.

"We have no way of reaching the dead. It is in the hands of God," he said.

For now, the focus remains on the living — the parishioners at St. Clotilde's in Green Valley and the alleged victims of abuse — and the role the diocese and Catholic church played or still plays in their lives.

"We don't want to let this become a radioactive cloud that hangs over the community, malingering year after year," said Burke.

And yet, until the allegations are cleared up, the alleged victims and parishioners face a present clouded by the past.

"We have confronted that fact that we're all sinful, including the institution of the church, and only the truth will set us free," Burke said.

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Lawyer experienced in priest, abuse cases

by Brad Canham
Independent Staff Writer

GREEN VALLEY — The three pending lawsuits over allegations of sexual abuse revolving around Father William Joseph Marks — a former priest at St. Cloud's Catholic Church in Green Valley and St. John's Catholic Church in Hector — are just a few of the more than 200 separate pending cases involving church officials being handled by the St. Paul law firm of Reinhardt and Anderson.

Jeffrey R. Anderson, 45, partner in the firm, has built his reputation by specializing in cases of sexual abuse

Will handle Father Marks case

by priests.

"I think church officials fear him because they see his record," said associate attorney Dave Burleson, who is working with Anderson and Mark Wendorf in representing three plaintiffs in their suit against the diocese of New Ulm and St. John's in the Father Marks case.

Three separate civil suits are pending against the diocese of New Ulm and St. John's, said Burleson. Although a dollar figure is not being released by the law firm, Burleson

did note that "in a standard Minnesota civil suit the plaintiff is seeking money damages in excess of \$50,000."

St. Cloud's in Green Valley is not named in the current suits. Following the publicity and the parishioners' meetings at both St. Cloud's and St. John's church, Burleson said he "wouldn't be surprised if more victims came forward on the Father Marks case — there are usually multiple victims."

Minnesota civil statute 54073,

concerning the sexual abuse of children, which Anderson helped draft, allows victims of sexual abuse to file suit six years after they "make the connection" between the abuse and their injuries, said Burleson.

Father Marks has been dead for more than 13 years. The abuse in the suits is alleged to have taken place in the 1960s, according to Burleson.

"The clock on the statute of limitations begins when the defendant makes the connection," he said. Cor-

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Official mail dates show the New Ulm diocese received notice of the suits on April 20, said Burleson.

The law firm works on contingency, taking 33 to 40 percent of settlements awarded. Past settlements awarded have ranged between \$25,000 to several million dollars.

After receiving notice of a suit, churches typically contact their insurance carriers at the time of the alleged abuse. The insurance companies tender the defense to an insurance lawyer, said Burleson.

Due to changes in insurance carriers and church personnel in Hector and Green Valley, the Marks case could take time to resolve.

"The insurance company coverage is still being investigated," said Paula Marit, director of communications for the New Ulm diocese.

If a settlement cannot be reached immediately, diocese officials will likely be asked to turn over the "priest file," — records concerning

Father Marks — for review by the law firm.

Until then, his records are private under state law, according to Eugene Burke, the church psychologist heading up a diocese core group studying the issue of sexual abuse.

The law firm would use the file to determine whether the church had knowledge of any abuse being perpetrated by Father Marks as alleged in the suits.

In the widely-publicized James R. Porter case, involving a priest accused of sexual assault in Minnesota and Massachusetts, church officials allegedly moved the priest from parishes throughout the country over several years, despite having a record of his sexual misconduct. Anderson prosecuted 27 of the more than 100 suits brought in that case.

According to Anderson, the reason the Catholic Church moves priests instead of dismissing them is simple.

"In my judgement, canon law... allows removal," he told the Asso-

ciated Press Tuesday. "I don't think the problem is canon law. The problem is a lack of sincere desire by the hierarchy of the church to discipline their own by removal when they have such a dramatic shortage of clergy."

Burke acknowledged that a shrinking number of ordained clergy was partly the reason he was hired by the diocese on April 6, when he was greeted by several sexual abuse cases on his desk.

"No priests have professional

training in sexual misconduct," he said. "The pastors of parishes are a precious commodity...it's difficult to send someone (a priest) to school to acquire some expertise."

May 2, 1994

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Father William Stolzman, S.J.
 Father Ron Clubb
 Father George Freeman
 Father Florian Muggli, OSB

FROM: Father Kevin McDonough

SUBJECT: Father William J. Marks

About a year ago, the Diocese of New Ulm learned of allegations against one of their now deceased priests. Reportedly, Father William Marks had abused several children in the 1960s. There was some publicity given to these accusations in portions of the New Ulm Diocese last summer. Just recently, members of the Twin Cities press have shown some interest in all of this. They contacted us at the end of last week, because Father Marks served in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis prior to the creation of the Diocese of New Ulm. They called to check to see whether we had any information about him. We were able to say that we had no information about him whatsoever, since all of the files on parishes and priests in the new Diocese of New Ulm were given over to that diocese at its creation. We have never received a complaint about him at our Chancery to our knowledge.

I am writing to let you know that Father Marks served in your parishes in the 1940s and 50s. We do not even have an accurate record of his dates of service, but it is our understanding that he was at each parish for only a short time. Archbishop Roach believes that that was because of Father Marks' temper rather than because of any report of sexual misconduct. No one who works here has any memory of such an allegation being made against Father Marks while he was in the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Roach asked me to give this information to you, but he also asked me to request that you take no further steps with it in your parish at this time. He does not want pulpit announcements or any other kind of inquiry to be made

currently. If, however, you already have heard concerns expressed about Father Marks, or if parishioners should raise this question on their own, he would like you to be in touch either with Bill Fallon (291-4405) or myself (291-4434) at your earliest convenience. Once again, we have no evidence that would suggest that Father Marks engaged in any kind of abuse here in this Archdiocese, and for that reason we do not want to draw more attention to this matter than it deserves. On the other hand, what we know about abuse suggests that it is possible that, if the current allegations against Father Marks are true, then he might have abused young people elsewhere. Please "keep your ears open" without taking any more formal steps.

cc: Archbishop Roach
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