



OBLATE CENTRAL PROVINCE

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August 13, 1975

Archbishop John R. Roach  
226 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, Minn. 55102

Dear Archbishop,

I have assigned Father Ronald Meyer, OMI, who is presently associate pastor at Assumption Parish, Richfield, to our minor seminary in Belleville, Illinois as vocation director. To replace him I am assigning Father Donald Dummer, OMI, as associate pastor at Assumption. I would sincerely appreciate your approval of this appointment and the granting to him the faculties of the Archdiocese.

Father Dummer is a native of Hastings and was ordained in 1964. As his present assignment, he has been pastor of St. Catherine's Parish in Sisseton, South Dakota. This is an Indian parish. Prior to that, he was teaching religion at Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, Illinois.

Father Dummer's appointment becomes effective August 25.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary Immaculate,

William H. Woestman, OMI  
Provincial

WHW/mt

August 14, 1975

Reverend William H. Woestman, OMI  
Provincial  
Oblate Central Province  
104 N. Mississippi River Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55104

Dear Father Woestman:

Archbishop Roach asked me to respond to your letter of August 13 concerning the reappointment of Father Ronald Meyer, OMI, from the Archdiocese to vocation work in Belleville, Illinois. In the name of Archbishop Roach and on behalf of all of us, please thank Father Meyer for his good priestly ministry here.

The Archbishop approves of your appointment of Father Donald Dummer, OMI, as the new associate pastor at the Church of the Assumption, Richfield. I note that this appointment will become effective August 25 and it will be published in The Catholic Bulletin of August 22.

When Father Dummer arrives, I would ask that you have him stop at the Chancery to see me to receive the pagella of faculties and the marriage certification letter. The faculties of the Archdiocese are granted in Father's behalf effective immediately.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John F. Kinney  
Chancellor

JFK:mw

**September 16, 1975**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**This is to certify that the Reverend Donald  
Dummer, O.M.I., is a duly ordained priest of  
the Roman Catholic Church and is qualified to  
perform marriages in the State of Minnesota.**

**Sincerely yours,**

**Reverend John F. Kinney  
Chancellor**

birth - Oct 23, 1937  
ord - Dec 19, 1961

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

With firm faith, I believe and profess all and everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith, that is:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

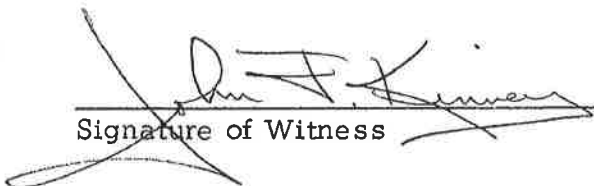
And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary; and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of his kingdom there will be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets.

And one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

I firmly embrace and accept all and everything which has been either defined by the Church's solemn deliberation or affirmed and declared by its ordinary magisterium concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, accordingly as they are proposed by it, especially those things dealing with the mystery of the Holy Church of Christ, its sacraments and the sacrifice of the Mass, and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

  
Signature

  
Signature of Witness

Given at St. Paul on this, the 16  
of St Paul, 1975.

*No notice  
needs to  
be sent around*

November 20, 1979

The Reverend Donald Dummer, O.M.I.  
Church of the Assumption  
305 E. 77th Street  
Richfield, MN 55423

Peace!

With this letter you are appointed as a Vicar Substitute of the Church of the Assumption, Richfield, effective immediately.

This appointment, which is made with the permission of the local Ordinary, brings with it full responsibility for the parish of the Assumption as long as the Pastor, Father Zachman, is ill. The appointment ceases automatically when the assigned Pastor returns to duty.

This appointment is made with the approval of Father Allie, and I am sure that it will relieve the mind of Father Zachman. During his illness he will know that the parish is completely being taken care of.

This appointment is made with the understanding that you will conduct the parish to the best of your ability according to the mind of Father Zachman. As part of your duties, we ask you to continue to celebrate the Mass for the People on a regular basis.

Thank you for accepting this responsibility, and we hope that Father Zachman will be able to return to regular duties shortly.

God's blessing!

Reverend Urban S. Wagner, O.F.M.Conv.  
Vice-Chancellor

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MISSIONARY OBLATE OF MARY IMMACULATE

104 North Mississippi River Boulevard  
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Office of the Provincial

November 11, 1980

Archbishop John Roach, D.D.  
226 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Archbishop Roach,

Greetings and Peace in Christ!

In the near future, we should have a good idea of the prognosis of Fr. Frank Zachman, OMI. Presently, he is progressing well, but it has yet to be determined as to his ability to carry on the responsibilities as a pastor at such a busy parish as Assumption in Richfield.

I am asking you to approve my appointment of Fr. Donald Dummer, OMI as temporary administrator of Assumption, until the situation is clarified with regard to Fr. Zachman. Fr. Wilfrid Upson, OMI the area superior, upon consultation with the parish staff, has suggested that I make this request.

Since we both know the necessity of a large parish having a fully functioning pastor, I would hope to have a resolution of Fr. Zachman's situation soon, and if indicated move to appoint a pastor.

Fr. Woestman is at the General Chapter in Rome, so as Vicar Provincial, I am taking this action.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Tom Hayes, OMI  
Vicar Provincial

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

*Office of the Archbishop*

November 21, 1980

Reverend Thomas Hayes, O.M.I.  
Vicar Provincial  
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
104 N. Mississippi River Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55104

Dear Father Hayes,

I appreciate your comments about the health of Father Zachman, O.M.I. As you mentioned, Assumption Parish in Richfield is a busy place and if Father Zachman is not capable of carrying out that responsibility, it is a favor to him to give him another, less demanding assignment.

I am pleased, therefore, to approve of your presentation of Father Donald Dummer, O.M.I., as temporary administrator of Assumption Parish in Richfield and with this letter, I appoint him to that post.

As administrator, Father Dummer will have all of the rights and the duties of a pastor including the obligation of saying Mass for the people at the required time.

Since Father Dummer is already in the Archdiocese, he has a copy of the faculties that are ordinarily given to the priests here. Inasmuch as this is a temporary appointment, it will not be published in The Catholic Bulletin.

Father Zachman has been a zealous pastor and I shall pray for his complete and speedy recovery.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

~~Father Urban~~  
file  
of Fr. Dummet

January 2, 1981

Dear

I have received your letter regarding the December 24, 1980 Children's Mass at the Church of the Assumption, Richfield. It is my understanding, according to your letter, that Jingle Bells was the opening song for the Mass.

I will share your letter with Father Urban Wagner, O.F.M.Conv., the Episcopal Vicar for Religious Priests in the Archdiocese, and will ask him to look into the matter.

Sincerely,

Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Chancellor

RJC:mo

cc Father Urban



Dear Father Carson,

On Dec 24 at the 7 PM Mass at Assumption "Ingle Bellis" was sung after little bells had been passed out to all the children who were seated all around the altar.

The deacon, Mike Mullins who was playing the guitar said "once more and much faster" - The closing song was "We wish you a Merry Christmas."

No candles were used on the altar all during Advent.

Father Pitts set and read a story instead of the beautiful Gospel. Also, on occasion, Father Plummer

has the people stand and say the prayer, "Through Him, with Him" etc. He never says "Virgin Mother of God" in that prayer either.

It doesn't like the older women  
trying to say the Rosary after Mass.  
Many Masses are started without  
the sign of the Cross or the other  
prayers.

I am old, but young people need  
a deep faith to survive these days.

I pray daily for our priests and  
all religious that God will give  
them courage and faith to lead  
people to Him.

Thank you for listening to me.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

DATE: January 19, 1981  
MEMO TO: Fr. Robert Carlson  
FROM: Fr. Urban Wagner  
SUBJECT: Fr. Don Dummer, O.M.I.

On Thursday, January 8, 1981, Father Don Dummer, OMI, came to the Chancery in response to my invitation.

The two things that we discussed were the Communal Penance Service held at the Church of the Assumption, Richfield, toward the end of December before Christmas and the use of Jingle Bells at the children's Mass on December 24, 1980.

We went through the Rite of Communal Penance and also the rules that are to be applied when Communal Penance is turned into General Absolution. Fr. Dummer agreed with all of the principles that were laid down. He went through the Rite that they used and according to him, all of the directives of the Clergy Bulletin that was issued last year were followed. He even stated that the rules for granting General Absolution were taken right from the book of "The Rites", Volume I.

In order that we might have on file the process that was used, he is sending a copy of the procedure that was followed. In particular, he stated: 1) there was an exhortation to sincere sorrow; 2) there was an examination of conscience, at least there was time for this; 3) sorrow for sin was expressed; 4) an explanation was given that serious sins had to be mentioned in individual confession; 5) a penance was given; 6) General Absolution was given; 7) there was a dismissal rite.

The entire ceremony lasted for 45 or 50 minutes.

The use of Jingle Bells at the children's Mass was then discussed. He said that he was uncomfortable with the use of it, but he had turned over the liturgy preparation for this Mass to the Youth Minister and to the Director of Music. He claims, however, that he has already told them that he thought that the use of such secular carols was inappropriate.

He claims that he will be less tolerant in the future.

July 23, 1981

The Reverend Donald Dummer, O.M.I.  
Church of the Assumption  
305 E. 77th Street  
Richfield, MN 55423

Dear Father Dummer:

I have been informed that you are no longer at the Church of the Assumption, Richfield.

Your years of service in this Archdiocese have been a blessing for the people you have served. I am sure that they deeply appreciate your pastoral care and concern for them.

Please accept my own thanks for all the good work you have done in the past years. You have served this local Church well, and I express my sincerest appreciation to you for that work.

I pray God will bless you richly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

The Parish of St. Clement  
911 TWENTY-FOURTH AVENUE N.E.  
MINNEAPOLIS 18, MINN

Dear Bishop,

Here is the copy you requested  
of my reply to Fr. Hummer, O.M.D.

With great difficulty I restrained  
myself from my usual subtle  
language - hope this will end  
the matter.

Sincerely,  
Earl

The Parish of St. Clement

911 TWENTY-FOURTH AVENUE N.E.  
MINNEAPOLIS 18, MINN

February 8, 1985

Reverend Donald Dummer, OMI  
Church of Saint Louis  
209 North Macy Street  
Fon du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Dear Father Dummer,

I am in receipt of your letter addressed to Bishop Carlson, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, concerning the funeral of [redacted] which took place at the Free church. Since the letter you received concerning this funeral was a second hand account, it surprises me that you did not contact me first to get my side of this story.

To begin with I have never talked with [redacted] either before or after the funeral, so I could never have promised her that I would take part in it. Incidentally, [redacted] is the wife of [redacted] one of those killed in the crash.

I was, however, contacted on Friday, January 25th by [redacted] a brother of the deceased [redacted] and he asked me to preach at the service. Since both men were Roman Catholics I inquired if this was the church of [redacted] and was informed that it was not. I then explained that as a Roman Catholic priest I could not go into a Protestant church and preach when there was no connection of anyone to that church. He said he understood and thanked me for my time.

After talking with [redacted] I wondered whether my interpretation was a bit too strict and so I contacted Father Patrick Ryan, Chairman of the Commission on Ecumenism for the Archdiocese, and explained the circumstances. He agreed with me and said in no way could this service be construed as Ecumenical.

I was never informed of any meeting that was to take place at [redacted] home, either by her or [redacted] or any member of the family. Had I known, I would have been more than happy to have attended and explained my position.

On Monday, January 28th, at the request of the [redacted] family I conducted a prayer service at the mortuary for [redacted]. Members of the immediate family were present as well as cousins and friends. [redacted] and her family were not there. On Wednesday, January 30th I was asked by the family to conduct the interment of [redacted] at a local cemetery. Again, [redacted] and her family were not present.

I have always considered myself to be extremely sensitive to Ecumenism from a little child on as my family was a mixture of Protestant and Catholic. I myself am an adult convert to the Roman Catholic faith and came into the priesthood at an older age. I also buried both of my parents from their Lutheran parish and had Archbishop Roach as a participant in my mother's funeral as he was the pastor of the parish in which I was the associate at the time.

There are many, many other facets of this whole situation which I would be happy to explain to you if you wish to know of them. Please feel free to call collect (789-3533).

Sincerely in Christ,

  
C.C. to Most Reverend Robert Carlson

# Missionary Oblates Of Mary Immaculate

Provincial Offices • Central United States Province

*Office of the Provincial*

July 30, 1996

Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, D.D.  
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis  
Chancery Office  
226 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Most Rev. and dear Archbishop Flynn,

With this letter I want to inform you that it is my intention to assign Rev. Donald J. Dummer, OMI, to be "in residence" at St. Mary's Parish in St. Paul.

As background, Father Dummer had some misunderstanding with Bishop Balke of the Crookston Diocese and we are intervening at this time with a program of spiritual, physical, and psychological dimensions. Despite the misunderstandings with Bishop Balke, I am able to enclose a "Statement of Suitability" regarding Father Dummer.

While at St. Mary's, I want him to be available for ministry there, and on call in other situations, and I am requesting the appropriate faculties be granted to Father Dummer. This appointment would become effective August 10, 1996, and would be temporary, depending on the results of the program we are arranging for him.

If there is any other information you need, I will be happy to provide that to you. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,



Rev. David A. Kalert, OMI  
Provincial  
Central U. S. Province

C: Most Rev. Victor H. Balke, D.D., Ph.D., Bishop of Crookston  
Rev. Donald J. Dummer, OMI  
Rev. Joseph H. Hitpas, OMI, Superior, Southern Minnesota District and Pastor,  
St. Mary's Parish  
Rev. Thomas J. Singer, OMI, Personnel Director

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STATEMENT OF SUITABILITY  
CONCERNING A MEMBER OF  
THE CENTRAL UNITED STATES PROVINCE OF  
THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE  
BEING PRESENTED FOR MINISTRY IN THE  
DIOCESE OF ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

This is to state that Reverend Donald J. Dummer, O.M.I., is a religious in good standing in the Central United States Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

I am of the opinion that Father Dummer is of good character and reputation. I believe that he is qualified to perform his ministerial duties in an effective and suitable manner.

More specifically, I am unaware of anything in his background which would render him unsuitable to work with minor children.

Further, I have no knowledge that Father Dummer has a current, untreated alcohol or substance abuse problem.

Therefore, I present Father Dummer for the faculties of the Diocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, effective August 19, 1996.

David A. Kalert, omi.  
Rev. David A. Kalert, OMI

July 30, 1996  
Date

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue

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Office of the Archbishop

August 6, 1996

Rev. David A. Kalert, OMI  
Provincial, Central U.S. Province  
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
267 East Eighth Street  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2374

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I am happy to assure you that ordinary faculties have been granted to Father Donald, effective during the time of his residence within this local Church. I hope this time will provide a fruitful experience for him.

May God's blessings be with you in your own ministry!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Harry J. Flynn*

Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D.  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

cc Rev. Joseph H. Hitpas, OMI  
Rev. Donald J. Dummer, OMI

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Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D.  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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cc Rev. Joseph H. Hitpas, OMI  
Rev. Donald J. Dummer, OMI

**DATE:** August 7, 1996  
**MEMO TO:** Archbishop Flynn  
**FROM:** Sister Dominica  
**RE:** Attached Correspondence

Archbishop, because of the rather mysterious comment in the second paragraph of Father Kalert's letter, I did call the Chancery in Crookston, and also the Oblate Personnel Director.

I was assured by both that the "misunderstanding" was not of a nature that would create danger for the faithful to whom Father Dummer would be ministering. Apparently, Father is a "difficult character," "his own worst enemy," etc. The growth program in which he will be participating (with Dolore Rockers) will be an attempt to deal with some of his odd patterns.

As a result of these explanations, I do not believe there is any problem with granting him faculties.

~~Exec Offices Callup~~  
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October 6, 1997

MEMO TO: Father Kevin McDonough  
FROM: Archbishop Flynn  
SUBJECT: Father Don Dummer

I apologize for not being clear on Father Dummer's appointment to Ramsey Hospital.

Yes, let's go ahead and confirm Father Dummer's appointment to Ramsey. In doing so I would ask the provincial or someone to be in touch with Reverend Linda S. Campbell, Director of Chaplaincy Department at St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center, to see how he is doing with some periodic checkups. Thank you.

November 22, 1996

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REPORT FROM (

RE: FR. DON DUMMER, St. Mary's, St. Paul

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March / 1997

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1. Before Sunday's 10:00 am Mass many people sit in the Community Room of the church drinking coffee and eating donuts up to five minutes before mass time and then enter church and receive communion ½ hour later. Some choir members take donuts and coffee to the choir loft and eat and drink, and then go to communion. I talked to pastor about this and he said it is not my business what others do and who appointed me to interpret church law.
2. Every Sunday at 10:00 am Mass we use 3 extra ordinary ministers and the celebrant to distribute Holy Communion. Many times a priest will sit during this time. My concern is the way we distribute and receive the Holy Eucharist. Many times people take the Body of Christ in their hand and then go to the chalice of the Blood of Christ, not to drink of the cup, but to self-intinction. I talked to my pastor about this and I told him I thought there is a real lack of reverence in our reception of communion and he agreed, but he also told me it is not any of my business how people receive communion and to throw away the books I have been reading. In the last month at 10:00 a.m. Mass, I have seen an O.M.I. Provincial, and a priest from their main office in Rome concelebrate Mass and then they both sat down while lay ministers helped the celebrant to distribute Holy Communion. This was two different Masses not both at the same Mass.
3. First Communion before First Confession. Our Pastor said this is right and Sister can do it that way and I said I had two documents that said different, one was Cannon Law 914 and he said my documents meant nothing. I have three granddaughters in CCD and one 4<sup>th</sup> grader made her First Confession last month and she said to me that she was really scared because Sister encouraged face-to-face. She was told she could go behind the Priest if she could not do it face-to-face.
4. Just a few days ago I had a discussion with Pastor about the Cross or Crucifix of the mass. We had been carrying in the Crucifix and used it as the cross of the mass. Now we have a homemade 5 ft. wooden cross draped with linen off to the side of the altar. This is a cross which does not bear the body of Christ on it, just a cross. He said this serves as the Cross for the Mass. He said the crucifix we had carried in before Lent can not be on the Altar now because we are in mourning during Lent and can't have a cross and crucifix on the altar together.
5. Two or three months ago I talked to Fr. Kevin McDonough about Fr. Don Dummer O.M.I. He did not genuflect during the consecration. He now does a head bow at the elevation of the Sacred Host and at the elevation of the chalice. I thought all able bodied priests should genuflect at this time of the Mass in reverence to our Blessed Savior. Fr. Dummer is still changing the Eucharistic Prayer and always at a very important place, at the Consecration just before the priest extends his hands over the Bread and wine. He, many times, does not say the "Body of Christ" when distributing Communion. My 13 year old granddaughter brought this to my attention, it also happened to her while serving at his Mass.

My reason to seek some clarity on these issues is I feel a lack of reverence and a lost sense of the Sacred towards our Savior Jesus Christ in our church. The attitude of my pastor towards these issues confuses me. Twice he has told me go ahead and see the Bishop, he won't do anything, he will just send you back down here to deal with me. He also keeps telling me this is a living church. I told him for the 25 years I have attended this church and I thought it to be a Roman Catholic church that follows the Magisterium of the Pope.

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4. Just a few days ago I had a discussion with Pastor about the Cross or Crucifix of the mass. We had been carrying in the Crucifix and used it as the cross of the mass. Now we have a homemade 5 ft. wooden cross draped with linen off to the side of the altar. This is a cross which does not bear the body of Christ on it, just a cross. He said this serves as the Cross for the Mass. He said the crucifix we had carried in before Lent can not be on the Altar now because we are in mourning during Lent and can't have a cross and crucifix on the altar together.
5. Two or three months ago I talked to Fr. Kevin McDonough about Fr. Don Dummer O.M.I. He did not genuflect during the consecration. He now does a head bow at the elevation of the Sacred Host and at the elevation of the chalice. I thought all able bodied priests should genuflect at this time of the Mass in reverence to our Blessed Savior. Fr. Dummer is still changing the Eucharistic Prayer and always at a very important place, at the Consecration just before the priest extends his hands over the Bread and wine. He, many times, does not say the "Body of Christ" when distributing Communion. My 13 year old granddaughter brought this to my attention, it also happened to her while serving at his Mass.

My reason to seek some clarity on these issues is I feel a lack of reverence and a lost sense of the Sacred towards our Savior Jesus Christ in our church. The attitude of my pastor towards these issues confuses me. Twice he has told me go ahead and see the Bishop, he won't do anything, he will just send you back down here to deal with me. He also keeps telling me this is a living church. I told him for the 25 years I have attended this church and I thought it to be a Roman Catholic church that follows the Magestarium of the Pope.

June 10, 1997

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: Rev. Donald J. Dummer, OMI  
Statement of Suitability and Safety  
for Return to Pastoral Ministry

FROM: Dolore M. Rockers, PhD/Licensed Psychologist of MN

These statements must be considered hypotheses based on my interpretation of psychological information rather than on direct behavioral observation. Additional life stresses might alter the conclusions. The following statements address only a few psychological issues and should not be considered a full psychological report.

Father Dummer is of average intellectual ability and functions well when feedback is very concrete and situation specific. He may give insufficient consideration to the consequences of his behavior especially in situations of tension and conflict. A ministerial colleague who is willing to give periodic feedback, strengths and challenges in the ministry setting, would be very helpful for Father Dummer.

In terms of Father Dummer's healthy sexual functioning as a celibate person and his "safe" behavior as a minister to others there are three points. 1) Father Dummer seems open to new growth and learning about his own boundaries and his sexual health. 2) There seem to be no recent (one past complaint seems questionable and there is no record of an investigation that I have received) and person specific situations of inappropriate sexual behavior with minors nor is there psychological indication, at this time, that this would be a concern. 3) Complaints about Father Dummer's verbal sexual remarks point to his need constantly to be aware of his internal sexual dynamics, the impact of his role as priest and the witness value of that role, and the effect such comments have on persons who hear them. At this time there seems to be no indication that these remarks constitute possible harassment of another individual.

I recommend that Father Dummer stay in periodic contact with a psychological professional for continuation of his personal growth and regular interaction with a ministerial colleague for feedback about on-the-job personal impact issues.



*Dolore M. Rockers, PhD*

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July 23, 1997

CONFIDENTIAL

Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, DD  
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis  
226 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Archbishop Flynn,

As you know, Father Tom Singer, OMI, our personnel director, has been in contact with Father Kevin M. McDonough, your vicar general, regarding some of Father Dummer's past difficulties.

At this time, I think Father Dummer has made good progress, and I am enclosing a letter from his counselor, Dr. Dolore Rockers, to that effect. If you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact Father Singer or myself.

Respectfully,

*David Kalert, omi*

Rev. David Kalert, OMI  
Provincial  
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C: Rev. Kevin M. McDonough  
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Now with this letter I am proposing Father Dummer as chaplain at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center, St. Paul, MN. This appointment would become effective August 1, 1997.

If there is any other information you need, I would be happy to provide that to you. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Let us continue to remember one another and our ministries in prayer.

Respectfully in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*David Kalert, omi.*

Rev. David Kalert, OMI  
Provincial  
Central U.S. Province

C: Rev. Linda Campbell, Director, Pastoral Care Department  
Rev. Donald J. Dummer, OMI  
Sr. Mary Heinen, CSJ, Commission for Pastoral Health Care  
Rev. Joseph H. Hitpas, OMI, Superior, Southern Minnesota District  
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**DATE:** August 15, 1997

**MEMO TO:** Archbishop Flynn

**FROM:** Sister Dominica

**RE:** Attached letter

Father McDonough has had some conversation with Father Singer, OMI, regarding this request. He suggested that you might wish to talk about it, before a response is made.

Personally? or Council?

I would like to talk  
with the Council on this



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Chaplaincy Department

August 19, 1997

The Rev. David Kalert, OMI  
Provincial  
Central U.S. Province  
267 East Eighth Street  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2374

Dear Rev. Kalert,

I am writing in response to and appreciation for your assignment of the Reverend Donald J. Dummer, OMI as chaplain at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center in St. Paul.

When Father Dummer first began his duties and Father Allie was beginning his retirement I was on vacation. With Father Menker's orientation and Father Dummer's familiarity with our setting he was able to step into his new role with grace.

I want to express my appreciation for the assignment of Father Dummer and Father Menker at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center. Their sacramental and ministerial presence is a valuable and irreplaceable asset. Masses are well attended and Roman Catholic patients are offered sacraments and prayers with an availability and regularity which assures them of the constancy of God's love for them.

I look forward to our continuing ministry together.

Sincerely,

(The Rev.) Linda S. Campbell, Director

cc: Rebecca Enos, Senior Vice President, SPRMC

Council callup,  
please



**DATE:** September 2, 1997  
**TO:** Ellie LaValla  
Karla Olson  
**FROM:** Angie Blee  
**SUBJECT:** FR. ROBERT ALLIE

Fr. Allie came in to see me this morning and to inform us that he retired **effective August 1, 1997**.  
Effective **August 1, 1997**, his replacement is:

**Father Donald J. Dummer**  
**Living at: St. Mary's/St. Paul**  
**Phone #: 224-1702**  
**Ordination date: 12/19/64**  
**Send check, etc. to: Oblate Fathers, 261 East 8<sup>th</sup> St., St. Paul 55101**

Ellie, we need to send Father Dummer a check **IMMEDIATELY** for August, 1997.  
(Attached is the check that was sent to Fr. Allie for August.)

✓ cc: Zulma Arroya

# Missionary Oblates Of Mary Immaculate

Provincial Offices • Central United States Province

September 12, 1997

Rev. Kevin J. McDonough  
Vicar General  
226 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55102

RE: Reverend Donald J. Dummer, OMI

Dear Kevin,

In response to your recent telephone inquiry, no, I am not aware of any specific acting out by Father Dummer toward people in his pastoral care. Nor am I aware that he has sexualized any of his relationships with parishioners or the faithful in his pastoral care. Further, I have checked with several other colleagues, and none of them is aware of any sexual acting out.

We are aware that, on occasion, Don has made some comments that have been taken the wrong way. He has also made some unreflected statements that perhaps are not the most prudent, but I sincerely believe he is working on this tendency, and we are trying to provide him immediate and ongoing feedback.

Moreover, Don is also continuing his periodic contacts with a counselor, and I think these promise at least maintenance, if not further growth.

Lastly, I want to include a letter of August 19, 1997, from Rev. Linda S. Campbell, Director of the Chaplaincy Department at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me. I am open to your comments and I can assure you that we Oblates do not want to put any pastoral relationship at risk.

Respectfully in the Lord,



Tom Singer, OMI  
Personnel Director

C: Rev. David A. Kalert, OMI  
Provincial, Central U.S. Province

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**ARCHBISHOP HARRY FLYNN**

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DATE: 9-25-97

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September 29, 1997

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FROM: Archbishop Flynn

SUBJECT: Father Don Dummer

I apologize for not being clear on Father Dummer's appointment to Ramsey Hospital.

Yes, let's go ahead and confirm Father Dummer's appointment to Ramsey. In doing so I would ask the provincial or someone to be in touch with Reverend Linda S. Campbell, Director of Chaplaincy Department at St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center, to see how he is doing with some periodic checkups. Thank you.

January 25, 2002

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo  
Apostolic Nuncio  
3339 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 2008-3687

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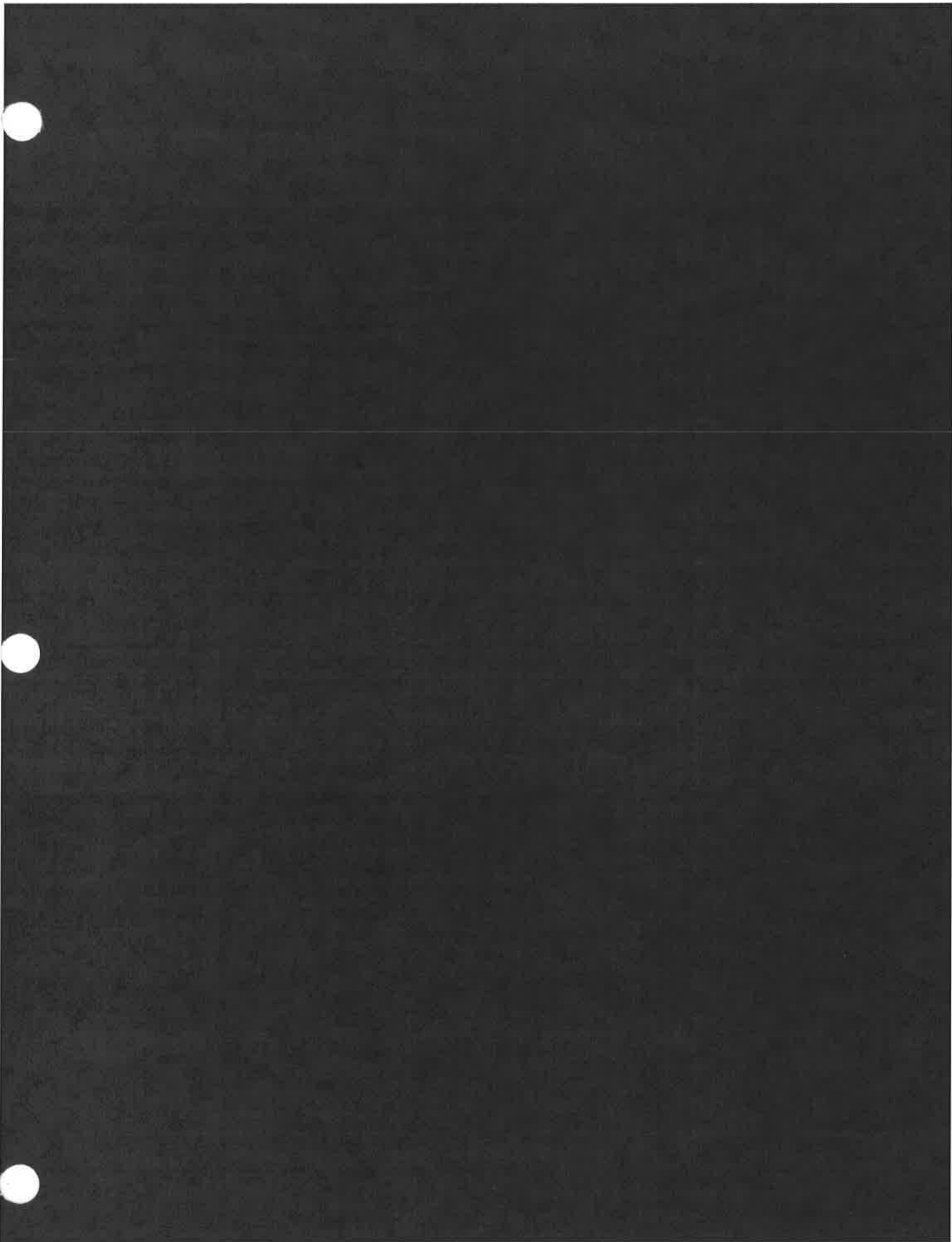
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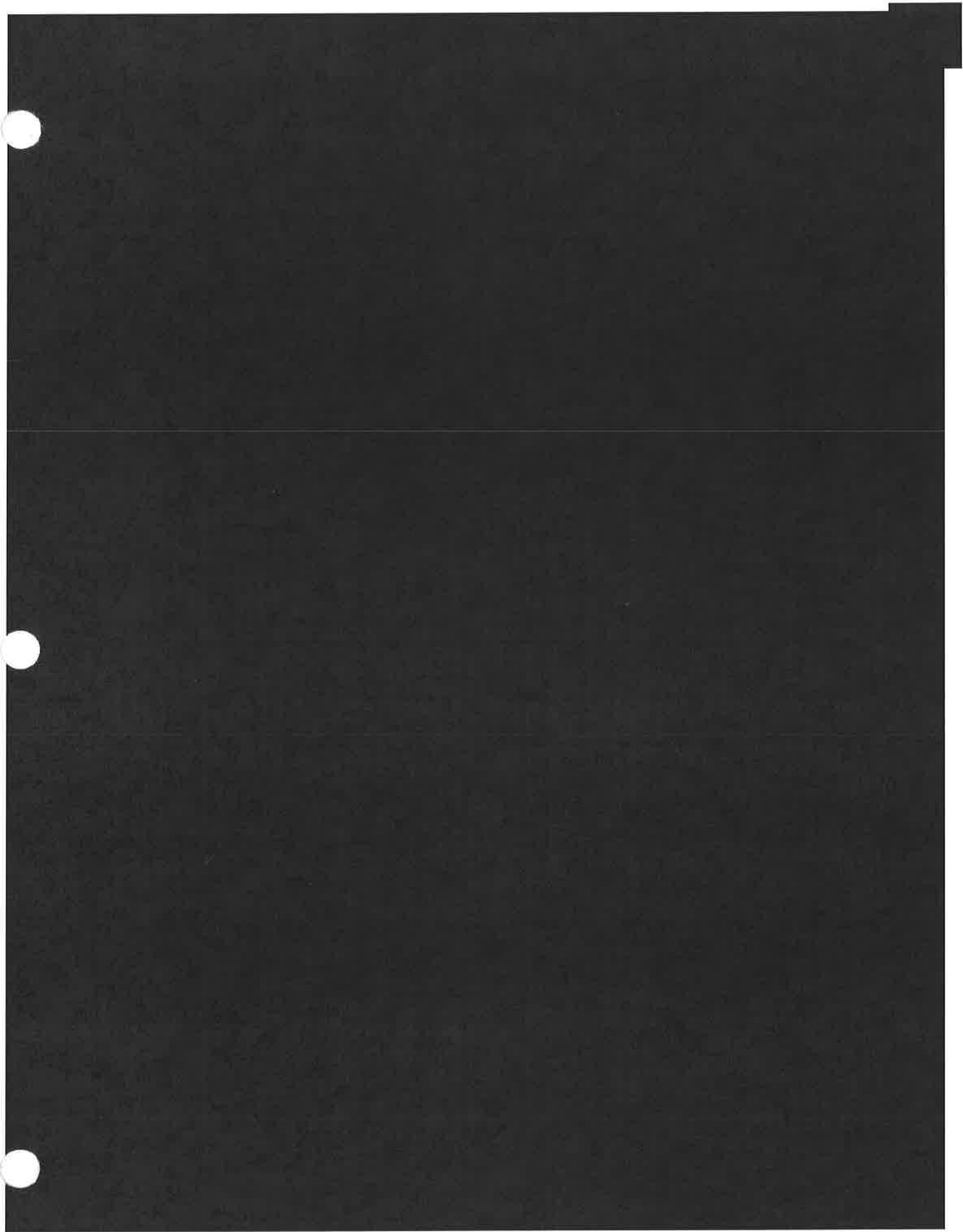
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Good News Blessings









Priests Full Name

Donald Dummer (OMI) (22418)

CURRICULUM VITAE

DIOCESE:

~~St. Paul/Minnneapolis~~ <sup>4105,</sup> Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:

DATE AND PLACE OF BAPTISM:

DATE OF ORDINATION:

1964

EDUCATION:

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Associate Priest, Assumption, Richfield, MN, 8/25/1975-~~7/23/1991~~ 11/20/1978
- ~~Temp~~ Admin, Assumption, Richfield, MN, 11/20/1979-7/23/1991
- Chaplain, Regions Hospital, St. Paul, MN, 1997-7/2/97
- 8/31/2006
- Faculties Withdrawn, 9/29/2006

OTHER:

In Residence, St. Mary, St. Paul, MN, 8/10/1996-

SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

Date of background check  
Date of VIRTUS training-9/27/2005  
Date signed Code of Conduct

DOH : 8/13/1975  
ADJ : 7/2/1997  
MR : Unknown

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11. Early in the year 2000, Father Dummer allows a Lutheran Minister to take his place as the Catholic Cleric at Regents Hospital. Father Dummer told us that there is nothing wrong with this. The people won't know the difference. He also told us that he gave the minister the Holy Oils if he needed it.

12. He has more than once put his hands on me, and rubbed my upper body and arms until I push him away. (I have witnesses of this) I believe Father Dummer to be dangerous to be in a parish where he comes in touch with YOUTH, and also his contact with children at Regents Hospital. (There is evidence of Father Dummer visiting young boys in their homes after they are released from the hospital.)

13. I have almost given up but after prayer and thought, I decided I would write to you for help in this matter. When I talked with Father Dummer's provincial, Father David Kalert, OML. I told him that I thought Father Dummer had problems, and needed some type of help or guidance.

14. I believe all my requests have gone unheeded. This priest is getting worse by the day. The three priests that live in the parish house with him know what is going on, but their superiors overlook the whole issue.

15. When cleaning just last week, we found a book in his room entitled, "The Multi-Orgasmic Man." (see enclosed photo)

16. Father Dummer said he had been to a same sex marriage, but was not involved but

that he approved of it.

17. Father Dummer said, and laughed about it, that he married a couple two weeks earlier and just visited the bride in the maternity ward in the hospital because "she dropped a kid" And laughed again.

18. Father Dummer told us that at this bride's wedding, the bridesmaid was beautiful and had lots of cleavage showing, and he could not take his eyes off of her. He said this gave him a big "nobber" in his pants during the Mass.

19. Father Dummer tells us that he talks very freely, and no body asks him anything, no one confronts him.

This is my last attempt to ask for help. I ask that you either send this priest to Reparative Therapy or to remove him from his ministry. Hopefully, you will act swiftly in this matter before something happens involving a civil law suit, and public scandal, not to overlook the emotional and spiritual damage befalling innocent children and vulnerable adults. Many people surely lose their faith because of his bad attitude, his un-priestly and his sexual behavior.

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11. Early in the year 2000, Father Dummer allows a Lutheran Minister to take his place as the Catholic Cleric at Regents Hospital. Father Dummer told us that there is nothing wrong with this. The people won't know the difference. He also told us that he gave the minister the Holy Oils if he needed it.

12. He has more than once put his hands on me, and rubbed my upper body and arms until I push him away. (I have witnesses of this) I believe Father Dummer to be dangerous to be in a parish where he comes in touch with YOUTH, and also his contact with children at Regents Hospital. (There is evidence of Father Dummer visiting young boys in their homes after they are released from the hospital.)

13. I have almost given up but after prayer and thought, I decided I would write to you for help in this matter. When I talked with Father Dummer's provincial, Father David Kalert, OML. I told him that I thought Father Dummer had problems, and needed some type of help or guidance.

14. I believe all my requests have gone unheeded. This priest is getting worse by the day. The three priests that live in the parish house with him know what is going on, but their superiors overlook the whole issue.

15. When cleaning just last week, we found a book in his room entitled, "The Multi-Orgasmic Man." (see enclosed photo)

16. Father Dummer said he had been to a same sex marriage, but was not involved but

that he approved of it.

17. Father Dummer said, and laughed about it, that he married a couple two weeks earlier and just visited the bride in the maternity ward in the hospital because "she dropped a kid" And laughed again.

18. Father Dummer told us that at this bride's wedding, the bridesmaid was beautiful and had lots of cleavage showing, and he could not take his eyes off of her. He said this gave him a big "nobber" in his pants during the Mass.

19. Father Dummer tells us that he talks very freely, and no body asks him anything, no one confronts him.

This is my last attempt to ask for help. I ask that you either send this priest to Reparative Therapy or to remove him from his ministry. Hopefully, you will act swiftly in this matter before something happens involving a civil law suit, and public scandal, not to overlook the emotional and spiritual damage befalling innocent children and vulnerable adults. Many people surely lose their faith because of his bad attitude, his un-priestly and his sexual behavior.

Please hear our cry for help in this matter.

Thank you.

Medical Care - Emotional Problems.



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**His Excellency  
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Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis  
226 Summit Avenue  
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- *With enclosures* -

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Respecting your competency in this situation and also realizing you already are aware of this unfortunate circumstance, I have not responded to . Rather, I rely upon Your Excellency's good judgment to address satisfactorily this matter, with the hope a resolution will be reached. Also, any information that you may wish to provide would be appreciated.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo  
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# MISSIONARY OBLATES

OBLATE RESIDENCE  
104 N. MISSISSIPPI RIVER BLVD.  
ST. PAUL, MN. 55104-5698

February 13, 2002

Archbishop Harry Flynn  
226 Summit Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Archbishop,

I met with Fr. Dummer this morning. He was embarrassed and apologetic. He claims he has no other tapes and has already thrown away the book that was in the picture. I pointed out to him that any such material was inappropriate, and that he should check carefully and get rid of anything else that might be in his possession. I will dispose of the tapes. He told me he no longer frequents the coffeehouse mentioned in the letter. He denied the accusation about the Lutheran Minister and the Holy Oils and claims that he has never touched . He also denied visiting young boys in their homes after they left the hospital. He adamantly denies ever possessing any kind of child pornography.

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In spite of his shortcomings, my impression is that Fr. Dummer gives good service to the people at Regions Hospital. Given his age and history, I doubt that a treatment program would be of much value. If helpful, we could arrange for an evaluation to measure fitness for ministry.

You suggested a meeting with Fr. Dummer and myself. I will be out of town tomorrow and Friday, and am scheduled to attend an Oblate Meeting at Buffalo on Monday and Tuesday. Unless you feel there is some urgency to our gathering, I would suggest any time convenient for you on Feb. 20-22 or any day the following week, Feb. 25-Mar. 1. My private number (645-5042) has an answering machine and I check it regularly when travelling. Thank you for your understanding and sensitivity. Be assured of the Oblates willingness to do whatever is called for under the circumstances.

Sincerely,

  
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I will be having a meeting soon with Father Donald Dummer and the Superior. I am enclosing a letter from the Superior to me which followed our meeting.

Thank you, your Excellency, for bringing all this to my attention. It is unfortunate that your office must be so burdened.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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March 26, 2002

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Thanking you for your kind attention in this matter and wishing you a prayerful and joyous celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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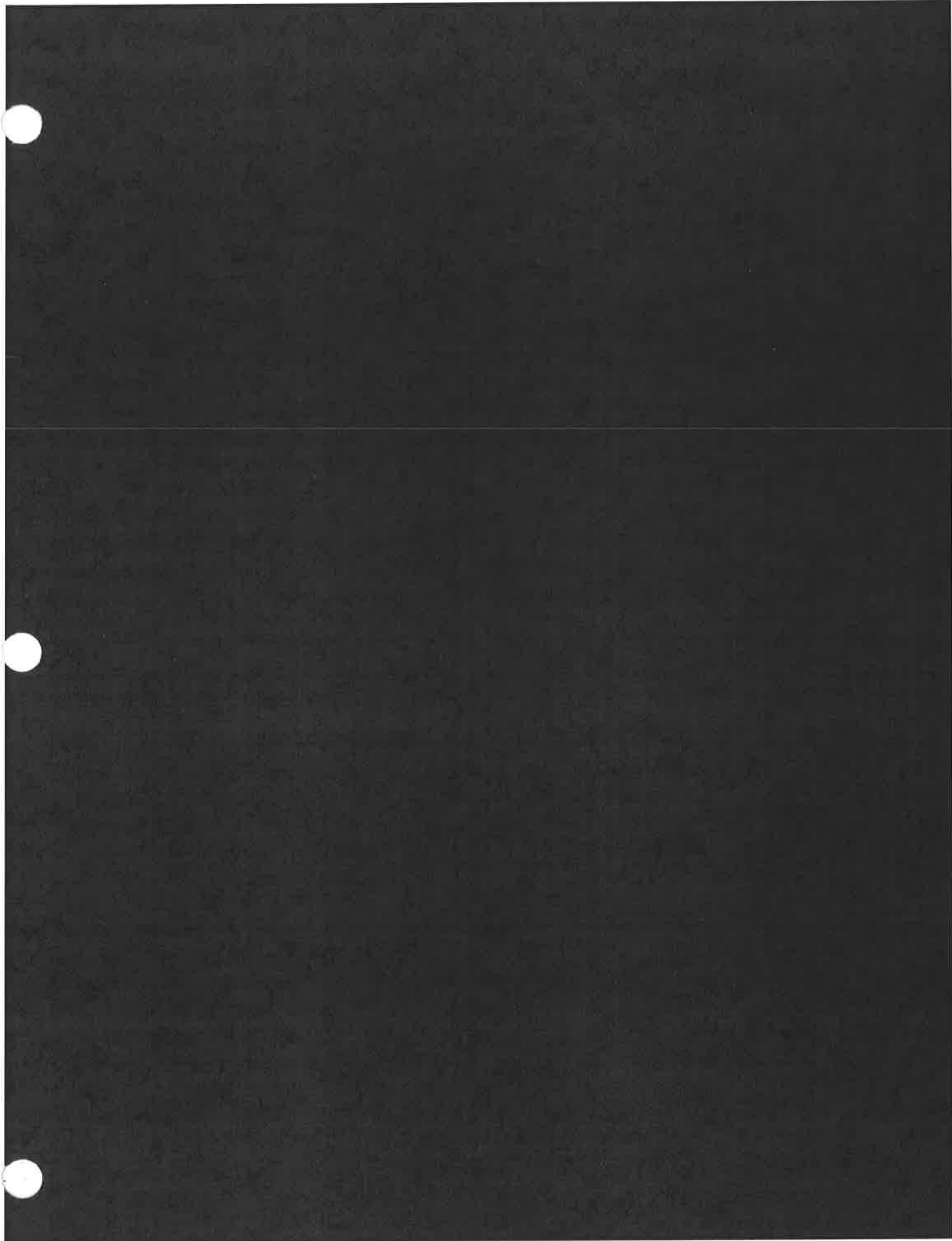
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Prot# 13500

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The Superior, Father Joseph Hitpas, agreed to be Father Donald Dummer's supervisor and would report back to me on his progress.

Archbishop Montalvo, as far as I am concerned I think we can bring this matter to a closure. I do not believe that this matter needs any further attention except the ongoing supervision of Father Dummer.

With blessings and good wishes, I remain

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April 12, 2002

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Your Excellency:

Gratefully I acknowledge your kind letter of April 3, 2002, in which you provide a further update concerning **Father Donald Dummer, OMI.**

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# PAYROLL CHANGE NOTICE

DATE 7-7-05

- ENTER ON PAYROLL     CHANGE RATE     PAY & REMOVE FROM PAYROLL  
 TRANSFER TO \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FR. DONALD SUMNER, OMI TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

DEPT. CHAPLAINS GRADE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE EFFECTIVE 7-1-05

OLD RATE \_\_\_\_\_ PER \_\_\_\_\_ NEW RATE 1139.38 PER BI WEEKLY

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

- PERSONNEL CARD  
 COMPUTER PROGRAM  
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 CHANGE DOC  
 FLEX ENROLLMENT

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL SIGNATURE Amy L. Vance

(DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Human Resources Office



## Certificate of Training Attendance

Donald Dummer, OMI

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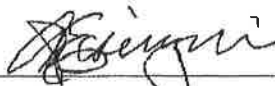
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August 24, 2006

**The Reverend Harry J. Flynn  
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis  
226 Summit Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55102**

**Dear Archbishop Flynn,**

I am writing to share my concerns about the behavior of one of the priests who serves Regions Hospital, Father Donald Dummer. In the two years I have served as the Director of Chaplaincy, a number of complaints have come to me, formally and informally, about Fr. Dummer – that he is slow to respond to pages and at times refuses to come when summoned, that he can be rude and insensitive, and that his ministry lacks the appropriate pastoral sensitivity. The following incident, which occurred today, feels like the last straw:

I was paged this morning by the nurse-manager of our Medical Intensive Care Unit who asked me to speak with the family of a patient who had died earlier today. The nurse-manager explained that the family had asked for a priest to attend their loved one's death, that Father Dummer (who was on-call) was summoned, and that following his visit the family reported that he had upset and troubled them. I went directly to speak with this family and met the deceased patient's son and daughter-in-law. The daughter-in-law described their unpleasant experience with Father Dummer saying that: "it took him forever to get here" (more than two hours after initially being paged), that upon entering the patient's room his first act was to scold the patient's son for talking on a cell phone (the son said he had been granted permission to do so by a physician), that when told the patient wasn't Catholic (the daughter-in-law and son are Catholic) Fr. Dummer seemed noticeably irritated and said rather dismissively "So what do you want me to do?", and that he fumbled with his prayer book to find a prayer and failed to use the patient's name when he did finally pray for her. The daughter-in-law said she found Fr. Dummer's ministry "not at all helpful (to them) and in fact rather hurtful." She tearfully said his bedside manner was "terrible" and she doesn't feel he should be providing pastoral care in a hospital. She said she was angry and hurt at what she perceived was Fr. Dummer's "rejection" of her mother-in-law after learning that the patient wasn't Catholic. She said that she told Fr. Dummer that she hoped he didn't hurt anyone else ever again like he had hurt them.

This incident, in my opinion, reflects a pattern of behavior for Fr. Dummer that is marked by insensitivity, a lack of dependability, and an absence of pastoral

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compassion. According to conversations with my predecessor and other members of the chaplaincy staff and per documentation in our department's files, this pattern of behavior goes back many years. Sadly I've come to believe that this is a pattern that cannot be corrected with coaching or supervisory direction. I've spoken with Fr. Dummer after each complaint I've received. He says he hears the concerns of the complainants and promises to do better in the future. But even before our conversation concludes, Fr. Dummer moves to shift the blame for the incident at hand away from him and on to the complainants. I fear he never accepts responsibility for his part in these incidents and in the end his pattern of behavior doesn't change significantly.

As I noted above, today's incident feels to me like the last straw. I expect that if Fr. Dummer continues his ministry here there will be a string of future incidents where patients and family members will feel hurt and upset by his interactions with them. I expect that some of these incidents will come to my attention such that I can address them but others will not. And since my suspicion is that Fr. Dummer's behavior won't markedly change despite my interventions, I've come to believe that, in the best interests of our Catholic patients and their family members, Fr. Dummer's ministry here needs to end as soon as possible. Please know that I take this step with regret and after careful and prayerful consideration.

I spoke by phone today with Deacon Russ Shupe, the Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy for the Archdiocese, and apprised him of the incident today, of my concerns around Fr. Dummer's pattern of behavior, and of my desire to end Fr. Dummer's ministry at Regions. He told me that he and Deacon Rip Riordon would stand behind this action. I appreciate their support. As of this writing, Fr. Dummer has not been informed of my decision. I plan to speak with him again the beginning of next week. I will call Deacon Shupe prior to taking final action to end Fr. Dummer's ministry at Regions.

It is my hope that the Archdiocese will work with us to appoint another priest to succeed Fr. Dummer in serving Regions (along with our other priest, Father Ron Harrer.)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact me. I can be reached in my office at (651) 254-1431 or via my pager (651) 629-0361.

Sincerely,



The Reverend Rob A. Ruff, BCC  
Director of Chaplaincy Services

cc: Deacon Russ Shupe, Deacon Rip Riordon

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August 30, 2006

Reverend Rob Ruff, BCC  
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Fr Dummer

Dear Reverend Ruff.

Thank you very much for your kindness in writing to me on August 24, 2006. Your letter, as you recall, concerned the actions of Father Donald Dummer and the need to terminate his chaplaincy at Regions Hospital.

I want you to know that I fully understand your action. It is beyond my comprehension how a chaplain could ever treat families in their time of need as Father Dummer's actions were reported to you, not only on this occasion but on others in the past. Father Dummer is an Oblate of Mary Immaculate and I shall inform the local superior.

With blessings to you and gratitude, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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August 31, 2006

Reverend Louis Lougen, OMI, Provincial  
Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
391 Michigan Avenue N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20017

Dear Father Lougen,

I am enclosing a letter from the head of the chaplaincy services at Regions Hospital concerning Father Donald Dummer. As you will read Father Dummer's chaplaincy has been terminated. I have written to the Head of Chaplaincy Services, Reverend Rob Ruff and informed him that I stand behind his action. It is most unfortunate but I would agree with Reverend Ruff that Father Dummer's behavior will not change. I regret this very much.

I have also informed Brother Paul Daly who is the Director of the House at which Father Dummer resides.

With blessings and good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D.  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis



# Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate United States Province

September 6, 2006

Most Rev. Harry Flynn  
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis  
226 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Archbishop Flynn:

Blessings to you and upon your pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis!

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 31, 2006 in which you communicated to me the termination of Father Donald Dummer at Regions Hospital.

I am sorry to hear of Father Dummer's repeated incidents of pastoral insensitivity and inability to modify his way of acting with the people and lack of following his supervisor's requests for a change. I can hear the frustration of the Director of Chaplaincy Services in the letter which you enclosed with your own.

At this time in which the Church is in such need of priestly ministry it is indeed sad to have to terminate a priest's ministry for the reasons which you and the Chaplain have indicated.

You are in my prayers and I hope that we may meet one day through the Oblate Partnership. We are very happy and proud that you are an Oblate Partner.

In Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*Louis Lougen, O.M.I.*

Rev. Louis Lougen, OMI  
Provincial

LL/ad

September 12, 2006

✓ Rev. Louis Lougen, OMI  
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
391 Michigan Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20017-1516

Dear Father Lougen,

Thank you for your letter, acknowledging receipt of the information I sent you about  
Father Donald Dummer, OMI.

I, too, am always sad when a priest's ministry must be terminated, but there are times when his continuation in that ministry would be too damaging to the people he is called to serve.

May God's blessings continue to be with you in your own ministry of service to your Province.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D.  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb 13:8

Archdiocese of  
Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Office of the Archbishop

September 29, 2006

Rev. Donald Dummer, OMI  
Oblate Residence  
104 Mississippi River Blvd N  
Saint Paul, MN 55104-5698

Dear Fr. Dummer,

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Father Dummer, it is the practice of this archdiocese that no cleric shall have faculties for ministry in this archdiocese without a current assignment. Therefore, effective immediately, I am withdrawing the ordinary faculties to minister as a priest in this archdiocese that you were granted when you arrived here from the Diocese of Crookston.

I pray that with the help of your superiors, you will be able to find a suitable ministry position elsewhere.

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Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D.  
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cc: Deacon Rip Riordan, Director of Clergy Personnel  
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**Dawson, Bobbi**

**From:** Rayl, Betty  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2006 9:25 AM  
**To:** Dawson, Bobbi  
**Subject:** FW:

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Dummer*

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**From:** donnyjoe96@aol.com [mailto:donnyjoe96@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 04, 2006 1:43 PM  
**To:** Rayl, Betty  
**Subject:**

Dear Archbishop Harry Flynn:

Received your letter of September 29, 2006 and was quite surprised by its contents. Was very formal and not your usual personal style.

I realized that I was dismissed from Regions Hospital as a chaplain but felt that I was still assigned by my provincial to the OBLATE RESIDENCE in St Paul just as I was assigned to St Mary, St Paul when I arrived here in St Paul.

I am also the moderator of the St Paul Deanery of Women, which you approved some years back.

I feel that I didn't do anything wrong. I encountered a woman who was very upset that her non Catholic mother in law had been denied many Catholic services because of her being non Catholic. I felt that I was caught in this set of circumstances. I felt that I did what I could through the Catholic Faith of her daughter in law and son, assuming that both or least one of them were of our community.

Just wanted to share this with you. Thanks for listening.

sincerely in Christ and His blessed Mother, I remain...

Fr Donald Dummer, OMI

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 Informal Name:  
 Middle Name:  
 Maiden Name:  
 Send Mail: No

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#### Comments

**Entered/Updated By:** stepkas **Date/Time:** 11/5/2010  
**Office:**  
 Fr. Dummer left the Archdiocese in 2010.

#### Comment

- Interest
- Membership

**Entered/Updated By:** stepkas **Date/Time:** 5/19/2009  
**Office:**  
 Fr. Dummer does not have faculties



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November 25, 2013

**FOR PICKUP BY:**  
**SGT. WILLIAM T. GILLET**

City of Saint Paul Police Department  
ATTN: Sgt. William T. Gillet  
367 Grove Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Rev. Donald Dummer, OMI  
Our File No.: 3842.743

Dear Sgt. Gillet:

I represent The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Enclosed is a true and correct copy of the complete and entire file relating to the above-referenced priest that The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis has asked I provide to your office (Bates Stamp Nos. 1-127). I attest that I have not altered, redacted, or modified the file received from The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and that the enclosed file copy was made from the original file.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN, CHARTERED

  
Thomas B. Wieser

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Enclosure

cc: Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (w/out encl.) *\*via email only*

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