

## MICHAEL KEATING



- 1995 Keating released from lay brotherhood, Servants of the Word. (Huard depo p. 13; Ex. 4)
- 1997-2001 Keating befriended the Spehar family, especially Marie, who was 13-15 years old when he and groomed and sexually abused her.
- 1998-2002 Keating in Seminary at Saint Paul Seminary and member of the Companions of Christ. (ARCH-003460)
- 1999 Keating studied in Italy and met and befriended an Italian girl, with whom he later admitted having a “passionate physical encounter” that involved kissing. (ARCH-003378)
- 4/10/01 Keating ordained a Deacon. (ARCH-003456)
- 2002 Keating co-signed a college loan for a young woman. (Huard depo p. 64; Ex. 4)
- 5/17/02 Keating appointed parochial vicar at the Church of Saint John the Baptist in New Brighton, MN effective 7/1/02. (ARCH-003534)

### 5/25/02 – Ordained

A 17 year old from Rome attended Keating’s ordination and told Marie that she was his girlfriend in Rome and they had kissed. (Huard depo pp. 65-66; Ex. 4)

### 7/1/02 – Parochial Vicar, Church of Saint John the Baptist, New Brighton, MN

9/29/04 Letter from Flynn to Keating appointing him to Catholic Studies at University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN effective 8/1/05. (ARCH-003442)

Summer 2005 Fr. Peter Richards confronted Keating about allegations of inappropriate sexual contact with minor girls. Keating became defensive and louder and told Richards that he had asked for forgiveness. (Fr. Richards Statement pp. 15-18)

### 8/1/05 – Assistant Professor of Catholic Studies, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

- January 2006 Fr. Jeffrey Huard reported to the Archbishop, Vicar General and Andy Eisenzimmer abuse allegations against Keating. (Huard depo p. 134; Ex. 4)
- January 2006 Miriam Torres, a woman living consecrated life in Ann Arbor, Michigan, calls Fr. Huard to raise concerns for a woman who was seeing Keating for spiritual direction and two other women who were angry with Keating over their relationship. Keating knew the women as teenagers when he was a consecrated brother. (Huard depo pp. 135-136; Ex. 4)
- 2/2/06 Memo from McDonough to Archbishop Flynn summarizing Keating investigation. 1) Keating involved with [redacted] in a relationship she found “deeply confusing.” Keating unaware of the inappropriateness. 2) Keating involved with young daughter of [redacted]. **She recalled at least one occasion that may have constituted sexual abuse.** Reported or about to be reported to Chisago County. 3) **Keating engaged in emotionally intense and perhaps physically sexual relationships with 2 other under aged young women-** 1 lives in Italy and the other is someone whose family Keating lived with 15 years ago. Many people commented on one of the relationships, which included public kisses. **(ARCH-003314-003315)**
- 2/11/06 Email from unknown to Fr. Huard. Keating had moments of deep emotional need to be with or talk to women. These women felt “used” and “cast aside.” He talked to one woman who said she felt worthless for many years after what Keating did to her. “Scandalous nature of his behavior” (ARCH-003125)
- 4/22/06 Memo from Fr. Huard to McDonough. **Keating called Huard and admitted there was one incident with a girl in Rome that was a passionate physical encounter** and “deeply disturbing” to him; **she seduced him;** he hadn’t said anything before because “it was not a nice way to talk about a girl.” Keating was afraid the girl may have mentioned it to Marie. The girl was 15-16 at the time and Keating 43-44. **(ARCH-003275)**
- 5/5/06 Memo from McDonough to Flynn. McDonough confronted Keating about his admitted “passionate physical encounter” with a young woman in Italy who was a minor at the time. Opening a second phase of the inquiry into Keating. Told Keating if his words were an accurate description of the encounter then he would be dismissed from priesthood. (ARCH-003473-003474)
- 5/12/06 Memo from McDonough to Flynn. McDonough spoke with the Italian girl who said her relationship with Keating was always “correct.” McDonough proposes that Keating receive a psychological assessment, but not that he be removed from ministry. (ARCH-003268-003269)
- 5/21/06 Email from Fr. Peter Laird to Fr. Andrew Cozzens. Laird saw Keating, dressed in mufti, at the Coliseum sitting arm and arm with a younger woman- perhaps college age. Laird found this odd. Laird called Keating on it, saying it was not appropriate or prudent. Keating’s reaction led Laird to believe he is manipulative or naïve. (ARCH-003127)
- 5/22/06 Letter from McDonough to Dr. Barron, PhD referring Keating for an assessment. Summarizes allegations, relationship issues. (ARCH 003263-003265)
- 6/8/06 Letter from Catherine Mollner of Midwest Center for Personal & Family Development to Archbishop Flynn. **She met with Marie, the alleged victim of Keating, who described the abuse as touching her breasts, laying on top of her with his legs spread, rubbing**

**her gums. Says she suffers classic symptoms of having been sexually abused. Not likely a one-time occurrence but serious and persistent. McDonough cc'd. (ARCH-003283-003284)**

- 6/20/06 Memo from McDonough to Flynn. Met with the (redacted) family about Keating and they are angry. They don't want him to hurt other people. They think Keating accepts no responsibility for what happened. Family also angry with McDonough. (ARCH-003381-003382)
- 7/4/06 Email from Stephen Clark, Superior of the Servants of the Word, to Fr. Huard. Keating was in a relationship with a girl when he was in formation. (ARCH- 003123)
- 7/20/06 Email from Bruce Yocum (Belfast, Northern Ireland) to Fr. Andrew Cozzens. Keating had relationships involving emotional attachment that were inappropriate. "Mike got women relating to him emotionally in ways that were inappropriate." Keating never should have joined Servants, they made a mistake in letting him in, made the judgment that he was free to leave. (ARCH-003124)
- 7/28/06 Memo from McDonough to Archbishop Flynn discussing whether Keating's behavior is a violation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Details the allegations against Keating. (ARCH-003293-003297)
- 8/14/06 Memo from unknown to unknown. Keating took a minor girl for a driving lesson, had her sit on his lap and drive; he wrapped his arms around her below her belly button put his face between her shoulder blades; moved his face back and forth in a sexual way; rubbed her stomach; she felt his erect penis hit the back of her thigh; felt up her arms, back and stomach. (ARCH-003131)
- 8/23/06 Memo from Sister Dominicia to Flynn. She agrees with McDonough's interpretation that Keating has not violated the Charter but his actions were imprudent and irresponsible. (ARCH-003207-003208)
- 11/5/06 Letter from unknown father of Keating victim to the Review Board. Discusses his family's close relationship with Keating, learning of his daughter's abuse by Keating, his daughter's 3 confrontations of Keating about the abuse, how Keating has never accepted responsibility for his actions. He also requests an opportunity to appear before the Board since Keating will have an opportunity to do so. (ARCHSUPP-001089)
- 11/5/06 Letter from an unknown victim of abuse by Keating explaining that she used the word "chest" instead of "breast" in her video because she was nervous and embarrassed. Clarifies that Keating touched her breasts and "moved his hand in a circular motion starting around the collar bone and then encircling the nipples and moving outward." (ARCHSUPP-001094)
- 4/26/07 Letter from Fr. Cozzens, on behalf of the Companions of Christ, to Keating outlining the Companion's concerns "with what we see as the **inappropriate nature of two relationships with underage women.**" The letter particularly addresses the passionate encounter with a girl in Rome and his relationship with Marie. Keating has repeatedly lied and/or is blind about these relationships. "**It looks like you misled your brothers about the nature of this relationship until you were afraid it might come out, and then you spoke.**" (McD000035-000036)

- 5/18/07 Memo from Greta Sawyer to Eisenzimmer. Keating wrote a letter of recommendation for a girl in 1999, the time period Keating now claims she was the most psychologically unstable. Sawyer thought this was important for the Review Board to have. She asks him to advise her whether or not the letter makes it to the Review Board. (ARCHSUPP-001079) The enclosed letter of recommendation from Keating dated 6/28/99- says he is intimately acquainted with [redacted] and she is a woman of the highest character. (ARCHSUPP-001081)
- 9/18/07 Clergy Review Board recommendations for Keating. Outlines Keating's background, involvement with the victim and her family, the alleged sexual abuse. Keating denies any misconduct. **Insufficient evidence to support finding of sexual abuse of a minor. However, Keating's relationships with young women have left them feeling rejection and abandonment.** Outlines recommended restrictions. (ARCH-003403-003406)
- 11/12/07 Email from Eisenzimmer to Sawyer attaching the summary of the Clergy Review Board report, recommendations and findings. He is reluctant to send it because of how it might be used. (ARCHSUPP-001064-001065)
- 3/13/08 Memo from McDonough to Flynn, Dominica, Eisenzimmer re: summary of steps to close Keating investigation. **Memo closing investigation should clearly exculpate Keating,** release him from Companions of Christ, debrief with Keating, review procedures to learn from this complex investigation. (ARCH-003479)
- 5/16/08 Memo from McDonough to Nienstedt. Suggests Keating's file reflect that there is no credibility to the complaint that he engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor; Keating co-signed a loan with a girl who hasn't made payments. McDonough suggests the Archdiocese assist Keating with the portion of the bill that he cannot pay. (ARCH-003343-003344)
- 10/3/08 Letter from Nienstedt to [redacted] assuring the recipient that the situation is taken very seriously by the Archdiocese. Nienstedt does not believe a further meeting would be beneficial. The matter is being taken care of and "you should move now beyond these past hurts." (ARCHSUPP-001063)
- 10/14/08 Letter from [redacted] to Nienstedt. Author is concerned that Keating is still providing spiritual direction, oversees events at the Catholic Studies' Women's house at UST, and is not under monitoring. (ARCH-003235)
- 10/27/08 Follow-up letter from Nienstedt to [redacted]. He was unaware Keating was not being monitored. (ARCH-003339)
- 11/18/08 Memo from Nienstedt to McDonough. **Nienstedt thought Keating was being monitored but later found out he was wrong.** Asks McDonough to suggest that Keating resign from providing spiritual direction to seminarians and to not be involved with college women at UST. The allegations against Keating are serious. (ARCH-003201)
- 11/25/08 Memo from Nienstedt to McDonough. Nienstedt received Rourke's memo about Keating – "we have been very lax in addressing these concerns with Fr. Keating." (ARCH-003177)

- 5/12/10 **Memo from Fr. Piche to Nienstedt. No monitoring program was put in place for Keating. Tim Rourke never received a directive from McDonough. (ARCH-003342)**
- 5/24/10 Letter from Nienstedt to Dr. Don Briel, Chair of Catholic Studies at UST. Expresses Nienstedt's disappointment that Keating went to Rome last semester because of allegations against Keating of inappropriate relationships with young women and his minimal supervision in Rome. (ARCH-003270)
- 6/30/10 Monitoring criteria for Keating. Says on 9/18/07 the Clergy Review Board recommended that Keating not engage in retreats, counseling or mentoring of adolescents or young adults. (ARCH-003180-003181)
- 7/16/10 Letter from Keating to McDonough. Keating will sign the monitoring agreement but reiterates that he was not involved in sexual misconduct. (ARCH-003152)
- 4/13/11 Email from Jennifer Haselberger to Keating. Keating previously forwarded her a form from the Archdiocese of Atlanta to sign so he can perform his godson's wedding in Georgia. Haselberger says she cannot sign it because she cannot answer in the affirmative to all of the questions (namely, that Keating has never been accused of sexual abuse of a minor). She asks Keating how he would like to proceed. (ARCH-003334, ARCH-003337) Keating forwards email to McDonough and asks his advice. (ARCH-ESI-005378)
- 4/18/11 Email from McDonough to Keating says he took care of it and **"Jennifer does not know how to make a mental reservation."** Says the question should read "credibly accused". **Every priest has been falsely accused "by some delusional person at one point or another."** (ARCH-ESI-005383)
- 11/3/11 Letter from Nienstedt to Keating appointing him Dean of the Academic Deanery and representative to the Presbyteral Council until 12/31/13. (ARCH-003441)
- 8/6/12 Letter from Nienstedt to Keating. Surprised that Keating was accepted as a Trustee on the Board of University of Mary without consulting Nienstedt. Says Keating should inform them of the allegations against him to prevent future scandal. (ARCH-003356)
- 8/10/12 Email from McDonough to Fr. Shea of the University of Mary discussing Keating's standing in the Archdiocese at Nienstedt's request: 1) Keating is in good standing in the AD; 2) years ago parents of a family close with Keating expressed concerns- daughter was 15, he was physically and emotionally close to her, over time her "recollections" became more intense and abusive; 3) law enforcement contacted; no charges brought; 4) Review board thought he was still fit for ministry; 5) All was disclosed to UST president and the director of Catholic Studies. In his opinion, the daughter was suffering from mental and/or emotional disability and "delusions" at the time. (ARCH-003143-003144)
- 8/7/13 Letter from Susan Mulheron, AD Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, to Dolores Cordova of the Diocese of Santa Fe giving Keating permission to provide sacramental ministry to Carmelite sisters in Santa Fe. "I am unaware of anything in his background which would render him unsuitable to work with minor children." (ARCH-003426)
- 10/11/13 Memorandum of understanding regarding Keating's leave of absence from UST and the Archdiocese. (ARCH-003372)

- 10/20/13 Decree signed by Fr. Reginald Whitt opening a canonical investigation into Keating since one or more complaints of sexual misconduct or boundary violations has been lodged against him. Fr. Talbot is doing the investigation. (ARCH-003179)
- 12/7/13 Memo to Nienstedt from Mulheron. Keating requested to go to Catholic University of Francisco Vittoria in Madrid, Spain as a visiting scholar and researcher. Handwritten notes say there would be no one to monitor his relationships-Deny the request. (ARCH-003183)
- Undated Memo to the Clergy Review Board from [redacted] listing boundary violations by Keating- lists 10 examples of physical/sexual violations including putting his fingers in her mouth and massaging lips and gums more than 25 times, driving lesson in which he held her below the waist against his erect penis, waking her up at 3am for a massage, an open mouth kiss, etc. Also includes attempts to confront Keating. (ARCHSUPP-001088)
- Undated Notes on Keating describing a victim's confrontations of Keating- he put the responsibility back on her, she quoted him her journal and Keating said he didn't remember all of it, he is "sorry she took it that way." Lies and Deception- Keating inappropriate around an underage girl from Europe, looked like lovers, Keating admitted a "passionate encounter" with the girl to a friend, Keating sent 61 pages of emails to a girl while he was in Rome, Keating placed himself in situations where there are young women around. Viewing the tape- after Keating viewed the tape from a survivor in which she expressed how the abuse has affected her, the Archbishop asked Keating to respond, to which Keating said "what would you like me to respond to?" (ARCHSUPP-001090-001093)