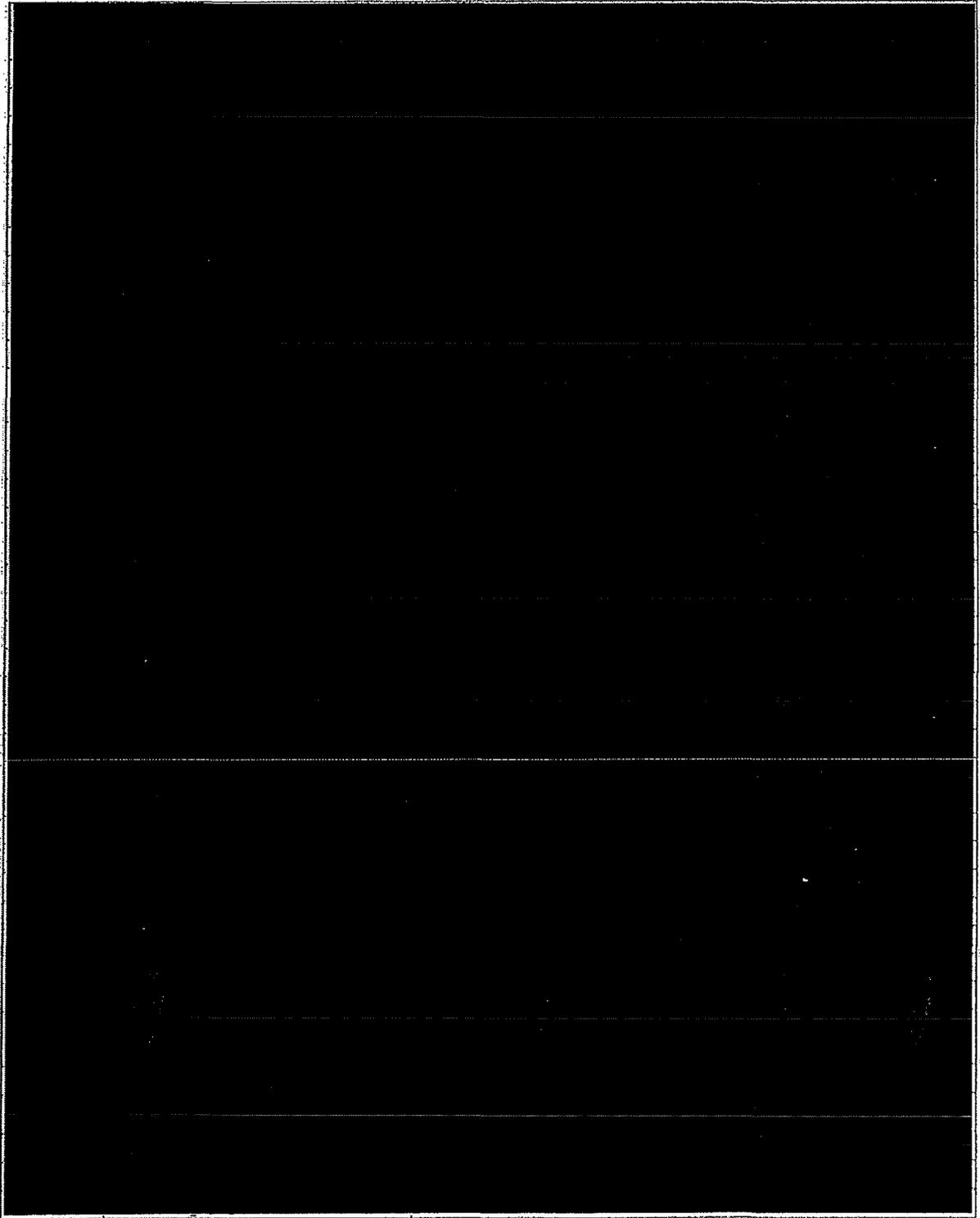
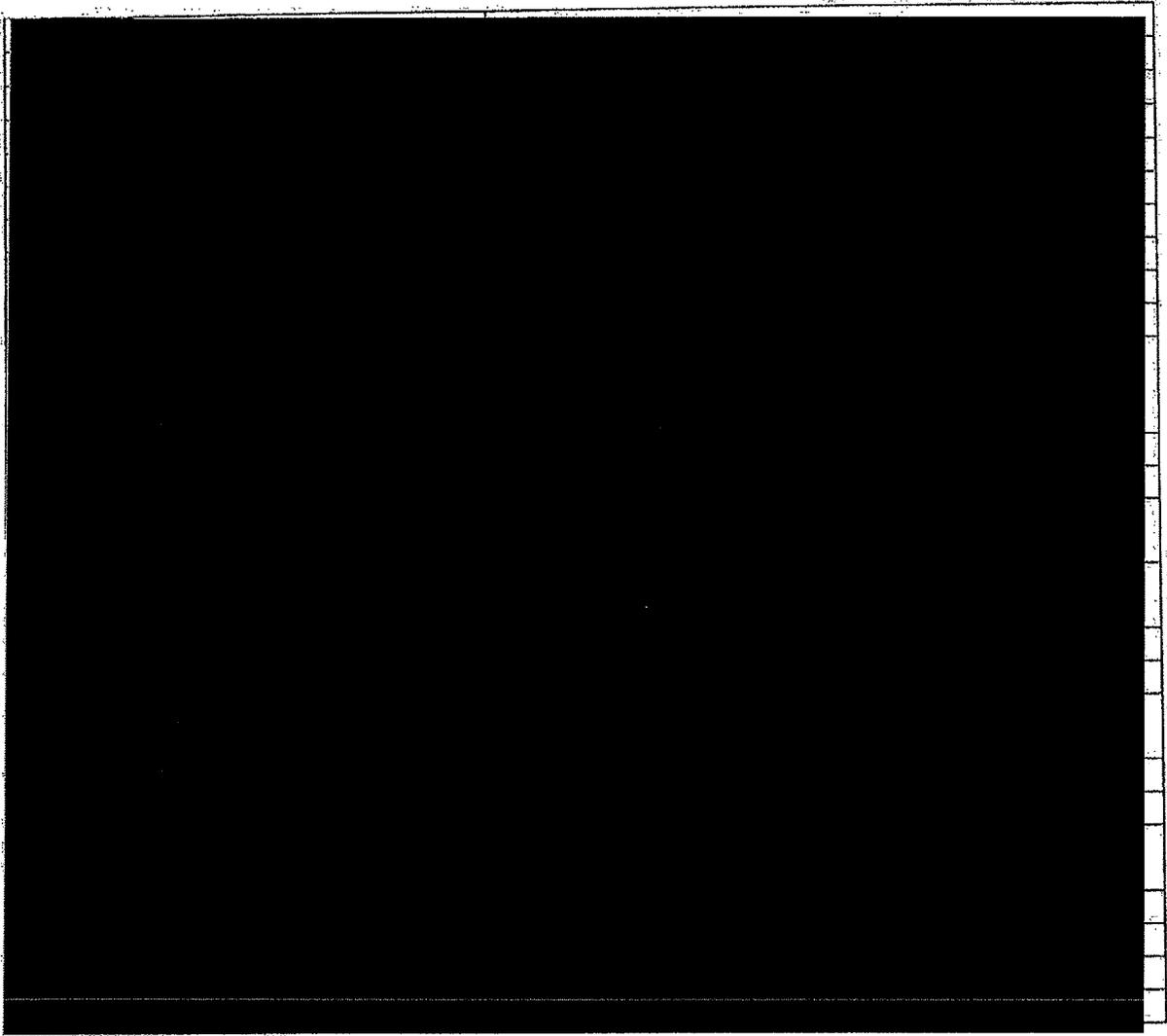


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to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee,
but especially to its priests;
in gratitude.*

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the time the bishops assembled that spring at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, articles had appeared everywhere in the press, Catholic and secular, about cases of sexual abuse of minors by priests, especially the case of Father Gauthé in Lafayette, Louisiana. As difficult as it was to read these stories, their publication aired the problem and required the bishops to address it.

At that first discussion in 1985, psychologists and other experts spoke to the bishops and answered our questions. I do not see how any bishop after that meeting could have maintained that he was ignorant of the severity of the damage to the victims or that he did not know of the likely possibility of recidivism among the perpetrators. Even if some bishops thought the number of potential victims was being exaggerated, the number was still staggering. Some may have been lulled into thinking that we would find a new program to deal with this addictive behavior, just as Alcoholics Anonymous had dealt successfully with alcoholism. From these expert presentations, it was evident that the possibility of such a remedy was out of the question, given the deep-seated nature of the behavior. In addition, no one could now say that young victims would not remember the abuse or that they would "grow out of it." The wounds were too evident and visible — thanks to the descriptions from the victims themselves.

It became evident at that meeting that the bishops would not come up with a common program or approach. Many were reluctant to talk about incidents in their own dioceses and did not want to see a nation-wide solution emerge. They held to the idea that each diocese was a separate entity responsible only to Rome. We bishops could exchange views but not impose anything on one another. By that time it was clear, too, that the powers of a bishops' conference in the Revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 were very limited and that there was no way the conference could impose a uniform procedure.

This led to a growing gap in perception between the reality of the situation and the expectations of the press and the public. The press took it for granted that the conference could and would come up with general policies for the whole country. I knew after that meeting that such a solution was not forthcoming because each diocese would claim its independence and adhere to its own policies. Two additional factors were also evident: an attitude of secrecy was still very strong among the bishops, and Rome had not yet grasped the seriousness of the situation.

Later that year, I received in the mail a document written by three authors discussing the sexual abuse of minors in the U.S. Catholic Church. I

raise it here because over the years it has been frequently cited as evidence of how the bishops were responding to the crisis. The document was titled, "The Problem of Sexual Molestation by Roman Catholic Clergy: Meeting the Problem in a Comprehensive and Responsible Manner." In it Father Michael Peterson of St. Luke's Institute elaborated on the psychological aspects of the situation; Father Thomas Doyle, OP, wrote a canonical opinion; and Mr. Ray Mouton, the attorney for the Lafayette, Louisiana, victims, contributed a legal appraisal. A short time after I had read the document, Father Peterson was passing through Milwaukee and came to see me. Although I had never met him, I knew of him through a relative he had helped face a difficult grieving period. We spent about an hour-and-a-half discussing his contribution to the document.

At that time psychologists were making a clear distinction between pedophilia (sexual attraction to pre-pubescent children) and ephebophilia (sexual attraction toward adolescent minors), as he had in his paper. We discussed in depth the question of recidivism, especially with regard to predatory ephebophilia, and if there were any real cures for any of the so-called paraphilias. He was very skeptical about the results of any such claims. (With time I noticed the distinction between pedophilia and ephebophilia, helpful to psychologists but of no importance in the legal field, seemed to drop out of the discussion.)

I read the section by Father Doyle, which simply repeated the relevant canons from the Code of Canon Law. Moreover, because Father Doyle was considered "light weight" as a canonist by his colleagues, I was reluctant to attach too much importance to it. Mouton's section was interesting, but since the laws of each state varied so extensively, I did not spend much time on it.

One way for a bishop to respond to an accusation of sex abuse was to convoke a canonical trial in the diocese and to dismiss a priest found guilty. But at the time, Rome, already critical of the U.S. marriage tribunals, did not look favorably on local tribunals aimed at the dismissal of a priest. Moreover, were such trials possible, the priest would certainly appeal a decision for dismissal from the priesthood to the Roman ecclesiastical courts. As marriage cases indicated, there was a wait of several years before these courts pronounced on cases. I could easily imagine the years a sensitive case such as asking for the dismissal of a priest would have taken! (A few years later, when I presented to Rome the results of such a local trial that is exactly what happened.) We bishops discussed the possibility of a national tribunal since many dioceses did not have sufficient personnel

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MAY 29 [REDACTED]

May 23, [REDACTED]

Bishop Skiba,

We received your letter dealing with a "longer frame of reference" on May 20, the day of [REDACTED]'s confirmation at St. Jerome's. My husband indicated that we had received a letter. As he did so, he offered very few verbal comments but I saw the pain in his eyes. As perhaps you should be aware of the tears in mine as I write this letter, I cannot believe the way we are being victimized over and over by our church's representatives. First Fr. Jerry victimized our 15 year old son at a crucial time in his life when the decision to drink is such a terrific pressure on him and then we as a family are victimized by the way this was handled!

Do you realize that the whole of your letter dealt with the perpetrator's side? Don't you realize that we have considered that it was a tragic mistake by Fr. Jerry and that it would be difficult on the whole church if

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this was exposed? Why do you think that we are trying to handle this privately? From day 1, we have tried and tried to remember that he has done good things as well, But, he also made a very, very serious mistake, one which is magnified by his position. We kept our silence believing that publicity would just bring further hurt and pain and would not take away the fact that he did it. But, we also believed that it would be handled appropriately and justly. Assigning him to another parish to work among more young people is a miscarriage of justice. Keeping him on at St James's through all of this and having him come back to witness the victim's confirmation is abhorrent.

How dare you suggest that we need to correct our outlook on a good person doing wrong! That we need to be made aware of dealing with it in our own family! I was outraged by this part of your letter. You know nothing about us - children do wrong daily but parents still love them, husbands and wives make

mistakes but we still love each other. We have intimate experience with loving more in spite of a wrong. I cannot believe that throughout this whole incident, we the victims, have been asked to give and give and then have been chastised by you for not looking at the whole issue. If that were so, this travesty would have been reported to the newspapers long ago. Where is your sense of justice, of Christianity? Where are the much needed words that you regret that this happened? Better yet, that you are sorry that this happened!

Can it be that a simple regret would be construed as an admission of guilt and therefore on the advice of your attorney it can't be done? Once again I ask, where is your sense of Christian charity?



Reverend Michael G. Krejci

Date of Birth: April 20, 1952

Date of Ordination: July 15, 1978

Assignments: Associate – Our Lady of Good Hope – 7/18/78
Team member – St. Gall – 6/18/85
Administrator – St. Boniface (in addition to St. Gall) – 7/1/93
Not Assigned – November 1, 1994
Assisting Priest – St. Theresa (Eagle) / Part time Associate St. Anthony
(Pewaukee) – 7/1/96
Pastor – St. Theresa (Eagle) – 6/22/99

SUMMARY:

In a Vicar Log entry for April 21, 1986, reference is made to a conversation between Bishop Skiba and Father Krejci in which the Bishop states: "In response to my delicate question regarding the occurrence with younger people at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish (OLGH), he assured me that there had been no recurrence and that the stresses in the ministry at St. Gall's did not seem to cause any problems in that regard." The records do not indicate how the knowledge of an "occurrence" came to the Vicar's office or if, indeed, it refers to the sexual abuse of a minor.

In June 1994, Father Derfus reported in a letter to the Archbishop an incident of sexual abuse of an adolescent by Father Krejci. The incident had occurred in the early 1980's while Father Krejci was assigned at OLGH. Father Derfus said he reported the incident to Bishop Brust at the time, insisted that Father Krejci receive psychological counseling, apologize to the boy and his parents, and take no more camping trips with adolescents. He reported that the incident was widely known in the parish at the time and he was not sure if any others came forward to the Archdiocese. There is no record in the Vicar files that indicates such reporting and there is no record of Bishop Brust's involvement.

In September 1994, the Derfus letter was sent from the Archbishop to the Vicar's Office for filing.

Father Krejci was sent for inpatient treatment in November 1994. He continued in various treatment programs until June 1996. At that time he was permitted limited, part-time ministry with supervision and monitoring.

Father Krejci admits to genital fondling of two adolescent boys (7th or 8th grade) while camping. An additional person [REDACTED] has come forward to say that he, too, was molested. Father denies that report. The matter was sent to the DA and found to be beyond the statute of limitations. However, they did a summary investigation including contacting another individual who was allegedly molested. This individual [REDACTED] states that on a camping trip with Father Krejci he awoke to find Father had taken [REDACTED] hand and placed on Father's genitals. Both were clothed. [REDACTED] said "no" and the incident ended. [REDACTED] reported that Father Derfus knew of the incidents and talked to the boys separately. He could not recall if there had been parental involvement.

At some point in this process, there was indication that this was a case of "self-reporting" in 1994, but the review of the file does not support this interpretation.

159. Wagner, John
On Wednesday, September 18, 1985 I met with John who indicated a desire for assistance in planning his sabbatical and for some change. He expressed a hope for a situation in the Milwaukee area with the possibility of alternate residence in a home which he intends to purchase, and with a desire for some special ministry, although parish would be acceptable. He desired to participate in the round of spring transfers and requested that someone be assigned to work out the residence at his new parish after his return later this summer. I tried to contextualize the entire discussion with the practicalities with such a move and said I would bring the matter to the attention of Gene Neuman.

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250. Wagner, John
On Monday, December 16, 1985 I talked to John on the phone and heard again his request for assignment in special ministry if possible, in the Milwaukee Metropolitan area with the possibility of a house if such were feasible. I indicated that a brief examination of the files revealed that Joe Janicki had been unwilling to give permission for alternate residence in the past and promised that I would bring the matter to the attention of the Personnel Board.

RJS

270. Wagner, John
On Monday, December 23, 1985 I received two phone calls from John who was angry, abusive and very volitional regarding the treatment he perceived himself receiving from the Archdiocese and the Department of Clergy. In the context of an hour's discussion I attempted to be understanding and promised a letter in which benefits and residence would be assured during the time subsequent to his return from his sabbatical while on "awaiting assignment" and seeking a new position in pastoral work. I did so and reported the conversation to Gene Neuman.

RJS

15. Wagner, John
On Thursday, January 9, 1986 John called to say a word of thanks for the letter and our attempt to bring his concerns to some kind of fair resolution. He indicated that the trustees did not feel obliged to retain his belongings in the rectory and that they had forbidden the parish secretary to do any of his secretarial work in his absence. I promised to contact the newly designated pastor, John Crosswaite, in order to make sure that John C. would be respectful of John W's concerns and possessions. I also promised to see if we could alleviate parish difficulty by maintaining John Crosswaite on salary from awaiting assignment until the end of the month as indicated in Gene's letter to John W.

RJS

204. Wagner, John
On Monday, May 5, 1986 I met with [REDACTED]

210. Wagner, John
On Monday, May 12, 1986 I met with John to discuss the results of his sabbatical and his reassignment process this spring. After hearing the various requirements and priorities which he had established, I indicated the difficulty I have in serving as advocate for three reasons: 1) his anger which at times was abusive and harassing to people who disagreed with him, 2) questions regarding his financial administration at the parish, and 3) the subtle reputation regarding sexual activity on his part. It was a difficult hour and one-half meeting.

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Wagner, John

On Friday, May 30, 1986 I spoke with John who said he would be contacting and discussing the Whitewater situation with [REDACTED] in order to reestablish communication.

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301. Wagner, John

On Friday, June 6, 1986 I met with John and [REDACTED] at St. Leo's rectory for a long and difficult discussion in which I tried to summarize the history leading to the Wausau assessment, highlighted the major elements of their conclusion, namely, the existence of an undercurrent of anger and tension as well as sexuality as an area of conflict, and repeated their suggestion for long-term therapy and medication. Our conclusion was that very different statements were being made regarding whether or not [REDACTED] did destroy records at St. Patrick's Parish upon his departure, whether or not there was improper accounting and missing money from the parish, and whether John Wagner was willing to show the records of the parish to John Crosswaite as J. Crosswaite was beginning to take his assignment. We also struggled with whether or not Gene Neuman said that John was "being punished" or "being singled out" by the Personnel Board in the process of reassignment. I agreed to contact the Personnel Board to see if there was a temporary placement for John while he received therapy as an alternative to his movement to Bethany House as I had suggested. Later discussions with Carol indicated that no financial records had been destroyed by [REDACTED] but personal papers in the context of cleaning out and moving away. Later conversation with Frank Beres indicated that no attempt had been made to eliminate John from any assignment, but rather that John's requirements had removed him from consideration by the Board as they deliberated over most of the available assignments thus far this spring. Frank agreed to contact John Wagner to see if some temporary placement might be found in order to avoid the humiliation of non-assignment. This was also [REDACTED] suggestion as a way of moving through the current impasse in view of Gene's absence and John's anger.

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375. Wagner, John

On Monday, July 28, 1986 I met with John in my office. He is not willing to move to Bethany House, but is willing to enter therapy as soon as he is settled in an appointment. He requests any temporary residential assignment and requests to know how long he may be waiting.

RJS

407. Wagner, John

On Monday, August 18, 1986 I spoke with some parishioners from St. Patrick Parish in Whitewater who reported that two [REDACTED] students claimed that John had propositioned them and this was the cause for their moving out of his rectory very early in their stay. The students who allegedly made the charge are [REDACTED]

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524. Wagner, John

On Monday, October 20, 1986 I met with John to discuss ways in which the office might be supportive at this time. He indicated that the name of the young man is [REDACTED] and the name of his lawyer is [REDACTED]. John has already begun therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] and signed a statement authorizing the release of John's Wausau report to Dr. [REDACTED]. I promised to contact [REDACTED] in order to find the present status of the situation and to keep in contact with John in Wilmot for further developments.

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October 13, 1986

The Reverend John C. Wagner
Holy Name Church
[REDACTED]
Wilmot, WI 53192

Dear John:

Recently, I was very grateful to learn that the request which I conveyed to the Personnel Board shortly after our meeting at St. Leo's Rectory last May, namely that you be provided with at least a temporary assignment, was finally implemented in your appointment as administrator in Wilmot. Only last week I received my copy of that formal assignment, and I truly regret the long delay you have experienced since returning from your sabbatical. I tried to be an advocate in your behalf, keeping in mind the substance of our discussions earlier this summer.

I hope you are experiencing some positive and truly healing opportunities for prayer and ministry at Holy Name. Let Bishop Leo or me know if we can be of any assistance to you during this extended period of return and relocation.

Inquiries at Whitewater are still under way as far as I know, but it would seem that your administration has been cleared of at least some of the questions which arose last spring. I still await a final report from local authorities there who will be communicating with each of us in due time, I'm sure.

When we spoke last May you indicated a willingness to enter into counseling in order to bring all the issues to final resolution so that you might be on with you life and ministry, but preferred to wait for an assignment before initiating such a relationship. Since some of the issues discussed last year continue to rise, I write requesting that you now begin professional consultation with a recognized psychologist in our area for mutual protection and personal growth. While I recommend someone of the caliber of Dr. [REDACTED] I leave the selection of the person to anyone agreeable to both yourself and our office. Know that our office would be willing to assume any of the costs not covered by your insurance benefits. It might be wise to authorize the sharing of a copy of the Wausau report with the psychologist we finally select. This would provide continuity and background.

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The Reverend John C. Wagner
October 13, 1986
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I truly wish to be supportive on all this, joining you in the prayerful request that continued spiritual health and growth crown our efforts to serve the Lord and His People.

Faternally,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

Episcopal Delegate for Clergy

November 24, 1986

Monday
(morning)

Dear John,

I tried to call you about nine this morning or shortly thereafter, but missed you. Later I learned that you were meeting with Gene this morning so I take the liberty of leaving a note for you as I march off to the meeting with those who are appointed pastors for the first time.

The first thing I called for this morning, was to ask how things were going at Wilmot and within your own life. I hope things are settling down, and I realized that it's been a while since we spoke - probably due to the pressures of the meeting in Washington last week.

The second thing I wanted to do was to reaffirm the caution which Leo Brust indicated he had shared with you by telephone just prior to our departure for Washington, namely the urgent and insistently repeated admonition from our legal counsel that it would be a mistake to move toward a permanent placement at the end of the your stay in Wilmot next month. The potential hazard of such a move in view of the situation and the publicity given to suits in Green Bay would suggest rather that you be discussing a place of residence in a parish while you continue counseling, with the possibility of some parotal work there. I did not realize how legally precarious your present situation really is when I encouraged your initial discussions with the personnel board regarding your next assignment. That you discuss the matter is good; that you anticipate placement in mid-December or shortly thereafter seems unwise to both bishop Leo and myself.

This may be tough for you at this time, but the case is a very very serious one, and everyone needs the most protection possible. Thanks for the grace of struggling with you through this time.

Sincerely,

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Brother + Leo -

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The John Wayne incident is stirring again in White Water.

Contact with John Crosswhite (who called me wed) might be wise. A policeman visited him wed.

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INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

On Wednesday, March 23, 2005 I had a phone conversation with [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED] classmate of John Wagner at St. Francis Seminary from 1969 to 1973 [REDACTED] was an associate at St. Mary Parish in [REDACTED] Agton from 1973 to 1977. The complaint of sexual abuse occurred while [REDACTED] attended St. Peters, also in Port Washington. [REDACTED] said John Wagner was not an ordained priest.

In 1972 John Wagner served an internship at St. Frederick Parish in Cudahy, WI. He was ordained on June 9, 1973, and on June 12, 1973 he was assigned as an associate pastor at St. William Parish in Waukesha, WI.

There is no documentation in John Wagner's file that indicates he ever was assigned to St. Peters Parish in Port Washington, from the years of 1962 to 1968. He was not a priest and not affiliated with the Archdiocese prior to 1969. If he was at St. Peters prior to 1969 it was in another professional capacity.

The purpose of contacting [REDACTED] was to determine if he knew if John Wagner was ever was at St. Peters. He said that in the late 60's John was hired by St. Peters to teach in the school. John had taken some pre-college seminary courses in the mid 1960's to prepare him for the seminary. He does recall that John was in his theology classes at St. Francis Seminary from 1969 to 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Nowakowski

Gregory Nowakowski

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INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

On Tuesday, March 8, 2005 I interviewed [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED]

he resides at [REDACTED]

He's married to [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

age [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is alleging that Father John Wagner sexually abused him while he was a student at St. Peters Catholic School in Port Washington, WI. He attended St. Peters from the [REDACTED] (1968 to 1973). [REDACTED]

When Father first came to St. Peters he was not yet an ordained priest. He arrived with two other young men that had just graduated from the seminary. The other two were assigned to St. Mary's in Port Washington. The three of them rented a second story apartment in Port Washington. Father Wagner extended an open invite for him and the other kids from school to stop at his apartment anytime they wanted. The apartment door was always unlocked. Occasionally he would go there with the other kids, and if Father was home they would stay, if not, they would leave. Father Wagner was a young, friendly, outgoing person [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] when Father was touching his leg and was tickling him. Fathers' hand went close to his crotch area, but he never touched him [REDACTED] believes that Father was "testing the waters", to see what his reaction would be. He remembers Father visiting him at home, [REDACTED]

He remembers a time when Father came to his parents home and asked permission for him to attend an activity with Father and for him to stay overnight. Father told his parents there would be other kids at the outing. Father took him either to a house owned by the church or to a rectory in Newburg, WI. It appeared people from the church lived there. He and Father sat on the same sofa and watched television. Father then suggested that they go to bed, that they had a busy schedule the next day. He not sure if he slept in the bedroom or if he slept on a pull out bed. He remembers Father leaving the room, and that he got under

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the covers wearing only his underpants. When Father returned to the room he turned the lights off. When Father got into the bed with him, he wasn't wearing any underwear. Father told him to take his underwear off, and he did. He said he was petrified. This was a shock to him; he thought Father was going to sleep in another room. While in bed Father was very affectionate with him. He grabbed his penis and stroked it in an upward downward motion and was hugging him at the same time. Father encouraged him to do the same to him but he refused. As this continued for several minutes, he kept moving away from Father but he would move closer to him. Father said it was all right for them to do this, that's how two people show affection for each other. Father then grabbed his [REDACTED] hand and was pulling it towards his penis wanting him to touch it, but he didn't. When Father was done, he told him "it was their little secret". [REDACTED] said he was a student at St. Peters when this happened, but is not sure of the year.

[REDACTED] said he felt betrayed; he always had so much trust in Father Wagner. He never put himself into this position again. When Father would come to his house and asked him if he wanted to go on an outing, he would refuse. After graduation from St. Peters, Father would come over to his house to see how he and his family were doing. When he was in college he recalls Father contacting him to see how he was doing. [REDACTED] believes Father was doing this to see if he would mention the incident that occurred between them.

About fifteen or sixteen years ago he told his mother several times that Father Wagner sexually abused him, but it was hard for her to believe it. She had the highest regard for Father Wagner.

About ten or eleven years ago he told his wife about the abuse. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] believes it's directly related to the sexual abuse. [REDACTED] and his wife had counseling to deal not only with the sexual abuse, [REDACTED]

About 3 ½ years ago he contacted the Archdiocese and spoke with Barbara Reinke. He wanted to get this information out. He wanted this to stop, that he didn't want Father to do this to anyone else. At the time he wasn't sure if Father was still active in the ministry. Recently, he's spoken to Amy Peterson at the Archdiocese, about his complaint. Approximately six weeks ago he called the Mediation System to have his case investigated.

[REDACTED] informed me that he has not told his children about the sexual abuse.

I re-contacted [REDACTED] about the discrepancies in his statement as to the years he was at St. Peters. I informed him that Marie Zirbes, the secretary at St. Peters, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] John Wagner did not teach at St. Peters until September 1967. I informed him that he would have known Mr. Wagner for only his last year at St. Peters. He said the abuse had to then happen when he was in the 8th grade.

██████████ said that he should have done his homework before being interviewed. He should have gone back to the school to obtain his records.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Nowakowski

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Sept 18, 1985 - discussed Ballman

Jan 86 Ballman

Mon May 5, 86 financial questions
about administration at STB.

Mon Aug 18, 86 - allegations
regarding Mexican exchange students

Oct 20, 1986

30 May, 2002

Nuedling, George

A review of my records indicates that I met with [REDACTED] at Saint Hyacinth Rectory on Saturday, November 29, 1986 (LOG # 603) to discuss an allegation against Father Nuedling some thirty years earlier at Saint Rita Parish in West Allis, and the probability of similar activity with his brother [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] requested that Father Nuedling be confronted about the matter sometime in order to determine whether any admission of misconduct was forthcoming. He admitted mixed feelings about the matter, and still held Father Nuedling in regard, but wanted authorities to know of the accusation. He also wanted to be informed that the confrontation had occurred. Because of difficulties and some complications in seeking further information about the matter, I was not able to make contact with Father Nuedling until March 3, 1987 (LOG # 119) when I visited St John the Baptist Rectory in Twin Lakes where the accusation was acknowledged as having occurred thirty years earlier, prior to alcohol treatment. I stipulated that he was to avoid unsupervised contact with minors, and to seek counseling and spiritual direction for the issue. He later reported as having done so.

A letter was sent to [REDACTED] as requested, but no additional action was taken because of the positive attitude expressed by [REDACTED] the length of time between the alleged act and the initial accusation, and the fact that [REDACTED] was himself an adult with the responsibility for further action if he so chose.

There are no other entries in the office log for those years, nor any other accusations to my knowledge, other than two references to his serious health matters on February 14, 1989 (LOG # 163) and May 2, 1989 (LOG # 470), both in reference to his presence or absence at Task Force meetings.

- Richard J. Sklba

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

November 11, 2002

Members of Saint John the Evangelist Parish
Twin Lakes, Wisconsin

Dear Friends:

After Mass in Twin Lakes on Sunday morning, October 27, 2002, I had the opportunity to meet with a few of the victim / survivors of sexual abuse by Father George Nuedling. Although I am saddened to make this report, the truth of the matter is that George Nuedling did sexually abuse children during his tenure at Saint John's in Twin Lakes. This truth must be acknowledged before any healing can occur.

I respect the courage of these individuals who finally gave voice to the seriously wrong violations of their dignity as young people. The genital fondling of young boys was inexcusable, and indeed morally and criminally wrong. I am grateful for the contribution which these victim / survivors bring to the healing of this community after all the years of silence related to those actions.

Needless to say, we are all filled with sorrow for these individuals and their families over this heartache because these events did happen in this parish. Any attempt on the part of anyone to further disrespect or silence these courageous young men and women is wrong and becomes yet another victimization.

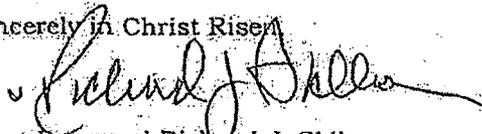
George Nuedling was guilty of these serious violations of his pastoral responsibility even though he also did good things during his years in ministry. We cannot be clear enough about this matter. Mere apology for what was permitted, knowingly or not, is not sufficient at this time. All our energy must now be invested in movement toward truth and healing in this parish community.

Men who molest children come from all walks of life. They often are successful and have many genuinely good qualities, which should not be negated. This may make their offenses confusing and difficult to reconcile. It is not unusual for priests who offend against children to be well loved and respected in the community. This makes it easier to gain access to children and to avoid detection. It works to their advantage if no one could believe that they would commit this offense, which makes the crime more insidious.

I implore any other victims to come forward, either contacting Pathways of Courage in Kenosha (262-657-5272 or 800-594-5272) or Dr. Barbara Reinke of our archdiocesan Project Benjamin office in Milwaukee (414-769-3436).

I accept my own share in responsibility for the culture of silence in the Church over such actions in the past. They have damaged individuals and their families, and even robbed them of faith at times. Please help make Saint John's here in Twin Lakes a model of how to move forward in truth and compassion for the healing of an entire community. Thank you for giving this acknowledgement and this personal appeal your fullest attention and cooperation.

Sincerely in Christ Risen



Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/SK

18 March 1987

The Most Revd. Richard J. Skiba
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
P.O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Bishop Skiba:

Referring to your letter of December 18, 1986 in which you recounted to me the confrontation of Father Lawrence Murphy and you at St. John's Center on Thanksgiving weekend.

It was a very, very unfortunate thing that you permitted Fr. Murphy to concelebrate Mass with you in front of so many deaf people who came from many places to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Ephraim Chapter of the International Catholic Deaf Association.

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The very harmful thing you did was to give Father Murphy a praise and warm welcome in front of the deaf eyes and you taught them that there is nothing wrong for a priest to molest boys and/or perform sexual activities with some boys in his cottage up north. You have hurt Father Murphy's victims who are still experiencing psychological problems and they are so confused by the Church's teaching on sexual morality!

As a former employee of the former St. John's School for the Deaf, I know the facts regarding Father Murphy's deplorable conduct and he has no credibility, whatsoever. For example, my cousin who was a teacher went to his office to get some help, but instead, saw Fr. Murphy with an elementary boy student with his pants off. He had

invaded the privacy of boys in their dormitories in later evening hours to molest with certain boys who were afraid to resist, and some of them were mentally retarded. That was why he hired deaf men as supervisors so as not to hear Fr. Murphy's devilish activities! Some of them were so upset and confided themselves to a deaf supervisor and he kept his mouth shut, lest he would lose his job.

To make it worse, after Fr. Murphy was removed from St. John's School, a former student and his father filed a civil lawsuit against Fr. Murphy after his lawyer found it possible to prove his wrongdoing. Guess what happened then? Fr. Murphy had his cousin who happened to be a Sister of St. Francis do the filthy work for him. She went to the victim's apartment every evening for about a month or so to manipulate him to sign a piece of paper.

He refused to do so for a long time. Then his landlord became fed up with this thing and expressed his annoyance to the victim. The Sister was very clever with deceiving words that prompted the victim to sign the paper when the straw broke down. He did not know the consequence of signing a paper like this. Thus, he became a "double victim" of injustice. The paper said he was to give up the lawsuit and that his attorney's fees would be paid by Fr. Murphy. So, what on earth for heaven's sake, why are you so tolerant of Father Murphy, no matter what without being sensitive to the plight of his victims who have to bear them for the rest of their lives.

I ask you to please read the Covenant Statement of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, especially Clause number six which reads:

"To work together for social justice and the common good."

How do you relate this explicit clause with the way you handle Father Murphy? As of now, I seriously question the Sincerity of our Covenant relationship as long as you show the lack of social concern for the sexual victims and the lack of responsibility for correcting the gross irresponsibilities of a priest who is supposed to be very accountable for what he does for the people of God.

You can see how angry I am in the name of social justice and I do not condone any abuses priests make on the people of God. I suggest that you have heart to heart with Archbishop Weakland as to what appropriate action should be taken that will be good for the whole Community. If it is your preference to hide the dirty white towel, I ask you to seriously plan not to renew our Covenant.

this fall, so as to be very honest with us for not being able to maintain Clause #6 as expected by both sides.

In conclusion, in the light of Father's Murphy's Questionable background & your remarks in the last paragraph of your letter of December 18th: "I ask that you be a means of reconciliation within the community and ask your understanding should he (Fr. Murphy) appear in the future when invited by members of the Catholic clergy" is still very questionable. Again, the victims do not deserve to be further repressed and I ask you to be more concerned with them and bring them back to the Church with reconciliation and keep Fr. Murphy at distance.

cc: The Most Revd.

Rombert Weakland, OSB ✓

Sincerely,



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13 November 1987

Dear Bishop Stebn.

As you probably are aware of the "150th Anniversary of the Ministry of the Catholic Bishops of the U.S.A." Center on Sunday, November 22nd, at noon, I have a very strong presence - you that Father Donald Murphy will, no question, be there for the mass and social gathering.

I would like to personally thank you to please call Father Bill King to have a feast to feast meeting with you and down I that Father Murphy to just around St. Peter's Center at all over the region as honored by the day Catholics on account of his donating reputation. I personally believe that it is time for you to step from head out since you are empowered by your office of Bishop as a creation of

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donation with the inclusion of the leading
 of morality. I also would like to
 invite you to please have Archbishop
 Randall McDonald to give Father
 Murphy his dignifying award that
 Father Murphy was not permitted
 to celebrate Eucharist when for the
 last 20 years of his ministry in
 the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

As a former employee of St. John's
 School for the Deaf and the Deaf
 Strategist by Father Murphy, I
 am still a victim and experience various
 Psychological symptoms. What is wrong
 continue to speak up in the name
 of social justice on the behalf of
 thousands of victims of Father Murphy.

Sincerely yours,



1178. Budzynski, Daniel
 When I attended his father's funeral, I recalled that when his mother died he told me he was interested in returning to work in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I did not have a chance to speak to him personally on this occasion but expect that we will be hearing from him soon.

9/1/81

1339. Budzynski, Daniel
 When I received a letter from him which stated that he would like to be considered for campus ministry work here in the Archdiocese, I called Bishop John Paul to see if Budzynski's desire to come back stemmed in any way from personal problems he was having in his present assignment. Bishop Paul told me that since Budzynski moved to his present assignment a year ago last spring there have been difficulties in working with the other priests at the same place. Paul acknowledged that the other priest was a difficult personality to get along with. He assured me that he had heard nothing about any personal problems that Budzynski was having and said that in general they were pleased with him and he knew that Budzynski was interested in returning to work in Milwaukee. He said that Budzynski's skills in liturgy are good but that he is not known for counseling skills and many of the students do not seek him out for this purpose.

10/30/81

29. Budzynski, Daniel
 The Archbishop informed me that [REDACTED] had called to report that the [REDACTED] (Waukeasha) confided in him that Father Dan Budzynski, who has been an extremely close friend of the family for a period of time dating back to his days at St. Bernadette's, had visited the family last Friday night and Saturday. He had dinner with them, stayed over night, and left about the middle of the next day. In the course of the visit there was a lot of drinking and Budzynski made homosexual advances at two of the children. When I told the Archbishop that Budzynski was scheduled to see me the next day, he thought I ought to confront him with this and get him the appropriate help needed. I then phoned the [REDACTED] to get the story firsthand and to inform them that I was going to confront Budzynski of these facts. They were most cooperative, [REDACTED] and related the events of the entire weekend. They are angry, frustrated, confused, but mostly they feel betrayed by one of their best friends. They related the drinking first of all and knew that Budzynski was quite a heavy drinker. He had three martinis, 2 oz. of gin each before dinner, about three glasses of wine at dinner, and then three bourbon and waters after dinner each amounting to 2 or more ounces. The [REDACTED] could not keep up with him and so they went to bed. The next day after Budzynski had left their 13 and 18 year old sons approached them to discuss what had happened during the night. Budzynski had first approached the 13 year old with fondling and caressing which the boy rejected. Later as he was preparing for bed he did the same thing with the 18 year old who ran out of the room, went downstairs and told his 19 year old sister all about it. The boy was shaken, remained awake all night talking to his sister and not knowing what to do. The [REDACTED] are glad that something is going to be done about this because they were considering seeking an attorney. There were also two young children in a bedroom adjacent to Budzynski's room and there is a suspicion that he might have entered that room in the early hours of the morning. One of the children there was a 4 year old for whom the [REDACTED] were babysitting. They have not said anything to the boy's parents but will do so if there is anything said by the youngster. They realize Budzynski is sick and really want to see him get the help he needs. They do not want to confront him personally, however, because of the hurt they feel.

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when he and I met, I was worried about him. I explained that it had to do with his dissatisfaction with his assignment, the effects of the recent deaths of his parents, and his drinking and psycho-sexual problems. He admitted that he was in bad shape in all these matters. He was not surprised when I confronted him about what had gone on at the [redacted] residence over the weekend. He is ashamed, deeply regrets it, and asked me to convey his apologies and regrets. He then agreed to undergo treatment for his problem. We are going to start at Guest House in Rochester on January 21. Hopefully, this will be the key to his problem. Following that we can assess whether he needs more intensive treatment such as the Albuquerque Villa would have to offer. Albuquerque Villa would not be starting another group session until July 15. It is also possible that we can do better here on the local scene. He is going to tell the people in Stevens Point that he is coming back to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to work but that because of his health he is going to take an extended vacation. He asked me to speak to Bishop Paul about this, but when I called and found out that Paul was on vacation until the 21st so I spoke to Bishop Freking and explained the problem and proposed solution. He was sorry to hear about Budzynski and agrees that he needs treatment right now. He knows that Budzynski will not be returning to the LaCrosse Diocese.

1/12/82

51. Budzynski, Daniel
I called Father Zinthefer to let him know that Father Dan Budzynski was beginning treatment for personal problems that were known to Zinthefer. He was satisfied and glad that I called.

1/15/82

82. Budzynski, Daniel
Contact address and phone number for his sister in Milwaukee:

[redacted]

1/22/82

259. Budzynski, Daniel
Father Newman told me that there has been a problem with the payment for Budzynski's dental insurance since last September. I asked him to write to Budzynski to find out what that was all about. I think Budzynski was responsible for that payment rather than the Diocese of La Crosse.

3/25/82

279. Budzynski, Daniel
I visited him at Guest House in Rochester. His counselors feel that he has made great strides in self-understanding and rehabilitation. They feel that his personal problems will be able to be controlled as long as he maintains sobriety. When I spoke to him, he evidenced great relief that his problem was coming under control. When we discussed a future assignment, he was very open to the idea of working in Whitewater as part-time parish priest and part-time campus minister. At Eastertime he will be going on a therapeutic leave and I asked him to contact Nick Schoofs to discuss the possibilities further.

3/31/82

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528. Budzynski, Daniel

I called to see how he is doing. He is still on sick leave and is feeling some of the effects of the recent pressures. I asked him to contact [REDACTED] the psychologist he dealt with some years back in order to help him cope with some of these pressures. I told him that we would like to have him and Wagner be the team at St. Patrick's, Whitewater. I told him this might not be available for some time, but he liked the idea.

6/2/82

696. Budzynski, Daniel

He called when I was out of the office and left word that health-wise he was doing very well. I figured that he had already heard from Wagner that we were going to consider the team for Whitewater.

7/23/82

189. Budzynski, Daniel

He seems to be happy in his present assignment although he has some problems relating to Father John Wagner. Wagner has been relegating most of the sacramental duties to Budzynski who Wagner thinks should be assuming more of the responsibility. Budzynski said that his sobriety is fine and he is planning a trip to Guest House in March for a check-up. He continues to see [REDACTED] who is helping him with psychological problems, and he attends an AA group meeting on campus once a week. He is very close to his sister, [REDACTED] and sees her at least once a week. He has not heard from his friends in Waukesha and would feel better if they knew he was seeking their forgiveness. I agreed to contact them to see where they are at. He saw their son one time on campus and spoke to him, but after that, never saw him again. Budzynski feels as though he can complete his term of office at the parish and finds the people to be very warm and receptive. He really thinks a priest should be assigned to the campus ministry and claims that he is on campus several times a week. Whereas, Wagner is seldom present. Budzynski has a lot of admiration for the work that Ed De Groot is doing on campus.

2/18/83

507. Budzynski, Daniel

Maureen Gallagher called to say that Budzynski had been in contact with her to see if there was any possibility of him becoming a campus minister in the Archdiocese. It looks as though right now all the positions are filled, but Maureen could tell that Budzynski is really hurting because of the way the situation was handled by the Personnel Board at Whitewater. Budzynski feels that more consideration is being given to Wagner than to him. Besides that, he does not relish the idea of becoming part of the faculty at Divine Savior/Holy Angels although he is willing to do this if it meant until a campus ministry position opened up. I told Maureen that I had been hearing that Budzynski was hurting. I am going to call him and meet with him to see what's going on in his situation.

6/3/83

513. Budzynski, Daniel
 He called to tell me how upset he was about the way it was announced to him by the Personnel Board that he was to leave St. Patrick's, Whitewater. He said that from all appearances we had been working and conferring diligently with Father Wagner and letting him completely out of the picture. He reminded me that I had promised to talk to both of them after Wagner's evaluation. I told him that I did want to talk to him about this whole thing but that my vacation intervened and also a number of things changed. I told him that it seemed best for him to move rather than to remain there alone with all the administrative pressures that would be put on him. I told him that Wagner was only staying there temporarily and that we hoped to find him another assignment by September. I asked him to keep that confidential at this point although he seemed to be aware of that. He told me that his psychologist, [REDACTED] helped him greatly through the episode and that he did not fall back into a drinking pattern. He said that he does not like the idea of Divine Savior-Holy Angels High School but he will pursue an interview with them on Wednesday. He would accept the assignment at least until something opened up that he preferred. He would really like to be in campus ministry, but I told him there were very few positions available and that right now we did not see a position at UWM opening up for the next couple of years. I asked him what Dr. [REDACTED] would recommend by way of a parish assignment. He told me that he felt Budzynski could handle a parish without a school where there is a DRE who can handle most of the work that has to do with the high school children and younger people. When he kept on mentioning the idea of campus ministry, I asked him if he would like to look into the idea of work in this setting outside the diocese. He told me he was getting a little too old to be out there too far away from his family.

6/6/83

528. Budzynski, Daniel
 Dr. Angela Pienkos, from DSHA, called to ask my opinion about them hiring Budzynski. I told her that I felt he could be recommended because he had done satisfactory work in campus ministry in his past assignments. She told me that she had asked a couple of priests on the Archdiocesan level what they thought and she was getting some very negative vibes about him particularly his poor performance of duties and personal problems. I told her that we had worked extensively with him and that there had been a problem of alcoholism that accounted for a number of the other personal problems that he had. This was well in check. I told her I would talk to his therapist and get back to her on Friday with more information. I then called [REDACTED] who has Budzynski's permission to talk to me about his situation. [REDACTED] had mixed feelings. On the one hand he hates to see Dan hurt by being rejected from an assignment. On the other hand he does not know if DSHA would really be a good assignment for him because he would be with young children and this is not good whether they are boys or girls. [REDACTED] said he would really prefer to have Budzynski in a parish and he sees that things could be handled better there. He told me that whenever Budzynski feels his problem coming on he is immediately in touch with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that we can feel safe in assigning him to parish work. He probably would do well at Christ King under the supervision of Msgr. Beres, but I feel it is too close to St. Joseph Parish where he had some problems in the past. I am going to explore the possibility of Budzynski becoming an associate at St. Vincent's Parish with Father Herkowski.

6/8/83

talk and he seems to have dealt with the frustration and the anger he had to experience with the way things turned out at Whitewater. There still lingers in the back of his mind the question of why he could not stay at Whitewater and work with the parish and the campus and have John Wagner go instead. I asked him to consider two possibilities. The first would be to become temporary administrator at St. Thomas, Kenosha. Within a month or two he and Kionzie would probably know if they could work together. Budzynski has his heart set on campus ministry to some degree and in Kenosha the Parkside Campus needs the attention of a priest for maybe a half day per week. If things did not work out at St. Thomas, Budzynski could go on to be the replacement for Father Heffron at Mukwonago while he is on sabbatical and then in the fall we would have another help out for him when another priest is on sabbatical which would take us up to the spring appointments next year. The second possibility I suggested would be to become an associate pastor at a place like Cedarburg or another place that might be open and then wait until the right assignment opens up probably in a one-priest parish. I told him that the latter would probably be the safer of the two from the standpoint of not having to worry about the future. I asked him to consider these two options and to let me know by the end of the week so that I can make a recommendation to the personnel board.

6/21/83

606. Budzynski, Daniel

He called to say that after serious consideration he would like to hold off from taking an assignment at this time. He wants to remain on awaiting assignment and would be willing to take over for someone who would be on sabbatical. I put him in touch with Father Gene Neuman so that the Personnel Board would have this information.

6/27/83

754. Budzynski, Daniel

He called to discuss a number of items:

1. He has received a billing from Dr. [redacted] office which shows that the medical insurance coverage has run out. He also paid another such bill and would like reimbursement.
2. We talked about his assignment this fall to St. James, Mukwonago while Father Heffron is on leave of absence. I also brought up the parish of St. Michael in Beaver Dam and Budzynski told me no one told him to apply for it. I told him if he was interested to give it some thought and possibly write a letter of application. I told him, however, that this was not guaranteed that he would get the position.
3. He said that he has spoken to Father Gene Konkel at Menlo Park who is a classmate. Konkel told him that he would be able to obtain a sabbatical there in either spring or fall of 1984. I told him he would have to touch base with Father Carl Last about that.
4. He has been to Guest House recently and said the visit was beneficial.
5. In his consultation with Dr. [redacted] he raised the question and idea of looking into his personnel files. There are things that are still bothering him about Whitewater and he would like to know what people said about him which led to his being asked to leave the parish by the Personnel Board. I told him he was free to look at my files but that I did not think there would be anything in there of any note. I told him he would probably want to look into the Personnel Board's files for the answer to his question.

8/22/83

844. Budzynski, Daniel
At the recommendation of Father Last I ok'd a sabbatical for Budzynski next spring at Menlo Park. He has been assured of a place there even though we will be sending another priest from the Diocese to the same institute. Last is now going to follow up with the arrangements.
9/12/83
1125. Budzynski, Daniel
Dr. [redacted] told me that Budzynski is doing very well at this time. I told Johannsen that I was somewhat disappointed when Budzynski did not accept the parish of St. Michael in Beaver Dam because it was a small parish and did not have a grade school. Johannsen agreed and said that Budzynski's anger has subsided and that even if he has to wait some time for a parish this will not be harmful to him.
11/29/83
447. Budzynski, Daniel
On Saturday, September 6, 1986 I met with Dan in order to discuss his willingness to accept Peter Jansta as a permanent deacon at the parish of St. Louis in Caledonia (which he was inclined to do), and also to discuss Dan's ongoing therapy with [redacted]. Dan feels that the area of alcoholism and the area of sexuality are properly under control with therapy and indicated that there had been no problem at the parish in either area. He was very grateful for the contact and the support expressed by the visit.
RJS
485. Budzynski, Daniel
On Tuesday, September 23, 1986 I had a telephone conversation with Dr. [redacted] whom Dan sees on a monthly basis. [redacted] indicated that Dan is almost a "miracle story" because of the way in which he has handled his problems responsibly and maturely. I made an appointment to meet with Walter and Dan next month.
RJS
509. Budzynski, Daniel
On Friday, October 10, 1986 I met with Dr. [redacted] in his office (463-8540) to discuss the progress of Dan's therapy. [redacted] believes that Dan has made great progress, and as a result of Dan's efforts, he can be expected to continue in his ministry without undue risk provided that he continue to take the personal precautions established, avoid alcoholic beverages, and continue his monthly therapy sessions. [redacted] said we should feel free to ask Dan how things were going in a direct fashion as a sign of support.
RJS
282. Budzynski, Daniel
On Saturday, June 13, 1987 I received a phone call from [redacted] President of the Parish Council at St. Louis Parish, Caledonia ([redacted] Work, 425-3383) regarding some alleged child abuse. I immediately spoke with Dr. [redacted] who agreed to contact Dan on Monday the 15th of June in order to set up an appointment immediately to discuss the matter. I contacted Dan himself and told him of the allegations without mentioning any names, also informing him of the forthcoming phone call from Dr. [redacted]. On Sunday morning, I spoke with [redacted] regarding the situation and promised to call [redacted] at the end of the week after she had had more opportunity to speak with her son. I spoke with Joe Dean on Monday morning, June 15, 1987, in order to seek legal counsel. I also learned of another parent at the parish, [redacted] who had expressed some concern regarding her son as well. I will talk with Dr. [redacted] again as soon as possible.
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844. Budzynski, Daniel

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1125. Budzynski, Daniel

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447. Budzynski, Daniel

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286. Budzynski, Daniel
On Tuesday, June 16, 1987 I spoke with [REDACTED] who had met with Dan to discuss the entire possibility of child abuse. I indicated that I would probably feel constrained to make a report to the Racine police department and also raised the possibility of Dan's moving from this assignment.

RJS

305. Budzynski, Daniel
On Friday, June 19, 1987 I again spoke with [REDACTED] who is hesitant to take additional steps before checking with psychologists dealing with her son.

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305. Budzynski, Daniel

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320. Budzynski, Daniel

On Tuesday, June 30, 1987 I had a conversation with Dr. [REDACTED] and made arrangements for a meeting with him and Dan on July 22. On that same day I had a long conversation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] regarding the current situation in the parish. Apparently, an increasing number of parents are very concerned. [REDACTED] has exhibited significant mood change, and I received some indication that two others may have had some questionable experiences leaving them confused during the past year. I have become convinced that a change this summer seems most appropriate, and I took the liberty of calling Sister Carol Wester, OP to see if a temporary chaplaincy at Siena Center might be possible. She gave me the name of Sister Eleanor Linz and indicated a willingness to be helpful if this fitted in with the current community plans at Siena Center. I will meet with Dan as soon as possible in order to explore these developments directly.

RJS

334. Budzynski, Daniel

On Sunday, July 5, 1987 I met with Dan at St. Louis rectory in order to discuss the various options which seemed available at this time and to inform him of an appointment with himself and Dr. [REDACTED] on July 22, 1987. He is obviously very deeply concerned and upset even though he is maintaining good external composure.

RJS

34. Budzynski, Daniel

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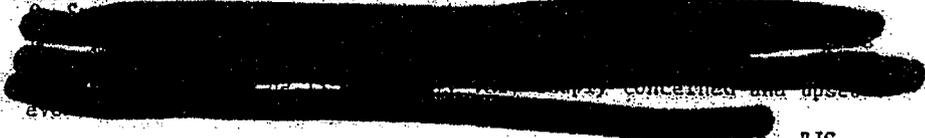
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1037. Budzynski, Daniel

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RJS

403. Dan Budzynski

On July 13, 1992 I received a phone call from [REDACTED] to express concern about the community's ability to continue paying for a full-time priest in view of the diminishment of the St. Anne's/Motherhouse community and also in view of some limitations experienced in Dan's ministry (lengthy theological homilies and lack of much involvement in educational efforts during the year). Sr. Doris said that she would speak to Dan and would communicate with Tom Venne's office or myself regarding the date of such a conversation and any time line projected for the movement of the community from a full time priest Chaplain to part time Sacramental help out.

RJS

506. Budzynski, Daniel

On July 21, 1992, Daniel Budzynski called to inform us that he received a letter that the St. Francis Assisi Convent no longer could justify having a full time chaplain and that his position was being terminated. He was concerned about his future ministry. He said they would make this transition as soon as he received a new assignment. I asked if he could get a letter for us when this transition would take place and made an appointment to meet with him to discuss an appropriate assignment for him.

RTV

525. Budzynski, Daniel

On July 29, 1992, Dan Budzynski came in to discuss the termination of his position at St. Francis Convent and future assignments. He would prefer ministry in a retirement or nursing home. He spoke about some education time as a possibility. He said some restrictions had been given for parish ministry, but didn't know if he would be able to handle parish ministry. He did mention an Associate Pastor position, but it seemed to be a last resort for him. He mentioned Dr. [REDACTED] as a person concerned that he be in a proper assignment for his continued sobriety and other issues

RTV

564. Budzynski, Daniel A.

On August 14, 1992 I received a letter from Sr. Rita Kosednar, O.S.F. on 8/12/92 stating that with the decrease in Sisters at St. Francis Convent, the need for a full-time chaplain can no longer be justified. They have informed Dan Budzynski of this fact and referred to his employment contract which states it can be terminated with 60 days notice. They are open to have him continue ministry until something suitable is found.

RTV

507. Dan Budzynski

On September 8, 1992 after learning that Dan was a candidate for the Chaplaincy at Clement Villa (from Tom Trepanier) I called Sr. Alphonsa Pula in order to share briefly the existence of an older allegation so that she would be knowledgeable in making the best selection possible for the elderly population under her care.

RJS

683. Budzynski, Daniel

On September 24, 1992 Daniel Budzynski informed me that he had been offered and was accepting the assignment as Chaplain at Villa Clement. He will be notifying the Sisters of St. Francis this weekend. He asked how to make this public, and I told him to have Villa Clement notify us so we can make it official.

RTV

135. Budzynski, Dan

On February 1, 1994, Dr. Liz Piasecki and I met with Dan Budzynski to inform him of allegations brought to Liz by a woman, who alleges inappropriate behavior by Dan while he was at St. Bernadette's 1970-71. [REDACTED] She did not give permission for her name to be used. She informed Liz that she has spoken to a lawyer. Dan was very upset and has no recollection on any of the situations alleged. He will see Matt Flynn for a legal discussion and on 2/9/94 will meet with Liz and the assessment team.

RTV

60. Daniel Budzinski

On February 16, 1994 I was asked by the Archbishop to meet with Dan and to discuss his possible retirement from active ministry.

RJS

✓ 81. Daniel Budzinski

On February 24, 1994 I met with Dan to review his current situation and to explore the possibility of early retirement. Dan will turn 66 on March 12, 1994 and acknowledged a variety of possibilities for the future including some specialized music study toward liturgical ministry. He promised that he would work out some scenarios with Dr. [REDACTED] and I promised to explore the types of ministerial restrictions which would be invoked in the proposed retirement status. Dan also indicated some concern about financial resources if he were suddenly retired and I learned that there were sufficient physical problems in his own health status to warrant an early retirement for health reasons.

RJS

317. Budzynski, Daniel

On March 9, 1994, I spoke to Dan Budzynski after [REDACTED] Dan said he went through the evaluation and it was very rough. He said he met with Dick Sklba and an early retirement was suggested. Dan said it has been very difficult and he is trying to take it one day at a time. He didn't see the need for early retirement, since things seem to be going well in his ministry at Villa Clement.

RTV

✓ 135. Daniel Budzinski

On March 4, 1994 I spoke with Dan and communicated the basic request of the Archbishop regarding the future.

RJS

✓ 126. Daniel Budzinski

On March 11, 1994 in a meeting with Archbishop Weakland I concluded that it would be helpful for Dan to retire to Meyer Hall or Cousins Center this Spring without helpout responsibilities at least for the time being.

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RJS

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155. Daniel Budzinski

On March 17, 1994 I met with Dan to finalize the terms and time line of his projected retirement. We agreed that he would speak with the Administration of Villa Clement immediately in order to determine an effective date of resignation and suggested that May 31, 1994 would probably be convenient for all parties concerned. I asked that he obtain a letter from his physician documenting the health concerns which would justify early retirement will full benefits, and asked that Dan write a personal letter to the Archbishop requesting retirement and that he meet with Paul Janette to explore the possibilities of residence at Cousins Center or Meyer Hall. It was concluded that the package of Dan's future ministry would entail music, studies (presumably at his own expense), together with the combination of Eucharistic ministry within the office personnel of Cousins Center and possible assistance to the Archbishop's office in areas of correspondence. I learned that Dan has made an appointment to meet with Paul Janette for a visit to the residence facilities on March 22, 1994.

RJS

487. Budzynski, Daniel

On April 15, 1994, we received a copy of a letter from Daniel Budzynski to Archbishop Weakland requesting permission to retire as of 5/31/94. He has submitted his resignation to Villa Clement effective 5/21/94.

RTV

535. Budzynski, Daniel

On April 27, 1994, we received a copy of a letter from Archbishop Weakland to Daniel Budzynski granting his request for early retirement for health reasons.

RTV

261. Daniel Budzinski

On May 4, 1994 I briefly spoke with Dan who asked if he would be able to continue a monthly help-out at St. Leonard's in Muskego, and if he would be able to accept other invitations in the future. In view of the fact that I have not had the opportunity to finalize the matter of Dan's restricted faculties with the Archbishop, and in view of the fact that Fr. Ken Derfus is completely aware of the history, I allowed Dan to continue his monthly week-end assistance at Muskego and cautioned against accepting further invitations until we have had the opportunity to bring complete resolution to the issue.

RJS

126. Budzynski, David

On February 17, 1995, Dan stopped to drop off his therapy charges which the diocese paid through the years.

CCS

174. Daniel Budzynski

On March 23, 1995 in the context of a meeting with Dr. Elizabeth Plasecki I learned of the need on my part to review the status of all ministerial restrictions placed upon parish help-out services provided by Dan in his retirement and residence at Meyer Hall.

RJS

382. Daniel Budzinski

✓ On May 24, 1995 Ken Derfus reported that Dan had celebrated an occasional Sunday Eucharist at St. Leonard Parish in Muskego under his own very strict supervision as someone who understood the extent of concern from the past. Ken also reported that Dan currently serves as Assisting Priest for alternate weekend liturgies at Elm Brook Hospital special residential section on the lower level of the institution. Ken recommended that his successor at St. Leonard's be given complete and accurate information so that all additional supervision needed for the future would be in place.

RJS

✓395. Daniel Budzinski

On April 19, 1996 I spoke with Dan Budzinski who asked for guidance regarding whether or not he would be able to concelebrate as a 40th Anniversary Jubilarian at the Priest Assembly, and expressed his personal frustration over his inability to do any kind of ministry at this point in his life.

RJS

✓426. Daniel Budzinski

On April 26, 1996 in consultation with Carrol Straub we agreed to allow the 40th Anniversary concelebration to proceed on the basis of the invitation extended, but stated that participation in a similar event in LaCrosse would not be permitted.

RJS

✓1039. Daniel Budzinski

On November 4, 1996 in a meeting with Dr. Liz Piasecki I concurred with her suggestion that Dan enter into formal association with Deacon Thomas MacGuine in the program of Monitoring developed by the Office of the Vicar for Clergy and promised to speak with Fr. Straub about initiating that understanding with Dan.

RJS

✓322. Daniel Budzinski

On May 5, 1997 the Archbishop approved granting faculties to Fr. Budzinski to preside and preach at a cousin's 50th Jubilee in Centerline, Michigan in August of 1997 with the understanding that this for one time only and that the other restrictions remain in place.

RJS

✓416. Daniel Budzinski

On June 5, 1997 I learned that Dan does not seem to have found any replacement for regular professional counseling after the retirement of Dr. [REDACTED] approximately 2 years previously.

RJS

70. Budzynski, Dan

October 16, 1997 - I authorized Dan to have (one-time only) the funeral Mass for his sister. The funeral will probably be on Monday, October 20 at Gesu Church, Milwaukee.

TFK

23. Daniel Budzinski

On January 19, 1998, after consultation with Fr. Thomas Kerstein, I gave permission for Fr. Budzinski to concelebrate at the funeral of his classmate, Fr. Cletus Kaiser, at Holy Angels in West Bend, with the clear understanding that he continue to respect the restrictions on his ministry currently in place.

RJS

- ✓ 350. Daniel Budzinski
On May 15, 1998 in a conversation with Archbishop Weakland it was decided that permission not be given to Fr. Budzinski to concelebrate at the first Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Chippewa Falls (June 28, 1998) after priestly ordination. I communicated that information promptly.
RJS
472. Budzynski, Dan
December 16, 1998 Dan Budzynski is phoned to inquire on his progress after his angioplasty and stint implant of last week. He's doing well and following through on prescribed therapy and exercise.
JFH
473. Budzynski, Dan
June 20, 1999 Vicar phones Dan Budzynski, after receiving call from Ken Dertus about Dan's hospitalization. Dan had a heart catheterization at St. Francis Hospital on 6/17. It was then determined he would need bypass surgery probably this week of 6/20. Vicar asks Dan to phone when a date for surgery is set.
JFH
490. Budzynski, Dan
June 28, 1999 Dan reports that he will have open heart surgery on 6/30 at St. Francis Hospital, Milwaukee for at least 3 bypasses.
JFH
- ✓ 395. Daniel Budzynski
On Friday evening, July 2, 1999 I paid a brief visit to St. Francis Hospital where Fr. Budzynski had just been moved from Intensive Care to a private room subsequent to cardiac surgery for 3 by-passes. On Tuesday, July 6, 1999 I visited Fr. Budzynski as he returned to residence at Meyer Hall with the assurance that his immediate needs would be cared for by Fr. Erv Matt.
RJS
- ✓ 488. Daniel Budzinski
On August 19, 1999 Fr. Edward Eschweiler reported Fr. Budzinski's relapse and return to St. Francis Hospital for a pacemaker on August 18, 1999. Later that day I visited him in the Cardiac Intensive Care unit of St. Francis Hospital.
RJS
422. Dan Budzynski
May 28, 2001 Dan is hospitalized at St. Francis Hospital after passing out at his sister's home on Memorial Day. He is being kept overnight for further tests and is disappointed that he will be unable to accompany classmates to Prague this week in celebration of their 45th anniversary after he was the one to arrange all this.
JFH

764. Dan Budzynski
August 16, 2002 Dan Budzynski is seen by Vicar and told he is not to sing in the diocesan choir for the Mass of Installation because of the possibility that his image on TV could again upset former victims of his abuse as did his photo in the Milwaukee Journal when attending the April meeting of priests and bishops at Cousins Center. When stating he would attend the Vespers he was reminded he was not invited to this service and admission was by ticket only.
JFH

V657. Daniel Budzinski
On September 5, 2002 I received a phone call from D.Budzinski inquiring about the directive given by the Vicar to Fr. Alan Jurkus of the Pension Board, namely that as a person under precept he should not be an active member of the Board. Since I had no knowledge of this action I could only listen and promise to inquire. Although apparently A.Jurkus was strongly recommending Dan's attendance, Dan himself was hesitant to do so if that would occasion a complete discussion of his situation.
RJS

286. Dan Budzynski
October 18, 2004 Vicar phoned Dan as a follow up to a report of an allegation that surfaced regarding him. Vicar invited Dan to return the call. Dan returned phone call on 10/198. He's upset. He remembers things in general, but not the specifics. He's afraid of what will happen to him now. CJF
369. Dan Budzynski
November 13, 2004 Vicar phoned to discuss the precept placed on him regarding no public portrayal as a priest. Don is aware of this and intends to abide by it. CJF
406. Dan Budzynski
November 29, 2004 Vicar met with Frs. Erv Matt and George Huber to serve as on-site companions for Fr. Budzynski. The both agreed to serve as such. CJF
25. Dan Budzynski
January 13, 2005 Vicar and Dave Zimprich met with Dan and at his request, Fr. Ed Eschweiler. Dan was informed of his laicization by the Holy Father. He was visibly upset and the consequences of the rescript were discussed. He understands that he needs to move out of Meyer Hall, to find supplemental insurance, and that he will retain his pension. He signed the rescript. CJF
61. Dan Budzynski
January 28, 2005 Vicar phoned to see how Dan is doing in the transition and to offer support and consolation. Left message and invited a return call if he desired. CJF
37. Daniel Budzynski
On February 9, 2004, I had an appointment with Father Ken Derfus, classmate of Dan Budzynski, who wanted to express his support both for Dan, whose journey he understands and for the archdiocese at this moment of public awkwardness and difficulty, at least in the eyes of so many priests who feel that Dan's move from Meyer Hall was harsh. Ken expressed understanding of the complexity of the issues and appreciation for the difficult decisions that had to be made. Although resources are limited, Dan's classmates have pledged to offer financial assistance, especially since the medical supplement will not longer be paid by the archdiocese or the St. Michael's Priest Fund for Dan. RJS

4. Daniel Budzynski

On January 24, 2006, I was approached by Amy Peterson who had received a telephone call from a former victim who was outraged by having received a Christmas card from Daniel Budzynski. Although I had initially agreed to send a letter regarding this violation, later consultation indicated that such would be improper given the total archdiocesan severing of association with him. Amy's office took care of the communication. RJS

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June 21, 1995

The Reverend Daniel Budzynski
[REDACTED]
St. Francis, Wisconsin 53235-3707

Dear Dan,

Sorry for the abrupt letter that you received, but it was necessary for me to act consistently and clearly.

For your own sake, Dan, please understand that any public ministry on your part exposes you, the priesthood, and the diocese to much negative publicity. The network of victims is well organized and any public ministry becomes the occasion for renewed anger and threats. I wish I could be more "generous", but I simply cannot be. The exposure is too great and the possible consequences too devastating.

Thanks for the prayers.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Copies to: Father Carroll Straub
Bishop Skiba
Barbara Anne

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May 7, 2001

Reverend Daniel A. Budzynski
Meyer Hall

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St. Francis WI 53235-3707

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Dear Dan,

Your letter has been sitting on my desk for two weeks now. Sorry for the delay. I read it carefully several times. First of all, I want to encourage you to continue the sobriety program. You have done so well on it.

The serious difficulties of the past never surfaced in the public forum nor were brought to any legal authorities, but they still could well surface. I see no reason to take those risks for yourself or for the Church. Public ministry it seems to me is still not an option for you.

Among the situations you mentioned, I do not see how the weddings are possible. I would permit the concelebrating of your 45th anniversary of Ordination on May 30/31.

Sorry, Dan, but prudence tells me it is best to hold to the status quo.

Peace and blessings.

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CC: Bishop Richard J. Skiba
Vicar for Clergy Personnel
Chancery

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FINAL VERSION

Sexual Contacts/Rev. Daniel Budzynski

- 1987: ✓ 1. [redacted], minor [redacted]
Pallotine Retreat House, Elkhorn
Report to Bishop Sklba
St. Louis, Caledonia
- 1983 ✓ 2. [redacted] minor [redacted]
✓ 3. [redacted] minor [redacted]
Awaiting assignment: Budzynski living in same building
- 1982 ✓ 4. [redacted], Waukesha minor ([redacted])
Family reported to Archbishop/ sent to treatment
On leave to Diocese of LaCrosse
Campus Ministry, Stevens Point

1976-1980

5. Male: "young adult" from Oxford Wisconsin (took Polaroid pictures of this male, nude, on bed after sexual activity) Confronted by this male's friend.
6. "19 or 20"
7. "young adult": reported to Fr. John Kelly
8. age 13
Campus Ministry: Eau Claire
Diocese of LaCrosse

1974-1976

- ✓ 9. [redacted], minor, age [redacted] -- Reported to Archbishop Cousins, Budzynski sent to therapy.
10. Minor male, friend of [redacted]
11. minor ([redacted])
12. [redacted]
St. Joseph, Wauwatosa

1972-1974

13. [redacted]
14. [redacted]
15. [redacted]
16. (minor): reported to pastor
17. (minor)
Archbishop Cousins relieves him of duties : on leave-11/73-3/74
St. Peter Claver, Sheboygan

Summers 1972-73: U. Of San Francisco

- ✓ 18. "several minor kids": Parents report to parish priest
19. in San Francisco who tells him not to have contact with their sons any more.

1971-72

✓ 20. : told best friend and report "circulated among the kids". Removed by Bishop Brust/Archbishop Cousins, placed on leave for several months before Sheboygan.
St. Bernadette, Milwaukee

1969-1971

- 21.
- 22. age 13 or 14,
- 23. Unknown minor male 13 or 14
- 24. Unknown minor male age 13 or 14
(Both on camping trip with .)
- 25. (), age "14 or 15"
- 26.
- ✓ 27. : "11 or 12"
- ✓ 28. age 13

Took pictures of boys in the nude. They told their mother who reported to Fr. Ken Metz. Budzynski goes to psychiatrist on his own without telling the Archdiocese. "I am losing my mind."

29. (adult seminarian)
St. Casimir, Milwaukee

1966-1969

- 30. "13 or 14"
- 31. "13 or 14"
- 32. "13 or 14"
- 33. "15 or 16"
- 34. "15 or 16"
- 35. "13 or 14"
- 36. "13 or 14"
- 37. "15 or 16"
- 38. "15 or 16"
- ✓ 39. 7th or eighth grader)
- 40. (mother, adult)
- 41. friend
- 42. : 7th grader
- 43. "11 or 12"
- 44. "Older brother of and "
- 45. , Cousin of minor "
- 46. Friend of (#45): minor
St. Paul, Milwaukee

1965-1966

- 47. "13 or 14"
- 48. : 13 or 14
- 49. Minor male, name unknown
St. Joseph, West Allis

1962-1965

Picnics with boys, St. Helen's Milwaukee

2/10/94

June 1987 - St. Louis Church
8th grades (Male) - Retreat for 8th grades
- swimming
- Bg Akba intervention

June 1983 - Awaiting Assignment
- living with sister
- 2 landlords

(White House)
January 1980 - Recalled from Campus Ministry - [redacted]
- dinner/overnight with B. [redacted]
- D. B. incident
admit student/parent

1978 - East Ohio - Fr. [redacted] intervention
Spring 1976 - St. Joseph, Wauwatosa 7476
- at rectory w/ J.
- intervention w/ parent, Fr. Murphy, St. Louis
class - incident in M-

Spring 1972 - St. Bernadette
- intervention Fr. James Ruetz, Parish
Pop. Benet

June 1969 - St. Cecilia

1966 - St. Paul's

1965 - St. Joseph's Parish

Jan to May 1984 Sabbatical Vatican Institute. Menlo Park, CA

Sept to Dec 1983 Administrator: St James Mukwango

June 1983 Awaiting Assignment, living at [redacted] (Hills)

Sept 1982 St Patrick Point, Whitewater

Jan thru May 1982 sick leave - Guest House Rochester

August 1976 thru January 1982 ^{on leave to} St. Division of LaCrosse

1980-1983 St. Peter's Point Campus of UW

1976-1980 Eau Claire Campus of UW

young adult } - ? music student (from Orford WI ?)
- - - - -
- - - - -

boy @ 13 - Point - Pastoral
~~_____~~

1974-1976 St. Joseph, Vancouver

= intervention with Parents of John & Joseph Nelson
(" ")

1972-1974 St. Peter Claver, Sheboygan

1 - ? - quotes [redacted] - 16/17 last May?
- " - - - -
- " - - - -

San Francisco - 2 Summers
on leave part () 4/73 -> 3/74

2/11/94

1971-1972 St Bernadette, Milwaukee

Intervention by Parents, Pastor (Jim Rusty) (Briest)

- three¹⁹⁷¹ over the - no incident

- prison - changing clothes - no incident

leave - for sev weeks before Shelbygo

1969-1971 St Casimir, Milwaukee

1971
1972

1971
1972
- further history of (a party)

14-15

runaway

1966-1969 St Paul, Milwaukee

Mrso Slivers

↓

13m 14

Prison
Camping
to various

from parish

1965-1966 St Joseph, WA

Camping

(3 boys)

13-14 yrs M

(69-71)

in bar (at St Casimir's)

no incidents before this time (1965)

Prison & beds → St Helen's St Hedwig's - just boys
St Hedwig's → sent for a Catholic school

266. Massie, Daniel

On Thursday, March 17, 1988 I met with Dan at my request to discuss the alleged misconduct in the Menomonee Falls area. Dan was extremely cooperative and candid, acknowledging that he does feel an attraction toward working with children and that he had been part of some situations which he perceived to be inappropriate. He has revised his principles of acceptable social conduct and had been seeking counseling.

RJS

267. Massie, Daniel

On Monday, March 28, 1988 I received a phone call from counselor, [REDACTED] of Menomonee Falls (255-0200) who is currently dealing with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] asked if I intended to make a formal report to civil authorities regarding the alleged abuse. After an extended conversation and exploration of his association with the matter, I indicated that I intended to make such a report. Having informed Dan of my intention, on Wednesday, March 30, 1988 I called the Washington County Department of Social Services and spoke with Lucy Bloedorn (1-338-4610) who took the basic information and stated that someone from her office would be contacting the family and Dan as well. I told Dan of the conversation, and he decided not to pursue St. Barnabas Center for residential evaluation in Oconomowoc, but rather to seek prompt counseling through the out-patient services of Dr. [REDACTED]. Dan promised to make immediate contact and initiate the relationship with the Doctor as soon as possible. I informed [REDACTED] of my actions in this matter.

RJS

287. Massie, Daniel

On Thursday, March 31, 1988 I spoke with Sgt. Arthur Seeger, a member of the Germantown Police Department (251-1710), who will be interviewing the two girls on Monday, April 4, 1988 and who may thereupon proceed with some investigation if the matter seems worthy.

RJS

297. Massie, Daniel

On Monday, April 4, 1988 I spoke with Dan who stated that he had an appointment scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 1988 with [REDACTED]. I shared some information which I received from St. Luke's Institute (via St. Barnabas Center in Oconomowoc) which stated that there is a tendency on the part of all parties concerned to block out memories of inappropriate activity. Dan continues to be cooperative, and I recommended that he contact a lawyer to be available if needed. On Monday, April 4, 1988 I spoke with Dr. [REDACTED] and he promised to give our office some kind of report at the first opportune occasion.

RJS

335. Massie, Daniel

On Friday, April 15, 1988 I spoke with Sgt. Seeger of the Germantown Police who reported that his efforts were at a stalemate because he had not been able to interview the children as yet due to the absence of counselor and alleged fears of the mothers. Consequently, he has not been able to contact Dan either. He will attempt to bring the matter to speedy resolution so that Dan need not experience the difficulty of endless waiting. On the same day I spoke with the father of one of the children, [REDACTED] indicating his desire to bring the matter to conclusion in the best interests of the children. He does not desire any formal public legal hearing and inquired about the cooperative willingness of Dan. I assured him of our efforts and he will attempt to bring influence on the mothers to cooperate with counsel and police officials.

RJS

369. Massie, Daniel

On Monday, April 25, 1988 I spoke with Dan who reported that he had met approximately three times with Dr. [REDACTED] and expressed a desire that the matter be brought to resolution as quickly as possible. Dan has also been meeting with his spiritual director.

RJS

Ex. 174

ADOM044750

RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTRY
REV. DAVID HANSER

1. You will continue in individual therapy with Dr. Anthony Meyer.
 2. The appropriate hospital administrator will receive full disclosure regarding the allegations made against you in the past. The administrator must consent to your continued employment. In addition your immediate supervisor will receive appropriate disclosure including these conditions and restrictions.
 3. The following restrictions will be in place regarding your ministry as a hospital chaplain:
 - A. You may minister only within the following constraints as noted in the January 1, 1996 letter from Bishop Richard Sklba to you:
 - a. You are permitted to engage in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism (in emergency situations), Eucharist, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick within a hospital setting only; No other public ministry is permitted.
 - b. The faculty to hear confession is restored in the limited setting noted in (a).
 4. No other public ministry includes no parish help out work, no public funerals, no other sacramental work whether in a private or parish setting, no home Masses, and no public representation of the pastoral care department of the hospital in which you are employed outside of the hospital setting.
 5. You are to refrain from all contact with minors. The only exceptions are the following:
 - A. You may provide pastoral care to minors within the hospital setting provided there is no one else available to do so and you have first attempted to provide alternative coverage.
 - B. Within the hospital setting, you will refrain from being alone with minors except for the Sacrament of Penance.
- You are on notice that any violation of the trust placed in you by your administration of the Sacrament of Penance in these situations will result in canonical action against you. Any violation by way of sexual misconduct with minors in the limited settings noted will result in the notification of the appropriate civil authorities.

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Page 2 Hanser

C. Under no conditions will you be present with any minor within the hospital setting who is sedated, asleep, anesthetized, or otherwise in an altered state of consciousness without another individual present.

D. Extended counseling of minors (more than two pastoral visits) in the hospital setting is prohibited.

E. In any hospital situation in which there is ambiguity about whether these restrictions may be possibly violated, you are to consult with the monitor appointed by the Vicar for Clergy or with your immediate supervisor prior to providing ministerial services.

F. Under no circumstances will you continue any relationship with a minor whom you have met as a condition of your employment at the hospital.

6. You will cooperate with the monitor appointed by the Vicar for Clergy regarding oversight of compliance with these restrictions and conditions for ministry.

8. You will report any disciplinary actions against you in the hospital setting immediately to the Vicar for Clergy.

9. Review of these restrictions and conditions for ministry will occur in June 1997 or sooner at the discretion of the Vicar for Clergy. It is your responsibility to initiate the June 1997 review.

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January 17, 1989


Dear 

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of January 9, 1989 and to say again that I am very pleased to learn that some positive results are beginning to show as a result of the counseling sought by your  brothers. In conversations and letters I strongly encouraged them to seek the professional care needed, and I am pleased to hear your comments.

As you know, even before our meeting last July, I invoked an administrative leave for Father Hanser according to the stipulations of Canon Law. While the matters discussed   are both serious and complex, extensive investigation has not revealed any evidence of further improper relationship with minors on his part. In view of the issues raised from the past, Father Hanser's resignation was requested, and the present months have been devoted to professional counseling and spiritual direction. When sufficient therapy has been received, an appropriate assignment will be sought in the light of the professional judgements upon which our office must rely.

I assure you that I am handling this entire matter with the seriousness it requires with all respect for its long and complicated history. I ask your trust and confidence that these issues are being properly cared for, and that the matter is far from resolution as an episode of passing significance. While the resignation does not signify final action in the matter, pastoral confidentiality and respect for the needs of all concerned dictate that a more specific response to your inquiry cannot be provided. Thank you for your professional understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

RJS/srs

Ex. 143

ADOM011778

688. Hanser, David

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] authorizing the use of [REDACTED] category [REDACTED] effective Wednesday, July 13, 1988. The Personnel Board will assign a temporary administrator to the parish, and our office will assume responsibility for Dave's salary and benefits.

RJS

691. Hanser, David

On Thursday, July 14, 1988 I met with [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] telephone, [REDACTED] who alleged a single unsuccessful attempted encounter in approximately 1969 at the age of 18 or 19; [REDACTED] (temporarily at [REDACTED] telephone, [REDACTED] who alleged a single contact with force as a high school junior in approximately 1970 or 1971; [REDACTED] telephone, [REDACTED] who alleged between 25 and 40 encounters between the ages of 12 and 17 or approximately from 1968-1973; and [REDACTED] who had not experienced any improper activity on the part of the priest. I was informed that contact had been made earlier this spring with Waukesha County Child Abuse Office and with Chief of Police of Pewaukee. I also learned that efforts are currently underway to contact parishioners who have left St. Mary Parish in an effort to see if such actions were in any way related to similar allegations. I expressed my consternation, regret and apologies for these allegations, and promised to speak with their father, Mr. [REDACTED] and their brother, [REDACTED] (same address as the father) as soon as possible. I expressed a willingness to assist in paying for therapy deemed necessary. The common requests of all parties was for some expression of pastoral care from the Church in their regard, assistance in therapy costs and the assurance that Father Hanser would not be allowed to function in some situation where such activity could continue. The tone of the conversation was candid, calm and respectful. [REDACTED] Friday [REDACTED]

RJS

718. Hanser, David

On Monday, July 25, 1988 I spoke with Mr. John McNally, a partner in the Law Firm with Mr. Charles Hausmann (absent from the country for vacation for two weeks), requesting that St. Barnabas Center be named the legal residence for Dave rather than Bethany House which supposedly had some pejorative notoriety. I explained that St. Barnabas Center in Oconomowoc was a residential treatment center and could not be used for mere legal address and requested that the formal residence at Bethany house be maintained since I had no alternative to suggest. I also expressed my frustration at my inability to speak directly with Dave himself during this time of crisis and wrote a letter to that effect.

RJS

Ex. 147

1114. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, November 22, 1988 I met with Dave to review his current status, and insisted that it was impossible for him to return to St. Mary parish in Pewaukee. I again requested his resignation from that parish suggesting November 30, 1988 as a target date after which he would be in the category of awaiting assignment while receiving spiritual direction and counseling with an eye toward seeking a suitable placement in June. He is currently assisting Gene Neuman at St. Kilian's (having explained the entire situation to Gene).

RJS

1147. Hanser, David

On Wednesday, November 30, 1988 I received a letter from Dave formally resigning the pastorate of St. Mary's in Pewaukee effective this same day and accepting the category of awaiting assignment. I spoke with Gene Neuman regarding Dave's part-time help out at Hartford asking if Dave had shared the circumstances of his current situation to assure appropriate supervision and ~~He~~ indicated an endorsement of this arrangement.

RJS

127. Hanser, David

On Monday, February 6, 1989 I had an extended phone call with [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] to review and explain the contents of my recent letter. I explained the current status of the situation, noted the limitations within which I work and described the investigation which I pursued over the recent months. I explained how proposals associated with "Project Benjamin" would be viewed as a partial response to this particular situation and agreed to speak with Father John Hanley about the matter in the future since [REDACTED] was at the high school at the time referred to in the allegations.

RJS

190. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, February 21, 1989 I received a phone call from Chaplain [REDACTED] of St. Luke Hospital reporting that Dave will enter a basic CPE Course at St. Luke's beginning February 27, 1989 and is intending to move into an advanced second unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee beginning June 5, 1989. In view of rumors regarding alleged pedophilia, [REDACTED] called asking if there was some information he should know of. I acknowledged the allegation relating to several years back and suggested that the hospital designate areas of adult patients pending the conclusion of investigation. I also recommended that [REDACTED] speak with Dave so that Dave might receive the type of pastoral care he needs at this time.

RJS

511. Hanser, David

On Monday, May 8, 1989 Bishop Leo and I met with the Archbishop to review several cases. It was determined that prior to any specialized assignment there would be a candid conversation to see if there were any matters still not disclosed or discussed from earlier history. It was presumed that a detailed plan would be in place regarding the therapeutic support group, ongoing supervision, counseling and some type of spiritual life.

RJS

ADOM011729

On Thursday, June 22, 1989 I had an extended conversation with [REDACTED] (home, [REDACTED]), a very disturbed woman, alleging that her nervous breakdown which began between 1958-1963 was caused by her referral to psychologist [REDACTED] by Dave Hanser at Christ King Parish.

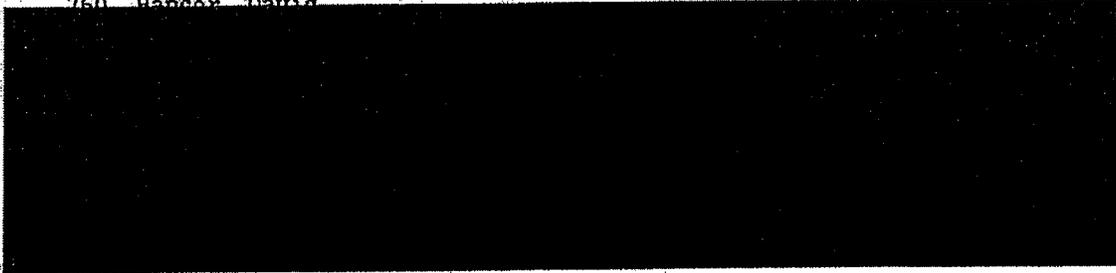
RJS

683. Hanser, David

On Tuesday, June 27, 1989 I spoke with [REDACTED] at St. Luke Hospital who reported that a nurse had been making allegations about Dave's past with the result that Dave was informed by Chaplain [REDACTED] that he should not apply for a second quarter of CPE in the Fall. Dave used the CPE process well and did complete the quarter unit.

RJS

760. Hanser, David



RJS

REDACTED

822. Hanser, David

On Friday, October 6, 1989 I met with Dave and Dr. [REDACTED] the therapist, at Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital, with whom David has been meeting weekly for the past year. I outlined recent developments and reiterated the fact that assignment to parish ministry does not seem feasible at this time. Both concurred that parish ministry is not within Dave's desire, but rather continued CPE certification toward hospital ministry remains his current objective. He is in an extended program at St. Joseph Hospital which will finish in March, 1990 and hopes to be available for assignment to hospital ministry in spring of 1990. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that he would be willing to write a letter including a professional recommendation that David is ready for ministerial assignment without undue concern on the part of the Archdiocese at this time. I listed my recommendation that ongoing spiritual direction, therapy and a support group would be the request of the Archdiocese. Dr. [REDACTED] did not believe that a support group would be helpful in this instance and indicated that his letter would state the same.

RJS

899. Hanser, David

On Monday, October 23, 1989 a file was discovered in Bishop Leo [REDACTED]'s locked drawer indicating an allegation from 1975 [REDACTED]. This information had been totally unknown to me before that date.

RJS

ADOM011729

44. F. BECKER

Vint told me that he has things worked out so that Becker can stay until the June appointments. Wittliff has agreed to this.

3/27/80

121. Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

~~_____~~ called regarding a debt she claims Becker owes her. She was referred by Don Weber. I told her I would look into the matter and get back to her.

4/16/80

130. F. Becker

Discussed ~~_____~~ complaint with Franklyn Becker. He regrets the fact she called the Chancery Office and asks to deal with her directly. I suggested only that his paying her \$25 00 a month will satisfy her. It might be the cheapest way around a potentially aggravating problem.

4/17/80

156. F. Becker

~~_____~~ called twice and I referred her, both times, directly to Becker for the purpose to resolve the financial bickering that exists between the two. I told her that the Archdiocese had no part in this and I could not take her place of Becker's. She still seems to think that I am favoring Becker.

4/22/80

675. Becker, F.

Becker will be going to St. Eugene's Parish as Temporary Associate August 12. He hopes to stay there eventually depending on the wishes of the new pastor. If that does not happen, he wants to talk about a year's leave of absence for study purposes. I discouraged that idea and told him that I would like to discuss it further with him next week when he is in town. The Personnel Board see him going to St. John Kanty as Associate after St. Eugene's. I will also talk to him about some of the problems he is getting himself into by the way he talks publically about his life style.

8/8/80

747. Becker, Franklyn

We met to discuss his recent letter in which he applied for the associate pastor position at St. Eugene's parish if the new pastor would be agreeable to this. Otherwise, he wanted to take some time off for continuing study. After some discussion about his personal life style, he agreed that the situation at St. Margaret Mary had taught him an important lesson. He must not talk openly about the gay movement in a militant way. He assured me absolutely that he would cause no more problems along this line in the future if he got a position. I emphasized that he was not eligible for a parish as pastor and he agreed. I told him no decision could be made at St. Eugene's until a new pastor was there but that if it were not agreeable at that place we would find him a position as Associate. I told him he was free to apply for a short sabbatical but that a longer leave of absence for studies would be out of the question. We ended on a positive note.

8/21/80

AMIL00862

Ex. 231

EX 300

825. Becker, Franklyn

He called to see if I could tell him who the new pastor of St. Eugene's was and I told him not yet. He wants to know what his status is there so that he can begin to work with programs on the parish level if he is going to stay. I told him that by the weekend we ought to be able to let him speak directly to the pastor.

9/3/80

902. Becker, Franklyn

I discussed Becker's future appointment after I told him that Msgr. Schuit did not want him to remain at the parish. I suggested he contact Father Stoll to see if the position of associate there would work out. He is also interested in development at St. Cecilia's in Thiensville. I told him that [REDACTED] called and wanted to contact him. She feels as though he still owes her money. This dates back to spring and the news notes can be consulted for more detail. Becker asked me to call her and tell her that he would definitely get in touch with her as soon as he gets a permanent assignment:

9/18/80

929. Becker, Franklyn

Mackin has informed Franklyn Becker that Schuit wants him to leave the parish by October 1 or 6 at the latest. I spoke to Schuit and he does not want the people at the parish to get the impression that there is something wrong with Becker and, therefore, wants him to move as soon as possible. I told him that I had been working on this but that it might take some time. I will contact Becker to see if we can't speed up the process of his leaving St. Eugene's.

9/27/80

944. Becker, Franklyn

Father Stoll informed me that he would prefer not to have Franklyn Becker as an associate. He has talked to another priest who is willing to consider being associate there. I spoke at great length to try to convince him that Becker needs a position under the guidance of someone who can call him to accountability. Stoll is afraid that if Becker's problem manifests itself in the small community, the damage will be irreparable. I told him that Becker is now willing to settle down and needs one more chance. I told Stoll that we would help him work out a job description so that Becker would not be free to do as he pleases. Stoll's biggest worry is that if he leaves things up to Becker's initiative nothing will get done. Hornacek, Stoll, Becker, and I will sit down and discuss the matter further. I think it is time to make Becker aware of the fact that no priest wants to work with him.

10/3/80

1011. Becker, Franklyn

Yesterday I spoke to Hornacek about Becker's situation and suggested that we try to locate Becker at St. John Kanty Parish with Kazmierczak. Hornacek agreed to contact Becker to see if he would be willing to go there, then he will contact Kazmierczak. If this fails, we will have to do something about getting Becker off the scene at St. Eugene's before Schuit explodes.

10/27/80

AMIL00863

32. Becker, Franklyn

Yesterday, Heffron contacted me with the information that the mother of one of the seventh grade boys told him that Becker was associating rather intimately with her son. The son claimed that he held his hand in the movie and touched him rather improperly in a swimming session. I told Heffron that we had to move on this immediately and decided to meet with him, Becker, and the parents of this boy on Saturday. When we met, Becker was completely floored at the accusation. He admitted that he had been rather closely associating with this boy, who was one of the very first he met at the parish. The parents commended him for taking some interest in their boy and they rather apologetically inferred to Becker about what the boy had said. Becker swore up and down that his motives were good and that nothing was out of order. The parents believed this, in fact the father of the boy apologized to Becker for even accusing him of this. There was little I could do at this stage but knowing Becker's background I am sure that his judgement was very poor. After the parents left, I asked Becker to get in touch with [REDACTED]. I had spoken to [REDACTED] the day before and told him that I was considering relieving Becker of his job at the parish. After meeting with the parents, however, I decided to not press the issue at this point. Heffron seemed pleased with the outcome also.

1/10/81

414. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to [REDACTED] about Becker's progress. He said that recently Becker has been avoiding him. He wants to see Becker once a week and Becker is making all kinds of excuses to get out of those meetings. [REDACTED] feels as though Becker is not living up to his personal problems. I explained my fears to [REDACTED] that Becker is now grinding his ax in a public forum. [REDACTED] felt that Becker, himself, and I ought to sit down together and confront the implications of such a situation. I am going to ask Becker to meet at [REDACTED] office next week Wednesday at 4 p.m.

3/4/81

892. Becker, Franklyn

[REDACTED] reports that there is some progress being made with Becker. He finally is beginning to see that his biggest problem stems from his impetuosity under stress. [REDACTED] told me of a couple of instances recently when Becker was able to control himself. He continues to see [REDACTED] and I reminded him of the celibacy statement we are looking for. He said he has been after Becker to do this and will remind him of it.

6/8/81

711. Becker, Franklyn

I called him in because he wrote a nasty letter to the Personnel Board applying for Whitewater and at the same time derogating the characters of Wagner and Budzynski. He told me that he was in an angry mood when he wrote the letter. I told him how the new policy on open listing worked and we discussed Wagner and Budzynski briefly. I put him on the spot to produce evidence against the two but as I thought, it was hearsay and rumor only. He told me he is doing fine at the parish where he is stationed and enjoys it there. I warned him not to do anything rash or it could hurt not only others but himself as well. He seemed to take the warning well but one never knows.

8/9/82

AMIL00847

740. Becker, Franklyn

Father Carl Last called to say that [REDACTED] who live in St. John's Parish are worried about the relationship that exists between Becker and their teenage son. Becker is lavishing gifts and attention on the boy and the two are spending a lot of time together. I told Last it would be helpful if the parents of the boy went directly to Becker and informed him they wanted this to stop.

8/17/82

806. Becker, Franklyn

Father Hefron came to see me today to say that Father Becker could no longer be the associate pastor there. He said the alternative would be that he himself would resign as pastor. I told him that was not acceptable because it would not be good for the parish. He claims Becker is lazy, causes trouble, and lacks common sense. It grates at Hefron to see someone receive a salary for doing nothing. The parish secretary and others in the parish are complaining about Becker. People are asking Hefron to have their weddings and funerals to avoid Becker. Hefron recalls that when Becker was sent there it was with the understanding that if things did not work out, Becker would go. It was his last chance. Hefron feels as though he has bent over backwards to help Becker but it is beginning to take a toll on him. Now he will confront Becker with this and tell him that he has seen me. Then he will write a letter to me about this and I will discuss the matter with the Personnel Board next week for a recommendation.

9/2/82

947. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to [REDACTED] about the possibility of his being a part of the confrontation of Becker by me and Hornacek and Hefron. [REDACTED] feels it would be better for us to do the confrontation and then suggests that he follow up with Becker as his therapist.

11/1/82

AMIL00846

1060. Becker, Franklyn

Father Haffron told me he is very upset because Becker has been acting very strangely since Haffron received his new assignment. There have been several incidents which exhibited Becker's extremely poor judgement. The most recent was Becker's acceptance of a chaplaincy for one week on a Caribbean cruise. Haffron did not object to this but later has found out that Becker has taken a 7th grade boy on the trip with him. Haffron has been in contact with the boy's mother who now realizes her mistake. I told Haffron that we were going to assign Becker to a sick leave and get him back into therapy with [redacted]. I spoke to [redacted] later in the day and he concurred that this is necessary procedure at this time.

12/1/82

1065. Becker, Franklyn

We met, but before I even said anything he knew that I was going to confront him about recent events that he was involved in at the parish. He had long explanations for the matter of the piano and tried to convince me that all the hubbub was not his fault but rather it was due to indecision on the part of Father Haffron and Haffron's vacillation. As regards taking a 7th grader on a Caribbean trip, he stated that he had just mentioned in passing that it would be good to have the boy as an altar boy. This was immediately picked up by the boy and his parents who arranged everything after that. Becker assured me that he had no physical contact with the boy although he admitted that they shared the same cabin (separate beds) and that they told the crew and passengers that the boy was Becker's nephew. When I showed Becker how both of these incidents looked to others, he admitted that in both cases he used bad judgement. I informed him that the Personnel Board has suggested that he be removed from the parish, and I expressed my own feeling that we would have a hard time getting the new pastor to work with Becker. He said that Father Anderson has looked at the place and has indicated to Becker that he would be willing to work with him (Hornacek met with Anderson who said that he could work with Becker until next spring). I told Becker that we were not sure that Anderson would be the pastor and that there could be problems for Becker if someone else is named the pastor. I asked Becker to see [redacted] immediately and discuss the possibility of the group therapy session that begins in January. Becker agreed to do this at once, and asked me not to remove him from the parish. Then he asked if he could be the temporary administrator in the interim, and I told him this would be impossible. I pointed out that if people are indeed afraid of Becker's indiscrete activity, they would be on the Archbishop's and my doorstep as soon as Haffron is gone to protest Becker's being named temporary administrator. I told him that this decision was in his interest as well as our own. He seemed to see the logic behind it and when he asked whom we were considering and I told him it was Father Mackin, he was very pleased and relieved.

12/7/82

AMIL00845

Father Domacek reported that Father Anderson is not sure whether he can assume the pastorate if he has to work with Becker. Lutex [redacted], the DRE at St. John's, called to express her grave concern for Becker remaining at St. John's Parish. She said that the piano incident is not over yet. Becker lied through this ordeal, she claims, and supposedly said that he would disband the parish council if ever he would get in charge. She does not trust him, but claims his initiative is good and his methods or approach are bad. The parish staff meetings have disbanded recently because of him. She objected to the fact that he took a Caribbean vacation at the height of the parish business. Worse yet, he took along a 7th or 8th grade child which has shocked many people. About three months ago, Becker told [redacted] and [redacted] transitional deacon, that Becker is a homosexual. However, she quickly pointed out that she has never seen him make any overtures to others, especially children. He gave a retreat last summer to high schoolers and three times she was disturbed by his dwelling on the idea that people should be open to each other's sexual preferences. She claims Becker has gotten many negative letters about the piano incident. She strongly feels that he needs psychological help. I told her, confidentially, that we were working with him along these lines. She claims he has turned Neffron into a liar by his manipulative tactics. She claims that Becker harassed a blind musician by following her and poking her deliberately in the back. This morning at the 8 o'clock Mass he spoke from the lectern about the piano issue trying to sway the people in that direction (On December 19 the parish council will decide on the piano—I told her about the need for a proxy). [redacted] hopes I will not have to use her name but she gave me permission to do so if necessary. Later on I spoke to [redacted] parish council president, at St. John's. He expressed his grave concern also for Father Becker. Jankowski feels that Becker is in need of psychological treatment. He said that the parish council is very disturbed about Becker, and I told Jankowski that Becker claims no one has ever confronted him about their feelings toward him. Jankowski said this simply was not true, but he agreed that in a very short time he and some of the other council members should talk to Becker about their concerns. I told him, confidentially, that I was working with Becker to get him treatment. I pointed out that I would follow through and that he could assure the people that even if Becker stayed for a little while longer, it would be under the supervision of the Archdiocese. Jankowski said he felt better about this, and I reminded him of the need for a proxy if the piano issue comes up. I told him we would have a temporary administrator there when Father Neffron leaves. This satisfied Jankowski. He told me that a few of the council members and he would confront Becker with their feelings toward him. This is to clear up any ambiguity in Becker's life about the people's feelings toward him.

12/10/82

AMIL00844

I spoke to [redacted] who told me that Becker was on appointment with him for after the holidays. [redacted] feels that Becker is simply going through notions because I was asking him to enter psychotherapy. [redacted] wonders whether Becker is treatable in this state. Later I spoke to [redacted] at St. John, South Milwaukee. He feels that Becker is a very sick person who needs some type of help. He talks about Becker tormenting the blind musician at the parish. Also, he mentioned the incident of the 7th grade student who accompanied Becker to the Caribbean. He said that for a while Becker was turning him and others against Father Bill Heffron. Now these people realize how Becker had manipulated them. He also stated that Becker had made some inappropriate remarks from the pulpit and in the sacristy. Kaup said that I could use this information with discretion and that he intends to speak directly to Becker about these matters. I also spoke to [redacted]. She is the blind musician at the parish. She too spoke of her frustration with Becker. She mentioned the incident about the piano and claims that he manipulated her to getting more involved in that issue than she really wanted to be. Now he has hidden her microphone out of spite. She claims he works the staff against the staff in a very manipulative manner and that he has been caught time and time again in lies. Each time he gets very angry. He has called her a "two-faced SOB" in public. She feels pity toward him and thinks he needs some kind of help.

12/14/82

1131. Becker, Franklyn

When we met, he did not like my decision that he had to move from St. John's. He had hoped it would be possible to work with the next pastor, particularly if that were Father Anderson. I told him that our concern was that no pastor at this point will work with Father Becker. I told him we wanted to help him help himself and that I was not sure if [redacted] could provide the help that Becker needs at this point. Becker suggested that we let [redacted] be the one to decide that. I changed his appointment from January 4 to December 22. After he and [redacted] have discussed the matter for a while I will join in the discussion. I spoke to him about the possibility of a complete evaluation at a clinic in Washington, and he said that he would be very willing to cooperate with that. We spoke about his residing at the transitional priests' residence. He is willing to do that, but does not know what he will do with all his furniture at the rectory which he claims belongs to him. He also asked that he not be put on sick leave because this would be publicized around the Archdiocese. I told him I would talk to Derfus about it.

12/20/82

1140. Becker, Franklyn

He called to say that he had been thinking things over since our meeting yesterday. He now feels that he wants to see his personnel file, then he wants an appointment with the Archbishop, and then he wants to look into the Process against Father Heffron for the way he was treated at St. John's. I told him that I would let him speak to George Reharzki about making an appointment with the Archbishop and suggested we talk about the other matters when we meet with Dale Olsen tomorrow. He seemed very agreeable to this.

12/21/82

1142. Becker, Franklyn

Due to unforeseen circumstances I did not arrive for the meeting with Becker and [redacted] until it was over and Becker had already left. I spoke briefly to [redacted] who told me they had a good meeting and that Becker is ready to undergo the psychiatric evaluation at the St. Luke Institute in Washington.

12/21/82

AMIL00843

2. Becker, Franklyn
I spoke to [redacted] at the St. Luke Institute in Washington. He told me they would be willing to do a complete evaluation of Father Becker, but the earliest available date they have for this is March 7 - 10. Later I spoke to [redacted] and he agreed that this is too long a time to wait. I told [redacted] that I would look into some other possibilities and contact him again soon.
1/3/83
15. Becker, Franklyn
[redacted] called to say that she simply wanted to put in a good word for Becker. She knows he is under some pressure at the parish and would like to support him. She sees him as growing, improving, opening up, something she feels others do not see. She describes him as shy at first but then warm, caring, and kind and gentle. I thanked her for her support for Becker. She assured me that she was doing this on her own and that no one had put her up to it.
1/5/83
33. Becker, Franklyn
I ran into him at the Marquette basketball game. He has already begun to move into the priest's residence on 35th Street. I told him that we had his tentatively scheduled for evaluation at the Waunakee Clinic the end of this month. He is willing to do this. He and I will discuss this more in detail next Tuesday when I have dinner at the house.
1/11/83

112. "Father X"

Father X is Franklyn Becker for the purpose of this news note. I received a letter from [redacted]. It expressed her concern for Becker. She has known him for 11 years and has become a confidant of hers. She realizes his weakness and knows the situations which led to many of his uprootings. She now hopes that we will follow through with psychiatric or psychological help for him. I spoke to her on the phone, and she told me I could share her letter with Becker's doctors. She probably would be willing to be part of a confrontation with Becker if need be, but she is somewhat reluctant of my sharing the letter with him immediately. What is disturbing is the fact that Becker continues to associate with the young boy he took on the cruise from St. John's Parish in South Milwaukee. Most recently, they both attended the permanent diaconate ordination at the Cathedral. He is also seeing a boy from St. Eugene's Parish in violation of the wishes of the boy's mother [redacted]. I asked [redacted] to have the mother of that boy contact me to discuss this matter further. [redacted] thinks that Becker is going to go through motions with us only and that he feels he can continue living his present life style. She hopes he can be helped but is somewhat pessimistic. She is willing to cooperate with us in any way that she can. Right now Becker is angry at her because she has criticized him for hanging around with both of these young boys. She feels that he will be back to see her eventually. She is like a "confessor" to him.

1/29/83

AMIL00842

176. Becker, Franklyn

He and I received the report of his recent evaluation by the Ususab Mental Health Associates. The results are as follows:

1. In his spiritual assessment [redacted] indicated the need for Becker to have a regular spiritual director. I told Becker that I would furnish him with a list of recommended spiritual directors in the Milwaukee Area.
2. The results of his physical examination were all normal except for some lab tests that showed a few abnormalities in the blood and urine. It was recommended to Becker that he have himself retested by his private physician in a couple of months to see if there are any fluctuations in these lab tests.
3. The psychological assessment shows that Becker is normal in every way. However, it did clearly indicate Becker's gay orientation and gay activity. The report forecasts that unless Becker is willing to control himself, there is a definite likelihood that the conduct of the past will be repeated. Dr. [redacted] said that their recommendation would be to have Becker assigned to a desk job somewhere where the temptations that would result from associating with young boys would not be present. I told him that there was little likelihood that this was possible to achieve. However, I said that a hospital chaplaincy where Becker would be under strict surveillance might be possible. Becker indicated that he was not interested at all in hospital work.

In the discussion that followed Becker continued to maintain his innocence claiming that all the accusations of the past were false and misinterpreted. [redacted] and I tried to point out to him that this is not the way others interpret his actions and behavior. He will never be able to succeed unless he does something to curb his associations with single males and also his lack of good judgement. [redacted] said that the report clearly showed that Becker has a need "to speak out on issues," particularly in the area of gay rights. I pointed out the problem was the manner in which Becker had been speaking out which was not in conformity with the Church's rhetoric on the matter. Becker said he admired Archbishop Beckland very much for the strong stand he took for gay rights in his Catholic Herald articles. I told Becker there was a world of difference between that and the way Becker has spoken out to the news media. I asked Becker what kind of counseling he would give a person who wanted to live a gay life style. Becker said he would have to judge each case individually and would probably refer the person to the local Diocesan Chapter where Becker said he could get advice from 30 to 40 priests about this kind of behavior. Before the interview ended it was decided that I would study the report further and discuss it with the Archbishop, and then we would proceed to get what kind of an appointment we could arrange for Becker. I told Becker it might be important for him to meet together with the entire Personnel Board in the near future. He is willing to do this. It will probably be necessary for us to request his status now from sick leave to awaiting assignment.

2/14/83

JLU. Becker, Franklyn

He called me from Sienadale where he had celebrated the 8 o'clock Mass for the sisters. Both he and the sisters agreed that it would not be financially feasible to pay him to drive down each day for the celebration of Mass. They feel that they will be better off by driving to one of the parishes in the neighborhood. I told Becker that was fine and that the sisters should make their own arrangements from now on. Later I spoke to Father Nesselth. He is more convinced than ever that Becker should not be assigned to hospital ministry because of the potentially dangerous temptations that might present themselves.

3/14/83

AMIL00841

318. District Attorney

1. Without any names mentioned and off the record I described the situation regarding Franklyn Becker to E. Michael McCann, the District Attorney. His reaction immediately was that the priest has been given adequate warnings and enough chances and that he should not be assigned anywhere where he could come in contact with youngsters. This precludes practically any kind of assignment. His advice was that we restrict him from ministry for about five years and if no complaints come forth in that time then perhaps he can be given another chance.

3/15/83

346. Becker, Franklyn

I met with him to request that he see Dr. [REDACTED] a psychiatrist for an opinion about his recent evaluation. I pointed out that we have some problems to deal with in assigning him and we all need more advice from professional people. Becker was very cooperative, signed the necessary letters of release, and will make an appointment today. He restated the fact that he wants to work as a priest and feels that he can do so responsibly in parish ministry. He told me that he has been inquiring about campus ministry in Illinois and Michigan where positions are open at the present. He asked if I had any objection to this, and I told him that I thought it ought to be discussed in the context of the total situation for which he is seeing Dr. [REDACTED]. I told Becker that any priest who receives permission to work in another diocese needs to be recommended by the Archbishop and myself and that we feel very strongly about letting another diocese know if any problems are involved in a priest's situation. The next step is for Becker to see [REDACTED] and then I will meet with [REDACTED] and Becker.

3/23/83

366. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he had made an appointment and will be seeing Dr. [REDACTED] on Wednesday, March 30.

3/26/83

410. Becker, Franklyn

Father Metz told me that yesterday he observed Father Becker coming out of the transitional residence for priests with a young boy. Metz recognized the boy as the same one Becker took on the Caribbean vacation late last year.

4/6/83

AMIL00840

report and interpretation of the Wausau evaluation of Becker [redacted] liked the Wausau procedure. He said it was very adequate and accomplished what we wanted it to do. The only thing he would have preferred would be to have the actual results of the MMPI and the Rorschach test so that he could interpret them himself rather than have them computerized. [redacted] told me that Becker is an ego-centric (verses ego-dystonic), pedophile and homosexual. This means that he has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out these characteristics. Usually such action will take place under stress. In Becker's case due to a rebellion against authority. [redacted] said he is not pessimistic as the people at Wausau. He said there are a couple of ways this situation can be approached all of which depend, of course, on Becker's willingness to alter his behavior. The ideal way would be psychoanalysis approximately four times per week for the next four to five years. The second way would be through analytic psychotherapy which could occur about one hour per week. In both cases there is no guarantee that Becker will be cured. The key in all of this is Becker's desire to be cured. We then spoke about assignment possibilities. [redacted] said that in his opinion, parish ministry is out of the question. The best assignment for Becker would be to an all-girls' college or high school, e.g., Divine Savior-Holy Angels. The second best would be to a geriatric nursing home or hospital setting. The next possibility would be full-time campus ministry. [redacted] realizes the possibility of homosexual encounters but pointed out that these are consenting adults not children and it is their decision rather than a seductive process. I asked [redacted] what he thought about hospital chaplaincy. He said that he would have no problem with this because very few hospitals have large pediatric wards and with CPE and under supervision he did not feel that this type of assignment would be bad for Becker. Becker did a little bit of protesting throughout this session and his anger flared at times. Frequently, he would remind me of so and so, and so and so who is doing this and that and getting away with it. I finally told him very plainly that we did not intend to play any more games with him. The past is past. We know and have identified his problem, and it is up to him now to demonstrate whether or not he really wants to be a priest. I told him we would probably enjoin some sanctions on him, e.g., the next time we get a complaint he will be suspended. This external force or pressure should help motivate him, I thought, and Dr. [redacted] concurred. Becker was agreeable to all of this, and I told him that I wanted to discuss this further with the Archbishop and that when I got back from my vacation we would map out a program for Becker. In the meantime, I asked him to get under the direction of a spiritual director. [redacted] thought it would be best if that person were a male. I gave Becker the names of three priests and asked him to contact each one of them. Actually that was [redacted] suggestion. He wants Becker to see each one of them several times to ascertain which one he feels most comfortable with. These priests are [redacted] and [redacted] Becker agreed to do this.

5/10/83

477. Becker, Franklyn

I told him to arrange for an interview with [redacted] at Divine Savior/Holy Angels High School to see how his chances stood for an assignment there. He agreed to do this. I told him if he received a position like that he might be required to take some courses to get some certification. He has no problem with that.

5/12/83

AMIL00839

543. Becker, Franklyn

I told him that there quite likely would be a position for him at St. Mary's Hospital. He showed interest and so I told him that I would talk to Nesseth about further details on Monday. He will have to interview with Nesseth and with St. Mary's Hospital. Becker told me that he has been going to [redacted] for spiritual direction and finds this to be very helpful and productive. I asked Becker to see Dr. [redacted] next week about arranging for a weekly session of psychotherapy. I told Becker if this could be done by a psychologist, all the better. Becker has a psychiatrist in mind and I told him to check with [redacted] first. Becker seemed very cooperative throughout the conversation then he told me of his extreme anger with [redacted] who has had a couple of men sleep over at the residence when Metz was away. Becker claims that [redacted] meets these people at his AA meetings, and I told Becker that if this is going on, [redacted] will "hang himself." I told Becker it would not be good for him to let his anger get the best of him over this and so we talked it out and he felt better. I told him I will be happier when he has a psychotherapist that he can share some of these feelings with. Becker realized that he probably would not get the job at Divine Savior-Holy Angels because of his lack of qualifications. He seemed to be in an excellent mood, and he told me he was really working hard on his personal problems.

6/10/83

554. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Father John Nesseth about Father Becker and a possible assignment for him at St. Mary's Hospital. Nesseth will now talk to representatives from St. Mary's about this before Becker interviews. Later on, I spoke to Dr. [redacted] and told him that we wanted Becker to undergo psychotherapy but only once a week. [redacted] said that he could take care of that for Becker if Becker was comfortable with him. I told the doctor of the possibility of him working at St. Mary's Hospital, and [redacted] has no problem with that. When I asked how the matter of the pediatric ward should be handled, [redacted] felt there would be no problem if Becker ministered to those people because they would not be there on a long-term basis to provide Becker with the opportunity of establishing a relationship with them. I told the doctor that when St. Mary's Hospital does some checking they may get some very negative feedback about Becker. I told him I thought it would be good if we could have St. Mary's talk to [redacted] if necessary. He is going to work that matter out with Becker so that he can be supportive of Becker to St. Mary's.

6/13/83

660. Becker, Franklyn

Father Nesseth called to say that St. Mary's Hospital reported that the interview with Becker for the chaplaincy position there did not go well. They got the impression that Becker was not all that interested in serious hospital ministry and the accountability that it requires. They thought that he was looking for something a lot easier. Nesseth asked me to pursue this with [redacted] Director of the Pastoral Ministry Department (225-8111) because I know [redacted] personally. When I spoke to her, she restated their position that they are having some difficulty with Becker's attitude. I told her that our plan would be to assign him part time with continuing education in clinical pastoral education. Following that a decision could be made as to his continuing at St. Mary's. She sounded willing to do this and said she would explore this further with Sister Aurelia, the hospital administrator. Schieffer will call me back.

AMIL00861

7/19/83

BECKER, FRANKLYN

Father Nesselth called to see if I had any information, and I told him of my conversation with [redacted] and that she would be getting back to me as soon as she spoke to [redacted] about the possibility of Becker becoming part-time chaplain at St. Mary's and full time in CPE. Nesselth said that [redacted] called him from St. Joseph Hospital and said they needed some help the first week in August. I told him to get a hold of Becker and have Becker do that work.

7/20/83

685. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Mrs. [redacted] from St. Mary's Hospital who told me that [redacted] president, and she had decided that they would not be able to hire Becker even on a temporary basis even while he receives CPE. They still feel he was too apprehensive about all the duties that were entailed in their job description. She also sensed a personality problem with Becker of a non-descript nature. She said that his lack of training would be the biggest factor for him not being hired.

7/25/83

698. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he has been accepted at St. Luke Hospital for CPE but Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph's Hospital is interested in him working there part time. It looks as though O'Donnell may be able to offer him a CPE course at St. Joseph's and some part-time work on the side. I told Becker that he should work this out with Nesselth and to let me know what has been decided. Becker also said that he had been talking to Leon Brielweier at St. Michael's and finds out that the position there is still open but that they are probably looking for a religious order priest.

8/5/83

799. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he is anxiously looking forward to CPE. He said that he never thought he would become interested in hospital work but finds it more and more interesting and enjoyable as he helps out at St. Joseph's and in the other hospitals. He thinks it will be a fine career for him in the future. He told me he would like to remain in residence at the Bethany House at least during his CPE. I told him that we would have to see about the availability but that I thought something could be worked out. I told him also that we wanted to work out a new status for him and figure out everything that had to do with his salary. I told him that he would be expected to pay room and board but that the diocese would cover his CPE expense. He seemed to be very cooperative and happy.

8/29/83

864. Becker, Franklyn

I discussed his salary and other temporal arrangements with Father Michael Newman. The arrangement that Newman will discuss with Becker is this: Salary, health insurance, room and board (Bethany House) from the Archdiocese plus CPE tuition. Becker will be on his own for car expenses. He will be permitted the \$125 per month he receives from helping out at St. Mary's Nursing Home but the amount he receives from his part-time work at St. Joseph's Hospital will be a component of the total salary he receives from the Archdiocese.

9/17/83

AMIL00860

Street, Nolas Corners. [redacted] told me that he felt that he and Becker were getting into a very good type of trust relationship. Durst feels that Becker is being honest with him and that if the stress and tension of sexual problems becomes too great, he feels Becker will have the confidence to call him before acting out any of his urges. [redacted] reviewed Becker's request that he be given a chance to reenter parish ministry rather than continue in the health chaplaincy field. [redacted] concurs that the chaplaincy field could produce more stress and tension than would be good for Becker. Becker explained that this is due mainly to the fact that he is often on call at night and also finds it difficult to cope with the death and dying phase of his ministry. I reviewed for both [redacted] and Becker my own conviction that Becker should not go back to the parish ministry at this time. I pointed out to [redacted] the risks of personnel involvement and attachment to young men who are constantly around the parish. I also pointed out Becker's bad reputation among his fellow priests and the strong likelihood that it would be extremely difficult to find a parish that would accept him unless he would go outside the diocese which would also jeopardize the professional relationship he had with Dr. [redacted]. I think Durst came to see the picture a little more clearly as I explained some of the past situations that had occurred. He agrees that Becker needs a stable assignment in order to regain a good reputation. I asked that the health ministry be reconsidered and got Becker to admit that part of the stress he is involved in now centers around the fact that he is not only going to school full time but he is also working on a part-time basis at St. Joseph's Hospital. Following his CPE training, this particular work load would be reduced somewhat. I told them that I wanted to consult with Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph Hospital to see how Becker was doing and also with Nesseth to see just what would be involved in hospital chaplaincy as far as night calls, etc. [redacted] and Becker agreed to reconsider the whole thing and I told them that I would be in touch with them in the near future.

11/23/83

1142. Becker, Franklyn

Fathers Nesseth, Metz, and I met to discuss Becker's situation. I explained to them that his therapist and Becker have agreed to reconsider the idea of Becker working in the hospital ministry (for a while they felt that this ministry would not be what Becker needs at this time). Both Nesseth and Metz feel that it has to be told to Becker that there is no other choice in this Archdiocese but to comply with this type of ministry. Later on Nesseth contacted Father Becker and found out that Becker's evaluation in CPE this week went very well. Becker suggested that he would be willing to take another unit of CPE hopefully at a place like the hospital in Mendota, Wisconsin under the direction of Father Donald Shmauz. Nesseth was happy to hear about this and set up a meeting with O'Donnell, Becker, himself and myself for next week when we will discuss this further. It looks like Becker may have reconsidered and come around to our way of thinking.

12/2/83

1152. Becker, Franklyn

Father Nesseth shared with me and Father Metz Becker's CPE report (as reported by Becker). It is a good report in the sense that Becker retraces his personal history that led up to his CPE work rather accurately. It is also clear from his own statement that he understands that the alternatives for ministry have run out and that he is expected to make the best of hospital ministry. Now Nesseth and I will meet with Becker and with Father Richard O'Donnell of St. Joseph Hospital to discuss the CPE report from the standpoint of his supervisors.

AMIL00838

12/5/83

1183. Becker, Franklyn

Fathers Metz and Nesseth met with me to discuss Becker's recent evaluation at St. Joseph Hospital's CPE program. The evaluation was positive and showed that Becker had the capability of becoming a hospital chaplain. It also showed that there had been much personal growth in the last several months. It also indicated that Becker desired to work for about six months or more in a hospital setting before returning to a second course in CPE. It was agreed that I would contact St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee to see if they would give him a position (even unpaid) for about six months with supervision. If this does not work out, Nesseth will look into the situation at St. Michael's Hospital.

12/21/83

60. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Mrs. [redacted] at St. Mary's Hospital and asked her to give consideration to Becker as a part or full-time chaplain for approximately six months. She said no position was available but would give it some consideration when she speaks to [redacted]. It may be that Becker might be able to work there in an unpaid position.

1/3/84

29. Becker, Franklyn

Mrs. Jane Schiefer, pastoral director at St. Mary's Hospital, called to say that [redacted] has decided it will not be feasible to offer a position to Father Becker at this time. The main reason they are giving is that they will not be able to adequately supervise him because their pastoral care department is in the process of evolution and they do not have a full-time pastoral care director. I thanked her for the consideration that was given and now will ask Father Nesseth to see what can be done at St. Michael's Hospital.

1/10/84

54. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to his psychiatrist, Dr. [redacted]. I explained that things were not going well in our being able to find a job for Becker. I wanted to know what Durst would think about Becker pursuing work outside the diocese in the health care field. [redacted] thought that if it were not too far away, Becker might be able to come in on a regular basis for the psychotherapy that he needs and which is the highest priority in his situation. He is going to discuss this with Becker on Thursday and I will talk to Becker on Friday. Later in the day I spoke to Father Nesseth and he told me that it looked like there was a place in Oshkosh opening up at the mental health center there. I asked him to pursue this and see if it might be available for Becker. In the evening Becker called to say that Father O'Donnell had offered him a help-out position for the month of February at St. Joseph Hospital and wondered if he could take it. I told him to go ahead. Becker said, in passing that maybe this could lead to a full-time job at St. Joseph's which would be ideal.

1/17/84

60. Becker, Franklyn

He came to see me to discuss the possibility of a job in hospital ministry. I informed him that right now there was nothing available in Milwaukee but that a position, I am told, is available in Oshkosh. I pointed out to him that there is a CPE Program in Oshkosh that he could tie into down the line. He seemed to like the idea and agreed to make application next week for the position. It will allow him to return weekly for his appointments with his therapist. We then talked to Father Michael Newman and settled the matter of Becker's salary and benefits for the months of January and February. Hopefully, he will be located in a new job by March 1.

1/20/84

AMIL00859

73. Becker, Franklyn
He told me that he was making application for the hospital position in Oshkosh. This is a State of Wisconsin position so that he will have to be interviewed by the State along with about six other applicants. He said that he also heard that a position was opening up for Chaplain at St. Anne's infirmary. I told him I knew nothing about this but would check it out next week with Father Besseth to see if there is any truth to this.

1/24/84

157. Becker, Franklyn
Father Pat Dwyer from the Veterans Administration in Washington called to discuss Father Franklyn Becker's application for chaplaincy at Wood, Wisconsin. Dwyer wanted to know if Becker would be released for such work and whether he had any alcoholic problems. I confirmed that he would be released and that there was no problem with alcoholism. He said that officially the position is not yet open at Wood and that Father Tkalsky will know when it opens up. Dwyer said that he thinks when the position opens up there will be a lot of priests looking for it. However, he said there are other positions in the country that are opening up. He said that one that Becker would have a right to is in Biloxi, Mississippi. He said it might help if Tkalsky put in a good word for Becker.

2/16/84

199. Becker, Franklyn
He called to say that he had his interview at the state hospital in Winnebago and will probably be hearing next week after they interview another person whether he has the job or not. He told me that Father Pat Dwyer from the VA in Washington called and offered him a job in New York or in Pennsylvania. He said that he would prefer to stay in Milwaukee and become the chaplain at Wood, Wisconsin if possible. The Protestant chaplain there would like Becker because he is a local resident and it would be cheaper than funding the travel and expenses involved with someone from a distance. Then he rather delicately told me that he was interested in a position in a hospital in Orange, California and wondered what I thought. I responded by raising the question about what this would do to his relationship to his therapist. He feels that he could get a therapist out there if necessary. We did not pursue the talk about this and when he asked for my own recommendation, I told him to sign down the Winnebago job if he has a chance to get it.

2/24/84

211. Becker, Franklyn
He told me that he has received offers from the hospital in Winnebago and from the VA Center in Milwaukee. He prefers the VA Center and wanted my advice. In turn I consulted with Father Besseth who agreed that the Winnebago situation is a more firm offer. The one at VA seems to be tentative, but Besseth will look into this matter further tomorrow. I told Becker we could talk about it later to ascertain what would be best for him. Becker told me that his therapist said either would be acceptable in his opinion.

2/28/84

217. Becker, Franklyn
Father John Besseth called me to say that he has spoken to Rev. [redacted] the Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center in Wood. [redacted] assured Besseth that Becker could have the job of chaplain as soon as Father Brattakula retires. This should be in a couple of months. We explained to Besseth that he does not want to move someone into the area from another VA hospital because they do not have the money to do this. He would rather have someone on the local scene. He knows Becker and he has given his word that Becker will have the job. Besseth asked him to put something at least in writing to this effect. Later Becker called me and I told him the news and suggested that he tell the contact person in Oshkosh that he will not be able to let him know until next week as to his decision. I said that will give us time to think about this a little further.

2/29/84

AMIL00858

Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center, had just called Nesselth to say that he would not accept Becker as chaplain at VA. Evidently, [redacted] checked with one or more priests in the area and found out about Becker's past history. I told Nesselth to convey to [redacted] my own strong feeling that Joergenson should discuss this with Becker after leading him on all the way to thinking he had the position and also to ask Joergenson why he would not give a person who is trying to start over a chance. Later, I called Father Becker and told him the bad news. I asked him to contact the state hospital in Winnebago and nail down that position. Unfortunately, he told me that he has already told them that he would not be available. I had asked him to keep the lines of communication open in case the VA thing fell through. Becker said that he also has an appointment in Orange, California on April 1 for a interview in a hospital out there.

3/7/84

496.

Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he was out to St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, California to look into the position of hospital chaplain that was offered there. By the time he had arrived there, however, they had chosen another priest for the position. Therefore, he has accepted the position at the Winnebago Health Center in Oshkosh. He will begin there on May 1, 1984. The contact person for the position is Mr. [redacted] P.O. Box 9, Winnebago, Wisconsin 54985. Telephone: 235-4910. Becker asked if I would take care of the necessary follow-up and paperwork. I told him I would do that and be in contact with him.

4/11/84

522.

Becker, Franklyn

I called Bishop Maida of Green Bay because it was impossible for me to get there to see him in person before Easter. We discussed the situation of Father Becker without my mentioning Becker's name. I gave him full disclosure of what the situation was and asked him if he would be willing to give the man faculties for work at the Mental Institution at Winnebago. Maida was quite understanding and said that he certainly would get back to me before Easter. He told me that he wanted to discuss this a bit further with Bishop Morneau and also with Msgr. Klister. I assured him that if Becker were to be accepted, I would see to it that he continues his psychotherapy and that if anything went wrong we would have Becker out of the Green Bay Diocese within 24 hours and that Becker would be suspended.

4/17/84

527.

Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Steve Kearney at the Winnebago Hospital (235-4910). He expects Becker to begin work sometime between May 7 and May 14. He has already spoken to Father Mercatoris and Msgr. Klister in the Green Bay Diocese. Becker's starting salary will be \$17,780.63. In a couple of months that will increase to \$21,336. In about six months it will increase 2-3%. He will be given a state pension and the right to an insurance program which will be an HMO or Blue Cross/Blue Shield (with a slight additional cost). He will receive two weeks vacation per year and three weeks at the end of five years. I told him that I would go ahead and try to work out the ecclesiastical details with the two dioceses.

4/18/84

AMIL00837

for his new job. I told him of my discussion with Archbishop Weakland last Saturday in which the Archbishop told me that last Wednesday when he was in Green Bay, Bishops Maida and Morneau cornered him and gave him the impression that they did not approve of Father Becker becoming chaplain at the Winnebago Mental Health Hospital. Becker did not seem completely surprised at this although he said he needs an answer rather soon because he is scheduled for a physical exam on Wednesday and intended to look for an apartment at the same time. I told him that I would wait during this week to see if any word is forthcoming from Green Bay. In the meantime Becker intends to go through with the physical but not to do any serious apartment seeking. Becker told me that any negative reports on him in the Green Bay area could very well come from Father in Bishop Maida's Tribunal. Becker said that he thinks is under some surveillance in the Green Bay area.

4/23/84

564. Becker, Franklyn

I called Msgr. Roy Klister, the chancellor, to discuss what could be said to the Winnebago Institution about Becker turning down the job. I was surprised when Klister told me that he knew nothing about this. I told him that in my discussion with Bishop Maida, Maida had said that he was going to discuss this right away with Msgr. Klister. I then reviewed the situation and told Klister that I was quite sure that Bishop Maida intended to convey through Archbishop Weakland his decision not to allow Becker to assume that position and that the matter was settled. Klister is in the middle of this whole thing as I am with Mr. Steve Kearney from the State Hospital who hired Becker. Klister said that he wanted to talk to Bishop Maida and then would get back to me. Later he called me to say that I was right and that Bishop Maida would not change his mind on allowing Becker to take up the position even if it meant that he would be restricted to ministry only at the Winnebago site. I told Klister I would ask Becker to simply call Steve Kearney and to simply inform him that he has decided against taking the job. Later I did this and Becker said that he would handle the matter in that way. I told him that I would contact John Nesseth and see what other positions were open in the country for hospital chaplains. He said that his psychiatrist is encouraging him to go into hospital ministry or campus ministry and he is looking at a campus ministry position somewhere in another diocese.

4/30/84

AML00836

into the next CPE course at the hospital. This course will take up his time on Saturday mornings. He wanted to know if he could proceed along this line. I told him that I thought we were coming close to an assignment for him and that I wanted to talk to the Personnel Board about this. Becker will call me next Wednesday for further direction.

8/21/84

874. Becker, Franklyn

He heard of Father Ries's death and wondered if it would be possible for him to apply for the position at St. Mary Hill Hospital. I put him in touch with Father John Nesseth about this. Later Nesseth called me to say that he thinks it is too early to look into this matter but suspects that Sister Ellinda may be interested in going back to the original plan of having one priest between St. Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's Hill and using a number of the religious women to do pastoral work. Becker also asked about the availability of \$200 for a CPE course at St. Joseph Hospital. I told him that he could get the money from his continuing education fund (he told me it was all gone) or from Father Nesseth's budget if there was any left (Nesseth told me there was none left) or I suggested that he ask Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph's to let him work off the money in some way. I told Becker there simply wasn't any money around for this purpose.

9/11/84

966. Becker, Franklyn

He called to discuss the financial arrangements with regard to his forthcoming job at West Allis Memorial Hospital. He would like to be placed on Salary Plan B and also wishes alternate residency. He told me he would be willing to live in a rectory but he checked with St. Jude's but they are looking for a priest who will do more for the parish than he could do. He has an apartment spotted but said it would cost more than the present ceiling allowance would provide and wondered if that could be negotiated. I told him it definitely could not and that he would have to find something cheaper or go back to the idea of living in a rectory. He is going to check with a couple of more parishes to see if this would be possible.

10/15/84

994. Becker, Franklyn

Father Paul Esser called to express his concern about the assignment of Father Becker to West Allis Memorial Hospital. Esser worked on the Personnel Board at the time when Becker was having problems in California. Therefore, he knows his condition. I told Esser confidentially that Becker has been under psychiatric care for the last couple of years, has done CPE work, has gotten good recommendations from St. Joseph's Hospital and the approval of his psychiatrist to be in ministry once again in this type of setting. Esser felt much relieved about this and concurs that Becker needs to have a chance at reestablishing his reputation once again.

10/25/84

37. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday evening, April 19, 1985, while presiding over a confirmation at St. John Parish in South Milwaukee, I noted that Father Franklyn Becker acted as sponsor for a young man being confirmed.

RJS

AMIL00834

On Thursday, April 21, 1988 I received a phone call from a nurse at West Allis Memorial Hospital, [REDACTED], who requested special assistance in regard to the way in which Father Becker was responding to a dying Lutheran patient's request to see a priest. I called Franklyn at home and reported the phone call expressing my willingness to accept his judgement in the matter. On Monday, April 25, 1988 I received a phone call from [REDACTED] the Senior Vice President at West Allis Memorial (546-6200), indicating that the entire matter had been finally resolved and that nurses and chaplain had probably said inappropriate things to each other during an argument over pastoral responsibility and care. The matter seems to be properly handled.

RJS

225. Becker, Franklyn

On Tuesday, February 28, 1989 Tom Darrow called to say that Chuck Keefe is greatly concerned about Franklyn's unavailability at West Allis Memorial Hospital. A copy of the job description was requested (none current, but only a document arranged for Father Mueller in 1982). The matter will be discussed at the next district meeting, and I encouraged them to make sure that Franklyn was invited to be present.

RJS

243. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday, March 10, 1989 Tom Darrow reported a request from Franklyn that his monthly help out allowance be increased from \$250 to \$300. Since there has been no recent review of this financial and pastoral arrangement, Chuck Keefe accepted responsibility to bring the entire matter to the next District meeting on March 17, 1989 and to ask the 13 parishes for some type of consensus in this regard. The entire plan for pro-rated cost sharing needs review and updating which Tom will take care of.

RJS

775. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday, September 15, 1989 I met with Don Thoma regarding Franklyn's accreditation through NACC. Don agreed to inquire of both Franklyn and the NACC offices regarding the reason for the discontinuation of efforts for full accreditation.

RJS

173. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, February 19, 1990 the Archbishop received a phone call from Franklyn, claiming that he in turn had received a call from Dick Godin in Austin, Texas, who allegedly gave the documentation to Madeline O'Hare. A later conversation with Bill Mackin suggested that Dick still lives in Rockford, Illinois.

RJS

190. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, February 19, 1990 I spoke with Joe Corber who expressed his serious unhappiness with the style of work performed by Franklyn at West Allis Memorial noting that one of his parishioners had been very seriously ill for 24 days without any evidence of sacramental administration on the part of the chaplain. I reminded Joe of the recent evaluation on the part of the entire district and encourage Joe to speak with Franklyn himself.

RJS

600. Becker, Franklyn

On Thursday, July 26, 1990 I received a phone call from Ralph Gross indicating concern on the part of [REDACTED] regarding the seemingly intensive pastoral care devoted to her son, [REDACTED] at West Allis Hospital. I immediately called Lyn at his home in order to bring this issue to his attention and to receive his explanation which sounds logical. He denied any riding through the neighborhood of the family and stated that he had discussed the entire matter with his supervisor, [REDACTED] at the hospital.

RJS

AMIL00833

confrontation between Franklyn and [redacted] at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Although [redacted] is willing to discuss the matter with me and Franklyn, Franklyn does not seem willing to do so. Tom Trepanier will continue to press for a resolution/reconciliation meeting including himself as well. Tom agreed to visit the Hospital in order to determine if there are any issues present from the hospital staff. John Endejan came forward on Tuesday, October 9, 1990 to express his general unhappiness with the lack of availability on Franklyn's part during times of night emergency.

RJS

853. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, October 22, 1990 the office received a memo from Tom Trepanier reporting on his meeting with six nursing supervisors of West Allis Memorial Hospital regarding performance issues of the chaplain. In summarizing the concerns, the general issues seem to fall into three categories:

1. the perception that Franklyn does not respond pastorally or sensitively to emergencies or needs beyond sacramental celebration (repeatedly saying things like "I don't give last rites", or "this is a waste of my time", or "I'll talk to the family by phone";
2. arriving approximately 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and leaving the hospital by 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. claiming that he must allow time for emergencies; thus, resulting in the fact that many patients are not seen or visited except by Eucharistic ministers, even though approximately 60 percent (110) patients are Catholic on a regular basis;
3. the general perception that Franklyn possesses neither the personality nor interest to be an effective chaplain at the hospital.

RJS

913. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, August 21, 1991 Franklyn requested that I review the 1983 Nausau report. Lyn also gave me permission to speak with his therapist, [redacted] if needed.

RJS

896. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, August 21, 1991 Tom Trepanier and I met with Lyn in order to review the recommendations gathered from West Allis Memorial Hospital administrators and priests of the district, concluding that it was time for another person to be assigned to that ministry. He concurred, and we agreed upon September 15, 1991 as the final date for his work at the hospital after which he would go on awaiting assignment. I privately explained my hesitation regarding a parish assignment in view of historical circumstances. I agreed to seek clarification for salary and benefits of someone in the current priest compensation pilot program (at the September 5, 1991 Temporalities Committee meeting), and to see if a sabbatical opening might be possible this fall. Franklyn will draw up a list of possible ministerial interests and will contact John Pulice as well. We also spoke of some of his own fears as a result of the past experiences.

On Friday, August 23, 1991 Lyn called to request that he receive full salary through the month of September in order to cover his expected vacation time, which I approved. He also asked if he might apply for a part-time position at St. Francis Hospital which I also endorsed. In response to his request for the sum of approximately \$3,000 which had been placed in an account for help out services at West Allis Memorial Hospital, I indicated that the auditors would probably not approve the redirecting of such funds contrary to their designated purpose.

AMIL00832

RJS

On Monday, October 21, 1991 I met with Franklyn to review his compensation while on awaiting assignment. Franklyn is part of the Pilot Compensation Plan this year. Compensation will be given according to this Plan with the regular deductions from salary as listed in the Clergy Manual.

RTV

395. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, May 20, 1992 I met with Franklyn to discuss his sabbatical and his financial arrangements. There is some confusion on the exact time of the sabbatical because of the cruise, Louvain and the Archbishop's tour group. I shared with Franklyn the guidelines from the Continuing Formation Handbook. He agreed that we will consider the months of June, July and August as his sabbatical time. He had already received his monies from the sabbatical fund. He will receive only 50 percent of his salary from Account 46 and no room and board during those months since it is part of the sabbatical funds. Lyn will return on August 9, 1992 following the Archbishop's tour and be ready for assignment.

RTV

566. Becker, Franklyn W.

On August 14, 1992 I received a letter from Franklyn Becker stating that he is available for help-out and reassignment. He stated that Tom Trepanier had called regarding Villa Clement but he turned that down. He states he has a desire to return to Parish Work in a suburban or rural parish. He asks for a meeting with Archbishop Weakland and Bishop Sklba to discuss his future assignment.

RTV

✓483. Franklyn Becker

On August 28, 1992 I gave tentative approval to Tom Trepanier for utilizing Franklyn Becker as a weekend help out at Cascade, after Dick Fetherston's departure and in view of Jim Thurman's unwillingness to continue that particular assignment.

RJS

691. Becker, Franklyn

On September 25, 1992 Archbishop Weakland, Bishop Sklba and I met with Franklyn Becker to discuss his future assignment. Franklyn was very frank about certain issues in his past and was aware of the implications for future assignments. He said he liked the short term help outs like he is now doing in Cascade. He also mentioned early retirement as a possibility. He is now 55. He was thanked for his honesty and Archbishop Weakland told him we would need time to discuss all these concerns in deciding on his future assignment.

RTV

✓559. Franklyn Becker

On September 25, 1992 I joined the Archbishop and Tom Verne in meeting with Lyn to discuss future options. I noted the many reasons which counseled against his assignment to parish ministry at this time.

RJS

AMIL00831

931. Becker, Franklyn

On December 7, 1992 I received calls from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from St. Mary's, Cascade supportive of Franklyn Becker's ministry. A person from the parish is calling parishioners to sign a petition to have Franklyn removed. They said Franklyn is getting people back to Church including young people and wish he could stay. I told them we appreciate their supportive comments and that Franklyn is only there temporarily because of other plans for him in the future. On 12/8/92 [REDACTED] from St. Mary's, Cascade also called to express her support of Franklin Becker.

RTV

947. Becker, Franklyn

On December 11, 1992 we received a letter from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from St. Mary's, Cascade. The finance committee held a general meeting for the parish and it was very favorable for what is being done at the rectory and that there was general agreement to have Franklyn Becker remain as pastor. A meeting with their Parish Council President was recommended.

RTV

107. Becker, Franklyn

On February 24, 1993 I received a call from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who alleges inappropriate sexual behavior on the part of Franklyn Becker. The alleged behavior happened when Franklyn was assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish. [REDACTED] believes it was in 1977 shortly after he graduated from High School. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was aware that Franklyn was in West Virginia and California and that he goes on cruises and lives with his mother. He said that he once threatened to kill Franklyn in West Virginia and was interviewed by the FBI there. He also said he is working with an attorney in Chicago, a [REDACTED] I made an appointment for 3/1/93 with [REDACTED], Dr. Liz Piasecki and myself.

RTV

128. Becker, Franklyn

On March 1, 1993 Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and I were present for an appointment with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did not come, so I called the phone number he gave me. A woman who spoke on the phone identified herself as [REDACTED] mother. She said that he left the house on 2/28/93 after a disagreement, and she did not know when he would return. She said at times he lives out of his car. She also said he threatened to kill himself. She said that she was sorry she did not believe him in the beginning regarding his allegations. She felt that the priest was responsible for his condition, but she did not mention the name of the priest. Shortly afterwards I received a call from Theresa Johannek. She said [REDACTED] had called and was put in contact with Project Benjamin and Mary Kay's secretary took the call. [REDACTED] said he had an appointment with me and was sick and not able to come and talked about killing himself because no one cared anyway.

RTV

AMIL 830

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152. Becker, Franklyn

On March 7, 1993 I met with Franklyn Becker at Cascade to discuss his recent letter regarding his choices for assignment. I told Franklyn of the allegations made by [redacted] regarding inappropriate sexual behavior on the part of Franklyn while he was Associate Pastor at St. Margaret Mary. Franklyn recalled [redacted] as a very disturbed person from a very disturbed family. Franklyn denies that he ever had any inappropriate sexual behavior with [redacted]. He recalled [redacted] tried to get some money from him by claiming he hit the windshield in a minor accident while Franklyn was driving his home. I informed Franklyn of [redacted] conversation of wanting to kill Franklyn and his story of the FBI contact in West Virginia. Franklyn was unaware of that and questions if it is true. Franklyn knows our concern. He still would like to be able to continue his priestly ministry.

RTV

563. Becker, Franklyn

On June 18, 1993 we received a letter from Franklyn Becker notifying us that beginning 6/22/93 he will be living at [redacted] Woodland, MI 53099-0000 (625-3036). He will be available for help out work.

RTV

656. Becker, Franklyn

On July 8, 1993 I spoke with Franklyn Becker regarding his compensation. Clarification was needed for the \$650.00 living allowance. Franklyn determined \$450.00 for rent and \$200.00 for food. Franklyn asked about Professional expenses and I told him that was not an included benefit when someone was not assigned. He will receive retreat and continuing education.

RTV

134. Becker, Franklyn

On February 1, 1994, I called Franklyn Becker in response to his letter about Retirement Supplement and his future by way of an assignment. I told him the Retirement Supplement had been approved. He asked about his future for assignment. I told him his status would not change. Any change would be determined by Archbishop Weakland, and he would have to speak with him about any questions he had regarding the future. He said as long as he is caring for his mother he would continue as he is doing.

RTV

500. Becker, Franklyn

On April 10, 1994, I received a letter from Franklyn Becker with questions regarding his compensation. He was concerned that he was not getting a monthly food allowance. I told him that he was getting \$200.00 a month for food but it is included with his salary. The \$450.00 for housing is separate because it is not taxable. He also asked that, if not assigned, he be listed in the Directory with his mother's address and not listed as "not assigned".

RTV

AMIL00829

701. Becker, Franklyn

On July 7, 1994, I called Franklyn Becker in response to his letter asking for a cost of living increase in his living expenses. After conversation with Wayne Schneider, it was agreed to raise it according to the percentage of salary increase 4.194. He will receive \$600.00 a month, an increase of \$30.00 for living expenses. Franklyn would like all of this to be given as qualified housing cost.

RTV

658. Franklyn Becker

On October 6, 1994 in reviewing some Log items from Sr. Kathleen of the Vicar's office I noted in #70 (September 27, 1994) that Franklyn currently helps out at Neosho and Rubicon and that he is initiating conversation to do so at St. Killian's in Hartford as well. I believe this matter should be reviewed.

RJS

139. Becker, Franklyn

On February 21, 1995, I conferred with Dr. Piasdecki about following through on some of the allegations to bring some closure to this situation. This too is at the request of the Archbishop.

CCS

296. Becker, Franklyn

On July 1, 1995, I called Fr. Becker and told him there is an allegation against him and that the Archbishop requested an evaluation and we would schedule it reasonably soon. He is planning a cruise July 7-21 but is not going as chaplain. I told him to go and we would be in touch when he returned.

CCS

104. Becker, Franklyn

On August 30, 1995, Len VanVlaenderan asked that Carroll Straub respond to Franklyn Becker's questions relative to his past and future requests for a celebrat. Carroll has spoken with Franklyn.

SXS

310. Becker, Franklyn

On September 5, 1995, I called Franklyn to reconfirm that he will not be issued a current celebrat because of a recent allegation. He asked me for the name of the complainant. I promised I would ask J.L. I returned his call again on September to notify him that at this time the name of the complainant could not be revealed.

CCS

393. Becker, Franklyn

On November 7, 1995 I called Franklyn Becker to arrange his meeting with Liz Piasdecki on November 17th, 1995 at 6:30 P.M.

CCS

409. Becker, Franklyn

On November 21, 1995 Father Becker called to inquire whether he could have a canonist accompany him to the session with Dr. Piasdecki and her SWAT Team.

CCS

20. Becker, Franklyn

On January 19, 1996 I met with Franklyn Becker. I asked him to consent to go to St. Louis for an evaluation. We plan to discontinue the interview that is being done in Dr. Piasdecki's office. He agreed to go. We have set the date for February 5, 1996. I'll be with him on February 8th for the avuation of his evaluation.

CCS

AMIL00857

57. Becker, Franklyn

On February 8, 1996 I met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. We met with Franklyn Becker for feedback session at the St. Louis Consultation Center. This was relative to the evaluation of Franklyn Becker. [REDACTED] did the initial interview. [REDACTED] gave the Spirituality summary and [REDACTED] gave the psychosocial history. The center is located at 1100 Belleme, St. Louis, MO (314-647-0070).

Franklyn has had no spiritual director since 1988, again he relies on his own resources. He sees opposition between life in the spirit and the secular rather than having a wholistic incarnational spirituality. Celibacy has to be seen as a positive way of living out sexuality, which is essentially mystery.

Paul was tough, hoping to get Franklyn's attention. He asked, Do you want to change this in your life? Places recommended for therapy: 1) St. Luke's, Washington -- long term like 8 months, 2) or New Mexico, 3) another alternative would be an intensive outpatient care where living in is monitored.

Franklyn stated he is willing to go for treatment, but not as long as his mom needs care. We agreed to continue conversation on this point.

I asked Franklyn Becker

1) to consider how sometime in the future he might get a county nurse in twice a week to look after his mother and maybe some neighbor on a daily basis, so he might consider this 8-months residency.

2) to find a spiritual director like [REDACTED] who he can trust to talk to on a monthly basis about the matters we covered in this evaluation summary on 2/8/96 in St. Louis.

3) I asked him to reflect on boundary violations in his life several times each week. He and I spoke of examples of such boundary setting.

CCS

81. Becker, Franklyn

On March 6, 1996 I called Franklyn to request that he call Dr. [REDACTED] and set an appointment for therapy. He agreed to call for the appointment on Monday, March 11, 1996. He asked about the allegation that brought him to this point. I told him I didn't have that information, since it is kept by Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki.

CCS

112. Becker, Franklyn

On April 19, 1996 I talked to Franklyn about his progress in therapy with Dr. [REDACTED]. He has received permission from Bishop Skiba to go on a cruise as Chaplain on April 20, 1996, but will return for the Spring Assembly. After this time we will assign him to the monitoring program with Tom McGuire.

CCS

AMIL00856

126. Becker, Franklyn

On April 24, 1996 I talked to Dr. [REDACTED] who is Franklyn's psychologist. She felt that each week there was a little movement forward. She spoke of issues such as assertiveness, self esteem, guilt, anxiety, anger, passive aggressiveness, negative feelings and denial. All of these need to be dealt with in the context of Franklyn's therapy. We had a lengthy discussion. I felt she had an excellent focus on where Franklyn is at.

CCS

216. Becker, Franklyn

On August 23, 1996 [REDACTED] called to complain that Fr. Becker is a public nuisance in the Woodland area. He calls the DNR, the police, then he says these issues in his Sunday homilies. I asked Tom McGuine to speak to him this afternoon in his monitor session.

CCS

245. Lynn Franklyn Becker

On August 30, 1996 in a meeting with Len Barbian by way of response to Lynn's request for permission to go on another cruise, I shared Carrol's hesitation, since Lynn had excused himself from treatment programs on the basis of need to care for his mother. We acknowledged the possibility of giving such permission after further conversation with Lynn's therapist, whom Len promised to call.

RJS

25. Becker, Franklyn

On January 29, 1997 the Archbishop, Deacon Tom McGuine, Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and Dr. [REDACTED] met with Father Franklyn Becker to discuss his future. Dr. [REDACTED] indicated that Franklyn was beginning to reflect on his conduct and is developing a realization of consequences for his actions. After a lengthy discussion, the Archbishop explained to him why he continued to be a risk for the Archdiocese. It was agreed that he could continue to do help-out ministry with Fr. Henig in the Rubicon area provided he continues to see Dr. [REDACTED] and provided Tom McGuine continues to monitor his conditions for ministry. It is presumed he must continue to make progress. It was also agreed that when he begins to see Dr. [REDACTED] once weekly, he will join a group. Franklyn also was encouraged to develop a circle of mature friends who would be able to give him appropriate feedback.

CCS

49. Becker, Franklyn

On February 19, 1997 Dr. [REDACTED] called relative to Franklin's progress. She promised she would arrange group for Franklin. She finally got in contact with Dr. [REDACTED] in Madison who referred her to another therapist, [REDACTED]. So at this time she is having Franklin make an appointment with Dr. [REDACTED] for group, after which she will spend a little time with him relative to the folks who made allegations against him. This she will do only after Dr. Piasecki has given written permission. I believe this will conclude Franklin Becker's therapy sessions with Dr. [REDACTED].

CCS

AMIL00855

94. Becker, Franklyn

December 2, 1997 - Dr. [REDACTED] called to give me an update. She moved her practice:

Wisconsin Psychological Association: 9120 N. Hampton Ave.,
Milwaukee 53225 [REDACTED]

Franklyn has been coming in regularly.

- a) She keeps him in check.
- b) She notices a raise in his anxiety level.
- c) He has had relapses, but no children.
- d) He has lack of trust of other priests.
- e) Group sessions would not work. He is only now beginning to trust Dr. Trachsnel.
- f) He has lack of fraternity in the priesthood.
- g) Impulsive behavior
- h) Needs to develop friendships for the future.
- i) He wants to go back into the closet happily.

Dr. [REDACTED] said the positives are:

Insight

Trust (with her)

Beginning to see the damage he caused

Boundaries not to be crossed

Personality disorders are being worked on

He is to stay away from boy's magazines.

He has a working defiance of authority.

She helped him to realize that he has a pretty good life - with support from the diocese.

He has anxiety. (Dr. [REDACTED] said she likes that - It keeps him on the straight and narrow.)

We will continue to monitor (Tom McGuine) and call John Yockey.

3 persons: John Yockey, Tom McGuine, Franklyn Becker.

TEK

115. Becker, Franklyn

April 14, 1998 - Dr. [REDACTED] Franklyn's therapist, who had been trying several times but unsuccessfully to talk with Tom Kerstein since early March, and who had been informed by me of Tom's death, left a voice mail message that, since she will be in Birmingham, Alabama, with the Red Cross, she will contact us after 5/1/98. She wanted us to know that she is pleased with Franklyn's progress and that she advised Franklyn that if he has any psychological problems during her absence, he should call Dr. [REDACTED] in Dr. [REDACTED] office, at [REDACTED] Franklyn was also encouraged to stay in touch with his monitor.

The last communication we received from Dr. [REDACTED] was on 3/19/98 when she was asking Fr. Tom why Fr. Yockey hadn't seen Fr. Becker since their first meeting, and wondered if Fr. Yockey is too busy or if their schedules are so different. Since Fr. Tom had never received that message, I called Tom McGuine on 4/9/98 and informed him of Dr. [REDACTED] call and concern and I asked Tom McGuine to follow up on that question. He agreed to do so.

SKS

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124. Becker, Franklyn

April 28, 1998 - Dr. [REDACTED] called to update our office on the progress of Franklyn Becker. She had promised Tom Kerstein monthly reports. Basically she is pleased with his progress. He has begun to share with her and trusts her. His anger is diminishing. Normally she favors group therapy, but she believes that in Franklyn's case that would offer serious setback and would increase his anger. She hoped that Franklyn would have more contact with Fr. Yockey and mentioned that Franklyn is not comfortable with the other one who tends not to be discreet. Dr. [REDACTED] described as amazing, that she now has direct eye contact and that the "darting around" of the eyes only reappears when he is anxious, tense, and angry. She suggested that if might be helpful for Franklyn to know that the monitors talk periodically, perhaps once every 2 months, so that Franklyn does not "split" the people monitoring him and to have a consistent expectation.

Dr. [REDACTED] offered to accept other referrals from the Archdiocese.

SXS

161. Becker, Franklyn

June 24, 1998 - Dr. [REDACTED] called to give her monthly verbal report. I relayed the basics of this report verbally to Bishop Skiba.

SXS

165. Becker, Franklyn

July 6, 1998 - Dr. [REDACTED] informed us that she will be out of town on "disaster assignment" until 7/21/98. Fr. Becker is referred to Dr. Friedman 464-4500 in case of need.

SXS

209. Becker, Franklyn

August 20, 1998 - Dr. [REDACTED] called to report on her observations and continuing progress of Fr. Becker. He spontaneously brings up issues, even issues of substance. He is beginning to demonstrate empathy for victims and realizes what trauma inappropriate behavior could cause. Dr. [REDACTED] said that Fr. Becker has not been blessed with a good common sense, and that leads to poor choices (e.g. selling the house). Also, in her view, he seems to look forward to coming in to see Dr. [REDACTED] and no longer complains about doing so.

SXS

215. Becker, Franklyn

August 25, 1998 - In my conversation with Fr. Becker concerning the change of health and dental insurance, Fr. Becker said that Fr. Stornell has given approval for Fr. Becker to have temporary residence in the rectory at Rubicon beginning mid- to late-September, because Fr. Becker is selling the house. An apartment will be available for Fr. Becker to move into beginning end of October or early November. He will, however, be maintaining his PO Box 40 address.

SXS

382. Becker, Franklyn

On October 7, 1998 Dr. [REDACTED] phones in verbal report on Becker's progress as a result of 2 years of working on weekly basis. His behavior remains appropriate and he remains committed to being a celibate priest at this time. He sold family home, will be staying in Rubicon for next 2 weeks, then moves into an apartment in Mayfield.

JFH

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390. Becker, Franklyn
On November 5, 1998 Fr. Becker called to inform us of his new address:
1735 Dayton St. #3, Mayville, WI 53050 - (920-387-4259).

SKS

128. Becker, Franklyn
February 1, 1999 Franklyn is called after his return from a seminar for clergy in Florida. He appreciated this gesture of support. He is grateful to live in Mayville where he can visit his 94-year-old mother in a nursing facility each day. He continues to benefit from weekly sessions with Dr. Markene Trachsel and enjoys being able to help out in parishes.

JFH

555. Becker, Franklyn
July 28, 1999 Vicar meets with Franklyn Becker and Deacon Tom McGuine to report to Becker on results of group meeting of 7/12/99 with Dr. McGuine and Father's Wester and Yockey. Hornacek reviews the restrictions of 6/11/96 and will adopt numbers 2 and 5 which will allow Becker to preside at Eucharist with minors as servers, and will allow him to attend cultural events if accompanied by a mature adult without specific permission of Vicar each time. He's commended for faithfully attending weekly therapy with Dr. McGuine and monthly monitoring meeting with McGuine. Becker's progress includes less anger, less preoccupation with other priests' stories and ongoing effort to maintain appropriate boundaries. He is encouraged to take advantage of more educational permits and to obtain a spiritual director.

JFH

6501. Franklyn Becker
On August 16, 2000 in the absence of Fr. Hornacek I gave Fr. Franklyn Becker permission to join a commercial tour to Oberammergau, leaving September 15, 2000 and returning approximately two weeks later.

RJS

905. Franklyn Becker
October 10, 2000 Franklyn meets with Vicar to discuss any need to change restrictions and to inquire whether he needs to meet with a monitor after Deacon Tom McGuine leaves the area in January 2001. Frank is informed that the Archbishop usually follows the therapist's recommendation and Dr. McGuine believes Frank continues to need a weekly conference. Vicar affirms need for Franklyn to meet with new monitor, Deacon David Zumpich, but perhaps only every other month.

JFH

561. Franklyn Becker
7/16/01 Barbara Anne Cusack advised me that someone has brought another charge of sexual misbehavior (from the past) against Franklyn Becker. Barbara Reinke is checking into the allegation. I will wait for her report.

WEK

581. Franklyn Becker
July 19, 2001 Barbara Reinke filed Sexual Abuse Intake Report of [redacted] who reported on 7/13/01 with allegation against Fr. Franklyn Becker dating back 1 1980 or 1981.

KS

580. Franklyn Becker
7/19/01 I spoke with Barbara Reinke about the sexual abuse victim who came forward against Franklyn Becker. It is an old incident. I was concerned that we might have to deny Franklyn the faculties to do helpout. He helps Russ Stommel out. Barb and I agreed that we could wait until next week when Bishop Skiba returns to discuss whether or not any action needs to be taken.

WEK

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On April 8, 2002 in a conversation with Deacon David Zimprich who staffs the Archdiocesan monitoring program I concluded that Franklyn should be directed not to accept any more regular weekend help outs, even though his monitoring program is in place both at St. Jerome Parish in Oconomowoc and St. Mary Parish in Mayville, pending further developments with the Commission

RJS

209. Franklyn Becker

On April 9, 2002 I met briefly with Fr. Hornacek to review my conversation with David Zimprich regarding Franklyn Becker, since I had recommended that he cease from all public weekend ministry pending further conversation with individuals who had contacted Dr. Reinke, we concurred that a formal precept should be drawn up and sent to him, limiting his ministry pending further investigation and the report from the special Commission.

RJS

293. Franklyn Becker

April 10, 2002 Franklyn will be told by Dave Zimprich today that he is to refrain from all public ministry including helpout service on weekends. A written precept will follow. This afternoon Dave Zimprich submitted written report on his meeting with Becker. Becker returned his signed consent form after crossing out two sentences. Vicar speaks with Becker by phone this evening responding to questions about the form, the precept and financial concerns.

JFH

388. Franklyn Becker

May 10, 2002 Franklyn Becker is called by Vicar for meeting to deliver precept to him. He inquires about reason for this action at this time and is told an alleged victim came forward recently. When he asked for the name he acknowledged knowing the person. He is also told no additional compensation will be given to make up for lost stipends and stole fees. He is also told he is not allowed to celebrate the June 29th 50th Anniversary Mass as he requested at St. John, Rubicon.

JFH

402. Franklyn Becker

May 14, 2002 Franklyn Becker is seen by Vicar and given precept. He continues to meet weekly for therapy with Dr. [REDACTED] which he finds helpful.

JFH

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493. Franklyn Becker
 June 3, 2002 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar re concern that his financial support might be reduced which would make it difficult for him to pay his bills. On 6/10 Vicar phones Becker to report that his retreat fee, continuing education fee and retirement supplement would be eliminated this year. He rents an apartment for \$615 monthly. Vicar suggests an article in the Catholic Herald may be used to share his story as one of the six priests whose files were reviewed. Becker would see the contents of the article before it went to press.
 JFH
546. Franklyn Becker
 June 19, 2002 Franklyn is seen by Dave Zimprich for monthly monitoring meeting. Becker has contacted a Chicago attorney to learn whether he should be receiving additional financial support from the Archdiocese. He revealed that he continues to periodically be in contact with a woman from Whitefish Bay who made a complaint against him. Zimprich pointed out this makes no sense; Becker's explanation made less sense.
 JFH
660. Franklyn Becker
 July 18, 2002 I phoned Franklin Becker to inform him of the '02-'03 approved compensation in his case. He was told that his minimal salary was increased, his housing amount was not changed from last year and that the retirement supplement was eliminated. He already knew that the Continuing Ed Fee and the Retreat Fee would be eliminated. He is concerned that he no longer is able to earn stipends because of the Precept, which he mentioned is beyond the 3 months (I told him that Barbara Ann Cusack is updating the Precept). He asked how these decisions could be "arbitrarily" made. I recommended that he put his concerns in writing so that the Vicar would receive it as soon as the he returned to the office after his convalescence. It sounded like Franklyn was reluctant to do so. He also verbalized a feeling of "injustice" that some were able to continue in ministry.
 KS
661. Franklyn Becker
 July 18, 2002 Franklyn Becker is the subject of a monitoring status report submitted by Dave Zimprich following their July 17th meeting in Oconomowoc. Becker wonders when he might be able to return to ministry, realizing his 3-month Precept needs to be renewed. He will be on a 10 day vacation to Canada starting next week. His brother from Muncie, Indiana, will stay in his apartment during that time to care for their mother.
 JFH
669. Franklyn Becker
 July 19, 2002 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar re his salary package for new fiscal year. He complains about not receiving "professional reimbursement" for the past ten years and now having "arbitrarily" lost his retirement supplement.
 JFH
498. Franklyn Becker
 On July 20, 2002 at the request of Barbara Ann Cusack I signed a renewed ministerial restriction precept for Fr. Franklyn Becker to be in place, pending revocation.
 RJS
566. Franklyn Becker
 On August 12, 2002 in the context of a meeting of the College of Consultants it was unanimously recommended that some statement be published regarding removal of Fr. Franklyn Becker from ministry due to allegations.
 RJS
768. Franklyn Becker
 August 17, 2002 Franklyn Becker is phoned by Vicar and told his case will be made public in the Catholic Herald next week; it may also appear in the Journal Sentinel with the names of 2 or 3 additional priests who will leave active ministry in August. A brief sample paragraph of the notice is read to Becker. In response to his query he is told he will most likely not be allowed to do any public ministry ever again.
 JFH

595. Franklyn Becker

7/26/01 Barbara Reinke asked for a clarification concerning Franklyn Becker. She was concerned that I might use him to be TA at Ncosho/Robicon/Woodland if Russ Stommel were to go away for treatment. I clarified with her that I had no intention to do that. My concern was that if Russ did leave, I needed to deal with Franklyn Becker since he is a regular help out at those parishes.

WEK

714. Franklyn Becker

September 17, 2001 Vicar meets with Franklyn Becker to review some of his goals and to challenge some of his recent behaviors (e.g. preoccupied conversations about O'Brien and [REDACTED] overnight at Park East Hotel, attending movies with homosexual theme at Downer) which could be interpreted as flirting with occasions of temptation. Becker denies any intent at misbehavior. Vicar challenges any effective results of continued weekly sessions with Dr. [REDACTED] and invites Becker to discuss this with her.

JFH

16. Franklyn Becker

January 7, 2002 Franklyn sends notice to the Vicar requesting that he be able to retain his help-out position at the Tri-Parishes of Robicon, Ncosho and Woodland with a new pastor arriving in June 2002. He also wishes to consider residency at St. John Rectory.

JFH

137. Franklyn Becker

February 18, 2002 Franklyn is the subject of the monthly monitoring report which Dave Zimprich submitted to the Vicar following his 2/13 meeting with Franklyn. There is nothing significant to report.

JFH

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1016. Franklyn Becker
October 29, 2002 Franklyn Becker is phoned by Dave Zimprich to change date of a monitoring appointment. Becker reported reading the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article about the listening session on 10/26/02 during which a sexual abuse was reported taking place in Lyons, WI at the time Becker was assigned there. Zimprich did not share any info about the intent of another victim to file a formal complaint against Becker for abuse in CA. JFH
120. Franklyn Becker
February 4, 2003 Franklyn Becker meets with Vicar who further explains content of the Archbishop's 2/3/03 letter. Becker admits to some but not all of the detailed abusive behavior outlined by a victim-survivor now residing in California. Becker is taken aback by recommendation that he move to Cousins Center for purpose of more realistic monitoring. He cites need to find new nursing facility for 98 year old mother in Milwaukee and lease on apartment till November of '03 as reasons for hoping a different monitoring strategy could be employed in Mayville. JFH
282. Franklyn Becker
April 24, 2003 Dave Zimprich phones Vicar to report on his monitoring meeting with Franklyn Becker on 4/23. He is depressed over his mother's failing health and hopes he does not need to change residence before she dies. He is concerned about smaller amount of financial support from diocese 7/1/03 and has asked for assistance with prescriptions from St. Michael's Priest Fund. JFH
316. Franklyn Becker
May 5, 2003 Franklyn Becker is called by Vicar to inquire about his mother's health status. Vicar assures Franklyn that he will not need to change residence at this time but that his participation in a group for priest sex offenders is urged. He is willing to do so. He reports he was phoned by Michael Higgins, former priest and canon lawyer from San Diego who is organizing priest perpetrators. Becker found him obnoxious and did not cooperate. JFH
332. Franklyn Becker
May 9, 2003 Franklyn Becker is arrested today according to an email from [REDACTED]. The California Attorney General has details. Barbara Anne Cusack informs the bishops and Matt Flynn. Hornacek informs Dave Zimprich and Dean Charlie Wester. JFH
342. Franklyn Becker
May 13, 2003 Franklyn Becker is released from Dodge Correctional Facility according to Attorney Pat Madden who negotiated bail down to \$10,000. Madden will now file a writ of Habeas Corpus. Becker allegedly contends he was not in San Diego during time of alleged misconduct there. Hornacek obtains info from Cusack showing Becker to have been there from June of '97 until sometime between January and May of '99. Hornacek phones Becker at home and he confirms he was at St. Bridget Parish in San Diego for those 2 years. His next hearing is June 10th in Juneau. JFH
362. Franklyn Becker
May 19, 2003 Franklyn Becker notifies Vicar he was able to break the lease on his apartment and asks if it is permitted to move in with Charlie Wester at his rectory. Vicar gives permission as long as Becker's attorney also approves. JFH
400. Franklyn Becker
May 30, 2003 Franklyn Becker vacated his apartment in hopes of living with Charlie Wester at his rectory for a short time (til June 10th hearing). Parishioners objected so inquiry was made about using empty rectory at Rubicon. Al Van Beck also found negative reaction from people. So after 2 nights at the Mayville Inn, Becker is expected to move into Mayville Heights senior apartments in Mayville by 6/2/03. JFH
488. Franklyn Becker
June 30, 2003 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar to request Mass stipends from Chancery to augment his reduced income. JFH

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File Copy

DATE: July 19, 1996
TO: Archbishop Rembert Weakland
Bishop Richard Skiba
Reverend Carrol Straub
FROM: Liz Piasecki, PsyD.
RE: REVEREND FRANKLYN BECKER

PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

On July 17, 1996, I had an extended conversation with Dr. [REDACTED] the psychologist who is treating Father Becker. She had requested that I call her regarding Father Becker and the allegations against him. We have a written release from Father Becker to share this information.

During the course of that conversation, Dr. [REDACTED] articulated the following concerns:

1. Father Becker is fixated on the most recent allegation, that is, the calls to me from the individual that I have not identified because that individual fears reprisal from Father Becker against his elderly parents who still live in the Milwaukee area. I, again, refused to disclose that individual's name or other identifying information, and Dr. [REDACTED] accepted that, noting Father Becker has reported so many sexual incidents that, there is plenty of material to work on in therapy. Father Becker has given his written permission to share the log items, or prior concerns from the past with Dr. [REDACTED] and I have sent them to her at her request.
2. Father Becker, now (again), identifies himself as a pedophile and asked Dr. [REDACTED] to sign a statement to that effect so that he could collect on a private disability policy which he holds. She refused to do so although she agrees essentially that he is one.
3. Dr. [REDACTED] fears that Father Becker may be capable of, if not already engaging in, physical abuse of his elderly mother. He has reported to her one incident of hitting his mother with a slipper, recently. Dr. [REDACTED] had recommended to Father Becker that he work at the parish office in order to get away from his mother. I told her that was not permissible and out of the question.

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4. Father Becker is in conflict with some adolescent boys who live next door, and she wonders if there hasn't been some kind of prior advances which have contributed to the present aggression against him by these boys.
5. She believes Father Becker may be in possession of child pornography in his home.
6. Dr. [REDACTED] reported that Father Becker is in a lot of fear over going to prison because of his "past" behavior. I questioned whether there may be some involvement, of which we are unaware, which is still under the criminal statute. She said she would not be surprised, but knows of no specifics of that at this time.
7. Father Becker remains in myth denial. He does discuss other priests and their sexual orientation/behavior with her and has brought her letters and material which were sent to the Milwaukee Sentinel by him, years ago.
8. There is no question in Dr. [REDACTED] mind that Father Becker remains a risk to act out. He continues to go on cruises which he describes as cruises for elderly people. She questions whether they bring their grandchildren. He hopes to "gain the respect" of the Archbishop and the Archdiocese, again, but still is very poor at taking responsibility for any of his past behaviors. At the minimum, he hopes to "get to retirement." He verbalizes that he is a good priest who worked hard contrary to other's reports of him.

Dr. [REDACTED] points out that given his mother's age (90+), Father Becker is likely to be the responsibility of the Archdiocese for another 30 years.

My question: Should we be considering encouraging the focus of therapy to shift to counseling him out of the priesthood and voluntary resignation, and asking Dr. [REDACTED] to start working on that?

ECP:saz

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Restricted Diocesan Priests due to Substantiated Reports of Sexual Abuse of a Minor

July 9, 2004

In line with the assurances given in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, those who are (or were) restricted from all priestly ministries, may not celebrate the sacraments publicly, or present themselves as priests in any way. In addition, in accordance with the canonical norms that have been established, the obligations against any living priest are sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome.

Questions and Answers about this information

- Raymond A. Adamsky, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- James L. Armond, Laicized
- Ronaki J. Bandle, Deceased
- James W. Beck, Left Priestly Ministry
- Franklyn W. Becker, Laicized
- Michael C. Benhem, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Frederick J. Bistricky, Deceased
- Daniel A. Budzynski, Laicized
- Peter A. Burns, Laicized
- S. Joseph Collova, Excommunicated
- Andrew P. Doyle, Laicized
- William J. Effinger, Deceased
- George A. Etzel, Deceased
- William J. Farrell, Deceased
- James M. Flynn, Laicized
- James M. Godin, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Edmund H. Haen, Deceased
- David J. Hanser, Laicized
- Harold A. Herbst, Deceased
- George S. Hopf, Deceased
- James N. Jablonowski, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Marvin T. Knighton, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- John T. Knolek, Deceased
- Michael J. Krejci, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry

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- Eugene T. Kreuzer, Deceased
- Oswald G. Krusing, Deceased
- Jerome E. Lanaer, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Alfred B. Lesniewski, Deceased
- Daniel J. Massia, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Lawrence C. Murphy, Deceased
- Michael T. Neuberger, Dismissed from clerical state (case in appeal)
- Richard W. Nichols, Deceased
- George A. Nuedling, Deceased
- John A. O'Brien, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Donald A. Peters, Labeled
- Roger W. Schnekter, Left Priestly Ministry
- Clarence J. Schouten, Deceased
- Vincent A. Silvestri, Deceased
- Thomas A. Trepanier, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Jerome A. Wegner, Labeled
- John C. Wagner, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Charles W. Waller, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Siegfried F. Widera, Deceased

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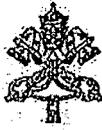
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CONGREGATIO
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00120 Città del Vaticano,
Palazzo del S. Uffizio

24 March 1997

PROT. N. 111/96 e 112/96-03971

(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)
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Your Excellency,

In your letter of the 11 December 1966, you requested direction regarding the procedure to be followed in the cases of Revv. Lawrence C. MURPHY and Michael T. NEUBERGER, priests of your Archdiocese accused of the crime of solicitation during confession (cf. c. 1387).

In setting forth the matters in detail which you have reported, the Congregation would ask Your Excellency to instruct the respective processes in accord with the attached "*Instructio de modo procedendi in causis sollicitationis*" with particular attention to numbers 5 and 55. While the norms of this document remain in force, they must obviously be read in light of the new canonical legislation especially with respect to the citation of canons.

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

+Carlo Bertone

(enclosure)

His Excellency
Most Rev. Rembert G. WEAKLAND, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee, USA

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RISERVATO

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**Riassunto dell'incontro dei Superiori CDF con
gli Ecc.mi Presuli interessati al caso del Rev. Lawrence C. MURPHY,
sacerdote accusato di sollecitazione in Confessione (Prot.N. 111/96)**

L'incontro si è svolto sabato 30 maggio 1998 nella sede della CDF. Per la CDF erano presenti: S.E. Mons. Tarcisio Bertone, Segretario, il quale ha presieduto la riunione, il R.P. Gianfranco Girotti, Sotto-Segretario, Don Antonio Manna dell'Ufficio Disciplinare, Don Michael Jackels (traduttore) e P. Antonio Ramos. Erano presenti gli Ecc.mi Presuli che avevano richiesto l'incontro: S.E. Mons. Rembert Weakland, Arcivescovo di Milwaukee (USA), il suo Ausiliare, S.E. Mons. Richard Skiba e S.E. Mons. Raphael Fliss, Vescovo di Superior (USA).

1. S.E. Mons. Weakland ha esposto brevemente i precedenti del caso, facendo rilevare quanto segue: 1) risultano molte le vittime di abusi da parte del Rev. Murphy, tutte non-udenti; 2) nel 1974 vi fu un intervento nei confronti del Rev. Murphy, ma niente venne registrato negli archivi dell'arcidiocesi (sembrò trattarsi di un processo civile, conclusosi senza che fosse imposta pena alcuna all'accusato e l'intervento consistette nell'inviare detto sacerdote in un'altra diocesi, i.e. Superior); 3) la comunità dei non-udenti al presente mantiene una grande indignazione a motivo di questo caso e rifiuta ogni soluzione pastorale; 4) a causa del lungo periodo di tempo trascorso da quando avvennero i fatti, non è più possibile avviare nello stato di Wisconsin un processo civile; 5) il Rev. Murphy non ha nessun senso di rimorso e sembra non rendersi conto della gravità di quel che ha fatto. Inoltre, 6) c'è il pericolo di grande scandalo qualora il caso venisse pubblicizzato dalla stampa. Secondo le testimonianze raccolte, i misfatti del Murphy avrebbero origine nella Confessione.

2. S.E. il Segretario CDF - nel sottolineare sia il lungo periodo di tempo ormai trascorso (più di 35 anni!) da quando ebbero luogo i fatti, che costituisce il vero problema anche canonico, e il fatto che non risultano notizie di altri delitti perpetrati o di scandali suscitati dal Murphy durante questi anni a Superior - sostiene che non vi sono elementi sufficienti per istruire un processo canonico. Tuttavia - rileva - è inaccettabile che egli possa recarsi a celebrare l'Eucaristia nella comunità dei non-udenti a Milwaukee; occorrerà perciò impedirglielo, facendo ricorso anche ad alcuni rimedi penali. Per motivi cautelari, gli si può intimare di celebrare l'Eucaristia soltanto nella diocesi di Superior, tanto più che vi è l'accordo sia del suo Ordinario, i.e. l'Arcivescovo di Milwaukee, che dell'Ordinario del luogo dove egli risiede. Tale provvedimento però dovrà essergli comunicato per scritto.

3. In merito all'eventualità di un processo canonico per il delitto di sollecitazione in Confessione, S.E. il Segretario attira l'attenzione su alcuni problemi che esso presenta: 1°) innanzitutto la difficoltà di provare un tale delitto, la cui interpretazione dovrà essere fatta "in stricto sensu"; 2°) la difficoltà che hanno i sordomuti a fornire prove e testimonianze senza aggravare i fatti, tenuto conto sia dei limiti inerenti alla loro menomazione che della distanza dei fatti nel tempo. Comunque - sottolinea - occorrerà far riflettere seriamente il Murphy sulla gravità del male da lui operato e sul fatto che dovrà dare prove di ravvedimento. 3) Accenna infine all'ampio diritto di difesa che esiste negli USA e alle difficoltà che sarebbero poste dagli avvocati in questo senso.

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4. S.E. Mons. Weakland s'impegna a cercare di ottenere dal Rev. Murphy - da lui paragonato a un bambino "difficile" - una dichiarazione di pentimento; tutti e tre gli psicologi che lo hanno esaminato, lo ritengono un pedofilo "tipico", il quale pertanto "si crede vittima". Al riguardo il Sotto-Segretario, P. Gianfranco Girotti, ribadisce che detto sacerdote dovrà dare segni chiari di pentimento, "altrimenti si dovrà ricorrere ad un processo". S.E. il Segretario propone di imporgli un periodo di ritiro spirituale insieme ad un salutare ammonimento per poter comprendere se realmente egli sia pentito o meno, altrimenti si esporrebbe al rischio che gli vengano imposte misure più rigorose, *non esclusa la dimissione dallo stato clericale*. Consiglia poi di affidarlo a un sacerdote come suo direttore spirituale, con incontri periodici di uno o due mesi.

5. S. E. il Segretario infine riassume i due punti centrali della linea da seguire nei confronti del sacerdote in parola: 1°) la restrizione territoriale della celebrazione eucaristica e 2°) l'ammonimento per indurlo a mostrarsi pentito.

Prima della conclusione dell'incontro, S.E. Mons. Weakland tiene a riaffermare che sarà difficile far comprendere alla comunità dei sordomuti la lieve entità di questi provvedimenti.

30 maggio 1998

Resume of the meeting of the Superiors of CDF with the prlates interested to the case of the Rev. Lawrence C. MURPHY, a priest accused of solicitation in Confession (Prot.N. 111/96)

The meeting occurred Saturday May 30 the 1998 in the center of the CDF. For the CDF they were present: S.F. Mons. Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary, which has presided at the meeting, the R.P. Gianfranco Girotti, Under Secretary, Don Anthony Manna of the Disciplinary office, Don Michael Jackels (translator) and P. Anthony Ramos. They were introduced to those who requested the meeting: S.F. Mons. Rembert Weakland, Archbishop of Milwaukee (USA), his Assistant, S.E. Mons. Richard Sklba and S.F. Mons. Raphael Fliss, Bishop of Superior (USA).

1. S.E. Mons. Weakland has briefly described the issued, making notice of the following: 1) there are a lot of the victims of abuse by the Rev. Murphy, all not identified; 2) in 1974 there was an intervention towards the Rev. Murphy, but nothing was recorded in the files of archdiocese (this occurred after the threat of a civil trial, concluding with the imposition of the punishment for the accused and which resulted in the priest being sent to another diocese, i.e. Superior); 3) the community of the deaf at present maintains a great indignation for this case and it refuses every pastoral solution; 4) because of the long period of time spent from the facts of the case, it is no longer possible to start a civil trial in the state of Wisconsin; 5) the Rev. Murphy doesn't have any sense of remorse and it seems not to realize gravitates it of that that you/he/she has done. Besides, 6) there and the danger of big scandal if the case was publicized by the press. According to the picked testimonies, the misdeeds of the Murphy would have origin in the Confession.

2. The Secretary CDF underlined the long period of time by now departed (more than 35 years!) from when they took place, that it also constitutes a true canonical problem, and the fact that no other accusations news of crimes or scandals have arisen from during the years to he has been in Superior and that there are not enough elements to instruct a canonical trial. Yet it notices and unacceptable that he can celebrate the Eucharist in the community of the deaf community of Milwaukee; the diocese will need therefore to prevent him from celebrating Eucharist, and may also recourse to some penal remedies. Fr. Murphy can be summoned him to celebrate the Eucharist only in the diocese of Superior only with permission of his

Ordinary i.e. the archbishop of Milwaukee and that of the ordinary one of the place where he resides. Such permission however must be communicated to him in writing.

3. Regarding the eventuality of a canonical trial for the crime of solicitation in Confession, S.F. the Secretary attracts the attention on some problems that it introduces: 1 () The innate difficulty trying such a crime, whose interpretation must be done strict secrecy; 2 The difficulty that they have the furnish proofs and testimonies without increasing the scandal, taking into account some inherent limits of the impairment caused by the distance of the facts in the time. However the case underlines the need to reflect seriously on the grave evil perpetrated by him and on the fact that there needs to be proof of the evil.

3) it should be mentioned to the generous law of defense that exists in USA and the difficulties that would arise from the execution of this case.

4. S.F. Mons. Weakland should try to have the Rev. Murphy declared impeded from ministry; Three psychologists would have to examine him, decide if he is a typical pedophile, which therefore. To the The Secretary, Gianfranco Girotti, stated that the priest must give clear signs of repentance, otherwise he must be applied to a trial.. It is recommended that Fr. Murphy be entrusted it to a priest who like his spiritual director then would have periodic meetings with him every one or two months.

5. 5. F. finally the Secretary restates the two central points to be followed towards the priest in question: 1 () the territorial restriction of the celebration eucharist and 2 () the needed remorse and reform of the priest.

Before the conclusion of the meeting, S.F. Mons. Weakland reaffirmed the difficulty he will have explaining this to the community of the deaf.

May 30 th 1998

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(Bishop)

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

December 2, 1998

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted] and [Redacted],

Your letter sent to the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio was referred back to me. First of all, my deepest sympathies on the death of your brother, Father Larry. I realize these have not been easy days for you.

Opening up the case of the accusations against Father Larry became necessary because the accusations involved abuse of the confessional. Concerning that material there are no time restrictions. Because of the nature of these accusations I had to deal with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome. We tried our very best to act responsibly and followed all the norms of Church Law carefully. I can only assure you that the evidence presented to our own Ecclesiastical Tribunal was such that it could not be ignored.

Through all this procedure the anger of a significant group in the deaf community was indeed great. I believe it is a miracle that we were able to keep it from exploding in the newspapers with the ruination of Father Larry's reputation.

Last May when I was in Rome for my *ad limina* visit, I was asked to attend a meeting at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to discuss this sad case in the light of the convincing evidence. Present were Bishop Fliss of Superior, Bishop Skiba, and myself. The Congregation was represented by Archbishop Bertone, Secretary of the Congregation, Monsignor Girotti, Undersecretary, several canonists, a notary, and consultants. At that meeting the officials reflected with us on the need to avoid scandal and also about our plans for the eventual possibility of having to face the circumstances of Father Larry's death, given his precarious health. Everything was planned to avoid an article in the press that would give vent to the anger of the deaf community, a larger portion being informed of the serious allegations than you might be aware of.

It was my belief that you had been well aware of this concern on my part but had not agreed on the seriousness of the situation and, thus, were not in total agreement with the restrictions I placed on the funeral arrangements. I feel absolutely certain in my own mind that if we had permitted the case to run its full length, Father Larry would have been stripped of his


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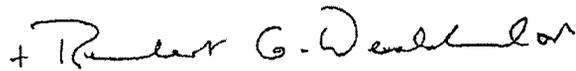
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priesthood and buried as a lay man. We took this chance in the hopes of keeping the issue private. The attempt was successful. Although you may have found Bishop Skiba's words and actions unacceptable, they were sufficient to calm the waters and avoid public scandal.

Our pastoral concern now is to heal the wounds in the deaf community, overcome the hatred and anger, and then move on. I hope you will join in helping us on that pastoral concern.

Again my sympathies and blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: M. Rev. Agostino Cacciavillan
Apostolic Pro-Nuncio

518. Father Lawrence Murphy

Bishop Fliss will write me a letter pertaining to Father Murphy's desire to return to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and work as a free-lance priest in the area of the Adult Ministry to the Deaf. I told him that both Archbishop Weakland and I did not feel that this could happen, but that I would take up the matter directly with Murphy after I received his letter.

7/8/80

556. Father Lawrence Murphy

Received a letter from Bishop Fliss asking that I pursue the question of the possibility of Father Murphy's returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Bishop Fliss knows that Archbishop Weakland and I feel that this would not be advisable. I will now pursue the matter personally with Father Murphy.

7/15/80

37. Murphy, Lawrence

Father Don Zirkel called to say that he heard Murphy was in town recently at a party and made the statement that he was returning to the School for the Deaf and the sister in charge of administration was leaving. This had greatly upset Zirkel and other people. He just wanted to know what the story was. I told him that Murphy would not be returning to the School for the Deaf if indeed he did come back to the diocese. I told him I had not heard from Murphy in a while and felt sure that the rumor was completely unfounded.

1/12/81

102. Murphy, Lawrence

On Monday, March 3, 1986 I received a phone call from [REDACTED] (through the assistance of his wife), regarding the negative response of many in the deaf community toward a possible award for Larry. I indicated that I did not believe such would be wise and was actively working to discourage further talk of such a public citation. He indicated some young deaf people who continue to experience scars as a result of whatever happened several years ago and I suggested that he discuss this with either Father Bill Key or Father Don Zerkel prior to arranging a meeting with myself regarding payment of counseling fees.

RJS

391. Murphy, Lawrence

In a conversation with Bill Key, I learned that Larry attended the recent reunion of the deaf community at St. John Center on June 14-15, 1986 even though I wrote him explicitly requesting that he not do so. My letter was personally read to him over the phone by Sister Rose in order to be sure of communication, but he attended nonetheless. My conversation with Archbishop Cousins indicates that he had been instructed not to participate in any form of deaf ministry or to have any contact with the deaf community.

RJS

601. Murphy, Lawrence

On Wednesday, November 26, 1986 I had an extended telephone conversation with Larry in which I repeated my request that he not attend the 75th anniversary of the Ephihta Society due to resistance in the community. He insisted that his opponents "had their day in court" without substantial results, that he had never been forbidden by Archbishop Cousins to relate to the deaf community, and that he was tired of all these years of forces exile. He insisted that he would come in spite of my request. After consultation with Leo Brust and Fran Beres, I decided to attend the Mass at St. John's Center but absent myself from the dinner.

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On Friday, November 6, 1987 and again on Friday, December 18, 1987 I spoke with Archbishop Cousins regarding the circumstances of Larry's move to the Superior Diocese. The Archbishop was very clear in stating that he told Larry he could not return to his position of pastoral appointment within the hearing impaired community of the Archdiocese, but that the Archbishop would not prohibit occasional contact with that community. In light of the circumstances, the Archbishop recommended that such contact not be too frequent, especially at that time, but did not prohibit presence for special celebrations.

RJS

907. Murphy, Lawrence

On Thursday, November 9, 1989 Bishop Fliss inquired about limitations which may have been placed upon Larry's ministry at the time of his move to the Superior Diocese.

RJS

660. Murphy, Lawrence

On Friday, August 10, 1990 I spoke with Arlene Quant (257-2112), a woman who employed deaf workers in her printing shop over the years and who was somewhat involved in the hearing allegations against Larry many years ago. At the suggestion of Ken Derfus she called to say that she was approached by [REDACTED] (spelling?), his father [REDACTED] and their attorney on Wednesday, August 8, 1990. The party requested her assistance in initiating a formal law suit against Father Murphy and the Archdiocese. She indicated to them and to me that she had no intention in cooperating with this in any way since she believed that Father Murphy had made adequate amends for any inappropriate actions on his part. She called to alert us to this potential, and I immediately called Joe Dean to pass that same information on to him.

RJS

130. Murphy, Lawrence

On Friday, December 13, 1991 Archbishop Weakland received a letter from John R. Sweeney from the law firm of Meili, Walker, Pease and Ruhly in Madison concerning a potential litigation against Lawrence alleging abuse of Mr. [REDACTED], a former student at St. John's School for the Deaf. After discussion with Dick Skiba, I called Matt Flynn,

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137. Murphy, Lawrence

On Tuesday, December 17, 1991 Attorney Matt Flynn called

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✓693. Lawrence Murphy

On November 11, 1992 I spoke with Bishop Fliss asking that continued supervision be provided for Larry in his work within the Diocese of Superior. Bishop Fliss stated that he had reported the initial allegations to the prior pastor and would now make sure that the current pastor at the parish where Larry resides would be fully apprised of the historical circumstances which led to Larry's movement Northward.

RJS

✓ 699. Lawrence Murphy

On November 17, 1992 in the context of the NCCB meeting in Washington I spoke with Bishop Fliss who assured me that the former pastor was aware of the allegations and that the current pastor of the town where Larry lives has also been informed of the same issues. Bishop Fliss stated that he intended to make sure this was very clear upon his return to Superior.

RJS

925. Murphy, Lawrence

On December 7, 1992 I received a call from Lawrence Murphy (715-385-2174) regarding the discontinuation of his benefits from St. Michael's Priest Fund. With agreement from Archbishop Cousins he had received \$200.00 a month for living expenses in his family home. From this his Pension Payment was deducted. SMPF also paid his insurance. He received a letter from Ken Derfus that as of January 1 these benefits would be terminated. He has no assignment in the Superior Diocese. He helps as his health permits.

He does receive Social Security. His birthdate is 11/11/25. I told him I would talk to the Pension Board about benefits for him. He is willing to take early retirement for health reasons (with 5% less because he is not 68) rather than as permanently disability since he is almost 68. I told him the Pension Board meets on 12/14/92 and I would get back to him.

RTV

962. Murphy, Lawrence

On December 16, 1992 I spoke to Lawrence Murphy that the Pension Board had granted his request for early retirement for health reasons. He is 67 years old. I asked him to send a letter from his doctor verifying his medical need for early retirement.

RTV

20. Murphy, Lawrence

Lawrence Murphy stopped by to drop off his papers to begin receiving Pension Benefits along with a letter from his doctor and a letter for Archbishop Weakland requesting permission for early retirement. He was in town to visit some people. He indicated to Sr. Kathleen he wanted his retirement announced in the Catholic Herald. I told Sr. Kathleen later that we need to consult with Archbishop Weakland whether he would prefer that

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✓612. Lawrence Murphy
On Friday, October 8, 1993 I again addressed the recent allegations in a conversation with Bishop Fliss who promised to call both Fr. Murphy and the pastor of St. Ann's in Boulder Junction the subsequent day in order to alert them to these developments and to invoke whatever restrictions might be appropriate pending further investigation.

RJS

✓645. Lawrence Murphy
On October 27, 1993 the Professional Mental Health Review Board reviewed the information currently available for [REDACTED]. I reported that I had authorized the payment of \$520.00 under the encouragement of Dr. Piasecki, who was subsequently authorized to approve an initial four sessions in order to develop a therapy plan and to utilize the services of [REDACTED] and an interpreter (at \$20.00 per hour). The plan when completed would be returned to the Review Board.

RJS

✓689. Lawrence Murphy
On November 11, 1993 I learned that Fr. Murphy had been in Waukesha for a Mass on October 31, 1993 as part of a long standing annual private celebration with a [REDACTED] and her deaf father - probably prior to his reception of my letter asking that he contact Tom Venne's office.

RJS

981. Murphy, Lawrence
On November 16, 1993 I called Lawrence Murphy to inform him that [REDACTED] recently met with Liz Piasecki regarding Larry's alleged inappropriate behavior some 20 years ago, while he was at St. John's School for the Deaf. I told him there were serious allegations and several other people seem to be discussing this. He said he thought it was finished because of the legal action in the 1970's. I told him about civil lawsuits and how people are coming forth and going to lawyers. I told him that it was very important for him to meet with us soon. I told him Dr. Liz Piasecki would call him with further details. Liz did speak with him and we will meet with him on 11/23/93 and on 11/24/93 with Larry, the Archbishop and Matt Flynn.

RTV

✓701. Lawrence Murphy
On November 24, 1993 I joined the Archbishop, Fr. Venne, Dr. Piasecki and Attorney Matt Flynn in a meeting with Fr. Lawrence Murphy

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3. Murphy, Lawrence

On January 4, 1994, we received copies of letters from Archbishop Weakland (dated 12/29/93) and Bishop Fliss (dated 12/16/93) to Lawrence Murphy that in both Diocese he only has faculties for private celebration of Eucharist and no other sacraments, refrain from all unsupervised contact with minors, avoid places of proven temptations, and cease all interpreting for deaf/hard of hearing in a public setting.

RTV

785. Murphy, Lawrence

On July 7, 1994, I received a call from Lawrence Murphy. He said he had not heard anything since his meeting with Dr. Piasecki and me. I told him I also had no further information, but would talk to Dr. Piasecki. On 7/11/94 I spoke to Dr. Piasecki, who said she would call Larry to let him know the current situation. Larry also informed me that he had a stroke on March 1, but fortunately there was no permanent damage. He also has a new Post Office Box. It is P.O. Box 50. He asked that the appropriate office be notified.

RTV

✓ 417. Lawrence Murphy

In a meeting with Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki on July 13, 1994 I restated the limitations of the Archdiocese on all of Fr. Murphy's ministry until all issues were thoroughly investigated and resolved.

RJS

812. Murphy, Lawrence

On July 19, 1994, I received a call from Larry Murphy. He said that Dr. Piasecki had not called him. I spoke to Dr. Piasecki, who said that she would call him today with an update on his situation.

RTV

✓ 467. Lawrence Murphy

On July 27, 1994 I spoke with Larry and authorized him to baptize his grand-nephew at St. Anne's Church in Boulder Junction on the weekend of July 31, 1994, with the understanding that only family members would be present and no members from the deaf community would be invited. We spoke of his own loneliness during this time of investigation and he reported the fact that he suffered a slight stroke on March 1, 1994. I followed the conversation with a formal letter of authorization to Fr. Murphy for the baptism (with a copy to Fr. James Bartelme recently appointed pastor of St. Anne's Parish in Boulder Junction).

RJS

✓ 512. Lawrence Murphy

On August 12, 1994 Dr. Piasecki reported that members of the deaf community were coming to St. Ann's Parish in Boulder Junction attempting to find Fr. Murphy's address because of old loyalties and because of friendship with his deaf housekeeper. Dr. Piasecki indicated that she had spoken with Fr. Murphy on Friday, July 29, 1994 reaffirming the strict limitations on his ministry and learned that information was not being readily shared regarding Fr. Murphy's whereabouts through the Pastor of St. Ann's Parish.

RJS

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510. Lawrence Murphy

On September 21, 1994 Liz Piasecki informed me of a complaint from [REDACTED] to the effect that Fr. Murphy had appeared at a picnic sponsored by the National Federation of Societies for the Deaf in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. Liz promised to determine whether or not he was actually present and to determine whether or not a more formal communication was required from the Archdiocese indicating that Larry was not to attend any social gatherings sponsored by such groups, since the result was the refusal of members of the deaf community to be present.

RJS

705. Lawrence Murphy

On October 20, 1994 I received a letter asking for more complete explanation of my own communication further restricting his social involvement with the deaf community. I responded briefly and recommended that Fr. Murphy's Attorneys (Mr. Timothy Murphy and Mr. Patrick Murphy) contact Matt Flynn if needed.

RJS

742. Lawrence Murphy

On November 2, 1994 I met with Dr. Piasecki who reported the lack of personal and professional support for Larry Murphy in the Boulder Junction area. I called Fr. Philip Heslin in Superior to inquire about therapists who might be available in the Northern Wisconsin area. Later that same day he returned my call with the suggested name of [REDACTED] of Wausau Psychologists (715-848-1346) as a possible resource for Larry.

RJS

141. Murphy, Larry

On February 21, 1995, we forwarded a letter to Larry from one of his students from St. John's. Dr. Piasecki requested the address. It was a very bitter and angry letter making very serious accusations.

CCS

110. Lawrence Murphy

On March 6, 1995 in a meeting with Carrol Straub we discussed the feasibility of seeking some more permanent disassociation of Larry from permanent priestly ministry in a fashion similar to other cases currently under consideration.

RJS

224. Murphy, Larry

On May 11, 1995, I conferred with Fr. Phil Heslin of Superior Diocese as how to monitor Fr. Larry Murphy. He called Dr. Piasecki for further clarification. Finally he arranged that Father Irving Meyett would be able to monitor his contacts with the deaf community and his visits to Milwaukee. After talking to Fr. Meyett I didn't feel he was in any position to monitor Larry Murphy. He talked for 20 minutes about how Larry was being crucified and how he was never declared guilty by the courts.

CCS

919. Lawrence Murphy

On December 29, 1995 I reviewed a letter to be written to Mr. [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] by way of response to the copy of his December 29, 1995 letter with a copy to the Archbishop. Attorney Matt Flynn

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103. Lawrence Murphy

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491. Lawrence Murphy

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✓522. Lawrence Murphy

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✓610. Lawrence Murphy

On August 21, 1998 the Archdiocese learned of the death of Fr. Lawrence Murphy at St. Joseph Hospital in Marshfield while being treated for a repeated serious stroke. After consultation with Archbishop Weakland, Fr. Ralph Gross, Fr. James Connell, and Bishop Fliss (in the absence of Fr. Brundage and Barbara Ann Cusack) it was determined that there would be no publicity regarding the death or funeral, that private viewing be restricted to family only, that a private Mass would be scheduled for the Chapel at Holy Cross Cemetery with only family members in attendance and myself as celebrant as soon as possible. Fr. James Connell was delegated to coordinate the matter for the Archdiocese and Jerry Topczewski was contacted to begin working on a brief statement should that be necessary. Jean Mullooly was selected as the individual to work with Cindy Deehr in contacting the members of the deaf community who gave testimony during the inquiry.

On August 31, 1998 I met with Fr. Brundage and Barbara Ann Cusack in order to make some suggestions to the general plan of communication in light of my experience at the funeral.

RJS

✓620. Lawrence C. Murphy

On August 28, 1998 I presided over the private funeral of Father Lawrence Murphy at the West Chapel of Holy Cross Chapel in Milwaukee with only family members and housekeeper [REDACTED] (plus chauffeur) given permission to attend. A member of the family extended an invitation to the deaf community which necessitated some reference to past allegations.

RJS


ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 6, 2005

Archbishop Angelo Amato, SDB
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Excellency:

Currently pending before the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is the petition for laicization from Reverend John A. O'Brien of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee sent to the Apostolic Nuncio on November 29, 2004. As you are aware from the supporting documentation, Father O'Brien was criminally convicted and placed on 18 months probation. That probationary period has expired but civil authorities have continued to express concerns about his activities. We have attempted to keep him in a monitoring program. There have been two recent developments in this case that should be brought to your attention.

On August 19, 2005, Deacon David Zimprich, coordinator of the monitoring program, was contacted by a Probation and Parole Agent from the State of Wisconsin, Barbara Kode-Braun. She asked to send him information about recent developments involving Father O'Brien. That information arrived on August 22, 2005. It included a police report from 2001 in which an additional allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by Father O'Brien was made. This case involves an adolescent [REDACTED] whom Father O'Brien met while serving at St. Mary Springs High School in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The materials received from the Probation and Parole Agent are enclosed.

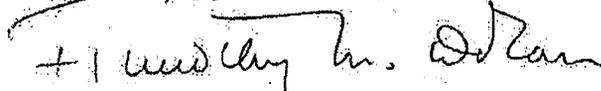
Deacon Zimprich followed up with an interview with [REDACTED]. In the course of that interview it came to light that Father O'Brien had been maintaining contact with [REDACTED] in a manner that could be construed as intrusive and controlling. Especially troubling was the report that Father O'Brien has been observed on a number of occasions in the local library with adolescent boys. A copy of the interview report is also enclosed.

Obviously efforts at monitoring him are not successful. We are currently pondering the wisdom of relocating him to the archdiocesan pastoral center in the retired priests' wing. However, if he does not comply with the request, we have no means of forcing such relocation.

The potential for great scandal exists. If Father O'Brien, while still in the clerical state, makes any inappropriate advances on any of these adolescent boys in whose company he has been observed, the outcry will be huge. The scandal lies not in the laicization but in the perception that the Church has not acted expeditiously enough, knowing the multiple reports of abuse. Given the number of years he spent at the high school, there remains the distinct possibility that yet more victims will come forward. Therefore, I humbly request that his petition for laicization be expedited.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. With sentiments of esteem and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Timothy M. Dolan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

January 15, 2008

Prot. No. CDF 406-04 -- 19047

Most Reverend Angelo Amato, SDB
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
00120 Citta del Vaticano
Palazzo del S. Ufficio

Your Excellency,

With regard to the above-captioned case, I have pondered long and hard about your suggestion that we impose a ten-year precept on Reverend Thomas Trepanier and then consider his return to ministry. I respectfully submit that such a resolution is not tenable. Ten years will not eradicate the facts in this matter; Father Trepanier sexually abused a minor and can never, therefore, function as a priest again. There is no such thing as a "safe" ministry when his background is publicly known by his own admissions.

I respectfully implore you to reconsider and confirm the results of the administrative process that was conducted here and grant the administrative laicization. This was a decision reached only after serious deliberation with some of my most trusted canonical consultants. There is currently pending civil legislation in Wisconsin attempting to abolish the statute of limitations on sexual assault retroactively. Such legislation would seriously compromise the Archdiocese's ability to exercise its mission. The more we can demonstrate our seriousness about purifying the priesthood as the Holy Father has implored us to do, the more we can speak credibly about the adverse effects of such legislation. Our critics challenge us on the fact that known abusers have still not been laicized. If word got out that the Holy See had left the door open for a reconsideration of Father Trepanier's case in ten years, our credibility would be seriously damaged.

Thank you for your reconsideration of this case.

With sentiments of esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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September 28, 1998

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(In responsione fit mentio bñis muneris)

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 2, 1998, informing this Congregation that the Reverend Father Lawrence Murphy, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and resident in the Diocese of Superior, died on August 21, 1998.

Having taken note of his passing, the case of the accusation made against Father Murphy of solicitation in the Sacrament of Confession is, in effect, closed.

This Dicastery commends Father Murphy to the mercy of God, and shares with you the hope that the Church will be spared any undue publicity from this matter.

With kind regards and prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Bertone

His Excellency
Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee, USA

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December 1, 1993

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Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy

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Boulder Junction, Wisconsin 54512

Dear Fr. Murphy:

In view of our conversation on November 24, 1993, I write to reconfirm and express in a more formal written fashion the requirement of the Archdiocese that you not participate in any public Sacramental celebrations in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. It is also our understanding that you will not engage in any unsupervised contact with minors, and will cease any involvement in Parish Religious Education programs.

I know that this is a difficult time for you and offer you my personal support and prayers during this period of discernment. Your understanding and cooperation is deeply appreciated as an expression of our common concern for the welfare of all parties concerned.

May the graces of Advent sustain and support you abundantly.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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