

JAN 22 2001

**Status Report  
January 2001**

**Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #5**

I met with Fr. Becker on Wednesday, January 17, 2001 at 12:00P.M. at Carpenter's Pub in Delafield, WI. He was on time for the meeting.

The first time I met him in December he had asked me if I had known a [REDACTED] from the police department. I didn't. He had asked to check and see if he was on the department stating he had known the man. Today he asked me if I had checked. I hadn't but told him I had and couldn't find any [REDACTED] on the Milwaukee Police Department. He stated the man had lived in South Milwaukee and maybe had joined some other department. The man had indicated at one time that he was interested in law enforcement.

Fr. Later then asked me if I had read his file. I told him I had read portions of it. He then stated that some years ago he had asked permission of a family to take their 12-year-old son on a cruise. The son was [REDACTED]. He went on the cruise. When he returned there were accusations of improper conduct. Fr. Becker stated nothing had ever happened that was improper. Because of this incident he has had to see Dr. [REDACTED] every week since then. He was moved from his assignment and placed on monitoring. He wonders how long he will have to be monitored and see Dr. [REDACTED]. He stated he had asked the archbishop but never received a response. Although he did say he heard there was a letter responding but it went to the Vicar. I advised him to contact the Vicar. I told him I only knew that he and I would be meeting until I was told otherwise.

He stated he didn't go to St. Louis for treatment when the allegations came out. He refused because his mother was elderly, now 95, and living in a nursing home. He continues to care for her and sees her daily. He continues to see Dr. [REDACTED] every week.

He stated he sent a young man a birthday card recently. Dr. [REDACTED] admonished him and told him not to do this ever again. This type of act would only lead him to problems. He stated he also sent the same family a fruit basket for Christmas. Dr. [REDACTED] again admonished him stating this would lead to problems for Fr. Becker.

We talked about this. He stated that Dr. [REDACTED] has told him that he gravitates toward dysfunctional families and then to young boys. This will only get him into undesirable situations and trouble. She also told him to stay away from prison ministry as he is too vulnerable for that type of ministry.

Dr. [REDACTED] has encouraged him to make adult, male friendships. Fr. Becker said this is hard and so he finds himself a loner.

He has no real close priest friendships. He does get along with Fr. John Yockey. Fr. Yockey periodically calls on him.

Fr. Becker spends most of his time reading (theology and novels) or watching television (he has cable with a multiple movie package).

We discussed places where we have lived and worked.

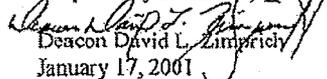
I believe if he is not in therapy and monitoring he will enter into problematic relationships.

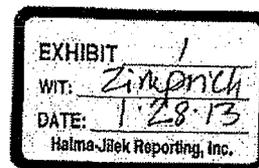
Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2001.

**On-Site Monitor**

I have not contacted Fr. John Yockey as of this date. Nor has he contacted me. I will contact him and introduce myself in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
January 17, 2001



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Status Report  
February 2001

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #5

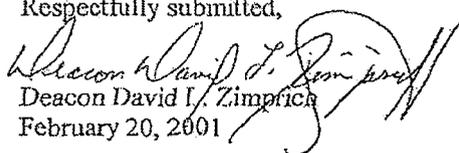
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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Main Street Depot located in Oconomowoc. Also at the meeting was Father Becker's on-site monitor, Father John Yockey. It was the first time I had met Fr. Yockey. Father Yockey repeatedly expressed his gratitude for Father Becker's assistance on a number of occasions. Father Becker helps out at the parish, St. Jerome's, when the regular help out is unable to assist. Father Yockey. During the meeting Father Becker again mentioned that he wonders how long he will have to keep meeting with his therapist and the rest of us. We didn't commit but asked him if he didn't enjoy meeting with us and having lunch on us. He just laughed and agreed that it wasn't so bad. He indicated that he was seeing his therapist on a regular basis per his restrictions. He continues to spend time caring for his elderly mother, she is going to be 95 years old soon. He also enjoys reading and listening to music. He indicated no problems. No problems were detected. Before adjourning we set a tentative date of March 14<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting.

On-Site Monitor

I Met Father Becker's on-site monitor, Father John Yockey, for the first time today. We all met and had lunch together. Father Yockey was appreciative of Father Becker's help. He also expressed support for father Becker. We exchanged address and telephone information.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David I. Zimprich  
February 20, 2001

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MAR 20 2001

Status Report  
March 2001

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #5

I met Fr. Becker at the Main Street Depot in Oconomowoc on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00P.M. We began with general/routine conversation.

I subsequently asked him how everything was going. He said things were going good. He hasn't done anything. He has kept his meetings with Dr. [REDACTED]

He did feel a little funny this week when meeting with her. At one point she asked him if he had read the article in the Journal/Sentinel regarding mandatory reporting by sex offenders. He stated he hadn't but would do so. (He stated he went to a library and got a copy of the article and read it). She then made a comment about his being like the people in the article because of ongoing monitoring and reporting. She added, "Like Jeffrey Dahmer". Fr. Becker took exception to this comment because he doesn't feel he is a killer or a cannibal.

He again wondered when or how long he would have to be monitored and see Dr. [REDACTED]. He wondered when the archbishop might say he didn't have to continue adding maybe after I retire. He wrote or asked the archbishop this question in the past. He knows the archbishop wrote a letter and thinks the archbishop gave it to Fr. Joe (Hornack). But he hasn't heard anything.

He started talking about the allegations made against him. He asked me if I knew everything or anything. I told him I had just replaced Tom McGuine and knew very little as far as details. He then claimed he didn't even know who his accusers were. Some woman in Shorewood and another person from out of state somewhere, he said. He was never told. He remembers coming in and meeting Liz Piasecki and two other people he assumed were police officers. But that is all he knows.

He asked about the Welcome Home program in Waukesha this past fall. He went to his area priests' meeting recently in Dodge County. They are looking into the program.

He continues to care for his mother.

He enjoys reading. He stated he just finished two of the books the archbishop recommended in a recent Catholic Herald article.

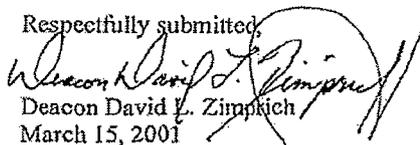
I asked if he was planning on any vacation(s). He said, "No". He had gone on social security and had to pay taxes. This has left him short. He has to budget and watch his money. He is planning on going to at least one of the priests' spring assembly days.

Other than the normal musings about when he might be free of monitoring there were no readily apparent problems.

#### On-Site Monitor

No contact with or from his on-site monitor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
March 15, 2001

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APR 23 2001

Status Report  
April 2001

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #5

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I met Fr. Becker at the Best Western/ Hoffman House Restaurant located near Highway 100 and W. Bluemound Ave. on Wednesday, 4-18-01 at 11:30 A.M.

Fr. Becker stated he had a good Easter celebrating two Masses as a help-out. He then spent the rest of the day with his 96-year-old mother whom he visits regularly. He also indicated he had to watch his weight a little as he likes chocolates and recently purchased a box for himself. He also took his mother out for a buffet on Easter and even now, three days later, the ring he wears on one finger is tight.

He indicated he has been meeting as scheduled with Dr. [REDACTED]

He stated everything has been going well for him and he has not had any problems since we last talked.

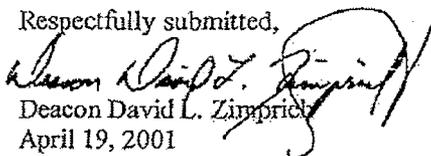
Fr. Becker appeared to be in good spirits. He is enjoying the warmer temperatures. He also intends to get outdoors more and do some walking for exercise.

I did not note any complaints or problems during the course of our meeting.

#### On-Site Monitor

The on-site monitor has not reported any violations of the restrictions established by the Archdiocese.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
April 19, 2001

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MAY 30 2001

Status Report  
May 2001

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #5

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On Wednesday, May 23, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. I met Fr. Becker at the Main Street Depot located in Oconomowoc, WI. Fr. Becker stated he had attended part of the recent priests spring assembly. He went to the Mass celebrating those with anniversaries and the dinner. He also attended the archbishop's meeting the following day. He enjoyed the archbishop's comments on transitions. He also commented on the openness of the archbishop in reflecting on what he had done well and what he hadn't done such a good job at.

He said the only negative part of the day was seeing the list of assignment (He gave me a copy of what he was speaking about. It is attached to this report). He showed me the report. It listed those priests who are "not assigned". He felt this unduly reflected his status. He feels because he helps out at several parishes it isn't fair to say he is not assigned. He asked who put the sheet together, the vicar, assistant or Sr. Kathleen. I advised him I didn't know and had no knowledge of the form until he showed it to me. He wondered whom he could talk to about this. I suggested he speak to the associate vicar, Fr. Bill Kohler.

I asked how his meetings with Dr. [REDACTED] were going. He said fine. I asked him if she had him keep a journal. He said she didn't. He said they just talk about what's going on in both of their lives. For instance she is going to Florida in June for a week.

I asked him if the doctor had him doing anything else such as attend any classes, etc. He said she did not. They just visit like we do. She asks how he is doing, like I do.

He stated he doesn't mind going to see her. He wishes he could stop. But stated the only problem comes when it snows because of the driving.

He stated his mother is doing well. Yesterday he visited her. He noticed a dark bruise on one forearm. He asked her about this and she couldn't remember even bumping herself. She just said she bruises easily.

Fr. did say he was planning on going to Toronto in July for a week. He stated he had been there briefly some years ago and wanted to go back for a longer stay.

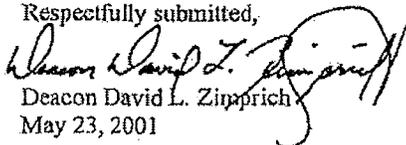
He indicated he had read several books recently, detective novels, and went to see a movie about knights, which he slept partly through.

I did not note or detect any problems at this time. Nor did he relate any problems.

#### On-Site Monitor

No contact with the on-site monitor to report at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
May 23, 2001

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JUL 30 2001

Status Report  
July 2001

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #5

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, July 25, 2001 at 11:30 A.M. at the Main Street Depot located in Oconomowoc, WI.

He stated he had a great vacation. He went to Toronto, Canada. He took a side trip to see Niagara Falls. He stated he loved the city and got to see much of it. It was a tour. He went alone. But did say he enjoyed the people he went with. They were from all over the world and were very interesting. He has already book a two-week tour of the area for next year. He did not book this next trip to coincide with the Pope's visit to Canada for World Youth Day. There would be too many people to really get to sight see.

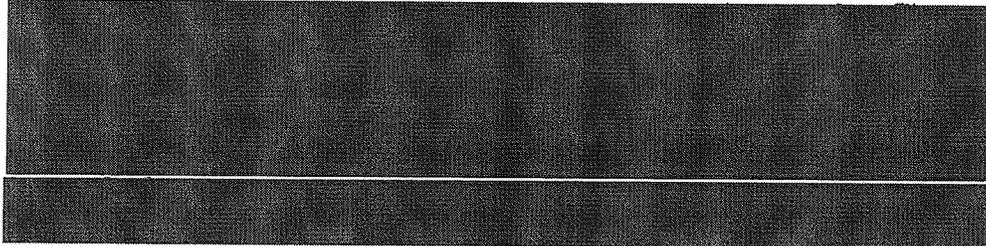
He stated his mother's health continues to be good for her age. He did have a small run in with some of the people at the nursing home his mother is at. He was there visiting her. He saw a woman sitting alone with a plate of food in front of her. She was seated in the area where people are placed that need assistance in eating. No one was helping her. He walked over to by and stopped an attendant. He questioned why no one was helping this woman. He was told to mind his own business.

The next day when he went to the nursing home the head of the nursing home confronted him. He was questioned as to why he was interfering with the staff. He was challenged as to why he had called someone fat. He denied that he had called anybody any derogatory name. He stated he merely was inquiring why this woman was not being attended to and fed. He was told he causes problems. He stated he wasn't causing problems. He merely was asking a question.

The administrator kept this inquiry and accusatory talk up. Fr. Becker responded he hadn't called anyone names or problems. He further stated he always came right over when they needed his help to anoint someone or whatever else. The administrator agreed he was good to them. The matter was dropped.

Fr. Becker was/is a little concerned as to whether this confrontation might influence the care his mother gets when he isn't there.

He stated he has been helping Fr. John Yockey out. He recently presided at a wedding Mass. He also has been helping out on Sundays with Mass. He also has been helping out at St. Mary's Parish in Woodland.



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He then brought up Fr. John O'Brien. He asked if Fr. O'Brien was back from St. Louis yet. I stated I had no knowledge of Fr. O'Brien's status. Fr. Becker said he just wondered since Fr. O'Brien had been gone for at least 6 months or so.

He asked me if I had read the National Catholic Reporter. I stated I had not. He then showed me an article in the July 27<sup>th</sup> edition. The article dealt with a Catholic catechist and YMCA swim coach from Middleton, Mass. The man had plead guilty to 75 of 130 criminal counts against him for raping, molesting and distributing pornographic materials to minors.

I asked him what he thought and thank God it wasn't his name. He didn't respond.

We talked about the Cathedral Project. He was very empathetic towards the archbishop.

He stated he had seen his therapist, Dr. [REDACTED] the day before, Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. She is recovering from carpo-tunnel surgery. He wondered how long she would continue her practice. He believes her husband is in his 80's and she in her later 60's.

She inquired as to Liz Piasecki. I stated I had not neither seen nor heard from her in some months.

He asked about Barbara Reinke, Liz's replacement. I said I had met with her several times and like her. She is very professional.

He asked if I had heard from Deacon Tom McGuine. I stated I had not. He stated neither had he. He thought he would write to Tom.

He indicated he was doing good and had no problems at this time. I detected none.

#### On-Site Monitor

On site monitor was not contacted during this monitoring period.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deacon David L. Zimprich*  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
July 25, 2001

*Joe:*  
*I have a problem. He continues to be alone. He is always monitoring, or attempting to monitor, other pending cases both here & elsewhere.*  
*Love*  
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Status Report  
August 2001

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #5

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On Wednesday, August 22, 2001 at 11:40 am I met Fr. Becker at the Main Street Depot in Oconomowoc. He was 10 minutes late as he had come from a visit with Dr. [REDACTED] in Milwaukee.

He was flustered at being late but I assured him it was all right. He apologized several times.

I asked how his visit with Dr. [REDACTED] went. He stated ok. She told him she and her husband are going on a cruise on the Danube River very soon. She is excited about the up coming trip.

He said he had spent the night in Milwaukee since he had the appointment with Dr. [REDACTED]. He also wanted to see a movie. He spent the night at County Claire, and Irish restaurant that has rooms above it in Downtown Milwaukee. He stated he usually stays at the Park East Hotel when he stays over night.

The movie he went to see was at the Downer Theater. It was a French movie with subtitles. The movie is about a man who is let go from work because of downsizing. He fights back by claiming to be a homosexual. This of course causes all sorts of sub-plots, as he is married. He has children. The hero is asked to stand up for all gays and walk in the Gay Pride Parade. He does so and his son sees him. His son later congratulates him on his willingness to take a stand.

Fr. Becker stated he really enjoyed the movie. He further stated, "They don't show movies like this in Mayville".

He mentioned how he met the owner of County Claire. The man is a good friend of Fr. John O'Brien. He was hoping by signing in using "reverend" he might get a free night like Fr. O'Brien does. He didn't.

The owner did tell him, Fr. Becker, that Fr. O'Brien had his review in St. Louis with the Vicar and his, O'Brien's therapists and was coming home within the next few days. The owner and Fr. O'Brien were planning on going to Ireland shortly after his return to Milwaukee. Fr. Becker mused about speaking to Fr. O'Brien and possibly going with them.

Fr. Becker stated that Fr. O'Brien didn't do anything. But he didn't want any trouble so he just went in for therapy. I asked about his being charged by the district attorney. Fr. Becker just stated, "Oh".

I asked about his trip to Toronto. He stated that he was still planning on going. He will fly to Canada. He will be in Stratford on Avon. He will see 4 plays. Then he goes to Toronto for a full day or so before flying back home. He is looking forward to this trip.

He brought up the fact that he liked to go on cruises. He stated he used to go as a chaplain. His name is still on the list. Allegedly something happened when he was on a cruise and that is why he is being monitored. But now that it has been a while he

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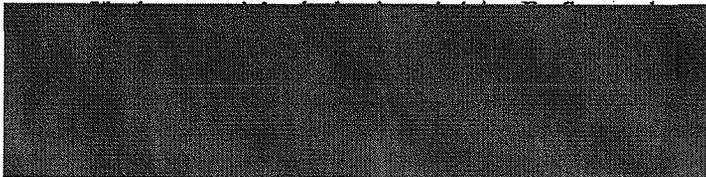
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wondered if he could get permission from Fr. Hornacek, the Vicar for Clergy, to go on another cruise as a chaplain.

I told him I didn't know and that he would have to speak to Fr. Hornacek himself.

I asked him how things were going. He stated very well. He still cares for his mother and that takes up a lot of his time. He reads a lot and goes to the library regularly for books. He also watches a lot of television. However, he is thinking about changing his cable program as he is paying \$70.00 per month for cable and doesn't watch half of the programs. Originally he got it for all the movie channels. He no longer watches most of them.

I asked him if he had seen Fr. John Yockey lately. Fr. Yockey is his mentor. He stated not too often. He has helped out with a couple of



*Was  
frustrated  
helping out Yockey  
more than I should  
at one time?*

Monitor's note:

Fr. Joe—because of our conversation regarding Fr. Becker's continued therapy and therapist, I didn't get to deeply into his session. I also didn't question him regarding his choice of movie. I also did not pursue his staying at the Park East Hotel. The hotel is a block away from Juneau Park. The park is known by both citizens and the police as a hangout for gay men. It is further known to be a place where men routinely engage in sexual activity together in the restroom and the bushes that border it to the south. Finally there is the continued interest in Frs. O'Brien and [redacted] which may be nothing more than interest and gossip. Or it may be living or dwelling in areas he needs to move out of. If you want me to pin him down more the next time we meet, just let me know.

On-Site Monitor:

No contact with the on-site monitor this review period.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich  
August 23, 2001

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SEP 20 2001

Status Report  
September 2001

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #5

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I met Fr. Becker at the Main Street Depot in Oconomowoc on Wednesday, September 19 2001 at 11:30 a.m.

We began by discussing the recent terrorist acts in the Country.

After a brief discussion he stated I had gotten him in trouble. I asked how and he stated by telling Joe, Fr. Joseph Hornacek, Vicar for Clergy, that he, Fr. Becker, had gone to Milwaukee for an evening. I didn't reply. He went on saying that maybe it was someone else who had talked to Joe. He then stated he remembered seeing Fr. Gene Pocerlich when he, Fr. Becker, was in Milwaukee. He concluded this part of the discussion by stating he didn't know whom all Joe speaks to.

He stated Joe had confronted him regarding his, Fr. Becker's, staying at the Park East Hotel since it is a known gay hangout. Further because it is virtually across the street from Juneau Park, which is a known hangout for gays and for homosexual activity. He said Joe suggested he stay at Old St. Mary's or another rectory, or at some other hotel/motel. He said he responded by saying he didn't see anything wrong going on. He wasn't there to look for any one or any trouble.

He stated Joe also asked him about his relationship with Dr. [REDACTED]. Did he, Fr. Becker, feel his sessions with her were doing any good? Joe then suggested several other therapists.

Fr. Becker stated that he felt he had a good relationship with Dr. [REDACTED]. He thought she was a help. He didn't want to start all over trying to establish a relationship with another therapist. Of the two therapists Joe suggested one was a former seminarian that Fr. Becker knew. This man is younger than Fr. Becker is and he didn't think it would be a good fit. The other one is a former priest from the Chicago area. Fr. Becker is giving the matter some thought.

He mentioned that Joe also got on him for gossiping about other priests. Fr. Becker felt this was a little unfair. He stated what else do priests talk about when they get together but other priests. He then asked me if I had heard that Fr. Janicki had sent in a letter resigning from the parish in Thiensville. I told him I hadn't heard this.

Fr. Becker mentioned the attack on the Country again. He stated that after several days of seeing the reports on television they were getting to him. So he took a couple of days and went to Door County and relaxed. While he was there he checked out the St. Joseph's Retreat House in Bailey's Harbor.

He stated he leaves for Stratford in Canada next Thursday. He is looking forward to going. He has tickets for several plays while there. He then goes to Toronto for a day or two and then back home. He arrives back in Milwaukee on Saturday.

I asked him about his mother. He stated she is retaining a lot of water and thus her ankles are very swollen. He stated she forgets things. Lately when he goes to see her she will ask him why he took her to Rubicon (WI) that past evening. He hasn't taken her anywhere nor has she left the nursing home recently.

He stated he has a cousin that will check on his mother a couple of times while he is in Canada.

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September 2001

He again mentioned the attacks and again stated it was depressing for him. I asked him how he handled it. He stated it wasn't that bad. By getting away and by not watching the channels on television that are showing the pictures and telling the stories he was ok.

He stated that Joe had asked him if he was still a help-out at St. Jerome's. He didn't know why Joe would ask this. He stated he told Joe that he had done a wedding there this past summer. He really hasn't been called on to do to much there.

It bothered him that he was asked this and he had no idea why. I told him I didn't know. I didn't think Fr. John Yockey was going to be transferred since he is in the middle of building a new church.

He also mentioned he had asked Joe if he might ever be able to go on cruises again as a chaplain. He, of course, would not want to do this until after something had happened to his mother (her death). He said Joe just said he, Fr. Becker, would have to ask Joe when that time came. He, Joe, couldn't give an answer at this time.

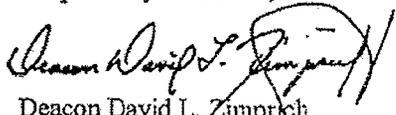
I asked him how he felt about his meeting with Fr. Joe. He stated that he felt he was doing good and was being called on the carpet for something that he didn't really do. He would have to think about it more.

Next meeting tentatively set for October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in Oconomowoc.

On-Site Monitor:

I did not have any contact with the on-site monitor this reviewing period.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
September 19, 2001

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NOV 05 2001

Status Report  
October 2001

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 5

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, October 31, 2001 at 11:30 A.M. at Spinnakers Restaurant in Oconomowoc, WI.

Fr. Becker stated he had gone on a retreat since the last time we met. He went to the Redemptorist Retreat House in Oconomowoc. There were about 25 men at the retreat. There were a few other priests but not as many as he thought might be there. Fr. Marty Pable was the retreat director and did an excellent job.

Fr. stated that the priests of Dodge County are planning on a "Return Home" program like the one held in Waukesha earlier this year. Fr. Pable has been asked to be one of the keynote speakers. Fr. Becker plans on being at this program to assist in meeting with people. He is excited about the program.

We talked about his helping out at the parish. He stated Fr. Stommel told the parish leadership that he would be leaving the parish in spring for another assignment. He hopes they can get someone. And hopes for someone good.

I asked him if he thought he wanted to be more involved in the parishes since he already helps out. He stated he didn't know. He would have to think about it. He doesn't think the archbishop would let him. Doesn't know what the archbishop thinks about the old allegations. And he doesn't know if there has ever been any other allegation(s). I asked him if there was any reason for there to be any more allegations and he stated, "No".

He also has concerns because he knows so many people in the area. Many of them are relatives. He didn't explain why this would be a burden.

He mentioned that just a couple of days ago he was speaking to someone and they had asked him if he was ready to go back to work. He said it seemed funny that this question would come up from several sources and so close together. He said he would have to think about it.

He said he heard Fr. J. Janicki had resigned from his parish in Thiensville. He said he was not interested in going to that parish. It would be too far to drive. He likes being where he is because he is so close to his mother. He visits here almost every day.

He met with the social worker at the nursing home this past week. He learned that his mother is holding her own for a woman her age. She is slowly going down hill. But is far better off than most her age.

He said he had talked to the Vicar, Fr. Hornacek, regarding a recent listing of priests and their assignments. He was not happy at the way he had been listed since he is helping out at St. Mary's in Woodland. The Vicar advised him to contact Mr. Jim Hamann of the Archdiocese regarding this matter. He has done so via a letter and is waiting for a reply. He wonders if he will get one.

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He stated he has been under some stress ever since the terrorist acts of September 11<sup>th</sup>. He feels bombarded by the constant news about the acts and the Anthrax virus, as well as the daily updates on the war. I asked him whom he talks to about these things. He didn't give any names. He said he just turns off the television or radio.

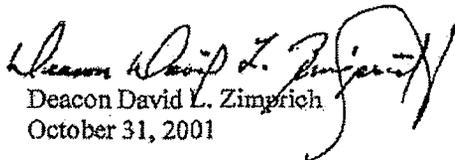
He stated he is still seeing Dr. [REDACTED]. He again brought up the fact that the Vicar had suggested he might do better seeing someone else. He said he didn't want to start all over again with someone new. They wouldn't know him or his case. It would just be a rehashing of old stuff.

Fr. Becker appeared normal. I detected no new problems. He worries a lot about how people perceive him.

On-Site Monitor:

I did not speak to his on-site monitor during this reviewing period.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
October 31, 2001

ADOM026539

Status Report  
December 2001

Rev. Franklin Becker  
Person #5

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I met Fr. Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant in Oconomowoc, WI. on Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at 11:30 A.M.

We began by marveling at the holiday decorations in the restaurant. This led to a sharing of our own decorations for the holidays. He indicated he had a small artificial tree and some decorations up in his apartment.

I asked what he planned on doing for Christmas. He stated he didn't like doing Midnight Mass. Instead he was presiding at an early morning Mass where he helps out. He had planned on taking his mother out of the nursing home where she lives for lunch. But was asked to assist at a holiday meal for the poor and open it with a prayer. He consented and so is bringing his mother there with him.

We talked about a number of priests. He asked if I had heard anything about some of them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I asked him if he had seen Fr. John Yockey lately. He stated he had not. Nor had he done any help out work for Fr. Yockey at St. Jerome's in Oconomowoc for some time.

We talked about some of the different names that have been bantered around as a possible replacement for Archbishop Weakland. He then mentioned a recent article written by the archbishop in which the archbishop listed things that he might have handled better or differently over the past 25 years. One of these items was the pedophilia complaints that had come to his attention.

I asked Fr. Becker how he felt he had been treated by the archbishop. He thought about it for a bit then said he really never spoke to the archbishop about them. He couldn't recall the archbishop getting directly involved with him. It was usually Fr. Janicki or one of the other vicars' for clergy and Dr. Liz Piasecki.

I asked how he felt about the way these others treated him. He stated that he had been out of state. He returned home. He was immediately called in to Dr. Liz Piasecki's office under cover of darkness. She met him and took him to an upstairs room with a long board room type table. There were two other people in the room. He guessed they were police officers. He was then questioned for 1½ hours or so. He states he answered all their questions. He was never told who his accuser(s) was/were.

He stated he got calls the next day from people asking what was going on. The word had already gotten out that he had been there for questioning. He was upset about this.

He said he was never charged with anything but wondered if he had a police record. We talked about police procedures and reporting.

Her mentioned the woman from Shorewood who he had befriended. She was going through a divorce. She had three kids, one girl and two boys. After the divorce she thought he would leave the priesthood and they would get married. He had no idea where she got this idea except to say she was sick. He never thought of leaving and going with

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her. She later made some kind of complaint against him. He feels it was because he jilted her.

He then said a short time after the interview he was at his apartment. Suddenly several F.B.I. agents knocked on his door and entered with a search warrant. They were looking for missing kids. Fr. Becker said he had heard about a group called "NAMBLE" or "NAMBE" (?) and had gotten some of their materials. As soon as he did the F.B.I. showed up. He quit this organization at once.

He went on to say that after all this occurred he had spoken to several other priests who had had complaints lodged against them. They all told him he shouldn't have said anything. Instead he should have hired a canon lawyer right a way. If it ever happened again this is what he would do.

Overall he felt the archbishop knew what was going on but again didn't take an active role. He once again wondered how long this would be held against him. He again brought up the letter he wrote a year ago asking this question of the archbishop. He stated again that the archbishop had just passed the letter to the vicar. He never got a response. (Note: Fr. Becker has brought this lack of response up a number of times in the past. The vicar did write a response):

He did mention he a couple of people had asked him to apply for Fr. Stommel's parish after Fr. Stommel leaves in 2002. He said he didn't want the headaches of a parish(es). He would like to retire but he got into the social security system late in his career. He must work until he is 70.

Fr. Becker stated he continues to see Dr. [REDACTED]

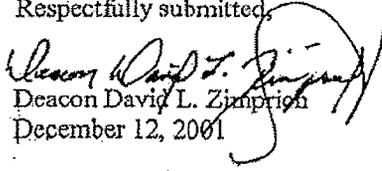
He stated he continues to visit and care for his mother on an almost daily basis. He has gone to a couple of movies recently. The last one being Behind Enemy Lines. He said he fell asleep during part of the movie. It was after visiting Dr. [REDACTED] It was in the afternoon and had eaten a large box of popcorn. We laughed.

I did not note any new problems.

**On-Site Monitor:**

I had no contact with the on-site monitor this monitoring period nor did this person contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
December 12, 2001

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Status Report  
January 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #5

I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at 11:30 A.M. at the Best Western located at Highway 100 and W. Bluemound Rd.

He had the new book about the life of Bishop Fulton J. Sheehan with him. He said he had just picked it. He couldn't wait to start reading it. We talked about Bishop Sheehan and his impact on America. Fr. also mentioned his disputes with Cardinal Spellman.

He asked if I had seen the movie *Oceans 11* yet. I said I had not. He said he thought it was an enjoyable movie and recommended it.

He then asked me if I had read the article in the paper, *Journal-Sentinel* regarding the recent ruling from Rome regarding the handling of Pedophile cases. I said I had. He had a copy of the article with him. He asked what I thought. I said I thought it was a broad stroke law that would be challenged by local countries. The United States and the individual states were not going to give up prosecuting priests and other clerical people because Rome says they will handle the matter. He agreed and said he mentioned this same thing to Dr. [REDACTED] earlier today when he met her. She stated the same thing I did. He suggested maybe Rome was going to tighten up on the clergy by dispensing them from the clerical state.

[REDACTED]

He said he had been helping out Fr. Stommel as Fr. Stommel was still recovering from his recent hernia surgery.

I asked how Fr. Stommel was doing and how he appeared to be. He said he really had <sup>not</sup> seen him. He was just helping out.

He said he continues to be asked to take over the three parishes that Fr. Stommel currently has. He doesn't think he wants that kind of responsibility. Nor does he know if the archbishop would even give him an assignment.

He said he did send a letter to Joe, Fr. Joseph Hornacek, asking what his status is. Whether he might get an assignment or not. Might he be assigned as an associate? He mentioned the rectory at Fr. Stommel's parish and said eventually he would like to move into the rectory, or a rectory. He wouldn't want to do this until after his mother dies as he sees her almost daily.

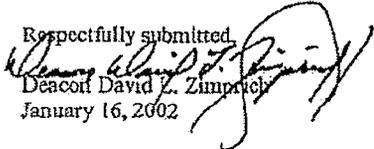
His mother's health continues to slowly decline. When he is gone for a few days she worries about him and doesn't do as good as when he visits her regularly.

He is looking forward to his trip this summer to see the capitals of Canada. He will be there around the time of the World Youth Day but said he plans on staying in his room at that time because there will be too many people out and about. He is also looking forward to going back to Canada for the Shakespeare Festival. Christopher Plummer, the actor, is scheduled to do *King Lear*.

No problems were noted.

On-Site Monitor: I had no contact with his on-site monitor this rating period.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich

January 16, 2002

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Status Report  
February 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 5

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I met Fr. Becker at the Spinnaker Inn in Oconomowoc on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

Father asked if I had been to the dedication of the Cathedral. I said I hadn't but that I had been there Friday evening for the vespers service. He asked how it looked and did I like it, since he hadn't seen it yet. I said I did and explained in detail how it looks since the renovation.

He said he had written to Fr. Joe (Hornacek) since our last meeting. He did so because the three parishes in his area are opening up and people have asked him to apply for the position of pastor. In his letter he asked Fr. Joe whether he was eligible for an assignment and whether this particular assignment might be open to him. He said he received a letter back from Fr. Joe indicating he was not eligible for a parish assignment. In a way he felt relieved because at age 65 he doesn't know if he really wants to be pastor of three parishes.

We discussed the pope's health and the retirement of Archbishop Weakland. He wondered if anyone already knew who the new archbishop might be.

Fr. Becker stated he had been to his doctor within the last two weeks. His triglycerides are very high. His cholesterol is high but he knew this and is on Lippator for it. But most scary is the fact that his PS level is high. He stated he has a brother with an even higher PS level than his. This brother is going to be having a biopsy to determine whether or not he has prostate cancer. Fr. Becker went on to say he has another appointment to see his doctor next month, March, to have a second series of blood work done. Then he and the doctor will be able to determine what needs to be done next to correct or further check these conditions.

Fr. Becker said he had read all of the articles in the newspaper regarding the sexual misconduct allegations against priests in Boston. He asked if I had read them. I said I had only seen one of the articles. He said the Cardinal there handled things very poorly. He also said he heard the bishop in Green Bay was mentioned in an article as he had been assigned to Boston during the time of the allegations. He indicated he was afraid of all this being in the newspaper because it might cause people to start making complaints against priests here, including himself. He didn't want old news being brought up and hurting him.

He stated he continues to meet with Dr. [REDACTED] every week. He asked her if he was meeting her goals for him. She replied, "Your not in prison are you?" He guessed that was a positive answer.

He stated he has written Fr. Steve DeLeers to ask if he could use some of his continuing formation money to pay for his trip to Canada this summer. Fr. Steve's secretary questioned him about what was religiously educational about this trip. He stated he would be seeing some churches and religious sites while in the country. He is waiting to hear from Fr. DeLeers.

I asked him if he had been watching the Olympics. He said he had seen very much.

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I asked him if he had read any good books lately as he stated he had just come from a library. He said he had. He read the Unholy Order. It is a murder mystery. A number of priests are killed. The thing that links the murders is the fact that they all had AIDS.

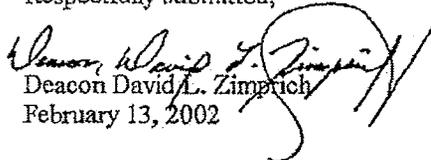
I asked him if he had seen Fr. Yockey lately. He said he hadn't seen or spoken to him since the three of us had lunch last year. Fr. Yockey hasn't called him to do any help-out work at St. Jerome's.

He said the only priest he keeps in regular contact with is Fr. Charles Wester.

Other than worrying about his health, Fr. Becker seemed the same as when we have met in the past.

**On-Site Monitor:** I did not have any contact with the on-site monitor this reviewing period.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
February 13, 2002

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Status Report  
March 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 5

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I met Fr. Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant in Oconomowoc, WI. on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

I asked him how his PSA test came out. He stated the reading was lower the second time than the first. His doctor didn't think he anything to worry about.

I asked him how his brother's PSA test came out. He said that his brother's results were higher than his. His brother's doctor had done a biopsy and did not find any cancer.

Fr. Becker stated his triglycerides were still high. He went on to state he had a doctor's appointment later this afternoon. He presumed the doctor would put him on some more medication to lower the triglycerides and his cholesterol.

He asked me if I had been following the newspapers regarding Boston's handling of priest misconduct. He also asked if I had been following the local reports involving the same issues.

I stated that since everything had broken in Boston I had been trying to keep abreast of what was being reported, etc. He stated he had also been reading everything he could about the issues.

I asked him how he was doing with all this going on. He stated he was a worried. He stated he is afraid the press will start digging for information about past cases. He is afraid people will come forward and make new accusations, even if they are not true. He is afraid he will somehow be drawn back into the spotlight because of something he did when he was young and not to wise. He is worried the press will somehow get his name and will start calling him and asking for a statement. Or try to implicate him in things he didn't do by name association.

I asked him how his mother was. He stated he still goes to see her everyday. She is forgetting things but doing all right for a person her age.

I asked him if his mother knew of the allegations against him.

He stated that he didn't think she did. He hadn't told her. She does ask why he isn't assigned to a parish. Or why he goes into Milwaukee for therapy once a week. He just makes up excuses or gives silly answers to these types of questions.

We spoke briefly about Project Benjamin and the new task force that the archbishop is appointing. He wondered what they would be doing. He is afraid they will try to dig up old dirt on people and then go after them.

We spoke of the archbishop's retirement and a possible successor and when that might happen.

He said the people at Woodland aren't going to be very happy when they find out who their new pastor, Fr. Alois R. Van Beck, is going to be. The people have already indicated they don't want this man, even though the name hasn't been announced yet. He heard from Fr. R. Stommel who was coming to the parish. The parish is hoping it will be Fr. Mike Erwin. Fr. Mike came to the parish and was interviewed for the job.

We talked about my visit to Mayville regarding the first covenant of a new deacon at the parish there. The man's name is Willis Heideman. Fr. Becker knows this man from helping out at the parish.

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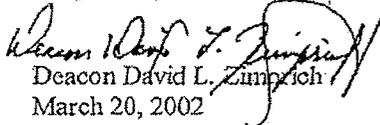
Fr. Becker stated he has been busy helping out and has a number of things to do through Easter. He is helping out at a penance service this Thursday. He is presiding at the Saturday evening Mass on Palm Sunday at St. Jerome's as Fr. J. Yockey will be in Washington. He mentioned some other ministerial activities he will be helping out with throughout the Easter season.

He talked briefly about the Catholic's Come Home Program that was held in Dodge County. He was there. He said it was very disappointing because only 40 to 50 people turned out. Thousands of dollars had been spent for advertising and for mailings. He believes about 20 people sort of signed up to return to the Church and a parish.

Note: It was very evident that Fr. Becker is extremely worried about people finding out about his past. He is also terrified of new accusations coming out because of all the press. He maintains he hasn't done anything to cause new accusations to be brought forward.

On Site Monitor: I met with one of his on-site monitors, Fr. Chuck Wester. We discussed Fr. Becker. Fr. Wester stated that Franklyn participates in regular district meetings of the priests. He was involved at the Catholic Come Home Program for Dodge County. He is not aware of Franklyn doing anything that he shouldn't be doing. He has no problem with the help-out work Franklyn is doing.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimpich  
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April 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
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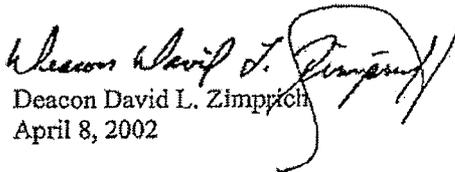
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On Sunday, April 7, 2002 at 5:30 PM I received a telephone call at home from Fr. Becker. He sounded upset and/ or concerned. He said he had received a letter and a form. The letter was from Fr. Joseph Hornacek. The form was a release of his personal information. He was asked to sign it and send it back to Fr. Hornacek. He asked what he should do.

I told him I wasn't aware of the form and hadn't seen it. I told him to wait to do anything until Wednesday, 4-10-02 when we next meet.

He agreed to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
April 8, 2002

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Status Report  
April 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #2

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I met Fr. Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant in Oconomowoc on Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

We spoke briefly about the weather and his mother's birthday that will be tomorrow, 4-11.

We then concentrated our conversation on current events. We began with the Release of Information form he had received from Fr. Joseph Hornacek. Fr. Becker had called me this past Sunday evening regarding the form and I advised him to do nothing until we met.

Fr. Becker stated he had shown the form to Dr. [REDACTED] and her husband. They reviewed it and both, especially her husband, questioned the contents and the wording of the document. Fr. Becker said he didn't know if he should contact an attorney before signing the form.

He then stated that he had signed the document and had mailed it to the Archdiocese. He also mailed in a cover letter explaining that he didn't understand or concur with all of the contents of the form.

I asked him why he mailed it in before we talked and he said he was afraid not to because he didn't want the archbishop or anyone getting mad at him. He explained further stating he can not retire until age 70 to be able to obtain social security benefits as he got into the program late in life/career. He doesn't know what he would do if he was suddenly dropped from the Archdiocesan payroll.

I went over the changes that I had worked out after talking to Barbara Ann Cusack and another monitored person. I explained what had been done and the fact that what he had written in his cover letter accomplished the same end, i.e., protecting his rights.

Next, I advised Fr. Becker that per the Vicar for Clergy, after discussion with Bishop Richard Sklba, he was to temporarily cease from all help out work. He mentioned he had just committed to some work at several parishes. I advised him to call them and cancel. I also told him I would be calling these parishes to notify them on behalf of the Vicar for Clergy also.

Fr. Becker asked about his income. I told him the Archdiocese would continue to pay him a salary. He then asked about help out income as this supplements his salary from the Archdiocese, I told him he would have to call the Vicar for Clergy and discuss this with him. I suggested he think about everything I had instructed him about and then call the Vicar for any questions he, Fr. Becker, might have or for any clarification he, Fr. Becker,

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might need. He asked if he could say Mass in his room alone. I advised him I thought he could but he should ask the Vicar this question to be sure.

I asked him if he was all right several times. He said he was. He said he always looked at the worse case scenario and then when things weren't as bad as that he felt better. He said he would be ok. He is just concerned about his income and what he would tell people when they asked why he wasn't doing anything. I suggested he say he hasn't been feeling very well and his doctor had put him on new medication that is throwing him off physically.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2002 I called Fr. Russell Stommel, pastor of St. Mary's in Woodland (#920-625-3144). I notified Fr. Stommel that Fr. Becker was temporarily suspended from doing any help out ministry. Fr. Stommel said Fr. Becker had already talked to him. He, Fr. Stommel, would arrange coverage in place of Fr. Becker.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 1:50 PM I notified Fr. John Yockey, pastor of St. Jerome Parish in Oconomowoc, that Fr. Becker could temporarily do no more help out work at the parish. Fr. Yockey indicated Fr. Becker had some things scheduled at the parish but that he, Fr. Yockey, would find someone else to cover. He did state he wanted me to know that everything Fr. Becker did as a help out at the parish was done well and greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 2:00 PM I called Fr. Charles Wester, pastor of St. Mary's in Mayville. He was away from the parish. I will attempt to call him later today to notify him regarding Fr. Becker's suspension from help out work.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich  
April 10, 2002

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Status Report  
May 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at 11:30 AM. We met at Spinnakers Restaurant located in Oconomowoc, WI.

Many things concerned Fr. Becker. He was concerned about the precept forbidding him to function in public as a priest. He wondered if I knew how long it would remain in effect. He said he had been told it was temporary but wondered if this was so.

In reference to the precept, he said he used to say Mass and then take the Eucharist to his mother in the nursing home. He now goes to the church after all the people are gone and then takes it to her. He said she hadn't said anything about this new practice.

I asked him if she knew about his past. He said he didn't think so.

He said her health in general is that of an elderly person. Her mind is so, so depending on the day.

He stated he had met with Fr. Joe (Hornacek). Fr. Joe told him that salaries were being reviewed and the likelihood of Fr. Becker's salary being dropped to a lower rate was an eventuality.

Fr. Becker was worried about this cut in income. He said he had already gone for years with less income than normal priests because he didn't get the extra funds priests get for clothing, expenses, et al.

I brought up his car, a Lexus. He said he had a three-year lease and was only into the first year. He bought the car so he could get his mother in and out of the car easily. He could fit her wheel chair in the trunk. His mother has trouble even getting in and out of the car so he might look into turning the car in for a less expensive one.

He wondered aloud how some of the other priests were doing. He asked about Fr. O'Brien. I said I didn't know. He moved on.

I asked him if he had been keeping in contact with Frs. Yockey or Wester. He said he had spoken to both men several times. Fr. Yockey calls periodically to see how he is doing.

He said he continues to see Dr. [REDACTED] on a weekly basis.

He goes to the library a good bit for books. He spends most of his time reading.

I asked him if he still planned on going to Toronto for a vacation. He said he was. He didn't think he would go to Stratford for any plays. This trip is primarily to visit several of the capitol cities in Canada.

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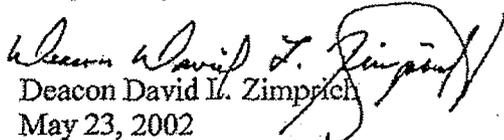
I asked about any other vacation plans. He said he didn't have any.

He said his brother had come up from Muncie, Indiana to spend time with their mother on Mother's Day. He said he might drive down there to get a way. I asked if he would ever move there if something happened to his mother. He said he might. But it would depend in part on when that would happen, what the Archbishop would allow him to do and what his financial status would be.

Fr. Becker seemed about the same as when we have met in the past. I noted no real difference except the worry about money. But he is always worried about something when we talk.

On-Site Monitor: I did not have any conversations, nor was I contacted, with his on-site monitors this reviewing period.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
May 23, 2002

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Status Report  
June 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at 11:40 AM I met Fr. Becker at the Hoffinan House Restaurant located in the Midway Motor Lodge at Highway 100 and W. Bluemound Ave.

He asked how my vacation to North Carolina had been. I advised him it had to be cancelled because of my son's future mother-in-law's health. I filled him in and advised him I had rescheduled the trip tentatively for the end of July.

I asked how he was. He said upset and worried about his future. He said he feels more like a victim everyday. He said Joe, (Fr. Joseph F. Hornacek, Vicar for Clergy) had notified him, that his salary and benefits were being cut. He would no longer receive money for retreats or continuing education. He isn't allowed to function as a priest and therefore his weekend help-out money has been eliminated from his income. He indicated this specific income amounted to about \$1,000.00 per month. He is worried that his salary will be cut further, and possibly his health insurance will be dropped.

He asked if I knew a Ralph Ellerson (phonetic). I said I didn't. He said he is an attorney and former seminarian from Chicago. Fr. Becker has contacted him and has asked him to review his financial information to determine if he has a case for more compensation from the Archdiocese. Fr. Becker stated he hadn't paid the attorney anything yet and was hoping the attorney would review the materials on a pro bono basis as he has very little money.

He said he was leaving on July 21<sup>st</sup> to go on his trip to Canada. He had already borrowed against next year's continuing education monies and wondered whether or not he would be expected to pay this money back.

Fr. was also upset because for the last ten years he has not been able to use the clergy professional expense money other priests are allowed to use for clothing items, etc. He figures it averages \$4,000.00 per year. Thus he has all ready been shorted \$40,000.00 for obeying the guidelines set up for him by the former archbishop.

He brought up the guidelines. He wondered if any of the other men I am seeing has the instruction stating they were not allowed to speak to the press. He went on saying he thought this had been put into his restrictions because back in 1981 he had given an interview to the press. He didn't think the authorities in the Archdiocese at the time like this at all.

He asked me if I thought he would ever be allowed to function publicly as a priest. I stated I didn't know, but with the recent Charter the bishops issued in Dallas, I didn't think so.

He said he still meets regularly with his therapist. He mused whether the money the Archdiocese paid to her couldn't be given to him instead, stating he has meet with her for so many years.

I asked if he had contact with Frs. John Yockey or Charles Wester. He said that he hadn't seen Fr. Yockey but had spoken to him on the telephone several times. He does see Fr. Wester periodically. Fr. Wester keeps him, Fr. Becker, up on all of the latest stuff since he, Fr. Becker, doesn't have e-mail or a computer. He mentioned the announcement on Tuesday,

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6-18, that Fr. Marvin Knighton had been arrested for an incident involving a student at Pius High School back in 1988.

Based on things he said it was apparent he is fairly well up-to-date on what is happening. He did say he "has his sources."

I advised him that per the Vicar he was no longer under investigation for alleged offenses by the District Attorney's Office. The complaints had been from far enough in the past that the Statute of Limitations had run out. He was grateful for this.

He did mention several of his accusers. He wondered if they were the ones who made more allegations against him.

He then let out the fact that the woman in Whitefish Bay, who had made a complaint against him, continues to contact him periodically. In her latest conversation she asked if Fr. Becker thought if she would send a letter to the bishop would the bishop let Fr. Becker resume ministry.

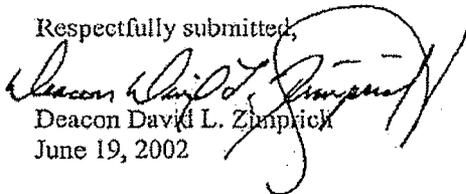
I asked him why he would keep in touch with this woman if she were his accuser. He said I didn't know her. She is crazy. One minute she is for you and the next against. He doesn't want to irritate her so she makes other claims against him.

He wondered what the Bishop was going to do since the Dallas meeting. Would he remove the "six" from ministry? Would he toss them out and leave them without pay or insurance or...? I indicated the bishop had sent out his weekly notes indicating he was going to discuss things with the College of Consultors on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

He stated Fr. Joe (Hornacek) had told him they were working on a statement regarding him to be released in the Catholic Herald. He asked if I knew the status of the article. I said I did not, other than Fr. Joe (Hornacek) had mentioned it was being worked on. I suggested he contact Fr. Hornacek about this if he wished more information.

I asked how his mother is. He indicated her health is about the same. He continues to visit her regularly.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
June 19, 2002

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Status Report  
July 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, July 17, 2002 at 11:30 AM I met Fr. Becker at Spinnakers Restaurant in Oconomowoc, WI. Fr. Becker wondered whether or not I had heard any more about his case. I advised him I had not.

He asked how long the precept would be in effect restraining him from celebrating the Sacraments of the Church and performing ministry. He went on to state the precept stated for 3 months or until he is told otherwise. The three months are up. I responded that the "Until told otherwise" could be a long time. But, again I didn't know the answer.

He stated several times how he wished he could go back to being a help-out and celebrate the Eucharist with the people.

He said he runs into people from the parishes he had been helping out at periodically. Some people have asked him when he is coming back. He even heard a rumor that he took a leave from ministry because he had cancer.

I said I really didn't expect too much to happen from this point on until after the new archbishop assumes his position on August 28, 2002. I also said I didn't think things would happen over night even then as he would have to be brought up to speed on the allegation(s) and status of each case and priest. There is also the Charter drafted by the U.S. bishops and the potential ramifications that it, coupled with Canon Law, might have in the process.

He reminded me that he would be leaving on vacation next week. He will be going to Canada, Montreal and Quebec, for 10 days. He hoped that Vicar doesn't think he is trying to run away from anything by going. He has had this tripped planned for some time. He feels this vacation will be a good break for him and take his mind off constantly worrying about his future in the priesthood, etc.

I asked him if there had been any more done about his pay from the Archdiocese. He said he hadn't heard anything more than he had already told me. He did get a raise on his last check. He believes that is from the annual cost of living increase given to all of the priests.

We talked about part-time employment to supplement his income. He said in the past the Church didn't want its priests involved in outside employment. I told him about my father working as a K-Mart greeter starting at age 77. He couldn't see himself doing this or really anything else.

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He asked if I knew anything about the "Two" who were still not named. He wondered if he was one of them as the latest thing he had seen stated they were still active. He, of course, isn't active. I said I didn't.

He mentioned that he had spoken to Joe, Fr. Joseph Hornacek, about an article in the Catholic Herald but he hasn't heard anything about this from anyone since that conversation. He will check the Catholic Herald tomorrow but doesn't expect anything because he never got a chance to preview any article.

He said if he were called in to Joe's office because of a new allegation, he would bring an attorney to protect his rights. Although he didn't think there could be any more allegations out there.

He said he had gone to the last district meeting called by Fr. Charles Wester. He didn't really learn too much although there was a good bit of discussion over priests leaving such as Fr. Pat (Patrick) O'Loughlin.

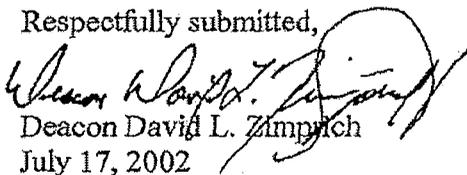
He said he had spoken to Fr. John Yockey recently. Fr. Becker appreciated this call and Fr. John's concern for him.

He continues to see his therapist regularly.

His mother's health is about the same. He visits her almost daily. His brother, who lives in Muncie, Indiana, will come and stay at Fr. Becker's apartment while he, Fr. Becker, is on vacation. The brother will care for their mother.

Fr. Becker was happy about his brother's coming as he said for many years his brother wouldn't even speak to him because of the allegations against him.

Respectfully submitted,



Deacon David L. Zimpfich

July 17, 2002

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STATUS REPORT  
August 2002

Rev. Franklin Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant in Oconomowoc, WI. on Monday, August 19, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

I asked him how his trip had been. He had recently returned from a trip to Canada to see several cities.

He said it was good. He took a tour and met several couples that we delightful. He also met a woman from Australia who had lived and traveled all over the world. She was very interesting.

He said Toronto wasn't too bad as far as people. He was there during World Youth Day and the Pope's visit. He said he was fairly far away from all of the WYD events were held. He didn't even try to get to see the pope. The only time he had trouble with crowds was when he was at the airport preparing to come home from vacation. He said there were a lot of German kids and other kids in the airport at the time.

I asked how it went with his brother coming up from Muncie, IN. to be with their mother. Fr. Becker said it all went well except for one small problem. His brother stayed in Milwaukee most of the time and golfed. He only spent a couple of nights at Fr. Becker's place. His brother turned on the television but grabbed the wrong remote control and couldn't turn it off. He left the television playing day and night for 6 days. Fr. Becker hoped his television would be ok.

I told him if he had kids it would be on almost day and night and they keep working. He shouldn't worry. He said he hadn't thought of that.

He said he had spoken to Fr. Joe (Hornacek). He had asked Fr. Joe if he, Fr. Becker, would ever get his "priestly powers" back. Fr. Joe told him it wasn't very likely.

He said he was surprised to see Fr. Godin's picture in the paper yesterday. He wondered what the people in West Bend would have to say now that Fr. Massey made a statement.

He said someone from Chicago had contacted him. The man is apparently doing some kind of PBS show on the clergy or our Archdiocese. Somehow he got Fr. Becker's name and telephone number. The man asked if he could interview Fr. Becker regarding statements he, Fr. Becker, had made back in the early 80's. Fr. Becker said he would not make any statement.

Person # 2  
August 2002

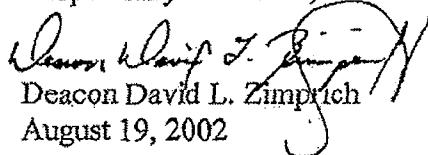
We briefly discuss Archnishop-Elect Dolan's coming and his appearance at Irishfest. Everyone wonders what the new archbishop will do in so many areas.

He again mentioned he had hired an attorney. The attorney isn't doing anything right now. Everything seems to be on hold until the new archbishop takes over and some decisions are made.

Fr. Becker continues to care for his sick mother. I asked him if she knew about him. He said he had tried to tell her some things but she doesn't really understand. She just asks him where he is saying Mass.

He did say when the article comes out in the Herald about him next week it might be hard to visit her or even go out for a meal in town.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
August 19, 2002

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SEP 17 2002

Status Report  
September 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Monday, September 16, 2002 at 11:30 A.M. at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc, WI.

Fr. Becker spoke about losing his hope. He stated from the beginning of his removal from help-out ministry he has held out the hope of returning to help-out ministry. He states he has found himself going through all of the "Steps" of Kubler-Ross. He thought he had made it to "acceptance". He now finds himself slipping from acceptance into "depression".

I asked him how he deals with the depression. He stated by seeing [REDACTED], his therapist, blue skies and myself.

He went on to say next week is the meeting of all of the priests with Archbishop Dolan. He doesn't know if he should go. He is afraid the other priests will be looking at him and talking about him behind his back. He is afraid some of his old friends and/or co-workers might even walk away instead of speaking to him.

He also said he is not sure whether he will attend the Fall Priest's Day Wellness Event for the same reason.

He said Fr. John Yockey, who used to use him as a help-out, and monitor him, hasn't spoken to him at all since Fr. Becker's past was published. He doesn't know if it is because he, Fr. Becker, no longer helps out at St. Jerome in Oconomowoc or if it because of the aforementioned announcement.

He said that he does see Fr. Charlie Wester fairly regularly. Fr. Wester keeps him in the loop regarding Church related matters in the area. Fr. Wester periodically goes places with Fr. Becker.

We discussed his interests outside of the priesthood. He stated that as a vocation or form of employment this is all he ever wanted to do. He thought he would retire a priest and just live out the remainder of his life.

We discussed different career choices. Nothing appeals to him. He acknowledged that isn't ready to accept the fact that he will never function as a priest again. He still holds out hope that Rome will do something that will allow him to return to some form of ministry.

He wondered aloud about several other priests but I indicated for the most part I had no idea what they were doing or where they were.

He spoke about his physical health and said he has been having some blood in his stool. He also mentioned some kind of periodic discharge from his penis. He stated he walks everyday. He doesn't want to go see a doctor at this time. He thinks it might just be a kidney stone, similar to those he has had in the past. He also said he worries about everything and that this might be causing some of the problems.

Fr. Wester recently joined a health club and has begun to work out. Fr. Becker has thought about joining him. But, he admitted he really hates to workout. He also doesn't want to spend more money, stating he has to watch his money very closely.

Fr. Becker has a life membership at Vic Tanny/Balley's but doesn't even use that membership because the nearest one is in Milwaukee. It is too far to drive.

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He added that he did have lunch with her some time back because she called him and he was afraid not to have lunch with her.

I asked him if he had been contacted by anyone or had any problems since the announcement about him in the Catholic Herald. He stated, "No". He feels people are looking at him wherever he goes. He said he feels this way because he knows so many people in the Mayville area where he lives.

I asked about his mother. He said she is hanging in there. Her mind seems to be going slowly. He enjoys going to visit her because he is then able to help the staff moving patients from their rooms to therapy, etc.

He said his brother is coming up this weekend from Muncie, Indiana to visit her. He hopes they will have time to go out to dinner together.

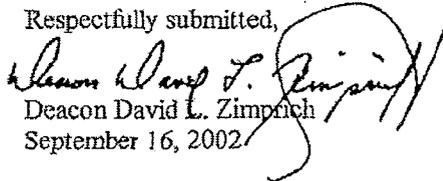
We talked about where he might want to go when his mother passes away. He really has no plans. He did say he stopped in at a Social Security Office recently and checked his status. He has to work for at least 5 more years until he is 70 to get any benefits.

I encouraged him to think about what he might want to do in the future. He said right now he keeps busy with his mother and reading. That is enough.

Upon ending our meeting we set another date. We did so because he asked if we were to continue meeting. I said for the time being the Vicar, the Very Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek, had indicated we should. I assured him of my continual prayers as he struggles with seeing his brother priests and his depression.

(Note: He seems worried and slightly depressed. He also admitted this to me. He appeared to be a little more worried and depressed over past meetings we have had. I will continue to monitor this situation.)

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
September 16, 2002

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Status Report  
October 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #2

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On Wednesday, October 16, 2002 at 11:30 AM I met Fr. Becker at Spinnakers, a restaurant in Oconomowoc.

We talked in general about the change in the weather and the fall color.

He said his mother had fallen a couple of weeks ago. This has concerned him because she has fallen a couple of times recently and he is afraid she will break a hip or something. She is now being monitored more closely. She also is attached to a gadget that alerts the night staff if she gets out of bed during the nighttime hours.

He said he was continuing to see Dr. [REDACTED] regularly. She told him she is concerned about him becoming depressed.

I asked if he was taking any medication for this. He said he was not. He was just seeing her.

She told him he needs to get involved in something besides sitting around worrying about the future. He said he goes to the library almost everyday. He reads a lot. He also goes for walks, although they are not long walks that get his heart rate up.

We talked about his choice of reading material. It is usually church related somehow. I suggested he read some sports or mystery novels, something on the lighter side. He said he likes to read about the church and research the church. I suggested he consider researching something else to take his mind off of things for a while. He doesn't see himself doing that.

He said he had read an article from a Dallas newspaper recently off the computer. The article listed the bishops in the U.S. and how they had responded to individual cases of priest misconduct. He said Bishop Skiba was pictured and there was an article about him. I asked if Archbishops Dolan or Weakland were named or discussed he said they were not.

I asked him if he had gotten a computer. He has always maintained he doesn't have one nor does he know how to use one. He said he uses the computer at the library everyday to check a number of newspapers and other periodicals like the National Catholic Reporter. I didn't say anything more about this but have filed it away.

He said he had met Fr. John Yockey recently for lunch. They talked about the new church for Sr. Jerome. Fr. Yockey told Fr. Becker that the church building would have to wait. The school will be built first. Fr. Becker didn't know when they were breaking ground.

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Person #2  
October 2002

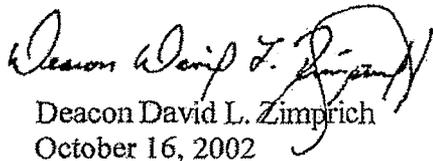
I asked him if he saw Fr. Wester lately. He said he had not. He had called him but they had missed each other. He did say there was a district meeting coming up in the very near future and would see him then.

We talked about his future. It is not a topic he enjoys talking about. He has no idea what so ever as to what he might or could do if he were no longer given a paycheck by the Archdiocese. He again mentioned the fact that he had asked Fr. Joe (Hornacek) if he, Fr. Joe, thought Fr. Becker might some how be able to return to help-out work someday. He was told that would probably never happen. Help-out work is all he is really interested in doing.

He said he is waiting for Rome to respond to the Dallas Charter. Other than that he isn't doing much of anything else.

He did ask if the Archdiocese was doing anything to help the men who had been removed from active ministry in finding a new career. I said I didn't know what was being done regarding that issue.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
October 16, 2002

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Status Report  
Oct. 29, 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #2

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On Tuesday, October 29, 2002 in the morning hours I called Fr. Becker at home. I did do to change the date of our next meeting.

He answered the telephone. He immediately asked me if I had been at the listening sessions for survivors of clergy sexual abuse. I stated that I had. He asked what I thought would happen to him. He went on to state that he had just read the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and had read about himself. The paper didn't name him. But it had a story of a man who had been abused at a parish in Lyons, WI. The time frame was the same as when Fr. Becker was there.

I advised him that unless the incident was within the statute of limitations, there was probably nothing that could be done.

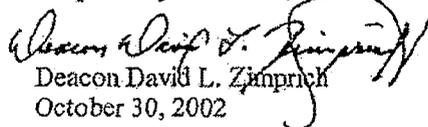
He asked whether or not he should get an attorney. I advised him to hold off until when and if there is a formal complaint. I did so because he is always very worried about money. Further there is nothing an attorney could do except tell him not to speak to anybody. Fr. Becker is already aware of this advice.

Prior to his story I made a mistake. I asked him if the man's name in the paper was [REDACTED]. He asked why. I said because there was a man named [REDACTED] at the second session. He was from someplace in California. He had mentioned being abused by a Fr. Becker from Milwaukee who had been assigned in California for a few years.

Fr. Becker wanted as many details as I could give. I advised him of the above and nothing further. I did not tell him the man had stated that he would be meeting with law enforcement officials the following Tuesday, 10-29-02, to file a formal complaint. The man stated the statute of limitations runs for one year in California after a formal complaint is issued. He has never filed a formal complaint.

Needless to say, Fr. Becker is very concerned. He stated he spoke to Fr. Charles Wester after reading the story. Fr. Wester could offer no further information.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
October 30, 2002

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Status Report  
November 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at 11:30 AM I met Fr. Becker at the Spinnaker's Restaurant in Oconomowoc, WI.

Fr. Becker was distressed. He said Marie Rhode, a reporter from the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, had called him at home this morning. She asked him if she could interview him or get some comments from him. She did not specify the topic. He said he would no comment on anything. The call ended.

He then asked if I had heard anything further about the guy named [REDACTED] that had named him, Fr. Becker, at one of the listening sessions. I [REDACTED] He [REDACTED] n't heard anything more.

Fr. Becker then said he got a telephone call from [REDACTED] about 2 weeks ago. I asked where. He said at home. I asked how he thought [REDACTED] had gotten his telephone number. He said maybe from the Archdiocese. I said I didn't think so. I asked him if his telephone number was listed in the white pages. He said it was.

I asked what [REDACTED] said. Fr. Becker said he was very friendly. He asked if Father remembered him. He told Fr. Becker that his [REDACTED] father had passed away since they had last spoken. He said his brother was also gay like he, [REDACTED] is. He said "they" had flown him to Milwaukee for a listening session and had put him up in a cheap motel. He told Fr. Becker he still liked to be with older men. (Fr. Becker thought [REDACTED] was coming on to him.) He said he had a meeting coming up with the district attorney and wondered what Fr. Becker thought he should say. He gave Fr. Becker his home telephone number before ending the conversation.

I asked Fr. Becker how long the conversation lasted and where he was calling from. He said it seemed like a very long time, 20-30 minutes or more. He assumed [REDACTED] was calling from Los Angeles where he lives.

I asked him what [REDACTED] wanted such as money. Fr. Becker said [REDACTED] never asked for anything. Fr. Becker said he was very friendly and they just talked. However, Fr. Becker was concerned that [REDACTED] or someone was taping the conversation hoping he would say something that they could then use against him.

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I asked him about [REDACTED]. He said that they met when Fr. Becker was assigned to a parish in San Diego for a couple of years. [REDACTED] worked at the rectory part-time answering phones and doing odd jobs, as did a number of young boys. [REDACTED] was about 17 years old at the time. Fr. Becker used to take [REDACTED] places with him. Fr. Becker befriended [REDACTED].

After Fr. Becker returned to Milwaukee he had called [REDACTED] on one occasion. This was in 1987. Fr. Becker was helping a young man who wanted to get a job in Hollywood. Fr. Becker called [REDACTED] and asked if he could make arrangements for the man to stay with [REDACTED] or some of his friends until he could get a job and an apartment. [REDACTED] said he would. Fr. Becker claims he never spoke to [REDACTED] after that until he called 2 weeks ago.

Fr. Becker asked if I knew who "they" were that brought [REDACTED] to Milwaukee for the listening session and why? I lied and said I didn't know. He said he thought it might have been SNAP or maybe District Attorney E. Michael McCann.

I explained it wouldn't be the district attorney from Milwaukee. If Fr. Becker knew [REDACTED] while in California, and that was where the alleged abuse occurred, then it would be the district attorney of the county in California where the incident(s) occurred that would file charges.

Fr. Becker said besides [REDACTED] giving him his telephone number, [REDACTED] had asked Fr. Becker to call him. He asked if I thought he should. I emphatically stated he should not call [REDACTED] nor should he speak to him in the future. These calls could be taped and/or used against him.

I asked him how he was doing. He said he continues to see Dr. [REDACTED]. He commented he should just end it. I asked him about this and specifically asked is he had been or was thinking about suicide. He first said, "Not while my mother is living." I asked him about after her death. He thought about it for a little bit and then said he didn't think he would.

We talked about these feelings further for a little while. He admitted he is very worried all the time. He feels like there is something hanging over him and he never knows when it might drop. He admitted at times he feels depressed. He said he had spoken to Dr. [REDACTED] about this. I asked him to call me immediately, day or night, if he felt like committing suicide and I would meet him where ever.

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He said his mother's health was slowly failing. She weighs next to nothing. The nursing home people use a lift to get her out of bed now because if they lift her they might injure her, as she is so brittle. He tries to lift her out of bed to help her to the bathroom but can't anymore because he injured his back the last time he did so.

I asked if he had seen Frs. Wester or Yockey lately. He said he had spoken to Fr. Wester. Fr. Wester told him about the latest district meeting.

Fr. Becker said he was going to go to the meeting but then he heard Fr. Bill Kohler was going to be there to talk about the priest shortage. Since he, Fr. Becker, is the only guy that is not assigned, he felt he would be out of place. He added he also had a little cold.

He asked if I had heard about the trouble they were having on cruise ships. I said I hadn't. He went on to explain a number of viruses had been found and ships were being scrubbed from end to end. He said when you board a ship the captain and officers no longer shake your hand so they don't get something or give something.

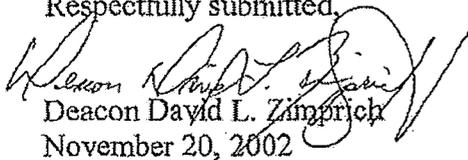
I found this interesting, as he has stated he would like to get back into being a cruise chaplain at some point. It shows he keeps up on the cruise line industry.

I asked about Thanksgiving. He said his brother, brother's wife and some of their friends were coming to Milwaukee and were going out to a restaurant for Thanksgiving. He is invited. He said he would probably feel out of place. He plans on having Thanksgiving dinner at the nursing home with his mother if she is unable to go out for dinner.

He continues to worry about what may come up, or who may come out, next.

I don't think he is currently thinking about suicide. I think it has crossed his mind. He is under a lot of stress, albeit from his past activities.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
November 20, 2002

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12-18-02

Status Report  
December 2002

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 11:30 a.m. at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc, WI.

Fr. Becker said he had not heard anything from anybody. He said he heard that some of the priests had received letters asking them to resign. He said he was just watching the mail. He asked what I knew about this.

I said I didn't know anything about it. However, if letters asking for resignations did go out, he wouldn't get one. These would be letters sent to the priests who were still pastors as parishes. He said he never thought of that.

He asked if I had heard anything more about the guy in California. I said I hadn't.

I asked if he had called or spoken to the man, [REDACTED] Fr. Becker said he had not heard anything from the man since the last call. He has read that California is going to extend or change their law regarding statute of limitations thus allowing anyone one year to report a sexual incident with a priest. Or something like that. I said I had heard something similar but didn't know the details.

He didn't have anything to specific to say. He asked about other priests and what I might know. He said he saw his therapist yesterday, December 17. She had nothing new for him. He continues to keep busy by spending time with his ailing mother, helping out in a pastoral, non-priestly manner, with patients where she lives and by reading. He continues to go to the library in town every day or so. He checks the Internet for his name but hasn't found it as of yet. He reads everything he can find on the clergy sexual abuse scandal across the country. He continues to worry that someone might come forward and make a false accusation against him. He continues to worry about money and what will happen to him. He can't go on social security for a number of years. He is too old to start a new career all over again unlike some of the younger priests. He would like answers but is also afraid to get answers.

He said he would spend Christmas with his mother. He said they have a nice Christmas dinner and family can come and eat with the residents. His brother came up from Muncie for Thanksgiving but is going to Florida for Christmas.

He did state he has been experiencing stomach pains. He thought he might be getting an ulcer. He went to the doctor and had some tests done. It appears he has Irritable Bowel Syndrome or IBS. The doctor gave him a prescription for a medication that is a poison. He takes it about 1/2 hour before eating and it does something to the food and the digestive system that reduces or takes away any pain.

I asked how it was working. He said good when he remembered to take it.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich  
December 18, 2002

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Status Report  
January 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 11:30 AM I met Fr. Becker at the Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker asked whether or not I had heard anything about him.

I advised that I had not.

He stated that he hasn't heard anything from anyone. He did hear that letters were sent to some of the priests asking them to resign. He wonders if he will be getting one.

He said he also hadn't heard anything further from the man in California, the District Attorney's Office in California or the woman from Whitefish Bay.

I asked how he felt about this.

He answered he would like to know what is going on but figures it is best to maintain a no contact approach.

I told him I concurred with this approach. Often times the old "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" is the best course of action or non-action to employ.

He said he had missed the last district meeting of priests. He did get a copy of the minutes from Fr. Wester. He had a couple of questions regarding this meeting that I attempted to answer. Nothing major.

He said he had received a note from Fr. John Yockey last week. Fr. Yockey said it had been a while since they had gotten together. He, Fr. Yockey, said he would call Fr. Becker so they could get together for lunch in the near future. Fr. Becker was pleased at this prospect.

He also said [REDACTED] asked him what kind of job he might be looking for. What did he want to do if he had to? I asked how he had replied. He said he thought about working in a library but mentioned he would probably have to learn how to use a computer. [REDACTED] gets crazy whenever he mentions a computer, as she is afraid it will get him into more trouble.

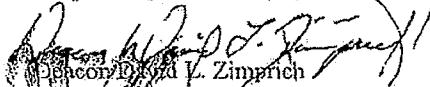
We talked about training possibilities and job placement. We discussed what he might want to do in the future. He finally admitted that he has been semi-retired for 10 years. He doesn't want to do anything but retire. However, he won't have his quarters of Social Security paid in for another 5 years. He needs this for Medicare, etc.

He said he had recently gone to see the movies "Chicago" and "Gangs of New York". He said they were good but a lot of blood and guts in the "Gangs of New York".

He said he goes to the nursing home where his mother is every night about 5:00 PM. He wheels her to the dining area and helps her eat her food, etc. She is holding her own but seems to get more and more forgetful later in the day and early evening hours.

I asked him how his car was running as we left the restaurant. He said fine except for a slow leak he had in the right front tire. He said when his lease is up he has decided to get a smaller less expensive car. He really has to watch his money.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Edward L. Zimprich  
January 13, 2003

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Status Report  
February 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at 11:30 AM at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker brought up his recent meeting with Fr. Hornacek. He said he had been told that his salary would be cut to the retirement amount as of July 2003. He said this meant \$1,200.00 per month. He also said he had been told he had to move into the Cousins Center. He wasn't sure if this meant by July or when.

He said Fr. Hornacek said the move was because the archdiocese couldn't really monitor the men anymore. He said Fr. Becker was hanging around the area library too much. (He asked me if I told Fr. Hornacek on him.) Fr. Becker said this was silly because it is such a small library. Further because he isn't there when children are there. And the bathroom is right next to the front desk.

He said he thought maybe he could ask a local judge to be another monitor for him. He knows the family. They are not Catholic but Christian. He knows Fr. John Yockey can't monitor him since he doesn't help out at St. Jerome's anymore. He does see Fr. Wester often and so Fr. Wester is still monitoring him.

He said he didn't mind moving, as it would probably save him money as far as rent, food, laundry, etc go. However, he is very concerned about what it would mean to his mother. She is 97 years of age. She will be 98 in April. She lives in a nursing home in the area where he lives (Mayville, WI.). He goes to see her every night and takes her from her room to the dining room where he visits with her as she eats supper. He said he mentioned to her that he might be moving because of a transfer by the archdiocese. He said it was obvious she got concerned about his not being near her. If he made the move to the Cousins Center he would not be able to visit her daily but rather weekly, say on Sundays.

He said it wouldn't be fair to her to move her into the area of the Cousins Center because of her age. She knows everybody in the nursing home, e.g., staff and residents. A move to another facility would also hasten her demise for the aforementioned reasons.

He said he had looked into the possibility of getting out of his auto lease. The dealer said he could buy the car outright for \$20,000.00. He doesn't have that kind of money. The current lease isn't up until sometime in 2004.

He also spoke to the leasing agent for his current apartment. He was told there were several open apartments and that this is a bid time to look for an apartment. Therefore, they would not be willing to let him out of his apartment lease.

I advised him to read the fine print. Often there is a clause that will allow you to get out of a lease because of a move from the area by your company. He said he would look into this.



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Person #2 -  
February 2003

I asked him about his recent thoughts about suicide.

He said he had been feeling depressed. He said with all that is going on things just caught up with him for a little bit. He said he thought about suicide but then thought about his mother, his brother, other relatives and friends and what impact his suicide would have on their lives. He said he would never take his own life.

He volunteered that he is currently on three medications to help him.

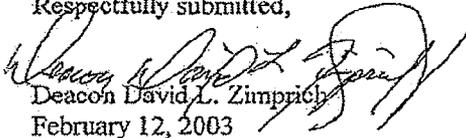


He said he had written the archbishop asking for a meeting with him. He wants to discuss the money and possible move with him. He wonders if he might get an extension on the move.

He said he had also called Fr. Jerry Herda to set up an appointment with the archbishop but hadn't heard from Fr. Herda as of yet.

I didn't feel or have the impression Fr. Becker was still seriously considering suicide at the end of our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
February 12, 2003

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MAR 20 2003

Status Report  
March 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at 11:30 AM at the Spinnaker's restaurant located in Oconomowoc, WI.

Fr. Becker asked if I had heard anything more about his moving to the Cousins Center. I told him it was off the table for now. I advised him I had looked into the retreat center and former religious sisters' residential area and found them to be booked and/or unsuitable for the designated purpose respectively. He said he thought the arrangements were to move to the retired priests' area of the building. I told him there were only two openings in that area and would not work for a group.

I went on to tell him that it might be a good idea for him to move into the retired priests' area when his current lease is up. He said he was thinking about doing this because of the pay cut he would be experiencing in July. His only problem is his mother. He continues to visit her on a daily basis. Her health continues to be somewhat stable but she has good and bad days. Some days she can eat. Other days she has to force herself to eat anything. Her eyesight is getting worse. She also has been exhibiting many of the symptoms of dementia or Alzheimer's.

We talked about this and how he is coping with his mother's failing mental health. He said it is something new for him. He never had to deal with this before. He said he recently attended a seminar at the home regarding dementia and Alzheimer's. He said he learned a lot and met several people there that have family members suffering from the same problems. They have started to meet and form a support group.

He asked about the recent priests' council meeting and the new liturgical norms. He said he had heard from Fr. Charlie Wester that there were a lot of unhappy priests at the meeting. I said I had heard rumors but that was all.

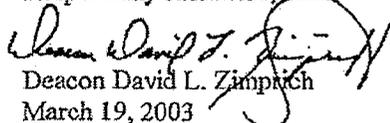
I did tell him I had attended the meeting regarding the liturgical norms on March 11<sup>th</sup> when priests, deacons, parish directors and other liturgical ministers were invited. I said I thought it was a good presentation. Basically the archbishop was asking for unity through uniformity. I said there were some people who questioned the archbishop's position but nothing to unruly. I said Fr. Ed Cook had asked about the Native Americans because of the differences in the way they worship and how they worship as far as posture goes.

He asked about several of the other priests who are involved in the sexual abuse scandal. I told him canonical procedures would be entered into but I didn't know enough about how or how long those procedures took.

He said he continues to see his therapist on a regular basis. He mentioned that it was suggested that maybe he should change therapists. He said he didn't want to because he thought his current therapist had helped him, knew and understood him. It would be hard to start over.

He said he has not been depressed as much as he had been. He is not having any suicidal thoughts or impulses.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
March 19, 2003

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*Michael Higgins former priest + current  
lawyer from two dioceses in looking  
to organize case*

Status Report  
April 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 at 11:20 AM at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc. He was sitting in his car in the parking lot when I arrived. We met and went in together.

We talked a little about our Easter celebrations.

He then got serious. He asked if there was anything new going on that he should know about, as he hadn't heard anything for a while. I said there was. I then explained that Fr. (Joseph) Hornacek had asked me to speak to him about entering a new treatment program. I explained that it would be with Dr. [REDACTED] at his clinic located in the Mayfair Shopping Center area. The treatment would be a group therapy program designed for sex offenders. The membership of the group would be limited to priests of our archdiocese that had been involved in sexual misconduct. I went on to tell him he would have to under go an assessment by Dr. [REDACTED] prior to starting the group sessions. This would be done in May with the actual sessions beginning sometime in June. The sessions would be weekly. They would be paid for by the archdiocese, as would the assessment.

Fr. Becker said he would be willing to have the assessment and attend the group therapy sessions. He did ask whether or not he should continue to meet weekly with his current therapist. I advised him he should for the time being. Once the group sessions are in full swing, a decision on his having to attend both would be made and conveyed to him. He will await further instructions from Fr. Hornacek or a call from Dr. [REDACTED]

He then asked about some of the other priests. He said he hasn't heard anything wondered what if anything was happening. I told him I didn't believe any names had been sent to Rome yet for laicization. I also said several of the former pastor priests were appealing their removal as pastors.

He then started to tell me about his mother. He said her condition had deteriorated greatly the past two days. He saw her both days and the glow is out of her eyes. The desire to live is out of her voice and movements. She isn't eating, as she should. He spoke to several of the nurses he knows at the nursing home. They concurred in his assessment.

He then stopped talking and began to cry. Once he had composed himself he said he had driven to the restaurant early and had gone for a walk. He walked over to the lake in downtown Oconomowoc and watched the ducks and the water. He cried. He doesn't know what he will do if and when his mother dies. She has always been there for him and cared for him.

We discussed his mother, his feelings and dealing with those feelings for a while. He said he was not suicidal. I did not get the impression he was at any time during the conversation. I did suggest he speak to his therapist regarding these feelings, as they will only increase as his mother's health continues to decline. He said he had already mentioned it to her when they last met.

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He then asked if I had heard anything more about his moving to the Cousins Center or Slinger. I told him the Cousins Center had been ruled out because of the accommodations. As far as the Slinger location, I said I hadn't heard anything more.

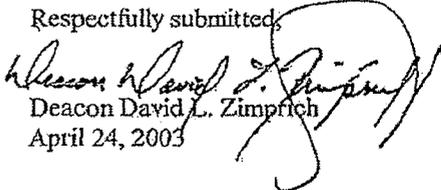
He spoke about money again. He said he doesn't know what he is going to do after his pay drops to \$1,250.00 per month. His rent is over \$600.00. His car lease is close to that. He can't get out of his apartment lease and it doesn't expire until November. He can't get out of the car lease without losing a good deal of money. He doesn't know how he will make ends meet. He has asked the St. Michael's Fund for priests to give him monthly assistance with prescription medications.

He related that after his mother passes he would gladly move into the retired priests section of the Cousins center. But besides not being able to get out of his lease, he would also spend as much on gasoline as he could possibly save by living at the Cousins Center. He would also be spending a lot of time daily driving to and from the nursing home.

We discussed this. I suggested he write or call the archbishop and request a meeting to plead his case for an extension. He reminded me he had written the archbishop some time ago requesting a meeting. He has never received a response from the archbishop. I suggested he call Fr. Hornacek. He didn't think that would change anything. He did say he had received a nice card from Bishop Sklba after Christmas. In the card the bishop said Fr. Becker should not worry and he would be taken care of. I suggested he call or meet with Bishop Sklba. In the end he said he would write a letter to Bishop Sklba.

I assured him of my continued prayers and support. I told him he could call me if he needed me or needed someone to talk to.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimpfich  
April 24, 2003

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MAY 27 2003

Status Report  
May 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 11:30 AM I met Fr. Becker at the Panera Bread Restaurant located in Pewaukee.

Our discussion followed much of the same lines as it did via the telephone several days earlier. He is concerned about how he will pay for attorneys' fees. His first attorney, Pat Madden, cost him \$2,000.00 up front to get him out of jail on bond. The bond was \$10,000.00 and he had to come up with money for that. He has met with Attorney Steven Cohen regarding the extradition hearing. This attorney wants \$10,000.00. Fr. Becker has taken a cash advance in his life insurance and was able to get \$6,000.00. He doesn't know where he will get the balance. Then if he gets sent to California he will have virtually no money left to hire a good attorney with.

He said he is selling some of his furniture. He has also rented an outdoor storage unit for \$40.00 per month to keep the rest of his things.

He will be moving in with Fr. Charlie Wester at the end of the month as he was able to get out of his lease at his apartment. However, he does have to give up his security deposit. The landlord is also coming over to check the apartment to see if it needs to be painted. Fr. Becker indicated he did need to have the carpeting cleaned.

He doesn't know what Fr. Wester will charge him for rent but hopes it is minimal such as a small amount to help pay for food and maybe free rent.

He spoke to the Lexus leasing company where he leased his car. They will not let him out of the lease unless he has someone who is willing to assume the lease.

He again described his jail experience in Dodge County. He mentioned how he was walked from his cell to the visiting area to meet with Dr. [REDACTED] and her husband when they came to see him. He had his prison clothing on. Then the corrections staff also put leg irons on him and a waist belt with attached handcuffs. He was very embarrassed. He wondered if they really thought he was going to try to escape.

He said since being out he has visited his mother a lot. Some days she is more lucid than other days. When she is she gets angry with him and demands to know what he did. He doesn't want to rehash this over and over. When she asks about his day and so forth he just makes up nice little stories. He is afraid if he shares everything in his life, past and present, it will have a negative effect on her health, which is already fragile.

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MAY 19 2003

Status report  
May 17, 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Saturday, May 17, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. I called Fr. Becker at his residence. He answered the telephone. We talked for about 25 minutes.

I asked him how he was doing. He said he was very worried and scared. He said he had been kept in a cell alone but in a full cellblock. There were large Hispanic and Black men with numerous tattoos on their bodies. They kept calling him names all through the day and night. They called him everything under the sun and just wouldn't let him rest. He was very afraid.

He hired Attorney Pat Madden for his initial hearing regarding bail. He thought California wanted \$50,000.00. When the case started the judge said that was incorrect. California had asked for \$500,000.00. The judge set \$10,000.00. Attorney Madden had contacted Fr. Becker's brother in Muncie, Indiana and he had come to the courthouse. He helped Fr. Becker get a cash advance on his life insurance policy to pay the bond. He got out on Tuesday afternoon May 6.

He said Attorney Madden told him he needed someone who handled extradition hearings and knew what to do. He recommended several attorneys such as Gerald Boyle, Jim Shellow, etc. Fr. Becker ultimately hired a Stephen Cohen (ph). He will be meeting with the attorney in the coming week. He has no idea what the man will charge or where he will get the money to pay him.

He is taking his car in for servicing on Tuesday. He plans on asking if he can get out of the lease at that time. He will still need a car but doesn't know if he will just rent one for a month to see what happens at the extradition hearing or somehow get another car.

We also spoke about the lease for his apartment. I suggested he speak to the landlord and try to get out of the lease. I suggested he move in with Frs. Charlie Wester or John Yockey. I said this in case there may be heirloom things he would not want to see lost, stolen, sold or destroyed if he couldn't get back to his apartment after the hearing.

This suggestion caught him unaware. He asked whether he wouldn't be able to return home and then maybe have to fly or drive out to California. I told him I wasn't sure but the judge might have the bailiff take him into custody immediately. He said he would have to think about this further.

He asked whether or not he should have power of attorney for his mother and himself transferred to his brother. I said I thought he should do so as soon as possible.

He was angry that the Catholic Herald had published a story about his arrest. He knew it had been in the West Bend and Mayville papers. But, he didn't think the Catholic Herald needed to run a story also.

He said Fr. John Yockey had visited him in jail. Fr. Wester had come to court for his hearing. He said he had spoken to the vicar since his release. Although worried, he felt good about the support he was being given.

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I asked how his mother was doing. He said she had been very lucid the other day, Friday, May 9. She got all over him about what had he done and what was happening and going to happen. She was more her old self as far as having a spark in her eye. But she was also very feisty. He tried to calm her down and not upset her further with the possibility of his having to go to trial and maybe jail in California.

He said at one point he thought he was hoping to have a heart attack while in jail. It was so upsetting. He mused that he may have a heart attack even before he gets to California because his health is fragile. He did mention ending it all but I felt it was more of a momentary statement unlike other times when he had made such remarks. He didn't dwell on it. It was more in passing and he even laughed at the idea.

He doesn't understand why [REDACTED] is after him. He thought they were such good friends.

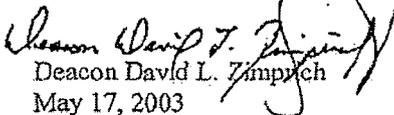
He thinks the Diocese in California is trying to get him in trouble also. The article in the San Diego Union Tribune said the pastor at the parish they were at thought Fr. Becker was strange. He said this was more cover up because the previous pastor died under suspicious circumstances. He didn't elaborate.

As stated previously, one of his biggest concerns is how he will pay for the attorney(s). He has very little money saved or invested. He wonders if the archdiocese would help him pay the legal bills he will be getting. I indicated I didn't know. He would have to check or ask.

I did tell him that Deacon Tom McGuine had been contacted and said he would visit Fr. Becker if he were indeed sent to California for trial. He seemed happy at this news, as he doesn't know anyone else out there. He would be alone.

I told him I would stay in touch and if he needed me he should feel free to call at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimpich  
May 17, 2003

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Status Report  
July 9, 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person #2

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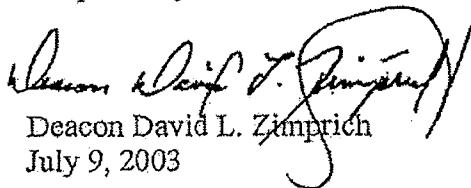
On Tuesday, July 8, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. I called Fr. Becker. I did so to see how he was doing as the conference call that might determine his fate was set for later in the day. He sounded all right. He had spoken to his attorney on Monday and was advised he did not have to be a part of the conference call. His attorney would handle it and report back to him ant disposition.

On Wednesday, July 9, 2003 at 8:35 a.m. I called Fr. Becker. He said there was no conference call. His attorney had been notified that based on the Federal Appeals Court's decision against the 1-year window for reporting of old our-of-statute-of-limitations offenses the case had been dismissed.

Fr. Becker stated he was able to recover some of the money he put up for bail. He will be trying to get all of it or a greater portion of it back in the coming weeks.

He sounded better than he has as the worry about being incarcerated and sent to California has been lifted from his shoulders.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
July 9, 2003

ADOM026492

Status Report  
June 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker at the Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc on Tuesday, June 24, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. He was in his car in the parking lot when I arrived at 11:20 a.m.

I asked him how he was.

He said he was very tired. He said the heat and humidity had gotten to him. He said he was also tired from sight seeing. He went on to explain that an old friend of his who is a priest in Texas was in town. He asked Fr. Becker to show him the sights. They were all over downtown and the south side, they were looking at suites at the Cousins Center and out to eat. He again stated he is still tired from all of the running around.

In regards to the Cousins Center, he said he was a little interested in seeing the suites. But the real reason they had come was because his friend was considering moving into one of the vacant suites. He isn't sure whether he will ultimately do so or not. The priest hasn't made a decision as of yet. Fr. Becker did say there is no way he could stay in the rooms at Meyer Hall, as they are just too small and confining.

He said he had gotten a letter from Bishop Skiba this past Sunday. The bishop didn't say too much in the letter. He did encourage Fr. Becker to live a simpler life style. The bishop indicated he only receives \$500.00 a month as a salary.

Fr. Becker sent another letter to the bishop asking for permission to say Mass in a private room for his mother. He is no longer able to take his mother out anywhere in his car. He is hoping he will get permission to do this.

He said he was hoping to get his security deposit of \$500.00 back from his old landlord. However, she called and said she had to replace a carpet and was keeping the deposit. He put in a claim to his insurance company for the carpet hoping to get his money back. The claim was turned down. He mused as to why people even pay for insurance.

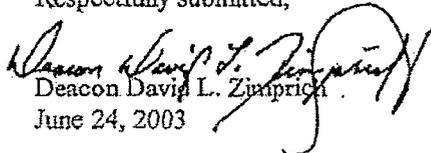
As far as his court hearing, he didn't have much to say. He said it was very brief. A teleconference has been set up for July 8 between his attorney, the judge, the attorney general for California and another attorney. He doesn't know if he is to listen in also or not. He has to check with his attorney.

He did say he has to come up with the balance of the retainer for the attorney before the teleconference.

He said he and his brother continue to get along. He hasn't seen his brother since his confinement as he has a family in Muncie, Indiana.

Fr. Becker looked tired, as he said he was. Otherwise he seemed all right. He continues to see his therapist weekly.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
June 24, 2003

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AUG 06 2003

Status Report  
July 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Father Becker on Wednesday, July 23, 2003 at 11:30 A.M. at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker said that Fr. Joe (Hornacek) notified him that his name had been sent in to Rome along with ten other names. The purpose is to have the ten men laicized. Fr. Becker said he was also told his name was first on the list. He didn't know what that meant. Is he first because Becker is closest to the beginning of the alphabet or does it mean something else?

He said Fr. Joe had told him that he could not offer Mass in his mother's room just for the two of them. He was upset at this.

He said he had also asked Barbara Ann Cusack if he could receive Mass stipends for saying Mass in his apartment. He was told he could not receive any Mass stipends.

He got angry and wondered where she got her power. A kind of, "Who does she think she is?" response.

He wondered if the archbishop was seeing any of the suspended priests. He said he had written several months ago and the archbishop still hadn't responded.

He said he had written Pat Leggas a letter asking him to be his canonical lawyer. He had called Pat several months ago and had left a telephone message but never got a response. He is hoping he will hear from Pat this time.

He wonders what will happen to him if he is laicized. Would the archdiocese still help him in any way? Would he get a pension?

He said another alleged victim has come forward. A man he had met some twenty years ago has contacted the archdiocese and has apparently demanded money or something. He said the man apparently came forward at one of the large listening sessions. He said his name is [REDACTED]. He said he has had no contact with [REDACTED] in many, many years. He doesn't think [REDACTED] can do anything to him legally because of the time involved since the alleged incident(s).

I asked him if [REDACTED] had contacted him like [REDACTED] the man from California, had. He said he had not. He also stated he has not heard a word from [REDACTED].

He said he went to his district's luncheon last week. It was held the day after the priests' golf outing. He said it was mainly to welcome Fr. Patrick Wendt to the district.

He asked why Barbara Ann Cusack was at the priests' golf outing. I said I didn't know except possibly because of her position and the fact that she is an avid golfer. He said he wasn't aware she is a golfer.

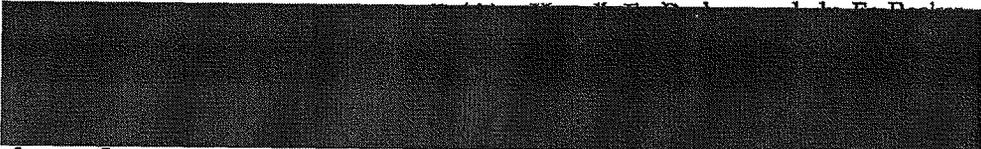
He said his mother is doing all right. When she eats she normally faces looking out the windows in the dining area. Lately she keeps asking what all the fuzzy stuff is. Father thinks her eyesight is just getting a little worse. She can read and watch television without trouble.

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He said that his brother called him a couple of days ago. His brother has to go in for more tests on his prostate. Last year his brother had very PSA readings but an exam didn't find anything. This year the readings are even higher. Fr. Becker said this just makes him feel like never going to a doctor. If he would get something, so what? Just let it take you.

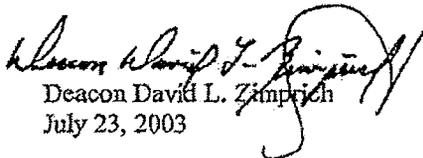
I asked him if his friend was going to move to the Cousins Center. He said they had looked at the suites but his friend owns a large old house and Fr. Becker doesn't think he is ready to move to a smaller location at this time.



Fr. Becker asked if there was any more talk about moving the priests to the Cousins Center or another location. I said as far as I knew there wasn't any such discussion(s) going on at this time. He said he didn't want to live at the Cousins Center because it is just too far from his mother. He also said he likes his new apartment. The people are friendly and nobody gives him any grief like at the last place.

Fr. Becker continues to worry about money. He is angry that he can't do anything as a priest nor can he receive any money for saying Masses like other retired priests can. He is concerned about his future if Rome does indeed laicize him.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
July 23, 2003

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AUG 26 2003

Status Report  
August 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Monday, August 25, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. I met Fr. Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

He said he had contacted Fr. Pat Leggas and had retained him as his canon lawyer. He said Pat had already sent a request to the archbishop requesting a copy of everything the archdiocese has regarding Fr. Becker and that was submitted to Rome for his laicization. He said he received a copy of the letter but noted in one paragraph the name of Fr. Wagner was mentioned. He thinks Pat is probably handing one of the Fr. Wagner cases from our archdiocese or another (arch) diocese. He called and left a message for Pat in regards to this but has not heard back as of our meeting. The letter was received about 1-½ weeks ago.

He also stated that in the letter to the archbishop, Pat questioned the reasoning behind removing Fr. Becker from any and all ministry when he had been allowed to continue even after allegations had been made against Fr. Becker.

He asked if I had heard anything more about his or any of the other priests' cases. I said I had not. He said he had not heard anything else either.

He asked if I knew David Minelli. I said I knew of him but didn't know him. He said he had heard that David was going to be speaking to the priests at the Fall Wellness Day. I asked him if he was planning on attending the event. He said he didn't know but didn't think so.

He said he was leaving for Door County on Wednesday of this week. He is going to be staying for two nights in Ephraim with a friend. He said the name was Ron Kuhn or Kuehn. They are driving up together but staying in separate rooms as both like to have their own rooms. They will be driving back on Friday. He is looking forward to getting away. However, he also said he would have liked to have been able to stay longer but is really counting his pennies.

He continues to monitor the Internet and the daily newspaper for any articles regarding the priests' sexual misconduct scandal. He mentioned John Gougan (ph) the ex-Boston priest who was killed in prison over the weekend. He said he remembered how scarred he, Fr. Becker, was when he was in the jail in Juneau and how he had to be kept separate from the other inmates.

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SEP 29 2003

Status Report  
September 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 3

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I met Fr. Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 at 11:25 AM.

I asked him how his trip to Door County had been. He stated he had a great time but that he wished it could have been longer.

I recalled he said he was going with a man named Ron. Therefore I asked him if Ron was the same man/priest who had come with him to the Cousins Center to look at the suites for retired priests. He said it was not. Ron is Fr. Ron Crews, the pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Racine, WI.

He said they went out to eat several times. He said Ron loves to go to antique stores and so they drove all over Door County looking at antiques. He said Ron is always looking for old postcards from Germany.

I asked what else they did. He said he could have stayed in Door County but that Door County is too quiet for Ron. They drove to Sturgeon Bay and hit some antique shops there. They also ate out there one evening.

Fr. Becker mentioned that he had parked his car at a parish in Kohler, WI. The parish secretary said he could leave the car in her garage at the parish. When he got back and backed out of the garage he hit the left rear quarter panel on the side of the garage entrance. He subsequently went to the Lexus dealer and they were able to rub out the damage with rubbing compound.

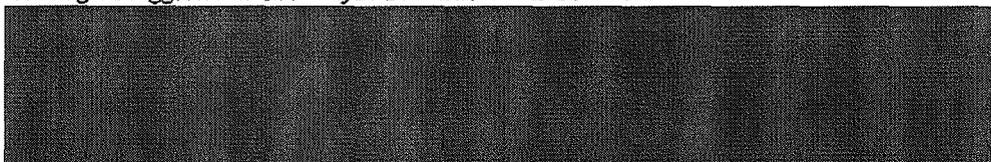
He said he has one year left on the car's lease and can't wait for it to be up so he can get something less expensive.

He spoke of money again. He is very concerned about money. He said he had gotten a letter from Fr. Alan Jurkus, the head of the priests' St. Michael's Fund. In the past the Fund has given him money to help pay for prescriptions. The letter suggested he try to get some Mass stipend money to help pay for the prescriptions in the future.

He said he had been told by the vicar that he couldn't get Mass stipends. He wrote to Fr. Jurkus and suggested that he, Fr. Jurkus, contact the vicar for him.

He said he also got several bills for medical expenses. He questioned his insurance company, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and was told that his deductible had been raised to \$500.00. He questioned this and I shared that I had WPS and my deductible had also gone up a substantial amount the last few years. He again said he didn't know how he would keep paying for things with his decrease in income.

He wondered if he were to be laicized would the archdiocese still be responsible for a portion of his health insurance, and what about his pension. I said that I thought the pension would be covered by Federal Law. However, I said I didn't know anything about the insurance coverage. I suggested he call Wayne Schneider at the Cousins Center.



Fr. Becker said he continues to worry everyday about his future. He is concerned about money. He can't sleep at night like he used to because he is so afraid of a knock on the door and the police being there to take him back to jail. He said he can never forget that experience and lives with it everyday and night.

Fr. Becker is deathly afraid that someone is going to come forward and make a complaint against him that will fall within the statute of limitations.

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He brought up the fact that the legislature was still exploring a law similar to the one in California that granted a 1 year time period for anyone abused by a priest to come forward. I said California's law had been found unconstitutional and I firmly believed if passed it would be found unconstitutional here also. The legislature can't grandfather in penalties greater than already in the law at the time of an offense. I said this was politicians placating their constituents.

He asked if I had heard anything more about his having to move to the Cousins Center. I said I believed that was a dead issue at this time.

He asked if the group therapy idea had died. I said that it hadn't but had been put on hold for a while because the vicar had been too busy with other matters to get a letter out to all of the affected priests.

I asked what he is doing to help take his mind off of his worrying and/or problems. He said he continues to see [REDACTED] his therapist.

He said he also checks the Internet daily to keep up on the latest issues concerning clergy sexual abuse. He mentioned some priest in another state who had recently been named in a story.

I asked him if he was walking. He said he wasn't. I tried to encourage him to do so on a daily basis since the weather was no longer as hot and humid as it had been.

He mentioned he had a bike in a closet in his apartment. But went on to say he never rides it. It is just too hard to get it out and take it outside. He doesn't have a helmet and doesn't like to wear them any way.

He asked if I had heard anything more about his case. I said I had not. The latest I had heard was that the archbishop was waiting to hear something from Rome. To date he hasn't heard anything about anyone's case.

Fr. Becker mentioned that the archbishop had called him a couple of weeks ago. He said it was about 4:30 in the afternoon. His telephone rang. He answered it and the voice on the other end said he was Archbishop Dolan. He said the archbishop asked him how he was. He told him that he, the archbishop, is his pastor as well as the pastor of everyone else in the archdiocese.

Fr. Becker said he tried to ask the archbishop something about his case. The archbishop said he was not able to discuss Fr. Becker's case with him. He, the archbishop, was just checking on Fr. Becker's state of mind and health, etc.

Fr. Becker asked about several of the other priests, i.e., Frs. Flynt and O'Brien. He also asked if I knew who had left as he had heard two more priests had left. [REDACTED]

We talked about the priests gathering at St. Mathias. He said he hadn't heard too much about the meeting. He expected Fr. Charles Wester would tell the district all about it when they next meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich  
September 24, 2003

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Status Report  
October 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at 11:30 AM at the Main Street Depot located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker said he was doing all right. He still isn't walking or exercising very much. Because of this he said he has put on a couple of pounds.

I asked about his mother. He stated that she is going down hill. Currently it isn't her physical health but her mental health that is failing. She is becoming more and more forgetful. He saw her on Monday. Every Monday she plays bingo. When he asked her about the bingo game she couldn't remember even having played. She routinely forgets things that he has told her several times.

He spoke to his brother from Muncie recently and his brother told Fr. Becker that their mother didn't know what or whom he was talking about when he told her about her grandchildren.

Fr. Becker fears that one day she will just pass away. It might be best for her but it will be very hard on him.

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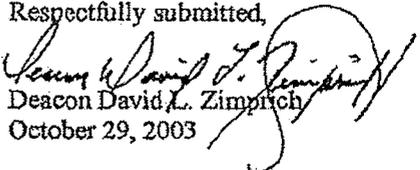
He said he had spoken to a friend who is a canon lawyer. The man recently attended the canon law convention in Spokane. He allegedly had spoken to Pat Legas, the Chancellor and canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Chicago while there. He asked about Fr. Becker's case and was told that things were being held up because Milwaukee wasn't sending all the materials that he, Pat Legas, had requested.

I indicated that I had not heard anything about any of the cases other than that they were all "sitting" in Rome.

We talked in general about the fires in California, Deacon Tom McGuine, who lives in California but not close to the fires, and the weather.

There was nothing of any note or concern to talk about or to report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
October 29, 2003

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Status report  
November 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at 11:30 AM I met Fr. Becker at the Main Street Depot located in Oconomowoc.

After being seated at our table he asked, "Did you bring me any more bad news?" I said that I hadn't but then asked him what had happened. He asked me if I had heard anything about him. I said that I had not.

Fr. Becker then said that he had been contacted by Fr. Joe (Hornacek) a few days before. Fr. Joe told him that Rome had sent back his, Fr. Becker's, case. In doing so they asked Archbishop Dolan to contact Fr. Becker to see if he, Fr. Becker, would voluntarily apply for laicization. Fr. Joe then asked him if he would seek voluntary laicization. Fr. Becker replied that he would not do so.

Fr. Becker is very concerned about what would happen if he did seek voluntary laicization. He wonders what the archdiocese's responsibility would be toward him financially if he did this. Would it free up the archdiocese to just dump him? Would they continue to give him some kind of a salary? Would they continue to pay for health insurance? He stated he has been a priest for 40 years. The archdiocese owes him some kind of a living wage out of simple justice.

He said Fr. Joe asked him to write a letter to him stating that he would not seek voluntary laicization. He has since done so.

I asked if he had spoken to Pat Leggas, the canon lawyer, about this. He said that he had not. He doesn't really feel that Pat is representing him. He does have a friend from years ago who is also a canon lawyer. He called this friend and asked him what he should do and the friend advised him not to seek voluntary laicization. The friend indicated that the archdiocese must have a very weak case and that is why Rome responded as they did. Fr. Becker said he didn't know what kind of case they had since he was never given the names of all of the complainants or their specific complaints.

Fr. Becker then said he had also received a letter and call from Fr. Joe indicating that he and the other priests involved in clergy sexual abuse were not being listed in the Official Catholic directory (OCD). He said he was told that since they are not functioning it was thought best to leave them out of the OCD.

I suggested this might be good because that way reporters and alleged victims couldn't look him up and bother him. He somewhat agreed but felt it was one more way in which the archdiocese was slowly getting rid of the men.

He said he was not going to be involved in the group therapy for clergy involved in sexual abuse through [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] the husband of his therapist, had called Bishop Sklba. Sam explained to the bishop that this type of therapy would not be good for Fr. Becker. Bishop Sklba had agreed. Fr. Becker seemed pleased about this.

Fr. Becker spoke about having to find some kind of employment if he were ultimately dumped by the archdiocese. He said that he is 67 and could retire at 68 but wouldn't have his quarters in for social security. He said he had heard that Fr. Mike Krejci had been applying for jobs. He wondered how he found out about them.

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I said he should call Fr. Mike and ask him. I said I knew he was using certain computer job search companies. He said he would have to think about this as he is really too old to start looking for a job.

He wondered what some of the other priests were doing for support and whether or not the archdiocese was continuing to provide checks and other help. He mentioned that he had received a letter some time ago from Bishop Sklba telling him he would be cared for by the archdiocese. [REDACTED]

I told him I didn't know anything about this.

I asked him how he was doing in light of what he had told me. He said some mornings he wakes up and just wishes that the Lord had taken him in his sleep. He said he is not currently, nor has he recently, thought about committing suicide. He does get depressed at times.

I asked him what he was planning on doing for Thanksgiving. He said he would just go to the nursing home and eat with his mother. She seems to be holding her own.

His brother is planning on coming up to Wisconsin from Muncie some time before Christmas. Fr. Becker is looking forward to seeing his brother and spending some time with him.

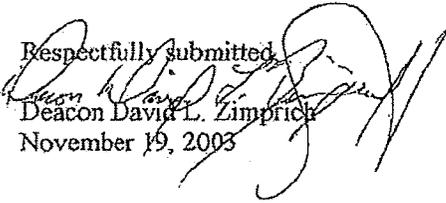
Fr. Becker mused as to whether or not his brother could take him in. He decided he could not afford to do so. His brother is retired from the railroad, married with 3 children and 3 grandchildren, with a fourth on the way. He is not rich. He has his pension and that is about it. His brother is comfortable but that would be all.

I assured him I would continue to keep him in my prayers. I told him if he needed me he should feel free to call me at any time to talk or to get together if things started to pile up and he needed to talk or felt he couldn't cope.

He said he had gone on the computer last Thursday and had mull'd up the San Diego newspaper. He read an article a reporter had written about [REDACTED] is the man who filed a complaint against Fr. Becker in regards to an incident(s) that occurred when Fr. Becker lived and worked in California. Fr. Becker is concerned that the State of California might still try to come after him. He is also afraid that [REDACTED] might bring a law suit against him.

I asked if [REDACTED] has contacted him since the last time and he said that he had not.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
November 19, 2003

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Status Report  
December 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Monday, December 22, 2003 at 11: 30 AM at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Upon meeting Fr. Becker in the entranceway, I offered condolences on the death of his mother the past week, December 15<sup>th</sup>. He thanked me and thanked me for my sympathy card.

He said that his mother died in her sleep during the nighttime hours. He received a telephone call at home at about 6:00 AM from someone at the nursing home advising him that she had passed in her sleep. He said he had been with her for dinner the night before.

He said there were so many things that he would have liked to tell her before she died. But, her passing was the best thing for her. She was 98 years old. Her health and mind were starting to fail her more and more. She didn't suffer. She didn't have to have numerous tubes and so forth stuck in her.

He said the funeral was held very quickly. The reason for this was that one of his brother's daughters is expecting a child in early January and wanted to get back home to Florida as quickly as possible. She had been with her father and mother in Muncie, Indiana.

He said he had gotten a telephone call from Fr. Tom Suriano. Fr. Tom had asked him if it was held so quickly so that he, Fr. Becker, could say the Mass before anyone said he couldn't. Fr. Becker said he laughed and explained it was because of his niece.

He said Fr. Tom told him that he, Fr. Tom, was having some trouble at his parish in Whitewater. Fr. Tom said this was because he is liberal and not all of the people there are. He said he had gotten heat because of his letter to the archbishop regarding optional celibacy. Fr. Tom told Fr. Becker that being a parish priest just isn't what it used to be.

Fr. Becker said he wished he could have presided at his mother's funeral. He wished an exception could have been made. He was appreciative to all of the priests that did come to the funeral. He said it wasn't a large funeral because his mother was so old. But there was a nice turn out.

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He said his brother and he had a major fall out some years ago when their mother first went into the nursing home. At that time they had to get rid of her estate so she could get Title 19 benefits. Fr. Becker was the administrator of the estate. He charged the estate for some of the work he did. He also gave some brand new furniture to his brother's kids and later deducted the amount of the furniture from the final amount of money his brother got from the settlement of her estate.

About a year and a half ago they started talking again and have gotten much closer. However, he and his brother did get into a small argument over the arrangements for their mother's funeral. The funeral director has asked Fr. Becker whether they wanted a sealed vault for the casket. The funeral director said Fr. Becker's father had a seal vault. So Fr. Becker said, "Yes". His brother saw no need to spend the extra money for a sealed vault.

They were able to divide what few possessions their mother had left, mostly clothing. His sister-in-law and their children took what clothing they wanted. The rest he dropped off at a resale shop in the area.

He and the family also cleaned out their mother's room. Fr. Becker said the nursing home had already moved another woman into the room.

We talked about the future. Fr. Becker said he didn't know what he would do in the short term. He has been invited by Deacon Tom McGuine to come out to California for a visit. He has also been invited by an old priest friend to come to Florida for a visit. He is afraid to do anything right now because people in California have until the end of the month to file law suits against priests who abused them. He is afraid [REDACTED] might file a suit against him. He said if [REDACTED] does, then he, Fr. Becker, will counter file a counter suit.

He said he might take Tom or his friend up on their invitations later into the New Year.

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He mentioned Fr. Hornacek's words from a recent publication whereby Fr. Hornacek invited priests to help out on cruises. Fr. Becker said he loved this kind of work. He deeply wishes he could do it again. But he realizes it will never happen.

He said he continues to hear from Fr. Vince Holubowicz. He said Fr. Vince has been moved to a regular room. He had been in a therapy room setting. He said Fr. Vince hopes to get back into ministry some day.

Fr. Becker mentioned some of the other priests who have been removed from ministry. He wonders how they are doing.

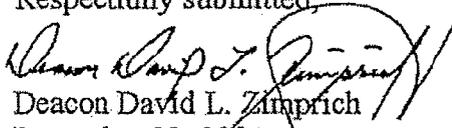
I asked him how he planned on spending the holidays. He said that he had been invited to a few people's homes. But he thought that he might just go somewhere and have dinner by himself.

He did say that he hoped to go to church more regularly and at the same place now that his mother was gone and he didn't have to care for her so much. He thought he might go to St. Mary's where Fr. <sup>Wheatley</sup> ~~Wheatley~~ is the pastor.

I found Fr. Becker to be sad at the loss of his mother. However, he was also happy that she didn't have to suffer. He continues to worry about his future and in particular his financial future since he doesn't qualify for social security benefits as of yet. He is afraid that the archdiocese will totally cut him loose from any health insurance or living expense if he is laicized.

He asked if I knew anything about the status of his case. I advised him that as far as I knew all of the cases were still sitting in Rome.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
December 22, 2003

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Status Report  
February 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

I met Fr. Becker on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 11:45 AM at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker had recently returned from two weeks in Florida. He had been visiting his brother and his wife and his niece, her husband and their new baby.

He said he stayed at a hotel in the North Palm Beach area for a night, two nights at his niece's home and the rest of the time at a retreat center in the area.

He said he had a very nice vacation. The baby was losing weight instead of gaining and this was a cause for concern for everyone. He believes it is because his niece is a vegetarian and is nursing. The last he heard was that they were taking the baby to the doctor for a check up. He does think she is a bit strange as she also had planned on having the baby in a swimming pool, no doctor present, etc. She is into many things.

He said the weather was nice, warm during the day and cool in the evenings. No rain but overcast a few days. He got to do some sight seeing and just plain relaxing. He was able to spend a good deal of time visiting with his brother.

His brother would like him to move closer to him in Muncie. He doesn't know if he wants to do this. He feels it would be much too hard meeting people, learning his way around, etc.

He did spend a little time looking into housing and living costs in Florida. He thought about possibly moving there because of the warmer weather. He didn't do an exhaustive search and didn't really come to any conclusions. He is concerned about the cost. He did note that the income tax is less than in Wisconsin.

I suggested that he look into other areas in Florida if he really wanted to move there. Palm Beach and the adjoining suburbs are expensive to live in.

He asked if anything was new in regards to his or the other local priests' cases. I said we were waiting for answers from Rome.

He said he had checked the library when he returned to see what is new here and across the country. He said he noted that in California there are about 44 cases pending. He wondered if his was one of those.

He again mentioned his concern over money. He wondered if the archdiocese would care for him if he were to be laicized. He said he thought they would have to do something canonically or just morally. He mentioned having to find a job for the first time since we began meeting. He has not started to actively seek a job and is obviously hoping he will never have to do so.

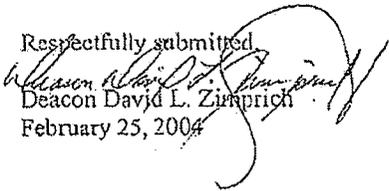
He said that he has one year left on his car lease. He rented a smaller Chevrolet while in Florida. He said it had all the stuff that his Lexus has. The only difference was the ride wasn't quite as nice and it was cheaper.

He said that he has already started borrowing against his disability insurance to make ends meet. He mused whether or not he should see a doctor and have the doctor place him on disability so he could live off of the insurance.

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He asked me about these and other men. I stated I didn't know anything more than he did.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
February 25, 2004

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Status Report  
March 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I Met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at 12:25 pm at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

He asked whether or not I had heard anything new about him. I said that I had not. I advised him nothing had been returned from Rome as of yet.

He stated that he was continuing to worry about money. He repeated that he can not go on social security until he is 70 years of age because he didn't join the program early enough.

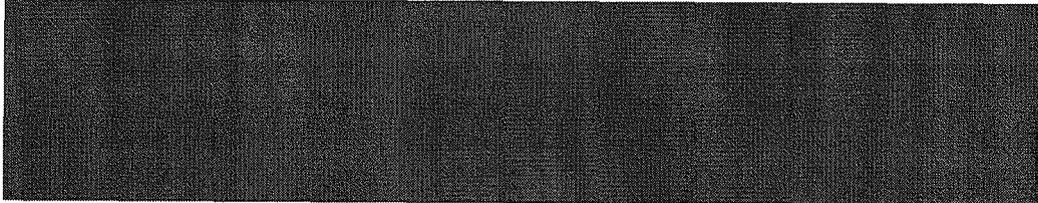
He continues to wonder whether or not his salary will continue and for how long. He wonders whether or not there will be a cost of living increase this year.

He also brought up retirement. He said that he doesn't know what he is entitled to upon retirement. He doesn't know if health insurance coverage would continue or if he would have to pay for that out of his retirement income.

I asked him if he had spoken to any about these questions, either another priest or Wayne Schneider. He said that he had not. He is afraid to call Wayne Schneider because he is afraid of the answer(s) he might be given. He also doesn't want to ask before he knows what his ultimate status in the Church may be.

We talked about Easter and Holy Week. He said that he is flying out to Omaha on Good Friday. A niece is getting married in a Lutheran church there on Saturday. Then he is flying back home on Easter Sunday.

I asked him why he wasn't staying a few days longer since his brother, brother's wife and other relatives would be there. He just said he didn't want to intrude as they all had plans to do things. He did say his niece asked him to say a blessing before the meal at the reception on Saturday evening.



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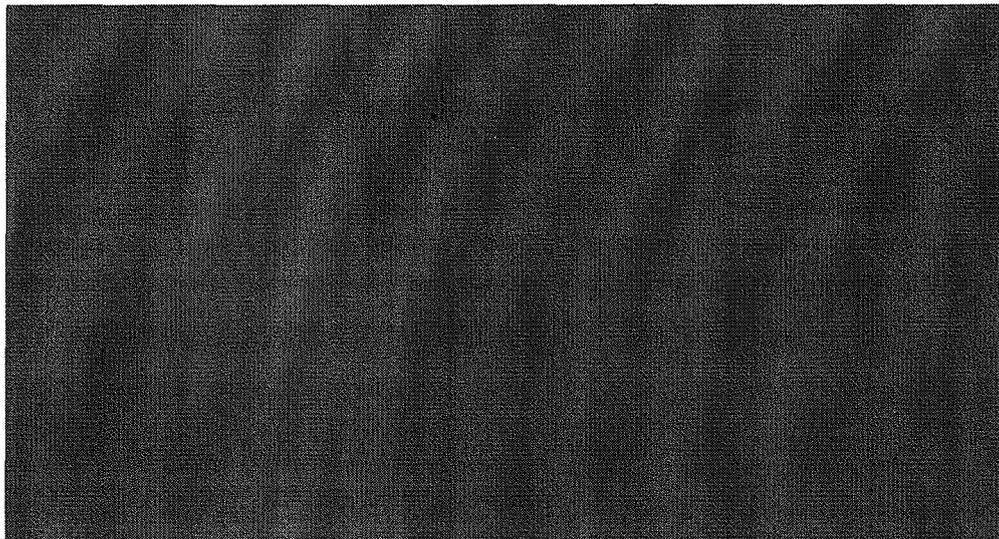
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He mentioned Fr. O'Brien and asked if I had heard anything about him. I said I had no new news. Fr. Becker said he went to a function or store and ran into Fr. O'Brien's sister. He asked how Fr. O'Brien was and she told him that he was doing all right. She said that he, Fr. O'Brien, goes over to Ireland a lot. Other than that he is living in a home on the family farm.

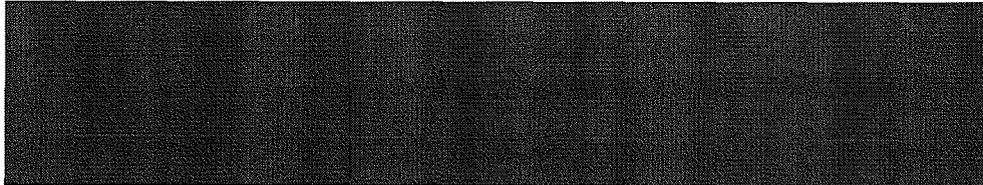
Fr. Becker took a drive one day recently and drove up to the farm to visit Fr. O'Brien. He had a nice drive but no one was at home when he arrived there.

I asked him if Fr. Dulek had sold his house in Mayville yet. Fr. Becker said it wasn't for sale. Fr. Dulek had a sign out trying to rent the house. I said I had misunderstood what he had told me.



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He said he continues to see his therapist. He recently asked her and her husband to fill out some paper work for his disability insurance carrier. He thinks he is eligible for some type of disability payout. He said the insurance company sent the wrong paperwork stating they sent papers asking for his physician's report. He had to call and spell out it was for psychiatric care. They sent the new forms and he is waiting for them to be completed and submitted.

He has not been exercising much because of the continued colder temperatures. He hopes to start walking more once the temperatures warm up. However, he is concerned about walking as he has been plagued by sciatic pain in his right leg for several months. He has been going to a chiropractor for sometime, seeing him several times per week. He said the man is not approved of by his insurance carrier so he submits the bills, gets the check and turns it over to the chiropractor.

We spoke about this treatment and I suggested that all of the "adjustings" might be the cause for continued sciatic pain. I recommended that it might be better for him to see his physician, obtain pain and muscle relaxing prescriptions and allow the sciatic nerve to heal. I shared my own bouts with lower back and sciatic nerve pain with him. He said he would think about it.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich  
March 31, 2004

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MAY 04 2004

Status Report  
April 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 11:30AM at the Mug & Muffin Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker said he had received a somewhat thick packet of legal materials from the State of California. He said that many of the victims of clergy abuse had joined together to file a class action suit against the diocese of San Diego. He mentioned that Attorney Jeffrey Anderson, who is representing some of the victims here in a suit against our archdiocese, is one of the attorneys' names within the paper work he received. He said that the materials asked for him to voluntarily send his personnel files to them for review.

He said that he didn't know what files they wanted. Did they want the files from California or Wisconsin or both? He said he didn't know whether or not he should comply with the request and send anything.

I asked him if he had spoken to an attorney and had the paperwork reviewed. He said he had called Attorney Smith, who had been representing him in the extradition hearing. He said he had done so because he felt they owed him some work since they charged him \$12,000.00 and really didn't have to do anything. Attorney Smith is looking over the paperwork.

He said he also contacted Attorney Pat Madden, a local attorney and someone he knows. Pat Madden told him confidentially that Smith had overcharged him as far as Madden was concerned. Madden also asked for a copy of the paperwork so he could review it for Fr. Becker.

Fr. Becker contacted Attorney Smith's office and they are forwarding a set to Attorney Madden for his review.

I told Fr. Becker he was right in having a lawyer review all of the documents that were sent by California. I would not send them anything back. I would wait until a court had ordered a subpoena and was specific in what it wanted in the way of "personnel files".

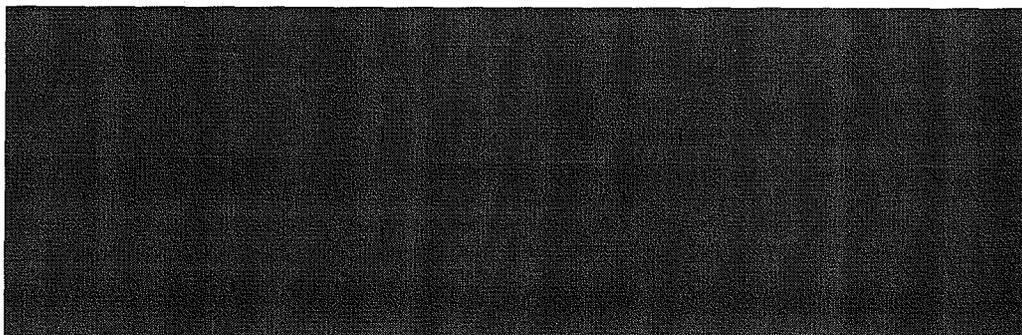
It was obvious that this has upset Fr. Becker and he is afraid he might have to return to California to stand trial or go to jail.

He was also upset that California would listen to [REDACTED] his accuser. [REDACTED] has a lot of problems and is just trying to get money. Fr. Becker said that he is mad that he has never been able to tell his side of the story.

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Fr. Becker said some people at the archdiocese will be happy with him. He smiled and continued. He said he is turning in his Lexus for a new Camry at Jack Safro Toyota tomorrow. He was going to wait until December but he got a good deal coupled with a \$1,000.00 rebate. The car is the same color as the one he is driving now because he likes the tan. He said this should save him about \$150.00 per month. He is taking out a 4-year lease on the Camry.

He continues to be very worried about money. He wonders if the archdiocese will keep sending him a check. He recalled, as he does almost every time we meet, that Bishop Skiba once said to him, "Don't worry Franklyn. The Church will take care of you." He wonders what Bishop Skiba meant by this.

He said that he was chewing something recently and suddenly it didn't feel right. Upon checking he found it was part of one of his crowns. He went to the dentist. The dentist said the crown had been fixed once before and they should do a new one. The dentist removed the old one and gave Fr. Becker a temporary. Next week he goes back for the new crown. He is concerned that this will probably cost about \$700.00. He wondered how much insurance might cover.

I asked him about his trip to Omaha for his niece's wedding. He said he didn't go. He said he hadn't been feeling well. He didn't know if it was a virus or what but he just didn't want to spend the time in an airport, at the wedding, etc. not feeling good.

He said his brother was not happy with him because he didn't call him for about two-weeks. When they finally did talk his brother was all right.

He said he went to his doctor for his annual checkup. The doctor told him his cholesterol was higher than before and increased the dosage of Lipitor that Fr. Becker is on. He is not happy about this. He also said the doctor told him that his PSI level is slightly elevated and that the doctor will check it again in 3-months.

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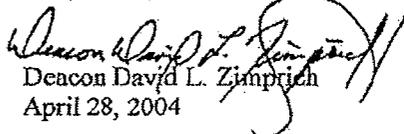
I asked him if he had started walking yet. He said that he had not but now with the nicer weather coming he was planning on doing so.

He mentioned his attempted visit to see Fr. John O'Brien. He said Fr. O'Brien has never called him back. He guesses Fr. O'Brien just wants to be left alone.

He mentioned the upcoming spring assembly. He said he heard that (Fr.) Mike Krejci had forced the issue and that the archbishop had changed his position and is allowing suspended priests to come. I asked him if he was going. He said that he was not. He didn't need people staring at him or saying something about him. He said it is his fortieth year as a priest and he should be getting a stole from the archbishop at the assembly. He wonders if he will even get a stole.

He said that his therapist has been questioning him regarding his insurance and whether the archdiocese will continue to pay for his therapy when his insurance coverage runs out. I said I didn't know how that worked.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
April 28, 2004

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Status Report  
June 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at 11:20AM I met Fr. Becker at the Mug & Muffin Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker arrived in his new Toyota Camry XLE. He parked it at the far end of the parking lot where it wasn't by any other vehicles. I teased him about this. His response was now he had a poor man's car. He pointed this out to me several times before and after our meeting.

He asked if there was anything new about him at the archdiocese. I advised him that I was not aware of anything having come back from Rome as of yet. He is concerned about laicization.

I did tell him again that because of the budget deficit we would have to go "Dutch" and pay for our own lunches. He asked if there were any other cuts coming, such as to his monthly check. I said that I didn't know of anything else being cut that would affect him.

He said he had been feeling down. He said it was because he had to celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination alone. He said he went to Fr. Charlie's (Whaten) 45<sup>th</sup> <sup>Western</sup> anniversary Mass on 5-30 and recalled his own ordination on the same day. Fr. Charlie had a big Mass at the parish. His picture was on the bulletin. The parish gave him a stole and a check for \$1,800.00. He, Fr. Becker, had nothing and received nothing. He was to have received his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary stole from the archbishop at this year's spring assembly. He said he spoke to a couple of his classmate and they had received notes or cards of congratulations from Joe (Fr. Joseph Hornacek, Vicar for Clergy). He got nothing and couldn't even celebrate the anniversary of his first Mass on 5-31.

He said that he hadn't heard anything more from California. He had turned over the request from California for access to his personnel records from Milwaukee and San Diego to his criminal attorney in Milwaukee. The attorney did nothing with them and in fact missed the deadline for a response. He called the attorney and had the paperwork faxed to Attorney pat Madden who lives in the area of Fr. Becker's residence. Attorney Madden looked over the papers and suggested that Fr. Becker write a letter to the authorities in California explaining he felt these issues were of a confidential nature and he wouldn't authorize their release.

Fr. Becker said he did write and send the letter apologizing for the delay stating he had moved and the papers didn't get to him in time.

He said Attorney Madden sent him a bill for \$76.00 for this service. He then reiterated that he had given his criminal attorney \$15,000.00 last year and the man didn't do anything. They did negotiate a break and Fr. Becker got \$3,000.00 back. But the point is that Fr. Becker doesn't know what will happen to him next and he can't afford to keep paying these attorney's fees. He wonders if the archdiocese shouldn't be paying some of the attorney's fees since they are involved in these matters also.

He brought up compensation several times. He said he heard the priests were getting a raise and that they weren't happy. I explained the 5% proposal and the reasoning for cutting it to 2 1/2%. I said with the 25 people being let go from the Cousins

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Center we didn't even know if we would get any kind of a raise. He mused as to whether or not he would get some kind of cost-of-living raise after July 1.

He brought up retirement. He said that he will be 66 this July. He can't get social security until he is 70. He knows there are some priests that have been allowed to retire before they turned 68. He wonders if he would be allowed to retire and what would happen to his pension if he did so and was laicized. We discussed pensions, etc. and he asked me to make a few inquiries for him about these matters. He is afraid to do so himself.

He said he thought about looking for employment but just can't do so. He said he is under way too much anxiety at this time in his life. He mentioned California, attorney's fees, lack of income, loss of income via laicization and potential loss of all pension benefits. (It was apparent to me that he had more anxiety than usual).

He brought up health insurance costs. He said that [REDACTED] his therapists, were working to get him some benefits from an out dated disability policy he used to have. He hopes for some income from it but doesn't think it will happen. He also said he is concerned about the weekly visits to [REDACTED] and how he would pay for them as his insurance coverage has about run out.

I asked him about his visits. He said he meets with [REDACTED] weekly and periodically with [REDACTED]. He said they just sit and talk as he and I do. He doesn't think he needs to see [REDACTED] once per week. He thinks once per month would be adequate.

I asked about his current stress and anxiety levels. I asked whether or not he felt he would benefit from being on some type of medication. He said he has never been on these kinds of medication and didn't really want to go on them. He also worries about the cost of these medications on his budget. He did say [REDACTED] gave him her home telephone number a long time ago and that she told him is he ever feels he needs some medication(s) he should just call her and she would prescribe something.

In discussing his visits with [REDACTED], I suggested he contact Fr. Joe (Hornacek) to determine whether or not he could reduce his visits to once per month.

He asked about several priests but I did not provide him with any information. [REDACTED]

He did say Fr. Vince (Holubowicz) continues to call him daily. Vince tells him exactly what Fr. Darnedier eats for every meal and what every one else is doing at St. Camillus. He said Fr. Vince had applied for the position of pastor in Kewaskum but was told by Bill Kohler (Fr. Kohler, head of the priests' placement board) that it had to be open listed for at least two weeks before he could apply.

I said I didn't think Fr. Vince's health was such that he could take on a parish. Fr. Becker said he didn't think so either. "But, with Vince, who knows?"

Fr. Becker said he continues to monitor the priest sexual misconduct scandal on an almost daily basis via the computer. He checks what is going on in California and

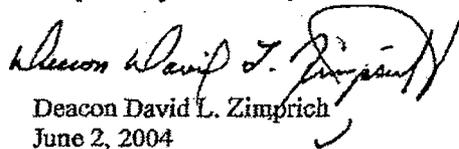
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Milwaukee. He believes that [REDACTED], his accuser in California, is a member of SNAP and a leader in the cry for justice. He worries that he will soon have to give a deposition and where that might occur. He worries whether it would be for the defense or the prosecution and who would pay.

I provided Fr. Becker with my new home telephone number and told him he was free to call me at anytime, especially if he felt overwhelmed by anxiety, depressions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
June 2, 2004

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Status Report  
July 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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On Wednesday, July 14, 2004 at 11:30 AM I met Fr. Becker at the Lumber Inn located in Delafield.

Fr Becker asked what was new. I said that other than the release of the names by the archbishop, nothing was really new. Rome has not sent anything back to the archdiocese and so nothing is happening.

I asked him how he was doing. He said he had gotten the letter from the archbishop saying he was going to release the names. That bothers him because it just opens the old wounds all over again. He wonders when is the healing going to begin. Then the names were published. This was upsetting again as he wonders if he might be asked to leave his apartment by the owners and/or residents. He lives in an elderly housing complex. He wonders if people are staring at him when he goes someplace. He knows he has lost a lot of friends. He stated that nobody calls him anymore except for Vince (Fr. Vincent Holubowicz) and Ron (Fr. Ron Crewe). He does talk to Charlie (Fr. Whalen) regularly and they went to Fr. Vince's mother's funeral together last week. But for the most part he is alone.

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I asked if he had been bothered by the press after the release of the names. He said that he had not.

He said he called Ron Bandles' sister to see how she was doing since his name had been in the paper. She said she was doing better but that no one had told her about him or that his name was going to be published. She said she guessed about him because of things that had been said or happened when he was still alive.

I asked him if he had spoken to his brother in Muncie. He said he called him and told him that the names were being released. His brother didn't say much as he already knows about Fr. Becker's past.

I asked him if he was still thinking about moving to Muncie. He said that he really didn't want to because he doesn't know anybody there much less the streets, etc. He would be totally starting over and pretty much alone even though his brother has said he should move there.

I questioned this because of the earlier statement that he has nobody here anymore. He said he knew that but just didn't want to make the move. Besides that moving is expensive and he is already struggling on the little bit the archdiocese gives him.

He asked if I had heard anymore about a cost of living increase or a raise. I said that there was nothing more other than the archbishop had agreed to let the priests have a 2 1/2% raise this year. I didn't know if that would also mean for those on a retirement or fixed income such as himself. I said he would probably know more on the 15<sup>th</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup> when the checks are issued.

I asked him if he had any trips or vacation planned. He said that he really didn't because he didn't have any money. However, Fr. Ron Crewe just bought a new Jeep and suggested they drive down to Indiana in August. There is a place Fr. Crewe wants to go to and offered to take Fr. Becker with him.

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I asked whether or not he had thought anymore about dropping the number of visits he has with [REDACTED] his therapist. Previously we had discussed his going from a weekly visit format to a monthly format. He said that [REDACTED] wouldn't want or allow this. I said it wasn't up to [REDACTED] It is up to him, Fr. Becker, and the vicar for clergy. He then said he didn't know about that but for now thought maybe he should keep seeing her weekly because he has really been down with this new release of information. He just can't seem to get any energy to do anything.

I asked him if he was walking. He said it had been too humid. I said, "What about today?" He said he didn't know. He just doesn't have any energy.

He did say he bought a bike helmet so if he fell while riding he wouldn't hurt his head. I asked him if he had been riding and he said that he had not.

I asked him how he was going to get out of this slump he was in. He said he didn't know. He just thinks he is falling apart physically and emotionally. I said he could call me at anytime if he felt down or needed to talk to someone. I also said I would call him more often to just say, "Hello." He laughed and said, "OK."

He said he still goes to the library most days to check up on what is happening. He checked California before we got together. The only thing new was the court had ruled that the attorney's couldn't force people to release their private personnel files. He was happy about this decision because he had written to the court indicating he had no intention of releasing his files to them or to the plaintiff's attorneys.

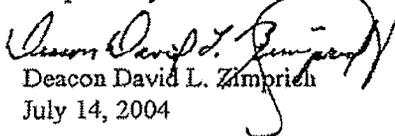
He stated he was really worried about being laicized as Rome seems to be starting to take this step with some of the priests. He fears having no money or health insurance.

I asked if he had heard anything from Northwestern Life Insurance about his disability claim. He said he finally had gotten a call from an investigator. She came out to his apartment last week and spent 5-hours there with him. She went over all his tax returns for the past 10-years. All of the medical records and receipts he had. She asked a ton of questions.

I asked if she said she would get back to him or somebody would within a certain time frame. He said she didn't indicate anything regarding further contact when she left. He hopes they will do something for him.

We spoke about my family and our new house and other generalities then set a date for our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
July 14, 2004

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Status Report  
August 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Monday, August 23, 2004 at 11:30 AM at the Lumber Inn located in Delafield, WI. Fr. Becker was in good spirits.

He stated he had a good trip to Indiana. He and Fr. Ron Crewe had planned this get-a-way some time ago. Fr. Crewe wanted to go see a seminary, St. Meinrad's, that he had visited many years ago. He also wanted to go see where the actor, James Dean, had grown up. They left on a Sunday and returned the following Thursday. They first drove to Muncie where Fr. Becker's brother lives. They stayed with him for 3 days and did day trips. They saw lots and went out to dinner several times. All in all it was a very good vacation.

He asked if anything was new on his case. I said that there were no changes nor was there any additional information.

He brought up his therapy and asked whether there would be any change. I advised him that I mentioned to the vicar, Fr. Curt Frederick, that he, Fr. Becker, wondered whether he had to continue weekly visits to his therapist. I also stated that when we last met, he, Fr. Becker, said I should hold off on doing anything since he was down and felt he needed to see his therapist weekly for the time being. I asked him if he wanted to call Fr. Curt to discuss this issue or whether he wanted me to ask Fr. Curt to call him. He said he wanted to think about it.

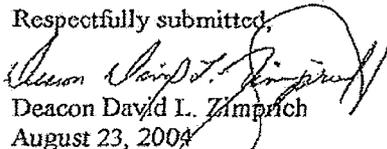
He is seeing his therapist tomorrow and we agreed he should ask her what she thought. I advised him to tell her of his concern over his insurance running out. Does she feel it is still necessary for him to come weekly versus bi-weekly? He said he would ask. He then said he didn't know if he should ask because he is still trying to get some money from an old disability insurance policy. His therapist has to complete some paperwork before he gets it, if at all. He didn't want to get the therapist mad and lose out on getting some financial aid.

He asked about several other priests and I advised him of what I could. This included Frs. Hornacek and Holubowicz.

Fr. Becker continues to be worried about money and the California courts because of the pending complaint he has in that system.

He did not seem to be down or depressed at all compared with the last time we met.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
August 23, 2004

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Status Report  
September 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at 11:00 AM in Delafield, WI. We were scheduled to meet at the Lumber Inn Restaurant at 11:30 AM. I arrived early and noticed his car in the adjacent parking lot. He was not in or near the vehicle. I walked 1 block to the town library. I found Fr. Becker at one of the computers in the library. He didn't see me at first and I was able to work my way around behind him. He was not looking at anything pornographic or forbidden. He was looking for information on a German language site or dictionary.

Upon seeing me he didn't recognize me at first. When he did he looked surprised and asked me what I was doing there. I said I had arrived early, hadn't seen his car and was just looking around the library. He volunteered that he was looking for a book that had German slang or idioms. His brother recently reminded him that their mother used to call them by a German phrase when they left their rooms dirty or sloppy. The word sounded like "sloberhaus". His brother is interested in the word and where it was derived from. Fr. Becker laughed and said his in his old age his brother now wants to know more about the family.

Fr. Becker went on to say that his brother was always gone. He, Fr. Becker, was always the one that stayed close to home and to his mother. He was the "Mama's boy".

We walked to the Lumber Inn and had lunch.

He asked about several brother priests and their health. I advised him when it was someone whose health was not a secret and was being prayed for such as [REDACTED]

He said that he had spoken to Vince (Fr. Vincent Holubowicz) several times recently. The first time was just before the past weekend. Vince told him that a special meeting had been called at St. Camillus. He didn't know why but was planning on attending.

Vince called him on Monday and told him that the meeting was not good. He and the other residents were told that the Health care unit was going to be closed in November.

Fr. Becker asked what would happen to the priests and others living there. Vince said they would probably have to move. I said this was the first I had heard about it and wondered whether the vicar or Fr. Tom Walker had heard anything. He said he had not called either the vicar or Fr. Tom.

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We talked about his therapy. He said he brought up the question about meeting less frequently. [REDACTED] told him that she didn't think that was a good idea. She then asked him why he was depressed. He said he didn't think he was. He said thinking back he did tell her that he had gone to several cemeteries recently. But he said he does this once a year to check on relatives gravestones. He did say he stops at his mother's gravesite weekly but that is to check her flowers. He also said she had just died so he didn't think there was anything wrong with stopping there. He didn't feel that he wasn't handling his grief but that a weekly stop this close to her death was normal. I said that I didn't think this was abnormal especially since he was so close to his mother.

I asked him if he felt that he was depressed for any other reason. He said that he didn't think so but if people are asking maybe he is. I said that I wasn't saying he was, just asking him what he thought.

He said that he was notified Monday that Northwestern Mutual had denied his disability claim. He was angry because the former head of the company also sat on the review board that removed him from ministry. He felt he didn't get a fair hearing. He said he could appeal but didn't plan to. He did write them a letter indicating he had paid the premiums for years, then when he needed the help they said, "No".

He said he is very worried about money. Every month his budget gets tighter and tighter. He is concerned about paying his bills and living. He did go to the welfare department and spoke to someone. He was told he doesn't qualify for unemployment. He also doesn't qualify for food stamps or a homestead credit. He laughed and said he was told he makes too much money. He said he guesses he will just go on until he loses everything and then he will go on welfare.

I asked about his exercise and whether he was walking or biking. He said he finally bought a bike helmet and put air in the tires. However, he has only taken the bike out once this summer and rode it around the block. He isn't walking regularly either.

He again said that he didn't think he was depressed and added that he had acted out again. He said that he had everything under control and hadn't done anything wrong.

We discussed medication as he had said in the past that Marlene, his therapist, had offered to give him a prescription. He said he was afraid of it

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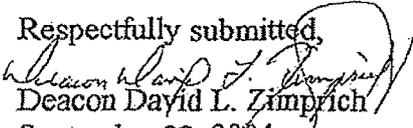
because he read or heard something about people on antidepressants that ended up killing someone or committing suicide. I said whatever he heard or read could possibly happen but that the vast numbers of people using these prescribed medications are helped and never have any such side effects.

I advised him that the vicar wanted an updated evaluation of his current state, his progress and a treatment plan. I asked him to tell [REDACTED] that the vicar wanted it by the week of October 10, the 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest. I said that the vicar was going over everybody's records and trying to get them up dated. He said that he would but that Joe (Fr. Joseph Hornacek) had tried to get a similar report from her and was never able to do so. He said that she just has a problem with making reports. He said that maybe she would send in a copy of the report that she and [REDACTED], her husband, had prepared and submitted to Northwestern Mutual.

He said the vicar should call her. I said that the vicar wanted him to do it because he might have to sign a release. He said he had signed a number of releases over the years. Is aid maybe he needs one for every release. He said he would mention it to [REDACTED] I reiterated that it was due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

Fr. Becker also stated that he had gone to the emergency room this past Saturday. He said he had been taking a shower and noted he passed some blood and felt pain in his genitals. He had some tests and was examined. He was told that he had a yeast infection and was given some medication. He was instructed to see his family physician on Tuesday. He did so. The pain and bleeding or discharge was gone. The doctor confirmed that he had a yeast infection. He thought only women got them but the doctor explained that men can get them also.

I tried to encourage him to get out and walk regularly if he wasn't going to bike. I also said that he could and should call me if he felt depressed or had any other problems or concerns. He said he would do so if he felt he needed to.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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Rev. Franklyn Becker  
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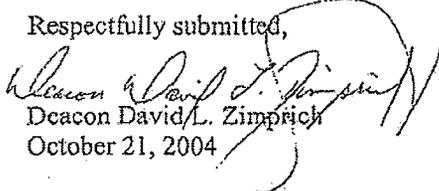
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On Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 8:30 AM I called Fr. Becker at his home. I advised him that I was calling on behalf of Fr. Curt (Frederick). I said Fr. Curt would like him to call [REDACTED] a psychologist, for an evaluation. I said it would not be the full battery of tests but rather a 1 1/2 interview. I said it was a second opinion kind of thing Fr. Curt wanted after receiving the latest evaluation from his current therapist.

Fr. Becker said that he would call Dr. [REDACTED] later today to arrange the meeting. I also advised Fr. Becker that for the time being he should continue to see his current therapist, [REDACTED].

I subsequently called Dr. [REDACTED] office and left a voice mail message on his service regarding Fr. Becker's pending call and what Fr. Curt would like done.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
October 21, 2004

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Status Report

Rev. Franklyn Becker

October 2004

Person # 2

I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, October 20, 2004 at 11: 20 AM at the Lumber Inn Restaurant located in Delafield.

11:20 AM I observed him walking towards the restaurant from the area of the public library. He said he had been at the library checking on priest sexual abuse stuff. He found that a diocese out east was making settlements with victims and SNAP was complaining because of the low amounts of the settlements, \$3,000.00.

He said that the archbishop had mentioned the status of cases at the last priests' meeting. He told the priests that there were 5 men ordered to a life of "prayer and penance" and 5 men whose cases were sent to Rome for laicization. He said he wondered which category he fell into. He said he didn't know what his status was or whether his case was one that was sent to Rome. I suggested he call the vicar or Barbara Anne Cusack and ask them what the status of his case is. I also told him that he could call the archbishop and make an appointment to see him. The archbishop would meet with him.

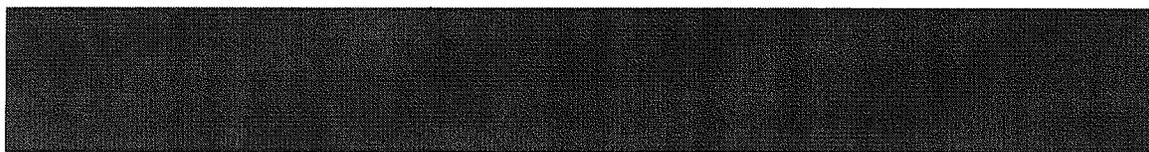
I don't think he will do so as he is afraid to upset the status quo by bringing his name to anybody's attention. It is another example of his fears. He is afraid of almost everything.

He said he hasn't heard from (Fr.) John Yockey in a long time. John had told him he would call him and invite him to the dedication of the new school/church in Oconomowoc but never did. He doesn't know why he stopped calling unless it is because he can't do any help out work for John.

He said he was hoping to get invited to the dedication of the new church in Horicon but doubted that he would be invited.

He said he went to the Dells to celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with classmates. His plans were to meet (Fr.) Tom Suriano there and share a room with him. Tom (Suriano) wasn't there when they were going to meet so he went with some of the other men on a boat trip.

Later they got together to pray and share. He said this was crazy. Tom (Suriano) was now there. He opened up the conversation by saying everybody should share where they are at and what is going on in their lives. [REDACTED]



Others complained about different things. One priests or former priest said he ha Parkinson's and how difficult that was.

Tom (Suriano) said he was tired and didn't feel good so he left the group and went to bed early. When the group broke up Fr. Becker went to his room. Tom (Suriano) was asleep and snoring loudly. This kept Fr. Becker up moists of the night.

In the morning Tom (Suriano) said he had a terrible night and couldn't get to sleep. Fr. Becker questioned this to himself. Tom (Suriano) left as soon as he got up. Fr. Becker thought that Tom (Suriano) would at least have breakfast with him before he left.

He spoke about Vince (Fr. Vincent Holubowicz). He said he can't take Vince anymore. He said Curt (Fr. Curt Frederick's) had gone to visit Vince and had spoken to him about a nursing home move or something like that. Vince later called Fr. Becker, as he does nightly. He said he can't take his calls much longer. I said he was going to have to tell Fr. Holubowicz that his calls are affecting his, Fr. Becker's, health and that Fr. Vince is going to have to stop calling him. Fr. Becker agreed but said he didn't know when he might do thins. I then suggested he purchase an inexpensive answering machine and screen his calls. That way he wouldn't have to answer when Fr. Vince called. He doesn't know what he was going to do.

He said that there is something wrong with Vince besides his diabetes because he calls Fr. Becker and talks to him for hours about stupid stuff. He said he always tells him how many pieces of toast Fr. Darnieder has for breakfast and what he puts on the toast. He goes on and on about all of the resident priests this way.

He also complained because his (Fr. Holubowicz) remote for his television broke so he had to go out and buy another television. This really made him mad because he doesn't have much money. And yet he buys all of the junk magazines off the shelves in the grocery stores to learn about the "stars" and all the goofy people in the world. He said Vince needs a lot more than nursing care.



He said he had tried to contact (Fr.) John O'Brien but he had never called back. He guessed that maybe John and [REDACTED] and the others wanted to be alone in their own situations. Maybe they are embarrassed or something. He knows that he stays away from priests' functions most of the time too.

He complained about his case being in the Catholic Herald when so many others just dropped out of sight and nothing was ever printed. He blames [REDACTED] and (Fr.) Tom Brundage for this.

He said he didn't know what he would be doing for Thanksgiving this year. He thought about going by his brother but his brother said he is going to Ann Arbor by his daughter's. He thinks his brother will go by his other daughter's for Christmas so he will pretty much be alone for the upcoming holidays.

He said he didn't know if he wanted to be with his brother too much anyway. They are fine when they

see each other a couple times a year or every other year but not too often. His brother and his sister-in-law are currently on a Dr. Phil diet. He says he is grouchy when he speaks to him. Of course, who wouldn't be since they both like their drinks and can't have any?

He said he had seen [REDACTED] his therapist, yesterday. He wondered if Curt (Fr. Curt Fredericks) had gotten the evaluation from [REDACTED] her husband and the head of the office. I said that he had. He wondered if there would be any change in his therapy. He said he felt comfortable with [REDACTED] since he has been seeing them for 8-years. He said that she seemed to think he still needed her help. He doesn't know.

We talked about his health. He mused that he isn't ready to do anything stupid. He then specifically mentioned suicide. He joked that he had told his classmates when they were on the boat trip that maybe he should just jump over board and end everything. They responded that would really be nuts since the river is so polluted and dirty. He said he wasn't serious.

I addressed the issue of suicide with him. He said that he is not nor has he been considering it. He just doesn't know what the future holds for him. He is so short of money unlike some of the other priests that were good with money or came from money.

He said he would like to retire when he turns 68 but can't go on social security until he is 70. He wishes he were more like Fr. Crewe. Fr. Crewe is buying a condo where (Frs.) Paul Daniels and Paul Esser have ones. There was some rich woman that left a lot of money in a trust. When a man from Racine joins the priesthood and then serves in Racine settlement. He thinks it is a good size cash pay out. He will never get anything like that.

He said (Fr.) Ron Crewe is going to stay at Sacred Heart for a couple more years. He thinks this is part of the reason. He also said the rectory was being remodeled and turned into offices. It is a good deal for (Fr.) Ron.

He then mentioned that when his classmates got together he spoke of his financial situation. He asked for any extra Mass stipends that they could send him. He said one of them had already sent him some.

He said that he doesn't know what he could do as far as getting a job. He is trained to be a priest and nothing else. The only things he could do would be a teacher or a counselor and these professions are closed to him. All he ever wanted or wants to do is be a priest. He just doesn't now what to do or what will happen to him.

We talked about his physical health. He said that he had lost some weight but didn't now how or why since he hasn't been exercising. It was not a massive amount of weight but some weight loss. I said he needed to get out and walk on a regular basis if nothing else. He agreed but we both know that isn't going to happen.

Fr. Becker and I talked until 12:50 PM  
a real strong commitment towards suicide although it has obviously passed through his mind as shown in his comments to his fellow classmates and in the retelling of it to me. He is not taking any medication for depression and won't as he is afraid of the medication's side effects and the added drain on his income.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich

October 20, 2004

Status Report  
November 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker  
Person # 2

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I met Fr. Becker at the Lumber Inn in Oconomowoc on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 11:20 a.m. Fr. Becker arrived in his gold Toyota Camry, 4 door, license [REDACTED]

I asked him how his retreat went. He had been at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc from Monday evening 11/8 through noon on Friday, 11/12. He said it was very fine. The speaker was a Jesuit priest from Creighton University that had been blind since a very young child. He did and does everything in brail. He did meet with the priest for private talks.

He said the talks were very good. He had a lot of time for meditation, prayer and walks. He said the other priests were all very nice to him. None of them made any negative comments to him or acted funny around him.

He said that he and Ron, Fr. Ron Crowe, left one afternoon. Ron recently bought a condo in the same complex as Frs. Daniels and Esser. He has started to move things in and needed to check the heat as it was supposed to get cold that evening.

He did say Fr. Joe (Joseph A. Aufdermauer) acted a bit strange but that he was the same way to everyone. He came to the talks and then went back to his room. He didn't come to times of fellowship and sharing in the evenings. He didn't eat with the other priests. Although he did see him eating an apple as he walked down the hallway once. Fr. Joe just stayed in his room, which happened to be next to Fr. Becker's. He said he could hear Fr. Joe singing and chanting through the walls. He did say, "How is your mother?" when he past him in the hallway on one occasion but Fr. Joe never responded. Fr. Becker said that Fr. Joe's mother will be turning 100 this December.

I asked him if he had a spiritual director. He said it was funny that I asked because he used to see Fr. Jim White at the Redemptorist Retreat Center but then Fr. Jim kept raising the price per visit. When it hit \$40.00 he quit going. They talked about this while he was on retreat and Fr. Jim said that Fr. Becker should have continued to come and should have said something. Fr. Becker is considering going back to him but is worried about paying.

I told him that the vicar, Fr. Curt Frederick, had asked me to inquire about Fr. Becker's having and meeting with a spiritual director. He wants Fr. Becker to have one and to meet with that person on a regular basis. I suggested that Fr. Becker contact Fr. Rick Abert, SJ because per Fr. Curt the Jesuits don't normally charge for spiritual direction. Fr. Rick could assist in finding someone Fr. Becker would be comfortable with if he felt funny about Fr. White. I also suggested that he could go to the Jesuit retreat house in Oshkosh, as there are a number of Jesuit priests there who do spiritual direction. He said that it was too far to drive. I again suggested calling Fr. Abert as there are a number of Jesuits in the Milwaukee area. This might be easier for him.

He said while he was on retreat he saw (Fr.) Mike Krejci and a couple of other guys there on Thursday evening. He thought it was there Jesu Caritas group. He said Mike looked really down and sad. He heard something about Mike's dog dying. I explained that Mike had to put the dog to sleep and that it had been his pet for a number of years. Fr. Becker said he must have been grieving. I agreed.

He asked me if I had received the report from Dr. [REDACTED]. I said that I had not but that it might have been sent to Fr. Curt. He said he had been told by [REDACTED] his therapist, that he should get a copy.

He said he had spoken to [REDACTED] last Wednesday about the number of times he sees her (weekly). She told him it was because that is what she believed her role was from the beginning. Fr. Becker explained that he didn't go to Southdown or St. Louis for treatment after his evaluation. His mother was sick and he needed to be close to help her. It was decided by Liz (Dr.

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Elizabeth) Piasecki that he would see Marlene weekly for therapy and that she would also be his monitor.

I asked Fr. Becker who the vicar was at the time of the arrangement. He said it was Fr. Carol Straub. I said that I hadn't found any notation to this effect in his, Fr. Becker's, file but maybe this was the original arrangement or understanding.

He said that he and [redacted] have agreed that he will see her every other week unless he feels he needs her more often because of depression or suicidal thoughts, etc.

I asked him about this, suicidal thoughts. He said that he isn't thinking about killing himself. He said that he mentioned to her that he recently went for a drive and ended up driving (I forget where), where there is a lighthouse. He said he has always liked lighthouses. He started walking up inside the lighthouse. He couldn't go all the way as it wasn't open. He said he didn't have any suicidal thoughts or intent but [redacted] thought there might be something there.

I asked him about the upcoming holiday, Thanksgiving. He said that his brother and sister-in-law are coming up from Muncie. They are going to stay with her sister and her husband in Menomonee Falls. His brother and he are planning on having lunch together on Tuesday next week. Then on Thanksgiving he will meet the other four people at the Quilted Bear in Germantown for Thanksgiving dinner.

He mentioned Vince, Fr. Vincent Holubowicz. He said it was nice being on retreat because Vince couldn't call him. Vince did call him once he got back home. He said Vince told him that he had applied for the position of pastor in Port Washington. Fr. Becker said he didn't think Fr. Vince would get it.

He said Fr. Vince had been asked to assist at St. Camillus with an anointing service recently. Fr. Vince said it was very hard for him to maneuver around the wheelchairs. He commented, "If Vince can't do that how will he ever get around in a parish?"

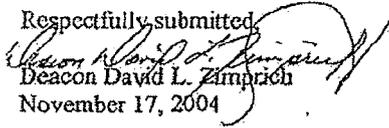
I asked him about Fr. (Charlie) Wester. He said that he sees him fairly regularly because he usually goes to that parish for Sunday Mass.

He asked if I had heard anything more about laicization or anything. He said that he hadn't. He again said that he was so close to retirement and what would he do if he was laicized? I said that as far as I knew everything was sitting in Rome waiting for them to make some decisions. He said if he was laicized he would have to take canonical action and fight it.

I told him that in the near future either Fr. Curt or I would be calling him to set up a meeting in regards to monitoring. I assured him there was nothing for him to fear or get anxious over.

He immediately asked if he was going to have to move to the Cousins Center or some place else. I said that there was no move afoot regarding his moving at this time. He seemed relaxed. He is happy where he is and feels Fr. Wester sees him enough to know he is not doing anything wrong.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Deacon David L. Zamprich

November 17, 2004

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Status report  
February 2, 2005

Mr. Franklyn Becker  
Person L # 1

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On Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 11: 25 AM I met Mr. Franklyn Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

We discussed a number of issues during our time together.

He is extremely concerned about not having any health insurance. He said that he had called someone in State government. He asked about applying for a disability and was told he didn't qualify. He asked about some type of welfare or governmental health insurance and was told that he didn't qualify either because he was too young, too old, or had too high an income.

I asked if he had spoken to anyone in Catholic Charities. He previously mentioned he was going to call the Fond-du-Lac office. He said that since he lives in Dodge County he had to call the Beaver Dam office. He said he had done so and had spoken to someone, name unknown, who had taken some information. He has not heard back from this person. He didn't remember exactly how long ago he had called.

I said that I had spoken to Diane Knight the Executive Director of Catholic Charities about his situation. She was quite sure he would qualify for some type of health coverage under some type of assistance program. I said I would contact her and let her know that he had called someone at the Beaver Dam office. I would ask her to call and assign someone who knows the system inside and out to his case. I would ask that the person call him in the morning before 10:30 AM or in the latter afternoon or evening. I would further ask that this person be instructed to call Diane and/or myself back to let us know what, if anything was done for him.

He said he had called his dentist recently to ascertain how much a routine visit would cost since he has no dental insurance. He was told \$60.00 for a cleaning and \$91.00 if he saw the dentist. He scheduled an appointment with the hygienist for a cleaning.

He is still trying to find someone to buy his car or to assume his lease payments. He spoke to the car dealer where he got the car to see if he could get out of the lease and was told that he could not.

He asked if there had been any change with his compensation. I said that I tried to see the archbishop after receiving his letter dated January 21 but found out he was in Miami on vacation. I said that I would have an answer for him by Monday or Tuesday next week at the latest.

He said that he had applied for several jobs. He had gone to a state job facility to seek assistance. He never saw a person. He was directed to a computer and told to enter his information. He was then told he should go to a library or use his home computer, he doesn't have one, to access the system each day to see if there are any jobs he wanted to send his resume to. He can't believe they wouldn't have people to help you.

He has checked the computer for several days but hasn't found anything. He questions his applying for any position anyway because of his age, 67 years, and his past history. An employer can go on line and find out about his past. It probably even says that he has been laicized.

I told him I knew the archdiocese wasn't advertising that he had been laicized and unless he told people I didn't believe it was out there on the internet.

He said he would really like to work in a library but because of his involvement with kids that will probably never happen. He has applied at several grocery stores and other places but hasn't heard back as of yet. He is not hopeful.

He said that he had started to get things ready to take his taxes in. He asked whether or not he had to claim the \$10,000.00 settlement Fr. Curt (Frederick) and I had given him when we met with him? Is this income or a settlement like insurance or what? I said that I thought he was

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going to have to claim it. He asked if taxes had been withheld from the \$10,000.00. I said that I didn't now but would check and let him know the answers to the above questions.

I asked what his days looked like. He said that he gets up and leaves the house around 10:45 AM to go to the library to check the jobs postings. Then he submits resumes. He is usually home in the afternoon after lunch. He goes to a senior meal program for his big meal, lunch, almost everyday. He has to sign up ahead of time. They only ask for a donation. Currently they are asking for \$2.20 per day. For breakfast he has a piece of fruit and for dinner he has a can of Slim-Fast and a few crackers. He said he should be losing weight but doesn't even eat that small amount. But he said he is satisfied. He never was a real big eater.

He said when he was in Florida in December and January he saw several priests. One was Don Peters. He said they went to Epcot at Disney World. He said Don and his sister love it there. She plays the organ there for Mass sometimes. He said Don is having trouble doing a lot of walking and rented an electric scooter. Don said that when he gets back to Wisconsin he will have to look into getting one because of the difficulty he has walking.

Mr. Becker asked numerous times why one priest got laicized and another didn't? Who made the decision? What was the reasoning for one to get laicized and one not to.

I said I wasn't privy to these decisions but thought they might have been based on age, health and individual cases. He bemoaned the fact that the archbishop never once sat down with him and told him anything, nor did he answer any of his questions. He was never given a chance to defend himself. His case was just sent over to Rome.

He asked about several other cases. I was non-committal. He did know I had met with [REDACTED] and wondered why he had been laicized and if [REDACTED] would be laicized.

I asked about his brother in Muncie. He said they speak on the telephone periodically. His brother and sister-in-law are doing some housework and then are going on a cruise for their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

He said he missed going on cruises but brought up some priest from California that used to schedule priests for cruises stating he was arrested and taken off a cruise liner during a cruise because of an allegation. That coupled with all the sickness that has been reported lately on cruises, he doesn't know if he would want to go on one again. This California priest was the same one that he sued to book cruises through.

I asked if he had been walking or exercising. He said that he had not. I told him that we both needed to do so.

On Wednesday, February 2 at 1:05 PM I called Diane Knight and left a detailed message on her answering machine regarding Mr. Becker and the assignment of someone knowledgeable to his case. I will also follow-up regarding his tax question.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich

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Status Report  
February 8, 2005

Mr. Franklyn Becker  
Person L#1

On Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 8:10 PM I called Franklyn Becker at his residence. I told him I was calling as promised to relay some information that he had requested I check into. I stated I didn't have good news to offer.

First, I said that the \$10,000.00 check that we, Fr. Curt Frederick and I, had given him was in fact income and that he would be receiving a form 1099 shortly. He said that he had gotten it in the mail. I further advised him that no income taxes, either state or federal, had been withheld. He would have to claim the income and pay the taxes.

He said that he figured this when he got the 1099 form. But he was hoping there was some way to get a break on claiming it.

Secondly, I advised him that the archbishop was not going to pay for his health insurance, either directly or by making some kind of financial arrangement. I explained that this decision was based on a very recent case stemming out of Nashville. A former priest, now laicized committed another offense of sexual misconduct. The victim filed a lawsuit against the diocese. The diocese claimed that they had no responsibility since the man had been laicized. However, the court ruled against the diocese because the diocese continued to pay for the man's health insurance even after he was laicized.

Mr. Becker was not aware of the case. He was not happy and made a comment about the archbishop just getting rid of him and not caring for or about him.

He also made one of his statements about contacting the press or somebody because of all he knows.

I said he knew he wasn't going to do this. What purpose would it serve? The press wasn't going to give him insurance no [REDACTED] then give him much of a check for the information for a story.

He admitted he knew this but feels so abandoned.

He asked about [REDACTED] saying that he heard that he was the next one to be laicized.

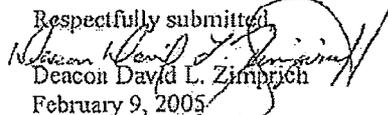
I asked him where he heard this and he couldn't or wouldn't give an answer indicating it was just something he heard. I said this was just a rumor as I had heard it also. I told him not to believe everything he hears from the "grapevine".

Thirdly, I asked him if someone had contacted him from Catholic Charities?

He said that he had. He is working with a man from there but the man basically told him there didn't appear to be much he could do at this time because Franklyn had looked into almost everything that is out there. He might have to liquidate the meager assets that he has to qualify for some type of welfare health benefits. The man, name unknown, is doing some more checking and said he would get back to Franklyn.

Franklyn is hoping that there is something out there so he can get insurance or he may just have to exist without any insurance. He is not very hopeful that the man will find anything.

I said that I would keep in touch and if I heard of anything would certainly call him.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Deacon David L. Zimprich  
February 9, 2005

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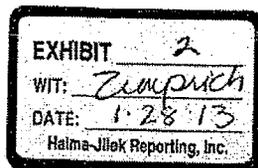
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