Church of St. Odilia

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January 21, 1971

Most Reverend Leo Byrne, D.D. 226 Summit Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Your Excellency:

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GERALD FUNCHEON, born 7-22-38 in Lafayette, Indiana, made his profession in the Order of the Holy Cross 8-28-60 and was ordained by Bishop Pursley at Fort Wayne 5-22-65.

Father Funcheon was transferred here last September but was completing some graduate studies at Purdue University until this time. He will join us this weekend and will be a permanent part of our staff replacing Robert Thomas who took a leave of absence from the priesthood on November 1st.

We would like to have Father Funcheon confirmed as a member of our staff and to be given jurisdiction for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Best wishes from all of us at St. Odilia's.

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Leo W. Kapphahn O.S.C. Vice-Provincial

January 22, 1971

Reverend Leo W. Kapphahn, O.S.C. Church of St. Odilia 3495 North Victoria St. Paul, Minnesota 55112

Dear Father Kapphahn:

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I have your kind letter of January 21, 1971, and I wish to extend a welcome to the Archdiocese to Father Gerald Funcheon. At the same time, I extend the faculties of the Archdiocese to him. In keeping with the custom here, may I ask Father to come down and meet the Chancellor and the staff at a very early date after his arrival in the Archdiocese.

Begging God's blessings for you and your splendid work, I remain

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne, D.D. Archbishop Coadjutor of St. Paul and Minneapolis

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I, <u>Sterald Junchem</u>, with firm faith, believe and profess all and everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith, that is:

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

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

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

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

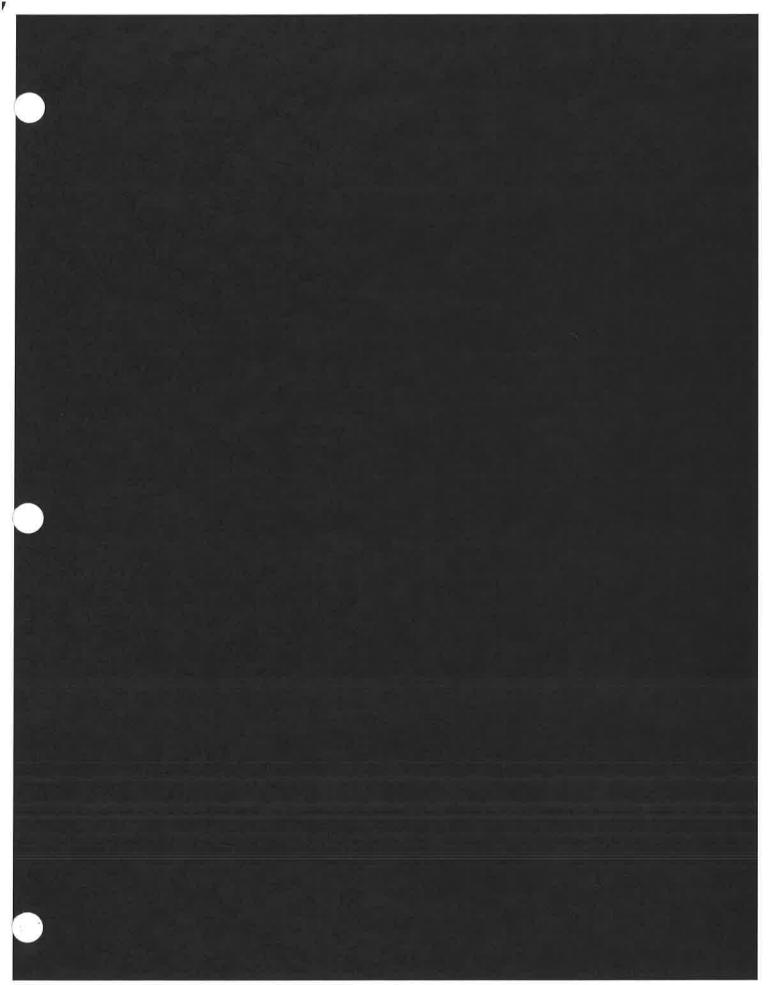
I firmly embrace and accept all and everything which has been either defined by the Church's solemn deliberation or affirmed and declared by its ordinary magisterium concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, accordingly as they are proposed by it, especially those things dealing with the mystery of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

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February 11, 1971

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the Reverend GERALD FUNCHEON, O.S.C. is a duly ordained priest of the Roman Catholic Church and is qualified to perform marriages in the State of Minnesota. Sincerely yours,

> Reverend John F. Parkos Vice Chancellor

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May 7, 1971

The Reverend Gerald Funcheon, O.S.C. Church of St. Odilia 3495 North Victoria Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota 55112

Dear Father Funcheon:

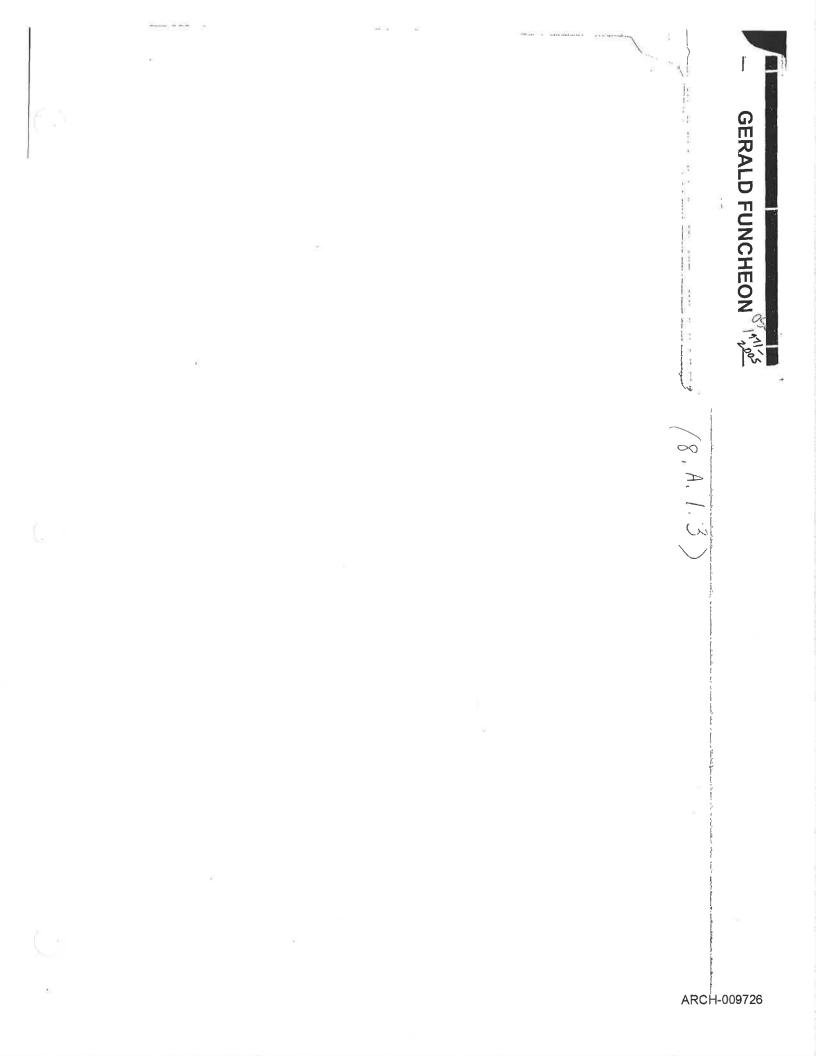
After speaking at some length with our mutual friend, Mr. Charles Greene, who presently is the Chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the St. Paul area, I am pleased to extend an invitation to you. May I ask you to accept the chaplaincy for the Catholic Committee on Scouting which largely occupies itself with the Indianhead Council activities. This broadly represents the eastern portion of Minnesota and a smaller area in western Wisconsin.

I am confident that your leadership can contribute much to the scouting movement, and, more than that, you will be able to give it the dimension of faith and love which marks out all Catholic activity. I would hope that you would work closely with Father Raymond Zweber, who is the Archdiocesan Director of Scouting, and also with the Dominican priest named Father Linus Up de Graff, who has a similar responsibility for the Minneapolis area of the Catholic Scouting Program. I hope to hear from you occasionally with reports upon the progress of your work.

Expressing my warm good wishes to you and anticipating your acceptance of this responsibility, I remain

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne, D.D. Archbishop Coadjutor of St. Paul and Minneapolis





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May 12, 1971

The Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne, D.D. Archbishop Coadjutor of St. Paul and Minneapolis 226 Summit Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Bishop Byrne:

Thank you for the appointment as Catholic Chaplain for Boy Scouts and Scouters of the Indianhead Council. I hope to be able to be of service to the youth and leaders in Scouting as Catholic Chaplain in this area. My acquaintance with the goals of scouting and with Mr. Charles Greene and the members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting lead me to believe that my work will be both enjoyable and, with God's grace, effective.

I have met with Father Zweber several times at Catholic Committee meetings and have met Father up de Graff at the Region \overline{X} Scout convention at St. Thomas College.

As you requested in your letter of appointment, I will try to keep you informed on the progress of the Committee and of Catholic scouting in the Indianhead Council.

Sincerely yours, Jathen Gerald Function, OSC Father Gerald Function, OSC

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December 25, 1971

The Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne, D.D. Archbishop Coadjutor of St. Paul and Minneapolis 226 Summit Avenue Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Archbishop Byrne:

I appreciate the special interest you have shown in my work as Catholic Chaplain at Tomahawk Scout Reservation last summer. The Catholic Committee has been assured by the Scout Indianhead Council that the religious programs offered by the camp would reflect Scouting's interest in spiritual values. I trust this will be the case.

During this spring semester I will be serving as Catholic Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Physical Education aboard the S.S. Seawise University, originating from Chapman College in California. Because of my absence from the country for four months I began negotiations with a couple camps about a chaplain/administration position for the summer of 1972. I have already taken a position with the St. Paul YMCA camp, Camp St. Croix. So far I am very impressed both with the faith and the ability of the people I have met in YMCA work here in the Saint Paul area. I am hopeful that we will have something to offer each other, and that I will be abl e to represent the Church to both the leadership and youth of the YMCA.

May the mystery of Christ's Incarnation become manifest in we his ministers this Christmas.

Sincerely. Tathe Jerry Father Funcheon, O.S.C

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January 6, 1972

Most Reverend Leo Binz, D.D. Chancery Office 226 Summit Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Archbishop Binz:

I have been asked as of yesterday to submit to you my resignation as Chaplain of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Indianhead Council.

When I accepted the appointment from you as committee chaplain, I was not aware that it was assigned on that the condition that the chaplain necessarily also serve at Tomahawk annually. If, therefore, I have failed in this duty as committee chaplain, it was never my intent.

In November I indicated to Mr. Greene that I was not planning to return to Tomahawk this summer. I told him then that this did not in any way mean that I was no longer willing to serve as committee chaplain. In December I again told him that I was planning to work with another organization this summer.

I had been negotiating with the YMCA concerning an administrative position for the coming summer. Since then I have been appointed assistant director in charge of staff at St. Croix Camp, serving the St. Paul area. This is quite similar to the type work I had performed both as a CYO camp director and graduate assistant in Indiana.

The opportunity for me as a priest at St. Croix seems equally great. Counselors meet each evening to discuss scripture, Christian values, leadership, etc. Both the camp director and I feel I have something of value to offer all as a priest, in addition to bringing the sacraments to the Catholics present. I am looking forward to again serving the youth of the St. Paul area this summer by combining Catholic ideals with recreation.

I wish to thank you for the appointment last spring. I appreciated the opportunity of working with outstanding Catholic men I have met in Indianhead Scouting.

Sincerely, Father Gerald Function, O.S.C.

ARCH-009728

January 19, 1972

Father Gerald Funcheon, O.S.C. Saint Oddia School 3495 North Victoria Saint Paul, Minnesota 55112

Dear Father Funcheon,

Archbishop Binz has given me your letter of January 6 in which you present your resignation as Chaplain of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Indiahhead Council.

Since I just returned to the city, I have not been able to make an earlier response to your letter.

While I acknowledge your resignation as Chaplain, I had hoped that you would have been able to accept this appointment for a much longer period of time. I am sure the work you did with the Boy Scouts and Scouters offered great opportunities fpr your special priestly ministry. Judging from your letter, I assume that you considered the opportunities with the YMCA to be more beneficial. I hope that is the case.

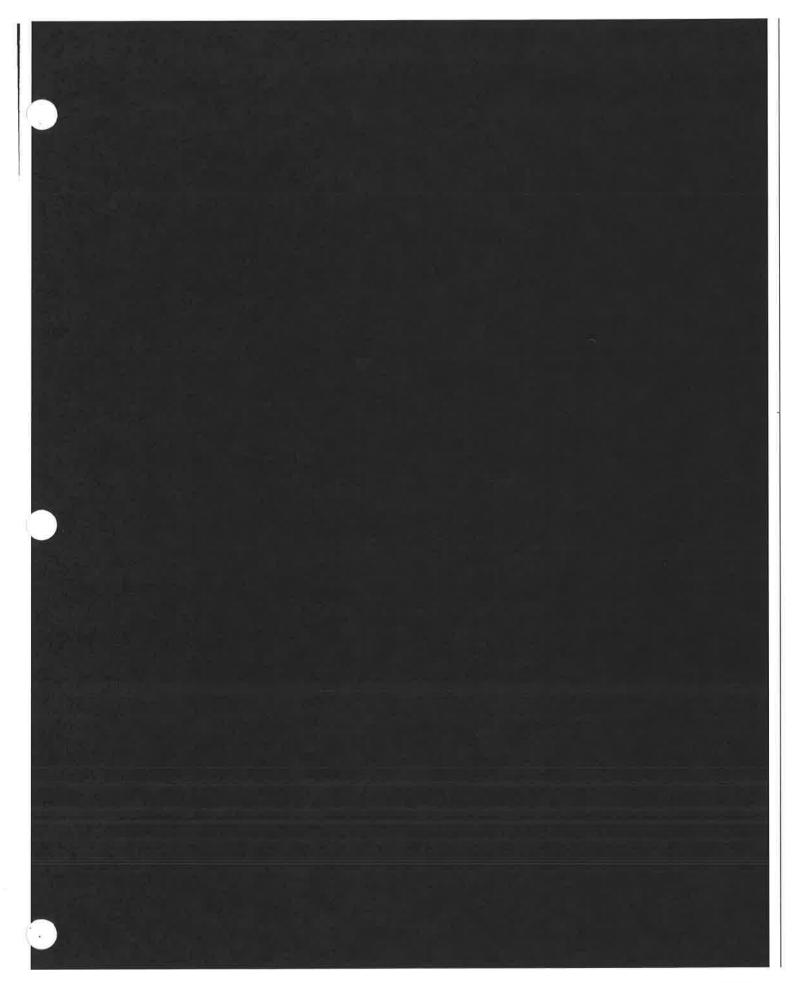
I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Charles Greene, the present Chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Saint Paul area.

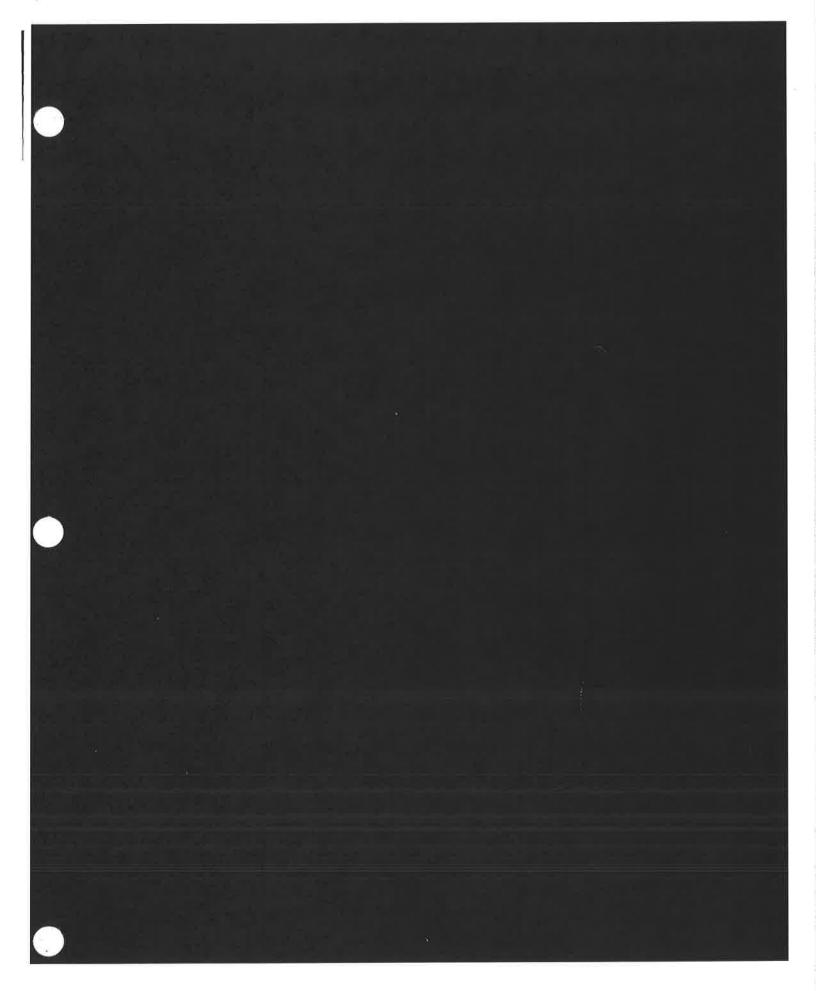
Thank you for your good work with the Scouts. I pray that your new work will be blessed.

With warm good wishes to you, I remain

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Most Reverend Leo B. Bryne, D.D. Coadjutor Archbishop of St.Paul and Minneapolis





ARCH-009737

January 20, 1972

Mr. Charles M. Greene Hill House 240 Summit Avenue Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Mr. Greene,

I am enclosing a copy of the response I have made to Father Gerald Funcheon, OSC accepting his resignation as Chaplain of hthe Indianhead Council. This resignation I have accepted with some reluctance and regret.

I will await your reccommendation for a new Chaplain.

With cordial best wishes to you, I remain

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Most Reverent Leo C. Byrne, D.D. Coadjutor Afchbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

January 25, 1972

To whom it may concern:

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This is to certify that Father Gerald Funcheon, O.S.C. is a priest in good standing and holds the faculties of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend John F. Kinney Vice - Chancellor

January 26 1972

Father Gerald Funcheon, O.S.C. Saint Odilia School 34° North Victoria Saint Paul, Minnesota 55112

Dear Father Funcheon,

As a result of our telephone conversation yesterday I am writing regarding your jurisdictional requests during your work with the <u>Campus Afloat</u> program on board the <u>SS ATLANTIC</u> from January 30, 1972 to May 30, 1972

The Archbishop, in accordance with his faculties granted him by the <u>motu proprio</u> Pastorale Munus and specifically faculty 8. here with grants you the faculty to celebrate the Eucharist on board ship while at sea for the spiritual benefit of the community in with which you will be working. In the grant, due caution is to be observed: that the place for the celebration of the Eucharist be always fitting and decent; that the Eucharist be celebrated only when the weather is calm, and that care be taken that the Sacred Species does not easily spill from the chalice.

Since you continue to hold the ordinary faculties of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, these same faculties should be understood as encompassing your preaching and hearing confessions on board ship in accordance with Canon 883. I enclose a photocopy of an excerpt from <u>The Pastoral Companion</u> which should prove helpful in understanding the faculties you have during these next six months.

I also enclose a <u>celebret</u> and a letter of good-standing lest some question arises during the trip.

My best wishes for a safe journey and God speed.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John F Kinney Vice - Chancellor

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February 18, 1974

Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne 226 Summit Ave. St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Archbishop Byrne:

In accordance with an appointment made by my provincial last summer, I am being transferred to the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend effective February 20, 1974. Before I leave I want to thank you for the assistance you have given me as one of the priests serving in your diocese. Your kindly concern for your priests was always evident to me. I consider it a privledge to have served these three years at St. Odilia school and parish in the diocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis.

Sincerely in Christ, Father Gerald A. Funcheon, O.S.C.

February 28, 1974

The Reverend Gerald Funcheon, O.S.C. Wawasee Preparatory School Route 1 Syracuse, Indiana 46567

Dear Father Funcheon:

May I take this occasion to thank you, not only for your good letter of February 18, but also for the fine work you have performed in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis the past three years.

May I wish you God's blessings for your priestly ministry in your new assignment.

With warm good wishes, I remain

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Most Reverend Leo C. Byrne, D.D. Archbishop Coadjutor of Saint Paul and Minneapolis



Crosier Fathers and Brothers Province

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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL

July 24, 1985

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D. Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis 226 Summit Avenue Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-2197

Dear Archbishop Roach:

On behalf of Daniel R. Davidson, OSC, Provincial, who is out of the country, I wish to submit to you Father Gerald Funcheon, OSC, for appointment as associate pastor of St. Stephen's Parish, Anoka, effective August 11, 1985. I also request that you grant him faculties in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Fr. Funcheon was born in Lafayette, Indiana, and was ordained in 1965. He has served as a minor seminary teacher, an Air Force Chaplain in both the United States and Europe, and is presently serving as chaplain in the United States Air National Guard of North Dakota. He has taught in Christian Brother high schools in both Honolulu, Hawaii, and Salinas, California.

Fr. Funcheon is a priest in good standing in our Order and in the Church.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Holy Cross,

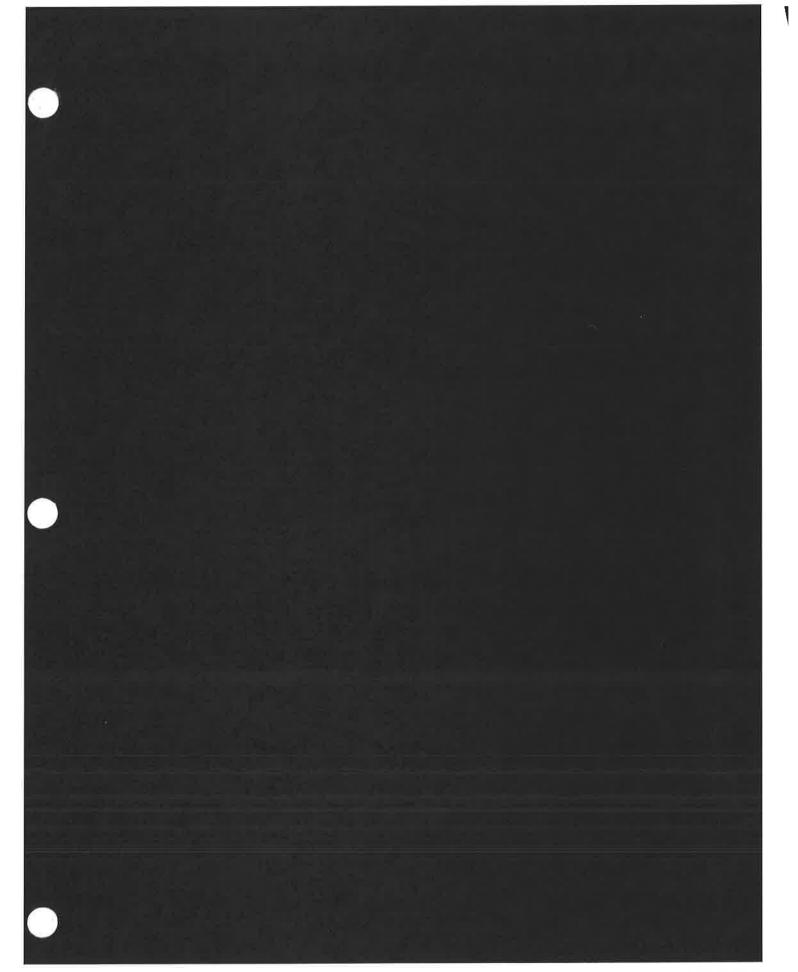
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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-2197

fice of the Archbishop

August 10, 1985

Reverend James A. Vedro, OSC Crosier Fathers and Brothers Province 3204 East 43rd Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Father Vedro,

I am pleased to welcome into the Archdiocese Reverend Gerald Funcheon, OSC for appointment as associate pastor of Saint Stephen's parish in Anoka effective August 11, 1985.

I am pleased to grant Father Funcheon the habitual faculties of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis as soon as he takes up residence at Saint Stephens. So that Father Funcheon will be able to act as a civil minister for marriages in the State of Minnesota we will have him registered in the County of Hennepin. The appointment of Father Funcheon will be published in the Catholic Bulletin during the month of August.

I recommend that Father Funcheon make an appointment to visit with the Vice-Chancellor, Father Urban Wagner, O.F.M. Conv., who is also my Vicar for Religious. At that time Father Funcheon can receive a copy of the faculties of the Archdiocese if he does not already have one.

Again I want to thank the Crosier Fathers and Brothers for the dedicated ministry and zealous service they give to the people of God in His local Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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August 13, 1985

Director of Licensing Public Service Level Hennepin County Government Center 300 South Sixth Street Minneapolis, MN 55487

Dear Sir:

This is to certify that the Reverend Gerald Funcheon, O.S.C., is a duly ordained priest of the Roman Catholic Church and is qualified to perform marriages in the State of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Brother Vincent Champine, O.P. Assistant Chancellor

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August 5, 1986

The Reverend Gerald Funcheon, O.S.C. Church of St. Anne 612 Wabash Avenue Lafayette, IN 47905

Dear Father Funcheon:

I have been informed that you are no longer in this Archdiocese.

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

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

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I pray God will bless you richly in the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

DRAFT INFORMATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE LAWSUIT INVOLVING ST. ODILIA'S PARISH AND SCHOOL February 21, 2003

O: What is the case about and what is alleged to have happened?

Someone who was a student at the St. Odilia School has filed a lawsuit against the parish and school, the Crosiers, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and the individual specifically named in the case.

O: What is alleged to have happened?

The suit accuses Gerald Funcheon, a former priest and former teacher at St. Odilia School, with sexual abuse. This is very disturbing information but we feel it is important to keep you informed.

Q When did this happen?

The alleged incident happened in the early 1970's.

O: When did St. Odilia parish and school find out about this incident?

St. Odilia did not learn of this until recently and was not aware of any concerns about Gerald Funcheon while he was a priest in our parish and teaching at our school.

<u>*O:*</u> What is Gerald Funcheon's role now and are there any current staff members of the school involved in this matter?

Gerald Funcheon is no longer functioning as a priest, and he has no involvement with the parish or the school for many years. This case does not involve any current teachers or staff at the school. We are blessed to have an outstanding group of teachers and administrators who continue to make the school a strong spiritual and academic institution.

O What is St. Odilia doing to address this situation?

St. Odilia is working with our legal advisors and our insurance carrier to resolve this case and see that justice is done. Our hope is to be able to deal with this matter and make sure we continue to look after the needs of St. Odilia's parish and school, as well the needs of the victim.

O: What is St. Odilia's plan to keep the parish informed about this case?

We are committed keeping you informed as we deal with this difficult situation. Last April Fr. McGuire informed the community about all past instances known at that time of sexual abuse involving St. Odilia staff. This information included a reference to the individual named in this case.

This is an excerpt of the homily that Fr. Rick McGuire, osc, Pastor of St. Odilia gave at all the liturgies on the weekend of April 20 and 21, 2002

"In 1997 there was an anonymous report of past sexual abuse made indirectly through a third party. We dealt with the report as an accusation, doing an investigation of the whereabouts and the current status of the priest. The priest identified left the Crosiers 15 years ago, and is

no longer functioning as a priest. As recently as last month I verified his current status and confirmed that he is still not active in ministry." (Gerald Funcheon is this person.)

We will continue to share information with you as we all work through this trying situation. We believe **being open with information and details is the best way to help the healing process** and make it possible for us all to move forward.

O: What is the role of the Parish Council in this matter?

The Parish Pastoral Council will continue to monitor the case and be involved in the decisions that will need to be made. We will also update you as we receive more information. Please feel free to contact the pastor, Fr. Rick McGuire, if you have specific questions or concerns.

O: How does this case and the allegations affect our parish school?

The case does not name or involve any current teachers or staff at the parish school. Our parish school is tremendously important to the St. Odilia community. People who were once students now send their children to our school and it carries out an important mission for our parish. The parish school represents a strong partnership between the church, parents, students and the community that will continue long into the future. The safety of students in our parish school is and will always be a very high priority.

If you have specific questions about this case and the parish school, please contact [Bob Grose and Dave Fink. WE NEED TO FINALIZE THE NAME AND NUMBER PEOPLE SHOULD CALL/CONTACT]

<u>*O:*</u> It seems we continue to read about stories like this. What are we supposed to think about this ongoing crisis?

The issue of clergy abuse is tragic. We realize it is very hard for people to hear information about allegations of clergy abuse involving the Crosiers. It is hard for us as a Catholic community to continue to learn about new claims. The past months have been difficult for all of us, and we recognize the legitimate anger and frustration that exists. We are committed to continue working toward healing and reconciliation in our community, while acknowledging that additional claims and incidents may come to light over time.

Q: What should people do if they are dealing with these issues or know someone who is?

We want to assist any parishioners who are still dealing with issues related to past sexual abuse. We encourage anyone who has experienced abuse by a priest, religious, lay staff member or volunteer at St. Odilia, or has information about a sexual misconduct incident, to move toward speaking with someone willing to help. Please begin the process by contacting any of the following:

- Joni Sandlin, St. Odilia Pastoral Minister, at 651 415 3354
- Phyllis Willerscheidt, Director of Advocacy for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, at 651 291 4497
- Any staff person or parish leader at St Odilia
- Local law enforcement
- Other advocates for victims of sexual abuse

Question and Answer Information Page 2 of 2 <u>*Q:*</u> This case involved a Crosier clergy member. What is the status of the talks between <u>St. Odilia and the leadership of the Crosier order?</u>

We have met, and will continue to meet with the Crosier leadership to bring people together. This is important to allow for a healing process to begin as we work to rebuild trust and move forward. We hope this process will lead to a strong partnership between the Crosier Order and St. Odilia.

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July 10, 2003

VIA PERSONAL SERVICE

Gerald A. Funcheon 6106 Desoto Avenue New Port Richey, FL 34653

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The Crosiers Fathers and Brothers c/o William Tipping, Esq. Flynn Gaskins & Bennett, LLP 333 S. Seventh Street, #2900 Minneapolis, MN 55402-2440

RE: John Doe vs. Father Gerald Funcheon, et al.

Dear Mr. Funcheon, et.al.:

I represent in the above-referenced matter. Enclosed and served upon you is a complaint and summons.

Very truly yours,

JOHN M. GEARIN, P.A. John M./Gearin Attorney at Law JMG/k

Enclosures: Summons and Complaint

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8/5/03

Msgr. Sell called regarding status of: Fr. Gerald Funcheon

> (three allegations of sexual misconduct while he served at St. Odilia's (year old parishioner being the latest).



Fr. Gerald Funcheon does not have public ministry. He is living w/ Servants of Paraclete at John Vianney Renewal Center in St. Louis, MO. He continues to remain in that therapeutic/supervised setting. He only returned to them in last 6 months. He was there in 1992, but due to an administrative change while working on their staff (supervised setting as overseer of one of their residence settings), he was told by the new director that his services were no longer needed. At that time he left St. Louis and lived in New Port Richey, FL, where the bishop's office had full knowledge of his background. There he lived as lay person. He had restricted faculties and was permitted private daily mass in his residence. He was annually visited by their bishop in FL and kept regular contact w/ their office while in FL. As a result of protocol of Dallas - June 2002, Bishop Higi spoke to Jerry about considering going back to St. Michael Community, which he did. From Fr. Peter Lechner's (head of St. Michael's Community) perspective, Jerry is not an official staff member, however, teaches an exercise class 3 times a week. He's more of a resident in a therapeutic program. The program is to ensure his integrity.

Any questions call at: 800.942.2397

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September 23, 2003

WILLIAM C. ME(ER (1920-1981) TIMOTHY P. QUINN (1921-1991) ALOIS D. KENNEDY, JR, (RETIRED)

Mr. John D. Lamey III Mr. John M. Gearin 600 Inwood Avenue North Suite 200 Oakdale, MN 55128

RE: John Doe v. Funcheon, et al. Our Client: The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Our File No.: 3842.707

Dear Mr. Lamey and Mr. Gearin:

Enclosed and served upon you by U.S. Mail, please find Defendant The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Interrogatories to Plaintiff.

Best regards,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN, CHARTERED drew J. Eisenzimmer

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. William Fallon w/Encl. Mr. William Tipping w/Encl. Mr. Daniel Haws w/Encl.

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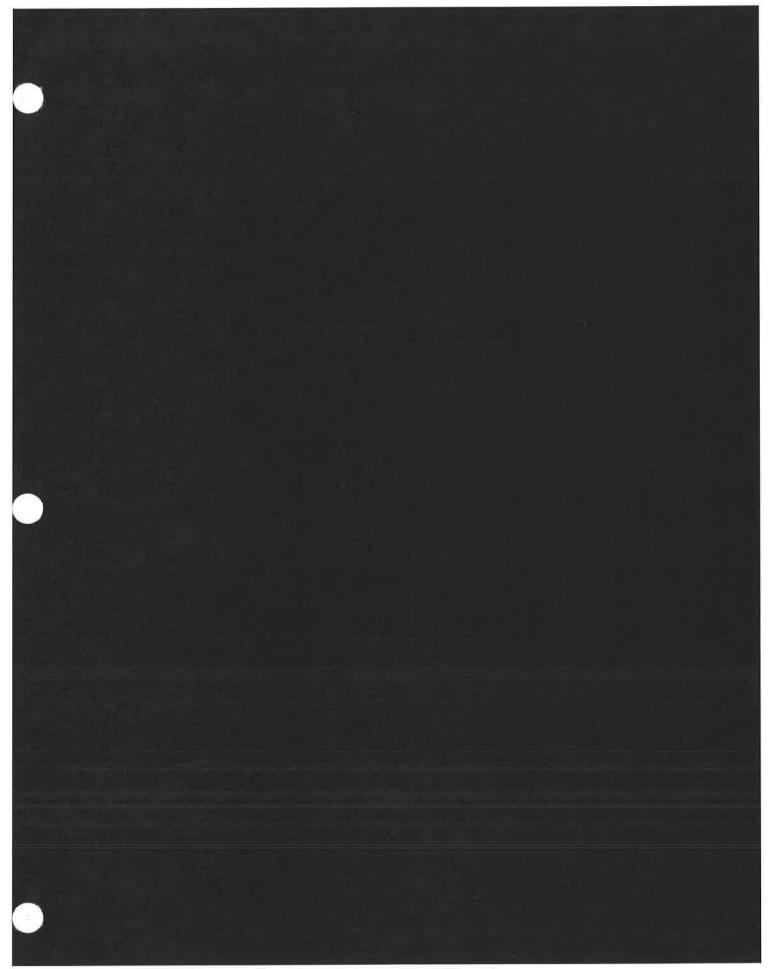
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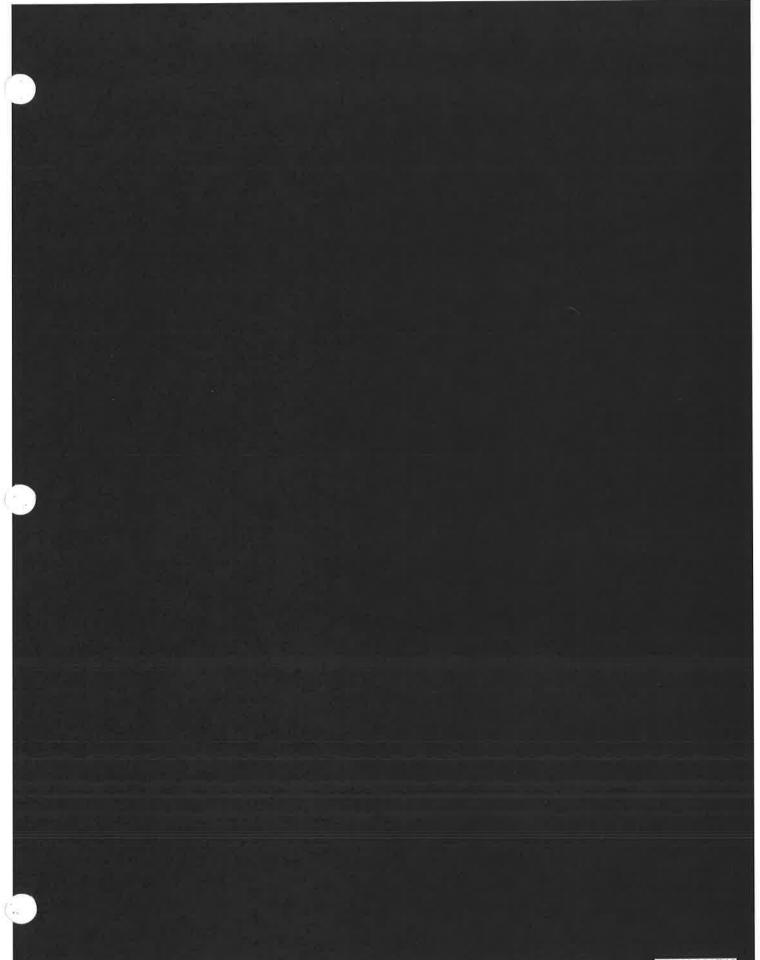
TO: Archbishop Flynn and Archbishop's CouncilFROM: Fr. Kevin McDonoughDATE: September 23, 2003RE: Lawsuit involving a former Crosier Priest

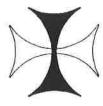
Some of us were surprised by the appearance of an article in last Saturday's Pioneer Press indicating that the Archdiocese was named as a co-defendant in a lawsuit involving abuse alleged to have taken place in the 1970's. Generally speaking, we have some warning before those become matters of become public record.

Fr. Carkhuff, the Provincial Superior of the Crosiers, called me on Saturday to apologize that that information had become public without forewarning to any of the involved institutions. The lawyer representing the plaintiff in the case is apparently not very experienced in these matters and the Crosiers have found it difficult to communicate with him. Other lawyers who handle these matters have a tendency to be in communication with the defendants ahead of public release of the lawsuit, even if only by a few hours. That was not the case in this situation.

In summary, Fr. Carkhuff was as much caught by surprise as were any of us. The priest involved in the situation left the Crosier Order many years ago and incardinated in the Diocese of Lafayette and Indiana. Fr. Carkhuff has communicated this information to that diocese as well. 3







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September 23, 2003

Dear Parishioner,

As you know, the issue of clergy sexual abuse continues to challenge the Catholic Church as we struggle to deal with the impact. During the past year and a half, St. Odilia has held forums, sent information updates and letters, and continues to work hard to provide you with as much information and support as we can about this tragedy and its connections to our parish.

In April of last year, Fr. Rick preached about clergy sexual abuse and provided information about all past incidents of parish or school staff that were known to involve accusations of sexual misconduct. He reported that one accused former staff person had been removed from ministry and was currently living under restrictions out of state. He did not name Gerald Funcheon at that time because it is our policy not to name possible victims or those accused of sexual misconduct until they name themselves or are named publicly.

Recently we learned about two lawsuits involving Gerald Funcheon. Articles concerning the lawsuits appeared in the newspapers last Saturday. One of these claims has been settled and the other was filed last Friday as an active lawsuit. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on both matters.

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It is so very hard for our community to hear accusations about a Crosier priest they trusted, and to have them come from those who were children of our parish.

It is important for us to reflect on a few key points:

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- > The parish, the Crosiers and the archdiocese have strong and effective sexual misconduct policies in place that have been recently reviewed and strengthened.
- > The safety of children is and will continue to be among the highest priorities of the parish and school.
- > We are not aware of any reports or concerns that were filed or brought to light during the period of time Gerald Funcheon was working in the parish and teaching in the school from 1970-1974.
- > We renew our commitment to keep you informed in the best way we can to help the healing process and help us all to move forward together. We will continue to monitor the active legal case and update you in a timely way. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have specific questions.

Finally, we renew our commitment to be a resource to victim-survivors and their families. We encourage anyone who has experienced abuse in the home or the workplace, in school or church to speak to someone willing to help. Please begin the process by contacting any of the following people: Joni Sandlin at 651-415-3354; Phyllis Willerscheidt, a confidential victims' advocate, at 651-291-4497, any staff person or parish leader at St. Odilia, or local law enforcement.

Sincerely,

Richard McGuire, OSC

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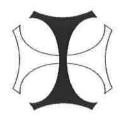
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Andy: Please check out the list that Bob Swiderski has put out, attached below. A couple of thoughts:

1. Several of the people on the list were never accused of misconduct with a minor, and some others were falsely accused.

2. Some are not clerics.

3. To Bob's credit, I do not believe he has missed any names of abusers.

4. I think that no public response is called for, but perhaps we should be ready for a more aggressive approach yet from SNAP.

5. Should you and I (and/or Father Laird) brief the new Communications staffer -- in case some media person decides to pick up this list?

Happy new year!

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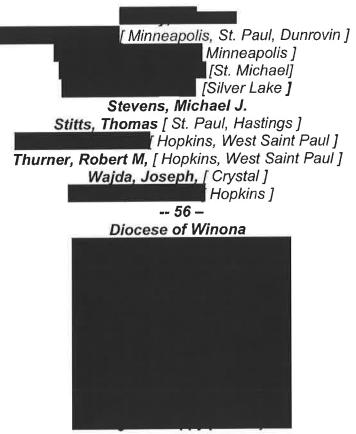
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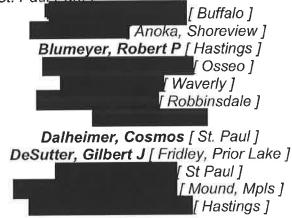
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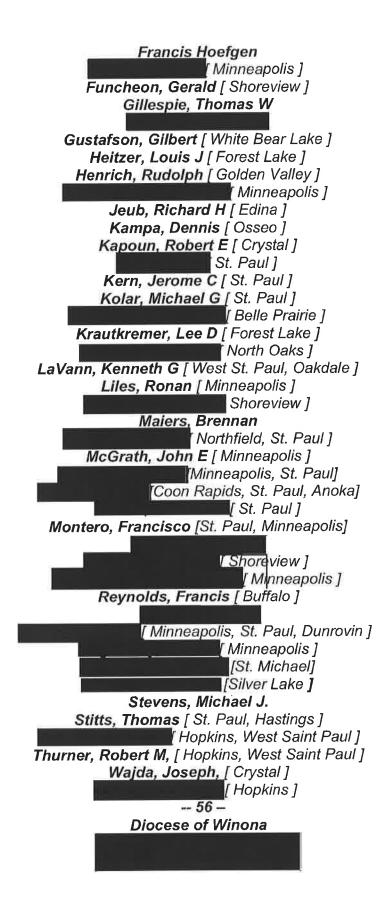
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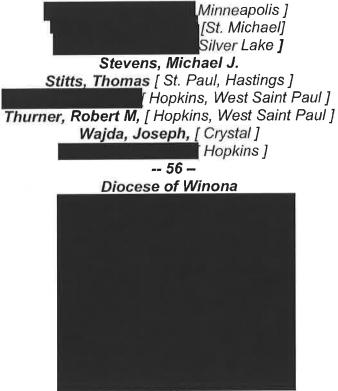
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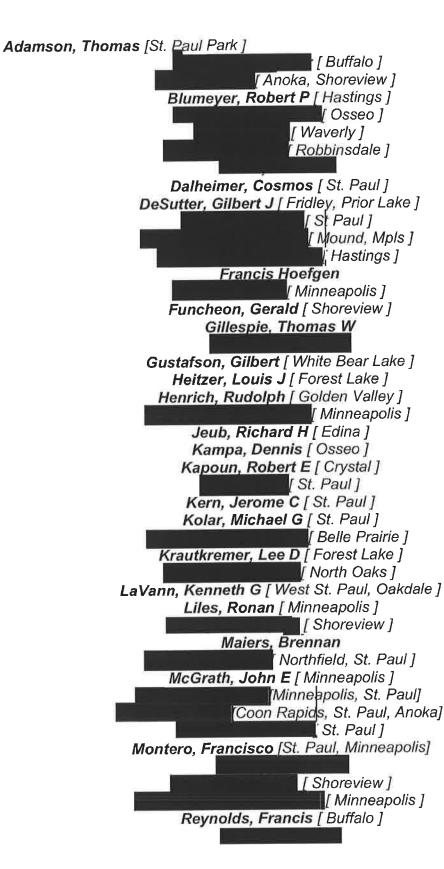
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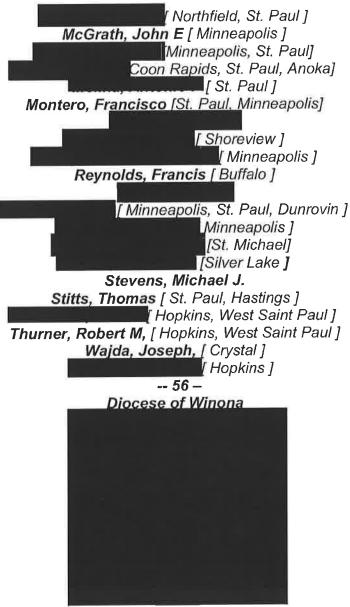
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Jim: I like you already.

Gentlemen All: I propose that Andy and I (with or without Father Laird) give Jim a quick tour through all the names on the SNAP list. This will equip him to avoid land mines when he receives apparently innocent calls from people who are on a fishing expedition. We can also introduce Jim to some of our key messages from the last decade and more (e.g. No priest credibly accused of child abuse is in any sort of priestly ministry; we have for at least two and half decades actively cooperated with child abuse reporting laws and with police investigations; we do not release the names of everyone against whom a report was ever made for reasons X, Y, Z). After Jim hears the things we have said in the past, then he can work with Father Laird and Andy to clean up all the messes I left behind!

Thoughts?

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I agree with Andy.

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From my experience, these types of SNAP events get little – if any - media attention, and are usually considered a nuisance by the media's assignment desk editors.

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Two things. First, we ignore it unless it gets any attention and we're forced to respond. Normally, unless Bob calls a press conference in front of the Chancery, no one pays any attention to him.

Second, I called Bob yesterday and challenged him that some of this information is inaccurate and it would be in his best interest to correct that. So he likely will do so.

Let's wait it out for now and see what develops.

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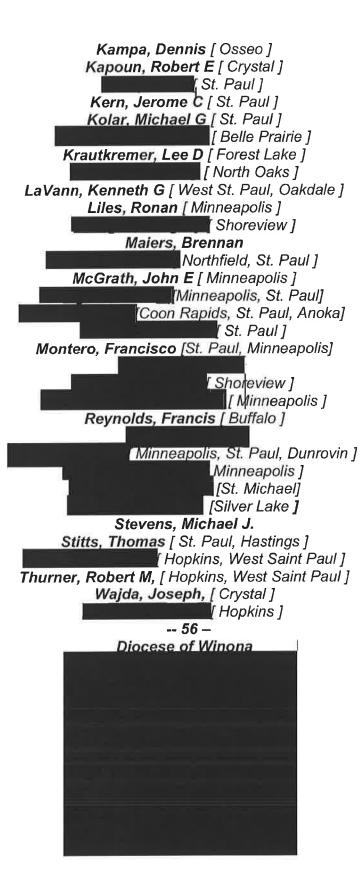
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Fr. Laird:

Conrad Wilson of Minnesota Public Radio has contacted me twice in the last week regarding a story he's working on regarding "lists of clergy sexual offenders that are kept and often made public via Archdiocesan websites in Chicago (and apparently others such as Los Angeles).

His aim is to interview someone about this; however, I feel that is not prudent given the increases attention to this issue per the recent SNAP meeting 10 days ago in Edina. He claims the story is "coming together" and he'll air it with or without a comment from us.

I have met with Fr. McDonough, Andy and Dennis, and have been briefed on all we've done as an Archdiocese regarding this matter. As a result, I have drafted the attached statement which could be read or E-mailed to him.

Perhaps we can discuss this later today when we meet.

Thank you,

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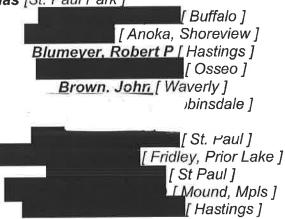
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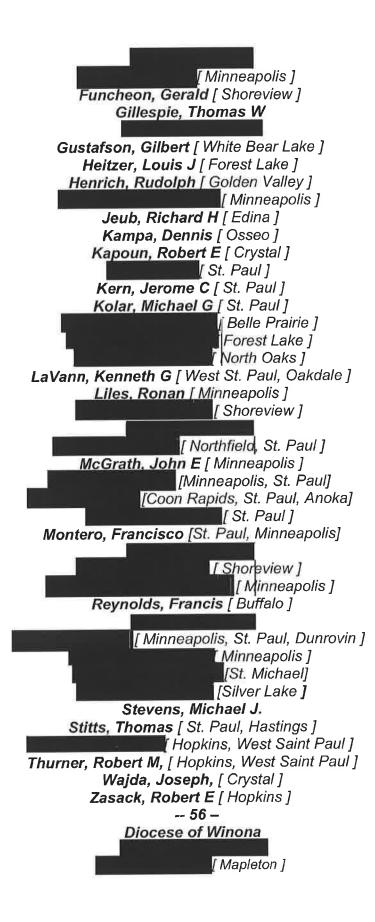
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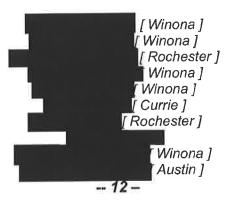
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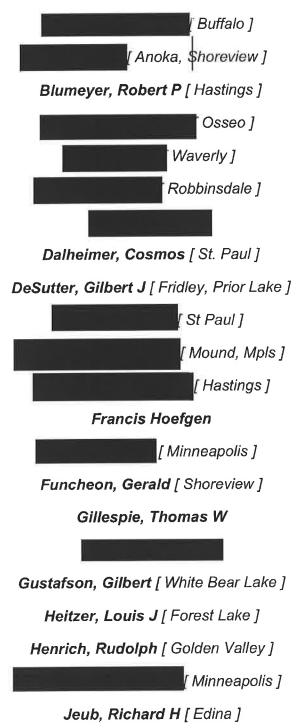
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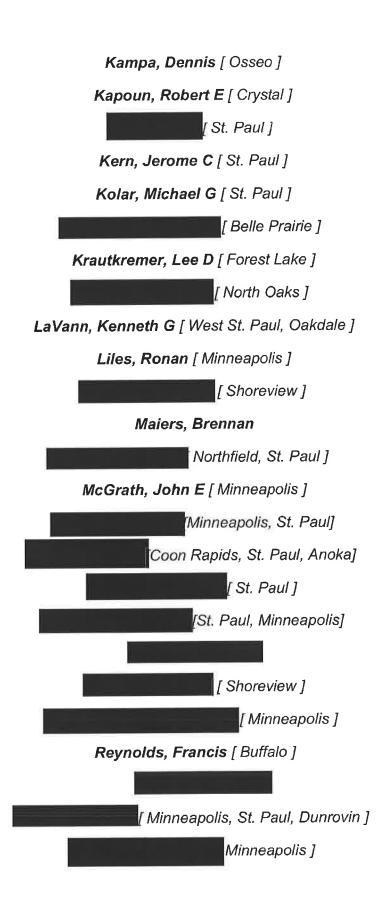
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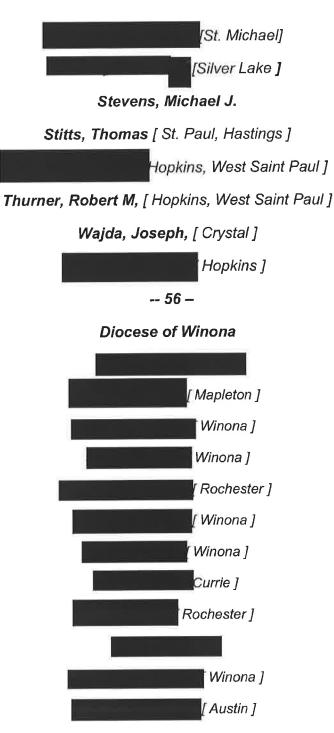
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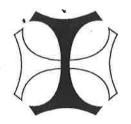




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December 16, 2013

Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis 226 Summit Avenue St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Archbishop Nienstedt,

I am writing to you in the interest of transparency and accountability.

Father Gerald (Jerry) Funcheon's name was not included on the list of priests credibly accused of sexual abuse in your diocese.

I want to inform you that Rev. Jerry Funcheon served in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis from 1970–73 at St. Odilia Catholic Church and School in Shoreview.

A credible allegation of sexual abuse involving Rev. Funcheon arose in 2002 that led to a legal settlement. I should point out the archdiocese was a party to the lawsuit and settlement.

I believe we have a responsibility to the victims, our church and the broader community to make sure the names of any credibly accused abuser comes to light.

This most tragic situation has led to a great deal of prayerful reflection on my part. My pravers remain with the victims of sexual abuse and all of those who are working so hard to prevent abuse of any kind in our society.

Sincerely yours in the Holy Cross,

Very Rev. Thomas a, Enneking, osc

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt

January 13, 2014

Very Reverend Thomas A. Enneking, OSC Crosier Fathers and Brothers 4423 N. 24th St. #400 Phoenix, AZ 85016

Dear Father Enneking

I thank you for your correspondence of December 16, 2013.

In early December the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis published the names of the priests that the Archdiocese previously included in the list prepared for the John Jay Study list. This list was published on our website and filed with the court in response to the Court Order dated December 3, 2013. Eather Funcheon's name was not included in the John Jay Study list which was originally prepared in 2003.

Our Archdiocese has publicly announced that we will continue with an ongoing disclosure of the names of priests who committed sexual abuse in our Archdiocese. We presently intend to publish a list of additional names in February. We intend to include Father Funcheon's name in this next list of priests we publish.

I thank you for bringing the matter relating to Father Funcheon to my attention.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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Subject:

This report about former Crosier priest Gerald Funcheon also aired last night on KARE-11:

ST. PAUL, Minn. - He liked to be called "Father Jerry".

By his own account, Gerald Funcheon of the Catholic Order of the Holy Cross - the Croisers - started abusing young boys in the 1970's here in the Twin Cities.

"I suspect, and I don't remember, it would have been at it St. Odilia's," he testified in a 2012 deposition.

"The guy was a wolf," according to David Bidney, one of kids who says he was abused starting when he was just 10. "They hurt me bad. And they hurt a lot of kids bad."

In addition to St. Odilia's in Shoreview, Father Jerry served in parishes and schools in Anoka, Onamia, and St. Cloud plus other assignments literally from coast-to-coast.

'ust last week, Father Funcheon's name was added to the local Archdiocese's official list of abusive priests.

But we wanted to know: when did church officials actually become aware of his abuse?

According to internal church records we found, it was more than 20 years ago.

This memo is dated October 1st 1992. By then it says Father Jerry is already in treatment.

DOCUMENT: 1992 memo on Father Funcheon

It says he's admitted improper touching with young boys ages 10 and 16.

At least one of the complaints was from Minnesota, because the memo suggests talking to Father Kevin McDonough about the "Statute of Limitations" here. That's the same church official now at the center of a legal battle over whether he'll be forced to testify about how the church handled predatory priests.

"I was raised that those were the only men that talk to God," remembers David Bidney. "We can't. Only through them. Now, I know differently, you know."

Over the years, abuse victims like David have stepped forward to accuse Father Jerry,

We found law suits filed in 2003 and 2006 here in Minnesota, 2007 in Indiana, and in 2012 in California and Hawaii. Some have been settled – others are still being contested. In one of those cases, Twin Cities attorney Jeff Anderson was able ask Father Jerry – under oath in 2012 – how many kids he'd sexually abused.

"I would say a dozen," Funcheon testified at first. But attorney Anderson challenged him, suggesting there are more victims.

Anderson – "Do you think you might be underestimating that number?

Funcheon –"Wow – I couldn't count 'em up. I'll go – I don't know. I'll go to 18. I can't give you a number on this, okay?"

KARE 11 discovered the real number could be much higher.

Remember that internal memo from 1992? It says that "in a conversation with (his) bishop" at the time, Father Jerry indicated there may be around "50 victims".

And just how sensitive is that information?

When a church official from Lafayette, Indiana – Funcheon's original home – asks to see copies of complaints about his "sexual misconduct" he promises they'll be "shredded immediately".

Nearly two decades after it was written, that memo was finally disclosed in a lawsuit in 2010.

And the priest's deposition? It's been posted publicly on YouTube for nearly a year.

And even though it's there for anybody to see, when the Archdiocese released its original list of abusive priests back in December Father Jerry Funcheon wasn't on it.

He wasn't added until last week, after an outside company hired by the church recommended it.

"I can't judge them," says abuse victim David Bidney. "But, boy, they're gonna be judged"

He says breaking the silence of secrecy in all abuse cases can't come quickly enough.

"The people that have been wounded need to come forward and get rid of that secret. That's a big healing thing. That's good."

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