

Transcript supplement Form 1

NAZARETH HALL MINOR SEMINARY
 3003 North Snelling Avenue
 Saint Paul 13, Minnesota
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KOLAR MICHAEL GEORGE '63
 (Last Name) (First) (Middle) (Class-2nd College)

The following information may be helpful to you in interpreting this student's grades:

We administer the SIA Freshman Placement Test to our ninth grade applicants. We group our students homogeneously on the basis of this test and the grade school record. The advice of the teachers and the achievement of the previous year is used for placement in grades 10-12.

	Grade 9	CUMULATIVE Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	CUMULATIVE College 1	College 2
Grade Point Average (GPA)	2.40	2.09	2.06	2.13	2.94	2.63
Class Rank (from top)					14	28
Class Size	103	69	51	45	48	44
Section (1 highest)						
Number of Sections						
Days Absent						

Periods: 50 minutes in length. A=94-100, B=86-93, C=81-85, D=75-80.

Kevin -

Thank you for such a prompt and up-front response to my letter. The fact that you took time to respond in length to my concerns says that these issues are not trivial ones for you, and therefore not "flippantly" treated, as I wrongly assumed. Please forgive me for this.

Two days prior to having breakfast with my friend, I spent the morning with [REDACTED]. She is everything to me that my own mom couldn't be - she was many times a "refuge" for me during my high school and college years when things got out of hand in my own family. Much of our conversation that morning was about the events around Mike, and her own pain about it. I guess I was still so close to that conversation when my friend mentioned you that I reacted in the way of someone who is involved subjectively in a situation - perhaps too subjectively in this case, I'm beginning to feel. (Remember my phone call to you about my girlfriend? - I'm also aware of the other side in). I guess my letter to you was mostly written because of my strong feelings about Mike's mom.

I want you to know that I do believe you when you say that you shared only the information that was already public. Had I not cut my friend off so quickly, maybe I would have realized that, and never felt a need to write to you in the first place. (I've been cutting lots of people off in

regards to this topic during the past 2 years - mostly out of trying to protect [redacted] (I'm afraid). I also recognize the extremely difficult position you are in when having to deal with issues such as this. And because of our past conversations, I believe you have a deep integrity about the work you're doing, + I respect this.

I'd greatly appreciate it if these written interactions could stay between you and I, and could also be considered "history" as far as we're concerned. I know you asked for my response to your letter, and I hope this takes care of it. I'm really afraid of discussing this issue in any kind of detail, because of the relationships at stake - Thanks.

So ...

Now that all of the above was never written, let's get going on the important stuff, like "When am I coming to St Pete's?" And

"How many bottles of tanning oil will I need to pass for someone in this community?" (It only took one at [redacted] 😊).

Actually, my Saturdays are pretty booked up until Xmas (77 weddings in my book this year!). But come 1991, weddings die down until spring. This might sound crazy now, but 2 really good times would be Sat, Feb 9th + Sat, April 20th, as I have singing commitments on your side of the River on those days. (I know my schedule through October of 1991!)

Anyway, if you still need someone by the time the new year comes around, let me know ASAP so I can get it in my book. ([REDACTED] keeps me much busier than [REDACTED] did - with 8000 people and a median age of 2 1/2, you can see why!)

I would find it refreshing to experience liturgy with you at St Peter's. Please feel free to call if you need a musician.

Sincerely -

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have just received your note. It comes as enough of a shock that I suppose I should wait to respond, but I have a few free minutes now, so here goes.

First of all, to the extent that there is truth in what you have heard, I am sorry and, obviously, embarrassed. As you indicate, you and I have talked about confidentiality enough for both of us to know its importance. I understand the hurt that that stuff causes. From that point of view, the letter you sent me is a good warning.

I am surprised, however, by what you had to say, because I have deliberately tried to avoid that sort of thing, and particularly with that crowd of guys. As you know, I play [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and others, and one of the other people knew Michael Kolat well when we were all in the seminary. He has often pressed me for details about Mike, and I thought I'd made it

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clear that there was little I could share. Ultimately, I did tell all of them the same things that we have said to the press, particularly to Clark Morphey at the Pioneer Press. All of that stuff was cleared ahead of time with Mike. We chose, in fact, to be forthcoming with the info because the rumors on the street about Mike were so negative, worse than the truth: people were saying that he had abused children at the CYC Camp or at the Center. As terrible as the truth is, our strong taboos about child abuse make a sexual exploitation charge seem somehow less overwhelming. I do not recall telling a lot of Mike's story to that group, but neither was I interested in staying silent so that they would (wrongly) guess other things.

You may or may not be aware too that the stuff about Mike has received much more public attention "on this side of the river" (i.e. St Paul) than in Mpls, because of Mike's public stature here. In fact, the

St Paul paper has had the whole story for nearly two years, based on interviews they had with [redacted] people. They have not published everything yet, but we anticipate from week to week that they will.

One last note: I am afraid that I have at times said bits and scraps of stories involving other priests. Although I disguise both victim and victimizer, that is still bad judgment on my part. It may be that [redacted] heard one thing or another and mistakenly implied that it referred to Mike Kotar.

Sorry about this lengthy response, as well as its defensiveness. I prize your trust and I also thought I was being pretty discreet and relatively supportive of Mike K. Obviously I was not.

Give me some reaction to all this, if you are willing to, please.

Thanks. 

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KOLAR⁶³

MICHAEL GEORGE 43-10-1

H.P. 22

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOLDER

HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE RECORD

9 YEAR 5758 FORM 10 YEAR 5859 GRADE 11 596

TRAINER	MARKS	TRAINER	MARKS
Latin	B C	English	C C
History	B B	Latin	C C
Algebra	C C	History	C D
	F C	French	B B
		Math	C D
Religion	I	Religion	C B
Chit	C B	Chit	B B
	B A		

TRAINER	MARKS	TRAINER	MARKS
English	C C	English	C C
Latin	D D	Latin	C C
History	C B	History	C D
French	D D	French	B B
Math	C C	Math	C D
Religion	A C	Religion	C B
Chit	B C	Chit	B B

TRAINER	MARKS	TRAINER	MARKS
English	C C	English	C C
Latin	C C	Latin	C C
History	C D	History	C D
French	B B	French	B B
Math	C D	Math	C D
Religion	C B	Religion	C B
Chit	B B	Chit	B B

SCHOOL _____ GRADE 12 YEAR 1960-1961

H. R. TEACHER _____ DAYS ABSENT _____ TIMES TARDY _____

SUBJECT	MARKS		FINAL GRADE	CREDITS IN UNITS	CLASSROOM TEACHER
	1ST SEM	2ND SEM			
ENGLISH				2	
Rel.	C D	C D			
Lat.	C C	C C		2	
Soc.	C C	C C		1	
FR.	C C	C C		2	
Sc.	C C	C C		2	
M, Sing	B-A	B B		9	

1961 62

LATIN	10	11	B	A	6
GEOL & ASTRON	C	D	C	D	6
CHANT TH	14	15	A	B	2
CHANT PR	16	17	A	A	2
SPEECH	22	23	A	A	2
RELIGION	38	39	C	C	4
ENGLISH	24	25	B	A	6
GERMAN	30	31	B	B	6
	49	51	34		

1962 63

CHANT PR	66	67	A	A	2
SPEECH	72	73	B	B	2
CHANT TH	64	65	B	B	2
RELIGION	88	89	D	B	4
GERMAN	80	81	C	B	6
SOC JUSTICE			B	C	2
ENGLISH	74	75	C	C	6
HISTORY	55	56	C	C	6
LATIN	60	61	C	C	6
	39	45	36		

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____ YEAR 19 _____ 19 _____

H. R. TEACHER _____ DAYS ABSENT _____ TIMES TARDY _____

SUBJECT	MARKS		FINAL GRADE	CREDITS IN UNITS	CLASSROOM TEACHER
	1ST SEM	2ND SEM			
ENGLISH					

GRADUATION DATA

GRADE SCHOOL YEAR _____ MONTH _____ DAY _____ GRADE 8

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YEAR _____ MONTH _____ DAY _____ GRADE 9

HIGH SCHOOL YEAR _____ MONTH _____ DAY _____ FOUR YEAR SENIOR

JUNIOR COLLEGE YEAR 13 MONTH June DAY 6

NO. IN CLASS 44 RANK IN CLASS 28 PERCENTILE RANK _____

SCORE IN THREE APTITUDE TEST _____ PERCENTILE RANK _____

TOTAL FOUR YEAR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS _____ HONOR POINTS _____

REMARKS AND PRIZES _____

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS SENT TO _____

ENROLLED IN COLLEGE, SEMINARY, OR UNIVERSITY _____

EMPLOYED BY _____

H.S. Rank _____

MEASURE - MSAT 20/8

Coop Eng "Z" Mech 104/63

Eff 46/43

Total 150/63

AVOCATIONAL OR HOBBY INTERESTS _____

REPORTED AND INFORMAL TEACHERS _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	YEAR IN SCHOOL				TEACHER
	9	10	11	12	
ATHLETIC					
DEBATE					
DRAMA					
MUSIC					
SCIENCE					
STUDENT GOVERNMENT					

COUNSELOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

DATE 3/62

STEP WRIT 18 (WNY SCORE - 306 9/10-57-89)

Coop Eng. Exp. 1A 27-58

Coop Lit. Comp. R 34%ile

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. PAUL

Picture

Application for Admission to the Seminary

PERSONAL DATA

Name KOLAR (last) MICHAEL (first) GEORGE (middle)

Address 1225 Lafond Ave.

Name of your Parish St. Columba

Place of Birth St. Paul Date 10-1-43

Baptism: St. Columba (church) St. Paul (city) Minnesota (state) 1943 (year)

Confirmation St. Columba (church) St. Paul (city) Minnesota (state) 1956 (year)

Parents' Marriage St. Lukes (church) St. Paul (city) Minnesota (state) 1940 (year)

FATHER

Your Father's Name Neil William Kolar

Place of his birth St. Paul Religion Catholic

If a convert, state his former religion and year of his conversion -

Does he own his own farm or place of business? -

Is your family income (below average) (average) (above average)? Underline one.

Did he receive his education in a (parochial) (public) school? Underline one.

Did he attend high school? yes Which one? Cretin High School

Did he attend college? yes How long? 2 Where? St. Thomas

If he is no longer living, give the year of his death 1948; age 33

Cause of his death Pneumonia

What is his attitude toward your entering the seminary? _____

Very favorable__ Favorable__ Neutral__ Opposed__ Very opposed__ (check one)

MOTHER

Your Mother's name (maiden) Dorothy Cooke

Place of birth Spooner, Wisconsin Religion Catholic

If a convert state her former religion and year of conversion Mason 1938

Did she receive her grade school education in a (public) (parochial) school?

Did she attend high school? yes Which one? Spooner High School

Did she attend college? _____ How long? _____ Where? _____

Does your mother work outside of the home? yes Occupation School Nurse

If she is no longer living give the year of her death _____ Age _____

Cause of her death _____

What is her attitude toward your entering the seminary _____

Very favorable ___ Favorable ___ Neutral X Opposed ___ (check one)

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Name the members of your family from the oldest to the youngest.

Mary Anne Married? _____ Occupation Registered Nurse

James Kolar Married? _____ Occupation Student

_____ Married? _____ Occupation _____

_____ Married? _____ Occupation _____

_____ Married? _____ Occupation _____

_____ Married? _____ Occupation _____

Are there any members of your family who are not Catholic? No

SCHOLASTIC RECORD

What grade school did you attend? St Columba

What high school have you attended and how long? Nazareth Hall - 6 years

What was your average grade? C+

Did you take Latin? yes How Many years? 6 Average grade B-

HEALTH

General state of health Excellent

Have you had any serious illness? No

Have you any physical defects? No

Have you had any serious emotional disturbances? No

ACTIVITIES

Have you been a member of the school (band) (dramatic club) (glee club) (athletic teams)? Underline.

Are you a member of any society or organization in your community? No

State which _____

What are your hobbies? Any Sports - Reading - Art

Have you had a summer job? Yes What kind of work was it? Counseling at Boys Camp

VOCATION

Why do you want to study for the priesthood? To help other people and to bring the word of God to them.

How long have you thought of studying for the priesthood? 8 years

Have you consulted with a priest about your decision to study for the priesthood? Yes.

Do you intend to study for the diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of St. Paul? yes

Were you ever a candidate for or a member of a religious order? No If so state which one _____

Do you know of any obstacle to your becoming a priest? No

Nazareth Hall
Name of Seminary

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. PAUL

SEMINARY FACULTY APPRAISAL
FOR COLLEGIANS AND THEOLOGIANS

Name Kolar, Michael G.
Year in Seminary VI
Date June 20, 1963

I. CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY

A. Obedience

B. Reliability

C. Judgment questionable on occasion

D. Leadership sometimes

E. Sociability

F. Emotional Stability

G. Personal Appearance

II. GENERAL HEALTH -- satisfactory, except as noted:

III. VOICE AND SPEAKING ABILITY -- satisfactory, except as noted:

IV. IMPEDIMENTS -- none, except as noted:

V. Have the Rector and faculty found positive signs of vocation in this candidate? Yes

VI. Is the recommendation a unanimous one? _____ Or a majority vote? x
If a majority vote, what is the opinion of the minority? _____

a poor risk academically

Fill out in duplicate.


Rector

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
CHANCERY OFFICE
244 Dayton Avenue
Saint Paul 2, Minnesota

I, MICHAEL G. KOLAR

of St. Paul, Minnesota
(City and State)

an applicant for admission to St. Paul Seminary as a candidate for the ministry in the Archdiocese of St. Paul, hereby acknowledge my understanding of the following terms governing rates of tuition and board and the methods of payment thereof:

The fee for tuition and board is \$ 900.00 a year, subject to revision as may be deemed necessary by the governing board of the Seminary. This fee will be paid for me by the Archdiocese of St. Paul with the understanding and agreement on my part that I am bound in conscience to make repayment to the Archdiocese on the following basis:

1. If I complete my studies and am ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Paul, the total of my tuition and board for the period I have attended the Seminary will be reduced to fifty per cent of said total and such reduced amount I agree to repay at the rate of \$ 100.00 per year, commencing with the year after my ordination and continuing until fully repaid.
2. If I do not complete my studies and am not ordained for the Archdiocese of St. Paul, either because of voluntary withdrawal from the Seminary, or because I am dismissed, then I agree to pay the full amount then owing, upon a basis to be agreed upon by myself and the Archdiocese.

These terms are agreed to by me and in consideration of the Archdiocese accepting me as a candidate for the priesthood I agree to live up to them fully and without reservation.

Date: 9/6/63.

Michael G. Kolar

Witness: Fr. Baumgardner

THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
 SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

1st Semester - 1963-1964

REPORT CARD

Kolar, Michael G.

student

Philosophy I

St. Paul

diocese

class

January 15, 1964

date

Louis J. McCarthy
 Rector

Subject

Grade

Ph 301	Logic	<u>C</u>
Ph 303	Metaphysics	<u>D</u>
So 431	Introductory Economics	<u>C</u>
La <u>322</u>	Latin, Modern Medieval Patristic	<u>C</u>
Mu 058	Music Literature	<u>-</u>
Mu	Gregorian Chant <u>A-1</u>	<u>B</u>
Mu	Choir	<u>B</u>
Mu 030	Introductory Chant	<u>A</u>
Sp 426	Elementary Spanish	<u>-</u>
Sc 440	General Biology	<u>D</u>

Discipline

a

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THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

2nd Semester - 1963-1964

REPORT CARD

KOLAR, MICHAEL G.

student

ST. PAUL

Philosophy I

diocese

class

June 15, 1964

date

Louis J. McCarthy
Rector

Subject

Grade

Ph 302	Epistemology	<u>D</u>
Ph 304	Metaphysics	<u>C</u>
Ph 305	Ethics	<u>C</u>
La 328	Latin Modern Patristic	<u>B</u>
Mu 058	Music Literature	<u>B</u>
Mu	Gregorian Chant <u>A-</u>	<u>B</u>
Mu	Choir	<u>B</u>
Sp 426	Elementary Spanish II	<u>—</u>
Sc 441	Gen Biology II	<u>D</u>
_____	_____	<u>—</u>
_____	_____	<u>—</u>

Discipline

A

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Fr. Michael G. Kolar

residence

1156 Ashland, St. Paul

224-4853



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ST. PAUL SEMINARY

Name of Seminary

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. PAUL

SEMINARY FACULTY APPRAISAL
FOR COLLEGIANS AND THEOLOGIANS

Name MICHAEL G. KOLAR

Year in Seminary PHILOSOPHY I

Date June 3, 1964

I. CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY

A. Obedience

B. Reliability **Weak academically; works hard but has uneven class recitations.
C average.**

C. Judgment

D. Leadership

E. Sociability **Well liked and a stable person.**

F. Emotional Stability

G. Personal Appearance

II. GENERAL HEALTH -- satisfactory, except as noted:

III. VOICE AND SPEAKING ABILITY -- satisfactory, except as noted:

IV. IMPEDIMENTS -- none, except as noted:

V. Have the Rector and faculty found positive signs of vocation in this candidate? Yes.

VI. Is the recommendation a unanimous one? Yes. Or a majority vote? _____
If a majority vote, what is the opinion of the minority? _____

Fill out in duplicate.

Louis J. McCarthy
Rector

THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

1st Semester - 1964-1965

REPORT CARD

		<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Michael G. Kolar		Ph 401 Cosmology	<u>C</u>
<hr/>		Ph 405 Hist of Anc & Med Phil	<u>C</u>
student		Ph 403 Natural Theology	<u>D</u>
St. Paul	Philosophy II	La 426 Medieval Latin	
<hr/>		La 423 Patristic Latin	
diocese	class	So 430 Introductory Sociology	<u>B</u>
January 15, 1965		Mu 431 Liturgical Song	<u>B</u>
<hr/>		Mu Choir	<u>B</u>
date		Mu 057 Advanced Liturgical Song	
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<i>Louis J. McCarthy</i>		<hr/>	
Rector		Discipline	<u>B</u>

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THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

REPORT CARD

2nd Semester - 1964-1965

		<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>
<u>Michael G. Kolar</u>		Ph 402 General Psychology	C
student		Ph 406 History of Modern Philosophy	C
	Philosophy II	Ph 404 Natural Theology II	D
<u>St. Paul</u>		La 422 Patristic Latin	D
diocese	class	La 427 Medieval Latin	C
		Ed 500 Comparative Phil of Education	C
June 25, 1965		Ed 502 Psychology of Learning	B
date		Mu ⁰³² Liturgical Song	B
<u>Louis J. McCarthy</u>		Mu 062 Choir	B
Rector		He 682 Hebrew II	
		Sp 426 Elem Spanish II	
		<u>Discipline</u>	2

ARCH-019460

THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

1st Semester - 1965-66

REPORT CARD

KOLAR, MICHAEL G.

Subject

Grade

student
ST. PAUL Theology I

diocese class
January 18, 1966

DT 501 Phil of Religion
MT 510 Fund of Moral Theology
SS 522 The Word of God
Hi 631 Early Middle Ages
Mu 030 Intro to Music in Worship
Mu 071 Music Literature
He 681 Hebrew I

C
C
B
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a

date

Louis J. McCarthy

Rector

Discipline

ARCH-019459

THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

REPORT CARD

Second Semester - 1965-66

<u>Kolar, Michael G.</u>		<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>
student		DT 602 The One God	<u>C</u>
<u>St. Paul</u>	<u>Theology I</u>	DT 603 Blessed Trinity	<u>C</u>
diocese	class	MT 511 Christian Virtues	<u>C</u>
<u>June 15, 1966</u>		SS 523 The words of Men	<u>D</u>
date		SS 526 Gospel of Mark	<u>B</u>
		Hi 632 Late Middle Ages	<u>B</u>
		MU 033 Liturgical Song	<u>B</u>
		Mu 030 Intro Music in worship	<u>C</u>
		<u>Mu 063 Choir</u>	<u>C</u>
		<u>Discipline</u>	<u>a</u>

Louis J. McCarthey
Rector

ARCH-019458

THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

REPORT CARD

2nd Semester - 1966-67

<u>Kolar, Michael G.</u>		<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>
student			
<u>St. Paul</u>	<u>THEOLOGY II</u>	DT 602 Grace	B C D D D B B B
diocese	class	ST 661 Gen Concepts Sacramentality	
		SS 727 St. Matthew Gospel	
		Hi 732 Contemporary Church	
		CL 542 Persons Within the Church	
		Mu 075 Hist & Function Xt Ch Music	
		Ho 671 Oral Reading	
		Mu 034 Liturgical Song	
		Mu 064 Liturgical Choir	
<u>June 16, 1967</u>			
date			
<u>Louis J. McCarthy</u>			
Rector			
		<u>Discipline</u>	

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THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

REPORT CARD

1st Semester - 1967-68

<u>Kolar, Michael G.</u>		<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>
student		DT 701 Redemptive Christology	C B C C C C C
<u>St. Paul</u>		ST 762 Baptism, Confirm, Holy Orders	
diocese	<u>THEOLOGY III</u>	Ed 549 Special Methods	
	class	SS 822 The Sapiential Literature	
<u>January 18, 1968</u>		Hi 531 Early Church & Rom Empire	
date		CL 641 Church & Worship	
		He 681 Elementary Hebrew I	
		PS 771 Public Speaking	

Louis J. McCarthy
Rector

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THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

REPORT CARD

2nd Semester - 1967-1968

Michael G. Kolar
student

St. Paul
diocese

THEOLOGY III
class

June 15, 1968
date

Louis J. McCarthy
Rector

	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>
DT 702	The Church of Christ	
ST 864	The Eucharist	
SS 826	The Lucan Writings	
CL 642	Teaching, Parishes, Finance	
Ed 549	Religious Education	
PS 772	Public Speaking II	
So 730	Alcohol Problems	
Mu 035	Liturgical Song	
Mu 065	Liturgical Choir	

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THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

REPORT CARD

1st Semester - 1968-1969

Michael G. Kolar

student

St. Paul

diocese

THEOLOGY IV

class

January 5, 1969

date

William H. Baumgardner
Rector

Subject

Grade

DT 901 Newman	<u>B</u>
ST 861 Penance & Anointing	<u>a</u>
MT 810 Christian Marriage	<u>a</u>
MT 811 Family in Contemporary Society	<u>a</u>
CL 841 Marriage & Eccl Penalties	<u>C</u>
He 781 Advanced Hebrew I	<u>B</u>
PS 771 Public Speaking II	<u>B</u>
PT 892 Pastoral Hospital Practice	<u>B</u>
PT 892 Pastoral Counselling	<u>B</u>

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THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY
SAINT PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

2nd Semester - 1968-1969

REPORT CARD

		<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>
<u>Michael G. Kolar</u>		PT 892 Pastoral Counselling, Theory	<u>a</u>
student		PT 893 Pastoral Liturgy	<u>B</u>
<u>St. Paul</u>	<u>THEOLOGY IV</u>	PT 894 Liturgical Culture	<u>—</u>
diocese	class	PS 772 Oral Reading	<u>a</u>
		Pastoral Hospital Practice	<u>S</u>
		Pastoral Counselling Practice	<u>—</u>
<u>June 6, 1969</u>			
date			

William P. Bungard
Rector

ARCH-019464



LEO

**Dei et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia
Archiepiscopus
Paulopolitanus et Minneapolitanus**

Hisce litteris fidem facimus atque testamur dilectum Nobis in Christo

filium MICHAELEM G. KOLAR

ad Ordinem Presbyteratus

promotum fuisse die 24a mensis mai A.D. 1969

ab Ex.mo et Rev.mo Leone Binz

Datum Paulopoli, die 24a mensis mai Anno Domini 1969

Cancellarius Archidioecesis

The Most Reverend Archbishop requests you to fill out this blank as correctly as possible, and forward it to the Chancery Office.

Name in full Michael George Kolar

Place of birth St. Paul, Minnesota
(P. O. Address)

Date of birth October 1, 1943
(Day, month and year)

Name of father Neil William Kolar

Maiden name of mother Dorothy Mae Kolar

Address of parents 1225 Lafend Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Telephone 644 - 0479

Classics studied at Nazareth Hall

Philosophy studied at Saint Paul Seminary

Theology studied at Saint Paul Seminary

Date of ordination May 24, 1969
(Day, month and year)

Ordained at Cathedral of Saint Paul *By* Archbishop Leo Binz

For the Arch Diocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Entered this Archdiocese *Papers*

Missions since ordination
(Date of departure from each)

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THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY / 2260 SUMMIT AVENUE / SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

May 24, 1969

REV. MICHAEL G. KOLAR - Seminary Tuition Account:

Year 1963-1964	\$900.00
" 1964-1965	900.00
" 1965-1966	900.00
" 1966-1967	1,000.00
" 1967-1968	1,000.00
" 1968-1969	1,300.00
	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
CREDIT: Amount by Fr. Kolar on his tuition	50.00
Balance	<u>\$5,950.00</u>

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June 1, 1969

Reverend Michael G. Kolar

Jr. #49

Seminary Tuition

Year 1963 - 1964	450	00		
Year 1964 - 1965	450	00		
Year 1965 - 1966	450	00		
Year 1966 - 1967	500	00		
Year 1967 - 1968	300	00		
Year 1968 - 1969	650	00		
			<u>\$3,000</u>	00
Paid			50	00
Balance			<u>\$2,950</u>	00

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June 4, 1969

Rev. Michael G. Kolar
1225 Lafond Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Father Kolar,

With this letter I am pleased to assign you as an Assistant Director of the Catholic Youth Center, St. Paul, effective on Monday, June 16, 1969. May I ask you to report to the Director, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Sweeney, before noon on that date, ready to take up your residence in the Center.

The announcement of the assignment will be made in The Catholic Bulletin of June 13, 1969.

Finally, Father Kolar, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the priestly ministry within this Archdiocese. At the same time, I pray God's blessings for your work at the Catholic Youth Center and always.

With warm good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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

June 13, 1969

Rev. Michael G. Kolar
Catholic Youth Center
150 North Smith Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Father Kolar,

Enclosed is the statement for your seminary tuition. A like statement will be sent each year until the payments have been completed.

I believe that the agreement was that you would make a payment in the amount of \$100.00 per year. If that is not possible, pay what you can, and I am certain that it will be most acceptable.

With all good wishes for every success in your priestly work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ambrose V. Hayden
Episcopal Vicar

September 11, 1969

Reverend Michael Kolar
Catholic Youth Center
150 N. Smith Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Father Kolar,

With this letter, I am pleased to transfer you from the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center, and to name you an Assistant Pastor of the Church of St. Raphael, Crystal, effective on Tuesday, September 23, 1969. May I ask you to report to the Pastor, Monsignor Thomas Fenelon, before noon on that date, ready to take up your residence in the parish rectory.

The announcement of the change will be made in The Catholic Bulletin later this month.

Finally, Father Kolar, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the fine work you have done in the past. At the same time, I pray God's blessings for your work in St. Raphael's Parish and always.

With warm good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

RUSH CITY, MINNESOTA 55069

September 30, 1969

Msgr. Terrance Berntson
Chancery Office
Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis
St. Paul
Minnesota

Dear Msgr. Berntson:

This is a note regarding the priest that was signed to our parish for three consecutive Sundays, the last Sunday ending on September 21, 1969. The name of the priest was Father Mike Kolar.

I just thought it appropriate to let you know that this man was just tremendous. His sermons that he gave were excellent, and his rapport with the people was very, very good.

The last sermon that he gave was a sermon dedicated to little children which actually was a sermon that everybody could learn a great deal from.

I just thought you might be interested on how this particular individual affected myself and many others of the parish with whom I have talked.

Sincerely,


Patrick McGuire

Kolar, M

October 6, 1969

Mr. Patrick McGuire
McGuire & McGuire
Attorneys at Law
Rush City, Minnesota 55069

Dear Mr. McGuire:

I am very grateful for your kind letter of September 30, 1969, wherein you extol the great qualities of Father Mike Kolar. We all have great hopes for Father because of the various attributes which you saw so clearly in him while he helped at Rush City. I know Father Kolar very well and I think he's just simply a great guy, and I wish we had about 300 more of them.

As you know, I share with you a very deep interest in Rush City. My first recollections of going there to visit my grandmother, date back to 1938. Recently I was in Rush City at the funeral of my aunt, Mrs. Agnes Johnson. We all loved her very much.

I certainly hope that Father Gessner will serve you and the parish with great success. I think he is a fine man and has an excellent academic background. This might enhance his reputation in a small city where a priest is often judged by his intellect rather than by his heart.

Father Kolar has now an excellent assignment and it will be a perfect setting in which to manifest his great spirit. Meanwhile, I am very happy to have had your letter and to know that someone somewhere is willing to take enough time to express his appreciation.

By way of an afterthought, last Saturday I was working at our family cottage at Cross Lake in Pine City--dressed in my oldest and dirtiest grubbies--as they say--and two young girls came walking down the road equipped with bibles, and pamphlets on law and order. They came over to me and wanted to know if they could talk to me about law and order and society. One of the girls said that she was a legal secretary and worked in Rush City. I asked her if she worked for the McGuires, and she said "yes." Both were a bit taken aback when I told them I was a Catholic priest and that I did in fact know something about that book they were carrying. I had to laugh, because one of the girls said she had never seen a priest dressed like that before. Wonders never cease.

With cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor Terrance W. Berntson
Chancellor

INTERVIEW

Interviewed: (Rev.) Michael Kolar Date February 18, 1970
By whom: (Rev. Msgr.) Ambrose Hayden Place Phone
Occasioned by: Follow-up

SUMMARY

1. Father Kolar is happy with his assignment at St. Raphael's and enjoys the company of Msgr. Fenelon and Father La Van.

There are 8 grades in the school with about 800 children. There is an active CCD program in which he teaches from 8th grade through senior high. Father La Van teaches the lower grades and has charge of the Holy Family Program.

Counseling work is very heavy and there are a considerable number of marriages.

There are 7 Masses on Sunday with 2 Saturday evening Masses. A Benedictine priest assists on Sunday.

There are 2 nursing homes in the parish.

2. Father Kolar was happy with his experience at the CYC.
3. While he knew nothing of St. Raphael's before he was sent there he had no objections to the manner in which his appointment was handled.

Recommendation:

Father Kolar is happy at St. Raphael's; for the present I recommend no move.

He has great compassion and sympathy and serves the elderly and the sick with admirable understanding; at the same time he appeals to those on all levels.

Signed _____

May 28, 1970

Reverend Michael G. Kolar
Church of St. Raphael
7301 Bass Lake Road
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55428

Dear Father Kolar,

With this letter, I am pleased to transfer you from the Church of St. Raphael, Crystal, and to appoint you Assistant Director at the Catholic Youth Center, St. Paul, effective Friday, June 12, 1970. I ask you to report to the Director, Monsignor John A. Sweeney, before noon on that date, ready to take up your residence at the center.

The announcement will be published in the Catholic Bulletin of June 12, 1970.

Finally, Father Kolar, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the fine work you have done in the past. At the same time, I pray God's blessings for your work at the Catholic Youth Center and always.

With warm good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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

June 12, 1973

Rev. Michael G. Kolar
Catholic Youth Center
150 No. Smith Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Father Kolar,

In today's mail I am sending a letter to Msgr. Sweeney in which I am setting July 2 as the official date on which he will be relieved of responsibility for the Catholic Youth Center of St. Paul, and at the same time asking him to remain as the Archdiocesan Director of Youth.

On that date I ask you to be prepared to assume full responsibility for the directorship of the Center.

Monsignor Sweeney and I feel perfectly confident that you can do the work very competently.

With cordial best wishes to you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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

DATE: April 28, 1975

MEMO TO: Archbishop Binz, Bishop Roach, Bishop Lucker, Fr. Kinney, Fr. Freeman

FROM: Monsignor Hayden

SUBJECT: Father Michael Kolar -- Hip Surgery

Father Mike Kolar called today to say that the surgeon has advised hip surgery to relieve the aggravation. Only one hip joint will be replaced at this time.

He anticipates two weeks of hospitalization, and six weeks for recuperation during which time he can engage in some light office work.

He will be at Midway Hospital; his surgeon is Dr. Vincent Eihlers.

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April 13, 1977

Reverend Michael G. Kolar
Director
Catholic Youth Center
150 N. Smith Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mike,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the help that you gave me at the Penance Service for the Festival of Youth. The opportunity to share ministry with you was very special for me. It is really a privilege to be able to work with you.

There certainly was a very special and powerful mood present during the Penance Service. I know that your own ministry and prayer contributed significantly to this. You could see the joy in the young people's eyes as they turned from you after having sought the Lord's forgiveness.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to return some favor to you in the near future. Although none of us are looking for work, it really is a strength when we can band together.

I hope that you had a very happy and joyful Easter.

Sincerely,

Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Vice-Chancellor

RJC:mw

DATE: August 2, 1977

MEMO TO: Monsignor Hayden

FROM: Tom McMahon

SUBJECT: Father Michael G. Kolar Account

Father Kolar called the other day and said he had received a small inheritance in the amount of \$2,642.72.

He has a loan here amounting to \$2,700.00.

He has given us the check for \$2,642.72, which leaves a balance of \$57.28.

This is a substantial payment; would you care to acknowledge it with a letter to him from yourself?

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

The Chancery

August 2, 1977

Reverend Michael Kolar
150 No. Smith
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Father Kolar,

You were extremely generous and thoughtful in sending your check to the Archdiocese in the amount of \$2642.72. We shall welcome this in our seminary fund.

Please consider that your account is now paid in full.

Good wishes; I shall await your call in the "30 days"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Ambrose Hayden
Vicar General

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June 17 1977 No. 29

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Margaret C. Scott

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Pay to
Michael George Kolar
and Margaret C. Scott

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MICHAEL G. KOLAR
150 NORTH SMITH AVENUE
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
PLEASE CONTACT:

JAMES C. KOLAR
Name

846 HOLLY AVENUE
Address

h. 291-8768 w. 224-4853
Telephone

MY NEXT OF KIN ARE:

Dorothy KOLAR 1225 LATONDAVE ST.P. 644-0479
Name Address Telephone

MARY ANNE MULLEN 1-703-250-7483
Name Address Telephone

Name Address Telephone

My Last Will & Testament is located at 150 N. Smith Au. (Office SAFE)

SPECIAL BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Instructions have been left with James Kolar

This information requested of all priests and deacons will make it easier for us to carry out your wishes in case of an emergency. You may make changes at any time by sending us up-dated information.

Please send the completed form to: The Chancery, 226 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, MN 55102

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1. Retreat Director
 - a) Develop content for retreats for high school students, seminarians and priests
 - b) Conduct weekend retreats for high school students, seminarians and priests
 - c) Conduct retreats for high school students, seminarians and priests
 - d) ~~Supervise retreat volunteer staff~~
2. Center Administration
 - a) Supervise personnel
 - b) Supervise budget
 - c) Make primary personnel decisions
 - d) Make primary financial decisions
 - e) Supervise overall program development
 - f) Participate in program decisions
 - g) Participate in staff meetings
3. Community development
4. Personal Ministry
 - a) Confessions
 - b) Spiritual Direction
 - c) Counseling
 - d) Referral
5. Public Speaking
 - a) Speak at various religious education conferences
 - b) Speak to specific groups involved in youth ministry or community building
 - c) Speak in parishes (Homilies, etc.)
6. Regular Sunday Eucharist
 - a) Preside as usual celebrant
 - b) Preside as usual homilist
7. Prayer Meetings
 - a) Serve as leader of worship regularly
 - b) Serve as teacher regularly
8. Staff Meetings
 - a) Lead staff meetings
 - b) Oversee staff enrichment programs
9. Co-director of Manalive
 - a) Attend Manalive Board meetings
 - b) Participate in major decisions concerning policy and personnel
 - c) Oversee Associate Director
 - d) Provide counsel for workers
10. President, Catholic Youth Camps, Inc.
 - a) Attend and preside at Board Meetings
 - b) Participate in major policy and personnel decisions
 - c) Supervise Camp Director
 - d) Provide counsel for workers
 - e) Provide liturgical and priestly ministry for camps

11. Member, Steering Committee for Upper Midwest Region Charismatic Conferences

- 3%
- a) Participate in meetings
 - b) Provide leadership for conferences
 - c) Participate in policy decisions

12. Marriage Course

- a) Supervise program director
- b) Provide liturgical ministry

13. Related Responsibilities

- 2%
- a) Member of Household
 - b) Archdiocesan Committee on Youth Ministry

Job Description - James C. Kolar 1978-79

- 1) Retreat program 20%
 - a) Design retreat experience
 - b) Implement retreat experiences
 - c) Supervise staff during retreat experiences
- 2) Supervision of Mark and Tim 4%
 - a) Monthly time sheet evaluation
 - b) Job direction
- 3) Full time staff development 12%
 - a) Initial 18 hour program
 - b) On going training
- 4) Community development 20%
 - a) Teach and lead prayer meetings
 - b) Announcements for Sunday Eucharist
 - c) Community development -- pastoral units, development of community gatherings, teaching for pastoral units
- 5) Seminar program 10%
 - a) Coordinate seminars -- teachers, small group leaders
 - b) Develop new material
- 6) Household 8%
 - a) Overall responsibility
 - b) Spiritual director for men in household
- 7) Young Adult Working Board 5%
- 8) Speaking engagements 5%
- 9) Region eight planning committee 2%
- 10) Full time staff 10%
- 11) Spiritual direction 5%
- 12) Doctor of Ministry Program 10%

115% total

JOB DESCRIPTION - JIM KOLAR - 1980-81

39.15 I.) Community - 45%

- A) Clearing house functions
- B) Oversee planning and development
- C) Overall responsibility for seminar programs
- D) Co-ordinate meetings of pastoral heads
- E) Lead and teach at community meetings
- F) Talk w/ married persons interested in community
- G) Lead household and heads of married men's pastoral groups.
- H) Oversee households and Christian living situations.

17.40 II.) Retreat Program - 20%

- A) Design, keynote and supervise retreat experiences for youth, young adults and married couples.
- B) Assist in the design of Volunteer Staff training.

13.05 ~~2.6~~ III.) Speak at workshops, conferences, parishes - 15%

2.61 IV.) Member of Boards and Committees - 3%

- A) Division Evangelization committee
- B) MCC Department of Education
- C) ~~Vocations committee~~

10.44 V.) Full time staff - 8% (270)

- A) Staff meetings
- B) Oversee staff training sessions
- C) Supervisor for [redacted]

13.05 VI.) Doctor of Ministry Program - 15%

- A) Spiritual direction for certain men in Community.
- B) Thesis development

4.35 VII) administrative functions 3%

James [redacted] be moderator
 of the life in the Spirit Seminars

JOB DESCRIPTION - Fr. Michael Kolar - 1981/82

1. Center Administration 15%
 - a) Supervise personnel
 - b) Supervise budget
 - c) Make primary personnel decisions
 - d) Make primary financial decisions
 - e) Supervise overall program development
 - f) Participate in program decisions
2. Community Development 15%
 - a) Member of Community
 - b) Lead Community meetings
 - c) Oversee pastoral group
3. Retreat Director 25%
 - a) Develop content for retreats for away high school students, seminarians and priests, Good Shepherd staff.
 - b) Conduct weekend retreats for high school students, seminarians, and priests.
4. Personal Ministry 5%
 - a) Confessions
 - b) Spiritual direction
 - c) Counselling
 - d) Referral
5. Public Speaking 10%
 - a) Speak at various religious education conferences and workshops
 - b) Speak to specific groups involved in youth ministry or community building.
 - c) Speak in parishes (Homilies, etc.)
6. Regular Sunday Eucharist 10%
 - a) Preside as usual celebrant
 - b) Preside as usual homilist
7. Staff Meetings 10%
 - a) Lead staff meetings
8. Marriage Course 5%
 - a) Supervise program director
 - b) Provide liturgical ministry, meet with parents
9. President, Catholic Youth Camps, Inc. 4%
 - a) Attend and preside at Board Meetings
 - b) Participate in major policy and personnel decisions
 - c) Supervise Camp Director
 - d) Provide counsel for workers
 - e) Provide liturgical and priestly ministry for camp.
10. Coordinator of Manalive 1%
 - a) Attend Manalive board meetings
 - b) Participate in major decisions concerning policy and personnel
 - c) Oversee Associate Director
 - d) Provide counsel for workers

JOB DESCRIPTION - Fr. Michael Kolar - 1981/82

1. Center Administration ~~15%~~ 16%
 - a) Supervise personnel
 - b) Supervise budget
 - c) Make primary personnel decisions
 - d) Make primary financial decisions
 - e) Supervise overall program development
 - f) Participate in program decisions
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 - a) Preside as usual celebrant ^{5 CCR}
 - b) Preside as usual homilist
7. Staff Meetings 10% ^{4 CCR}
 - a) Lead staff meetings ^{3 CCR} _{3 PET}
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CYC 70%
CCR 18%
NET 5%
CAMP 7%

29
~~25~~
54
~~14~~
70

Jim Kolar - Job Description - 1983-84

I. Center - 30%

- A) To assist in overseeing the operation and administration of the Center.
 - 1. To oversee the communication of information required by the Committee on Archdiocesan Programs
 - 2. To assist in overseeing budgetary and administrative details of the Center.
 - 3. To assist in the planning, development and evaluation of Center programs.
 - 4. To assist in the development of the Center's operating policies and procedures.
 - 5. To assist in the supervision of Center personnel
- B) To oversee staff training, evaluation and planning days.
- C) To participate in staff meetings and in the absence of the Director, to oversee staff meetings.
- D) To assist in developing the agenda for and directing meetings for the Center Board of Directors.
- E) To represent the Center at various diocesan meetings - youth commissions, evangelization commission, Minnesota Catholic Conference, Department of Education, Diocesan Youth Service agencies' committee.
- F. To assist in the design and implementation of training events and consultative requests from parishes.
- G. To speak at workshops, conferences and training events.

II. Community 65%

- A) To oversee the operation and administration of Community.
 - 1. To develop community schedule
 - 2. To oversee assignment of leaders and teachers for community gatherings.
 - 3. To oversee the development of a separate accounting bookkeeping process for the Community.
 - 4. To oversee the personnel working for Community.
 - 5. To assist in overseeing the operating policies and procedures of the Community.
- B) To oversee Cell Group leaders.
 - 1. To plan agenda for all group leaders' meetings.
 - 2. To oversee the care of Cell group leaders.
 - 3. To oversee household and community living situations.
- C) To oversee planning for Community growth and development.
 - 1. To schedule meetings for assessment problem solving and planning.
 - 2. To keep notes from such meetings.
 - 3. To oversee deliberation process for Community as it's needed.
 - 4. To oversee the development of initiation process into Community.

CYC 30%
CCR 65%
NET 5%

- D) To oversee *Community* courses
 - 1. To assist teachers
 - 2. To develop course schedule
 - 3. To develop and change course context as needed.
- E) To serve as primary liason with Word of God, and other Communities.

III. St. Paul Outreach *590*

- A) To oversee the planning for the possible incorporation of St. Paul's outreach
- B) To assist in the oversight development & training for NET.
- C) To assist in the oversight, planning and training for the Institute for Catholic Evangelization.
- D) To assist in the planning for new outreaches - such as the Hispanic outreach.

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"Rapping" out the Story
of Today's Priest in Action



Vol 1, No 7

GROWING WITH A YOUTHFUL COMMUNITY

Father Michael Kolar, the youthful Director of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center, demonstrates that the priesthood is not a goal in itself, but part of a process towards a goal.

In discussing his role as a priest, Father Kolar explained that he not only helps others develop their awareness of God and Faith, but that his own understanding is constantly growing and developing. He also feels that he got off to a rather weak start in this regard.

He was born in St. Paul, and along with his older sister and younger brother, attended St. Columba grade school. He went directly from there to Nazareth Hall, although he considered attending Cretin High School. He felt at this time that he was called to be a priest, but he had to constantly attune himself to that call, especially during the years at Nazareth Hall.

"Every summer when I went home, I wasn't sure I'd be back in the fall," he admitted.

He explained that during the summers especially, he'd often consider other alternatives: social work, college football, family life.

"It was hard to give up the possibility of my own family and that kind of security," Father Kolar explained, "especially since I really like kids."

However, each fall he'd return to the seminary. Two years prior to his ordination, Father Kolar again thought of other options, such as the Peace Corps, but he was also discovering aspects of his training that were very appealing.



During the summer immediately after his college years, he had the opportunity to spend a summer at St. Louis University studying delinquency and crime control. The following summer, the opportunity presented itself to apply what he had learned about social problems by working with Catholic Charities in Minneapolis. This opened up a new area of interest as he worked with emotionally-disturbed children, penal institutions, marriage



and family life programs. The last three years of the seminary provided valuable insights into psychology, welfare, prison systems, and the ways in which the Church relates to the poor. Nine months after his ordination, Father Kolar was asked to assist at the Catholic Youth Center, which enabled him to apply much of his training in a new and different way. He has now been there for over three years, and recently became the director.

The Youth Center may seem to be very different from the welfare orientation that Father Kolar originally developed, but there are many similarities in terms of social awareness and activity. For example, the Youth Center sponsors the "Insight Program" which involves Youth working with the mentally ill, mentally retarded, exceptional children, the elderly and other groups of people that may need special attention and concern. The Center also provides retreats for high school and college-age people, an ongoing prayer community, as well as a household where members of the community live together much as the early Christians described in the Acts of the Apostles. A summer Boys' Camp is sponsored by the Center and there are many other varied activities that demand awareness and concern.

However, the core of the Center life is a deepening of commitment to God on the part of the staff, youth, and others who are part of the Youth Center Community. This commitment is constantly growing, and even for Father Kolar, it takes some time. He explained that last year has been one of real growth in this regard. He felt that for the first two years at the Youth Center, he did not have a clear focus on how faith fits into life and consequently, he was "doing too much myself, rather than allowing God to operate through me," he said.

"Now I feel my faith has become alive and increased my ability to work as well as deepened my love of scripture and the sacraments, for now I'm more aware of what God is asking of me rather than trying to run things myself," he explained.

This realistic feeling of God's presence even extends to his relaxation, which is often working at the Boys' Camp or running, biking, or canoeing. Father Kolar also enjoys mountain climbing, and described a rewarding trip to the Little Bighorn Mountain in Wyoming with some of the volunteer staff from the Center. They had their own New Year's Day Bowl game last year -- the Snow Bowl, played in a meadow in the mountains and followed by a community sing and liturgy.

The vacation was actually an extension of his life at the Catholic Youth Center, a place, he says, "where I'm learning to deepen my commitment to the Lord along with everybody else." This, he says, is the greatest reward of his work -- leading young people to a deeper love and understanding of God, knowing that once this happens, so many other of life's concerns fall into place. Father Kolar foresees that in the future his role will become that of a director of ministries, rather than the "minister," for everyone will be learning to become ministers of God and ministers to each other.

If you would like more information about the priesthood, contact Father Shallbetter at the Vocation Center at 222-5848.

Catherine Lynch
Editor





Catholic Youth Center
150 No. Smith
St. Paul, MN 55102

Robert,

Between you being incapacitated
and some sudden deaths at this
end the Bell system has not
connected us; and I am unhappy
about that! I'll be leaving on

ARCH-019100

Monday for Notre Dame and will
return June 15th a new man
so watch out. Our course work
will include Canon Law so, if it
is satisfactory with you and the
Archbishop I will not be attending
the updates at St. John's University.
You are in my prayers; I look
for you - Much love, Mike

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME Michael G. Kolar

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
PLEASE CONTACT: James C. Kolar
Name

846 Holly Avenue
Address St. Paul, Minn

291-8768
Telephone

MY NEXT OF KIN ARE:

MRS. NEIL W. KOLAR 1225 LAFOND AV. 644-0479
Name Address Telephone

MaryANNE MULLEN 8151 Brian Creek Rd Annandale
Name Address 1-703-978-3535 Telephone Virginia

Name Address Telephone

My Last Will & Testament is located at 846 Holly, Jim Kolar has
copy.

SPECIAL BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Jim Kolar has in his possession my instructions for burial.

This information requested of all priests will make it easier for us to carry out your wishes in case of an emergency. You may make changes at any time by sending us up-dated information.

Please send the completed form to: The Chancery, 226 Summit, St. Paul, MN, 55102

September 6, 1979

Rev. Msgr. Stanley J. Srnec
Church of St. Raphael
7301 Bass Lake Road
Crystal, MN. 55428

Dear Monsignor Srnec,

Mert told me of your conversation about a speaker for the fall meeting. I would approve of Bishop Dingman speaking on land use. If that were not possible, I would strongly suggest Bishop George Speltz on the same subject. Both are equally good.

On the question of ministry to homosexuals, you know that I have tremendous affection and respect for Mark Dosh, but frankly, the homosexual community would find Mark to be almost an affront and I really think it would be unfair to ask him. If Father Mike Kolar is good on the whole counselling perspective with homosexuals, by all means ask him. I wann't aware that he had had that much experience.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

August 16, 1978

Reverend Michael G. Kolar ✓
St. Paul Catholic Youth Center
150 N. Smith Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Father Kolar,

With this letter, in addition to your responsibilities as Director of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center, I am also appointing you Vicar Cooperator of the Cathedral of St. Paul. This additional appointment is made to fulfill the canonical technicalities involved with the weekly charismatic liturgy and other pastoral services at the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center.

This appointment will be effective at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 1, 1978.

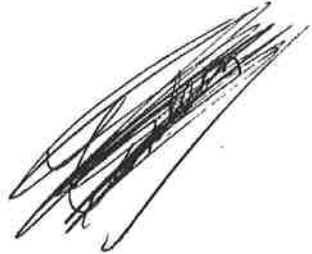
This appointment will not be published in The Catholic Bulletin. Further, it will not be announced at the Cathedral of St. Paul nor at the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center.

I pray, Mike, that the ministry at the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center continues to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope that the weekly charismatic liturgy will be a source of support in faith for many of our young people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

cc: Bishop Kinney
Msgr. Hayden
Fr. Carlson



November 19, 1979

The Reverend Michael Kolar
The Catholic Youth Center
250 North Smith Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mike:

I would like to thank you in a very special way for your guidance and prayerful support during my recent retreat. You were a real instrument of the Lord.

I have enclosed a small check to cover the expenses and to show my appreciation for your generous sharing from your busy schedule.

Mike, as you know, I am very excited to be back in the Archdiocese, and certainly you are no small part of the reason for that excitement. You are very special to me and I am pleased to be able to share in your goodness.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dear ArchBishop Roach:

I am a 23 year old woman, within the Community of St. Patrick's in Inver Grove Heights Minn. But am presently not attending services there, for this reason.

At the age of _____ year's I left my home seeking friends and activities with which I could participate and find myself, I have been obese from childhood and terribly shy. Therefore I never did much outside my home. But found it time to leave my shell and join life.

So at the suggestion of one friend I wandered into an institution entitled "Catholic Youth Center" 150 Smith Ave St. Paul Minn.

I entered seeking intelligent wholesome friends, to find that my life was not my own, but that of a man and his faithful followers (FR. Kolar, BR Jim, and Volunteer Staff member's).

Let me begin my tale —

Being lonely and having all but a non-descript identity I as most young people my age, I sought and wanted to belong to these "Christians" but did not understand "tongues" and Bazaar Behavior such as seductive dancing during masses, young girls standing in line to "touch" FR. Kolar, and the trance like state and phony kindness each person relayed.

So I wrote to Father Kolar asking him many questions, how to over-

Come my fear of tongues and touching
and hopefully belong and serve
the Lord there too.

Approaching this handsome,
charming priest was a courageous
act for me especially knowing
how shy I am. But I felt if
others could be accepted, so would
I. So I did. I told him how much
I thought of him and his questions
of me were #1. my name. #2 If I
was single or married. #3 If I had
come and how many times. But he
did not answer my real question of
the Holy Spirit and Tongues. He avoided
it and me, until he put his arm
around me very seductively and
led me to believe that I was welcome,
and okay. To me to have a man
put his arm around a 250 lb lonely
girl was like dying and going to
Heaven. I was hooked.

But being afraid of crowds I avoided
the group, but took the memory of final
acceptance, home and lived on it and
dreaming as a young girl does of romantic
thoughts and a life of real happiness.
I thought Father really cared for me
and was genuinely sensitive to my
obvious social rejection and loneliness.

But I became guilty and stayed
away. Until a note came in the mail
from Gigi Schumacher saying that
he wanted me to join "Seminar
of the Holy Spirit" So I was thrilled
that they thought that much about

me, to invite me personally. So I signed up.

I went through the seminar and at the end was terrified to be prayed with for the tongues, but I was brave and, God was there and I laughed instead. They did not understand.

So I went home and was high as a kite, God loved me, Kolar was fond of me and I could and would do anything for both.

Strange things began to happen,

1. Trips to Colorado.

2. A Fast of 300 Day's to do penance for my love of a man of God who was to remain celibate and unmarried! Almost killing myself for him. To return there, approach him and have him abruptly back away from me in front of all his people. Public humiliation, loneliness, the crash of a dream, hurt to the point of inertia I wanted to sit down on the floor and cry like a baby. But instead I went to my car, drove home and began to eat the pain away. Asking myself - why would a 36 year old man hug you at the door of his employment seductively, lovingly when you were obese to suddenly have the hugs stop when I became thin and attractive?

Did not add up.

Three weeks went by, I returned there to ask him why, tell him why I lost the weight' etc... I went in and the secretary told me he was "all booked up" and he could not see me. (a lie!)

So I went out to the bench in the lobby, to the pt of tears and prayed to God. To look up and see him walk in with another lady named Francis Keating, he had a suit case and looked happy and in a hurry.

He asked me what I wanted? I said to talk to him and he said he had no time. He looked angry with me (why?) he stood and looked at me, and then I felt a surge of heat come from his body to hit my face. What was it your Excellency? The Holy Spirit? The Furnace? I am not sure. But as I grow older I think I know.

I grew terribly afraid of this man named Fr. Mike whom everyone loved. I felt he used my body, raped my mind, destroyed my Ego, stripped me of my integrity and my God given birth rite of Health, Life free choice and the pursuit of Happiness.

Why would a man of God, want to hurt and ruin a year

do girls life? Especially when she did not have much in the beginning.

So the tale continues -

I feel so beat, I go away to a school in ^{run by Dominican Nuns,} named ^(small businessman) I nor my father cannot afford this school, but I take out a loan and leave my family etc., maybe to become a nun, God loved me still, even tho' rejection and patronization by those people was real.

The nuns took good care of me, fed me back to health, showed me the real God and counseled me to the pt of seeing that this man is wrong in his ministry. I found friends and acceptance and direction, but at a pretty costly price.

Seeking more answers I seek a diocesan priest name "FR. Klink" he picks me up, tells me of not trusting hierarchical people and also tells me he is a counselor, helps people with problems, He cannot help me. His comments hurt me, I cry in his presence, he feels as tho' he has dropped me for the last time. He befriends me teaching me self-reliance, and telling me to stay away from Father Kolar who is obviously messed up upstairs. ↓

I return home, almost dead, and continue to call Fr Klink, the therapy of trust continues, he is there each time I call, he seems to care, and pumps me full of good positive things. The phone bill grows, and is now at the pt of nearing \$1,000. The jobs I obtain are all haunted by "them" each one.

History ~~FR~~ - Control Data
Sales Clerk 12 malls,
Handicap School
& Factories

My life is not my own, but Fr Mike!
My car is 1 white Foreign job which costs me a fortune in repairs.

As I reflect on the past three years I am sad and I confess to God, that I allowed my mind and my free will to be taken over by a man who has no right to touch my body, my mind or my life.

I am tired of retreats, preplanned functions in which my every move is accounted for. And finally I am sick and tired of Father Kolar, and the Charismatic movement!

this letter comes to you after 7 months in my parents basement. you ask why? Because I live in fear of Father Kolar, I live in fear of His Brother Jim Kolar and I live in fear of those people who inhabit the Catholic Youth Center of St. Paul in your Diocese.

Do you think this NORMAL?

I love God, I love my family, they have seen me suffer by these people, my father cannot bear to see me this way / fearful, desecrated, and not functioning.
He now must pay lots of money at a psychiatrist to get me well, build my ego and put me back on the track of life. I pray it possible.

In recent days I have written to Fr. Carlson telling him also my tale, and have asked other priests to pray for me. I have approached a lawyer and he tells me that it is hard to prosecute a priest, and the inner suffering is hard to prove, so I feel I have a case tho, as God is my Judge.

I have also talked with Fr. Kolar on this subject, he avoids reality! He tells me I do crazy things! and coming from him that is a compliment. He tells me after 3 years of hell on earth, and I telling him

that he was the first man to touch me, and how deeply that hurt me he can only say, that he will pray for me, and he had the nerve to ask me for my telephone number!

I ask you as a man of God, as a human being and as a fellow Christian to only hear me and my tale. I am an intelligent, beautiful person. I have a right to be alive and pursue the things I choose. And now at the pt of near death I reach out to you to tell you the truth.

When a man in the Desert is thirsty he begins to dig for water. I feel that Christ is water and I sought him at the C/C and found him not. I am thirsty, forsaken, live in fear that I will never seek friends or trust again. For this I pray to the Lord.

Father Kolar had a TV show in which he spoke of freedom through Christ. But I say, why bother to go through the pain of seeking Christ to be free when in the end you become Father Kolar's slave? Not Good.

The Catholic Youth Center is a beautiful building with much character and history. But I shall never go there again, and my relatives, friends and acquaintances shall not attend

functions there after this trauma.

Father Kolar has told me that I am welcome there anytime. He as far as I am concerned has no authority to invite or not invite me into that building. He as a man of God does not own it nor will he ever and I feel he has become possessing of something which is really the people's building. Don't you? He pays no taxes, and I am sure no bills so he can be easily replaced. Don't you think?

I write you to prevent any other innocent person entering what seems to be a legitimate place becoming deceived and hurt when reality strikes.

To stress this pt. I live in fear of my life with FR Kolar. Please hear me.

I pray daily for the other people whom he has traumatized, and there are some.

Do you think my Father should have to pay this DR. Beer to get me well? To allow another man to touch me, love me and be good to me? I don't think so.

I am going to stop now, for this story is a hard thing to write for me lucky to get it on paper.

all I ask is that you read it,
hear it and to evaluate
Fr. Kolac and the means he uses
to sell his product "Jesus Christ"

For a Guy who has had a free
ride through school, nice cars, pretty
girls, lake camp and a title of
director of a youth center, I really
doubt if he is worth the trouble
to try and get revenge on. after
all I was and I but a kid, overweight,
lonely, uneducated, isolated, broke.
who only wanted to belong and
grow.

Maybe I'm the lucky one?

Thank you for your time.

Please.

P.S. I would appreciate it if
you could let me know
as soon as possible that this letter
reached you and that I
connected with you. For this
I pray.

my Address:

yes

no

I have received your letter.

ARCH-018987

Mr. Kalan

January 25, 1980

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

Archbishop Roach has received your letter concerning your participation in the programs at the [REDACTED]. The Archbishop asked that I respond to your letter. As you know, we have spoken about this matter several times on the phone.

The [REDACTED] serves thousands of young men and women each year. It is my experience that the programs are well organized and the participants are generally very well satisfied. I regret that you had a negative experience, and I am certainly concerned about the pain and frustration that you mention in your letter.

Please be assured of the support of my prayers.

Sincerely,

Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Chancellor

John Roach

February 20, 1980

Dear [REDACTED]:

I received your kind note and thoughtful card and would like to thank you for your graciousness in writing.

I believe that you are correct in staying close to Our Lord and active in the faith life of the Catholic Church.

Please be assured of my continued prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION
FOR CHANCERY USE

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME MICHAEL G. KOLAR

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
PLEASE CONTACT: JAMES C. KOLAR
Name

846 HOLLY AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MN.
Address

612-291-8768
Telephone

MY NEXT OF KIN ARE:

MRS. DOROTHY KOLAR, 1225 LATOND AVENUE
Name Address Telephone 612-644-0479

Mrs. Mary Anne Mullen 9717 Church Way
Name Address Telephone Bucke Virginia 22015
1-703-928-2109

Name Address Telephone
St. Paul Catholic Youth Center

My Last Will & Testament is located at 150 N. Smith Avenue

SPECIAL BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Will is located in the safe in
the administrators office or
will as a copy in my
desk drawer of my file cabinet
under Documents = D. &
have burial instructions in
my will.

A religious priest or deacon is asked to give the name, address and telephone number of the major superior.

This information requested of all priests and deacons will make it easier for us to carry out your wishes in case of an emergency. You may make changes at any time by sending us up-dated information.

Please send the completed form to: The Chancery, 226 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102

September 3, 1982

Reverend Michael Kolar
Catholic Youth Center
150 N. Smith
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Father Kolar,

This will confirm our conversation of September 3, 1982.

I am asking you to commit yourself to a tenure of five years as Director of the Catholic Youth Center and those activities associated with the Catholic Youth Center. It is your understanding and mine, that should there be some dramatic change in your thinking, or should the Church have another need of you, neither you nor I would hesitate to discuss that question of tenure within the five years. It is also our understanding that at the end of that five year period you may very well want to continue to serve at the Catholic Youth Center and we would talk about another term at that time.

Above all, Mike, I want to thank you for the excellent work that you have done and continue to do as Director of the Catholic Youth Center. You have done all of that well and I am grateful to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

/cmh

bcc - Father Korf
Msgr. Hayden

DATE: December 15, 1982
MEMO TO: Archbishop Roach
FROM: Robert Schwartz
SUBJECT: Sabbatical for Fr. Michael Kolar

The attached information sheet is for you files. Assignment letters will follow when they have been prepared.

Center for Growth in Priestly Ministry

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

12 N. Moore, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

SABBATICAL INFORMATION

Name Rev. Michael G. Kolar
Address 150 N. Smith Ave, St. Paul 55102
Phone 224-4853
Parish/Institution St. Paul CYC

Dates of Sabbatical:

February 15 - May 15, 1983

Dates of Absence from the Archdiocese:

February 14 - June 11, 1983 (extra time due to combined
vacation and retreat)

Replacement:

Rev. Jerome Hackenmueller

Person in charge of Parish Administration:

Sacramental Ministry - Rev. Jerome Hackenmueller

Parish Administration - Rev. James Kolar

Replacement Finances: Total = \$1,120

\$70 x 14 weekends = \$980

\$70 x 2 (Holy Week and Ascension Thursday) = \$140

Sabbatical Program:

Notre Dame Clergy Institute (4 month program)

Emergency Phone Number:

Finances:

Archdiocesan Grant: \$1,500

Parish Allotment: 700

Additional Financing: Knights of Columbus Grant
applied for.

Approval by the Sabbatical Committee:

Assignment by the Archbishop:

Comments:

March 22, 1983

The Reverend Michael Kolar
Notre Dame Institute
for Clergy Education
University of Notre Dame
1102 Memorial Library
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Dear Mike:

I received your note and I regret that I missed you before you left for Notre Dame, but I really got run over by the flu and a resulting respiratory infection which knocked me out of business for two weeks. I am still fighting the effects of the respiratory infection, and believe it or not, I am taking life a bit easier.

I hope you are enjoying the opportunity to grow and to learn. I have been waiting for a few "Theological rumblings," but haven't heard anything from South Bend, so I assume you are still studying hard.

You will be receiving a letter and program on the Canon Law Institute at St. John's. I think it would be a good idea, especially from the point of view of priestly fraternity, to attend one of the sessions at St. John's. If you can't, then you should write the Archbishop in the near future, as he is excusing the people on an individual basis.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as we enter into Holy Week and the great celebration of Easter.

Alleluia!



The Notre Dame Institute for Clergy Education
University of Notre Dame

1102 Memorial Library
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Office of the Director
Telephone: (219) 239-5328
Cable Address: DU LAC

April 26, 1983

Rev. Michael Kolar
James Hall
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Dear Mike:

During the current Institute there will be several days devoted to the REVISED CODE OF CANON LAW.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 3, 4 and 5, THE NEW CODE AND MARRIAGE LEGISLATION will be presented by Rev. Jack Finnegan, a former president of the Canon Law Society, and currently professor at Weston School of Theology in Cambridge. These sessions will include a two-hour practicum, as well as eight hours of classroom work.

On Tuesday, May 10, Rev. Thomas Tivy, of the Tribunal Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will give two two-hour presentations on THE NEW CODE AND EMERGING PASTORAL ECCLESIOLOGIES. On Wednesday, May 11, Fr. Tivy will guide the Institute participants in a Reflection Day on the New Code and Emerging Pastoral Ecclesiologies.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Robert S. Pelton, C.S.C.
Director

May 25, 1983

Reverend Michael Kolar
Holy Cross Brothers' Center
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Peace!

Inasmuch as you have already taken a week's course in Canon Law, the Archbishop is pleased to excuse you from the Canon Law Institute at St. John's University, Collegeville, in June.

Perhaps some members of your staff will be able to attend the session being held the weekend of June 17th-18 at the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, so that they, too, will have some idea of how Canon Law affects the laity.

God's blessing!

Reverend Urban S. Wagner, OFM Conv.
Vice-Chancellor

USW:mw

cc: Fr. Schwartz



HOLY CROSS BROTHERS CENTER
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA 46556

Dear Bob,

You are in my thoughts and prayers - especially after a week of Coronar Row. Hope all is well with you. I missed being in Msgr. Moton's diocese with you.

I am asking to be released from the summer program on the Revised Code at St. Johns. Two reasons: The work here on the subject was rather thorough (I'm



HOLY CROSS BROTHERS CENTER
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA 46556

sending along a copy of the outline
and the presenter. Secondly, I
would like to dig in after being gone
for four months.

If, The Archbishop for any reason, would
rather have me attend I will reconsider.
Let me know one way or the other when
you have a break.

Your Brother
Michael

*cc. alby Round
9-10-92
Cmk*

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

St. Paul Catholic Youth Center
150 No. Smith Ave.
St. Paul, Minn. 55102

This agreement is made this 15 day of July, 1983 by
and between the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center and
James C. Kolar

I. EMPLOYMENT

The St. Paul Catholic Youth Center agrees to employ James C. Kolar
from July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984. James C. Kolar
will serve as a member of the full time program staff, performing the duties
of his/her job description. This employee will be supervised by Fr. Mike Kolar.

II. SALARY

The St. Paul Catholic Youth Center shall pay the above employee an annual
salary of \$26,600. to be paid on the 15th and last day of each month. If
there is to be a salary increase January 1, 1984, the employee will be
notified of that increase by December 15, 1983.

III. INSURANCE AND FRINGE BENEFITS

James C. Kolar will be covered by the Archdiocesan Insurance
Program including Major Medical Expenses and Life Insurance. The St. Paul
Catholic Youth Center pays the premium on the policy. In addition, he/she
will be enrolled in the Archdiocesan Pension Plan (requirement being 25
years of age and completion of one year employment for the Archdiocese).

IV. VACATION

The above employee will be entitled to 20 days paid vacation during the
contract period. Vacations shall be used currently and not cumulatively.

The dates for vacation are subject to the approval of the Director.

V. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT

This contract may be renewed by mutual agreement of the undersigned parties. Each renewal will require a written and signed agreement. Any additions or deletions in job description will take place at that time. (Recommended changes in job description at other times of the year will be implemented only by mutual consent.) Discussion concerning contract renewal for James C. Kolar will begin sometime after January 1, 1984 and the Memorandum of Understanding will be signed no later than May 15, 1984.

VI. ADDITIONAL POLICIES

The booklet published by the Archdiocese entitled "Central Corporation Personnel Policies" will be referred to for additional policies regarding items such as holidays, funeral leave, termination etc.

WE AGREE, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ONE ANOTHER, TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT.

Michael B. Kolar
Director

James C. Kolar
Employee

July 15, 1983
Date

DATE: - May 25, 1984
MEMO TO: Bishop Bullock
FROM: Archbishop Roach
SUBJECT:

Mike Kolar told me that he had talked to you about their proposed private association of Christian faithful, the Community of Christ the Redeemer. Bill, I would be interested in knowing your reaction to that.

There are some legal questions, both civil and canonical, that I need to look at but it would help me if I knew whether or not you were positive toward the formation of that association.

*I'd be glad to except I don't
recall discussing this with Mike Kolar*

25 May 1984

10115 Englewood Drive
Eden Prairie MN 55344

The Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson,
Bishop/Archdiocese of St. Paul/Mpls.
226 Summit Avenue--St. Paul MN 55102

Dear Bishop Carlson:

I envision you as being the type of person who wouldn't mind the elimination of "protocol" once in a while (Smile!)--thus, the informality of this letter...

Heartfelt "thanks!" for your glowing rendition of the "Rite of Confirmation" enacted at St. Edward's (Bloomington) last Saturday (5-19-84). After having to endure nearly four hours of Choir participation I believe all of us were no less candidates for "sainthood"! (Smile!)

Seriously, your homily was "food for thought" (OK--I admit I don't want to be one of those who find themselves still sitting there on Tuesday--Smile!)... I "smiled" to myself in the knowledge that these young people are setting out upon a "journey" that is, or can become nothing less than an "adventure"!!! I embarked on that route nearly twenty years ago (age 10). Dedication to those "higher ideals" takes priority and is already evident among them.

We were so anxious to meet this "new Bishop" of ours that day! Although I'm afraid our Liturgist, Dr. Larry Gully, practically had all of us in Choir "shaking in our shoes" in the realization that YOU ARE CANNON LAW!!!!!!!!!!!! (Smile!) Little did we suspect --not only do you wear loafers "in ceremony", but you're an excellent "hockey player" (Smile) as well! (Larry does his home-work!)

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I would like to convey a specific "message" via the enclosed letter to (Reverend) Mike Kolar. I sincerely hope you realize what an invaluable "store of wealth" the Church has in this much loved & respected individual! Michael is not only able to "proclaim the Good News!" in word and deed--he is also (more importantly) able to effectively incorporate this Word of His into the very heart and soul of all who place themselves under his influence. I have to consider myself a prime example of this. I attribute my own spiritual formation to none other...

You played a major role in this yourself--for which I owe you a debt of gratitude. Your kind assistance, some five years ago, virtually laid the groundwork for what was to "transpire" there--after... You provided me with enough "incentive" to continue onward with what has proven to have been a "remarkable endeavor"! (Thank you!)

In Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Sue

(Mrs.) Sue Printup

June 4, 1984

Reverend Michael Kolar
Director
Catholic Youth Center
150 N. Smith Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Father Kolar,

I asked Bishop Bullock to give me his reaction to your proposal on a private association of Christian faithful, the Community of Christ the Redeemer.

It was my understanding that you had talked to Bishop Bullock. He indicated that he did not remember discussing this with you. I would ask you to initiate a discussion with Bishop Bullock so that I may have his recommendation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

/cmh
bcc - Bishop Bullock

June 1, 1984

Mrs. Sue Printup
10115 Englewood Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Dear Mrs. Printup,

Thank you for your kind letter of May 25 and the materials that you included with it.

✓ I, too, share your enthusiasm and belief that Father Michael Kolar is an outstanding priest and a definite asset to this local Church.

It was good to hear that the recent Rite of Confirmation conducted at St. Edward's Parish was such an enjoyable occasion. It was my privilege to be the confirming bishop at this ceremony and ministering to the youth of this Archdiocese is a joy for me.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

RJC:mw

October 2, 1985

The Reverend Michael G. Kolar
The Catholic Youth Center
150 North Smith Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Peace!

Bishop Carlson asked me to send you the official document giving you general delegation to assist at the marriages of members of the Catholic Youth Center of St. Paul and of The Community of Christ the Redeemer. This delegation is valid anywhere in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The principles governing general delegation are given in Canon 1111 of the Revised Code of Canon Law.

General delegation is given to you for your convenience as well as to safeguard the validity of the marriages that you may perform in a church or chapel other than your own.

With general delegation you have the right and the power to sub-delegate in an individual case, a priest or deacon to assist at a marriage of a member of your community. The general principle regarding sub-delegation is given in Canon 137, paragraphs 1 and 3.

Please keep the official document granting you general delegation on file as proof that this faculty has been granted to you.

God's blessings!

Reverend Urban S. Wagner, O.F.M.Conv.
Vice-Chancellor and Vicar for Marriage

No. 008/85

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS
General Delegation to Assist at Marriages

October 2, 1985

General delegation to assist at marriages in accordance with the prescriptions of Canon 1111 is granted to:

Reverend Michael G. Kolar
The Catholic Youth Center
Community of Christ the Redeemer
St. Paul, Minnesota

effective immediately and valid until revoked or until he discontinues to serve these communities.

This delegation may be used only for those marriages that will take place after proper preparation and instruction and provided all dispensations or permissions have been obtained.

This delegation is valid anywhere within the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and is given especially for the members of the communities mentioned above.

A priest or deacon performing the marriage must be registered with the State of Minnesota so that he can perform marriages as a civil official.

Reverend Urban S. Wagner, O.F.M.Conv/
Vicar for Marriage
Vice-Chancellor

[REDACTED]

Bishop Robert Carlson
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102
291-4400

May 28, 1986

Dear Bishop Carlson,

Much thought and consideration has gone into this letter I am writing you. We have met before on various occasions. For the past seven years I have been a member of the Community of Christ the Redeemer at the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center. I have been a part of the volunteer retreat staff all through college and I was a member of the first year long NET team during [REDACTED]. The CYC and all the people there have been a very sufficient and instrumental part of my life. Because of this it is very difficult for me to inform you about this matter, but I do so with everyone's best interest involved.

I was told that you are the authority in the Archdiocese who is to receive concerns about ordained priest's behavior.

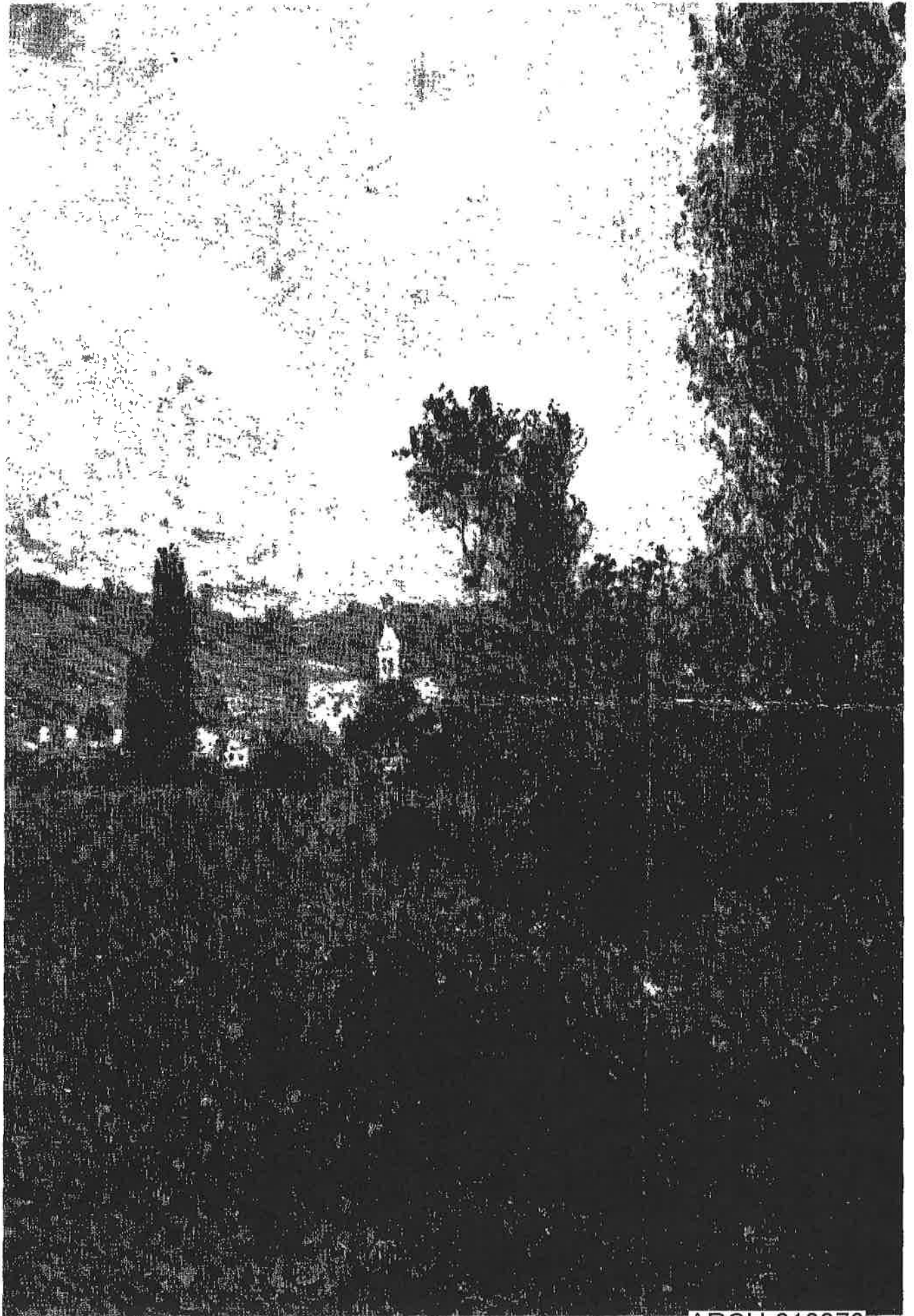
Father Michael Kolar has been a very influential person in my life over the past ten years I have known him. I have admiration and respect for the gifted and talented priest that he is. At the same time I have been hurt by him and am very angry at how he misused his power with me.

Fr. Mike has been very sexually inappropriate on a past occasion with me. At one time I shared some very painful information with him, in regards to what had happened in my own life. I trusted him in my vulnerability and he took advantaged of this and used me for his own sexual needs. I know that I am not the only one he has been sexual with.

I have confronted him on this and have told him how it has affected me and how inappropriate it was. I decided to inform you of this because you are in a position to hold Fr. Mike accountable to the people he serves. In doing this I hope Fr. Mike receives the guidance and help he needs in order to insure that he no longer misuses young women he comes in contact with.

If you need anymore information please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



ARCH-018873

October 20, 1986

Oct. 28 ✓



Dear [redacted]

Shortly after receiving your letter of May 28th, 1986, I wrote to you and suggested that we should get together. Apparently you did not receive that letter.

I continue to be concerned about the information that you shared with me and I would like to meet with you in the near future.

Please call me at my office, 291-4400, and arrange an appointment with my secretary, Mrs. Mila DeMars. She will assist you in finding a time that is convenient for both of us. I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Please be assured of my prayers and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

Oct. 30 - Ann
D.00 Ann Charney



Thursday, October 30, 1986

10:00 A.M.

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Conrad



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- December 1985 On trip to
- by going
- know his wife 10 yrs
- 6th trip to by going - Big Home was
- had been in many other trips
- know him since High School; Significant
- pen; joined community, volunteer stuff
- & lived Jim Baker household.
- self disclosed alot to him; 65 people go
- by night Xmas midnight - rotate cars
- midnight to 7 in morning 1st car;
- 5 people in car - all others sleeping
- & they were talking
- Spring before had experienced some
- difficult trip & told him very vulnerable.

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Other people had had similar experience

- 5 saw thing going to happen

- in night

13

- young single woman

- 8 diff situations

- over period of time

- around a community of sexual modest

- in blood Lois I think

- wrote letter



- he responded

- he wanted to think about it

- In March 1986 I called him & told him of opportunity

- he admitted what he had done; talked about what had happened. As I mentioned we had to agree else - "Said he could not guarantee he would not use some for his needs."

Call Council



- being a lot of pain
- he cried & suggested me.
- along way stopped for gas ;
he was driving & stopped ; told
me get in back seat & other girl
to get in front
- he got in back ; blanket over
nursing back & breasts etc. "this
is wrong & should not let him do this to me"
- "Felt uncomfortable & in some — I needed
care — he is Father Nixon & if he is doing
it, it is ok."
- stopped for breakfast — embarrassed
& confused
- last incident ; nothing on a ball

Following March began personal therapy

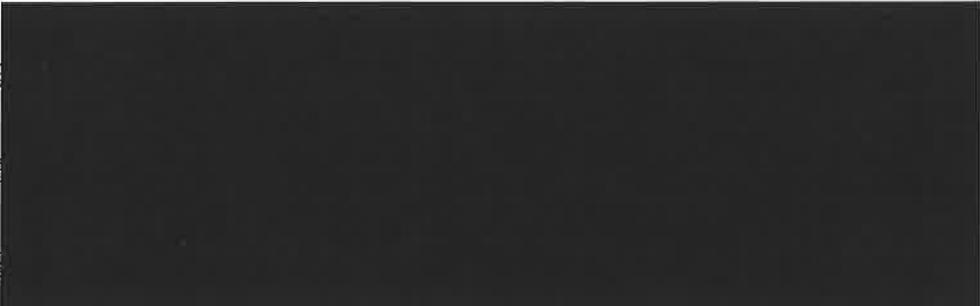
- had been sexually abused by
my father
- sexually assaulted & B.N.W. knew
about it — happened March before
- Rape

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FR. MIKE KOLAR
FEB. 9-13, 1987
MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
BURNSVILLE MN.

Reaction to Parish Mission

I really enjoyed the mission, it was almost like the retreat I recently made. But the one thing that I noticed was that there was no prayer group for youths, just for "single women," "single men," etc., none for youths. Most of the mission was directed at adult, like youths weren't expected to be there - the youths need this mission too!

This is not what I expected. As a "youth" my Mother "dragged" me to more novenas, missions, neighborhood rosaries, etc. As you can see I was the youngest! I'm still not sure what I experienced here but I am glad I came -- all 5 nights too! Even thought I owe my babysitter a left lung it was worth it! I appreciated the learning experience but maybe not quite so much of the dissection of the Bible and would have enjoyed more quiet time at the end of each session. I really loved the music and presentation of it. Thank you and please do come again.

I enjoyed the mission, however, I feel that for the teens you should have a prayer person so that we can talk to them. Again, I would like to say that I really loved this mission, it was a lot of fun and reminded me of the CYC Camp and the Quest that I just went on. Thank you very much!!

It was the most exhilarating week in my life.

Fr. Mike has changed my life. In a matter of 4 days, I've realized that I am worthy of God's love. I know I've a long way to go, but God and prayer will be very large parts of every day from now on. Thank you, Fr. Mike!!

Thank you. You've changed my life. I now realize why my parents always prayed and said the rosary at home and in the car. I was always a little bored but not now. I'm beginning to see! And when I have a family I hope my religious feelings are as deep as theirs. I called and told them about the mission and I felt Mom cried and dad was thrilled and so am I. Thank you again.

I have been touched in parts of my heart that I didn't even know existed. I have been freed to begin to grow.

Thank You Lord! Amen. (This was too intense of an experience for words!)

Thank You!

Great! The Best! More would be even better. Can they come back again for another mission? May the spirit of God continue to come upon this parish and all of his people. Praise the Lord!

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God promised, "If two or three gather in my name..." I have found it difficult to find that other person to pray with me. The first night of this mission, a young couple joined me in prayer for my children--expecially for a son in recovery. I left faith-filled and uplifted. I could not return again until this last night of the mission. Shortly, before I left home for church, the phone rang--a long distance call from a sober, happy young man, the exact sign of good things to come that the couple had asked of God in my name. And the good news: Innocent of a mal-practice suit by decision of the jury. Praise God! Thanks to my prayer partners. Right on with Jesus over our next hurdle - and the ones after that. I don't see how, God, but I BELIEVE!!

I attended Fr. Kolar's mission at St. Raphael's - it changed my life and I felt compelled to attend again with a friend of mine who is a parishioner at Mary, Mother. Thank you for the opportunity to renew again.

Full of love, hope, relief.

What a wonderful week this has been. I cannot remember a time that has been so meaningful to me. I feel God in my life in a way that I've never known - this mission opportunity has truly been a blessing. There has been a wonderful vitality at Church this week, a warmth along with the Good News that has been beautiful to see and a joy to experience. Thank you. Nancy

Sunday was Christmas. Monday was Thanksgiving Day. Tuesday was an ordinary Sunday (I was here, just relaxed). Wednesday was Easter -confession with Fr. Burns (my resurrection). On Thursday, I came dressed in red anticipating Pentecost - and it happened! Struggles I've had all my life are gone -severe physical problems I've had since 1974 are gone, gone, gone, gone!!!! Fr. Mike was wonderful. The single ladies helped me so much. Fr. Burns was so gentle with me in Confession. No one judged me. I have peace and joy I never dreamed of!!!!!!! I want to do this again. I wish there was an ongoing group that could be organized among the parishioners, to give me support.

It brought the spirit of God to my heart. The experience was priceless. I wouldn't change anything. The atmosphere was casual and comfortable but you could feel the power of God. I was so moved and I know that many, many people felt so also. You could just feel it - no one had to say it. Fr. Mike is blessed with the Holy Spirit and I am thankful for my chance to share with him. I haven't ever felt more enriched and enlightened. I feel my faith more strongly than ever. I love you, Fr. Mike!

Thank you for bringing God back into our life. We needed to be reminded of the important things.

I can't say enough good about the Mission. I've received healing and renewal. It is refreshing to hear a Catholic priest preach a straightforward salvation message. I have also heard a lot of positive things as I have been in meetings this week at church. I plan on having my brother, who is a priest listen to the tapes.

Super! I have experienced an inner healing, hearing these Christian truths on salvation preached in the Catholic church. We've looked around at other churches in the past year! This has given us much encouragement to stay within the church. I personally have grown in my understanding, deep in my heart, of the words "God loves me" and that "I can come into the family of God."

I feel the mission was outstanding. It completely changed my life. It was one of the strongest showings of faith and love I've ever seen in the Catholic church. People need this if our faith is going to survive in this world. The church had become to matter of fact, church on Sunday, etc. The church needs to reach out to its people with love like Christ did. Do it every year the young will be yours.

Fr. Mike, thank you for a beautiful mission it is a very loving way to enrich our lives. It seems fitting that our mission was just before Valentine's Day. Thank you for your gift of love. My wife and I heard you when you spoke at St. Peter's in Mendota. I have been enriched by these few short hours.

I loved it! I needed a vacation from everyday life and this was it and now my "everyday" life will be changed. Fr. Mike you are so inspiring and it is truly evident how much the Lord Jesus loves you. I hope to know Him that well. I am in the process of being saved!! God bless you.

Fr. Kolar has really touched me, spiritually, the whole session was excellent, especially Weds. night when he seemed to share so much of himself, and how much I could relate to what he said and what he felt. Past experiences with Fr. Kolar has proved to me how excellent the Mission would be, even before it started!

Mission has been super! Because my husband works evenings, it would have been even better had he been able to attend too. Fr. Burns don't wait 20 years for the next mission.

This week has been a wonderful inspiration. Please come back! Soon!

Very good, rewarding, helpful, help me to grow in my faith.

Was very good - enjoyed every session. Such open sharing, God love you all - us too.

I personally enjoyed the whole mission. I ordered a set of tapes. Would rate the 1st night as my least favorite. My family came then and they did not come back the rest of the week. The mission was very powerful. It has to help MMOTC grow more in its prayer life. Have another sign-up Renew Sunday now! Length of time good. You can usually get someone to come for 1 hour committment.

I feel the mission was great! Fr. Kolar is so good and I really got a lot out of it. I'm sure it has changed my life and will definitely read and pray the Bible more. So many good thoughts to work on. Let's have another mission (not 19 years away)

Super - would like to see the church having more missions. Fr. Mike is terrific. This has really been a growing experience for me. Wish more priests were as dynamic as Fr. Mike. Wish more Catholics were as dynamic. Need more going into the Bible as Catholics, using them during Sunday masses.

I think this was one of the most positive experiences I have ever been involved in, in any way. It was a time of great personal growth and reflection. I enjoyed all five nights and hope to have this become an annual event at Mary Mother. We brought a number of friends both Catholic and non-Catholic alike who were very moved by the mission. I personally think that this is the best thing I have seen yet in the church!

Thank you. The first night was the most moving for me. The rest of the nights were excellent, great. Thank you for your love.

Fr. Mike was a tremendous speaker - inspirational, fun and entertaining as well as education. Thank you Lord for him! Does he ever get to the U of M Neuman Center? Our young adults need him!

Thank you for offering this seminar. I have learned many ways to become closer to God and I'm filled with a renewed faith and this is only a beginning! With practice and training, right? Thank you.

Enjoyed it very much. Thank you Fr. Mike, please come again soon.

In one word, Great! Fr. Mike teachings were solid and anointed. The music led us to worship our Lord.

want more!! Please bring him back soon. We've got a beginning now, we could
 a a refresher every now and then!

It's about time!! Mary Mother is pretty spirit-filled compared to many
 churches I've visited, but I've always felt that a lot of people didn't know
 what they were missing. Catholics, traditionally, have external faith. I'm
 very grateful that internal faith has been exposed to our parish. I am looking
 forward to watching some members of my family come to the Lord. Perhaps, with
 so many prayers for our family, we will one day all be with Him. Thank you.

The mission was wonderful! It reinforced things I felt but needed to be
 affirmed on. When Fr. Mike talked, I never wanted him to stop. I feel I'm
 just beginning my journey of spirituality and this was a real inspiration. I'm
 anxious to get started on the book "Speak Lord, Your Servant Is Listening", I
 used to think we had comfortable pews until I sat on them for 2 hours!! But it
 was well worth it! Thank you.

My husband and I enjoyed it very much - was very glad we could make it all 5
 nights. Especially enjoyed Wednesday and Thursday nights hearing of Fr. Mike's
 personal experiences and stories - puts it more into perspective and makes it
 easier to relate to. It was very hectic and hard to make it each night, but am
 very glad we did.

Thank you, a beautiful experience.

Wow!! What a wonderful experience. I'm so grateful to have been a
 participant. It's been so incredibly wonderful. I'll never forget it. God
 bless you all for showing your love for God so beautifully. I can't wait to
 spend time in heaven with you!

Wish it could continue. Blessed to have someone as powerful as Fr. Mike, love
 and peace to him always. Gained much in the way of sharing a love with those
 around us - a real inner peace. Found the Bible to be more of a friend than I
 realized. Enjoyed it thoroughly.

"God is so good" to send Fr. Mike to us at Mary, Mother. Hope you will come
 back again - we need your word, your gift to teach us more.

The mission has been a great experience to me. I am truly sorry to see it end.
 I hope we can do this again soon. Fr. Mike keep up the good work, this is
 something we need for a long time. God bless you, and thank you.

The mission has been most gratifying and I feel the Lord has ministered to me
 through Fr. Mike. I hope we are able to have another mission like this soon,
 as I believe we will all be blessed to share in the word of God, especially
 when the direction is in the hands like Fr. Mike who is obviously greatly used
 of God.

Great mission. The teachings were excellent. I wish it could continue or at
 least return for one Sunday per month. Need teenagers for teens to go to for
 prayer! What is the follow up? Need some spiritual guidance to follow.
 thanks for sharing of yourself and God bless you.

The Mission has been absolutely wonderful! It has helped me open my heart to the Spirit that I had cast out of my life over one year ago. In fact, I have made the re-acquaintance and I have now put more peace back into my life. A very powerful experience.

I thank God and Fr. Kolar for giving me this opportunity to awaken Jesus and the Spirit in me. I came to MMOTC in a desperate reach to God and for help and meaning. I have found it - Renew and this Mission have been wonderful. Thanks! I also feel that we as Catholics need to learn and live the bible more as do some other denominations - we need guidance like Fr. Kolar to do this.

Fr. Mike is an extremely great speaker. He is so gentle and loving, would love to hear him speak again. Please have him come back.

Sad to have it end! It was a wonderful experience for my husband and I - we missed Monday night, but only because our sitter didn't show. Our children are too young, we feel to be up that late. I am very excited and almost relieved in learning how to go forward in learning about our Lord. I have been feeling a big void or blank spot in my life. I really believe that I have found the way to fill that. I'm anxious to begin with my internal faith. God loves me so, and I especially love you Fr. Mike. Thank you so much.

Fr. Kolar - you have been an answer to prayer in my life. Your message is a much needed one. I will be praying for you and your ministry. Keep up the good work! Love in Christ.

Fr. Kolar - Thank you for all your work, and for what you and your friends brought into our lives - music, prayers, and good thoughts of our salvation.

I enjoyed the mission experience very much. Never thought I would want to come to church for 5 nights. I feel that in the past few evenings I have become closer to God again and have had a renewed commitment to my faith. Maybe I will be able to deal with the upcoming struggle I will face within the next month. Thanks to Fr. Mike.

This Mission has been a God send to me. I have been missing something in my life. There has been a great void. This mission has started to fill that void and it makes me hunger for more. I would like to see more missions come to the parish. I would like to see the church overflowing with people. At this point I want everyone to feel as good as I do. I would like to see Fr. Mike come to our parish at least 4 times a year. We as a Catholic people need a boost of this kind of awakening more than once a year with a weekly follow up. I thank you for this mission, it has truly brought the Holy Spirit into my life.

First Mission since coming to Burnsville, very effective and spirit moving - first time I've been reminded of being dead to sin, love the reminder, so I can do something about it. I find this a great reminder to me of my reason or this trip on earth - want to use all the tools I've learned here this week. Great experience, would love more of them. Thanks for having such a great mission.

This has been one of the best weeks of my life. I think every priest and parishioner should have this experience.

I will grieve when this evening is over. But joy - the Spirit will fill me in. Thanks so much.

Attended 4 evenings and sorry I had to miss one. Have enjoyed it so much and pray that I will never be the same. It was great! What a gift Fr. Mike is!

I feel the homilies given by Fr. Kolar to be very thought provoking and meaningful. He is truly a man of God and an excellent speaker. I did not particularly care for the extra curricular activities. I feel they make many people, who are not so outgoing, uncomfortable. The entire mission could have been just as successful without these activities (Simon Says, back rubs, etc.). However, I feel the singing was very appropriate and beautiful.

Fr. Mike, it looks like I won't make it up to see you. I want to thank you for your prayers the other evening. Today, the second anniversary to Danny's death was bittersweet. The bitterness not so bitter knowing his peace and joy with God. I know that there will still be times when the pain seems so overwhelming, but I know God is there for me and He knows and understands my sense of loss and pain. The parish mission was great. It has put me in touch with an element I felt was missing. I've been looking for that link with God, you've shown me the roadmap. I've been afraid of the deep end of faith, yet I've seen that the fear is the "enemy" trying to keep me in growing in love for God. Thanks for answering God's call to your vocation.

Excellent - I'm happy that Mary Mother finally had a mission. I think it's brought our family closer together in prayer, at least I hope so.

Loved the mission. Fr. Kolar touched me in so many ways. I'm very grateful for this experience. This week has been a tremendously moving experience for me. What a beautiful way to spend time with the Lord. My heart cries out for more. Thank you.

This has been a very moving experience for me. It has been reflective of my youth in Catholic High School. The spirit definitely has moved within his church and myself. It has been a time of relaxation with the Bible. God bless you in your work and may all prayers offered over these past few days be answered.

I feel the mission was a huge success. It was so refreshing to hear Fr. Mike speak of Jesus love for us. he made it all sound so easy. Jesus is truly working thru him. He brought many things to the surface - answered many of my questions about the Catholic Church that I had no answers for and I've been raised Catholic for 31 years. Thank you.

The Mission was great! Teaching was excellent, music was great. Maybe there should be a follow up session in about 3-4 weeks. it is very refreshing not to have the "new liberal" theology pushed.

Parish Mission has been very beneficial - it has raised some old, forgotten issues; provoked some new thinking; and deepened my awareness of God's love. A beautiful experience. Thank you!

I liked it!

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er Mission! It opened my eyes to God's love.

This mission has been a beautiful time that I have shared with my husband. This is really the first time we have prayed together. It has been so special to hear the Word through Fr. Mike and provided such peace - if only for a while. Thank you.

Ferrific!! I can see the connection between the Bible and real life. I'm reading the book and enjoying it.

I thought this was really excellent! I've been starting to read the Bible and getting involved with church and recognizing God. This really helped me a lot and made me think a lot about myself and where God fits into my life. This mission made me realize that God is a lot more important in my life than I thought. I think Fr. Mike was great! Bringing his personal experiences into his talks helped me to realize that even priests aren't perfect. I really hope that more people can hear these talks because I think it really will help them grow spiritually! I know it helped me!

I have really enjoyed these last 5 days. Fr. Mike is so interesting to listen to. Wish there could be more of these missions. He has opened my eyes to the love and friendship God has to offer. I'm a shy person and questions I had, have been answered. Thoughts and questions I felt I couldn't ask anyone else. The courage to go to confession and really open up to the Lord. Not to be afraid. Thank you so much for giving me the chance to change my life and realize what God has really to offer me. I wish there could be another mission during the summer to reinforce the feeling this one has given me. Thank you to Fr. Mike and Fr. Burns. You've given me courage.

I have really enjoyed spending the past few evenings with Fr. Mike. He is a very dynamic speaker and the energy just pours out of him and into everyone who hears him. The mission stirred up a lot of feelings inside of me that I know I'll have to resolve if I am ever going to find peace. I feel as though the mission brought my husband and I closer together and I hope that these past few days will be the start of a new beginning for us. I would like to be able to attend a mission like what this one has been on a regular basis because it gets me excited about my faith again. I wish there were more priests like Fr. Mike because I think more people would stay with the church and would encourage people to join.

I really enjoyed Fr. Mike, we had him for our pre-marriage encounter and really got a lot out of his talks. I know these encounters and missions has changed my life and brought me closer to the Lord. Learning how to read the Bible, scriptures has helped me a lot. Bless Fr. Mike and the Mission.

I am going to miss this wonderful mission. It has been very moving. I had been angry with the Lord for allowing Jesus to suffer so - until I read John 4 - Satan get behind me - you only see the human point of view. That helped me to understand the Lord better. Fr. Mike is a dynamic, compassionate and insightful speaker. Let's invite him back yearly! His faith is contagious! Thank you!!

I liked the jokes and puns he stuck into the service.

Fr. Mike - what a wonderful, vigorating experience for our family! Thank you - we could listen to you weekly!

Although I consider myself to be already in the process of being saved, I've enjoyed immensely all 5 nights of Fr. Kolar's teaching and have learned much. I've also committed to praying for 10 men every day, of which I've been trying to do for the last 3 years. It gave me the push to a goal I've been trying to accomplish.

This mission has been excellent for our parish, and for me personally. This mission has been very good in that we as Catholics are being charged with responsibility for our own faith - to make it grow stronger. Whoever thought of this mission - thank you.

Fr. Mike is a very inspirational speaker - he makes the Bible come alive. Catholics have not traditionally been taught the Bible so these sessions have given me a new look at the Bible. Fr. Mike has the most enthusiastic, unique laugh - full of life.

Great! Fantastic, inspirational, growing experience, energizing.

It has been "Mission accomplished". A wonderful week, a lot of fun, eye opening, mind opening, heart opening, healing, full of love, a taste of honey, a cool drink on a hot day, a light in the darkness, full of love and joy, a call from above, a letter from God, a taste from God's banquet of goodies, full of love from our Father, the Son and the Spirit. Full of peace. Thank you Fr. Mike, Thank You God, for loving me (us) for this great gift. I thirst for
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Probably the most moving, refreshing experience I have had in years. In my membership years at MMOTC it has been the most inspirational time I have spent in the church and parish. It is this kind of fundamental religious instruction that will encourage me and I hope others to become more "franchised" in the parish. I have a personal interest reborn in the church and will become more active in the areas of my greatest concern, the older workers and retirees of the world.

Fr. Mike did a fabulous job.

Thank you for having our family be together.

Very rewarding, dynamic, felt more love in this building than I have ever felt. Mini course in marriage, parenting and faith. Fr. Mike truly has the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I came as one who lost my faith many years ago though I go thru the externals, the less as years go by. I haven't been a good example to my kids or given them much faith. One is married out of the church, one is living with her boyfriend with a baby out of wedlock, one is mentally ill and also has a sexual relationship out of wedlock, my sons go to church but not always and are searching. Only tonight did I see that I've blamed the church for many of my sins. After tonight I feel there is hope. Thank you.

U. I now, my faith had slept.

This was a great display of spirit in the community. Fr. Mike was wonderful to listen to. When I first came on Sunday, I felt that I might be losing the love and friendship I have with my Lord. I want to thank you for bringing back that feeling of joy. God bless you all!

This mission was the most moving event in my adult life. I greatly appreciated the 5 evenings. The music was outstanding and Fr. Mike's presence was overwhelming. Thank you for bringing the Mission to Mary, Mother. Could we have other such parish retreats?

Thank you Fr. Kolar for sharing the gift of speech with us. It has been an unforgettable week for me. I learned a lot. Thank you, thank you.

I experienced some of the same feelings when I was active in TEC retreats. It was wonderful for me to be able to reaffirm what I committed to them and see other adults making a commitment. It was also reassuring to know that my husband and I are at least on the right track with the direction we've chosen for our lives. Many things that we believe and/or are being counseled to do were mentioned almost verbatim this week during the mission. This whole week makes me realize how blessed I am with this parish, my husband and my associates. Thank you for having this mission.

I have enjoyed the 5 days very much - very inspirational. This has been my first time going to this type of mission. It is very enlightening and has helped me a great deal. I would highly recommend.

Thank you Fr. Mike and all your brothers and sisters for sharing your time, love and talents with us this week.

Thank you Fr. Mike. To know the difference between external and internal faith in God, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit.

Mission has been extremely inspirational. Fr. Kolar is an outstanding speaker, appreciate his personal humor mixed with his insights into the Bible.

This has been a wonderful experience for me. We were visiting with friends, and they told us about this seminar. My husband and I live in Stillwater, and I am very happy to have made it to all five of the talks! Fr. Kolar is such a dynamic minister of the Lord! There should be a lot more like him. I know I have grown closer to the Lord through him.

Extraordinarily deep and healing!!!

I enjoyed this workshop and I wish you would have more of these as groups.

This has been a growing experience for me. I have been here all 5 nights and have experienced a variety of emotions. I have also been touched personally by several things Fr. Mike has said. I know his sermons were not prepared for me alone but they sure hit home in my heart. Thank you.

We have attended every evening and would continue for another 3-4 weeks plus - I would hope we will not have to wait 19 years.

Simply super mission, Please have Fr. Kolar again very, very soon.

I am so glad I attended these 5 beautiful nights of this mission. Fr. Mike is truly a beautiful man of God with so much life and love of God to share with others. I feel I have grown so much in my faith these five nights, a process that started after years of stagnation in my faith, with Season One of Renew. I can't wait now to continue on with my study of the Word of God begun with Renew and so enhanced with Fr. Mike. My only regret is that these 5 nights have passed by much too quickly! I only wish it could continue on. With God's help I know it will for me.

I appreciated the personal examples Fr. Mike gave. It helped in emphasizing that we are not now perfect but are striving and working toward perfection. It gives us hope. Liked the emphasis on praying and the importance of daily prayer in our lives. Glad for the importance you placed on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the need for healing and forgiveness.

A very wonderful mission! The first one whose theme was "Love." I've been to many missions and all of them have had hell fire and sin for their theme. I'm so glad the church is changing!

Your community and your Fr. Mike have brought life to this parish. What a joy to be able to see how you witness to our family. Thank you Fr. Mike.

I want you to know that you've really touched my life in a vitally important way. It's just like you said the last night, watch out for powerful changes to occur when you pray! My parents tried to do their best to give me the gift of faith, but lacking it themselves made that difficult. But I thank them for the effort. Although my 12 years of Catholic education didn't bring me to the point they could have if they had been supplemented by a practice of faith in the home, at least the seeds were planted in my barren soil and given enough fertilizer to stay alive, if not to sprout and blossom. For years my faith was only external, then disappeared for awhile. It was (and I was) reborn again when I least expected it - at a marriage encounter a few years ago. I thought I might have my eyes opened about my married life, but never expected to have my sight of God restored to me those evenings. Finding this parish, Mary Mother, was another turning point. Here, at last, I felt at home in the House of God. I could see and feel God's love all around me in others. I became more active in the church and really made progress on that path from external to internal faith. Still, I needed the kind of help you provided us these last 5 days. The gospels have touched me more deeply in the last week than at any other time in my life, and I hope to apply the principles you've taught us to dig deeper and deeper than ever. Thank you so much. God bless you.

There are no words to explain the intensity, gentleness and power of God that comes through you Fr. Mike and your team. God bless you and your ministry.

I have really appreciated your time and effort. I believe that this mission was so spirit-filled. God truly is good! I believe that He has truly blessed Fr. Mike and his co-workers as he has also blessed me in my life. I liked his enthusiasm and his heart felt love. I felt his knowledge of the Word was excellent. I would like to see more of the charismatic movement as Fr. Mike showed thru the church. Thanks again.

One of the most exciting experiences of my life. I thank Fr. Mike for bringing the Lord into my life.

Mission week has been excellent! A very fulfilling week. A big thank you to Fr. Mike and all of his helpers. Fr. Mike has a beautiful way of touching people through the Lord.

I came all five nights. Loved all of it. It moved many emotions within me. I'm an easy crier and I think I know why now. I'm praying for strength to become free of my worry, the heavy loads I carry; the resentments I also have of my father's death when I was young. God loves me.

Thank you. May God be with you - you have put a spark into our life, God does love each one of us. Please come back to MMOTC anytime.

Liked this interpretation of the Bible. Would like more of this. I wasn't present for all sessions but gave up other commitments for this program.

Excellent! A very moving experience; powerful. Fr. Mike has some terrific insights and a nice way of communicating to us. I feel I've done much growing in faith. Can he come again? Once a year?

Five of the most rewarding nights I've spent!

This has been such a beautiful experience for us! Thank you! I feel we have been touched- really touched! and changed too! We will pray for this special ministry of yours, Fr. Mike. I'm almost afraid to have this end but....we will be praying for you!, we'll do our 90%, you've helped make our strong marriage longer!! Thank you too, for helping children!!!

I enjoyed this very much. Fr. Mike, the Lord has truly blessed you and am sure much help was given by your Mom, and your father also had a great help in molding you, even if you did not know it. I thank God for men like you and to be able to be a part of this week.

I like the mission, it is good. (child)

Enjoyed your talks so much, each time they get better and we enjoy them more. We've gone to your pre-marriage retreat weekend 10 years ago. I can feel a real presence of the Spirit, a direction and unity in our smaller family as well as a Catholic church family. Thanks for some new insights and may God continue to bless you and yours in your life long Mission.

It was very moving and wonderfully presented. I loved it all and feel a closer personal relationship with the Lord and like I can answer a few questions about my faith now. I have much more to learn and experience! Thanks!

On Tuesday night my wife opened up to me and asked for my forgiveness. God loves us!

Very inspiring. I'm so grateful to Fr. Mike and the group from CYC for the Mission - The prayers for my grandson and friends by Fr. Mike and the young people who prayed with and for me, it was great! I'm grateful to you and my friend for bring me here. God bless you.

Very nice week, hope that we can have more soon.

Absolutely fantastic! It's about time the Catholic church gives us the message of God's love for us, daily! Every evening he has repeated this. We all need that constant assurance. Enough of the old negative stuff. Also the salvation message and choosing to ask God into our lives. Catholics do not hear enough of this. Also Bible usage. The prayer healing is so beautiful. How blessed we are to have Fr. Mike and his ministry. We are very happy that we were able to take part in this mission, not only for ourselves, but for the joy of seeing all of the young people taking an active part in their church, and building their faith. My husband and I are stronger and happier people because of this mission and we pray for the continued good works of Fr. Mike.

This mission truly touched my life and opened me to the Word like it has never been opened before. I haven't felt as alive with the Lord as I do now. Great mission, would like to have more teachers at Mary Mother like Fr. Mike!
Thanks.

The mission was wonderful! I learned to pray by reading the Bible "line by line" and "word by word" and now will need to continue to read, pray, learn, train and remember that my growth will come little by little. I'm looking forward to having "fun" as I grow in the gifts of the Spirit - more love of others, more joy, peace, patience and commitment. I thank God for this opportunity to grow. Fr. Kolar is especially blessed with his ability to speak, teach and lead us to growth in our faith. Thanks Fr. Mike! Thanks Fr. Burns! It has been delightful! Fr. Mike, you said we didn't have to word things perfectly, but my heart is full of love and appreciation of God's love. We have been blessed by your presence. The words of wisdom we have heard will bear fruit in the years to come. More than any of us know. I thank God for being a part of this beautiful experience. God bless you and your ministry.
Yours in Christ, a child of God.

An excellent mission, Rosemount was well represented.

Praise God!!

This was my first mission. I found it very rewarding and hope I can attend another at some point. I learned a great deal about my faith, Catholicism, prayer and spirituality. The first time I heard Fr. Mike was at the CYC about 8 years ago, for a confirmation retreat. He's very charismatic and can still move me with the spirit. I look forward to experiencing this again and by then I hope to have grown stronger in my faith!

In a dark time you brought a flood of light. With work it can only get brighter. Thank you.

A really moving experience - gave me many things to meditate on. Would have appreciated going for an extra half hour to hear the rest of Fr. Mike's talks.

Thank you, Fr. Burns for making Fr. Kolar's visit possible.

Thank God for dedicated people like Fr. Mike. He has and will make a big difference in our family prayer life.

Fr. Mike, Thank you! This week gave me a new lease on life!

This has been the most wonderful experience for me and for this parish! For me, there is a lot of activity to get involved in or with in this parish but my spirit does not get fed here. I have stopped going to Mass here for this reason. How will we keep the spirit alive now? What can we do? How can we address this as a parish?

The mission was fantastic. I have learned more these nights than I have in awhile. It was really moving and very inspirational for me.

Fr. Burns, thank you very much for scheduling the mission with Fr. Kolar. I am thankful for this opportunity to grow spiritually. My husband and I were fortunate to have met Fr. Kolar during our engagement encounter weekend 4 years ago. We felt a special inspiration from that weekend had hearing Fr. Kolar's word and somehow I feel this week has extended that inspiration and rekindled that hunger. I agree with the policeman that stopped him and "did him the favor" of issuing him a ticket so he would be around to continue to share his message. I'm very grateful to be among those to have heard his message. And I'm grateful to you Fr. Burns for having the foresight to see this great need, and offering this mission to the parish. Thank you very much.

What impressed me most was the number of people who took the time out during 5 consecutive evenings to attempt to learn more about their faith. And all ages too. It made me feel good. Fr. Mike was as effective at Mary Mother as he was during the engaged couple weekend encounter 4 years ago at the St. Paul CYC. Fr. Mike brings God's word to an understandable level - understandable because he shares with us his weaknesses as well as his strengths. I'm just glad that when he gave that Lonsdale policeman his Psalm, the policeman recognized someone who could help us know the Shepherd. We really enjoyed the music and the spirit of the mission. It was emotional and inspiring.

Great way to start the transition from external to internal faith. Can't wait to be confronted by some cult member on the street and can tell him/her about my faith!

This was a great mission. It was a family growing experience. Fr. Mike is a spirit-filled man who is so interesting to listen to. His stories were easy to relate to with what I call verbal paintings reflecting humor, knowledge, sensitivity, love and a real christian Catholic spirit. Thank you, Fr. Mike and troops. The music added so much.

Fr. Mike does a wonderful job of telling it like it is! I've enjoyed so much the last few evenings - I will miss them. I've been a christian a long time, but now I hope to be a better one. Thanks, Fr. Mike.

I really enjoyed the last 5 nights. I couldn't talk the other half into coming, but that is his loss. I know I will be a better person because of this experience.

Fr. Mike is a gift from God. Rekindled fire of Holy Spirit. Mary Mother could use more of this stuff, good stuff.

Everyone good, have needed this for some time now. It's good to see such a turnout, I hope a lot are from the parish.

response for this mission was positive. I am sure to use some of this information in the future. I also got some things out of it. There was a lot of effort put forth in the banquet. The songs were well performed by the men and women.

I deeply appreciated your stories and experiences in the mountains and wilderness areas. Nature, the "Great Equalizer" of God. I go there for renewal and baptism. Every time I am in a nasty rapids the Lord renews my faith. Our similar experiences with "Griz" can only be understood by someone else who has come face to face with a power greater than himself. And how that power is dwarfed by the Lord. The rivers, mountains, and all of the Lord's natural rugged beauty of the Lord. The howl of the timber wolf, the charge of "Griz" or a moose, the peace of an otter or a lady slipper must provide us both with peace, respect and love for the Lord. You must experience to understand. So few people do.

It was so wonderful. I've been a Catholic for 40 years and never really read the Bible - but I am now!!! There is a book for sale on the table in back called Ten Christians. I'm sure Fr. Mike is one of them - he's truly an instrument of God's peace.

This has been the most moving experience I have attended. The music and the people have been very moving - all I can say is Fr. Mike is fantastic.

Great!! Love to see a priest preaching directly out of the Word on the Word - POWERFUL!! We need John 3:16 and move on internal spirituality.

First night I attended, and can only say I should have been here earlier. It awakened or brought to my attention, many aspects of my life that involves the battle with "the enemy". Not real sure how to change except through prayer.

God is so good - Thank you Fr. Kolar (all the prayer people too) for showing me the true love of the Lord, for me. After coming up and you praying with me, I have been freed of so many years of pain, anger, hate, etc. My 10 minutes a day of prayer is a real special treat for me. The understanding on how much I need God is so important. May the Peace of Christ be always with you all. Thank you - I love you - you will always be in my prayers. Thank you.

I thought this mission was teaching to the younger kids who had questions about religion and church. I think it answered their questions. I also thought it was quite interesting, saying at least 10 minutes of prayer is what we do at night. It also gave people a chance to meet other people. Get closer to each other, and get to know them. I also thought that it took up some time for people that were in school, because they had to study and do homework, such as I have to. The refreshments gave people a chance to relax, eat, and talk to others. Me, I learned a lot, things I never knew before.

Enjoyed Fr. Mike. My kids enjoyed him on their retreats. Purchased the little booklet of daily Bible verses - hope this will help me become more familiar with God's Word - learn to trust more.

We enjoyed the mission greatly. MMOTC shouldn't wait years for another session. - thanks to everyone who made the mission possible!!

his mission week was the most moving and meaningful experience I have ever had in the church and with the Lord. I have never felt closer to God and yet I realize how far I have to go. Before this I never had any idea of what internal faith felt like. and I am going to try to commit myself to the Lord and "train" myself. There is no way I can express my thanks to Fr. Mike and his mission helpers other than to say I am really going to try something I've never done before. Thank you so much.

It's pretty obvious to me that Catholics are hungry to hear some tough-love messages like we heard this week. I believe that the turn-out, the attentiveness, and the general receptivity of the people shows that we want to be told deep spiritual truths about sin, commitment, and the healing presence of the Holy Spirit. Can't we have one of these missions at least once a year? Thanks so much for this one! I know I'm a better Christian because of it!

Fantastic! The most exciting thing to happen to MMOTC that I can remember. A true lesson on how to increase and live our faith. We need more of this. I believe the response shows how hungry people are to know God.

Thanks for the opportunity to experience Fr. Mike and his special gifts. I will definitely go to one of his Masses occasionally and work harder to be a good Catholic. Thanks much.

Fr. Mike was just wonderful! Thanks Fr. Burns for inviting him here. We have heard him before at the CYC and we're glad that others had a chance to hear him too. He is so funny!

I am so grateful for the mission. Fr. Mike has helped me to come to be closer to God and feel God's love. My daughter and I have shared a special spiritual closeness that will help us grow in God's love.

The mission was excellent. A great big thank you to Fr. Mike with deep gratitude and a thank you to Fr. Burns and all who helped make this mission people. May God bless you all.

Terrific! A warm realistic approach to religion. I felt we were included in each discussion and not "being preached at." Would really appreciate a follow-up series either with Fr. Mike or someone like him. I know people who have been involved in the Charismatic movement that made me feel inferior and preached at me. Therefore I feel it was so important to have a well rounded sensitive individual like him. I have 3 college age students who attend Catholic colleges but I am afraid they are still being taught an "external" religion. I'd like to see a summer mission for young college students.

Fr. Mike Kolar's five sessions for parish renewal were exceptionally well done. They can be, for those who immerse themselves in the experience, one of those subtle unique life experiences that can have a profound beneficial spiritual effect on each participant. Participate as a family and the results can be multiplied geometrically. Put this program on your "DO NOT MISS LIST"!

Excellent! Need follow-up in a few months. Very inspirational - moved me to really take a look at my spiritual life.

t this point in my life - a blessing, a message, a gift, a saving grace for me, my marriage and my family. I am still afraid but God loves me and I will turn to Him. Thank you, Mary Mother and Fr. Mike for sharing your gifts with those of us who needed them so desperately.

Fr. Mike is an excellent speaker. Enjoyed his humor - especially the way it pertained to everyday life. I did not intend to make the retreat. But after hearing Fr. Mike speak at the Sunday Mass, I changed my mind and came all 5 evenings.

What can I say? The mission and Fr. Kolar has touched my life in a tremendous way. I pray that I may continue to find God's love and learn to let it in. It is a learning process and I pray to God I continue to grow spiritually. I remember when I was about 10 years old, there was a mission in my hometown and I basically helped with the babysitting at the school. However, I remember the feeling everyone shared. It is the same that I'm feeling today as an adult. What an exciting week! Thank you!

We were able to attend all five nights, did find a lot of food for growth. We are thankful for the opportunity to reorganize our households. Happy to have friends tell me about the wonderful speaker they heard we have at MMOTC, usually spirit filled speakers are other places.

Energetic, fulfilling, rewarding, moving (enough adjectives?) experience. I felt the love of Jesus through Fr. Mike. This mission, combined with our renewal effort, has been the greatest way towards bringing me closer to loving and living God's Word. I pray more, I care more, my life will not be the same. Perhaps a mission a year??

I am not Catholic, however, I have really enjoyed the mission. I came every night and I really felt the presence of the Lord within me and all around. Thank you for such a wonderful experience.

Fr. Kolar does a wonderful job. I did not want to leave. It was such a neat feeling. Thank you! I told other people and they would say "I've heard of him!" Fr. Burns, please have him back!

The mission has been very enlightening and rewarding. Fr. Mike's intense knowledge of God's teaching and his ability to apply to our every day life has been good for me. We are here to help each other not to hurt each other. If nothing else if I can get into the 10 minute per day prayer habit, this will have been a great step forward.

Very, very inspirational! My husband and both have felt touched by the spirit, thank you!

Wonderful experience - please let's do it again next year! Thanks!

Thank you! I feel I have received the tools to pray externally for the first time in my life, 42 years.

Excellent! This should happen in all parishes at least once a year!

Mike has been a terrific speaker and an inspiration to all of us in this mission. We've really enjoyed being here to listen to him, we've learned much in sharing our love, especially with our family. We're thankful we were privileged to hear him at Mary, Mother.

Fr. Mike was one of the finest speakers I have ever heard - I looked forward to coming each evening.

Fr. Mike is just sensational - made me really think. My heart and soul have been moved. Let's do this more!

Fr. Mike is an entertaining and interesting speaker. His enthusiasm and faith is an inspiration, but the mission was a disappointment to me.

Thank you - this mission has caused me to develop my life with Christ.

Where do we go from here? I feel the parish has an obligation to keep the Spirit alive now that we've experienced it. Thanks for providing this opportunity for growth.

Dear Fr. Mike - God bless you and your family - we love you, please come again. thank you for everything, you have opened our hearts.

I think Fr. Mike has a great gift as far as the way he gets his message across. The mission made me get in touch with a lot of feelings and trouble spots in my life that I know now I cannot dodge anymore. It filled my heart with great joy and also some sadness. I will remember the things I learned and this experience all of my days. I know it is just another small step in my spirituality but it is one that will set me free and finally give me the courage to admit a problem in my life and tell someone and ask for help.

It was a terrific mission - what a heart rendering experience. thank you!

It was great! I hope that they can come back for another session real soon! This is the best 5 nights of my life!

It was great, I thank and praise the Lord for you and your willingness to do His work. May He continue to give you the strength to do His work. It will continue to reinforce my growth in the Spirit.

Fr. Mike was an inspiration and brought back to mind a lot of things that I try to not remember. My husband came one night and he hasn't been to church not more than 2 or 3 times in 3 years. He likes his approach on the church. Just what he needed - I pray he is on his way to giving his life to the Lord. Keep up the good work - many more parishes are still needed to hear your message. Thank you.

Fr. Kolar, feel somewhat deprived because I had to miss two sessions (Mon. & Tues.) Will be going forward now with the 90% - using the tools you have given me. Thanks so much - God love you and me!

Felt like I was home once again, since we moved away from a similar environment and friends years ago. I felt refreshed and alive once again. Thanks.

Good - now if we can do the 90%

's wonderful as a Lutheran to see the Renewal in the Catholic church and in our inter-faith marriage. Thank God for Fr. Mike and for Our Father in heaven. Keep singing and praising!

Great, I love it. Fr. Mike is one of the greatest priests I've ever come across. He's a great talker and is down to earth in his speaking. My Spirit has been lifted so high I can't get over it. I have been so moved by Fr. Kolar and this mission. I wish I could go on a retreat or something headed by him. He is just what the kids and adults need today. He is so great it is hard to put into words. I am a mother on my own raising two sons and this has been the best thing I could have gone to, to help me in my life. I love it!!! Thank you Fr. Mike, your great! If I don't get to say goodbye I'll say it now. Goodbye and may God be with you and bless you forever! I hope and pray that my 2 sons grow up to be priests and brothers. Please pray for this and for them too.

Raised as a Baptist, I have felt the Catholic faith was sorely lacking any big knowledge of the Bible or any type of personal relationship with God. I left Mass feeling unfulfilled and was definitely relying totally on the external faith of my Catholic wife. I leave the mission with a hope and prayer that I can find and maintain a personal relationship with Christ within the Catholic faith. Fr. Mike is truly one of the most inspirational speakers I have heard. Thank you for opening my eyes! God bless you.

This past week has been the most emotional, thought provoking, and loving time for me in my faith. I have much to learn but feel this time has shown me how to go about the learning process. Fr. Mike is definitely an inspirational and "down to earth" speaker (as well as captivating in his presentation) The time spent here was such an investment to me personally and to my family - can't thank Fr. Mike enough!

Excellent, was very helpful in getting one back to where the Lord is the center of my life. Should do more of this in the future. Very good. We went every night and it showed by the crowds that we are all hungry for God's Word.

A wonderful week! Fr. Kolar spoke to my need and hopefully I can capture some of the enthusiasm he presented this week. Fr. Kolar is truly gifted in the work he does.

I was at the mission every evening but once. I thought it was a wonderful week, very enlightening and beneficial to me. Fr. Mike's energy was very motivating and his insight on the scriptures was great.

I've really enjoyed these few sessions. I am only 10 years old but have really thought it was neat. I also thought it was neat about the people to pray with. I went up two times and prayed the Holy Spirit would be with me in all I say and do. I'd also like to thank Fr. Mike for his time and presence. May the Lord bless you!

Wonderful - the first night I wondered how I could make it every night - after one night I wondered how I can let it end. A watershed in my life.

Thank you! This mission has helped me to open the "door" to Jesus.

I think Fr. Mike did a very good job with the mission. I really enjoyed myself. He explains everything so good. He says things the exact same way you are feeling, he knows where you are coming from. When I went on my retreat last year at CYC he was fantastic with the students. When I went to him for private confession he was so understanding and caring. Hopefully there will be a mission next year also because I really enjoyed myself.

I liked the songs and the humor. You made me feel good.

Very powerful - Fr. Kolar made the Lord feel like a more real presence in my life.

This has been a great experience. Thank you Fr. Mike and thank you Mary Mother. I love you both, also you God, because you are so good.

Do it again! Interesting - fun - it was a great experience that helped me grow in faith and love. (14 yrs. old)

It was an excellent mission. It was something I needed so very much in my life. I just wish it wasn't over. I could go 5 more nights easily. I sure hope we could have another mission next year.

The mission was a truly inspiring experience - I am leaving with more questions than answers, but that's progress, since 5 days ago I didn't even know to ask the questions!

I really enjoyed the mission. It really made me think about what my faith means to me. It also made me discover my Bible! I had received a Bible for confirmation gift last year and I never read it. I knew how to look things up but I never realized how important and fun it could be to read it. From now on I can proudly say that I will become "friends" with my Bible. I hope that we have another mission again soon. I think it really helped us as a parish to understand our faith! Fr. Mike was just excellent. He's got such a sense of humor, it made me realize that church and the Bible could be FUN! God bless you!

Great! I have grown in my faith more in the last week than I have in the whole 36 years of my life.

I think Fr. did a very good job. I particular enjoyed his jokes and preaching regarding love toward one another. Some of his poems got to long winded. They didn't mean much to me. The talks regarding his family was very interesting. The music and choir were excellent. The choir head did a super job getting everybody involved.

This was a remarkable God experience. Now comes the follow-up....90% my responsibility.

I loved - refreshing up beat music! Fr. Mike, Sunday's theme on God loves me - the center of our faith! Participation, positive feelings.

I am so glad I went to this mission, it came at the right time. My life is now spiritually fulfilled. I also enjoyed listening to Fr. Kolar. He's quite a priest. He saved my life.

wonderful - I've never heard anyone who so moved me as Fr. Kolar has this week. With the presence of God in Fr. Kolar, my spirituality has taken a whole new perspective this week. I've found Jesus in me and am at such peace. Thank you Fr. Mike! I wish it could have lasted 5 weeks instead of 5 days.

I thought Fr. Kolar was EXCELLENT!!! I got a lot out of this! What I got, a better understanding of God. I hope we have more missions with Fr. Kolar. (age 9 1/2 yrs)

What a beautiful way to spend 5 evenings out of a week. I'm glad I came. I needed this mission in my life right now. It helped me to clarify a lot of things about myself and how to deal with my own family. I liked the way we did the scripture readings. Taking them apart piece by piece I believe that is the only way you can learn the Bible. The music was beautiful especially God loves me so. I truly believe it after this mission. Thanks a million, Fr. Mike.

The mission has awakened in me a new sense of values, or maybe it is removing the tarnish from values I had. A new depth was awakened in my appreciation of my love of Jesus. I never realized the depth or length with which I could and will deal with Jesus switching from an external to internal relationship with God in my life. In retrospect I am very glad I came.

I cannot express how much I enjoyed every night with the mission. My feelings are so much better about many things, as to why God seems to expect so much from me. The singing was beautiful and Fr. Mike is the most wonderful person. He could help everyone to love each other. Please come back SOON.

We should have such a mission every year! If not at MMOTC then in Eagan or Apple Valley. I made it every night - it was very important to me and a wonderful experience as my first mission. Fr. Kolar has confirmed for me that TV as it exists in our society is the tool of Satan. It has done more to increase sin, ruin families and bring financial ruin than any one thing in our time. What can we do to change it to a tool of the Spirit?

Our family was here on Sunday and Thursday night only but feel that Fr. Mike's message was very worthwhile. Could this be a quarterly event? Good for parents and children.

The 4 members of our family varied in strength for 5 nights. Tonight we all celebrate together. Each of our children in their youth attended a CYC retreat and returned inspired. It has been a joy to look forward to this family outing - with food to nourish our souls. God bless you for this opportunity!

I was amazed by the turn out from MMOTC. I really think this community needs the energy of Fr. Mike. He always has so much to pass along to others. the way he teaches, cares and listens (at this "retreat" and others) it is easy to see God in him. He's my favorite priest - the Catholic church needs to clone him!

I am glad to see the Catholic church finally presenting God as a Loving God, instead of a punishing God. Thank you!

I hope to invite Fr. Kolar back next year. It re-inforced my faith. Got me into the habit of reading the Bible. Brought me closer to members of my family.

Eye Opener - Wonderful Man of God! Sincere! Taught me a lot of things I didn't know that I thought I knew. I thought this parish mission was fulfilling and inspirational, it has helped me to excell in my faith, very rewarding. Thank you Fr. Mike and Fr. Burns.

This mission was excellent - we didn't miss a night! It was well worth the extra effort it took to make it every night. Wish everyone could hear Fr. Mike. I'd love to meet him in person. Or be a part of his work.

It has been a very important week for me. I felt a spiritual growth I haven't felt for years. Thanks for having Fr. Mike and his group here. Singing was marvelous. Really moved by the whole experience. God is so good.

The Lord led me to you last Sunday the 8th. I kept saying the previous week to my husband "Oh, I wish I could learn more about the Bible like my Lutheran friends so I could answer to them." So here I found about the Mission. Thank you Fr. Kolar for helping me grow in my faith. I love Jesus - God is so good. We are from St. Nicholas church in New Market, down the road a piece.

It is so good to hear a Roman Catholic priest talk about Jesus as being our Savior. I wish he'd give a "mission" for Roman Catholic priests so their homilies would dwell more on Jesus as Savior. Thank you for a very fine mission.

Thank you for allowing us from other parishes to come join in your mission. It was wonderful! God bless you.

Fr. Kolar please come back soon - not in 20 years either! We really hate to see this end, it's just what we needed! We really got a lot of inspiration out of this.

It was wonderful. I think it will be the key I have been looking for to get closer to God. I have felt something missing - I pray - talk to God every day and meditate. But, that feeling of God's presence has been gone since childhood. Thank you. Another answer I got relates to Satanic cults which I just become truly aware of last week. it made me realize that there really is evil in the world and the fact that some people actually seek out evil and try to be evil is frightening to me. I was just asking God in my prayers how to fight evil - guide me. And I feel this could be the key to answering that question. Thanks again.

I thought the mission was very worthwhile. The first night I came a lot of thoughts surfaced and I broke down my barrier. Through a lot of resistance from me a friend and one of the prayer people prayed over me although I needed to keep my concerns between God and me. Each of the following nights increased my faith and awareness of the things I want and need to do.

My father and I really enjoyed having Fr. Mike come and talk to us. He is a really good Father. We hope he comes back again. The music group was great too. They will all be in my prayers.

Wonderful, inspiring, such a good idea. Thank you.

It was terrific!!!!

Caught again, your faithless friend. Don't you ever tire of hearing what a fool I've been?

Guess I should pray; but what can I say
 Oh! It hurts to know the 100 times I cause you pain.
 The "forgive me" sounds so empty when I never change.
 Yet You stay and say "I love you still"
 Knowing someday I'll be like You.
 Funny me, I just couldn't see,
 Even long before I knew You, You were loving me.
 Some times I cry; must cry to when You see the broken promises I've
 made to You

I keep saying that I'll trust You, though I seldom do.
 Yet you stay and say "I love you still"
 Knowing some day I'll be like You.
 It's Your stubborn love that never let's go of me.
 I don't understand how You can stay - perfect love embarrassing the worst in
 me.
 I can't live without Your stubborn love.

Super! I attended all five nights and could not wait until the next night
 arrived. I thank Fr. Mike and wish he could be with us always. Thanks again.
 I have been enriched in my faith.

Fr. Mike - You're great! I heard you speak ten years ago as a student at
 Presentation College, Aberdeen, S. D. I've never forgotten the way in which
 you shared your revelations with us, in that small auditorium. I didn't know
 your home base was in St. Paul. and have been thrilled to attend each night
 is week. You were right on the money when you stated "Come every night, you
 will receive more energy from the Lord"...Divine workings...well my five
 month old daughter slept all night, every night all week. I've really been able
 to absorb your message the second time around. God bless you Fr. Mike and
 thank you. Come back to MMOTC soon. I hope to hear you speak again before 10
 more years lapse!! Keep going!!!

I can't thank you enough for the wonderful experience I've had the last five
 nights. Our family will always remember Fr. Mike! God bless him always!

Thought it was rewarding and hope everybody got as much out of it as I did.

The mission was an inspiration to my wife and I because it reopened our eyes to
 the power of prayer and God's love!

I enjoyed the mission. Our daughter invited us to come. Thank you for all you
 did for us.

This has been the most exhilarating experience I have ever had. We must be
 shepherds and teach, love and give away our spirit.

The mission, the music, the voices, Fr. Mike - touched me softly. I thank them
 for the prayers and their presence. It reawakened for me the sweetness, the
 laughter, the friendship of the love I feel for my God and my family. Jesus is
 my personal Savior and friend. I was beginning to lose the sense, the presence
 of Him in my life. Thank you.

ry uplifting. Fr. Mike and company have returned the flicker of love, hope and faith to my life. Thank you.

Wonderful! Wish we were able to attend all of the sessions. Fr. Mike is an inspiration - he really cares.

I enjoyed the mission. I came because my children had enjoyed him so much when they had attended their retreat in St. Paul at the time they were confirmed. As my 26 yr. old said "Fr. Mike really made a difference in my life." Thank you!

Amen!!! Absolutely fantastic!! The most rewarding, fulfilling, enjoyable and impressive experience I have had in years. I found myself at such great peace with my Lord, myself, my wife, my daughters, my fellow Christians, my co-workers. It is hard to express the total joy but I know I want it to continue forever. Let's do this again soon. Real soon. I'm committed!!!

Yea God!! Let's not wait so long to have another one! Maybe we could convince Fr. Mike to come again next year.

Fr. Mike is a very funny, but serious man. I'm in 8th grade and I hope that I can meet him later in life. I came to 4 out of 5 of the meetings. the meetings were very helpful in learning about God, me and the people that I am around a lot. He made me understand that God loves us for what we are. I hope that he will come back to our parish.

Fr. Mike was a terrific person to have come to do the mission. His humor and ease, make it easier to let go and listen. And when he used experiences to make a point, it made him more human and showed us that even priests make mistakes and still need to grow in their faith. And now I can tell people "yes, I am Catholic" and know what our faith believes. A special thanks to Fr. Mike, he's neat!!

We were at the mission retreats all 5 nights. It was something we both looked forward to as we look forward to listening to everything on tape again and again. The music was beautiful and inspiring. We never felt so much like singing. Tim and his group made both of us feel very comfortable. "God Is So Good" is now my favorite song. It is very moving for us. Fr. Mike is a very special person. It's as though his words were coming directly from God. Seeing him so in touch with the Lord is so inspiring. It is a place we want to be at. This has been an experience we will both relive many times. Cindy and I want to thank Fr. Mike, Tim, Gretta, Georgine and the other guy and all of the lay prayer ministers.

This has been one of the nicest, most prayerful, most inspiring and most moving experience. Fr. Mike's talks warmed us all. I am better prepared to face each day, to read God's word, to pray, to live for Christ.

I have enjoyed this past week very much. Has helped me to look at myself and my life and give me new direction.

Dear Fr. Mike - Thank you for helping screw my head on a little better!

... blessing for me.

the mission was really an inspiration to me. Fr. Kolar was really inspiring to me. He brought real life into his mission and brought me closer. I hope we have another mission very soon. I'd like Fr. Kolar again. He brought our church alive again.

We need to study the Bible at the Sunday Masses. This has truly opened my eyes to the Love of God!

Dynamic, moving, informative best we have ever participated in! And, the only one we've attend all sessions! Everyone relaxed and active in learning! Down-to-earth, realistic examples, teaching points, specific, applicable to daily living. A beautiful, needed, revival of our spiritual life!! We have been applying it at home daily! We are prayerful it will continue and grown. Thank you and God bless!! It is painful to break away from the beauty of it all! Heavy hand of God!! But God is so good to us!!

I have enjoyed this very much. It has made me do a lot of soul searching. I realize God is so good and I will try to keep up with your teaching. Thank you for coming and God bless you.

The parish mission was very enjoyable and taught me many things about myself and my faith. I needed something like Fr. Mike and the mission to get me excited about my relationship with Jesus and my Catholic faith. I'm going to try to make prayer more meaningful and make the scriptures more real and part of my life. The parish mission has given me a good start! Thank you.

The mission was very rewarding for many reasons, but the over-riding observation was the real spirit of the Lord being shared between so many people at one gathering at MMOTC. That was very gratifying. Personally, it was another giant step forward in my personal life of gaining internal faith. Many thanks for bringing such a happening to MMOTC. God love you, Fr. Burns! God love you Fr. Mike.

Thank you and your wonderful group for spending these 5 evenings with us and bringing us closer to the Father...thank you for your faith sharing and instruction on the Word. This has been an enriching experience for my husband and myself. Thanks too for all the practical applications and examples. God bless you in your ministry Fr. Mike!!

It's been great. I enjoyed the humor that adds so much to the ideas being presented. I was disappointed in the first night. But it's been uphill all the way. Thank you. God bless you and yours.

This past week has been so spiritually enriching. I feel it has started me in the right track of growing in my faith. I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it and look forward to trying to put it all into practice. I hope there will be other sessions like this to look forward to. Fr. Mike has a wonderful sense of humor and a way of truly reaching out to people because of his humanness. It has been a special blessing to be able to attend all five sessions. Thank you for coming to our parish.

Thank you MMOTC and God for bringing Fr. Kolar's message to me. I have come away thirsty for more. Hopefully I can train to put Jesus as the center of my life and able to share it with our parish, our world.

The mission with Fr. Mike was a rewarding and prayerful experience for all. Wonderful!!!

This is really a spiritual experience for me. Thank you and may God bless your work. Thanks.

It's a nice change for the Catholic church to get some "life" into my faith. I am in my early 20's and sometimes find it hard to go to church. This was a great way to strengthen my faith. I was captivated every minute. Great! Thank you for bringing Fr. Kolar here, he was great.

I have really grown in my knowledge and love for God through Fr. Mike! He keeps me on the edge of pew wanting to hear more and more. His speaking at our church should be an annual tradition. I can see the Holy Spirit working in Fr. Mike.

The Spirit has planted His seed in me. My daily prayers are the water and food to help the Spirit grow in me and flourish. I pray even more that my vines grow long and strong to encompass every one I meet. Thank you, Fr. Mike, for making me even more hungry for the Lord. I'll help you continue your mission. God love you, I do!!! Please come back SOON!

You gave the Charismatic movement a good face. Took some of the mystery and smugness out of it. Brought the Holy Spirit into everyday life. Practical application for families.

Excellent Job! Moving Experience! This mission had a great effect on me. I know this is a pretty big production but would it be possible to have a mission more than once every 21 years? How about every 1 or 2 years? God bless Fr. Mike! P. S. Bring Fr. Mike back for one of the future missions.

Whole program well conceived and executed. Fr. Mike and helpers effectively unwind - teach - hit points and send participants away in peaceful frame of mind.

I love your church, your priest almost makes you listen to the Mass. He is one of the best talkers I've listened to. From a 9 to 20 scale I give you a 19 1/2.

This has been a most wonderful week of my life. Fr. Mike has added such spirit into knowing our Lord. I loved how he shared his life with us and also taught us to learn and work at learning our Lord. Many thanks.

The mission was outstanding. It's the kind of thing we need more often. Not just once a year, but once a month! I would also like to see our church encourage us during the readings to open our Bibles and follow along. Also would like to see a time set aside before Mass is over to ask the people if anyone needs to know the Lord or prayer and have people available at that time. The closing song could be sung after this. Our church needs this to keep members and gain new ones. As young adults were looking for more than only repeating prayer, it's easy when you have the Mass memorized to go through the motion without really thinking. Fr. Mike inspired me like the church has never done before and I praise God for that!! I pray that our church won't let it end with these 5 days. A good thing has been started in this church, let's keep it going. It's great!

Very good - the best to open us up to God. Would like to have another one in the year. Any one that did not come would like to have God help them, to come to next one to be opened up to God. When over each night and got home I had the best night of sleep I have had in a long time. I will give time to help get the next one we have here at MMOTC. Fr. Mike is one that has a way to reach every one young and old. I had a young lady give me a band-aid. This item will mean a lot to me. This lady has problems. I hope that this is an item to show she has received some help from this mission and the people she has had contact with at this mission has started a healing for her. She had a hard time to find some thing to give. I hope and pray that this was the work of God at the last night of mission, this band-aid will be fixed to keep so that I do not lose it and that it will remind me of her. So I say pray for her, this prayer will be one more band-aid added to her healing.

Dear Fr. Mike - I heard you a couple of years ago in Tacoma, Wa. at a Conference. You were sharing your gift of your love of the Holy Spirit - I was really set on fire - so much has happened since then good and bad - we recently moved back home here after 15 years and I have been so lonely for my spiritual family and friends but after hearing you this week I finally feel like I've come home and the Lord with me - thank you for answering your call to serve God and us.

I attended all 5 nights and was very pleased. I can only ask that Fr. could include all instead of so much "husband and wife" - there are so many of us in a "single walk" of life - it does set us aside. We as single parents and singles have a struggle with our walk - and don't need any pressure put on us. Thank you.

Great, inspirational. Enjoyed all 5 nights. Maybe Fr. could have mentioned the "single" life too as he referred to the family so much. Many singles felt uncomfortable and not part of the group. I think the library should purchase tapes and books!

My overall feeling this week has been one of depression. Fr. Mike is certainly a dynamic speaker - very good at what he does and very interesting to listen to. He comes across as being very human and is easy to relate to. However, I think too much of the negative was stressed. I do not disagree with what was said as a whole, but I go home every night feeling that I can never be the kind of person God wants me to be. The difficulty of following Jesus was dwelt upon too much. What about the joys of God's love? The many rewards in being a disciple of Jesus? The music and the Malone family were beautiful. But once again I think there were too many slow, thoughtful songs and not enough celebration songs. There are so many good ones. I know this was not meant to be a party. However, I think we need some kind of "up" each night to avoid getting discouraged.

Why wasn't the Blessed Virgin brought up in any of your talks. I wish you would in the future.

I really enjoyed it but felt uncomfortable at times. Not all were married - or even in any relationship - so some of the talks, etc. left us cold!! Next time it should be more general. It was great - I feel good. Thanks.

These past five nights were very interesting and I seemed to get more out of them as they went on. Fr. Mike seemed so great. I didn't like the warm-up on Tuesday when we gave a massage to each person next to us because I didn't know the people.

The book sale, refreshments afterward, the opportunity for reconciliation, the community of people from CYC that shared prayer, music, song and leadership, the nursery care and the talks themselves were all wonderful. Thank you! Remember the people who come alone without someone to hug, share love, etc. They need extra prayers and attention to move beyond themselves to others.

The presentation on Sunday did nothing for me, I'm afraid. In fact, I fainted during the medical retelling of the Passion. The reason why I'm here on Thursday is because I previously committed to be a greeter. I did not come the rest of the evenings because of Sunday. I sincerely hope that the opening night in Father's future presentations will do more with the Bible and less on feelings of guilt and shame.

I think the mission got better as the week went on. Sunday was rather weak but Wednesday was wonderful. I felt bad when Fr. Mike had people hold hands or put their arms around one another because there were a lot of people here alone and this made them feel real lonely. I didn't appreciate being told what to do "write this down", It made me feel as if I were being treated like a kid. Singing was wonderful! I would have appreciated ending on time! "Born again" term turns me off. I don't think it is necessary to be "born again". Too much bragging and name dropping. Thursday a downer after Wednesday night.

I attended 3 sessions and found them very worthwhile. However, I have one suggestion. I'm sure Fr. Mike did not intend it, but he occasionally used ridicule and embarrassment on people (like me) who are not as extroverted as he would like us to be. I find it very difficult to show external emotion. I avoid many MMOTC functions because they embarrass people for not being external. On Sunday night, Fr. Mike publicly pointed out that some of us had our arms crossed. He assumed this represented resistance. Maybe I am more comfortable praying with my arms crossed rather than extended upwards or being around someone else. Is that wrong? Maybe I can pray better with my arms crossed than someone else with his arms extended. Even if I am wrong, please change me with encouragement - not embarrassment. Start with where I am - not where I should be. Thanks, God love you.

It was lovely - I didn't make all of them - but did the best I could! The only thing that bothered me was when Fr. would really get into it and then stop and say "Write that down" or "make a note of that" it kind of interrupted the theme of the topic....a let down - hope I don't sound critical but I'm truthful - Fr. is so talented in getting a point across I don't like the "let down" I mentioned. Thank you.

On a scale to 0-10 the rating for this mission is a 5. Too much "fluff" and not enough content. Presentation skills of Fr. Kolar exception. Why are we copying "Billy Graham" so much rich tradition of ritual within the church to use. Let's not copy cat. Good music. Too many stories that didn't lead anywhere. Sunday night weakest night. It got progressively better each night after. Maybe, just maybe, my heart was not open to the Holy Spirit at this time.

File of Father Michael Kolar

I met with Father Michael Kolar on Thursday, March 3, 1987 to discuss certain complaints which have been made by [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] year old [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] School. Father Kolar acknowledged the complaints and shared with me his counseling history. Apparently he has seen Dr. Virgil Burns for the past three years.

This counseling began at this the time he was on sabbatical at Notre Dame and stop about a year ago. I told Mike to begin this counseling again and to keep it up as a regular part of his wellness.

Since we are dealing with a single incident and things seem to going very well in therapy I feel that there is nothing further that needs to be done.



Michael G. Kolar
St. Paul

Mary, Mother of the Church

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March 5, 1987

Most Reverend John R. Roach
Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis
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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Archbishop:

I realize that you have very little spare time in your schedule. However I thought that some evening when you cannot sleep, you might like to read some of the enclosed comments concerning the Parish Mission conducted here at Mary, Mother of the Church by Fr. Mike Kolar of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center.

He was here from Sunday thru Thursday, February 9-13, 1987. Our secretary typed these up for the benefit of the parish council and other groups. He had a powerful influence on this parish. I believe that there are about 350 comments included with perhaps 12 of them negative.

We are fortunate to have Fr. Mike where he is...too bad that he could not be on the "road" every week of the year.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,



Donald W. Burns

March 13, 1987

Reverend Donald W. Burns
Mary, Mother of the Church
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Burnsville, Minnesota 55337

Dear Don,

Thanks very much for your letter. I will read the results of the mission with Father Mike Kolar.

God has given him a very unique talent.

Sincerely yours /in Christ,


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

March 23, 1987

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hoffelder
11951 Goldenrod Cr.
Coon Rapids, Minnesota 55433

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hoffelder,

Thank you for your kind letter of March 17. I am pleased that you find both Father Kolar and Father Reiser meeting your spiritual needs. Our Archdiocese is blessed to have priests with their depth of faith and commitment.

God has indeed been good to you. May he continue to bless you and all the people of Epiphany Parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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4/30/87

Dear Bishop Carlson,

Father Michael Kolar requested that I share with you the fact that he was receiving professional counseling from me for a period of 1 1/2 years over the span of time between 1982 and 1984. These were weekly counseling sessions except for those times when Father was away from the diocese. Occasionally from 1984 to the present I have also counseled Father when he would phone to request such services.

His major problem centered around his need for understanding and deeply believing in his own sense of being. His awareness of his own worth and value was severely clouded even though Father's outward activities would seem to indicate otherwise. The lack of early bonding, due to the death of his father and the absence of an employed mother from the home, left him in the care of an inaffectionate grandfather as the parent guardian.

Father Kolar, through his prayer life and other spiritual and human activities, has been able to manage much of the time, the onset of loneliness and depression which are an outgrowth of the condition mentioned above. There have been times when these feelings have not been managed well; thus his involvement with a few motherly, feminine people where, at times, sexual activity took place. Father hopefully has come to understand that this direction of attempting to fulfill unmet needs is futile. His deepening spiritual life in addition to establishing companionships with truly affirming people is the only avenue open to him in his continued quest for a valued inner life. Toward this end I am willing to help him.

Another counseling session has been scheduled with him for May 28, 1987. If you are desirous of more clarification I would be most willing to cooperate.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,
Virgil A. Burns MSW ACSW

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The Chancery.

May 11, 1987

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Reverend Michael Kolar
Director, Catholic Youth Center
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St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Father Mike,

I have received a letter from Virgil Burns, MSW ACSW dated April 30, 1987 which outlines your counseling relationship with him. I appreciate the fact that you had asked him to send it to us at the Chancery.

After reading the report from Virgil Burns, and discussing it with him on the phone on Monday, May 11, 1987, I have come to the conclusion that two things need to be done:

1. I would ask that you participate in a psychological evaluation which Virgil Burns would arrange for you.
2. You begin to see him on a regular basis, say every 4 to 6 weeks for at least the next two years.

Mike, I am making this request as I feel that therapy is in the best interest of your own personal life, and in your professional ministry. I have a great respect for you as a brother priest, and a deep affection for you as a good friend.

In taking these steps with Virgil Burns, I would ask that you give him permission to share the information with me. This is necessary so that we can continue to monitor the situation.

Mike, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

St. Paul Catholic Youth Center

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May 27, 1987

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
The Chancery
226 Summit Avenue
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Dear Archbishop Roach,

Recently, I read over the enclosed notice in The Catholic Bulletin and began to think that it might be an award that you would like to see our Archdiocese win. Although I think that there are many programs of evangelization happening in our Archdiocese which would merit such recognition, and I would not want to say that any one of them is better than the other, I believe that Fr. Mike Kolar would be a good candidate. I know you are aware of the many ways he is serving the people of our Archdiocese, but I don't know if you are aware of just how big an impact he is having.

In the Catholic Youth Center programs, the Engaged Conference served nearly 2,000 couples in 1986 and expects to serve as many in 1987. The retreat program served 13,400 people in 234 retreats from September, 1986 through May, 1987. The Volunteer Staff consisted of 70 Young Adults this past season. Renew Mass for Youth had an approximate 500 attending each one for a total of 4,500 people. Although there is no way to get an exact count at a parish mission, each mission averaged at least 1,000 people. Seven missions from October, 1986 to April, 1987 would be about 7,000. This gives an approximate total of 29,000 people served this past year through Fr. Kolar's direction of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center. And this number doesn't include the talks, retreats or personal counseling that he has personally given this year.

Another angle to nominate Fr. Kolar through could be the National Evangelization Teams (NET). I know that you are familiar with NET and are aware that it is very unique, being the only travelling Catholic evangelization program of its kind. NET has been to 32 states and 6 Canadian provinces, working with about 240,000 young people since its origin in 1981. NET has become internationally known, with 24 countries asking us for training, NET teams, or applications for NET membership. Fr. Kolar and NET are responsible for the Catholic component of "Youth Explosion '87" - an ecumenical youth conference, part of the New Orleans '87 General Congress in July. And schedules are already planned for 8 NET teams in 1987-88 season, two of which will be here to serve this Archdiocese.

I have not mentioned his involvement as a coordinator of the Community of Christ the Redeemer. Recently, we honored him for 18 years of ordination and I was again reminded of how he has encouraged and nurtured the spiritual life and health of so many people. Nor have I said anything about his heart for his brother priests and the vision he has of building a brotherhood of single men desiring

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holiness. Nor of Catholic Youth Camps, Inc. where each summer 900-1,000 children can participate in outdoor activities in a Christian setting.

He has touched the lives of many people - parents, teens, young adults, children, ordained, lay - the list could go on. You must be proud of such a man under your care. I know that I have been honored to know Fr. Kolar these last 12 years and to have served this Archdiocese with him at the Catholic Youth Center these past three years. I believe that he would be a strong candidate for such an award as the Luman Christi award. And I would be proud to have our Archdiocese recognized for the work of evangelization that is happening here.

Sincerely,



Julia Norton
Program Director
St. Paul Catholic Youth Center

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Extension honors nun

The Catholic Church Extension Society will give its 10th annual Lumen Christi Award to Presentation Sister Margaret McCarthy, shown above with a child she ministers to in her missionary work in the Diocese of Juneau, AK. Sister Margaret, who has served as a pastoral leader, a friend to the poor and incarcerated and a staff member at a Juneau soup kitchen and shelter for 15 years, will receive the award May 3 in Chicago, where the Extension Society is based. Extension uses the award — which includes a bronzed image of Christ, a \$2,500 check to the winner and \$25,000 to the nominating bishop for evangelization work in his diocese — to honor people who have dedicated their lives to spread the Catholic faith in America.

June 2, 1987

Ms. Julia Norton
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Dear Julia,

Thanks very much for your letter.

I would agree completely that Father Mike Kolar would be a superb candidate for the Extension Award. Let me tell you, however, where I think we might run into a problem. I have been on that Board of Selection for the past 7 or 8 years. Father Ted Hessburgh of Notre Dame, a layman from Chicago and I have been the selecting board. What they are really looking for are little dioceses that have a large mission kind of outreach. They are trying to encourage people to do that kind of outreach in the spirit of the Extension Society and also, of course, trying to reward small dioceses.

On the other hand, your suggestion is a good one and I will build a case for Father Kolar's nomination next year when we get a chance to do so. I must confess that no diocese of our size has ever been even considered seriously, but there may be a first.

It will also be easier for me this year, since I am now off that selecting board as is Father Hessburg.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


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

Father Kenney
Director of Priest's Personnel
Chancery
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

June 5, 1987

Dear Father Kenney:

In the fall of 1986, my friend went to Bishop Robert Carlson to report an incident of sexual abuse by Father Michael Kolar of the [REDACTED]. This abuse occurred in January of [REDACTED].

Some months prior to meeting with Bishop Carlson my friend confronted Father Kolar about the abuse in the presence of her therapist. In that confrontation, Father Kolar acknowledged the abuse.

Upon hearing about the abuse and the confrontation, Bishop Carlson said he would get back to her with some response. To this date, she has not received a response. This disturbs me.

Since she has not received a response from Bishop Carlson, there is no confirmation that this situation has been addressed appropriately and completely. Without identifying my friend or Father Kolar, it was recommended to me by Father Dick Rice, SJ, that you would be the appropriate person to give this information to. Such illegal and harmful behavior warrants certain action.

Lastly, I thank you for your anticipated attention in this matter. I do request from you a response to this letter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Richard Carlson

June 9, 1987

[REDACTED]

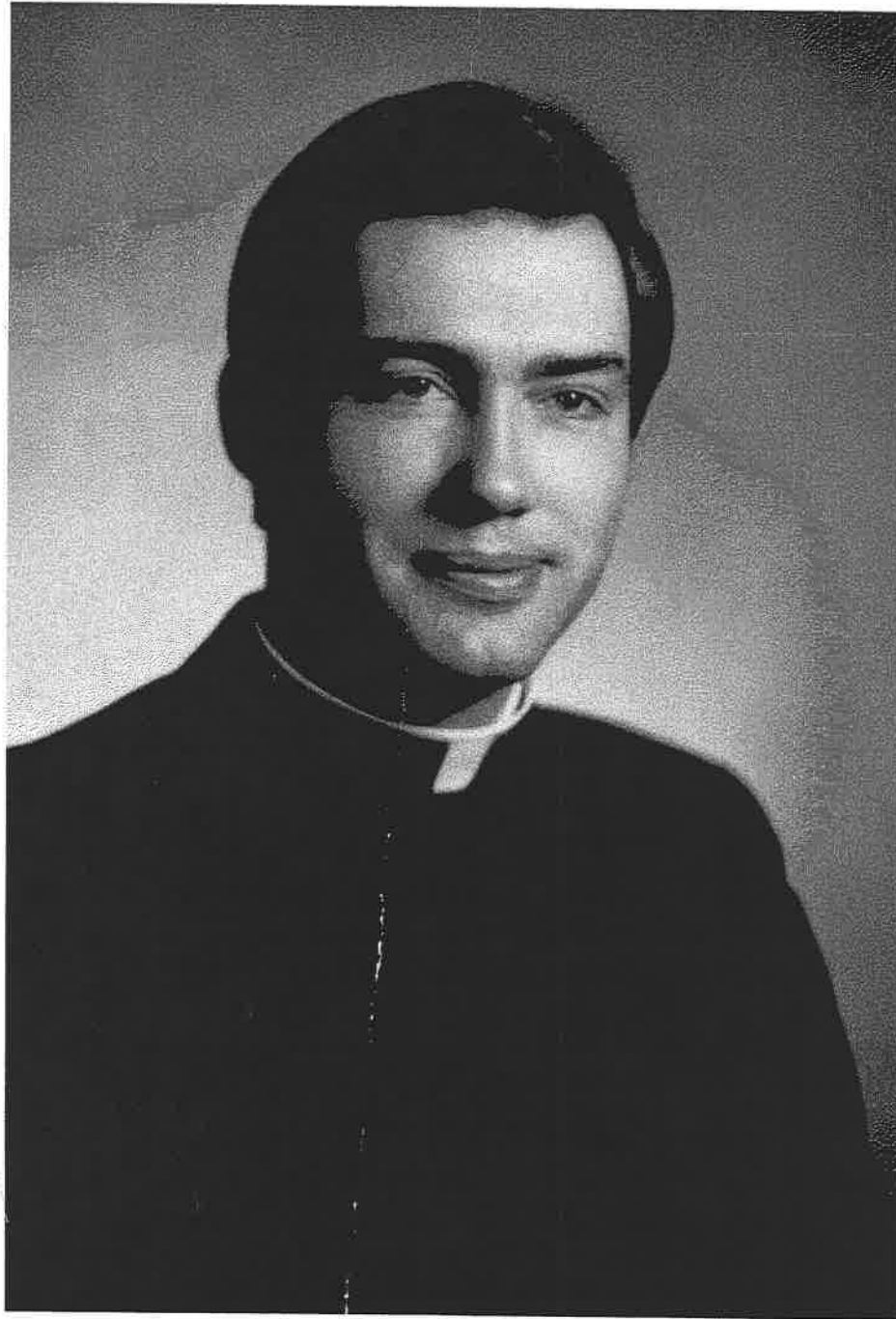
Yesterday, the Personnel Department received a letter from Miss [REDACTED] in which she expressed concern about the fact that you were never notified of any follow-up concerning Father Kolar.

I am not sure exactly what you are looking for and it was my understanding from the note that you sent me, that you felt you were well listened to and you were assured that a follow-up would take place. Apparently, you have changed your thinking on all of this at this time.

If you would like to contact me, I would be happy to talk to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop



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Michael Kolar
MAY - 1970.

June 9, 1987



I have been in contact with Bishop Carlson, and he tells me it is his understanding that the young woman with whom he met was very satisfied with the way in which the matter was handled. There is a letter in the file from her, thanking him for his help.

Let me assure you that Father Kolar was confronted with the charge, and he received help from a therapist over a considerable period of time.

If your friend continues to feel a need for further dialogue with Bishop Carlson, I suggest she contact him.

Sincerely,

Rev. William J. Kenney
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board

WJK/rk

August 20, 1987

TO: Archbishop Roach

FROM: Peter D'Heilly

The proposal set forth in this memo comes to me from Julia Norton, a member of the St. Paul CYC Staff and community. To my knowledge it has been discussed with Father Mike Kolar who has expressed some interest in its pursuit.

Father Kolar has given a number of parish missions in the Archdiocese. These have been so well received that Father Mike now has more requests than he can possibly fill. He has planned to do a limited number of parish missions each year regardless of the demand.

It has been proposed that interest is high enough that Father Mike could do an "archdiocesan mission" in one large location (e.g. St. Paul Civic Center). In this way several parishes could be combined and other interested people could be included. It has been further suggested that this could be a "RENEW event" planned for just after RENEW formally ends -- perhaps Lent of 1989.

If it were a RENEW sponsored event, we would obviously give it a push. A group would be assembled to begin planning the event. Close collaboration and cooperation between Father Mike's staff and RENEW would be required. I expect other forms of archdiocesan endorsement and involvement would also evolve as this project got going.

Before talking any further about this with anyone, I would like to have your candid opinion. I obviously would not want to lend any encouragement to this idea if you have serious reservations about it.

I am aware that Father Mike is a successful preacher and that his parish mission ministry has been well received. I am also aware that what is being proposed here has implications that go far beyond anything he has done to date.

Please advise.

Thank you.

Peter

cc: Father O'Connell

August 24, 1987

Peter D'Hailly

Archbishop Roach

I have some reservations about the notion of a diocesan retreat conducted by Father Mike Kolar.

Mike Kolar is extraordinarily effective, and I applaud the work he is doing on parish retreats in our parishes.

However, I believe the retreats, if they are even faintly to resemble parish missions, ought to be parish based. To try to do these on a broader base seems to me to have its own problems.

I haven't really thought this through very carefully, and I am prepared to sit down with you or anyone else and talk it through further, but my immediate instinct is fairly negative.

/cmh

bcc- Bishop Carlson
Fr. O'Connell



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9/21/87

Dear Bishop Carlson,

I wish to write a brief report relative to Father Michael Kolar's progress in counseling. A few weeks ago I contacted Robert Barron PhD requesting psychologicals to be administered. This appointment was made after Father consented to the testing. As yet I have not received the findings.

Father has continued to show progress in therapy. His desire for managing those emotions, which in the past, have been troublesome for him, has aided in bringing more stability into his life. At present, the problems outlined in my earlier correspondence appear to be under control. His spiritual life contributes considerably toward his maturing.

When I receive the results of the psychologicals I will discuss them with him. These findings will be used in the therapeutic sessions whenever it is deemed appropriate.

Sincerely in Christ,
Virgil A. Burns MSW ACSW

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October 9, 1987

Mr. Virgil A. Burns, MSW, ACSW
ENTHEO
2127 Marshall Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Mr. Burns,

I received your kind letter of September 21st, 1987, concerning Father Michael Kolar and the psychological testing which he has received.

I look forward to receiving the results of the testing and also your follow-up therapy reports.

Father Michael Kolar is both a friend and effective minister to the people of this Archdiocese, and his on-going therapy is specially important, so that he could cooperate fully with the work of the Holy Spirit.

I would ask that you send me regular therapy reports, at least every three to four months, and that if therapy should be terminated either by you or Father Kolar, you inform us of that decision.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and those that you minister to.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

October 20, 1997

Reverend Michael Kolar
The Catholic Youth Center
150 N. Smith
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Mike,

You have made an appointment to see me on Thursday.

Mike, if the subject of our conversation is going to be anything having to do with the Articles and Incorporation and By-Laws for the NET ministries or any changes of plan for the Catholic Youth Center, I am going to want to have some other people present for that meeting.

I also will need a significant amount of documentation and I think it would be better to postpone the meeting so that we can get all of that in order.

If it is on another issue, or a personal issue, by all means we will go ahead with the meeting.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

John

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FROM: Bishop Robert J. Carlson
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DATE: December 8, 1987
MEMO TO: Bishop Carlson and Father O'Connell
FROM: Archbishop Roach
SUBJECT:

I have no problem with picking up the counseling costs of the woman involved in the Kolar case.

On the other hand, I absolutely believe that Kolar himself ought to pay for this. I do not believe that this is a Chancery responsibility and I think that therapy for Kolar would be very good. I would suggest that you have an understanding with him that we will forward the check upon receipt of billing in order to protect his anonymity. However, he in turn will reimburse us for the costs.



Dear Bob,
Thank you for your notes
on the Christmas Mass.
I sensed a deep peace
as we sang "Spirit of
the living God fall
afresh on us." My 12
years of Chant classes
were worth it!! ?

Virgil Buino is
completing the letter you
asked about. (his phone
number is 645-4455)
should be to you in the
next two weeks.

God's Blessings on you
and yours.
Michael Kolan



JESUS -
God's Yes

Truth...Direction...

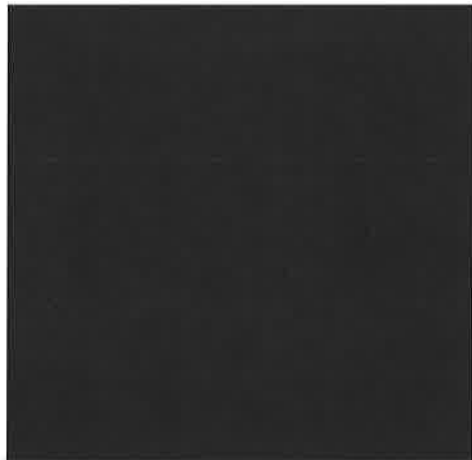
Fulfillment...Yes!

Joy...Peace...

Blessing...Yes!

Hope...Life...

Love...Yes!



December 21, 1987

STRICTLY PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Michael Kolar
Director
Catholic Youth Center
150 North Smith Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Mike,

It has been sometime now since I contacted Virgil Burns, asking that we receive a report from the psychological profile. I would appreciate it if you would have Virgil send that to us. We need it for the file and also to evaluate the present counseling that you are receiving.

Also, the woman involved in this issue no longer has insurance coverage for her counseling and the Archbishop believes that the counseling costs should be covered. In a memo to me, he stated that he felt \$ 120.00 per month counseling fee should be covered by you.

What probably would work best is to have you send us a check each month for \$120.00 and then we would deposit that check issuing our own upon receipt of the bill. This would protect you in the long run and would also cover the cost for [REDACTED]

I look forward to hearing from you and I pray that you have a very blessed Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: December 23, 1987
MEMO TO: Father Austin Ward
FROM: Bishop Carlson
SUBJECT:

Archbishop Roach has authorized that the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, would make payment for the individual counseling for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will send a copy of her bills on a monthly basis. This would be done for approximately a year and normally this would be about \$120.00 or \$140.00 per month.

Father Michael Kolar has been asked to send a check to the Chancery, on a monthly basis to cover the costs of these counseling sessions and we should perhaps discuss whether we would bill him or wait for his check to come in.

Austin, it might be good for us to discuss this, but I would prefer not to put anymore than this in a memo.





Name



DIAGNOSIS: 309.00

Date

Dec 4 1987

Date

Services Rendered

Amount

12-21-87	60 min office psychotherapy	\$ 70.00
	Payment:	<u>70.00</u>
		0

0

Balance Due

THERAPIST:



SUPERVISOR:



[REDACTED]

Dear Bishop Carlson,

Enclosed is the bill for one session with my therapist. I paid for the session already.

[REDACTED] prefers that I pay her directly and then get reimbursed myself.

The arrangement I will make, if it is satisfactory with you, is to send you a statement of what I have already paid. I will send them at the end of each month. I will be seeing her twice a month for one hour each session.

I appreciate this service to me. It will be extremely helpful. If this arrangement is not satisfactory or you need to speak to me, my work number is [REDACTED] My home number is [REDACTED]

My home address is:

[REDACTED]

Have a very Merry Christmas,

[REDACTED]

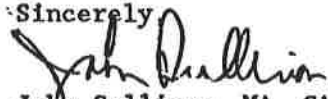
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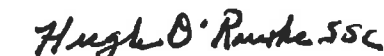
It also turns out that on the afternoon of March 27, Father Kolar called his aftercare therapist, Father Hugh O'Rourke. He shared essentially the same information as is provided in the letter from Father O'Connell. However, he did also share that you have written a very supportive letter with regard to a possible assignment for Father Kolar in Rome, working with Evangelization 2000. It was our impression that of the two possibilities, the assignment in Rome may offer more opportunities for support of recovery. We certainly do not wish to overstep our bounds with regard to assignment recommendations; however, in view of the fact that Father Kolar did provide this information to us we feel an obligation to make a note of it.

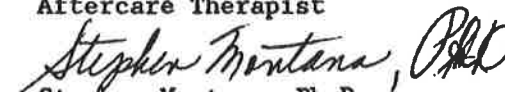
Your Excellency, we feel that Father Kolar has made good efforts in his ongoing recovery process. As Father O'Connell notes in his letter to us, some of the support structures and boundaries would be unavailable in Venezuela. If Father Kolar is assigned there, it would be essential that he have regular and in depth sharing with both Father Piche and Father Hubbard. We believe that Father Kolar is capable of meeting the challenge of such a new assignment if he makes concerted and ongoing efforts to take advantage of support that is available to him.

We thank you for your continuing concern and if there are any questions, we will be happy to speak with you further, either by letter or by phone.

Sincerely


John Sullivan, MA, CAC
Coordinator
Aftercare Services


Hugh O'Rourke, MS, CAS
Aftercare Therapist


Stephen Montana, Ph.D.
Director
Outpatient Department


Frank Valcour, M.D.
Medical Director

JS:jf

CC: Rev. Michael Kolar

December 28, 1987

Father Kevin McDonough

Archbishop Roach

Thank you for the letters you prepared to Father Mike Kolar.

Both letters are exactly what I wanted.

I have signed the letters and have forwarded them.

I would appreciate your following up on the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament question.

Thank you.

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DATE: January 4, 1988
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I am attaching to this memo, a check made out to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, No. 2441, in the amount of \$120.00, which should go into an account from which the counseling charges would be paid out of.

Austin, as you know, I sent you a memo sometime ago, indicating that Father Kolar, at the Archbishop's direction, would be paying for the counseling of someone who was previously active in the Community of Christ the Redeemer. Her name is [REDACTED].

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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cc: Archbishop Roach
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Dear Bob,

Vivie Burns will send you the material you asked for during "The 12 days of Christmas." Each time I talk with her he mentions it; I just called and reminded her.

I am most grateful to help with the Kooling process. I had asked to help with that cost some time ago when

May the simple beauty of Jesus' birth
summon us always to love
what is most deeply human,
and to see the Word made flesh
reflected in those whose lives we touch.

I visited with her & her
Counselor. I will send
the check back money to
you unless you advise
another route.
P.S. I have here an
early AM ship at White Castle
to help out. - Michael



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1/14/85

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
226 Summit Ave.
Saint Paul, Minn. 55102-2197

Dear Bishop Carlson,

Since my last letter relative to Father Michael Kolacz's therapy I wish to inform you that he continues to make good progress. He is gradually gaining more insight into how his early development has affected the way he has and is handling his adult activities. More clarity of understanding has come forth as a result of the recent psychologicals and the use of this material in the therapeutic process. The Psychological Evaluation compliments considerably much of what had transpired in the therapeutic sessions.

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that he is an extremely emotional dependent individual who appears to have very strong needs for affection and nurturing, which when combined with previously noted tendencies towards impulsivity, may account for his involvement with female prisoners).

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In therapy all of the above concerns expressed in the psychological evaluation have been entered into over the past two years. Father Kolar continues to make good progress in his understanding of these problem areas as well as learning how to manage his impulses. His level of maturing over these past two year has been considerable. This along with his deepening of his spiritual life should help him in the managing the outcome of his desire to be in charge of his emotional feelings. As long as he is willing to maintain this direction he should have a health-filled future.

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Virgil A. Burns MS ARCH-019386U

DATE: January 12, 1988

MEMO TO: Bishop Carlson

FROM: Archbishop Roach

SUBJECT:

I think Mike Kolar is showboating. I would tell him that we do not want him to have the job at the White Castle. The request that we are making of him can be scaled down to \$30.00 per month. I don't care, just so he recognizes the obligation to pay for the counseling.

This shows incredible immaturity on his part and I think he ought to be called on it.

Bob, if you feel uncomfortable doing that please let me know and I'll be glad to do it, but I think he needs to know that this isn't acceptable.

cc- Fr. O'Connell



January 13, 1988

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Michael G. Kolar
Catholic Youth Center
150 North Smith Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Mike,

I shared your note and check with Archbishop Roach, and while the Archbishop feels that you should pay for the counseling, he does not want you to be working at the White Castle.

He said that you should scale down your payment so that the outside work would not be necessary.

Thanks for your note the other day, and I pray that 1988 is good to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

January 18, 1988

Dear Bishop Carlson,

Here is the bill for one visit this month to my therapist. In February I will be going on 2/2 and 2/16.

Did you get the last billing I sent you in December? In that letter I explained the arrangements she wanted - that I pay her directly and then I would get reimbursed from you.

Hope this arrangement is okay by you

Thank you

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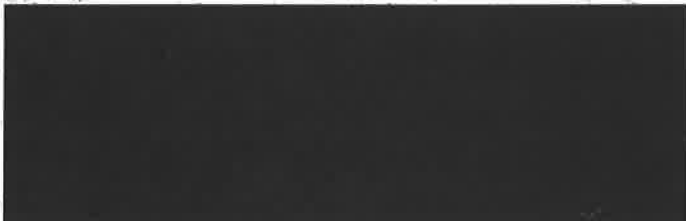
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January 19, 1988



I received your letter of January 18th, 1988, and I take it that you did not receive a check from the Archdiocese.

I regret that the check did not come and I am not sure why that happened. I have re-submitted a requisition and you should be receiving a check for the amount of \$140.00 within the next few days. If that check does not arrive, please call my secretary, Mrs. Mila DeMars, at 291-4427, and she would check into it for you.

I pray that you have a very blessed 1988.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

CHECK REQUISITION
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

DATE 1/19/88


PAY TO 

MAIL CHECK DIRECTLY X

DELIVER CHECK TO _____

CHECK NUMBER _____

AMOUNT _____ DOLLARS \$ 140
Written Amount Numerical Amt

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Account Number _____

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**SPECIAL
MINISTRY**

Date 1/21/88

Name Michael Kolar
Assignment Catholic Youth Center
Address 150 N. Grand Av
St. Paul, MN
55102
Age 44 Year of Ordination 1969

Since 1978
Deanery 16
Phone 224-4853

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A change from my present assignment at this time is:

Not desirable ___ Desirable ___ Very desirable

How long do you foresee remaining in your present assignment?

Uncertain

Are you open to receiving a new assignment in the near future?

Is there a particular direction or other field of ministry that because of interest or skills you would like to consider?

Venezuela,

If you are not already doing so, could you combine your special ministry with some limited form of parish ministry? ___ Yes No

Would you like an interview with a Priests' Personnel Board member in the next few months? ___ Yes No

Comments: _____

Please return to the Priests' Personnel Board, 226 Summit, St. Paul 55102, by November 30. Thank you.

10/87

NOTES REGARDING FR. MIKE KOLAR

by [REDACTED]
February, 1988

*Given To mja
2/1988 To be eventually
shown w/ Fr. Kolar
when we work up him
on this
case
mja*

- 1) I am not acting in anger or retaliation for what was done to me.
- 2) I am acting in response to the article in the February 4, 1988 CATHOLIC BULLETIN, which outlined the Archdiocesan policy of intervention and treatment of abuse.
- 3) This policy is an answer to 15 years of personal prayer for such a policy.
- 4) I have discussed the entire set of circumstances involving Fr. Mike Kolar with a detective. I have spoken honestly in order to gain clarity in my own mind about the seriousness of what happened. Realizing the criminal nature of the events, WHICH I NEVER KNEW, I feel obligated to come forward and make him accountable to his superiors.
- 5) I want Fr. Mike Kolar to be told, as you have told me, that it is your opinion that I have acted appropriately in coming forward.
- 6) I want Fr. Mike Kolar to be told, as you have told me, that any retaliation will result in his immediate suspension.
- 7) I want Fr. Mike Kolar to know that what he did was a series of felonies.
- 8) I want Fr. Mike Kolar to know that I had seven years to bring charges against him and I never knew that I could.
- 9) I want Fr. Mike Kolar to know that the seven year time limit would not have ended until 1980, at which time I was under his employ.
- 10) I want Fr. Mike Kolar to know that he could have been charged with 4 counts of 3rd degree criminal sexual conduct. The penalty for EACH count has a maximum of 10 years in prison and/or \$20,000 fine. Third degree criminal sexual conduct involves penetration, however slight, of any kind, and does NOT only mean intercourse. Compliance or consent is not a defense.
- 11) I want Fr. Mike Kolar to know that he could also have been charged with 6 counts of 4th degree criminal sexual conduct. The penalty for EACH count has a maximum of 5 years in prison and/or \$10,000 fine. Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involves touching of intimate parts, whether clothed

or unclothed.

12) I WANT FR. MIKE KOLAR TO KNOW THAT THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSED UNTOLD SUFFERING IN MANY AREAS OF MY LIFE. THIS SUFFERING CONTINUED FOR YEARS FOLLOWING THESE EVENTS. I WANT HIM TO KNOW AND ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPECIFIC SUFFERING HE CAUSED.

13) My depression increased because I blamed myself for what happened and felt like dirt to have caused someone else to sin.

14) I was put on heavy tranquilizers for this depression.

15) This medication caused a condition called tartive disknesia, in which the patient cannot control the tongue and jaw movements. It is both painful and humiliating. I want him to know that I tied rope around my jaw and head to try to prevent these violent movements.

16) I want Him to know my dad felt he was responsible for the emotional pain which he thought was causing the disorder. I HAVE NEVER told my parents of the events that caused my depression.

17) I hated myself so much for having caused these events that I did not want to be the person who could cause a priest to sin.

18) I stabbed my face when I looked in a mirror.

19) I held lit cigarettes to my face to burn it.

20) I poured acid in my eyes because I never wanted to look in a mirror again.

21) Within 3 years of these events I needed cosmetic surgery to repair the damage I had done to my face.

22) I beat my head againts walls - over and over and over - trying to forget what I had done.

23) I wanted to die because I could not forget, so I swallowed pills, and slit my wrists, and burned myself repeatedly.

24) I went to confession and accepted these as MY sins, after which I could not trust a priest enough to go to confession for 10 years.

25) I came to regard men and their bodies as objects of violence and my concept of love was so distorted that I was not capable of making a committment or decision to love anyone.

- 26) I became totally incapable of trusting anyone.
- 27) Suffering all these things now feels like I was incarcerated for a long period of time to pay for a crime I did not commit.
- 28) I WILL NOT settle for an attitude from Fr. Mike Kolar that would suggest I am the problem and that I need counseling. I am not.
- 29) I want arrangements to be made for an appointment with Bishop Carlson, because I have some questions I would like to ask him.
- 30) I want Fr. Mike Kolar to know that if I would have reported these events 15 years ago, he would have been removed from his position, and would not be there today. In my mind that makes every day of his career a gift from me.
- 31) I want Fr. Mike Kolar to know that I have suffered nightmares that taunted me to destroy his reputation in an inappropriate manner.
- 32) I want him to know that I am interceding for him each day.
- 33) I woke up at 4:00 this morning, Friday, February 19, 1988, and was called to pray for him. As I did, I had a prayer image for him: it was a picture of a ladder and a light shined brightly on portions of it. The words I heard from the prayer time were; "If you have not climbed up the ladder in the light, you will climb down the ladder in the light."
- 34) I would like to have the assurance that he will now be accountable for his actions.
- 35) In THE IMITATION OF CHRIST, Thomas a Kempis wrote; "It is a very excellent thing to be under obedience, that is, to live under a superior and not to be one's own master. There is greater security in living a life of submission than there is in exercising authority. Many live under obedience more out of necessity than out of love of God, and they murmur and complain in their discontent. These will never achieve spiritual freedom until, for the love of God, they submit themselves with all their heart." I hope Fr. Mike Kolar can do this.

2/19/88

I

[REDACTED]

release

my former Therapist

[REDACTED]

to speak freely to Sr. Michael J. O'Connell

of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

regarding my Therapy with him from

1982 - 1984

[REDACTED]

12/22/88

I Michael Kolan agree that I will have no
unsupervised relationships with women until

it is otherwise indicated by Dr. Michael J. O'Call.

Michael G. Kolan

Michael J. O'Call.

12/22/88

DATE: March 14, 1988
MEMO TO: Father Michael O'Connell
FROM: Bishop Robert J. Carlson
SUBJECT: FATHER MICHAEL G. KOLAR

On January 19th, 1988, I sent you a memo with a copy of the psychological evaluation for Father Michael Kolar. At that time, I suggested that Dr. Gary Schoener review the evaluation and offer suggestions regarding any further counseling for Father Kolar.

Since my memo to you of January 19th, 1988, and your memo to me of February 8th, 1988, I realize that some very specific concerns have been raised concerning Father Michael Kolar, and his continued presence at the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center.

Therefore, I would try to detail as best I can my original concerns with Mike.

As you know, about three years ago, [REDACTED] came to see me, alleging certain actions on Father Kolar's part that would be considered sexual abuse. Apparently, Mike arranged for [REDACTED] to ride in the same car as himself when the Youth Center took a trip out to Wyoming, and during the night, Michael touched and massaged [REDACTED]'s breast through her clothing while she was laying on his lap in the back seat of the car.

This was especially significant as [REDACTED] had been raped about a year before this and Michael should have been aware of the trauma that this would cause her. After I have had the opportunity of speaking with [REDACTED], I had Father Kolar come in and he admitted that this had taken place.

According to [REDACTED], Father Kolar had also met with her and her counselor, and he had admitted to this, but was quite irritated that [REDACTED] would hold this against him. He informed her that he had confessed this and thought that healing should now take place. [REDACTED] was a bit put off by Father Kolar's attitude and felt that he was "stonewalling her" just a bit.

At the time [REDACTED] was satisfied with the way this was handled, but on one or two occasions, we have had renewed concern from individuals who know her. According to [REDACTED], she has not authorized this, but it is obvious that she is talking about it and that a fair number of people are aware of the incident.

Very recently, we obtained a psychological evaluation from Virgil Burns, but I must tell you that it has been difficult getting this material. At this time, Father Kolar is paying \$120.00 per month toward [REDACTED]'s counseling, as her insurance has been exhausted.

While it is clear that Father Kolar is responsible to a certain extent for [REDACTED]'s problems, the rape incident also plays significantly into her on-going problems. It is impossible for me of course to discern all of the impact of this, but both issues are present. It is clear that Father Kolar was not in any way involved in the rape.

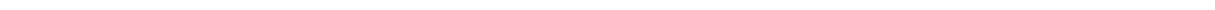




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St. Paul Catholic Youth Center

150 N. Smith Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102 (612) 224-4853

March 17, 1988

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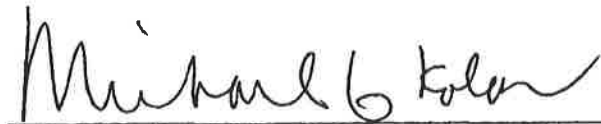
I have received a lawsuit against me which involves the Archdiocese, the Catholic Youth Center and myself.

As a result of this lawsuit I resign from the position of Director effective upon your decision.

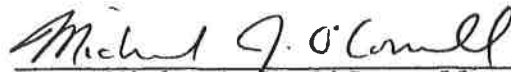
Michael G. Kolar.

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prepared for Abp Reach
8/15/88 KMCD

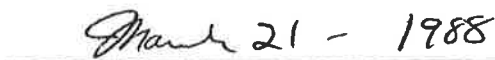
I, Fr. Michael Kolar, release my therapist to disclose all my counseling records and tests to Fr. Michael J. O'Connell and any other testing, evaluation and counseling resource he chooses for my benefit.



Rev. Michael G. Kolar



Rev. Michael J. O'Connell



DATE

DATE: March 23, 1988
MEMO TO: Archbishop Roach
FROM: Bishop Robert Carlson
SUBJECT: April Priest Retreat and Visit From Fr. Kolar

Fr. Kolar will be going to St. Luke Institute on Monday, March 28, 1988 and will be finished with the evaluation on April 6th. He has begun the process of cutting his schedule but one major commitment remains and that is the priest retreat in mid April. He is the listed retreat master.

In the next day or two he will be asking to see you for about 5 minutes to discuss this with you. I have shared this with Fr. O'Connell.

BJC

cc: Father O'Connell

March 24, 1988

MEMO TO: The File of Father Michael Kolar

FROM: Archbishop Roach

I met with Father Michael Kolar on March 24, 1988.


He is in great pain obviously, but I think he is in very good mental and emotional condition to go to St. Luke's.

I think I was able to encourage him and offer him some hope.

I approve of his giving the priest retreat in mid-April. I can think of no sufficient reason to change that.

/cmh

cc- Bishop Carlson
Father O'Connell



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March 25, 1988

Dr. Thomas Drummond
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Re: Reverend Michael Kolar
Our Client: The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Dear Dr. Drummond:

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I represent The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. One of the priests of the Archdiocese, Father Michael Kolar, has voluntarily agreed to be evaluated at Saint Luke Institute.

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In order to assist Father Kolar in the evaluation process, my client and I feel some information may be helpful to you. Recent allegations have been raised alleging that in 1973 Father Kolar had a sexual relationship with a woman named [REDACTED]. This woman has now commenced a lawsuit against Father Kolar and my client. Enclosed is a copy of a portion of that Complaint which describes the allegations being made against Father Kolar.

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You should also know that approximately three years ago Father Kolar was involved in a situation where he fondled the breasts of a woman whom I will identify as [REDACTED]. At the time [REDACTED] was an adult and had been on a retreat with Father Kolar.

As a result of the matter involving [REDACTED], Father Kolar entered into counseling with a counselor in St. Paul named Virgil A. Burns. A copy of Mr. Burns' recent report is enclosed.

You will be hearing from Father Kolar's attorney, Mr. Theodore Collins, concerning release of your evaluation. In the meantime, if you need any information from my client or Archbishop John Roach, please contact me. Due to the present litigation, please do not release any information without prior direction and authorization.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN

/s/ ANDREW J. EISENZIMMER

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March 30, 1988

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444 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: [REDACTED] v. The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis,
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Thank you.

Best Regards,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN

/s/ ANDREW J. EISENZIMMER

Andrew J. Eisenzimmer

AJE:dmf

Enclosure

cc: The Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Reverend Michael J. O'Connell

Dear Rev. Michael O'Connell,

I would just like to say in this letter that I have the highest esteem and respect for Father Michael Kohler. I have never seen anything in his conduct that would even give a bit of anything out of order with his priestly life. In fact just the opposite. From what I have seen he is a very consecrated priest and a father and shepherd for souls.

Respectfully in Christ

Sister Colette Vass

1407 Hubbard
St. Paul, Minn.
55104

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Reverend Michael J. O'Connell

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: April 11, 1988
MEMO TO: Fr. Kevin McDonough
FROM: Fr. Michael O'Connell
SUBJECT: FATHER MICHAEL KOLAR

Would you please include the attached speaking appearance of Father Michael Kolar to the list of exceptions you are preparing currently?

Thanks, Kevin, for your assistance and cooperation.

Doctor assails California effort as euthanasia 'wedge'

Supporters of a California proposal to allow doctors to give fatal injections to terminally ill patients see it as a "wedge" to gain greater acceptance for euthanasia on demand, an opponent of the proposal said.

Dr. D. Alan Shewmon, a California physician and university professor, compared the campaign to put the Humane and Dignified Death Act on the November ballot to early efforts to legalize abortion, in which laws allowing abortion only in the "hard cases" of rape or incest paved the way for laws allowing abortion on demand.

If euthanasia proponents "try to pass euthanasia on demand, no one would vote for it," Shewmon said.

Americans Against Human Suffering is sponsoring the effort, which needs 450,000 signatures in order to qualify for the November ballot.



Mother Teresa



Father Kolar

Mother Teresa, Father Kolar help lead Jesus rally

Mother Teresa of Calcutta will lead thousands of Catholics and other Christians, via videotape, in praying the rosary at the April 29 Washington for Jesus prayer rally. And Father Michael Kolar, head of the St. Paul CYC and founder of the National Evangelization Team, will speak at an all-night youth vigil preceding the rally.

The event, sponsored by One Nation Under God Inc., is expected to draw up to 500,000 people to the Capitol Mall for 12 hours of prayer.

David Roth, executive director of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center in Independence, MO, and a member of the rally's executive planning committee, said Pope John Paul II also may send a video prayer. Roth said charismatic prayer groups and renewal centers in dioceses throughout the United States are planning to send representatives to the rally.

"To proclaim the teachings of Christ and His Church so as to instill the faith in, and encourage the faith of, as many persons as possible."

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Tears of joy, relief

Family members tearfully greet a former contra rebel after his release from prison in Nicaragua. He is one of 100 prisoners the Sandinista government released in accordance with a preliminary peace agreement between the Sandinistas and the contras that took effect April 1. Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando Bravo, mediator of early talks aimed at achieving a truce in his country, is one of two people named to verify compliance with the accord.

Cardinal challenges Catholic teachers

Catholic schools must be "academically sound and integral in Catholicism" and Catholic educators "cannot give youngsters any less," said Cardinal John J. O'Connor.

The New York cardinal's remarks came in his homily during the April 4 opening Mass of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) convention. The April 4-7 convention drew an estimated 16,000 Catholic educators to New York.

Catholic teachers should believe the sacredness of the word of Jesus so strongly "that we run so fast others are breathless," Cardinal O'Connor said. "Let your heart burn with the word. . . . Bring those in your care to see Jesus."

He told them they have "a grave responsibility to teach with the greatest possible excellence, but teach as Catholics" under the formal auspices of the church.

Cardinal O'Connor said it is a "disgrace" that Catholic schools are restricted in receiving government funds. But he said it is an even greater

disgrace that, in the instances in which the government may offer some financial support, "the price tag is that you stop teaching your Catholic values."

The United States desperately needs that values-oriented education that Catholic schools offer, he said.

Also, Cardinal O'Connor said, "we put a fraction of the money into catechetical programs as we do Catholic schools. This must change."

The cardinal also told the crowd that "social justice demands that we bring into parity" Catholic school teachers' salaries with public school teachers.

"I am personally committed to that, if I die in the attempt, which is a probability," he said, jokingly.

"I am the son of a union man and I believe in justice for the working person," he said. "We cannot preach justice without attempting to practice it. . . . You cannot survive on air, prayer and holy water."

Appeal reaches 82 percent of goal

"The volunteers are obviously working very hard, but it is essential that those who have yet to give be contacted through the follow-up work," said Steven Szarke, chairperson of the 1988 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Pledges total \$4,384,781 or 82 percent of the \$5,326,500 goal. The amount comes from 73,575 Catholics or 38 percent of the registered families in the archdiocese.

This compares to pledges of \$4,127,399 or 81 percent of goal from 74,695 parishioners at the same time one year ago.

"We're pleased with the results so far, and we're counting on a strong finish to the campaign," said Renee McGivern, director of development.

Of the 223 parishes in the archdiocese, 209 have reported with figures indicating an average gift of \$59.60 as



Make-a-difference films can make a difference for college students

College students whose film or videotape presentations best demonstrate that "one person can make a difference" will share \$8,500 in prizes and a chance to have their work shown on television.

The Christophers, a New York-based movement that has promoted the idea that "one person can make a difference" for 40 years, is sponsoring the contest. The top three entries will be televised on "Christopher Closeup," a weekly half-hour public affairs program. They also will win prize money — \$3,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place, and five honorable mention awards of \$500 each.

"We are inviting college students to capture on film or video their interpretation of the Christopher belief that one person can shape our world for the better," said Father John Catoir, Christophers director.

Entries must be no more than five minutes long and submit ARCH-019218rter-

Georgetown signs pact on homosexuals

Georgetown University and homosexual student groups have formalized an agreement giving the groups the same benefits other student organizations receive, yet affirming the Jesuit-run school's right to refuse them official recognition.

The signing of a consent court order ended an eight-year battle between the university and the homosexual student groups, which had charged Georgetown with discrimination. The Washington, DC, university had argued that, as a Catholic institution, it could not recognize a group whose positions violated church teachings.

The signing of the order means that Georgetown will not ask the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

Pampusch heads unit

Anita M. Pampusch, president of the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, has been appointed chairman of the



executive committee of the Women's College Coalition.

The coalition, based in Washington, DC, serves as a clearinghouse and advocacy organization for its membership of more than 54 women's colleges nationwide.

A recent survey showed enrollment is growing at the nation's 98 women's colleges.

"I want to be sure that everyone knows about the unique learning environment offered at women's colleges," said Pampusch, who has served on the coalition's executive committee since 1985 and has been president of St. Catherine since 1984.

Notables

Bishop Donald W. Wuerl, was installed as head of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He is a Pittsburgh native and former auxiliary bishop of Seattle, WA. . . . **Bishop Raymond J. Boland** was installed as bishop of the Birmingham, AL, diocese. . . . **Edward A. Brennan**, chairman and chief executive officer of Sears, Roebuck and Co., has been named alumnus of the year of Marquette University in Milwaukee. . . . Catholic University of America will award an honorary doctorate to TV personality and alumnus **Ed McMahon**.

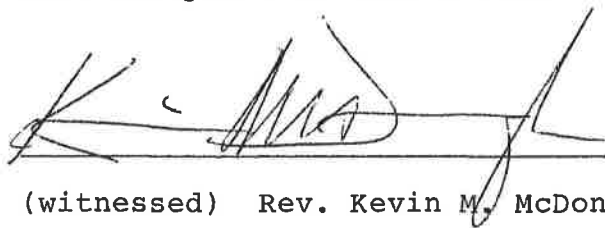
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Most Rev. John R. Roach, D.D.




(witnessed) Rev. Kevin M. McDonough


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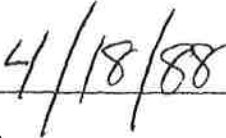
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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-2197

The Chancery

April 19, 1988

PERSONAL &
CONFIDENTIAL

Dear [REDACTED]

Regarding your recent request to discuss additional information you now wish to share with me, I would ask that you write a letter to me here at the Chancery, detailing whatever additional information it is that you would like me to have. We prefer to receive this information from you in writing so that we may decide what further steps we may need to take. We anticipate, however, that we will be unable to discuss the matter with you in any detail.

Please know that even though the Archdiocese wishes to be compassionate and understanding in this situation, the litigation that has been initiated limits our response and involvement.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

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Today's Catholic Newspaper



Father Mike Kolar's Parish missionTO GO!

By Father Michael Kolar

I frequently speak at missions and renewal programs in Catholic parishes around the country. The people who come to these evening and weekend affairs are usually the stalwart pillars of the parish — the most solid families, the people who take their faith most seriously. On the first night I will usually ask people to raise their hands if someone close to them has left the Catholic Church, is alienated from the church, or has gone elsewhere.

Every time, 80 to 90 percent of the people raise their hands.

"Don't put your hands down!" I say. "Look at the hands up all around you. Catholics are leaving the church by the millions. I'm not talking about a tragedy in another country. It's happening right here, right now, in this town, in this parish!"

It's happening in their families. I don't want to embarrass parents by asking them to raise their hands if one of their children has left the church. But they're the ones

who have their hands in the air: Parents, grieving over their own sons and daughters.

We are losing the next generation. Young people by the millions are abandoning the Catholic faith. Many are graduates of Catholic schools and colleges. Most have completed religious education programs run by professionals. They have been baptized and confirmed. They have gone to Mass every Sunday for years. They have heard priests preach and their parents explain why religion is important. Yet, after 19 or 20 years of Catholic life, they walk away from it seemingly without a qualm.

Spiritual hunger

We sometimes get the impression that young people are leaving the church because they have grown cold to the

things of the Spirit. Many of them do adopt the secular and materialistic values of our society. Many imitate the cool, worldly ways of their media heroes. Many honestly think that church and God are incompatible with the modern way of life. But the young people I work with every day are starving for supernatural experience. They leave because the Catholic Church they were raised in does nothing to satisfy their hunger.

One spring, a pastor in a large Midwestern parish asked if a class of confirmation students could attend a session of a mission I was preaching. I agreed.

On the third night of the mission, 150 junior high boys and girls filed casually into church and sat down to hear what I had to say. They were normal Catholic young people in the 1980s — cool, smart, polite for the most part, indifferent to

their religious surroundings. They were in the process of being sacramentalized as millions of Catholic young people are every year. It was clear that they "had to be there!"

They knew what to expect. Nothing. I spoke about my own personal encounter with the Lord. Then I started to talk about the empowering of the Holy Spirit. I sensed that the Lord simply wanted me to pray that the Holy Spirit come upon those who were listening.

"Come, Holy Spirit!" I prayed. "Come in power. Show yourself. Light a fire in our hearts!"

A man sitting about 20 yards away from the group of young people began to exhibit visible signs of the Spirit's presence. His hands started to shake. A deep peace came over him and his face (See **PARISH MISSION**, page 2)



Father Mike Kolar: When your faith becomes real . . . internal . . . then others can catch it from you.

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Parish mission . . . TO GO!

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glowed with the joy of the Lord's presence. I pointed out to everyone the visible manifestations of the Spirit.

The confirmation class was transformed. It was as if someone had thrown a switch and ran a jolt of electric current through all 150 of them.

They strained to see what was going on. They smiled and murmured. After I resumed my talk they listened intently. Afterwards, many of them came up for prayer and ministry. They talked about personal and family problems that were troubling them. They confessed to sin. They turned to the Lord in a deep and sincere way.

These young people are typical of Catholic youth today. They desperately want their faith to mean something. But it doesn't so they are turned off — more from disappointment than indifference. When something happens to make their faith real, they respond swiftly and eagerly — as spiritually hungry human beings always do.

A frantic generation

I have seen changes in young people over the 17 years that I have been working with them. Today they seem more anxious than they ever were before. In counseling, in confessions, in casual discussions, they tell me about pressure. Young people have always been anxious. Today it seems that they are almost frantic.

It's no wonder — given the state of family life.

I am amazed by the large numbers of young people who literally live alone in their suburban homes. Mom, and/or Dad, or whomever they are living with usually works during the day and pursues their own pleasures at night. The children are often left to get their own meals five or six nights a week.

The idol of sports and outside activities rules the modern Catholic family. Parents turn into chauffeurs as they haul their children through a weekly round of athletic practices, music lessons, tutorials, games, parties, and amusements.

I once attended a meeting where a hockey coach explained the responsibilities of modern parenthood to a group of ordinary suburban moms and dads. The hockey team was going to play 50 games, he announced, some of them out of state. Practices were mandatory, as were all 50 games. Family life? Forget it. Parents had to make a personal commitment to this punishing hockey schedule.

"If you can't get the kids to practice," he said, "and if you can't take your turn on the road trips as a driver and chaperone, don't sign up!"

How different from the church, I thought. Compared to that coach, we ask for so little and we get even less.

Absentee parents, the youth culture, and the unceasing round of outside diversions have virtually destroyed millions of families. Young people have television and each other. The peer group and the media make the crucial decisions for anxious teenagers. They define what people should look like, which values are important, and what success means. The relationships within families are not strong enough to overcome the media-imposed model of modern success. It's no wonder that otherwise sensible young men are convinced that success means a life filled

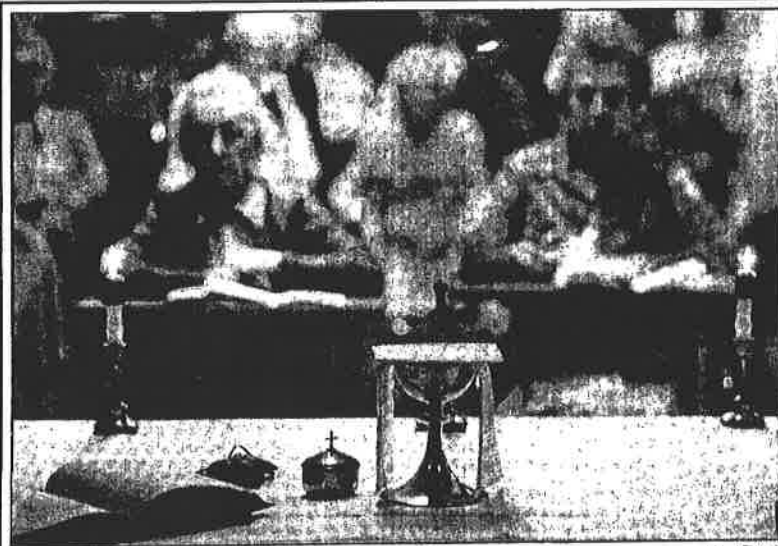


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with alcohol and sex and that slim attractive young women become anorexic because they think they are fat.

External faith

What are we doing to rescue our young people?

For the most part we're throwing money and programs at the problem while going about our business as usual.

Twenty years ago, most parishes had a CYO program and secular colleges and universities had a Newman Club. Now, as the youth crisis grows worse, programs have multiplied — CCD and other religious education classes, sacramental preparation, a host of dances and social events (many of which are simply great parties under religious sponsorship), evangelism and pre-evangelism classes, retreats and rap sessions, and a horde of training courses for the professionals and volunteers who are in "youth work."

What's wrong with this approach? I've gotten numerous phone calls from groups asking me to help them find a youth minister. They all have the same type of person in mind for the job: someone who is well-educated, organized, can relate well with young people, has a "good" personality. The factor that always seems to be forgotten or shuffled to the bottom of the deck is whether or not the person has an active, faith-filled relationship with Jesus Christ. We ask our youth workers

to have advanced degrees. We want them to talk about God articulately and put together a curriculum professionally. But we don't pay attention to the quality of their faith.

Faith is the real issue. Our faith and our children's faith.

We cannot tell young people about a vital living faith that satisfies the spiritual hunger in the human heart unless we have such a faith ourselves. Parents need it. Youth workers need it. Priests need it. From my own observations as a professional, I am convinced that we are losing the younger generation because most of us don't have it. We need an internal faith that sets fire to the heart. Instead we have an external faith that consists of ideas, words, and habits.

External faith is the faith we have when we rely on someone else to tell us what our faith means to us. It's necessary when we are children, and external supports are valuable throughout our lives. But we are in deep trouble when it comes to passing on the essence of what makes Christians different if external faith is all we have.

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The problem comes when we stop there. The outward manifestations of Catholic life signify a vibrant faith in a living God, a faith that burns brightly within our hearts. They express and sustain a way of life that is supposed to be different — a life of prayer, worship, and discipleship. Too much of Catholic life today is a system of parish life, education, and piety without the inward fire. What we desperately need is an outpouring of internal faith.

Caught, not taught

That's the bad news. The good news is that the Lord is doing something about it. I am gradually running across more young people who can talk about a personal relationship with the Lord. The reason is that a growing number of their parents and their peers have the internal faith that provides the power for effective evangelism of the young.

Do you want to know what God is doing in the 1980s? I think his primary work in this age is to replace an external faith with an internal faith. Catholics who know about Jesus Christ are now meeting him personally. More and more of those pillars of the parish who put their hands in the air when I ask if they know someone who has left the church are coming to know Christ as a personal Lord. They know that he loves them now, com-

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forts them now, frees them now, and empowers them to deal with the challenges in their lives now.

This personal encounter with Jesus is happening in movements such as the charismatic renewal, Cursillo, and Marriage Encounter. It is happening in neighborhood Bible study programs and house prayer meetings. It is happening independently of movements and programs — wherever those who know Jesus as a personal Lord make personal contact with Catholics struggling with the limitations of an external faith.

We are learning that initially faith needs to be caught, not taught. I see the truth of this all the time, especially when the young people who work on the National Evangelization Teams (NET) come into a parish where the local young people haven't encountered anyone like them before.

In the past five years, over 200 young adults have been trained as Catholic evangelists through NET. These young people from all over the United States, Canada, and an increasing number of foreign countries, have ministered to over 200,000 Catholic youth in the United States and Canada. They agree to give a year of their lives to share their love of God, love of the Catholic Church, and love of the word of God with others.

The NET workers all know Jesus Christ personally. The young people in the parishes where they work rarely do. Initially the kids in the parish will make it clear that they are present at the opening session of the youth mission because they have to be there. Someone else thinks the NET program will be good for them, just as someone else has told them everything they know about Christianity.

The atmosphere changes gradually. After about 15 minutes of warm-up music, the local kids relax. They decide that the evening will be fun and that the NET team is okay. The team puts on some skits that dramatize some of the conflicts young people have. Then they give testimony to the love of God in their own lives and the power of Jesus Christ to break through their troubles.

Toward the end, the team invites the local youth to form small groups. They ask, "If you were walking with the Lord right now, what would you say to him?" The young people speak out. They talk about family troubles, about their problems in relationships, about their fears and insecurities, about their dreams.

They meet their savior at this point of personal need. I have seen it happen so many times that I am no longer surprised. But it is really a miracle. It's the miracle of the incarnation breaking through in the lives of our children. God himself takes on human flesh and meets us in the midst of our struggles. In our weakness we find our strength. In our confusion we find faith.

Other people can tell us about faith. But we catch it from people who've got it.



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Rescuing the younger generation

What should this generation — the parents and grandparents, pastors and professionals — do to care for our younger Catholic brothers and sisters the way the Lord wants?

First, we need to realize how serious the situation has become. We are losing the young people. Current strategies aren't working. We are deluding ourselves if we think that tinkering with youth programs will change the indifference and hostility that many, perhaps most, young Catholics feel toward the church.

A more radical approach is necessary.

Adult Catholics need a mature, radical faith. Ask yourselves: Do you read the Bible every day? Is your life formed more by television or opinion polls than by the word of God? Do you look forward to receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist? Do you pray with your spouse? If you have children at home, do you pray as a family? Do you make an effort to teach the truth of God's word to your children and grandchildren?

If not, then the remedy begins with you. Your external faith needs to become internal. Seek the Lord. Ask him to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Find some fellow parishioners or acquaintances who can help you come to know Jesus as your personal Lord.

Once you are equipped with an internal faith, examine your life and the life of your family. Your most important task is to impart the faith to the young people for whom you are responsible. In his encyclical *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope John Paul II points out that bringing people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the purpose of all that we do as church. That's what you are to do in your family; bring young people into a personal relationship with God.

You may need to make changes in order to do this. How does your family spend free time; on television and passive entertainments or on activities that build relationships?

Do you correct your children in love? Do you consciously steer them to the only source of freedom — Jesus Christ, the king of kings, who is the personal Lord

of all who sincerely seek him?

Recently a young man came to me for confession. He said he wanted to confess a sin against the first commandment. I listened intently to a clear, concise description of his sin, then asked him where he had learned about the commandment and sin.

"My dad sits down with me and talks to me every week about my faith," he said. "He has gone over the commandments with me again and again, talking about their ideals and how to live them. He has told me, 'Son, this is sin, this is serious sin.'"

This young man was secure in his faith because his father, who possessed an internal faith and love of God, had taken the time to pass that faith on to his son.

The power of internal faith can change people's lives.

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Technology causes pollution, not population growth

"Ecologically unsound technology" rather than unchecked population growth produces environmental pollution, said an official of the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC).

"The global society's heedless abuse of its natural resource heritage will not be solved through a global population policy . . . The problem is one of attitude, not simply numbers," said Monsignor Nicholas DiMarzio, executive director of the USCC's division of Migration and Refugee Services. He made the comments at a subcommittee hearing about a bill to create a national population policy.

The bill, H.R. 2212, proposes establishing a national population policy and improving methods for collecting, analyzing and implementing natural resource, environmental and demographic data.

Speaking in favor of the proposed legislation were representatives of environmental groups, including the Sierra Club and the National Audubon Society, and the director of Zero Population Growth.

Monsignor DiMarzio said it is "naïve" to argue that preventing population growth will "halve or decrease the severity of such societal ills as poverty, ignorance, hunger and disease."



Father Curran loses license, keeps tenure

Catholic University of America's board of trustees stripped Father Charles E. Curran of his church license to teach, but said the priest still holds tenure and can teach outside the university's Vatican-accredited theology department.

The board announced April 12 that it instructed top university officials "to enter into discussions with Father Curran concerning an alternative teaching assignment within an area of his professional competence."

The board action came nearly two years after the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared that Father Curran is unfit to teach Catholic theology because of his continuing dissent from church teachings on the indissolubility of marriage and a number of moral issues.

Father Curran said he is "gratified" that the board affirmed his rights of tenure, although he is "obviously



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disappointed" about the decision to withdraw his canonical mission.

"However," Father Curran added, "before the university proceedings even commenced, I offered to move out of the department of theology so long as I could continue to teach in the area of my competence. The board's action appears to acknowledge that such a resolution may now be acceptable.

"If that proves to be correct, then we should be able to move quickly to put this matter behind us and get on with our work," he said.

Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II called on U.S. bishops to prepare for the third millennium of Christianity by promoting individual confession, the Eucharist and clear church teaching on social and moral issues. The pope made his remarks April 16 to bishops from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas during their "ad limina" visit to the Vatican. . . . The pope called for tight controls on arms sales, criticized excessive consumerism and asked industries to develop a "scale of priorities" focused on producing more socially beneficial goods. . . . The murder of a prominent Italian political figure threatens the entire nation, said Pope John Paul II, reacting to the politically motivated assassination of Christian Democratic Sen. Roberto Ruffilli claimed by the Marxist Red Brigades.

Notables

Andrew Willoughby Ninlan Bertle, a member of the British aristocracy, was elected head of the sovereign military order of the Knights of Malta, a worldwide religious and charitable organization. . . . Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, NY, has been elected to a three-year term on the Committee on Priorities and Plans of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops-U.S. Catholic Conference.

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'Brain drain' feared with new immigration bill

U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC) officials have expressed strong reservations about a bill to revamp the immigration preference system, calling it "premature" and likely to produce a "brain drain" in Third World countries.

They also voiced concern that the bill might be used to control the makeup and "complexion" of the U.S. immigrant population.

The Senate-approved bill, S.2104, would keep modified provisions for immigrants with family connections in the United States, but extend visas to a new category of "independent" immigrants who would be admitted because they have education and skills deemed to be in short supply.

"Although it may be in the U.S. short-term interest to attract the best and brightest from sending nations, Third World countries should not be expected to subsidize skill shortages in the U.S. work force," said Monsignor Daniel F. Hoye, USCC general secretary.

USCC criticizes Soviet persecution in Lithuania

The persecution of Catholics in Lithuania and other areas of the Soviet Union undermines U.S.-Soviet relations, the general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC) said.

Monsignor Daniel F. Hoye wrote to Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Soviets' Council for Religious Affairs, criticizing the treatment of Lithuanian Catholics and asking for the release of two Lithuanian priests and the end of the exile of a Catholic bishop.

Monsignor Hoye called on the Soviets to honor their obligations under international human rights pacts and to demonstrate the sincerity of their reform movement by setting free Fathers Alfonsas Svarinskas and Sigitas Tamkevicius and by allowing Bishop Julijonas Steponavicius to return to Vilnius, Lithuania, where he is apostolic administrator.

Present conditions threaten "to undermine current and future progress in arms control, East-West relations and internal Soviet reforms, but we cannot accept the persecution of our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union," especially in Lithuania, Latvia and Ukraine, the letter said.

Pro-life donation earns a rose

Project Life is sponsoring a fund-raising effort that gives participants the opportunity to send a silk rose to someone for Mother's Day.

Project Life, a St. Paul-based organization that provides financial assistance to expectant mothers and their unborn children, will send a decorated, wrapped rose for a donation of \$20 or more. Each rose will be delivered with a card wishing the recipient a happy Mother's Day, noting that a contribution has been made in her name to Project Life.

Orders must be at the Project Life office by Monday, May 2. All but \$5 worth of the donation is tax deductible. Orders should include the name of the giver and recipient. Mail-orders to Project Life, 1360 Energy Park Drive, No. 200, St. Paul, MN 55108, 646-6946.

Warning issued on bogus letter

U.S. Catholics have been warned against a forged letter that appears to be from the papal pronuncio and an accompanying report on space-based weapons supposedly from the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

The fake letter, dated March 19 and including the identification number 552-88-8, appears to be signed by Archbishop Pio Laghi, papal pronuncio to the United States.

The fraudulent letter, addressed "to the Catholic bishops, Religious, faithful and all citizens of the United States," states: "The Holy Father Pope John Paul II has a desire for me to convey to you, the American public, the enclosed Pontifical Academy of Sciences' report embodying the conclusion (sic) of the academy's study of anti-ballistic missile defenses in space."

The academy did produce a report on the technical aspects of space weapons, but that document has never been made public.

Financing, staff shortages pull plug on radio program

The Passionist Fathers' religious order will end its 35-year-old radio program "Crossroads" because of financial and staffing shortages. The 30-minute show, which dealt with issues ranging from contemporary social problems to traditional religious beliefs, will end with its May 29 program, Passionist officials said.

Passionist Father Roger Gannon, vice provincial, said it has become impossible for the Passionist provincials to continue "Crossroads" because of the program's "inability to be self-supportive and the Passionists' inability to subsidize the program for the planned closing," he said.

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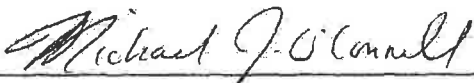
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A DECREE

I, the Reverend Michael O'Connell, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, hereby prohibit the Reverend Michael Kolar from exercising his office as chaplain of the [REDACTED]. Furthermore, I prohibit him from exercising any of the offices of a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, with the exception of the following:

1. While undergoing evaluation at St. Luke's Institute he may concelebrate at, or even preside at, eucharistic liturgies within the Institute itself;
2. He may carry out all the sacramental functions necessary for the proper fulfillment of his commitment to lead a retreat for priests for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in mid-April;
3. He may preside at the eucharistic liturgies and celebrate the sacrament of penance in and for the benefit of the house in which he lives. Special effort must be made to ensure that such are not to extend beyond the residents of the house and its usual guests.

This prohibition will begin immediately, and continue through April 30, 1988. Any exceptions to the prohibition must be given in writing by an appropriate authority.



Rev. Michael O'Connell



(witnessed) Rev. Kevin McDonough

A DECREE

I, the undersigned, John R. Roach, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, impose the following penalty: That the Reverend Michael Kolar is prohibited from exercising the office of chaplain at the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center. I further prohibit him from exercising any of the offices of a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis without written permission from me. This prohibition will become effective when he has received this decree, and will continue through June 15, 1988. As exceptions to this decree, I hereby give Father Kolar permission to carry out all acts of priestly ministry necessary for the completion of the following projects and programs:

1. Presentations to be given in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 13 through May 15, 1988,
2. Ceremonies connected with the graduation of his nephew in New York City,
3. All activities connected with the Congress on Evangelization in Rome, Italy, from June 11 through June 19, 1988.


Signed _____


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Confidential

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
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Re: Reverend Michael Kolar
SLI #11785

Your Excellency:

Your client, Father Michael Kolar, was admitted for evaluation on March 25, 1988. On April 6, 1988 the entire evaluation team met to discuss their findings, opinions, diagnoses and recommendations and presented them in a face to face meeting with Father Kolar. Father Kolar participated cooperatively and with candor throughout the evaluation. Accordingly, we believe that the obtained results are valid and representative findings with respect to Father Kolar's functioning along the dimensions assessed.

In a telephone conversation shortly before Father Kolar's arrival between myself, Mr. Andrew J. Eizenzimmer, the counsel for Father Kolar's diocese, and Father Michael O'Connell, the Vicar General for the diocese, it was agreed that all communications from us would be made to Theodore J. Collins, Esq. Mr. Collins has since contacted us and asked that we be in touch with you. The following evaluation summary is comprised of those facts and opinions which were conveyed to Father Kolar.

We believe that human behavior derives from multidimensional social, emotional, intellectual and physical factors. Therefore, we have designed the evaluation to be as comprehensive as possible along those dimensions. The evaluation has included but is not necessarily limited to the following elements:

1. Structured interview by three members of the professional staff, including a psychiatrist,
2. Physical examination and neurological examination,
3. Electrocardiogram (EKG),
4. Chest x-ray,
5. Electroencephalogram (EEG),
6. Computerized tomographic brain scan study (CT brain scan),



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7. Neuropsychological testing including Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Revised, Wechsler Memory Scale, Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, and Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory,
8. Informal meetings with current residents in the Saint Luke Institute rehabilitation program,
9. Formal psychological interview with mental status examination,
10. A dexamethasone suppression test. This is a biochemical challenge test which assesses the way the pituitary gland controls certain adrenal function. A positive test correlates highly with depressions that have a strong biochemical component and are frequently helped by antidepressant medication.

The questions for the evaluation have to do with Father Kolar's sexuality, his psychosexual development and, certainly, whether he is at risk for continuing the type of behavior for which he has been charged.

Psychosocial History: Father Kolar is a 44 year old caucasian male who is the middle of three children. His older sister is three years his senior, and his younger brother is three years younger. Father Kolar's own father died when he was three years old and the younger brother would have been an infant. The father was 33 at the time and he succumbed to some type of virulent pneumonia. The family moved in with the maternal grandfather who was an alcoholic. Father Kolar's mother was a nurse and worked mainly the 3:30 to 11:00 shift. This apparently meant that her children, being in school all day, would not see her in the evening. Father Kolar remembers himself staying up at night to see his mother when she returned from her afternoon shift. He also has some positive memories of his childhood; he remembers the grade school years as being quite positive. He was good at sports, he was the head altar boy and in general remembers himself as being quite happy. He went away to the minor seminary at age 13 and was ordained in 1969.

Father Kolar denies any significant alcohol abuse problems. His maternal grandfather was an alcoholic and there were some unspecified difficulties with the grandfather as Father Kolar was growing up. Father Kolar was intoxicated for the first time as a senior in high school and his current pattern is to have an estimated three glasses of wine in any given week. He does not identify alcohol use as a problem for him as an adult.

Father Kolar's sexual development included the usual childhood curiosity and rehearsal play. Adolescent and young adult sexuality, as described by Father Kolar, were unremarkable. In 1972 a woman, who, we understand, is the present complainant, was in some form of counseling relationship with Father Kolar and the alleged facts of that encounter are known. There was another complaint about four years ago regarding an incident that occurred in 1983. Father Kolar acknowledges over the past years some sexual involvement with a variety of women including a longstanding relationship extending from 1975 to 1983. In 1983 when he went away on sabbatical he suffered depression at the same time he was separated from the woman. He, at this point, terminated the relationship. Since that time he has been basically uninvolved sexually with vulnerable people; a woman with whom he was involved several years ago in a counseling relationship has remained visible in Father Kolar's environment

since that time. She tends to show up at liturgies where he is celebrating and, to some degree, keeps crossing his path. He last saw her as recently as three weeks prior to his evaluation here.

Laboratory and Medical Test Results: Father Kolar's blood pressure was 120/80, his pulse 80 and temperature was 98. He is 5'10" and weighs 184 lbs. Examinations of the chest and thyroid were normal. Cardiovascular and abdominal exams were within normal limits. His neurologic exam was intact. His cardiogram and chest x-ray were normal.

Of the wide variety of laboratory tests administered, most have been returned in the normal range. Some of the normal findings were bilirubin, hemoglobin, hematocrit, platelet count, serum testosterone level, thyroid functions, liver functions, glucose, BUN, uric acid and iron. No drugs were detected in the urine. Blood type is A. The syphilis screen was nonreactive. The HIV screen for the antibody to the AIDS virus was negative. The dexamethasone suppression test was within normal range on all three readings. Findings outside of the normal range were elevated bacteria in the urine; however, in the absence of an increased white blood cell count, there is no reason to suspect the presence of infection. Cholesterol was elevated to the upper end of the mildly elevated range which extends from 200 to 220 mg./dl.; Father Kolar's reading was 220 mg./dl. There was a high red blood count which is borderline and should be repeated to determine its reliability.

Neuropsychological and Psychological Test Findings: The brain is the organ of the body which is responsible for the highest levels of integration of thought, emotion, and behavior. We not only assess the structural integrity of the brain via the CT sca, but also assess cortical functioning by observing, under systematically controlled test conditions, a variety of behaviors which emanate from various geographical locations on the cortex. By assessing such behaviors, the condition of the brain may also be assessed.

Father Kolar, who is right-handed and right-eyed, obtained a WAIS-R Verbal IQ of 101, a Performance IQ of 110, and a Full Scale IQ of 105. The mean IQ score is 100 and the normal range extends from 85 to 115 IQ points. Father Kolar's Verbal Comprehension ability is equal to his Perceptual Organization skills. There was a mild deficiency noted in his attention and concentration ability as well as mild nonspecific memory deficit which was most in evidence with verbal memory. His memory functioning was borderline for nonverbal material. These findings appear to be developmental and do not represent an acute and progressive condition. His verbal learning ability is also somewhat slower than normal. On the Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Test Battery, measures sensitive to general cortical deficits were normal. The Impairment Index was 0.3 which is in the normal range. On tests of frontal lobe functioning Father Kolar was within normal limits. On complicated spatial tests which interact importantly with verbal ability, Father Kolar showed some mild impairment. On the Tactual Performance Test there was a mild deficit. This is a test that requires the generation of verbal rules for efficient completion. While attention and concentration difficulties may account for some of these deficits, they do not, by any means, account for all. The findings suggest that, in general, Father Kolar may have been a slow learner

and may continue to be such. Father Kolar was recently given a battery of objective and projective personality tests; the report is dated December 1986. Unfortunately, the results are relayed by a social worker and, though the report seems adequate for the most part, we diverge in at least one important way from that report; the social worker indicates that there was "no evidence of thought disorder or significant disruption of intellectual processes." The present findings suggest otherwise.

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if your thought processes are idiosyncratic your behavior processes are likely idiosyncratic

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Initial programmatic approach

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Drummond

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- St. Lukes could do 4-6 mo. program
- June 1 - inpatient
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May 23, 1988

Confidential

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of St. Paul/Minneapolis
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Re: Reverend Michael Kolar
SLI #11785

Your Excellency:

Your client, Father Michael Kolar, was admitted for evaluation on March 25, 1988. On April 6, 1988 the entire evaluation team met to discuss their findings, opinions, diagnoses and recommendations and presented them in a face to face meeting with Father Kolar. Father Kolar participated cooperatively and with candor throughout the evaluation. Accordingly, we believe that the obtained results are valid and representative findings with respect to Father Kolar's functioning along the dimensions assessed.

In a telephone conversation shortly before Father Kolar's arrival between myself, Mr. Andrew J. Eizenzimmer, the counsel for Father Kolar's diocese, and Father Michael O'Connell, the Vicar General for the diocese, it was agreed that all communications from us would be made to Theodore J. Collins, Esq. Mr. Collins has since contacted us and asked that we be in touch with you. The following evaluation summary is comprised of those facts and opinions which were conveyed to Father Kolar.

We believe that human behavior derives from multidimensional social, emotional, intellectual and physical factors. Therefore, we have designed the evaluation to be as comprehensive as possible along those dimensions. The evaluation has included but is not necessarily limited to the following elements:

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2. Physical examination and neurological examination,
3. Electrocardiogram (EKG),
4. Chest x-ray,
5. Electroencephalogram (EEG),
6. Computerized tomographic brain scan study (CT brain scan),



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The questions for the evaluation have to do with Father Kolar's sexuality, his psychosexual development and, certainly, whether he is at risk for continuing the type of behavior for which he has been charged.

Psychosocial History: Father Kolar is a 44 year old caucasian male who is the middle of three children. His older sister is three years his senior, and his younger brother is three years younger. Father Kolar's own father died when he was three years old and the younger brother would have been an infant. The father was 33 at the time and he succumbed to some type of virulent pneumonia. The family moved in with the maternal grandfather who was an alcoholic. Father Kolar's mother was a nurse and worked mainly the 3:30 to 11:00 shift. This apparently meant that her children, being in school all day, would not see her in the evening. Father Kolar remembers himself staying up at night to see his mother when she returned from her afternoon shift. He also has some positive memories of his childhood; he remembers the grade school years as being quite positive. He was good at sports, he was the head altar boy and in general remembers himself as being quite happy. He went away to the minor seminary at age 13 and was ordained in 1969.

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[REDACTED] the alleged facts of that encounter are known. There was another complaint about four years ago regarding an incident that occurred in 1983. Father Kolar acknowledges over the past years some sexual involvement with a variety of women including a longstanding relationship extending from 1975 to 1983. In 1983 when he went away on sabbatical he suffered depression at the same time he was separated from the woman. He, at this point, terminated the relationship. Since that time he has been basically uninvolved sexually with vulnerable people; a woman with whom he was involved several years ago in a [REDACTED] in Father Kolar's environment

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FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell

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I plan to discuss the above recommendations with Archbishop Roach on Friday morning, May 27, 1988.

I believe that it is most important that a decision be reached as soon as possible regarding Father Michael Kolar to ensure a stable situation for him and to stem a rapidly deteriorating leadership situation at the St. Paul CYC in the prolonged absence of Father Kolar.

cc: Archbishop Roach
File of Father Michael Kolar

For possible future deposition of MJOIC re: Kolar

- Feb, '88

because MJOIC's notes show "attempted + completed intercourse" and her typewritten, submitted notes on Kolar where she is vague about intercourse happening.

- March / April (Kolar went to ST. Luke 3/28)

- we didn't demand that Kolar go to ST. Luke; but Kolar Volunteered to go to ST. Luke

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*Carlson
O'Connell & I met*

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The Chancery

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May 27, 1988

Reverend Michael Kolar
Catholic Youth Center
150 N. Smith Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

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Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

MJO:mrw
Enclosure

When this
is received,
send copy to
A. Wood

AN AGREEMENT
FOR REIMBURSEMENT
TO THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS
FOR LEGAL EXPENSES
WHICH I HAVE INCURRED WITH THEODORE COLLINS,
MY ATTORNEY

As of July 1, 1988, I am prepared to pay the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis back the following amount _____ on a monthly basis until I have finished paying for whatever legal expenses I incur for retaining Mr. Collins.

SIGNED:

Reverend Michael G. Kolar

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FOR REIMBURSEMENT
TO THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS
FOR LEGAL EXPENSES
WHICH I HAVE INCURRED WITH THEODORE COLLINS,
MY ATTORNEY

As of July 1, 1988, I am prepared to pay the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis back the following amount _____ on a monthly basis until I have finished paying for whatever legal expenses I incur for retaining Mr. Collins.

SIGNED:

Reverend Michael G. Kolar

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-2197

The Chancery

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June 3, 1988

Dr. Thomas Drummond
Director
St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Dr. Drummond,

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We have referred Father Kolar to St. Luke Institute on the basis of the diagnostic report which you prepared on his behalf and sent to Archbishop Roach in May of 1988. In that report you clearly outline the issues of concern which you have regarding Father Kolar's psychological needs at this time as well as you indicate areas of further concern that you need to explore and diagnose.

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We are very appreciative of the work that you have done so far with Father Kolar and we look forward to the work you will continue to do with him. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

MJO:mrw

cc. *Archbishop Roach*
Ep. Carlson
Bp. Moran
Fr. Mc Donough

ARCH-019259

Archbishop Roach

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June 6, 1988

CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of St. Paul/Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Re: Rev. Michael Kolar
SLI #11785
Admission Date: 6-1-88

Dear Excellency:

This brief note is to inform you that Father Michael Kolar has arrived at the Saint Luke Institute and entered the inpatient treatment program. During his treatment here I, Ms. Anna Marie Bolzan, will be Father Kolar's primary therapist and will correspond with you monthly regarding the progress he is making.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and for the fine work you do in Christ's Church.

Sincerely,

Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW, CAC
Primary Therapist and Acting Director
Inpatient Clinical Services

Frank Valcour, M.D.
Medical Director

AMB:JF

CC: Rev. Michael Kolar



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ARCH-019225



DATE: June 20, 1988
MEMO TO: Father Austin Ward
FROM: Bishop Carlson
SUBJECT:

I am attaching to this memo, a check in the amount of \$120.00 from Father Michael Kolar, and what appears to be the final bill for [REDACTED] in the amount of \$329.80.

I think that we should pay the entire amount and then Father Kolar will reimburse us.

In the note attaching Father Kolar's check, he is inquiring about salary during his leave. I assume that he has some expenses and he wants to know where that should come from.

Should I authorize the CYC, to pay his salary or should that be handled some other way?

AKC

*we will be paying him from our office -
I sent a check today & he was on a monthly
Att. salary but I suppose he ran short. We will take
care of this -
A. C. L.*



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June 23, 1988

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-2197

Dear Reverend O'Connell:

I have received your letter of June 3 regarding Father Michael Kolar. We are aware of Archbishop Roach's requirements for periodic (i.e., monthly) updates on Father Kolar's progress.

The assigned therapist for Father Kolar is Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW, CAC, who is acting Director of Inpatient Services. Ms. Bolzan will be sending the required reports, and the reasons for continued treatment.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with Father Kolar. Please feel free to contact Saint Luke Institute with future concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Drummond, Ph.D.
Director, Outpatient Department

TD:gn

cc: Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW, CAC
Father Michael Kolar



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DATE: June 28, 1988
MEMO TO: File of Father Michael Kolar
FROM: Bishop Robert J. Carlson
SUBJECT:

On June 20th, 1988, I wrote a letter to [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], in response to her letter of June 17th, 1988, in which she indicated that she had completed both individual and group therapy.

I wrote her at that time, to offer to see her and also to give her an update on Father Kolar's therapy.

About one hour and a half before the meeting was scheduled to take place, I was called by Mr. Jeffrey Anderson, informing^{me} that they were representing [REDACTED]. He asked if they should still come and I said that would be fine. When the conversation was ended, I called our law firm, to inform them of the conversation that I just had with Jeffrey Anderson, and they said that they would call Mr. Anderson and cancel the meeting.

While nothing was indicated, I am assuming that there will be a lawsuit on this and wanted you to be aware of it.

cc: Archbishop Roach



Father Michael O'Connell

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July 11, 1988

CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: Rev. Michael Kolar
SLI #11785
Admission Date: 6-1-88

Your Excellency:

We are writing this letter regarding Rev. Michael Kolar who has been in treatment at the Saint Luke Institute for five weeks. Father Kolar is progressing satisfactorily in treatment. The first month is usually a difficult one involving not only facing the issues which led to treatment, but also adjusting to a new community situation.

Father Kolar has shown a willingness to disclose his struggles regarding his sexuality and the unmanageability of his life. He is becoming aware of his difficulty in tolerating uncomfortable emotions. Father Kolar tends to rationalize or spiritualize painful issues as a defense against the discomfort he is feeling.

Our treatment program is designed to address Father Kolar's psychosexual problems, problems secondary to his disorder, and to address physical, educational, and spiritual needs. Our treatment program emphasizes group psychotherapy which is especially useful in dealing with Father Kolar's problems. In group therapy Father Kolar will have an arena to learn to moderate his tendency to act on feelings and unmet needs - the pattern which led to his current difficulties.

Regarding his physical health, we are happy to report that his current laboratory results show that his cholesterol level is again in normal range.



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We will continue to correspond with you in the months to come, updating you on the course and progress of Father Kolar's recovery. Rest assured of our prayers for you and the fine work you do in Christ's Church.

Sincerely,



Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW, CAC
Primary Therapist and Acting Director
Inpatient Clinical Services



Frank Valcour, M.D.
Medical Director

AMB:jf

CC: Rev. Michael J. O'Connell
Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Rev. Michael G. Kolar

Michael -

August 25 - 4:30 p.m.

██████████ called to advise that she feels after talking with Andy Eisenzimmer after he spoke with Bishop Carlson this afternoon that it is necessary to proceed with caution in giving information to the priests/public and/or either of the two groups ██████████ ██████████ on this matter of Michael Kolar. ██████████ further wonders if we're (the Archdiocese/Chancery) ██████████ ready for the ramifications of such an information-letting move. Also, Andy has some concerns about Mike Kolar's privacy, particularly in view of the pending litigation.

██████████ is questioning if the Archbishop would even approve issuing such a letter as Kevin has drafted and wondered if JRR had in fact seen it as yet. I surmised that Kevin had prepared these materials last night probably and it was unlikely that JRR had seen the letter. At least to my knowledge, he had not seen it. ██████████ mentioned the credibility factor with priests still remaining on the ██████████ case with respect to the Archbishop and this was one of her areas of concern in releasing a letter first to priests and then some type of statement on the Kolar matter to the Catholic Bulletin.

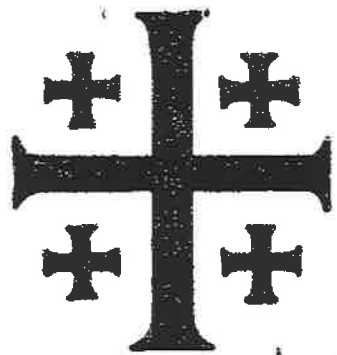
Andy & ██████████ appear to agree that perhaps it might be best to just talk and discuss the matter on Friday with ██████████ and delay authorizing the release of any more information to ██████████ ██████████ for now. ██████████ inquired whether anyone had been in touch with Mike Kolar recently and I indicated I was not aware of any personal contact within the last several weeks. Of course, Kevin*did send Mike Kolar a letter accepting his resignation from March from the ██████████ as Director. I did not know if Bishop Carlson or the Archbishop might have talked with Mike Kolar by phone at the St. Luke Institute lately.

The main reason for this data is that ██████████ wants you to be aware of her and Andy's apprehensions in acting too hastily on this delicate matter.

Marilyn

*Kevin drafted a letter for the Archbishop's signature.

Bishop Carlson met with Andy Eisenzimmer at 1:30 p.m. today on this matter as Andy indicated the Archbishop had asked him to meet and discuss this issue with Bp. Carlson first. Bishop Carlson read Kevin's material, but did not wish to retain a copy. I do not know what transpired at that meeting.



Dear Bob,

7/11/88

I am so looking forward to your visit. Ann would like to meet

with you sometime in the afternoon.

Please ask all the questions you need to ask her about my state of being (Baumgaertner would be estate with reference to the philosophical category).

I have a place reserved for your overnight sleeping convenience.

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will be partial to partial service from
National. Please send me your flight
info as soon as possible or I'll come myself
with some of the other patients!

We will not have a car provided for
on evening out. It is possible a van could
drop us off and we could take a cab
back. I'll work with that.

Any info you could gather on the state of my
suit would be appreciated. Michael

ARCH-018858

July 14, 1988

Reverend Michael G. Kolar
c/o St. Luke's Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Mike,

As you will note from the attached itinerary, I will be making a quick visit to Washington, on Friday, July 29th, 1988. I am scheduled to leave Minneapolis/St. Paul on an early morning flight which arrives in Washington, D.C., at 11:10 AM, NWA Flight 312. If you could arrange to meet me at the airport, that would be very nice, but I could also rent a car and drive out to the Institute.

I look forward to meeting with Ann, and also spending some time with you.

On Friday evening, we could grab a cab and go out to dinner, perhaps somewhere in Georgetown, and then back for a little rest.

I am not sure how far St. Luke's Institute is from Georgetown, but if it would work out better, we could perhaps get a hotel room. Please let me know what you think.

Because of my schedule here, I would have to return on Saturday, at 9:30 AM, on NWA Flight 315.

It would be good to see you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

Att.

*My file - Kalat Archbishop
Romb*

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DATE: July 15, 1988
MEMO TO: MEMBERS OF ARCHDIOCESAN CORPORATE BOARD
FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell
SUBJECT: LEGAL ACTION

The attached legal action is for your information
and the plaintiff is [REDACTED]

Phone 1-813-470-7370 *add. phone number*
Area Code Number Extension

TELEPHONED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL	
CALLED TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN	
WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT	

RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message Called to leave his
Florida phone number
with us if he needed to
be contacted. He asked that
I also give it to Ted
Collins' office which I
did. Operator *Therese*

File

July 26, 1988

Anna Marie Bolzan, OCSW, CAC
and
Frank Valcour, M.D.
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Ms. Bolzan and Dr. Valcour,

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It seems to me that you are beginning to get to Father Kolar's problems and I am delighted about that.

Father Kolar is a remarkable person and priest in a lot of ways and there is a lot at stake here. I am pleased that you are working with him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
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bcc- Fr. O'Connell

/cmh

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August 16, 1988

Dr. Thomas Drummond
Director, Outpatient Department
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Dr. Drummond,

At this time we are beginning to anticipate the return of Father Michael Kolar from treatment at Saint Luke Institute sometime around November 1. We hope that it is not too early to begin to ask you what type of living arrangement you would anticipate for him when he returns. We note that at one point you challenged the living arrangement that he had while he was here with the group of single men, and we would agree with that.

We will, however, look forward to your specific recommendation insofar as the appropriate type of living arrangement for Father Kolar. We would appreciate any kind of long range advice you could give us on this so we could begin to plan.

We would also very much appreciate your speaking directly to him regarding whatever type of living arrangement you will be recommending. This type of support would help us in the end.

Also, we would appreciate any kind of long-range or mid-range recommendations as to what kind of limited ministry he might be involved in when he returns to the Archdiocese.

Again, thank you very much for all of the fine work you are doing with him.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

JKK 8/29 w/ [redacted] + MJOC
our obligat

his good name

Limit scandal on limited basis

[redacted] [redacted] Training

* Share w/ [redacted]

enough facts to:

- denish coverage
- cler q.m + mark

Contact [redacted] [redacted] planning ✓

~~Send [redacted] tape to therapist~~

we must share w/ mde kola

we must (should) send letter to Priests? (c

will not send letter to Bps

~~release~~

(NB) > Maybe JKK should go to St. Luke
if signf [redacted] amount we can't do anything

* Msgr. Bob Bacher - old friend of JKK + Pres. of St. Luke Institute

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] is Talking widely

- Mike Kolars needs: rumors being spread, incl. clergy; AIDS, Nervous down, child abuse ([redacted])
- [redacted] Staffs cont. to be more + more confused and distrustful of what they are being told;
- [redacted] are becoming more + more suspect as credible leaders e.g., enabling coverup sponsored by Chancery.
- [redacted] Teams from around country ^{+ Australia} are in training now to 1 end of Sept. and:
 - ① need to know more about Kolars if they get asked
 - ② Video promo tape needs to be dealt w/ fast

Responsibilities of Archdiocese:

- Prevent ~~Further~~ ^{Further} Public Scandal, ([redacted] - further by dredging up Adams etc. - increased by new stuff on Kolars)
- [redacted] to protect good name of [redacted]
- [redacted] to protect good name of Kolars (from false rumors)
- give ~~the~~ limited public notice that any other victims are welcome to come forward

Action:

- do:
- Talk to [redacted] / write her officially, as Interim Dir.
 - ~~contact Mike Kolars by phone~~
 - [redacted] who are in training have to be released for info from [redacted]
 - * They have to be told that [redacted] have followed our orders
 - Our Pastors need to be told ?
 - ~~Prof. Bps need to be told ?~~
 - Cath. Bulletin ?
 - Follow up strategy must be designed + assigned
- * JRP must talk [redacted]
- * [redacted]
- * Andy E must be coordinated
- * Mike Kolars must be notified + briefed
- * Kolars cannot do Jimmy Simpson

Fr. Kolar's
file, please

August 22, 1988

Reverend Michael G. Kolar
St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Sutland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Father Kolar,

Father Michael O'Connell has been keeping me informed of your progress. I appreciate your continuing to make efforts to keep in touch with him.

Over the past several months I have given careful consideration to the situation in which you find yourself in regard to your priestly ministry. It has become clear to me that it will be impossible for you to return to your work at the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center. Therefore, I have decided to accept your resignation as director of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center, which resignation you have already communicated to me in writing. My acceptance of your resignation is effective immediately.

I recognize that this is a painful time for you. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I also ask that you continue to remain in communication with Father Michael O'Connell.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

KMM:ggr

Dear Michael,

I am sending the \$25.00
monthly checks for the loan from
Ted Collins ^{to you} unless I hear
otherwise. Please let Bob Colson
know that Ted Collins is advising
me to drop the \$120,000 monthly
payments for [REDACTED]
If you have any other wisdom on
dropping the payments let me
know or call Ted.

I am deeply grateful for your
help in procuring Ted, for the
loan from the divorce for his help and
for the opportunity to battle here
... battle best describes it right
now.

your brother in Christ,
Michael

MICHAEL G. KOLAR
[REDACTED] 8/22 1988 [REDACTED]
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Archdiocese of St. Paul & Mpls \$ 25.00
Twenty five DOLLARS
midway national bank ST PAUL, MINNESOTA 55104
MEMO T. Collins loan Michael G. Kolar
[REDACTED]

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Memorandum

8/24/88

To: Michael O'Connell
From: Kevin McDonough
Re: Michael Kolar: Pro-Active Communication
Stance

Michael, please excuse the handwritten note: all my secretaries are tied up with Centennial and so on.

I spoke with [REDACTED] this morning. The conversation helped focus some concerns that I have as well.

Our current problem seems to be that our earlier policy on dealing with public information about Mike Kolar is no longer working. As I recall, we viewed the lawsuit against him and us as a question of an isolated example of misbehavior on his part. We wanted to limit the spread of the information because we believed that he had already sought adequate professional help. Our hope was that after a thorough going psychological exam we would be able to return him to his very effective work.

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In this context, it made sense to keep relatively silent about his situation. Were a psych exam to confirm his healing, then we could see him continuing without endangering anyone.

Three factors have now made that course impossible, in my opinion.

First, the psych exam appears to suggest that he has had, and perhaps continues to have, some real personality problems. This means that he cannot return to his former work. Furthermore, we can reasonably suspect that there may be other victims. I suggest that we should actively seek out potential victims and advise them of their right to recourse.

Second, a lot of information is floating around. Some of it is very accurate, which reflects the possibility, that someone with inside information has been talking. Most of it is very inaccurate (e.g. he has **KBS** is **gay**, abused minors, had a **serious breakdown**, etc.) and much more damaging than the truth would be. ^{These}

are many questioning, confused, doubting and just plain curious people out there.

Third, we are now aware of a second lawsuit in his regard. We cannot expect to contain a volatile legal situation like this, which potentially could yet grow, given the current legal-social-administrative atmosphere.

For these reasons, I've set a meeting for this Friday with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] you, and me. When you see what I'm suggesting below you may want to think of including [REDACTED] too.

I suggest that we take the following steps:

1. We prepare a letter to priests (see sample) from the Archbishop which describes Mike Kolau's situation.
2. We use this letter as the basis of a Catholic Bulletin news release.

3. We send a similar letter to bishops of dioceses where he has served!

4. We permit the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to speak to all their members in this tone.

5. We permit [REDACTED] to do the same.



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August 24, 1988

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

Re: Reverend Michael Kolar - *file*
SLI [REDACTED]

Dear Archbishop Roach:

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In this last month Father Kolar received word of the second lawsuit. His lawyer has contacted him about giving a deposition in September. We have assured Father Kolar that arrangements for his appearance for the deposition can be readily made. Father Kolar is utilizing the experiences of other members of the community who have gone through a similar process to help him prepare for this ordeal.



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In terms of physical health, Father Kolar continues to do well. We will continue to keep you informed of Father Kolar's progress and ask that you keep him and our work in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW

Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW, CAC
Primary Therapist and
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CC: Rev. Michael J. O'Connell
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Rev. Michael G. Kolar



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Rev. Michael G. Kolar

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August 25, 1988

Reverend Michael Kolar
St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Mike,

I feel very sorry about the fact that I have not been in contact with you. I was under the impression that you were going to be contacted on a regular basis by another member of our staff. In any case, please accept my apology and my sincere sorrow at the fact that you have been feeling a lack of support from us here at the Chancery.

By now, I suspect that you know that Father Kevin McDonough will be coming out there in September to visit you and hopefully at that time, he will be able to share with you whatever information would be available from this end as well as talk to you and your therapist.

I would like to be able to help you as well between now and then or at any time. Please be sure to give me a call if I can help you in any way.

Once again, I am sorry for not having been in contact with you. Please know that you have certainly been in my prayer and will continue to be so.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
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August 25, 1988

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia
Archdiocese of Saint Paul
and Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Father O'Connell:

Thank you for your letter of August 16, 1988. We appreciate the interest you are taking in Father Michel Kolar. It is gratifying to have the superior involved and concerned with these fine men.

While at Saint Luke Institute, Father Kolar is under the care of his inpatient therapist, Anna Bolzan, LCWR, the Acting Director of Inpatient Services. You will be hearing from her directly in response to your letter.

The Outpatient Department will become involved again when the Aftercare Contract is written.

We ask your continued interest and prayers for our work here at Saint Luke; we pray for your success working in the Church.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Drummond, Ph.D.
Director, Outpatient Department

TD/gn

cc: Anna M. Bolzan, LCSW



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DATE: August 29, 1988
MEMO TO: Archbishop Roach
FROM: Fr. Michael O'Connell
SUBJECT: FATHER MICHAEL KOLAR

In view of your impending telephone call to Fr. Michael Kolar at St. Luke Institute on August 30, I thought you might like to know of Fr. Kolar's note to me received in today's mail along with his check of \$25.00 to be applied toward the Ted Collins' expenses that we are paying for him currently.

If you wish to discuss the attached note or check, please let me know.

Dear Mike, 9/5/88
I appreciate the opportunity to
talk with you at the airport
on Wednesday of last week.
I felt encouraged after 5 1/2
months of loss and a sense
of abandonment.

Thanks for your kindness.
You are always in my prayers.
Michael Tolson

Great is
His
Faithfulness

Scripture from
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JRR, McDonough, MJO C, 9/20 > Kolan

- His return:

- living situation > not Brotherhood
- Assignment > restricted Parish
- Restrictions: no young adult female counseling
- Counseling here:

- [redacted]
 - make apt. w/ JRR you [redacted]

Sexually inappropriate and allegedly abusive relationship with two young women. Two law suits involved, Kolan in treatment + will return

- Addressing:

- C.C.R. > main membership Brotherhood [redacted]

- N.E.T. > Training Kids [redacted] does it [redacted]

- cyc: [redacted] stuff

★ - Priests:

3 outstanding issues:

- ① - Mike's rep.
- ② - BK up [redacted]
- ③ - inform victims
- ★ ④ - disillusionment w/

- Check w/ Andy:

- [redacted] Backup for publicity:

- Time Line > must get to NET trainees before they go out.

- who does what? Review is in chg.

priests + youth min
(what Kolan did is much less than what he is being accused of Homosexual, Gay, AIDS)

Michael

Discuss these
notes of yours on Kalon
w/ Andy Braungart
(aka Kevell)

Jeff Anderson has
mentioned "notes"
in the files &
Andy wants to make
a determination on
whether to keep
them & destroy them.



on Kolan Tues. 9/27

Kevin — 1. anything sent out must be cleared by Tom Collins

2. Copy of letter is w/ Mike Kolan Timing?

3. draft

Sum
Oct 4

Kevin

4. Mike is OK w/ letter { NET
CUC
Camps
CCR

Letter would
go Oct 10

5. Letter to Priests is OK w/ Mike

Some version of current draft is OK
preby: Solidarity / Prayers

6. [Redacted] is coming in tomorrow to see PRK

Kevin

7. Mike is president of CUC camps → Jeff Johnson

8. Communications Follow up:

○ Council +
Kevin review
materials
+ Plan a
Response to
Inquiries

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JLH*

September 29, 1988

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMO TO: Bishop Carlson, ~~Father O'Connell~~,
Fr. McDonough

FROM: Archbishop Roach

I met with Rose Totino on September 28, 1988 to discuss the Michael Kolar situation.

She was deeply grieved, but equally grateful that I had shared the information with her.

the Challenge of Youth

Fr. Michael Kolar

When I speak in Catholic parishes around the country, the people who come to these evening and weekend affairs are usually the stalwart pillars of the parish, the most solid families, the people who take their faith most seriously. On the first night I usually ask people to raise their hands if someone close to them has left the Catholic Church, is alienated from the Church, or has gone elsewhere. Every time, 80 to 90 percent of the people raise their hands.

Many of the young people we have lost were graduates of Catholic schools and colleges. Most have completed religious education programs run by professionals. They have been baptized and confirmed. They have heard priests preach and their parents explain why religion is important. Yet, after 19 or 20 years of Catholic life, they walk away from it seemingly without a qualm.

Satisfying the Hungry

We sometimes get the impression that young people are leaving the church because they have grown cold to the things of the Spirit. Many of them do adopt the secular and materialistic values of our society. Many imitate the cool, worldly ways of their media heroes. Many honestly think that Church and God are incompatible with the modern way of life. But the young people I work with every day are starving for supernatural experience. They leave because the Catholic Church as they have perceived it does not satisfy their hunger.

One spring, a pastor in a large Midwestern parish asked if a class of confirmation students could attend a session of a mission I was preaching. On the third night of the mission, 150 junior high boys and girls filed casually into church and sat down to hear what I had to say. They were normal Catholic young people in the 1980s—cool, smart, polite for the most part, indifferent to their religious surroundings. They were in the process of being sacramentalized as millions of Catholic young people are every year. It was clear that they “had to be there.”

They knew what to expect. Nothing. I spoke about my own personal encounter with the Lord. Then I started to talk about the empowering of the Holy Spirit. I sensed that the Lord simply wanted me to pray that the Holy Spirit come upon those who were listening.

“Come, Holy Spirit,” I prayed, “Come in power. Show yourself. Light a fire in our hearts.”

A man sitting about 20 yards away from the group of young people began to exhibit visible signs of the Spirit's presence. A deep peace came over him. Then youth in the crowd began to show signs of becoming alive and interested in their holy faith and they began to see Jesus as personal, living and real.

When something happens to make the faith of young people real, they respond swiftly and eagerly, as spiritually hungry human beings always do.

I have seen changes in young people

over the 17 years that I have been working with them. Today they seem more anxious than they ever were before. In counseling, in confessions, in casual discussions, they tell me about pressure. Young people have always been anxious. Today it seems that they are almost frantic.

It's no wonder, given the state of family life.

Loneliness and Neglect

I am amazed by the large numbers of young people who literally live alone in their suburban homes. Mom and/or Dad, or whomever they are living with, usually works during the day and pursues their own pleasures at night. The children are often left to get their own meals five or six nights a week.

The idol of sports and outside activities rules the modern Catholic family. Parents turn into chauffeurs as they haul their children through a weekly round of athletic practices, music lessons, tutorials, games, parties, and amusements.

I once attended a meeting where a hockey coach explained the responsibilities of modern parenthood to a group of ordinary suburban moms and dads. The hockey team was going to play 50 games, he announced, some of them out of state. Practices were mandatory, as were all 50 games. Family life? Forget it. Parents had to make a personal commitment to this punishing hockey schedule.

"If you can't get the kids to practice," he said, "and if you can't take your turn on the road trips as a driver and chaperone, don't sign up!"

How different from the church, I thought. Compared to that coach, we ask for so little and we get even less.

Absentee parents, the youth culture, and the unceasing round of outside diversions have virtually destroyed millions of families. Young people have television and each other. The peer group and the media make the crucial decisions for anxious teenagers. They define what people should look like, which values are important, and



Fr. Michael Kolar works frequently with young people as the Charismatic Director of Youth in the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis.

what success means. The relationships within families are not strong enough to overcome the media-imposed model of modern success. It's no wonder that otherwise sensible young men are convinced that success means a life filled with alcohol and sex and that slim attractive young women become anorexic because they think they are fat.

What are we doing to rescue our young people?

Money and Programs

For the most part we've throwing money and programs at the problem while going about our business as usual.

Twenty years ago, most parishes had a CYO program and secular colleges and universities had a Newman Club. Now, as the youth crisis grows worse, programs have multiplied—CCD and other religious education classes, sacramental preparation, a host of dances and social events (many of which are simply great parties under religious sponsorship), evangelism

and pre-evangelism classes, retreats and rap sessions, and a horde of training courses for the professionals and volunteers who are in "youth work."

What's wrong with this approach? I've gotten numerous phone calls from groups asking me to help them find a youth minister. They all have the same type of person in mind for the job: someone who is well-educated, organized, can relate well with young people, has a "good" personality. The factor that always seems to be forgotten or shuffled to the bottom of the deck is whether or not the person has an active, faith-filled relationship with Jesus Christ. We ask our youth workers to have advanced degrees. We want them to talk about God articulately and put together a curriculum professionally. But we don't pay attention to the quality of their faith.

Faith is the real issue. Our faith and our children's faith.

Our Internal Faith

We cannot tell young people about a vital living faith that satisfies the spiritual hunger in the human heart unless we have such a faith ourselves. Parents need it. Youth workers need it. Priests need it. From my own observations as a professional, I am convinced that we are losing the younger generation because most of us don't have it. We need an internal faith that sets fire to the heart. Instead we have an external faith that consists of ideas, words, and habits.

External faith is the faith we have when we rely on someone else to tell us what our faith means to us. It's necessary when we are children, and external supports are valuable throughout our lives. But we are in deep trouble when it comes to passing on the essence of what makes Christians different if external faith is all we have.

We Catholics have externals in abundance. We have sacraments— "outward signs instituted by Christ". We have ritual and liturgy, statues and sacramentals. We have a visible hierarchy of priests and

bishops headed by a highly visible pope. To a large degree, being Catholic means identifying ourselves with these externals.

The problem comes when we stop there. The outward manifestations of Catholic life signify a vibrant faith in a living God, a faith that burns brightly within our hearts. They express and sustain a way of life that is supposed to be different—a life of prayer, worship, and discipleship. Too much of Catholic life today is a system of parish life, education, and piety without the inward fire. What we desperately need is an outpouring of internal faith.

That's the bad news. The good news is that the Lord is doing something about it. I am gradually running across more young people who can talk about a personal relationship with the Lord. The reason is that a growing number of their parents and their peers have the internal faith that provides the power for effective evangelism of the young.

Do you want to know what God is doing in the 1980's? I think his primary work in this age is to replace an external faith with an internal faith. Catholics who know about Jesus Christ are now meeting him personally. More and more of those pillars of the parish who put their hands in the air when I ask if they know someone who has left the church are coming to know Christ as a personal Lord. They know that he loves them now, comforts them now, frees them now, and empowers them to deal with the challenges in their lives now.

This personal encounter with Jesus is happening in movements. . . .

It is happening also independently of movements and programs, wherever those who know Jesus as a personal Lord make personal contact with Catholics struggling with the limitations of an external faith.

National Evangelization Teams

We are learning that initially faith needs to be caught, not taught. I see the truth of this all the time, especially when the young people who work on the Na-

tional Evangelization Teams (NET) come into a parish where the local young people haven't encountered anyone like them before.

In the past five years, over 200 young adults have been trained as Catholic evangelists through NET. These young people from all over the United States, Canada, and an increasing number of foreign countries, have ministered to over 200,000 Catholic youth in the United States and Canada. They agree to give a year of their lives to share their love of God, love of the Catholic Church, and love of the world of God with others.

The NET workers all know Jesus Christ personally. The young people in the parishes where they work rarely do. Initially the kids in the parish will make it clear that they are present at the opening session of the youth mission because they have to be there. Someone else thinks the NET program will be good for them, just as someone else has told them everything they know about Christianity.

The atmosphere changes gradually. The kids give testimony to the love of God in their own lives and the power of Jesus Christ to break through their troubles.

Toward the end, the team invites the local youth to form small groups. They ask, "if you were walking with the Lord right now, what would you say to him?" The young people speak out. They talk about family troubles, about their problems in relationships, about their fears and insecurities, about their dreams.

They meet their Savior at this point of personal need. I have seen it happen so many times that I am no longer surprised. But it is really a miracle. It's the miracle of the Incarnation breaking through in the lives of our children. God himself takes on human flesh and meets us in the midst of our struggles. In our weakness we find our strength. In our confusion we find faith.

Other people can tell us about faith. But we catch it from people who've got it.

What should this generation—the parents and grandparents, pastors and

professionals—do to care for our young Catholic brothers and sisters the way the Lord wants?

First, we need to realize how serious the situation has become. We are losing young people. Current strategies aren't working. We are deluding ourselves if we think that tinkering with youth programs will change the indifference and hostility that many young Catholics feel toward the church.

A more radical approach is necessary.

A Mature and Radical Faith for Adults

Adult Catholics need a mature, radical faith. Ask yourselves: Do you read the Bible every day? Is your life formed more by television or opinion polls than by the Word of God? Do you look forward to receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist? Do you pray with your spouse? If you have children at home, do you pray as a family? Do you make an effort to teach the truth of God's Word to your children and grandchildren?

If not, then the remedy begins with you. Your external faith needs to become internal. See the Lord. Ask him to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Find some fellow parishioners or acquaintances who can help you come to know Jesus as your personal Lord.

Once you are equipped with an internal faith, examine your life and the life of your family. Your most important task is to impart the faith to the young people for whom you are responsible. In his encyclical *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope John Paul II points out that bringing people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the purpose of all that we do as church. That's what you are to do in your family; bring young people into a personal relationship with God.

You may need to make changes in order to do this. How does your family spend free time? On television and passive entertainments or on activities that build relationships?

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of many natural, physical or psychological reasons. Whatever, it is essential that trust and faith in each other remain as both carry the cross together.

It is essential that no sincere Catholics fall for the line that "the end justifies the means" and they thus resort to artificial birth control. Marriages that break up are often shown to result from the practice of artificial birth control, which destroys authentic intimacy, or failure to practice one's faith. With Jesus Christ pushed out of the marriage, it is headed for failure.

Mary and Joseph

The physical is good at all stages when proper in God's good laws. Mary and Joseph, whose love and union was perfect in Christ, needed none of the physical expression typical for husband and wife to retain and mold their marriage in a great union of love of their persons. The ends of marriage, union of persons and procreation of the child, were both present in their marriage. God miraculously took care of the procreation and gave both those special graces of perfect union of persons. Theirs was a valid marriage without physical consummation.

An end of the marital union is spiritual union of their persons. One means is physical union. As a couple whose marriage is good and holy grow older, if they remain truly in Christ, the physical for both will become less important, but their love will be all the greater in the union of their persons. Trials, a cross of the type described, when carried, can be a foretaste of the happy more perfect union yet to come in later years. It is true that then the desire is absent or at least less. Yet the end is not the physical union but the spiritual union of persons. If the means is not possible or desirable always at every stage of marriage, no couple of charity and fidelity need be deprived of the end.

Divine Love

No authentic Christian can fail to see divine love in the Cross of Jesus Christ. No

couple who vowed themselves until death in Jesus Christ should fail to recognize human love sanctified by marriage vows and sacrament, in whatever cross comes into their marriage.

While the advice offered here, when followed, may not remove the cross, it can open the hearts of both to that grace of strength to accept and carry the special cross. In such cases there can develop even greater sanctity, union and love.

Losing Our Youth *(from page 4)*

Do you correct your children in love? Do you consciously steer them to the only source of freedom—Jesus Christ, the King of kings, who is the personal Lord of all who sincerely seek him?

My Dad Talks to Me about My Faith

Recently a young man came to me for confession. He said he wanted to confess a sin against the first commandment. I listened intently to a clear, concise description of his sin, then asked him where he had learned about the commandment and sin.

"My dad sits down with me and talks to me every week about my faith," he said. "He has gone over the commandments with me again and again, talking about their ideals and how to live them. He has told me, 'Son, this is sin, this is serious sin'."

This young man was secure in his faith because his dad, who possessed an internal faith and love of God, had taken the time to pass that faith on to his son.

The power of internal faith can change people's lives. ●

(Father Michael Kolar is director of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center and president of the National Evangelization Teams. Fr. Kolar has been asked to speak the 1989 Fatima Family Apostolate Congress).

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

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The Chancery

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October 4, 1988

Reverend Michael Kolar
St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your recent check in the amount of \$25.00 as well as the first check for \$25.00 sent in August which are toward repayment of the loan that you received from the Archdiocese for your legal expenses.

I want to express to you my continued best wishes and a promise of my prayers as you continue in your treatment program. I was grateful that I was able to visit with you at the airport.

Please know that if there is anything more that I can personally do to help you, you will call on me.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

Dear Michael,

I am deeply grateful for our visit at Notional airport; I was feeling disconnected from the diocese and our time together brought some focus for me that I find helpful in the healing process.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers as you are in mine as I bike around the track each morning.

Your brother in Christ,
Michael.

Dear Michael,
I am sending the \$25.00
monthly checks for the loan from
Ted Collins ^{to you} unless I hear
otherwise. Please let Bob Colson
know that Ted Collins is advising
me to drop the \$120.00 monthly
payments for [REDACTED].
If you have any other wisdom on
dropping the payments let me
know or call Ted.

I am deeply grateful for your
help in procuring Ted, for the
loan from the divorce for his help and
for the opportunity to battle here
... battle best describes it right
now.

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October 6, 1988

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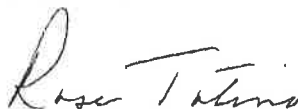
Dear John:

I shall be eternally grateful for the time we shared together on Wednesday of last week. Your love, compassion and sensitivity for Father Mike completely overwhelmed me.

Thank you John, for sharing these feelings so openly with me. Please be assured of my prayers for Father Mike and the parties involved. It was truly rewarding for me to hear you acknowledge your appreciation and understanding of Father Mike and his ministry.

Again, a very sincere thank you with God's Blessings.

In His Love and mine,



Rose Totino
Vice President
U.S. Foods

Zephaniah 3:17

RWT:dh

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October 7, 1988

Ms. Julia Norton and
Members of the Staff of the
St. Paul Catholic Youth Center
150 North Smith Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Julia and Members of the Staff of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center,

I am writing to you with personal sadness and concern for a brother priest and for all those bearing the weight of a difficult situation.

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I asked Father Kolar to step aside from his work at the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center and to undergo a psychological evaluation, as is our policy when allegations of serious sexual misconduct occur. At the time I did so, I also determined that news of this incident should be treated confidentially. I did so for two reasons. Less importantly, the inception of a lawsuit limited our options for public discussion. More importantly, I value the excellent service Father Kolar has performed. It was my hope that the years which had passed since the time of the relationships in question would have brought whatever healing was necessary to enable him to continue in his priestly ministry. The leaders of your community agreed to follow my direction in treating this matter confidentially.

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These are painful situations for many people. I ask your prayers for our brother priest and for all our concerned brothers and sisters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
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Catholic Youth Center
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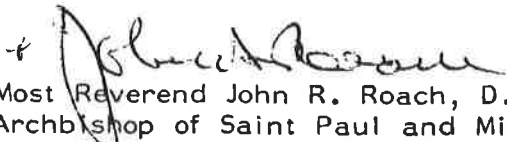
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Discuss w/ Andy
also. on 2/14 Andy

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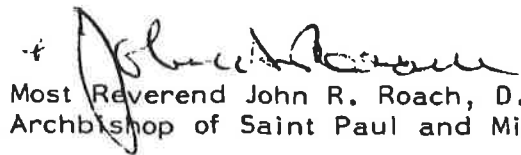
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Evangelization 2000

VIA BOEZIO, 21

00192 Rome, Italy

Tel. (06) 687-3288

FAX (06) 687-2334

Ment,

Here in the letter Archbishop
Roach asked me to write to
Tom Forest. If you have
any questions give me a
call at 452-6924 or
leave a message at 452-4030.

Gratefully, Michael Kean.

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Rev. Thomas Forrest C SSR
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Dear Father Forrest,

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Father Kolar, as you know, is a person of faith and vision. In talking with him this week he mentioned the work that you are doing in Evangelization 2000 and his desire to be a part of furthering this work in the Church if this were possible.

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I am writing you to ask your help. Father Kolar has endured a great trial over the past several years and has grown from the pain and loss. He has my confidence and my highest recommendation for ministry in the Church and needs a place now where he can give himself in the service of the Church.

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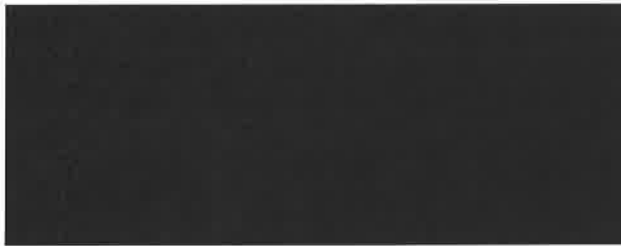
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To Michael

Date 8/15 Time 12:05

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M [REDACTED]

of [REDACTED] (had some dealings w/ H. Mike Kalon.)

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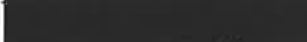
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MEMO TO: Fr. Austin Ward
FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell
SUBJECT:

Attached are two checks which have been received from Father Michael Kolar which I would ask you to record in an account for Father Michael Kolar in payment for a loan from us to him for his legal expenses with his attorney, Theodore Collins.

Each check is in the amount of \$25.00 and I would suggest that we keep a record of the checks as they come in so that we can compare it to the amount of money we are expending to Mr. Collins now and in the future.

If you have any questions about this, Austin, please let me know. As you know, we do not have a written agreement as yet with Michael Kolar on the repayment of this loan. However, a written agreement may be made following his return to the Archdiocese from St. Luke Institute.

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I know that this has been a difficult time for you personally as well as for you and the leaders of the [REDACTED]. I want you to know how much I have appreciated your willingness to cooperate with the Archbishop and with the direction he has wanted to give to this discussion. Let's keep in touch.

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The Archdiocese remains willing to take any further pastoral action that might be helpful to the plaintiff.

Not for a moment does the Archdiocese condone the kind of relationship that existed between the plaintiff and the former priest. Archdiocesan policies strongly urge people to come forward immediately if they become aware of any such relationships, so that remedial action can be taken at once.

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I. Religion in Politics: The Institutional Questions

There are two questions which shape our role in society: the theological question and the constitutional question. The theological question is the way the Church has articulated the content of its social ministry. When the United States Catholic Conference addresses El Salvador or the impact of budget cuts on the poor, when bishops speak on the arms race, when Catholics individually or collectively oppose abortion and capital punishment in defending the sanctity of life, then it must be made clear that these actions are rooted in, directed by, in fulfillment of a theologically grounded conception of the Church's ministry.

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To fulfill this role in a political context requires that the Church not only teach the moral truths about the person. It must also join the public debate where policies are shaped, programs developed, and decisions taken which directly touch the rights of the person, locally, nationally, and internationally. This is precisely what John Paul II was talking about in speaking to American Catholics in his homily at Yankee Stadium: "Within the framework of your national institutions and in cooperation with all your compatriots, you will also want to seek out the structural reasons which foster or cause the different forms of poverty in the world and in your own country, so that you can apply the proper remedies."

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In answering that question it is essential to recognize the distinction between state and society. The Western constitutional tradition embodies the judgment that the state is a part of society, and not to be identified with all of society. Beyond the state is a realm of free political activity where individuals and groups act to give content to the fabric of social life.

On the basis of this distinction between state and society, a two-fold affirmation can be made about the Church's role in society. On the one hand, Catholic theology can and should support and defend the separation of church and state, the principle that religious organizations should expect neither favoritism nor discrimination because they are religious. On the other hand, we should not accept or allow the separation of church and state to be used to separate the Church from society. To accept this would be to reduce the Church or any religious organization to a purely private role. This, in turn, would prevent the Church from fulfilling an essential dimension of its ministry: preaching the Gospel truth about every dimension of existence – personal and social, public and private, individual and institutional. At the constitutional level, there is no conflict between the theological vision which calls the Church to active engagement in the social arena and the American political tradition which provides for religious organizations to participate in shaping society as voluntary associations imbued with the needed moral and religious vision. The concept of religious divisiveness is not only ill-founded in relation to our constitutional tradition: it is noxious when it is used to inhibit this participation.

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II. Religion and Politics: The Issues and the Institutions

Before examining a few specific issues it is appropriate to deal with a current, highly visible instance of these general principles. A focal point in the debate about religion and politics has been the role played by the Moral Majority. In my judgment two points should be made.

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as it was written was also
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J. K. Kolan

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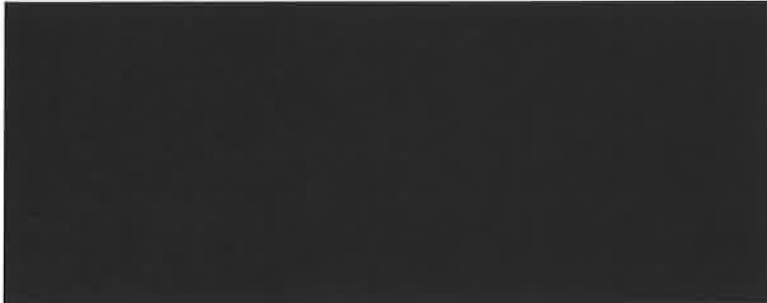
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Confidential

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Re: Reverend Michael Kolar
SLI #11785

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This last month has been significant for Father Kolar in that he has had the opportunity to visit you, Bishop Carlson, Father O'Connell, and Father McDonough. These visits have been very supportive of Father Kolar and his efforts to work treatment. The encouragement of friends from home has an immeasurable impact on those who are struggling with the difficult issues that must be faced in inpatient treatment.

At this time we would like to extend an invitation to you or to your delegate to come to the Saint Luke Institute so that we may discuss in person the process and progress of Father Kolar's treatment and to plan out his program of post-treatment care. At this meeting we would also like to discuss possible ministry options and the specific structures Father Kolar will need to continue his recovery. We like to look at this meeting as a time when options are presented and explored. Decisions are usually not made at this time, leaving enough time for consideration for both you and Father Kolar.



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Ann Bolzan will call you in a week or so to arrange the particulars of such a meeting.

Please rest assured of our prayers for you and for your ministry to the Church of St. Paul/Minneapolis.

Sincerely,

Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW

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I ask that you hold this letter in confidence until Friday. Then on Friday I ask that you would read it to all the members of the [REDACTED] staff. You may want to do so in some sort of context which would give them an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss their feelings about the letter. I want you to know that we have sent the same letter to [REDACTED]. It is my understanding that it will be read to the members of the [REDACTED] on Sunday. You can tell this to the members of your staff. It may affect the way that they want to go about talking with other people about the contents of this letter.

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[REDACTED] I recognize that this is a very difficult thing for your staff. I am sorry that you have had to work for so long with relatively little information, but I appreciate your willingness to do so in commitment to the good of the [REDACTED] and of the Church. I will be in touch with you this week if I have not already done so. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to address them either to Father O'Connell or to me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Chancellor
Episcopal Vicar

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Enc.

October 11, 1988

Dear [REDACTED]

After consultation with Father Mike Kolar and with our attorneys, and among the Archbishop's advisors, Archbishop Roach is now prepared to discuss Father Mike's status and the status of his ministry in a more public way. Letters have been prepared which will go to the staff of the [REDACTED] this Friday, to the members of the [REDACTED] on Sunday, and to the priests of the Archdiocese on Monday. It is our hope that this kind of more frank discussion of Father Mike's situation will help the communities that we are both trying to serve together.

We made a couple of attempts to draft a letter to the [REDACTED] volunteers. Those attempts were unsuccessful. Rather than try to place ourselves in a position of doing something we're not all that well equipped to do, I would like to ask you to prepare such a letter. I am enclosing a copy of the letter which we are sending to the members of the Community. Would you please take this letter and use it as the basis of something that you could send to your volunteers? I know that you would be able to strike the tone that is needed so that they have the information that is useful and have that information in an encouraging and supportive context. I suggest that you would prepare this in letter form so that it could be sent out to the [REDACTED] volunteers. It probably would be best to have it sent from you or from the [REDACTED] leadership team. I ask that before you send that letter out, however, that you and I would have a chance to review it. The Archbishop asked that I would speak with you about this so that we could make sure we are keeping in communication on this whole matter.

If I have not already reached you by telephone when this letter arrives, I will be trying to reach you before the end of week. I wanted to discuss this all with you a little more directly than by letter, but your schedule made

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that impossible last week and my schedule makes it impossible this week. In spite of these difficulties, I hope that we can keep the lines of communication open.

I know that this has been a difficult process for you and for many of the people with whom you work and pray and live. I want to thank you for the cooperation that you have offered to the Archbishop and to all of us "up on the hill." Let's keep in touch. Please pray for me as I am doing for you.

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The letter is very similar to one which has been sent to [REDACTED] to be read to the members of the staff of the [REDACTED]. That letter will be read to the staff on Friday, October 14. It is for this reason that I suggest you use this weekend to make the Archbishop's letter known.

If I have not already been in touch with you by phone earlier this week, I intend to do so before Friday evening. [REDACTED] I do not know what sort of reaction will happen and what the involvement of our office ought to be with you and the Community. Let's try to keep in communication on this so that we can be as helpful to each other as possible. Don't hesitate to call either Father O'Connell or myself.

I know that this has been a difficult time for you personally as well as for you and the leaders of the [REDACTED]. I want you to know how much I have appreciated your willingness to cooperate with the Archbishop and with the direction he has wanted to give to this discussion. Let's keep in touch.

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October 17, 1988

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October 19, 1988

Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW, CAC
and
Frank Valcour, M.D.
St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your letter of October 11, 1988 (SLI #11785).

I am grateful to have the latest information about your work with Father Michael Kolar. I have asked Father Kevin McDonough, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, to contact you relative to a visit to discuss the progress of Father Kolar's treatment and to plan out his program of post-treatment care, as well as the possible ministry options. I expect Father McDonough will be in touch with you shortly. Thank you again.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

MEMO TO: Archbishop John Roach

DATE: October 24, 1988

FROM: Father Kevin McDonough

RE: TWO QUESTIONS CONCERNING FATHER MIKE KOLAR

Archbishop, we have been attempting to control the flow of information about Father Kolar. Two questions have come to mind.

First, I am wondering if the letter which we have sent to priests ought to be adapted and sent to the Archdiocesan Full Staff. As you know, they work with Father Kolar in a variety of settings. One reason to send it to them would be the fact that, as members of the Archdiocesan staff, they are often approached by people asking questions about Archdiocesan personnel, goals, leadership. By now they must be aware that something is going on. Some further information might be helpful to them.

I spoke recently with Bishop John Kinney. He had been visiting one of his men at St. Luke's Institute and had met Father Kolar there. Bishop Kinney asked if we intended to inform the bishops of the dioceses where NET was working about Father Kolar's status. I told him that we were not planning to do so at this time. He seemed to be of the opinion that it would be useful information for the bishops to have. I know that you have thought differently. However, I wanted you to have his perspective on the question.

October 26, 1988

MEMO TO: Father Kevin McDonough

FROM: Archbishop Roach

This is in response to your memo about the flow of information about Father Kolar.

I know I am taking a very conservative position on this, but I have thought it through. I don't think that we ought to send out a letter to the Full Staff. There are some things that people have a right to know and some things I think they don't. A part of the philosophy which motivates the desire to know in this case, is that the priests know and therefore everybody has a right to know. I don't buy that. I think that we ought to share roughly the same kind of information that we gave to priests with Full Staff members who inquire, but I would like not to send anything out. As the circle of information on this gets wider and wider, we run greater and greater risks of publicity that we don't want. God has been good to us up to this point on this issue, and I don't think we ought to tempt fate.

I would not agree with John Kinney about informing bishops. I don't see that that information is useful or necessary, particularly because the current NET teams have never met Father Kolar. Once again, I think it just gives rise to questions we aren't really in a position to answer, and I don't feel that we are being unjust in not sharing that information.

MICHAEL G. KOLAR

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

MEMO TO: Archbishop Rohn Roach
Father Michael O'Connell
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Father William Kenney

DATE: October 28, 1968

FROM: Father Kevin McDonough

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Archbishop Roach, Bishops Ham and Carlson, Father
O'Connell, Joan Bernet, Andrew Eisenzimmer.

FROM: Father McDonough

RE: Communications about Father Michael Kolar - *file*

After a good deal of discussion, we are now prepared to provide some further information about Fr. Kolar's status to a number of the groups who know him well. This memorandum is to inform of the steps that will be taken so that you are not caught by surprise.

The letters which are attached contain the rationale for becoming more public about these matters at this time. It is not necessary to review all of that here. Here is the timetable for release of the information.

Friday, October 14: Julia Norton will read the letter which she has received to the staff of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center.

Sunday, October 16: Leaders of the Community of Christ the Redeemer will read the Archbishop's letter to the members of the Community at Mass.

Monday, October 17: The letter to priests will go out in the mail.

I have informed Father Urban and Brother Vincent so that they are prepared to deal with the phone calls they might receive. On Friday of this week I will see that the receptionists are properly informed, after consulting with their supervisors, Communications, etc.

Letter approved on
11/11/88

Fr. Kevin McDonough

National Evangelization Teams

150 N. Smith Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102 (612) 224-4853

Fr. McDonough:

Here is letter I propose be sent to the NET teams.
As you can see, I followed the outline of Archbishop
Roach's letter. If this looks O.K., let me know.

I propose that this letter be carried to the NET teams
by their field supervisor during their November team visit.
The field supervisor would read the letter, answer appropriate
questions, help process any initial reactions, and help formulate
appropriate responses to questions the NET team might receive
about Fr. Kolan. The teams serving in the Midwest have had
a few people approach them with questions about Fr. Kolan.
Teams serving outside the Midwest have not.

Looking forward to your earliest response.

In Christ

Mark Busken

National Evangelization Teams

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am writing you to inform you of a difficult situation that those of us serving in the NET ministry are now facing. Some of you know Fr. Mike Kolar and most of you have at least heard of him and his involvement with the National Evangelization Teams.

Fr. Kolar has served as the Director of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center since 1971. During that time he developed a retreat program for teenagers that has proved very effective and popular. Literally tens of thousands of young people have attended a CYC retreat in the last 17 years. Fr. Mike's retreat program provided the seed bed for the NET ministry and it was with his support and encouragement that the NET staff and I developed and implemented the NET ministry.

Earlier this year, a civil lawsuit was brought against Fr. Kolar and the Archdiocese. The lawsuit alleges that Fr. Kolar had come to know an adult woman about fifteen years ago. He and she began a relationship which she has later judged to be sexually exploitative. She is presently seeking damages from him and the Archdiocese. Since then, another lawsuit has been initiated alleging similar behavior on his part.

Archbishop John R. Roach has asked Fr. Kolar to step aside from his work at the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center and to undergo a psychological evaluation as is the policy of the Archdiocese when allegations of sexual misconduct occur. Fr. Kolar has been on a medical leave of absence pursuing this evaluation.

Since the inception of the lawsuit, it has been the Archbishop's desire to treat the matter confidentially and for good reason. It is a wise and prudent approach to treat a civil lawsuit of this type in a confidential manner until a clear determination of the facts can be ascertained. More importantly, Archbishop Roach values the excellent service which Fr. Kolar has performed. It was his hope that the years which had past since the time of the relationships in question would have brought whatever healing was necessary to enable Fr. Kolar to continue in his priestly ministry. The leadership of NET agreed to follow his direction in treating this matter confidentially.

So why am I telling you now? Unfortunately, Fr. Kolar's absence from his work has given rise to rumors which are far more damaging to Fr. Kolar and his ministry than the truth could ever be. Because of his past involvement with NET, you may be faced with questions, concerns, or rumors about Fr. Kolar. I want you to know what has occurred so you can disregard what is untrue. I also have asked your Field Supervisor to help you formulate appropriate responses to inquiries about Fr. Kolar in the event that people you meet during your service with NET ask about him.

I'm sure that those who know Fr. Kolar are wondering how he is doing. Under the circumstances, he is doing well. He is maintaining in faith in Christ and is continuing to address the issues which this situation has raised. He is no longer serving in any capacity with the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center or NET Ministries. Upon his return to active ministry in the Archdiocese he will

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receive a different assignment. His support, encouragement, and evangelist gift will be missed by all of us at NET.

Lastly, let me mention some practical guidelines. I have shared this information with you in confidence and with the approval of Archbishop Roach. Please treat this information in a confidential manner. There are a range of reactions that you may experience. I encourage you to talk through your reactions with your Field Supervisor rather than keep them bottled up inside. Prayer is always an appropriate response. Please join me in praying for this difficult situation and those involved that Christ's truth and healing would be manifest. Approach this situation with faith. Jesus is still Lord. It is still His plan that young people hear the gospel message. The NET staff and I are grateful for the tremendous positive response we have received from your first month of ministry. We anticipate with confidence that our Lord will continue to work through you to share His love with those you meet.

I'm looking forward to being all together again in January to share about God's marvelous deeds. You are continually in my prayers.

Your brother in Christ,

Mark Berchem

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-2197

The Chancery

November 22, 1988

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Michael Kolar
St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Mike,

I would like to thank you for your most recent check (10/28) of \$25.00 which was received here at the Chancery which we are applying toward repayment of the loan that you received from the Archdiocese for your legal expenses.

Fr. Kevin McDonough advises that he had an enjoyable visit with you earlier this month.

Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers as you continue in your treatment program. If there is anything I can personally do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I send along my best wishes to you for a joyous and peacefilled Christmas Season!

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
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November 23, 1988

Confidential

Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of St. Paul/Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Re: Reverend Michael Kolar
SLI #11785

Dear Archbishop Roach:

Thank you very much for delegating Father Kevin McDonough to come to the Saint Luke Institute on November 14th to meet with Father Kolar, Ann Bolzan and Hugh O'Rourke. We were glad of the opportunity to share with him in person the progress Father Kolar has made. Father Kolar's ability to be honest about both the progress and the areas of struggle is a sign of his growth. We are especially pleased he has been able to move from a defensive posture to one of collaboration around his treatment and recovery. It is most significant that he has allowed others into the circle of those who can support him.

At our staff meeting yesterday, we set his discharge date for December 20th. At the present time, we would like to review the aftercare plans we discussed at our meeting. Our aftercare program covers a span of a minimum of two years from discharge. Within a month or so following discharge, a re-entry workshop is done by a senior staff member of our Aftercare Department. This workshop is designed to facilitate Father Kolar's re-entry into his local community in terms of education and meeting whatever needs exist to insure a climate that is supportive of his ongoing recovery. The first six months from discharge are crucial ones in Father Kolar's recovery; as such they should involve at most half time work, thus enabling Father Kolar to attend to the needs of his recovery program. These needs include participation in Twelve Step meetings, initiating therapy, establishing a program of spiritual growth that includes obtaining a spiritual director, relationship building, and the development of a balanced lifestyle. Father Kolar is expected to attend our aftercare workshops which occur every six months and will receive ample notice of the dates of these workshops. As was discussed in our meeting, one area of struggle for Father Kolar as he moves into his post-treatment life will be in learning to utilize the Twelve Step groups in his recovery. For this reason we believe that it will take added energy for Father Kolar to establish these pieces of his aftercare program.



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cc: Rev. Michael J. O'Connell
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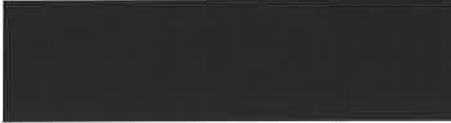
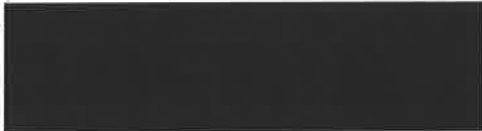
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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

MEMO TO: Archbishop John Roach
Bishop Richard Ham
Bishop Robert Carlson
Father Michael O'Connell
Father William Kenney

DATE: December 6, 1988

FROM: Father Kevin McDonough

RE: VARIOUS ISSUES WITH FATHER MIKE KOLAR

I met with Father Kolar on December 2, while he was in the Twin Cities to give a deposition in regard to one of the cases which is pending against him. We discussed the following issues:

- 1. Official contact:** At Father O'Connell's suggestion I discussed with Father Kolar whether he would want his regular Chancery contact with Father O'Connell or with me. After some reflection, Father Kolar told me he would maintain contact with Father O'Connell. He feels that Father O'Connell's understanding of the Twelve Steps will be a real help.
- 2. Contact with the Community of Christ the Redeemer:** I reported to Father Kolar the decision which was that he was to have no contact with the Community of Christ the Redeemer. He understood the reasons for this decision. He then asked about the possibility of having contact with the Brotherhood. I told him that we had not specifically discussed that at the Council. I also told him that it was my opinion that he would be permitted to have social contact with the Brotherhood, including an occasional dinner. However, he should not take up any ministerial role in their regard, including presiding at Mass for them.
- 3. Living assignment:** We discussed Father Kolar's living assignment. I told him of the council's decision that he should live at Bishop Carlson's house. He told me that he had been reflecting on this since he and I had talked on the phone a week before. He told me that he has some really strong hesitancy about living in the house. He said he is concerned that he will find himself quite often having to explain himself to the young people who come in as guests or who participate in the prayer of the house from time to time. He said the house "feels like a fishbowl" to him. I asked him if this was based on his own experience of Bishop Carlson's house or if it was a reaction based on heresy. He told me that he was reacting on the basis of some times spent at Bishop Carlson's house and even more so on the basis of his own experience of living in a similar house setting at the Brotherhood. He said that he believed the very nature of such houses promoted a regular visitation by like-minded young people. This is a very positive thing, but would be a difficulty for Father Kolar in his time of transition.

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I told him that this seemed to me to be a reasonable objection. I asked him if he could suggest other alternatives. He suggested two possible rectory situations. He suggested the possibility of living with Father Michael Arms at St. Peter's, Mendota. This seems to be the best option for him. Father Arms has extended an invitation to him and was supportive to Father Kolar from the beginning of this current set of difficulties. He also said he thought Mendota would be a better place since it is not right in the middle of the "action" of St. Paul. Father Kolar then mentioned as a second option living with his classmate Father Sledz at St. Peter Claver. I told him that I would review these options with the members of the Archbishop's Council and get back to him during the first full week of December.

4. **Work assignments:** We broke down the discussion of work assignments into three major parts. These three parts reflect the fact that Father Kolar will not have a formal assignment for the first several months of his return. Rather his work will consist in a variety of specially assigned tasks. This work should reflect the high priority which should be given to the transitional issues and support issues which he will face on return from St. Luke's. The three portions of our discussion on his work assignment are as follows:

- A. **Sunday Eucharist:** Father Kolar said that he thought it would be better to do short term stays in parishes (2 - 4 weeks), rather than a long term commitment to one parish. This would prevent him from having to deal with questions about giving talks, doing weddings, going to family homes for dinner, and so on, in a more stably chosen parish. He and I talked about a number of possibilities. We agreed that it would be most prudent if he were not to return to a parish where he has done a parish mission, particularly in the recent past. I reviewed with Brother Vincent the various parishes which are available. It seemed best to postpone this decision until Father Kolar's return and his readiness for a Sunday assignment. We will then be able to choose a Sunday assignment which reflects the needs of the Archdiocese at that time.

- B. **Daily Eucharist:** We discussed the proposal that he would say a daily Mass at Nativity in St. Paul. His initial reaction was that this would be a difficult assignment because there are quite a few people in Nativity parish that Father Kolar knows. In such a situation, he would find himself having to "tell his story" repeatedly. Some of the other options that we discussed were "The Sisters of the Good Shepherd, St. Peter's parish in Mendota, and Bethany Convent.

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C. **Ongoing work ("the rest of the day"):** I presented to Father Kolar Archbishop Roach's idea that he spend several months pulling together the various talks, presentations, retreats, and programs that he has given over the past years. Father Kolar found this a very attractive option. He said that it has been something that he has wanted to do for a number of years. Furthermore, it is very consistent with what he is being urged to do at St. Luke's. He would see this work as including the compilation of notes and illustrations from his talks, the incorporation of new insights, which he is learning through St. Luke's Institute, and further personal study. He believes that he would have at least 6 months of work to do in this regard. He would be very grateful to the Archbishop if he were permitted to do so.

We discussed one further issue. Mike asked if it would be appropriate for him to take a vacation with his mother, his sister, and his sister's family in Florida. He would like to leave on December 26 and return on January 12. I told him that I thought this would be appropriate. He says he will be back in the Twin Cities on December 21. We agreed that December 22 and December 23 would be days devoted to dealing with the initial connections that have to be made to set up his transitional support groups, therapy, and so on. He and Father O'Connell will discuss the details of this as the time draws closer.

This is a summary of the main points which we discussed. I found Father Kolar to be the best I have seen him in a long time, in spite of the fact that he had just completed several hours of unfriendly interrogation by Jeffrey Anderson. He seems to be incorporating many of the things that he has learned at St. Luke's Institute, and is expressing a real desire to build those things into his life.

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December 14, 1988

Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson
E1400 First National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: [REDACTED] vs. The Archdiocese of Saint Paul
and Minneapolis, et al

Dear Mr. Anderson:

At your request, I am sending to you photocopies of three letters from Archbishop Roach concerning litigation matters involving Reverend Michael Kolar. One letter is that which was sent to the priests of the Archdiocese; another letter is that which was sent to members of the staff of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center; and another letter is that which was sent to members of the Community of Christ the Redeemer.

Should you require anything further, please let me know.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN

~~ANDREW J. EISENZIMMER~~

Andrew J. Eisenzimmer

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cc: Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Mr. Michael S. Ryan
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December 15, 1988

Rev. Michael Kolar
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Mike,

Just a note to thank you for your most recent \$25.00 check which was received and credited toward repayment of your loan from the Archdiocese for your legal expenses.

I would imagine you are getting quite anxious to return to the Twin Cities and I look forward to meeting with you on Thursday, December 22, at 9:30 a.m.

Hope you have a safe trip home!

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

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DATE: December 16, 1988
MEMO TO: Fr. Kevin McDonough
FROM: Fr. Michael O'Connell
SUBJECT:

Ken Pierre is concerned that we haven't given sufficient notice at CYC, NET, Community of Christ the Redeemer of our willingness to receive further reports of abuse vis-a-vis Mike Kolar. Pierre has interviewed 2 people (one alleged victim & one friend of alleged victim). JRR said its okay if I post a notice down there if Andy is ok. Andy okayed the following in substance. What do you think?

"Regarding recent allegations against Fr. Michael Kolar -
The Archdiocese is concerned that if you would like to bring further information to our attention, please feel free to contact me or my assistant, Marilyn Wagner, at 291-4434.
FR. MICHAEL J. O'CONNELL"

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-2197

The Chancery

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MEMO

DATE: December 19, 1988

TO: Julia Norton, St. Paul CYC
James Kolar, Community of Christ the Redeemer
Mark Berchem, NET Ministries

FROM: Rev. Michael J. O'Connell

As a way of following up to our responsibility of giving ready access to members of the Community of Christ the Redeemer and the staffs of the St. Paul CYC and NET Ministries regarding issues surrounding Father Michael Kolar, I would ask you to please post the following announcement so that all of the members of the Community of Christ the Redeemer and the staffs of the St. Paul CYC and NET would be able to see/read it.

If you should have any questions about this announcement, I would be pleased to answer them. I would appreciate your immediate attention to this request.

Thank you very much for your consideration and cooperation!

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December 20, 1988

CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: Rev. Michael Kolar
SLI #11785

Dear Archbishop Roach:

We are writing you to inform you that we discharged Father Michael Kolar today. He will be returning to the Minneapolis-St. Paul diocese on December 21 after a visit with his sister.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the aftercare contract that was agreed upon by Father Kolar and the Saint Luke Institute. This agreement represents both a support for the recovery and health of Father Kolar, and a challenge for continuing accountability in his pursuit of these goals. We consider the accomplishment of all aspects of this contract and full participation in the aftercare program to be essential for Father Kolar's ongoing recovery and a means of evaluating his progress over the two to four year aftercare period. Please note that Father Kolar has been directed that any needed modifications in the contract are to be negotiated with our Aftercare Services and that the contract will be reviewed at each aftercare workshop.

Thank you for working so closely with the Saint Luke Institute treatment team and for your support of Father Kolar in his journey of recovery. He readily acknowledges that treatment has been a struggle for him. Although he was quite defended against treatment and the challenges of staff and residents for the first four months, during these last months he has made significant progress in changing his ingrained life patterns. He has done good work on Steps One, Two and Three of his 12 Step program, and is now ready to begin work on Steps Four and Five with a sponsor in Minneapolis-St. Paul. We know the encouragement and challenge you have provided have been important parts of Father Kolar's recovery process, and that your continuing efforts will be important in helping him continue the work begun here.



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During these last weeks in treatment we explored with Father Kolar whether the assistance of Depo-Provera would be helpful to him. The use of this drug lowers sexual drive and provides a "sexual holiday" from the intense feelings and fantasies that propel addictive patterns. We made this offer to Father Kolar based on our awareness of his intensity and defensiveness when in situations where there are women present. Father Kolar explored this issue with others and for the present has decided not to use Depo-Provera. He is clear that should he, with the help of his support network and his therapist, decide that Depo-Provera might be useful, he need only contact our psychiatrist. Father Kolar plans to continue to work in therapy to explore his relationships with others with particular emphasis on his relationships with women.

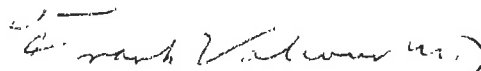
Father Kolar will be making the necessary arrangements for his Re-Entry Workshop to be held with his local living group and his support network, and to arrange the follow up services that are part of the aftercare program. Follow up and aftercare are important parts of the treatment process for several reasons: they are reminders of his connection to the past and to what he has come through; they are reminders that change and growth are ongoing processes which are never complete; they can be useful to explore the problems and struggles of early recovery; they often deal with issues of complacency and of reverting to old behaviors; and finally, they are times of renewing relationships with individuals with whom the client has shared the treatment experience. Father Kolar's aftercare program is under the direction of Mr. John Sullivan, MA, CAC, Coordinator of Aftercare Services. If there is anything we can do to be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It has been a rewarding experience to work with you and Father Kolar. We offer our prayerful support for you and for all of your endeavors in the Lord's service. May the abundant graces of the Christmas Season be yours.

Sincerely,



Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW,
Primary Therapist and
Acting Director
Inpatient Clinical Services



Frank Valcour, M.D.
Medical Director

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CC: Rev. Michael J. O'Connell
Rev. Michael Kolar
Mr. John Sullivan, Aftercare Department



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AFTERCARE CONTRACT

Patient: Rev. Michael Kolar

SLI #: 11785

Date of Admission: 6-1-88

Date of Discharge: 12-20-88

This contract is entered into the with undersigned, Rev. Michael Kolar, and the Saint Luke Institute for a period of six months beginning 12-20-88. If during this time, conditions change such that one or more of these items of this contract need adjusting, Michael Kolar will contact an aftercare therapist at the Saint Luke Institute to consider renegotiating such contract items. At the end of six months an aftercare therapist and Michael Kolar will review the contract in full and make appropriate adjustments. The terms of the contract are as follows:

1. Psychosexual Issues:

- a. I will live a chaste, celibate life.
- b. I will attend and actively participate in three 12 Step meetings per week (two SA/SLAA type and one Al-Anon).
- c. I will select a sponsor within two months of departure and will discuss with him my progress and concerns regarding sexual sobriety.
- d. With the assistance of my sponsor I will continue to work through the steps of the 12 Step Program.
- e. Within 10 weeks of departure I will initiate a re-entry workshop for my support group, directed by an appointed representative from the Saint Luke Institute Aftercare Department.
- f. I will attend and participate in the Saint Luke Institute aftercare workshops to be held approximately every six months during my aftercare period which will be between two and four years.
- g. I will make an appointment with an outpatient therapist recommended by Rev. Michale O'Connell within two weeks of departure. I will continue to work issues such as trust, relationships and attitudes toward authority in this therapy.



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2. Physical Health and Well Being:

- a. I will continue to maintain a good nutritional program.
- b. I will continue my present recreational activities such as swimming and biking.
- c. I will meet my personal needs for rest and relaxation. I will take the prescribed four weeks of vacation per year. I will plan my vacation time.
- d. I will continue to reserve yearly tickets for cultural events at the Ordway Theatre and Minnesota Orchestra Hall.
- e. I will take the following medications as prescribed: Centrum (vitamin) - one daily.

3. Professional Responsibility:

- a. I will work a maximum of 30 hours per week.
- b. I will regularly discuss my activities and concerns regarding my work with my liaison, Rev. Michael O'Connell, and with the pastor with whom I will live.

4. Spiritual Growth:

- a. To assist in my personal and spiritual growth, I will choose a spiritual director within two months of departure.
- b. I will celebrate the Eucharist on a daily basis, continue daily prayer and monthly celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- c. I will incorporate the spirituality of the 12 Steps into my spiritual program.
- d. I will make an annual retreat.
- e. Each day I will take a personal inventory and review the events, accomplishments and mistakes of the day.

5. Emotional/Social/Interpersonal Issues:

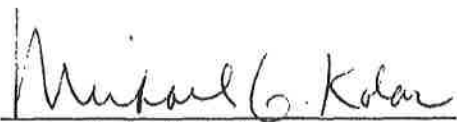
- a. I will continue to enrich my present relationships, with family, friends, and priests through phone calls and visits and by sharing my thoughts and feelings with them, both comfortable and uncomfortable.
- b. I will initiate new relationships with both men and women in order to help me grow as a mature, sensitive and caring person. I will review these relationships with my sponsor and in therapy.
- c. I will regularly seek counsel on questions, decisions, and plans upon which I am deliberating.
- d. I will continue to develop a wide range of social skills in order to interact with others on a healthy, adult-to-adult basis.
- e. I will invite others to challenge and to confront me and will make adjustments in my behavior based on their feedback.
- f. I will work to expand the number of people that I trust with my story and with who I am.
- g. I will attend Al-Anon/ACOA in order to continue to work on differentiation of myself emotionally from others.

6. Accountability:

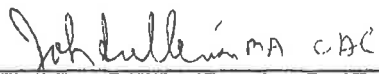
- a. I will be accountable to Archbishop Roach's liaison, Father Michael O'Connell, through monthly personal contact. I will share with him my aftercare contract and my budding signs.
- b. I will be accountable to my 12 Step sponsor for my progress in the 12 Step program.
- c. I will seek advise and counsel of the appointed Saint Luke Institute aftercare therapist whenever a conflict or a need arises. The Saint Luke Institute telephone number is: (301) 967-3700.

This contract in entered into the 20th day of December, 1988 by Father Michael Kolar and Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW, in the name of the Saint Luke Institute.

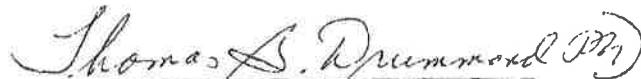
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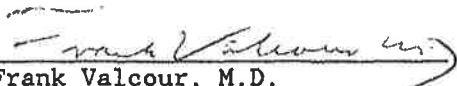
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December 20, 1988

CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: Rev. Michael Kolar
SLI #11785

Dear Archbishop Roach:

We are writing you to inform you that we discharged Father Michael Kolar today. He will be returning to the Minneapolis-St. Paul diocese on December 21 after a visit with his sister.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the aftercare contract that was agreed upon by Father Kolar and the Saint Luke Institute. This agreement represents both a support for the recovery and health of Father Kolar, and a challenge for continuing accountability in his pursuit of these goals. We consider the accomplishment of all aspects of this contract and full participation in the aftercare program to be essential for Father Kolar's ongoing recovery and a means of evaluating his progress over the two to four year aftercare period. Please note that Father Kolar has been directed that any needed modifications in the contract are to be negotiated with our Aftercare Services and that the contract will be reviewed at each aftercare workshop.

Thank you for working so closely with the Saint Luke Institute treatment team and for your support of Father Kolar in his journey of recovery. He readily acknowledges that treatment has been a struggle for him. Although he was quite defended against treatment and the challenges of staff and residents for the first four months, during these last months he has made significant progress in changing his ingrained life patterns. He has done good work on Steps One, Two and Three of his 12 Step program, and is now ready to begin work on Steps Four and Five with a sponsor in Minneapolis-St. Paul. We know the encouragement and challenge you have provided have been important parts of Father Kolar's recovery process, and that your continuing efforts will be important in helping him continue the work begun here.



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During these last weeks in treatment we explored with Father Kolar whether the assistance of Depo-Provera would be helpful to him. The use of this drug lowers sexual drive and provides a "sexual holiday" from the intense feelings and fantasies that propel addictive patterns. We made this offer to Father Kolar based on our awareness of his intensity and defensiveness when in situations where there are women present. Father Kolar explored this issue with others and for the present has decided not to use Depo-Provera. He is clear that should he, with the help of his support network and his therapist, decide that Depo-Provera might be useful, he need only contact our psychiatrist. Father Kolar plans to continue to work in therapy to explore his relationships with others with particular emphasis on his relationships with women.

Father Kolar will be making the necessary arrangements for his Re-Entry Workshop to be held with his local living group and his support network, and to arrange the follow up services that are part of the aftercare program. Follow up and aftercare are important parts of the treatment process for several reasons: they are reminders of his connection to the past and to what he has come through; they are reminders that change and growth are ongoing processes which are never complete; they can be useful to explore the problems and struggles of early recovery; they often deal with issues of complacency and of reverting to old behaviors; and finally, they are times of renewing relationships with individuals with whom the client has shared the treatment experience. Father Kolar's aftercare program is under the direction of Mr. John Sullivan, MA, CAC, Coordinator of Aftercare Services. If there is anything we can do to be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It has been a rewarding experience to work with you and Father Kolar. We offer our prayerful support for you and for all of your endeavors in the Lord's service. May the abundant graces of the Christmas Season be yours.

Sincerely,

Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW

Anna Marie Bolzan, LCSW, CAC
Primary Therapist and
Acting Director
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Frank Valcour, M.D.

Frank Valcour, M.D.
Medical Director

AMB:jf

CC: Rev. Michael J. O'Connell
Rev. Michael Kolar
Mr. John Sullivan, Aftercare Department



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AFTERCARE CONTRACT

Patient: Rev. Michael Kolar

SLI #: 11785

Date of Admission: 6-1-88

Date of Discharge: 12-20-88

This contract is entered into the with undersigned, Rev. Michael Kolar, and the Saint Luke Institute for a period of six months beginning 12-20-88. If during this time, conditions change such that one or more of these items of this contract need adjusting, Michael Kolar will contact an aftercare therapist at the Saint Luke Institute to consider renegotiating such contract items. At the end of six months an aftercare therapist and Michael Kolar will review the contract in full and make appropriate adjustments. The terms of the contract are as follows:

1. Psychosexual Issues:

- a. I will live a chaste, celibate life.
- b. I will attend and actively participate in three 12 Step meetings per week (two SA/SLAA type and one Al-Anon).
- c. I will select a sponsor within two months of departure and will discuss with him my progress and concerns regarding sexual sobriety.
- d. With the assistance of my sponsor I will continue to work through the steps of the 12 Step Program.
- e. Within 10 weeks of departure I will initiate a re-entry workshop for my support group, directed by an appointed representative from the Saint Luke Institute Aftercare Department.
- f. I will attend and participate in the Saint Luke Institute aftercare workshops to be held approximately every six months during my aftercare period which will be between two and four years.
- g. I will make an appointment with an outpatient therapist recommended by Rev. Michale O'Connell within two weeks of departure. I will continue to work issues such as trust, relationships and attitudes toward authority in this therapy.



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2. Physical Health and Well Being:

- a. I will continue to maintain a good nutritional program.
- b. I will continue my present recreational activities such as swimming and biking.
- c. I will meet my personal needs for rest and relaxation. I will take the prescribed four weeks of vacation per year. I will plan my vacation time.
- d. I will continue to reserve yearly tickets for cultural events at the Orway Theatre and Minnesota Orchestra Hall.
- e. I will take the following medications as prescribed: Centrum (vitamin) - one daily.

3. Professional Responsibility:

- a. I will work a maximum of 30 hours per week.
- b. I will regularly discuss my activities and concerns regarding my work with my liaison, Rev. Michael O'Connell, and with the pastor with whom I will live.

4. Spiritual Growth:

- a. To assist in my personal and spiritual growth, I will choose a spiritual director within two months of departure.
- b. I will celebrate the Eucharist on a daily basis, continue daily prayer and monthly celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- c. I will incorporate the spirituality of the 12 Steps into my spiritual program.
- d. I will make an annual retreat.
- e. Each day I will take a personal inventory and review the events, accomplishments and mistakes of the day.

5. Emotional/Social/Interpersonal Issues:

- a. I will continue to enrich my present relationships, with family, friends, and priests through phone calls and visits and by sharing my thoughts and feelings with them, both comfortable and uncomfortable.
- b. I will initiate new relationships with both men and women in order to help me grow as a mature, sensitive and caring person. I will review these relationships with my sponsor and in therapy.
- c. I will regularly seek counsel on questions, decisions, and plans upon which I am deliberating.
- d. I will continue to develop a wide range of social skills in order to interact with others on a healthy, adult-to-adult basis.
- e. I will invite others to challenge and to confront me and will make adjustments in my behavior based on their feedback.
- f. I will work to expand the number of people that I trust with my story and with who I am.
- g. I will attend Al-Anon/ACOA in order to continue to work on differentiation of myself emotionally from others.

6. Accountability:

- a. I will be accountable to Archbishop Roach's liaison, Father Michael O'Connell, through monthly personal contact. I will share with him my aftercare contract and my budding signs.
- b. I will be accountable to my 12 Step sponsor for my progress in the 12 Step program.
- c. I will seek advise and counsel of the appointed Saint Luke Institute aftercare therapist whenever a conflict or a need arises. The Saint Luke Institute telephone number is: (301) 967-3700.

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DATE: Jan 11, 1971

MEMO TO: Mr. Kevin Mc Donough; Mr. M. O'Connell

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Jan B

Clark agreed to the idea of an exclusive piece once Kolar is "in place." That would include the interview Abz Roach proposed with you, Mike.

He understands that considerable further discussion and pre-placement steps are yet needed. Also that things could change. He said that none of his info to date has come from Jeff Anderson.

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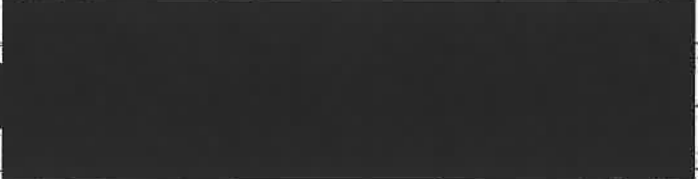
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Contract

Kolar Contract

- no unsupervised contact w/ minor females over/under 18

- no regular contact w/ 

- ^{Rpt} ~~document~~ req. attend:

- Edu. gp.

- SA, SAA,

- Priests supst. gp.

- Contract. 3 way w/ Consult. Sew. Ctr.

- ~~to~~ monthly contact w/ mgmt.

~~to~~ agreement that any slip will be reported
to MJC immediately,

- Tie This into local

Issues:

- No unsupervised work
by James or other
Man [redacted]
- Living
- Assignments
- accountability

{
- Major
- Egan
- Marxist
- St. Luke

C.C. - Kamin + JKH + Calan

MK & MJC 12/22

- Big Book gp.
- Alanar (once a week)
- DCA gp.
- SA or SLA (sex & love addicts anon)
- Mike will be on vacation from 12/26 - 1/12 in Florida (Michelle calls Mandy 12/27/4#)

1. MK will contact Arisist more in

2. Daily Mass: Kevin needs to let Mica know or MJC (Encouraged him to do 5 year class)

3. Weekend: will deal w/ it at end of Jan.

4.

- Compensation from



Mike Kolan + MJO C 1/24/89

- Spiritual Director: Jim Egan (S)? Can he sponsor Mike too? e.g. St. Luke
- Alanon group: going to 3 groups
- SAA Group: Mike will be meeting w/ a weekly group.
- Priests: SA Group: 5 on hold
- Living Situation: good
- CAR: no contact
- Brotherhood: social only
- [REDACTED]
- Ski group to Latsun: Sledge, Brambilla, Jitz,
- Daily mass: Bethany
- John Sullivan from St. Luke: Aftercare
- Therapy:
Ron Johnson / Jim Jordan
- Emotional / Social / Interpersonal:
good w/ Gil G.



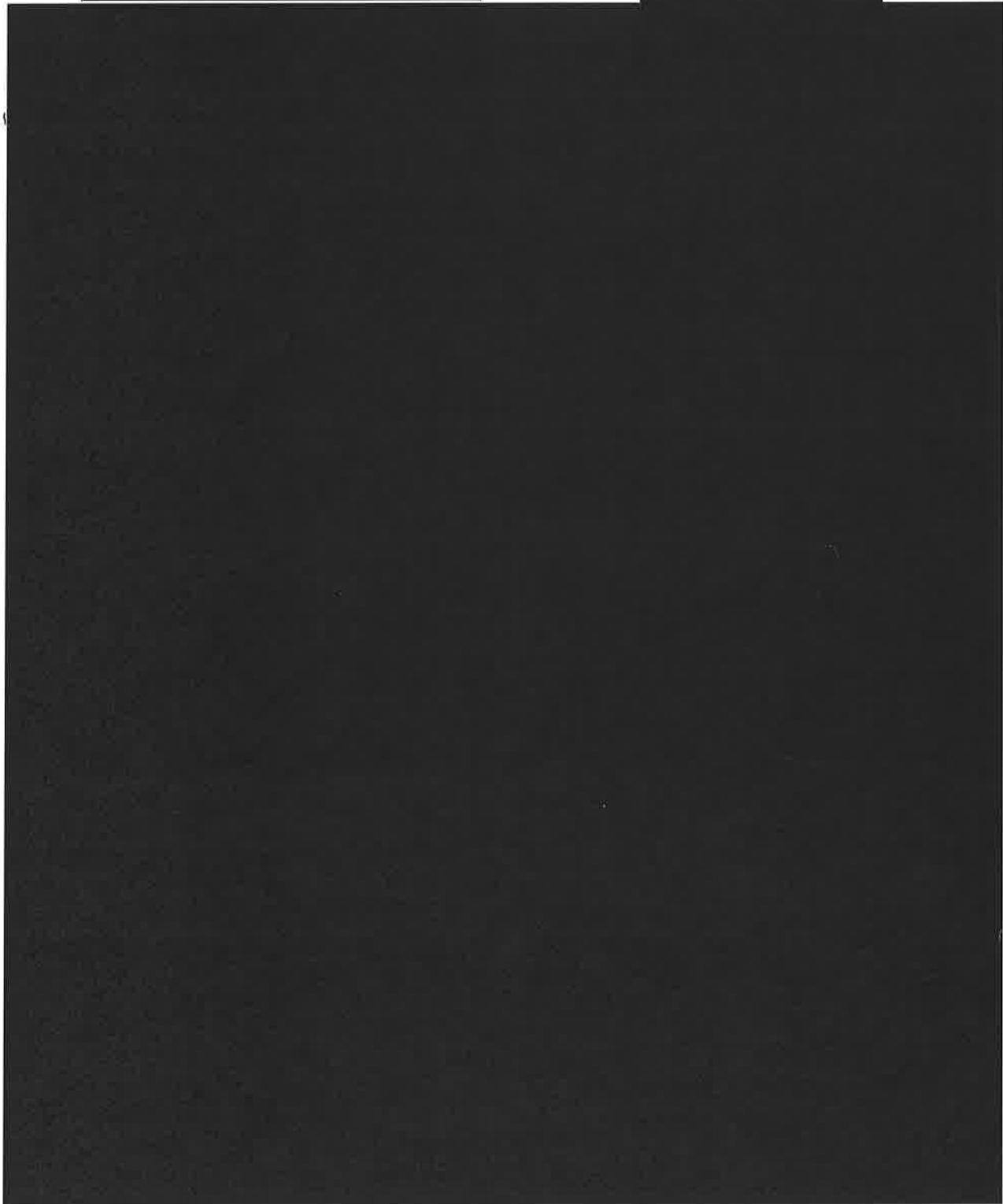
m.k. will meet w/ her + her Therapist 1/25 - Mike will go



Next time:

Wed 5:00

Green glass
Bundle



Kolan :

11. Box

10.

- * - develop Covenant Understanding : ① no unsupervised contact w/ women ② no contact w/ former women ③ cut all ministerial assignments ④ slip contract

- Mike will make decision about future

5.

- establish Therapeutic source and coordination point : ① start w/ [redacted]

6.

- refer to Jim Egan : ① His Gp. ② SA 8716612 ③ RMC/manotypes

- * - establish "slip" process :

1.

- confirm living arrangement :

2.

- confirm daily Mass arrangement :

3.

- confirm Weekend arrangement
Low key homilies

8.

- establish contact w/ [redacted] friendship
(set up 3-way)

9.

- look into priest support group (Mike will talk to [redacted])

5.

- work :
- writing : will work on writing a book

7.

- Spiritual Director ? Psycho/sexual unhealthy
Mike will ask Jim Egan re: Spiritual Dir

4.

- confirm compensation arrangement : { Chances pays full sal + bonus
" " St. Peter 350/mo.
all stipends will be persuaded back to Chancery.

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DATE: January 3, 1989
MEMO TO: Father Michael O'Connell
FROM: Bishop Carlson
SUBJECT:

Michael, several years ago - I believe in the early 80s, the woman whose name is signed on this Christmas greeting, called to complain about Father Michael Kolar.

I don't believe there is much in the files on this and in my talking to her, the only thing that I could ascertain is that Father Kolar hugged her in addition to others at the sign of peace at Mass.

This young woman is emotionally disturbed and I probably talked to her over the phone 20 or 30 times in the early 80s. I know that the name appears in the file because Andy Eisenzimmer asked me about her, but I shared this information with him.

I share with you now as her name is a name out of the past and it could come up at some point.

Initially, we treated her concern quite seriously, but there never seem to be anything that we could direct our focus at.

I will be happy to answer any questions you might have, but I would not recommend contact^{ing} her at this time as, at least in the past, she appeared to be rather fragile and emotionally disturbed.



Dear Bishop Carlson,

Just a note to wish you
a very blessed Christmas &
a happy new year.

I am doing well thanks
to the loving hand of Jesus
and care from alot of good
people in this world.

I pray for the people at
the [REDACTED]
frequency, they mean well
and I learn alot from my
experience there. Jesus loves
us all regardless of our
way of praying in tongues
or not. I choose to pray
quietly

I will pray for you and
your life. that Jesus living
hand may touch your
life as it has mine.

And may the reality of God's
PERFECT LOVE
shown by the birth of His Son
truly come alive in your heart
this Christmas.

Love
[REDACTED]

December, 1981.

Rev. Michael J. D'Connell
Vicar General / Moderator of Curia
Archdiocese of St. Paul, and Mpls.

1/12/89

Rev. D'Connell:

Regarding the allegations against Fr. Michael Kolav, my sister and I have worked at the [redacted] for twelve years. Father Mike has always remained a gentleman and first most a Priest. Being a priest is his whole life.

It is most unfortunate what is going on, but in all the years that we have known Father Mike, I can't remember a single instance where he was out of line, not morally or spiritually.

We pray for him and all of you who must defend his cases.

May the wisdom of God be with all of you for the sake of Father Mike and the priesthood.

God Bless you.

Mrs. Clinton Meyer (Gloria)
1521 Jackson St -
St. Paul, MN 55117
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Audrey Mich
586 Blair
St. Paul, Minn
55103

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File

Michael Kolar.

DATE: January 17, 1989
MEMO TO: Br. Vincent Champine
FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell
SUBJECT:

Vincent, you can feel free to begin to assign Fr. Michael Kolar on weekend assignments starting this weekend, January 21-22.

However, I would ask that when you talk to the various pastors where he would be needed, you would be sure to review with them their knowledge of the letter that Archbishop Roach sent out regarding Father Kolar so as to assure that they are aware of the current constraints that Father Kolar is experiencing.

I would also ask you to try to avoid assigning Father Kolar to parishes where he has given youth retreats in the past five years. Also, we would like to try to not have Father Kolar spend more than two weekends at the same place out of sensitivity to Father Kolar himself, who would not want to start creating any dependencies between himself and certain parishioners who might approach him.

Father Kolar will currently begin to celebrate regular daily mass at Bethany Convent in St. Paul.

If you have any questions about this, Vincent, feel free to contact me.

cc: Archbishop Roach
Bishop Carlson
Fr. McDonough

ARCH-019268

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
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The Chancery

January 18, 1989

Sister Colette Vass
1407 Hubbard Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Sister Colette,

Thank you very much for your letter on behalf of Fr. Michael Kolar.
I am sure he appreciates your support and prayers.

Please know that we are doing everything possible that we can to
support Fr. Kolar as well.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

January 19, 1989

MEMO TO: Archbishop Roach

FROM: Mert

SUBJECT: Your Request for Appointment Information

Fr. Michael Kolar in 1987-88:

11:00 am February 26, 1987

1:30 pm October 22, 1987

10:00 am December 28, 1987

10:45 am March 24, 1988

in 1983-84

1:30 pm January 23, 1984 (There is no record in the
file for this meeting)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mert", with a horizontal line underneath.

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January 20, 1989

Mrs. Clinton Meyer
1521 Jackson Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55117

Dear Mrs. Meyer,

Thank you very much for your letter on behalf of Fr. Michael Kolar.
I am sure he appreciates your support and prayers.

Please know that we are doing everything possible that we can to
support Fr. Kolar as well.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

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January 20, 1989

Ms. Audrey Nietz
586 Blair Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

Dear Ms. Nietz,

Thank you very much for your letter on behalf of Fr. Michael Kolar.
I am sure he appreciates your support and prayers.

Please know that we are doing everything possible that we can to
support Fr. Kolar as well.

Sincerely,

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January 23, 1989

Mr. Jeffrey R. Anderson
Attorney at Law
E-1400 First National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: [REDACTED] vs. The Archdiocese of Saint Paul
and Minneapolis, et al

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Enclosed and served upon you by U.S. Mail please find
Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents and
Medical Information in connection with the above referenced
matter.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN

/s/ ANDREW J. EISENZIMMER

Andrew J. Eisenzimmer

AJE:crb
cc: Reverend Michael J. O'Connell

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Re: [REDACTED] vs. The Archdiocese of Saint Paul
and Minneapolis, The Catholic Youth Center and
Reverend Michael Kolar

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I received the Stipulation for Amendment to Complaint in connection with the above referenced matter. I would ask that you redraft and recirculate this stipulation for two reasons. First, I believe the stipulation should state that it is being solely for the purpose of amending the caption of the case to reidentify the plaintiff. Second, Mr. Michael S. Ryan is not an attorney of record in this lawsuit although he is in the lawsuit [REDACTED] vs. Archdiocese. For that reason, he should not appear in this matter to execute said stipulation.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN

/s/ ANDREW J. EISENZIMMER

Andrew J. Eisenzimmer

AJE:crb

cc: Mr. Theodore Collins
Mr. Michael S. Ryan
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January 24, 1989

Mr. Theodore J. Collins
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West 1100 First National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: [REDACTED] vs. The Archdiocese of Saint Paul
and Minneapolis, et al

Dear Mr. Collins:

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Thank you.

Best Regards,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN
/s/ ANDREW J. EISENZIMMER

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cc: Reverend Michael J. O'Connell

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MICHELLE J. TORBA
194 SUMMIT AVE #402
ST. PAUL, MN. 55102



194 Summit Avenue #402
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

February 18, 1989

Bishop Robert Carlson
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Bishop Carlson,

I have recently heard of the charges against Father Mike Kolar. I'm not aware of when all these incidents took place but I have my personal feelings on the subject. I know at one point he was a good friend of yours and this was probably all a surprise to you because I remember a letter I once got from you denying that Father Mike KOLAR and the Community of Christ the Redeemer could do anything wrong. I hope by now you have talked to some of the people who have dropped out of the Community and moved on to parishes. I found the Community to be very clickish but Father Mike had his good points. I sent him a gift certificate in the Christmas of 1987. When I heard he was on a leave of absence I wrote a letter to the chancery in his behalf but at that time I didn't know he had these charges against him so I am embarrassed about that.

I know [REDACTED] that sexual harassment charges can be blown out of proportion when people are after money. Now days that is where all the sympathy is in the courts and people are going after every cent they can get. I don't

mean to sound like I am making excuses for Father Mike but I see how women are often making the first move these days where men are concerned!!!! Father Mike occasionally came on too strong when speaking but he had good points as well. It does sound like he perhaps took advantage of his position ~~but~~ but I saw how women approached him at times at the CYC. It often appeared as if some of them were making moves to get close. I see how women approach the young priests in the parishes often coming on as too forward and making the first moves that could really tempt the priests. It wouldn't surprise me if you've experienced this yourself. So I can't help but consider thinking that these women who are ~~pressing~~ pressing charges could have easily done something to get Father Mike started or tempted.

I also was told Father Mike was sent away for some kind of treatment which I suspect may have been some form of psychiatric treatment. Please keep very much in mind when reviewing his records or reports that these professionals are known to exaggerate with their medical terminology and get carried away from using too powerful medical terminology and people have been known to be misjudged and misdiagnosed. I am on medication myself and am a former volunteer for the Mental Health Advocates Coalition where I heard from clients who were victims of being mistreated or misdiagnosed. Some of these professionals have been known to break confidentiality. Jack Quesnell, I ~~xxxx~~ once saw because of an overbearing boss I used to have and he broke confidentiality in my case so these professionals can be very unprofessional. My cousin was going to see Jack Quesnell last summer for

marriage counseling but was told not to because he apparently has lawsuits against him now. She heard this from the county.

who had been receiving complaints about him. Jack Quesnell gives marriage seminars at the Saint Paul CYC. He is a social worker in his occupation.

Anyway I just ~~wanted~~ wanted to say these things because I hope Father Mike is dealt with fairly. I see on the job as well as in my personal life how women complain of sexual harassment but these same women are often making the first moves even though they may not always be aware of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Torba". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Michelle J. Torba
Saint Paul

MICHELLE J. TORBA
194 SUMMIT AVE #402
ST. PAUL, MN. 55102



194 Summit Avenue #402
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

February 20, 1989

Dear Bishop Carlson and Archbishop Roach,

I will defend Father Mike Kolar as accusations and rumors come out where his case is concerned. I've been doing so already. He is not a close friend of mine but I see him as being a victim of punishment for mistakes management made in cases recently ahead of his. Managers have a tendency to work that way. I've seen employees pay the price when management learns from their mistakes. That's a fact of life. I've had it happen to me and I now see it happening to Father Kolar.

I meant to tell you this in the letter I wrote you on Saturday. He has my support and prayers. I sent a letter to him indicating that when I first found out about his leave and again when I found out of the charges against him.

Sincerely,

Michelle Torba

February 21, 1989

Michelle J. Torba
194 Summit Avenue, #402
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Michelle Torba,

I received your kind letter of February 18th, 1989, concerning Father Michael Kolar and the Community of Christ the Redeemer.

I am aware of your concerns regarding Father Kolar and the Community, as a kind of the elitist group and that made the compassion found in your letter all the more special.

You raised a very important issue with regard to sexual harrassment and charges that are inflated because of the monies which might be available from the insurance companies and other sources.

I am sure you join me in praying for the victims of sexual harrassment and also for our entire Church during this holy season of Lent.

I pray that this is a time of special grace for you, as well as for the entire Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Auxiliary Bishop

Rev. Huey ^{O'Rourke} 3/7/89
(St. Luke), Mike K., Jim K., Jack Swamy, Stanisled, Gil Gustafson

Axis I - Dysthymic Dep.

Impulsive Disorder - rule out sexual compulsive disorder

Axis II - Dep. Person. disorder

Narcissistic disorder

Compulsive addictive disorder

Basic needs ① love + be loved ② self affirm + be affirmed

Compulsivity is way of covering up a need.

Compulsion becomes addiction when controls are lost

- Admitted we were
powerless
over
and that we
knew had become
unmanageable

Ernie Larson → "Insanity: (Sexual Compulsive disorder)
↓ "expecting diff results from the same behavior"
- if we are going to chg. ourselves we have to chg. our behavior

Grief: Treatment

- ① - Denial > cannot break the cycle until you own the problem
- ② - Anger & why me?
- ③ - Bargaining > "lets make a deal"
- ④ - Depression > our society won't let peop. be depressed - it is essential to be down about life at sometimes (duty culture obscures) - to be in pain can be helpful
- ⑤ - Acceptance

6 pts of aftercare:

②

1. Psycho Sexual Support.

① - SAA meet, ea. week - 12 step

- sponsor

② alanon + ACCA gp.

↓
helps differentiating emotionally from other people.

↓
boundary recognition by mike

↓
long history of differentiating w/in his family e.g. "who am I"

③ aftercare wksp. ev. 6 mo.

④ Therapist:

↓ Trust, relationships

↓ getting the secret out

2. Physical Health + well being

- Planning vacations, days off, nights off

3. Professional responsibilities:

- not giving equal wt. to everything

- 30 hrs. a week

4. Spiritual Growth

Div.

daily Euchar.

monthly recollection

Retreat

5. emotional, psychol, personal issues: continuing needs - Jan, grand,

colleagues - sharing comfortable + uncomfortable thoughts + feelings.

mike will seek counsel on Q's, decisions + plans -

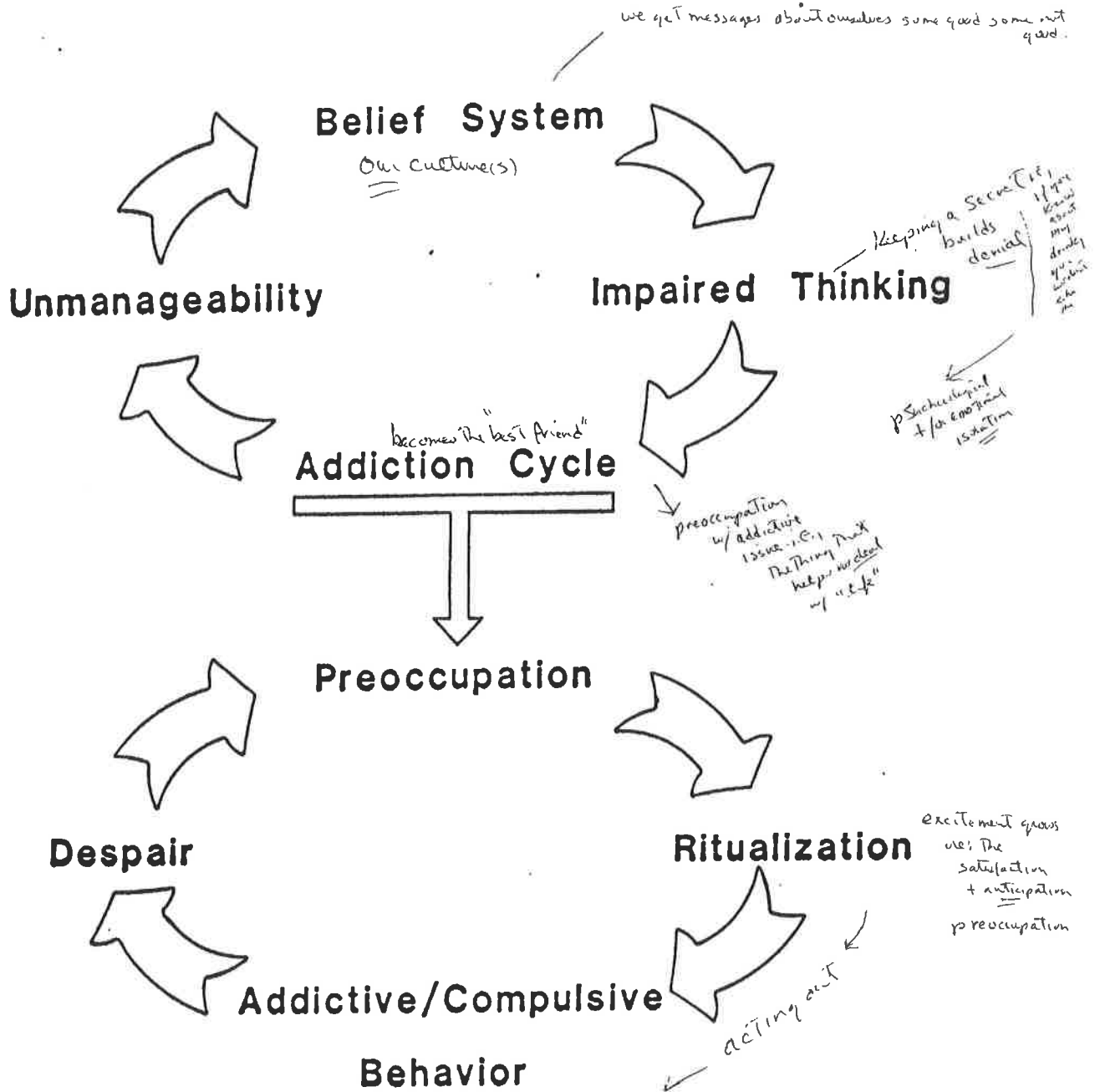
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- Mike is an under-incorporator i.e. doesn't see all of the complex, associated problems but only the central issue
- > MK keeps focus very limited + doesn't always look at whole issue
- > highly intuitive approach to facts + tends to ignore reflective + detailed approach
- > invitation for challenge, feedback, confrontation
- > maintain personal boundaries > no unapproved relat.
↳ adult women
- > continued ego deflation "A'm not God"

⑥ Accountability:

- MJC is sponsor
- sponsor: 12 steps - Jim Egan S.T.
- ^{O'Rourke} Hugh - St. Luke
- Group of 5
- Warren Schaffer

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From "Out of the Shadows" by Patrick Carnes, Ph.D.

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March 9, 1989

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Re: [REDACTED] vs. The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
and Antonio Molina

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed herewith and served upon you by U.S. Mail please find a
Notice of Taking Deposition of Plaintiff [REDACTED] in
connection with the above referenced matter. This deposition will
be taken on May 9, 1989 following the conclusion of her deposition
in the case involving Reverend Michael G. Kolar.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN

/s/ ANDREW J. EISENZIMMER

Andrew J. Eisenzimmer

AJE:crb

Enclosure

cc: The Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Mr. Gary Hermes

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
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The Chancery

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March 10, 1989

Dr. Warren Schaffer
Family Therapy Institute
413 Wacouta Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Dr. Schaffer,

I'm writing this letter to refer Fr. Michael Kolar as a patient for therapy. I believe that Fr. Kolar may have already contacted you. He is the person I spoke with you about last week.

Fr. Kolar is a 45-year-old priest of the Archdiocese. He has served most of his ordained ministry as Director of a Youth Ministry program. He has currently two lawsuits against him by adult women alleging sexual exploitive behavior.

As a result of these lawsuits, he was evaluated at Saint Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland in late winter of 1988. Commencing on June 1, 1988 until December 15, 1988, he was in inpatient treatment at Saint Luke Institute.

With Fr. Kolar's permission, I attach a letter of copy of the original evaluation from Saint Luke Institute as well as a copy of the final report from Saint Luke Institute.

Fr. Kolar is currently on a leave of absence from active ministry in the Archdiocese. He is living at St. Peter's rectory in Mendota. He has our permission to do some weekend Mass work at different parishes and to do a daily Mass on occasion at Bethany Convent for retired sisters.

As you can see from the most recent report from Saint Luke Institute the main area of Fr. Kolar's problem seems to be identified as a sexual compulsive addictive disorder. I am his immediate supervisor during this period of his life. He is involved in a twelve-step SAA program and he has a sponsor for that program. He also has a spiritual director. Fr. Kolar has a liaison director from Saint Luke Institute by the name of Hugh O'Rourke. His director at Saint

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Dr. Warren Schaffer
March 10, 1989
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Luke Institute is Dr. Frank Valcour whom you could feel free to call. His telephone number is the same as the number on the Saint Luke Institute stationery.

My assessment of Fr. Kolar's responsiveness to treatment at Saint Luke's is very high in comparison to a number of other people I have dealt with that have been through that treatment program and other similar programs. In other words, it would seem that Fr. Kolar is most eager to cooperate with any kind of help that is given him. Therefore, I refer you to him with a high degree of confidence that you can assist him as a professional therapist.

If you have any further questions or need any assistance from me, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

cc: Fr. Michael Kolar
Fr. McDonough (to review)

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March 16, 1989


Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
The Chancery
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226 Summit Avenue
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Dear Father O'Connell:

I've tried to reach Father Michael Kolar ^{out} four times since he contacted the Family Therapy Institute on March 9. Each time I've gotten a busy signal or no answer. Will you encourage him to contact me again? My home telephone is 612-472-6636 and I'm home virtually every evening. He could call any time between 8 and 10.

I did receive the material from Saint Luke institute. You can count me among those who now have respect for their work.

sincerely,


Warren F. Schaffer, Ph.D.
Licensed Consulting Psychologist

WFS:pf

Marilyn Whener did tell
me that Fr. Kolar was out
of town but this attempt
documents our attempt
to begin therapy.
W.

To Michael

Date 3/21 Time 10:00

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M For Michael Kolan

of _____

Phone 452-6924 (priv.)
Area Code Number Extension

TELEPHONED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL	<input type="checkbox"/>
CALLED TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>
WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>

RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message Wanted you to know
he had made phone
contact w/ Dr. Schaffer
& has set up an appt.

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March 31, 1989

Dr. Warren Schaffer
Family Therapy Institute
413 Wacouta Street
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Dear Warren,

Thank you very much for your phone call the other day regarding Fr. Kolar and the nature of the relationship between himself, you and I.

I would like to meet with you and Fr. Kolar sometime late this spring or early summer at which point we could evaluate Fr. Kolar's progress. I would also appreciate a written summary from you and approved by Fr. Kolar prior to this meeting.

It is my understanding after meeting with Fr. Kolar's representative from Saint Luke Institute in Maryland, that Fr. Kolar will continue to have ongoing therapeutic needs and it is for this reason that he is working with you. I am sure you could feel free to contact Fr. Kolar's representative at Saint Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland. His name is Fr. Hugh O'Rourke.

I greatly appreciate your willingness to assist Fr. Kolar. If I can be of any assistance to you on an on-going basis for Fr. Kolar, please do not hesitate to call me.

Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

cc: MICHAEL KOLAR

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capsule of
these
materials

April 5-89.

Dear Archbishop Roach-

In regards to Jim Kolav and Father Mike Kolav I feel they should both be kicked out of the Catholic Church. After seeing how they live the houses and cars and material things that they have.

And how did they get them? Brainwashing, Emotionally + almost physically raping me and others.

It has been 10 years since I have had contact with these people but I am still feeling the trauma of walking into the Catholic Youth Center.

I do not have a decent job I don't have a job at all and every time I get a job they haunt me.

Like I said before I'm bright, intelligent and have some emotional problems. I grew up of children and I had it kinda ruff as a kid.

If you do not do something to stop the people at the Cyc I am going to write to the Pope and ask him to do something. After all when innocent people are being hurt I think someone should care.

The priest in Madison Wisconsin is another pain in my side I have spent thousands of dollars talking to him on the phone all to have him make sexual advances toward me.

I dont feel sexual towards him I dont care about him and finally I dont love him. I want him out of my life for good!

I have written to Bishop Corbett, only to have him be a thorn in my side also he doesnt understand.

I have been in treatment for 8 years with Doctor Rowe and I wonder sometimes if it has helped.

Jim Kolar is a fraud. Father
Mike Kolar should be pumping
Gas somewhere.
I cant believe that they actually
are on the payroll of the Catholic
Church.

If I were stronger you +
your Organization would have
a big fat lawsuit on your
hands.

For

#1. Sexual Harrassment.

2 Human Cruelty

3. ABUSE

4. Brain Washing

5. + finally obtaining money
through crooked means.

I hate these people and if they
dont leave me alone I am going
to write the POPE.

Sincerely,

P.S. I have left the Catholic Church.

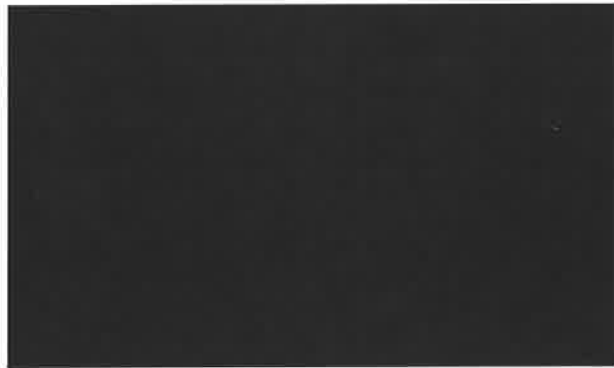
I will return when Jesus sees fit. I will return when Justice comes about and these people are done with these games.

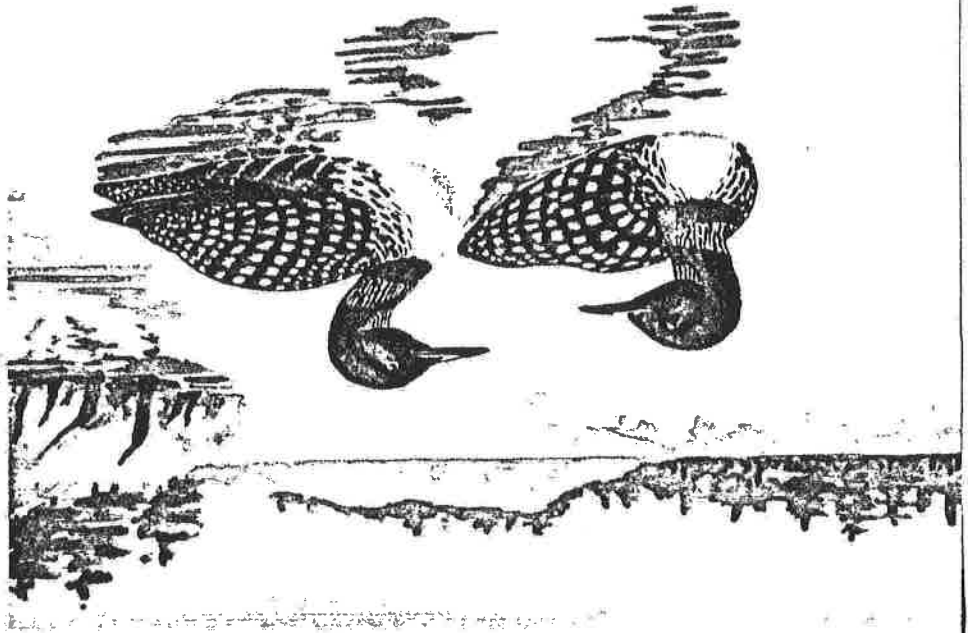
Like "Life in the Spirit"

Marriage Encounte

Teen Encounte

and any and all programs done by the CYC.





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FROM AN ORIGINAL BY JACKIE HILL
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Dear Bishop Carlson.

In November of 1989 I have to start
paying money on a student loan for a
\$2,500⁰⁰ is owed.

I dont know where Im gonna get
the money to pay this bill as I do not
have a Job.

I only went to this Colleye because
of my experience at the Catholic Youth
Center.

As I feel that the Catholic Church
has been so cruel to me they
should have to pay this debt for
me.

I hate the people at the Catholic
Youth Center and I am embarrassed
that I ever went in there.

Someday I will forget my trauma.

April 7-89

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
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The Chancery

April 18, 1989

[REDACTED]
St. Paul, MN 55106

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 5, 1989 to Archbishop Roach has been referred to the Archdiocesan legal consultant, Mr. Andrew Eisenzimmer.

Please direct any correspondence that you may wish to send directly to Mr. Eisenzimmer whose address is:

Suite 430, Minnesota Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

bcc: Bp. Carlson
Andrew Eisenzimmer

May 5, 1989

Father Michael O'Connell
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota
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Dear Father O'Connell,

In order to complete six more sessions of counseling I will need 420. dollars as a short term loan, to be repaid when I receive payment from my insurance company. Thank you for this consideration.

Enclosed is the follow up article from the NCR that I referred to in our last conversation--for your interest.

Sincerely,



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May 29, 1989

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
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Dear Father O'Connell,

This, as you requested, is a report of the ongoing therapy with Father Michael Kolar. I have seen Mike for eight sessions between March 27, 1989 and this time, May 29, 1989. I am to see him again tomorrow and meet with both of you on June 6.

My goals for Mike were to support his SAA program, increase his sense of his own boundaries, explore the sources of his acting out in his family of origin, increase his self-esteem and reduce his dependent thinking. I would add another goal now, to reduce his anger. I gave him a preliminary diagnosis of dysthymic disorder (depression) in a dependent personality disorder. I agree with your letter of March 10 that he has also been sexually compulsive. Mike has been making good progress in therapy. He was able to tell a woman who wanted a secret meeting that he would not meet her. He is "not deluded anymore that the secret can be kept". He has explored some of the ways in which his grandfather, his mother, and later the church "seemed to have all the power". He has made the connection between feeling powerless himself and his acting out with "vulnerable" women. "They reveal their soul and I try to comfort them in such a [misshapen] way." He has begun to explore his anger; on the surface he was "compliant" but always retained a part of himself that was angry at whichever system he was in and determined to beat the system.

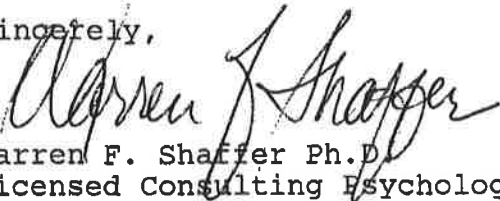
He has explored his own sexual abuse and some of his feelings of the "unfairness" of the lawsuits directed at him and the church's response to those lawsuits. He still has more anger work to do. He is not only still angry, but he is reactively depressed when he considers the effects of his actions on his life. He is still attracted to some women and still dresses somewhat seductively.

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
May 29, 1989
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I believe you want my opinion about Father Kolar's readiness to return to an active ministry with vulnerable populations and that you will seek other opinions as well. I believe that Mike should not return to that kind of an active ministry at this time. He is making good progress but shows a number of indications that he has not yet achieved the level of sobriety that I think the church wants. I have seen a number of SAA members who I believe have reached "a safe point". Uniformly they feel revulsion at their previous behavior. Mike still has periodic (every two or three months) episodes of euphoric recall. I also judge "safety" by a kind of "burnt out" feeling in the addict which has a very spiritual tone. They are not angry anymore. If I was to estimate the chance that Mike would act out again I would say that acting out was highly improbable. I would like to continue Mike's therapy until I could say that there wasn't any real probability of his acting out at all. It is hard to give a time for that. Now I would say it would be six months to one year.

I look forward to seeing you on June 6. I'll be glad to expand on any of this material or any other topic then. In the interest of having no secrets among you, me, or Mike, I'll show this letter to Mike before our meeting.

Sincerely,



Warren F. Shaffer Ph.D.
Licensed Consulting Psychologist

WFS/ps

cc: Fr. Michael Kolar

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TE: May 30, 1989
MEMO TO: Fr. Austin Ward
FROM: Fr. Michael O'Connell
SUBJECT: PAYMENT FOR [REDACTED]

Attached is a request for a check in the amount of \$420 to cover a short-term loan for counseling sessions for [REDACTED] until she receives reimbursement from her insurance company. This can be added to the other M. Kolar loan amount to be repaid.

Could this check be issued today, if possible? Thanks, Austin, for your assistance in this matter. The request came in awhile ago, but got mislaid.

R U S H

PAYMENT DUE BY 5/31/89
~~WEDNESDAY~~

CHECK REQUISITION
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

DATE May 30, 1989

PAY TO

[REDACTED]

MAIL CHECK DIRECTLY

DELIVER CHECK TO Marilyn

CHECK NUMBER # 86183 5/31

AMOUNT Four hundred twenty and no/100
Written Amount

DOLLARS \$ 420.00
Numerical Amt

PURPOSE Short-term loan to cover counseling sessions until
payment is received from insurance company.

(Clergy Benefit Fund)
Account Number

REQUESTED BY Marilyn Wagner

FUNDS AVAILABLE _____
Controller

DEPOSIT CREDIT _____

May 31, 1989



Dear ,

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the completion of counseling sessions which you requested as a short-term loan which you indicated you would repay upon the reimbursement you receive from your insurance company.

Please know that we appreciate the fact that you plan to repay this loan when you do in fact receive the money from your insurance company. We hope that this loan has been of assistance to you at this time, as well as the counseling sessions.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

Enclosure: 1

June 1, 1989

To the file of Father Michael Kolar

FROM: Archbishop Roach

I saw Father Michael Kolar on June 1, 89.

It is really hard to get a fix on how he is doing. He looks good and considering all the things going on in his life, he is probably doing pretty well.

He is relatively happy at St. Peter's in Mendota. Time is very heavy for him. It is not easy for him to do the taping of reflections as we had suggested he do. So much of the effectiveness of his preaching has depended upon the feedback he gets from people, that to try to do that in this sterile fashion doesn't work very well. However, he is continuing to try, though it is a frustration.

He thoroughly enjoys the celebration of liturgy and we ought to continue to try to get him as much weekend work as possible.

The things that are really bothering him are pretty much things he can't control. He desperately wants the court case to get behind him. He also needs some notion as to what his future is going to be.

He is having some problems with his current therapist. The therapist is fairly aggressive in suggesting that he ought to leave priesthood and Kolar is having a tough time with that. The therapist also is making judgments about the way Kolar dresses, etc., and is using terms such as "seductive" in describing Kolar. Kolar is having a tough time with all of that and I don't think it's up to any one of us to try to second-guess the therapist, but it is a problem for Kolar. Father Kolar and Father O'Connell will be meeting with the therapist next week and I think that will be good.

All things considered, he is probably about as healthy as you could expect him to be.

cc- Bishop Carlson, Father O'Connell



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July 14, 1989

Confidential

Most Reverend John Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of St. Paul/Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Re: Reverend Michael Kolar
SLI # [REDACTED]

file

Your Excellency:

Father Kolar recently attended a workshop with us as part of his Aftercare Program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months.

The following is our perception of Father Kolar progress in his ongoing recovery:

- 12-Step Program:** This is Father Kolar's first Aftercare Workshop. He reports no relapses. He attends one SA, one Al-Anon and one ACOA meeting weekly. He has a regular sponsor. His home group is identified as the SA group with a population of 22 people. Father Michael is comfortable sharing during the meetings and socializing afterwards.
- Current Living Experiences/Vocational Functioning:** Father Michael continues to reside at St. Peter's parish in Mendora, Minnesota. He does get himself involved in some ministries by offering his services in some other parts of the diocese. He also continues in therapy on a weekly basis with a psychologist. The work has been difficult at times but he intends to continue with it.
- Medical:** During the course of the Workshop Father Michael was seen by our consulting internist Dr. David Isaacs. The doctor reports that there are no specific medical problems. His vital signs and weight seem to be in tow. His labs are only notable for a triglyceride of 279 and CPK of 322. His cholesterol has come down to 206. The doctor recommends a low fat diet with some minor weight loss, between 5 and 10 lbs. A recent ear infection was checked and the ear is benign.



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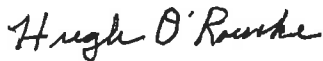
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4. **Recommendations and Treatment Plan:** Father Kolar is doing well in his recovery process. We ask him to continue the bonding which he has with the 12-Step programs. We also recommend that he continue in therapy with the psychologist, Dr. Warren F. Shaffer, Ph.D. This is very important for Father Michael at this difficult time in his life.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Father Kolar for his reflections. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact us.

We thank you for the support you offer to Father Kolar. We believe that a life of sobriety helps him to continue in his life giving ministry with God's people. We ask for your prayers on behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and for continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely yours,



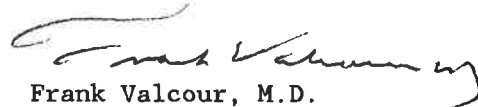
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cc: Rev. Michael Kolar

Encl: Lab Reports

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July 27, 1989

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Re: Jane Doe v. Kolar, et al

Dear Mr. Anderson:

You recently sent me certain materials described as a case summary of [REDACTED] in connection with the above referenced matter. In reviewing this material, I note that according to the billings of [REDACTED] that your client had sessions on August 7, August 28 and September 11, 1985, yet the case notes I received did not include any entries for those dates. I would like to know whether the case notes for those dates were simply skipped in the photocopying process or whether no such notes exist for those dates.

Please let me have your response.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

MEIER, KENNEDY & QUINN

/s/ ANDREW J. EISENZIMMER

Andrew J. Eisenzimmer

AJE:jml

cc: Mr. Theodore Collins
Mr. John Hoffman
Mr. Daniel Haws
The Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Reverend Kevin McDonough

TO: Father Kevin McDonough
Archbishop John Roach

KOLAR CASE

General Comments:

Little has changed since we last issued a statement on Kolar. At that time, in 1990, the media reported that two lawsuits had been filed; the [redacted] case was one of those. We issued a statement.

A letter was sent to priests, and after consideration of the best way to communicate to [redacted] it was suggested (by letter of K.McD) that [redacted] handle that. (See sample letter.)

We prepared a statement in 1991 that was never used (see attached).

Recommendation

1. [redacted] be apprised of present situation, and asked to communicate this to [redacted] team members in training. (Bishop Carlson said he would contact [redacted] if desired.)
2. We work from the attached in dealing with the media.
3. I question the need to notify all parishes, unless there is new information we can give them. On the other hand, people forget a lot in a year, and we might want to remind them that this was an adult woman, that others were present with them at the time, and anything more that seems appropriate. Also, the Archdiocese cannot act when it has no reason to act--when it has no information suggesting that it should do so. The other item would be to restate that Kolar did resign. (There might be religious order priests in the diocese now, as well as Catholics and others, who would not know that.) If letter is to go out, it should be mailed on Friday or Monday.
4. I do suggest that we send a memo to the Full Staff.
(I can prepare that.)

GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH THE MEDIA ON KOLAR/ [REDACTED]

-- This involves the first incident of inappropriate behavior that became known to the Archdiocese. The incident occurred in [REDACTED] the Archdiocese learned of it in 1986. The complaint suggests inappropriate touch.

-- Professional consultation occurred, remedial measures taken, Kolar was allowed to continue ministry at the then [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (We need more information on remedial measures.)

-- Archdiocese cannot be considered negligent in this case -- officials did take steps at this first suggestion of any trouble in what to that point had been a dynamic, effective, highly praised career.

-- Kolar has not held an assignment in the Archdiocese since 1988. (Some substitute weekend work.) He resigned from the priesthood in 1991.

-- The second case referred to in 1990 newspaper stories was settled about a year ago.

Can we say:

Seems unnecessary that this go to trial. Consider added costs. Archdiocese, even though it acted as soon as information came forward, is still considered liable by the law, and for that reason has made efforts to settle this in what seems a reasonable manner.

Also see attached



ACTIVITY TRACKING SHEET

Situation name (person(s), group, institution): M. Kolar 

Location:

Date received:

Current ministerial status: *administrative leave* } *out of ministry*

Address, phone (confidential yes no):

Archdiocesan response team (coordinator listed first):

Legal representation

Archdiocese: *Andy E.*


Other party: *Anderson*

Others, representing: *Kolar - T. Collins*

Other key resource persons:

Designated spokesperson(s):

Brief biographical data (age, education, work history)

Director  *'73-'88, Asst. Dir '70-'73*

Brief situation description:



Communication plan formulated, key elements are:

Statement or comments made to news media (date, by whom, attach copy):

Pioneer Press story 5/17/90 } ~~attach~~ only press word on original statement.
Star Trib story 5/17/90 }

Internal communications -- appropriate notification given to:

RECEPTIONISTS CHANCERY STAFF FULL STAFF

-over-

Notification of pertinent people/constituents

- MEETING WITH PARISH LEADERS
- MEETING WITH WHOLE PARISH
- LETTER TO PARISHIONERS
- LETTER TO PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL
- OTHER:



UPDATES

<u>Action taken</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Next anticipated action</u>
<i>Motion for summary judgment filed, hearing set for 9/18/90</i>	<i>8/23/90</i>	

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-2197

The Chancery

August 8, 1989


Dear Father Michael Kolar,


Archbishop Roach clearly wishes to have all personal legal expenses paid by yourself. With this agreement, it will be understood that you will pay \$ 25.00 per month towards the balance of your legal expenses until those expenses are completely paid.

Please mail your monthly check to:

Rev. Austin Ward
Chancery
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Thank you very much!


Reverend Michael J. O'Connell


Reverend Michael G. Kolar

cc: Archbishop Roach
Fr. Austin Ward

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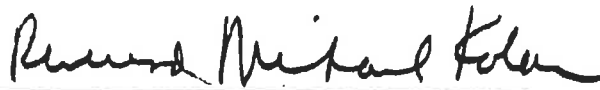
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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

MEMO

DATE: September 8, 1989
TO: Father Michael Kolar
FROM: Father Michael O'Connell
SUBJECT: LEGAL EXPENSES REPAYMENT AGREEMENT

This memo is just a reminder that I have not as yet received the signed original copy of the Legal Expenses Repayment Agreement that you were to affix your signature to as we discussed on August 8, 1989 when we last met. I believe you were given two copies which I had signed in your presence and it is my understanding that you planned to sign them as well, returning the original to me and keeping the other copy for yourself. Perhaps this procedure was not clarified sufficiently when we discussed the matter.

I would appreciate your forwarding of the signed agreement to me.

Thanks, Mike, for your cooperation and consideration of this request. We have tried several times to convey this information by phone but were unable to reach you.

MICHAEL G. KOLAR

150 N. SMITH AVENUE 224-4853
ST. PAUL, MN 55102

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PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

Archdiocese of St. Paul / Mpls.

\$ 50.00

Fifty

DOLLARS



MEMO

Sept/Oct.

Michael G Kolar

11-00-163 Loan

July and August payments.

MICHAEL G. KOLAR		2601
150 N. SMITH AVENUE 224-4853 ST. PAUL, MN 55102		7-17 1989 22-60/960
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<i>F.M.H.</i>		DOLLARS
		<i>Michael G. Kolar</i>
MEMO		
		

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Michael Kolan

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1ST LOAN

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Michael Kolar

MICHAEL G. KOLAR		2483
[REDACTED] 150 N. SMITH AVENUE 224-4853 ST. PAUL, MN 55102		5-17 19 89 22-80/960
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	<u>Archdiocese of St. Paul / MPLS.</u>	\$ <u>50.00</u>
<u>Fifty</u>		DOLLARS
MEMO:	<u>Michael G. Kolar</u>	
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MICHAEL G. KOLAR

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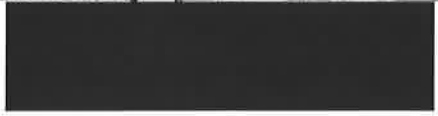
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Michael G Kolar

MEMO



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MICHAEL G. KOLAR		2458
150 N. SMITH AVENUE 224-4853 ST. PAUL, MN 55102		2/22 1989 22-60/960
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	<i>Archdiocese of St. Paul / Mpls.</i>	\$ 25.00
	<i>Twenty five</i>	DOLLARS
MEMO	<i>Michael G. Kolar</i>	

MICHAEL G. KOLAR 2724
 150 N. SMITH AVENUE 224-4853
 ST. PAUL, MN 55102 2/7 19 89 22-60/960

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Diocese of St Paul / Mpls \$ 50.⁰⁰
Fifty DOLLARS

MEMO Michael G. Kolar

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MEMO TO: Rev. Austin Ward
DATE: February 13, 1989
FROM: Rev. Michael J. O'Connell

The enclosed check from Fr. Kolar represents payment for reimbursement of his legal fees.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

MEMO TO: Archbishop John R. Roach

DATE: October 23, 1989

FROM: Father Kevin M. McDonough

RE: JIM KOLAR & THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER: BACKGROUND

Archbishop, several weeks ago you asked me to prepare some background information so that you can meet with Jim Kolar. I am sorry that it has taken me so long to get to that information. However, I am now sending you some things which may be helpful.

I intend to summarize some key points that have been at issue for the last couple of years. I am also attaching some things from the file which you may find helpful. I would like to indicate what our files say about our evaluation of the life of the Community, what the canonical status of the Community has been, and what the hope for the future has been on our part.

In regard to the life of the Community, the files bear witness to an abundance of very good things that were done and continue to be done within the Community. The Community evidenced rapid growth and deep commitment. It became very involved in evangelization, particularly among young people. There was strong life of common prayer. A variety of creative pastoral initiatives were spun off from the Community.

For at least three years, on the other hand, there was a good deal of concern about the role of women in the Community. That concern may have been generated because of letters that we were receiving, but it was also clearly a theological concern, concerning which Bishop Carlson has had some very strong feelings into which he devoted a lot of work. I believe that he and Father O'Connell were of a like mind in this regard. The position represented frequently from the Chancery was that the Community was being excessively fundamentalistic in its reading of the Scripture texts, especially by denying to women within the Community leadership positions which are permitted in the broader Catholic Church. A variety of compromised formulas were attempted, but I do not believe there was ever a truly satisfactory resolution of the question. Disaffected past members of the Community suggest that the subservient treatment of women may have contributed to the sexual exploitation that was taking place within the Community. I have heard Father O'Connell endorse that position several times.

A term has been thrown around the Chancery frequently but very inaccurately. I think that in any future meeting with Jim Kolar or anyone else it would be important to avoid using that term, and it would also be important to refute its use. At various times, we have described the Community of Christ the Redeemer as a quasi parish. It is important to emphasize that there is no record in the archives indicating that the Community was ever established as such. A quasi parish can only be erected by an explicit decree of the diocesan bishop. You never did so. Rather, the Community was recognized as a private association of the Christian faithful

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

MEMO TO: Archbishop John R. Roach
Father Michael O'Connell

DATE: November 13, 1989

FROM: Father Kevin M. McDonough

RE: FATHER MICHAEL KOLAR

I have been giving some consideration to our desire to put as many of our priests back to work as possible. I would like to make a suggestion about Mike Kolar.

As you know, he has completed treatment and we have a certification for him to return to ministry. The issue which is currently holding us up has nothing to do with his personal readiness for service. Rather, we are concerned that things may blow up in our face several months down the line when information about his situation becomes public.

I would like to suggest that we take some steps to be pro-active in his regard. Rather than be trapped indefinitely about a fear of publicity, I would like to suggest that we manage the publicity ourselves. We could seek out a good assignment for him. Then, we could discuss his history with parish leaders before making an assignment. We could do this so that there would be sufficient spokespeople in the parish who would have already worked through their concerns and had their questions answered before things became public.

We then could place him in the assignment and set up some suitable forum for him to say where he has been and what the reasons for his absence from ministry have been. This might be from the pulpit, or it might be an open parish meeting, or it might be through a bulletin announcement, or some other way. I would foresee a relatively brief statement which we would work with Mike to develop, so we could avoid the "Jimmy Swaggart type" public confession.

This is the kernel of the idea. We obviously would need Father Kolar's consent to pursue this very seriously. However, I think that with the right parish and the right planning, we just might be able to make it work.

DATE: November 16, 1989
MEMO TO: Fr. Kevin McDonough
FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell
SUBJECT:

Can we mainstream Mike Kolar as pastor from his first assignment rather than have him start as an assistant? Mike asked me this on the phone on November 14th. He would see himself ready for this after January 1, 1990.



SAINT LUKE INSTITUTE

2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294
(301) 967-3700

January 2, 1990

Confidential

Most Reverend John Roach, D.D.
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Re: Reverend Michael Kolar
SLI #11785

Your Excellency:

Father Kolar recently attended a workshop with us as part of his Aftercare Program. We want to inform you at this time regarding his progress in recovery over the past six months.

The following is our perception of Father Kolar's progress in his ongoing recovery:

- 12-Step Program:** This is Father Kolar's second Aftercare Workshop. He reports no relapses. He attends two SAA meetings and has a regular sponsor. He identifies that group as his home group, and it has a population of about 25 people. He is bonding well with the group and sees a growing level of commitment within it. He is comfortable sharing during the meetings and socializing afterwards. He describes the quality of his own sobriety as very good and believes that others would concur in this assessment.
- Current Living Experiences/Vocational Functioning:** Father Michael resides at St. Peter's parish in Mendota, Minnesota. He helps out weekends in various parishes in the archdiocese and also regularly celebrates Eucharist with the Visitation contemplative sisters two or three times weekly. He describes this as a very joyous experience.

Recently Father Michael has been asked by the archbishop through the director of the personnel board and others to consider the possibility of becoming pastor of a parish in the archdiocese. He discussed this matter seriously with us and we believe that he should make himself available for such an appointment. Such an assignment is seen as an opportunity for Father Michael to use his many gifts in a more productive



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way in ministry. If and when there is a new assignment, it will be important that Father Michael quickly establish a support group at the new location.

3. **Medical:** During the course of the Workshop lab work was done on behalf of Father Kolar. We are happy to report that all the lab results are within normal range with the exception of some elevation of his triglycerides, 202 mg/dl. We therefore recommend that he share this information with his physician and that he go on a low fat/low cholesterol diet.
4. **Recommendations and Treatment Plan:** Father Kolar is doing well in his recovery process, particularly in his bonding with the SAA fellowship. We celebrate with him in this and ask that he continue this strong bonding. We also ask him to check out this particular lab result again with his local doctor.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Father Kolar for his reflections. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact us.

We thank you for the support you offer to Father Kolar. We believe that a life of sobriety helps him to continue in his life giving ministry with God's people. We ask for your prayers on behalf of the many clergy and religious persons whom we serve and for continued blessings on the work of the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh O'Rourke, MS, CAS

Hugh O'Rourke, MS, CAS
Aftercare Therapist
Outpatient Department

John Sullivan

John Sullivan, MA, CAC
Coordinator, Aftercare Services
Outpatient Department

Stephen Montana, Ph.D.

Stephen Montana, Ph.D.
Director, Outpatient Department

Frank Valcour, M.D.

Frank Valcour, M.D.
Medical Director

HO/bm

cc: Rev. Michael Kolar

Encl: Lab Reports

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APPLICATION FOR MINISTRY

Name Michael Kolan Year of Ordination 1969

POSITION APPLYING FOR (parish, institution, ministry) St. Bartholomew Date of Application 1-5-98
Telephone # 452-692X

I. Please rate the strength of your interest in the assignment and give the two main reasons for your interest. CIRCLE ONE

Very strongly interested

Strongly interested

Interested

Indifferent

The reasons for my interest are:

1. Parish goals are clear as is the organizational chart and staff to accomplish those goals -
2. Excellent gathering and worship space to foster liturgical celebrations.

II. Please rate your overall qualification for this position. CIRCLE ONE

Highly qualified

Moderately qualified

Qualified

Give the two main qualifications you would bring to this assignment.

1. Teaching and preaching gifts.
2. 18 years of training and empowering people for ministry on a local, national and international level.

III. Besides these qualifications, what ministry experiences and/or continuing education have you had that would be important in this position (assignment)?

1. 6 months of intense intense work at St. Luke's Institute
2. Development of an "Association of Christian Journeymen" or the Center ("Religious Order" for lay men and women)
3. 18 years of retreat work with grade school students, Jr High, Sr. High, young adults, engaged couples, married couples, seminarians, priests, religious

RETURN TO: Executive Secretary, Priests Personnel Board, 226 Summit Av., St. Paul MN 55102

married couples, seminarians, priests, religious

January 11, 1990

The Staff
c/o Frank Valcour, M.D.
Medical Director
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20846-5294

Dear Friends,

I am deeply grateful to you for your letter of January 2nd concerning Father Michael Kolar.

That's a positive report and I am grateful for it.

I have great confidence in Father Kolar and while this has to be a terrible time, I am confirmed in my belief that he is a man of deep faith and of deep trust in God's power.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

bcc- Fr. McDonough
Fr. O'Connell



Re [redacted] to us
in subsequent
documentation



To Michael

Date 1/16/90 Time 11:15

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

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Message Wrote to Bishop
in Modesto re: Priest who allegedly
Priest not getting help.
she now fears for her life.
she has been in treatment for
18 years & wouldn't hurt
anyone. Operator _____

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MEMO


MEMO TO: Fr. Bill Kenney




DATE: January 30, 1990

FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell

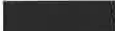
- Call Jerry Schwalbach at 337-1855, Trustee at St. Bartholomew's.
- I think he would like to "interview" other candidates for pastor at St. Bartholomew's. I told him that is not formally done as part of our procedure; however, sometimes candidates "show up" to look things over.
- You might be able to work something out (Kolar is not a strong candidate in his estimation.)

Thanks, Bill.

DATE: January 31, 1990
MEMO TO: Fr. Kevin McDonough
FROM:  Joan Bernet

1. Enclosed is a proposed statement to be used in connection with the Kapoun filing. I briefly reviewed the file and talked a bit with Andy about it.
2. As mentioned, I talked with Archbishop Roach about the inquiry from  regarding M.K. I felt it wise to do so before talking with  in order to get some idea on how far he is willing to go on this. He was quite surprised about the St. Paul Paper's change of policy and has reservations. He hadn't known of any discussion about this with .

He would like to talk further about this tomorrow morning.

We probably have little option in responding, particularly since the idea originated from here. I do think we should review some parameters and then hope that  will observe them. (He wants to interview the pastor of the parish to which M.K. would be assigned, a parish council or other parish member, and others.) Andy has some concerns about a part of that, and I do too.

Regardless of whether or not this turns out well in the end, I think we all need to review our policy in dealing with the media.

Any one of us, or all of us, can be blind-sided, or appear as though we are undermining one another before the media if we begin to operate independently and without sharing information. It's happened in so many organizations--including this one in the past. Invariably the Communications Office gets caught in the middle. I prefer to avoid that, for it means loss of credibility and loss of effectiveness (internally and with the media).

We want to respect your various working styles and experience with the media, but we do need to have a thorough understanding of where to draw lines, who is to be involved when, and to know when differences of opinion on how to handle something with the media exist.

Review of the policy--later if not now--might help that, and that's part of what I proposed for review by May 15.

cc: Archbishop John Roach
Fr. Michael O'Connell

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DATE: February 1, 1990
MEMO TO: Fr. Bill Kenney
FROM: Fr. Michael O'Connell
SUBJECT: ST. TIMOTHY PARISH, BLAINE

Please do not fill St. Timothy's Parish co-pastor job until we talk further. Archbishop Roach and I broached this subject to Fr. Mike Kolar again if Wayzata falls through.

Thanks, Bill, for your consideration of this request.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 6, 1990

TO: Father Michael O'Connell

FROM: Father William Kenney 

RE: Father Michael Kolar

Jerry Schwalbach from Wayzata called to say that at their leadership meeting last night, they made the decision that Michael Kolar would not be a viable candidate for St. Bartholomew's.

They see his many gifts and strengths, but feel St. Bart's is not sufficiently strong to weather what could be some stormy times in the future with Mike Kolar as their pastor.

I thanked him for the time and energy they gave in considering our request and going through the process.

DATE: March 2, 1990
MEMO TO: Fr. Kevin McDonough
FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell
SUBJECT:

Mike Kolar wants to know if he stays in the Archdiocese for the immediate future without formal assignment, would we have any objection to him giving retreats and talks?

I don't see a problem especially because his case is so well known among the clergy.

Thanks, Kevin.

I am OK with this, as long as safety precautions about counseling are observed. K.

ARCH-019397

March 5, 1990

TO: The File of Father Michael Kolar

FROM: Archbishop Roach

I met with Father Michael Kolar on March 5, 1990.

He was very badly bruised in the Wayzata discussion and wanted to talk about that.

Primarily, what he wanted to do was to talk about his options. There are two options we discussed which I am going to approve his pursuing immediately.

He is a friend of Father Thomas Forest who is head of Evangelization 2000 in Rome. Father Forest had asked Father Kolar to join him as a staff person a couple of years ago, but at that time Kolar did not feel that he could leave here. It is something he would very much like to do and I told him that I would write to Father Forest and present the total honest story of the picture and see if Forest is now interested.

I have been thinking about this for some little time and it occurred to me that I would talk to Father Don Goergen, Provincial of the Dominicans. They have small evangelization teams that go around and I could imagine that Kolar could be happy and could do very good work there. That appealed to Kolar very much. That would be a backup to the Father Forest situation.

I also told him that I thought he ought to think about the possibility of applying for a parish such as Belle Plaine and going through the process of seeing if he would be acceptable. He is afraid of that, but he is not closed and I asked him to pray and think about it.

He does feel that he needs to put some distance between himself and this whole situation for awhile. I think he may be correct in that.

cc- Bishop Carlson
Father McDonough
Fr. O'Connell



March 8, 1990

Reverend Thomas Forrest, CSSR
Evangelization 2000
Via Boezio, 21
00192 Rome
ITALY

Dear Father Forrest,

I am writing to you on behalf of Father Michael Kolar, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, ordained in 1969.

In 1988 Father Kolar received notice of two civil lawsuits being filed against him for sexual exploitation of adult women. These incidents allegedly occurred in 1973 and 1983. The policy I have developed in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for these kinds of allegations is to withdraw the individual from their place of ministerial assignment and to secure a psychological evaluation, both of which I did with Father Kolar.

In the course of the evaluation at St. Luke's Institute it was determined that there were psycho-sexual issues in Father Kolar's history that would merit treatment over a more extended duration. As a result, Father Kolar spent six months at St. Luke's working through these issues and designing a program based on the 12 steps model of recovery that he would implement for the remainder of his life. Father Kolar has successfully completed the program at St. Luke's Institute with the recommendation that he reenter the active ministry, continue his program of recovery and not be involved in counseling vulnerable women.

Since Father Kolar has left St. Luke's in December of 1988 he has been living in one of our parishes in the Archdiocese and providing weekend help to parishes around the diocese. He had asked not to be assigned in the hope that the legal issues would be settled sometime in the next year. This settlement has not happened and

the lawsuits have yet to be filed in a civil court. This fact is making it difficult to place Father Kolar in a parochial ministry within the Archdiocese at this time and thus precipitates my writing this letter to you.

Father Kolar, as you know, is a person of faith and vision. In talking with him this week he mentioned the work that you are doing in Evangelization 2000 and his desire to be a part of furthering this work in the Church if this were possible.

I am writing you to ask your help. Father Kolar has endured a great trial over the past several years and has grown from the pain and loss. He has my confidence and my highest recommendation for ministry in the Church and needs a place now where he can give himself in the service of the Church.

I would be grateful for your consideration of Father Kolar's working with you in Evangelization 2000 and ask that you would contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

cc. Fr. Kolar
Fr. A. Connell
Fr. Mc Donough
Bp. Carlson

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✓ DATE: March 12, 1990
MEMO TO: Fr. Bill Kenney
FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell
SUBJECT:

For your information! If you wish to discuss, let
me know.

ARCH-019016

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-2197

The Chancery

March 12, 1990

Reverend Michael Kolar
1405 Sibley Memorial Highway
Mendota, MN 55150

Dear Mike,

Following your recent question of me as to whether the Chancery would have any objection to your giving retreats and talks in the Archdiocese since you are currently without any formal assignment, I did some checking here at the Chancery before giving you an answer. It is my understanding that Marilyn Wagner, my assistant, telephoned you at my request to give you that answer, and this brief letter confirms my findings.

There shouldn't be a problem with you doing local retreats and talks since your situation is so well known among the clergy. However, the safety precautions about counseling that have been in effect for sometime would have to be observed and that is, there would be no unsupervised contact with females while doing retreats or giving talks at various parishes or other places. I am sure, Mike, that you understand our cautious action in this regard, particularly in view of the litigation.

Hopefully, something satisfactory in the way of an assignment will be worked out for you in the near future. In the meantime, I'll keep you in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

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March 13, 1990

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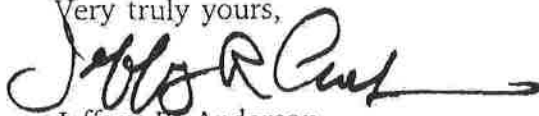
Theodore J. Collins
Collins, Buckley, Sauntry & Haugh
West 1100 First National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1379

RE: [REDACTED] v. The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, The St. Paul
Catholic Youth Center, and Michael G. Kolar

Gentlemen:

By this letter I make a counter-offer of settlement of all claims in the above-captioned matter on behalf of [REDACTED] in the amount of \$200,000. I have authority to extend this offer for thirty days. I await your reply.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey R. Anderson

JRA:lrb

ARCH-019227

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

226 Summit Avenue
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The Chancery

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

March 23, 1990

Dr. Frank Valcour
Medical Director
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Avenue
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Dr. Valcour,

Father Michael Kolar, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, who successfully completed inpatient treatment at Saint Luke in the Fall of 1988, is now being considered by Archbishop Roach for assignment to our Archdiocesan parish in Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela. Archbishop Roach would very much appreciate your considered judgment as to whether this assignment would be appropriate for Father Kolar.

Father Kolar has been back in this Archdiocese for 1½ years and has completely cooperated with his aftercare contract. He does weekend supply work at various parishes in the Archdiocese, but otherwise has not been involved in any significant direct pastoral ministry. He lives with two other priests, one of whom has a similar history as Father Kolar. Father Kolar is happy with his living situation.

There are two sexual exploitation lawsuits pending against Father Kolar which date back two years. The presence of this unsettled litigation has created an impossible situation for placing Father Kolar in this Archdiocese in a permanent pastoral assignment at this time. We feel Father Kolar is as healthy as anyone in this situation could be.

Given Father Kolar's long (10-12 yrs.) desire to serve in our mission in Venezuela, we would like to make this assignment. Presently, there are two other priests from our Archdiocese down there. There would be no available counseling or 12-step groups. The culture, compared to our own, would be more loose in terms of boundaries and therefore more challenging to maintain his program of aftercare. Father Kolar is a good friend of one of the priests and feels that he could maintain his 12-step relationship with Father Piche, his friend. Father Hubbard, the other priest, could be his supervisor. Also, we would have to inform and get the permission of the local Bishop in Venezuela.

Dr. Valcour
March 23, 1990

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Dr. Valcour, we would basically, therefore, appreciate your recommendation and suggestions as soon as you could forward them to Archbishop Roach.

Thank you very much in advance for your consideration and cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael J. O'Connell
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

bcc: Archbishop Roach
Fr. McDonough

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 1990

TO: Archbishop Roach

FROM: Father William Kenney

RE: Father Michael Kolar - Venezuelan Mission

I spoke to Bob White March 28. He was very enthusiastic about Mike Kolar's possibly coming to Venezuela. I told Bob we had to check with St. Luke's and also with the Bishop down there.

Bob did not feel the Bishop there would balk at the appointment. He felt if you could give a recommendation with reasonable certainty that Mike could handle it, the Bishop would accept your recommendation.

If St. Luke's gives the okay to the appointment, Bob suggested you write directly to the Bishop and perhaps have Kevin translate it into Spanish, since the Bishop knows no English.

c: Father O'Connell
Father McDonough



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CONFIDENTIAL

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Re: Reverend Michael Kolar - *file*
SLI #11785

Your Excellency:

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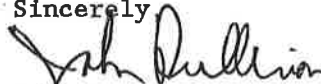
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It also turns out that on the afternoon of March 27, Father Kolar called his aftercare therapist, Father Hugh O'Rourke. He shared essentially the same information as is provided in the letter from Father O'Connell. However, he did also share that you have written a very supportive letter with regard to a possible assignment for Father Kolar in Rome, working with Evangelization 2000. It was our impression that of the two possibilities, the assignment in Rome may offer more opportunities for support of recovery. We certainly do not wish to overstep our bounds with regard to assignment recommendations; however, in view of the fact that Father Kolar did provide this information to us we feel an obligation to make a note of it.

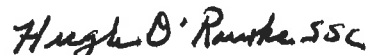
Your Excellency, we feel that Father Kolar has made good efforts in his ongoing recovery process. As Father O'Connell notes in his letter to us, some of the support structures and boundaries would be unavailable in Venezuela. If Father Kolar is assigned there, it would be essential that he have regular and in depth sharing with both Father Piche and Father Hubbard. We believe that Father Kolar is capable of meeting the challenge of such a new assignment if he makes concerted and ongoing efforts to take advantage of support that is available to him.

We thank you for your continuing concern and if there are any questions, we will be happy to speak with you further, either by letter or by phone.

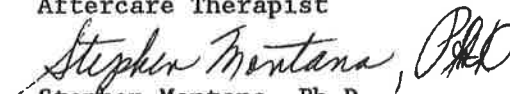
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29 March, 1990

Dear Mike,

Greetings and best wishes from the South!

Only yesterday we got the news here that you are interested in coming to join the team here in Ciudad Guayana. Let me congratulate^{you} for making a tough decision. As you know, there are not many guys that are enthusiastic about coming South.

Deacon Mathewey visited us a few years back and he left saying that Venezuela was the best kept secret of the Archdiocese. That might be an overstatement, but you know from your own visit that the situation here is not as bad as it might be cracked up to be by many. On the other hand, it doesn't have some of the built-in helps that many an assignment might have in the US. The support system, for one thing, is something that has to be worked out among the members of the team, as there is not all that much support apart from our own group. And some of us are stronger at that than others.

My own work here in the last 5 years has been generally centered around the Parish of San Francisco here in San Felix. It has been an interesting challenge to start a parish from scratch here in Venezuela, but it has been a challenge. Thanks be to God, some beginnings of communities are being seen in the parish, and these tend to be people who are excited about their faith, at least I speak for the leaders. Also they are proud to have been part of a successful building drive that has produced a church that is very nice and useful for many things besides liturgy.

Besides the Parish of San Francisco, I have been helping Malavé in the Parish of Jesucristo Pesucitado. Perhaps you remember that Malavé is the married deacon that has worked with us during so many years and is now in charge of his own parish here in San Felix. We generally are there to help him out in whatever way he needs that help, though it is mostly in the sacraments that we celebrate in the parish.

In addition, I have inherited the family apostolate. In that work we are trying to co-ordinate all the family programs of the diocese, and they include pre-marriage courses, marriage encounter, a kind of youth JES called Hijos and Hijas (Sons and Daughters) and which is a takeoff from Marriage Encounter, day retreats for the folks that live in the country called Jornada Campesina, courses in sexuality, and courses of formation for parents. It is a big job and is getting bigger as we try to co-ordinate responses to the many needs in this very important area here in Guayana.

Further, now that Zenaida Coll, a young person from the Parish of Jesucristo Resucitado invited by Leo Huber to go off to study theology and become a lay theologian, is terminating her 4 years of theology at the University of the Saverianas in Bogotá, I will try to work with her to form a team for the formation of the laity. In some ways this work will overlap with the family work, and may include some of the same people, and so we are looking to see how the two teams might co-operate with one another or even start off together as two branches of a concerted thrust. This will take more of my time as we go, and so I will take a secondary role in San Francisco Parish, letting Don take over the official role of pastor long about mid-year. The reason I gave Archbishop Roach for extending beyond my 5 years was precisely that I might take on this new work. We are at the point of getting all of this off the ground as Zenaida returns now from Bogotá.

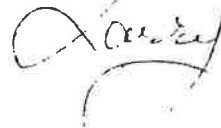
There are a lot of exciting possibilities in a diocese that is so young as is this one. It just celebrated its first 10 years in November.

But, besides the exciting challenge, there is the need for constant adjustment and adaptation of one's thinking to new realities. That is a must from the very beginning of one's involvement here. Bob describes this well when he talks about being born again into a new world where we have to learn to talk all over again and to think in new terms. It really seems as though everything is backward here from what it is in the States. Whatever a person expects could happen, it generally happens just the opposite way. Whenever a person has expectations of any kind it usually turns out to be something totally different. The customs are the opposite, many of the values are opposite, and one is constantly surprised as expectations and reality clash.

One of the strong points here is the emphasis on doing things together. In that way it is easier to form community. But in the context of church - and that of a society which is replete with injustice and corruption on all levels - that community formation seems to have to be based not only on the essential personal conversion but also on the hope that we might build a better world in terms of the social justice issues.

I welcome you, brother, to join our team here in Ciudad Guayana. As you consider your options we will keep you in our prayers. I am grateful to the Lord for your past ministry and for the many blessings that you have received as his minister. In recent years our team members have grown a great deal in their own understanding of the kinds of ministry that are needed here, and we continue to grow in those areas with the help of the Lord. We welcome you to come and join us as a member of this team and to grow with us as servants and ministers.

Tu hermano en el Señor Jesús,



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This compassionate response I was relieved of my panic enough to find the strength to deal with the situation as best I could. I realized I was not one in facing my suffering and so I could actually confront it head on and actually cooperate to mitigate the suffering.

I guess the reason I'm here is to offer this type of compassion. Not to be the savior in trying to solve, remove, take care of the poor and the problems of the injustice I see, but rather, to live alongside in a way that says: "I understand. I'm with you." This, hopefully, allows

the suffering to find the Spirit from within, a discovery that God is working in them. People speak of an empowering ministry in these terms: Not to give the poor a fish but to teach them to fish. Before I came to Venezuela, I used to say: We need to teach to make the tackle so they don't need to be dependant on the bait-makers. But now I see that the rich have polluted the streams so there are no fish. Now its a matter of giving a hammer to the hungry so they can express what they want to do about it.

Liberation theology speaks of the instrumentality of the poor in the freeing of themselves and the oppression of the rich. Their grasping of their own reality and destiny becomes the means by which to free the rich of the domination which they are so afraid to live without. In this way the poor become our liberators, teachers and evangelizers.

I'm familiar with the ministry you've had over the years. Maybe more familiar with it than most priests. And yet I still feel my impressions come from the "sidelines" and not from being in the actual game. And yet the side-line vantage has some validity. I'm guessing you've heard the following before - especially in the self-reflective work you've done in the last few years.

I saw that you directed the center in a very controlled manner. Mark B., Jim Kolar and yourself were the deciders. Those who did have responsible positions were given those roles only after a long period of formation not that I call here a Charismatic, evangelistic style of youth ministry. This type of formation process seemed to lend itself into the building of a fairly homogeneous faith community that professed and worked to promulgate what the 3 leaders were setting forth as the direction. From what I observed many details of people's personal lives were the subject or subject to this direction as well as the type of ministry that was being offered by the youth center.

The youth center, over the years, developed into a national evangelical center directed toward youth. There was a certain amount of tension within the diocese about whether or not as a diocese we were called to this type of national approach.

I write about these things because they raise concerns for me in the type of ministry which we are striving to carry out in the parish of San Francisco and more remotely in the diocese of Ciudad Guayana. I have read both Larry's and Bob's letters to you and I believe they give an accurate picture of what's going on. I might add that the emphasis of our parish ministry is aimed at forming Basic Christian Communities. The method of enabling this process has been always to differ to the will of the people. It's always an invitation not an obligation. We are always conscious of the fact that we are foreigners and as such we need great cultural sensitivity to what we expect of the people. So as Bob states we strive to do things in such a manner as to let the people have the ownership of what happens.

To this end the real possibility of having something like a parish council is in order. To get an idea of what type of ministry you would work out of, I would be interested to hear from you Mike how you would go about setting up a parish council and what would be their responsibilities and activities. I realize you know nothing of the parish but the type of answer you would give would address my concerns.

The other area that you could address is that of the process of staff decision-making. You have heard from Bob, we operate out of a consensus model. This model could have many forms depending on how the personalities carry it out. Basically its design is to give each staff member an equal part in the decision. Two things would be helpful for me to find out. 1) Do you have any ideas how a process like this would be practically carried out? and 2) what is ^{your} reaction to having this type of process for making decisions of the parish?

I understand its very difficult to address these areas long-distance without personal familiarity w/ the parochial situation down here. However I've had concerns about the style of Ministry of the St. Paul OYC and now that there's a possibility of involvement ^{at} that very different ministry with this ministry I feel it appropriate to express these concerns before any definite decision is made.

Again, thank you Mike for your going through the process of discernment and for the fraternity we've shared in the past.

a brother in the Lord

Don Piche

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 30, 1990
TO: Archbishop Roach
FROM: Father William Kenney
RE: Venezuelan Mission

I received another call from Bob White March 29, explaining that the three priests at the Venezuelan mission have some really serious questions to ask Mike Kolar before he is assigned there.

In particular, empowerment of the lay people is one of their primary thrusts. They are not convinced Mike is comfortable with that concept.

They are sending a letter to Mike with Don Piché's parents, who are returning April 7 from a visit there. They want to see Mike's response to that letter before they will feel comfortable accepting him as a co-worker.

c: Bishop Ham
Bishop Carlson
Bishop Charron
Father O'Connell
Father McDonough

Mar, 30
Friday

Dear Mike:

I called Bill Kinney the other day to see if there was any news regarding my replacement, when he informed me that had contacted you regarding the possibility of joining the team in Venezuela. I was elated, I'm very excited for you too. An assignment in the mission has great possibility. It's been a very positive experience for me. Very "stretching" in many ways as you might well imagine and very enriching culturally etc.

They say the "cross cultural experience" is like being born again. You have to start all over again learning to talk another language and adapt and live in another culture. Like learning to walk, you start with baby steps. ^{sure} Un~~sure~~ of your footing you wobble and fall and then get up to try it again. And so goes the adjustment to a new language, new culture, ~~an~~ environment in Venezuela.

Maybe even at a deeper level, an experience like this can change one's perspective. In reflecting on my time here I think of a story I heard about Chicago Bear's coach

Mike Ditka when interviewed after his heart attack of a couple of ^{years} ~~months~~ ago: He was quoted as saying "I used to think I was ~~it~~. Now I realize I'm just part of it".

I think that's what my experience here has helped me see - I'm not ^{with} ~~it~~ "it", I'm just part of it - that "it" being the much larger thing that authentic Christian ministry tries to give witness to, the reality of the Kingdom.

At a very practical level with each day comes opportunities to put that philosophy into practice. There are so many things down here that are out of our control, everything from the political economic and social reality in which the people ~~struggle~~ ^{struggle}, to the daily ~~dirty~~ gritty that makes life interesting each day. At times it can feel very frustrating and/or ^{over}whelming. But it's helped me be more realistic. I no longer live with any disillusion of grandeur for my ministry like I once may have had earlier in my priesthood. Back in the states where it's easier to feel more in control, I think it's easier to live under the messiah complex. And with that comes the trap of thinking you're it". I think that's the ~~the~~ beauty of the ministry down here. ~~that~~ There is less risk of that happening. ~~because~~ because so many things are out of our control.

So the assignment here has been very challenging, ^{but} I'm very satisfied. I think I've learned a lot. I hope this "input" about how the assignment has been for me is helpful to you as you discern the possibility of joining us.

Just a couple of practical points to think about as you consider ^{concerning} an assignment here. Our team operates on the consensus model for making decisions. Our vision for ministry is based on a positive enabling model. The idea is to enable people to take ownership for their church. Once they're able to do that, we step back and let them run with it. As much as possible we want to avoid a dependency model of ministry — Where one builds a ministry around the minister. When the minister pulls out or leaves the ministry collapses. Our hope is that when we leave, the ministries ^{will} ~~be~~ ^{initiated} with the help of people will be self ^{sys.} maintaining.

The expectation we have as a team is that anyone joining us would be able to buy into these philosophies. The consensus model of decision making and the positive enabling model for ministry.

As a follow up to this letter we'd like you to be able to respond to us by phone, that can be worked out through Don Schintz. Tell him to call the number at Centeno's. ^{family} Good days to call would be Wednesday April 25 or Friday April 27 at noon Venezuelan ^(11:00AM, MPLC TIME) time. Good questions to think about before the call is, what would you like to accomplish with your time here? what personal goals do you have? what areas of work interest you? etc. We can start there. Meanwhile Mike, will be keeping you very much in prayer. I share many good memories of the work and play we've shared in the past look forward to more of the same in the future.

Sincerely

Bob

P.S. Mike

^{Bob.}
To help expedite the process with the personal board we've sent our letters on to Bill Kenney.
Also sorry about the "types" I had our secretary who doesn't speak a word of Spanish type it. I didn't think you could read my writing.

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Material

April 2, 1990

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMO TO: Father O'Connell, Father McDonough,
Bishop Carlson

FROM: Archbishop Roach

Father Thomas Forest, the priest in Rome who is responsible for Evangelization 2000 called me on March 29.

As you will recall, I had written a long letter to him describing Mike Kolar and asked if Father Forest might be interested in Mike joining his staff. The primary work of that staff is to do priest retreat work and missions on evangelization, really all over the world.

Father Forest called and is very much interested but is very frightened. He says that the situation in Rome, in particular, where Mike would be spending a good deal of his time, would be that he would have to live in one of the religious community houses, since Forest doesn't have a place of his own. Forest also says that about 7:00 in the evening all of the people who work in Evangelization 2000 pretty much go their own way and he is very fearful that Mike would not have a sufficient support system.

He is also fearful of the loneliness which could be incurred in Mike's traveling alone.

He is going to think about it further and he is going to talk to two other priests and then get back to me. My feeling after talking to him, however, is that he is frightened of it, though he wants to do it and I'm not sure that we really ought to pursue this much more.

We will need to talk about this as to how we communicate this to Kolar.

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4 April, 1990

Rev. Wm Kenney
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St. Paul, Minn. 55102

Dear Bill,

Greetings at this wonderful time of year. Hopefully you are well and enjoying the mild Spring weather that is usual about now back in Minnesota. Here we have had great weather since last November, if you can believe that! It is only recently getting to be hot again, and I am super-pleased that it waited as long as it did this year.

I am very glad also that you were able to get a replacement for Bob. I was beginning to think that we might have to go another year with a 2 man team, and that is no fun, believe me. I feel that Mike will be a good addition to the team here.

We have all written him a long letter, each one of us that is, and gave him an idea as to what he is "into." But, I have known Mike for many years and have the greatest esteem for him and for his talents. Hopefully some of those will be put to use here, as there is the great need to evangelize, something at which Mike has had so much practice in these last years at the CYC and its outreach program. Certainly, he will have to adapt whatever he brings here to the reality that he will find very quickly. It is so very different!

But, Mike has had to grow and adapt a lot to new situations, especially in view of these recent developments in his life, and surely that growth has been healthful. I look forward to working with him here in Ciudad Guayana.

Hopefully we will have a chance to sit and talk for a bit when I'm home in late May or early June. Many blessings for a happy and Holy Easter!

Your brother in the Lord,

Wm Kenney

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April 4.

Dear Bill,

How are you doing. This letter has arrived to you courtesy of Don's folk and the U.S. mail system.

I write with the latest update. Larry, Don and I each wrote Mike a letter. We sent copies on to you & the board. We thought they might be helpful as you get back to Mike. I mentioned this to Mike in my ltr.

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Bill,

April 5

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Thanks
Bob

4/11/90

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So, at times I'm called to die to myself and simultaneously I'm to find my identity within myself. The North American staff (Bob, Larry, and the Franciscan sisters) have been a great support and encouragement. I have come to see faith less in terms of measuring results and more in terms of faithfulness and compassion, less in terms of appeal and more in terms of inner, quiet strength and consistency. As this "guest without honor" I find myself forced to listen, observe, take in--mainly because of my inability to speak the common language and my ignorance of the cultural values.

I've learned a deeper appreciation of the value of compassion. When I had my accident, I told the first person who stopped to help (he happened to be a registered nurse) that I was afraid I cut my arm off. I had a jacket on, so he just took my pulse and told me that it was just fractured or something. His diagnosis didn't calm me. After about the 30th "I'm concerned about my arm," he finally said something I'll never forget. "I'm concerned too." With this compassionate response, I was relieved of my panic enough to find strength to deal with the situation as best I could. I realized I was not alone in facing my suffering and so I could actually confront it head on and actually cooperate to alleviate the suffering.

I guess the reason I'm here is to offer this type of compassion--not to be the savior in trying to solve, remove, take care of the poor and the problems of the injustice I see, but rather, to live alongside in a way that says "I understand. I'm with you." This, hopefully, allows the suffering to find the Spirit from within, a discovery that God is working in them. People speak of an empowering ministry in these terms: Not to give the poor a fish but to teach them to fish. Before I came to Venezuela, I used to say we need to teach to make the tackle, so they don't need to be dependent on the bait-makers. But now I see that the rich have polluted the streams so there are no fish. Now it's a matter of giving a forum to the hungry so they can express what they want to do about it.

Liberation theology speaks of the instrumentality of the poor in the freeing of themselves and the oppression of the rich. Their grasping of their own reality and destiny becomes the means by which to free the rich of the domination which they are so afraid to live without. In this way the poor become our liberators, teachers, and evangelizers.

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I'm familiar with the ministry you've had over the years. Maybe more familiar with it than most priests. And yet I still feel my impressions come from the "sidelines" and not from being in the actual game. And yet the sideline vantage has some validity. I'm guessing you've heard the following before--especially in the self-reflective work you've done in the last few years.

I saw that you directed the center in a very controlled manner. Mark B., Jim Kolar, and you were "the deciders." Those who did have responsible positions were given those roles only after a long period of formation into what I call here a Charismatic, evangelistic style of youth ministry. This type of _____ process seemed to lend itself into the building of a fairly homogeneous faith community that professed and worked to promulgate what the 3 leaders were setting forth as the direction. From what I observed many details of people's personal lives were the subject or subject to this direction as well as the type of ministry that was being offered by the youth center.

The youth center, over the years, developed into a national evangelical center directed toward youth. There was a certain amount of tension within the diocese about whether or not as a diocese we were called to this type of national approach.

I write about these things because they raise concerns for me in the type of ministry which we are striving to carry out in the parish of San Francisco and more remotely in the Diocese of Ciudad Bolivar. I have read both Larry's and Bob's letters to you and I believe they give an accurate picture of what's going on. I might add that the emphasis of our parish ministry is aimed at forming Basic Christian Communities. The method of enabling this process has been always to defer to the will of the people. It's always an invitation, not an obligation. We are always conscious of the fact that we are foreigners and as such we need great cultural sensitivity to what we expect of the people. So, as Bob states, we strive to do things in such a manner as to let the people have the ownership of what happens.

To this end, the real possibility of having something like a parish council is in order. To get an idea of what type of ministry you would work out of, I would be interested to hear from you, Mike, how you would go about setting up a parish council and what would be their responsibilities and activities. I realize you know nothing of the parish but the type of answer you would give would address my concerns.

The other area that you could address is that of the process of staff decision-making. You have heard from Bob that we operate out of a consensus model. This model could have many forms depending on how the personalities carry it out. Basically, its design is to give each staff member an equal part in the decision. Two things would be helpful for me to find out: (1) Do you have any ideas how a process like this would be practically carried out? and (2) What is your reaction to having this type of process for making decisions of the parish?

I understand it's very difficult to address these areas long distance without personal familiarity with the parochial situation down here. However, I've had concerns about the style of ministry of the St. Paul CYC and now that there's a possibility of involvement of that very different ministry with this ministry, I feel it appropriate to express these concerns before any definite decision is made.

Again, thank you, Mike, for your going through the process of discernment and for the fraternity we've shared in the past.

A brother in the Lord,

Don Piché

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MEMO

MEMO TO: Archbishop Roach
DATE: April 12, 1990
FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell

Fr. Kevin McDonough, Fr. Michael Kolar and I met on Wednesday, April 11th. We reviewed recent history which has led to your recommendation that Fr. Kolar be assigned to our Mission in Venezuela.

After careful consultation with Fr. McDonough before our meeting with Fr. Kolar and after reading over the personal letter which Fr. Piche, Fr. White and Fr. Hubbard sent to Fr. Kolar, we decided that it would most probably be helpful to Fr. Kolar to read this.

Fr. Piche's letter to Fr. Kolar was very open and considerate of Fr. Kolar's history and issues. It also included some questions he had regarding Fr. Kolar's management style. However, it was Fr. McDonough's and my impression that it was still a supportive letter to Fr. Kolar insofar as welcoming him into ministry in Venezuela. Fr. Kolar seemed to really appreciate the candor Fr. Piche showed in raising these questions with him even to the extent that this might further cement a deeper relationship with them.

Fr. Kolar seemed genuinely pleased and excited at going ahead with his assignment to the Mission in Venezuela. He will be in contact with Fr. Kenney regarding the practical details of setting up the assignment there.

I indicated that I would be in touch with Fr. Kolar insofar as drawing up a contract for his continuing aftercare which would include: an annual week-long visit to St. Luke Institute in addition to his vacation, a regular open contract of disclosure among the priests at the Mission, the sisters if that would seem helpful, as well as any kind of spiritual support contact that he could locate in Caracas. It was felt that possibly Fr. Jim Egan, who is Fr. Kolar's spiritual director, could look into networking Fr. Kolar with Jesuits in Caracas.

Fr. McDonough will be in contact with the Bishop in Venezuela to secure his support for this assignment. We recently found out from Fr. Hubbard that the Bishop has been already apprised of the situation and has verbally indicated he would support it as long as Archbishop Roach did.

Fr. McDonough reviewed with Fr. Kolar all of the possibilities of Fr. McDonough going to the Mission to help pave the way for Fr. Kolar or possibly Fr. McDonough and Fr. Kolar going together. However, at the end of this meeting, there seemed to be a consensus that this may not be necessary. Fr. Kolar would get back to Fr. McDonough to determine if such a visit by Fr. McDonough would be necessary.

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I also talked to Fr. Bill Kenney to request that he ask the Priests' Personnel Board to be very confidential at this time and for the immediate future regarding any kind of public notice that this assignment is going to be made. We all have some apprehension that if this information gets out on the street in the near future someone is likely to get back to Jeff Anderson which might precipitate another round of threats to expose the lawsuits, if not in fact to expose the lawsuits. We didn't feel that this would help matters at all at this time. Therefore, we would want to try to keep this assignment confidential as long as we can until Fr. Kolar would make the transition.

At some point we'll have to discuss how we are going to deal with public relations on these issues, especially regarding Clark Morphew and also what would seem to be the inevitable publicity that could try to make this assignment look bad in the public eye.

cc: Fr. Kevin McDonough

April 16, 1990

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MEMO TO: Reverend Michael O'Connell

FROM: Archbishop Roach

Thank you for your memo of April 12 on the meeting that you and Father McDonough had with Michael Kolar.

I want to see a copy of the letter which Piche sent to Fr. Kolar.

I am satisfied that based on your memo, it probably is not necessary to have Father McDonough go to Venezuela.

However, I need a letter from Fr. McDonough, in Spanish, to the bishop, explaining to him exactly what is happening and giving him a fairly full picture of the situation. I would not assign Father Kolar unless I have an assurance from the bishop that this is agreeable with him.

We will want to meet to review the possible publicity questions.

I am assuming that you are keeping Joan Bernet informed about all of this.

cc- Bishop Carlson
Fr. McDonough

See

TRANSLATION OF LETTER TO BISHOP NUÑEZ (concerning Father Michael Kolar)
April 17, 1990

Dear Bishop Nuñez,

Greetings of respect and apostolic fraternity. I wish you the joys and paschal blessings of this season of our Lord's Resurrection.

I am writing to you concerning a sensitive question concerning which I have not wanted to act without consulting your thoughts on the matter. The question concerns the spiritual good of a priest and also that of the people who are served by the parish of St. Francis of Assisi. I have heard from our missionaries about their recent conversation with you, but before formalizing the nomination that is under consideration, I want to give you a more detailed history.

I am disposed to nominate Father Michael Kolar as an assistant in the parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Father Kolar is 46 years old and he celebrated his 20th anniversary as a priest in 1989. After a period of service as a parochial assistant, he went to the St. Paul Youth Center in 1971, at the beginning as vice-director and later as the director. During the 1970s, he experienced a personal conversion in the context of the Charismatic Movement.

I have considered him for years one of the outstanding priests of our diocese. Not only did he direct the Catholic Youth Center with balance and energy, but also with a creativity that earned the Center and himself a national reputation for quality and leadership. He also served us well by creating a bond of loyalty between the Charismatic Movement and the ecclesiastical hierarchy, thereby avoiding for the most part the well-known dangers of fundamentalism that can go along with that movement.

Unfortunately, I learned in 1988 that there was another side to his personality. Between 1970 and 1984, he had become involved in sexual relations with at least five women. These relationships were not only violations of his celibacy, but each one also had an "abusive" aspect, insofar as the women had opened their contact with Father Kolar in a search for spiritual counseling. On each occasion, the priest had taken advantage of the vulnerability of those women in order to satisfy his own desires.

Since 1985, we have had a law in our state by means of which the victims of that sort of behavior can file a suit before a civil court seeking repayment of damages. In 1988, two of the above mentioned women decided to file suit. They began the legal processes through which we heard for the first time about Father Kolar's weakness.

The civil cases continue to the present. We expect the cases will be resolved in a fairly short time and without a full public hearing. In the United States, however, as in other places, civil trials can take on "their own life" and it is impossible to know exactly when they will end. Still, our attorneys do not expect a much longer delay.

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When I learned of Father Kolar's problem, I sent him to a center for psychiatric and spiritual renewal. He remained there from May, 1988, until the beginning of 1989. The psychologists, spiritual directors and physicians assure us that his recovery was complete. In the context of that program, he confronted the fundamental roots of his abuse and he learned to control his behavior. The path was a little easier, at least in certain ways, because already in 1984 he had experienced a deepening of his spiritual conversion by which he had succeeded in ending his abusive relations and avoiding "the occasions of sin." Still, his participation in the program was important because it helped him to complement his spiritual conversion with an emotional and psychological one. From January of last year until last November, we were content to await the resolution of the legal cases before putting Father Kolar in a new parochial work. We were aware that any resolution of the cases, even outside of the legal process, would bring with it some measure of publicity in the newspapers. We prefer to permit those difficulties to pass before beginning a new position. But in November I decided that I did not want to lose his contribution any further, and I then reopened the question of a new assignment.

Since 1977, Father Kolar has listed (in an annual questionnaire) mission service in your diocese among his preferred assignment possibilities. While he was serving at the Youth Center, I did not consider changing him because of his excellence in a specialized work, and at the beginning of our looking for a new position we were not considering the possibility of Ciudad Guyana seriously because it seemed excessively complicated. But Father Kolar's interest in the mission and, to be honest, the resistance of certain sectors here caused us to rethink the possibility. During the past month we spoke seriously with the team at the center where Father Kolar was in 1988, and they gave us their "yes" with certain precautions. All things considered, I am disposed now to nominate him as an assistant in your diocese.

The key points can be summarized this way:

1. He would begin his work in July of this year, with linguistic studies in Bolivia. He would arrive at the parish around the end of the year.
2. He would have a spiritual director either in Ciudad Guyana or in Caracas who would understand his situation completely. He would spend one week each year in a renewal retreat at the center where he was in 1988.
3. The other priests of the parish would know his case and his restrictions well. In general, he would not be permitted to give spiritual or emotional counseling to individual women, without the presence of other persons (priests, sisters, members of the family). We would not restrict his permission to hear the confessions of the people.


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4. We still anticipate some measure of publicity when the civil cases are resolved here. We also expect that some priests, or other people, who know his situation may think that the new assignment is an attempt to hide a problem priest. Nevertheless, those problems will pass in a few days or weeks.

Now you know the whole situation. It does not help us not to speak of all of its aspects. I repeat: I am disposed to place him at St. Francis of Assisi, but I will not do so if this would create problems for you.

I look forward to your response at your convenience. In the meanwhile, I wish you a paschal season of grace and new life.

Fraternally in Christ,


Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop John R. Roach

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DATE: April 18, 1990
MEMO TO: Fr. Kevin McDonough
FROM: Fr. Michael J. O'Connell
SUBJECT: Fr. Piche's Letter

Could you please forward a copy of Fr. Piche's letter to
Archbishop Roach?

Thanks!

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 23, 1990

TO: Archbishop Roach

FROM: Father William Kenney

RE: Priests' Personnel Board Recommendations

The board made the following recommendations on Friday, April 20:

Dale Korogi - Rector, St. John Vianney Seminary, and Associate
Director of Vocations

Patrick Kennedy - Director of Vocations

Michael Papesh - Spiritual Director and Counselor, half time at
both St. Paul Seminary and St. John Vianney Seminary

Gregory Tolaas - Campus Ministry, College of St. Thomas

James Smith - Spiritual Director and Counselor, St. John Vianney
Seminary

Richard Pates - Pastor, Resurrection and St. Kevin, Minneapolis

Richard Roedel - Pastor, Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine

Michael Kolar - Venezuelan Mission

c: Bishop Ham
Bishop Carlson
Bishop Charron
Father O'Connell
Father McDonough

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 1990
TO: Archbishop Roach
FROM: Father William Kenney
RE: Father Michael Kolar

Bob White called Friday, April 27, to say that the team welcomes Mike Kolar enthusiastically. However, they want to have a clearer understanding of their supervisory responsibility for Mike and would like the details in writing, for themselves as well as Mike. Don Piché will probably play that role.

Larry Hubbard will be home May 22, Don Piché July 3, and Bob White in August.

c: Father O'Connell
Father McDonough