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memo from Fr. Robert Sompon

fall, 1970

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Came to Chancery to tell of
problem re her son [REDACTED]

Fr. Franklyn Becker

- no follow thru at the time.

- this note filed 6/23/76,

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436 N. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
November 14, 1974

Most Rev. Archbishop William Cousins
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Archbishop:

In view of what has been transpiring at St. William's during the past few weeks, I feel obligated to express my concern regarding the problems which seem to be worsening.

You are aware, of course, of the rift among people of this parish. Numerous families are now very much disturbed after having been held as a captive audience at two Sunday Masses during which the associate, Father Franklyn Becker, related his reactions toward living conditions at the rectory. Whether his recital of grievances had any basis or not, he surely did everyone a great injustice by speaking as he did about the parish's pastor on Vocation Sunday.

If a problem existed, I believe there are channels for recourse other than the pulpit where visitors and children are present along with parishioners.

Does Father Becker have a personal problem? If such should be the case, he surely cannot continue to take out his frustrations on the parish. After what has happened, it doesn't seem likely that so many words can be forgotten since they've reached so many people.

I hope that some action can be taken to remedy the present very unhappy situation.

Thank you for giving attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Sister Marlene

cc. Personnel Board

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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS MINISTRY

BUSCH MEMORIAL CENTER
20 NORTH GRAND BOULEVARD
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103

October 28, 1976

Most Reverend William E. Cousins, D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you as the Ordinary for Father Franklyn Becker to inform you that I have asked for Father Becker's resignation from the Department of Campus Ministry at Saint Louis University.

Father Becker came to work at Saint Louis University under certain restrictions and with clear directives as to his job. I explicitly cautioned him against relating to homosexuals as he had previously. We do not accept or permit the moral liberalism espoused by the homosexual group called "Dignity." Father Becker has celebrated Mass for this group in his apartment and has encouraged practicing homosexuals to attend services at the University. He also maintains that these men may receive the sacraments without regard to the present moral teaching of the church.

Since his arrival Father Becker has been a difficult person to work with. He does not accept authority, prefers to go his own way, and is not responsive in his reporting on a weekly basis as he is required to do. He has attributed remarks to the Campus Ministry team to support his own distorted views and has lost acceptability with all of us here.

I personally think that Father Becker is not a malicious priest, but is misguided and intellectually shallow and naive. He does not seem to have any insight as to why he must not continue here. He really believes that I have over reacted. This decision was a unanimous decision of the Campus Ministry team in consultation with the President of the University. I have given Father Becker the option to leave on the ground that he would like to be closer to his mother who is aged.

If there are any further comments or discussion on this matter, I will be most happy to talk to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Neal W. McDermott
(Rev.) Neal W. McDermott, O.P.
Director

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

388-8101

February 22, 1977

Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
Box 40
Woodland, Wisconsin 53099

Dear Father Becker:

After due consideration, His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, has decided that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles should decline the offer of your priestly services.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Reverend Monsignor John A. Rowden
Chancellor

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blind copy - Rev. Robert G. Sampson, Chancellor, Milwaukee ✓
Rev. Patrick Thompson

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Box 40
Woodland, Wisc.
53099

March 7, 1977

Rev. Robert G. Sampson
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53099

Dear Bob,

Since I am currently unassigned I have been exploring several published openings in and outside the Archdiocese. Right now it seems that a change of climate would be beneficial. I am undergoing minor surgery in mid-March to hopefully improve a chronic sinus condition which was aggravated by a crash into a glass door at 6:00 a.m. at the Hermitage at Big Sur, California during a recent visit.

The California climate beckons and at the present I am being considered for a position on the team at St. Bridgid's Parish in San Diego. What I need is a letter of recommendation from the Archdiocese. I hope to see Archbishop Cousins at the Confirmation at Neosho tomorrow evening and will mention my plans to him at that time.

The purpose of this letter is to formalize my request for a letter to be sent to:

Rev. Lloyd Bourgeois
4735 Cass Street
San Diego, CA 92109

Thank you for your correspondence with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The results were negative, but I am hopeful that I may fare better in San Diego.

Sincerely in Christ,


(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

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saint brigid's church

4735 CASS STREET

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109

(714) 488-2875

April 25, 1978

The Most Rev. Hembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your letter of February 24th. I have been deliberating over the decision of remaining in California or returning to my home base. Circumstances here have changed since my last communication with you and I have decided to return to Milwaukee.

I am writing to Fr. Joseph Hornacek of the Personnel Board to inform him of my decision in the hope of receiving a summer assignment. My contract here ends the 15th of June, but since I have vacation time coming I would be able to leave earlier should a need arise.

I have also been in communication with Father Eugene Henke of Delavan and he informs me of a possible opening there. I had applied for that position a year ago and would be willing to accept that assignment if offered. I would also be willing to accept the assignment at Christ King Parish if there are no other options at this time.

Looking forward to meeting you personally and awaiting word from the Personnel Board I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✓ *Franklyn W. Becker*

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

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April 23, 1978



For some weeks now, I have been trying to contact you by phone relative to a serious complaint which you have made against one of the priests of this Archdiocese. You have brought this matter to the attention of the Priest Personnel Board, and Father Esser, the executive secretary of the Board, has asked me to give it some attention.

May I ask you to return my call at your convenience either at my residence, 452-2519, or at my office, 771-1677, so we can discuss this matter. Since my schedule keeps me moving daily, may I suggest that if I am not present to answer your call, you leave a message with my answering service when I could most likely contact you.

Thank you for this cooperation.

Sincerely in Christ,

STEFAN W. BROWN, S.J.
DIRECTOR OF THE ARCHDIOCESEAN
OFFICE OF THE PRIEST PERSONNEL BOARD
1000 15th St. N.E. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

a May 31, 1978 She called DAW and gave a forwarding address. I had her to send a fax check - then I will contact Father Rieker if letter of June 7th - without fax check yet.
See 7/1/78 She called DAW for a copy - wanted if I had written her a letter - was not - No - told her I would contact her when she returned to the Archdiocese - she didn't know when that would be - not discussion of the case

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January 30, 1979

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher
2031 Sunset Boulevard
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Bishop Maher,

Recently it was brought to my attention that Father Franklyn Becker will be returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I felt it would be helpful to write to you a personal and confidential letter to see if there is anything that you feel I should know as he returns here to this diocese.

It would be helpful if I could get some idea of his conduct while he was with you and if there is some reason why he is now returning to Milwaukee.

I am sure you understand my concern.

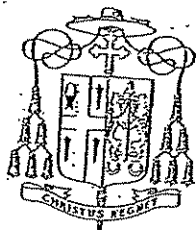
Thanks for all you have done.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

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Diocesan Office
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

February 5, 1979

Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
P. O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

In response to your letter of January 30, 1979, I wish to inform you that Father Franklyn Becker was relieved of his duties here in the Diocese of San Diego on the first of February.

This was due to conflict in the rectory with the other associate, and the associate that was transferred asked that no other associate be placed on assignment at St. Brigid's Parish as long as Father Franklyn Becker was appointed there. I therefore relieved him of his duties and appointed a new associate as of February 1st.

No doubt there are psychological problems in Father Franklyn Becker's life that he must solve.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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3930 N. 92nd Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222
February 11, 1980

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.
802 North Jackson Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you on the advice of Fr. Joseph Hornacek regarding the matter I presented to him last Monday and which has been brought to your attention. I sincerely regret having to write this letter which is in the nature of an apology for my actions which are an embarrassment not only to me but to the priesthood in general.

You have been most kind to me since my return to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and I am most grateful for your compassion and benevolence. When I spoke to you last year regarding the military chaplaincy, you were most cooperative even though that decision may not have been in my best interests. I accepted the assignment to St. Margaret Mary Parish knowing that there were some problems, not only with the pastor, but I was uncertain how I would get along with my classmate, Fr. Tom Wittliff. As the months wore on the problems became more apparent. The lack of communication with Father Vint was certainly a contributing cause to my discontent, but perhaps equally disturbing was the lifestyle of Fr. Tom. With my orientation the frequent presence of teenage boys in the house at night was tantalizing to say the least. It was during that time that I met the boy with whom I became involved. There is much more that I could say about those evening sessions, but I do not wish to incriminate F.T., as the boys refer to him at this time. I feel that he has his own problem to deal with.

I have been in communication with the mother of the boy involved and she is sympathetic and does not intend to press any charges. My concern is for the boy who has not dealt with the situation as I had hoped. Since he has chosen to share the incident with some of his friends, I have been cast in a bad light and the decision that I leave the parish seems to be a prudent one. I would be willing to stay on until June if that were deemed advisable. I have not discussed the matter with Fr. Vint, but will do so as soon as he returns from Florida.

I am grateful for the opportunity to meet with Dr. Dale Olen. I have set up an appointment with him for this coming Thursday. I have also been in dialog with several other priests who have been supportive. I really see the need for a support group among priests of my orientation and have discussed the matter with Fr. Jim Arimond.

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As to my future I see several possibilities. Since last December I have been thinking about a return to California and have been in communication with two Franciscan communities--the Capuchins in La Canada and the Franciscans in Oakland. I have long been attracted to the Franciscan way of life and have been inspired by my patron saint, Francis of Assisi. Periodically I consider joining a religious community. I hope this is not an unrealistic escape.

I have also spoken to Fr. Jerry Lanser about the Albuquerque Villa and he referred me to Fr. Michael Foley. I spoke to Fr. Foley on the phone as Jerry had mentioned the possibility of an opening in campus ministry at the University of Albuquerque. He thought that perhaps in the event that I chose that option I could be in touch with the Servants of the Paraclete and their program while serving the campus community. I do not feel that I need to go through the six month program with them, but would find their support group beneficial.

The other option I would like to explore is the possibility of campus ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Since 1975 I have applied for a position in that area. In view of my background I believe I am qualified having attended Chaplains' School at Niagara University, two years as Catholic Chaplain at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and a short time at St. Louis University. I have attended conventions and seminars dealing with Young Adult Ministry in Florida, Ohio, and California so I have kept in touch. I find this type of ministry far more fulfilling than general parish work and for this reason I am questioning my role as a pastor for the 80's in Wisconsin. I understand that there will be an opening at UWM and at Parkside and I have indicated my interest to Fr. Roy Mateljan.

For the present I plan to remain at St. Margaret Mary Parish until the end of this month. I am willing to remain into March, if Fr. Vint wants me to cover for Fr. Dick Mirsberger who is going to Florida for a vacation. On the 10th of March I plan to fly to Hawaii with Fr. "Bruno" Henke and Fr. John Richetta to spend some time with Fr. Richard Beck. Since lodging will be provided, my expenses beyond airfare will be minimal. Originally Fr. Dominic Roscioli was going to accompany them but due to the illness of his father I will be going in his place. Right now I need a vacation and time to sort out my feelings.

I will be in need of a residence when I return from Hawaii. Several possibilities have been suggested. I had opted for an east side parish--where I could be close to the University to spend some time at the Newman Center with Fr. Larry Dulek. I have known Larry for some time and have also discussed my interest in campus ministry with him. Holy Rosary Parish has been suggested as a possibility. I have also been in touch with Fr. Ron Crewe at

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St. Hedwig's. A residency there also seems a possibility, particularly during the time he plans to be in Rome. He indicated that he will be away over Holy Week and Easter and has made a request for someone to cover for him. If he has not made other arrangements I would be willing to supply for him at that time.

I would also feel comfortable living with Fr. Jim Arimond and Fr. Richard Liska at Sacred Heart. I feel that Jim could be a real support to me. An added reason would be that I would be close to St. Francis School of Pastoral Ministry and the Albert Cardinal Meyer Institute. IF I have the time I would like to take advantage of the programs that are offered there.

As a last resort I would be grateful if you could put me in touch with a benevolent bishop in California where I might serve. Periodically I get nostalgic for California--Wisconsin winters last too long--though this has been a mild one. I place this request in last place because while my mother is alive I believe I should remain close to her. As you may recall she spoke to you at the Naim Conference luncheon here at St. Margaret Mary's. She and I were most edified by your homily and your references to your mother. She was widowed when I was five years old and is a great lady. She has been the organist at St. Mary's, Woodland since 1930. The parish will honor her this April. I do not wish to dishonor her any more so than I have already done. She is aware of my orientation.

This has been a long letter. I did not wish to bore you. I hope you can sort it out and that we can come to a decision which is best for me and for the Archdiocese. I do not enjoy being a "problem priest". I am grateful for a "benevolent bishop".

If you would like to meet with me at your convenience I would be happy to do so. I guess this is the "Bottom Line".

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

3930 NORTH 92ND STREET
MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN 53222

REV. RAYMOND E. VINT
PASTOR

461-6073

February 15, 1980

Rev. Robert G. Sampon
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Bob,

I don't know whether Fr. Joe Hornacek has been in touch with you, but on the recommendation of the Personnel Board and the Archbishop I am in consultation with Dr. Dale Olen. I am not sure how the billing will be handled but I was informed that the Archdiocese would take care of it.

I am enclosing the billing I received today. Will you please refer it to the proper department:

Since my situation here is tentative, I do not know whether I should use the Blue Cross/Blue Shield number from St. Margaret Mary Parish or whether I will be assigned to another group.

I am grateful to you for your cooperation in seeing me through some difficult times. I believe that it was Providential that I did not get the military appointment. Hopefully with Dr. Olen's help I will be able to reach some major life decisions.

If you need to contact me I expect to be here at least until the end of the month. My next appointment with Dr. Olen is scheduled for the 5th of March:

Sincerely yours,

Frank

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker ✓

Enc. Bill

V.B. bill for \$55 submitted w/ this letter.

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February 22, 1980

Rev. Raymond E. Vint, Pastor
St. Margaret Mary Parish
3930 North 92nd
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

Frank Becker

Dear Father Vint,

It has come to our attention during the past few weeks that Father Becker has been involved in an incident which could cause consternation in our parish. In talking with him regarding this matter we have been impressed with Father's knowledge of himself and his openness and honesty. The incident which occurred in December is an isolated one, an incident which perhaps was not so much an inappropriate act but a concern for a teenage boy who might be struggling with his own identity.

Further discussion of the actual event is unnecessary at this time. As a member of St. Margaret Mary Parish we would like to offer support for Father Frank and hope that the incident will not be cause for him to be removed from the parish. Many have grown to respond to him, to respect and trust him. It would appear to us that in seeking therapy he has taken the necessary step to prevent a recurrence of the incident.

Father Frank's continuation in the parish would mean to us that our parish is willing to support one another in whatever crisis each is experiencing. We could foresee much growth occurring within a parish which had come to grips with a problem and stood behind a fellow human being.

As we look at the total parish we can see other problems which exist and which have not meant a change in personnel. We ask that the same lenience and understanding be demonstrated in this case.

We have been Catholics all of our lives, have been closely and intimately connected with the Church for many years and now feel a real commitment to be actively and humanely a part of the Christian Community. We would like to see the Church (all of us) continue to live up to its standards, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

When a member of a family is in error it is a sad and unfortunate turn when that member is rejected and turned away from the family unit. Surely the family name is tarnished, there is a certain amount of

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embarrassment, but the family that stands behind such a person and works through the problem is to be admired and commended. If the priests in this parish were to stand together in support, it is our guess that the rumors would slowly dwindle and the incident forgotten.

Jesus was not afraid to be identified with every type of person in society. He cared about them, felt their pain, recognized their humanity and loved them. This is truly an example for all of us to follow.

Thank you for your time in considering our opinion. We trust you will make the best decision for everyone concerned.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you personally. If you would like to do so, please call me in the evenings at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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cc: Father Frank Becker
Father Joseph Hornacek
Father Dick Mirsberger
Father Tom Wittliff
Most Reverend Archbishop Rembert Weakland

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

3930 NORTH 92ND STREET
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53222

REV. RAYMOND E. VINT
PASTOR

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April 14, 1980.

The Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
345 North Ninety-fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your response to my letter of February 11th. The situation has worked itself out here to the point where I almost hate to leave. I have been in touch with Father Hornacek regarding my future assignment and I have had five sessions with Dale Olen. He does not see the need for further counseling at this time, but we have agreed to get together again when I feel the need. Sometimes a lot of growth can take place during a crisis. The sessions with Dale have been beneficial and I thank you for steering me to him.

I am looking forward to the concert at St. John's and the Spring Clergy Conference.

I am scheduled to take the ACMI Tour to the Holy Land in May if the situation in the Middle East does not force a cancellation.

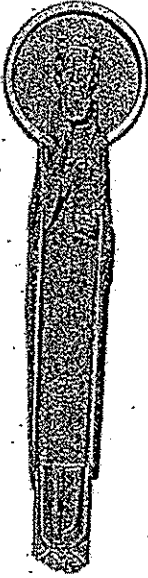
Again thank you for your concern and help.

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

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ST. EUGENE CONGREGATION

REV. WILLIAM H. MACKIN, PASTOR
7600 NORTH PORT WASHINGTON ROAD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53217

October 17, 1980

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
802 North Jackson Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Your Excellency:

It has been several months since I have corresponded with you, but I was grateful for your kind reception at Bob Deahl's ordination as I was for your sympathetic column in the Herald dealing with the gay issue.

As you know I have held several short term assignments since I left St. Margaret Mary Parish in the spring. I feel that I have cooperated well with the Personnel Board including my willingness to meet with Dale Olen on a regular basis. All of this does not seem to have bettered my bargaining position for an assignment in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Having spoken to Fr. Hornacek today and Fr. Janicki earlier this week it would seem that I am somewhat a persona non grata when it comes to placement. It is for that reason that I am writing to you. I still believe that I am called to serve as a priest and if not in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, then hopefully somewhere else. I do not know where that somewhere else is and I am hopeful that you might lead me in the right direction. If possible I would like to return to the west coast, if you could steer me to a benevolent bishop. After my San Diego experience I do not feel I could return to either San Diego or San Bernardino, but perhaps you could direct me elsewhere. I have considered the Diocese of Phoenix as a possibility and have addressed an inquiry to Bishop Rausch. I do not have any other leads.

I am not trying to run away, but perhaps a geographical change outside of the Archdiocese is what is needed at this time.

I am beginning to feel that my presence here at St. Eugene Rectory is becoming a bit burdensome and that is why I feel a bit of urgency at this time.

Hoping to hear from you either by letter or phone I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker
(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

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St. John's Rectory
800 Marquette Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

August 2, 1981

The Most Rev. Rumbert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Box 2018
53201

Your Excellency:

At the request of Fr. Joseph Janicki and after due consultation with Dr. Dale Olen, I am hereby complying with your request for a written letter of commitment to the priestly ideal of celibacy.

As you know, the last five years of my priesthood have been years of struggle and searching--a struggle to deal honestly with myself and the Church into which I was born. While the struggle is by no means over, I feel that with the aid of Dr. Olen I have been given greater insights into myself and am now able to deal with my orientation in a way that will not be destructive to me or to the Church.

God grants us graces at the times we most need them and I feel that this last year has been grace-filled for me.

Things are going well here at St. John's. Fr. Heffron has had a new burst of energy since his return from the Mayo Clinic and we have come to a better understanding of each other. I also find that the parish provides a challenge for constructive work.

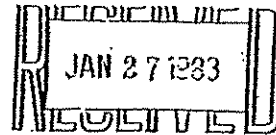
It is with these thoughts in mind that I recommit myself to the priestly ideal of celibacy and service to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

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January 26, 1983

Rev. Joseph Janicki
2462 N. Prospect Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Janicki:

I am writing this letter in regard to a priest who is, as of Sunday, "awaiting assignment" and is presently up in Wausau undergoing a series of psychological tests. I am referring of course to Franklyn Becker.

I have deliberated over the past few days as to the wisdom of writing this letter. However, since you seem to be the one who has taken personal charge of his case, I decided to go ahead and write you. Lyn has been a very close friend of mine and my family for over eleven years, ever since he was assigned to Holy Family parish in Whitefish Bay. I have tried over the years to be a supportive friend. At the same time I have not blindly condoned many of his actions and patted him on the head just because he was a priest. I have seen him create the situations which led to his many uprootings, from Whitefish Bay, to Waukesha, to West Virginia, to St. Louis, to San Diego and finally back to Milwaukee.

I summoned the courage to write you because I am genuinely concerned about him, first as a human being, and secondly, as a priest with a future here in Milwaukee. Since, as I understand it, you were a classmate of his, I am sure you are aware that Lyn has few, if any, really close friends of long duration among either his priest peers, or the people he has met through his various assignments. He withdraws from any intimate, close relationships that require any giving on his part. I am a tenacious, bull-headed German, however, and have managed to hang in there as his friend, stormy though the road has been at times. He is a very attractive, sensitive man, a person who can seem to take a real interest in people's problems and thus has no trouble in drawing an admiring group of supporters around him early in an assignment. As time goes on and people become more aware of the real Lyn Becker and his many problems, including those with young boys, his new-found friends either walk away and don't want any part of him or a remaining few continue to believe his "poor, misunderstood priest" story and are quite willing to feed both his and their egos by wine and dining him in the manner consistent with his lifestyle. It's relatively easy to "buy" your own personal priest, especially one with his tastes.

From lengthy conversations with him over the past few weeks, I get the impression that the Archdiocese is finally beginning to draw the net around him and take more drastic steps to deal with his problem, other than merely directing him to Dale Olen. I sincerely hope this is true. Anything less than this would merely be putting a bandaid on a bleeding sore to hid it from view without taking care of the sore. Therefore, my concern is that you might be misled by his "I'll play their game as long as it gets me a parish" attitude which I have perceived over the past weeks. While outwardly displaying acquiescence, I feel he is, on the other hand, still taunting you and others in authority. This was evidenced by his appearance at the deacon ordination.

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March 29, 1983

Rev. Joseph Janicki
2462 N. Prospect
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Dear Father Janicki,

In your last conversation with me a week or so ago, you were concerned about Lyn Becker's continued involvement with the boy from Fox Point. At that time I told you I was certain Lyn had not made any effort to contact him and I really thought that particular door was closed. I was wrong. As a result I decided to drop you a note to give you an update. Over the week-end I talked to the mother and she informed me that her son had received another letter from Lyn last week, ostensibly to congratulate him on his performance in his school's class play. If it had stopped at that, I'm sure the mother would not have objected. What irritated her was the fact that the letter was mostly a recitation of the 'good life' he is leading—Le Club, trip to Chicago to see 42nd Street, dinner invitations, etc. What most upset her, however, was that he expressed a real desire to get this boy together with his roommate and himself, as they all (to quote Lyn) share common interests. This mother (a widow) is trying desperately to get this son's value system straightened out through the help of the priests at Marquette High and through professional counseling. She does not feel that she, her son, or the rest of her family need any further contact with Lyn and/or Phil, his roommate, at this point.

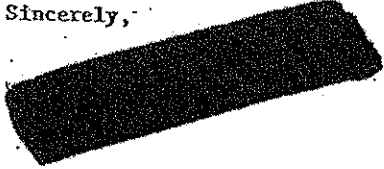
I decided to write you as I think this latest effort on Lyn's part to re-establish contact with this boy is most disturbing. It is just one more indication of his continued persistence in thumbing his nose at anyone who is going to get in his way at this point. Past history shows that, as his options become less and less and his maneuvering space smaller and smaller, he becomes more and more capable of some pretty devious, irrational acts. I hope it doesn't happen this time around.

In a brief conversation I had with him over the week-end, he said he was going to see a Dr. Zimmerman this week. He did not indicate to me any resentment or resistance to the idea. That's one optimistic note.

I would like to reiterate my concern for Lyn as a person and as a priest. There is much good there if it can ever be channeled properly. However, I, like you, am beginning to feel somewhat pessimistic over his future. There does not appear to be the faintest glimmer of any self-awareness of the position he's in right now. This is depressing. I wish there were some magic answers.

Peace...

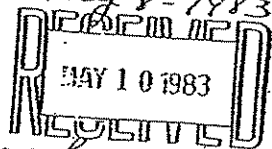
Sincerely,



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May 8-1983



Dear Mr Janicki,

I probably should have written this sooner - it's been bothering me a long time - I want you to hear my side concerning Mr. Frank Becker.

My son is the one Fracker took on the cruise last Nov. It was more my suggestion that he go along. Mr. Frank had little to do with it except take him along, which he seems to be suffering mentally for the decision. May His blessings and peace be yours.
Ephesians 12:1-3



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I have to let you know nothing happened to [REDACTED]. I questioned him and he seemed surprised that I would even ask him such questions.

[REDACTED] is still young, but extremely wise for his age. His direction now is toward the priesthood and Mr. Grant has had a very strong influence on him.

Mr. Grant has also helped other members of my family, as well as myself, in spiritual guidance. He comes on very strong in making one feel the closeness of God. - This is not just my family opinion, but many people at St. John's and also at St. Mary's turning home. - He had attended Mass there several times and the Sisters

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and patients have mentioned this
on every occasion.

Please don't let this now be
punished any more because of a
mistake I possibly made in having
[REDACTED] go with him.

I feel this and still do, that he
does a great service to the people he
is with.

If you have any questions you
would like to ask me, please feel
free to contact me

"May His blessings
and peace be yours."
Ephesians 12:23



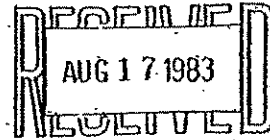
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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

August 13, 1983



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Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
5937 North 35th Street, #4
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Dear Frank,

I preferred to issue a separate letter in reference to your assignment at St. Joseph Hospital. My purpose in writing this letter is two-fold. First of all, I want you to know that I truly wish you to be successful in your new assignment. You have been ordained 19 years now and I know you desire to be successful in priestly ministry. I also share that desire.

However, a second reason I have in mind for writing this letter is to caution you that, because of past personal problems, should further occurrences of this same nature arise, I will have no alternative but to take canonical steps that would bar you from exercising any of the powers of orders or jurisdiction which you have as a priest. In addition, you would have no right to any financial support from the Archdiocese.

I hope this admonition will not be seen as something altogether negative, but, rather, as a genuine concern for your welfare and that of the people we serve collaboratively. I and my staff stand ready to assist you in any way we can. I want you to be faithful to your weekly psychotherapy session for additional support, and I would ask you to authorize your therapist to be in contact with me and Father Janicki if your therapist feels this would be advantageous.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ Rember G. Weakland

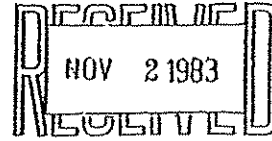
Most Reverend Rember G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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St. Joseph's Hospital

5000 W. Chambers Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210



October 31, 1983

Rev. Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel
3504 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Joe,

I am writing to you at this time to discuss the state of my situation at St. Joseph's Hospital. Today I met with John Nesseth and I am enclosing a copy of the letter I am sending him. I will not repeat myself in this letter other than to add that I have truly tried to adapt to the hospital environment. The stress I am feeling has been going on over a period of weeks and I have discussed the matter with Fr. O'Donnell, Dr. Durst, whom I am seeing regularly, and most recently Dr. John Dooley.

I do not want to disappoint you, the Archbishop, or the Personnel Board, but I do not honestly feel that I can continue in hospital work without doing damage to my health.

I feel that I have the matter of my orientation well under control and that hopefully you will find other options for me which will place me under less stress.

The CPE course ends on December 2nd. I have agreed to continue helping out at the Hospital through December 3rd. I do not wish to commit myself to service there beyond that time.

If I can be of service anywhere else after that time I am willing to help out. Msgr. Donavan has requested me to help him out for two weeks in January.

Perhaps we can get together sometime to discuss what other options are available. I hope you can understand that not everyone is cut out for work with the sick. During the time I have spent at St. Mary's Nursing Home and St. Joseph's Hospital I have become very sensitive to the needs of patients and have grown in appreciation for the dedication of doctors and medical personnel. This has been a period of growth for me, but also made me more aware of my inability to function in a health care unit without becoming very depressed. I have no problem with continuing to celebrate Mass at St. Mary's until other arrangements can be made.

I hope you will understand the difficulty I am having in writing this letter, but can also appreciate my reason for doing so.

Sincerely yours, in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

Fr. Franklyn W. Becker

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to whom I relate well. I have also had some good sessions with a spiritual director who dealt with me in a firm, but loving manner. I found the books suggested by Richard very enlightening and I have purchased them for my own library. Those recommended were: Intimacy, Relationships, Happiness, Infatuation - Affirmation Books. On my own I discovered Growing Pains In Ministry & Pastoral Presence & The Diocesan Priest (Affirmation Books). Also helpful were Anger by Carol Tavris, The Strong-Willed Child by James Dobson, & Lowen, The Betrayal of the Body & The Language of the Body. Embracing the Exile by John Fortunato also proved helpful as did the tape series by Fr. Frank McNulty. Bradshaw's "On the Eight Stages of Man" aired on PBS Channel 10 on Thursday evenings has also helped my understanding of self.

STRESS, INSIGHTS & KNOWLEDGE

Over the past three months I have experienced more stress than I knew since my days in the Seminary. Part of this was due to entering a new situation (CPE) coupled with part-time duty at the Hospital. When my nights at the Hospital became less frequent, I found the stress decreased. Part of the stress was a result of having to discipline myself and curtail some of my social activities. The anger resulting from more or less being forced into a situation I did not choose for myself was something I also had to deal with. Coupled with pent-up angry feelings toward the persons who had power over me I perhaps used up a great deal of psychic energy in trying to overcome these feelings. I use the word "trying" because I don't feel I have fully succeeded. There are many reasons for my anger -- some going back to childhood situations, work situations, and actions I have placed which have led me to my present state. I feel that at this time I am better able to

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July 18, 1984

Milo G. Durst, M.D.
4425 North Oakland Avenue
Shorewood, WI 53211

Dear Dr. Durst:

I appreciate the updated information on Father Franklyn Becker which you sent me within the past month. It is good to see that he is progressing under your care.

As you know, finding the right assignment for him continues to be problematic. I would concur with your observation that the assignment recently offered to him as chaplain to retired and physically ill sisters was less than ideal for him. As a last resort, however, I was hoping he might be able to work at it, even on a temporary basis, until the right assignment comes along.

A recent development seems to brighten the picture. There will soon be a chaplaincy available at West Allis Memorial Hospital that will be offered to Father Becker. I spoke to him today about it and he seemed to be interested. It may take a couple of months for this to transpire.

One thing that I must clarify is the matter of Father Becker being assigned to parish ministry. I can appreciate your recommendation along this line but in light of Father's problems in the past this would be impossible to effect at this time. This reason, quite frankly, is based on some pretty solid legal advice. This is not to say that Father Becker has exhausted his chances at parochial ministry forever. Establishing a stable record in a chaplaincy assignment ought to enhance his chances for a parish assignment in the future years.

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Milo G. Durst, M.D.
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I have already shared the above information with Father Becker. He gave me the definite impression that he would be cooperative. He has been so cooperative and hard-working in the past two years that I would like to see him go "the last mile" it takes for him to be a complete success.

Know that I will appreciate your continued attempts to help Father Becker cope with the stresses he may encounter.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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October 17, 1984

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
5937 North 35th Street - #4
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Dear Father Becker,

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to become the Chaplain to the Catholic patients at West Allis Memorial Hospital in West Allis. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board and Father Joseph Janicki, the Vicar for Priest Personnel, I am happy to entrust this office to your pastoral care beginning on November 6, 1984. This appointment is being made for a period of time up to six years, after which time it will again be reviewed for possible renewal.

As representative of the Archbishop in that office, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying. To accomplish this mission, I ask you to work closely and in collaboration with the administration of West Allis Memorial Hospital.

It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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

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February 17, 1985

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Michael J. Soika
Coordinator of Chaplain Services
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Dear Michael,

I am sending a follow-up letter to you regarding the additional funding needed for a help-out person at West Allis Memorial Hospital.

Several events have occurred which make the need imminent.

- 1) Fr. Chester Urzedowski, M.S. who is my regular helpout one day per week has requested a salary raise commensurate with what he receives at St. Joseph's Hospital i.e. \$8.53 per hour plus car allowance when he is called out after his 8 hour day. He expects to receive \$70.00 for each 8-hour day that he puts in and has requested it for the period beginning this week.
- 2) I have been given the opportunity to serve as Chaplain on a Caribbean cruise which leaves this Saturday, February 23rd and returns March 4th. I have decided to take this as part of my vacation time for 1985. In order to do this I need to avail myself of the services of Fr. Chester to which he has agreed with the salary stipulation mentioned above. Paying him for this period will deplete the Help-out Fund, so this matter of funding requires immediate attention.

I will be leaving on the Cruise, Saturday, February 23rd and will be returning on March 4th.

Fr. Chester will be at the Hospital and on call during the time I am away.

Hoping for an amicable resolution of the matter I am

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn W. Becker

Fr. Franklyn W. Becker

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October 21, 1991

Richard
10-24-91

The Most Rev. Richard J. Sklba, D.D.
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI. 53207-0912

Dear Richard,

Again I apologize that the Urban letters and related materials have resurfaced, unbeknown to me until I spoke to Tom Trepanier and received my own mailing. I am in a quandary as to what to do. I keep waiting for the other shoe to drop. There are so many inaccuracies in the report, I don't know where to begin to refute them. On my part I intend to do nothing, unless I am directed by you. Hopefully you might have some influence with Dick Godin, since you were classmates in Rome, or so he claimed.

I met with Tom Venne today to discuss financial arrangements while I am awaiting assignment. I would like to stay in my apartment as long as I am able, but am checking out other possibilities. I have a favor to ask of you. Would you please mention in the next issue of The Cincture that I have some Living Room and Bedroom furnishings for sale? Rather than put them into storage while I am on Sabbatical, I thought it might make more sense to dispose of them. I am at a point in my life where I'd like to "travel light" in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

If anyone is interested in the furnishings, please have them contact me at 271-0295.

I greatly benefited from the Retreat by Msgr. Andy Cusack. It came at a good time.

Please keep me in mind if there is need for a Help-out.

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

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Rev. Thomas A. Trepanier
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Tom,

I am writing to you as a follow-up to our phone conversation of last Friday. In regard to the matter discussed I also received the packet from Richard Godin. I sincerely apologize for the embarrassment this has caused you and the others involved. As you will note from the contents I am a prime victim of the exposure together with Robert Urban. The only reason I can recall why your name ever appeared on the list was that I felt that you among the others might have been willing to discuss the issue. Many of the people on the list had been or were celebrants for Dignity Masses. It was not meant to be a declaration or admission of a stand on the issue of homosexuality in the Church. I do not know if you were ever contacted for an interview.

I did not come into the project willingly and I rue the day when I agreed to an interview. As you will note from the correspondence the whole thing surfaced over ten years ago. I am not the same person I was then. People do change. There is a lot of inaccuracy in the report. For one, I was never "banished" to California. I was released by Archbishop Cousins for the assignment. Archbishop Weakland was installed while I was in California. A lot of the stories got mixed up in the telling. When one does an interview with a journalist, one is at the mercy of the interviewer. All I can say is that I sincerely apologize for my involvement with the project. I have expressed this to Archbishop Weakland and Bishop Skiba more than once.

I am at a loss as how to deal with this latest bomb dropped on me. Perhaps it is best to ignore it. I have had no communication with [redacted] since 1987. There was never a love relationship between us. I often sign my letters "Love and blessings" implying nothing other than Christian love. If anyone were to deal with [redacted] I would think it should be Bishop Skiba since he was his classmate in Rome.

I met with Tom Verne this morning. Hopefully the matter of finances can be straightened out. In the matter of a future assignment I am not opting for a position in Hospital Ministry. I need to get away from the stress of that setting and carrying a pager. Hopefully you will find something else for me. I am available for help-out work and hope to remain here in the City until I am reassigned.

Sincerely yours,
Franklyn W. Becker
[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

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Department of Clergy Personnel

March 16, 1993

FILE COPY

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

I am sorry that you were not able to keep the appointment that we had scheduled on Monday, March 1, 1993. I did call and talk to your mother, who informed me that you left the previous day. Then I received the information that you had called the Cousins Center and left notice that you were not able to keep the appointment. I certainly wanted to thank you for your consideration in calling to inform me.

When I called your mother, I asked her to please let you know that we were still interested in meeting with you. Since I had not heard anything these past two weeks, I called her today and asked where I might write to you. She gave me the address of Fr. Gorman.

I did want to let you know that we are concerned and want to be of help. I don't know when you will be in the Milwaukee area, but hope that we can get together at that time to discuss your concerns regarding Fr. Becker. I gave you my phone numbers, but in case you lost them, my office phone is 414-769-3490 and my home phone is 414-536-0374. I hope this letter finds you well. You are in my prayers.

Sincerely

Reverend R. Thomas Venne
Vicar for Clergy Personnel

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Jan. 11, 1994

Barbara Anne Cosack
Associate Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
3501 S. Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Barbara,

I will be Chaplain aboard the "Song of America"
Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Ltd. for the period of
March 20 to April 10th and am in need of a
celebrant for the voyage.

Please send at your convenience

wishing you a happy and blessed New Year!

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Becker

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

P.O. Box 40

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FR. FRANKLYN W. BECKER
CRUISE CHAPLAIN

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6 October 1994

Ms. Barbara Anne Cusack
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
3501 S. Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Ms. Cusack,

I'm writing to you at this time to request a Celebret effective from Dec-1, 1994 to Jan-6th, 1995 during which time I will be Chaplain on the SS Rotterdam (Holland America line) and the Nordic Empress (Royal Caribbean Cruise Line).

Thank you in advance for supplying same.

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn W. Becker

P.S. If you could supply me with the Florida address and phone number of Fr. Charles W. Walter I would be most grateful.

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December 1, 1994

Archbishop Rembert Weakland
Cousins Center
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

I read with great interest your article in the November 13 *Milwaukee Journal*. While for many years I did not think that you or the Archdiocese was adequately dealing with the problem of clergy abuse, recently I have felt you had become more forthright in addressing the problem. However, several quotes from that article, "...I have never dealt with a pedophile." and "[I] know[s] of no local priests who are true pedophiles" make me wonder if you truly are confronting the problem.

I find those two statements of yours very surprising as I am the mother of a young boy who, as a blond, tousle-haired seven-year-old server, was abused by a parish priest in Whitefish Bay in the 1970's. As I later found out, this priest had a record in his previous parish and after leaving Whitefish Bay, continued on his merry way in parish after parish, both here and out of state. According to anyone's definition, he was a pedophile. And he is still one of your priests in the archdiocese.

At the time that his offense against my son occurred, I was a single mother of three children, very vulnerable and very committed to seeing that my children be educated in Catholic schools. That's how he came to know my sons; we took him into our hearts and into our family.

I will not go into the details of this priest's relationship with my family over the years. I was very naive and flattered that he took an interest in my boys, particularly the younger one. Neither of these boys had "reached puberty," which age category you use to distinguish between pedophilia and ephhebophilia.

You did remove this priest from parish work some years ago and persuaded him to go into hospital ministry. Accusations followed him throughout his stint in hospital work and he was abruptly terminated from his last assignment several years ago. He is now prematurely "retired," taking care of his elderly mother and helping out on weekends in neighboring parishes. For removing him from parish work, I commend you.

I was pleased to read your remarks indicating an understanding of the trauma and lasting effects such incidents leave on the victim's family, if your remarks were indeed sincere. It was many years before I realized the

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seriousness of this problem in my family. While I was at some point aware of this priest's reputation, I thought he held my family in too high a regard to try anything with either of my boys. As I indicated above, he was literally one of the family, and I was from a generation that had great faith in the Church and its clergy and put priests on a pedestal. Looking back, I can see that I was in a state of denial while much of this was going on.

It wasn't until the Ilsly and then the Effinger matter made headlines in the newspaper that I grasped the seriousness of my son's abuse. At that time my older son made the remark that if his brother were living in Milwaukee, he would probably be leading the parade in suing the Archdiocese. I was shocked at his remark.

At no time did it ever occur to me to sue the Archdiocese or the priest. Though I come from a family of attorneys (my brother, nephew and this younger son are all lawyers), I believe we live in too litigious a society. Money could never heal the scars left by one priest's indiscretion. However, Archbishop Weakland, don't for a minute smugly think that the only cases of clergy abuse out there are the ones that sue and/or run to the media. All I really wanted over the past years was an acknowledgment by you and the Archdiocese that this problem existed and the seriousness of it. I still don't believe it would have caught your attention if various victims had not gone to the press. Therefore, I question whether your compassion is truly voluntary, but I do appreciate your efforts to make up for lost time.

In addition to a deep sense of guilt for allowing, or even encouraging, this to happen to my son some years ago, I have in the past few years experienced a loss of faith, an indifference to the Church I was brought up in, and now a real bitterness that this particular priest has been "rewarded" with early retirement for a lifetime of botched assignments due to his fondness for the altar boys. He is doing exactly what he has wanted to do for many years - live at home with mother and make a career out of being a cruise chaplain, even to the extent of having calling cards made up indicating such. I find this very hard to accept.

I would be interested to know if you have any support groups for the families of children abused by the clergy and if so, if you could send me information on them. I'm sure there are many good Catholic families out there trying to cope with this problem but too ashamed to discuss it with family or friends.

Sincerely,



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Psychological Evaluation

Subject's Name: Rev. Franklyn Becker

Dates of Testing: February 5 - 8, 1996

Instruments Administered:

Clinical Interview; Shipley Institute of Living Scale; Edwards Personal Preference Schedule; Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, Revised (MMPI-2); Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory, Revised (MCMI-III); Rorschach Inkblot Technique.

Introduction:

Fr. Franklyn Becker is a fifty-eight year-old white male diocesan priest from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee who was referred for the present assessment because of concerns about his history of sexual behavior with minors. Documentation accompanying this referral suggested that Franklyn has a lengthy history of such incidents spanning a period of twenty years. He denied frank sexual involvement with minor children; he did acknowledge episodic sexual contact with adults.

With reference to his sexual history, Franklyn reported that he was "the best little boy in the world" as a child and that he never intended throughout his life to have sex with anyone. He reported some minor sex play as a child with a neighbor girl. He also reported playing strip poker with his older brother, an activity which he found sexually arousing. Franklyn admitted to a homosexual orientation. He acknowledged a number of attractions over the years, beginning in his seminary days. He reported one incident of rape by a drunken priest in 1969. He also admitted being seduced by several other adult men. He indicated that his involvement with teenagers was paternal and that he would manifest signs of affection to them at times. He showed little awareness of the possible impact of his specific behavior in this regard. Franklyn denied sexual fantasies of children.

A previous assessment performed in 1983 by Psychological Associates was reviewed in the course of this assessment. That report included a diagnosis of Pedophilia, although Franklyn consistently denied such involvement. He did admit that he may be an ephebophile. He minimized his physical contact with minors, despite the fact that allegations have persisted over the years and that he was on limited ministry as a result of those charges. As will be noted later in this report, it is likely that Franklyn's awareness of the nature and impact of his sexual activity is markedly circumscribed. His sexual history, however, is not suggestive of fixated Pedophilia so much as it is of polymorphous homosexuality.

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It is also noteworthy that Franklyn's own appreciation of his life contains some significant inconsistencies. On both the written material he prepared for this evaluation, as well as in direct interview, he claimed that he had been celibate all of his life, despite the fact that he later acknowledged a sexual involvement. When pressed about this, he indicated that the reference to his maintenance of celibacy meant that he had never had intercourse with anyone. This is a peculiar response in the light of his history; however, it appears emblematic of a more basic issue in Franklyn's life around telling the truth, as will be noted later in this report.

Cognitive Functioning:

The Shipley Institute of Living Scale is a cognitive screening device designed to provide an estimate of overall intellectual ability as well as an index of possible impairment of intellectual function secondary to organicity or to neuropsychological impairment. According to these data, Franklyn is currently functioning in the High Average range of intelligence. There was some diminution of his cognitive ability, probably secondary to anxiety experienced on this assessment. It is noteworthy that these results are lower than that obtained in a more extensive intellectual test battery given in 1983. However, these differences are likely to be attributable to increasing age and anxiety.

Personality Functioning:

The Edward's Personal Preference Schedule is a forced-choice instrument designed to elicit those preferences which govern a person's day-to-day patterns of responding. According to these data, Franklyn's highest-felt needs revolve around Nurturance, Change, Affiliation, Achievement, and Succorance. These data suggest that Franklyn tends to be preoccupied with issues of care and attention. He describes himself as a person who is willing to accord nurturance, sympathy, care, and compassion to others; he also describes himself as a person who longs for these things in return, even though his possibilities for fulfillment of such needs are limited. It is likely that Franklyn's needs for affection obscure his view of what transpires in relationships when he experiences warmth, and impact his behavior in ways over which he has only nominal awareness. The high change score suggests that Franklyn values engaging in new and different behaviors. The high affiliation score suggests that he places a very high value on his bonds to larger social groups of which he is a part and may see himself as a very loyal person. Finally, the high

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achievement score suggests that Franklyn is the type of person who likes to take on challenging tasks and who places a very high value on the completion of duties. It is noteworthy that the consistency score on this instrument was lower than is desirable, suggesting some lack of awareness on Franklyn's part regarding the actual nature of his preferential style.

The MMPI-2 profile produced by this subject was valid.

The MMPI-2 clinical profile itself was within normal limits. However, these data suggest that Franklyn is likely to exhibit certain personality features which make him react maladaptively under conditions of stress. Such features include chronic dissatisfaction with life, emotional immaturity, feelings of inadequacy, and a tendency toward low self-control. Persons with similar but more elevated profiles are generally prone to acting out and experience significant frustration with themselves and their own accomplishments. Franklyn may exhibit little respect for societal standards and may often find himself in conflict with them. He has the ability to create a positive first impression but he is prone to manipulating others. Beneath a public self-presentation of competence, Franklyn is likely to be introverted, self-conscious, and passive-dependent.

Subscale analysis suggests that Franklyn's ego strength is within the normal range, predicting satisfactory coping in most day-to-day situations. It is noteworthy that he obtained significant elevations on the Repression subscale, suggesting that the extent to which he has submerged unacceptable impulses is high. He also obtained an elevated score on the Naivete subscale, suggesting that Franklyn's expectations around people may be inconsistent with his intelligence and level of education.

The MCMI-III profile produced by this subject was valid, although Franklyn's response style reflects a well established need for social approval and/or a general naivete about psychological matters.

The MCMI-III clinical profile focuses on those enduring personality characteristics which underlie whatever difficulties a person may be having. This clinical profile suggests that Franklyn tends to dampen his emotions and desires to reduce his anxieties and mistrust of others, features of his experience which are pervasive in his life. His behavior may be typified by shyness, discomfort, and awkwardness in social situations. This may stem in part from a tendency to think poorly of

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himself and his abilities. His social awkwardness may also reflect a longstanding effort to keep people at a distance. Being emotionally sensitive and easily upset, he may have learned that he will experience difficulties with others, and he may especially anticipate frequent rejection. For these reasons, he may remain hesitant about being sociable and extending himself to others. This appears to be a problem that spreads from one setting to another. Past desires for closeness and affection may now be self-protectively denied. Easily hurt by criticism of others, Franklyn may avoid social encounters and give in quickly to the wishes of those who act more assertively. Having few relationships, he may pursue his activities entirely alone. He may persistently be concerned with social rebuff and continue to anticipate rejection. There is a tendency, therefore, to become isolated from everyday relationships, with much time spent in daydreaming rather than being involved with people.

These data further suggest that Franklyn's self-image appears to be one of being weak, unmasculine, and ineffective, although he may not readily admit these perceptions. It is also likely that he will view ordinary responsibilities and stresses as excessively demanding. Moodiness characterized by fearfulness and anxiety may also occur with some frequency. In addition, he is likely to report fatigue, a low level of energy, and persistent periods of moderate anxiety and depression. Not particularly trustful of others nor inclined to take the initiative about things, Franklyn is not likely to go out of his way to report emotional problems. Although he is not indifferent to signs of distress and disillusionment, his characteristic social hesitation and fearfulness may result in delays in voicing complaints. His mood disharmony may well be hidden and reported mostly by others rather than by himself. The establishment of a sense of safety and rapport will be a challenging but necessary part of treatment efforts.

The Rorschach data suggest that Franklyn is a man of some constitutional strength. His psychological controls tend to be similar to those of most people; that is, he is not likely to act impulsively unless stress is unusually prolonged or severe. Most of his decisions are likely to be the result of deliberation on his part. This does not mean that such decisions will be adaptive. These data further suggests that the impact of Franklyn's emotions are inconsistent in how they influence his thinking, problem solving, and decision-making behaviors. He is vulnerable to being overly influenced by emotions when they become intense and can easily get carried away. These data suggest that he is in considerable distress at present, largely because of a tendency on his part to hold in feelings he would rather express openly. When it comes to expressing his feelings,

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Franklyn tends to be significantly more over-controlled than most people. This finding suggests a marked fearfulness on his part of being involved in intense affective displays. Finally, these data suggest that Franklyn is often confused by emotion and that he may feel positive and negative feelings in response to a given situation. It may be hard for him to bring closure to emotional situations.

At the core of these concerns is a man who tends not to be very introspective and who appears to be less involved with self-awareness. As a result, Franklyn's self-image is based as much as on how he would like to see himself rather than upon his actual experience. This finding suggests a lack of maturity and includes distorted notions of the self. These features of Franklyn's life appear to have their roots in his family of origin, which was characterized by pronounced deficits in parental structures, as discussed in the enclosed psychosocial report.

Interpersonally, Franklyn prefers a passive but not necessarily submissive role in his relationships with others. He tends to avoid responsibility for decision making and is less likely than most people to search for new solutions to problems. In that he is a rather negative person, these data suggest that he is likely to exhibit passive-aggressive behavior. He tends to see himself as a victim of external factors, including his own sexual orientation, the doctrines and attitudes of the church, and his diminished reputation among the clergy in the diocese. While he has typical needs for closeness with others and is possessed of an average interest in being with them, he tends not to anticipate positive interactions among people routinely, largely because of his pervasive mistrust.

The Rorschach also screens for a number of cognitive features which impact a person's adaptational style. These data suggest that Franklyn lacks a marked stylistic approach to problem solving or decision making. This lack of consistency makes him vulnerable to errors in judgment, and he may have a hard time arriving at a firm decision. It may also take him more time to come to decisions than most people. These data also suggest rigidity in the ways in which Franklyn thinks about issues and values in his life. It is likely to require considerable energy for him to modify his characteristic attitudes. He is possessed of an average willingness to process the complexity of new stimulus fields and also has a positive motivation to deal with new information effectively.

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The quality of his information processing is satisfactory; his approach to processing, however, is likely to be irregular at times. Two features which play a prominent role in the difficulties experienced by this man are his tendency to translate his experience in highly-personalized terms and his tendency to rely excessively upon fantasy as a defense. His idiosyncratic approach to interpreting his experience may lead others to see him as out of step with his environment, or even as eccentric or deviant. His tendency to rely on fantasy as a way of dealing with the world markedly diminishes his ability to face the extent of actual problems in his life. It also fosters a self-imposed sense of helplessness because of the implicit assumption that external forces will remediate his personal difficulties.

Conclusion:

Fr. Franklyn Becker is a fifty-eight year-old white male Catholic priest who is currently experiencing distress. Available data suggests that Franklyn is a naive, frightened man, who shows little insight into his own psychological and emotional functioning, despite his high level of intelligence. His misconception of himself is well fixed and will likely be difficult to change. If treatment is considered, consideration should be given to the safety of a facility; a residential facility would be useful in this regard. Treatment would best proceed with initial confrontations about the objective nature of Franklyn's behavior with others, especially with minor children. These efforts will be significant with respect to Franklyn's ability to develop a more realistic appreciation of the impact of his behavior on others. Work in the area of developing Franklyn's capacity for empathy will also be significant. As he increases in such awareness, he will also require basic social skills training, including ways to handle his emotions; the development of basic communication skills, and increased awareness of his actual versus fantasized needs as an adult male. Simply put, Franklyn does not recognize his behavior for what it is. He denies the role of power and the role of his own sexual strivings in his interactions with those to whom he is drawn or otherwise attracted. He tends to see himself as victimized by the actions of others and takes little responsibility for his own sexual health. His mistrust of himself and his own emotional life plays into this. He exhibits a tendency to be manipulative and is prone to prevarication; part of this seems to derive from the primitive denial evidenced by this man, who has difficulty tolerating the truth about how he in fact functions. He clearly prefers to see himself as a gifted and special person who has been faithful to his promises, despite his record. Given the current state of affairs, Franklyn remains vulnerable to acting out in the future, especially as he becomes

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close to others in relationship.

Another major issue in consideration of the disposition for treatment is the issue of Franklyn's motivation. His current level of denial leads him to be more satisfied with himself than circumstances warrant, and it may be necessary to bring external pressures to bear to assist him in increasing his level of motivation.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M. Midden, Ph.D.,
Clinical Director

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY PERSONNEL

FILE COPY

June 5, 1996

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
Box 40
Woodland, WI 53099-0040

Dear Franklyn,

Hope you are doing well. I mentioned some time in the past that Tom McGuine, who is acting as Monitor for the Archdiocese, would be in touch.

Tom is a man of integrity. I think you will have confidence in him. He is a permanent deacon and has a son who is a priest in the San Diego Diocese. I hope you look upon him more as a companion on the journey than someone who polices.

Enclosed please find an explanation of the Monitoring program. I thought it would be good for you to be aware of the process before Tom calls you for an appointment.

Peace,

Reverend Carrol C. Straub
Vicar for Clergy

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

PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

During the course of that conversation, Dr. Trachsel articulated the following concerns:

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

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

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

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

ECP:saz

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY PERSONNEL

FILE COPY

January 30, 1997

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
Box 40
Woodland, WI 53099-0040

Dear Franklyn,


I merely wanted to confirm what we agreed to at our meeting with the Archbishop on 1/29/97. It seemed to be a profitable meeting. I was pleased to hear you acknowledge that you do reflect on your actions and are beginning to realize and accept that each has consequences.

The Archbishop was clear in pointing out that the insurance risk for your conduct is totally an Archdiocesan responsibility. He stated that the only time he would be willing to risk was when a person developed a certain amount of self knowledge together with the recognition that amending one's ways was absolutely essential.

It was agreed upon that you could continue to do help-out ministry as in the past in the Rubicon area. You are required to continue to see Dr. Marlene Trachsel weekly, as well as report to Tom McGuine, your monitor, monthly. It is presumed you will continue to make progress and when you begin to see your therapist only once weekly, at that time you will also join "group". You were encouraged to develop a circle of mature friends, people who are not lonely or angry, who can give you appropriate feedback.

I hope you felt the meeting was as productive as I did. You cleared away a lot of suspicion in your relationship with the diocese and the Archbishop. Continue to make progress and work on those homilies.

Prayerfully,



Reverend Carrol C. Straub
Vicar for Clergy

CCS/sks

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Oct. 17, 2007

Mr. David P. Muth
Quarles & Brady
Milwaukee, WI
53202

Dear Mr. Muth,

I received your letter of Oct. 16th. My response is that I cannot afford legal counsel nor do I have any assets for a settlement. I live on the Archdiocesan pension I receive and my savings are reduced to \$500.00

Since my appeals to Judge Lichtman have not been heard ... I have no further recourse at this time. The Archdiocese has nothing to gain by release of the said documents and everything to lose.

I am in fragile health at this time and pray for release from this life.

Sincerely,

F. W. Becker

Franklyn W. Becker

DAVID P MUTH

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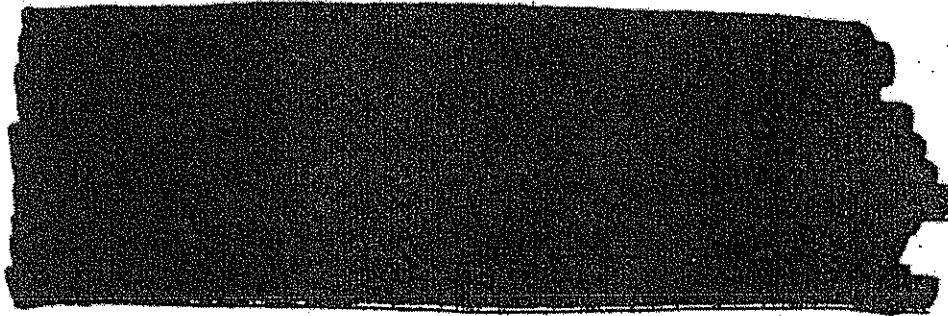
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CHANCERY

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June 18, 2002

Mr. E. Michael McCann
District Attorney
821 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Mr. McCann,



The second intake report involves an allegation against Father Franklyn Becker. Father is not authorized for any active ministry and is under full restrictions. We have had multiple complaints about him in the past. No charges were ever pressed.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Anne Cusack
Chancellor

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July 18, 2002

Very Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
3501 S. Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Joe,

I am writing in response to the phone call I received from Sr. Kathleen in regard to my salary package for the new fiscal year. While I am grateful for the small increase in salary, I was hoping for an increase in the living allowance also. In an earlier letter I mentioned the medical costs I had while losing help-out compensation. I do not understand how the retirement supplement can be arbitrarily removed. I have not had an assignment for ten years but still received the supplement and retreat fee. The Clergy Manual seems to have a few lacunae especially when it comes to the payment of \$450,000 in hush money.

I have already scheduled my fall retreat at Dconomowoc and I don't think I fall in the category of Retired. It would seem that my spiritual sustenance is still important during this time of purgation of the clergy.

I think consideration should be given to the fact that I have not received Professional Reimbursement for ten years while I still incurred expenses in connection with my help-out ministry.

These are trying times for all of us and while the needs of alleged victims need to be addressed it seems that the accused priests are victims of double jeopardy.

I hope our new Archbishop will be more compassionate in dealing with his priests than the present administration.

I will be away for ten days on a much needed vacation. Hopefully this will afford you time to sort things out.

My prayers for your speedy recovery.

P.S. The matter of the
Continuing Education
Stipend is also a concern.

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn W. Becker

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

May 16, 2003

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

In accord with the norms of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, I am submitting for your consideration the case of a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Reverend Franklyn Becker has been accused of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors. The summary of these allegations is enclosed. Father Becker has admitted that a number of these acts of sexual assault occurred.

Over the years, efforts were made to provide spiritual and psychological interventions that would rehabilitate Father Becker. None of these efforts have been successful as he reoffended after each intervention, often while still in therapy. Father Becker was diagnosed as an impulsive pedophile in 1983. At that time, it was thought that a non-parochial assignment might be possible. A further psychological assessment was undertaken in 1996, after an additional accusation of past behavior came forward. In that evaluation it was advised that the potential for future reoccurrence of past behavior existed. Even while in ongoing therapy, he was known to have obtained child pornography. With our current understanding of the nature of his condition, it is clear that he will never be able to assume any public ministry.

As we have reviewed the various files, it is clear that he consistently abused his office both to gain access to vulnerable boys and to elicit the trust of their parents. Both in his parochial assignments and in his temporary functioning as a cruise chaplain, he found opportunities to abuse his office in a flagrant and repetitive fashion.

The impact on his various victims has been significant. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is paying ongoing therapy costs for several of them and has done so for a number of years. Our new found awareness of the severity of damage caused by sexual abuse at the hands of clergy makes it impossible for us to ignore this situation.

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On May 10, 2003, Father Becker was arrested for sexual assault. The alleged offense took place in California in the 1970's but, because he left the jurisdiction of the state, it remains an offense that can be prosecuted. He will be extradited from Wisconsin to California for trial. The public display that will now take place in the criminal trial in California, to say nothing of the civil suits that could arise there, makes the potential for true scandal very real. The media reports on this case have already begun.

Given the nature and frequency of the alleged and admitted sexual abuse, along with the serious abuse of office, I have pondered long and hard to arrive at an opinion about the most appropriate action to be taken. In order that justice may be made manifest and healing of the victims and the Church may proceed, I am asking that Reverend Franklyn W. Becker be dismissed *ex officio* from the clerical state. Whatever financial needs he may have can be provided for from a special fund we will set up until such time as he is able to draw from the pension fund. Since it is conceivable that he will be spending some time in prison, he may be eligible for this pension by the time of his release.

If the judgement of Your Eminence is that this case should proceed to a dismissal by decree of your Congregation, I would cede to that judgement. Furthermore, if it is your judgement that this case should proceed through a canonical penal process, I humbly request a dispensation from prescription as well as a sanation of any procedural errors that may have occurred during the years this case was under investigation. The severity of the offenses is such that it is my opinion that these requests are justified.

I look forward to your further instructions in this matter.

With sentiments of deepest esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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NAME: Franklyn William Becker

AGE: 65

ADDRESS: 1735 Dayton Street Apt #3
Mayville, Wisconsin 53050

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY: Presbyteral Orders – May 30, 1964

- Curate – Holy Assumption Parish (West Allis, WI) – July 1, 1964
- Associate Pastor – St. John de Nepomuc Parish (Milwaukee) – September 9, 1968
- Associate Pastor – Holy Family Parish (Whitefish Bay, WI) – February 25, 1972
- Associate Pastor – St. William Parish (Waukesha, WI) – June 18, 1974
- Campus Minister – Marshall University (Wheeling-Charleston Diocese) – January 16, 1975
- Campus Minister – St. Louis University (Archdiocese of St. Louis) – August 1, 1976
- Awaiting Assignment – October 3, 1976
- Permission to accept assignment in Diocese of San Diego – May 27, 1977
- Associate Pastor – St. Brigid Parish (Diocese of San Diego) – June 24, 1977
- Return to Milwaukee – March 1979
- Associate Pastor – St. Margaret Mary Parish (Milwaukee) – August 1, 1979
- Administrator – St. Joseph Parish (Lyons, WI) – July 1, 1980
- Associate Pastor – St. Eugene Parish (Fox Point, WI) – August 12, 1980
- Associate Pastor – St. John Parish (South Milwaukee, WI) – December 9, 1980
- Sick Leave – January 25, 1983
- Clinical Pastoral Education – St. Joseph Hospital (Milwaukee) – September 1, 1983
- Awaiting Assignment – January 1, 1984
- Chaplain – West Allis Memorial Hospital (West Allis, WI) – November 6, 1984
- Awaiting Assignment – October 1, 1990
- Unassigned with restricted ministry – July 1, 1993
- Restricted from all public ministry – April 2002

DECREES ISSUED:

April 10, 2002 – Precept issued with the following restrictions:

- 1) To refrain from all contact with minors, vulnerable adults, and other persons or categories of persons who have proven to be occasions of temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist; Eucharist may be celebrated in a private setting alone or with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require explicit permission of a local ordinary in each case;
- 3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 4) To cease any and all activities and relationships that may be described under the broad category of pastoral counseling;
- 5) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

July 22, 2003 – Above noted precept was reissued as being in effect for an indefinite period of time.

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INVESTIGATION PROCESS:

September 1, 1995 a three-person team of psychological and criminal experts was established to explore allegations that had arisen. The accused was informed of his canonical rights and signed a document on November 15, 1995, attesting to the fact that he was informed of his rights and understood them. In the interviews with this investigative team, the accused admitted not only some of the alleged incidents but also factually described and admitted to multiple others. These admissions were supported by various letters and entries in his personnel file.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED DELICT(S):

DATE OF ACCUSATION: February 1980 (Letter of admission by Franklyn Becker)

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): May 1979

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Attempted rape; genital contact

NUMBER: 1

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker served as associate pastor and was able to use his office to gain access to the alleged victim's trust.

DATE OF ACCUSATION: January 1, 1981

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): Fall 1980

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: Unnamed at this time

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Improper touching

NUMBER: Two

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker served as associate pastor and was able to use his office to gain access to the alleged victim's trust; the parents who brought the allegation stated that they had been pleased that a priest took an interest in their son

DATE OF ACCUSATION: August 17, 1982 (Reported by boy's priest uncle)

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1982

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Unclear at this time

NUMBER: Unclear at this time

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ACCUSATION: December 1, 1982

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): November 1982

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Unclear at this time

NUMBER: Unclear at this time

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; parents were proud that their son was chosen to serve as an altar boy on a cruise where their priest was going to be the chaplain and so they gave permission

DATE OF ACCUSATION: December 20, 1994

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1970

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital contact; attempted rape

NUMBER: 3

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish and the alleged victim served as an altar boy for him

DATE OF ACCUSATION: May 16, 2002

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-1967

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Unclear at this time

NUMBER: Unclear at this time

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish and the alleged victim served as an altar boy for him

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DATE OF ACCUSATION: June 17, 2002

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-1969

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: oral sex; taking lewd photographs of the boy

NUMBER: 3

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish and took him on a cruise to serve as an altar boy

DATE OF ACCUSATION: July 1, 2002

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1977-1979

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [REDACTED]

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: [REDACTED]

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Taken to watch homosexual male adults engage in group sex; genital fondling; nudity

NUMBER: 5

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; informed him that he was assisting him in forming his sexual identity, alleged victim worked part time at the parish

DATE OF ACCUSATION: December 4, 2002

DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1982

NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: Chuck Linnaman

PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 35

GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling; oral sex; lewd photographs of boy

NUMBER: 1

SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker had been administrator at the family parish and took an interest in the boy; maintained contact when at another assignment; took the boy for an overnight stay at the new assignment when the incident occurred; made boy serve Mass for him the next day

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CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED PERPETRATOR:

CURRENT RISK: Because Franklyn Becker is currently under criminal indictment, there is little risk that he will make contact with a potential victim at this time. However, the risk of serious scandal is extremely high.

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION: Franklyn Becker underwent several psychological evaluations and released their findings to his ecclesiastical superiors. The results of these evaluations are as follows:

1983 assessment – Psychology Associates, Wausau, WI (Signed current release on file, copy attached) – Evaluation conducted by a multi-disciplinary team of a spiritual director, medical doctor, psychiatric social worker, psychiatrist, and psychologist. – Psychiatric finding was Pedophilia.

1997 psychological assessment – Phoenix Clinic, Wauwatosa, WI (Signed current release on file, copy attached) – Evaluation conducted by a clinical psychologist – Conclusion – Compulsive behaviors and potential for future inappropriate sexual behavior

CIVIL AUTHORITY'S ACTION: Franklyn Becker was arrested on May 9, 2003 in Mayville, Wisconsin. He is being extradited to California where he will stand trial for at least two counts of criminal sexual assault.

CURRENT STATUS: Franklyn Becker has been without a ministerial assignment since 1990. He was permitted to provide weekend assistance at parishes under the supervision of the pastor. He was also monitored by archdiocesan officials. He was indefinitely restricted from all ministry in July 2002.

RESIDENCE: Private residence in Mayville, Wisconsin prior to arrest. Unclear where he will reside after extradition to California.

SUSTENANCE: Since being unassigned, he has received monthly support from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Currently that support is in the amount of \$25,633 annually with an additional housing allowance of \$9,355. He has been maintained on the archdiocesan health, medical and dental insurance as well. Since contributions to the priests' pension fund have continued, he will be eligible for pension funding when he turns 68.

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Status report
February 2, 2005

Mr. Franklyn Becker
Person L # 1

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

We discussed a number of issues during our time together.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He asked about several other cases. I was non-committal. He did know I had met with Dan Budzynski and wondered why he had been laicized and if Ray Adamsky would be laicized. He asked about a priest currently living in Florida that he says has AIDS and wondered if he was going to be laicized. I said I didn't know the man. He said the man used to be the pastor at St. Francis Cabrini and was an assistant at St. Dominic's in Brookfield with Vince Silvestri.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,


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