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Ericsson abused boys  
in Winter, Wisconsin.  
Resided at Church of  
St Lawrence in 1983  
without faculty

ERICSSON, THOMAS  
Extern priest living in this  
Archdiocese  
1983-84  
St. Lawrence, Wisconsin

DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR  
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August 4, 1983

The Reverend Robert Carlson, Chancellor  
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis  
226 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Father Carlson:

With this letter allow me to inform you that the Reverend Thomas Ericksen, a priest of the Diocese of Superior, has begun a leave of absence and has taken up residence at the home of his sister and brother-in-law. Their names and address are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs.

Telephone:

This arrangement began on Monday, August 1, 1983. It is our understanding that it will be monitored, and in order to establish some immediate time frame it will last for three months.

Father Ericksen plans to seek employment somewhere in the Twin Cities. As of this writing he has no leads or immediate plans. However, he has been accepted and has already begun outpatient consultation with Dr. Dolore Rockers from the Consultation Services Center in St. Paul.

The Diocese of Superior will, in a modest way, assist Father Ericksen with his immediate expenses as well as his rather heavy indebtedness. However, he does not enjoy the faculties of the diocese and he has been directed to refrain from ministering in any priestly role whatsoever. All specific and very personal requests that he has made for this period have been denied.

Dr. Rockers has promised to establish a three way arrangement of communication among herself, Father Ericksen and the undersigned. I hope to stay in touch with you were any changes made in this existing arrangement. Many thanks for your help in our recent telephone conversation.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+ R. M. Fliss

The Most Reverend Raphael M. Fliss  
Coadjutor Bishop of Superior

DATE: August 8, 1983  
MEMO TO: Archbishop ~~Roach~~, Father Korf  
FROM: ~~Father Carlson~~  
SUBJECT: REVEREND THOMAS ERICKSEN

The attached letter from Bishop Fliss of Superior informs us that the Reverend Thomas Ericksen will be living for some time in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

At the request of Bishop Fliss, Father Ericksen will not be given the faculties of the Archdiocese. While he is living in the Archdiocese, he will be working on an outpatient basis with Dr. Dolore Rockers at the Consultation Services Center. Any requests for information regarding Father Erickson should be referred to me.

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DATE: February 22, 1984  
MEMO TO: Bishop Carlson, Monsignor Hayden, Rev. Michael Korf  
FROM: Urban S. Wagner  
SUBJECT:

This morning, February 22, 1984, Father Tom Comber called from St. Lawrence Parish.

A Father Tom Erickson is living within the parish, he has been there for about a year. According to Father Comber, Father Erickson is a priest who is not practicing because of a crime that had been committed. The crime involved young males.

This priest seems to desire to become more active within St. Lawrence Parish by joining the music ministry and other things that have to do with liturgical worship. Father Comber is disturbed about this, and he has decided that it will be best if he curtails the activity of this individual, particularly those that would put him in the public eye. Rather than ministering at Eucharistic celebrations he is going to suggest that Father Erickson restrict himself to taking care of the poor and helping to feed those who are hungry.

Approval was given for this mode of action and he was asked to keep us informed of future developments.

*St. Lawrence  
Parish*

March 8, 1984

The Reverend Thomas Comber, C.S.P.  
Church of St. Lawrence  
1201 - 5th Street, S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Dear Father Comber:

I spoke with you briefly on Monday about the Reverend Thomas Ericksen who is attending Mass at your parish.

Father Ericksen is not to be involved in any official parish ministry. If Father wishes to offer a private Mass, you would be free to make those arrangements for him.

I would be happy to discuss this case with you further if additional information is needed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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