

TIMELINE OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING EDWARD LESNIEWSKI¹

1953 – Ordained

6/1/53 Lesniewski appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Stanislaus Church in Racine, WI effective June 12, 1953. (17141)

6/12/53 – Assistant Pastor, St. Stanislaus, Racine, WI

8/4/55 Lesniewski appointed Assistant at St. Stanislaus Parish in Milwaukee, WI and to the faculty of Notre Dame High School effective August 17, 1955. (17145)

8/17/55 – Assistant Pastor at St. Stanislaus in Milwaukee, WI and faculty at Notre Dame High School, Milwaukee, WI

6/6/57 Lesniewski appointed Assistant at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish in Milwaukee, WI effective June 21, 1957. (17146)

6/21/57 – Assistant Pastor, Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Milwaukee, WI

6/11/58 Letter from Archbishop Meyer requesting that Lesniewski pursue special studies in social sciences at Catholic University of America. (44478)

Fall 1958 Lesniewski at Fordham University for degree in Social Service and working in the Bronx as a student social worker. (17150)

6/4/59 Letter from Sister Alvernia to Cousins stating that their Chaplain, Rev. Wisniewski (Lesniewski?) will be recovering from his nervous condition for a long time and asking for a new Chaplain. (44483)

6/21/60 Lesniewski appointed Chaplain at St. Joseph's Home for Children in Milwaukee, WI and assigned to the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau effective July 7, 1960. (17156)

7/7/60 – Chaplain at St. Joseph's Home for Children in Milwaukee and Assistant Director Catholic Social Services

1/16/61 Letter from Cousins appointing Lesniewski Staff of Speakers for Catholic Family Life Program. (17157)

8/27/68 Letter from Cousins to Rev. Donald Reiff with "one more request difficult of fulfillment," stating that Lesniewski can be relieved at St. Joseph's home. (17158)

10/4/68 Lesniewski appointed Chaplain at St. Ann Rest Home in Milwaukee, WI effective date TBD by Sister Alvernia and Lesniewski. (17159)

¹ This timeline was principally prepared by Jeff Anderson & Associates PA; Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. provided limited corrections to certain entries and assisted with redactions of abuse survivor information that could potentially have identified individual abuse survivors.

10/2/68 – Chaplain, St. Ann Rest Home, Milwaukee and Assistant Director of District Offices of Catholic Social Services

7/8/80 Lesniewski appointed Pastor of Blessed Sacrament in Milwaukee, WI effective July 22, 1980. (17169)

7/22/80 – Pastor, Blessed Sacrament, Milwaukee, WI

6/8/86 Lesniewski appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Juneau, WI effective July 1, 1986. (17173)

7/1/86 – Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Juneau, WI

6/9/87 Lesniewski appointed Moderator of MACCW District 12 effective immediately. (44506)

4/9/90 Letter from Lesniewski to Weakland requesting that he be permitted to resign from Immaculate Conception effective May 10, 1990. (17177)

4/9/90 Letter from Weakland to Lesniewski accepting his resignation from Immaculate Conception. (17176)

May 10, 1990 - Leave

10/9/91 Memo from Weakland- he heard from a Msgr. who spoke with a woman who says her brother was abused by Lesniewski at St. Joseph's orphanage. The Msgr. said there was a previous allegation against Lesniewski but a judge threw it out. The woman wanted Lesniewski away from boys. (16795)

5/5/92 Milwaukee Journal article- Man alleges abuse by Lesniewski in the 1960s. (16792)

5/27/92 Letter from Lesniewski to Weakland stating that at Sklba's suggestion he is requesting permanent retirement for health reasons. (17179)

6/1/92 Letter from Weakland to Lesniewski accepting his request for permanent retirement. (17178)

June 1, 1992 - Retired

6/16/93 Letter from Venne to Lesniewski saying that he is not to have parish masses except with permission. Lesniewski helping at Convent and Nursing home. (43943)

6/21/95 Letter from Weakland to Lesniewski asking him to obey restrictions. Also states, "every time you appear in public this way at the altar, Eldred, you risk stirring up people who have brought allegations. The network of such victims is enormous and very aggressive. You risk much unfortunate bad publicity against yourself, the priesthood, and the diocese." (17181)

8/22/96 – Deceased

- 10/25/96 Sexual Abuse Intake Report from a survivor of abuse by Lesniewski who reports that Lesniewski abused him as a minor at St. Joseph's Orphanage beginning when he was 11 years old and throughout the individual's life. Handwritten notes regarding the same report. (16684)
- 10/28/96 Additional handwritten notes regarding the individual who reported on October 25, 1996. (16685-16695)
- 6/17/05 Settlement agreement for \$100,000. (56563-56566)
- 1/9/06 Settlement agreement for \$100,000. (56492-56494)
- 7/23/06 Sexual Abuse Intake Report from a survivor of abuse by Lesniewski who reports that Lesniewski abused him in 1961-1964, beginning when he was 11 years old at St. Joseph's Orphanage. His step-brother was also abused. (123887)
- 4/10/10 Intake report of sexual abuse by Lesniewski at St. Joseph's Orphanage. (123887)
- Undated Chronology of reports of abuse by Lesniewski shows first report in 1990 and subsequent reports in 1991, 1992, and 1997. Document also notes Lesniewski's assignment history, actions taken by the Archdiocese in response to allegations of abuse, and background on the current mediation case. (1290-1291)