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Name in full Majerus, Harry John
Place of birth Minneapolis, Minnesota (P. O. Address)
Date of birth July 26, 1917 (Day, month and year)
Classics studied at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.
Philosophy studied at St. Paul Seminary
Theology studied at St. Paul Seminary
Date of ordination September 26, 1942 (Day, month and year)
Ordained at St. Paul Cathedral By Archbishop John G. Murray
For the Arch Diocese of Saint Paul
Entered this Archdiocese Papers
(OVER)

Missions since ordination (Date of departure from each)
Sundays only: St. Columba, St. Paul;
Asst. St. Columba, St. Paul, June 1, 1943 to May 31, 1944;
Asst. Director, Confraternity Ch. Doctrine Jan. 20, 1944 to
Asst. Cathedral to Dec. 14, 1944;
Chaplain St. Joseph's Hospital to August 12, 1946;
Asst. Annunciation, Mpls. to September 2, 1947;
Asst. Marshall to May 4, 1949;
Asst. St. Thomas, Mpls. to July 18, 1949;
Asst. Hopkins to November 23, 1949;
Asst. St. Stephen, Mpls. to October 1, 1952;
Asst. Marshall to June 13, 1953;
Asst. Incarnation, Mpls. to Sept. 22, 1954;
Pastor S.H. Franklin to
TO NEW ULM DIOCESE JANUARY 30, 1958

(OVER)

To Kevin
Date 9/3 Time 3:45

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

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RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message Re: Clergy Sexual Abuse when she was a child

This was her second call. She had called earlier ^{today} but didn't wish to have her name on phone records.
Operator Smith

September 9, 1991

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Raymond Lucker
Bishop of New Ulm
Catholic Pastoral Center
1400 Sixth North St.
New Ulm, MN 56073

Dear Bishop Lucker,

I received a telephone call recently from a woman who has come to believe that Fr. Harry Majerus sexually abused her when she was a minor. She is also [REDACTED] and has spent years in therapy uncovering the damage that was done to her. She is still unclear about exactly what happened between Fr. Majerus and herself, but she is very convinced that it was sexually abusive.

She indicated to me that she is not interested in a lawsuit or in pursuing any other kind of vindictive behavior. Rather, she is primarily concerned that children are protected today. She has done some investigating on her own and she knows that Fr. Majerus is now retired. She simply wants us to be aware of this history and to take whatever precautionary steps are necessary to protect young people from a repeat of this behavior.

I am writing first of all to let you know of this accusation. Furthermore, I would like to find out about Fr. Majerus's current situation. Are you aware of his being involved in any way in a parish or doing any ministerial work, even part-time? If he is, then we will probably have to talk about placing restrictions on him. I do not believe that there is sufficient information here with which to confront Fr. Majerus. On the other hand, it does not seem to me that it can be simply ignored. I would appreciate whatever direction you would want to give in handling this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

cc: Archbishop Roach

Diocese of New Ulm

Catholic Pastoral Center 1400 Sixth North Street New Ulm, MN 56073 - 2099

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September 30, 1991

Rev. Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General
Archdiocese of St. Paul-Mpls.
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102-2197

Dear Fr. McDonough:

Father Harry Majerus is a priest of the Diocese of New Ulm and has served here with distinction since the diocese was founded in 1957. Prior to that, he was a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis from his ordination in 1942 until 1957. He was very instrumental in developing religious education programs and training catechists throughout the diocese with a team of sisters. They developed a set of lesson plans to be used in conjunction with the religious education materials then available. It became known nationally as the New Ulm Plan and was shared with other parishes throughout the country.

Father Majerus also led the Diocese of New Ulm in implementing the decrees from the Second Vatican Council in the liturgy and was instrumental in setting up training programs, especially for priests, but also for lay people throughout the diocese. He was pastor in Franklin, Minnesota while carrying on responsibilities as Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. He was then appointed pastor at St. Catherine's Parish in Redwood Falls. After some conflict over the closing of the school in the parish, Father Majerus left the Diocese of New Ulm in January of 1971 and served in the Archdiocese at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in Burnsville until June of 1980. I urged him to come back to the diocese at that time and he served as pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish in St. Peter until he retired on July 1, 1991. As you can see, he served roughly one-half of his time as a priest in the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and one-half in the Diocese of New Ulm.

He is now living at Bluff Apartments, Apartment D210, 2700 Selkirk Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337 (612-882-1346). His health had been deteriorating for some time before he retired. As far as I know, he is not doing any ministerial work, although it may be possible that he is helping occasionally in Burnsville.

The rather vague accusation against him does not indicate when the alleged incident happened or where. The accuser does not even remember whether anything happened. That would seem to me to be a very unjust accusation against a man who has given his whole life to the service of the Church in such an exemplary way.

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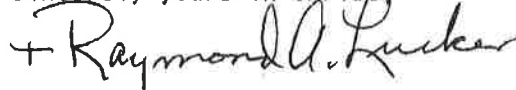
September 30, 1991

It would seem to me that the person should be told that Father Majerus is retired, that he has served the Church well, that his health is not good at present, and that there would be little evidence to indicate that Father Majerus would be dangerous to anyone.

I have known Father Majerus for thirty-five years. While it is possible that a priest could break his celibate commitment, I just want to support him as a priest who has given himself to the ministry for almost fifty years. I would be happy to share your letter and my reply with Father Majerus and talk to him about the alleged incident. However, I do not think it would be good to call this to his attention unless there is more specific information.

I thank you for your sensitivity in handling this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond A. Lucker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Bishop Raymond A. Lucker
Diocese of New Ulm

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c: Archbishop John R. Roach

October 2, 1991

MEMO TO: Father McDonough

FROM: Archbishop Roach

I have a copy of Bishop Lucker's letter to you about Harry Majerus. Please show me a copy of your letter to Bishop Lucker. I know Harry well and would be very much interested in this.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'LR' or similar, located in the center of the page.

Memorandum

To: Files
From: Fr. P. A. La Fontaine
Date: 03/31/1993
Subject: Sexual abuse of [REDACTED]

At approx. 12:30 p.m. today, I received a telephone call from a [REDACTED] who reported being sexually abused by a "Father Jarvis" in 1945 when she was [REDACTED] years old. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she was advised to do this by her therapist. She is being treated for a number of symptoms including [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled that the priests serving [REDACTED] at the time were Fr. Casey (Pastor), Fr. O'Connor (Assistant), and this "Father Jarvis". [REDACTED] stated that "Father Jarvis" used to take her and another girl up to the nurse's office in the school where he molested them in turn behind the locked door. She did what he asked because he was big and heavy and was like God to her. [REDACTED] does not remember the other girl's name but stated the other girl was 13 at the time.

She said nothing about it at first, but eventually told her mother, [REDACTED]. At the time the family was living at [REDACTED]. The mother reported the matter to then pastor Fr. Michael Casey.

[REDACTED] remembers that Fr. Casey laughed and said he could not imagine why "Father Jarvis" would be interested in a [REDACTED] who was only skin and bones. [REDACTED] remembers feeling negative about that remark by Fr. Casey. Fr. Casey allegedly went on to say that "Father Jarvis" was young, had done this before, and would probably be sent to some other parish far away. According to [REDACTED] "Father Jarvis" left [REDACTED] soon afterwards. I asked [REDACTED] if there were any other priests involved and she said only "Father Jarvis".

I told [REDACTED] that I would report the matter to the chancery immediately and get back to her as soon as possible.

I called the office of Fr. Kevin McDonough, who was out for the day, and spoke to his secretary, Marilyn. Marilyn said she would inform Fr. McDonough who would be in touch with me tomorrow (Thursday) or Friday.

Before calling [REDACTED] back, I did some checking and could find no record of a "Father Jarvis" ever stationed at [REDACTED]. Nor could I find any priest by that name who ever served this Archdiocese.

Memo: [REDACTED] (page 2)

When I called [REDACTED] back, I asked her if she was sure of the name of the priest and the date. She said yes and that her birthday is [REDACTED] so it must have been that summer.

According to our records other priests besides Frs. Casey and O'Connor who were stationed here during or near the time in question were:

John B. Garvey, June 1936-Jan. 1944

Harry J. Majerus, June 1943-May 1944

Paul J. Gorman, May 1944-Jan. 1945

Francis M. Hayden, Jan. 1945-June 1949

The names of three other priests appear as ministers of baptism in our baptismal register as follows:

Adalbert J. Cepress (May 27, 1945), who apparently had relatives in the parish

Edward Gryskowiak (twice on Dec. 9, 1945)

W. T. Magee (Aug. 24, 1946)

April 8, 1993

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The Most Reverend Raymond A. Lucker
Catholic Pastoral Center
14006 North Street
New Ulm, MN 56073

Dear Bishop Lucker,

On April 5 I spoke with the person named [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] year-old resident of [REDACTED]. She had previously spoken with Fr. Paul La Fontaine. I am enclosing a copy of the file notes that Fr. La Fontaine prepared after his conversation with [REDACTED].

When I spoke with her in my office, I informed her that there was no Fr. Jarvis who had ever served at her childhood parish of [REDACTED]. She indicated that the memory was an approximate one for her and that she thought that the name was something like Jarvis, but might be different. When I reviewed with her the list of priests who had served at the parish, she almost immediately identified Fr. Majerus as the priest who had molested her. She remembers this taking place when she was [REDACTED] years old, and Fr. Majerus was associate pastor at [REDACTED] while she was [REDACTED] but not while she was [REDACTED]. As a result, the identification with Fr. Majerus is a tentative one.

Since her alleged molestation took place in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, I have referred her for counseling here and offered our assistance in that regard. [REDACTED] also asked that we consider speaking with Fr. Majerus about this. Although Fr. Majerus is retired in the Twin Cities area, I would not want to speak with him without your permission.

Would it be possible for me to speak with Fr. Majerus about this complaint? If so, would you want someone from your diocese also to be present? Since he is retired, there is no question about possible disciplinary actions aimed at protecting the safety of parishioners. I am not even sure that a meeting would provide much satisfactory information. I propose it, however, because [REDACTED] has asked for it and there seems some justice in her request.

I am sorry to have to bring a matter of this type to your attention. I wish you well in the Easter season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

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MEMO TO: ARCHBISHOP ROACH
FROM: FR. KEVIN McDONOUGH
SUBJECT: FR. HARRY MAJERUS

Archbishop, I am attaching a copy of the letter to Bishop Lucker which you requested. I apologize for not sending that to you sooner. I thought I had copied it to you.

My purpose in sending a report of even such a vague complaint to Bishop Lucker was two-fold. First of all, Majerus is his priest and not ours, and I wanted to make certain he was fully informed.

Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, when I reviewed the secret archives in 1988 I found that there were complaints about Fr. Majerus which had been lodged in the early 1950's. While this later piece of information is very vague, I wanted to be certain that we were not missing an important potential lead. I believe that we sent copies of this information to the diocese of New Ulm in 1988 when we uncovered it. It may be, however, that that information was seen only by Fr. Jerry Paulson and never got to Bishop Lucker's hands.

I am attaching copies of the information from the secret archives as well. It is my judgment that we have notified Bishop Lucker sufficiently, and that the matter is now in his hands. His response is not a bad one, and I don't think there is anything further that we need to do at this point.

Enclosure

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Call-up for 5/10 at
11:30 am.

April 12, 1993

Rev. Kevin M. McDonough
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55102-2197

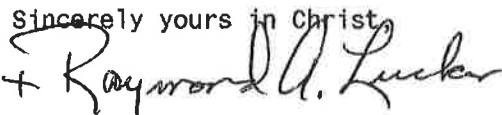
Dear Fr. McDonough:

I have received your letter indicating the complaint of [REDACTED] against Fr. Harry Majerus. The alleged events took place almost fifty years ago, so it would be understandable if some of the acts of the case would be confused.

I need to say that Fr. Majerus served the Diocese of New Ulm with distinction and with great devotion. There have never been any other such complaints about him.

In order to clarify the situation and in order to respond to the complaint of Ms. [REDACTED] it would be important, it seems to me, to speak to Fr. Majerus about it. We are beginning to set up procedures in our diocese regarding such issues and we have designated a couple of priests who would be able to serve as advocates for priests. If you bring the matter before Fr. Majerus and ask him if he would like to have an advocate present, I would be happy to appoint one of these priests to serve on Fr. Majerus' behalf.

You will also be happy to know that I have engaged Mr. Eugene Burke as a consultant to help us in these areas of sexual misconduct. He will be in our office two days each week. We are delighted to have him and we believe he will be very helpful to us in the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Bishop Raymond A. Lucker
Diocese of New Ulm

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April 30, 1993

Most Reverend Raymond A. Lucker
Catholic Pastoral Center
1400 Sixth North St.
New Ulm, MN 56073

Dear Bishop Lucker,

Thank you for your recent letter in regard to Fr. Harry Majerus. I have spoken with Fr. Majerus by telephone. He and I will be meeting on Monday, May 10. He did not seem to be unduly upset by the telephone call, and so I do not anticipate a difficult meeting. In meeting with him, however, I will not forget your offer of an advocate in his favor.

As I understand it, Fr. Majerus is not under any threat of legal action. Also, since he is not in any parochial ministry at this time, there is no need for concern about his faculties as a priest. My understanding in talking with the person who came to speak with me was that she simply wanted to have him confronted with what she perceives is the truth. That is my intention in meeting with him. I will keep you informed about the progress of that meeting.

I wish you well in the Easter season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

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cc: Archbishop Roach

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DATE: May 24, 1993
MEMO TO: ARCHBISHOP ROACH, BISHOP WELSH
FROM: FR. KEVIN MCDONOUGH
SUBJECT: FR. HARRY MAJERUS

I met with Fr. Harry Majerus on May 20 at his apartment. He is living in retirement in Burnsville. The purpose of the meeting was to tell him of the complaint that has been made about misconduct that allegedly occurred about 50 years ago.

Fr. Majerus categorically denied the complaint, according to which he had some form of sexual contact with a young girl in his parish in 1943 or 1944. He told me that had no memory of that kind of activity at St. Columba or in any of the other places that he has served.

My sense of the conversation was that Fr. Majerus was being straightforward with me. This, along with the fact that neither the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis nor the Diocese of New Ulm has ever received a similar complaint suggests to me that the matter ought to be put to rest. I would like to approach the woman who came to me with the complaint and let her know that we have checked his background and spoken with him. I will tell her that we have no other indication of a complaint similar to hers at any time in the last 50 years. To the contrary, he has enjoyed a good reputation in the field of religious education, including working with minors. Had anything like what she recalls happening at St. Columba been repeated elsewhere, it seems that we would have known of it.

Fr. Majerus expressed his willingness to meet with the complainant if she wishes. I will also offer that possibility if it seems appropriate.

Although Fr. Majerus is officially retired, he does continue to exercise some ministry. I understand that he says a daily Mass at Burnsville once or twice a week and he also works with the liturgy team there. He seems in good spirits generally, but he has difficulty walking, reportedly as an effect of his diabetes. He was fairly wobbly on his feet when I visited with him.

I am sending a copy of this also to Bishop Lucker. If any of you have concerns about our considering this matter closed or my speaking once again with the complainant, please let me know.

cc: Bishop Lucker
Bishop Carlson
Bill Fallon

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on him
New
Ulm
priest
MauCyn
Please start
one of our
"special files"
on Fr. Harry
Majerus. Thanks K.

May 25, 1993

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Raymond A. Lucker
Catholic Pastoral Center
1400 Sixth North St.
New Ulm, MN 56073

Dear Bishop Lucker,

I have had a chance to speak with Fr. Harry Majerus about the matter which I brought to you a month or more ago. I have sent a memo to Archbishop Roach about that meeting and I am enclosing a copy for you.

As indicated in the memo, I would like to consider the complaint to be a closed matter at this point. I believe I have an obligation to be in contact with the complainant, primarily to indicate to her that there is no other evidence of this sort of complaint at any time in his ministry and that he forthrightly denies the particular complaint that she made. I do not know that that will satisfy her, but I believe I must be in communication with her.

If you have any concerns about all of this, please let me know. I hope that your summer is a good one.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

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Majerus file, please

May 27, 1993

Rev. Kevin M. McDonough
Archdiocese of St. Paul-Mpls.
226 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Fr. McDonough:

Thank you for your letter of May 25 and for the report of your meeting with Fr. Harry Majerus and your subsequent meeting with Archbishop Roach.

Along with you, I will consider the matter closed at this point and pray that Fr. Majerus would be able to continue to live out his retirement years in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Raymond A. Lucker

Bishop Raymond A. Lucker
Diocese of New Ulm

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Raymond A. Lucker

Bishop Raymond A. Lucker
Diocese of New Ulm

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April 12, 1994

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The Most Reverend Raymond A. Lucker
Catholic Pastoral Center
1400 6th North Street
New Ulm, MN 56073

Dear Bishop Lucker,

Fr. Harry Majerus and I spoke on April 7 about the complaint that had come in to my office about a year ago concerning him. He asked whether we had officially closed that matter, and I believe he has spoken with you in recent months about that. With a brief review of our file, I see that I had sent some information to you in May of 1993, but did not directly indicate an important postscript to you.

As you may recall, we had already decided to consider this matter closed as of May of last year. I am enclosing both for you and for Fr. Majerus a copy of my May 25 letter to you and the May 24 memorandum to Archbishop Roach and Bishop Welsh. Since that time, we have considered this a closed complaint.

Subsequently, however, Fr. Majerus and I spoke, and the complainant and I spoke. She asked to meet with him, and he graciously agreed to do so. He tells me that, as a result of the meeting, she decided that she had a case of mistaken identity. She has never approached me again about all of this, nor have I approached her. I do not know whether she continues to believe that she was abused by some priest when she was a child, but it is clear that she, as well as we, believe Fr. Majerus to be entirely innocent of that accusation.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. I wish you well in the Easter season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

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cc: Archbishop Roach
Fr. Majerus

Diocese of New Ulm

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file, please

April 18, 1994

Rev. Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
226 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55102-2197

Dear Fr. McDonough:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 12 concerning the false complaint against Fr. Majerus. I am grateful that you looked into the matter and found that it was a case of mistaken identity.

I can also imagine the tension and anxiety that this whole event caused Fr. Majerus. I am grateful for the sensitivity with which you handled the whole situation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Raymond A. Lucker

Bishop Raymond A. Lucker
Diocese of New Ulm

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March 24, 1995

On September 6, 1991 Kevin McDonough, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of St. Paul, returned a call I had made to him. I told him I was abused as a child, in the 1940's, at Annunciation Parish in Minneapolis, by Harry Majerus a priest at my Church. Kevin McDonough was supportive, said he believed me, and he was sorry that happened to me. He said he has worked with enough survivors of abuse to know I was telling the truth. He said that Harry Majerus is not under St. Paul jurisdiction, and the Archdiocese has not assigned him to help at any parish here. Kevin told me that Harry Majerus is under the jurisdiction of New Ulm Diocese, and Kevin wants to talk to someone in that diocese to determine if Majerus is ill, fully retired, or in a position of privileged access to children as a priest. He agreed to call me with this information, as my main concern was the protection of children.

I told Kevin McDonough that when I called the New Ulm Diocese, they told me Harry Majerus was retired. He had been in New Ulm in July 1991 for celebrations and dinners, and was now living in Burnsville, Minnesota. I also told Kevin I was very concerned about any children he might be having access to as a priest, and I needed to know as soon

as possible, the information I asked for.

I did not hear from Kevin McDonough again until March of 1995, when he returned a call from me. He had no recollection of our conversation in 1991; had no notes concerning that call, or the information he had promised to obtain and share with me. He had me confused with another woman who had called to complain about Harry Majerus. That was cleared up between us, and then Kevin suggested I had talked to someone else in 1991.

The covenant made with me in 1991 was broken by Kevin McDonough. I had trusted he would honor his promise to me, and now I am told he didn't even write down the information I gave him and place it in a file. So I need certain things to happen now:

1. I want a letter, in writing, stating that Harry Majerus does have any contact with children either in church, or in their homes wearing any priestly garments or a roman collar. I also want to know, in writing, that Harry Majerus has no access to vulnerable adults in their homes or any institutions wearing any priestly garments or a Roman collar.

2. I want to know if any other women or men, boys or girls, have made charges about inappropriate behavior or touch by Harry Majerus, in the St. Paul Archdiocese, or New Ulm Diocese, or any other diocese in which he served. I want this reply in writing.
3. Has Harry Majerus ever been in treatment for inappropriate sexual boundaries? I want this reply in writing.
4. I want to know what years Harry Majerus was appointed to Annunciation Parish in Minneapolis, and what other parishes in our diocese was he assigned to? I want the answers to these questions in writing.
5. What years did Harry Majerus serve as a priest in the New Ulm Diocese, and was he serving in any other diocese, in any capacity, during that time? I want these questions answered in writing.
6. In what year was Harry Majerus sent back to Mpls - St. Paul area, and at what parish did he serve and in what capacity? I want this information in writing.

What are the procedures used in our Archdiocese when abuse is reported to any Church personnel? What is the follow-up on reported abuse? Are files kept? And by whom? Are there cracks open in the system that others are falling through? I want these answers in writing.

8. I want a letter, in writing, today March 24, 1995, responding to each of these requests, stating whether you have given me the information in writing; or will give me the information in writing; or you decline to give me the information in writing.

Sincerely,



March 29, 1995



I want to thank you once again for your patience with me last Friday. While I had no indication in my calendar of our meeting, I presume that you were correct in indicating that we had one scheduled. I make such mistakes with enough frequency to trust that all of this was an oversight on my part.

Permit me to respond to each of your questions as I can with the information available to me today. On a couple of questions I will have to write in the next several days, once further research is completed. In order to meet the "reasonable period" that I indicated to you, I want to get a response to the most sensitive items to you immediately.

In response to your first question, I want to indicate that Father Majerus is retired and largely disabled. He has not, however, been instructed to avoid wearing clerical dress. As a result, I cannot reassure you that he would not meet either children or vulnerable adults in any setting whatsoever dressed as a priest. My understanding, however, is that his formal ministerial work is extremely limited. Until two years ago, he was saying Mass once or twice a week (at daily Mass) at the parish in Burnsville. When I last spoke with him about this, he was finding even that to be burdensome. He had no other involvement in the parish, and in particular was carrying on no ministry either with children or vulnerable adults.

The personnel records of Father Majerus were transferred to the Diocese of New Ulm when that diocese was created and he became a priest there in the mid-1950s. They have continued to be the archives of record for him. Based on the letter I received from Bishop Lucker, a copy of which I have given to you, it would appear that those records contain no information of charges of sexual misconduct or inappropriate behavior or touch by anyone. Since the time of his retirement, as you know, he has lived in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Almost three years ago, another woman called me indicating that she had been abused by a priest in the early 1940s. She could not remember his name, and initially gave a name different from, but not totally unlike, that of Father Majerus. She told me the parish in which this had taken place, and so a search of that parish's records indicated that there were two or three priests with somewhat similar names. I proposed to her that we begin with Father Majerus, and she agreed. I confronted Father Majerus and he denied any wrongdoing. He agreed to meet, however, with the person who was bringing forward the complaint. After the meeting, she indicated that she did not believe that the person who offended against her was Father Majerus. She was relieved by that knowledge and considered the matter closed, since the other possible

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priests were all deceased. This was the person with whom I confused you when we first spoke on the telephone several weeks ago.

In regard to your third question, I have no knowledge of Father Majerus ever having been in treatment for inappropriate sexual boundaries. He has certainly not been so through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and, once again, based on the letter from Bishop Lucker, that would appear to be true there as well.

In regard to your fourth question, we will have to do a little more research, primarily by calling New Ulm. We did not keep the records here of his assignments under his name. I will obtain that information for you in the next few days.

I believe that your fifth and sixth questions are answered by the letter from Bishop Lucker, a copy of which I have already given to you.

In regard to your seventh question, I am enclosing a copy of our pastoral statement on sexual issues in ministry. These include steps taken when abuse is reported, the follow-up on abuse, issues of record keeping and so on.

In turn, I would like to ask you for some information, either now or when you are ready to provide it. When you and I spoke in 1991, it appears (based on my letter to Bishop Lucker) that you were still attempting to remember the exact nature of the offense or offenses committed against you by Father Majerus. Have you been able to recover those memories any further? If so, would you be willing to share them with the Archdiocese? Finally, would you be willing to permit one of us to confront Father Majerus about this?

Once again, I apologize for the several mistakes that I have made in my dealings with you. I apologize for not getting back to you in 1991 after having followed up on your initial request. I am sorry for the confusion surrounding our phone call of two weeks ago and the calendar mix-up on our meeting last Friday. I will be back to you in the next few days with the remainder of the information that you requested. I wish you well in the springtime.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Kevin M. McDonough
Vicar General
Moderator of the Curia

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Enclosure

April 4, 1995

[REDACTED]

I am writing to follow up on my last letter and provide the other information that you had requested. After some research, I was able to find out the following information:

Father Majerus was assistant pastor at St. Columba Parish in Saint Paul from June of 1943 through May of 1944. While there he was appointed to an administrative position in the Education Office, working with religion teachers. I believe that he held that position for many years, since our records do not indicate when he was transferred from it. While he was in that role, he helped out at parishes, although he was not assigned full-time to them. He helped out at the Cathedral in Saint Paul from June through December of 1944. He served as one of the chaplains at St. Joseph's Hospital in Saint Paul from January 1945 through August 1946. He was at Annunciation in Minneapolis from mid-August 1946 until early September of 1947. He assisted in Marshall, Minnesota, from September of 1947 until May of 1949, and then helped out for two and a half months at St Thomas in Saint Paul and four months at our parish in Hopkins during that same year. He then served for just short of three years at St. Stephen in Minneapolis and helped out for about a half a year again at Marshall, Minnesota, from late 1952 until June of 1953. He was at Incarnation Parish in South Minneapolis from June of 1953 until September of 1954. At that time he was named pastor of the parish in Franklin, Minnesota, and remained there when the Diocese of New Ulm was split off from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in 1958.

The assignments between 1943 and 1954 are consistent with the work in the Education Office. They would appear to reflect the fact that he was working a good part of the day in our Teacher Training Office and then providing weekend and some part-time weekday help in parishes, probably when

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the illness or death of a pastor, or some similar motive, required it. I have not confirmed any of this with Father Majerus himself, however, and he would be pretty much the only living priest who would know why he was assigned in the way he was.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

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August 29, 1995



You and I spoke again last spring about Father Majerus and exchanged some correspondence in his regard. Earlier today, I received the news that Father Majerus had died. I wanted to be in contact with you about that and let you have that information.

I reviewed once again our correspondence and am embarrassed by the several mistakes in communicating with you. I hope that, in spite of those mistakes, your journey of healing is continuing positively.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Multiple allegations
of sexual abuse
of minor females
in Archdiocese.
(40's & 50's)
Went on to New ULM
Died 8/28/95

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of NEW ULM

Office of Vicar General

June 24, 2004

Rev. Kevin McDonough
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Dear Father McDonough,

I write to you concerning further developments of three priests who have had allegations of sexual misconduct placed against them. I only bring these to your attention because the three priests involved dovetail at some point in their life with the Archdiocese.

The first involves David A Roney, a deceased priest of our Diocese. There are five new allegations against him while he was assigned at the Willmar and Benson areas from 1967-1980. The only way this would involve you is that Father David Roney was assigned as pastor at St. Francis in St. Croix Beach from 1952-1955.

The second case involved Robert P. Clark, Jr. Molly O'Connor, an attorney working with Jeffrey Anderson alerted the Diocese that there would be a summons and complaint coming shortly and that was three months ago. This allegation involves a minor female while Robert Clark was assigned as associate pastor at Holy Trinity in Winsted from 1984-1989. This only involves you to the degree that Robert P. Clark, Jr. served as an associate at the Church of St. Agnes in St. Paul from 1997 until he was placed on administrative leave in 2002.

The third case involves Father Harry Majerus, a deceased priest of our Diocese. The alleged victim, [REDACTED] has spoken with me on two occasions and will continue to call in the future. Her concern as a [REDACTED] and as a victim herself is that she alleges that she knows of two other victims of Father Majerus while he was assigned at [REDACTED]. Although she was an adult when the alleged abuse is to have taken place, she is making the request that the Diocese publish in [REDACTED] bulletin that allegations have been made against Father Majerus and if there are any other victims that they should come forward. [REDACTED] has met with Father Paul Schumacher, the present pastor at the [REDACTED] on several occasions and she has found

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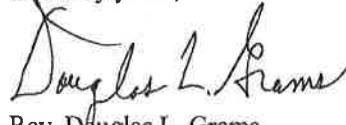
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those visits to be helpful. [REDACTED] maintains that she is only interested in making sure that other victims have a change to heal.

I thought it would be good to update you on these current situations given the fact that we are the first daughter of the Archdiocese and as the summer months are upon us people disappear for vacations. We have our press releases prepared concerning Father Roney and Father Clark. I will also alert your communications department as well.

I hope you will be able to get some vacation in during the next few months. If I can be of assistance in any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas L. Grams".

Rev. Douglas L. Grams

Vicar General

Director of Priest Personnel