

DATE November 20, 1986

NAME Rev. Victor E. Stewart

PARISH St. Charles Lwanga

APPOINTED September 17, 1982

Please select name of one priest you would like to
serve on your evaluation team.

Alternate _____

The Evaluation Team Manager selected by your dean is:

Rev. Kenneth Brigham

If for some reason you would prefer someone rather
than the above on your team please notify our office.

Please return in enclosed envelope within 10 days to:

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155 East Superior Street
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April 15, 1990

Reverend Raymond L. Cuasck, Executive Secretary
The Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board
Archdiocese of Chicago
25 West Chicago Avenue - Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Dear Ray and Members of the Board:

I was visited by Bishop Gregory on April 7th concerning my personnel status. During that visit he expressed his desire that I be aware that the Board met with him and he discussed with you his desire that I be appointed pastor of St. Ailbe Parish. He explained all the possible ramifications of this appointment and my options in this matter. He carefully explained to me the very specific stipulations that are attached to this appointment. And he ended by explaining to me that if I accept this appointment I was to understand that the Cardinal has already given his approval. Because of this I wish to record my understanding of what is to happen and what is expected, so that you know my reasoning on this matter:

- 1) I will be directly appointed as pastor of Saint Ailbe Parish. This will mean that the status of the parish will be changed from "shared ministry" to "pastorate".
- 2) That there will be a movement of personnel already assigned to the parish: namely, that Rich Welc, resident, will be leaving (this was already in the process); and that the Associate, Mike Hoffarth would also be going to another parish. Considering all of the circumstances I fully agree.
- 3) That I must have a business manager: I have always operated with a business manager. I have one now, Jeanette Allen. Bishop Gregory has made appropriate suggestions of personnel in this matter.
- 4) That I must recognize and support Sr. Kathryn Harnett's role on staff: I know Sister Kathryn and see no conflicts in either style or manner in which her role has been performed in the past. You will find that previous processes are in line with my own operating procedures. My ministerial style is supportive and an enabler. I think Sister will be quite comfortable with me and my own style.
- 5) Must be present to the people and no teaching: I fully agree with this. I have no intentions of teaching in the near future, except in the parish school and RE in the Parish. I ended teaching in December 89.

**SAINT
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LWANGA**

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February 8, 2008

To: Leah McCluskey, Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (CAIR)

From: Patty Zacharias, Assistant Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (CAIR) PZ

Re: Review of Allegation Reports Against Fr. Victor Stewart/References to Fr. [REDACTED]

Please find attached a listing of the files contained with the CAIR office pertaining to allegations against Fr. Victor Stewart (deceased). You had asked for each file to be reviewed to determine if the accuser said that [REDACTED] observed abuse perpetrated by Fr. Stewart and/or if the accuser said they had the opinion that Fr. [REDACTED] "knew" about the abuse without having observed anything to confirm that belief.

The listing identifies the following information under each column for allegation reports/files reviewed:

- **Case Name** = Name of the Accuser
- **Observed** = "Y" (yes) is recorded if the accuser stated they believe Fr. [REDACTED] observed Fr. Stewart perpetrating abuse against a minor. An "N" (no) if there was no documentation within the allegation report/file indicating the accuser believed they knew that Fr. [REDACTED] observed Fr. Stewart perpetrating abuse against a minor.
- **Where documented**= This describes where the "Y" information is documented within the allegation report/file.
- **Believed** = A "Y" (yes) is recorded if the accuser stated they have an opinion that Fr. [REDACTED] "knew" Fr. Stewart was abusing minors. There is no indication they observed abuse to form that opinion.
- **Where documented** = This describes where the "Y" information is documented within the allegation report/file.

The file review indicates there are nine accusers of 41 accusers total who said they either knew Fr. [REDACTED] observed abuse by Fr. Stewart or believed Fr. [REDACTED] was aware that abuse was occurring. Of the nine accusers, four said they knew Fr. [REDACTED] observed abuse and it is unclear if one [REDACTED] also said that. All nine accusers said they have the opinion that Fr. [REDACTED] "knew" Fr. Stewart was abusing minors.

Cc: Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor ✓

Case Name	Observed	Where documented	Believed	Where documented
[REDACTED]	Y	Page 6 alleg. Report	Y	pp 5&7 alleg. Report
	N		N	
	N		N	
	Y	Page 4 alleg. report	Y	page 6 alleg. Report
	N		N	
	N		Y	pp 3&4 alleg. Report
	N		N	
	N		Y	page 3 alleg. Report
	N		N	
	N		N	
	N		N	
	N		N	
	Y	pp3&6 alleg./book	Y	pp3&6 alleg. Report and book
	N		N	
	N		N	
	N		N	
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	N		N	
	N		N	
	N		Y	page 5 alleg. Report
	N		N	
	N		N	
	N		N	
	Y	Page 5 alleg. Report	Y	[REDACTED] spelled [REDACTED] in report
	N		N	
	N		N	
	N		N	
	N		N	
?-unclear		Y	Letter dated March 7, 2002 Handwritten notes dated 3-8-01	
N		N		
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N		Y	page 4 alleg. Report	
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MEMORANDUM

To: Review Board Members

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: [REDACTED] [formerly [REDACTED]]

Date: November 7, 2007

*file primary
- to Stewart's
file*

This memorandum is in regards to Mr. [REDACTED] and his allegations of the sexual abuse of minors by clerics of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Mr. [REDACTED] formalized his allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Victor Stewart, a deceased priest of the diocese, on December 5, 2005 with Patricia Zacharias.

Civil attorney [REDACTED] represented Mr. [REDACTED] in his claim against the Archdiocese of Chicago for his alleged sexual abuse by Fr. Stewart. There was a financial settlement of this matter on June 20, 2006.

Since first reporting the alleged abuse by Fr. Stewart, Mr. [REDACTED] has identified other priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago who he says either were aware of his alleged abuse by Fr. Stewart and or may have abused other children as well. These priests include Rev. [REDACTED] a retired priest of the diocese, Rev. [REDACTED] and Rev. [REDACTED] active priests of the diocese; and Rev. Kenneth Brigham, a deceased priest. These allegations of abuse are based on hearsay information.

I have attempted on several occasions via written and e-mail correspondence to schedule a time to meet with Mr. [REDACTED] about the other claims of unspecified misconduct that he has made against Frs. [REDACTED] and Brigham. Mr. [REDACTED] has declined to do so. In the interim, I have opened appropriate files and retained the services of Jack Burke and Associates to investigate the matters.

Attached to this memorandum are supporting documents outlining these matters alleged by Mr. [REDACTED]. You will also find a copy of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]

which he describes some of these allegations. Since [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] has indicated that he is willing to meet with me and we are attempting to schedule an interview.

These matters will be on the Agenda for the scheduled November 17, 2007 Review Board meeting as a report pursuant to §1104.2 (i) for your consideration.

Cc Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

[REDACTED]
ATTORNEY AT LAW

[REDACTED]

TEL: [REDACTED]
FAX: [REDACTED]

December 19, 2006

[REDACTED]

Mr. James Serritella
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[REDACTED]
Attorney at Law
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Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Jim and [REDACTED]:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that at the time that [REDACTED] was being abused by Father Victor Stewart, [REDACTED] went to Reverend [REDACTED] to try to get help. Though Reverend [REDACTED] was now aware of the Father Victor Stewart's abuse of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not receive any help from Reverend [REDACTED]. Reverend [REDACTED]'s response to [REDACTED] cries for help was to pray about it. At no time, according to [REDACTED], did Reverend [REDACTED] report the abuse by Father Victor Stewart or offer counseling to [REDACTED].

Thank you.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-327

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino *LNP*

Re: [REDACTED], Rev. [REDACTED] (Active), [REDACTED]

Date: February 8, 2007

I have been informed that the accused, Fr. [REDACTED] has been identified as:

Rev. [REDACTED]

Please make changes to your files.

If you have any information pertinent to this matter please forward it to this office at your earliest convenience.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry
John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

AOC 005152

[REDACTED]
ATTORNEY AT LAW

[REDACTED]

TITLE: [REDACTED]
FAX: [REDACTED]

June 15, 2004

Mr. James A. Serritella
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Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Jim:

Please be advised, I have been retained by [REDACTED] to represent him in his claim against the Chicago Archdiocese for sexual molestation charges against Father Victor Stewart.

Thank you. If you have questions, please call.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Cc. Ralph Bonaccorsi

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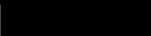







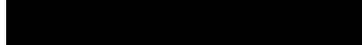


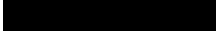
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To: File - PFR-39

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Stewart, Rev. Victor [Deceased] 

Date: June 10, 2004

PRA began to receive correspondence via e-mail from Mr.  mother, . Through her e-mails,  stated that Rev. Victor Stewart sexually abused her son  while he was in grammar school.  e-mails also request . As per , Mr.  is now 25 years old and lives with  provided her phone number and Mr.  phone number  and  respectively.

PRA attempted to reach Mr.  via phone today as per his mother's request. Mr.  was not home, but PRA spoke with . PRA left contact information with Mr.  and requested a return call.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility
John O'Malley, Legal Services
✓ Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino,^{LNP} Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: June 3, 2004

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor (Deceased), [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 6/3/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor [REDACTED].

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

AOC 005155

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 6/3/04 1:49PM
Subject: Re: (no subject)

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for e-mailing me and for sharing such personal information about you and your son. I am so sorry that you have had to contact the Archdiocese under these circumstances.

I would like to speak to you and/or your son regarding the information that you shared concerning Fr Stewart. In terms of counseling for your son, our Office of Assistance Ministry would be able to assist you with your needs. Thank you for forwarding your phone number, and I will attempt to reach you today. I will be out of the office tomorrow and not returning until Monday, so if we are unable to touch base today, I certainly will hope to reach you early next week.

Ms. [REDACTED] please feel free to continue to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. I have enclosed all of my contact information at the end of this e-mail. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Peace,

Leah

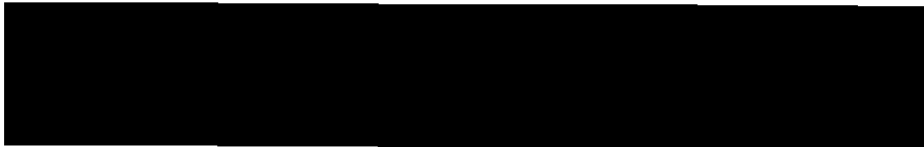
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>>> [REDACTED] > 06/02/04 07:05PM >>>

MS. mccluskey, I am writing this in regard of my son now 25 years old, His name is [REDACTED] has come forward [REDACTED] Father Stewart from St. Charles Lwanga school molested him years ago. When [REDACTED] was 10 and 11 years old father Stewart would buy him name brand gym shoes, on a regular basis, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the horrible abuse [REDACTED] suffered. St. Charles Lwanga;s name changed in 1974 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The parish in question was located on south garfield blvd. the gym was on [REDACTED] 55th and so Lasalle, at that time we lived [REDACTED] st. we have since located to [REDACTED] my address is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I have documented proof of [REDACTED]s attendance of 1989 and 1990. It was strange looking back now, that Father Stewart was allway;s surrounded by young boy;s [REDACTED]



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/ John O'Malley, Legal Services
✓ Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
LNP

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: June 2, 2004

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 6/2/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with Mr. [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor/[REDACTED].

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Thank you.

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cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-39
From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator
Re: Stewart, Rev. Victor [Deceased]
Date: November 14, 2003



Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi informed PRA of additional information regarding allegations of sexual misconduct against Rev. Victor Stewart provided by Mr. [REDACTED], attorney for numerous alleged victims of Fr. Stewart. As per Mr. [REDACTED], at least one of his clients stated that a deacon at St. Charles Lwanga by the name of "Deacon Willie" accompanied a group from the parish on a trip to Rome [exact date not known]. PRA contacted Rev. Michael Ahlstrom in the Vicar for the Diaconate Office in attempts to determine the identity and whereabouts of a "Deacon Willie" who had served at St. Charles Lwanga parish.

Fr. Ahlstrom contacted PRA via phone on November 14, 2003 with the following information:

Deacon Willie Foggie
Assigned to St. Charles Lwanga from 1986-1990
Currently resides in Diocese of [REDACTED]
Home address: [REDACTED]

As per Fr. Ahlstrom, one other deacon was assigned to St. Charles Lwanga with Deacon Foggie:

Deacon Louis Constanopolis
Ordained in 1980 and assigned to St. Charles Lwanga from 1980-close of parish
Current parish: St. Benedict the African-West
Home address: [REDACTED]
Home phone: [REDACTED]

Please instruct PRA of any additional information that may be necessary to obtain regarding this matter.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility
LNP

DATE: November 14, 2003

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor E. (Deceased) [REDACTED] Mrs. on behalf of her son
[REDACTED] (Deceased)

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 11/14/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with Mrs. [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor E. [REDACTED].

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Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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[REDACTED]
ATTORNEY AT LAW

[REDACTED]

TTL: [REDACTED]
FAX: [REDACTED]

November 13, 2003

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Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi
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Re: [REDACTED] (deceased)

Dear Jim and Ralph:

Please be advised, I have been retained by Mrs. [REDACTED] to represent her deceased son [REDACTED] in his claim against the Chicago Archdiocese for sexual molestation charges against Father Victor Stewart.

Thank you. If you have questions, please call.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cc. Dr. Michael Bland

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FROM: ^{LNP} Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: November 6, 2003

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 11/5/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor [REDACTED].

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Thank you.

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cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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✓ Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino^{JNP}, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: October 9, 2003

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor E./ [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 10/8/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor E./ [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

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cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Mayra Flores *MF*

RE: [REDACTED] [V0126]

DATE: October 7, 2003

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Yesterday, I received a phone call from [REDACTED] who is representing [REDACTED] in his claim against the Archdiocese of Chicago. Mr. [REDACTED] explained that due to an oversight on his part, notification to Archdiocesan attorneys was delayed. [REDACTED]

After consulting with Ralph, I returned Mr. [REDACTED]'s phone call with the following message:

- While the Archdiocesan attorneys did not receive [REDACTED] notification, Ralph was aware that Mr. [REDACTED] was representing him. [REDACTED]
- Mr. [REDACTED] asks that Ralph schedule a meeting with Jimmy Lago for Friday, October 10, 2003. Mr. [REDACTED] will be traveling to Chicago to meet with his clients and their ministers. He would like to take the opportunity to meet with Jimmy as well. He would like to discuss with Jimmy his serious concerns over the delay in scheduling the mediation process for his clients.
- Mr. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] are his most recent clients. I encouraged him to schedule their interviews with Leah McCluskey as soon as possible. Mr. [REDACTED] asked if VAM could schedule the meetings for Friday. I responded that it would be more appropriate for him to call Leah directly to schedule the interviews.
- Mr. [REDACTED] shared his grave concern that the continued delays in scheduling the mediations have been having a detrimental affect on his clients.

The conversation was pleasant, and Mr. [REDACTED] thanked VAM for the returned call.

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, ^{LNP}Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: August 18, 2003

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Vincent [REDACTED]

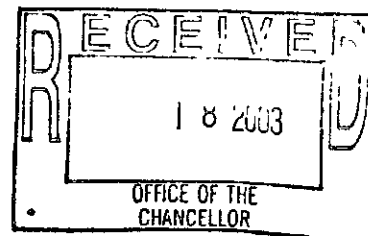
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Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert



AOC 005168

[REDACTED]
ATTORNEY AT LAW

TEL [REDACTED]
FAX [REDACTED]

August 7, 2002

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22nd Floor, IBM Plaza
330 North Wabash Ave.
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Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi
Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Professional Responsibility
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Jim and Ralph:

Please be advised, I have been retained by Mr. [REDACTED] to represent him in his claim against the Chicago Archdiocese for sexual molestation charges against Father Victor Stewart.

Thank you. If you have questions, please call.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Cc. Dr. Michael Bland

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: April 21, 2003

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a new allegation received by this office on 4/21/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor/[REDACTED].

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AOC 005170

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Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
LNP

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: March 26, 2003

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor (Deceased)/ [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 3/24/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding [REDACTED].

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

AOC 005171

[Redacted]

ATTORNEY AT LAW

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March 19, 2003

Mr. James Serritella
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Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: My Clients:

[Redacted]

Dear Mr. Serritella:

Please be advised that the above-mentioned clients have retained me to represent them in a claim against the Chicago Archdiocese and Father Victor Stewart.

The Purpose of this letter is to request that you open a claim for each of the above clients. Please call me so that we can discuss same.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, ^{LNP}Administrative Assistant
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: March 26, 2003

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor (Deceased), [REDACTED]

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Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, ^{LNP}Administrative Assistant
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: October 5, 2002

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Rev. Victor/ [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 11/1/02. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor, [REDACTED].

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-39

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased)/Anonymous**

Date: October 1, 2002

PFRA had a phone conversation with a male anonymous caller on September 24, 2002 where the caller alleged sexual misconduct against Fr. Victor Edward Stewart.

The individual stated that he has never discussed this abuse with anyone until today. He is married and described himself as a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The caller also stated that approximately one month ago it had come to his attention that two individuals had filed a lawsuit regarding sexual misconduct against Fr. Stewart.

The anonymous caller stated that the abuse took place at St. Charles Lwanga Parish, located at 55th and Garfield. The caller described Fr. Stewart as a good person, but “[Fr. Stewart] took advantage of us.” He alleges that he was abused by Fr. Stewart from 1981 through 1986. The caller stated that he moved into the rectory in 1982 and lived there until approximately 1987, when [REDACTED]. He added that he has [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] “is affected [after being abused by Fr. Stewart as well].”

PFRA explained to the caller the process of formalizing an allegation through the Office of Professional Fitness Review. He stated that he is not interested in filing a lawsuit, but would be interested in scheduling an interview with PFRA in order to formalize his allegation. The caller was not ready to disclose his name and contact information. He stated that he would call back to schedule an interview.

Cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Victim Assistance Ministry
John O’Malley, Legal Services
Jim Serritella, BWMS

AOC 005175

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MEMORANDUM

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Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Patricia Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

FROM: Laura A. Neri-Palomino *LNP*

DATE: March 8, 2007

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 3/6/07.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Rev. Victor [REDACTED]

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Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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Very Rev James Presta, St. Joseph Seminary
Rev. Dennis Lyle, Mundelein Seminary

MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

DATE: October 15, 1994

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:



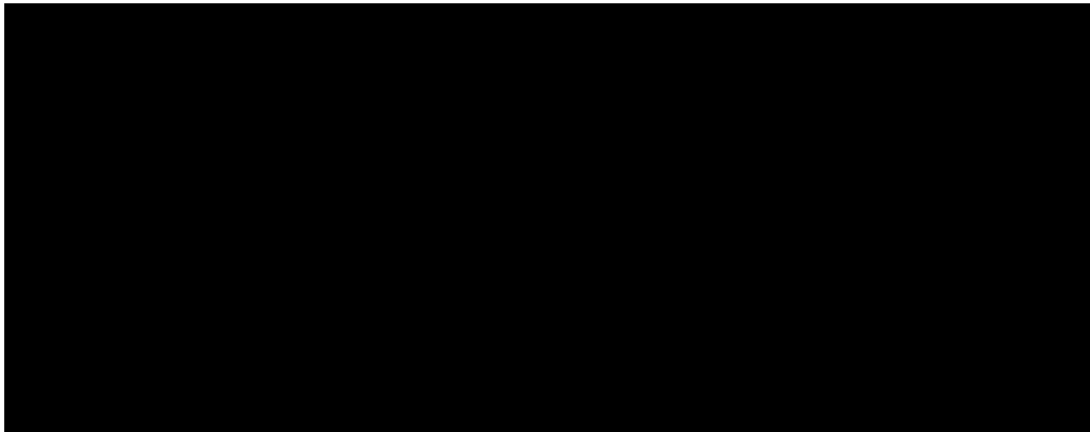
OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Paprocki

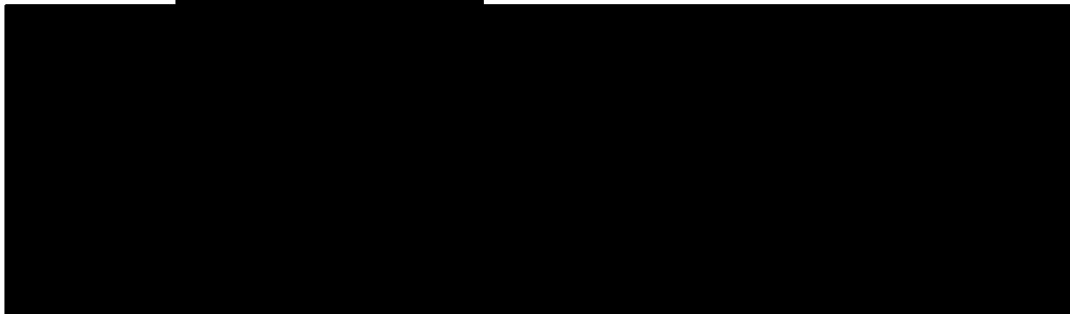
Steve Sidlowski

* The Review Board formally approved the Meeting Minutes for the Review Board Meeting of September 17, 1994.

Matter of 



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[REDACTED]

Discussion Between Victim Assistance Ministry's Rev. Michael Bland and Review Board:

- Rev. Michael Bland of Victim Assistance Ministry was introduced to the Review Board and discussed with the Board the general guidelines and approached which VAM takes in its work. Michael Bland answered all of the Board's questions as part of the ongoing dialogue between the Board and that ministry.

Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Matter of PFR-39 (V.S.):

1. The Administrator informed the Board about an allegation of sexual misconduct as a minor which had been brought forth by a [REDACTED] against now-deceased Archdiocesan priest V.S. The Administrator informed the Board that V.S. had been one of the "old" matters involving alleged sexual misconduct with minors by V.S., although the Administrator noted that he had received no detailed information about any prior allegations, other than that the Vicar for Priests Rev. Pat O'Malley had recently noted that the prior allegation(s) might be described as "smoke." Apparently, the Cook County State's Attorneys' Office was aware of V.S.'s allegations and did not pursue prosecution against him when he was alive. However, the Administrator noted that V.S. had been withdrawn from parish ministry, and had also heard that perhaps V.S.'s past might have involved financial misconduct as well, but in any event he had no longer been allowed into parish ministry with access to minors and he was working at the Mercy Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in some capacity, with his salary paid through the Office of Professional Fitness Review, when he passed away earlier this summer.

2. The Board for the time being discussed that the matter could at least be referred to as a 4.7(c) report by the Administrator but that the Executive Sub-Committee will further discuss how the Board might want to deal with deceased priest allegation situations, overall, when that Sub-Committee meets sometime in the near future, and the Sub-Committee would get back to the entire Board with the results of its discussions.

Matter of [REDACTED]



- Other Miscellaneous Information: The Administrator returned to the Board copies of comments from the Vicar for Priests regarding the two, new proposed Questionnaires regarding assessments and therapy. The Board resolved to take the comments home with them and to defer discussion on it until the next Board Meeting.

- The Board also decided to defer discussion on the housing/supervision proposed changes' materials for its comments/input to the next Board meeting.

- The Administrator reminded the Board that its next Board meeting was scheduled for 11-19-94.

Respectfully
Submitted By
Steve Sidlowski -
Administrator

These Minutes Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board

Patricia Zacharias

From: [REDACTED]
To: <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>, <pzacharias@archchicago.org>
Date: 7/15/2005 4:50 AM

I would like to formalize an allegation. This has been something on my mind for quite some time concerning my former God-Father, the late Rev. Victor E. Stewart, Catholic Priest of St. Charles Lwanga Parish. The Parish is no longer named this, it was closed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I can be reached by cell [REDACTED] after 6pm weekdays, weekends anytime.

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Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: August 31, 2004

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert ✓

AOC 005182

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

TEL: ██████████
FAX: ██████████

August 31, 2003

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Mr Ralph Bonaccorsi
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Via First Class U.S. Mail and Facsimile

Re: ██████████

Dear Jim and Ralph:

Please be advised, I have been retained by ██████████ to represent him in his claim against the Chicago Archdiocese for sexual molestation charges against Father Victor Stewart.

Sincerely,

Sent without a Signature to Avoid Delay

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN OF THE EAST
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

TO: Ron Pffeifer
FROM: Rev. Wayne Prist
RE: Victor Stewart - D.Min. - Scholarships
DATE: November 18, 1991

I have recently learned that Fr. Victor Stewart will not be able to continue his D.Min. studies this year due to illness. I understand that he attended only 3 classes. I would like to use \$300.00 from the Archdiocesan Scholarship Fund to cover these classes. I see from the September 30th D.Min. Tuition Statement that we have deducted \$500.00 from the fund for the Fall Quarter 1991, so I would like to credit the Scholarship Fund \$200.00. Fr. Stewart will not owe anything further this year.

Thank you.

P.S. Please send him a bill statement showing \$0 balance.



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September 6, 1991

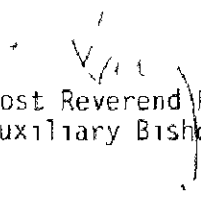
Rev. Wayne Priest
Center for Development in Ministry
University of St. Mary of the Lake
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

Dear Wayne,

I am writing on behalf of Rev. Victor Stewart. As you know, he was formerly the pastor of St. Ailbe's and is now awaiting a new assignment. Vic indicated some concern to me, as the Doctor of Ministry program seems to presume that the participants are engaged in the active ministry and there has been concern expressed that Vic is on some sort of leave of absence. I just wanted to assure you that there was no truth to this rumor. Vic is not on a leave of absence, but is in transition from his former pastorate to a new parochial assignment. I am in conversation with the Personnel Board about this and as soon as there is an opening, Vic is quite willing to accept it. I do hope that you will be able to make room for Vic in the program, as this seems to be something that he has looked forward to for a long time.

With thanks for whatever you can do for Vic, I remain

Faternally yours,


Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

AOC 005186

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Autobiographical

1. WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR YOUR MINISTRY?

As a Catholic Christian and a Roman Catholic Priest my ministerial goal is to love and serve the Lord both in creation and to serve the People of God through the Church. My personal goal is to become one with the Lord through a holy life of faithful service. Ministry enables me to grow in love and commitment to the Lord. My service to others enables them to realize, hopefully, Christ's continuing presence and healing ministry among us. I sincerely desire to be God's instrument for whatever the Lord's will may choose, and to serve as the Lord indicates. I see no other personal ambition or gain which is not mediated by this reality in my life.

2. WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS DEGREE PROGRAM?

The Doctor of Ministry Degree Program, as I see it at this point, will do several things and enable me to see certain values:

a. It will enable me, as a priest, to make a life shift which enables me to effect ministerial situations (in specific areas of ministry, such as spirituality and liturgy) of black people and clergy by shedding light and insights on ministry which have been obtained and enhanced through the various instruments which are obtained in this Program. Whese will be further enhanced by my years of ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

b. I wish to spend the latter part of my life invested in ministerial situations (this includes preaching and writing) which are open to spirituality and liturgy. This program will give me the tools which are necessary to be effective and informed, and certified in these areas of life and growth.

c. This program is excellent, acclaimed, and respected. I have been asked many times, in my travels, about this program and how to apply. It is able to equip the participant with the necessary tools to make a positive impact and contribution to the Church of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

3. IN LIGHT OF THIS, HOW DOES THIS PROGRAM FIT INTO YOUR SERVICE TO THE Church of Chicago?

Answer contained in #2

4. GIVE AN EVALUATION OF YOUR ABILITY TO PURSUE THIS PROGRAM.

I have discuss my desire to pursue this program with the Cardinal, Bishop Gregory, and the Vicar of Priest. I have been encouraged to pursue this program and told that I would be given every every opportunity to pursue this goal.

5. DESCRIBE THE EXTENT OF SUPPORT YOU HAVE FROM YOUR STAFF FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM.

At the time of this application, I am between assignments. But this would be taken into account for any new assignment. This has been discussed at length with the Vicar of Priest, Bishop Goedert and with Cardinal Bernardin.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING - Autobiographical (cont'd)

6. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOU OR YOUR PLANS FOR MINISTER IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION?

Please see the letter attached.

[REDACTED]
ATTORNEY AT LAW

TEL: [REDACTED]
FAX: [REDACTED]

February 8, 2007

[REDACTED]
Me. James Serritella
Attorney at Law
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Dear Mr. Serritella:

Please be advised that this office has been retained by [REDACTED] on a claim against Father Victor Stewart and the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago

Thank you.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]
Paralegal

cc [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
ATTORNEY AT LAW

TEL: [REDACTED]
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February 2, 2007

[REDACTED]

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Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Jim:

Please be advised that [REDACTED] has retained me to represent him in his claim against Father Victor Stewart and the Chicago Catholic Archdiocese.

Please direct all correspondence and communication to me regarding this matter.

Thank you.

Yours Truly,

[REDACTED]

Cc. [REDACTED]

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FROM: Laura A. Neri-Palomino *LNP*

DATE: March 8, 2007

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased)/ [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM


To: File – PFR-39

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Stewart, Rev. Victor [Deceased]

Date: November 27, 2006

PRA received a forwarded voice mail message today from Ralph Bonaccorsi, Director of the Office of Assistance Ministry, which he originally received from Carolyn Perz of the Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board.

The message was from what sounded like an adult male, who stated that he had information regarding Rev. Victor Stewart. The male left a phone number and stated that if he did not receive a return phone call from someone at the Archdiocese of Chicago, that he would share what he needed to share with the media. The phone number left was 

PRA called the aforementioned phone number and received an automated message with no identifier of who belonged to the phone number. On the voice mail message, PRA identified herself and her office and stated that the call was made in response to a message received regarding a deceased priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. PRA left her name and phone number and requested a return phone call.

Cc: Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

AOC 005197

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: October 7, 2005

RE: [PFR-39]Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 10/7/05. We are opening a file and Patty Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Rev. Victor/ [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Rev. George Rassas, Vicar General

AOC 005198

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FAX:

October 4, 2005

Mr. James A. Serritella
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Re:

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Thank you

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
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DATE: September 8, 2006

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RE: [Redacted]

Dear Mr. Serritella,

Please be advised that [Redacted] has retained my services to represent her in her claim against Father Victor Stewart and the Chicago Archdiocese for sexual abuse.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted]

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Re: [Redacted]

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Yours truly,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Cc. [Redacted]

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: June 20, 2006

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 6/19/06.

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FROM: ^{LNP} Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: June 8, 2006

RE: **[PFR-39] Stewart, Rev. Victor** [REDACTED]

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January 25, 2006



Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a finalized report of your allegation dated October 26, 2005 with the changes you submitted.

Upon your review of the report, please provide your signature and date and return the document in the envelope provided.

[REDACTED] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report to this office by February 8, 2006. In the event that we do not receive any response from you by February 8th, we will assume that the final report is accurate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patty Zacharias at 312-867-8793.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

*3/21/06
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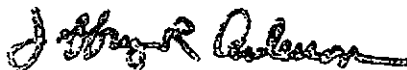
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RE: [REDACTED] v. Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Counsel:

This is to advise you that we represent the interests of [REDACTED] in a claim against the Archdiocese of Chicago and Fr. Victor Stewart for misconduct while that priest was serving in and for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please forward a proposed Tolling Agreement so that this matter can be brought into ADR. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey R. Anderson
jeff@andersonadvocates.com

JRA:tat
cc: Marc Pearlman

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Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Serritella:

Please be advised, I have been retained by [REDACTED] to represent him in his claim against the Chicago Archdiocese for sexual molestation charges against Father Stewart.

Thank you. If you have questions, please call.

Yours truly,
[REDACTED]

cc: Ralph Bonacorssi

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-39

From: Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator PZ

Re: Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Date: November 15, 2005

PRAA received a copy of records held in Fr. Stewart's file within the Archives of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The records are dated from January 7, 1985 through March 20, 1985. The records detail that Mr. [REDACTED] received a driving lesson from A-Lawn Driving School, Inc. A letter was sent to Fr. John Hertenrother of the Archdiocese of Chicago from Mr. Dan O'Connell, President of A-Lawn Driving School. The letter stated that Fr. Stewart paid for the driving lesson and the check was returned for not sufficient funds.

A copy of a record from the driving school lists Mr. [REDACTED] home address as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Chicago which is the address for St. Charles Lwanga Church. Mr. [REDACTED] has stated in his formal allegation against Fr. Stewart that he was living with Fr. Stewart at the rectory of St. Charles Lwanga Parish during this time period. Mr. [REDACTED] would have been 17 years old at the time of his driving lesson

It is also noted in the record that Fr. Stewart had used a stipend check to pay for the driving lesson.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, ^{LNP}Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: September 9, 2005

RE: [PFR-39]Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased)/ [REDACTED]

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cc: Rev. George Rassas, Vicar General

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant ^{LNP}
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: August 8, 2005

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Rev. Vincent (Deceased) [REDACTED]

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility
LNP

DATE: August 8, 2005

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Rev. Vincent (Deceased) [REDACTED]

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


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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-39

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Stewart, Rev. Victor [Deceased]

Date: July 14, 2005

PRA received a phone call this morning from [REDACTED] regarding the media coverage of the alleged victims of Rev. Victor Stewart.

[REDACTED] indicated that she had read about and saw the television news coverage on the individuals coming forward to report their alleged abuse by Fr. Stewart. She expressed her relief that "...they finally came out" and that she is very glad that they came forward.

[REDACTED] informed PRA that she attended and graduated from St. Charles Lwanga grammar school. She stated that it was a "pattern" with Fr. Stewart that he would "hang out" with all of the boys and never the girls. [REDACTED] stated that Fr. Stewart would buy the boys expensive Michael Jordan gym shoes and jogging suits. She also mentioned her knowledge that Fr. Stewart bought two cars for different boys when they were older.

[REDACTED] stated that Fr. Stewart was always with boys and that girls were never in the rectory. She then corrected herself and stated that there were maybe three girls who were in the rectory at any time. One was the daughter of [REDACTED], the [REDACTED] at St. Charles Lwanga and the other two were daughters of secretaries at the rectory. [REDACTED] also talked about the boys always calling the girls from the rectory, as boys and girls in junior high would call and talk to each other on the phone. She recalls asking the boys where they were calling from, and being surprised that they were always at the rectory.

[REDACTED] informed PRA of once incident where she saw Fr. Stewart slap one of the boys in the face. She said that there was to be a field trip to one of the local museums and that it was cancelled due to the teacher being ill. [REDACTED] received permission to go into the rectory to call her mother for a ride home. That is when she saw Fr. Stewart slap [REDACTED] in the face. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. [REDACTED] used to live in the

rectory because "...he didn't get along with his mother..." She believes that Fr. Stewart had guardianship of Mr. [REDACTED] at the time. When asked by PRA, [REDACTED] stated that she is one year younger than Mr. [REDACTED]

Referring back to yesterday's media coverage, [REDACTED] stated that she went to school with all of the men who were televised and identified as victims of Fr. Stewart. She spoke of "the guy in the red shirt" and identified him as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that she and Mr. [REDACTED] graduated from St. Charles Lwanga in 1985. She stated that all of the boys were at the rectory "all of the time" including at night, staying overnight, and on Saturday mornings. As per [REDACTED], at the time all knew that something was not right with Fr. Stewart spending so much time with only the boys and buying them expensive things. However, [REDACTED] stated that she and the others were young and did not know exactly what was going on with Fr. Stewart and the boys. When asked by PRA, [REDACTED] stated that she never saw nor heard anyone talk about sexual abuse by Fr. Stewart, but that all always questioned that the cleric was always with the boys.

[REDACTED] again expressed that she was glad that "...finally it came out..." She shared her feeling that she and others at the time would "...pretty much suspect..." that Fr. Stewart abused the entire [boys] basketball team at St. Charles Lwanga. [REDACTED] stated that Fr. Stewart took the boys shopping for school supplies and insinuated that the cleric took them shopping so that they would not disclose the abuse. She identified St. Charles Lwanga rectory as a "hang out" for the boys.

[REDACTED] mentioned her involvement in cheerleading and choir while a student at St. Charles Lwanga. She asked about Fr. Kiley [Rev. Philip] and if he was still alive. PRA informed her that he is still alive and provided Ms. Houston with his current assignments at St. Francis De Sales and St. George, both in Chicago. [REDACTED] shared positive memories of Fr. Kiley, but described him as "distant" while pastor of St. Charles Lwanga. When asked by PRA, [REDACTED] stated that Fr. Kiley was very supportive of cheerleading, the choir, and talent shows. She recalls that Fr. Kiley was "really nice" and interacted with the kids, but that he was removed from other things, such as the fact that the boys were always at the rectory with Fr. Stewart. [REDACTED] remarked that Fr. Kiley must be "devastated" with the media events of yesterday and learning that Fr. Stewart abused boys while at St. Charles Lwanga.

PRA thanked [REDACTED] for her phone call. She agreed to PRA's request for her name and contact information. [REDACTED] invited PRA to call her at any time in the future regarding this matter if necessary. She may be reached at [REDACTED]

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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 Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
 Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: 7/18/05

RF: [PFR-39] Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED] (formerly known as [REDACTED])

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 7/15/05. We are opening a file and Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Rev. Victor/[REDACTED].

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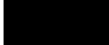



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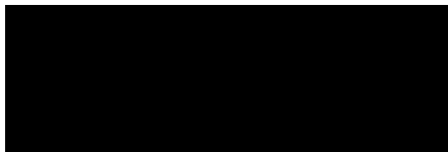
Re:  Father Victor Stewart

Dear :

In reviewing Father Stewart's file, we found a 1990 check from Father Stewart to 
 a copy of which is enclosed. Since Mr.  alleges that he was ostracized by Father Stewart
in about 1985, we wonder why Father Stewart gave Mr.  a check in 1990.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,




Enclosure



BURKE, WARREN, MACKAY & SERRITELLA, P.C.

[REDACTED]
June 28, 2005

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bcc: Reverend James Kaczorowski
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June 28, 2005

**VIA FACSIMILE
and U.S. MAIL**

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

As we discussed, we are interested in obtaining any corroboration that you can provide us to show that [REDACTED] was abused by Father Stewart. Such corroboration might include statements by some of the known victims that [REDACTED] was also part of the group that "hung out" at the rectory with Father Stewart. It might also include documentation that [REDACTED] was on the basketball team, that Father Stewart served as godfather for him, or that Father Stewart paid elementary or high school tuition for him.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

BURKE, WARREN, MACKAY & SERRITELLA, P.C.

[REDACTED]
June 28, 2005

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bcc: John C. O'Malley
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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant ^{LNP}
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: February 4, 2004

RE: [PFR-39]Stewart, Victor (Deceased), [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 2/4/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with Mr. [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor/[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: November 9, 2004

RE: [PFR-39]Stewart, Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond Goedert

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FROM: ^{LNP} Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: August 31, 2004

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 8/31/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor [REDACTED].

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
✓ Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant ^{LNP}
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: June 16, 2004

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 6/16/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor [REDACTED].

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Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

AOC 005235

Re: Case of Rev. Victor Stewart

Testimony of [REDACTED]

N.B. [REDACTED] made an appointment to see me at the office on Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M., January 5, 1991. I received a phone call around 3:30 P.M. indicating that [REDACTED] had come to see me, but the front door was locked. In view of the fact that [REDACTED] was returning to the seminary in Wisconsin the following day, January 6, I decided to take his statement over the telephone. The questions and [REDACTED] answers are as follows:

1. Q. What is your name, address, telephone number, date of birth?

A. My name is [REDACTED] My telephone number is [REDACTED] I was born on [REDACTED]

2. Q. Do you have any idea at all what questions I am going to ask you today and what this is all about?

A. No, I really don't know what this is all about and I have no idea what you're going to ask me.

3. Q. Has anyone at all talked to you about the questions I am going to ask or said anything to you at all about an investigation that we are conducting concerning Fr. Victor Stewart?

A. No. I just came home for my Christmas break and I really haven't seen anyone at all around here.

4. Q. Does the name Mr. O'Brien mean anything to you? Do you know him? Has he ever made any effort at all to contact you?

A. No, I don't know him. If he did try to call me, I never had any message. I never met the man.

5. Q. Has Fr. Stewart attempted to influence you as to what to say today? Has he discussed any of this with you?

A. No, he didn't say anything to me.

6. Q. What is your connection with Fr. Stewart? How long have you known him?

A. I have known Fr. Stewart for six or seven years. I got to know him through [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and Fr. Stewart were friends [REDACTED] and remained very close down through the years. Whenever I am in on vacation, I stayed with Fr. Stewart.

7. Q. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

8. Q. Has Fr. Stewart ever touched you inappropriately or done or said anything to you that you consider inappropriate? If so, please describe exactly what he did or said.

A. No, Fr. Stewart has never touched me at all. He's never done anything wrong to me.

9. Q. How do you account for the fact that someone has made a statement implying that you, as well as others who have stayed with Fr. Stewart, have been sexually abused by him?

A. This is the first I ever heard of it. I am even surprised at the question. I thought everyone was friendly with Fr. Stewart. All of his god children visit him regularly.

10. Q. Do you think there is any truth at all to the allegation that Fr. Stewart sexually abused you and others living at the rectory?

A. No. I don't think this is true. I think whoever said it would be lying and I would like to hit him for saying such a thing.

11. Q. Have you ever heard anything like this before about Fr. Stewart -- namely, that he had sexually abused young men?

A. No, this is the first time I ever heard anything like this.

12. Q. Do you have anything further to say or ask?

A. No.

13. Q. Do you feel the need of any counseling or help of any kind?

A. No.

14. Q. Do you swear to the truth of all your statements?

A. Yes. Fr. Stewart has never done anything wrong to me.

[REDACTED]
ATTORNEY AT LAW

TEL: [REDACTED]
FAX: [REDACTED]

November 4, 2003

Mr. James A. Serritella
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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi
Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Professional Responsibility
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Jim and Ralph:

Please be advised, I have been retained by [REDACTED] to represent him in his claim against the Chicago Archdiocese for sexual molestation charges against Father Victor Stewart.

Thank you. If you have questions, please call.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Cc. Dr. Michael Bland

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VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL



Re: 

Dear :

I am following up on your letter of November 4, 2003 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she will be in contact with you about this matter. Either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8293), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for therapy from a licensed therapist selected by your client at the Archdiocese's expense while this matter is being processed.

Please direct any correspondence about the claim you are pursuing to me.

Very truly yours,


James A. Serritella


cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)



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FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, ^{JNP}Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: October 9, 2003

RE: [PFR-39] Stewart, Victor E. [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 10/8/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Stewart, Victor E./ [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
VICAR FOR PRIESTS
800 NORTH CLARK STREET SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off. (312) 642-1837

TO: FILE
DATE: JUNE 25, 1991
RE: VICTOR STEWART

1. I met with Victor Stewart and Jack Benware in Jack's office today for approximately 1½ hours. Vic presented Jack and me with a "Stewardship Report" in which he attempted to explain the financial condition of the parish.
2. Jack was very kind to Victor and asked some general questions in the beginning of the conversation which Victor was able to answer satisfactorily. For instance, it is clear that the \$30,000 that had been deposited at the Chancery Office in April, 1990 was not absconded by Victor, but rather was absorbed by the Chancery Office itself because the parish had \$29,000 in unpaid bills for fiscal 1990. So on that issue, Jack was quite clear that Vic was clean.
3. Jack also stated that the parish has run at a deficit for the last three years before Vic's appointment. Vic was appointed July 1, 1990. In fiscal 1988 the parish ran a deficit of \$6,200 in 1989 a deficit of \$70,000 and in 1990 a deficit of \$12,100.
4. Jack also indicated that the school had a balanced operation throughout except for the calendar year 1989. The deficit was all on the church side, which is just the opposite of what one would expect.
5. After assuring Vic that he was convinced that Vic had done nothing wrong regarding that \$30,000 that had been on deposit, Jack then began to pursue individual questions. Vic did not give immediate and clear answers to a number of them and the end result was that Jack determined that an audit would be necessary. Jack was especially concerned about the number of checks which were payable to Victor himself. Also, the fact that Victor made the decision on his own to sell properties which he claimed belonged to himself and he made the sale to the parish. In other words, even if it was not dishonest, it was certainly an inept way to handle such matters. Vic claimed, for instance, that the piano was his own personal property, as well as a number of other items which most priests would not purchase - at least not for their own private use. As an example, in addition to the piano, which Vic stated was worth \$3,500, he also sold to the parish a television worth \$2,300 and a Pitney Bowes Fax Machine worth \$3,100. Jack tried to convince Vic that it was inappropriate for him to make loans to himself or to use parish money to decide to buy equipment that was supposedly his personal property.
6. Jack also asked Vic why it was necessary for him to make advances to himself and Vic again did not give a satisfactory answer. He said that on one occasion he was going on vacation. I made the comment to Vic that it seems as though he lives way beyond his salary and he just sort of shrugged his shoulders. Jack concluded the conversation with the statement that it does appear that there is a misappropriation of funds. Vic borrowed money from the parish, then sold this equipment to the parish in order to pay back the loans.

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7. Jack also questioned Vic as to the \$2,350 that was removed from the stipend fund in April, 1991. Vic could not recall taking out that amount at any one time. When asked who had control of the stipend account, Vic admitted that he did.
8. Jack again asked Vic whether or not he used the \$9,000 or \$10,000 that he received for the sale of his own personal equipment to repay the parish and Vic admitted that he did not. Jack asked if he had the money now and Vic stated that he did not.
9. Jack also asked about payments to people who are not listed on the payroll. Vic claimed that Frederick Young was the Music Director and that [REDACTED] did maintenance work. He did not know who Lena Johnson was. Jack admonished Vic that those people who are actually doing work for the parish are supposed to be on the payroll. He then asked Vic if he had made all the proper payments to the Federal government and Vic claimed that he had.
10. Jack asked Vic whether he had proof to validate that the equipment was his personal property, as it will be necessary for the auditor to look into all of these matters. Jack said that he would probably get Jim Campbell's firm to do it and it would probably take two or three weeks.
11. After returning to my office, I received a call from Bishop Gregory. He said that he has a meeting scheduled Thursday evening with leaders from St. Ailbe's including those who had written to the Cardinal. He wanted to know what he could say. I explained to him what had happened and told him that he could feel free to tell them that an audit is going to be taken. We then began to discuss Vic and Bishop Gregory spoke rather strongly about his lack of trust in Vic and he is convinced that we will have to eventually remove him. Wilton is beginning to wonder about the other matters as well and whether or not Vic is just a superb con man and has snowed all of us [REDACTED]. At least Wilton is now having doubts in his own mind about the other matters.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

June 11, 1991

Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]:

I have received your telegram and subsequent letter expressing your concern regarding Father Stewart. I want you to know that I have been apprized of the difficulties and am currently investigating them through key members of my staff, in particular, Father Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests, and Mr. Jack Benware, Director of Finances. Of course, Bishop Gregory, as Episcopal Vicar, is very much involved with me in addressing the matter. As soon as we obtain the facts and assess the situation, we will be in touch with you.

I appreciate very much your concern and commitment to the parish.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Carl Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

[REDACTED]

bc: Father Goedert

AOC 005243

JUNE 16, 1991

TO: HIS EMINENCE JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN
ARCHBISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

FROM: PARISHIONERS OF ST. AILBE

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

St. Ailbe Parish's serious financial difficulties are a direct result of our present leadership under Reverend **Victor Stewart**. The following summarizes the actions by Father Stewart, for just the month of **April**. This summary reflects the type of actions by Father **Stewart**, which has created our present financial crisis.

-Checks written by Reverend Victor Stewart to himself	--\$5,650
-Checks written by Reverend Victor Stewart to non-staff individuals	--\$1,165
-Checks received for Hall & Apartment rentals not deposited to regular checking account	--\$3,075
-Deposit prepared-not deposited	-- \$550
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	TOTAL--\$10,440

Attached are two reports:

- REGULAR CHECKING ACCOUNT # 01-15979-7
- STIPEND CHECKING ACCOUNT # 01-15878-9

These reports provide details pertaining to actions summarized above.

CURRENT STATUS

- As of March 31st, Reverend **Victor Stewart** had already accrued **SALARY ADVANCES** in the amount of **\$6,470**.
- We have over **\$20,000** in **UNPAID BILLS**, most of which are **60-90 Days Past Due**. Creditors repeated requests or calls to discuss payment are ignored.
- Checks written to cover legitimate expenses are being returned "**Insufficient Funds**". Most recent ones-Peoples Gas bill for Convent-**\$924.00**, Olan Mills bill for Church Photo Directory-**\$675.00**, Illinois Department of Revenue-**\$519.00**.
- Included in our monthly bills, is **\$1,400** for a Pitney Bowes Copier, contracted by Reverend **Victor Stewart**. This is a 48-Month contract, which will cost us **\$62,700** over the life of the contract period. The contract has a "No Cancellation" clause We can not afford this expense. **We respectfully request intervention by the Archdiocese of Chicago, to release us from this contract** We have not included these bills in the bills being submitted to the Archdiocese.

We appreciate the concern you share with us and are confident that you will continue in your efforts toward an immediate resolution of the crisis in our Parish.

YOURS IN CHRIST,
PARISHIONERS OF ST. AILBE
"ROOTED IN FAITH-STRENGTHENED BY LOVE"

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**REGULAR CHECKING ACCOUNT # 01-15979-1
(APRIL, 1991 ACTIVITY)**

All checks listed under **Salary, Exchange Expense and Piano Purchases**, were written by Reverend **Victor Stewart to himself**. All but three of these checks, were redeemed for cash at **Heritage Pullman Bank**.

SALARY

Although, as of March 31st, Reverend **Victor Stewart** had already received **\$6,470 in Salary Advances**, the following checks were written in the month of April and identified as **Salary**.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-10	3611	Rev. Victor Stewart	\$850.
4-29	3650	" "	\$850
4-23	3623*	" "	\$500
TOTAL			\$2200

*Check Book ledger entry for #3623 shows amount of \$850, but was actually \$500. No entry was filled in for #3650, however it is reflected in Bank Statement for that period.

EXCHANGE EXPENSE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-8	3578	Rev. Victor Stewart	\$300
4-16	3618*	" "	\$500*
4-18	3620	" "	\$450
TOTAL			\$1250

*Check Book ledger entry for #3618 shows payee **Rev. Victor Stewart** in the amount of **\$500**, However cancelled check reflects the payee as **John O'Brian (Leasing Co.)** in amount of **\$389**.

PIANO PURCHASE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-5	3571	Rev. Victor Stewart	\$475
4-8	3574	" "	\$475
4-9	3599	" "	\$500
4-10	3612	" "	\$350
4-16	3617	" "	\$400
TOTAL			\$2200

Records indicate that St. Ailbe's Parish is purchasing a **PIANO** at the cost of **\$3500** and a Set of **DRUMS** at a cost of **\$2300**, from **St. Charles Lawanga**. These items were brought to the Parish by **Rev. Victor Stewart** from his previous parish. We already have a Grand Piano and an Organ, and are not using the one he brought. We have no use for the drums. **ALL OF THE CHECKS LISTED UNDER "PIANO PURCHASE" WERE REDEEMED FOR CASH AT HERITAGE PULLMAN BANK.**

NON STAFF INDIVIDUALS (OUTSIDE LAY PERSONS)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-2	3565		\$50
4-9	3596		\$250
4-12	3613		\$350
4-26	3627		\$95
4-26	3629		\$200
		TOTAL	<u>\$945</u>

OTHER OUTSIDE LAY EXPENSE

4-1	3547	Cash (Saturday Workers)	\$50
4-8	3577	Cash	\$50
4-22	3622	Cash	\$70
4-29	3631	Cash	\$50
		TOTAL	<u>\$220</u>

OUTSIDE HELP TOTAL \$1165

We already have three individuals who receive regular pay for cleaning and maintenance at the church and the rectory and other duties. The combined salaries total \$2890, monthly.

HALL/APARTMENT RENTALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Received For</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-12	Apartment Rental	\$500
4-15	Hall Rental	\$250
4-15	" "	\$250
4-16	" "	\$250
4-18	" "	\$275
4-19	" "	\$750
4-20	" "	\$550
4-23	" "	\$750
	RENTAL AMOUNTS TOTAL	<u>\$3575</u>
	AMOUNT DEPOSITED	<u>\$500</u>
	AMOUNT UN-ACCOUNTED	\$3075

Actual amounts received can not be determined, because some receipt books are missing and in some cases, duplicate copies have been removed from the receipt book. OFTEN THESE AMOUNTS ARE PAID IN CASH. IN THE ABSENCE OF SOME RECORDS, THE AMOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED CAN NOT BE DETERMINED. THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITY THAT CHECKS FOR RENTALS ARE BEING DEPOSITED IN STIPEND CHECKING ACCOUNT # 01-15978-9.

(See Report on Stipend Account)

INTERIM DEPOSIT

Between the dates of 4-22 and 4-28, Weekly Cash Receipts Itemization reflect a deposit of revenue that Rev. Stewart had not turned over in time for 4-22 deposit. He was to take it to the bank. The itemization given for allocation of this deposit, reflects:

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pillar Pledges	\$25
Hall Rental	\$275
Exchange	\$200
TOTAL FOR DEPOSIT	\$550

THERE IS NO RECORD OF THIS DEPOSIT IN EITHER THE REGULAR OR CHECKING STIPEND ACCOUNTS.

SHARING PARISHES

Since February, there are no entries reflecting money received from our sharing parishes St. John Fisher or St. Ann. These parishes have in the past sent monthly checks to St. Ailbe. These donations have averaged a combined total of \$900 to \$1200, each month. A COPY OF THE BULLETIN FROM ST. JOHN FISHER, REFLECTS \$789 COLLECTED FOR ST. AILBE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. SO FAR THIS AMOUNT IS NOT REFLECTED IN THE WEEKLY CASH RECEIPT ITEMIZATIONS OF DEPOSITS. THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITY THAT THESE CHECKS ARE BEING DIVERTED TO THE STIPEND ACCOUNT.

(See Report on Stipend Account)

INSTANT CUT-OFF STATEMENT REQUESTS

Reverend Victor Stewart went to the bank on seven occasions, between April 17 and May 28, to obtain cut-off reports of checks paid and current amount in the Regular Checking Account. In all but one instance, HE WROTE CHECKS TO HIMSELF, EVEN THOUGH OTHER CHECKS WERE STILL OUTSTANDING. THE AMOUNT OF THESE CHECKS, RANGED FROM \$500-\$900 AND WERE REDEEMED FOR CASH AT HERITAGE PULLMAN BANK.

**STIPEND CHECKING ACCOUNT # 01-158789-9
(APRIL, 1991 ACTIVITY)**

Weekly Cash Receipts Itemization of Deposits do not reflect any revenue for Masses, or other type of stipends. Yet, the April General Ledger reflects a **Journal Entry of \$2,910 credited to Stipend Account.** Activity on Regular Checking Account # 01-15979 and other Parish records indicate a **strong possibility that revenue received for Apartment/Hall Rentals and from Sharing Parishes are being deposited to Stipend Account.** **DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, FIVE CHECKS WERE WRITTEN ON THE STIPEND ACCOUNT BY FATHER STEWART TO HIMSELF.** The following reflects the activity in the Stipend Account:

DEPOSITS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Form Of Deposit--Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-1	2 checks (#4882-\$700 & #4893-\$50)	\$750
4-6	1 check (#16703-\$805.33)	\$805.33
4-8	2 checks (#1468-\$250 & #212-\$25)	\$275
4-18	2 checks (#240-\$250 & #4060-\$250)	\$500
4-29	2 checks (#1825513-\$80 & #DA48790-\$500)	\$580
	DEPOSIT TOTAL	<u>\$2910.33</u>

CHECKS WRITTEN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-3	1043	Rev. Victor Stewart	\$300
4-3	1044	" "	\$300
4-8	1045	" "	\$1000
4-10	1046	" "	\$250
4-19	1047	" "	\$500
		CHECKS TOTAL	<u>\$2350</u>

With the exception of one check, all other Checks were redeemed for cash at Heritage Pullman Bank. EACH DEPOSIT EXCEPT THE ONE FOR \$805.33 REFLECTS MORE THAN ONE CHECK. HOWEVER THE AMOUNTS OF CHECKS INCLUDED IN THOSE DEPOSITS ARE CONSISTENT WITH AMOUNTS OF CHECKS NORMALLY RECEIVED FOR HALL RENTAL DEPOSIT. The \$805.33 does not track with any specific records, but is within the range of variable amount received in the past from St. John Fisher.



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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)
DATE: June 9, 1991
RE: Victor Stewart

1. John Calicott called me at the rectory. He said that things were really coming to a head and people are getting very upset. There seems to be no accountability on Vic's part as far as finances are concerned. \$22,000 is supposed to have disappeared. John said that he told the people on the Finance Committee that they ought to challenge Victor on this. They really want him thrown out.
2. John said that he feels the people have been handling the matter professionally. John called Wilton Gregory and Wilton suggested he talk to me. John said that the people are also starting to talk again about all the kids that come and go at the rectory all the time.
3. I explained to John that I had a call in to Jack Benware and that I intended to contact him again tomorrow to see if we can set up a meeting between Jack, Roy Lilly and myself. I told John that we would try to keep the Finance Committee informed and I asked him if he could identify for us a contact person. He said that he would.

June 10, 1991

1. I called Jack Benware the first thing in the morning. Jack said that there are clear indications of problems, but he is not prepared to say that there is a misappropriation of funds. Jack would prefer to look over the whole thing and draw up a list of the questions that would have to be asked of Victor. Jack said that he would try to get a copy of this to me tomorrow morning and then maybe we can set up a meeting with Victor in order to confront him on the issue. If he has reasonable explanations, well and good. If he doesn't, then we will have to have a thorough audit and let the chips fall where they may.
2. Later in the afternoon, Bishop Gregory called. He said that he had been in touch with a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a parishioner at St. Ailbe's and is also serving on the Catholic Conference of Illinois. Wilton said that he is a high caliber person and will be getting in touch with me as he, too, is very concerned.

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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: June 5, 1991

RE: Victor Stewart

1. Wilton Gregory called me at the cottage. He said that Roy Lilly had been pursuing the financial situation at St. Ailbe's and that it now appears that there is a clear case of malfeasance. He asked if I would call Roy on Thursday. I told Bishop Gregory to make sure that Roy communicates this information to Jack Benware, as I would want to make sure that an accountant was involved in the question, etc.

June 6, 1991

1. On the occasion of the Advisory Committee meeting this afternoon, I stopped at Jack Benware's office to discuss the matter with him. Jack was not in. His secretary said that he would only be here a short time on Friday and then would be gone the rest of the day. I told her that I would check with Jack next week.

2. I subsequently received a phone call from Bishop Gregory and he tied in Roy Lilly. Roy said that we have to move fairly soon. He has been hearing these complaints over a long period of time and because of other reasons, Wilton has asked him to go slowly. (This was because of the other difficulties we're investigating and we didn't want to put that much pressure on Victor, since he already was suffering from a heart condition which was aggravated by the investigation that we were conducting.)

3. Roy said that the Parish Council is very upset and were thinking of going to the police. Evidently there had been a fund-raising event and some \$22,000 was raised. Roy said that the accountant informed the Parish Council that there seemed to be \$21,800 missing. Also, Fr. Stewart supposedly has paid himself approximately \$20,000 in salary, even though his true salary would be considerably lower according to the diocesan regulations.

4. Roy said that the Parish Council is also very upset because they see boys coming and going at all hours in the rectory. They don't understand this at all. One of the parishioners, [REDACTED], who is according to Wilton, a very wonderful person, said that she used to be in the rectory a lot, but now she is not allowed to go to the second floor. She doesn't understand this in view of the fact that the young boys seem to have the run of the second floor.

5. We agreed that the next step will be for Roy Lilly and myself to meet with Jack Benware to find out exactly what the information is and how to proceed.



Off. (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: Rev. Raymond Goedert
FROM: Rev. Andrew McDonagh
DATE: June 4, 1991
RE: Rev. Victor Stewart

Wilton Gregory called me at 1:08 A.M., 6/4/91 to talk about Vic Stewart.

1. The accountant has determined that there has been some malfeasance in terms of the financial situation, e.g., that Vic has been paying himself \$20,000 a year -- his real salary should be about \$15,000. There has been a \$6,000 loan from Stipend Account with no explanation. Benware has been made aware of this and his preliminary response is that it does not look good, i.e., there is financial mismanagement or worse -- stealing.
2. Some people from the Parish Council are saying there is \$20,000 missing and they told Roy. They want to go to the police. Roy got them calmed down for the moment. Roy would really like to talk to you about this.
3. Some people (perhaps the same ones as in #2) are saying there are young men going in and out of the rectory day and night. They say this is suspicious. Is Fr. Vic running a crack house? Has there ever been any question about drugs with Vic?? (my thought)
4. Wilton is going to Cleveland all day tomorrow but will be available most of Friday morning (he has appointments at 8 A.M. and 1 P.M.) and also would be available on Saturday if you would like him present when you talk to Roy and Vic.

N.B. Vic's salary should be \$15,350.



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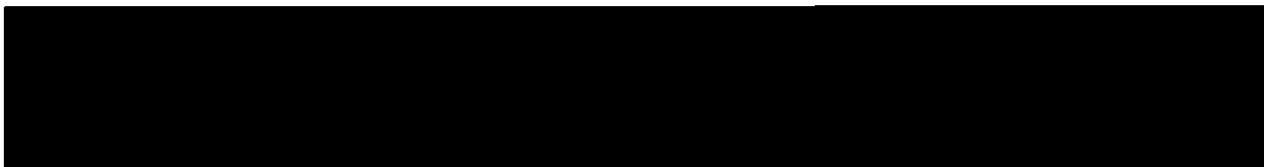
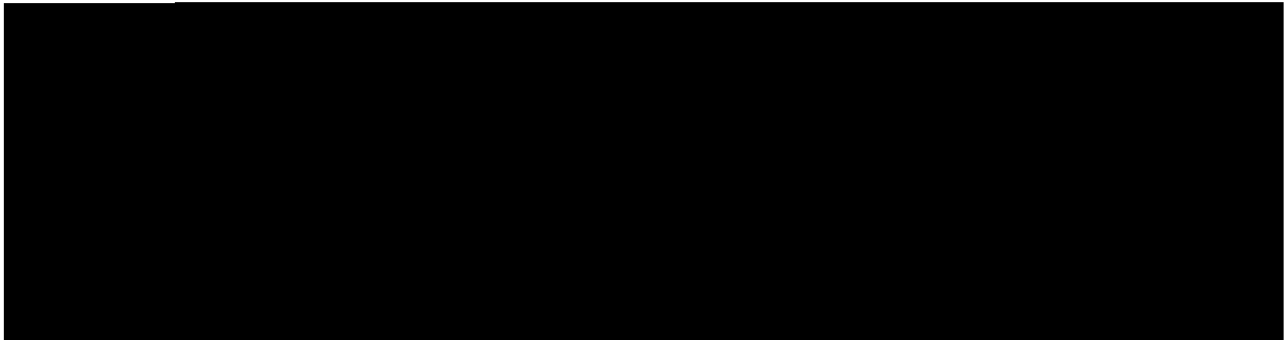
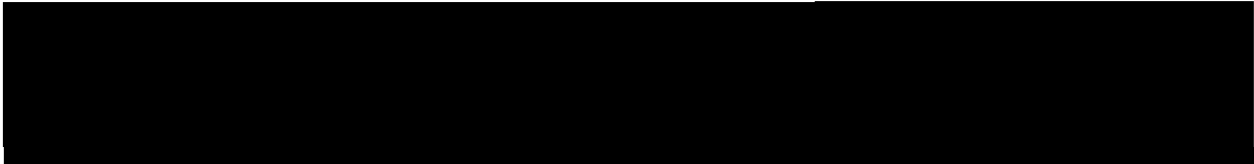
TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: May 24, 1991

RE: Victor Stewart

1. I had called Vic on Tuesday, May 21. I wanted to see if I could set up an appointment to meet him at the rectory on Thursday, May 23, as I would be out on the far southside for another meeting. Vic was not home.

2. I called Vic again from the parish where I was meeting on Thursday, May 23. Vic was not in. They said he was at the doctor's.



6. Vic then began to talk about Phil Kiley. He would like very much to get Phil and thinks it is unfair that the Board allows two or three people to be at Charlie Schlax parish and he can't get Phil. I told Vic that I had indicated to the Personnel Board that Phil had not followed through on his meetings with Andy McDonagh. We more or less just left the conversation in mid-air.

7. Subsequent to my conversation with Vic, I talked to Bishop Gregory just to let him know that I had completed the task and that he could now take over to deal with Vic and the other areas of concern.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: May 16, 1991

RE: Victor Stewart.

1. Prior to our Advisory Committee meeting today, Bishop Gregory came in and asked for an up-date on Victor Stewart. [REDACTED]

2. Therefore, I will arrange to meet with Vic in the near future to simply tell him that we are finished with our investigation, etc., but that the State's Attorney might still contact him at some future time.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: March 12, 1991

RE: Victor Stewart

1. Wilton Gregory called. He said that he had been speaking to [REDACTED]

2. Wilton told Mrs. [REDACTED] that we had a meeting with Jim Serritella and [REDACTED] and that Victor denied everything. When Mrs. [REDACTED] told her son this, he was not surprised. Her son felt that Victor would probably deny it. Wilton told Mrs. [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] I would get in touch with her to bring her up to date.

March 18, 1991

1. I spoke to Mrs. [REDACTED] today [REDACTED]). I explained the situation to her, [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] She is not offended at me or at the Church, because she knows that our hands are tied. It's one person's word against the other's. But she says that she must speak to Fr. Stewart and will call him today to make an appointment. She said that she and he are [REDACTED], and there is a lot of interaction between the parishes, and she would be forced to deal with him.

3. Mrs. [REDACTED] said several times that she understands the position that I am in. But she definitely believes her son. One of the things that is convincing for her is [REDACTED] the break and how her son reacted to Fr. Stewart. She did not understand it then, but now she does, and she is convinced that something did happen. She speculates that perhaps it was a one time incident. I agreed that [REDACTED] would not reveal whether or not the incident happened, but only whether Fr. Stewart has such a proclivity.

4. Mrs. [REDACTED] said she would let me know the outcome of the meeting with Fr. Stewart.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Feb. 7, 1991

RE: Victor Stewart

1. Mrs. [REDACTED] called. I explained to her what had happened at the meeting with our attorneys [REDACTED]. I mentioned that Victor denies that there was anything inappropriate in his behavior with [REDACTED]. I told her that I and the rest of the group was just very bewildered at this turn of events. We don't know how to explain the situation. However, I will get back to Mrs. [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]

2. Mrs. [REDACTED] said that she is [REDACTED]. I suggested that after she gets home [REDACTED] we could set up a meeting between her and Fr. Stewart to discuss it. She was agreeable to this. I asked if she would call me once she felt better.

3. Mrs. [REDACTED] asked me if I believed her son and I said that I did. In fact, I said that I was very much impressed with [REDACTED]. That is what makes this all the more difficult, because I don't know what the truth is, since two people have testified in opposite directions and I have no reason for not believing either. Mrs. [REDACTED] said that when she was talking to [REDACTED] about coming to see me, she emphasized the importance of him telling the whole truth, since a priest's entire future is at stake.

4. I did mention that Vic had said, why would [REDACTED] have invited me to [REDACTED] if he had done all those bad things to him. Mrs. [REDACTED] said she wasn't sure if [REDACTED] extended the invitation or if she herself did. At that time, she wasn't aware of any of this and she just felt that the relationship between them couldn't be all that bad that she could feel free to invite Vic, etc. She honestly didn't remember if she was the one who did the inviting.

Vic's mss. - buried May 16, 1987

Walter went to study sp.

Came back c. Aug.

Vic's mss. - called - after that

- no record of Card. or Roudin referring it to ^{D.S.} _{me}.

→ Find out who else went to Rome



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Feb. 2, 1991

RE: Victor Stewart

1. I interviewed [redacted] today from 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. [redacted] was very cooperative. He strikes me as being a fine young man and I have no reason to question his veracity. He was very polite and friendly with me and showed no animosity as I was expecting, in view of the fact that his mother had told me that [redacted] was [redacted]

2. [redacted] was born on [redacted]. He lives with his parents at [redacted]. The phone is [redacted].

3. I asked [redacted] to simply narrate for me his involvement with Fr. Stewart, when it began, in what it consisted, etc. [redacted] said that he was attending [redacted] High School. He was a junior or maybe a senior when Fr. Stewart and he became close friends. They used to spend a lot of time together. Fr. Stewart taught [redacted] how to drive and that was a really important thing at that time. They would go bowling together and do other things. Fr. Stewart would frequently be at [redacted] home. But eventually, [redacted] said the relationship turned bad. Fr. Stewart was serving at St. Catherine of Genoa parish at the time. [redacted] doesn't remember exactly how the sexual abuse began. They would occasionally be together at the rectory and [redacted] does remember that there was sexual abuse at least twice in Fr. Stewart's room at the rectory.

4. In response to my question, [redacted] said that Fr. Stewart was the one who initiated the sex. [redacted] said: [redacted] I asked [redacted] if force was ever used and he responded: "No". I asked [redacted] exactly what Fr. Stewart did to him. He said it was always oral sex on [redacted]. Fr. Stewart occasionally asked [redacted] to do it to him, but [redacted] never did. I asked [redacted] about how often it happened [redacted]. I then asked him if it was at least once a week and he responded: "I'm not sure". I asked him if it was at least one time a month and he immediately said: "Yes". But he qualified this to say that it was on an average of once a month over the period that he was in high school. Fr. Stewart and he did see each other after that, but not as frequently. [redacted] went to [redacted]. He did say on one occasion Fr. Stewart came down to pick him up during a [redacted] break. Fr. Stewart was going to drive [redacted] back home, but because he was tired, he suggested that they go to a hotel there [redacted] so that he could rest. While there, Fr. Stewart performed oral sex on [redacted].

5. I asked [redacted] if he and Fr. Stewart were clothed on these occasions. He responded that they would usually be clothed, but there were also times when they were not.

6. I asked [redacted] if he did not like this, why did he submit to it. His response was: [redacted]

[redacted] I told him I didn't like it and it had to stop. I was a freshman or sophomore in college at the time of this one incident. And from around that time, I pretty much ended the relationship. I haven't really seen him in the last 8 years or so with the exception of one time when I was driving by St. Charles Lwanga and I saw him standing outside talking with some other young men. I stopped for a while to talk with him and was only there a few minutes. So really since 1981 or 1982, I have had practically no contact with him. He did write to me a few times asking what had happened to our relationship, but I never answered him.

7. I asked [redacted] what brought all of this out in the open at this time. [redacted] said that he was living at home with his parents. He had graduated from [redacted] in 1981 and [redacted] the following September. He [redacted] in 1986. Initially, he and Fr. Stewart were very close and Fr. Stewart would frequently be in his home. [redacted]

[redacted] He was really an important person in my life at that time. I must have said something to my mother about his behavior, but I know I didn't say fully to her what I finally did tell her [redacted] On that day, my mother told me that she was getting ready to meet with you (Fr. Goedert) and she needed to know exactly what happened. That's when I told her, but I didn't go into the detail like we're doing now.

8. I asked [redacted] just what he did say to his mother. He said the only thing I told her was that Fr. Stewart had oral sex on me. I asked [redacted] if Father ever attempted penetration and he responded: "No".

9. I asked [redacted] if he thought that Fr. Stewart had done this to anyone else? Did he have any knowledge at all of sexual abuse of other minors by Fr. Stewart. [redacted] replied: "I don't know for sure, but I do remember a neighbor lady, [redacted] who lived in St. Thaddeus or some other school where Fr. Stewart was stationed in that area. Somehow she came to know that I was friends with Fr. Stewart and she advised me to stay away from him. She never said why, but now with hindsight I think maybe she knew something about him that I didn't know. Why else would she have said something like that?

10. I asked [redacted] if he had any factual information about any other abuse and he responded that he did not. But he added that Fr. Stewart had a lot of young friends. He said that he has no reason to believe that Fr. Stewart abused these others, but the fact that he did have other young men around him makes [redacted] wonder if maybe the same thing did happen. He admitted that this was only speculation on his part. He mentioned that there were two guys that seemed especially close to Fr. Stewart. The one was [redacted] and the other was [redacted] and [redacted] could not recall [redacted] last name. [redacted] said that whenever he would be with Fr. Stewart, those two would frequently be around. They were older than [redacted]



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Dec. 27, 1990

RE: Victor Stewart

1. I called St. Ailbe's to see if Vic had been released from the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] answered the phone. He said that Vic was out, but that he has to go back in for [REDACTED] tomorrow. Evidently he did have a [REDACTED].

2. I told [REDACTED] that I was also looking for him, as Jim Serritella and [REDACTED] both wanted to speak to [REDACTED]. I had informed Tina [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I asked [REDACTED] if he would call Tina right away and he promised me that he would.

St. Ailbe's Church

9015 South Harper Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60619

December 14, 1990

Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Vicar for Priests
Archdiocese of Chicago
800 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Ray,

I am sending the two young men I promised, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. You will be able to interview [REDACTED] when he comes home for Christmas Vacation. I am not able to bring [REDACTED] to you. He flat refused. He did not think anyone had any right to ask him any questions. He was quite firm on this point and no amount of persuasion could move him one way or another. If there is any one else please contact me. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks for everything.

in the Lord,

Vic
Fr. Victor E. Stewart

AOC 005262

I hear accusations - I know the routine

✓ [redacted] - 1709 18

[redacted] - c. 15 { moved out of state - no one knows where.

✓ [redacted] - c. 14-15

[redacted] - c. 18 — Refuses

[redacted] - c. 14

[redacted] c. 15



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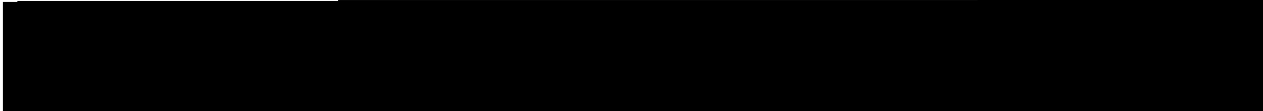
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DATE: Dec. 7, 1990

RE: Vic Stewart



2. I called Vic just to give him some reassurance. Vic is willing to cooperate in order to do whatever is necessary to put this whole thing behind him.

3. I asked Vic about the other five young men that were mentioned in [redacted] testimony -- namely, [redacted]

[redacted] Vic said that he thinks that he could track down [redacted] and [redacted]. He will call me on Monday and we will set up an appointment for them. With regard to [redacted], no one seems to know where he is. Some claim he moved to Las Vegas and others say Phoenix, but he definitely isn't living in Chicago any more. Vic doesn't know where [redacted] is, but will try to locate him. With regard to [redacted] I would have to get him when he returns from [redacted] at Christmas time.

St. Ailbe's Church

9015 South Harper Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60619

November 12, 1990

Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Vicar for Priests
800 North Clark #311
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ray,

The following are the names of the persons you asked for as far as I was able to get them:

[REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - 1 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - 1 [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

[REDACTED] - Has moved out of the city, possibly Arizona
no one knows for sure.

I will get the other two when I return. I do not have address for
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] can be found at [REDACTED].

I hope this helps.

Victor



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TO: File (R. Goedert)
DATE: Oct. 30, 1990
RE: Victor Stewart

1. I have to get the exact addresses and phone numbers from Vic of the following persons: [REDACTED]

2. As soon as possible, I have to call each of these in and interview them just so that we will have fulfilled our end of the procedures. [REDACTED]

11/10/90 - I called Vic to get the addresses + phone #s of the above. He was not in. I left my name + no. He later called [REDACTED]
- Vic has a date a few days after his return [REDACTED]
I will send the addresses of the 5 young men.



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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: Jan. 18, 1990

RE: Vic Stewart

Ret. - [REDACTED]
Priest - [REDACTED]

1. Jerry Rodell called. He said that St. Charles Lwanga is going to close down and Jerry and Bishop Gregory are both concerned as to how Vic will be able to cope with it. They don't know whether Vic will be up to communicating the message properly to the parish and whether or not he personally will be able to deal with the issue. I suggested to Jerry that he get back to me on this and let me know whether or not I should intervene with Vic Stewart.

called Vic 3/24/90 - not in; left message on machine.

Strong, Loving, and Wise!

May 7, 1985

"The seed which falls to the ground and dies will surely rise..."

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This is the hardest letter I have ever had to write to anyone. It is hard to find words to adequately express just what I want to say and have you understand. I have resigned as pastor of Saint Charles Lwanga Faith Community. It has not been a easy decision and many of you have observed me struggle this past year trying to find a way to make it all work. It has not, and now I have come to the very painful reality that our paths must part. It would have been so much easier to write this letter if I had not become a true part of the life and struggle of Saint Charles Lwanga. In so many ways I have been birthed and reared by this community. I have had to come to grips with the reality of poverty and love in my own life. It is not easy to live the life of a priest, but I have found that it is even harder to live the life of one who has to fight for everything that makes life so easy to others. I did not accomplish everything I wanted to do, but apparently I have done all that the Lord would have me do. I leave with many questions that I will have to face for the rest of my life, but I leave with a sense that I have been loved and cared for. Faith Communities make men and women not break them, so I have been made better because I have known and encountered you.

There will be the accustomed rumors and stories that accompany every priest when he leaves a mission. That does not bother me simply because it goes with the Cross each one of us have had to carry. I have tried to love and nurture everyone I have ever come into contact with. Sometimes it was received and sometimes it was rejected. If I have caused anyone to stumble along this pathway of life I am truly repentant of it and ask your kind forgiveness. For the hurt I have had to endure so many times, I too render the appropriate forgiveness. I hope we have become better for the pain and struggle not bitter and spiteful. Many have understood and embraced the vision I was given for Lwanga and many never understood or saw what it was that could generate such a vision. It is, of course, too late in life to struggle about what could have been. I only hope that the dreams and hopes that we shared in accord continue to life and generate still others hopes and visions.

I came before you almost three years ago and presented myself as a man with strengths and weaknesses, you have seen and endured most of them. I leave you as a man who has been strengthened where he was weak and still struggling with my own weaknesses I shall carry with me the rest of my days. I ask you not to judge me harsh, for that is the hardest pain when you have loved someone. I pray for whomever follows me, that he will receive that same care and love that you showed to me. I do not know at this point in life just what I will be doing in the future. I have no intentions of ever leaving the priesthood, and fully intend to continue to serve God's people in whatever way he shall appoint for me.

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In conclusion, I ask your prayers and good wishes. You know you always have my prayers and commitment. May God grant to Lwanga everything that is good and holy. I wish you peace always.

In the Lord's service,


Father Victor E. Stewart

Strong, Loving, and Wise!

May 9, 1985

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PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR
TYPING THIS NOTE
TO YOU.

My dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am writing this special letter to you because you have been very special to my ministry here at Saint Charles Lwanga. You probably have heard by now, I have canonically (i.e. officially) resigned as pastor of Saint Charles Lwanga Parish. I would have loved to serve you for the full 12 years but that just is not meant to be the case. Because you have supported my ministry here, and because we have both shared so many of the same positive visions and dreams for Lwanga, I feel I owe you a detailed explanation. I do not want to leave this parting to the clutches of rumors and uninformed stories. Since Jesus himself teaches us that the truth frees us, I feel that my sharing these details with you may, perhaps, spare our community from the curse of ignorance and even, perhaps, guilt (or some reason or other). Some may welcome my departure, but I know this will not be so with everyone or even most. I have sincerely tried to touch the life of everyone and make a difference. Whether I have or not is for time and the people to tell. I am, however, concerned that you know just what it is that has brought me to this point. I will try to give reasons, although the numbering does not itself necessarily indicate the importance they bear in themselves or to me:

1. I am suffering from what is known in the profession as ministry burnout. Just what is ministry burnout? John A. Sanford, in his work entitled, Ministry Burnout, defines this problem in this manner,

Burnout is a word we use when a person has become exhausted with his or her profession or major life activity.

He further informs us that

Burnout can occur in many walks of life. ...in its broadest scope, the problem of burnout is a problem of energy. As both Freud and Jung have shown, each individual has a certain quantity of libido or psychic energy at (his) her disposal, and it is this energy that enlivens consciousness and makes effective living possible. This energy can be used up, but more psychic energy can also be generated.

This might explain a lot of the slowness and inability to find energy (which can easily be confused for laziness) to do what others do as a normal phase or activity of daily living.

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2. The next logical question, I suppose, that one might ask is why or what causes burnout? Again Dr. Sanford, is very helpful, a good reflective probing will probably point the the genesis of my own problem:

—**THE JOB OF THE MINISTERING PERSON IS NEVER FINISHED** (This includes a long stream of continual services and/or crises and conflicts).

—**THE MINISTERING PERSON CANNOT TELL IF HIS WORK IS HAVING ANY RESULTS.** (When there is nothing tangible one can point to for reassurance.)

—**THE MINISTERING PERSON IS DEALING CONSTANTLY WITH PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS.** (. . . some people expect their priest to be a great teacher, others a faithful pastor, others a financial wizard, some what older traditions, others want him to be pleasingly "avant garde." Some expect him to devote himself to the sick, attend parish social functions, be concerned with the poor, while others want him for a personal counselor, or a famous preacher).

—**THE MINISTERING PERSON MUST WORK WITH THE SAME PEOPLE YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT.** (Taking a a parish is a little like getting married: once you get into it, you cannot get out of it easily.)

—**BECAUSE HE WOKS WITH PEOPLE IN NEED, THERE IS A PARTICULARLY GREAT DRAIN ON THE ENERGY OF THE MINISTERING PERSON.** (The energy drain that comes from working with people who are in need is subtle. One hardly uses one's physical energy in working with such people, but mentally and spiritually one becomes depleted.)

—**THE MINISTERING PERSON DEALS WITH MANY PEOPLE WHO COME TO (HIM) HER OR THE CHURCH NOT FOR SOLID SPIRITUAL FOOD BUT FOR "STROKES."**

—**THE MINISTERING PERSON MUST FUNCTION A GREAT DEAL OF THE TIME ON HIS "PERSONA."** (The persona is the front or mask we assume in order to meet and relate to the outer world, especially the world of other people.)

—**THE MINISTERING PERSON MAY BECOME EXHAUSTED BY FAILURE.** (What is failure? . . . For whatever reason, a ministering person feels that he has failed—administration, finances, school situation—this will become a major source of burnout. This includes when the minister is working with continuous situations which are "impossible" situations [i.e. no chance of reasonable success].)

I find myself in some degree in every one of the above items, but the one that probably has had the most effect is "dealing with the impossible or with failure." What might well be possible for some other person has proven to be impossible for me. I have found myself doing something I have never done before in my life—leaving the scene of struggle. I think of the many days I sincerely told our people I would "never" leave Lwanga, and I would "stick it out to the end." Little did I know that the end is always relative to each person's energy and capabilities, and these can only be seen, I think, as the situation progresses and unfolds.

3. I have found myself not only drained of energy but increasingly, for a person who has seldom suffered sickness in his life, sickness has become part of my daily experience. My nights are sleepless and my days are filled with struggle. I now have "high-blood pressure", and depression is a constant opponent of mine. It becomes a question of how much does one allow himself to be broken down before it becomes plain old suicide. As I have often said survival is not enough, it is necessary to live and experience at least some happiness and fulfillment in ones life.

4. Saint Charles Lwanga is NOT an impossible parish, but I think it does badly require restructuring and its ministries definitely must be seen in light of its financial and active membership limitations. I am obviously not to be considered an authority on how to make Lwanga work, but I can easily cite some of the items which too often proved to be a strong draw-back for me, at least:

- geographical divisions
- historical sufferings, divisions, and wounds (e.g. consolidations)
- lack of loyalty and commitment to Lwanga as a family of faith (common among the poor who constantly must struggle for survival)
- lack of spiritual insight (the reality of having ritual participation but authentic spiritual thirst lacking)
- lack of a financial base (many sources but all are small, no base in which to build financial resources; thus, an inability to support ministries as is)

As I say, it is definitely not the People of Lwanga, I believe it is the process which needs reworking and reflection. I might hasten to add this has already begun with decentralization of ministries, and also the advent of the Parish Council.

5. For the last year I have found myself with an inability to muster enough energy to creatively work as a priest, as well as a pastor. I assume that this is one of the effects of burnout. I have always been a creative person, as well as a highly productive person, so its easy for me to guage what is drying up in me. As I became more and more put upon by conflicts, pressures, and frustrations in terms of unresoluble problems, I found less and less physic and spiritual energy to deal with them. In a case like this something has to give or the person will ultimately break.

6. The good of Saint Charles Lwanga as a Faith Community and a ministering Community must be appreciated and seen as an important priority by myself and all who minister to it. As time went by I witnessed more and more ministries in a state of decline—the Parish Council was actually called forth to deal with this specific problem—and I found myself not able to muster enough energy to deal with these situations, even though I knew what was needed. I found myself withdrawing from more and more situations and people which require a great deal of energy in order to just survive as a person (let alone as a pastoring priest). If I continued as pastor both myself and the

parish would have been effected in a more negative way. I believe neither deserve this kind of fate. I do not fool myself, there are a lot of capable individuals who can carry the torch of Lwanga successfully. Much will depend upon how our people express themselves to the Priest Personnel Board and to whomever is appointed to shepherd this parish in the future.


Some things will change, thankfully, when I leave, others will be improved upon, I only beg you to insist that your vision, your understanding, and your own lives be known to whomever comes to serve you—this parish has emerged from that type of darkness it must not return to the plantation.

As for myself, I feel, at this moment, like a person who has just let go of a live electrical wire of tremendous voltage, with no protection for himself. It will take a great deal of time and rest for proper healing and regeneration to take place. I leave with the consolation that I stood and fought and refused to "sell out" regardless what the issue at hand. In my leaving I only ask a few things:

- NO FINAL FAREWELL MASS
- NO FAREWELL PARTY OF GIFTS
- NO FINAL THANK-YOU'S

I deserve nothing. I have done what my Master and superiors have requested of me. I have done what every servant should do—serve with commitment. Please forgive my weaknesses, sinfulness, and errors, and I will always be your grateful servant.

May God be praised in everything,


Father Victor E. Stewart
Servant

B.S. Ministries end but relationships are meant to last a lifetime.

MY LORD GOD,
I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. †††

THOMAS MERTON
— *Thoughts in Solitude*

I TRIED
AS HARD AS
I COULD TO KEEP
JESUS CHRIST
OUR GOD AND
OUR LORD,
PRESENT
WITHIN ME,
THAT
WAS MY WAY
OF PRAYER.

By St. Teresa of Avila

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In Loving Memory Of



Fr. Victor Edward Stewart

August 22, 1939 — June 10, 1994

Ordained A Priest: May 10, 1978

Monday, June 13, 1994

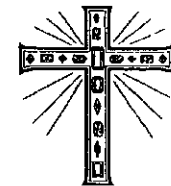
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Holy Angels Church

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*Presiding: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago*

Co-celebrants: Fr. Phillip Kley & Fr. Dennis Riley



Obituary

Fr Victor Edward Stewart was born [REDACTED] in Chicago to [REDACTED] Stewart

Fr Vic attended Holy Cross Elementary School St Ignatius College Prep High School Loyola University, the University of Chicago, Roosevelt University, & Mundelein Seminary of the Pontifical University of St Mary of the Lake Fr Stewart received a BA in Theology from Loyola University He received a STB and a M DIV degrees from the Pontifical University of St Mary of the Lake Fr Stewart was accepted for the Doctor of Ministry Program at the University of St Mary of the Lake

Fr Vic was ordained a priest on May 10th 1976 by John Cardinal Cody Archbishop of Chicago

Fr Stewart served in the United States Army, 1963-1965 He was honorably discharged from military service

Fr Vic was an excellent teacher He taught at St Ignatius College Prep High School, Carmel at Mundelein, Mendel Catholic & Mt Carmel High School Vic also taught Theology at Loyola University as a teaching assistant Vic always wanted to share his knowledge and experience with his students He brought academic challenge and enthusiasm to his students in their pursuit of learning

Fr Vic served the People of the Archdiocese of Chicago as a deacon at St Thaddeus, as the associate pastor of St Catherine of Genoa, as the pastor of St Charles Lwanga, as the pastor of St Albe, and finally as the chaplain of Mercy Nursing Center

Vic was a humble preacher teacher He was well known for preaching teaching at retreats days of prayer & reflection, and seminars in parishes and institutions throughout the archdiocese and nationally was called upon to preach-teach in other states

Vic was closely associated with the Trappist Monastery of Our Lady of New Melleray outside of Dubuque Iowa He loved to go on retreat at New Melleray He was accepted as an associate member of the monastery He was allowed to live the life of a Trappist monk He shared many times in the prayer, manual labor, and community life of New Melleray and treasured these opportunities as often as he could

Fr Vic Stewart dedicated his life to serving God's People in a variety of ministries - including, teaching, preaching, coaching, spiritual direction, confessor, liturgical renewal, social justice, and any endeavor that he believed that he could lend his support

Fr Stewart will be missed by all whose lives were touched and enriched by his life, priesthood, love, and sacrifices

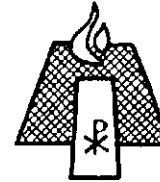
Fr Stewart died at 4:00 AM Friday, June 10th, 1994, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, at Rush-Presbyterian-St Luke's Hospital

Fr Vic was preceded in death by his father [REDACTED], his eldest brother, [REDACTED], and his mother, [REDACTED] Vic will be sincerely missed by his sister [REDACTED], his brother, [REDACTED], and his nieces, [REDACTED], as well as, his many other relatives and friends

Rite of Christian Burial

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Gathering Song
Greeting
Sprinkling with Holy Water
Placing of the Pall
Placing of Christian Symbols
Opening Prayer



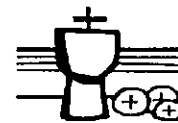
LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel Proclamation
Meditation Song
Homily
Prayers of Intercession



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song
Preparation of the Gifts
Prayer Over the Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song
Communion Meditation



CLOSING RITE

Final Commendation
Recessional Song



INTERMENT

St Mary's Cemetery
Immediately following the Mass

Farewell, Dear Brother

Vic,

You have always given of yourself Today, your death and burial is also your farewell gift to us as we remember your love and sacrifices for others

Thank You!

Pray For Us!

Love You!

Pallbearers

Greg Carney
Jim Brooks
[REDACTED]

Horace Celestin
Rudolph Harper
[REDACTED]

Acknowledgments

Vic's family acknowledges and offers their gratitude for all the prayers, telephone calls, and the many acts of kindness and consolation extended to them at this time. Thank You! God Bless You!

Repast

Everyone is invited to return to Holy Angels for a repast in the church basement Please join us!

MERCY CARE

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 MERCY

New Chaplain Ministers to Residents

Father Victor Stewart, a Diocesan priest from Chicago, came to Mercy Health Care this past summer on an assignment to serve as a live-in chaplain and to perform other pastoral care duties. In his many years of ministry, Father Stewart says serving at Mercy Health Care has been the most rewarding thus far.

A native Chicagoan, Father Stewart studied in the area of Theology, receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from Loyola University. While living at St. Susanna Ascension parish in nearby Harvey, Fr. Stewart became ill and spent time recovering in the hospital, then at a Trappist monastery in Dubuque, Iowa. Once he recuperated, Father was ready for his next assignment. A fellow priest suggested that he look into ministering in a



Father Stewart visits with resident Nicholas Faso in the Center's Chapel.

nursing home.

"As a minister, as a priest, I see myself as being very privileged to be here. Healing is a reciprocal thing—you don't heal and not be healed in return. In many ways, this is the most awesome ministry I've ever done," said Father Stewart.

"Living in the Center allows visibility in my ministry. It's reassuring for the residents to see a Chaplain on a

daily basis. The residents here are in the final stage of their lives, shaping things for the final movement towards God. The final stage for most residents is a very spiritual thing and I feel that requires someone to be there for them," commented Father Stewart.

He added, "You have to come inside to really understand what takes place here. I think a lot of

the healing that takes place here is not just physical healing; it's much deeper than that.

"Look around the dining room at mealtimes and you'll know what I mean. The guys from the kitchen could easily bring out the food carts and go about their business, but they know people by name—they know every single

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New Chaplain Ministers to Residents *(continued from page 1)*

resident by name. That's because the staff here has an interest—something vested—in the residents. There's a very strong rapport between the residents and the staff."

As a member of the Pastoral Care Department,

Father Stewart assists with daily religious services and offers liturgy on Sundays and most weekdays. He also visits residents at the hospital and calls bingo to help with the evening activity schedule

Father Stewart said he

prefers this type of ministry because there is an immediate reward and appreciation for the work he does. He feels fortunate to be involved with the Mercy community and serving his ministry in such a nurturing atmosphere.

Mercy's Family Council

Mercy Health Care recently formed a Family Council. This group of families and supportive friends of Mercy residents will meet on a regular basis to explore common concerns, share ideas and act on issues that relate to the needs of residents. The Council promotes family involvement and provides an open forum for families of Mercy residents to share experiences. It also helps families understand and participate in the ongoing work of the Center. It provides a structure for communication and for sharing information between administration, families, staff and residents.

In October, Sr. Geri Podobnik, OSF, Director of Nursing, met with families to discuss how communication between staff and families could be improved. Other department heads attended meetings to provide information on how their department functions in Mercy's mission to provide quality care to residents.

In addition to open discussions, families are

presented with educational workshops and presentations on issues concerning long-term care, financial matters, health and aging-related topics, Alzheimer's disease and other areas of interest.

Family Council meetings are moderated by the Social Services Department, which acts as the liaison between the Council and the Center's administration. Aileen McKenna, Social Worker and staff liaison, said the Family Council "reminds staff to try and see things from the families' point of view. It allows for better continuity of care because of the broad perspective that comes from listening to the needs of families."

Council meetings are held at least bimonthly and are followed by an educational presentation. While the meetings are open to families and responsible parties, the educational programs are open to the public as part of Mercy's community outreach efforts.

Council members have volunteered to meet with

families of newly admitted residents to offer support and advice during the adjustment of placing a loved one at Mercy. Jerry Lasater, President of Family Council, believes that families may feel more comfortable talking to other family members in the same situation as themselves.

Family Council's involvement with the Center has resulted in the placement of a Family Information Center, located in the front lobby. There, families and visitors are provided information about special events and announcements, minutes to the Council meetings and resources available to help with the adjustment to long-term care. Families can also complete a Staff Recognition Form, available for families and visitors to formally commend outstanding staff members.

To find out more about the Family Council, please call the Social Services Department at (708) 957-9200.

Mercy's Autumn Bazaar

Mercy Health Care and Rehabilitation Center wishes to acknowledge the generous support of the following businesses and merchants who contributed to the success of Mercy's Autumn Bazaar. Mercy Health Care is fortunate to be part of such a caring and responsive community.

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Big fun for all ages!



Friends of Mercy Call for Members

The Friends of Mercy, a guild formed to provide social activities for residents of Mercy Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, invite men and women living in the south suburban area to join their organization.

Friends of Mercy meets monthly and hosts special events for residents, such as ice cream socials, Adopt-a-Friend, and birthday celebrations for residents who have no family.

For more information about Friends of Mercy or for meeting times, please call Julie-Cardis at Mercy in Homewood, (708) 957-9200.



Staff and family volunteers help prepare for the Autumn Bazaar

Eldercare Lends a Helping Hand

Mercy Hospital and Medical Center's Eldercare Department has been active at Mercy Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, sponsoring lectures, hosting presentations on health and aging-related topics, moderating support groups and providing on-site insurance counseling. Eldercare also brings volunteers to the Center to host special holiday parties for the residents.

Eldercare is a valuable resource to the Center because its programs and services are designed to meet the needs of the age 55 and older adult population. Its wealth of

information and resources helps answer questions about health care, wellness, aging-related issues and other topics of interest to this age group. Community members and families of residents are welcome to attend presentations made at the Center.

The Alzheimer's Support Group is also open to the community. Home caregivers and families of Alzheimer's patients living in a nursing home are encouraged to attend the meetings, held on the second Thursday of each month at the Center. Before coming, please call the Social Service Department at (708)957-9200 to register.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1993

APRIL 3

Easter Fun Day

MAY 9

Mother's Day Luncheon

MAY 10-17

National Nursing Home Week

JUNE 9

Area Nursing Home Bingo Party

JUNE 20

Father's Day Luncheon

JULY 2

Pre-Independence Day Party

JULY 3

Homewood Fourth of July Parade



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November 21, 1992

Rev. Victor Stewart
Mercy Rehabilitation Center
19000 South Halsted
Homewood, Illinois 60430

Dear Vic,

I was speaking to Andy McDonagh this past Saturday and he relayed to me the message he has been receiving from [REDACTED]. Apparently [REDACTED] thinks you walk on water. She is very pleased with the work that you are doing there and the spirit with which you are doing it. At one point she said the best liturgy that she ever attends is the one that she shares with you and others on Sunday morning.

Needless to say, we're very happy that things are going along well for you at Mercy and that your ministry is so effective. Again, if there is anything that we can do along the way, please feel free to call Andy McDonagh or me. Take care, Vic, and God bless you.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 10/13/92
Re: Rev. Victor Stewart

I received a call from John Breslin at St. Ailbe's today. John says the parish is going very well and new people are coming in, but he has a concern. The private investigators are out there querying people in the parish about some of the financial activities of Stewart. They seem to have a check showing that Stewart paid the rent of [REDACTED] at some point. I don't know if that's accurate or where they got that information, but Breslin is very worried that this thing might pop its head up again and scandal would hit the parish and put them in a more difficult position.

John is very upbeat about what's going there and I hope it stays that way. I told him to instruct his people that they did not have to cooperate in any way with the private investigators and in fact should not do so. He asked me to inform him if at any time more information comes forward. He needs to know as much as possible so he can prepare his people.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Chancellor



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October 8, 1992

Reverend Victor E. Stewart
Mercy Health Care and Rehabilitation Center
19000 South Halsted Street
Homewood, Illinois 60430

Dear Vic,

After I responded to your last request for Mass stipends, I noticed that you are still listed in our records at 11456 S. Emerald. Also, your file did not contain an appointment letter for your new assignment.

Accordingly, on behalf of Cardinal Bernardin, and in accord with canons 564-572, I am pleased to appoint you officially as Chaplain at Mercy Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. I will also see to it that your address is changed on the mailing lists and in the Archdiocesan Directory.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

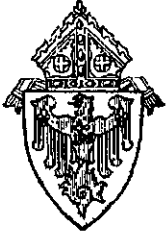
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Ecclesiastical Notary

bc: ✓ Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
Reverend Kenneth Velo, Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

Off: (312) 642-1837
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Memo to File (POM)
Re: Victor Stewart
6/22/92

I spoke to Andrew McDonagh today, who visited with Vic Stewart on Friday, June 19. Andy says that he looks good and seems to be in good health.

Some of the issues that surfaced are the following:

He has moved in, but he does not have a phone at this time. He does not have sufficient furniture at this time. Although he has already begun work, there does not seem to be a clear work expectation contract between him and the lady in charge there, [REDACTED].

Andy and I called Mark Holihan and asked him to get in touch with them and Mark will sit down with Vic and the administration there to work out a temporary contract. We feel that Victor should be paid by them. Therefore, I will arrange with the PRMAA to have his salary sent directly to the hospital as a payment to them and they will convert it into a pay check. He will get paid for June in the regular way through our office. This should be in place by no later than half way through July.

Andy and I both agreed that at this point it would be good for Vic Stewart to see the Cardinal to reinforce the situation. He was one of the six mentioned in the Commission's report. He should not be in the presence of minors at this time without another adult being present. He will have to get some kind of ongoing therapy. And he will need to be under monitoring for a long time. Victor must be told these things and we believe that the Cardinal and ourselves are the best people to tell him. Andy will follow up on this.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

OH (312) 642-1837

To: File
Re: Victor Stewart - Mercy Rehabilitation Center, 19000 S. Halsted St., Homewood, IL.

Date: April 29, 1992 - 10:40 to 11:20 A.M. at Center

I talked to [REDACTED] about Fr. Victor Stewart becoming a chaplain there. She would provide a two room suite with toilet and sink - possibly a shower. She needs help in furnishing these rooms. I hope to call [REDACTED] to see if he could provide some furniture for the two rooms from the warehouse of the Archdiocese. [REDACTED] has no money in her budget for salary or furnishings.

She and Victor and myself should talk about his hours of employment, his days off, the needs of the staff, the needs of the 259 patients. About 40% of these are Catholic. Daily Mass, working with Pastoral Care Minister - Sister [REDACTED], Mercy Sister, providing sacraments for patients, visiting the patients, etc.

This facility is a two floor building - very clean - no odors - above all, a very nice friendly attitude towards patients is evident.

[REDACTED] is a most pleasant, very direct, quite frank, mother of six, happily married to her Bohemian husband. She said she has rooted out a lot of evil activity around the Center and the staff is in good shape. I told her about Vic and she would love to have him - but he will be on his way within 24 hours if he acts out.

[REDACTED] said that some of the staff could be active sexually but there is a close rein on them.

[REDACTED] said that Victor would be the only non-patient actually living there. There is of course 24 hour nursing service - and there are a number of supervisors.

Teenagers - male and female - work there from 4 to 8. It would be understood Fr. Vic could not be with any of them alone without another adult present to protect himself.

One area that was not covered was his potential work schedule. We would have to be involved in that schedule I imagine. As it stands at the moment, [REDACTED] has to let me know if she can get a shower in his quarters. I think Vic would want that.

cc's: Cardinal Bernardin
Fr. P. O'Malley
Fr. A. J. McDonagh
[REDACTED]

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TO: File (P. O'Malley)
DATE: March 25, 1992
RE: Victor Stewart

Andy McDonagh went to see Vic Stewart on March 25. He is to tell Vic that Jack Quinn and Mark Holihan are looking for a nursing home where he might be chaplain. Vic will be returning on Palm Sunday and we will need a residence for him at that time. Andy had originally thought that he might live at Trinity House on 33rd St., but I was wondering if that would be good for Vic since that is the Bridgeport area and he would be the only Black living in that particular vicinity.

Our other alternative is to have him live at Vianney North and commute until we can find him a good spot in a rectory somewhere. Perhaps he might be able to help out at Good Shepherd Home on the north side by saying Mass and working at some of the convalescent homes in that area.



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To File:

Re: Victor Stewart
From: Fr. A. J. McDonagh
Date: February 20, 1992

I finally reached Fr. Victor at Mt. Mellary. He is enjoying his stay and had little to say. He will return to Chicago when "he is told". He lives on the third floor - the phone is on the first floor. There is no intercom, so someone has to go to the third floor to get him and he has to come down. Better to communicate by letter. I will try to reach Fr. Tom, the Prior, this weekend.

Perhaps a visit there once a decision is reached as to his future.

cc: Fr. P. O'Malley

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STATE'S ATTORNEY

January 31, 1992

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Mr. James A. Serritella
Mayer, Brown and Platt
190 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Re: Father Victor Stuart

Dear Mr. Seritella,

The Sex Crimes Prosecution Division has concluded its investigation into allegations made against the individual named above. There will be no criminal charges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark K. Cavins".

Mark K. Cavins, Chief
Sexual Crimes
Prosecution Division

MKC/jc

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Off (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Feb. 1, 1992

RE: Victor Stewart

1. I spoke to Andy McDonagh and to Tom Kaminski of Little Flower today. We were talking about a future residence for Vic Stewart. We would like to move him from the 1402 residence as soon as possible because of the cost of that building and also because we need to take steps towards getting him back into some kind of ministry.

2. When I approached Tom Kaminski about the possibility of him going to Little Flower, Tom had mixed feelings for two reasons. One, he thought that Vic himself had written for Little Flower at the time it was open and had greatly desired to go there. He did not know how he would feel now coming into the place as a resident.

3. Secondly, Tom said there are people from Charles Lwanga who have been part of its operation out there or who have come to Mass there. He did not feel that would be a real healthy situation for Vic or for the people. I agree with him on both counts and I told Tom that we would not be sending Vic there. We will now have to figure out where Vic will go and what kind of ministry we shall work for him. We need to work on this as soon as possible.

October 5, 1991
File
From: POM
Re: Vic Stewart

On Tuesday, 10/1, I spoke to Charley Schlax who told me Vic had come down sick and was [REDACTED] at Engels. Charley would keep me informed.

I have been attempting to find out if Vic's fears of the accusations against him being renewed are well-founded. Rumor has it that [REDACTED] is again pushing for boys to come forward and accuse Vic. The rumors center around a report out of the 51st St. Station that police are rounding up the supposed "victims".

[REDACTED]

Meantime, I have tried to contact Larry Duris to help clear the air on this. At this point, according to Charley Schlax, Vic is [REDACTED].

Saint Ailbe Parish
Sunday 10-11 August, 1991

Nineteenth Sunday of the Church Year -B-

RIDDING OURSELVES OF BITTERNESS!

Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, S.L.D.
Episcopal Vicar

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Modern day Turkey is an important ally to the United States of America. During the most recent conflict in the Persian Gulf, Turkey took a bold stance in being identified with the American military presence. Turkey held and still holds an important place in the very delicate work of helping to bring a lasting peace to that part of the world which has known so very much violence and hostility for generations. Turkey is also the modern-day home of ancient Ephesus. Ephesus was a port city and therefore it was a place where many people gathered and made their livelihood during biblical times because the open sea made it possible for Ephesus to become one of the cross roads of the ancient world. Ephesus was a place of importance when Saint Paul the Apostle wrote his Letter to the Church gathered around Ephesus. Probably like some of the great urban centers of our modern world, Ephesus was a location that attracted many different kinds of people, all of whom, at one time or another, called Ephesus their home.

Ephesus was thus a place that invited many different kinds of residents who were as varied as are the people who make up our own wonderful, but diverse home community of Chicago. I am not surprised that Saint Paul had to remind the Ephesians that they were called to live in peace with one another. When you bring lots of different people together, there are bound to be differences. Paul's words are as true for us today as they were for the Ephesian Christians almost 2,000 years ago. "Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ." Today, I have come to pray with Saint Ailbe Parish and to urge us all to take those words of Saint Paul to heart. I could not have chosen better, more appropriate words for our Eucharist today because this community has recently experienced a painful moment of division and confusion. Although Saint Ailbe's is a long way removed from ancient Ephesus, you too need to listen to the Word of God that was written so long ago, but is still very much alive and true because of the Spirit of God. I am a very poor stand-in for Saint Paul, but I must make his words to the Church in Ephesus, my own words to you.

It is not unusual for a new pastor to have a difficult transition period in a new parish. It is difficult for all of us to experience change. During the past several months, I have heard from any number of parishioners both directly and indirectly that

there were some tensions and problems here in the parish. All of the people who called or wrote to me did so with the greatest sensitivity and with a spirit of sorrow and genuine concern. Recently, the information regarding those tensions and concerns have grown more severe and persistent. The Archdiocese has received some well documented information that has caused us to take a serious look at the fiscal policies of the parish. We have asked an outside auditor to assist the Archdiocese in examining this information. The final audit has not yet been completed, but once it is finished, the Archdiocese will be in a position to help the parish institute appropriate measures to ensure the continued financial integrity of the parish. During this interim period, the Archdiocese has taken steps to ensure the financial stability of Saint Ailbe Parish.

Father Stewart has already met with representatives of the finance office of the Archdiocese and with me. He was cooperative and willing to participate in this audit. But he was also aware that this would be a very difficult time not only for the parish but for himself. When I met with him to discuss this matter, he freely and without coercion told me of his intention to offer his resignation of the pastorate. His position then, and I assume his position now, was that he did not want to add to the pain and division in the parish. He submitted his resignation to Cardinal Bernardin last month and it took effect on July 31st. I invited Father Stewart on two separate occasions to inform the parish of his

resignation and of his reasons for resigning. I can only assume that he felt that any statement that he might make would further damage, confuse, and divide the community. Cardinal Bernardin has appointed Father Lawrence Duris, the Dean for this part of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the pastor of Saint Philip Neri Parish, as the temporary administrator of Saint Ailbe. The Cardinal, the Archdiocesan Clergy Personnel Board and I are already working to appoint a new pastor as swiftly as is prudently possible. We believe that we have a fine young priest who will work with all of the strength and faith in his heart and in collaboration with the entire parish to help heal this painful moment but more direct discussion must take place with this priest. We want his appointment to take place under the best possible conditions.

While the financial issues being reviewed are serious, they are not the most significant cause for concern. The faith and unity of the parish are far more important. The Spirit of God calls this community to come together in compassion and with a deeper trust than perhaps any of us might ever have thought possible before this difficult moment. Saint Ailbe is a fine community of generous and loving people who have worked hard to build up a vibrant Catholic community and a strong parochial school. You have a great history and tradition of service to the community and of warm and loving relationships with your pastoral ministers and with each other. None of that must be lost or forgotten. The Archdiocese of Chicago is committed to strengthening this community so that its growth and

development will be even more obvious for every one to see.

I know that Saint Paul must have been nervous when he had to write to his friends at Ephesus and to remind them that the dangerous divisions which they were suffering were a source of sadness for the Holy Spirit. It is with that same fear, and yet with that same firm resolve, that I come to Saint Ailbe's today to invite you to "Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind." As your local bishop, I assure you of the Archdiocese's support for your parish. I also assure you that Father Stewart is in dialogue with the Archdiocese regarding his new assignment and he will receive every necessary support. These past several months have not been easy for your parish, I am certain that they have not be easy for Father Stewart, and I assure you that they have not been easy for me. Nonetheless, I believe that we are now called to move forward and to bring this difficulty to a conclusion. I came to pray with you today and I will be happy to speak privately with any of you after Mass to address any additional concerns that you might have. This is not Ephesus which today in 1991 is now just an historical site, this is Saint Ailbe Parish which is filled with people who will work to continue all of the wonderful expressions of Catholic parish family life that have made this such a fine community of believers. And people who will "Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you."



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Monday 29 July, 1991

**COPY FOR YOUR
INFORMATION**

MEMORANDUM

To: Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Bishop John R. Gorman
Reverend Lawrence M. Duris
Mr. Jack Benware

From: Bishop Wilton D. Gregory

Re: Next Steps To Be Taken At Saint Ailbe Parish

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After reviewing the preliminary data submitted in Mr. [REDACTED]'s 19 July, 1991 letter to Jack Benware, I believe that we must consider the next steps to be taken in this matter. Since the final audit report will most likely be filed within the near future, the people of the parish, most especially those who have been directly involved with the audit, will expect a report. Since some of the issues contained in the 19 July, 1991 summary are matters that we might not want to report, or report in the same unedited fashion in which Mr. [REDACTED] has stated them, we need to decide how to give an honest and forthright review of the findings.

In my meeting with the parishioners on 27 June, 1991, they were directly concerned with how much would the parish be penalized by having funds that were contributed not actually applied to parish debts. At an earlier point, they had considered criminal action against Victor Stewart. I assume that we will not pursue such a procedure. But this leaves the open question of how much do we "estimate" he might have misappropriated or even poorly administered and what is the fiscal impact on the parish and what does the Archdiocese intend to do about those missing or misappropriate funds?

I believe that it would be helpful for me to call another meeting with the delegates from the 27 June meeting to review what actions have been taken and what the audit has discovered. This next meeting should be called at my initiative since the other was called at the request of the parishioners. Such a pro-active posture will be a further indication of the Archdiocese's willingness to include the parishioners in our deliberations and discoveries as well as an opportune moment to advance this situation to an eventual closure with the appointment of a new

pastor.

At the present time, my calendar is free on the weekends of August 10-11 and August 31-September 1. I would like to go to the parish and celebrate all of the masses and address the situation with the people as their Vicar. I prefer to do so on the earlier weekend since this matter might best be served with a quick response rather than to wait another month. I need your wisdom in deciding how and when to act on this possibility.

There are some additional immediate concerns that we need to address which will become critical on 1 August, 1991, the date of Victor's official resignation:

1. Who will have immediate pastoral responsibility then?
2. How will the rectory and parish buildings be secured during the interim of Victor's departure and the appointment of a successor?
3. Would it be wise to change the locks and/or install a security system? The people may be suspicious that Victor's prolonged comings and goings after his departure may lead to further losses. His "children" have keys and free access to the properties and this too will anger parishioners.
4. If there is a direct appointment of a successor, how will the parishioners be engaged in a consultative process so that the new man will be well received?
5. When the final audit report is received, will Victor be given a copy so that he will know what information has been submitted regarding his pastoral culpability?
6. If the audit was only of the period of time of Victor's pastorate, how much of the previous fiscal condition of the parish will need to be shared with the parishioners. I have been told that even prior to Victor's arrival, the parish was experiencing some fiscal difficulties. If the new pastor is to have an honest beginning, should not some of that history be shared with the people?

I intend to send the attached letter to Mr. [REDACTED] seeking the names and addresses of the parishioners who met with me on 27 June so that I can begin the next phase of concluding this problem. I will mail the letter on 31 July, 1991 unless I hear from any of you that you believe another approach or an interim step is needed.

Please advise me regarding my suggestion to celebrate the Sunday liturgies at Saint Ailbe on 10-11 August or 31 August - 1 September to speak with the entire parish community. I know that some discussion has already taken place with the Personnel Board regarding the parish of Saint Ailbe and I will be happy to follow the suggested approaches that you have already considered.

DRAFT

Wednesday 31 July, 1991

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

When I met with you and a number of parishioners from Saint Ailbe on Thursday 27 June, 1991 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, I told you of a number of actions that I would take to address the situation at Saint Ailbe's Parish. I believe that some of the events which have occurred during the past month are already known to you and to the parish at-large, however, I would like to have the chance to meet with the parishioners again to conclude our discussion, to review the data that the audit has revealed, and to chart a process for a smooth transition in pastoral leadership for Saint Ailbe's.

Would you be kind enough to send me the names and addresses of those people who attended the 27 June, 1991 meeting so that I might personally invite them to gather with me to pursue these issues.

Please allow me to thank you, once again, for your leadership and sensitive approach to this entire episode in the life of your parish.

With cordial good wishes, Bruce, may I remain,

Yours in Christ,

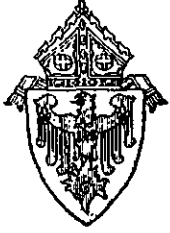
+Wilton D. Gregory,
Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate VI

Copy to:

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Bishop John R. Gorman
Reverend Lawrence M. Duris
Mr. Jack Benware

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

July 23, 1991

Office of Administrative Services

To: CARDINAL BERNARDIN
From: JACK BENWARE
Re: ST. AILBE PARISH

Enclosed please find a copy of a preliminary report on St. Ailbe's audit from Mr. [REDACTED]. As you can see by this report, some strange and peculiar events have been taking place in this parish. The most disturbing at the present moment is the return of Fr. Stewart to the parish. I believe the sooner Fr. Stewart can be removed permanently from St. Ailbe's Parish, the better off this community will be in light of the discoveries contained in Mr. [REDACTED]'s report.

I will keep you posted as I learn more regarding the situation.

cc: Most Rev. John R. Gorman
Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory
Bishop-elect Raymond E. Goedert
Rev. Lawrence M. Duris

AOC 005297

[REDACTED]

July 19, 1991

Mr. John F. Benware
Director of Administrative Services
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Re: Audit/Review of Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/91
St. Ailbe Parish

Dear Jack:

I thought it appropriate at this time to let you know the progress I have made since our meeting of last Friday.

1. I had a meeting in my office on Tuesday, July 16, at 10:00 a.m. with three members of the ad hoc committee of St. Ailbe's parish. We covered many areas, some of which I will list in this letter, but I was brought up to speed on the conditions that prevail.
 2. I had a meeting in St. Ailbe's rectory on Wednesday, July 17, at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Lawrence M. Duris, who is the local Dean and now co-signator on all checks. Two other members of the ad hoc committee were also present at that meeting.
 3. Father Stewart reappeared last Sunday, July 13, and said Mass for the congregation and has been saying daily Mass during this week. I tried to reach him this morning, but he was in church and has not returned my telephone call.
 4. I had a meeting with [REDACTED], C.P.A., on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 17, in her office at [REDACTED]. I am not sure if she is really a C.P.A. because I don't find her listed in the Illinois Society nor in the listing of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She still could be certified but not licensed. This is not an unusual practice as long as you are in private industry and not performing services for the public. Although I am unclear of her status, she seems to be doing adequate work and is a member of the finance committee of [REDACTED] Parish. Thus far she has been very cooperative.
 5. Father Stewart purchased a chalice in memory of his mother's death in the amount of \$2,000, which was charged to the parish account with Watra Church Supply. He keeps this chalice with him at all times and has indicated that he does not intend to part with same even
- [REDACTED]

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though it could be considered parish property. Father Duris is aware of this plus the other items which he has tried to sell to the parish which is a little over \$9,000 in the aggregate.

6. The second floor of the rectory has been sealed since Father Stewart took possession in July, 1990. He, his two sons and three other boys from St. Charles Lwanga are the only ones that have access to that portion of the house, which was and could be a very beautiful residence. Along with the occupants of the second floor, there are seven standard size poodle dogs. There used to be eight, but one of the puppies got killed by a car. To say the least, the odor is quite unpleasant and much renovation will be needed when the full exit takes place. Father Stewart is moving things out during the evening hours through the back stairways as evidenced by broken tiles on the stairs and scratches on the walls.
7. I am handling this assignment as a discovery audit with the bottom line being the estimated loss to the parish for personal items used by Father Stewart and unauthorized and unusual bills paid by him during his tenure. One of the most disturbing things I learned from the various meetings is that since he became pastor, he instituted a new rule wherein only he would count the Sunday collections. The following Tuesday he would turn over the proceeds to be deposited. There is not and never was any counter check by any second or third person as to the validity of the count. The ad hoc committee would not be surprised if up to a thousand dollars a week was skimmed, as they know to be his tendency.
8. The parish rents the hall for \$1,000 per occasion and also has rental from a three-flat which is located in the parish. Proceeds from the hall rental are supposedly deposited with the weekly collection, but various receipts indicating a history of prior rentals have been taken from the files by some person or persons.
9. There is also a great suspicion that a good portion of the money coming from the sharing parishes has never been fully accounted for. This will be easy enough to check when the Annual Reports are filed by St. John Fisher and St. Ann's in Lansing.
10. Last, it is my understanding that one of his sons is going to one of the state universities, and another one went or is currently attending an expensive private boys' school in Wisconsin. There is some question as to how Father Stewart is able to afford payments for these expenditures. I was also informed by the committee that the sons and the other three boys do receive money on a regular basis and perform no services for the parish.

As you see, I am in to this up to my kneecaps, but I hope to have something more definitive within the next few weeks. I should also tell you that I am having a difficult time in getting any information on the stipend account from Father Stewart, and we may have to request the bank to give us photo copies which they have on microfiche of the bank statements and cancelled checks for the 13 month period June, 1990 through June, 1991.

Best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: JULY 18, 1991

RE: VICTOR STEWART

1. Larry Duris called (████████). He has been very involved with Vic's case, particularly through Bishop Gregory and Roy Lilly. Larry is now on the account as a co-signer and Vic's name has been taken off. Larry goes to St. Ailbe's four or five times a week and has not yet seen Vic there. The audit began. ██████████, the auditor, was there yesterday when Larry stopped by.
2. Vic will be leaving July 31. Someone from the Finance Committee, as well as a staff member, told Larry that Victor is telling different stories to different people. There is no official word out to the parish yet. There is concern about how Vic will handle himself these next few Sundays.
3. Larry said that it seems as though young men are still coming and going and things are being taken from the rectory. Larry will change the locks and get an alarm security system and possibly "babysitters" for the house just to make sure it is not vandalized.
4. The administrator for St. Ailbe's is Art Anderson, the Dean, who lives at Hales Franciscan. His number is ██████████.



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Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: File (R. Goedert)
DATE: JUNE 28, 1991
RE: VICTOR STEWART

1. Bishop Gregory called me at the rectory around 10:00 p.m. He said that after his meeting with the parish representatives on Thursday, June 27, he came to the conclusion that it will be essential to remove Victor. He could not see how Vic could possibly regain the confidence of the parishioners. He spoke to Jack Benware about this and subsequently decided to send a memo to the Cardinal. He read the memo over the phone and basically it calls for Vic's resignation. Wilton said that he spoke to Vic personally and Vic seemed to have sense what was coming, as he did not refuse to resign. He more or less offered his resignation, hoped that he would be allowed to go on a sabbatical and recognized that this probably means he will not be a pastor again here in the Archdiocese. Wilton said that he was as gracious as could be under the circumstances.

2. We talked a bit about the timing of Victor's departure. It seemed to me that he ought to be around at least during the initial stages of the audit, so that they could ask questions if necessary. On the other hand, it would probably be better that Vic be off the scene by the time the conclusions from the audit are in, lest he be unduly embarrassed by them. In view of the fact that there are no associates there, it will be necessary to appoint an administrator until the board has an opportunity to name a new pastor.

3. Wilton said that Vic had prepared a six page letter, a copy of which he is going to send to me. Wilton said that in spite of Vic's contention that the parishioners who are asking for his dismissal really didn't want him from the very beginning, it simply isn't true. Based on his conversations with parish leadership, they definitely wanted Vic to succeed but they have become disillusioned with him.

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March 25, 2002

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on March 23, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Victor Stewart, deceased. The Board conducted a First Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Policies and Procedure for Determination of Fitness for Ministry.

Based on that review the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor occurred.

If you have questions or comments, please call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Leggdas".

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311

CHICAGO ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Dec. 13, 1991

RE: Vic Stewart

1. [REDACTED].
[REDACTED] called about Vic Stewart. He was a boy who lived with Vic Stewart in the rectory at St. Charles Lwanga for 8 years. [REDACTED] is now 22 and is [REDACTED].
2. [REDACTED] says that the allegations are totally crazy as they are being levelled against Fr. Stewart. [REDACTED] was approached about 2 years ago by a special investigator at the time that [REDACTED] accused [REDACTED] and subsequently, Fr. Vic Stewart. He said at that time he was angry about the charges against [REDACTED] and told the guy to get out of his presence when he brought up the allegations against Fr. Vic.
3. He says nothing ever happened to him and he is quite vociferous in saying that, and quite strong in his defense of Fr. Vic. He also says that it is not true that [REDACTED] or anyone else had sex with Fr. Stewart.
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED] also said that he tried to get Stewart to react more strongly in his own defense. When I told him that was our recommendation, too, he agreed. [REDACTED] is not reliable and is not credible. Therefore, it is quite conceivable that he would send other persons forward to make allegations who are seemingly credible and thus would lend credibility to the original story -- that is, the allegations of sexual misconduct against Vic Stewart. He said that all this stuff is crazy. Fr. Stewart is not perfect, of course, but he is very much biased in favor of Fr. Stewart because to all intents and purposes Fr. Stewart is his father.
6. [REDACTED]



Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago
Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures
Related to St. Ailbe Parish

For the Period
July 1, 1990 thru June 30, 1991

(CONFIDENTIAL)



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[REDACTED]

John F. Benware
Director of Administrative Services
Archdiocese of Chicago

At your request, we have performed certain agreed-upon procedures enumerated below with respect to the accounting records of St. Ailbe Parish for the year ended June 30, 1991. These procedures were performed to assist the Archdiocese in the evaluation of St. Ailbe's fiscal operations. Lack of certain supporting documentation precluded or limited us in the performance of certain procedures. The procedures we were able to perform consisted of the following:

1. We discussed overall parish financial operations and day-to-day financial practices with management personnel. We were unable to meet with the pastor, Rev. Victor Stewart.
2. We reviewed annual financial statements and reports.
3. We reviewed the overall condition of accounting records and documentation.
4. We reviewed all bank statements for all available accounts for the period June, 1990, to July, 1991.
5. Using the St. Ailbe financial statements provided to us, we agreed account totals to the general ledger maintained by [REDACTED]
6. We reviewed the disbursements registers provided by [REDACTED] and judgmentally and specifically selected certain disbursements for follow-up and review of supporting documentation. For those disbursements selected, we agreed the check amount, date and payee to the cancelled check.
7. We reviewed certain expenditures for reasonableness given the nature of Parish operations.
8. For the fiscal year, we compared receipts for the Parish, per financial statements and ledgers provided to us, to deposits in the Parish operating bank account per the bank statements (account [REDACTED]).

9. We performed a reconciliation of St. Ailbe Parish bank account as of June 30, 1991. We also reviewed reconciliations for the prior eleven months. We compared these reconciliations to the financial statements.
10. We confirmed June 30, 1991, cash balances directly with the bank. The amounts confirmed agreed to the amounts per bank as indicated on the bank account reconciliation, with the exception of the Parish stipend account where financial data were not available in complete form.
11. We agreed the ending cash balances per the financial statements provided to us, from one fiscal period to the beginning cash balances for the subsequent fiscal period.
12. We verbally confirmed with the Archdiocese of Chicago capital and operating transactions.
13. We performed a cursory review only of the school operations for the fiscal year. On a comparative basis, conditions seemed normal.
14. We reviewed the Parish payroll tax journal and FICA returns. The detail comprising the tax journal was agreed to individual employee pay checks. Monthly FICA amounts, per the tax journal, were agreed to the quarterly submitted FICA totals. Totals of the monthly amounts for FICA, lay personnel, clerks, janitors and other maintenance personnel from the payroll summary were compared to the yearly financial statements provided to us.
15. In the course of our procedures, we conducted discussions with Parish and Archdiocese personnel and attended the following meetings with:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Topic</u>
7/12/91	Jack Benware James Rojek	At the Pastoral Center to discuss overall approach.
7/16/91	Three members of the ad hoc committee	At the office of [REDACTED], for an opening meeting to discuss procedures to be performed by [REDACTED]
7/17/91	Rev. Lawrence M. Duris and members of St. Ailbe's staff and ad hoc committee	At the rectory of St. Ailbe's to review overall conditions of the current status of the day-to-day operation of St. Ailbe.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Topic</u>
7/17/91	[REDACTED]	At [REDACTED] to discuss the orderly transfer of data to be reviewed.
7/29/91	Parish staff	At St. Ailbe rectory to review status update.
8/06/91	Marie Davis, Parish Coordinator	At St. Ailbe rectory to pick up additional data and to physically inspect Parish real property, especially the condition of the second floor of the rectory.
8/16/91	[REDACTED]	At [REDACTED] for return of ledgers and other financial data.

Because the above procedures do not constitute an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we do not express an opinion on St. Ailbe's financial statements as of the year ended June 30, 1991. Had we performed additional procedures or had we conducted an audit of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. Findings and recommendations resulting from these procedures are summarized in Appendix A to this letter. Appendix B to this letter exhibits Xerox copies of data relative to certain Parish expenditures. This report related only to the items specified above and does not extend to any financial statements of the Archdiocese of Chicago, taken as a whole. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the authorized management of the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago and should not be used for any other purpose.

[REDACTED]

August 16, 1991

[REDACTED]

APPENDIX A



OVERALL FINANCIAL CONDITION:

The internal accounting and administrative control systems of St. Ailbe's Parish do not appear to be adequate to make the following assurances:

- All amounts collected (sharing, ordinary, stipends and special) were received and deposited in the appropriate accounts.
- All revenues and other assets are subject to adequate accounting controls and safeguards.
- Books and records accurately reflect financial transactions of the Parish.
- All financial transactions are recorded in a timely manner.
- All expenditures are reasonable and prudent given the nature operations and financial ability of the Parish.
- All expenditures are supported by adequate documentation.
- All expenditures were made pursuant to appropriate authorizations and approvals.
- Financial operations are conducted pursuant to budgetary and fiscal controls.

Accounting and financial reporting services are provided to the Parish by an outside company. The extent of these services are limited to recording transactions in accordance with the instructions provided by Parish management personnel. A formal function for accounting, bookkeeping, reconciliations, authorizations, approvals, documentation filing and retention, and overall financial management does not exist.

Financial operations do not appear to be conducted based upon predetermined criteria as to service or operational priorities; financial ability; and cost-benefit analyses. The limited resources available to the Parish do not appear, in all instances, to be taken into consideration when making expenditure decisions.

Based on the conditions that prevailed in this fiscal year, it should be noted that it was almost impossible for the outside accountant to institute internal control programs due to lack of communication and cooperation from the pastor.



ST. AILBE PARISH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1991 AND 1990

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Cash Receipts</u>			
Sunday and holy day collections	\$167,445	\$156,088	\$ 11,357
Christmas collection	5,055	8,240	(3,185)
Easter collection	8,726	8,687	39
Other collections	107	0	107
Interest income	753	849	(96)
* Other receipts	21,522	3,305	18,217
Parish societies' donations	0	6,426	(6,426)
Fund raising	0	13,765	(13,765)
Bingo	27,339	33,523	(6,184)
Religious education	0	1,086	(1,086)
School activity	503,059	453,258	49,801
Before/after school	2,363	4,000	(1,637)
Pre-school	116,981	106,393	10,588
Insurance recoveries	11	447	(436)
Sharing collection	1,369	1,906	(537)
Sharing received	3,590	9,975	(6,385)
Archdiocesan required collections	1,073	2,056	(983)
Estates, bequests and memorials	15,635	1,164	14,471
Missionary co-op	0	1,184	(1,184)
Food for needy	0	325	(325)
Operating loan from Archdiocese	3,704	0	3,704
Withdrawals from savings with Archdiocese	<u>30,373</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,373</u>
Total Operating Revenue	\$909,105	\$812,677	\$ 96,428

* See attached schedules

ST. AILBE PARISH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1991 AND 1990
(CONTINUED)

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Cash Disbursements</u>			
Salaries	\$125,624	\$121,686	\$ 3,938
FICA taxes	4,471	4,629	(158)
Health/life/salary insurance	15,655	5,096	10,559
Pension	2,405	1,400	1,005
Professional growth	0	3,566	(3,566)
Transportation	0	90	(90)
Telephone	6,363	3,137	1,186
Heat	7,792	12,393	(4,601)
Electric	13,381	10,954	2,427
Other utilities	198	0	198
Ordinary maintenance	21,488	17,162	4,326
Printing, postage and office supplies	9,228	4,419	4,809
Altar & liturgical supplies	15,038	10,262	4,776
Furnishings/equipment	7,865	1,862	6,003
Food and meals	8,341	13,805	(5,464)
Books and supplies	468	93	375
* Other	27,002	34,697	(7,695)
Archdiocesan assessments	3,844	7,837	(3,993)
PRMAA assessment	0	3,791	(3,791)
Property/casualty insurance	3,030	7,940	(4,910)
Priests' auto insurance	1,900	0	1,900
Interest payments	14,344	2,000	12,344
Religious education	0	593	(593)
School activity	509,667	461,807	47,860
Pre-school	117,370	89,753	27,617
Sharing collection distribution	962	1,147	(185)
Payment of Archdiocesan collections	2,051	1,132	919
Other extraordinary expenses	0	1,510	(1,510)
Savings deposited with Archdiocese	<u>0</u>	<u>30,202</u>	<u>(30,202)</u>
Total Operating Disbursements	<u>918,447</u>	<u>854,963</u>	<u>63,484</u>
Excess Disbursements Over Receipts	<u>\$ 9,342</u>	<u>\$ 42,286</u>	<u>\$ (32,944)</u>

* See attached schedules

ST. AILBE PARISH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1991 AND 1990
(CONTINUED)

<u>Schedule A - Other Income - 1991</u>	
Mass offerings	\$ 284
Pillars of St. Ailbe	21,085
Choir	<u>153</u>
Total Other Income - 1991	<u>\$21,522</u>
<u>Schedule B - Other Expenses - 1991</u>	
Secretarial service	\$ 0
Equipment lease	10,273
Bank charges	189
Spiritual development	2,760
Stipends to pastor	1,996
Choir expenses	695
Accounting	2,300
Orkin/outside janitors	3,415
Appreciation dinners/parish account	4,110
C.C.D.	263
Donations	<u>1,001</u>
Total Other Expenses - 1991	<u>\$27,002</u>
<u>Schedule C - Other Income - 1990</u>	
Mass stipends	<u>\$ 3,305</u>
<u>Schedule D - Other Expenses - 1990</u>	
Secretarial service	\$ 500
Moving expense	510
Accountant	2,036
Parish activities	809
Parish recreation	502
Appreciation dinners	340
Deposit with Archdiocese	<u>30,000</u>
Total Other Expenses - 1990	<u>\$34,697</u>

ST. AILBE PARISH
MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSEMENTS TO UNKNOWN
AND/OR UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL
JULY, 1990 - JUNE, 1991

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2866	8/23/90		Non-staff	\$ 105
3044	10/16/90		(Son of Father Stewart) services	225
3235	1/04/91		Maintenance	150
3261	1/08/91		Weekend work	100
3282	1/11/91		(Son of Father Stewart)	250
3286	1/13/91		Non-staff	175
3330	2/01/91		Non-staff	200
3345	2/01/91	Advance Management	Son's rent (2 months)	600
3399	2/12/91		Non-staff	200
3425	2/17/91		Non-staff	250
3439	2/22/91		Non-staff	175
3440	2/22/91		Non-staff	50
3459	3/04/91		Non-staff	150
3474	3/11/91		(Son) Maint.	300
3477	3/12/91		Non-staff	110
3480	3/14/91		Non-staff	100
3489	3/15/91	Escanaba Animal Hospital	Fr. Stewart's dog	30
3491	3/19/91		Non-staff	145
3492	3/12/91		Non-staff	350
3530	3/27/91		Non-staff	250
3538	3/29/91		Non-staff	150
3565	4/02/91		Non-staff	50
3596	4/09/91		Non-staff	250
3613	4/12/91		Non-staff	350
3628	4/26/91		Non-staff	95
3629	4/26/91		Non-staff	200
Total				<u>\$5,010</u>

ST. AILBE PARISH
CHECKS ISSUED TO FATHER STEWART AND/OR CASH

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Number of Checks</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Number Endorsed by Him</u>	<u>Number Endorsed by Church</u>
110	Advances pastor/ employees	18	\$ 7,035	16	2
201	Accounts payable/ pastor	3	1,500	3	0
208	Parish exchange account	6	1,363	2	4
209	Exchange account	12	4,270	12	0
445	Sunday school	1	20	0	1
501	Priests' salaries	28	21,200	28	0
507	Outside lay assistance	17	1,320	0	17
511	Christmas bonus	1	450	1	0
513	Contract maint.	2	900	1	1
522	Piano purchase	5	2,200	5	0
607	Parish activities	1	50	0	1
609	Bonuses	1	300	1	0
622	Repairs & maint.	21*	1,944	1	19
636	Parish recreation	1	171	0	1
637	Appreciation dinners	1	125	0	1
638	Church supplies and equipment	3	1,837	2	1
646	Misc. rectory exp.	1	67	0	1
647	Food & household supplies	1	60	0	1
649	House refreshments	1	25	0	1
652	Orkin & outside janitors	4	261	0	4
666	Unrestricted donations	1	76	0	1
671	Stipend	<u>1</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	Totals	<u>130</u>	<u>\$45,624</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>56</u>

* One check had no endorsement.

ST. AILBE STIPEND ACCOUNT

We were unable to obtain a substantial portion of the data for this account (Account No. [REDACTED] at the Heritage Pullman Bank, 1000 East 111th Street, Chicago). We were, however, able to determine from fragmented information that \$5,368 was run through this account, checks being payable to Rev. Victor Stewart and endorsed by him with the exception of check No. 1176 in the amount of \$250 which was payable to St. Ailbe Parish and then exchanged by Father Stewart. Copies of these checks are in Appendix B.

You will also find a copy of the missing inventory listed by the ad hoc committee in the amount of \$3,342 following this page.

SALARY

The correct salary that was due and payable to Father Stewart in the fiscal year was \$15,350.

Salary (Pastor)	\$ 7,550
Seniority (\$100 x 12)	1,200
Travel	4,200
Stipend allowance (\$200 x 12)	<u>2,400</u>
Total salary for fiscal 1990-91	<u>\$15,350</u>

This amount was confirmed in writing by Bishop-elect Raymond Goedert.

It should be noted that there was much more money available in 1991 than there was in 1990 because of the following:

Special drive - Pillars of St. Ailbe	\$21,085
Operating loan from Archdiocese	3,074
Withdrawals from Parish savings account	30,373
Bequests and memorials	<u>14,471</u>
Total	<u>\$69,003</u>

These additional funds were, in fact, the catalyst that allowed other alleged non-authorized activity to take place.



St. Ailbe Church

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Chicago, Illinois 60619

ITEMS MISSING FROM INVENTORY

AUGUST 1, 1991

Three Video Cassette Recorders

1. Sharp-Model VCA 102, Purchased by St. Ailbe, August, 1988 along with a 19" RCA TV located in Blue Room
TV ACCOUNTED FOR-BUT VCR MISSING

VCR Cost.....\$197.00

2. Panasonic Omni Vision Pv-1231R purchased prior to 1988 and was connected to Zenith TV located in Community Room. TV ACCOUNTED FOR, MOVED TO BACK BEDROOM-BUT VCR MISSING

Estimate (Highland) VCR Cost.....\$350.00

3. NEC -N925-listed on Invoice STEW 2345, Sold to St. Ailbe From St. Charles Lawanga, by Rev. Stewart. Was associated with 42" TV asso listed on that invoice. TV ACCOUNTED FOR-BUT VCR MISSING.

Per Invoice VCR Cost.....\$800.00

Bejeweled Chalice, Paten and Case

Purchased by Rev. Stewart October 22, 1990-Charged To St. Ailbe's Account at Watra Church Goods Co.
CHALICE, PATEN AND CASE MISSING

Per Statement Cost.....\$1995.00

TOTAL ITEMS COST.....\$3342.00

SUMMARY OF ALLEGED NON-AUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS

Victor Stewart and/or Cash (all sources, including salary)	\$45,624
Stipend account	5,368
Unknown and/or unauthorized personnel	5,010
Cash (Sunday, Christmas, etc.) where there was no counter-check	Unknown
Inventory missing	<u>3,342</u>
	<u>59,344</u>
Less:	
Allowed salary, auto and stipends	15,350
Inventory (piano, drums, VCR's, etc.)	<u>9,400</u>
Total	<u>24,750</u>
Alleged misappropriated funds	<u>\$34,594</u>

For a substantial part of the fiscal year, Father Stewart counted the Sunday, Christmas, Easter and special collections by himself, with no known counter-check being made of the validity of the amount deposited as to the amount collected. Therefore, any monies that may have been skimmed are unknown.

The inventory listed consisted of musical instruments, TV's, VCR's, etc., the purchase and sale of which were never approved by anyone. Father Stewart established his own prices and unilaterally made the contract with the parish. Many, if not all, of these items were not needed or wanted by the parishioners.

PROBLEM AREAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The financial operations of the Parish should be monitored and controlled more closely. Efforts should be made to strengthen the internal accounting and administrative controls systems of the Parish pursuant to the detailed recommendations made in the remainder of this document.

Revenue/Cash Receipts

1. No independent supervised count of collections is being performed.
2. No itemized deposit slips for the collection are prepared.
3. Collections are maintained overnight on the Church grounds.
4. Deposits are not always made on a timely basis.
5. There was no documentation for the procedures of collecting and processing collections.

Recommendations

1. The procedures for collection and processing of revenues should be documented and updated as changes occur.
2. Bank accounts should be established for specific purposes and reconciliations should be performed to ensure that revenues are being deposited into the correct accounts.
3. A daily bank run schedule should be established to ensure that all monies are deposited in a timely manner.
4. Procedures should be adequate to ensure that money received is properly safeguarded to prevent theft of funds. Currency and checks should not be held on the Parish premises. Saturday and Sunday collections should promptly be taken to the bank night depository. This also applies to Holy Days and any other special collections or contributions to the Parish.

5. Receipts should be deposited intact. Expenditures from collections should not be made until all receipts are deposited, reconciled and accounted for.
6. An immediate supervised counting and logging of funds received should be performed.
7. Checks received should be immediately restrictively endorsed.
8. All revenue received should immediately be recorded in the proper books. When applicable, the following should be recorded: date received, payee, purpose, and amount.
9. An independent person should perform a reconciliation between the amount of funds logged in and the amount deposited per the deposit slip.
10. Deposit slips, count slips, etc., should be reconciled to the general ledger. In addition, all supporting documentation should be retained and filed in a logical manner.
11. Policies should exist which regulate the use of petty cash funds and establish procedures for safeguarding the funds.
12. An adequate dollar amount of petty cash should be established at which a reimbursement is initiated in order to prevent shortages of petty cash.
13. The fund amount must never exceed the amount approved by the Archdiocese (\$500).
14. Proper records should be established to account for all petty cash expenditures, reimbursements and the fund balance.
15. The custodian must approve all expenditures from the petty cash fund.
16. Petty cash on hand should be adequately safeguarded to prevent theft. Funds over a maximum amount should be maintained in local bank accounts.
17. Petty cash should not be used to cash checks or make loans.
18. Procedures should provide that petty cash cannot be disbursed without some type of receipt being prepared or received.

19. Vouchers to replenish the petty cash funds with the related receipt slips attached should be reviewed and approved by an independent person.
20. The petty cash fund should be reconciled by an independent person on a regular basis with no advance notice given to the custodian.
21. Petty cash funds should be accounted for on an imprest basis.
 - A. Cash on hand plus receipt slips on file must always equal the authorized fund amount.
 - B. The custodian of the fund must initiate vouchers to replenish the fund with the check being made payable to the fund.

Expenditures

1. Supporting documentation should have been retained for all Parish expenditures.
2. Certain expenditures should be challenged regarding the reasonableness and prudence of the expense given the nature of Parish operations.
3. Prior approval by the Archdiocese of certain expenditures should have been sought. A case in point is the purchase of a mail room from Pitney-Bowes (approximately \$67,200).
4. Checks were written payable to cash. No documentation was provided to support the nature and purpose of such payments.
5. Expenditures for non-parish activities were paid for out of parish funds, with minimal documentation of the subsequent reimbursement.
6. Father Stewart represented to the Parish that several individuals were paid for services rendered on behalf of the Church. However, no payroll records or time cards were available for these individuals. Additionally, no tax or social security withholding records existed.

Recommendations

1. Archdiocesan approval for expenditures over a specific dollar amount should be enforced.
2. Access to blank check stock should be restricted and the



authorized signers kept to a minimum.

3. Two authorized signers should exist for all checks.
4. Procedures should exist to ensure that resources are sufficient prior to the approval of any purchases.
5. The practice of writing checks to cash should be discontinued.
6. Obligations should only be established when properly authorized.
7. The person responsible for recording invoices and obligations should not have authority to approve transactions.
8. Invoice voucher preparation procedures should include:
 - A. Checking vendor invoices for mathematical accuracy.
 - B. Agreeing vendor invoices to purchase orders and receiving report.
9. Procedures should exist to prohibit appropriations from being used to pay for expenditures incurred outside of Parish activities.
10. Allowable types of expenditure should be pre-defined.
11. The authority to approve expenditures, contracts, grants, etc., for the Parish should be delegated only to key management personnel.
12. Monthly budgeting and cash flow management procedures should be implemented to ensure that vendor invoices are promptly scheduled for payment and to flag possible cash shortfalls.
13. Controls should be implemented over unpaid vendor invoices until goods or service are received.
14. Invoices and other payment documents should be stamped paid or otherwise cancelled to reduce the possibility of duplicate payments to vendors.
15. Advance payments should only be made in certain instances as pre-defined by the Archdiocese.

16. Procedures should be implemented to ensure that sales and use taxes are not paid on applicable purchase of goods or services.
17. Allowable Parish expenditures should be pre-defined, monitored and controlled to prevent payments which are inconsistent with Archdiocesan policy.
18. Common expenses should be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Parish and School benefitted from such expenditures. A rational and systematic cost allocation plan should be established.
19. An invoice register should be established and invoices should be immediately posted to the register.
20. A chronological and alphabetical filing system should be established to facilitate access and retrieval of invoices.
21. The person responsible for initially recording invoices should not have access to books summarizing expenditures.
22. Expenditures should be reconciled to financial statements periodically by an independent person.
23. All bank accounts should be reconciled monthly.

Fixed Assets

1. No perpetual listing of assets was maintained.
2. No periodic inventory of assets was performed.
3. There was no documentation provided of approval for fixed asset acquisitions.

Recommendations

1. A detailed fixed asset ledger should be prepared and periodic asset inventories should be performed.
 2. Any vehicle purchase and usage should be approved in advance by the Archdiocese.
 3. There should exist controls in place to monitor any vehicle costs and dispose of vehicles which become too costly to operate.
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4. Policies and procedures should clearly be defined to govern the acquisition and disposal of capital assets (land, buildings, and equipment).



APPENDIX B



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Office for the Protection of Children and Youth
Office of Assistance Ministry
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Safe Environment Office



P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979
312-751-5388
312-751-8307, fax

December 12, 2007



Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of your report with all of the necessary signatures.

If you have any questions please contact Patricia Zacharias at 312-867-8793.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ambi Jeffries".

Ambi Jeffries
Secretary, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

Enclosures

Cc: Matthew Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Canonical Services

Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces the summary prepared by Patricia Zacharias, Assistant Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, of Victim HM's statement, given to Ms. Zacharias on October 17, 2007, formalizing his allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Victor Stewart at St. Charles Lwanga parish in the late 1980s. According to Victim HM's statement, Victim HM first met Fr. Stewart when he was in the seventh grade. Victim HM worked and lived at the rectory with Fr. Stewart and other boys. Fr. Stewart would buy Victim HM gifts. The abuse consisted of Victim HM rubbing lotion on and massaging Fr. Stewart and kissing.

To: File
From: J. Collins *Jac*
Re: Victor E. Stewart
Date: June 24, 2010

Today, a [REDACTED] called the Vicar's Office at the direction of Deacon Dan Welter. [REDACTED] stated that in the late 80's early 90's, he and some other young adults were working hard to raise money to keep St. Charles Lwanga open. Fr. Victor Stewart had them selling every thing from soap to candy. Then one Sunday, Fr. Stewart got up in Church and said that St. Charles Lwanga was closing and he was being transferred to St. Ailbe. [REDACTED]

Some time later, [REDACTED] decided to pay Fr. Stewart a visit at St. Ailbe. He rang the bell and a receptionist showed him to waiting area to wait for Fr. Stewart. When Fr. Stewart came in, [REDACTED] alleges that Fr. Stewart open mouth kissed him with his (Fr. Stewart's) tongue down his throat. This and similar actions took place on two other occasions. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I explained to [REDACTED] that Fr. Stewart has been dead since 1994 [REDACTED]

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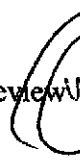


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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 39

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased) [REDACTED]

Date: August 27, 2009

On August 25, 2009, I received a phone call from Mr. Jesse Estrada, Vicariate Administrative Consultant. Mr. Estrada informed me that approximately 10 minutes prior to calling me, he had received a phone call from a man who identified himself as [REDACTED]. As per Mr. Estrada, [REDACTED] informed him that he had an allegation of sexual abuse that he wanted to report to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Mr. Estrada took [REDACTED] name and phone number [REDACTED] and told him that someone would call him back. I told Mr. Estrada that I would call [REDACTED].

I called and spoke with [REDACTED] within five minutes of hanging up with Mr. Estrada. I told [REDACTED] that Mr. Estrada had called me with his name and contact information and that based upon what he had shared with Mr. Estrada, that I might be the right person at the archdiocese to speak with him. When asked, [REDACTED] agreed to me verbally providing him with information on the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and my role.

After providing [REDACTED] with the aforementioned information, he indicated that he did want to speak with me further. [REDACTED] shared that a priest at St. Charles Lwanga sexually abused him. He explained that he was a student there and that he used to live in the Chicago area. When asked, [REDACTED] identified the priest as Fr. (Victor) Stewart. [REDACTED] said that he lived in the rectory at St. Charles Lwanga for a period of time and that Fr. Stewart was like his godfather.

When asked, [REDACTED] said that he would like to schedule a time to meet with a representative from the Office of Assistance Ministry and me in [REDACTED].

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where he resides. [REDACTED] suggested that meeting on a weekend would be better for him. I told [REDACTED] that I would speak with Matt Hunnicutt, Director of the Office of Assistance Ministry, about his availability to meet in [REDACTED] on a Saturday and get back to him.

Prior to ending the phone call, [REDACTED] provided the information that he was born on [REDACTED] and that he attended school at St. Charles Lwanga from Kindergarten through sixth or seventh grade.

After talking with Mr. Hunnicutt and comparing calendars, the first available Saturday that we would be able to travel to [REDACTED] is September 12th.

I called and spoke with [REDACTED] on August 26th and shared with him that the first Saturday that Mr. Hunnicutt and I were able to come out to [REDACTED] was September 12th. I then asked [REDACTED] if there was any possibility for us to meet on a weekday prior to September 12th. After suggesting different dates and comparing calendars, it was agreed that Kathleen Leggdas of the Office of Assistance Ministry and I would travel to meet with [REDACTED] on Tuesday, September 1st at 4:30 pm. I told [REDACTED] that once I secured a meeting room at a hotel near the [REDACTED] Airport for our September 1st meeting, I would call him with the information.

Later in the day of August 26th, I called [REDACTED] and confirmed with him that Ms. Leggdas and I will meet with him on Tuesday, September 1st at the Doubletree Hotel [REDACTED] Airport at 4:30 pm. I also e-mailed [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] with the same information as well as the address of the hotel. It was agreed that [REDACTED] would contact me with any questions or concerns prior to our September 1st meeting.

✓ Cc Rev. John Collins, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

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████████████████████
ATTORNEY AT LAW

TEL: ██████████
FAX: ██████████

January 17, 2007

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████████████████████
Attorney at Law
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C.
22nd Floor, IBM Plaza
330 North Wabash Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: ██████████

Dear ██████:

I am the attorney for ██████████ ██████████ has provided information to the Archdiocese regarding priests that knew of the abuse he suffered from Father Victor Stewart. He does not feel that he can be any clearer nor does he have anything to add to his previous statements regarding the persons named therein. He does feel that you should be aware of the fact that:

1. Bishop Gregory, Cardinal Bernadin, and Father Clement visited the rectory and knew that ██████████ was living there.
2. ██████████ also told Goedert about being abused by Father Victor Stewart.

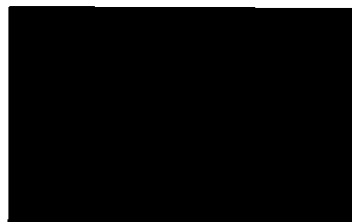


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If you have any questions, please direct all correspondence and communication to me.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



CC. Raiph Bonaccorsi
Leah McClusky

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

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TEL
FAX ██████████

November 22, 2006

James A. Serritella
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C.
22nd Floor IBM Plaza
330 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611-3607

Dear Mr. Serritella:

In response to your inquiry regarding additional information from ██████████
██████████ regarding Father Stewart's misconduct I would like to advise you of
the following:

Father Stewart informed ██████████ that Father ██████████ and Father
██████████ were part of a club that participated in pedophilia. Also Father
██████████ witnessed Father Stewart's inappropriate touching of ██████████

If you would like to discuss this matter further please contact me.

Yours Truly,
████████████████████

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Lago, Jimmy; O'Malley, John
Date: 10/15/2007 11:17:25 AM
Subject: Fwd: RE: Have integrity

Jimmy and John,

Thanks.

Leah

>>> [REDACTED] 10/15/2007 11:09 AM >>>
Fr. [REDACTED],

I appreciate your response. All I can say is, our conversation did happen, I chose to call you due to you speaking at Lwanga revivals on several occasions and me respecting you from a distance. I again am willing to submit to a lie detector test. I think that your or my story can be cleared up quickly if we both submit to the test. I do believe you are a man of integrity and you sincerely want to effect positive change in the world. However, you made a mistake when chose to not report the conversation I had with you. I am seeking for this to be pursued fairly and for our church to mature in the handling of these types of sins with-in our society/church.

I appreciate your response that you do not remember. However, it did happen. Again a lie detector test can clear this up. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **To:** [REDACTED] **Subject:** Re: Have integrity **Date:**
Mon, 15 Oct 2007 08:16:33 -0500

[REDACTED] -
I have no desire to scream loud or to discredit you. I too want the church to be stronger. I have no recollection of any meeting with you, nor do I have any knowledge of you or anyone else telling me of any abuse endured at the hands of Father Stewart. I neither have any motivation. I simply am telling you that I have no knowledge of any such meeting and am sure that I would recall any such meeting.

[REDACTED], my integrity is of extreme importance to me and is what I have tried to live by. God's blessings and peace to you also.

Fr. [REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 8:11 PM
Subject: Have integrity

Fr. [REDACTED], You and I both know that I met with you in St. Sabina's Rectory where I disclosed the abuse I had endured at the hands of Fr. Stewart. I urge you to do the right thing and admit your wrong doing. I will be pursuing this with the AOC and I am more than willing to take a lie detector test. I would welcome you to do the same since you are so sure the conversation never happen. What would be my motivation to single you out after all of these years? My only motivation is to make my church stronger and to ensure

we do not repeat our sins of yesterday today or tomorrow. You can scream loud, attempt to discredit me etc. I would encourage you to not travel that road, as it will be unnecessarily painful for you and our church. My journey has been laid for me by God. I am neither fearful or hesitant as to where my path takes me. Strangely, My abuse has prepared me well. God's blessings and peace. Feel free to visit my website/link below. [REDACTED]

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Lago, Jimmy
Date: 10/15/2007 9:26:40 AM
Subject: Fwd:

Jimmy,

[REDACTED]

To follow up with this e-mail, I just left a message with Mary Ann to ask that you give me a call when you have a chance.

Thanks.

Leah

>>> [REDACTED] > 10/12/2007 9:33 PM >>>

Ms. McCluskey,

At your earliest opportunity, I would like to discuss Fr. [REDACTED] who witnessed my abuse and Fr. [REDACTED] and Bishop [REDACTED] who I disclosed my abuse to and did nothing. I am willing to take a lie detector test and would welcome them doing the same if they deny my statements. As you know, I have relayed this information to the AOC almost 2 years ago. The church has yet to address the clergy who knew of the abuse and did nothing. There sin is no less then the perpetrators who carried out the abuse.

[REDACTED]

MEMO TO FILE: PFR-39
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator
RE: V. Stewart
DATE: October 15, 1994

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, October 15, 1994:

The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed the Board about an allegation of sexual misconduct as a minor, which had been brought forth by a [REDACTED] against now-deceased Archdiocesan, priest Father Stewart. The PFR Administrator informed the Board that Father Stewart had been one of the "old" matters involving alleged sexual misconduct with minors by Father Stewart, although the Administrator noted that he had received no detailed information about any prior allegations, other than that the Vicar for Priests Rev. Pat O'Malley had recently noted that the prior allegation(s) might be described as "smoke." Apparently, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office was aware of Father Stewart's allegations and did not pursue prosecution against him when he was alive. However, the PFR Administrator noted that Father Stewart had been withdrawn from parish ministry, and had also heard that perhaps Father Stewart's past might have involved financial misconduct as well, but in any event he had no longer been allowed into parish ministry with access to minors and he was working at the Mercy Health Cared and Rehabilitation Center in some capacity, with his salary paid through the Office Of Professional Fitness Review, when he passed away earlier this summer.

The Board for the time being discussed that the matter could at least be referred to as a 4.7(c) report by the PFR Administrator but that the Executive Sub-Committee will further discuss how the Board might want to deal with deceased priest allegation situations, overall, when that Sub-Committee meets sometime in the near future, and the Sub-Committee would get back to the entire Board with the results of its discussions.

MEMO

TO: File PFR-39

FROM: Steve Sidlowski, PFRA

DATE: October 3, 1994

RE: Phone Conversation With Victim Assistance Minister
Ralph Bonaccorsi On Latest Allegation Against Rev.
Victor Stewart (Deceased Archdiocesan Priest)/Article
4.7(c) Information.

Victim Assistance Minister Ralph Bonaccorsi called me today and informed me that he met with latest alleged victim of sexual misconduct by now-deceased Archdiocesan priest Rev. Vic Stewart. R.B. had called me last week and noted that Victim Assistance Ministry had received a call from the alleged victim who wanted to first meet with the Victim Assistance Minister apparently about the situation.

Moreover, based upon the limited information Ralph had received as of that time, he was of the belief that the alleged victim was likely an adult at the time of the alleged sexual misconduct, and as such, in addition to the reality that the person wanted to meet with Ralph first, Ralph went ahead and met with the man this past Saturday, 10-1-94.

Ralph informed me today that it turns out that although Ralph "thought it was not" the case, the allegation does involve this now 25 year old man as a minor alleged victim at the time.

Ralph further noted that the incidents allegedly occurred when the man was 16 1/2 years old or 17 and continued until he was about 19 or 20.


The alleged victim, whose name Ralph did not yet provide me with, said it was very clear that the alleged priest perpetrator was Rev. Vic Stewart.

Ralph Bonaccorsi does have the man's name and phone number should there be a need for myself, as the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, to call the man back (he also has the man's phone number).

Ralph told the man that if he wanted to formalize the allegation further, he would probably have to contact me (although based upon past situations with deceased Archdiocesan priests, that is not altogether clear).

In any event, Ralph intends to put the matter on the Agenda for the Professional Conduct Advisory Committee's meeting this afternoon.

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In terms of the man's possible credibility, Ralph stated that "He seems legitimate." He basically informed Ralph that there was sexual touching which Rev. Stewart allegedly engaged in with the man at the time, although the alleged victim "found it hard to go on farther" about the details of the allegation. The man noted that when Rev. Stewart was at the parish, he asserted that alot of kids were in and out of the rectory alot - this alleged victim even said that he lived in the rectory for a period of time.

As VAM, Ralph asked the man what it is at this time that he is seeking. Ralph said that the man was unable to say anything specifically about what he wants or needs and was very reticent to talk about the alleged abuse. The man basically only noted that he just needed to tell somebody about it.

At this time, for Review Board purposes, it appears as if this is clearly a 4.7(c) situation and that the Board would not ever be able to conduct a formal review of the situation. Thus, in such situations it is not clearly settled as to whether I, as the PFRA, need to proceed forward formally in any way.

* Matter ^{involving deceased} ~~Address~~ ^{and ADULT} ~~all~~ ^{and} ~~with~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{with} ~~Vicar~~ ^{for} ~~priests~~ ^{if} ~~needed~~ ^{be} . . . 9-28-94

\$\$\$ NOTE: See memo of 10-3-94 - after R.B. met with alleged victim, RB now discovers A.V. was a minor at time of alleged abuse

MEMO

TO: File PFR-39

FROM: Steve Sidlowski, PFRA

DATE: September 26, 1994

RE: Phone Conversation With/From Victim Assistance Minister Ralph Bonaccorsi

VAM Ralph Bonaccorsi called me today and informed me that he had received a phone call from a man who did end-up providing his name and address to Ralph but no phone number. Ralph informed me that the man stated he was sexually abused by deceased priest Fr. Vic Stewart.

Ralph added that the man stated that he wants to formally make an allegation against Rev. Stewart but that he wanted to first meet alone with Ralph Bonaccorsi.

Ralph explained that this person's information sounded similar to situations that recently have come to his attention from other African-American men basically who were unemployed (and in some need of cash apparently).

However, apparently in the past there were allegations of sexual misconduct against Rev. Stewart involving minors, although this matter never formally came to myself as the Professional Fitness Review Administrator or the Review Board in any way whatsoever, other than by payment of some of his bills before the budgetary system was changed to reflect the dual system in place. Before the matter ever was brought to the Review Board, if indeed it was ever intended to be brought to the Board, Rev. Stewart passed away.

I inquired of Ralph Bonaccorsi if this alleged victim he had spoken to earlier today had stated that he was sexually abused by Rev. Stewart as a minor. Ralph said that the man had not specified whether he was a minor at the time or an adult. However, Ralph noted that the man stated that the alleged sexual misconduct occurred in 1986; the man

[redacted] and although Ralph Bonaccorsi did not ask him specifically if he was sexually involved with Rev. Stewart as a minor or as an adult, in Ralph's view, it "sounded more like the man was an adult" when the sexual involvement took place allegedly.

Ralph stated that the man said he under pressure of time and could not speak much longer, although Ralph informed the man that if he wanted to make a formal allegation he should call my Office 800# and Ralph provided him with my name and number.

Ralph said that he would likely be meeting with the man this coming Saturday, October 1, 1994 and Ralph would get back to me once he discovers if the alleged victim was a minor or an adult at the time of the alleged sexual misconduct.

* Please Note: If this situation does not involve the alleged victim as a minor at the time, the matter would need to be referred to the Vicar for Priests for follow-up in terms of receiving further details to the allegation, and not to this Administrator/Office/Review Board.

** ADDENDUM: Ralph Bonaccorsi stopped by the Office on 9-28-94 and informed my A.A. Rita Mongan that Ralph had ¹⁹⁹³ discovered since my phone conversation with him of September 26, 1994, that the alleged victim of sexual misconduct by Rev. Vic Stewart, just described, was apparently an adult at the time of the alleged sexual abuse - As such, Ralph noted that the matter would need to be referred to the Vicar for Priests Office for further follow-up. As such, this memo is merely for informational purposes as to myself having been notified formally of this situation, although it now appears unequivocally that this situation/allegation is not within my jurisdiction as the Professional Fitness Review Administrator nor the Fitness Review Board 's jurisdiction

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-39

From: Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator PZ

Re: Stewart, Rev. Victor (Deceased) / [REDACTED]

Date: February 27, 2006

PRAA received a copy of the allegation report [REDACTED]. This copy had an addendum from Mr. [REDACTED] attached to it, which had not been included in the final, signed report.

The copy of this report including the addendum will be put into the file along with the original final allegation report signed by Mr. [REDACTED] PRAA and Ralph Bonaccorsi of the Assistance Ministry.

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3904 W. 79 St., Chicago, Ill. 60652
6547 W. Cermak, Berwyn, Ill.
582-0320 or 795-1991


March 16, 1985

Father John Hertenrother
Archdiocese of Chicago
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Father Hertenrother:

January 7th, Father Stewart paid for Driving Lessons for [REDACTED] a teenager in our driving school. The check was returned for not sufficient funds on January 28th. All our efforts to reach Father Stewart and settle the matter have been unsuccessful. See the attached letter and copy of the returned check attached.

We are only asking for \$32.25 for the 1½ hours of driving lessons taken and \$5 for the return check charge. A total of \$37.25. Please resolve this as quickly as possible.

Thank you, 

[REDACTED]
A-Lawn Driving School

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2/27/85

Father Stewart

Dear Sir:

Your check #1337 has been returned for insufficient funds. We informed you of this sometime ago. We earned \$32.25 by giving [redacted] a 1 1/2 hour lesson plus a \$5.00 return check charge = \$37.25. We would consider the matter settled by payment at this time. If we do not receive payment by March 7, we shall begin legal proceedings or contact your superior or both.

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Daniel O'Connell
President

DEBIT
We have this day CHARGED
your account as follows

BURBANK STATE BANK
5440 WEST 87TH STREET
BURBANK, ILLINOIS 60459

DA-- JAN. 28, 1985

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We charge your account and hold return unpaid the following items received from you				\$
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1 Not Sufficient Funds	7 No Account	13 Cannot Locate Account		
2 Endorsement Missing	8 Dated Ahead	14 Guarantee Amount		
3 Endorsement Irregular	9 Payment Stopped	15 Refer to Maker		
4 Amounts Differ	10 Signature Not Correct	16 Signature Not On File		
5 Account Closed	11 Not Signed	17 Signature Unauthorized		
6 Protested	12 Uncollected Funds	18		
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LAWN DRIVING SCHOOL
YO DANIEL O'CONNELL
3904 W 79TH ST.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652

BY PM

ACCT NO 51-218-601

THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF CHICAGO
A CORPORATION SOLE
ST. CHARLES LWANGA CHURCH
STIPEND FUND
153 W. GARFIELD BLVD.
CHICAGO, ILL. 60621

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OF CHICAGO-ILLINOIS

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First [REDACTED] Initial [REDACTED] Birth [REDACTED]

Address 153 W GARFIELD Phone 667-6767

Town CHICAGO

Permit #

Payments Balance

\$ 64.50 1/7 \$ 64.50

1/23 ✓ bounced at Charles Lwanga Church



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MEMORANDUM

Office of the Chancellor
312/751-8220

~~U-R-G-E-N-T~~

To: Mr. John F. Philbin
From: Rev. John C. Hexgenrother
Date: March 20, 1985
Re: Rev. Victor E. Stewart - NEF Check

John, before I respond to the attached, I thought you ought to be in on this since a parish check was used - from the stipend account on top of it!

Attach.

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From: Patricia Zacharias
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 10/12/2005 2:28:00 PM
Subject: re: request for records

I am currently working on an investigation of an allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Victor Stewart made by [REDACTED]. The abuse allegedly occurred at St. Charles Lwanga. Mr. [REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED].

Please forward any records you may have regarding [REDACTED] to my attention as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Patty Zacharias

Patricia J. Zacharias
Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Professional Responsibility
Assistant Administrator
676 N. St. Clair
Suite 1910
Chicago, IL 60611
312-867-8793
FAX: 312-751-5279

January, 16, 2004



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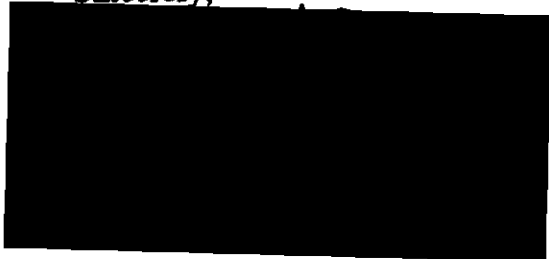
Dear 

Here are the draft revisions from our meeting with the Archdiocese Of Chicago, taken place on October 14, 2003.

I have highlighted any changes made on the draft copy that you sent me in orange. Any omitted information has been scratched through with black or blue pen. The revisions are made in order of the draft so as to follow continuity and provide clarification. Your input is always welcome; so if there is something that I failed to mention, or emphasize, let me know.

If there are any questions regarding my revisions, please give me a call on my cell phone .

Sincerely,



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[REDACTED]
ATTORNEY AT LAW

[REDACTED]
TEL: [REDACTED]
FAX: [REDACTED]

December 23, 2003

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Re: Details of Allegation

Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed please find a letter from the Archdiocese of Chicago containing a draft of your allegations of abuse. Ms. McCluskey has asked that you read the draft and make any changes you feel are necessary. Then return the form to her so that a final document can be drafted and signed by you.


Thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Paralegal

Enclosure

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		Date of birth	Ordained	
STEWART, Rev. Victor E.		[REDACTED]	5-10-78	
Nationality				
Date Appointed	Assignment	Charge	Date Left	Extraordinary Appointments
6-15-77	St. Thaddeus	Deacon	12-31-77	
6-12-78	St. Catherine of Genoa	Associate	9/23/82	
9/23/82	St. Charles Lwanga	Pastor	7/1/90	
7/1/90	St. Ailbe	Pastor	10/8/92	
10/8/92	Mary Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, Tombwood, Ill.	Chaplain	6/10/94	
6/10/94	Deceased			

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OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

To: The File
From: V. Costello ✓ 2
Re: Phil Kiley
Date: June 10, 2008

This morning Sister Pat Cummings and I met with Phil in the Vicars' office. There was a confusion regarding the time of the meeting. I thought the meeting was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and Phil thought it was for 9:30 a.m. Since we recognized that this would be a rather sensitive conversation and since Phil was planning to attend a luncheon at St. Benedict Home we decided to have the meeting shortly after Phil arrived.

After a brief conversation we got down to business. We made it very clear to Phil that no one had ever accused him of personally acting out in a sexual fashion with a minor. We also explained that there were a number of young men who claimed to be victims of Father Victor Stewart when Phil served with Vic at St. Charles Lwanga. Some of them asserted that Phil must have known what Stewart was doing with the young men in his quarters. Among those who made this type of a statement about Phil there were four who claimed that he actually saw some illicit behavior on Vic's part and that Phil did nothing about it. It was about those four that we wanted to have a conversation today. We read excerpts from the summaries of the allegations that mentioned Phil by name, and we sought his response.

We read aloud a few sentences from [REDACTED] allegation against Stewart, alleging that Father Kiley witnessed Vic Stewart taking [REDACTED] up the stairway to the pastor's quarters. Phil responded by stating that it was not uncommon for all sorts of people, of a variety of age levels, to visit Stewart in his rooms on the third floor. He described it as a very open rectory. He asserted that there were two stairways in the building. Phil said Vic worked out of this suite, not out of an office on the first floor. Apparently the only office on the first floor was used by the secretary. Consequently, there was often a steady stream of people climbing the stairs to meet with him. Members of the parish's boys' basketball team, and sometimes some of their parents, were frequent visitors. He mentioned that over the years he saw young people going to the third floor. Sometimes they went up alone with Father Stewart and sometimes in a group. When asked about the times these events occurred Phil responded by saying he could not be certain if they ever occurred after 9:00 p.m. (a time we suggested to him). He stated that Victor lived on the third floor while he and Deacon Don Lavisio (sp?) lived on the second. During our conversation I received the impression that Phil often retired before Victor did and therefore was not always aware of what went on above him. This was especially true when Phil served as the acting principal of the parish school. He also indicated that he had no clear recollection of [REDACTED].

(Report continued on June 13, 2008) We then read the lines from [REDACTED] statement. Father Kiley denied that he saw [REDACTED] fondling Father Stewart's private parts. He said that Victor usually kept his door closed and locked when he was alone in his quarters and that in order to gain entrance he would have to knock. It sounded as though he was

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saying that it would be very unlikely for him to just walk into Stewart's quarters unannounced.

Phil also stated that he did not remember [REDACTED]. He acknowledged that he knew [REDACTED] whose name is also mentioned in [REDACTED] remarks, but he denied that [REDACTED] lived in the rectory at St. Charles Lwanga. To the best of Phil's recollection the only student who actually resided in the rectory was [REDACTED]

Then we shared what [REDACTED] said in his allegation against Victor Stewart, claiming that Phil witnessed Stewart fondling [REDACTED] chest under his shirt. Phil asserted that Victor often roughhoused with boys from the parish. He said it was also not unusual for the pastor to hug students. Father Kiley flatly denied that he witnessed the behavior [REDACTED] described.

Phil said that Victor told him that [REDACTED] mother had tossed [REDACTED] out of their home and Victor took him in out of pity. [REDACTED] began residing in the rectory some time after completing grade school. Phil was very clear that [REDACTED] lived on the second floor, where he and the deacon lived, and not on the third floor, where Father Stewart resided. He described [REDACTED] as a very complex, articulate young man, but he also said he never cared for him and that they never got along.

We inquired as to whether Phil remembered other students spending the night at the rectory. He said he did not know if any of them did. However, Phil reiterated that the basketball players were around the rectory a great deal and that on occasion their parents were around as well. It seems the team participated in several road trips, but we did not ask what the road trips entailed in terms of overnights.

Finally, we shared with Phil some of the sentences that were in [REDACTED] statement about Father Stewart. [REDACTED] claimed that Phil walked into the pastor's bedroom and observed Stewart holding down [REDACTED] with his shirt open and, as asserted in the other allegations, did nothing about it.

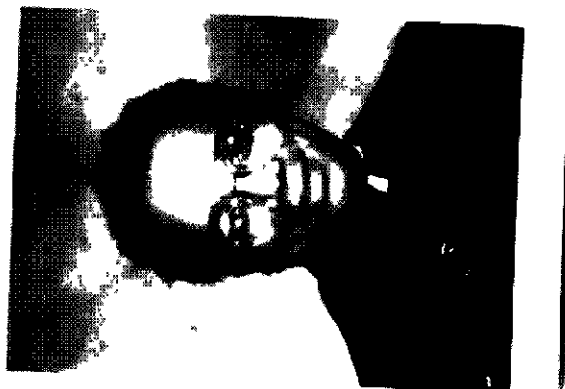
Phil agreed that [REDACTED] always referred to him as "Cali." He also said that [REDACTED] was jealous of his brother, [REDACTED], and wanted to live in the rectory as well. Phil said [REDACTED] was a regular at the rectory. He stated he rarely saw Victor Stewart alone with a young person, and he has no memories of knocking on the door of the pastor's suite, of entering, and of seeing Victor alone with a minor. Phil said that if Victor's door was closed it usually meant that he was away. Once again, Phil referred to the manner in which Father Stewart was accustomed to roughhousing with some of the boys. Phil was very clear that he never saw anything sexual going on.

During our conversation Phil wondered if any of Stewart's accusers ever mentioned Don Lavisio (sp?) or anyone else who lived or worked in the rectory or in the parish. He asked about this at least a few times. Neither Sister Pat nor I knew the answer to those questions. Phil also said that he was out of the rectory a great deal during the period when he was acting as principal of the school. He likewise stated that it was a different

time when he lived at St. Charles Lwanga. In those days a few priests were actually adopting children and finding other ways to keep them off of the street. Rectories were much more open than they are now. Boundaries between priests and parishioners and between priests and young people were far more porous than they are today. He spoke about not having antennae up for the material we were currently discussing while he lived with Vic Stewart. Phil indicated that today, if he were living with a pastor who was acting in a manner in which Stewart did, he would blow the whistle on him. He also mentioned that even back then he spoke with Victor about permitting [REDACTED] to live in the rectory because Phil did not think it proper. Phil told us that no one in the parish or school community ever said anything to Phil about Vic's relationship with boys other than he spent too much time with the youth. Somewhere during the conversation Phil recognized that it was possible that because of his relationship with father Stewart he could have had blinders on but he doubted it.

Impressions: Both Sister Pat and I believed that Father Phil Kiley was telling the truth as he remembered it. He denied all of the allegations that [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] brothers made about him. However, during our conversation there were certain points in which his memory did not seem as clear as it could have been. When asked he said that he never met with anyone about these issues, but he had clearly done so during my predecessor's administration. Perhaps the memory lapse stemmed from the anxiety he may have felt about being in the office of the Vicars for Priests. Who knows? We know that when we showed him the extensive list of the men who made allegations against Father Stewart, Phil recognized many of their names. This was especially true if they were from school families.

Cc: Cardinal George, Father Ed Grace, and Ms. Leah McCluskey





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(Please type all information)

Name STEWART VICTOR EDWARD
(last) (first) (middle)

Born [REDACTED] Chicago Illinois Saint Anselm
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

Baptized Chicago Illinois Saint Anselm
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

Ordained May 10, 1978 Chicago Illinois SML Seminary, Mundelein
(date) (city) (state) (location)

Ordaining Bishop John Cardinal Cody Archdiocese of Chicago
(name) (diocese)

First Solemn Mass May 22, 1978 Chicago Illinois Quigley Seminary- South
(date) (city) (state) (parish)

Name of Father [REDACTED] Living Deceased

Name of Mother (maiden) [REDACTED] Living Deceased

Nationality African American

Home Parish Holy Name of Mary Parish

Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Present Residence Chicago Illinois Saint Charles Lwanga 667-6767
(city) (state) (parish) (telephone)

In case of emergency notify:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]

How is your health at the present time? Good Fair Poor

Comment: _____

Schools Attended	St. Anselm School	Chicago	Illinois	????
	St. James School	Chicago	Illinois	????
	St. Elizabeth School	Chicago	Illinois	1955-1956
	Holy Cross School	Chicago	Illinois	1952-1956 ✓
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Secondary	Servite Seminary	Hillside	Illinois	1956-1959
	St. Ignatius High School	Chicago	Illinois	1959-1960 ✓
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
College	Loyola University	Chicago	Illinois	1960-1972
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Philosophy				
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Theology	Loyola University	Chicago	Illinois	1973-Present
	St. Mary of the Lake Seminary	Mundelein	Illinois	1973-1978
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Post Graduate				
	(name)	(city)	(state)	(years)
Degrees Earned	M.A. (Candidate-Theology)	Loyola University		1973 - Present
	M.Div.	St. Mary of the Lake Seminary		1973 - 1978
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I am familiar with the following modern languages. Please indicate degree of fluency.

Language	Reading Proficiency			Speaking Proficiency			Proficiency to Celebrate Sacraments		
	High	Moderate	Slight	High	Moderate	Slight	High	Moderate	Slight
Latin	⊠⊠⊠⊠⊠⊠⊠		□	□	□	⊠	⊠⊠⊠⊠⊠⊠⊠		□
Greek	□	□	⊠	□	□	□	□	□	□
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In addition to my official assignment(s) I am currently engaged in the following priestly activities: (if sample: Cunsilio confessor to religious)

High School teacher of Theology and Religion

My personal preference with regard to PARISH work that would favor my assignment to:

(mark as #1, the kinds of parishes in which you have the deepest interest; mark as #2, those in which you have a moderate interest; mark as #3, those in which you have a little interest; mark as 0, those in which you have no interest):

- 0 No Special Preference 2 Suburban Parish 1 Black Parish
- 1 City Parish 0 Bilingual Parish (specify language) _____ 2 Changing Parish
- 0 Hispanic Apostolate Parish 1 Other (describe) Chaplain to Order of Contemplative Sisters

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Please describe any special experience, training, and talents that should be considered in making your assignments.

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Skills Inventory

Administration	What	When	Description*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervision	Pastor	1982 - Present	Pastor of Parish
<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development			
<input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Management			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Development			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning and Goal Setting			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Budgeting			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office Management			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Organization			
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing			

Pastoral and description of experience, education and/or certification

- Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Pre-Marital Counseling
- Home Visitation
- Inactive Visitation
- Community Visitation
- Liturgical & Homiletical
- Youth Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Adult Education
- Spiritual Renewal Program
- Parish School Involvement (specify)
- Religious Education (specify)
- Hospital Visitation
- Nursing Home Visitation
- Parish Renewal
- New Member Recruitment
- Funerals
- Weddings

*Describe in 20 letters or less

Full Time Assignments (Chronological)

Parish	Position	1978 (from)	1982 (to)
<i>Saint Catherine of Genoa Parish</i>	<i>Associate Pastor</i>		
<i>Saint Charles Lwanga Parish</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>1982</i>	<i>7/1/90 Present</i>
<i>St. Ailbe</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>7/1/90</i>	
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My present major, official assignment is *Pastor of Saint Charles Lwanga Parish*
 at *153 West Garfield Blvd* since *September* *1982*
Chicago, Illinois 60621 (address) (month) (year)

Military Service United States Army Personnel Specialist SP4 - E4 1963-1965
(name of service) (position) (rank) (dates)

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Hospitalization Insurance Blue Cross - Blue Shield
(insuring company)

Automobile Liability Insurance Aetna Insurance Company (thru Archdiocesan Plan)
(insuring company)

Last Will and Testament None
(date of most recent copy) (place)

Do you have a copy in a sealed envelope on file in the Chancery? None

Funeral Arrangements

Preferred Place of Burial [REDACTED]

(Filed at the Chancery Office, together with a recent copy of the Will, should be a letter of instructions to be opened at the time of death.)

July 27, 1987
Date

Rev. Victor E. Stewart
Signature



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

May 18, 1990

Dear Father Stewart:

It is my pleasure to appoint you to be Pastor of Saint Ailbe Parish. This appointment is made in consultation with the Priests' Personnel Board and is effective July 1, 1990. Your term of office will be for six years. Also, I have a copy of the agreement which you signed stating your understanding of the various stipulations attached to this appointment.

Most Reverend Wilton Gregory, Episcopal Vicar, will act as my delegate in receiving your Profession of Faith. I ask that you contact him as soon as possible concerning your formal installation as Pastor. Once this takes place, he will forward the official documents for your installation to the Chancery.

I would like to take this occasion, Vic, to thank you for all you have done at Saint Charles Lwanga during your years as pastor. I am aware that these past few months have been difficult and I am deeply grateful for your cooperation.

I am confident that the Parish community of Saint Ailbe will receive you and welcome you wholeheartedly as you begin your pastoral leadership. Should you ever need me for anything, please do not hesitate to call me. Be assured of my prayers and support.

With gratitude for your cooperation and with cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin

Archbishop of Chicago

Kenneth Velo

Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Victor E. Stewart
Saint Charles Lwanga Parish
153 W. Garfield Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60621

cc: Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Episcopal Vicar
Reverend Lawrence M. Duris, Dean
Reverend Arthur F. Anderson, O.F.M., Dean
Reverend Robert P. Heinz
Reverend Michael J. Hoffarth
Sister Kathryn Harnett, O.P.
Reverend Richard J. Welc
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board
Office of Appraisal and Evaluation
Office of Research and Planning
Center for Development in Ministry

bc: Mr. John F. Benware

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

July 5, 1991

Dear Vic:

Many thanks for your visit today. It was good for us to get together. I know you have been through a great deal in recent weeks.

In understand your reason for resigning as Pastor of St. Ailbe. You fear that staying on under the circumstances would only further polarize the parish. Because of your concern for the people, therefore, you offered your resignation. I hereby accept it, effective July 31, 1991, as you requested.

It is important now that you begin to plan for your future. You mention three things in which you are interested:

- (1) Entering the Doctor of Ministry program for which you have already applied.
- (2) Assuming a chaplaincy, preferably in a convent. You feel that such an appointment might be beneficial in that it would be conducive to satisfying the spiritual thirst which you have.
- (3) Becoming an associate in a suburban parish. You feel the need at this moment of putting some distance between yourself and the city.

I would appreciate your discussing these and other possibilities with Father Ray Goedert. I will ask Ray to call you as soon as possible. I was pleased to hear that you have confidence in Ray. I am confident that he can be of help to you.

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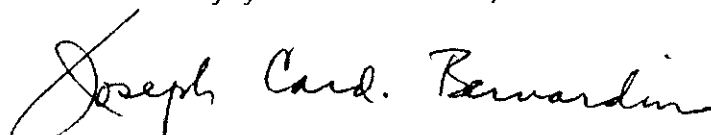
July 5, 1991

When I return from my vacation on July 20 I will review with Ray the progress which has been made in determining your future. Even though things may not be clear at the moment, with the help of the Lord clarity will come in time.

Be assured, Vic, of my prayers and support as you make this transition.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Victor E. Stewart
Pastor
St. Ailbe
9015 S. Harper
Chicago, IL 60619

cc: Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory
Reverend Raymond Goedert

bc: Personnel Board

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

Off: (312) 642-1837

June 26, 1992

Rev. Victor Stewart
Mercy Health Care and Rehabilitation Center
19000 South Halsted Street
Homewood, Illinois 60430

Dear Vic,

Congratulations on your new assignment. I know it will take a bit of adjustment but I hope that you and the authorities at the Center will be able to work out all the details.

If you have any problems with matters concerning the Center, don't hesitate to call on Mark Holihan who seems to have a good grasp of how things are running at this point. Your auto insurance and your health insurance will be carried by our office at this point. I also wanted to notify you that if you need stipends for Masses which I am sure you will, then call Fr. Tom Paprocki, the Chancellor, who is in charge of dispensing stipends for men who have none coming in independently. He will set up a system of helping you with the stipends for Mass.

I hope everything goes well and we will be continuing our contact in the days to come.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley

6/10/94 - 12:15 PM

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(312) 624-5375
Monday, June 13
10:30 AM

Mass: Holy Angels Parish
Monday, June 13
11:30 AM

Burial: 

Father Stewart is survived by a Sister and Brother:



*Sis Emerence will be in Rome; Fr. German
will represent Cardinal @ Funeral Mass.*

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87th & Hamlin

Ken,
I personally
spoke with both
Vic's sister and brother
Saturday afternoon.

J. Ok
KV
C. [Signature]

Father Stewart is survived by a Sister and Brother:



		Date of birth	Ordained
STEWART, Rev. Victor E.		[Redacted]	5-10-78
Nationality			
Date Appointed	Assignment	Charge	Date Left
6-15-77	St. Thaddeus	Deacon	12-31-77
6-12-78	St. Catherine of Genoa	Associate	9/23/82
9/23/82	St. Charles Lwanga	Pastor	7/1/90
7/1/90	St. Ailbe	Pastor	10/8/92
10/8/92	Mercy Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, Foxwood, Ill.	Chaplain	6/10/94
6/10/94	Deceased		



Extraordinary Appointments

Strong, Loving, and Wise!

May 26, 1985

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Eminence,

Please pardon the tardiness of my communication with you. This letter is both painful and hopeful, and it is the result of many "soul-searching" and painful situations. I was informed by Bishop Gregory that you accepted my resignation. I was assured, at the time, that you have genuine concern for my well being. I am, of course, most appreciative. Your concern is important to me personally.

In an effort to truly cooperate, I have talked to Father Tom Ventura, and have personally sought to have a consultation session with you. I have written this letter to you because it provides a tool for reflection and articulation of some vital points which may be lost, unless adequately expressed to a rightful authority.

The resignation from this ministry and office, in itself, is not so much an admission of failure as it is other things which are not quite apparent on the surface. The situation that has arisen is unique for several reasons. And I feel that it is this very situation which requires reflection and, perhaps, unique action. It is unique from several views; one, because it is not necessarily one that can be judged by those outside the circumstance (though it is true similar circumstances might invite similar solutions, several important situations/circumstances have never, to my knowledge, occurred before); and secondly, though ministry can be similar from parish to parish, in its most intimate circumstances it is indeed unique. It is these very circumstances which have been caused by my request for resignation that have fomented unbelievable pain and (possibly a) tragic situation for many (too many not to take sensitive notice). I would like to number my points for the sake of order and reflection.

1. Whatever I have done in ministry or pastorate I have endeavored to keep those I am obligated to serve foremost in my actions and deliberations. I have always maintained that actions (important ones that is) which are not done with the guidance of the Holy Spirit are fruitless and will possibly end tragically. I have further discerned that one (at least myself) is called to ministry and therefore any movement within ministry is a result of "the call." I have never known this to be otherwise for me. I did not consult, discern, or deliberate with anyone before I wrote my letter to John Philbin. I admit I acted rashly and out of utter frustration. Had I consulted

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LWANGA**

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with Father Kiley or someone else (from whom I generally seek advice) I would never have sent that letter. This would explain why I never sent a letter directly to you or Bishop Gregory. Thus I am faced with the situation as it exists at this moment. It has rendered me stunned and immobilized. I have never withdrawn from any situation, no matter how difficult, in my life.

2. It was only after Bishop Gregory's visit to me that I began to realize what tragic consequences my resignation would have on many persons. For example, I had read of the success George Clements, Kenny Brigham, and Mike Pflager had when they extended themselves to adopt a child. Though I never felt called to this dimension I found myself moving more and more in the direction of "father image" to many of our young people. I was not surprised at this because it has always been part of myself as a person, as well as my priesthood. I learned to deal with many situations by accepting that parental role. Since our (black) community suffers greatly from a male/father image this was quite understandable. So I was asked, because of desperate circumstances, to take one of the kids to live in the rectory. He received [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] himself confirmed that his home situation was an impossible one and he definitely should not return there. He has resided here for almost two years. My role has been so strongly parental that he identifies with me as his "real father" and the parish also identifies this situation as such. The tragedy of a forced separation is too horrible to imagine. We have another situation of one of the most active men in our parish, who is a permanent diaconate candidate (just finished his second year in the program. Since he and his family came with me from Saint Catherine of Genoa, he [and his family] find themselves hurt and bewildered. A third circumstance that can be pointed to is the one in which I am sponsoring five kids from Saint Charles to various high schools. This situation arose because these kids would never have any other opportunity to attend a Catholic High School since their parents are too poor to afford the tuition, and in some cases would be left to elements in the public schools which would definitely influence them in the wrong direction. In order to pay for their tuition I offered to teach a few courses to schools where these kids would attend in lieu of tuition. I have done this because I was personally afforded the best educational opportunities possible. It seems that if I am in a position to make a difference in these young kids lives I should do so.

The last example I would submit (though there are many others) is less tangible and more intuitional for one who is indigenou to a community and culture. In my own experience with my people the attainment of any high goal is a means for others to project themselves through that person. Catholic priesthood in the black community has always been regarded as one of the highest achievements a black man can attain. To be appointed a pastor is even rarer. With these built in factors it can easily be seen the type of impact that occurs when a man would voluntarily withdraw from a service or ministry. Even though the explanation may seem sound and reasonable, it leaves the community wounded and in great puzzlement. To my knowledge I can recall only three times when such a thing has happened in our community (i.e. when the black community was directly involved with priest from the Archdiocese). The three cases are Rollins Lambert at St. Dorothy's (and St. James); [REDACTED] when he resigned the priesthood (the impact on the young people is still talked about); and Kenny Brigham when he was pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the westside. The cases of permanent deacons still upset communities. The shock waves from Father Dennis Riley's resignation from St. Charles Lwanga is still very much talked about. It simply cannot be seen in a "business-as-usual" light. Several things which stand strong in the history of black people is our ability to survive impossible obatacles and our determination to be long suffering. We are expected to stand our ground and the inability for a leader to do so causes the immediate community to have doubts about itself. A white priest, no matter how good and dedicated he may be, if he leaves a certain parish (or even the priesthood) can be rationalized by pointing to the great pressures that exist for him as tries to deal with obstacles outside his element.No such excuse is afforded for a black priest by his own community. (Perhaps my many years as a layman affords me the insight into this perspective.) I am sure that it is not new to you to hear or read that the black community is harder on its own priests (in terms of expectations and demands) than on others who serve it. It is true to say a different yeard stick is used. I cannot calculate the consequences of my leaving this community. Nor are there instruments available which could guage this, since most of any community tends to be silent and non-communicative. I can report that this community has suffered greatly (in terms of confidence and commitment) with the departure of each priest under less than normal circumstances.

3. I have, after a great deal of reflection, come to realize that

in the final analysis it was not my person as priest or minister which caused this to arise but the financial criteria. But it should be seen that my predecessor, Bob Backis, found himself in the same dilemma. I found myself questioning my ability to manage circumstances which I never did have control over. I would have to honestly say that several things caused the pressures to arise which created an impossible situation for myself:

- (1) Having an inadequate knowledge from the beginning of the seriousness of the difficulty of this ministry. No history or suggestions were ever offered by Bob Backis. He gave me a vague sketch of the workings (visible) of the parish; he gave me the keys and left.
- (2) No suggestions were given by the personnel board as to how to avoid the trap Fr. Backis found himself caught in.
- (3) No idea or suggestions were given about the invisible currents (strong as they are) which pervade this community. Thus mistakes and misunderstandings were created which could have been avoided though not easily).
- (4) Too often I found myself not only responsible for, but the blame for a situation which was impossible under any normal circumstance. "We are instructed to carry the cross, not be crushed under it."
- (5) Fr. Phil Kiley, the associate, forced to serve as principal at our school for two years, was not available to alleviate tensions from other quarters; thus, I found myself trying to balance many major problems with no direct aid or assistance.
- (6) An inability to visualize the enormity of the parish's economic situation, and especially that of the geographical area (Pierre Di Vissi calls this the 6th poorest in the nation). This type of impoverishment is impossible to visualize---especially if you were raised middle class and never encountered it before. This poverty is not just a matter of a lack of financial resources. It seems to me, "life is worth living not just surviving. Survival must be at the service of living (i.e. a step towards), not an entity in itself. The pressures and enormity of the difficulties here reduced me to a survival level and exposed me to burnout just as a bare body is exposed to un-filtered sun-light or radiation.
- (7) A much needed restructuring of ministries and parish was slow in formation because the nature of what Lwanga is had to be experienced rather than theorized and rationalized.
- (8) The pastoral dimension was always subjugated to financial difficulties and considerations (or so it seemed). Thus even though ministry has grown, it has not been able to overcome the negative grip and pain which has persisted for years here.
- (9) The historical pains and difficulties are often hard to come to grips with since these are felt by others to be secret and personal.

(10) The inability to balance ministry with financial administration was caused by the fact that financial situations simply consumed enormous amounts of energy. Constant tiredness over trying to manage financial realities so that they were in balance with personal and ministerial needs literally had a draining effect.

The above points are the most obvious and easily graspable for me. There are other points but they are difficult to articulate and pin-point here.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

The one consistent question I have been asked lately is what am I going to do now? My consistent reply is I do not know. I have prayed and reflected much but I have found no discernment which would suggest I have a mission, at this time, which lies beyond Saint Charles Lwanga. I have realistically assessed options available to me such as:

- A Spiritual Director to a convent of Nuns or sisters (perhaps a motherhouse)
- Teaching at a Catholic High School
- Pursuing a degree in Spirituality
(there are no black priest in this field to my knowledge)
- Sabbatical
- Leave of Absence (this makes no sense of course)
- Become a Trappist Monk
- Change in diocese

There are some options I have deliberately shunned for different reasons. My reasons are based on experience and observations of other's experience.

---AN ASSOCIATE AT ANOTHER PARISH...This conclusion does not come as a result of either pride or difficulty of letting pastorship go. In my experience of serving at another parish (and my diaconate parish) I have found myself (and other black priest I have spoken to) often in serious crisis arising from my perceived mandate as indigenous to that community, and another's imposed conceptions as a result of observations and artificial reasoning. This might sound small but having had negative experiences over this I assure you it is not so. The suggestion of serving in the Black Community under a black pastor arises. This sounds easier than it actually is. I have often found myself threatening to white priests (and believe me I have never relied on race to excuse a situation, but it does verify many questions and decisions) from a validation factor (i.e. some

are threatened because they believe black priest have more influence with black people than his peer---obviously false but the perception is widespread from my observation). The same factor holds true for black priests. Why? One explanation could be that black priest serving together (in this Archdiocese, at least) is rare and artificial. There are other problems which are present from the black pastors I know which could never be spoken about in a written report. As I said these are not incidental or rare circumstances which I mention but are widespread. It might mean my roaming around from parish to parish until I found the correct situation. This could easily brand one as a "misfit" when the reality might well be otherwise (as other cases have clearly demonstrated). A younger man might survive such difficulties but at 45 years old it becomes another whole different set of circumstances.

I see and experience myself as a pastoral (more bent toward prayer and strong spirituality, and would find great difficulty fitting into an institutional/bureaucratic dimension. Institutional settings offer their own sets of difficulties and challenges which necessitate certain types of persons to deal with them, I am not and, at my age, never will be that type of person (as I see it at this moment).

I suppose the natural question that might arise is what would I then propose?

Of all the things I have learned from this experience, at St. Charles Lwanga, is that ministry here needs revision and a different approach. I am surprised that this was not seen by Fr. Backis. I am absolutely convinced that the only pastoral approach to this parish that will bear success is TEAM MINISTRY (another term, I suppose, is SHARED MINISTRY). My reasons are as follows:

(1) Team ministry in this situation recognizes and appreciates the fact that different ministries require different approaches. Some parishes are good for team ministry because of educational or social levels of the people, others because it represents a way of diffusing energy consuming pressures.

An associate pastor might not desire to share decision making and responsibility with a pastor, but could easily do so if he understood himself as part of a team of peers.

(2) Team ministry allows individual members, recognizing their own personal strengths and weaknesses, to minister

according to gifts and talents, rather than out of appointed offices and roles.

(3) Restructuring under a Team/Shared Ministry concept allows changes to take place at the top without shattering the community's existing operations. It is more easily seen by the community as a viable approach than one which simply announces "more-of-the-same."

(4) Team/shared ministry announces/demonstrates a different leadership approach. The pressure pact community finds itself more able to operate smoothly, as difficulties and pressures are diffused by members of the team working on strengths out of strengths, rather than an approach which finds ones energy diffused and dissipated by being constantly overwhelmed.

(5) Team ministry is ideal for St. Charles Lwanga because the nature of the enormous pressures and strengths required to do these ministries. This is not a normal ministry by any stretch of the imagination. It requires an approach which deals directly with the difficulties and strengths of this ministry (recognizing and appreciating the enormous energy it takes to minister here).

(6) No human being can guarantee success from any approach to ministry or anything else; but we do know that previous attempts from more traditional approaches have proven not so successful. It is worth the effort because it speaks directly to all the problems which have arisen. The Team approach carries its own strengths and weaknesses, but in a community like St. Charles, the strengths outweigh the weaknesses by a large measure.

I would, therefore, propose specifically the following:

(1) That Father Kiley and myself be allowed to reorganize under a TEAM MINISTRY approach. This would mean specifically---Father Kiley would be concerned with financial and fiscal concerns, while father Stewart would concern himself with pastoral and spiritual, Youth concerns.

(2) That the date of our service be continuous with our present date, and that an evaluation of that service would take place at the end of the regular term of service 1988. A yearly evaluative assessment could certainly be made. At least it should be given and deserves a chance. Since the lives and sensitive situations really are in question.

Since no letter of resignation has yet been given to the parish it would not represent indecision or a perception of lack of stability in leadership to our people.

I would respectfully ask that this request be granted. My frustration and energy drain did not result from pastoral ministry but from the burden of having to bear both pastoral and financial administration responsibilities. (Fr. Kiley has served as principal in our elementary school for the past two years. Thus Fr. Kiley has been limited in what responsibilities he could assume in the parish. Working together with John Philbin, Frank O'Connor, the accountant, Mr. [REDACTED], Fr. Kiley would be able to focus on unification of resources. His two years as administrator of the school should give him great insight into the parish operation as a whole. Fr. Kiley has an enormous capacity for this type of task. I would be available to support and to answer questions which would arise---should he need such.

I have spoken to Fr. Kiley and he agrees this would be the best approach for this situation. I have spoken to our staff and they also concur. I have requested that Fr. Kiley add his own comments, recommendations and assessments. I do not ask your approval because it solves all "my" problems and difficulties but because of the unusual nature of the circumstance and ministry. I assure you I am a faithful son of the Church and my interest is due to my commitment to ministry and the People of St. Charles Lwanga whom I have come to love very much. I believe it is the one solution which addresses all the problems and difficulties of this complex ministry.

Your servant in the Lord,
Victor
Father Victor E. Stewart

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cc: Bishop Wilton Gregory
Fr. John Calicott
Fr. Phil Kiley
Personnel Board



Off (312) 642-1837

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: Rev. Edward Fialkowski

FROM: Bishop Goedert *RG*

DATE: Sept. 5, 1991

RE: Rev. Victor Stewart

1. As you know, Vic Stewart has resigned the pastorate of St. Ailbe's and is now available for re-assignment. I would appreciate it if you would let the rest of the Board know this and the sooner we can place Vic, the better.

2. Vic's one reservation is that he not be assigned to a parish on the South Side. He feels it would be just too difficult for him to face the people that he has had to deal with at St. Ailbe's and thereabouts. Perhaps you could give me a call, Ed, and let me know what the possibilities might be.

*St. Ailbe's
on 9/5/91*

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Stewart*

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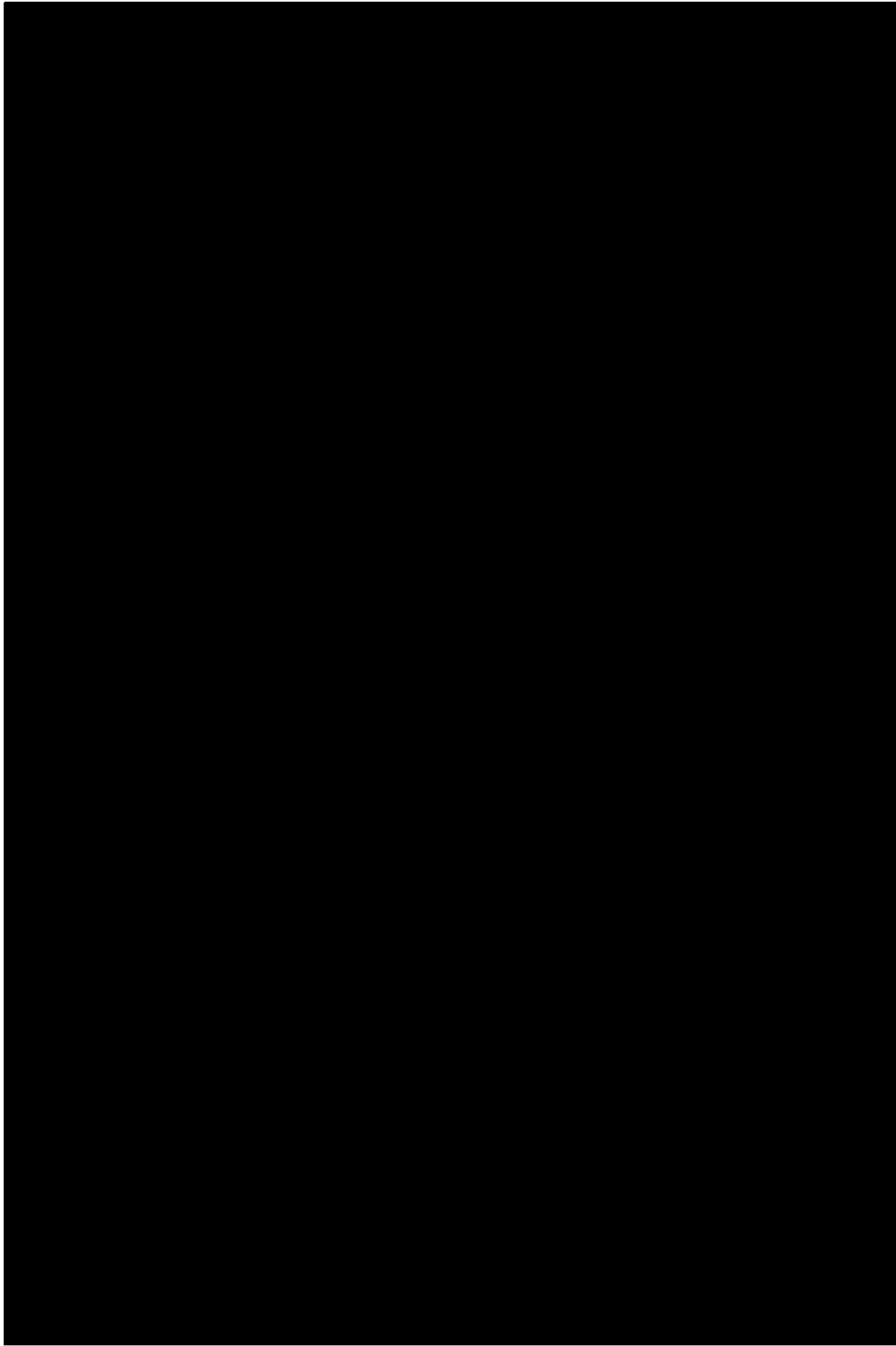
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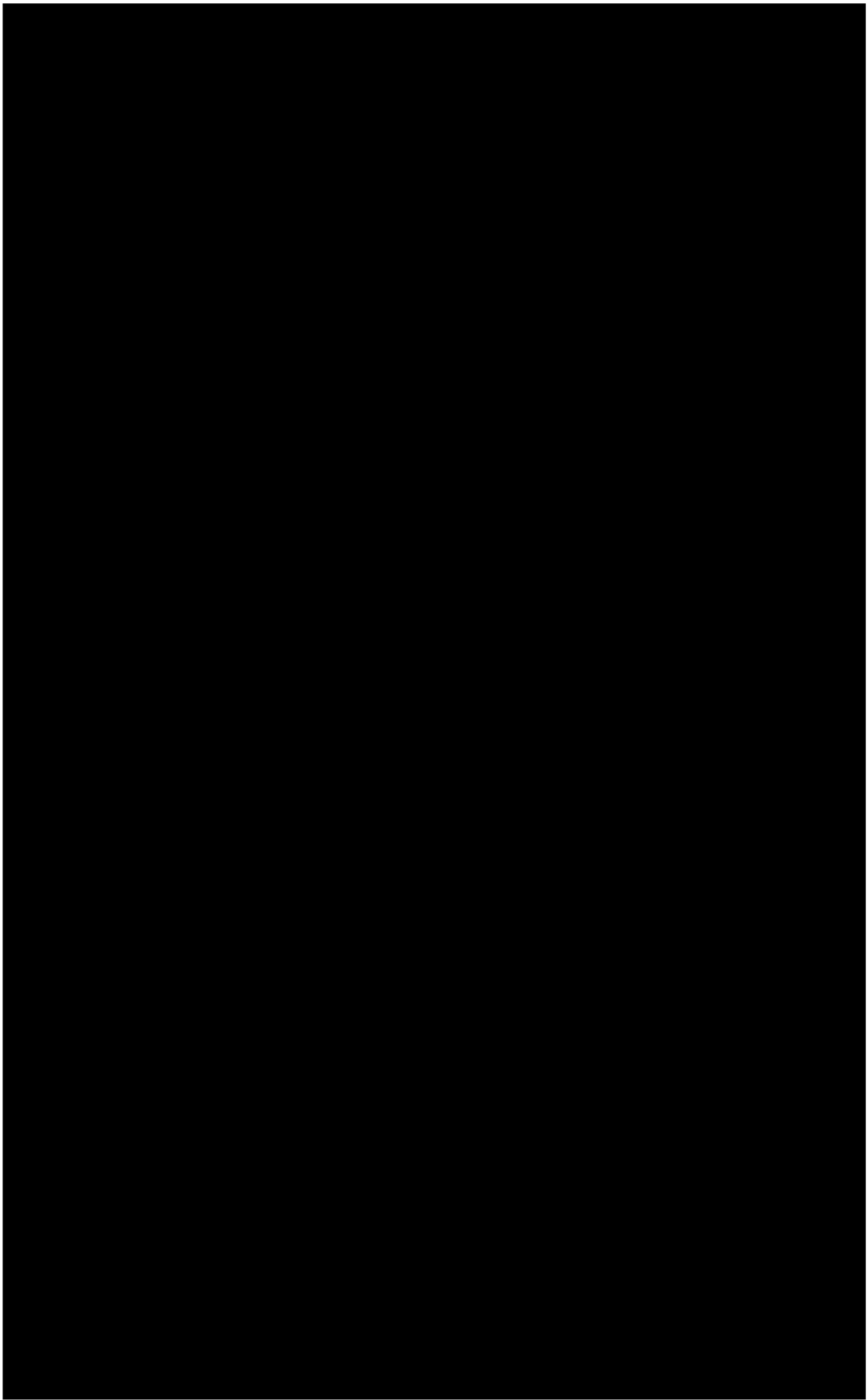
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19. Victor Stewart '78: Vic believes that he has been a very good pastor although he had some administrative difficulties. He said that Jack Berware has freed him from any Chancery supervision of his finances for the past year. He feels absolutely no need for a sabbatical; he does not want to go on sabbatical. He wants to be a pastor. The parish need not be a city or African/American parish. He sees himself able to pastor in a suburban parish. He has made a retreat and does not feel that he is called to be a monk but rather to be a pastor.

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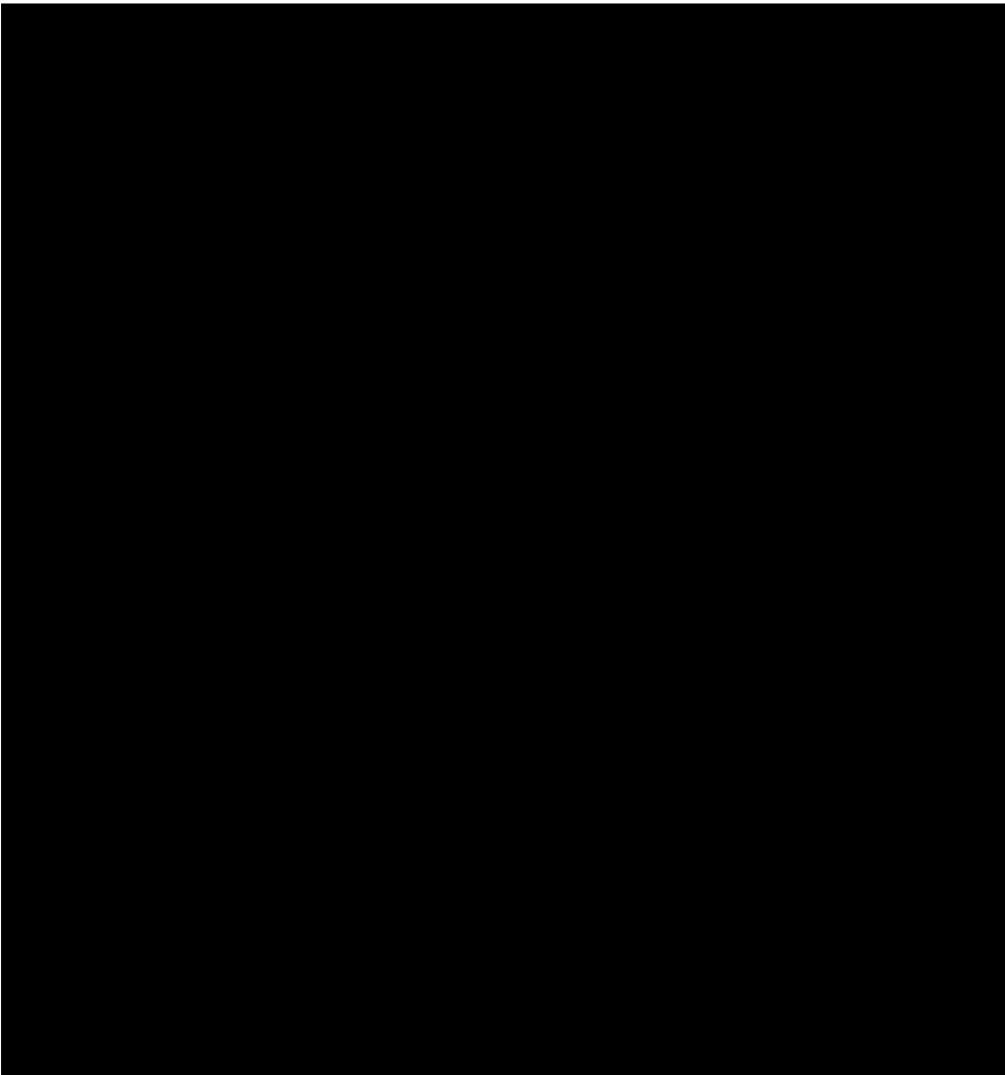
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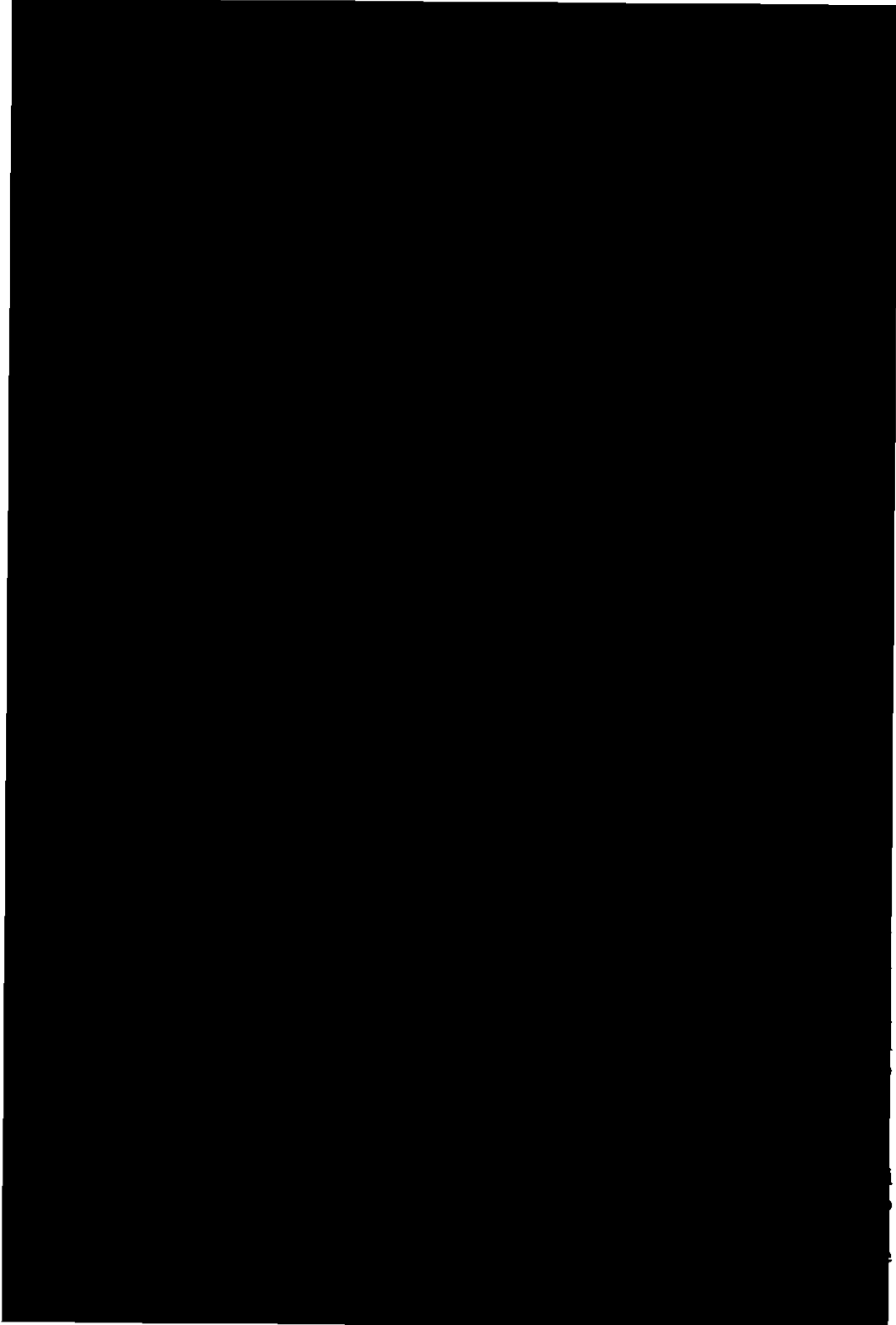
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12. Robert Heinz '80: Bob reports that the announcement that Victor Stewart '78 would be the next pastor is very disappointing to Michael Hoffarth '80. Some of the people are criticizing Vic and also feel sorry for Mike. Some of the people feel that they will be able to work with Vic Stewart. Bob reports that some ugly things have been said about Vic, but some of the people feel they can handle that. Bob does not feel that the present type of parish consultation really works. He believes it raises the hopes and expectations of the people and the selection process is doomed to fail because we do not have priests to fulfill all their expectations. He believes there has to be another way of consultation. Bob is comfortable with the appointment, but not the process.

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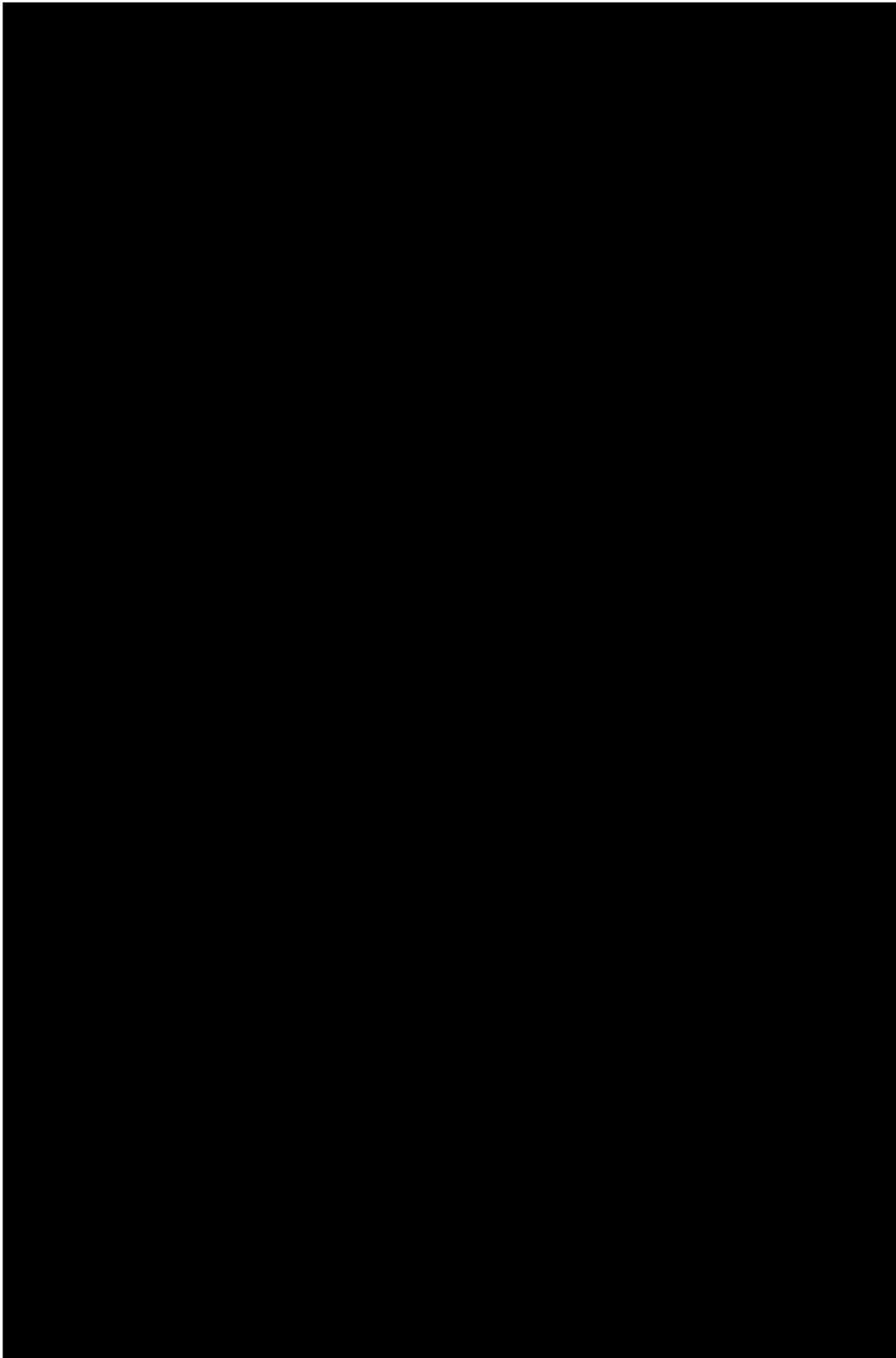
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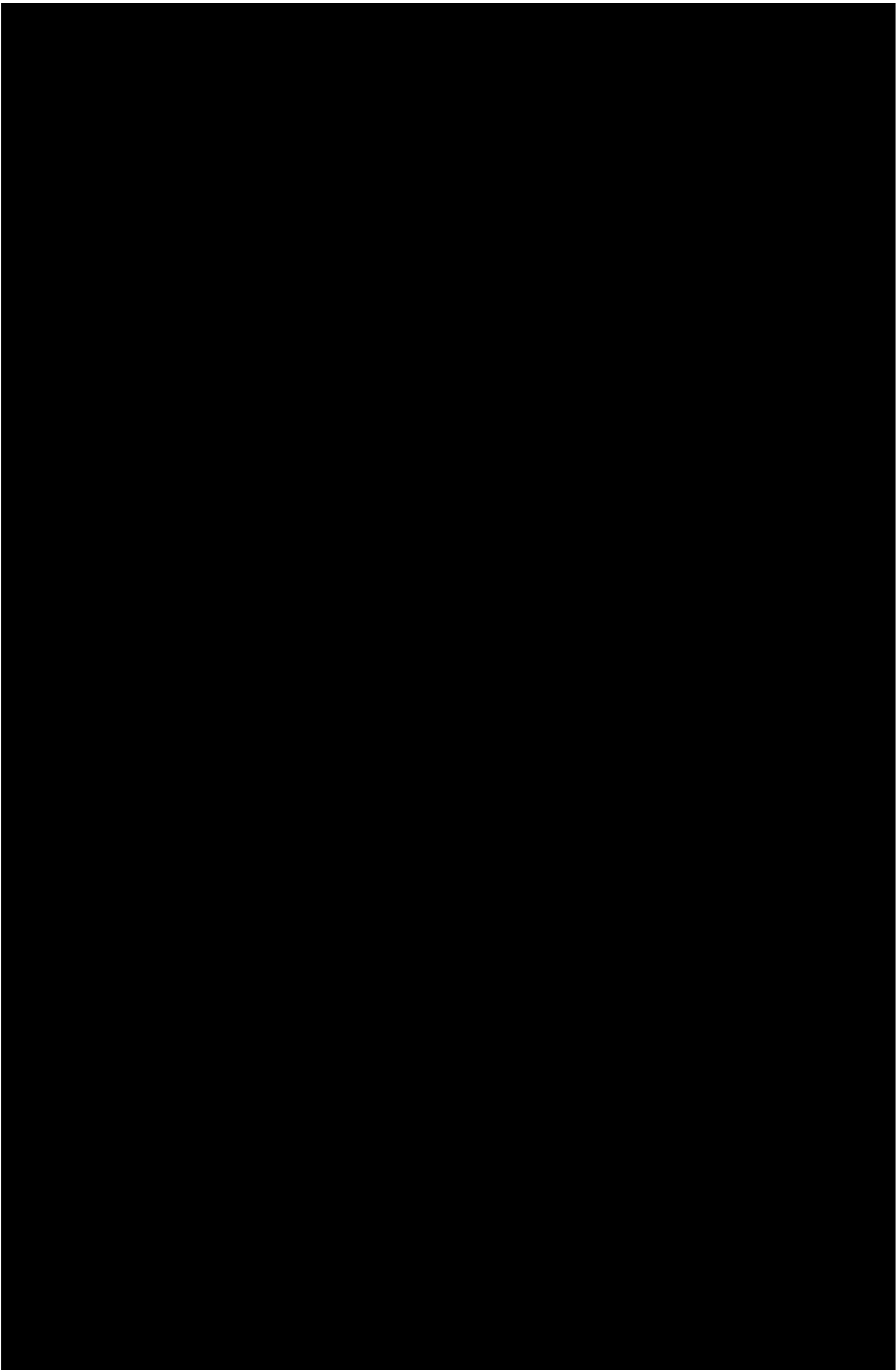
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17. Victor Stewart '78: Bishop Gregory suggests that Ray Cusack meet with Vic as a friend and try to impress Vic with the need for prudence in whatever he does at St. Ailbe's. He needs to be urged to establish his credibility before any changes take place in the parish or rectory. He should be urged not to bring young people from another neighborhood to St. Ailbe's until he has the confidence and respect of the people.

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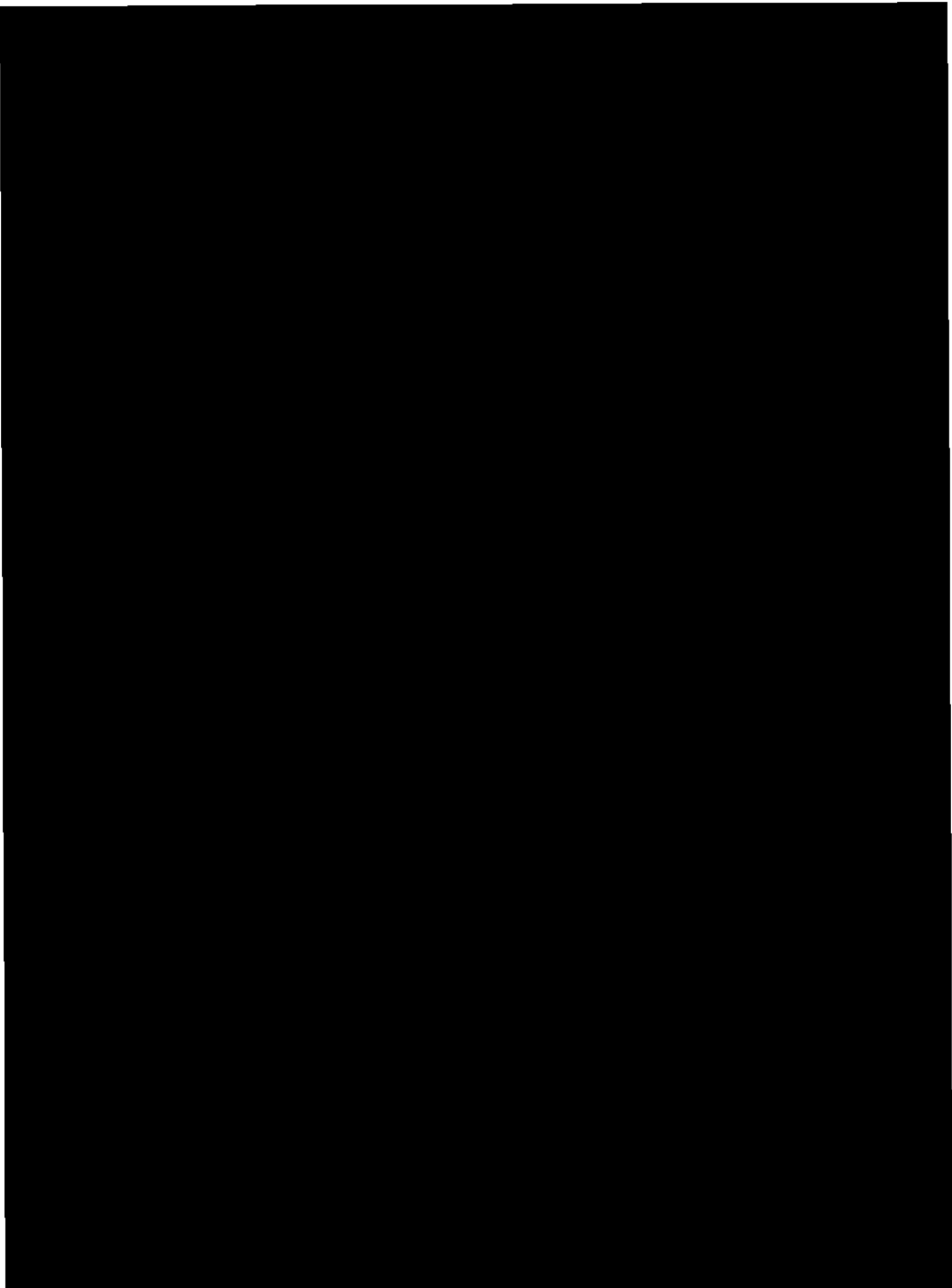
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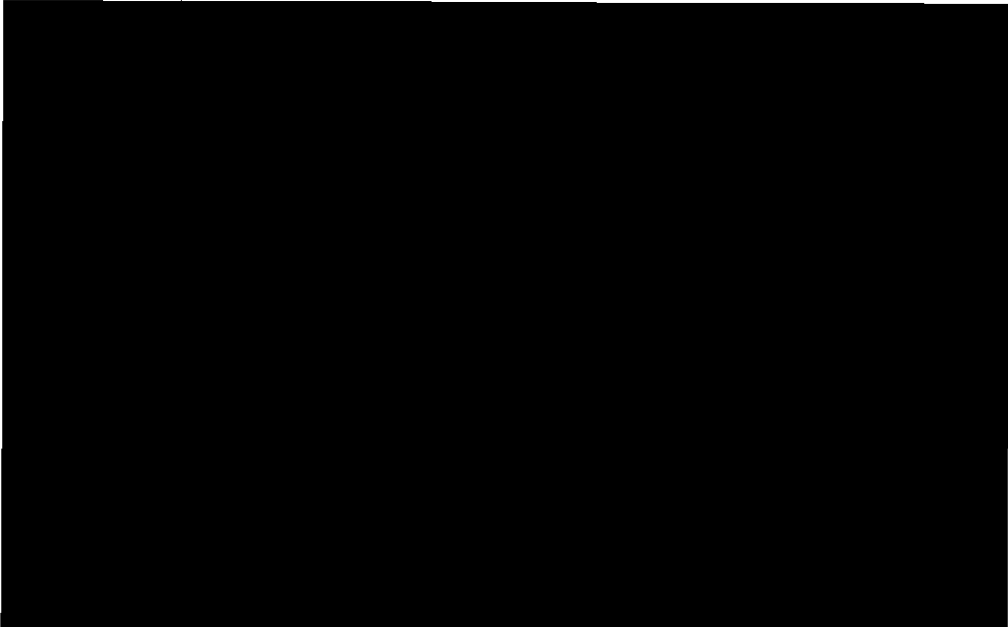
24. Cardinal's Appointments:

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b) Victor Stewart '78: has been appointed Pastor of St. Ailbe Parish effective 7/1/90 for a term of 6 years with stipulations attached to the appointment.

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MINUTES

Meeting: #6 - Thirteenth Board

Date: September 13, 1991

Place: Priests' Personnel Board

Present: Reverends: Jeremiah M. Boland, Daniel P. Coughlin,
Edward R. Fialkowski, Robert P. Heinz,
Michael T. Ivers, Donald J. Nevins,
Michael W. O'Connell, Kenneth J. Velo.

Absent: Rev. Victor J. Sivore

I. Opening Prayer: Rev. Michael W. O'Connell 10:30 A.M.

II. Minutes: Accepted 8 - 0

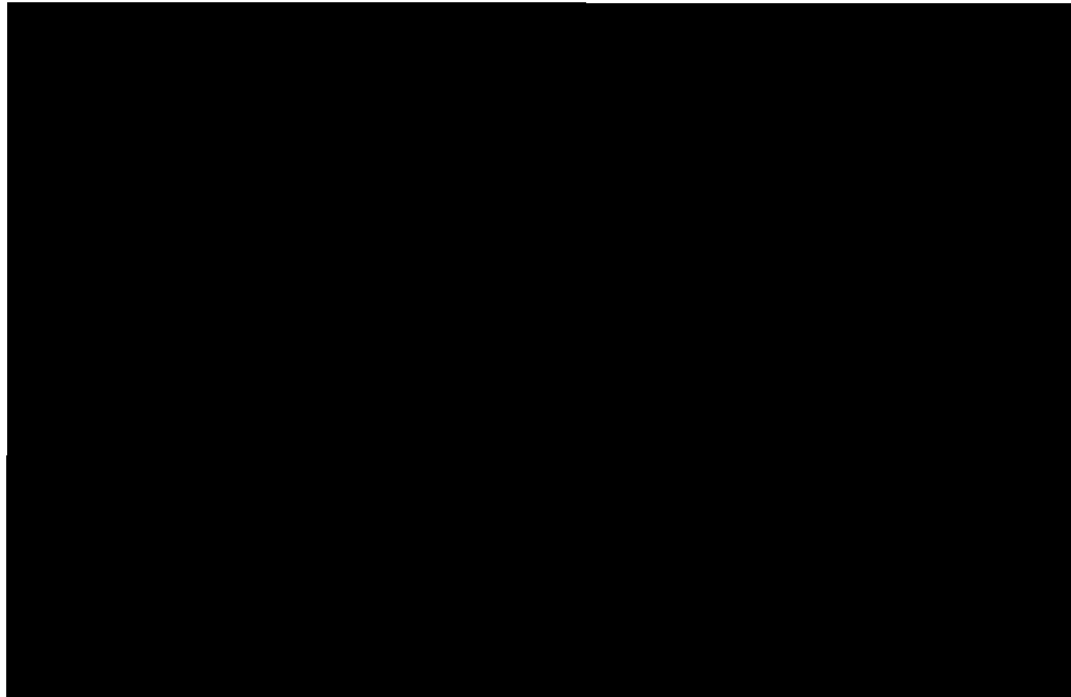
III. Reports:

1. Victor Stewart '78: Bishop Ray Goedert [former Vicar for Priests] wrote the Board to say that Vic has resigned the pastorate of St. Ailbe parish and he should be assigned to a new parish not on the south side as an Associate Pastor. This assignment would come through the Vicar for Priests' office. Ray would appreciate the Board giving Vic a list of possible placement sites.

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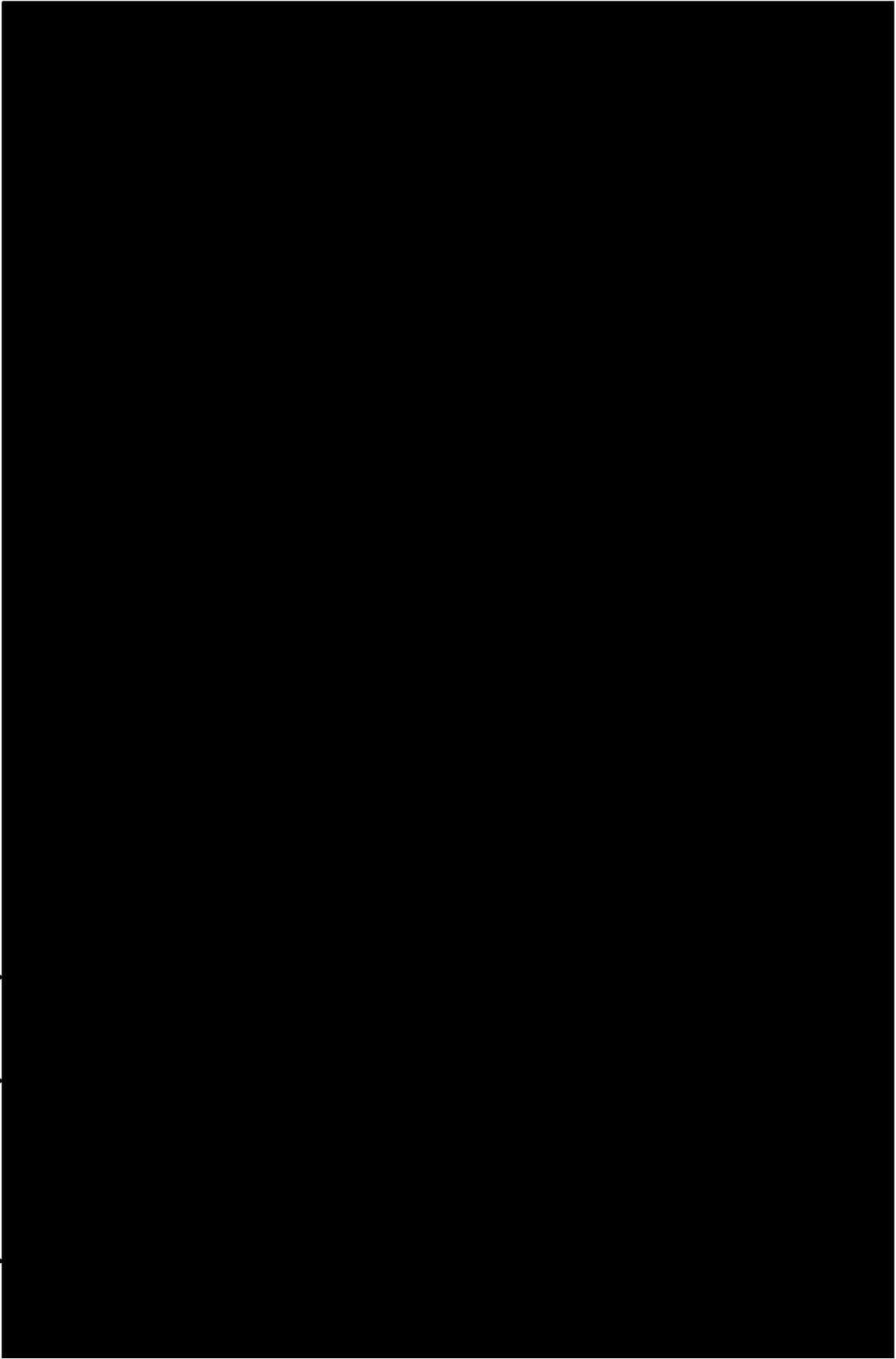
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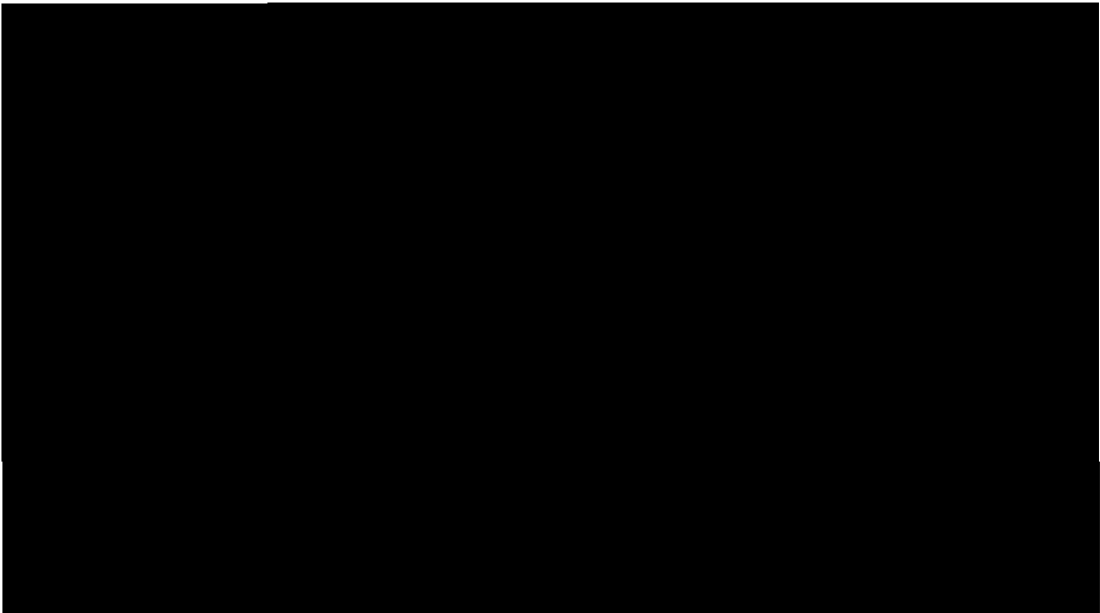


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IV. Acceptance of Agenda: Accepted 8 - 0

V. Business:

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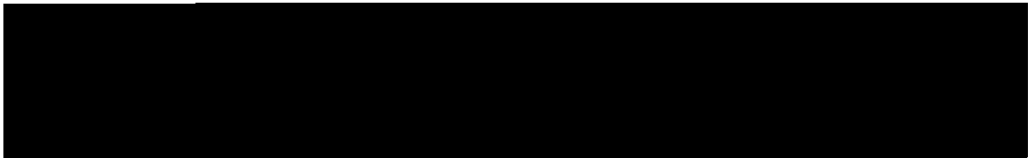
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C. Priests:

1. Victor Stewart '78: Bishop Raymond Goedert [Former Vicar for Priests] contacted the Board requesting placement sites for Vic. The Board reviewed Vic's situation and asked Ed Fialkowski to contact Ray and state the Board's reservations about an assignment for Vic. There needs to be clarification on issues of supervision and geographical location of suggested sites.

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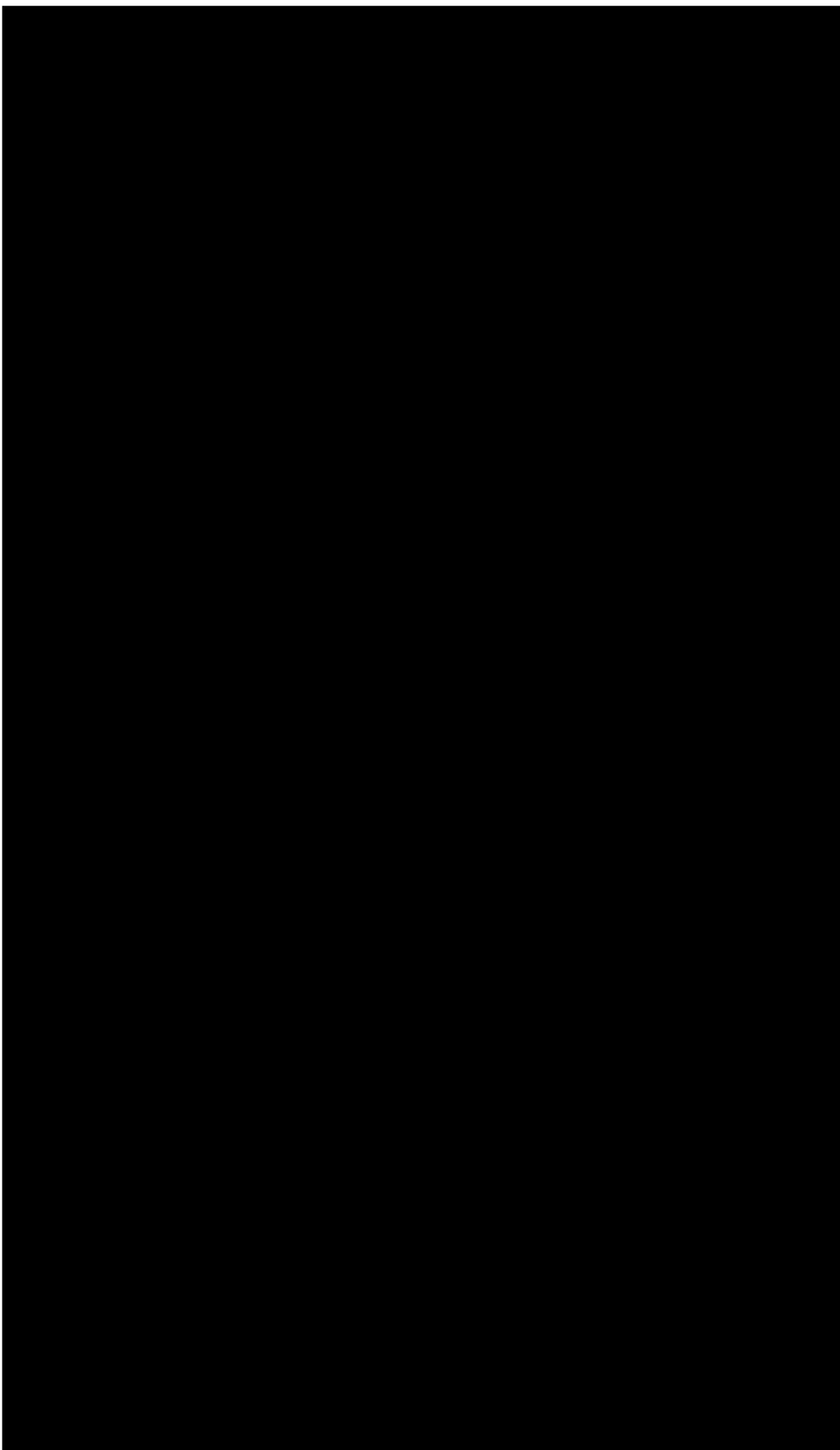
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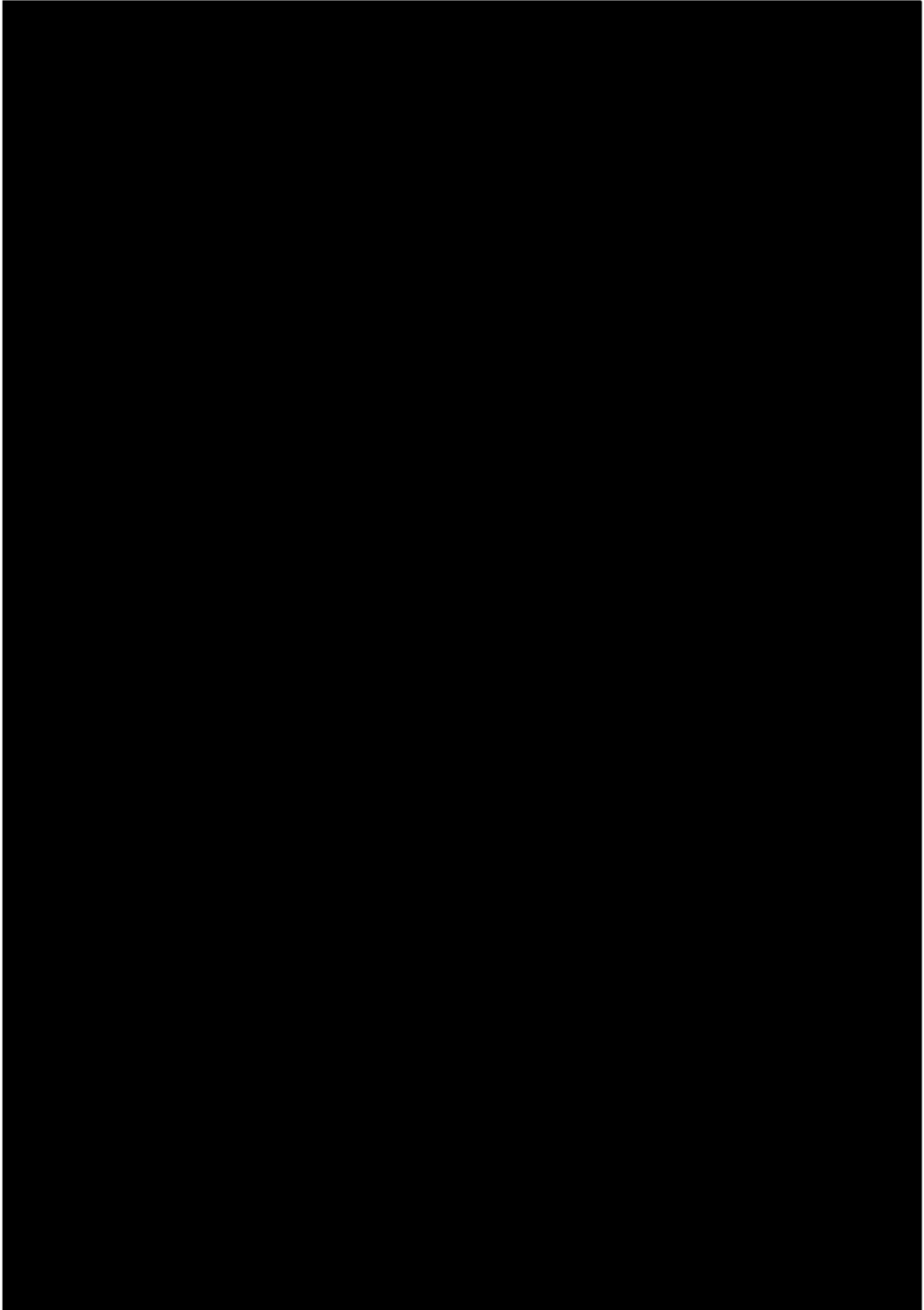
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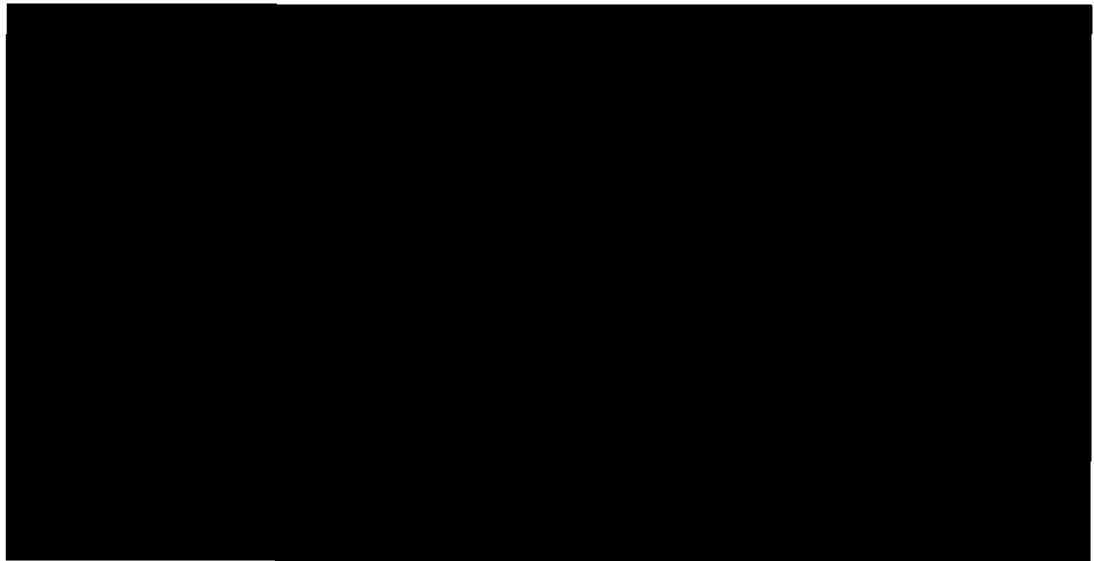
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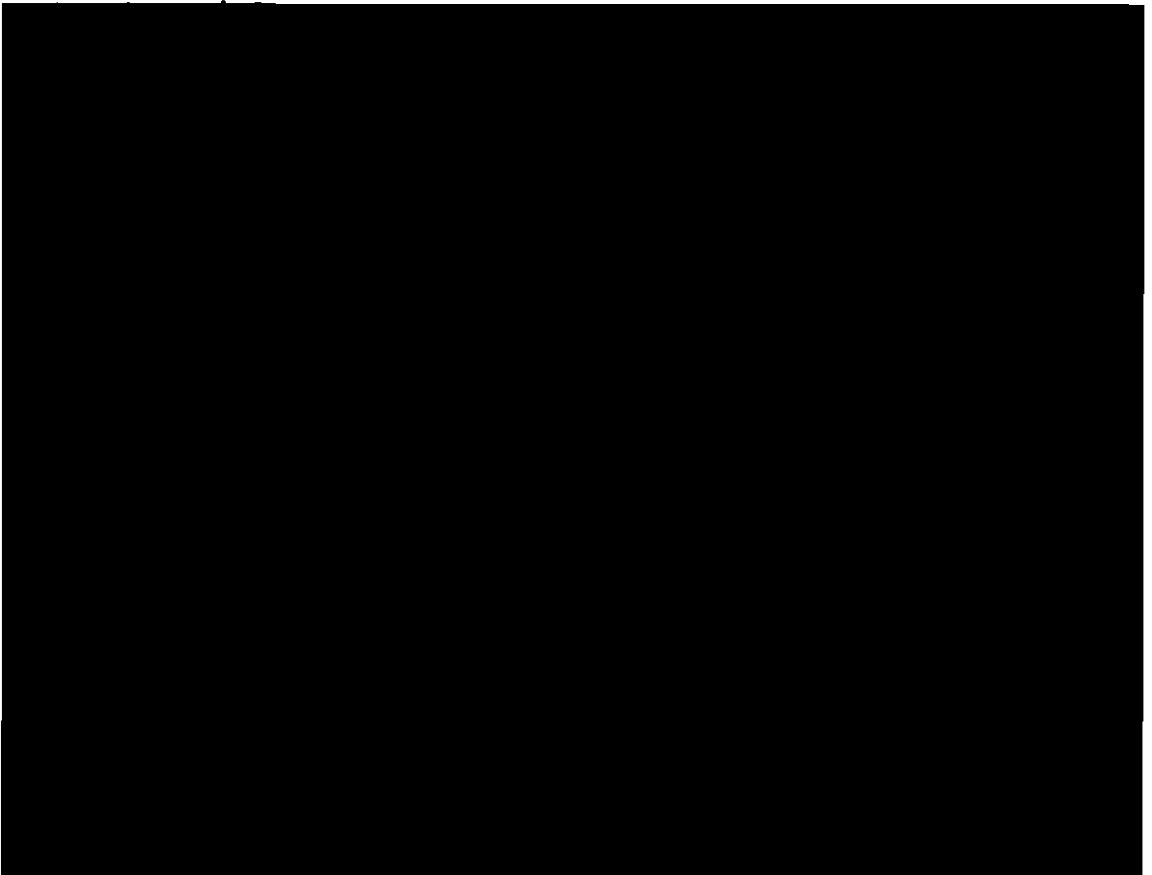


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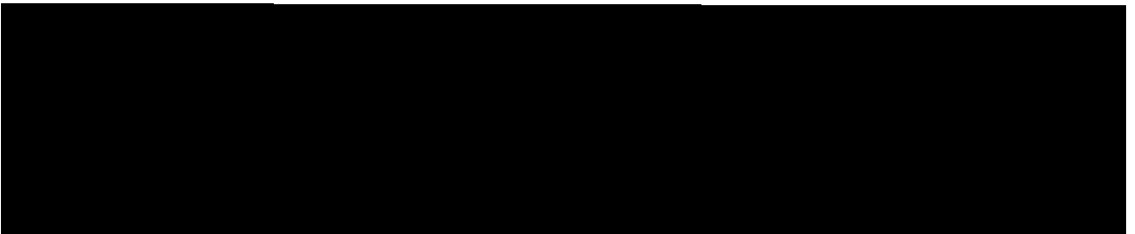


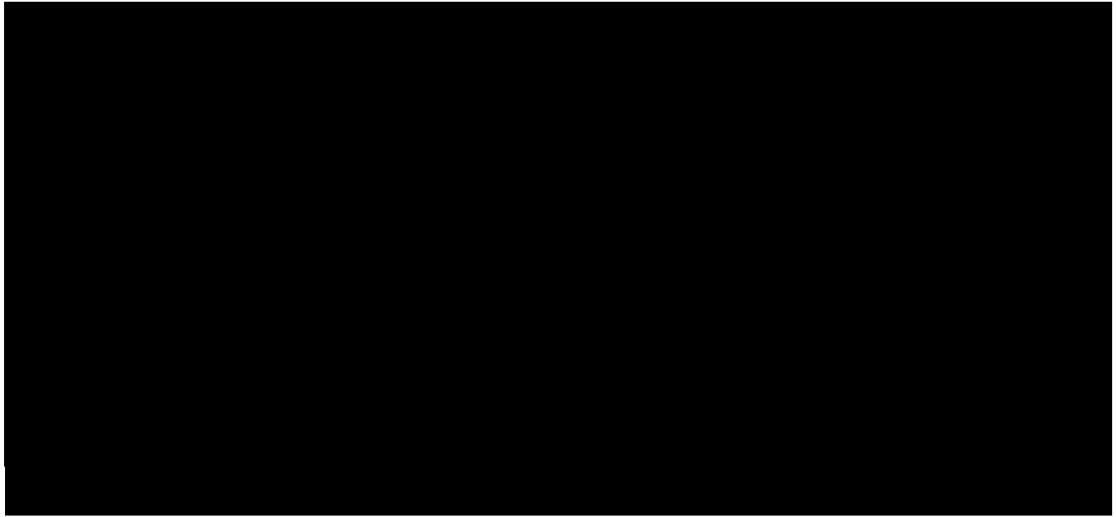
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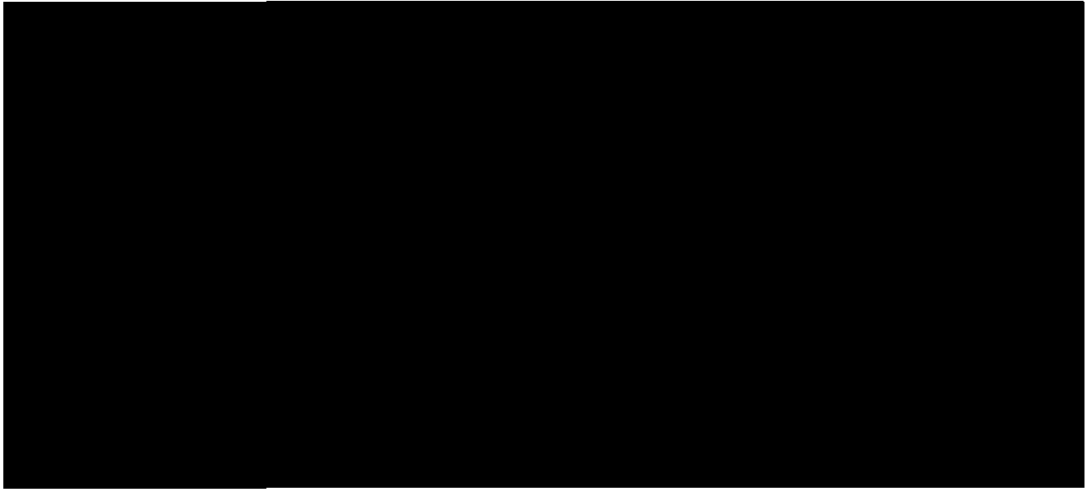


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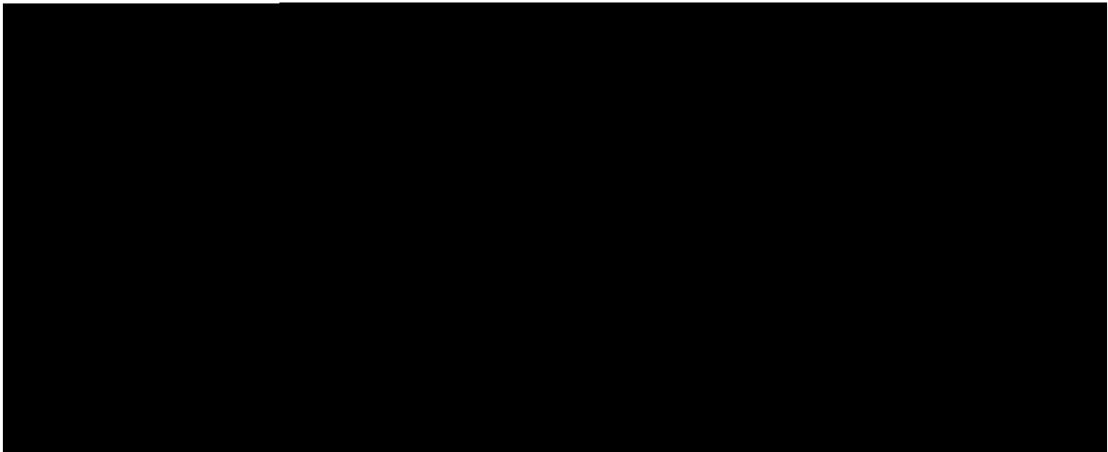
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J. Vicar for Priests Agenda:

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VI. Old Business: None Discussed.

VII. New Business:



VIII. Adjournment:



