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March 24, 2006

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

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on March 18, 2006 and conducted a Review for Cause of [redacted] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Turlo pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Turlo is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and currently without assignment.

The Board made the recommendation that in light of the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. The Board also recommended that Fr. Turlo be immediately withdrawn from ministry and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept this recommendation.
Fr. Turlo is already out of
active ministry, and arrangements
are made as to funds.
The committee would be
convinced with the case he to be
prepared for Rome.*

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

*F. George
Mar. 28, 2006*



March 30, 2006

HAND DELIVERED

Rev. John McNamara
Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence for Retired Priests
12230 S. Will-Cook Rd.
Lemont, Illinois 60439

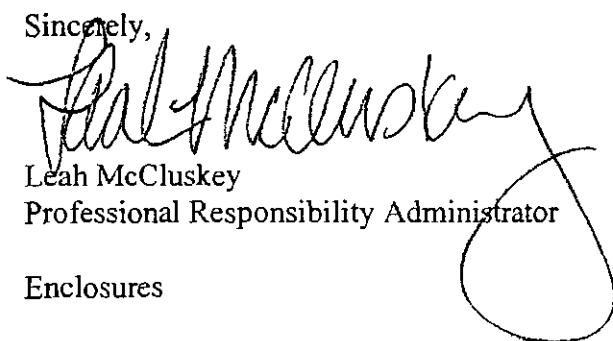
Dear Fr. McNamara,

I am writing this letter in regards to Rev. Walter Turlo, a resident of the Bishop Timothy J. Lyne Residence for Retired Priests, and your agreement to serve as his on-site "monitor." Fr. Turlo is a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago with at least one substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against him.

I have enclosed with this letter copies of the Cleric Daily Log Form and Travel/Vacation Form respectively. We will be able to discuss the monitoring and the related forms when we meet with Fr. Turlo and Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests on March 31, 2006. Also enclosed is a "Summary Time Line" of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against Fr. Turlo received by the Archdiocese of Chicago to date.

I thank you again Fr. McNamara for your agreement to assist both my office and the Vicar for Priests office with this matter. Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Grace at [312] 642-1837 at any time with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,










Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Roberta Magurany, Administrator Bishop Lyne Residence for Retired Priests
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
Name:	Rev. Walter Turlo	
Address:	Bishop Lyne Home	
Date of Birth:		
Current age:	61	
Name of civil attorney:		

Date of Ordination [of accused]: 5/13/70

Location: Mundelein

Age at ordination: 25

Assignment location of accused: N/A

Status of accused: Withdrawn

Name of canonical advocate: Msgr. Rick Sosaman

Date allegation received by PRA: 3/31/04

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 3/29/04 and 6/9/05

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1975

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: numerous

Brief summary of alleged abuse: massaging over and under clothing; sleeping in the same bed in hotel rooms [on vacation], [REDACTED] at St. William's rectory; one deliberate incident of touching [REDACTED] penis while in bed together at St. William's rectory

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 9/7/05; Fr. Turlo denied the allegation.

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: 3/06;
Concluded—reasonable cause to suspect with withdrawal and monitoring

Signature of PRA:

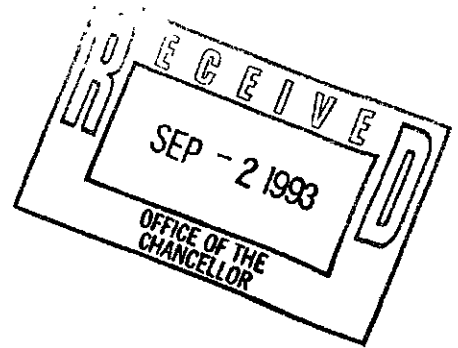
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Date:

3/30/06



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August 31, 1993

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

On March 10, 1993, you and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] met with Mr. Steve Sidlowski, the Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese, and Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, the Archdiocesan Assistance Minister. In that meeting, you brought forth a series of allegations against Fr. Walter Turlo. You also indicated that you had some concern about the role that the now Fr. Sergio Romo had in these incidents. You asked that these allegations be reviewed by the Fitness Review Board.

Mr. Sidlowski reported back to you that the Fitness Review Board felt that this inquiry was not within its specific jurisdiction since, at the time, both [REDACTED] were over 18 years old. Because of this determination, you were informed that the inquiry would be conducted by the Vicar for Priests office. Mr. Sidlowski provided the Vicars' office with his complete report of the meeting of March 10th.

In a subsequent meeting, Fr. O'Malley informed Fr. Turlo of the allegations that you had made. Fr. Turlo listened to the allegations and then had an opportunity to respond.

On August 16, 1993, the allegations were brought to the Advisory Board for Professional Responsibility, the Board that advises our office. Along with the Board, also present at that meeting were both Mr. Sidlowski and Mr. Bonaccorsi. They helped convey to the Board the substance of the allegations you had made as well as the spirit in which you had made those allegations.

After carefully considering both the allegations and the response of Fr. Turlo, the Advisory Board for Professional Responsibility came to the following conclusions:



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A. That the action of Fr. Turlo in sending an off-color birthday card to [REDACTED] was very inappropriate;

B. That Fr. Turlo's response to [REDACTED] when they came to protest that card, was also inappropriate;

C. That subsequent allegations of Fr. Turlo's relationship to [REDACTED] while possibly being inappropriate, did not, in the eyes of the Advisory Board, rise to the level of sexual misconduct;

D. The Board then directed the Vicar's office to approach Fr. Sergio Romo to ascertain his response to the allegations you have brought forward against him.

When allegations such as these, which are judged to be inappropriate behavior, come forward against a priest, our diocesan procedures prescribe that the priest must receive both a psychological assessment and appropriate pastoral counseling. The counseling is to revolve around the issue of professional behavior and what happens when inappropriate actions take place. The priest is helped to consider the effect of his actions upon others and how he must avoid that kind of behavior in the future.

In addition, our procedures call for monitoring of the priest's behavior by the Vicar for Priests' office in the future. Also key members of the parish staff are notified of the finding of the Board.

We will be following our diocesan procedures at this time with Fr. Turlo.

As this time, we wish to apologize for any inconvenience or pain that has been caused to your family and to individuals in your family over these past several years. We apologize for the inappropriate actions of Fr. Turlo. We know that he is truly sorry that he did anything that might have hurt anyone in your family.

We wish to mention to you once again that Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Minister, is available to your family if the need should arise. We have asked him to keep in contact with you periodically to see if there is any way that the Archdiocese can be of assistance



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with regard to counseling.

We realize that this entire experience and its aftermath have been very painful experiences for you, for the Church in general and for all involved. Our sincere hope is to be able to put the pain behind us at this time, to initiate a process of healing, and to insure as much as possible that we will not have incidents like this in the future. We hope these steps will move us toward this end.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. John Canary
Vicar for Priests

cc. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin
Rev. Walter Turlo
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Mr. Steve Sidlowski
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi

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

Date: April 17, 1993

Board Members Present:

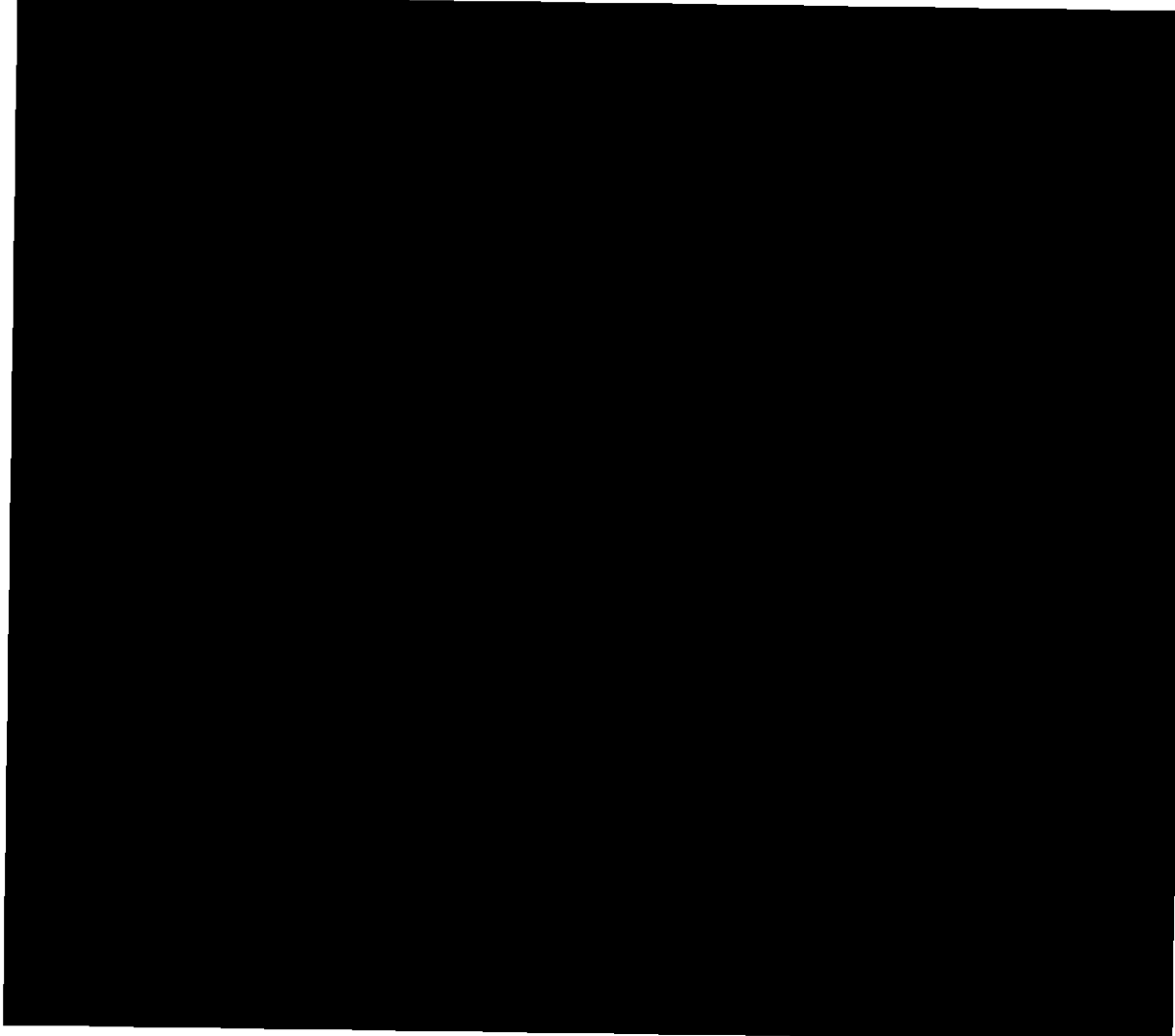


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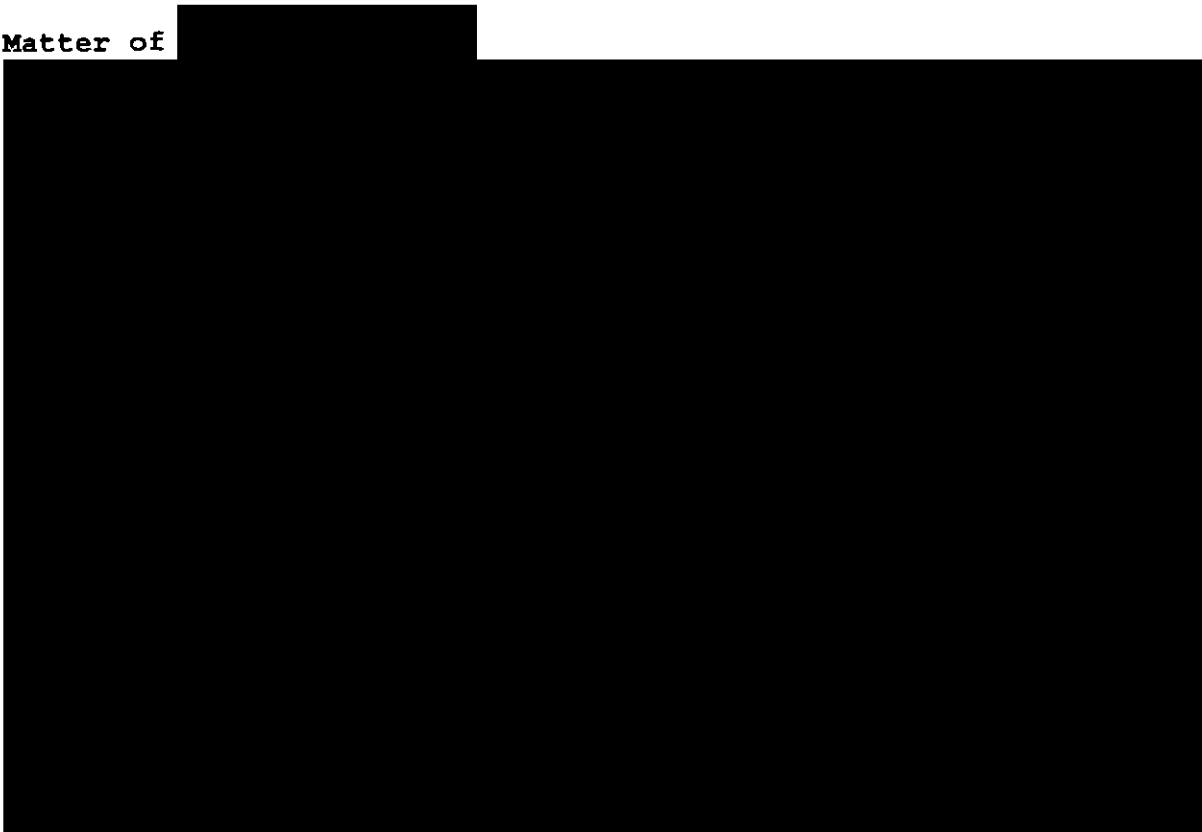
Ralph Bonaccorsi
Thomas Paprocki

Steve Sidlowski

Matter of



Matter of



Matter of



Matter of PFR-44 (W.T.):

1. The Board decided this matter is clearly not within its jurisdiction to consider pursuant to Archdiocesan policies on clerical sexual misconduct with minors in that alleged victims were over age 18 at the time. The Board expressed great concern regarding the matter, however, and suggested the Administrator write Cardinal Bernardin to express its sense that the Vicar for Priests' Office, which has proper jurisdiction over the matter, re-consider the matter, including any new information which the Administrator has obtained. The Board further noted that perhaps Co-Vicar Rev. John Canary or another priest representative from the Vicar's Office might conduct any such re-consideration in that Rev. Patrick O'Malley conducted the original inquiries into this matter.

2. The Board closes its file in this matter.

* The Board received updates on other matters from the Administrator, including



Respectfully
Submitted By
Steve Sidlowski

Minutes Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board

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

Date: March 13, 1993

Board Members Present:



Others Present:




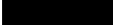
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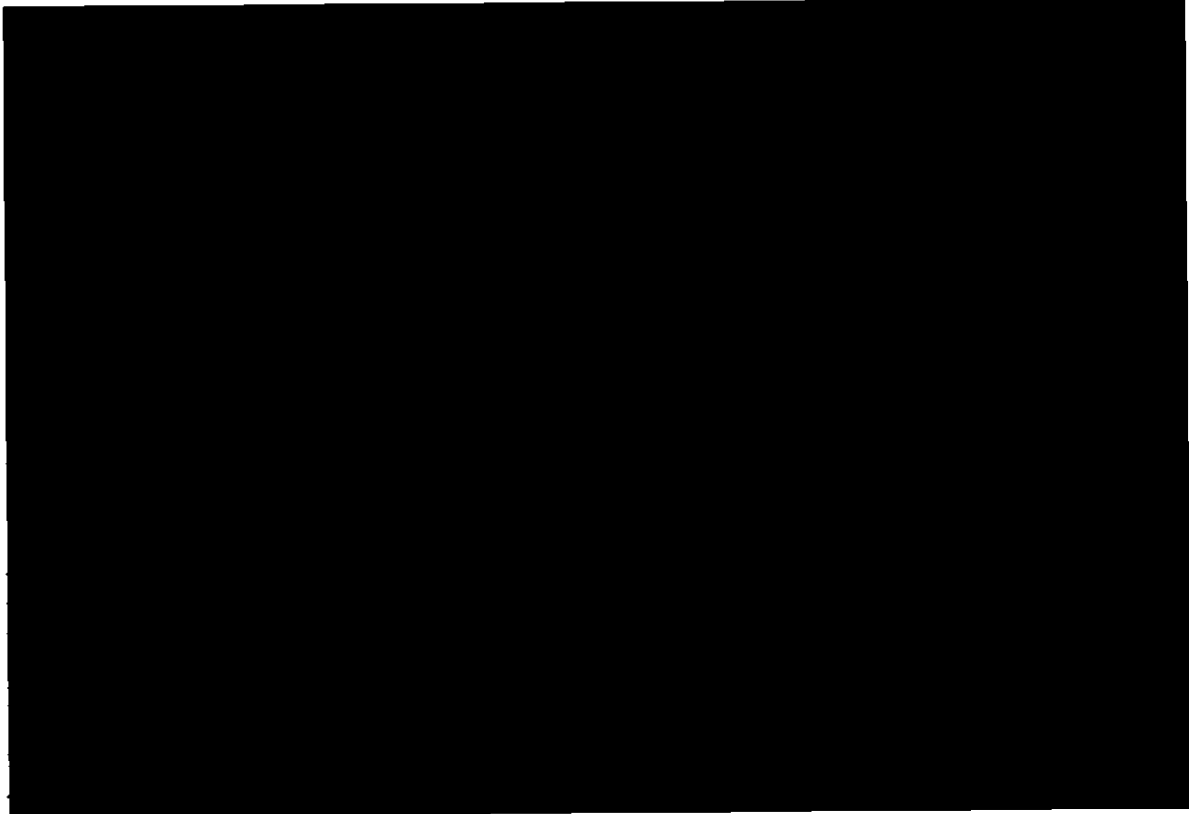
Matter of 



Matter of  and PFR-44 (W.T.):

1. Administrator reported to Board that he met with family making allegation of sexual misconduct against  and W.T. on 3-10-93. Administrator clarified that allegation against W.T. was by alleged victims over age 18 at the time and such fact was learned on 3-10-93. Administrator further noted that family requested further opportunity/time for other son  to send me either a letter or affidavit to report his recollection of incident involving  as well as to consider whether to submit a letter the family received years ago from mother of another alleged victim for consideration in the  First Stage Review.

2. The Board deferred from initiating a First Stage Review in the [REDACTED] matter in order to afford the [REDACTED] family time/opportunity to provide further information regarding the allegation against [REDACTED] and Board deferred from making recommendation as to how W.T. matter should be dealt with by the Archdiocese as matter involved alleged victims over age 18. The Board did clearly acknowledge that the [REDACTED] matter is clearly within its jurisdiction and will be dealt with when the [REDACTED] family is content it has provided all information regarding the allegation.



Respectfully
Submitted By
Steve Sidlowski
Administrator

Minutes Unanimously
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Saturday, November 19, 2005 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

Review Board Members Absent:

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA] 
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes -- October 15, 2005

- No objections or proposed changes to the agenda



II. Other Matters

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III. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Turlo [Without Assignment 2005] – PFR 241

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of the allegation made by 
 The allegation is as follows: smoking marijuana; four incidents of sexual abuse that included masturbation, proposition of anal sex, pornographic magazines.

In a 5-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board recommended that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also directed PRA to do the following:

- Obtain a list of all clerics assigned to St. Williams' with Fr. Turlo; from list obtained, speak with any cleric[s] still able regarding past observations/memories of Fr. Turlo while at St. William

In the Matter of Rev. Walter Turlo [Without Assignment 2005] – PFR 241

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of the allegation made by [REDACTED]. The allegation is as follows: backrubs that progressed to fondling of genitals; Fr. Turlo having [REDACTED] sleep in bed with him while on weekly overnights at St. William's rectory; Fr. Turlo taking [REDACTED] to see sexually inappropriate plays and movies while in New York.

In a 5-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board recommended that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also directed PRA to do the following:

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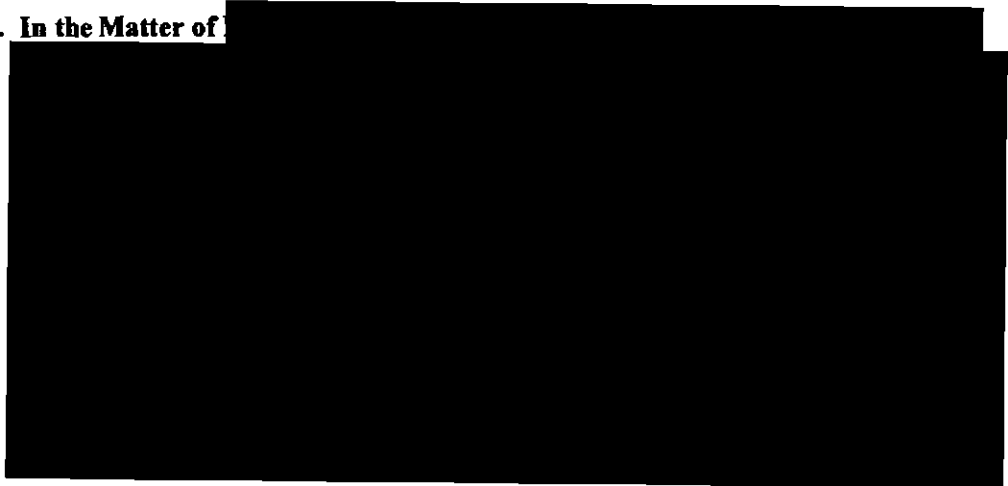
Review for Cause

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]




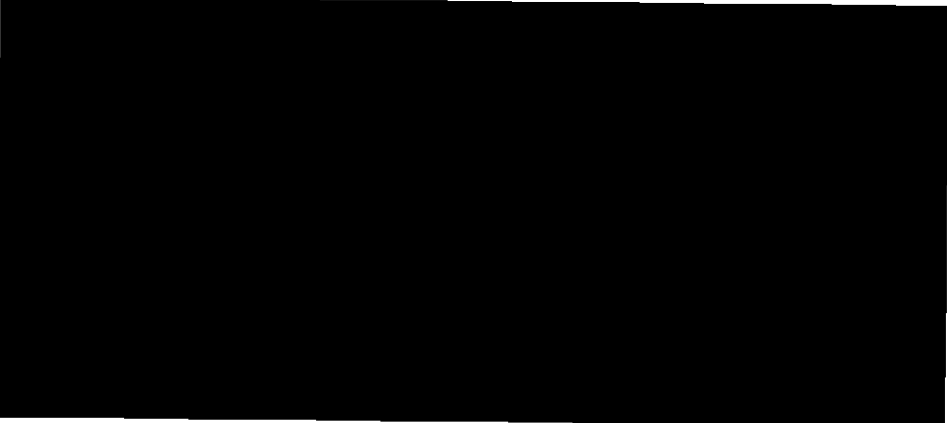

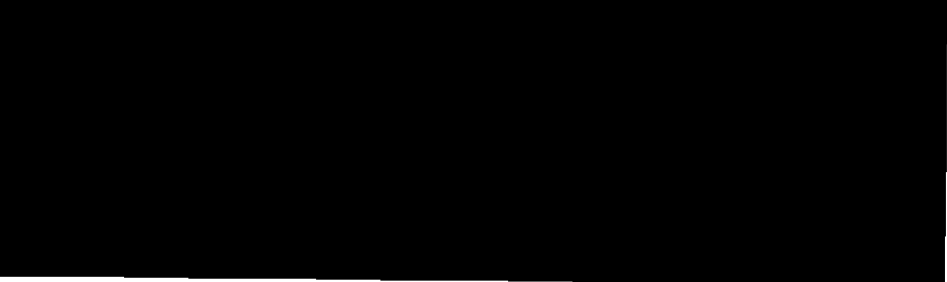
Supplementary Review

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of



IV. Other Matters cont'd

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- The 2006 Review Board Meeting dates were discussed and finalized [see enclosed]
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Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, December 3, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

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

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Present via Phone:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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- I. **Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2005**
 - No objections or proposed changes to the agenda
 - II. **Case Reviews**

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of



C. In the Matter of



D. In the Matter of



[REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

F. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Turlo [Without Assignment] – PFR – 241

The Review Board was to conduct an Initial Review of the allegation made by [REDACTED] Due to time constraints, this matter was tabled and will be heard at the scheduled November 19, 2005 Board meeting.

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Review for Cause

G. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

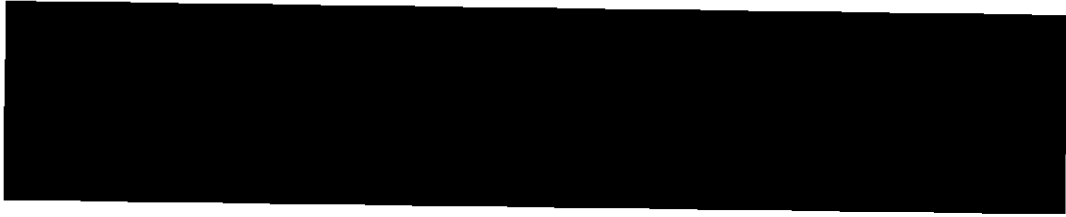
In the Matter of [REDACTED]

H. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

I. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

J. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

K. In the Matter of [REDACTED]



III. Other Matters

- Due to time constraints, a review of the "Other Matters" unable to be completed. The "Other Matters" will be placed on the agenda for the scheduled November 19, 2005 Review Board meeting.

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:


[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Absent:

[REDACTED]

CORRECTED

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA] 
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2005

- Corrections to the December 3, 2005 minutes still need to be made

Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2006

- Minutes approved

Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2006

- Minutes approved

II. Other Matters

[REDACTED]

Jimmy Lago, Chancellor

- Mr. Lago was invited to the Review Board meeting by [REDACTED], Chair to discuss recent events in the Archdiocese of Chicago
- [REDACTED] asked Mr. Lago to discuss his new position [in regards to matters of cleric sexual misconduct with minors], the Archdiocese's new agreement with DCFS, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Mr. Lago began by explaining that his new position he has been appointed to by Cardinal George has to do with his responsibility to now coordinate the responses of all offices regarding the sexual abuse allegations; he also spoke of the [positive] unintended effects of strengthening the Archdiocese's internal policies/practices regarding reporting abuse cases to DCFS; he also referenced the training of Archdiocesan employees and volunteers
- Mr. Lago spoke about the agreement with DCFS and that DCFS asked the Archdiocese to "step aside" until their [DCFS] investigation is completed in such cases
- Mr. Lago talked about the need of the Archdiocese to clarify with DCFS that the diocese does not want to wait "forever" prior to following through with our own investigation/follow up of a report of the alleged abuse of a minor by a cleric
- Mr. Lago stated that he does not feel that this agreement with DCFS will affect the Board and its work
- Mr. Lago spoke of issues and need for clarification with DCFS on the reporting of old cases that have been substantiated by an archdiocesan process; Mr. Lago stated that he would discuss this matter with DCFS for clarification
- Mr. Lago talked about the need to sharpen reporting and training of archdiocesan employees and the possibility of involving the Child Advocacy Center [CAC], as the CAC has offered its assistance with training
- Mr. Lago stated that the reporting of all [old] substantiated cases to DCFS may assist the Archdiocese with accused clerics who have left the priesthood [locating clerics if their whereabouts are not known; determine if children are at risk]
- Mr. Lago feels that the Archdiocese will share more information with DCFS on old cases; this raised the concern that if DCFS "finds" an old case that the Archdiocese has found to be unsubstantiated
- [REDACTED] raised the question of a time line with DCFS when they are investigating a case and the delay that this may cause with the Archdiocese and related process
- [REDACTED] suggested the need for clarification from DCFS as to when the 14 days of their initial investigation begins to determine if DCFS will formally open a case for investigation
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- As for the monitoring report, Mr. Lago spoke of the fact that the Archdiocese does not have the power of the courts, but that we don't really have a monitoring program; as per the report, Mr. Lago spoke of the need for evaluation and therapeutic intervention for those priests who have substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against them; Mr. Lago spoke of the need for conversation to ask if the Archdiocese can put elements into place for an effective monitoring program
- Mr. Lago stated that the Archdiocese has pulled together a group of eight that will be given the consultants' reports [as the Review Board will be given copies of the reports as well] and ask, "What kind of things do you think we [the Archdiocese] should start with?"

- [REDACTED] spoke of [REDACTED]'s past recommendation of having a treatment facility for men with substantiated allegations against them; a treatment facility that would offer specific sexual offender treatment
- [REDACTED] referred back to Mr. Lago's comments regarding DCFS; [REDACTED] expressed his concerns with the information [as a result of their investigations into a matter] that DCFS would or would not give the Archdiocese and then the concern with the time lost by the Archdiocese while DCFS investigates a case
- [REDACTED] suggested that it would be helpful if the resigned/laicized priests with substantiated allegations could be placed on the DCFS Registry
- The group engaged in a discussion of forced laicization of men with substantiated allegations against them, both the positives and negatives of such, and the need to protect children
- Mr. Lago offered to return to meet with the Board members if/when appropriate to share information as we go forward; all present agreed with the preference that Mr. Lago come back to report to the Board as the Archdiocese continues forward in addressing all discussed matters
- [REDACTED] expressed his concern to Mr. Lago of the release of Review Board members' names

III. Case Reviews

Review for Cause

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In the Matter of Rev. Walter Turlo [Without Assignment 2005] – PFR – 241

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of the allegation made by [REDACTED]. The allegation is as follows: grooming; overnights sleeping in the same bed [on vacations as well as at rectory]; massages on front and back.

In a 5-2 vote in light of the information presented, the Review Board recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct did occur. Further, the Board recommended that Fr. Turlo be immediately withdrawn from

ministry ... Of the two votes in the negative, one vote was no reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred and one vote was insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

IV. Review for Advice

F. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

V. Supplementary Review

E. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

VI. Other Matters

- When reviewing the Turlo/[REDACTED] matter, PRA informed the Board of [REDACTED] decision against appearing before the Board; PRA also communicated [REDACTED] statement that he would answer any questions that the Board might have for him

- [REDACTED]
- The May 2005 Review Board meeting will take place on May 13, 2006
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

II. Initial Review

A. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, April 8, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
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Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
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Review Board

Saturday, November 17, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Present Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. McCluskey'.

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- I. **Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2007 and October 29, 2007**
- Typos and changes made to the October 20, 2007 minutes; changes will be made and distributed for Board members to review at the next scheduled Review Board meeting
 - October 29, 2007 minutes approved

II. **Case Reviews**
Initial Review

A. **In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

Review for Cause

C. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Turlo [Withdrawn 2005] – PFR - 241

The Review Board was to conduct a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by Rev. Walter Turlo. A summary of the allegation is as follows: In 2004 [REDACTED] came forward to the diocese to report physical misconduct of a minor against Fr. Turlo. In February 2007 it came to the attention of the diocese that [REDACTED] had an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Turlo; one incident of fondling and intercourse; alleges physical abuse as well.

Ms. McCluskey handed out copies of civil attorney Patrick Reardon's response to [REDACTED] allegation on behalf of Fr. Turlo. Mr. Reardon's response was received after the Review Board packets had been sent out to the Board members. [REDACTED] requested that a copy of the response be sent to him, as he was participating in the Review Board meeting via phone.

It was determined by the Review Board members present that the Review for Cause of this matter is continued to the next scheduled Review Board meeting so that all Board members have the opportunity to read Mr. Reardon's response to the allegation on behalf of Fr. Turlo.

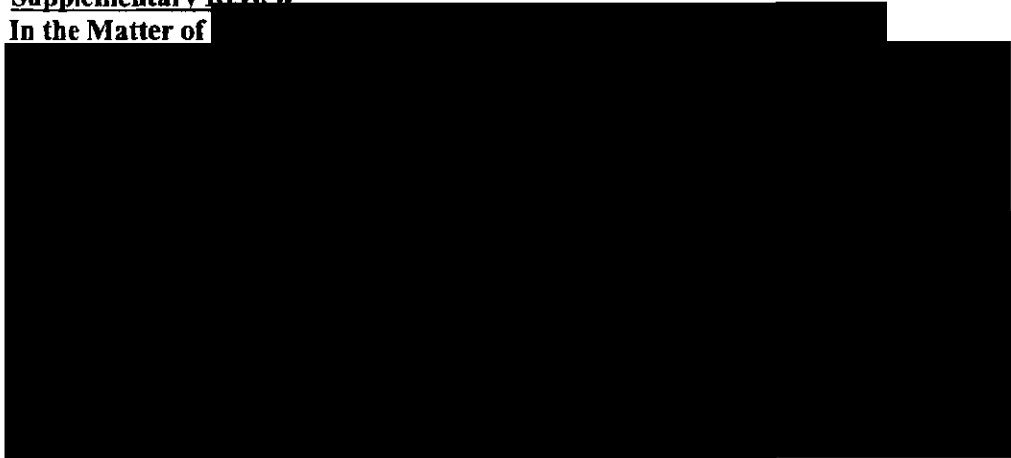
III. Request for Supplementary Review

D. In the Matter of

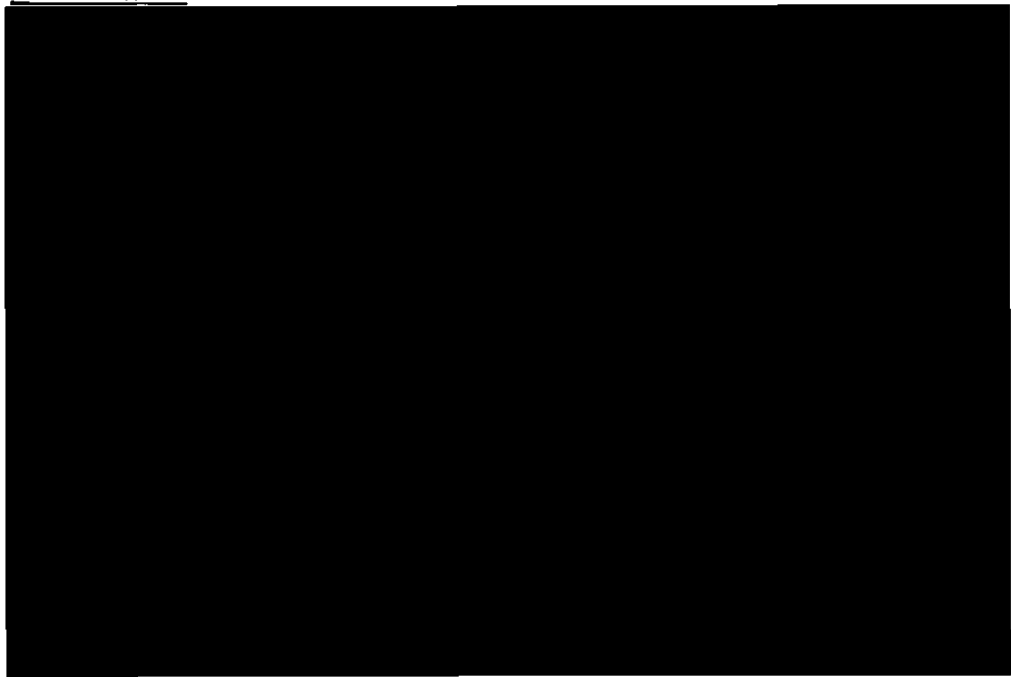


IV. Supplementary Review

E. In the Matter of



V. Other Matters



- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Daily Logs

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

Update from 10/20/07 Review Board Meeting

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

VI. Review Board Concerns or Not

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board

Saturday, September 15, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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- Fr. Smilanic introduced [REDACTED] as the newest Review Board member, replacing [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]'s appointment to the Review Board had expired); [REDACTED] was appointed by Cardinal George; [REDACTED] is the pastor of St. Celestine in Elmwood Park and has been at the parish for 15 years
- [REDACTED] introduced himself and shared some personal background information with the other Review Board members;
- [REDACTED] shared that he will not be able to be present at the October 20, 2007 Review Board meeting, as he will be on a planned pilgrimage

I. Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2007

- Minutes approved

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Turlo [Withdrawn 2005] – PFR - 241

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by Rev. Walter Turlo. A summary of the allegation is as follows: in 2004 [REDACTED] came forward to the diocese to report physical misconduct of a minor against Fr. Turlo. It has now come to our attention that [REDACTED] has an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Turlo; one incident of fondling and intercourse; alleges physical abuse as well.

Fr. Smilanic and Leah McCluskey provided a verbal explanation of an unrelated situation involving Fr. Turlo, where he violated his Individual Specific Protocol [ISP]. Fr. Smilanic continued by explaining that as a result of Fr. Turlo's ISP violation, the Vicar General [Rev. John Canary] made the decision to approach the cleric [Fr. Turlo] and direct him to move out of the Bishop Lyne Home and move toward resignation from the priesthood. The information was provided to the Board that Fr. Turlo has moved out of Bishop Lyne Home and is currently residing with his sister. Fr. Smilanic also explained that Fr. Turlo has agreed to petition the Holy See for resignation.

In response to the aforementioned information, Review Board members asked Fr. Smilanic approximately how long it would take for Fr. Turlo's resignation. Fr. Smilanic explained that Fr. Turlo's resignation is dependent upon an exit package, which is being worked on by archdiocesan attorneys.

Ms. McCluskey provided a verbal summary of the February 1, 2007 meeting with [REDACTED] where she formalized her allegation against Fr. Turlo.

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation.

In the interim, the Board members asked Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

- Re-send letter to civil attorney Patrick Reardon, asking for additional information from him/his client Fr. Turlo in response to [REDACTED] allegation
- Re-send letter to civil attorney Jeff Anderson, asking for clarification information from him/his client [REDACTED] in regards to her allegation against Fr. Turlo

Review for Cause

B. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

III. Request for Supplementary Review

E. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

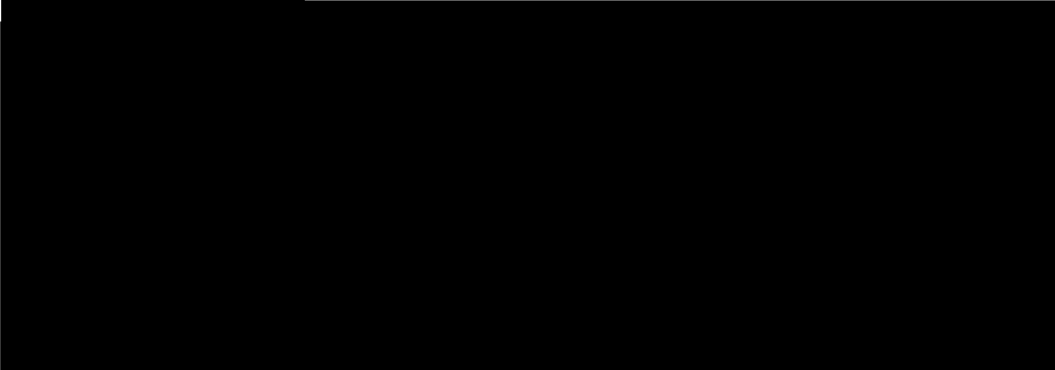
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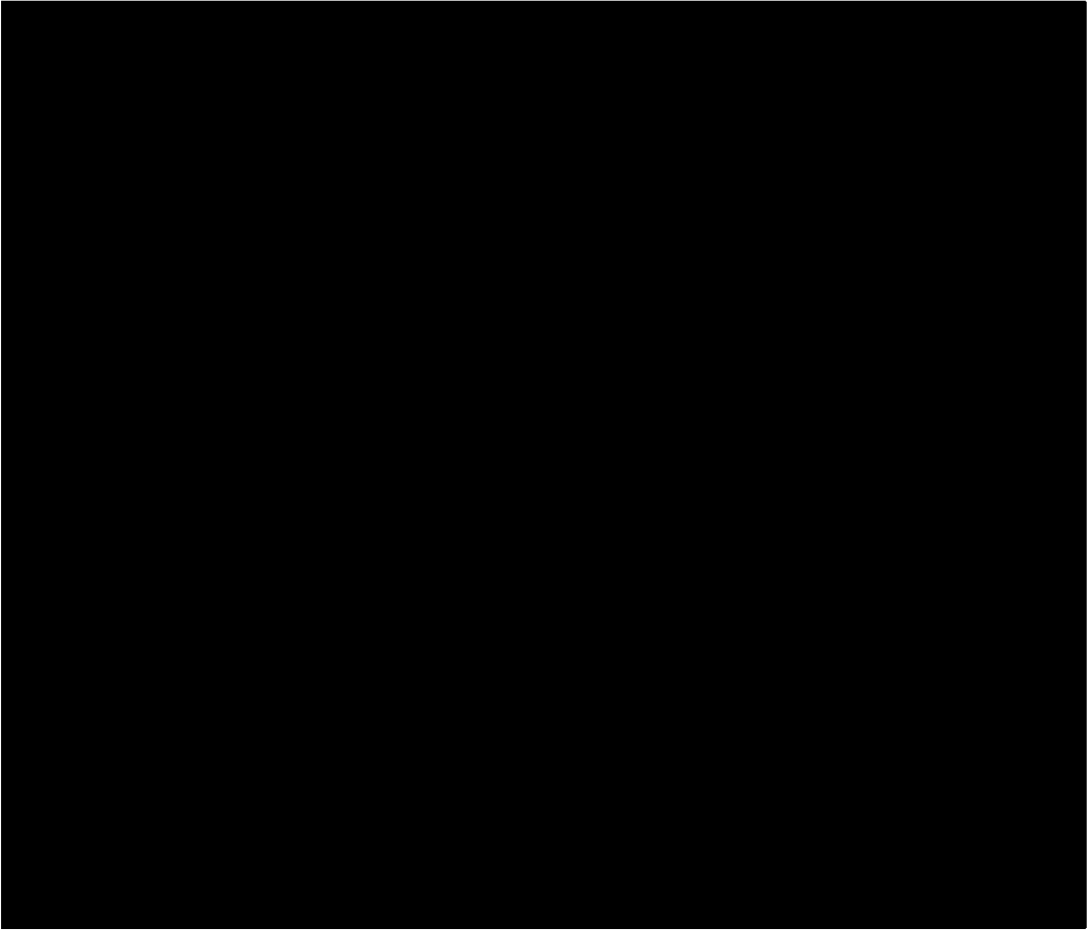


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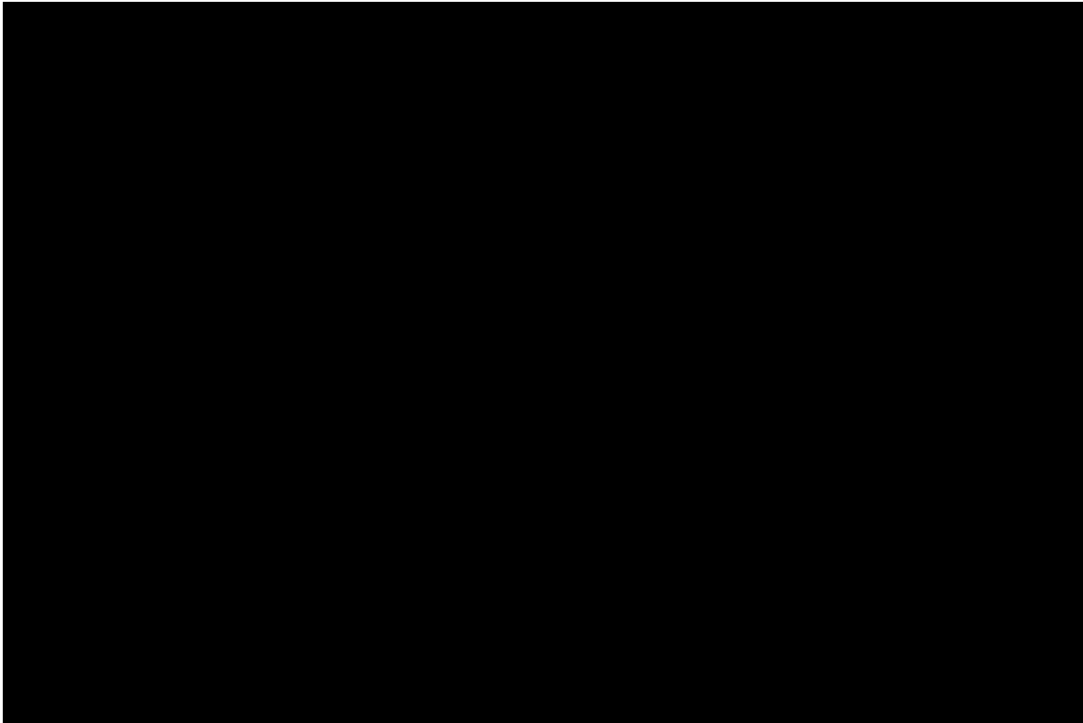
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V. Other Matters

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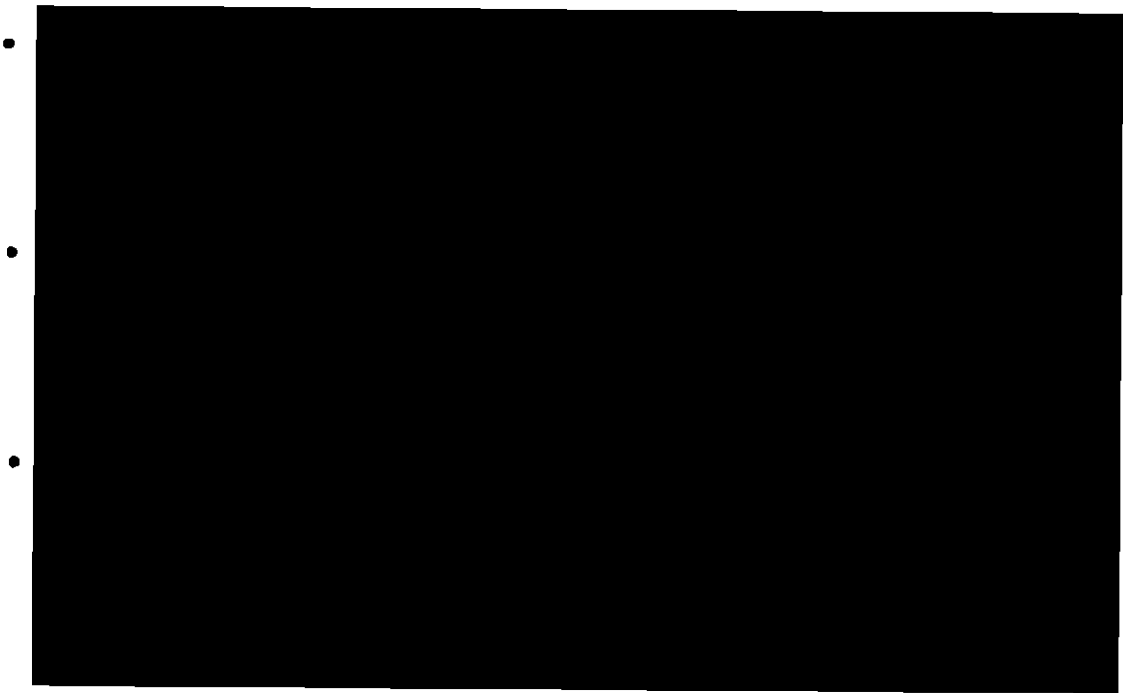
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- [Redacted]

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Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

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Office of Assistance Ministry
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Safe Environment Office



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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board Meeting

Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Participating Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

- I. **Approval of Minutes**
 - May 16, 2009 – Minutes approved
 - June 5, 2009 – Minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**
 - Initial Review**

- A. **In the Matter of**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

Review for Cause

C. In the Matter of

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D. In the Matter of

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E. In the Matter of

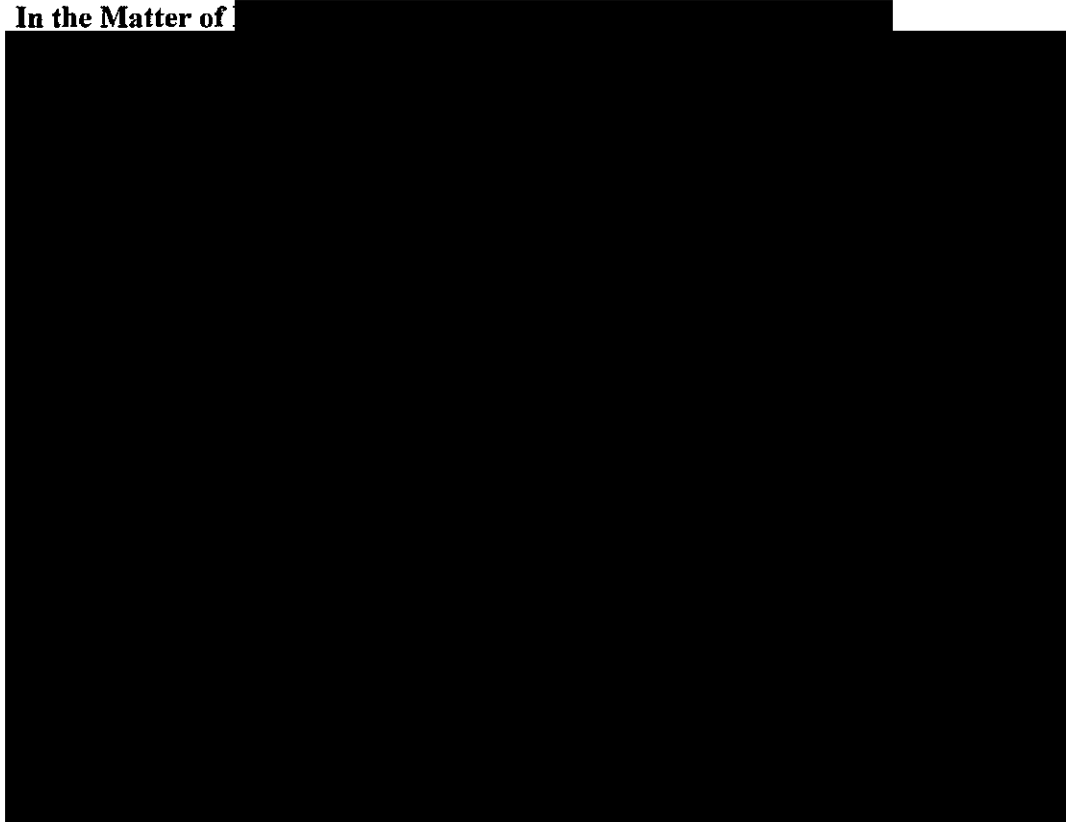
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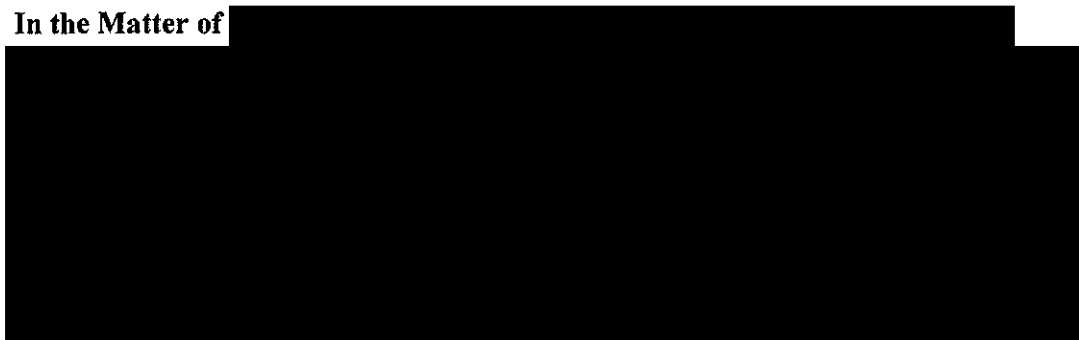
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G. In the Matter of



H. In the Matter of



[REDACTED]

III. Request for Supplementary Review

I. In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In the Matter of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

J. In the Matter of Rev. Walter Turlo (Withdrawn 2005/Resigned 2008) - PFR-241

The Review Board was to consider civil attorney [REDACTED]'s request to conduct a Supplementary Review of his client [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter Turlo. A summary of the allegation

is as follows: smoking marijuana; four incidents of sexual abuse that included masturbation, proposition of anal sex, and viewing of pornographic magazines.

Due to time constraints, the Review Board agreed to continue the review of Mr. ██████'s request for Supplementary Review of this matter to the scheduled August 15, 2009 Review Board meeting.

IV. Other Matters

- **Conducting interviews:** not enough time to discuss; continued to next Review Board meeting scheduled for August 15, 2009
- **Continued discussion of deceased priest cases:** not enough time to discuss; continued to next Review Board meeting scheduled for August 15, 2009
- **Discussion of question of increasing number of Review Board members:** suggestions discussed included having a "member at large" and/or increasing Board membership from nine to 10 members; due to time constraints, agreed that the discussion of this matter would be continued to the next Review Board meeting scheduled for August 15, 2009

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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Memo
To: Cardinal Bernardin
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 3/23/94
Re: Walter Turlo

In your memo of 3/22/94 you asked what follow up we had made regarding the list of unjustly accused priests and your offer to see them privately if they would so desire. The response was mixed. Some have already seen you of course.

My best guess is that the men would just as soon forget what happened and move on. Fr. Walt Turlo did express some desire to sit down with you. Fr. Canary and I will be meeting with him shortly to let him know that the case is closed as far as the PFR Board and we are concerned. We will ask him at that time whether he would like to have a visit with you.

MEMO
TO: File
FROM: Steve Sidlowski
DATE: June 9, 1993
RE: Phone calls to/from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

6-9-93
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[REDACTED] phoned my office on 6-8-93 and left a message that she had talked. 6-8-93 was a very busy day with tornado warnings, electrical thunderstorms, and more than one meeting which I had out of the office. As such, I was unable to return [REDACTED] call on 6-8-93.

Therefore, I called [REDACTED] on 6-9-93. I asked [REDACTED] if she had received my letter of May 28, 1993. She said she had. I asked if she had any questions. [REDACTED] first stated that I and the Review Board should go ahead with the [REDACTED] case with a First Stage Review at our 6-12-93 meeting.

She referred to the letter/affidavit which her son [REDACTED] was going to make available to the Review Board for its consideration. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. As such, she did not want to bother him about preparing the letter/affidavit.

As stated, [REDACTED] preference seemed to be that the Board conduct a First Stage Review without [REDACTED] letter and then receive the letter later and that it could be used for a possible Second Stage Review. However, when I noted to [REDACTED] that it is within the Review Board's discretion if they want to initiate a First Stage Review in the [REDACTED] matter in any event, and perhaps even complete a First Stage Review without the information from [REDACTED], she then asked if I would call her back after she has had an opportunity to speak with her husband [REDACTED] about it. Before the end of the conversation, [REDACTED] preference was to initiate a First Stage Review but hold off on completion of it until I have received the information from [REDACTED]

In my second call to [REDACTED] on 6-9-93, [REDACTED] request to the Review Board was that "we would like to hold off on initiating the First Stage Review until I get [REDACTED] letter." She said she would write her son tomorrow and that I would hopefully

receive the information from him within the next two weeks or so. I told [REDACTED] that I would be attempting to speak with the Review Board Chairperson on 6-10-93 to convey this to her. I told [REDACTED] that if I do not call her back by Friday at some point that she should rest assured that the Review Board will not be proceeding with the [REDACTED] case on Saturday, June 12, 1993. I did note to her that up until this point the Review Board has honored and respected her family's request not to proceed with the First Stage Review until the Board has received [REDACTED] letter/affidavit. Nonetheless, I pointed out to [REDACTED] that the Board may choose to initiate or even complete a First Stage Review in the [REDACTED] case without her son's letter/affidavit. If that becomes the case, that there will be a meeting to consider [REDACTED] on 6-12-93, I told [REDACTED] I would call her back before 6-12-93 to inform her of that.

For the first time in a formal way, [REDACTED] also requested that the Review Board might consider if Fr. [REDACTED], a newly ordained priest within the Archdiocese of Chicago, engaged in sexual harrasment at the time of the alleged sexual misconduct incidents involving Fr. Walter Turlo. [REDACTED] elaborated a bit on [REDACTED]'s conduct at the time. She said that [REDACTED] would follow [REDACTED] and would tell him to get into the car with Fr. Turlo. She says there was alot of following around - [REDACTED] was getting phone calls at work from [REDACTED] and he would make negative remarks about the [REDACTED] family, according to [REDACTED]

I explained to [REDACTED] that as [REDACTED] was actually a seminarian at the time, it is unclear whether the Review Board has jurisdiction to proceed with sexual "harrasment" allegations against him in that the Review Board considers allegations of sexual misconduct by Archdiocesan priests. I noted that allegations of serious misconduct other than sexual misconduct brought against an Archdiocesan priest would be properly referred to the Vicar for Priests Office to address the matter further. Nonetheless, I told [REDACTED] that I would bring the [REDACTED] issue up to the Review Board at their next meeting. (In my second conversation with [REDACTED] I told her that I would confer with others in the Archdiocese about the Fr. [REDACTED] allegation of harrasment and that if it is determined that the harrasment allegation should properly be directed to the Vicar's Office, before the next Review Board meeting, that I would let her know).

I asked [REDACTED] if she or her family was now formally bringing an allegation of sexual misconduct against [REDACTED] or rather if her charge was more specifically one of verbal harrasment by him. [REDACTED] stated that the allegation against [REDACTED] in her view was "absolutely" at least harrasment and perhaps sexual misconduct. It should be noted that it appears that even if [REDACTED] reference to Fr. [REDACTED] is an allegation of sexual misconduct, once again her son [REDACTED] was over age 18 at the time. Therefore, it would appear that even if it is an allegation of

sexual misconduct against [REDACTED], that the Vicar for Priests Office would be the proper office to further conduct inquiries and pursue that matter.

In summary, after the second phone call to [REDACTED] at 6:37 p.m. on June 9, 1993, it became clear that the [REDACTED] were once again requesting a delay of the initiation of the First Stage Review in the [REDACTED] matter. Moreover, there is now a new issue with the [REDACTED] family in that they are bringing an allegation of sexual harrassment against Fr. [REDACTED] (I will need to notify the Vicar for Priests Office about this allegation as it appears that the person bringing the allegation was over 18 at the time).

(i.e. from the Archdiocese working on sexual misconduct matter)

Note: I phoned VAM on 6-9-93 and informed VAM in a voice mail message of the essence of the above.

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- He would tell [redacted] to take a shower - that he towelled - or something to that effect.
- [redacted] later thought more about this. They learned Father paid his way to the show, would take him out to Dinner, they would come home late.
- The priest would tell him to take showers [redacted] and there was a seminarian there as well - [redacted] was about 18 at the time. [redacted]
- Frs. Lambert & Goedert were called.
- He'd give [redacted] jobs where he would be alone. He'd tickle him under the ribs.

- [redacted]

- [redacted]

Mr. Stephen Sidlowski
Fitness Review Administrator
Archdiocese of Chicago
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Re: Meeting about sexual abuse of [REDACTED] our sons by different priests.

Dear Mr. Sidlowski:

Now that we have had an opportunity to consider what was said by you and Mr. Bonnaccorsi [REDACTED] and to consider the information which you gave [REDACTED] in a telephone call on March 16, 1993, we feel we have to respond to this. We want this response to be made to you, Mr. Bonnaccorsi, to the Cardinal, and to each member of the board which the Cardinal has set up to deal with priest's sex abuse.

Quite simply, I was surprised, very disappointed and out-raged at the attitudes which you and Mr. Bonnaccorsi [REDACTED] and in your March 16th phone call. If what you told [REDACTED] about the board's lack of interest in pursuing these two matters is true, then it is obvious that this board is another wall for corrupt priest's to hide behind, and for the Cardinal to hide behind.

First of all, what we wanted and what we waited for months for, was a meeting not with you, but with the board itself. You told us, that we as victims, don't get to meet with the board directed to tell them what happened to [REDACTED] in different incidents involving three different priest's. Instead, you tell the board what we told you. We consider this to be another insult, apparently victims aren't worth the board's time. If this is the case, then victims have no reason to retell and relive these incidents, just to be told that they cannot talk to the board, and that if the victim is a few months past 18, the board is not even interested in priest's abusive acts.

Your repeatedly asking 'what do we want'? is one more insult. 'What we want' should be totally obvious. We want something done about these priest's. Unless we are liars, these priest's should be removed from service – fired. We are willing to take lie detector tests, are they?

Are you telling us the boards hands are "tied" because [REDACTED] was 18, when Father Turlo, tickled him under his ribs, said, I like your chest, I like guys with no hair on their chest, gave him the finger and said a salute never hurt, Firmly insisted on [REDACTED] taking a shower. One in particular was in Father Turlo's master bedroom, while Father Turlo was standing directly in birds-eye view of the bath room , about 12 feet away saying leave it open, I don't like it steamy – spanking while [REDACTED] was on a ladder, "Stalking" – all of these incident's on numerous occasions.

Is the Board saying: because [REDACTED] was 18 its alright for sexual harrasment and sexual misconduct to be carried our by priest's. We sure don't understand the Board's reasoning for this, because frankly there is none.

With regard to the actions of Father McNeff and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], as you know, these boys were well under 18 at the time Father McNeff got them drunk then insisted on their sharing a room with him while he slept with an under age girl. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] We also have a letter (copy

enclosed) McNeff sent [REDACTED] acknowledging that the incident with [REDACTED] had occurred, and stating that "it had happened before and it will happen again"

Even though you have this information, you told [REDACTED] you were concerned about McNeff "getting a lawyer," or "taking the Fifth." I ask you, what difference does that make? What ever happened to the offense of contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor?

It should be obvious that, the way you and the board operate, make it clear to us that this whole procedure is a waste of time, and one more victimization. We will not hesitate to tell other's thinking of doing this that our experience indicated – "don't bother"

[REDACTED]

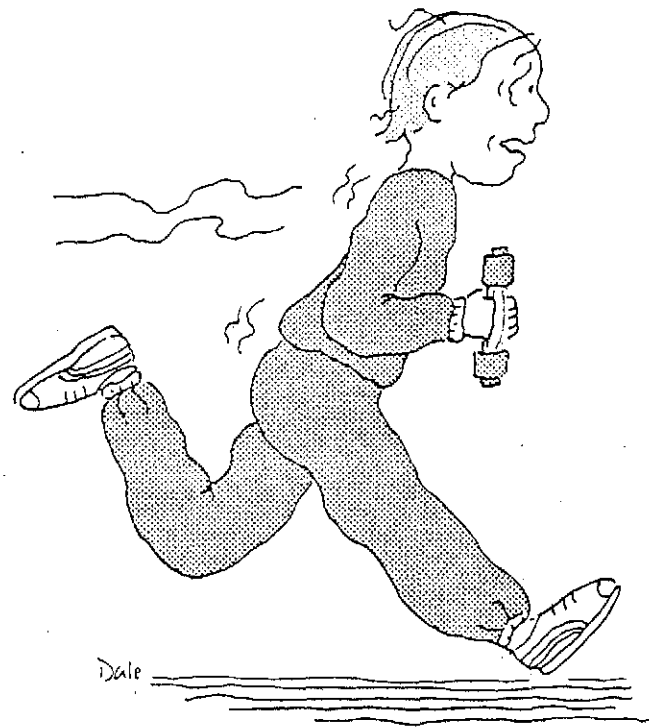
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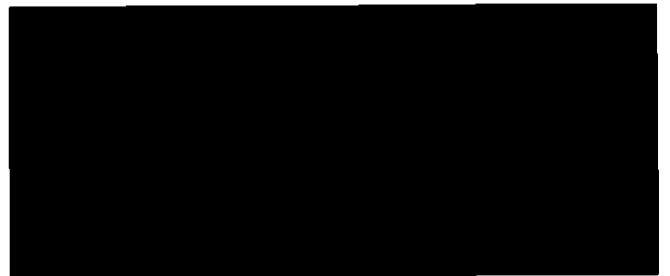
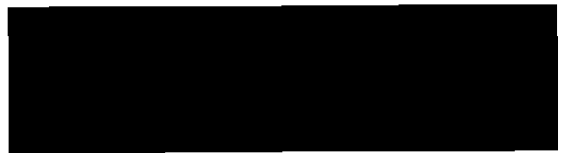
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The Honorable Julia Quinn Dempsey,
I am writing to you because of the telephone conversation I had with you last January. In that conversation I contacted you to report to the Commission, the two separate incidents of molestation of three of my sons. By that I mean two of my boys were molested by a priest in one incident, going back some years ago, and this priest continued to function within the Archdiocese of Chicago, in addition I had a third son brought into a molestation situation by a second priest.

In this conversation you indicated to me that it was your intention to get back to me, that is to contact me so that I could report to the Commission the entirety of the details of these two incidents I believe based upon what happened to my sons that these two priests continue to constitute a danger to young people and that the Commission should be aware of what was done to my sons and that they should investigate to determine whether these priests are fit to continue to serve. I must say I am rather disappointed in that you did not live up to your commitment to me, that is to get back to me so that I could present to you the particulars of these incidents, as I may have indicated I even have letters, one of which is

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signed by the priest in question in which he admits the activity involving my sons. We have been told much in the newspapers, in the parish bulletins, from the pulpit, and from the media about the good intentions of the Cardinal and his Commission in terms of eliminating sexual abuse of children by priests and other Church personnel. I am finding it increasingly difficult to believe that the Commission is making a sincere effort to determine all priests and others who constitute a danger to children, in light of the fact that there is apparently a complete lack of interest in what I and my sons have to report. I can only hope that I am wrong and that there will be a contact made by you or a member of your Commission with me so that a full explanation of this can be made.





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VICAR FOR PRIESTS

800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
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TO: Rollins Lambert, Dean

FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert

DATE: July 10, 1989

RE: Walter Turlo

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1. [REDACTED], members of St. Mary's in Riverdale, have registered a complaint against Walt Turlo, the recently appointed pastor, soon to be installed on July 29.
2. The [REDACTED] evidently presented their complaint to Bishop Gregory as he was leaving town and he asked his secretary to forward the information to me. I am enclosing copies of what [REDACTED] sent me, as well as summaries of my conversations with the [REDACTED] and Walt Turlo.
3. I spoke at length to both [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. On the occasion of [REDACTED] 22nd birthday, Walt and his associate, [REDACTED], gave [REDACTED] birthday cards that shocked the [REDACTED]. Admittedly, the cards are inappropriate, but I think the [REDACTED] may be escalating this incident beyond what it seems to be -- namely, a lack of good judgement, which Walt readily admits.
4. Walt informs me that there is [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who works at the rectory and may also be using this incident to get at Walt and possibly delay or prevent altogether his installation on the 29th. [REDACTED] is not related to the other [REDACTED] family.
5. I am leaving on vacation Friday morning, so I won't be able to handle this situation properly. Moreover, if it is only a matter of bad judgement, then it really can and should be handled at the local level.
6. I told the [REDACTED] that you were out of town until the 12th, but that I left a message for you to call me on the 13th. I would suggest you consider some or all of the following steps:
 - A. Allowing the [REDACTED] to tell their story again, so that they will be fully satisfied that their complaint is being taken seriously;
 - B. Interviewing the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) since she seems to be the one who spoke to the principal at Seton who, in turn, contacted Bishop Gregory's office;
 - C. Facing Walt with whatever information you get from the [REDACTED] families.
7. It may be that the matter can be resolved by a simple apology by Walt. On the other hand, if your investigation leads you to believe that the Vicar for Priests' office should become involved, I'll be back in town on August 7. If you think it is serious and requires immediate attention, I'd appreciate

it if you would call Andy McDonagh, the Assistant Vicar, (██████████).

8. ██████████ live at ██████████. Their telephone number is ██████████. ██████████ usually gets home from work around 5 PM. I don't have an address or phone number for ██████████, but I am sure Walt Turlo can give you that.

9. Many thanks, Rollins!

copy: Andy McDonagh

Andy,

This is the case I talked to you about on the phone. I hope Rollins will be able to resolve it at his level. If he does buck it up to you, I would suggest you call ██████████ and have her make copies of all of the material so that you know exactly what has been said and by whom.





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DATE: July 10, 1989

RE: Walt Turlo

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1. [redacted] called [redacted]. She was concerned about Fr. Turlo's defa-
mation of her character. She said that he is going around making a big issue
of this. He called in his parish employees and told each one what had happened.

[redacted]

2. I cautioned [redacted] as to making judgements from hearsay. She did not hear
Fr. Turlo say these things directly, but people have reported them to her. I
asked her whether she was sure when Father was supposed to have said these
things. I told her that I had spoken to Father and told him specifically not
to say anything negative about the [redacted] family, etc. It could be that these
are things that were said prior to my conversation with Fr. Turlo.

[redacted]

4. I told [redacted] that I was sending a memo to Fr. Lambert explaining everything
and asking him to try to resolve the matter at that level, if at all possible.
She seemed satisfied with this.

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July 8, 1989

Reverend Rollins Lambert
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Dear Rollins:

At the request of Ray Goedert I am writing you a brief of a series of events that have led to some rather serious complaints about me. This is to help you put some sense into things before you meet with the parties involved.

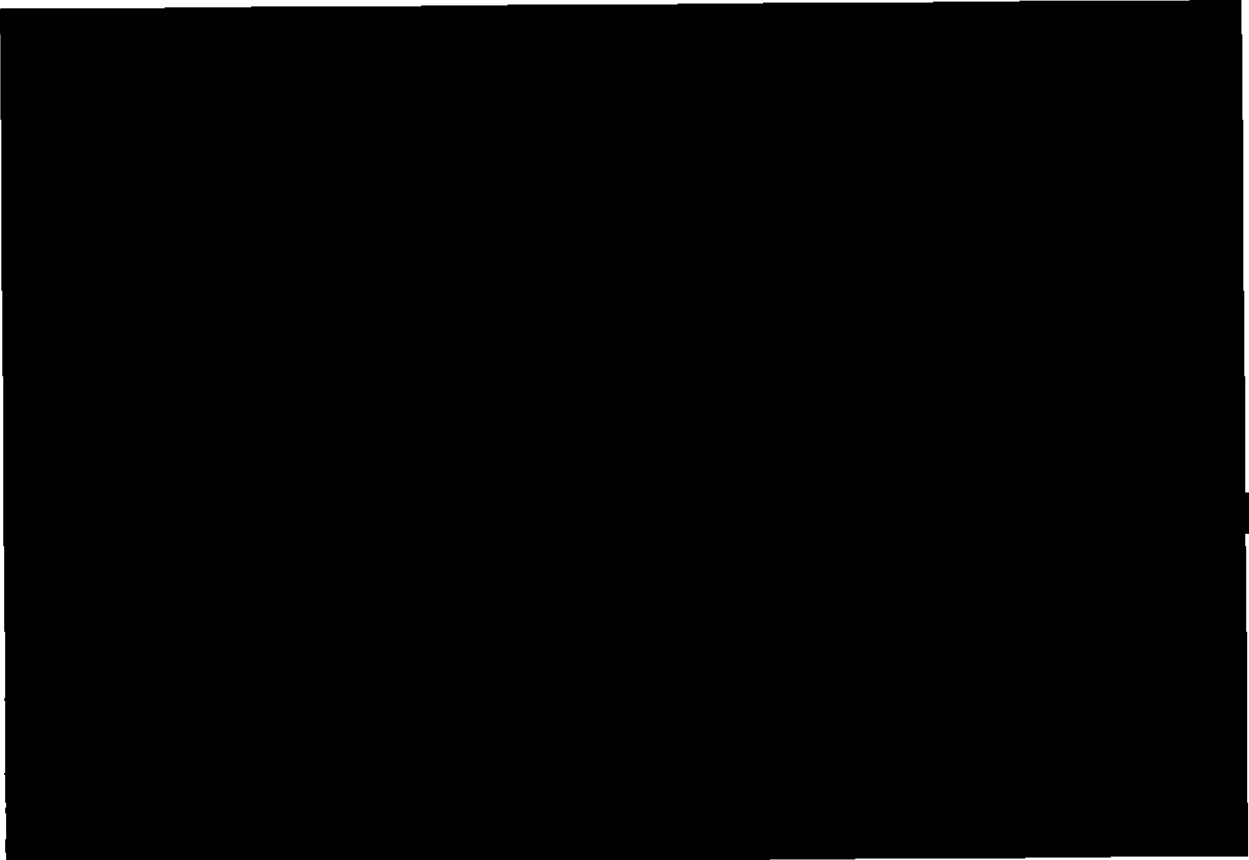
June 21, I gave a Dale Birthday Card to a college student, age 22, which said something to the effect, "what you use the most, lasts the longest," - - (punch line) - - "your penis will be here long after you are gone." Happy belated birthday.

[REDACTED]. His name is [REDACTED]
son of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Rollins, I hope this gives you a clear reading of the situation. I hope the potential volatility can be diffused. I am sorry you have to come back from vacation and have me as an agenda item. I've only been here one and one-half months!! Who ever thought!!!

I am sorry that I exercised imprudent judgment in the selection of greeting cards. I never expected to have to be that careful.

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Also, I want to express my apology to any persons who have been upset by this series of events. I await the reprimand of the Dean.

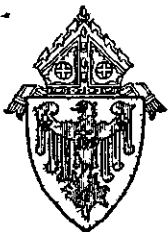
Thanks, for taking the time to read this.

In Jesus, our brother,

Rev. Walter J. Turlo
Pastor

WJT/mam
cc. Rev. Ray Goedert

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VICAR FOR PRIESTS

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: July 6, 1989

RE: Walter Turlo

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1. While I was talking to [redacted] at 5:55 PM, as well as her husband, the phone was ringing. It was Walt Turlo. I did not let on to Walt that I had been talking to the [redacted]. He wanted to know if I had received any material from [redacted], Bishop Gregory's secretary. I told him that I had not, but that there was a message here dated yesterday indicating that she was sending something to me.



7. I asked Walt if he notified Bishop Wilton. He said that he called and found out that Wilton was on vacation. He then spoke to Wilton's secretary, [redacted]. [redacted] contacted Wilton in California and Wilton suggested that she send the material on to me. Walt said that he also tried to reach Rolly Lambert, but he also was on vacation until the 12th.





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TO: File (R. Goedert)

DATE: July 6, 1989

RE: Walter Turlo

Handwritten notes and stamps, including "CHICAGO" and "This is a complaint stamp".

1. I received a phone call today from [redacted]. She wished to register a complaint against Fr. Turlo. She said that he was just appointed the new pastor and will be installed by Bishop Gregory on July 29. [redacted]. Three of [redacted] boys [redacted]. One, [redacted] is [redacted] years old and is a [redacted]. He wanted to make a little money while he was home [redacted]. The other is [redacted] and the third is [redacted].

2. [redacted] 22 years old and on his birthday he received cards from Fr. Walt and [redacted]. [redacted] showed the cards to his parents on June 28. They were shocked. Both cards were very offensive. There were gifts of \$10 in one and \$20 in the other. But the cards made references to the male organs and also used foul language (fuck). Needless to say, the parents were both terribly shocked and went up to see Fr. Turlo right away. He only gave them a few minutes of time and was definitely ill at ease. He tried to say that it was all done in jest and [redacted].

3. [redacted] said that she had made copies of the cards when she went to the rectory and took the copies with her. Fr. Turlo yanked the copies out of her hand. He was quite upset [redacted].

4. [redacted] Also, Fr. Turlo used to take the boys to shows, pizza parties, etc. But now [redacted] also agrees that it is better not to work there. [redacted] also told his mother that Fr. Turlo would tickle him four or five times a week. Fr. Turlo liked [redacted] very much. One time he was taking 3 or 4 of the boys to the show and [redacted] was in the car with Fr. Turlo. [redacted] tried to get in the same car, but Walt said, "No, he should go with [redacted]." [redacted] is a boy who just graduated from Niles and is going to go to Mundelein. He apparently works at the rectory and from what [redacted] is told, he is going to be moving into the rectory. Fr. Turlo knew [redacted] from a previous assignment.

5. I told [REDACTED] that ordinarily problems like this should be resolved at the local level. She had already called Bishop Gregory and he was on vacation until July 19. I told her I would call Fr. Lambert and ask him to get in touch with them.

6. I called Fr. Lambert, the Dean, ([REDACTED]). He is on vacation until July 12. I left a message to have him call me on the 13th.

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

11. I promised I would get back to the [REDACTED] some time on the 13th.

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[REDACTED]
Administrative Assistant

Wednesday 5 July, 1989

Reverend Ray Goedert
Vicar for Priests
800 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60610

**PERSONAL
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Dear Father Goedert,

Bishop Gregory is away on vacation until 18 July, and as luck would have it, just as he was preparing to leave, a potentially damaging incident came to our attention. As I was driving the Bishop to the airport on Monday, 3 July, a call came into the office from [REDACTED] principal of Seton Academy. She was calling to alert us to the fact that a parent [REDACTED] had made some serious allegations about Father Walter Turlo, who is the new pastor at Saint Mary's.

According to [REDACTED], who has a son ([REDACTED] who is going from [REDACTED], Father Walt Turlo and Father [REDACTED] are involved in a "gay ring" involving the seminarians. She drew this conclusion from birthday cards sent by Fathers Turlo and [REDACTED] to the twenty-two year old son ([REDACTED] of [REDACTED]). Copies of the cards, which [REDACTED] gave to [REDACTED], and which [REDACTED] gave to me, are enclosed. Without a doubt, they are in poor taste (as Dale Cards all happen to be), but they do not fall into the category suggested by [REDACTED] that these cards could only have been bought at a "gay shop".

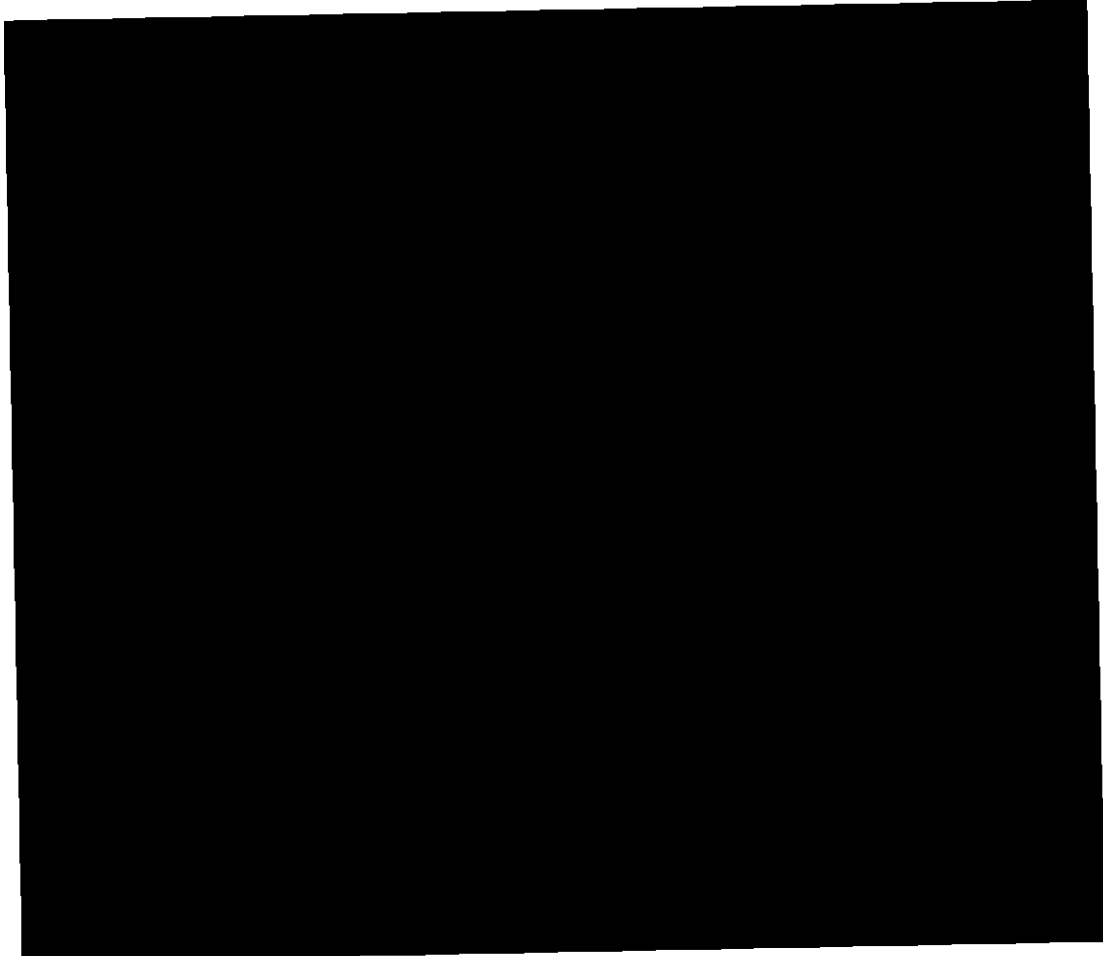
[REDACTED] has also alleged that Father Turlo has taken all of the crosses out of the rectory, but left the Cardinal's picture/framed. She has stated that she knows Father Turlo left Saint Mary Magdalene under strange circumstances.

[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that Father [REDACTED]

Bishop Gregory suggested that I present this information to you, and that perhaps you might suggest how to best handle this situation. He is concerned about Father Turlo's reputation being damaged because this woman ([REDACTED]) has threatened to go to the media. She told [REDACTED] that her husband suggested

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Reverend Ray Goedert
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I look forward to hearing from you what, if anything, we should do.

Sincerely yours,



Administrative Assistant to
Bishop Wilton D. Gregory

encls.

Fr. Walter J. Turlo

Born: [REDACTED]

Ordained: May, 1970

- Assistant Pastor Sacred Heart (Melrose Park) June, 1970 – June, 1975
- Associate Pastor St. William June, 1975 – March, 1982

- Pastor St. Mary Magdalene March 1982–May, 1989
 - Administrator SS. Peter and Paul (Marquette–closed) May, 1985 - 1986 (?)
(Exact date of appointment ending not clear)

- Pastor St. Mary of the Assumption May, 1989-January, 1996
- Pastor St. Fabian, Bridgeview January, 1996 - Present

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Read by Most. Rev. Thad J. Jakubowski on behalf of Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Auxiliary Bishop and Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate V, at Masses on June 4 - 5, 2005.

My dear people,

On my behalf, retired Auxiliary Bishop Thad Jakubowski joins you today to share some very difficult news concerning your parish.

Fr. Walter Turlo has resigned as your pastor, following an allegation received by officials of the Archdiocese of Chicago that he engaged in highly inappropriate behavior with a minor approximately 30 years ago while he served as an associate pastor at St. William Parish in Chicago. This allegation has been reported to the Cook County State's Attorney.

Out of concern for possible risk to children and young people, officials of the Archdiocese recommended that Fr. Turlo be withdrawn from ministry, and Cardinal George accepted that recommendation. Fr. Turlo subsequently resigned as your pastor, and is cooperating with archdiocesan officials while residing in a monitored and restricted setting.

If any parishioner has additional information or a concern to raise regarding Fr. Turlo, please contact our Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Administrator directly at 1-800-994-6200. You may also contact the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney at 312-603-5440 or the Office of the Lake County State's Attorney at 847-377-3000.

Though there is no doubt that this is extremely sad and unsettling news, I think that our most natural inclination now is also the most helpful: please join me in praying for peace and healing for the adult who brought this concern to the Archdiocese, for Fr. Turlo, and for all those who have suffered abuse in their lives.

If there is more information to be shared, I will share it with you. For the time being, Fr. Harry Bonin, associate pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Summit, has been asked to serve as administrator at St. Fabian Parish. I have assured him that your parish shall have any additional assistance you need going forward.

Thank you for the trust you place in your priests. Be assured that Cardinal George and I will be praying for all of you in a special way over the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gustavo Garcia-Siller".

Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller
Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate V

Fr. Turlo served as associate pastor at St. William from June, 1975 – March, 1982.

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Questions regarding Fr. Walter J. Turlo

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- Q: What is the nature of the situation?
- A: **Approximately 30 years ago, Fr. Turlo is alleged to have engaged in highly inappropriate behavior with a minor. (If pressed to be more specific:) To protect the privacy of the person involved, we will not provide any more details.**
- Q: When and how was the Archdiocese contacted about this matter?
- A: **The adult man involved contacted the Office of Assistance Ministry about the incident in late March 2004.**
- Q: Why did it take so long for the Archdiocese to act?/What happened after the man contacted the Archdiocese about the situation?
- A: **These acts occurred about thirty years ago, and with the passage of time, it has been difficult to gather information which would shed light on the allegation. While the inquiry continues, out of an abundance of caution for the safety of children and young people, Cardinal George decided to withdraw Fr. Turlo from ministry. Now, the usual process will move forward to completion.**
- (If pressed further:) Our initial analysis indicated that this should have been dealt with as an adult matter. As the inquiry went forward, new information became available. However, pending the outcome of the inquiry, the fact that highly inappropriate behavior had allegedly occurred while the person involved was a minor prompted the decision that Fr. Turlo should temporarily be withdrawn from ministry. As we have said, the inquiry into this matter is ongoing.**
- Q: So you didn't go to the Review Board with this issue?
- A: **Not at this time – but as we have said, the inquiry is ongoing.**
- Q: What does temporary withdrawal mean?
- A: **It's "temporary" by virtue of the fact that the process is not yet complete.**

Questions regarding Fr. Turlo—2

Q: What has been Fr. Turlo's response to the situation?

A: **Fr. Turlo has come to understand the seriousness of the situation and realizes that his actions undermine his ability to continue as pastor and has resigned.**

Q: What does his resignation as pastor mean? Does it mean that he has resigned from the priesthood?

A: **It means that Fr. Turlo will no longer be pastor at St. Fabian. However, he will remain a priest – albeit on administrative leave, who resides in a monitored and restricted setting.**

Q: Did the Archdiocese report the allegation to authorities?

A: **Yes. Even though it may not have involved an illegal act, the behavior involved was inappropriate enough to be shared with authorities.**

Q: Have other reports been made against Fr. Turlo?

A: **No other reports have been made against Fr. Turlo involving sexual misconduct with a minor or any other illegal activity.**

Q: Did the Archdiocese offer help of any kind to the man making the report?

A: **Yes, the man was offered help through the Vicar for Priests office and the Office of Assistance Ministry. In accordance with the policy of the Archdiocese, the accuser has been offered assistance, which includes therapy and spiritual counseling.**

Q: How long has Fr. Turlo been a priest?

A: **For 35 years. He was ordained in May of 1970 and is 60 years old.**

Q: Where has Fr. Turlo served?

A: **Prior to St. Fabian, pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption on the far southeast side of Chicago. He also served as administrator at Ss. Peter and Paul, Chicago; administrator at St. Patrick, Chicago; pastor at St. Mary Magdalene, Chicago; and associate pastor at St. William, Chicago. He began as an assistant at Sacred Heart Parish, Melrose Park, shortly after ordination.**

Questions regarding Fr. Turlo—3

Q: Where is Fr. Turlo now?

A: Fr. Turlo is staying at a private residence, in a monitored and restricted setting, in a location we will not disclose.

Q: Who will be the new pastor at St Fabian?

A: Fr. Harry Bonin, an associate pastor at St. Joseph in Summit, has agreed to serve as administrator for the present.

Q: How long was Fr. Turlo at St. Fabian?

A: From January 1996 until now.

Q: Are your current policies sufficient to effectively deal with misconduct or inappropriate activity that does not involve minors?

A: We think so – but we are continually evaluating and improving these guidelines and procedures for dealing with misconduct with adults as well as minors. In addition, the Archdiocese has continually provided seminarians and priests ongoing formation on living chastely.

Q: What do you do when an allegation of adult misconduct is made against a priest?

A: Because we take charges of misconduct seriously, the Archdiocese has guidelines and procedures that include assessment of a priest's ability to continue ministry. Based on the findings, a priest can be placed on administrative leave, even be removed entirely from ministry, should circumstances warrant.

Q: Why doesn't the Church reexamine the issue of celibacy and allow priests to marry?

A: Celibacy is a commitment freely chosen by those who are ordained priests of the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church. Sexual misconduct is not limited to celibates.

Q: Was the parish leadership contacted about the allegations?

A: Yes – both the parish staff and the parish council was informed this week before the announcement was shared with the parish as a whole.

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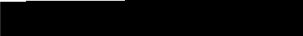
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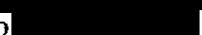

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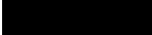
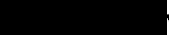
Re: Turlo, Rev. Walter [Active]/ 

Date: February 23, 2005

PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests traveled to St. Fabian's rectory to meet with Rev. Walter Turlo on February 17, 2005. The meeting was scheduled in order to discuss  allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Turlo. Fr. Kaczorowski also asked Fr. Turlo's monitor, Rev. Harry Bonin to join the meeting.

Fr. Kaczorowski began the meeting by reviewing all that he had asked Fr. Turlo to participate in when  allegation was first made known to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Turlo  and had already participated in two celibacy support groups prior to  allegation. Upon receiving  allegation, Fr. Turlo has not been alone with males under the age of 25 years old. Fr. Turlo is also not to conduct face-to-face confessions, and is not to provide any retreats.

Fr. Kaczorowski also spoke of past incidents involving Fr. Turlo and the Vicar for Priests Office. He talked about the inappropriate greeting card that Fr. Turlo sent to a young adult male in the past, as well as the phone call that Mrs. Jan Slattery received in early 2004 as a result of the Virtus program. Mrs. Slattery is the director of the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Kaczorowski also mentioned an adult matter brought against Fr. Turlo by a woman. As per Fr. Kaczorowski, he investigated the allegation and determined it to be unfounded.

Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Turlo of a meeting that he and PRA had with , in connection with  allegation against him. He informed Fr. Turlo that  stated that he had questioned his [Fr. Turlo's] past judgment of sharing a bed and sleeping with  when he was a senior in high school/freshman in college.

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Fr. Kaczorowski spoke of a situation involving a former seminarian who, despite his closeness with Fr. Turlo, asked Fr. Kaczorowski to vest him at his ordination.

At this point in time, Fr. Kaczorowski advised Fr. Turlo to continue his participation in [REDACTED] monitoring. Fr. Turlo agreed with Fr. Kaczorowski's advice. He stated [REDACTED] consistently participated in spiritual direction. [REDACTED]

Fr. Kaczorowski mentioned that in some cases where an allegation has surfaced, the victim requests to meet with the accused face to face. At this point in the meeting, PRA explained the role of the Office of Professional Responsibility in this matter, as [REDACTED] stated that the alleged abuse began when he was under the age of 18. Fr. Turlo was informed that as a result of the estimated time frames and dates, Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA were working together on this matter until a conclusion was met.

Fr. Turlo was cooperative throughout the entire meeting and provided answers to clarification questions asked by both Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA.

As per Fr. Turlo, he and [REDACTED] slept in separate beds when they traveled to Florida with his [Fr. Turlo's] family. While in New York, Fr. Turlo stayed with [REDACTED] at his [REDACTED] aunt's home. Fr. Turlo stated that there was "only" a rollaway bed available for both of them to sleep on together. He traveled with [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] to meet his family.

After some thought, Fr. Turlo stated that if he and [REDACTED] ever slept together at his [Fr. Turlo's] family's home, it may have only happened on one occasion possibly after the death of the cleric's mother. When asked by PRA, Fr. Turlo explained that the family home where [REDACTED] resided for a period of time, belonged [REDACTED]

Fr. Kaczorowski then asked Fr. Bonin if he has ever witnessed Fr. Turlo being possessive over another person since acting as his monitor. Fr. Bonin spoke highly of Fr. Turlo and stated that he has never seen the other cleric acting possessive of anyone.

Fr. Turlo then spoke of his relationship with [REDACTED]. He stated that the relationship lasted "for a long time." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

When asked, Fr. Turlo stated that [REDACTED] was not at St. William's every weekend, as CCD classes were held every other weekend at the parish. However, [REDACTED] stayed overnight at St. William's every other Saturday night so that he could teach CCD on Sunday. Fr. Turlo then agreed that he "...probably was not using common sense with young people as a young priest."

PRA then asked Fr. Turlo why he would share a bed with [REDACTED] when he spent the night at St. William's. Fr. Turlo responded by stating that it was "imprudent" on his part and "convenient" [REDACTED] Fr. Kaczorowski then asked Fr. Turlo if there was a guest bedroom at St. William's at the time. Fr. Turlo stated that there was a guest bedroom, but did not feel at the time that the pastor would have allowed [REDACTED] to use the bedroom. He elaborated by suggesting that the pastor at the time would not have allowed a non-seminarian [like [REDACTED] to use the guest bedroom.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

When asked, Fr. Turlo stated that he is/was "...not conscious..." of touching [REDACTED] in bed as alleged.

[REDACTED]

Fr. Kaczorowski then asked Fr. Bonin, "What do you think of Fr. Turlo as a pastor here [at St. Fabian's]?" Fr. Bonin replied by speaking highly of Fr. Turlo. He described Fr. Turlo as a wonderful pastor, and that he is involved and able to prioritize his responsibilities around the parish.

Referring back to the time period of the alleged abuse, Fr. Turlo remembers [REDACTED] having difficulty with friends. When asked by Fr. Kaczorowski, Fr. Turlo agreed that he

could now see that [REDACTED] was vulnerable [i.e. concerning social issues] at the time in his life when the alleged abuse took place.

[REDACTED]

When asked by PRA, Fr. Turlo stated that he slept in a king size bed with [REDACTED] on one occasion at his family's home. Also when asked, Fr. Turlo reasoned that he and [REDACTED] *had* to share the king sized bed, as his father was sleeping in the single bed [in the home]. To Fr. Turlo's recollection, this incident took place shortly after the death of his mother. Fr. Turlo feels that [REDACTED] might have been assisting with writing thank you notes or something similar in relation to his mother's passing.

At this point in the meeting, Fr. Turlo asked PRA the definition of "grooming" in regards to alleged sexual abuse. PRA provided Fr. Turlo with an explanation of the act of grooming in such a context. Upon listening to PRA's explanation of grooming, Fr. Turlo responded that in regards to [REDACTED] "...that was not my intent." When asked by Fr. Kaczorowski, Fr. Turlo agreed that he could understand "...how he [REDACTED] sees this [the past relationship/interactions with Fr. Turlo]."

Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA thanked Frs. Turlo and Bonin for their time. Fr. Turlo was asked to call Fr. Kaczorowski or PRA at any time with any questions or concerns.

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

Leah McCluskey (Fax [Redacted])
Office of Professional Responsibility

From: Michael J. Bland *MB*
Assistance Ministry

RE: [Redacted]

DATE: February 14, 2005

Last week I spoke directly with [Redacted] and he would be willing to receive a phone call from Fr. Kaczorowski. I have found it easiest to contact [Redacted] on his cell phone [Redacted] or at work [Redacted]

[Redacted] also clarified the time line for me. [Redacted] moved [Redacted] Junior year and met Father Turlo right away. During his Senior year (perhaps during September or October) he move in with [Redacted]. During these two high school years he slept with Father Turlo and traveled with him to New York and Florida. While Father Turlo may have "done something" during the night during this time he does not remember.

During [Redacted] first year in college he [Redacted] at Father Turlo's parish and they also shared the same bed. It was during this time that [Redacted] "clearly remembers" Father Turlo touching him during the night. [Redacted] also remembered pulling away and discussing it with Father Turlo.

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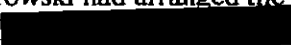
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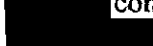

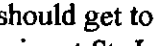
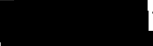

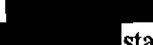


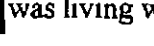

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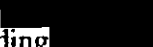


Date: November 23, 2004

PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with  at his office on October 4, 2004. Fr. Kaczorowski had arranged the October 4th meeting in connection with the investigation of  allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Turlo.

Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA initially explained to  that the [October 4th] meeting was a step in the investigation of an allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Turlo.  appeared familiar with such an allegation and verbalized his willingness to cooperate

When asked by Fr. Kaczorowski,  stated that he first met Fr. Turlo while he  was a student at St. Joseph High School. 

When asked,  acknowledged that he did/does know . At the time he first met Fr. Turlo,  did observe that the cleric and  spent much time together. As per , Fr. Turlo introduced him to .  continued by explaining that Fr. Turlo expressed his feeling at the time that he  and  should get to know each other. When  was a junior and  was a senior at St. Joseph,  picked  up in Elmhurst every day and drove him to school.  stated that at the time  was living with .

As per , during the mentioned time period there were seminarians from Sacred Heart teaching at St. Joseph High School. He stated that  disclosed to him the sexual abuse that he sustained while a part of , prior to living with . As per ,  warned him to "watch out" for priests associated with , including  and a Brother.

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[REDACTED]

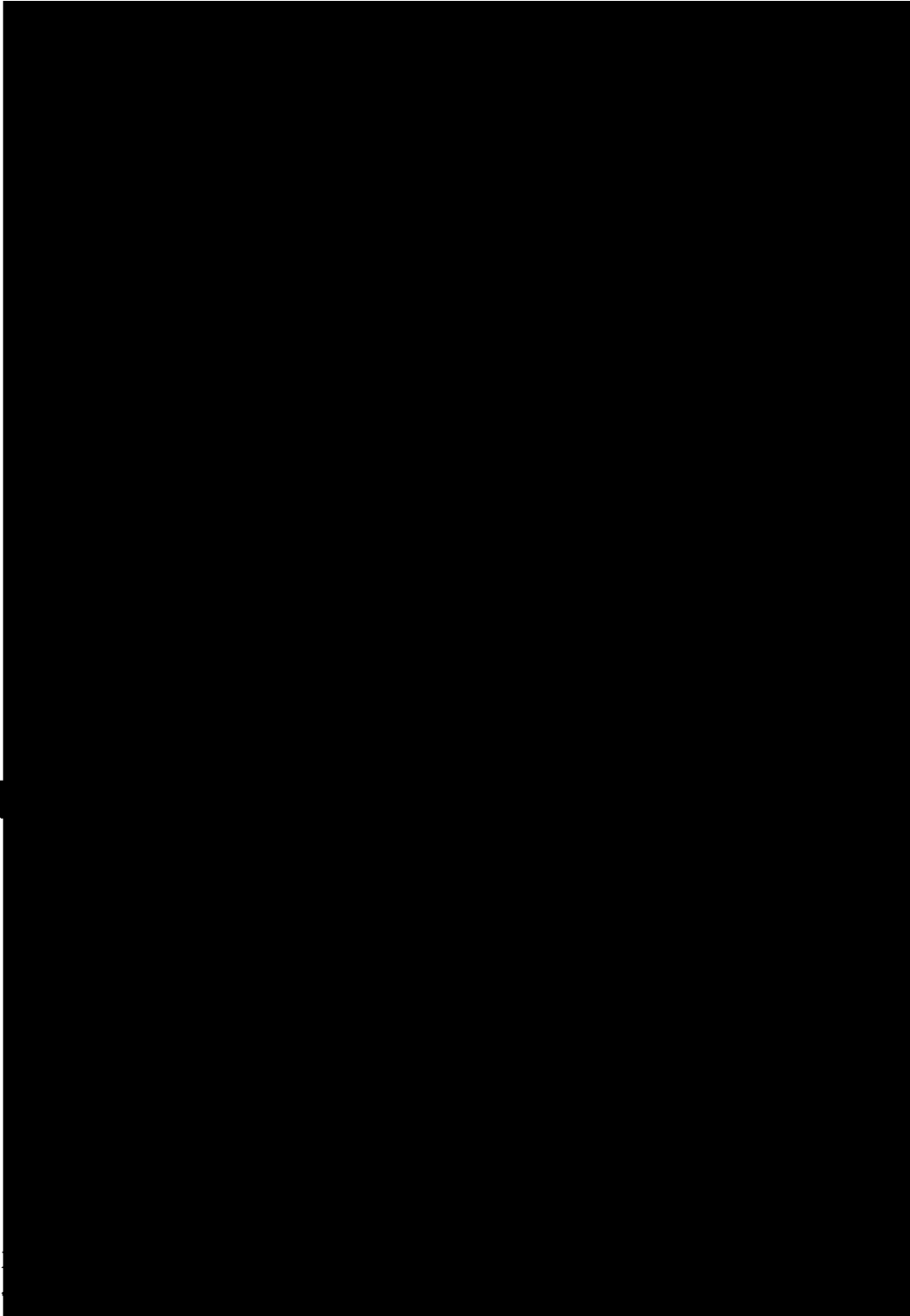
When asked by Fr. Kaczorowski, [REDACTED] stated that yes, there have been rifts and "break ups" in his relationship with Fr. Turlo over the years. [REDACTED] described Fr. Turlo as "driven" and compared the cleric to his [Fr. Turlo's] mother. As per [REDACTED], Fr. Turlo's nurturing, Italian mother passed away in 1975. For the first of several times throughout the October 4th meeting, [REDACTED] then shared his description of Fr. Turlo as behaving/acting like "an over-protective Italian mother" around him and other teen/early adult boys his age.

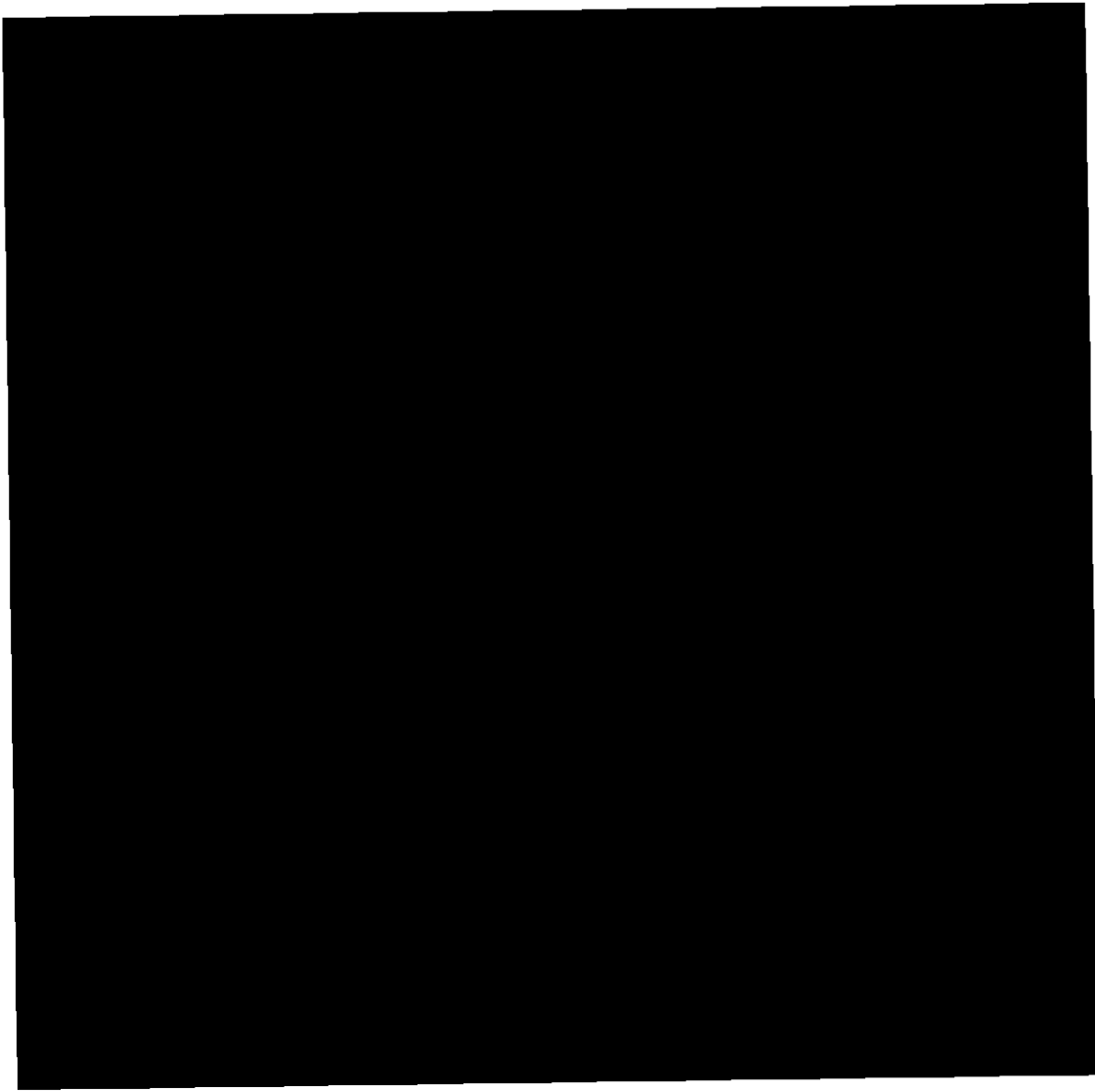
[REDACTED] shared that [REDACTED] and Fr. Turlo were assigned to Sacred Heart when he was in school and an altar boy there. He identified Sacred Heart as Fr. Turlo's first parish. [REDACTED] was 10 years old in 1970 when Fr. Turlo was assigned to Sacred Heart.

Fr. Kaczorowski then asked [REDACTED] if he ever knew of/saw anything inappropriate between Fr. Turlo and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] described Fr. Turlo as "too intense" and "...looking after him [REDACTED] too tightly...like an over-protective Italian mother..." when he and [REDACTED] were in high school.

[REDACTED] then shared his background of attending Niles College, where he majored in Theology and minored in Psychology. He also attended the seminary in Mundelein for two years. As per [REDACTED], when he was a student at Niles and Mundelein, Fr. Turlo "...was too protective [of [REDACTED]] and trying to help..." Despite what [REDACTED] would attempt to communicate with Fr. Turlo at the time, the cleric would not listen to him. PRA interpreted [REDACTED]'s description of Fr. Turlo as being over-bearing and suffocating. [REDACTED] shared that he was propositioned [sexually] at Niles by other students and issues with students at Mundelein caused him to leave the seminary.

Fr. Kaczorowski asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] ever shared with him anything about the relationship he had with Fr. Turlo and vice versa [if Fr. Turlo shared anything about [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]]. [REDACTED] replied by stating that he did not like the way that [REDACTED] was treating Fr. Turlo. As per [REDACTED], he thought that [REDACTED] "treatment" of Fr. Turlo was inappropriate. As a result, [REDACTED] questioned Fr. Turlo as to why he was "...hanging out..." with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that Fr. Turlo shared his concerns about [REDACTED] with him [REDACTED]. He stated that Fr. Turlo wanted himself and [REDACTED] to be a resource to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] shared his feeling that at the time, Fr. Turlo wanted him to be a "social resource" to [REDACTED].





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

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**RESPONSE OF REVEREND WALTER TURLO
TO ALLEGATIONS OF**

On April 22, 2004, Father Walter Turlo met with Professional Fitness Review Administrator, Leah McCluskey, at the office of the Vicar for Priests. Also present for the meeting were Patrick Reardon, attorney for Father Turlo, and Vicar for Priests, Father James Kaczorowski. Msgr. Rick Sosaman, a canon lawyer assisting Father Turlo, was present by speaker phone. Ms. McCluskey read notes of allegations of misconduct made by [REDACTED]. Father completely denies the allegations. He further affirms that he has never engaged in sexual misconduct with any minor at any time. The following will specifically address the allegation made by [REDACTED].

SUMMARY OF [REDACTED] ACCUSATION

[REDACTED] said that he met Father Turlo when he was sixteen years old while a junior at [REDACTED] in 1975. [REDACTED] stated that he confided in Father Turlo about certain sexual relationships he had with other students, as well as improper sexual advances made towards him by the [REDACTED]. Father Turlo enlisted the assistance of Father [REDACTED], pastor of [REDACTED], and effected the removal and replacement of the [REDACTED] within a few weeks. During this time Father Turlo and [REDACTED] became friends. Early in [REDACTED] senior year at [REDACTED], approximately October of 1976, he [REDACTED] and began living [REDACTED]'s family [REDACTED] while attending classes at [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stayed overnight at the rectory sleeping in the same bed as Father Turlo. On one occasion, [REDACTED] states that Father Turlo touched his genitals. He said that after this incident Father Turlo attempted to kiss him on the lips. He stated that he confronted Father Turlo with the incident in the bed and according to [REDACTED] Father Turlo admitted that he had done it.

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SPECIFIC RESPONSES

Preliminary consideration: This is not an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Father Turlo has indicated above that he has never had any improper sexual contact with [REDACTED]. He specifically denies the touching incident alleged above. He also points out that the accusation does not allege any sexual misconduct with a minor, since the allegation, taken in its best light as true, describes an incident that took place between adults.

The provisions of the Archdiocesan protocols for dealing with Clerical Sexual Misconduct with minors have adopted the definition of "minor" contained in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act of Illinois law stating that a "child" is any person under the age of 18 years. (325 ILCS 5/3). This comports with Canon 97, section 1, of the Code of Canon Law which states that "A person who has completed the eighteenth year of age is an adult; below this age, a person is a minor."

An examination of the interview of [REDACTED] shows that he says the single incident of sexual misconduct, a touching while sleeping in bed, occurred some time after the start of his first year as a student at [REDACTED]. He stated that he met his current wife, [REDACTED] when he began to attend [REDACTED]. He said he had already met [REDACTED] when the incident of fondling in the bed occurred. [REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED]. Therefore he became age 18 on [REDACTED]

While Father Turlo does not wish to indicate approval of any such conduct, were the allegation true, he submits that the conduct alleged does not comport with the definition of sexual misconduct with a minor as envisioned by Archdiocesan guidelines for the investigation of such matters. Therefore, he respectfully asks that this matter be reviewed by the appropriate agency and not be placed before the Professional Responsibility Board.

Factual issues

Prior to June, 1975, Father Turlo was assigned to Sacred Heart parish in Melrose Park, near the [REDACTED], Illinois. He was

invited by members of the faculty to celebrate mass at the [REDACTED] on occasion. At some point during these activities he met [REDACTED] [REDACTED] eventually approached Father Turlo with sexual problems he was experiencing with the [REDACTED]. Apparently this approach came about because Father Turlo was seen as an outsider, less likely to be under the influence of the [REDACTED]. Father Turlo did not try to handle this matter alone, but sought the assistance of another archdiocesan priest, Father [REDACTED]. Father Turlo chose Father [REDACTED] because they had previously been assigned as associates together at Sacred Heart and because Father [REDACTED] had a background in psychology. Contrary the [REDACTED] statement, Father [REDACTED] was not the pastor of Sacred Heart Church at the time; he was an associate at St. Andrew Church on Addison Street in Chicago. This is where they met with Father [REDACTED]. Soon after this meeting, the rector was removed.

While Father was working on these issues with [REDACTED] and other students, [REDACTED] began to confide other problems to Father Turlo. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Contrary to [REDACTED] assertion, Father did not suggest that he move into the [REDACTED]. Rather, though quite surprised by the request, Father acquiesced and made arrangements for this move after [REDACTED] urged him to do so. This was during the fall of his senior year of high school. Father was aware at that time of what he, Father Turlo, felt were some of [REDACTED] unhealthy relationships. He spoke with [REDACTED] about this matter and did suggest that he destroy some inappropriate correspondence from a young man.

[REDACTED] is correct in stating that he and Father Turlo made a trip to [REDACTED] and traveled to [REDACTED] to visit family members. He strongly disputes that he ever took [REDACTED] to events that "weren't appropriate" or had "gay content," unless one considers "Pippen" or "Camelot" such fare. They once attended "O Calcutta," but walked out after the first intermission, finding it

unsuitable.



In June of 1975, Father Turlo was reassigned to St. Williams parish. Contrary to the [REDACTED] statement, [REDACTED] never stayed at the St. Williams rectory during his senior year in high school. The parish was distant from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where he stayed and he did not have a car until after April of 1977. In the Fall of 1977, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] For this reason, he arrived at the parish on Saturday evening and stayed overnight [REDACTED]. Father Turlo now realizes that the sleeping arrangements were inappropriate. He adamantly states that at no time were they sexually improper. Contrary to statements in [REDACTED] interview, Father never touched him sexually. Contrary to statements in [REDACTED] interview, Father Turlo has never in any way acknowledged to [REDACTED] or to any other person that he committed any sexual impropriety.

Conclusion

Approximately 15 years ago, Father Turlo realized that he had certain unresolved [REDACTED] issues regarding loneliness and boundary violations, despite the fact that he loved his work as a priest and had no desire to change his vocation. For this reason he began [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. He then involved himself with a group of priests who voluntarily gathered with Father Dan Coughlin in a celibacy support and study group. About five years later, when this group disbanded, he began a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This [REDACTED] continues at this time. Each of these experiences has helped Father Turlo set proper interpersonal boundaries in his ministry and helped him to understand his tendencies


to try to do too much for people and to over-control. He continues to work with [REDACTED] in order to make himself a more effective minister of the Gospel.

[REDACTED]

As stated above, Father now realizes that his efforts to provide [REDACTED] with a "father figure" role model were naive. While he did nothing sexually improper, he is now aware that he did not set proper boundaries with this young man. He also realizes that he should have referred him to someone better equipped to deal with the emotional difficulties produced by [REDACTED] high school [REDACTED] experiences. Having acknowledged this naivete, Father Turlo stresses that he acted out of good will to try to help [REDACTED] through his difficulties. He had no motivation of sexual manipulation and never engaged in any sexual misconduct with this young man. Father Turlo has attempted to respond in full to the accusation. If he has overlooked some issue, or if his response has raised some question, he will be happy to supplement this response upon request.

Father Turlo is saddened that his efforts to help have been interpreted in a way that casts doubt on his motives and questions his good will. His intention was then and remains now to be a proper and effective minister of the gospel. He acknowledges his own imperfection but has devoted years of effort to learn to be more effective. He asks that he be allowed to continue these efforts and continue his ministry.

Date: June 9, 2004


Patrick G. Reardon
Attorney

Reverend Walter Turlo

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**RESPONSE OF REVEREND WALTER TURLO
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[REDACTED]

On July 3, 2007, Father Walter Turlo met with Professional Review Administrator, Leah McClusky, at the office of the Vicar for Priests. Present at that meeting was Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests; present by telephone conference call was Patrick G. Reardon, attorney for Father Turlo. Allegations of [REDACTED] were read by Ms. McClusky. At the conclusion of this reading Father Turlo stated that the allegations of misconduct were completely false. He stated that he would respond in writing to any questions asked by the Professional Fitness Board. Father Turlo and his lawyer have received a letter dated August 6, 2007, containing certain questions posed by the Board. He will respond to these questions herein and provide relevant information to establish the false and defamatory nature of [REDACTED] statements.

1. Do you know [REDACTED]?

Answer: Yes. The first time I met [REDACTED] was in late 2001, but more probably early 2002. See below.

If you do know [REDACTED] please provide information on how you first came to know her and/or the nature and status of your contact with her.

Answer: My first encounter with [REDACTED] was through my giving a talk to the RCIA class that had begun in October, [REDACTED]. My best recollection is that I spoke to this group in early [REDACTED], as they prepared for the Easter Vigil. I have no specific memory of [REDACTED] from this lecture but assume that she would have been there. The first time I met her individually was while I was co-spiritual director of the [REDACTED] Retreat during lent of 2002. This was a two day retreat on the parish grounds. At this time she did not stand out any more or less than anyone else on the retreat.

Some time during the following year [REDACTED] volunteered to become a [REDACTED] as a result of the retreat. I believe she was prepared for this ministry by [REDACTED]

I had no further contact with [REDACTED] until the summer of [REDACTED], when she signed up to be on the team for the following year's [REDACTED] retreat.

2. In the first paragraph of page seven of [REDACTED] allegation, it is noted that, "[REDACTED] stated that a person named [REDACTED] and another parishioner were present." Do You recall the alleged meeting and/or do you know the identity of "[REDACTED]" and/or the referred to other parishioner? If you do recall such a meeting, please provide any information.

Answer:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. Could you please provide information on any knowledge of the construction of St. Fabian church and related buildings or structures?

Answer: Reverend Robert Kash, pastor emeritus of St. Fabian Parish, was the pastor at the time of the construction of the new church and consequently the connecting passage between the school and church, as described by [REDACTED]. He will corroborate that the connecting area, described by [REDACTED] as the place where she was allegedly abused in 1977-1978, did not exist until 1988. I have enclosed as an attachment the Saint Fabian Silver Jubilee book (1963-1988) documenting the completion of the construction in question. (See Exhibit B: Photocopy of St. Fabian Parish Silver Jubilee Book.) Prior to 1988 not only was there no hall with stone walls between the school and the church, as diagramed by [REDACTED], but there was no courtyard with statue, as she has drawn. The area she has diagramed was open vacant land during the relevant years. Photos of the current parish plant will assist in documenting the present location of the connecting hall and corridor that did not exist prior to 1988. (See Exhibit C: Portfolio of nine photographs, including an areal view, with labels attached.)

4. Do you know [REDACTED] father? If you do know him, please provide information on the nature of your interactions with him.

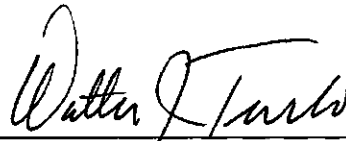
Answer: I do not know [REDACTED] father. I have never had the interactions with him that she recounts in her accusation. Indeed I did not even know of [REDACTED] existence until late 2001 as answered above.

5. Do you know any of [REDACTED] extended family [REDACTED] [REDACTED]? If you do know any such extended family members, please provide information on the nature of your interactions with them.

Answer: [REDACTED]

Addendum: Other than the above-mentioned meeting, I had very little interaction with [REDACTED]. After she quit the [REDACTED] team, [REDACTED] attempted to draw me into her life as some sort of 'mentor.' I resisted these efforts. I have spent many years [REDACTED] to be sure that I will always maintain proper emotional boundaries in my personal and parish life. On the several subsequent occasions when [REDACTED] attempted to confide matters best left to [REDACTED] and nominate me as some sort of protector or 'safety net' I asked her politely to maintain proper boundaries. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I received several card and letters from [REDACTED]. I enclose two of [REDACTED] notes to me. (See Exhibits D and E: Letters to Father Turlo from [REDACTED]) Her [REDACTED] note demonstrates that she had at least heard my position regarding proper boundaries. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I have attempted to maintain a polite and pastoral distance from this person. I have never engaged in any improper conduct with her at any time in any way.



Rev. Walter Turlo

Date: 11-9-07

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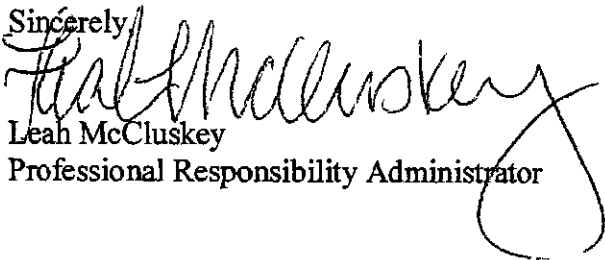
Dear Fr. Turlo,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on March 18, 2006 and conducted a Review for Cause regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In the Review for Cause of this matter that took place on March 18th, the Board recommended that there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the sexual abuse of a minor did occur. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's recommendations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that Rev. Edward Grace is available to you as your Vicar for Priests. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility AdministratorCc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
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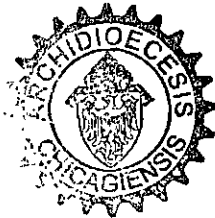
Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of November 28, 2005, regarding the matter of **Reverend Walter Turlo**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who does not have an assignment at present, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Initial Review conducted by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on November 19, 2005.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that the information suggests further investigation into whether **Father Turlo** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

With this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Father Turlo**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Francis Cardinal George in cursive.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Richard Awdler

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Bishop-Elect George J. Rassas, Vicar General
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Date Appointed	Assignment	Charge	Date Left
6/5/70	Sacred Heart (Melrose Park)	Assistant	6-13-75
TNW 9-20-74	Triton Community College, Campus Ministry Apostolate.	Chaplain	
TNW 6-13-75	St. William Parish, Chicago	Associate	
TCC & Ltr 3-15-82 to 3-15-87	St. Mary Magdalene, Chicago	PASTOR	
5/8/85	Parochial Administrator of SS. Peter & Paul and St. Patrick		
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5/22/89			
ltr: 07/07/95 eff: 05/22/95	St. Mary of the Assumption - 2nd Term	Pastor	01/01/96
01/01/96	St. Fabian	Pastor	
01/01/02	St. Fabian - 2nd Term	Pastor	
06/06/05	Removed from Parish		

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 8/16/2007 8:42:47 PM
Subject: letter

August 17, 2007

My Good Friends,

As you know, during the past two years and two months, my official designation has been "removed from public ministry." This designation included a set of mutually agreed upon protocols.

Recently the protocols have become too constrictive. In dialogue with the Vicar General and the Vicar for Priests, other options were presented to me. I have decided to choose the most appealing option which I believe will best enrich personal wholeness.

As of August 15th, I have chosen to "resign from active ministry." This weekend I will be moving from Bishop Lyne Residence to the residence of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and will remain there while this process is finalized.

My contact information will continue to be:

Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Cell : [REDACTED]

Keep me in your prayer. This is the best thing you can do for me. My time at Bishop Lyne Residence has been one of grace, love and friendships that will continue into the future.

This decision is final. Letters to the "top" will not change anything; however, any kudos you may choose to send upward to Vicar for Priests or the Cardinal will be taken as evidence of your love and esteem.

Peace to you,

Walt

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

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

Re: Turlo, Rev. Walter [Withdrawn]

Date: August 14, 2007

By means of a summary, it has been learned that Rev. Walter Turlo violated the current Individual Specific Protocols by having  12-year-old  stay overnight with him at his private residence on the evenings of July 22 and July 23, 2007 [see file].

In consultation with the Professional Conduct Administrative Committee [PCAC] during the August 13, 2007 meeting, I made the recommendation to Cardinal George that Fr. Turlo is restricted to the property of his residence at the Bishop Lyne Home until this matter is resolved. The Cardinal verbally accepted this recommendation on August 13, 2007.

It is my understanding that you and Rev. John Canary, Vicar General, plan on scheduling a face to face meeting with Fr. Turlo in the near future to further discuss this matter and to inform him of the aforementioned restriction. I ask that you please share with me the results of your meeting with Fr. Turlo.

Cc Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Carol Fowler, Personnel Services
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Jan Slattery, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth
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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 241
From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 
Re: Turlo, Rev. Walter [Withdrawn]
Date: August 9, 2007

The following is a summary of the series of events that transpired on August 8, 2007 in response to Rev. Edward Grace’s July 28, 2007 Memorandum received by this office on August 1, 2007. In the aforementioned memorandum, Fr. Grace provided information on the notification he received that Rev. Walter Turlo had ■ 12-year-old ■ stay with him alone in his apartment at Bishop Lyne Home on July 22nd and July 23rd [see file].

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- I called and attempted to reach ■ at her office [■]. I left a message stating that it was important that I speak with her and asked that she return my call.
- I placed a call to the DCFS Hotline to report the matter involving Fr. Turlo and ■ I spoke with DCFS Hotline operator Beverly Burmeister and informed her that I was calling to report an incident that involved a priest of our diocese who has been withdrawn from ministry through the “church process [canonical]” as a result of being found to have sexually abused at least one minor. I further explained that as per our policies and restrictions that Fr. Turlo has been placed under, he is not to be alone with any minor under the age of 18. I then stated that the reason for my call to the DCFS Hotline was

that the diocese has learned that Fr. Turlo had a 12-year-old boy stay overnight with him without any supervision, a direct violation of our policies. When asked by Ms. Burmeister, I provided Fr. Turlo's name, race, status, date of withdrawal from ministry, address for Bishop Lyne Home, and phone number. Also when asked, I provided the only known information on the [REDACTED]—that his name is [REDACTED] he is reportedly 12 years old, and that his mother is [REDACTED]. When asked, I provided the information that [REDACTED] had stayed overnight with Fr. Turlo in his apartment at Bishop Lyne Home on July 22nd and July 23rd. When asked, I told Ms. Burmeister that I did not know if [REDACTED] parents knew of Fr. Turlo's restrictions as per the diocese. When asked how I knew of the matter, I stated that I had been notified by Rev. Edward Grace by phone and through his July 28, 2007 Memorandum. When asked, I told the DCFS worker that I had a call in to the Administrator of Bishop Lyne Home [REDACTED], but had not yet spoken with her. I provided Ms. Burmeister with the clarification that I have received no reports that there was any abuse of [REDACTED] by Fr. Turlo on July 22nd and/or July 23rd, but that he had violated the diocesan protocols by having the minor stay overnight with him. Ms. Burmeister took my name and information and stated that she was not sure if DCFS would take the call [as a report] or not, because Fr. Turlo was not adjudicated through the courts and was not a sexual offender. However, Ms. Burmeister informed me that she would run this matter past her supervisor and call me back.

- I attempted to reach Cardinal George to inform him of this matter and steps that were being taken. When calling the Residence, I was informed that the Cardinal was out of town and would not return until Friday [August 10, 2007].
- In the Cardinal's absence, I attempted to reach Rev. John Canary, Vicar General, at his office. I learned through the greeting on Fr. Canary's phone that he was out of the office. I left a message stating that I was attempting to reach him and that I would try him on his cellular phone.
- I was able to reach Fr. Canary on his cellular phone and verbally provided him all of the aforementioned information. Prior to continuing, Fr. Canary confirmed with me that Fr. Turlo is withdrawn from ministry, that he is not assigned to a parish, and that he does not have faculties in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Canary then shared that Fr. Grace came to his office the first he [Fr. Grace] learned of this situation from Rev. John McNamara on July 27, 2007. As per Fr. Canary, he then asked Jimmy Lago, Chancellor to join their conversation on this matter. Fr. Canary stated that it was his understanding after meeting with Fr. Grace and Mr. Lago that Fr. Grace's next steps were to speak with Fr. McNamara, Fr. Turlo, and [REDACTED]. He added that it had been his recommendation that day that we [as a diocese] move toward Fr. Turlo resigning from the priesthood. While talking with Fr. Canary, it was understood that he had not had not yet seen Fr. Grace's July 28th Memorandum on this matter. I then read to Fr. Canary the July 28th Memorandum from the third paragraph

through the end [Fr. Grace's July 27th conversation with Fr. Turlo about this matter]. After listening to the Memorandum, Fr. Canary again expressed his concerns with Fr. Turlo and that it is his recommendation that the process is begun to move towards Fr. Turlo resigning from the priesthood. When asked if there is anything additional that he would like for me to do, Fr. Canary asked that I call Fr. Grace, update him on this matter, and ask for Fr. Grace's recommendation after speaking with Fr. Turlo about this. Fr. Canary asked that I keep him up to date on this matter over the next two days and provided the information that the Cardinal would be back in Chicago as of 12:00 pm on August 9th.

• [REDACTED]

- I called and left a message for Fr. Grace to call me regarding Fr. Turlo as soon as he was able.
- I received a return phone call from [REDACTED]. When asked, [REDACTED] provided me with the information she knew of Fr. Turlo and [REDACTED] overnights at Bishop Lyne Home. As per [REDACTED], Fr. McNamara [Fr. Turlo's on-site supervisor] had been out of the country and was scheduled to return on Monday, July 23, 2007. On July 23rd [prior to Fr. McNamara's return], [REDACTED] received a phone call from Fr. Turlo and he informed her that [REDACTED] was staying with him for a couple of days. [REDACTED] told me that she did not feel comfortable with the situation [she did not say this to Fr. Turlo]. The next day [Tuesday, July 24th], Fr. McNamara called [REDACTED] and asked if she knew that [REDACTED] had stayed overnight with him. [REDACTED] told Fr. McNamara of her phone call from Fr. Turlo the day before. Both [REDACTED] and Fr. McNamara agreed that they did not feel comfortable with the situation and it was agreed that he would call and notify Fr. Grace of the matter. As per [REDACTED], she and Fr. McNamara discussed that they were not certain if "not to be alone with anyone under the age of 18" included [REDACTED]. I told [REDACTED] that the restriction includes all minors under the age of 18, whether they are [REDACTED]. The same day [Tuesday, July 24th], [REDACTED] received a phone call from Fr. Turlo. As per [REDACTED], Fr. Turlo said to her, "Fr. McNamara reported me." Fr. Turlo then said to [REDACTED], "Why didn't you just tell me you were uncomfortable [REDACTED]?" [REDACTED] corrected Fr. Turlo and told him that it was not her job to tell him what he could and could not do. As per [REDACTED], she also reminded Fr. Turlo that he called to tell her that [REDACTED] was staying with him, not to ask for permission. [REDACTED] stated that when Fr. Turlo informed her that Fr. McNamara "...called and reported it [to Fr. Grace]...", he also commented "...it was probably good that he did..." Meaning, Fr. Turlo was telling [REDACTED] that it was probably good that Fr.

McNamara did call Fr. Grace to inform him of this matter. When asked for her impression of Fr. Turlo's statement to her [that it was "probably good"], [REDACTED] expressed that he meant that, "...we needed to protect ourselves." When asked, [REDACTED] identified the "we" as herself and Fr. McNamara. [REDACTED] then told me again that the night of the first phone call that she received from Fr. Turlo on July 23rd, she felt that she should have called me. When asked, [REDACTED] stated that she cannot remember if she has talked to Fr. Grace about this or not. [REDACTED] also shared that while talking to Fr. Turlo on July 24th, he remarked to her that it "...was really stupid..." that he had [REDACTED] stay overnight with him. As per [REDACTED], she told Fr. Turlo that she agreed with him. When asked, [REDACTED] said that the men who reside at Bishop Lyne Home do have guests stay with them from time to time, but that usually they are [biological] brothers or something like that. I thanked [REDACTED] for her assistance and told her all of the individuals at the diocese with whom I had discussed this matter. I told [REDACTED] that I would keep her informed.

- I received a voice mail message from "Bev [Beverly Burmeister] with the DCFS Hotline" at 12:42 p.m. Ms. Burmeister stated that she did talk to an administrator about the matter and that DCFS "...will take this [report] as a Risk of Sexual Harm on [REDACTED] by Walter [Fr. Turlo]." As per Ms. Burmeister, this matter was being sent out to a local DCFS office in the county area where Fr. Turlo resides, "...since we don't know where the child is..." and they will do an investigation.
- I received a return phone call from Fr. Grace and I verbally provided him with all of the aforementioned information. When asked, Fr. Grace stated that he did not have any recommendation at this point on Fr. Turlo, [REDACTED] Fr. Grace also stated that he agrees with Fr. Canary that Fr. Turlo's actions/behaviors are putting the church at risk.
- I spoke with Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board and provided him with a verbal update of all of the aforementioned information.
- I called and attempted to reach Fr. Canary on his cellular phone. I left Fr. Canary a voice mail and informed him that DCFS had taken the Hotline Call as a "risk of sexual harm" by Fr. Turlo.
- I called and again spoke with [REDACTED]. I informed her of the information received that DCFS would be conducting an investigation into the matter. When asked, [REDACTED] said that she was not familiar with DCFS and/or making a Hotline call. I provided [REDACTED] with a verbal explanation of the process of making a Hotline call, and that the investigator[s] would be in contact with Fr. Turlo. When asked, I clarified for [REDACTED] that she did not have any

responsibility to inform and/or provide Fr. Turlo with any information on the DCFS involvement with this matter. It was agreed that if Fr. Turlo approached her with any questions, that she could refer him to me. [REDACTED] expressed her appreciation for the information and said that she would call her Division Manager [REDACTED] to inform her of this matter.

- I called and spoke with Jimmy Lago to provide him with the update that DCFS had taken the Hotline call made and cited "risk of sexual harm" of [REDACTED] by Fr. Turlo.

- [REDACTED]

- I received a voice mail message from Liz Kimble of DCFS in DuPage County. Ms. Kimble noted that she was calling in regards to the matter concerning Fr. Turlo and asked for the address of [REDACTED] and any other information that I had on the child. She asked that I call her at [REDACTED].
- I returned Ms. Kimble's call and left a message on her voice mail. I stated that I had originally informed the DCFS Hotline operator that I did not have any other information on [REDACTED] other than he is 12 years old and is [REDACTED]. I asked Ms. Kimble to call me with any other questions.

Today I called and spoke with [REDACTED] again to follow up with her on the DCFS involvement with this matter. I informed [REDACTED] that if the DCFS investigator does happen to call her in regards to Fr. Turlo, to please cooperate with him/her and respond to any questions. [REDACTED] stated that she has not heard from DCFS, nor has Fr. Turlo said anything to her about DCFS. It was agreed that if DCFS does contact [REDACTED], she would call and notify me.

Cc Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

Be: Sim Serritella, Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

To: File
From: Ed Grace
Re: Walt Turlo
Date: July 28, 2007

CC: John Canary
Jimmy Lago
Leah McCluskey

July 27, 2007, after a series of voice mail messages, I had a phone conversation with Fr. John McNamara, Fr Walt Turlo's monitor. Fr. McNamara seemed somewhat ill at ease and began the conversation by asking if the restriction on being alone with minors under the age of 18 included [REDACTED]. I informed him that it did indeed. John then told me that Walt Turlo had a 12 year old [REDACTED] stay overnight with him in his room at the Bishop Lyne Residence on the nights of July 22nd and July 23rd. Walt had not requested prior permission for this from Fr McNamara who apparently had returned from vacation on July 23rd. Walt had apparently informed [REDACTED] that the boy would be spending the night. I have not yet conferred with [REDACTED] to determine if or when she became aware of the child's presence. Fr. McNamara described both [REDACTED] and himself as troubled by this occurrence. Walt had not received permission for the boy to stay with him from either Ms McCluskey or from me.

I informed Leah McCluskey, John Canary and Jimmy Lago of what I had been told. All, including myself, are concerned by this lack of good judgment on Walt's part. Fr Canary made the point that this sort of action puts at risk our attempt to protect children, the Church and even the removed priests themselves.

Late on the afternoon of July 27th I made telephone contact with Walt Turlo. He admitted that the boy, whose name is [REDACTED] I believe, stayed with him for two nights. The reason for this was that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Apparently they decided the best solution was for him to stay with Walt, who took him around to do 'kid things' on Monday. Walt made the following responses to my questions:

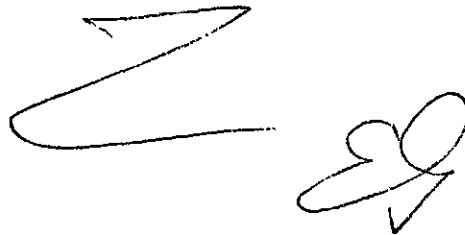
- Walt volunteered that [REDACTED] slept on the couch not in Walt's bedroom

- He stated that he did not realize that the prohibition against being alone with minors applied to [REDACTED]. I regarded this as more of a hope than a firm belief.
- He did not inform Fr. McNamara before-hand because John was away on vacation and arrived home Monday,
- He said that he asked [REDACTED] if it would be O.K. for [REDACTED] to stay with him. (I am not sure in what manner this question was put to [REDACTED] or when she became aware that a minor was involved)
- Walt stated that he understood that I had made it abundantly clear that this was a very serious matter.
- Walt apologized, sincerely, I believe.
- In response to my question as to why he didn't ask permission from Ms McCluskey or myself, he repeated that he did not realize that the prohibition against being alone with minors included [REDACTED].

In concluding my conversation with Walt I made the following points:

- The prohibition against being alone with minors includes [REDACTED]
- Whenever he is seeking an exception to some matter in his protocol, he must ask either Ms McCluskey or the Vicar for Priests – not Fr. McNamara or [REDACTED]
- This is a very serious matter, his action violated the Diocesan attempts to be transparent in these matters,

I expect that this episode will require further attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'Z' followed by a smaller, more complex scribble.

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Grace, Edward
Date: 3/23/2006 9:34:57 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: [REDACTED]

Fr. Grace,

I just received a phone call from [REDACTED] who listed the following concerns about Fr. Turlo and his continued involvement with St. Fabian parish:

1. Fr. Turlo is still present at the parish
2. Fr. Turlo is still going to the parish and contacting young boys of the parish
3. She has been on an e-mail list that Fr. Turlo has continued to send e-mails to parishioners of St. Fabian
4. She expressed her concerns that no one at St. Fabian's really knows the entire story around why Fr. Turlo resigned as pastor and left the parish; she had positive things to say about the new pastor, but feels that due to the lack of information provided to the staff about Fr. Turlo's situation surrounding his resignation, she is concerned that no one at the parish really knows if he should or should not be around the parish

I thanked [REDACTED] for her phone call and explained that she should speak with you. When I asked, [REDACTED] said that she would be more comfortable contacting you as opposed to giving me her contact information to pass along to you. I told [REDACTED] that today is your off day and that you should be in the office tomorrow. She also agreed that I let you know that she would be calling you about her concerns about Fr. Turlo.

When I mentioned the Vicar for Priests' office, [REDACTED] told me that she called "Fr. Kaczorowski" in the VP office when Fr. Turlo resigned and returned to the parish. As per [REDACTED] Kaz "yelled" at her and she did not feel that it was a positive conversation. I told her that I could not speak for Kaz, but that you still would be the person that she needed to speak with.

Just wanted to give you a heads up--and to expect to hear from [REDACTED] tomorrow.

Leah

>>> Edward Grace 03/21/06 6:38 PM >>>
Leah,

I don't think that Turlo is supposed to be around the parish, but I will have to check. Please remind me.

Also, if you have not already left the office, though I hope you have, could you bring some copies of the new forms with you to Mundelein on Wednesday.

See you Wednesday at Stritch. I will try to get ther about 9:30.

Ed

>>> Leah McCluskey 3/21/2006 5:24:24 PM >>>
Fr. Grace,

Just an FYI. Is Turlo supposed to be around the parish? I can't remember at this moment...

Leah

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Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
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Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on January 19, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter Turlo pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Turlo is a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is not reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the
determinations.
Fr. Turlo
Jan 24, 2008*

SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
Name:	Rev. Walter Turlo	[REDACTED]
Address:	Wilmington, IL	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth:	7/23/44	[REDACTED]
Current age:	65	44
Name of civil attorney:	N/A	[REDACTED]

Date of Ordination [of accused]: 5/13/70

Location: Mundelein

Age at ordination: 25

Assignment location of accused: N/A

Status of accused: Resigned

Name of canonical advocate: N/A

Date allegation received: 6/22/05

Date allegation formalized: 7/11/05

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1975

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: four

Brief summary of alleged abuse: smoking marijuana; four incidents of sexual abuse that included masturbation, proposition of anal sex, pornographic magazines

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 9/7/05 - Fr. Turlo denied the allegation

Stage of disposition by Review Board: 4/06 - not reasonable cause to suspect; 8/15/09 – request for Supplementary Review made by civil attorney [REDACTED] on behalf of his client [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Current age: 48

Name of civil attorney: [REDACTED]

Date allegation received: 3/31/04

Date allegation formalized: 3/29/04 and 6/9/05

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1975

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1975

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: numerous

Brief summary of alleged abuse: massaging over and under clothing; sleeping in the same bed in hotel rooms [on vacation], [REDACTED] aunt's home in [REDACTED] at St. William's rectory; one deliberate incident of touching [REDACTED] penis while in bed together at St. William's rectory

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 9/7/05 - Fr. Turlo denied the allegation

Stage of disposition by independent Review Board: 3/06 - Reasonable Cause to Suspect with withdrawal and monitoring

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Current age: 33

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received: 1/24/07

Date allegation formalized: 2/1/07

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1977/1978

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1978/1978

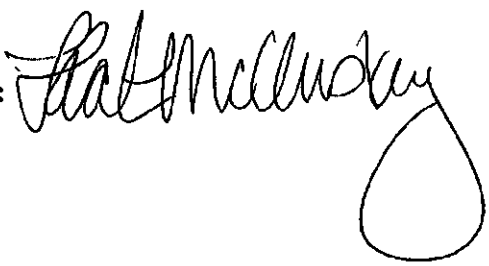
Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: one

Brief summary of alleged abuse: in 2004 [REDACTED] came forward to the diocese to report physical misconduct of a minor against Fr. Turlo; 1/24/07--it has now come to our attention that [REDACTED] has an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Turlo; one incident of fondling and intercourse

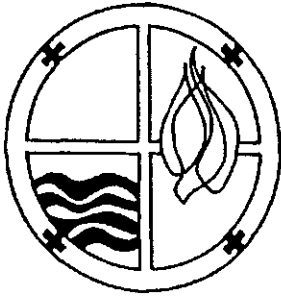
Brief summary and date of response from accused: 7/3/07 - Fr. Turlo denies the allegation in its entirety

Stage of disposition by independent Review Board: 1/08 - not reasonable cause to suspect

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

Signature of Director: 

Date: 8/5/09



SAINT FABIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Cardinal Francis George, OMI
1555 N. State Parkway
Chicago, Illinois, 60610

June 1, 2005

Dear Cardinal Francis,

I believe in the transforming power of our personal share in the dying and rising of Jesus. There have been a number of extraordinary instances of this in my own life over the years. I am keenly aware that this is one of those times.

I also know that the days ahead will be painful for my accuser, for yourself, for the people of St. Fabian, for other people I have served for over thirty-five years, for the Vicar for Priest's Office, for your staff, and lastly, for myself. However, I also believe the Spirit will be with each of us now in this time. That is and has been my prayer during all of these days.

For this reason, I am asking you to accept my resignation as pastor of St. Fabian Church. Thank you for all you do for the Archdiocese and for me. A copy of this letter has been given to Rev. Jim Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Walter J. Turlo".

Rev. Walter J. Turlo

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