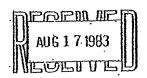
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### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker 5937 North 35th Street, #4 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Dear Frank,

I preferred to issue a separate letter in reference to your assignment at St. Joseph Hospital. My purpose in writing this letter is two-fold. First of all, I want you to know that I truly wish you to be successful in your new assignment. You have been ordained 19 years now and I know you desire to be successful in priestly ministry. I also share that desire.

However, a second reason I have in mind for writing this letter is to caution you that, because of past personal problems, should further occurrences of this same nature arise, I will have no alternative but to take canonical steps that would bar you from exercising any of the powers of orders or jurisdiction which you have as a priest. In addition, you would have no right to any financial support from the Archdiocese.

I hope this admonition will not be seen as something altogether negative, but, rather, as a genuine concern for your welfare and that of the people we serve collaboratively. I and my staff stand ready to assist you in any way we can. I want you to be faithful to your weekly psychotherapy session for additional support, and I would ask you to authorize your therapist to be in contact with me and Father Janicki if your therapist feels this would be advantageous.

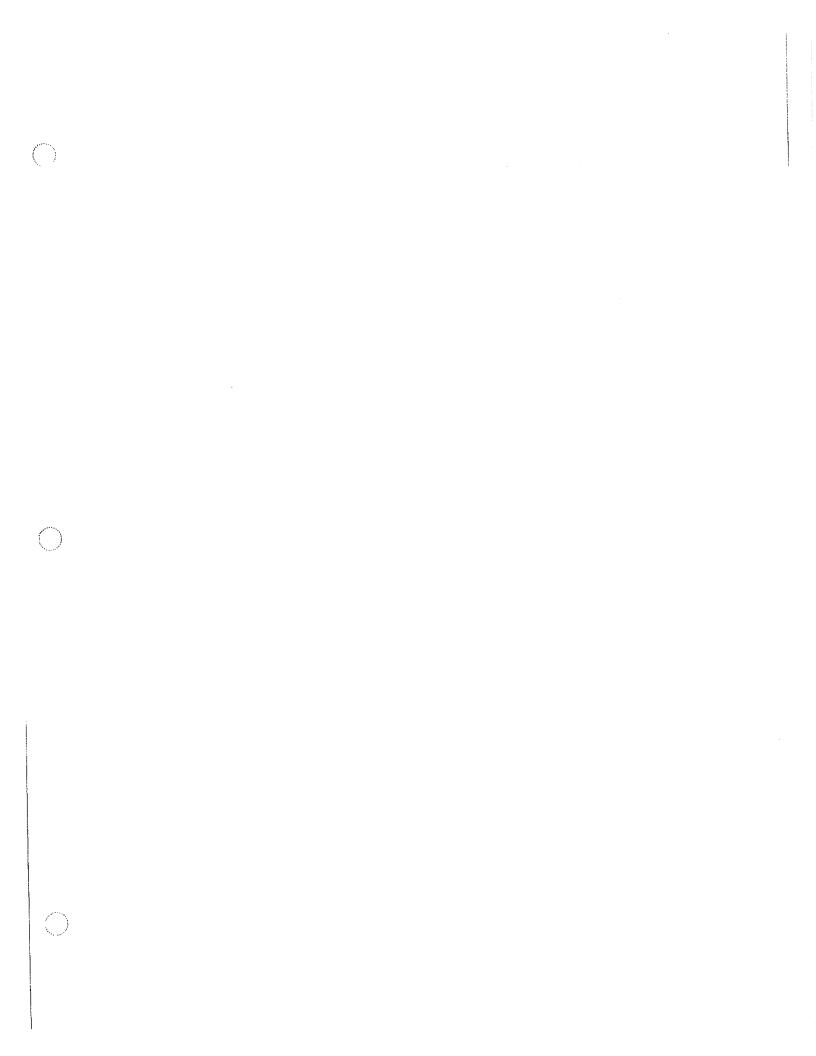
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Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. Archbishop of Milwaukee

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To: Archbishop Weakland From: Barbara Anne Cusack Re: Request for a "celebret" Date: 1/14/94

The attached request for a celebret (stating his good standing and permission to be outside the diocese) came in from Father Franklyn Becker. Because I am uncertain about Fr. Becker's status, I contacted Fr. Tom Venne to ask whether or not I could issue this celebret. Tom stated that he did not know and that you would be the one to make such a decision. I'm sorry to trouble you with what seems like such a trivial matter. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

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Archbishop Rembert Weakland

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FROM:

Liz Piasecki, PsyD.

RE:

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REVEREND FRANKLYN BECKER .

### PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

On July 17, 1996, I had an extended conversation with Dr. Marlene Trachsel, the psychologist who is treating Father Becker. She had requested that I call her regarding Father Becker and the allegations against him. We have a written release from Father Becker to share this information.

During the course of that conversation, Dr. Trachsel articulated the following concerns:

- 1. Father Becker is fixated on the most recent allegation, that is, the calls to me from the individual that I have not identified because that individual fears reprisal from Father Becker against his elderly parents who still live in the Mitwaukee area. I, again, refused to disclose that individual's name or other identifying information, and Dr. Trachsel accepted that, noting Father Becker has reported so many sexual incidents that, there is plenty of material to work on in therapy. Father Becker has given his written permission to share the log items, on prior concerns from the past with Dr. Trachsel, and I have sent them to her at her request.
  - Father Becker, now (again), identifies himself as a pedophile and
    asked Dr. Trachsel to sign a statement to that effect so that he
    could collect on a private disability policy which he holds. She
    refused to do so although she agrees essentially that he is one.
  - 3. Dr. Trachsel fears that Father Becker may be capable of, if not already engaging in, physical abuse of his elderly mother. He has reported to her one incident of hitting his mother with a slipper, recently. Dr. Trachsel had recommended to Father Becker that he work at the parish office in order to get away from his mother. I told her that was not permissible and out of the question.

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- 4. Father Becker is in conflict with some adolescent boys who live next door, and she wonders if there hasn't been some kind of prior advances which have contributed to the present aggression against him by these boys.
- 5. She believes Father Becker may be in possession of child pornography in his home.
- 6. Dr. Trachsel reported that Father Becker is in a lot of fear over going to prison because of his "past" behavior. I questioned whether there may be some involvement, of which we are unaware, which is still under the criminal statute. She said she would not be surprised, but knows of no specifics of that at this time.
- Father Becker remains in much denial. He does discuss other
  priests and their sexual orientation/behavior with her and has
  brought her letters and material which were sent to the Milwaukee
  Sentinel by him, years ago.
- 8. There is no question in Dr. Trachsel's mind that Father Becker remains a risk to act out. He continues to go on cruises which he describes as cruises for elderly people. She questions whether they bring their grandchildren. He hopes to "gain the respect" of the Archbishop and the Archdiocese, again, but still is very poor at taking responsibility for any of his past behaviors. At the minimum, he hopes to "get to retirement." He verbalizes that he is a good priest who worked hard contrary to other's reports of him.

Dr. Trachsel points out that given his mother's age (90+), Father Becker is likely to be the responsibility of the Archdiocese for another 30 years.

My question: Should we be considering encouraging the focus of therapy to shift to counseling him out of the priesthood and voluntary resignation, and asking Dr. Trachsel to start working on that?

ECP:saz

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DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY PERCONNEL

January 30, 1997

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker Box 40 Woodland, WI 53099-0040

Dear Franklyn,

I merely wanted to confirm what we agreed to at our meeting with the Archbishop on 1/29/97. It seemed to be a profitable meeting. I was pleased to hear you acknowledge that you do reflect on your actions and are beginning to realize and accept that each has consequences.

The Archbishop was clear in pointing out that the insurance risk for your conduct is totally an Archdiocesan responsibility. He stated that the only time he would be willing to risk was when a person developed a certain amount of self knowledge together with the recognition that amending one's ways was absolutely essential.

It was agreed upon that you could continue to do help-out ministry as in the past in the Rubicon area. You are required to continue to see Dr. Marlene Trachsel weekly, as well as report to Tom McGuine, your monitor, monthly. It is presumed you will continue to make progress and when you begin to see your therapist only once weekly, at that time you will also join "group". You were encouraged to develop a circle of mature friends, people who are not lonely or angry, who can give you appropriate feedback.

I hope you felt the meeting was as productive as I did. You cleared away a lot of suspicion in your relationship with the diocese and the Archbishop. Continue to make progress and work on those homilies.

Prayerfully,

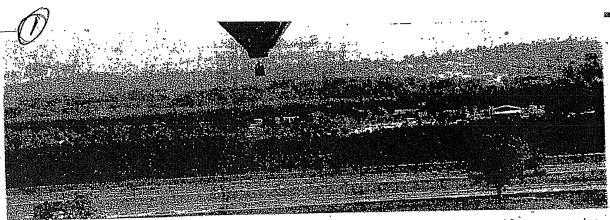
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Hot air balloons floated over the countryside near Wisconsin Dells during a weekend of races and a mass ascension.

# They cherish Mother Teresa's gifts

"By Joanne Huebner

When Mother Teresa arrives here June 13 to accept another of the many honors bestowed on the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, two Wisconsin couples will be cherishing priceless gifts she sent shead.

Last week, two little girls from Mother Teresa's children's homes in India arrived at Mitchell Field and into the arms of Barbara and Richard Allmann, of Franksville, and Karen and Allen Henseler, of

"We have a lot of people to be thankful for,"

said Mrs. Henseler, 34, the new mother of 5-yearold Carla, "but probably one of the most important is Mother Teresa."

Meeting her "would probably be the biggest honor we've had in our lives," she said.

Mrs. Allmann, 36, the mother of Margaret Ann, 20 months, agreed.

"The nuns sent a note and asked us not to spoil her, but as grateful as we are, I don't know if we're going to live up to that," she said.

Margaret — called Maggie by her new brother and sister, Matt. 8, and Molly, 9 — and Carla are

among the first children from Mother Teresa's orphanages to arrive in Wisconsin.

Another girl, who lives with her family in Appleton, arrived five years ago.

Both Mrs. Allmann and Mrs. Henseler are hoping arrangements can be made for them to meet the woman who has dedicated her life to helping the homeless of India. Mother Teresa will be here to accept Marquette University's. Perc. Marquette Discovery Award and more than \$65,000 to support her work.

Children

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# Churches face major issue in the '80s

First in a series

Some clerics believe the 1980s will be the decade that brings churches face to face with the issue of homosexuality, including the once unthinkable possibility of homosexually active clergymen.

Scholars have documented homosexuality aming clerics nearly to Christianity's beginning. But only since the late 1960s has the gay-pride movement made homosexual rights a modern issue in the church.

While religious publications have dealt with the issue of homosexual clergy, and while some churches have argued publicly- whether to ordain homosexuals, the public remains generally unaware that some clergymen are homosexually active.

"We just started dealing 20 years ago with the idea that ministers are sexual beings," said the Rev. Harold Wells, a United Methodist minister in Des Moines, lowa, who is researching the subject. "Now we are dealing with a part of that, that some ministers are homosexuals,"

Information for this series was compiled over a period of several months by a team of four reporters for The Milwaukee Sentinel. The team's work was under the direction of Kelth Spore, Sentinel city editor. Reporter Dan Patrinos headed the team and did much of the writing for the series. Other reporters on the project were Ron Legro, Jim Bednarek and John Fauber.

"I think the crucial issue within the churches in the 1980s is going to be homosexuality."

Wells' belief that the issue must be brought into the open was echoed by several clergymen and others interviewed by a team of Milwaukee Sentinel reporters.

During seven months of research, the reporters found that small, informal networks of homosexual clergymen exist across the country, extending into Wisconsin.

Through these networks, the re-

porters were introduced to homosexual clerics of several denominations who said they have defied the teachings of their churches, which hold that homosexual activity is morallywrong.

Church officials say only a small percentage of clergymen is involved.

But church officials concede an increasing number of clergymen have publicly acknowledged their homosexuality in recent years, something that did not seem possible a decade ago.

Most Christian churches take the position that people with homosexual orientations should be accepted into the fold, but condemn homosexual activity.

The active homosexual clergymen

The active homosexual clergymen interviewed by The Sentinel said their sexual activities ranged from an occasional "fall" to a promiscuous, but discreet litestyle involving gay bars, steam baths and one-night liaisons at out-of-town motels.

Some clergymen acknowledged their sexual orientation, but said they

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attempted to remain sexually abstinent, struggling with their homosexuality in a society that generally despises homosexuals and considers homosexual activity as deviant.

The Sentinel reporters conducted dozens of interviews, eventually learning of 45 clergymen, including 33 in Wisconsin: who said they were homosexuals or were reliably described as homosexuals.

Thirty-eight of the clergymen were Catholic priests, including 30 in Wisconsin. The preponderance-of-Catholic priests in the group is explained by the fact that the project was prompted by information from a Catholic layman.

Most of the homosexual clergymen were asked for Interviews. Fifteen consented; among them were eight Catholic priests.

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The Rev. Harold Wells, a United Methodist minister in Iewa who has interviewed 70 homosexual clergymen for a book he is writing.

•Father Clinton Jones, an Episco-pal priest in Connecticut who has counseled 125 homosexual clerics in the past 15 years.

• Father Richard Wagner, a Catho-lic priest in California who recently completed a study of 50 homosexual priests for a doctoral dissertation.

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It think (the homosexual) should declare this orientation to his confessor and spiritual director, if that is not already known — I can't imagine that it wouldn't be — and I think there, he has to be open in getting all the psychological and spiritual aids and counseling that he can.

"But to say publicly that his orientation is homo-sexual I feel in our present society, without any doubt, would compromise greatly his ministry as a priest."

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Reporters told all clergymen they talked with that their names would not be used in any stories and would not be given to church officials.

In four instances, reporters gathered informa-tion by conceeling their identities, and in one of those cases, a reporter Islsely stated he was a homosexual. Those efforts involved visits to recto-ries and a private home to confirm information.

The reporters did not invite any physical contact and sought to avoid it.

These are some of the clerics whom reporters arned about:

A Catholic priest in Wisconsin who says he has had dozens of affairs with clergy and laymen. He wrote about his encounters in lurid, private let-

A Presbyterian minister in the Midwest who has a wife and children but who quietly "cruises" for male sex partners.

An American Lutherau minister who was forced to leave his post in a Midwestern city after choosing to "come out" about his homosexuality. He later was accepted in another Midwest parish as an assistant pastor.

A Catholic priest in Wisconsin who says he likes to fondle men and who secretly admires handsome boys in his parish. He sees himself as having an "occasional weakness" that he has satis-fied with adults despite guilt feelings.

An unmarried United Preabyterian minister in a Midweatern state who was celibate into his mid-dle 50s before affirming his homosexuality and having his first sexual experience.

A Catholic seminarian in Wisconsin who is struggling with his homosexuality and wants to lead a cellbate life.

OA bisexual Episcopal priest in Wisconain who is married and hea children. He says: "I know that my wife knows and she knows I know, although we have never spoken about it.

"I think I'm a good father — my children love me. This may blow your mind," he told a reporter, "but I'm a good husband. We love each other. We share most everything — but not all."

The homosexual clergymen fit few stereotypes. Some of them hold administrative positions. Others preach in small town churches. They inhight be stream from the seminary or retired. Most are well deducated, some have advanced degrees in theology.

There are no documented estimates of the number of homosexual clerics. Few studies have been conducted. A Catholic priest in California recently interviewed 30 homosexual priests (none from Wisconsin) for a study and found all but 2 were sexually active. The sample was not scientifically selected.

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Bishop Cletus O'Donnell of the Madison Diocese noted that in 1975, bishops in the US Issued a pastoral letter that said homosexuals should not suffer loss of their basic rights.

They should have an active role in the Christian community." O'Donnell said,

He said homosexual activity was morally wrong, but because homosexuals "bren't allowed to marry (persons of the same sex), they should be afforded special understanding and care."

He added that an active homosexual should not be working as a priest,

Most of the homosexually active clergymen Sen-tinel reporters talked to considered themselves good ministers and priests.

Daniel C. Maguire, a Catholic theologian, is among those who believe the situation should be discussed openly. He teaches at Marquette Univer-sity and is president of the Society of Christian Ethics.

"Sunlight is the best disinfectant," said Maguire. who is a strong advocate of homosexual rights,

"What has to be done is to take the lid off this secrecy and face up to the fact that there are prob-lems in the cellbare clergy. The experiences of the clergy should not be hidden."

Tuesday: Views on cellbacy differ.

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The Milwaukee City Council, Boy Scouts of America, will hold a weekend campour Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Camp Journal, or Highway 83 northwest of Hartland.

About 2,000 Scouts About 2,000 Scouts and leaders from 150 troops are expected to attend, making it the largesta camping event led by the local Scout council.



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priest in Maryland who has been conducting retreats for homosexual priests during the past three years.

Father Thomas Kane, a Catholic priest and psychologist in Massachu setts, who has counseled about 500 priests, ministers and rabbls with a homosexual orientation during the past 12 years.

The Rev. Charles Goldsmith, a Milwaukee psychologist and United Church of Christ minister whose clients have included more than 100 homogexual clergymen of all main-line religions and Catholic nuns in the past 19 years. He is director of a Milwaukee sex clinic and president-elect of the Wisconsin Psychological Association.

Goldsmith said that traditionally the church "has kept its skirts clean by just getting rid of the people (who cause a problem). That way you don't have to wrestle with it and you don't have to find new forms or new ways to deal with it."

. In the process, the reporters started discovering that when they tried to arrange interviews, local clergymen often already knew why they were calling.

"It's the grapevine in the gay community," said one member of the Mllwaukee scene. "You wouldn't believe how fast word can get around."

### Bishops reportedly met

Most of the word seemed to be getting around the Catholic Church, upon which the project had first fo-

A telephone call came from a staffmember of the Wisconsin Conference of Catholic Bishops. False rumors were spreading that priests had been approached by reporters and threat-

ened with blackmail if they didn't

Bishops reportedly met to discuss the subject. The rumors continued with one priest charging The Senti-nel series would be anti-Catholic and was designed to torpedo the Milwau kee Archdiocese's annual fund drive.

The reporters assured church officials no one was being blackmalled, that the stories also would deal with other denominations and that names of homosexual clergymen wouldn't be published or given to church offi-

Church officials showed compassion for homosexual clergy, laced with anxiety that openly discussing the situation would cause scandal and confusion.

Bishop Cletus O'Donnell of the Madison Dlocese echoed such concerns during a lengthy interview.

"I am sick and tired of everyone shooting at us from every angle and forgetting the tremendous good," told a reporter. Young men thinking of going into the priesthood might change their minds after seeing The Sentinel articles, he said.

"Now that doesn't mean we want to suppress it - put it in the closet. he added.

### Fear a familiar topic

Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland indicated he had been contacted by at least one of the homosexual priests interviewed by reporters. The priest apparently was fearful of what might happen to him.

That fear became a familiar topic to the reporters, who soon found themselves discarding any thought that this was a clear-cut issue. They began to examine their own stereotypes, myths — imposed by a culture that generally despises homosexuals.

"We are just beginning to lift the edge of the surface, and there is a

tremendous reluctance to do that." said Eugene Kennedy, a psychologist, himself a former Catholic Maryknoll priest, now married. He has counseled numerous priests.

"What we have is something close to hypocrisy." he said of the church-es' reluctance to deal openly with homosexuality.

### Afraid of his honesty

Louie Crew, a University of Wis-- Stevens Point English professor who founded Integrity, a national Episcopal-oriented organization for homosexuals, said people were not so much afraid of his homosexuálity as his honesty.

"The primary mood of the church is still very hostile. It's hateful out of ignorance," Crew said.

Homosexuals have suffered so much repression that they are more sensitive to human and spiritual is-sues, he said. Thus, he asserted, homosexuals often make good clergymen.

"Gays don't need the church so much as the church needs gays," he

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The 11 strikers rejected a plea from Robert Muller, executive director of Vietnam Veterans of America. to end their fast.

Muller said a letter from Donald Custis, acting administrator of veter-ans affairs, "has committed the president to the most significant goals Victnam Veterans have been lobbying for over the past several months."

The hunger strikers, supported by veterans staging a sit-in at the hospital lobby, are demanding an inspection of the Veterans Administration by outside experts; additional re-search into the effects of the toxic defoliant Agent Orange and recognition of the so-called delayed stress syndrome as a disease

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being questioned by the FBI late Wednesday, reportedly about 10 of the deaths of 28 young blacks slain in Atlanta in the last 22 months, sources said.

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One source, who asked to remain anonymous, said the man was taken into custody earlier in the day on the basis of evidence gathered from court-approved electronic surveillance devices placed both on his automobile and at his home.

- The same source said FBI agents were seeking another court order late Wednesday to obtain samples of the man's body fluids.

The FBI would neither confirm nor deny the reports. City police also refused official comment.

But there was activity at the store-front office housing the special police task force that was formed to inves-tigate the slayings that date back to 

Earlier Wednesday, on the Public Broadcasting System's MacNeil-Leh-rer Report, FBT Director Willem Webster said he was "optimistic" about progress in the case.

"We are not without leads," Web-Turn to Page 7 Atlanta

# Ms. Patri ready to begin new life

By Dorothy Austin

Red roses trembled in Jennifer Phili's lap as her press conference began here Wednesday.

"I haven't had roses for a long "I haven't had roses for a long time," said the 35-year-old Waupaca farm woman who served 3 years of a 10-year sentence for manslaughter. in. the.—shooting-death of her husband in March 1977. During the trial, she was portrayed as the classic battered wife who shot her husband after years of domestic abuse. said the 35-year-old Wau

Ms. Patri was paroled from Taycheedah Correctional Institu-tion and went to her brother's farm near Weyauwega Tuesday.

In a small conference room acked with reporters and televi-ion cameras, she sat, shaking, sion cameras, she sat, shaking, next to her attorney, Alan D. Eisenberg, 831 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Asked about her children, Lori 16, and Dawn, 15, she said, "I didn't see them until yesterday morning, 6 a.m., and they went about the normal routine of getting of its school." ting off to school."

Ms. Patri said she arrived at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday and did not wish to wake them, because it was exam week.

Her nervousness diminished as questions continued. She paused before each answer, thinking, and chose her words carefully. Ms. Patri seldom smiled except when talking about getting a job.

She wore a new hairdo, a cool rint dress and white sandals. She looked sunburned and healthy. She wore no makeup.

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ank Wednesday. entinel photo by Dale Guldan

# Rare crane hatching in Baraboo

Special to The Sentinel

Baraboo — The first Siberian crane chick bred in cap-tivity was tediously poking its way through its eggshell in an incubator at the international Crane Foundation here Wednesday night.

The mother is a crané named Hirakawa, who was blown off her migratory route and obtained from Japan, said Scott Freeman, the foundation's education director.

The paternity is in doubt, Freeman said.

It could be either Wolf, a 65-year-old crane who has been a foundation resident for several years, or Tilliman, a younger Siberian imported last year from West Ger-

A Sandhill crane actually did the sitting, Freeman said.

George Archibuld, foundation director, called the event

Siberian cranes are on the endangered species list. About 150 of the birds are believed to exist throughout the world.

Archibald said a Siberian chick at the St. Louis Zoo in the 1950s did not survive.

A video camera was zeroed in on the chick, documenting its arrival, which is expected sometime Thursday.

Freeman said the chick "pipped" through the eggshell Wednesday morning.

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# 3 Catholic priests tell of struggle with personal, career problems

Three priests talk about their homosexuality one tells of his struggle; another recounts his suspension and the hatred he experienced; the third tells of troubles that have left him realisted. him isolated.

Think of him estlim, He doesn't want his real name used because he doesn't want his parents hurt.

Jim is a Catholic priest. He has had a male lover, but now is mulling over the idea of a "completely celibate

Yet, he says, the possibility exists that he will meet a man willing to share a sexual relationship honest one."

Jim is 35. He doesn't live in Wis-

He says he is at peace with himself after many years of struggling, of "living that part of my life in the dark." of thinking of himself as an outlaw.

When Jim was in high school he hadn't been able to put a label on his sexuality.

"But in terms of a feeling, yes, 1

Cause of homosexuality still controversial mystery; Page 5.

knew I was different. There was that knew I was different. There was that fear of being different, especially if you'd hear jokes about being gay or queers or fags. There was a sexual feeling and a sexual kind of energy that I definitely knew was directed toward people of my own sex. But I wouldn't admit it to myself or even

Information for this series on homosexuality and the clergy was compiled by Milwaukee Sentinel reporters Dan Patrinos, Ron Legro, Jim Bednarek and John Fauber.

dare think that, 'Am' I a homosexu-

He attended a seminary high

Acknowledging his homosexuality was gradual, "like trying out the water step by step, and eventually you pass through that line, wherever it is ... and you keep growing in it. At least I did."

Eventually, he had stepped over an imaginary boundary, "acknowledg-ing something that I knew was al-Turn to Page 7 Clerics

# His grade school years were not a happy," I didn't quite feel that I betonged. I didn't have a bast 'frend, I wasn't one of the boys and I was thunted for being a sissy." 3 Catholic priests tell of struggle with personal, career problems The said he acknowledged his tive, he said he acknowledged his tive, he said. "What happened next was the priest one night and saw an older worst part of my IIIe," he said.

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He says his "coming out" wan't like "Superman ripping off his ciothes and ta-da, here I am, it was ..., taking one stop at a time. ways there. But now I was an out-

"I told my blahop because I though it was politically smart to do so. ... I ar respected me as an individe. Was and her trueted me". I'm figured it was better to tell the bishop before somebody else did. He felt anxious about being discovered. He was living a kind of Jekyll-and-Hyde existence, moving between the homosexual arone and seminary

"You acknowledge something that is very basic to you. . . . It keeps driving and driving you towards people of your kind."

Later, Jim moyed to another dio-se. He told his new bishop he was a mosexual.

Waiting in Ilmbo

He's now in an ecclesiastical limbo, doing some rareats work and
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some church work. His first step that the open was his resignatin from a parish where he had been for several years after his ordifactor. The clash he says be by vacan his homeowal value and those of the heterosexual priests in the contraction of the heterosexual priests in the contraction. parish became too great for him.

By then, he says, he was beyond the gullt stage, facing "an honest human struggle. ... This was an honest emotion. I am a good person, know that."

"My impression is that the bishop is aware that this is obtain on and it must be faced as a private matter. But if a man makes it a public matter, then obviously he (the bishop) will have to uphold the standards of the community," he sad. About the sime he left the parish but not the priesthood — he met a man in a bar. They had a stormy relationship — he calls it a marriage — that lasted two years.

"r believe that cellbacy is truly a criedrant. It snot an outdated word.
"Whether I have that clearsm," he says he doesn't know, "but I think I am capable of It. I'm not sure I want It." During that time, he says, "I was beginning to realize

"y knew that if my lifestyle was "y knew; that it wasn't because of the sox-und element. But it was because of the decelt and lying and everything elee that was involved."

all this talk about it being inhuman is nonsense. ... Celibacy is a time- honored religious practice. ...

Students called him ""taggot" and hi 'queer" as he walked across campule.

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Parkets shattered his spartment whe dows. His car was vandalized. He received threattening calls. Students boycotted his masses, he is said, Whereas before the publicity he signed had 300 students at his misses. signey he had as few as live, he recalled. "Yor me, it goes back to one of the basic issues of Christianity the law and grace. Givers and the law are two and grace. Givers and the law are two generate realities... and in the life of the Christian both have a place. The day is not absolute, grace is. The habolite statement of grace is that I absolute statement of grace is that in a noved by God. And that's where my thare peace comes from through out this storm."

The young Catholic priest was troubled. He couldn't keep it secret any longer.

"Be discreei," he recalled his bish-og warning him. "But remember, you will be severely disciplined if you ever go public with it." He told his bishap of his homusexual orientation.

For about four months, the priest kept his slience. But he was homo-sexually active. That was in March 1979,

Im says he han't reconciled his w of celibacy with his lifestyle.

At the time, he was on leave from a East Coast dlocate to its study for a doctoral degree at a university in the East. The priest was poughter on canning the study of the pairs. Soli-spoken and tendesme, he mixed well with students, He bloked forward to completing his education and requiring to his parish.

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"Celibacy is a legitimate spiritual tool in the Christian tradition. And

"Ny past is not known here." No said.
"My past is not known here. Yor that the firm stimmed of it. I'm jost ... not ready to deal with that kind of, it hatted and bigotry again." The priest's life changed dramati-cally, however, when he said in a compus newspaper that he had a homosexual orientation. He did not

"He didn't recognize me, but I saw him. He was drunk and obviously in a great deal of pain. . . .

He had his first homosexual con-

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For years, a Wisconsin priest has lived on the edge of trouble. •

"; suddanly had become the dowest form of human being."

Finally, his home diocese in Wis-consin placed him in a parish where he fell in love with a youth. A series of other indiscretions and new assignments followed. He says he has been shunned and rebuiled by some of his colleagues in the Catholic Church. Life has left him stranded, isolated from others. The publicity transcended the university, He was now an embartassment for church officials, he said.

He is altomosexual. His streaction is to yourg men, usually tean-agents. Tree Even sorthe bomosexuals, with whom the powers to have a kinsilp, have shunced him. In declaring the suspension, the bishop said the priest knew the consequences of his actions when he made his public announcement.

Price of admission

His suspension followed.

been seeing a psychologist.

Last November, he wrote a brief account of his life. His skx single—account of his life. His skx single—bis present Wisconsin parish, he spaced typewritten pages ended with his present Wisconsin parish, he this:

The priest, 35, is living in a suburb of New York. He is still suspended, barred from administering the sacrety ments or preaching. "! wisn't suspended because I was on a hornoscaria", he said, "The blatop bit when that all slong. ... I was suspended only because I publicly prohimoscaruality.

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John and Jedie Enders will receive the 1981 Foster Family Award Thursday. The couple have brought 50 children into their home over the

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July 9, 2004

In line with the assurances given in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, these are the names of diocesan priests of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee who have been (or would be if they were still alive) restricted from all priestly ministries, may not celebrate the sacraments publicly, or present themselves as priests in any way. In addition, in accordance with the canonical norms that have been extablished the allegations against any living a priest are sent to the Congregation for the Protection of the established, the allegations against any living priest are sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome.

### Questions and Answers about this information

- · Raymond A. Adamsky, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- James L. Arimond, Laicized
- Ronald J. Bandle, Deceased
- James W. Beck, Left Priestly Ministry
- Franklyn W. Becker, Laicized
- Michael C. Benham, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Frederick J. Bistricky, Deceased
- Daniel A. Budzynski, Laicized
- Peter A. Burns, Laicized
- S. Joseph Collova, Excommunicated
- Andrew P. Doyle, Laicized
- William J. Effinger, Deceased
- George A. Etzel, Deceased
- William J. Farrell, Deceased
- James M. Flynt, Laicized
- James M. Godin, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Edmund H. Haen, Deceased
- David J. Hanser, Laicized
- Harold A. Herbst, Deceased
- George S. Hopf, Deceased
- James N. Jablonowski, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Marvin T. Knighton, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- John T. Knotek, Deceased
- Michael J. Krejci, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry

- Eugene T. Kreuzer, Deceased
- Oswald G. Krusing, Deceased
- Jerome E. Lanser, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Eldred B. Lesniewski, Deceased
- Daniel J. Massle, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Lawrence C, Murphy, Deceased
- Michael T. Neuberger, Dismissed from clerical state (case in appeal)
- Richard W. Nichols, Deceased
- George A. Nuedling, Deceased
- John A. O'Brien, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Donald A. Peters, Laicized
- · Roger W. Schneider, Left Priestly Ministry
- Clarence J. Schouten, Deceased
- · Vincent A. Silvestri, Deceased
- Thomas A. Trepanier, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Jerome A. Wagner, Laicized
- · John C, Wagner, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- · Charles W. Walter, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry
- Siegfried F. Widera, Deceased

For information on Reporting Incidents of Sexual Abuse, visit <u>this link</u> or call the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services Office at (414) 769-3436.

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