

## Memorandum

12 August 2002

Memo To: Archbishop Flynn and Archbishop's Council

From: Father Kevin McDonough

Re: Generating Communication with Parishes Having Some Connection to  
a History of Clergy Sexual Abuse

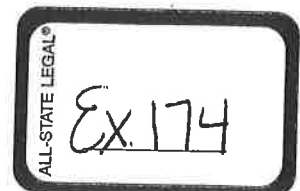
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We have a significant number of parishes that were served at one time or another – before, during, or after known offenses – by priests with a history of sexual abuse of minors. For years we have acknowledged that there are good reasons to implement a healing process in some such parishes: for example, to help other possible victims to come forward and to break the unhealthy secrets that often remain in such parishes. On one or more occasions this summer, our failure to do so in specific instances has been viewed as part of a “cover-up”. Of course, that failure was not a cover-up, but rather lack of time and resources to follow up. I want to propose that we ought to devote the resources now to “lancing the boil” while there is residual interest/fear/concern/anger about this issue.

A further motivator for particular work with these parishes is this: the local media are researching our history and are likely eventually to publish a list of our known offenders. Even if we do not preemptively release all of that information ourselves (“publish the list”), we are going to have to deal with its disclosure sooner or later. I would prefer to see us in the position of having already prepared local parishes for this likelihood.

I propose that we take the following steps:

1. We should identify a list of parishes that potentially deserve this attention.
2. We should call a meeting that involves the pastors, trustees, and parish council presidents of all such parishes. The meeting would include a presentation about the policies of our Archdiocese about sexual misconduct, a description of the possible effects of this history on a parish, and the outcomes of our past work with such parishes.
3. We would then meet individually with the small leadership group of each parish and go over the relevant history with each of them.



4. We would ask them to consider whether and how to involve a broader leadership group in the discussion.
5. We would then send a staff member to each such parish to work out a process of communication and follow up with each parish.

I do not believe we currently have sufficient staff support to carry out this effort with internal resources. Therefore, we should bring someone in on a contract basis to organize the effort. I propose that Patricia Gries be hired in that capacity. There may be other equally qualified candidates. I suggest that we move on this relatively quickly, so that we can initiate the meetings this fall.

Here is a partial list of the parishes that merit special attention:

**Priests with known abuse histories:**

Gilbert Gustafson: Saint Mary of the Lake, WBL

Michael Stevens: Saint Michael, Prior Lake; Epiphany, Coon Rapids

Robert Thurner: Saint Mark, Saint Paul; Saint John, Hopkins; Saint Joseph, West Saint Paul; Saint Therese, Saint Paul; Most Holy Trinity, Saint Louis Park; Saint Michael, Prior Lake; St. Edward, Bloomington; Saint Luke, Saint Paul

Lee Krautkremer: Saint Peter, Forest Lake; Saint Joseph, Lino Lakes; Saint Michael, Saint Michael; Saint Michael, W. Saint Paul; Saint Margaret Mary, Golden Valley; Saint Peter, N. Saint Paul; Immaculate Conception, Faribault

Robert Kapoun: Saint Raphael, Crystal; Saint Scholastica, Heidelberg; Saint Patrick, Saint Joseph, Saint Catherine, rural New Prague; St. Kevin, Minneapolis; Most Holy Redeemer, Montgomery

Robert Zasacki: Saint Peter, Forest Lake; Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale; Saint Joseph, Hopkins; Saint Joseph, Delano, Saint Peter, Delano

Paul Palmitessa: Holy Redeemer, Maplewood; Saint Paul, Zumbrota.

Timothy McCarthy: Saint Andrew, Elysian; Saint Peter Claver, Saint Paul; Holy Redeemer, Maplewood; Saint Leo, Saint Paul, All Saints, Lakeville; Guardian Angels, Lake Elmo; Saint Joseph, Circle Pines

Tom Gillespie OSB: Saint Bernard, Saint Paul; Saint Mary, Stillwater.

Eugene (Salvatore) Corica: Saint Bridget, Minneapolis; Saint Raphael, Crystal; Holy Family, Saint Louis Park; Saint Patrick, Inver Grove Heights; Holy Childhood, Saint Paul, temp.

Thomas Adamson: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Paul Park; Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights; Risen Savior, Apple Valley; Saint Boniface, Saint Bonifacius; lived at Saint Leo, Saint Paul, and helped out; was from Winona Diocese

Joseph Heitzer: Several New Ulm parishes; Saint Peter, Forest Lake.

Alfred Longley: Saint Richard, Richfield; Immaculate Conception, Faribault; Saint Jude of the Lake, Mahtomedi

Harold Whittet: Saint Augustine, South Saint Paul; Saint Rose of Lima, Roseville.

Rudolph Henrich: Saint Margaret Mary, Golden Valley; Saint James, Saint Paul; Saint Mark, Shakopee

Francis Reynolds: Saint Francis Xavier, Buffalo; Maternity of BVM, Saint Paul; Saint Patrick, Saint Paul; Visitation, Minneapolis; Saint Margaret Mary, Golden Valley, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Minneapolis

Ambrose Filbin: Saint Pius X, WBL; Saint Helena, Minneapolis; Northfield; Lake Benton; Eden Valley; Saint Ignatius, Annandale, Saint Bridget, Lindstrom

**Priests with disputed claims, marginal behavior, or undue attention:**

Gilbert DeSutter: Annunciation, Minneapolis; Saint William, Fridley; Saint Michael, Prior Lake; Saint Mary, Saint Paul; Saint Peter, Richfield; Saint Mark, Saint Paul; Immaculate Conception, Faribault (spiritual director)

John McGrath: Saint Helena, Minneapolis; Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale;

John Brown: Saint Mary, Waverly; Saint Peter Claver, Saint Paul; Annunciation, Hazelwood; Saint Timothy, Maple Lake, Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale, Saint John, St. Paul, Saint Joseph, Hopkins; Saint Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Immaculate Conception, Madison Lake; Saint Mary, LeCenter

Jerome Kern: Saint Mark, Saint Paul; Our Lady of Grace, Edina; IHM, Minnetonka; Saint Peter, Forest Lake; Saint Dominic, Northfield

Joseph Wajda: Saint Raphael, Crystal; Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights; Saint Andrew, Saint Paul; Saint Rose of Lima, Roseville, Saint Joseph, Waconia, Saint Peter and Paul, Loretto, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Minneapolis, Blessed Sacrament, Saint Paul

Richard Jeub: Our Lady of Grace, Edina; Saint Mark; Saint Paul; Our Lady of Peace (Saint Kevin), Minneapolis; Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale; Saint Rose of Lima, Roseville; Christ the King, Minneapolis, Saint Joseph, Hopkins

Dennis Kampa: Immaculate Conception, Faribault; Saint Mark, Saint Paul; Saint Vincent, Osseo; Saint Michael, Pine Island; Saint Michael, Kenyon; Saint Joseph, W. Saint Paul, Holy Family, Saint Louis Park, Holy Trinity, S. Saint Paul

Joseph Gallatin: Saint Hubert, Chanhassen; Saint Bernard, Saint Paul.

Harry Walsh: Holy Trinity, South Saint Paul; Saint Henry, Monticello; Saint Pius X, White Bear Lake; Maternity of Blessed Virgin, Saint Paul, Saint Stephen, Minneapolis; Saint Anne, LeSueur; All Saints, Lakeville

Please note as well that we have three unresolved situations: Bishop Dudley and [REDACTED] The outcome of their investigations may also affect this list.