

Release of Names  
Draft - June 22, 2004

*excellent*

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- Review by legal counsel. Confidentiality agreements should not be an issue.
- Archbishop writing explanation in Some Seed for Tuesday, July 6.

Information to be released

*The assurance given is The charter*

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NT - - thanks  
excellent  
some revision  
Barb has to  
please review.

July 1, 2004

Archbishop,

Here is the timeline and material listing for the distribution of names.



- A. Archbishop reviews/approves final e-mail draft. Return draft to Jerry T before departure to Philadelphia. This e-mail will be sent at 10 p.m., on Thursday, July 8.
- B. The e-mail will be sent to the same group of parish leaders that receive the Archbishop's weekly "some seed" e-mail. It will include a "link" to the archdiocesan Web site where the listing of names will be provided.
- C. Kathleen is preparing the final "page proofs" for review. [Redacted] She will bring a set for Archbishop's review on Thursday afternoon.
- D. Letter to victims/survivors is drafted and has been reviewed by legal counsel. Sharon Krueger is preparing the letters for mailing on Wednesday, July 7, 2004.
- E. Letter to offenders has been drafted and reviewed by legal counsel. Sister Kathleen will prepare and mail these letters on Tuesday, July 6, 2004.
- F. The "1st Thursday" letter to priests will be e-mailed to priests by Barb Stadler on July 8. Some bullet points from Kathleen are attached.
- G. A bulletin announcement for use in July 18 parish bulletins will be e-mailed to parishes on Friday, July 9.
- H. Archbishop will write his Herald of Hope column on this topic for July 22 edition.
- I. Kathleen is drafting an e-mail from Archbishop Dolan to the central office staff for distribution on Thursday, July 8.
- J. Jerry and Kathleen will meet with Fr. Tom Brundage about coverage in the Herald.

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K. Kathleen and Jerry are drafting a Q & A that will be posted to the web with the listing of names. This will be finalized by July 7 for review by our internal team and legal counsel.

cc: Bishop Sklba

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✓ sending all to DA  
as of May 16<sup>th</sup>

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Project Benjamin Tracking

930/02

ID	LName	FName	Intake Date	Incident Date	Victim Name	Sent to DA	DA Name	County	DA Action	DA Report Date
2	Becker	Franklyn	5/1/02	1960's		5/15/02 (BR)	McCann	Milwaukee		
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5	Hanser	David	?	1960's		5/15/02 (BR)	Bucher	Waukesha		
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8	Krejci	Michael	5/1/02	1979			McCann	Milwaukee	Statute/None	5/31/02
9	Krejci	Michael	5/22/02 (DA)	1979			McCann	Milwaukee	Statute/None	5/31/02
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11	Jablonowski	James	5/16/02	1972-75		5/23/02	McCann	Milwaukee	Statute/None	5/31/02
13	Bislicky	Fred	3/25/02	1965-75		5/17/02	McCann	Milwaukee		
14	Armond	James	4/22/02	1981		5/17/02	McCann	Milwaukee		
16	Peters	Don	5/2/02	1959-60		5/17/02	Weiss	Sheboygan	Statute/None	
17	Knighon	Marvin				4/02	McCann	Milwaukee	Charges 5/18/00 5/14/02	
20	Becker	Franklyn	6/17/02	1960's		5/17/02	McCann	Milwaukee		
23	Armond	James	7/11/02	1970-71		7/16/02	McCann	Milwaukee		
26	Budzynski	Daniel	8/8/02	1967-73		8/13/02	McCann	Milwaukee		
29	Wickers	Sigfried	9/5/02	1974		9/17/02	Koss/McCann	Walworth/Milwaukee		
30	Jablonowski	James	9/23/02	1977-78		9/24/02	McCann	Milwaukee		

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Yes - no sub

Yes - substandard  
Yes - " "

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6/19/02

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✓ 17	Knighton	Marvin				4/02	McCann	Milwaukee	Charges	6/18/01 6/14/02
✓ 20	Becker	Franklyn	6/17/02	1960's		5/17/02	McCann	Milwaukee		

all pending w/ DA in appropriate county

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- 2002 1 Becker (Armed)
- 2002 2 Hanser
- 2002 1 Active - youth Minister = { DA office
- 1 [redacted]
- 1 Victim (Bistricky)
- 2 against Budzinski (known) (1 direct victim, 1 not)
- 2 - new, not previously known
- o 2 former victims who have re-emerged
- o 1 Current Victim (widow) - By D.A.
- 2002 1 Agent (Joan Wagner) previously known
- 2002 1 Religious Order 3 relig. order
- 1 " "
- 2002 1 - Lay teacher w/ child
- 2002 2 victims - George Hest - new (not previously known) - incapacitated

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- 2001 1 Religious Order
- 1 " "
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- 2001 1 child report - (vague)
- 2001 1 agent previously known - victim not found - reported by sister
- 1 previously known
- 2001 child victim of lay person - at St. Anselm - emotionally distressed

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- 2001 - 1 Adult Victim

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- 2002 - 1 Adult Victim
- 1 Adult Victim

4 not previously investigated

(7 pending)

approximately 10?



## PRIESTS CURRENTLY IN OFFICE

NAME	CURRENT STATUS	SUBSTANTIATED CASE	PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS	ACTION STEP(S)
James Flynt	Pastor -- Cabrini	In process	Upon completion of substantiation, begin removal of pastor process; determine if laicization or CDF; place precept	Contact McCarm for authorization to question alleged victim
James Godin	Pastor -- Whitewater	Yes	Begin removal of pastor process; upon completion determine if laicization or CDF; place precept	Send initial letter requesting resignation as step one of removal process
James Jablonowski	Pastor -- BI Sac	Yes	Begin removal of pastor process; upon completion determine if laicization or CDF; place precept	Send initial letter requesting resignation as step one of removal process
Michael Krejci	Pastor -- Eagle	Yes	Begin removal of pastor process; upon completion determine if laicization or CDF; place precept	Send initial letter requesting resignation as step one of removal process

Dan Massie	Team - Beaver Dam	Yes	Begin removal of pastor process; upon completion determine if laicization or CDF; place precept	Send initial letter requesting resignation as step one of removal process
Jerome Wagner	Team - Fond du Lac	Yes	Begin removal of pastor process; upon completion determine if laicization or CDF; place precept	Send initial letter requesting resignation as step one of removal process
<b>PRIESTS UNASSIGNED BUT NOT RETIRED / LAICIZED</b>				
Franklyn Becker	Unassigned	Yes	Voluntary laicization or refer to CDF for waiver / process instructions	Contact and present options; place additional restrictions (garb, etc.)
[REDACTED]				
Marv Knighton	Unassigned	In process	Wait for completion of criminal prosecution	
John O'Brien	Unassigned	Yes	Voluntary laicization or refer to CDF for process instructions (no waiver needed)	Contact and present options; place additional restrictions (garb, etc.)

Tom Trepanier	Resigned active ministry, took severance; desires retraction of resignation and "unassigned" status	Yes	Voluntary laicization or refer to CDF for waiver / process instructions	Contact and present options; place additional restrictions (garb, etc.)
John Wagner	Unassigned	Yes	Voluntary laicization or refer to CDF for waiver / process instructions	Contact and present options; place additional restrictions (garb, etc.)
Charles Walter	Unassigned	Yes	Voluntary laicization or refer to CDF for waiver / process instructions	Contact and present options; place additional restrictions (garb, etc.)
<b>RETIRED / OTHER</b>				
Ray Adamsky	Retired	Yes	Refer to CDF for instructions in light of age, etc.	Place additional restrictions (garb, etc.)
James Beck	Permanent leave w/ severance and legal agreement; not laicized	Yes	Formalize current status canonically by laicization	Contact him w/ explanation

Fred Bistricky	Retired	In process	Upon completion of substantiation process, if proven, refer to CDF for instructions in light of age and health	Place additional restrictions (garb, etc.)
Dan Budzynski	Retired	Yes	Refer to CDF for instructions in light of age, etc.	Place additional restrictions (garb, etc.)
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4/5/02

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Vincent Silvestri; Ronald Bandle.

**RETIRED WITH RESTRICTIONS (9):**

Raymond Adamsky; Frederick Bistricky; Daniel Budzynski; George Hopf;  
Eugene Kreuzer; Charles Walter; George Etzel; Jerome Lanser; Donald Musinski;  
(David Hanser as of May 2)

**DISPENSED BY ROME (4):**

James Arimond; James Beckner; Peter Burns; Andrew Doyle

**NOT ASSIGNED AND WITHOUT FACULTIES (3):**

Joseph Collova; Michael Newberger; John Wagner

**IN-PLACE, OR REASSIGNED WITH SOME RESERVATIONS (6):**

Michael Krejci; Thomas Trepanier; Jerome Wagner; David Hanser, (till May 2);  
Franklyn Becker; Dan Massie

**DUBIOUS CASE (1):**

[REDACTED]

**RECENT ALLEGATIONS (2):**

John O'Brien; Marv Knighton

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5/31/02

WHICH CASES ARE KNOWN TO DA CIVIL AUTHORITIES ARE UNDERLINED

Priests accused of sexual abuse involving minors since 1926

Deceased (12)

Oswald Kruesing; [redacted] Edmund [redacted] George Neudling; Lawrence Murphy; Eldred Lesniewski; Richard Nichols; William Effinger; Vincent Silvestri; Ronald Bandle; Clarence Schouten.

Retired with Restrictions (11)

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Not Assigned and with Restrictions (7)

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John Wagner (penal process to be initiated)  
✓ Franklyn Becker (full restrictions) -- retired?  
✓ John O'Brien (full restrictions)  
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④ Martin Knighton (full restrictions) Pending w/DA

Currently with an active ministry assignment (3)

④ Michael Krejci; Jerome Wagner; Dan Massie

Left Active Ministry  
o Roger Schneider

Questionable Cases -- added for review since March 22, 2002 (6)

[redacted] James Godin; James Flynn; [redacted]

March 22, 2002 -- date Archbishop Weakland sent letter with case information to Howard Eiseberg, chair of the Special Commission.

Updated: May 7, 2002

PENDING W/DA

FLYNT

UNKNOWN PENDING W/DA

② # PREVIOUSLY NOT KNOWN (PRIOR TO 3/22/02)

③ PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED

④ AT DA (FOR 2 WEEK PERIOD)

✓ ORIGINAL 6

ALL TO GO TO McLANE

NOT THESE

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*WILLIAM FERRELL*

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Dispensed by Rome (4, mixed) (3)

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Voluntarily Left Active Ministry (4)

Roger Schneider [redacted]  
James Beck (left active ministry); [redacted]

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\*Michael Krejci (full restrictions - left parish)

Currently with an active ministry assignment (3)

\*Jerome Wagner; \*Dan Massie, James Gudin

Pending with District Attorney (2)

\*\*James Flynn; [redacted]

Returned from District Attorney and awaiting resolution by outside investigator (3)

[redacted] James Juhonewsky; [redacted]

Questionable cases (for review by outside investigator) (2)

[redacted]

REMOVED

*bold = known to authorities or publicly disclosed through media*

*\*\* = One of the original "six" in active ministry given to the commission in March 2001*

*\*\* = first known to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee prior to March 22, 2001 -- date Archbishop Wyszynski met with case information to Howard Eisenberg, chief of the Special Commission.*

*[ = charges filed and still pending*

Updated: July 8, 2002

WIDETKA - NOT A PRIEST OF DIOCESE, BUT SUBSTANTIATED

Table 1

11/16/2002

ID	NAME	BIRTH DATE	ORD DATE	# ALLEGATION	DATE(S)	SUBSTANTIATED	PRECEPT	STATUS
1	Adamsky, Ray		1958	Multiple	60's-80's	Yes	Yes	Retired
2	Beck, James		1963	Two	80's	Yes	Yes	Perm Leave
3	Becker, Franklyn		1963	Multiple	80's-80's	Yes	Yes	Inactive
4	Bistricky, Fred		1965	One	70's	In process	Yes	Retired
5	Bulzynski, Dan		1956	Multiple	60's-80's	Yes	Yes	Retired
7	Etzel, George		1942	Multiple	60's-90's	Yes	Yes	Retired
8	Flynt, James		1985	One	90's	In process	No	Limbo / pastor
9	Godin, James		1979	One	80's	Yes	No	Limbo / pastor
10	Hanser, David		1958	Multiple	60's-80's	Yes	Yes	Retired
11	Jablonowski, Jame		1968	Multiple	70's	Yes	No	Limbo / pastor
12	Knighton, Marvin		1975	One	80's	In process	Yes	Inactive
13	Knolek, John		1938	Multiple	70's	Yes	Yes	Retired
14	Krejci, Michael		1978	Multiple	70's	Yes	No	Limbo / pastor
15	Kreuzer, Eugene		1952	Multiple	70's	Yes	Yes	Retired
16	Lenser, Jerome		1958	Multiple	70's-90's	Yes	Yes	Retired
17	Massia, Dan		1980	Two	80's	Yes	No	Limbo / team
18	O'Brien, John		1964	One	2000	Yes	Yes	Inactive
19	Peters, Donald		1950	Multiple	50's-70's	Yes	Yes	Retired
20	Trepanier, Tom		1975	One	70's-80's	Yes	No	Perm leave?
21	Wagner, Jerome		1972	Multiple	80's	Yes	No	Limbo / team
22	Wagner, John		1973	Multiple	70's-80's	Yes	Yes	Inactive
23	Walter, Charles		1974	One	80's	Yes	No	Inactive

Armond  
bunn  
Doyle  
↓  
already waived

Collary  
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in process

Newberry  
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POSITION PAPER

CRITERIA

WHY & WHY  
NOT

- Some public knowledge
- Substantiated
  - ↳ sometimes based upon volume

DECEASED? ONLY if allegation was known PRIOR

RELIGIOUS NO, WE HAVE ENCOURAGED REL. ORDERS TO DO THE SAME.

CRITERIA

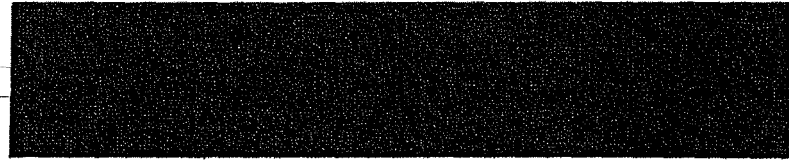
- SUBSTANTIATED
- KNOWN PUBLICLY OR ALIVE
- ALLEGATIONS KNOWN BEFORE DECEASED  
EVEN IF NOT KNOWN PUBLICLY
- "OVERWHELMING" (VOLUME) EVIDENCE EVEN IF DECEASED.

DATA

- NAME
- ASSIGNMENT + DATES
- CASE STATUS

TIMELINE

FYI: Removed from previous listings:



6. Donald Musinski, Retired, Fully Restricted from Priestly Ministry



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June 30, 2004

Archbishop,

Here is the revised e-mail to the "some seed" group regarding the release of names. There were a few minor language and "readability" changes that I think help the overall flow and tone. However, you need to review the following, more substantial changes and advise on how you would want to proceed.

1. We've removed the sentence about how this decision was made prior to your arrival. Our consultant thought this sounded self-forgiving. It is now your decision.
2. On page 1, paragraph 4, we have changed the wording back to substantiated reports of sexual abuse of a minor. For legal reasons we may want to return to the original language, however, the counsel given was this may be seen as trying to minimize the issue. Call it what it is. I'm fine either way, but it makes it crisper to say substantiated reports of sexual abuse of a minor, and victims/survivors will be happier with that language.
3. We've reworded part and removed part of the language about the information we will not release. (See page 3, paragraph 1 of original draft). We thought this was asking for trouble from the media and/or SNAP.
4. We've removed the sentence apologizing to priests (p.3 paragraph 2). The counsel was that this was about victims, not about priests. I understand the rationale. The criticism would be that again we are worried about whether priests will be hurt, when we should be worried about what victims have already been hurt. Again, I am open to reinserting that line.

Please advise,

Jerry



ADOM121636

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For September 29 Internal Communications Meeting

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- Addresses an issue raised by state legislators
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Cons

- Families of deceased offenders may not know of individual's history
- Releasing the names of dead people seems irreverent
- List is not complete; may not ever be complete
  - i.e. religious orders, non-substantiated allegations, pending investigations
- Some on list are not truly substantiated
- Archdiocese could/will get sued --
- Scandal
  - i.e. that priest married us; that priest baptized me;
- It's Embarrassing
- It's a lot of work to do it right
  - We're tired
- Mud raking
  - i.e. why drag the Church through this again
  - Why keep bringing these things up
- Some victims don't want the names released (how many?)
- Seen as vengeful (to whom/by whom)
- *Other professions don't release*
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**Cons**

- Families of deceased offenders may not know of individual's history
- Releasing the names of dead people seems irreverent
- List is not complete; may not ever be complete
  - i.e. religious orders, non-substantiated allegations, pending investigations
- Some on list are not truly substantiated
- Archdiocese could/will get sued
- Scandal
  - i.e. that priest married us; that priest baptized me;
- It's Embarrassing
- It's a lot of work to do it right
  - We're tired
- Mud raking
  - i.e. why drag the Church through this again
  - Why keep bringing these things up
- Some victims don't want the names released (how many?)
- Seen as vengeful (to whom/by whom)
- *Violation of canonical due process*
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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
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Jerry  
J.D.

March 20, 2003

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I am very grateful for the copy of your March 10, 2003, letter to Jerry Topczewski which you kindly sent to me. Coming from a committed Catholic and experienced attorney like yourself makes it all the more compelling.

It also provides me the opportunity to clarify a number of matters. Contrary to The Journal Sentinel, our mediation proposal does envision "restorative justice" as part of a process of emotional, pastoral, and spiritual healing. That means, in your terms, that some "payment of money" could be an outcome of that process. Secondly, although our process -- formed with the guidance of professionals at Marquette University -- does not foresee attorneys at the table, both parties would certainly be free to consult their lawyers prior to any resolution. In particular cases, when asked, we would also consider both sides having legal counsel present, provided they agree that the mediator, not the lawyers, remain in control of the process.

As to the release of the names of priests who have abused in the past, you are correct that I have made the decision not to release them. It was a tough call, with cogent reasons on both sides of the issue. My decision was based on the following factors: one, the majority of the names are already known; two, those not known are either dead or long retired or resigned; three, some victim-survivors asked me not to release the names for fear that, in some instances, the publicity would also hurt them; four, our list would only be of diocesan priests, which would still leave it incomplete; five, some of the alleged abusers have threatened suits against us if we publicize the names any further; six, to release such a list would only drag the Church and the priesthood through the mud for another series of media-stories.

Instead, I decided to release all the names to the District Attorney, which has been done, and asked him to review each of the files of offending priests, which has also been done.

Regarding [REDACTED] and the selection of possible mediators, I personally don't know [REDACTED] but I was advised that [REDACTED] has no formal mediation training and that others with this background might be better suited for this process. A list of five potential mediators was compiled through wide consultation and that list includes names recommended by victim-survivors. Based upon that, I am confident that the selection of a mutually-acceptable individual with past mediation experience should not be an issue, but, if it is, we remain open to consideration of other qualified people.

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Priests accused of sexual abuse involving minors since 1926

Deceased (15 + Widera)

Ronald Bandle, [REDACTED] William Effinger, George Etzol, William Farrell, Edmund Haen, Oswald Kruesing, Eldred Lesniewski, Lawrence Murphy, George Neudling, Richard Nichols, [REDACTED] Clarence Schouten, Vincent Silvestri, Sigfried Widera\*

Archdiocese is requesting Administrative Laicization by the Holy Father (7)

Franklyn Becker, Frederick Bistricky, Daniel Budzynski, David Hanser, James Jablonowski, Jerome Lanser, John Wagner.

Archdiocese is requesting an indefinite administrative precept, which restricts all ability to function as a priest, including ministry, presentation, identification and clothing. This request takes into account the physical or age-related limitations of the offender. (6)

Raymond Adamsky, James Beck (left active ministry), George Hopf, John Knotek, Eugene Kreuzer; Charles Walter

Archdiocese is requesting a penal trial be held and case is being sent to Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for further instruction. (4)

Michael Krejci, Don Peters, Thomas Trepanier, Jerome Wagner

Left Active Ministry or Voluntarily sought Laicization prior to 2002 (6)

James Arimond; [REDACTED] Peter Burns, Andrew Doyle, [REDACTED] Roger Schneider (left active ministry and eventually married)

Voluntarily seeking laicization (5)

Joseph Collova, James Flynt, James Godin, Daniel Massie, John O'Brien

Dismissed from the clerical state prior to 2002, but on appeal (1)

Michael Newberger

Cases awaiting resolution of civil criminal process (1)

Maryin Knighton (full restrictions)

Pending with District Attorney (0)

Returned from District Attorney and awaiting resolution by outside investigator (0)

Allegations without substantiation (10)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Donald Musinski (Retired with full restrictions)

[REDACTED]

All cases involving a living priest have been reviewed by the Milwaukee County District Attorney

Underline = Name publicly disclosed through media. Of disclosed cases:

- 15 priest offenders are dead
  - 5 of those names have been disclosed
- 30 priest offenders are alive
  - 15 are known
  - 6 are infirmed
  - 5 were laicized before 2002
  - 4 are not named

\*Widera was a priest of the Diocese of Orange, Calif.

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## Review List

Review Cases pending w/ DA's  
Pastoral Handbook Listing / OCD  
Release of Names

Charter Compliance

✓ 5761746  
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you on the day of my installation,  
I speak to you again  
Glory to God for the gifts ...