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**Professional Fitness Review Board
August 21, 1999
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

Approval of Minutes May 15, 1999 (enclosed) and July 17, 1999 (enclosed).

I. Case Reviews:

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

**F. Matter of PFR-62, Rev. Walter De Roeck
- Update/letter to Cardinal enclosed.**

G.

II. Other Matters:

**A. Discussion of final Recommendation of Ad Hoc Monitoring
Committee (enclosed).**

**B. Discussion of Individual Specific Protocols in light of
recommendation (PFRA report enclosed).**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, September 18, 1999.

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**Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting
Saturday, August 21, 1999**

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Others Present:

Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Kathleen Leggdas, PFR Administrator

Absent:

[REDACTED]

I. Approval of May 15, 1999 minutes.

Approval of July 17, 1999 minutes with clarification

[REDACTED]

II. Case Reviews

A.

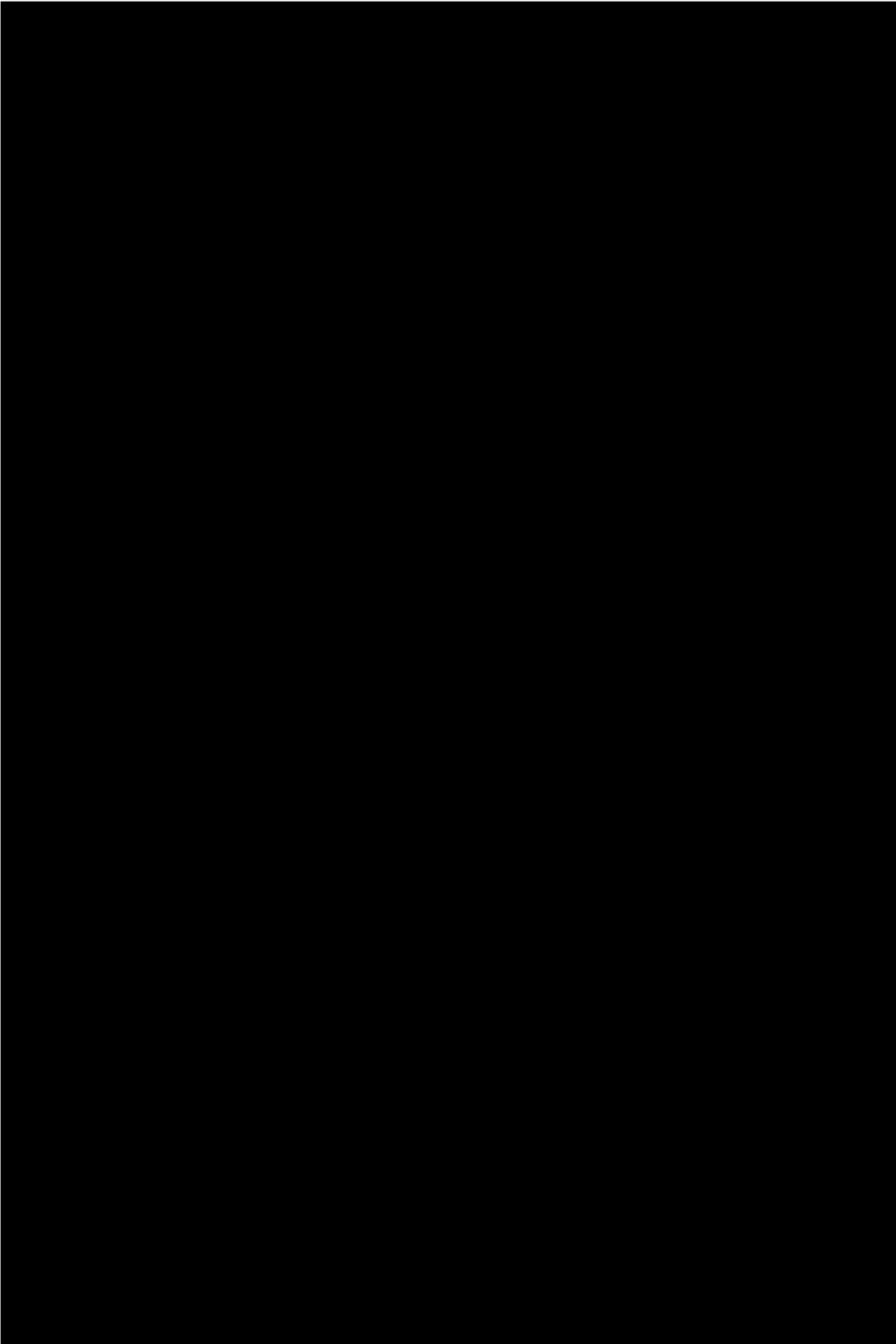
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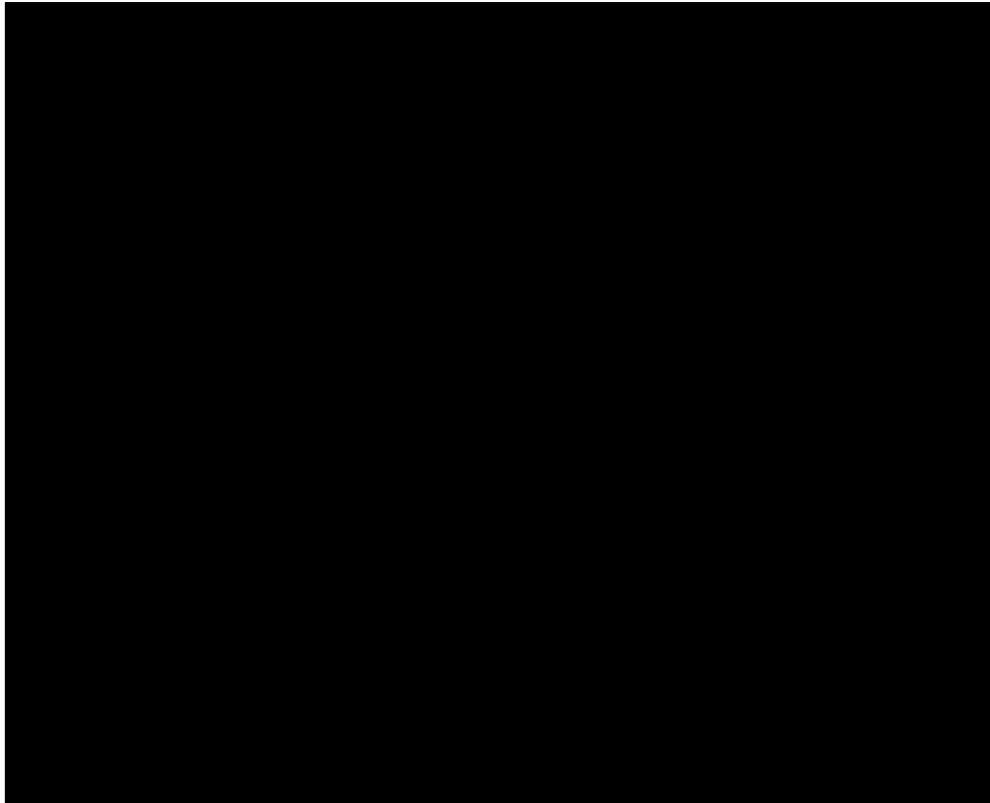


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Father De Roeck is in the process of drafting a letter to the Cardinal resigning as pastor of St. Celestine parish.

No further information on [REDACTED] planning available

G.



H.

II. Other Matters:

Decisions of Monitoring Committee and of Individual Protocols deferred to September 18, 1999 meeting.

Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck

Date: August 26, 1999

A discussion summary from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on August 21, 1999.

Father De Roeck is in the process of drafting a letter to the Cardinal resigning as pastor of St. Celestine parish.

No further information on discharge planning available.



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VICAR FOR PRIESTS
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Off: (312) 642-1837
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August 27, 1999



Dear [REDACTED]

Cardinal George received your letter on August 10, 1999. He has asked me to respond due to his pressing duties.

I am sure the Cardinal has noted your deep personal concern for Father Wally De Roeck and his future. Both you and Christine as well as many others at St. Celestine already miss him. Your letter manifests your esteem and affection.

It is good to note that you will stick by Wally through all of this. As you state it, there is more than forgiveness here. Your willingness to have him back at St. Celestine's is laudable. As the Vicar for Priests I wish more people in these and in other circumstances could be as forgiving, compassionate and close to their priests as you seem.

Thank you for writing to the Cardinal and it is noteworthy for you to "support and respect any decision" that he must make regarding the good of the Archdiocese as well as St. Celestine parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Dan Coughlin".

Rev. Daniel Coughlin
Vicar for Priests

Memorandum

Vicar for Priests

To: Cardinal Francis George
 From: Father Dan Coughlin *DC*
 Date: 08/27/99
 Re: Resignation of Father Walter De Roock

If you have not received Wally De Roock's letter in which he resigns the pastorate of St. Celestine's a draft copy of his letter is enclosed. When Larry Mc Brady and I met with you on August 5th I mentioned Wally was working on a letter to you; but it would be a style so it could also appear in St. Celestine's parish bulletin. It was hoped that this would have the advantage of a pastoral style while containing the essential canonical language in it. You thought this a good idea.

At that time you said you wished the same parish bulletin would contain a letter from you. That seemed like a wonderful idea.

[REDACTED] Tom Paprocki as Chancellor, will draft a more formal letter of acceptance of Wally's resignation as pastor. A second letter from you to the parishioners of St. Celestine would be personal from you and more pastoral in style. It is this second letter that would appear in the Celestine's bulletin.

The acting Administrator, Father Larry Sullivan, has told me it would be ideal if they could have a copy of Wally's letter and yours by Tuesday, August 31, 1999. The only reason this would be ideal is because then it could still get in the bulletin of Sept. 4 and 5. The following week's bulletin Sept. 11 and 12 is already designated as a great vision piece for their future planning in the parish.

In summary:

- 1) You should have received Wally's letter already (a copy is enclosed)
- 2) Tom Paprocki will draft your formal response to Wally regarding his resignation
- 3) Your letter to the parish of St. Celestine would be appreciated by August 31, 1999 (Tuesday) *The beginnings of a draft is enclosed, if this helps you.*

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Dear Cardinal George,

On August 7th of this year I celebrated the third anniversary of my appointment to the pastorate of St. Celestine Parish. I'll never forget the joy in my heart when I got the news. My classmate, Larry McBrady, had resigned the pastorate to take on his new work as Vicar for Priests. I knew how hard it was for him to say farewell to a people he loved dearly; I knew, as well, how happy I was to be going to a parish that had been such a blessing in his life. It sounded like a wonderful opportunity to work with a great staff and caring, creative people who took stewardship seriously. And I was not disappointed.

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Then came the sad news that pulled me away from the people I had come to cherish. I miss them very much and they remain dear to my heart. I continue to be blessed by their prayers and supportive words, which speak of kindness, compassionate forgiveness and unconditional love. Our good God is at work in this Church of Christ! I pray now not only for my own healing, but for the well-being and healing of all who have been adversely affected by what has happened.

With that in mind, I have come to a painfully difficult decision in my ministerial life. Effective immediately, I am resigning the pastorate of St. Celestine Parish. Perhaps this will be disappointing to many in the parish, but I do this because I have their best interests at heart. I must be about the business of recovery, while they deserve a full-time pastor. I pray to God for many graces in the lives of these people whom I care about. They will be in my prayers always, as will those who are gifted with the opportunity to pastor to them in the future.

Cardinal George, I thank you for your personal support and encouragement on this journey of healing.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Fr. Walter G. De Roeck

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MEMO

TO: Cardinal Francis George

FROM: Father Dan Coughlin 

RE: Letters for St. Celestine Bulletin

DATE: August 30, 1999

On Saturday, Your Eminence said that you had received Father Walter DeRoock's resignation as pastor of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park. You wanted to put a letter in the parish bulletin acknowledging your acceptance of his resignation and a word of encouragement to the parishioners during this time of transition..

I am hoping you would forward both Wally's letter and your own to the parishioners of St. Celestine for inclusion in next weekend's bulletin on September 4&5. The parish needs them this Tuesday for inclusion for new weekend. The St. Celestine Fax number is: 708 453 2555.

708-452-0560

FAX

VICAR FOR PRIESTS OFFICE**645 N. Michigan, Suite 543****Chicago, Illinois 60611****(312) 642-1837****Fax: (312) 642-4933****To:** *CARDINAL FRANCIS GEORGE***From:** *FATHER DAN COUGHLIN***Fax Number:** *255-1019***Number of pages including cover sheet:** *2***MESSAGE:** **URGENT** **FOR YOUR REVIEW** **REPLY ASAP** **COMMENT**

Draft Letter from Cardinal Francis George to St. Celestine Parish

Dear parishioners of St. Celestine:

As the people of God who celebrate your identity in Jesus Christ at the altar of St. Celestine I wish you grace and peace.

This past week I received a letter from Father Walter De Roeck in which he offered his resignation of the pastorate at St. Celestine. Obviously he has deep affection for you and this was not easy for him. But I am assured that this has been a deliberate and prayerful decision on his part.

Respecting Father De Roeck and his request, I have accepted his resignation. Hopefully, as he moves on in his own healing process you as strong and committed Catholics will also begin to create a new future.

I wish to take this occasion to commend Father Lawrence Sullivan and the other members of your very competent and committed parish staff for their presence and guidance during this past few months. I thank you parishioners of St. Celestine for your faithfulness to live sacramental lives and participation in the vigorous parish life of St. Celestine during this time. I know God will bless you, your families and your generosity in the days ahead.

Please continue to pray for Father Walter De Roeck and for all priests. Join with one another in faith, reconciliation and unity of Spirit as we approach the new millennium. Also please pray for me.

MESSAGE CONFIRMATION

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Human Resources

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POST OFFICE BOX 1979
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FAX: (312) 751-5345

September 1, 1999

Pastors/Pastoral Coordinators:

The following job opportunities are currently open at the Pastoral Center. If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them contact Human Resources at 312/751-8369 or fax their resume to 312/751-5345. Thank you for your time.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTARY / SECRETARY – High School diploma required. Computer proficiency, able to use a dictaphone, and ability to follow legal procedures a must. Good communication skills and ability to deal with the public also required.

DIRECTOR – RADIO, TV PRODUCTION - A Broadcast Journalism or Communication's Degree required. Five to ten years electronic media management and production experience required. Knowledge of FCC policies and regulations as well as local media outlets a must. Computer literate in Windows, MS Work also required.

Please fax resume to 312/751-5345 or send to Archdiocese of Chicago, P.O. Box 1979, Human Resources Department, Chicago, IL. 60690-1979

**Processing Archivist/Records
Specialist**

Archives and Records

**MA/MLS degree required,
in archives, history or
related field. Needs to
have completed a graduate
archival administration
program, which meets or
exceeds the Society of
American Archivists'
guidelines.**

**Send resume to:
John J. Treanor
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Center
711 W. Monroe
Chicago, IL 60661**

Director

Radio – TV Production

**Broadcast Journalism,
Communications degree
required. 5-10 years
Electronic media
management and
production experience
required. Knowledge of
FCC policies and
regulations, as well as
local media outlets a must.
Computer literate
Windows, MS Word also
required. Some
knowledge of Catholic
Church structure and
presence in Chicago area
is preferred.**

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Ecclesiastical Notary

Tribunal

**H. S. diploma req. as are
Office exp. and dealing
with the public. Computer
proficiency, problem
solving abilities and the
ability to follow legal
procedures are a must.**

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Please do not give this letter to anyone to answer. I don't want another form letter from someone like the response I got on my last letter to you. I just wanted you to read it and consider thoughtfully and prayerfully its contents.

Sincerely



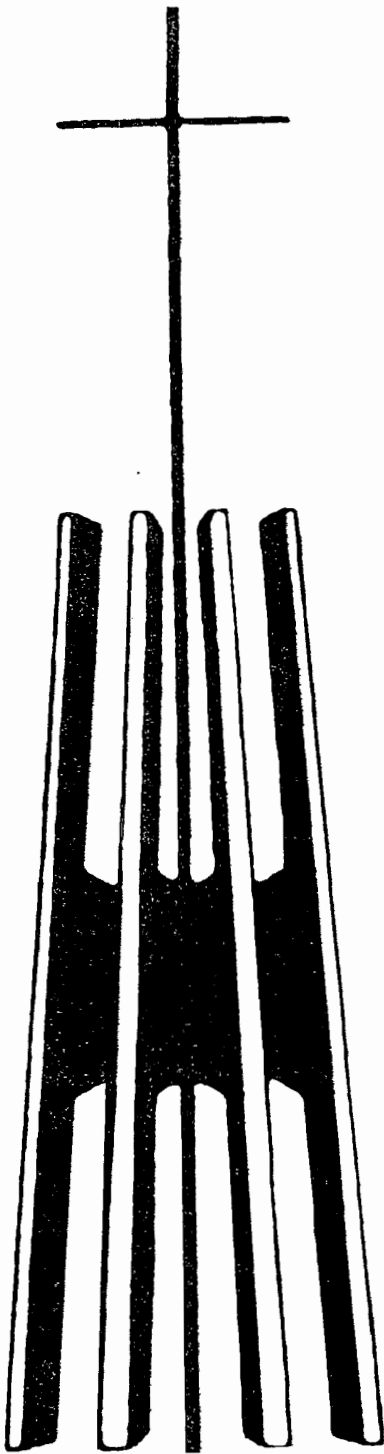
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Sept 5, 1999 (1)

Dear Cardinal George,

While you didn't listen to appeals to return Fr. DeRoock to St. Celestine I feel rather hopeless in making this new appeal.

Please do not appoint Fr. Larry Sullivan pastor of St. Celestine! He lacks the experience of dealing with a variety of people. He has never been at any other parishes.



**Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



WHERE TWO OR THREE
ARE GATHERED IN MY
NAME * MT 18-20

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ST. CELESTINE PARISH

3020 N. 76TH COURT 708-453-2555

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YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

On the weekend of September 11th and 12th, we will be taking a second collection for the aid of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This annual collection is helping restore the religious traditions of the people in Central and Eastern Europe. Under Communist rule the Church suffered a great deal. Property was confiscated for government use, books were destroyed and the sacraments were forbidden to be celebrated.

Your financial support will help the people in Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Fr. Larry



Misericordia's 1999 Family Festival

Sunday, September 12 from 11am-6pm
6300 North Ridge Ave. in Chicago

- Food & Drinks
- Children's Games
- Entertainment
- Live Auction
- Raffles
- Shopping
- Flea Market
- Free Parking



Discounted pre-sale tickets are available. Call (773) 973-6300 x2278 for more information



All proceeds will support Misericordia's children and adults with mental and physical disabilities.



WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 10:15 - Athletic Com. Mtg.....LMR
- 1:00 -Sports.....GYM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 1:30 - Young at Heart.....GYM
- 4:45 - Sports.....GYM
- 7:00 - Liturgy MtgSR
- 7:00 - Parents Club Brd Mtg.....LMR
- 7:00 - Men's Prayer Group.....CREED
- 7:30 - Knights of Columbus Mtg.....LR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 8:30 - Renew Group.....SR
- 2:30 - Brownies.....CREED
- 3:30 - Sports.....GYM
- 6:30 - Pastoral CouncilSR
- 6:30 - Cub Scout Mtg.....AN
- 6:30 - RCIA Mtg.....FR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

MARKET DAY

- 7:30 - SportsGYM
- 7:30 - Baptismal Prep Class.....FR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

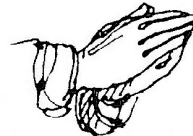
- 6:00 - Cub Packnite.....LR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

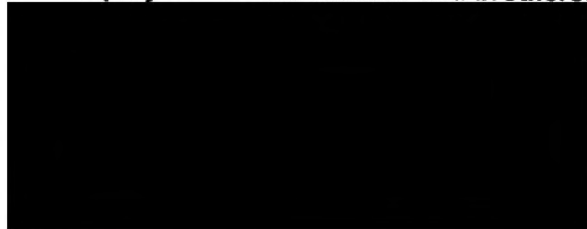
- 4:00 - Share the Vision Mass & BBQ.....

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 1:00 - SportsGYM
- AN-Annex MUS-Music Room CHU-Church
- LR-Lunch Room FR-Fireside Room
- SR-Staff Room LMR-Lower Meeting Room



Please pray for our sick sisters and brothers:



Please pray for our deceased sisters and brothers:

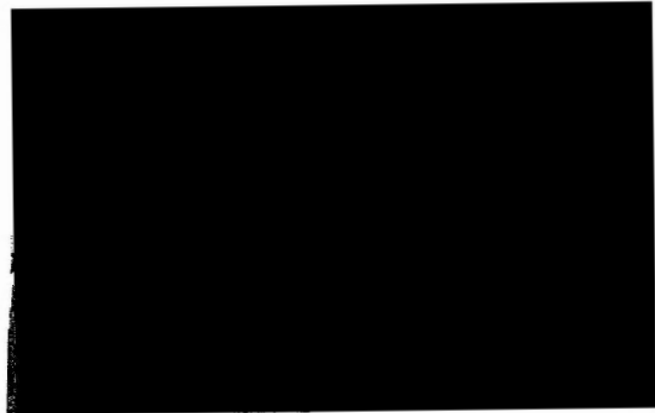


A GREAT BIG THANKS!

I would like to take this opportunity to say "THANKS" to both [redacted] and [redacted] for the great job they did organizing this year's Blood Drive. With their personal touches of fresh flowers, homemade goodies, and wonderful music, it was a most welcoming experience. I would also like to thank all the other ladies who volunteered their time to this event.

This year we had 50 people show to give blood and out of the 50, 45 were able to donate. I thank all of you for giving "the gift of life" to others. We are talking about doing this again in the spring, so watch the bulletin for further details.

Gratefully,
[redacted]



KC TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE


AT THE SEPTEMBER 18 AND 19 MASSES, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ST. ANTHONY DePADUA COUNCIL , WILL BE SPONSORING THEIR TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE WHICH BENEFITS THE SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT ST. CELESTINE. SINCE THE MONEY COLLECTED STAYS AT ST. CELESTINE, PLEASE BE GENEROUS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

St. Joseph The Worker
EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

THIS PARISH CO-SPONSORS THIS MINISTRY WITH 30 OTHER CATHOLIC PARISHES. ALL SERVICES ARE RENDERED WITHOUT FEES.

WE HELP PEOPLE WHEN THEY LOSE THEIR JOBS. WE ALSO HELP PEOPLE WHO WANT TO CHANGE THEIR JOBS. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU TOO. NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP.

WE HAVE A DONOR WHO WILL MATCH ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BEFORE 9/30/99. PLEASE MAIL YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE CHECKS TO THE "ST. JOSEPH MINISTRY" AT 799 ROOSEVELT RD., BLDG. 3, STE 215, GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS JUST CALL [redacted]



Ministry of Care

Our Ministers of Care are available to visit and bring Eucharist to sick or homebound parishioners. If you know of someone who would like a visit please call Barbara Mares at the Ministry of Care office at (708) 452-0150

Scalabrini Day Picnic at Italian Cultural Center, September 26

On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Scalabrini Fathers of the Chicago area are sponsoring the 1st Scalabrini Day Picnic on the grounds of the Italian Cultural Center at 1621 N. 39th Ave., Stone Park, IL. There are 18 acres of greenery. Parking and admission are free. Everyone is welcome.

The festivities begin with an outdoor Mass in English, Italian and Spanish at 12:00 noon with songs in various languages. In the afternoon, musical and folkloristic entertainment will be provided for the adults. There will also be games for the children ages 3-12, as well as bocce games for the adults.





Science

or

Magic ?

To find out the answer,
join Cub Scout Pack 690
on **Friday, September 10th**!

Our first pack night will welcome our returning scouts
and bring on board all new scouts!!

For new recruits, please come to the **Annex**
either **Wednesday, September 8th**, at **6:30 p.m.**
or on **Friday, September 10th**, at **6:30 p.m.**

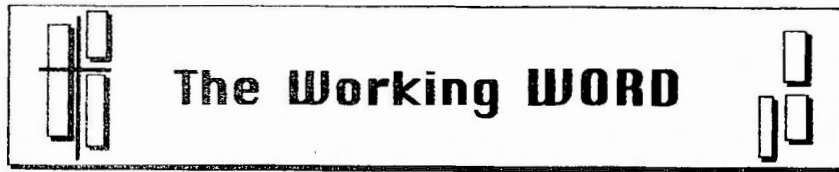
before pack night.

All returning scouts may report to pack night
at **7:00 p.m.** for our **first**, exciting meeting!!

We look forward to seeing all of you.

Any questions? Call



**Matt. 18:15-20****Call to reconciliation. . .**

Suppose you had a co-worker who had a personal hygiene problem, how would you ask them to solve it?

Or how would you express your anger to someone who had offended you or harmed you by indiscreet remarks?

These are just a few of the human dilemmas that a messenger service based in cyberspace is willing to help you resolve. Each message that a recipient gets begins: *Someone who cares about you wants you to know. . .* and then continues with a statement about the problem that needs to be resolved. Sometimes gifts of soap, toothpaste, a book of etiquette or a balloon are attached.

Many find it just too difficult to confront those who annoy them or with whom they have a conflict, the founder of the cyberspace service told an ABC-TV interviewer as she described the impetus for starting her e-business. I am providing an important service that helps to get messages to those who need to hear them while protecting those who want to send them. (Sorry I can't tell you how to reach her. I was so amazed by the segment that I did not jot down the woman's name or web address.)

However, the story itself stuck with me and came to mind again as I pondered Jesus' admonition to us in today's Gospel to adopt a lifestyle of conflict resolution and loving correction by approaching our brothers and sisters gently, charitably and with a serious desire to grow as persons who

recognize that sin is at the heart of all broken relationships.

In fact, Jesus outlines a three step process of reconciliation. First we are to address the sin or hurt one-on-one at a very personal level. If that doesn't work, then we are to take a witness. If the issue is still unresolved and it is seriously sinful, then we are to bring the matter to those in the community who can assist with its resolution. At every step, the two parties most directly involved in the conflict are to be part of the process. At no point, is either party given the freedom to walk away or to give the task over to a third party to deliver an anonymous message.

Adopting such a lifestyle will be challenging because the e-business foundress is absolutely right in her assertion that it is very difficult for one human being to confront another especially when changes in behavior are needed. It becomes a less daunting task, however, if we approach the process with a humble awareness that each of us has faults and failings. Adopting this stance enables us to say with authenticity: *As someone who cares about our relationship, I think we need to talk.*

Jesus affirms in the Gospel that we have power to free each other from sin's grip and to heal our relationships when he says: *Whatever you bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* Each day offers us opportunities to grow in the process of reconciliation. May we be open to the graces offered to us.

Fr. Patrick 9-5-99

The Cenacle Retreat House & Spirituality Center Presents:

David Haas In Concert



Sunday, September 26, 1999 3:00 p.m.

Location: St. Irene's Catholic Church in Warrenville,
28W451 Warrenville Rd.

Refreshments will be served at the Cenacle following the concert.

Cenacle Retreat House and Spirituality Center, 29W012 Batavia Road,
630-393-1231

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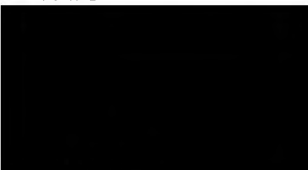


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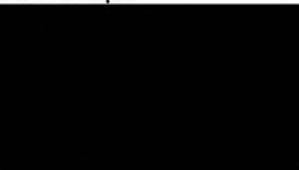
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10:30am PRESIDER: Fr. Pranaipis
LECTORS:
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12:00pm PRESIDER: Fr. Sullivan
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Today, September 5, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 - People of the Parish



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Tuesday, September 7, 1999



Wednesday, September 8, Birth of the Virgin Mary



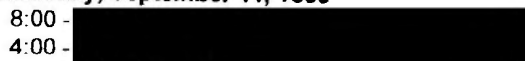
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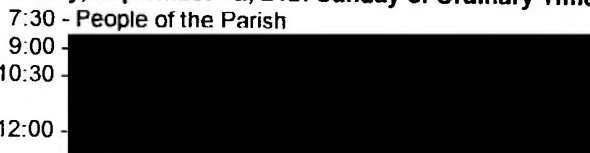
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Saturday, September 11, 1999



Sunday, September 12, 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
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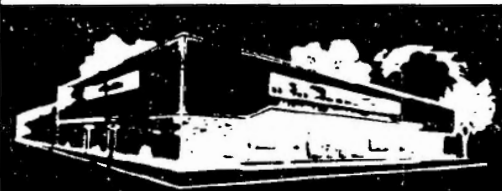
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Dear Father De Roeck:

In response to your recent letter, and in accord with canons 189 and 538, §1, I accept your resignation as Pastor of St. Celestine Parish, Elmwood Park, effective immediately, for the reasons presented in your letter.

I am grateful for your service as Pastor of St. Celestine Parish. As you continue with your healing process and as we continue to discuss your future, I will keep you and the people of St. Celestine Parish in my prayers.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

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

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

Reverend Walter G. De Roeck

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To Whomever it May Concern:

The Vicar for Priests, Fr. Dan Coughlin, recently informed me that there was a Radio-TV Production position available in the Communications Office. I understand you are open to the possibility of a priest taking that post. That is why I am writing you at this time.

I have had fifteen-plus years of experience in TV production for the archdiocese at the ABC affiliate, working on eighteen half-hour programs annually. The shows, "Of Cabbages and Kings" and "Sanctuary" aired on all the Sundays of January, April, July and October. The focus for the most part was on pastoral efforts in the archdiocese and the different ministries available and various local issues challenging the Church of Chicago. Each program ended with a scriptural connection.

As a priest of the archdiocese, I've had a good pulse on current concerns as well as trends worth exploring for the future. The production effort required a good amount of reading and research, which I relished. The goal was to spread the "Good News", making it real for the world of today and clear for the viewers of our locality.

Aside from my efforts on those two program, I also worked with the WLS-TV news department, doing color commentary for the installations of Cardinals Bernardin and George, as well as the funerals of Cardinals Cody and Bernardin. I worked closely with the anchors of WLS/ABC on those historic occasions.

A number of years ago I also worked on WGN-TV's "Mass for Shut-ins" doing live on camera commentary during the John Banahan years; I also did WGN-Radio's live commentary for the Christmas Midnight Mass from Holy Name Cathedral for some years during the latter half of the 1970's and early 1980's.

I did some work with the late Fr. Francis Filas, S.J. for a CBS/WBBM special on the Shroud of Turin. In more recent years I worked on an ecumenical special for ABC: "Religion at the Movies" featuring Roger Ebert.

Though this is not a formal resume, I did want to give you a little sense of my experience in the electronic media in the Chicago archdiocese over the years.

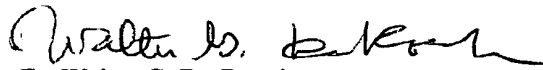
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I will gladly provide more background, but I do not have access to my personal records at the moment. I will be away from the archdiocese until mid-November, at which time I will be able to complete a more thorough and precise resume.

I would appreciate hearing something more about what the position would entail. If you have a formal job description, some sense of what the work would involve, what the responsibilities and focus of the position would be, I'd appreciate receiving that information. It will give me a better sense of whether or not I'm the person you're looking for.

For the moment I can be reached c/o Vicar for Priests Office, 645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543, Chicago IL 60611.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter G. De Roeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Fr. Walter G. De Roeck

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To: Fr. McBrady Fax: 312/642-4933

From: Jim Dwyer Date: October 8, 1999

Re: standby statement on Fr. DeRoeck Pages: 2

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

Notes: Attached is a draft of a new standby statement on Fr. DeRoeck for your review and approval. Both Jim Vadak and I will be out of the office next week, and if someone from the media decides to call about Fr. DeRoeck's status (and I really doubt that anyone will, but it's still a possibility), Mary McDonough will be prepared in our absence.

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October 15, 1999

Parishioners of St. Celestine
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Dear Parishioners:

As you know, Cardinal George accepted the resignation of Father Walter DeRoeck as your pastor. He asked the Priests' Placement Board to review the situation and determine as to how best we should proceed.

This past Wednesday, I met with the parish staff in the afternoon. They shared with me their perspectives on how the parish is doing and their wisdom as to how we should proceed. Later that evening, Father Martin O'Donovan, Chairman of the Placement Board and Bishop Thad Jakubowski, joined me. We met with several parishioners in leadership positions. They also shared their perspective and wisdom.

There was strong consensus that we go forward with moving towards making a recommendation for the pastorate. Much of the information that we generally obtain for a parish consultation was gathered a couple of years ago. The sense of parish leadership was that the Placement Board should proceed with our usual process of reviewing candidates, consult with Bishop Jakubowski and make a final recommendation to Cardinal George, as is our process. The Placement Board, within the next few weeks, will review our list of candidates and submit to Cardinal George the person we feel most confident to serve as your next pastor.

On behalf of the Placement Board, I wish to express our gratitude for all those who have met with us recently. Please know of our prayerful concern for you. We know the past several months have been difficult. In spite of this, the spirit and vitality of St. Celestine's is a blessing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremiah Boland".

Reverend Jeremiah M. Boland
Executive Secretary
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board

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4. **St. Celestine:** Jerry and Marty O'Donovan conducted the meeting at St. Celestine's on October 13th. The following letter was sent to the parishioners:

"As you know, Cardinal George accepted the resignation of Father Walter DeRoeck as your pastor. He asked the Priests' Placement Board to review the situation and determine as to how best we should proceed.

This past Wednesday, I met with the parish staff in the afternoon. They shared with me their perspectives on how the parish is doing and their wisdom as to how we should proceed. Later that evening, Father Martin O'Donovan, Chairman of the Placement Board and Bishop Thad Jakubowski, joined me. We met with several parishioners in leadership positions. They also shared their perspective and wisdom.

There was strong consensus that we go forward with moving towards making a recommendation for the pastorate. Much of the information that we generally obtain for a parish consultation was gathered a couple of years ago. The sense of parish leadership was that the Placement Board should proceed with our usual process of reviewing candidates, consult with Bishop Jakubowski and make a final recommendation to Cardinal George, as is our process. The Placement Board, within the next few weeks, will review our list of candidates and submit to Cardinal George, the person we feel most confident to serve as your next pastor.

On behalf of the Placement Board, I wish to express our gratitude for all those who have met with us recently. Please know of our prayerful concern for you. We know the past several months have been difficult. In spite of this, the spirit and vitality of St. Celestine's is a blessing."

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor

DATE: October 16, 1999

RE: Review Board Meeting – Rev. Walter DeRoeck

In light of the fact that Father DeRoeck will be [REDACTED] on October 20, 1999, the Review Board directed the PFRA to draw up a strict protocol for Fr. DeRoeck. Among other things, the protocol should include restrictions on being alone with a minor without another responsible adult present, not travelling or staying overnight alone without permission from the PFRA, residence at Koenig Hall, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] no public ministry or identification as a priest, keeping a log, etc. The Board also expressed its concern that any work assigned to Fr. DeRoeck by the Archdiocese not be in a high-profile position.

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Professional Fitness Review Board
October 16, 1999

AGENDA

- I. Approval of September 18, 1999 Minutes

- II. Case Reviews
 - A. [REDACTED]

 - B. Matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62
[REDACTED] planning/development of Individual Protocol.

- III. Other Matters
 - A. [REDACTED]

 - B. [REDACTED]

 - C. [REDACTED]

10/18/99 4PM

Dan,

Wally De Roeck called and asked for your travel plans on Friday. He said for you to call with arrival/departure information and they will arrange for transportation. Call him [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] (he didn't have his number).

Carol

Print File

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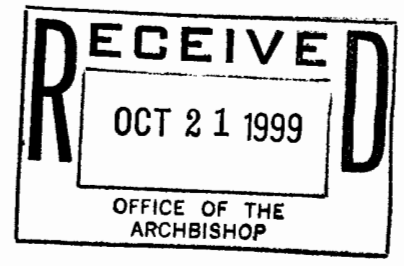
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October 20, 1999

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



Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on October 16, 1999. The Board fully considered all oral and written information currently accessible in the matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck [REDACTED]

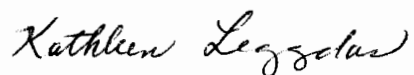
With Board input and in consultation with Father Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests, the following Individual Specific Protocol is recommended to be implemented upon Father De Roeck's return to Chicago:

1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. Prior approval required from Review Administrator (PFRA) for vacations and nights spent away from residence.
3. Call in to PFRA each evening before 10:00 p.m.
4. Prohibited from wearing Roman collar.
5. Prior approval required from PFRA and Vicar for Priests (VP) for public celebration of Mass and other religious services: weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
6. On-site monitor, Ed Siedlecki, to be informed of overnights away from Koenig Hall.
7. Another responsible adult known to PFRA to accompany Fr. De Roeck on all overnights.
8. Complete Client Daily Log, Receipts, ticket stubs, etc. should accompany log and be submitted weekly to PFRA.
9. [REDACTED]
10. Prohibited from use of Michigan House pending review of [REDACTED]
11. All contact with individuals from former parishes/ministerial assignments must be pre-approved by PFRA and VP Office, including participation in parish activities (weddings, social events, etc.).

As additional information is received, the Board will review this protocol on an on-going basis.

If you have any questions concerning these recommendations, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator
Re: Walter De Roeck
Date: October 21, 1999

Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on October 16, 1999:

Discussion of Protocol [REDACTED]. Initial protocol to include the following elements.

- Completion of Daily Log, submitted to PFRA monthly.
- Call in to PFRA every evening.
- [REDACTED]
- Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
- On-site monitor at Koenig Hall, Fr. Ed Siedlecki.
- Prohibited from wearing Roman collar.
- Prohibited from public celebration of Mass and other Sacraments.
- All overnight stays or out of town trips to be pre-approved by PFRA.
- Another responsible adult must accompany WDR on all overnight stays. PFRA must be informed of identity and relationship of companion.
- Prohibited from use of Michigan condo pending [REDACTED]
- All contact with individuals from former parish/ministerial assignments must be pre-approved by PFRA, including participation in parish activities (weddings, social events, etc.).
- The Board also expressed its concern that any work assigned to Fr. De Roeck by the Archdiocese not be in a high profile position.

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November 3, 1999

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
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Dear Kathleen,

I am writing in response to your letter of October 20, 1999 regarding the matter of Father Walter De Roeck, following the Review Board's meeting of October 16, 1999.

In light of the all oral and written information currently available, I have accepted the Board's recommended Individual and Specific Protocol, which was developed for Father De Roeck with Board input and in consultation with Father Dan Coughlin. This Protocol is to be implemented upon Father De Roeck's [REDACTED] return to Chicago.

I am grateful to the members of the Review Board and yourself for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

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

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

AOC 012742

To TOP
Date 11/3 Time 10:17 AM PM

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M [REDACTED]
of _____

Phone Numbers

Office [REDACTED] Telephoned
Area Code Number Ext. Please call
Voicemail _____ Returned your call
FAX _____ Called to see you
Pager _____ Wants to see you
Mobile _____ Will call again
e-mail _____ URGENT

Message

AL [REDACTED] +
[REDACTED]
11/3/95 - left. info for John O'malley;
~~left 5:00pm. info for [REDACTED]~~
TC w/ Jim Semitella: [REDACTED] [Signature]
Operator

 CHECK HERE IF ADDITIONAL NOTES ON OTHER SIDE

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November 10, 1999

Rev. Walter De Roeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father De Roeck,

On October 16, 1999, the Review Board met to develop an Individual Specific Protocol to be implemented upon your return to Chicago [REDACTED]

The Board recommended the attached protocol to Cardinal George and he asked me to inform you that he has accepted the Board's recommendations.

As both Father Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests, and I consulted on the final form of the Protocol, we will meet with you in Mundelein on Friday, November 12, 1999. At that time, each item will be discussed and you will be asked to sign that you are willing to abide by these restrictions.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Members of the Review Board
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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL
For
Father Walter De Roeck

The Individual Specific Protocol (ISP) reflects the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations.

Professional Fitness Review clients will be subject to appropriate restrictions and monitoring by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator throughout the life of the individual as a priest/deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The ISP for **Fr. Walter De Roeck** includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. Prior approval required from Review Administrator (PFRA) for vacations and nights spent away from residence.
3. Call into PFRA each day.
4. Prohibited from wearing Roman collar.
5. Prior approval required from PFRA and Vicar for Priests (VP) for public celebration of Mass and other religious services: weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
6. On-site monitor, Ed Siedlecki, to be informed of overnights away from Koenig Hall.
7. Another responsible adult known to PFRA to accompany Fr. De Roeck on all overnights.
8. Complete Client Daily Log. Receipts, ticket stubs, etc. should accompany log and be submitted monthly to PFRA.
9. [REDACTED]
10. Prohibited from use of Michigan House pending review of [REDACTED]
11. All contact with individuals from former parishes/ministerial assignments must be pre-approved by PFRA and VP Office, including participation in parish activities (weddings, social events, etc.).
12. This is a working document which can be changed, altered or superceded when there is an indicated need to do so.

13. In order to change this protocol, prior approval must be obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Board.
14. A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in Professional Fitness Review and Vicar for Priests Offices.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: Walter G. De Roock

Date: 11/12/97

Printed Name: WALTER G. DE ROECK

Signature of PFRA: Kathleen M. Leppard

Date: 11-12-99

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Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*
Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck
Date: November 17, 1999

Friday, November 12, 1999, Rev. Dan Coughlin [DC] and PFRA met with Rev. Wally De Roeck [WDR] to review Individual Specific Protocol developed by the Review Board.

Discussion focused on the following topics for clarification:

- Vacation/overnight request form/cc to Fr. Ed Siedlecki, Monitor. Completed far enough in advance for PFRA to approve companion as well.

Clarification needed on travel companion to California, who pays for ticket?

- Amend #3 to read "Call PFRA daily."
- Amend #8 to read "submitted monthly to PFRA."
- Use of Michigan house discussed. PFRA clarified that WDR may go with a companion to ready house for winter. May not spend the night.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Dan Coughlin

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW
CLIENT INFORMATION SHEET

(Revised 11/22/99)
Client Info/LNP

FILE #: PFR-62 **REVIEW STATUS: (DATE)**

Opened Date: April, 1999 **1st Stage:** 3-20-99
Closed Date: _____ **2nd Stage:** 10-18-99
Supplementary: _____

1. **Name:** Walter G. De Roeck **Date Ordained:** May 12, 1971
Birth Date: [REDACTED] **Current S/S #:** [REDACTED]

2. **Current Residence:** Cardinal Stritch R.H. **Address:** P.O. Box 455 **Date:** 11-10-99
Mundelein, IL 60060
Telephone: Home: 847-566-6605 **Office:** _____ **Pager:** _____

3. **Ministry:** Ordained Priest **Status (Check one)** **Date:** 3/99
Active: _____
Deceased: _____
Resigned: _____
Withdrawn: _____
Other: Sick leave

4. Allegation(s):	Date:	Date of the Offense(s):	Sex/Age	Credibility:	
				Yes	No
	<u>3-16-99</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>M/13-14</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
	<u>3-17-99</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>M/15</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

5. **General Nature of Allegation(s):**
[REDACTED] inappropriate touching, masturbating in front of boys; touching genitals of one of the boys.

6. **Protocol:** On file **Original Date:** 11-12-99
Review Dates: _____ **Review Dates:** _____



Education:

BA in Philosophy, M. DIV from Mundelein Seminary, BFNA from Loyola University.

Ministerial Assignments:

<u>St. Nicholas, Evanston</u>	<u>St. John Berchmans</u>
<u>St. Paul of the Cross, Park Ridge</u>	<u>St. Catherine Laboure, Glenview</u>
<u>Quigley Seminary</u>	<u>St. Celestine, Elmwood Park</u>
<u>Residence at Mary Queen of Heaven, Cicero</u>	<u>Producer/Host on WLS-TV</u>

St.

Family Composition: (D) - Deceased

Parents: Deceased father, Widowed mother

Siblings: [REDACTED]

Monitors:

Fr. Ed Siedlecki

Address:

Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
Rt. 176, P.O. Box 455

Phone:

847-566-6060
Mundelein, IL 60060

Emergency Contacts:

<u>1st</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Relationship:</u> <u>Brother</u>	<u>Home #:</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Work #:</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u>
<u>2nd</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Relationship:</u> <u>Sister</u>	<u>Home #:</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Work #:</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u>

Other Concerns:

Genital piercing and tattoos.

Memo to the File

From: Dan Coughlin

Re: Wally DeRoeck

Date: December 1, 1999

I spoke to Wally yesterday from my car phone. He sounded better. He said he was bust enough getting settled, moving his things. [REDACTED]

I told him [REDACTED] to always talk to me before releasing anything to the PFRBd.

I brought up the fact that both vacation or vicinage his mother and the idea of work at the Communications Office should not be brought up to the Board until after the first of the year. He understood, but was concerned about the cost of airline tickets, if not done soon. We talked about Larry and Wally flying to San Francisco (later I thought of Oakland together).

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December 7, 1999

Rev. Walter De Roeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father De Roeck,

While recently reviewing salaries for Professional Fitness Review Clients, it was noted that the Archdiocese is currently paying you a Pastor's monthly salary, plus increment, - 10% to defray [REDACTED] expenses incurred. This results in a monthly check of \$1,557.00 monthly or \$18,684 annually.

Principles for determining client salary include the following:

- All PFR clients are to be paid an Associate Pastor's salary factoring in year of ordination.
- This base salary will be paid to the client monthly (1st of each month) provided the following conditions are met:
 1. Individual Protocol is followed.
 2. [REDACTED]
 3. When appropriate, the client contributes to, works for, or accepts an assignment from the Archdiocese.
- Ten percent (10%) is to be withheld from the monthly salary to acknowledge an effort to reimburse the Archdiocese for expenses for [REDACTED] legal fees, etc.

In light of your formal resignation as pastor of St. Celestine, and in keeping with these principles, effective January 1, 2000, you will be paid 90% of the Associate Pastor's base salary plus increment. Monthly checks will be in the amount of \$1,401.37 for a total of \$16, 819.50 annually.

If you have questions regarding these changes, please contact me at 312-751-5206.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lnp

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
Rev. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

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**PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW
MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT**

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Thank you again for agreeing to assist in monitoring the priest in your parish, work or residential setting (whose situation we've already discussed). The Archdiocese of Chicago greatly appreciates your generous sacrifice of time and input into this difficult situation. On a monthly basis, we are requesting that you take a few minutes to complete the enclosed Report and mail it to the attention of:

**Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago, IL 60611**

If I have not heard from you for several weeks, I will contact you by phone to check on the priest's overall compliance with the monitoring expectations.

As stated in the Monitoring Guidelines which you have received, please contact me immediately by phone if the priest clearly violates the Monitoring Guidelines or minimizes an inappropriate situation, particularly if the violation involves anyone under eighteen (18) years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. My office telephone number is 1-312/751-5205 or 1-800/994-6200. If either my Administrative Assistant or I are unavailable, please feel free to leave a message on the security code-protected voice mail with your verbal report on the past month's monitoring. (Also, my office Fax number is 1-312/751-5279).

1. In the past month, have you seen or heard of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of any child under age eighteen (18) without the presence of another responsible adult?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "Yes", please explain briefly if the priest immediately removed himself from the situation or not upon being confronted, or if he minimized the situation in your opinion in any way:

Fr. Walter De Roelck
Name of Priest being Monitored

November, 1999
Month/Year

2. Did the priest allow you access to his log book of whereabouts, if requested?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain: _____

3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave with you or with one of the other monitors a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip, including a phone number and site at which he could be reached, and the name of the adult who would be accompanying him during such a departure?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No" on any of the above points, please elaborate: _____

3(a) If, to your knowledge, the priest did not leave on any such trips in the past month, please mark an "X" in this line: only to the suburbs

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain any problems or concerns with the priest which you have at this time regarding his monitoring compliance: _____

5. General Comments you would like to communicate: _____

Wally has given me notice of where he is going verbally or left a note for me about his whereabouts.

Rev. Edmund Siedlechi

Name/Signature of Monitor

Dec 8, 1999

Date

Thank you again for your kind assistance!

**Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator**

Archdiocese of Chicago

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Other Charges SPINET PAINO CHARGE					\$45.00
Valuation Charge \$		per			\$
Insurance Charge \$		per			\$
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Total Charges Due					\$ 177.00
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 By: Baroluz Magual Date: 12/9/99

Delivery Acknowledgement: Shipment was received in apparent good condition except as noted, and services ordered were performed.

Signed [Signature] Date: 12/10/99
 by Shipper

x [Signature] Date: 12/10/99
 Driver's Signature

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December 21, 1999

Rev. Walter De Roeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Wally,

A number of reimbursement/payment requests were sent to my office per Vicar for Priests and have been disposed of as follows:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
 - Check made payable to you is enclosed.
3. Reimbursement request for moving expenses from Elmwood Park to Mundelein for \$681.00.
 - Returned to you, after consulting with Fr. Paprocki. Moving expenses are payable by the individual and are not reimbursable by Professional Fitness Review Office.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
Rev. Dan Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

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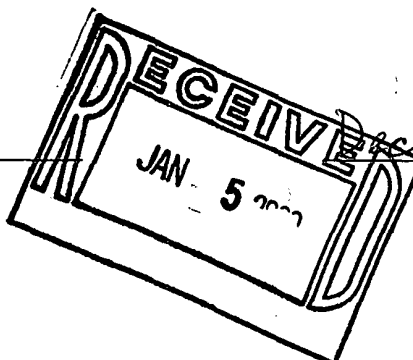
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Name of Priest being Monitored



1999
Month/Year

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Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain: _____

3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave with you or with one of the other monitors a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip, including a phone number and site at which he could be reached, and the name of the adult who would be accompanying him during such a departure?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No" on any of the above points, please elaborate: _____

3(a) If, to your knowledge, the priest did not leave on any such trips in the past month, please mark an "X" in this line: _____ X _____

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain any problems or concerns with the priest which you have at this time regarding his monitoring compliance: _____

5. General Comments you would like to communicate: _____

Pw. Edmund Siedlecki
Name/Signature of Monitor

Jan 3, 2000
Date

Thank you again for your kind assistance!

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

Archdiocese of Chicago

January 7, 2000

Kathleen Leggdas
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Kathleen,

After our phone conversation this morning about my going to visit my mom and the rest of the family in [REDACTED] California, I realized that the typical form was not providing the answers you and/or the Board would want. That is why I am providing the following data:

I would be leaving Chicago on Monday, February 28 and returning on Thursday, March 9th. Fr. Larry McBrady will accompany me on the flight to California and Fr. John Baldwin, Chicago priest and friend of Fr. Dan Coughlin, would be accompanying me on the return flight.

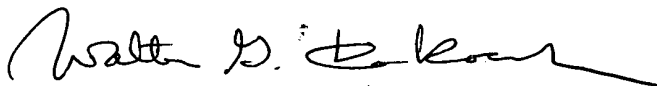
While I am in California, I will be staying with my mother, [REDACTED].

With this information on hand, please let me know how the Travel/Vacation Agreement form should be filled out. As to statement #3 on the form, I did not know how to fill that in because I was not aware if routine for calling in is different when on vacation. Please advise on this as well.

Finally, what signatures are required: McBrady's, Baldwin's, my mother's? Again, please advise.

Thanks for your assistance in all this.

Sincerely,



Walter G. De Roeck

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January 11, 2000

Rev. Walter De Roeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Wally,

Enclosed is the completed Vacation Form. Please have Fr. Larry McBrady and Fr. John Baldwin sign and return to me.

I filled in #3, indicating that you should call once during the week you are gone, if possible, during Chicago business hours.

Thank you for sending the information. Hope you have a great trip.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Encl.

Cc: Fr. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

AOC 012762

TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT

Permission to go on vacation to California from/to February 28 - March 9, 2000
(Destination) (Dates)
this year has been granted to Walter De Roeck provided the following conditions
(Client name)
will be met by him and Fr. Larry McBrady, Fr. John Baldwin and [redacted]
(Companion/s)

(See attached correspondence)

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. Client is required to call in once during Chicago business hours, to keep a daily log: proofs/
(Frequency)
tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
5. The date of return to the residence has been set for March 9, 2000, however due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date can be changed. Approval from the PFR Administrator must be granted for any changes in this statement.

Signature(s): Fr. L. P. McBrady _____

Date: January 11, 2000

A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.

January 21, 2000

Kathleen Leggdas
PFR
676 N. St. Claire, Suite 1910
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Kathleen,

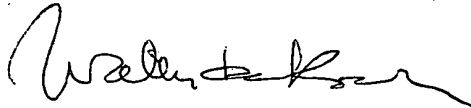
As per your request in our telephone conversation earlier today, and having shared that same information with the Vicar for Priests, Fr. Dan Coughlin, on January 19, 2000, I am hereby documenting the events of January 18, 2000.

At 7:51 AM my private line rang and I picked it up with a simple "Hello." The male voice at the other end said "Father De Roeck?" I replied simply: "Yes", at which point the person hung up. I contacted the phone company immediately and learned that calling *69 could give me information about the last incoming phone call. I did as instructed and learned that the number of the individual calling was (████) █████.

I knew there was a reverse directory and tried contacting my brother, █████, for that number. I got his voice mail, so I contacted the local Library in █████. Their reference department gave me the phone number of the reverse directory, which I then called, only to learn that the phone number I requested, i.e. (████) █████ was not listed. Then I called the number myself (don't recall exactly what time that morning, but before 11 AM) and got an answering machine/voicemail: "This is █████, I'm not in right now...etc." I did not leave a message, nor did I pursue it further, since the voice did not sound familiar. I then decided to tell the Vicar at the earliest opportunity, which I did the next day as referred to above.

Thanks for your helpfulness in this matter.

Sincerely,



Fr. Walter De Roeck

**PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW
MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT**

Monitor.Frm

Thank you again for agreeing to assist in monitoring the priest in your parish, work or residential setting (whose situation we've already discussed). The Archdiocese of Chicago greatly appreciates your generous sacrifice of time and input into this difficult situation. On a monthly basis, we are requesting that you take a few minutes to complete the enclosed Report and mail it to the attention of:

**Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago, IL 60611**

If I have not heard from you for several weeks, I will contact you by phone to check on the priest's overall compliance with the monitoring expectations.

As stated in the Monitoring Guidelines which you have received, please contact me immediately by phone if the priest clearly violates the Monitoring Guidelines or minimizes an inappropriate situation, particularly if the violation involves anyone under eighteen (18) years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. My office telephone number is 1-312/751-5205 or 1-800/994-6200. If either my Administrative Assistant or I are unavailable, please feel free to leave a message on the security code-protected voice mail with your verbal report on the past month's monitoring. (Also, my office Fax number is 1-312/751-5279).

1. In the past month, have you seen or heard of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of any child under age eighteen (18) without the presence of another responsible adult?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "Yes", please explain briefly if the priest immediately removed himself from the situation or not upon being confronted, or if he minimized the situation in your opinion in any way:

Rev. Walter De Roach

Name of Priest being Monitored

received

2-2-00

Jan. 2000

Month/Year

2. Did the priest allow you access to his log book of whereabouts, if requested?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain: _____

3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave with you or with one of the other monitors a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip, including a phone number and site at which he could be reached, and the name of the adult who would be accompanying him during such a departure?

N/A

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No" on any of the above points, please elaborate: _____

3(a) If, to your knowledge, the priest did not leave on any such trips in the past month, please mark an "X" in this line: _____ X _____

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

Please Circle One: (Yes) (No)

If "No", please explain any problems or concerns with the priest which you have at this time regarding his monitoring compliance: _____

5. General Comments you would like to communicate: _____

Rev. Edmund Siedlechi
Name/Signature of Monitor

Feb. 17, 2000
Date

Thank you again for your kind assistance!

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

Archdiocese of Chicago

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor *TOP*

DATE: February 19, 2000

RE: Rev. Walter DeRoeck – Review Board Meeting

The Review Board approved Fr. DeRoeck's request to travel to California in March to visit his mother. He will fly out with Fr. McBrady but will fly back alone. Fr. McBrady will arrange for the airline to verify that Fr. DeRoeck was on the flight alone.

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**Professional Fitness Review Board
February 19, 2000**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Absent:

[REDACTED]

Others Present:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

I. Approval of Minutes from December meeting with the addition of notes regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

II. Case Reviews

A.

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62

The Review Board approved Fr. De Roeck's request to travel to California to visit his mother in March. He will fly out with Fr. McBrady but will fly back alone. Fr. McBrady will arrange for the airline to verify that Fr. De Roeck was on the flight alone.

C.



III. Other Business

Monitoring of Internet Access for PFR clients

In light of Fr. Siedlecki's inquiry about Fr. De Roeck's request for Internet access on computer, the Review Board recommended that all protocols with priests who use the Internet be amended to add a provision requiring them to provide the PFR Administrator with a printout of the history of Internet sites visited. This comes out of a concern to take precautions against inappropriate sites being visited by priests under protocol.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 18, 2000.

Rev. Dan Coughlin
Vicar For Priests
645 N. Michigan Avenue #543
Chicago IL 60611

20 February, 2000

Dear Dan,

Since I wasn't sure when you'd return from your Florida trip, thought I'd drop you this line now, since I'll be gone from 28 February through 9 March.

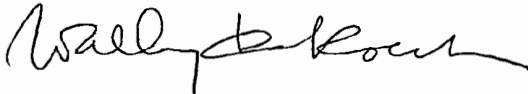
As you know, I've expressed interest in going back to Gethsemani for retreat. It is one of my favorite places for that type of experience. One of my good friends [REDACTED] a Marianist, Brother [REDACTED], presently stationed in Cleveland, asked if I would be willing to go down to Gethsemani with him the week of March 27th. We would also be able to connect with our mutual friend, [REDACTED], the monk down there whom you also know. I contacted [REDACTED] who was delighted at the prospect of our coming there; space was available for that week, so I made a tentative reservation, pending OK from our respective "powers that be". Brother [REDACTED] has gotten the approval from the Marianists.

Can he and/or [REDACTED] serve as my approved companions for this retreat week?

The timing is right for me; my last retreat was Winter of '99. Since I don't yet have a ministry position, it would be good to take advantage of this "free time" to go on retreat now.

Thought I'd check this out with you first before contacting Kathleen Leggdas about this possibility. Hope to hear from you soon upon my return.

Thanks for your help. God bless.



Fr. Walter De Roeck

Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator
Re: Walter De Roeck
Date: February 23, 2000

Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on February 19, 2000:

The Review Board approved Fr. De Roeck's request to travel to California to visit his mother in March. He will fly out with Fr. McBrady but will fly back alone. Fr. McBrady will arrange for the airline to verify that Fr. De Roeck was on the flight alone.

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March 2, 2000

Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father DeRoeck,

The Review Board was recently asked to consider the need/efficacy of monitoring Internet access for Professional Fitness Review clients. Out of concern to take precautions against inappropriate sites being visited by priests under protocol, the Review Board made the following recommendations:

That all protocols with priests who use the Internet be amended to add a provision requiring them to provide the Administrator with a monthly printout of Internet sites visited.

Effective March 1, 2000 please be advised that you are required to send this printout to my attention by the fifth (5th) of the following month, April 5th being the first due date.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have questions regarding this change in Protocol, call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

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

AOC 012773

Professional Fitness Review

Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name: Rev. Walter De Roock Monitor: Rev. Edmund Fedele
Month/Year of Report: February, 2000

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a monitor in your parish, work or residential setting. The Archdiocese of Chicago greatly appreciates your generous offer of time and your willingness to assume this responsibility.

Please complete this form monthly and mail or fax to the attention of Kathleen Leggdas by the 10th of each month.

Professional Fitness Review
Archdiocese of Chicago
676-N. St. Clair St., Suite 1910
Chicago, IL 60611
Fax: 312-751-5279

During the course of the month, you may contact the PFRA by telephone should any situation arise regarding status of client in monitor program at 312-751-5205 or the toll-free number 1-800-994-6200. Messages are received 24-hours a day and are confidential.

1. In the past month, were you aware of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of a minor or minors without another responsible adult present? YES NO

If yes, describe the situation and priest's action(s):

2. Did you have access or were you informed of the priest's schedule?

YES NO

If no, explain _____

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3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES

NO

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES

NO

If no, explain: _____

Other comments: _____

Signature of Priest: Walter J. Rose Date: 3-11-00

Signature of Monitor: Rev. Edmund Scialoja Date: 3-11-00

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March 13, 2000

Kathleen Leggdas
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 North St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Kathleen,

I am asking permission to go on retreat to the Abbey of Gethsemani, located in Trappist, Kentucky from March 27 until March 31. I have checked and they have space for me. Since it has been over a year since my annual retreat and since I am not yet involved in any kind of diocesan work, the timing is right.

A friend of mine, Brother [REDACTED], a Marianist stationed in Cleveland, has agreed to accompany me there and back. His community has already approved his going. He would arrange to take the train to Chicago, after which we would drive down together (about a seven hour trip from downtown Chicago). The timing works out well for [REDACTED]'s calendar.

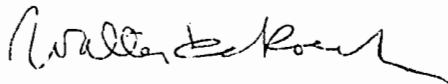
[REDACTED], a Trappist monk stationed at Gethsemani, is a mutual friend of Fr. Dan Coughlin, Brother [REDACTED] and myself. He could certainly also serve as a contact to confirm my stay there for those five days.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if this is acceptable so I can contact the Abbey regarding the reservation.

As Dan Coughlin knows, I have been to Gethsemani for retreat a number of times and have expressed to him my hope to return there for my retreat this year.

Thanks for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Fr. Walter De Roeck

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**Professional Fitness Review Board
March 18, 2000**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:



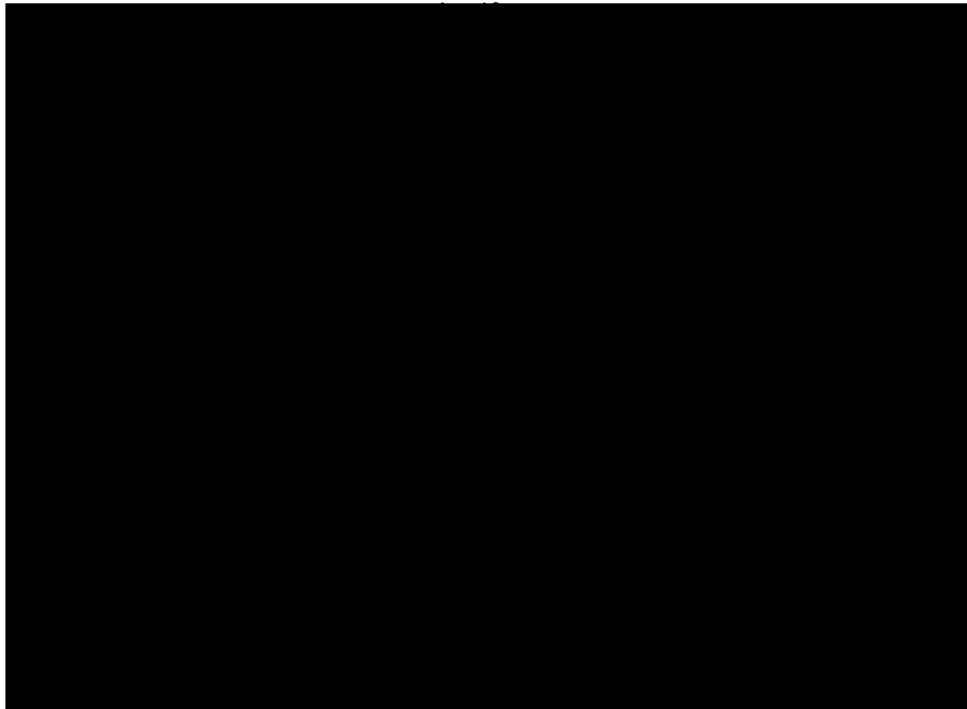
Others Present:

Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

I. Approval of Minutes for February 19, 2000 with Addendum

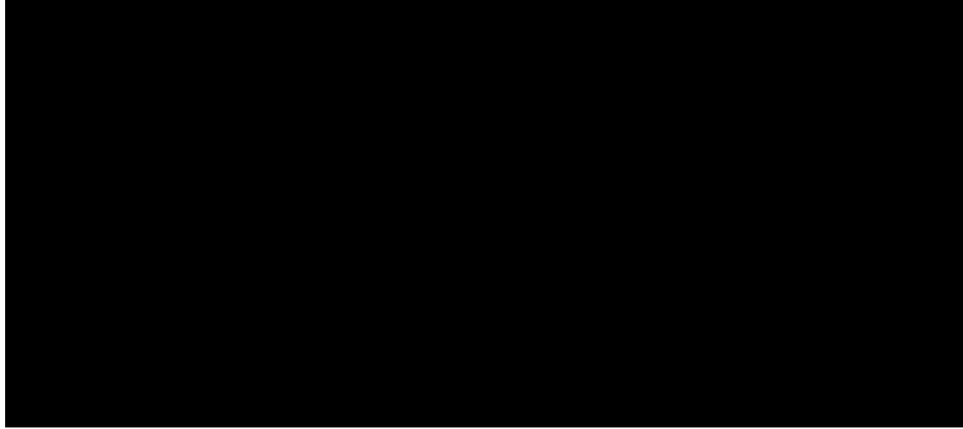
II. Case Reviews

A.



B.

C.



D. In the matter of Father Walter De Roeck, PFR-62

Based on information on Fr. De Roeck, Board members saw no reason why he could not go to Gethsemane Retreat in March. More notice would have been appreciated. Concerns were registered regarding employment or lack of employment since November 6, 1999 [REDACTED].

Recommendation that [REDACTED]

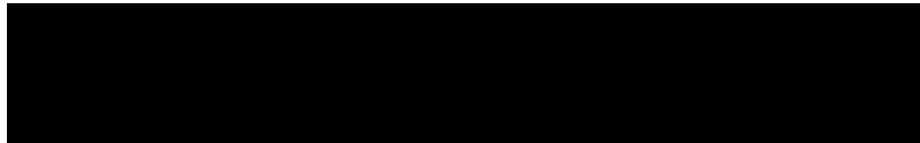


III. Other Business

A.

B.

C.



Next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 15, 2000

Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator
Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck
Date: March 21, 2000

Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting March 18, 2000:

Based on information on Fr. De Roeck, Board members saw no reason why he could not go to Gethsemane Retreat in March. More notice would have been appreciated. Concerns were registered regarding employment or lack of employment since November 6, 1999 [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT

Permission to go on ^{RETREAT} vacation to GETTSEMANI ABBEY from/to 3/27 - 3/31
(Destination) (Dates)

this year has been granted to FR. WALTER DE BOECK provided the following conditions
(Client name)
will be met by him and BROTHER [REDACTED] :
(Companion)

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. Client is required to call in _____, to keep a daily log: proofs/tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.
(Frequency)
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
5. The date of return to the residence has been set for MARCH 31, 2000, however due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date can be changed. Approval from the PFR Administrator must be granted for any changes in this statement.

Signature(s): ✓ Brother [REDACTED] S.M.

Date: _____

A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.

TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT

Permission to go on ^{RETREAT} vacation to GETHSEMANI from/to 3/27 - 3/31
(Destination) (Dates)
this year has been granted to FR. WALTER DE ROECK provided the following conditions
(Client name)
will be met by him and FR. [REDACTED] :
(Companion)

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. Client is required to call in N/A, to keep a daily log: proofs/tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.
(Frequency)
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
5. The date of return to the residence has been set for 3/31/2000, however due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date can be changed. Approval from the PFR Administrator must be granted for any changes in this statement.

Signature(s): X Fr. [REDACTED] O.C.S.O. Abbey of Gethsemani

Date: March 29, 2000

A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Professional Fitness Review

Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name: Rev. Walter De Roach Monitor: Rev E. S. Sclleck

Month/Year of Report: March 2000

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a monitor in your parish, work or residential setting. The Archdiocese of Chicago greatly appreciates your generous offer of time and your willingness to assume this responsibility.

Please complete this form monthly and mail or fax to the attention of Kathleen Leggdas by the 10th of each month.

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Archdiocese of Chicago
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Fax: 312-751-5279

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1. In the past month, were you aware of any situations in which the priest you are monitoring was in the presence of a minor or minors without another responsible adult present? YES NO

If yes, describe the situation and priest's action(s):

2. Did you have access or were you informed of the priest's schedule?

YES NO

If no, explain

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3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES NO

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES NO

If no, explain: _____

Other comments: _____

Signature of Priest: Paul Walter ss L. Koen Date: 4/8/2000

Signature of Monitor: Rev Edmund Felleche Date: 4-8-2000



**Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting
April 15, 2000**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Absent:

[REDACTED]

Others Present:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Kathleen Leggdas, PFR Administrator
Rev. Lawrence McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel Coughlin, Vicar for Priests

I. Approval of minutes from March 18, 2000 meeting given with one correction:

[REDACTED]

II. Client Issues

A.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B.

[REDACTED]

III. Other Business

A. Updates

[REDACTED]

- Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62.

Summary of

[REDACTED]

B.

[REDACTED]

NOTE: The Review Board Meeting for May 20, 2000 has been cancelled.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Saturday, June 17, 2000.



**Professional Fitness Review Board
April 15, 2000
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

- I. Approval of March 18, 2000 Minutes

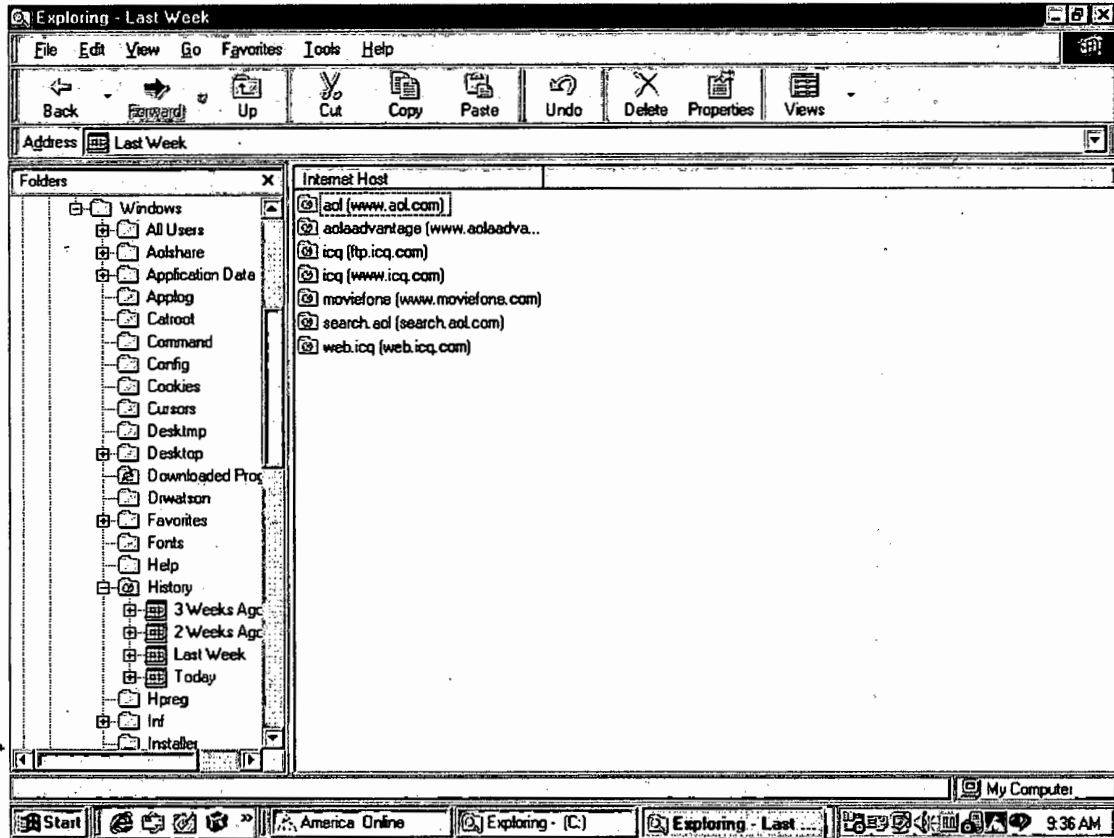
- II. A. Vicar for Priests, Rev. Dan Coughlin and Rev. Larry McBrady will be present to
[REDACTED]

- B. [REDACTED]

- III. Other Business
 - A. Update on the following:
 - [REDACTED]
 - Fr. Wally De Roeck

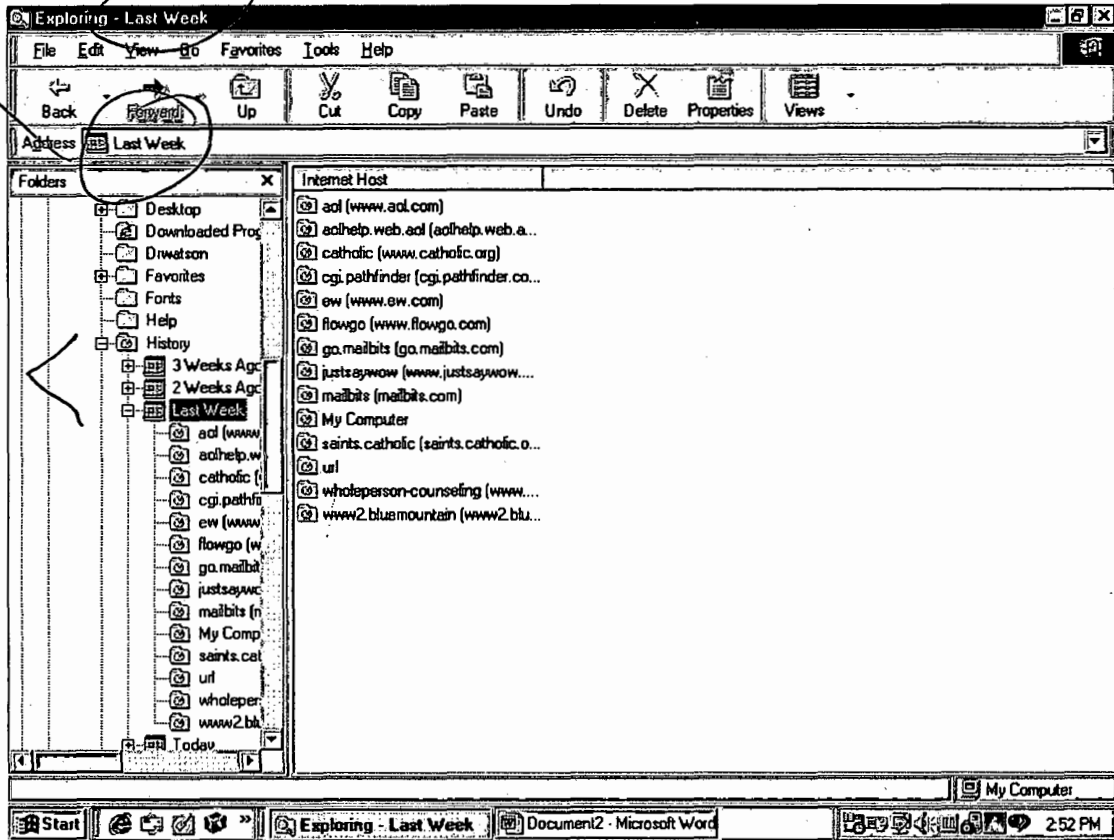
 - B. [REDACTED]

PFR-62



Week of May 1-7, 2000

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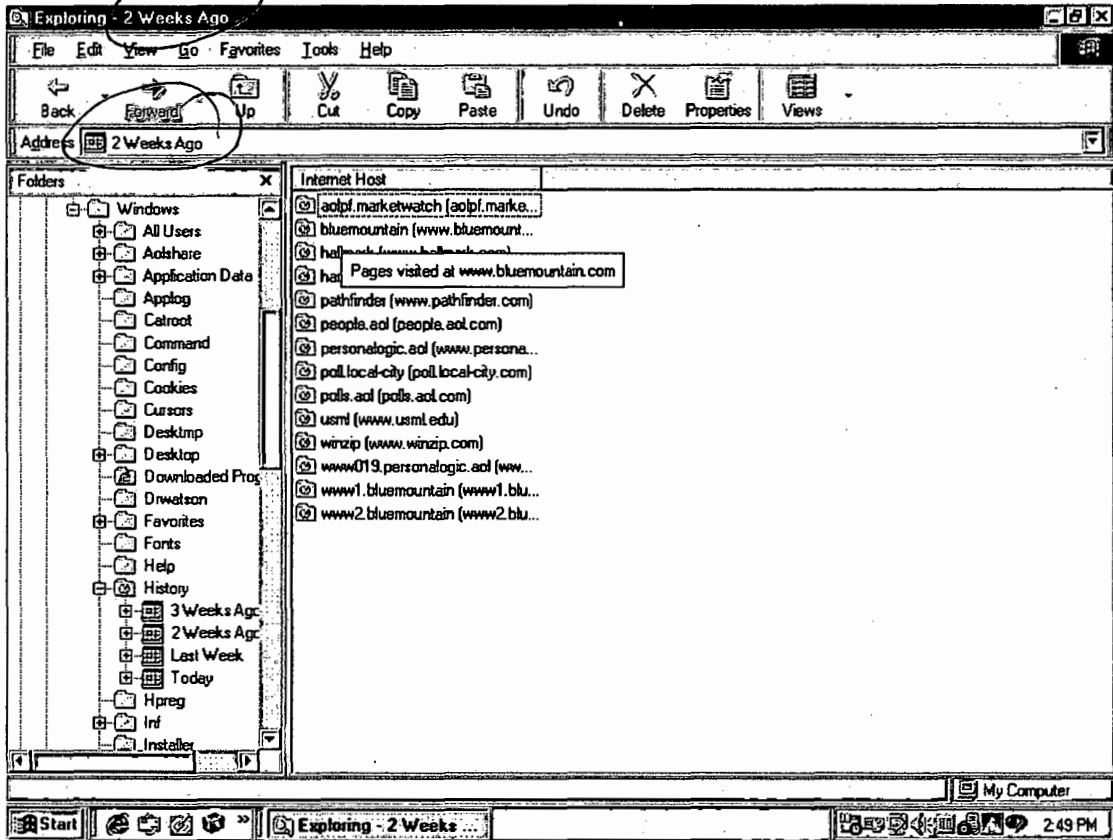
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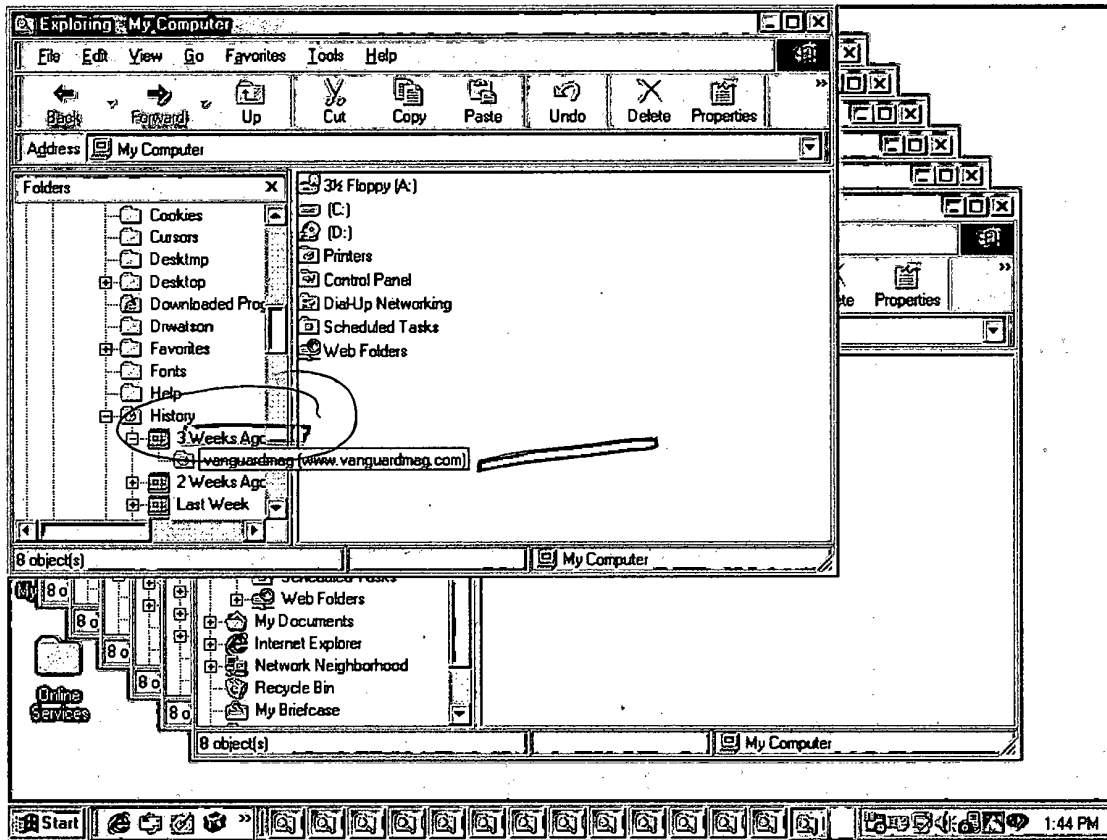
As you can see, my computer
history only allows me to go back
three weeks. Might add that it was
quite an effort (two computer experts
needed) to make this happen.

Walt Becker

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RL





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May 2, 2000

VIA FACSIMILE & REGULAR MAIL



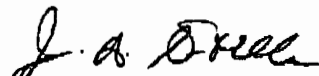
Re: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I am responding to your letter of April 20, 2000 regarding the above claimant. We would like to resolve this claim without litigation. To that end, I would appreciate your providing me with a more detailed description of the allegations giving rise to the claim and the claimant's damages, including the dates the relevant episodes occurred, the age of [REDACTED] at the time, a description of the relevant circumstances, and a specification of damages. Once this information is in hand, our client will be in a better position to evaluate the claim and consider an offer.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,


James A. Serritella

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May 2, 2000

VIA FACSIMILE & REGULAR MAIL



Re: 

Dear 

I am responding to your letter of April 20, 2000 regarding the above claimant. We would like to resolve this claim without litigation. To that end, I would appreciate your providing me with a more detailed description of the allegations giving rise to the claim and the claimant's damages, including the dates the relevant episodes occurred, the age of  at the time, a description of the relevant circumstances, and a specification of damages. Once this information is in hand, our client will be in a better position to evaluate the claim and consider an offer.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,


James A. Serritella

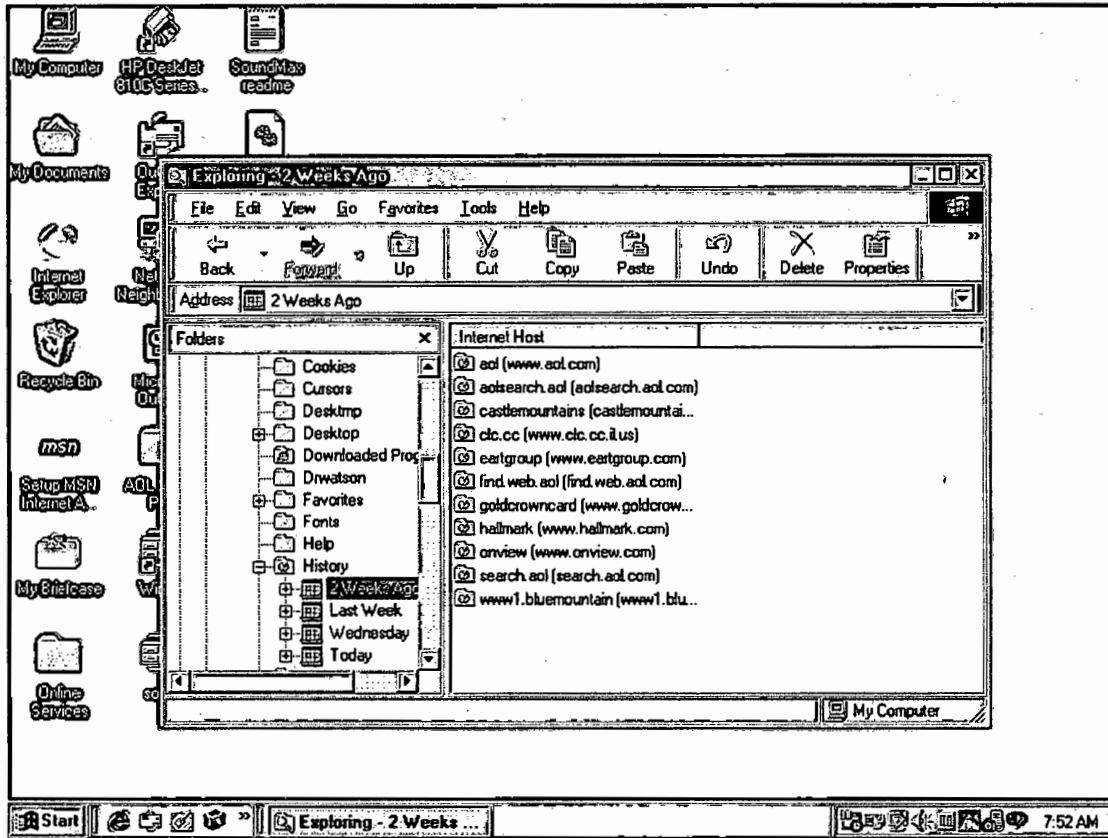
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Weeks of May 8-14

Professional Fitness Review

Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name: Rev. Walter De Roach

Monitor: Rev. Edmund Fedele

Month/Year of Report: April, 2000

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If no, explain

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3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES

NO

NA

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES

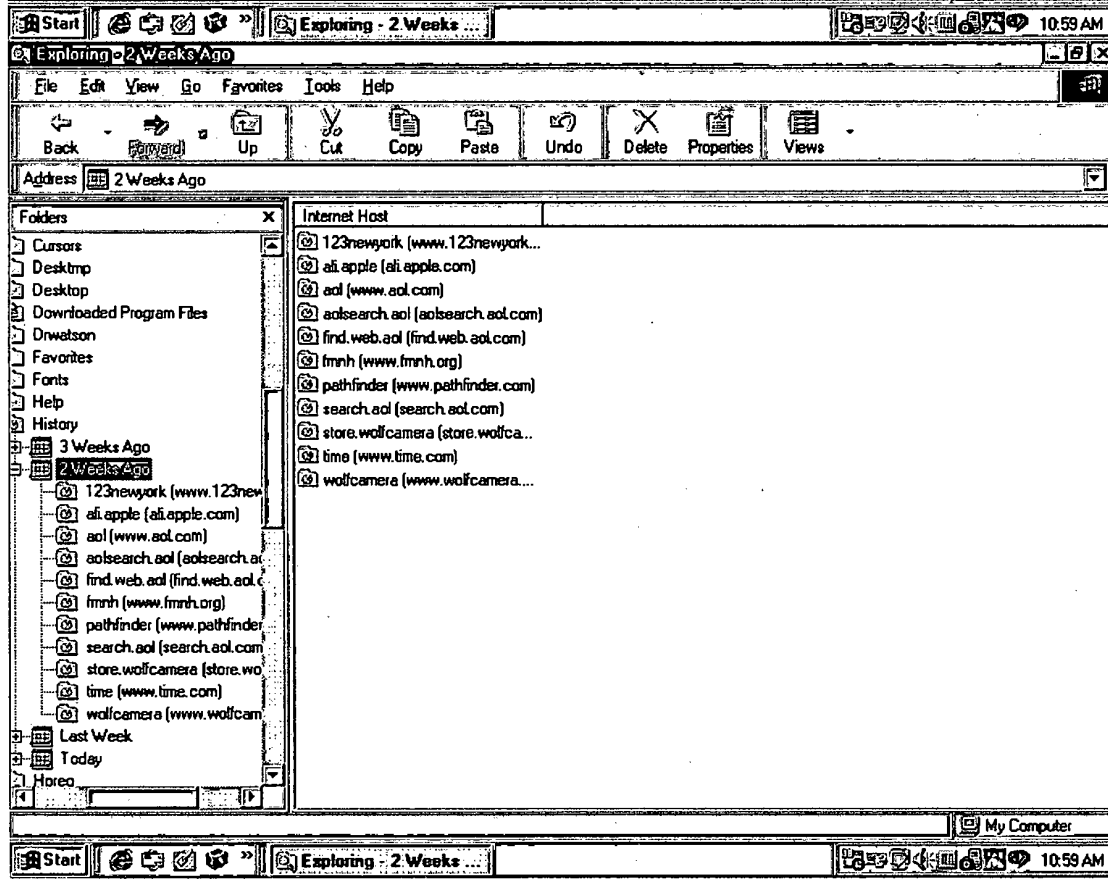
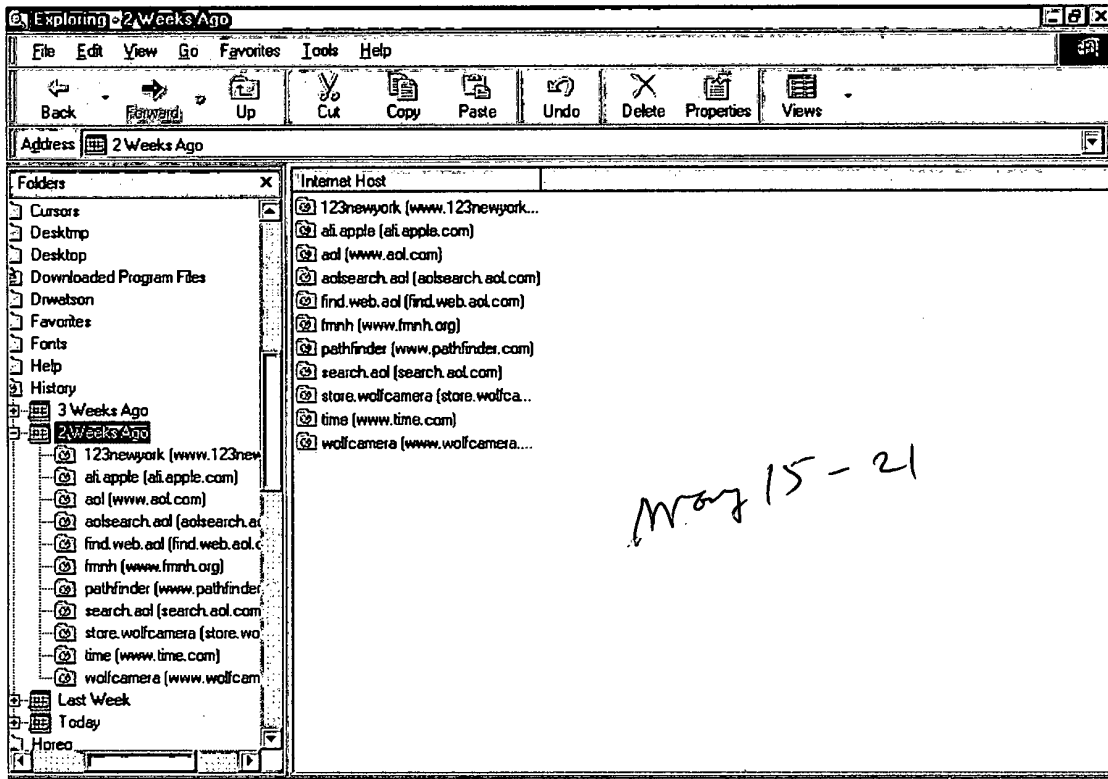
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If no, explain: _____

Other comments: _____

Signature of Priest: Walter D. Moran Date: 5/8/2000

Signature of Monitor: Rev Edmund Fedleski Date: 5-8-2000



To: File
Re: Walter De Roeck
From: A.J.McDonagh
Date: May 20, 2000

1) On 5/20/00 I consulted with Fr. Pat O'Malley for 1/2 hour about Fr. Walter De Roecks case. P.O'M. reminded me to make sure W.DeRoeck had an attorney he also advised me not to send any documents to the Fitness Review Board unless W.DeRoeck's attorney agrees. It is not a matter of concealing any material from the FRB. They are quite capable of understanding it but because there is another discipline involved.

2) [REDACTED]

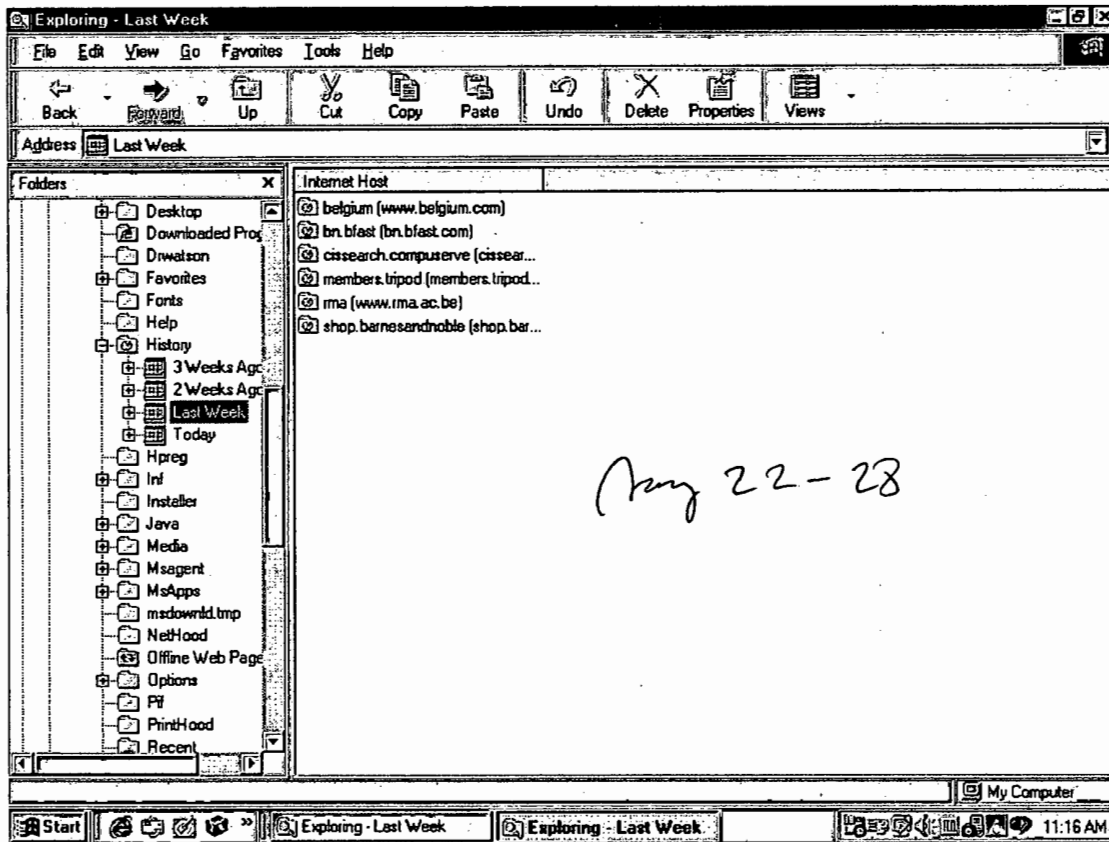
3) I met with W.DeR. at Villa for about 1 1/2 to 2 hours May 20, 2000 - discussed the attorney issue. He told me he had talked to attorney before [REDACTED] but decided against it. He now agrees to meet with Cynthia Giachetti on Tuesday at 12:30 (5/23/00). Wally and I each now have a set of documents.

Wally is aware that he most likely will not be able to continue to function in priestly ministry. He is hoping to participate in communication ministry. He has written to Archdiocesan head of ministry but has not heard from him. I advised Wally that I would explain to Kathleen Leggdes and the Fitness Review Board that the delay was occasioned by the Vicar of Priests Office and myself.

4) [REDACTED]

On 5/25/00 Ms. Giachetti called to let me know that her meeting with WDR was satisfactory. She is hoping to have a response for the GRB before 6/19/00.

On 5/25/00 I also talked to WDR who was happy with Cindy. He also talked to K.Leggdes and said there a big improvement in relationship.



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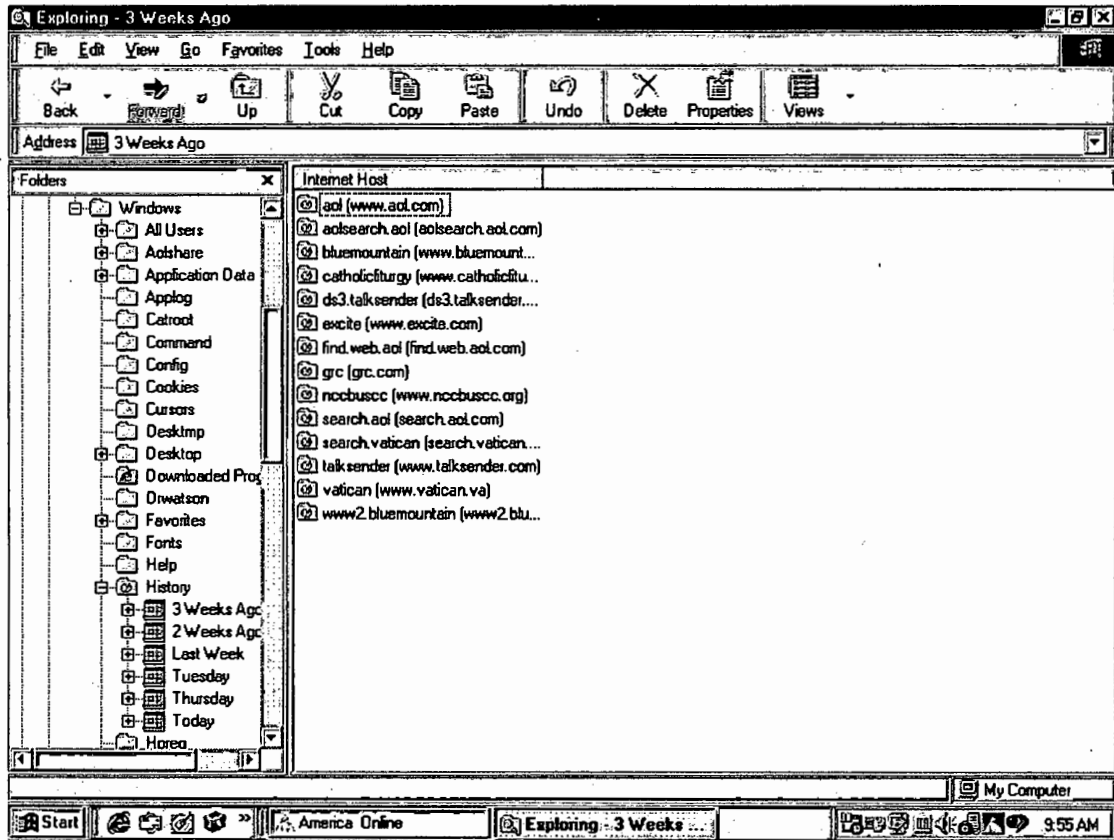
FR: Dan Coughlin

DT: 5/28/00

RE: Walter De Roeck

Talked to Wally 5/26 and explained I was unable to attend afternoon session at CSRH.

Andy McD is in frequent contact and guiding him thru work with PFR Bd. Any contact with Vodak or looking for some kind of ministry is on hold now while he works on other matter with the Bd. and lawyers (Cindy Giancetti).



Week 1 June 5 / 2000

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Professional Fitness Review

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Client Name: Rev. Walter D. Roeh Monitor: Rev. E. Siedlecker

Month/Year of Report: May, 2000

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YES

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If no, explain: _____

Other comments: _____

Signature of Priest: Walter J. DeRosa Date: 6/5/2000

Signature of Monitor: Rev Edmund Fiedler Date: 6-5-2000

June 11, 2000

Dear Kathleen,

I am writing to you in connection with my Individual Specific Protocol point #5 which reads: "Prior approval required from PFRA and Vicar for Priests (VP) for public celebration of Mass and other religious services: weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc."

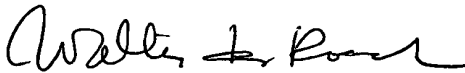
As you can see from the enclosed letter, [REDACTED] has approached me about the possibility of presiding at her wedding. She and her fiancé, [REDACTED], had come to me on March 4, 1999 to begin the process of preparation for marriage. At that time they had not yet set the date, but were anxious about doing the FOCCUS inventory prior to partaking in a formal Pre-Cana program.

Upon my return to the Chicago area in November 1999, she wrote me a note about her still wanting me to preside at their wedding. At that time I explained that some restrictions had been placed upon my ministry and that approval would need to be obtained before that could happen. Since it was relatively early in the process, I asked her to get back to me about all this in June. Thus, the enclosed letter, which I send on to you because it captures well the extent to which I have been a part of [REDACTED]'s life, as well as that of her family. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] does not mention in her recent letter the specifics of the wedding day. The location is St. Paul of the Cross Church (Park Ridge), where I first met the family 29 years ago. The date of the wedding is [REDACTED].

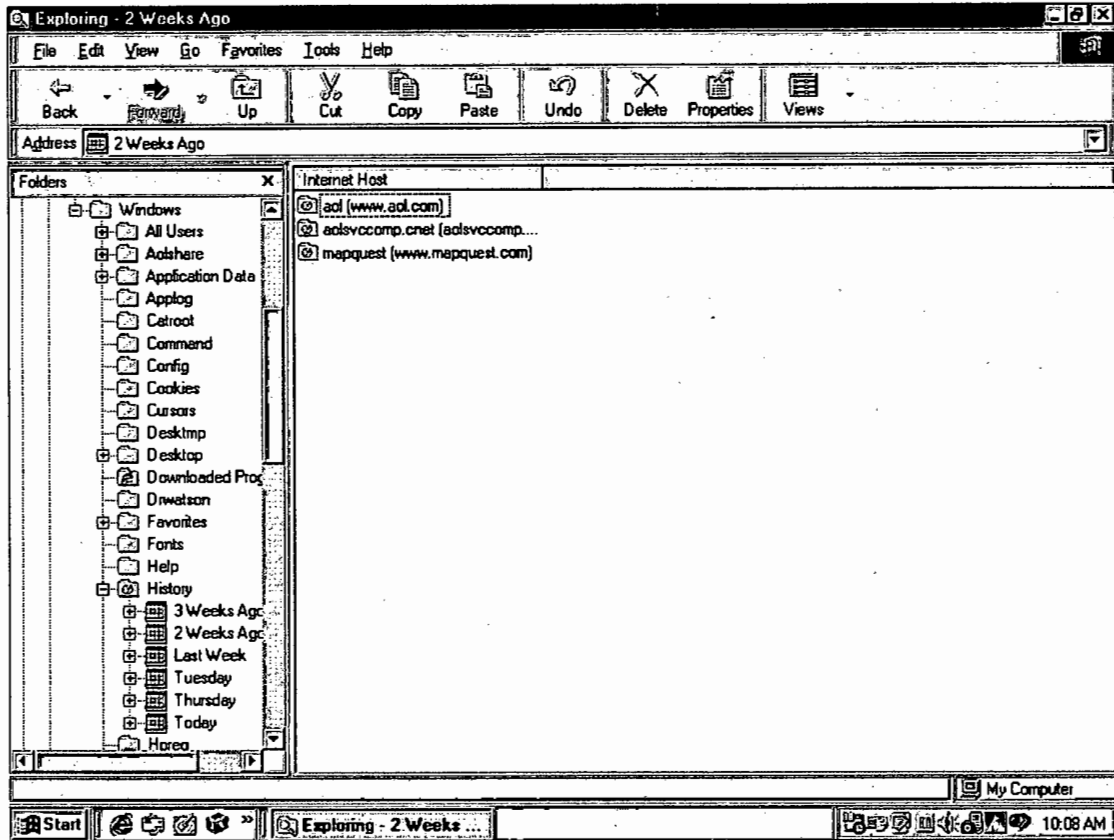
Needless to say, I am hoping and praying for a favorable response to the request. This family and I have been very close for a long time.

Sincerely,



Fr. Walter De Roeck

*Request denied
6-13-00
per. Rev. Larry
for Priests and Kathleen Leggolas. PFRA.*



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Weeks of June 12, 2000

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Professional Fitness Review Board
June 17, 2000

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Board Members Present



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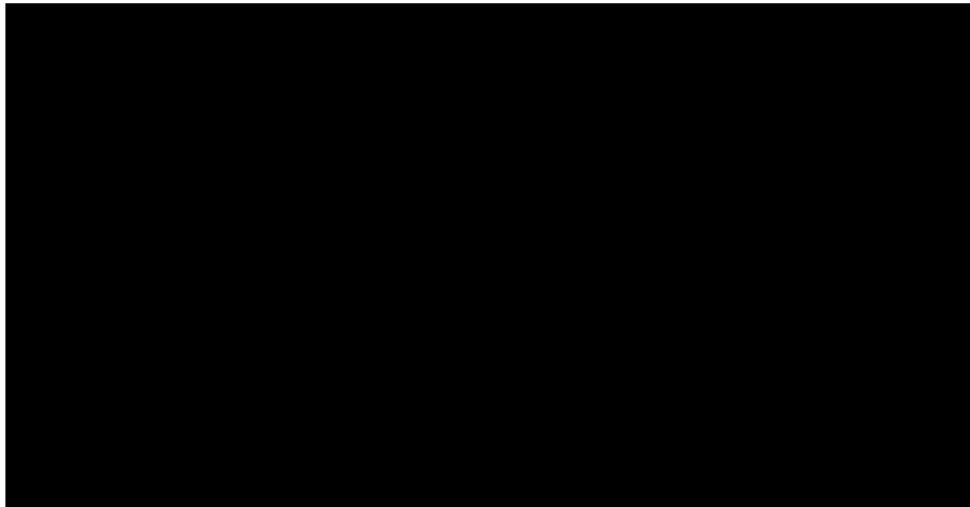
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Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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F. In the Matter of Rev. Walter De Roeck, PFR-62

[REDACTED] withheld on the advice of
Fr. De Roeck's attorney.

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III. Other Business

****July Review Board Meeting Cancelled**

Next regularly scheduled Review Board Meeting will be August 19, 2000.



For Your Information...

**The PFR Board Meeting
scheduled for
Saturday, July 15, 2000
has been cancelled.**

**The next scheduled Board
Meeting is
Saturday, August 19, 2000**

See you then!



**Professional Fitness Review
June 17, 2000**

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes, April 15, 2000

II. Case Reviews

A.

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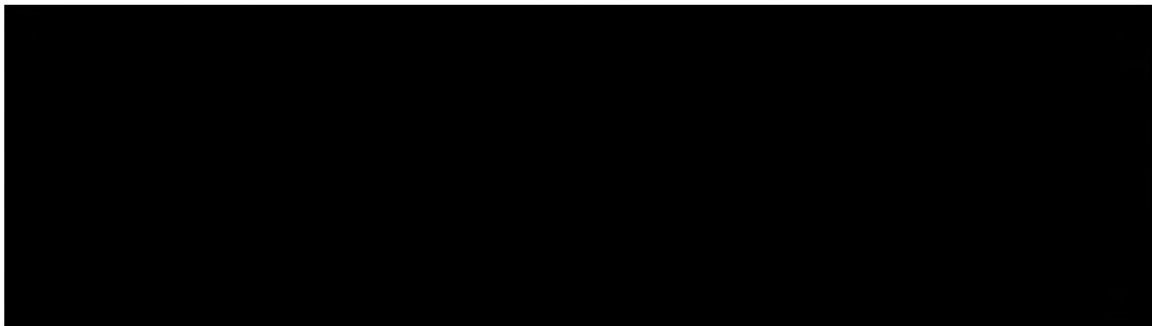
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Board Members:

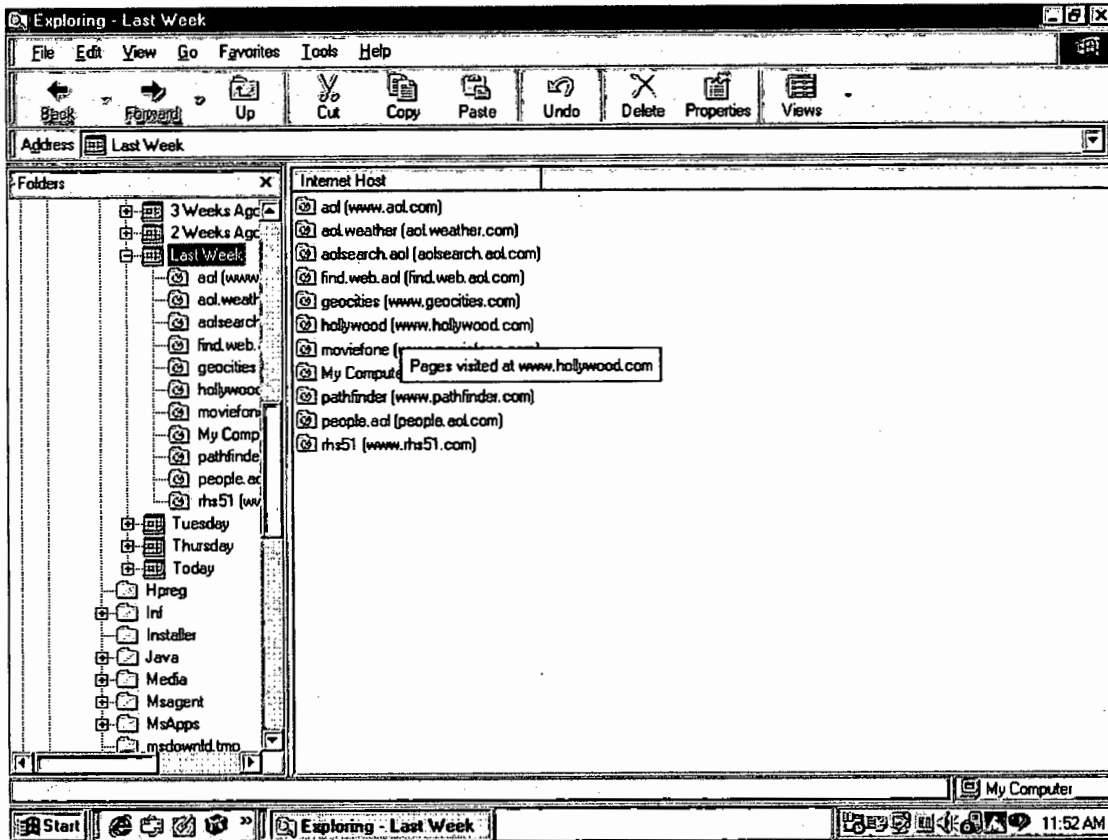


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Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests



Week of Jan 19, 2000

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June 5, 2000

Rev. Walter De Roeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P. O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Wally:

I am enclosing a protocol that comes from our Legal Department. It pertains to the use of a lawyer by an individual priest. Please note that the highlighted section pertains to you. Because of the extensive costs being incurred by the Archdiocese for your [REDACTED] it is customary to place some limits on the use of the lawyers funded by the Archdiocese. I hope you can understand the need for this and, if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

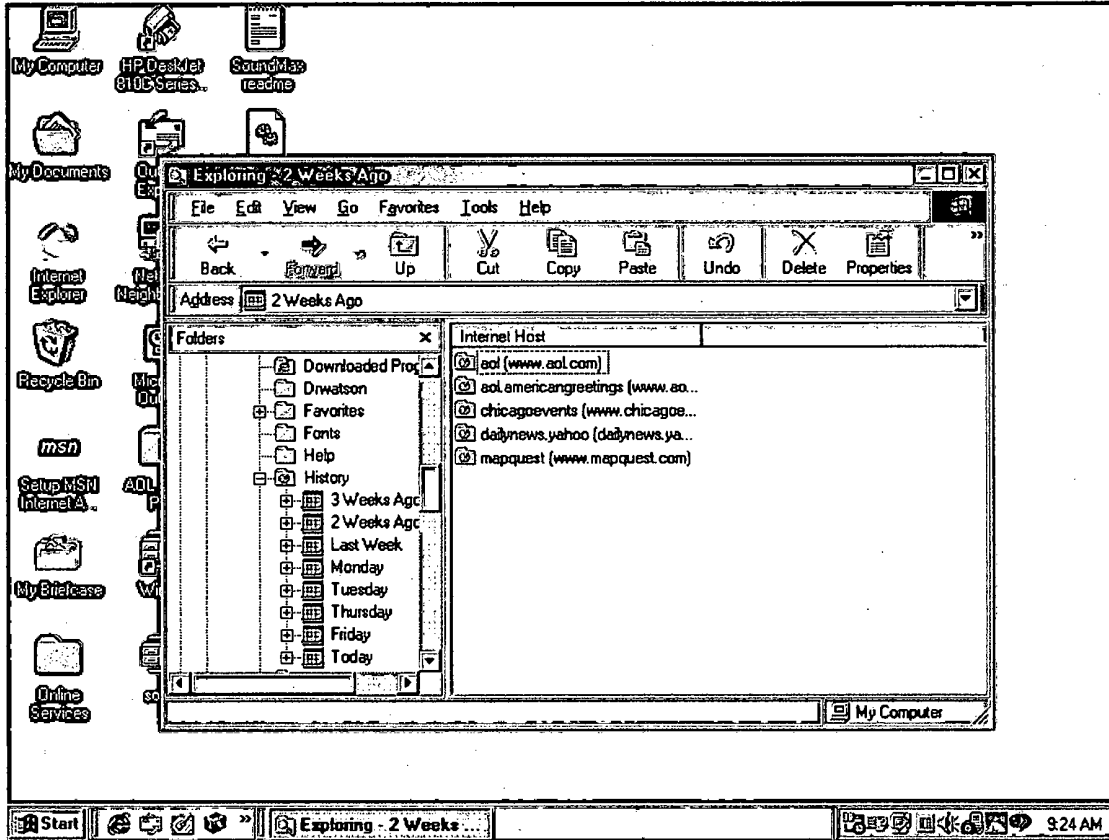
I am sorry that you and I have not gotten together. The problems with my back continue to limit my ability to get around. Thank you for the videos. I appreciated being able to see those two in particular.

Fratemally,

Rev. Lawrence P. McBrady
Vicar for Priests

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PFR-62



Weeks of June 26 - July 2, 2000

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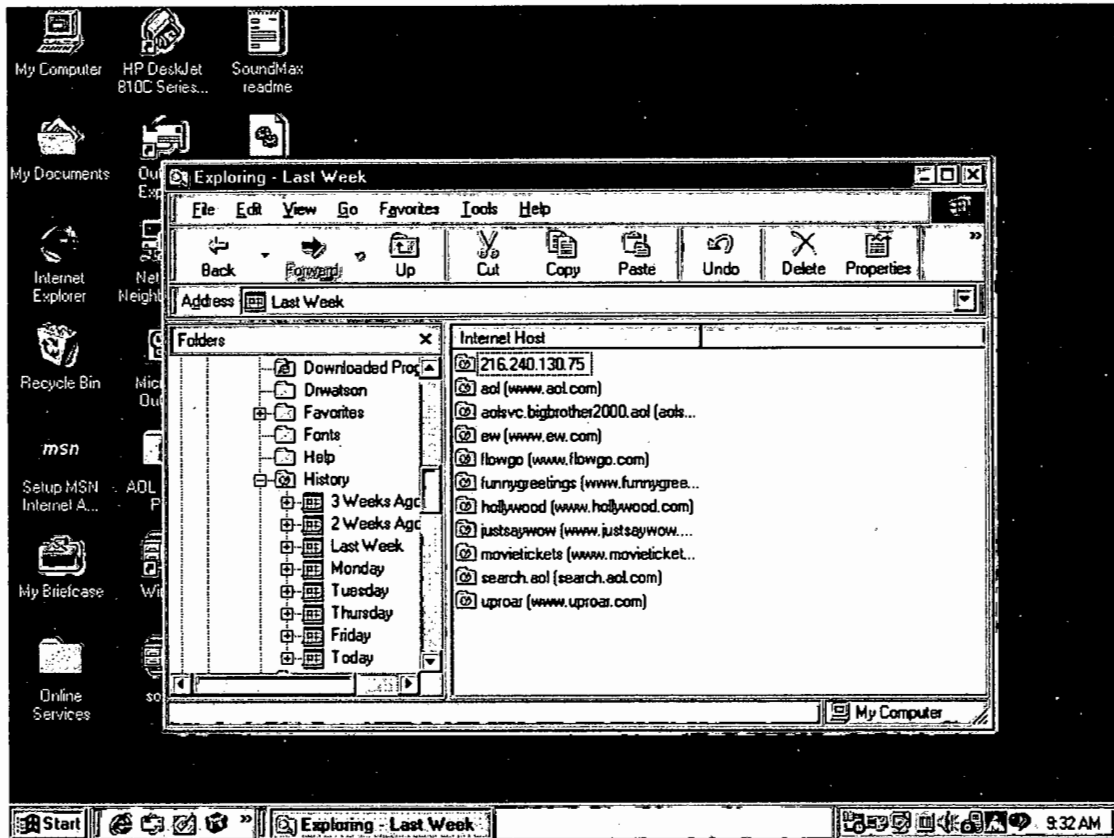
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Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator
Re: Rev. Walter G. De Roeck
Date: June 30, 2000

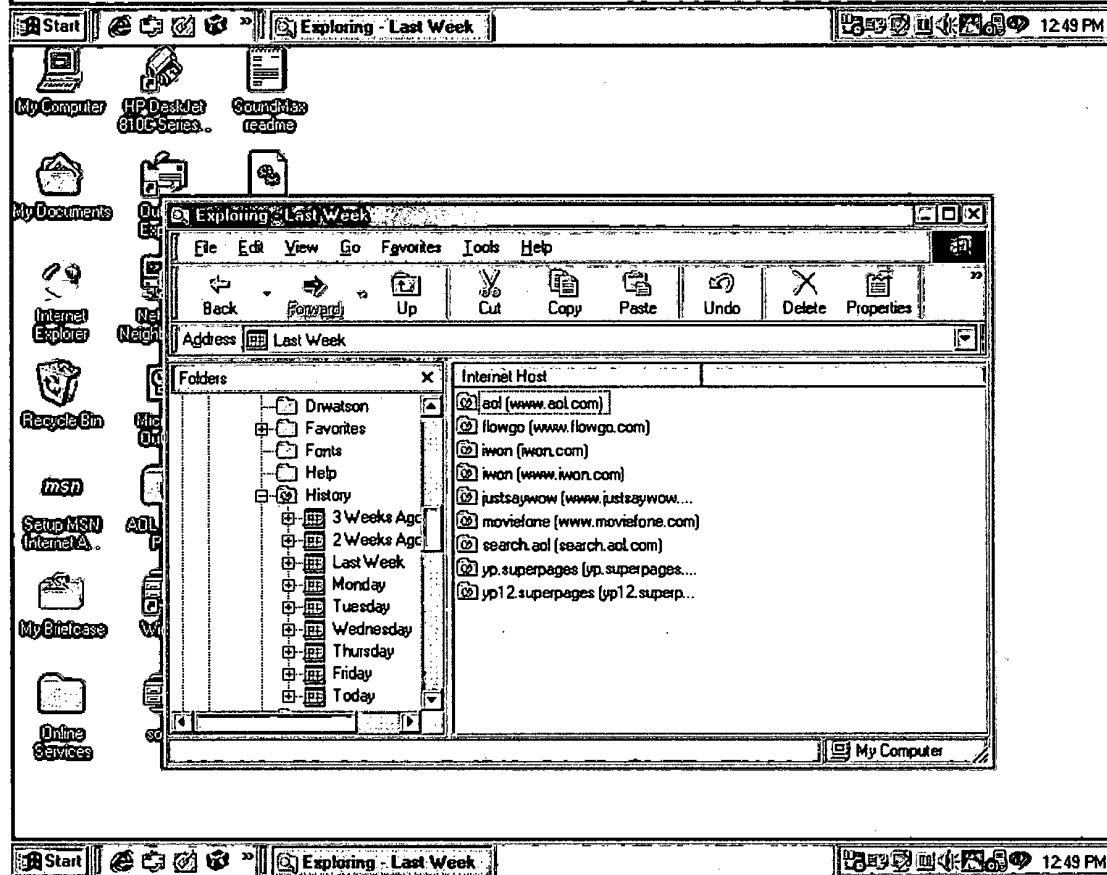
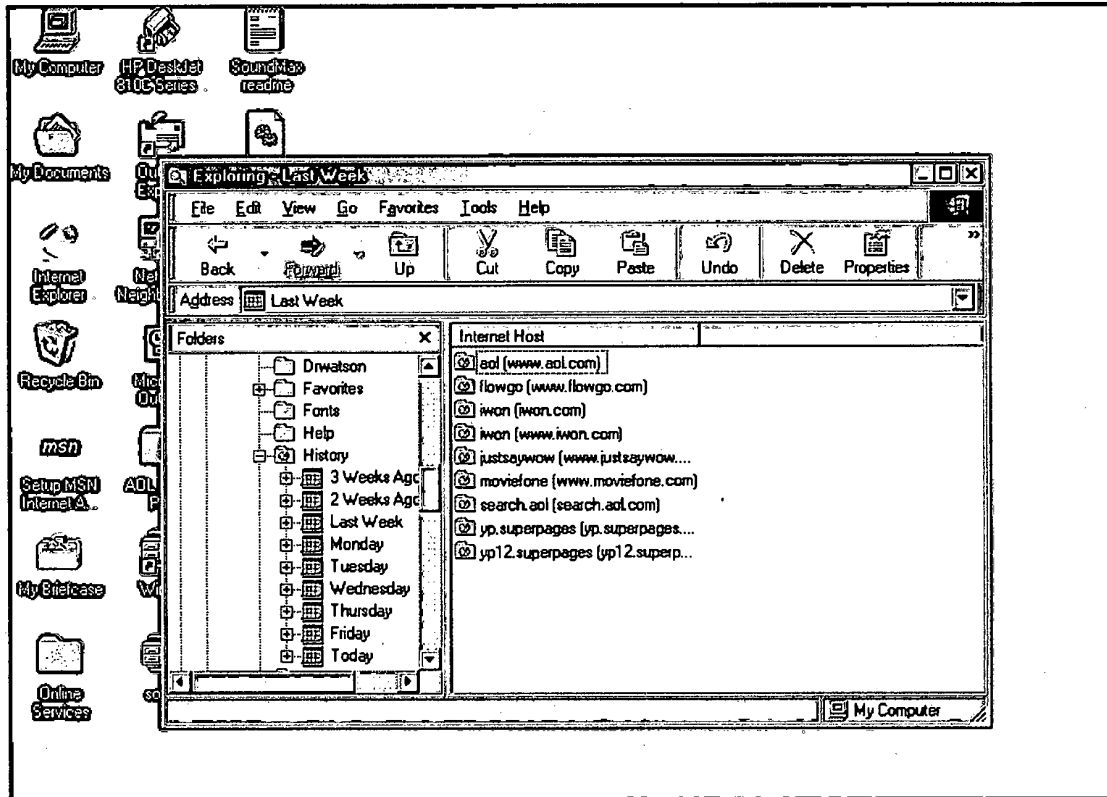
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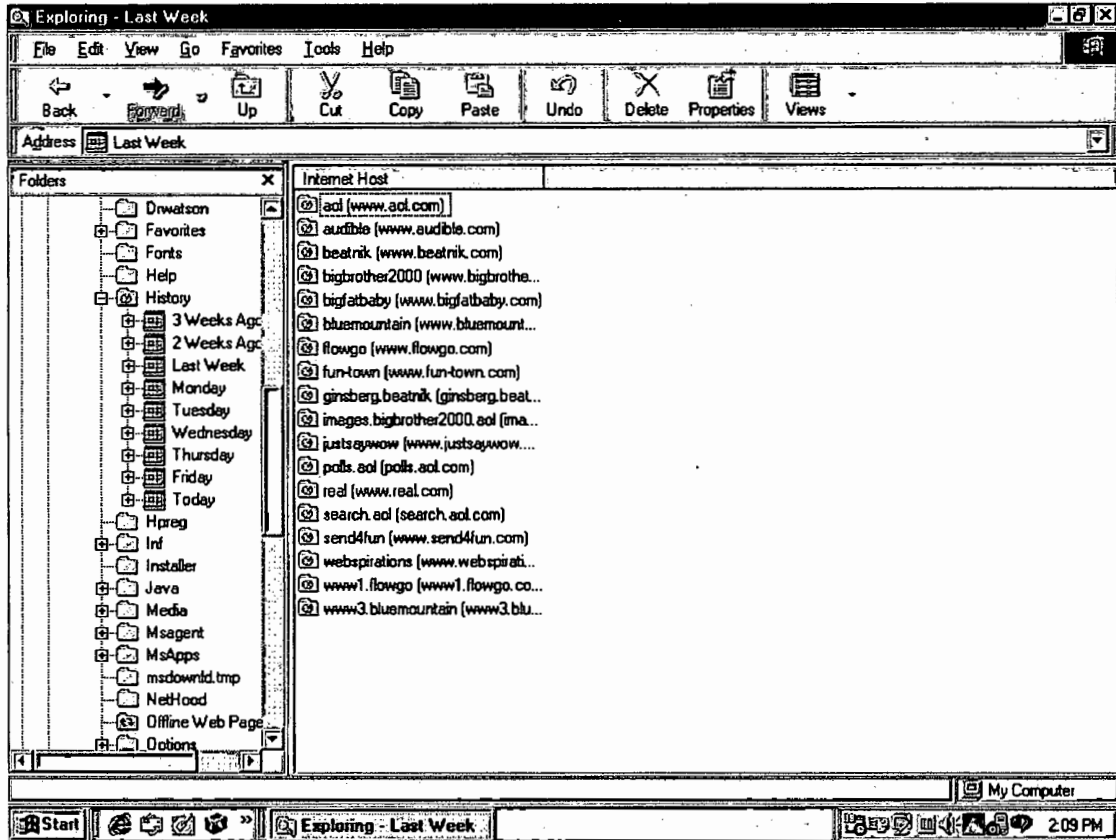
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Week of July 17-23

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July 19, 2000

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
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Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father De Roeck,

It hardly seems possible that it has been more than six months since we last met. As you may recall, the protocol requires that we meet a minimum of twice annually. This gives us an opportunity to discuss your protocol restrictions in light of your current status and enables me to more clearly relate your progress, needs and concerns to the members of the Review Board.

With the arrival of Father James Kaczorowski, some of you have been assigned a new Vicar. For your information, your current Vicar is now **Father Larry McBrady**. He and I would like to meet with you at my office before September 15, 2000. This will allow for summer vacations not yet taken and enable us to find a time that is mutually agreeable to each of us.

Please call me with a couple of dates at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter. If there are other ways our office can be of assistance to you, I would be happy to hear from you at this time as well.

Sincerely,

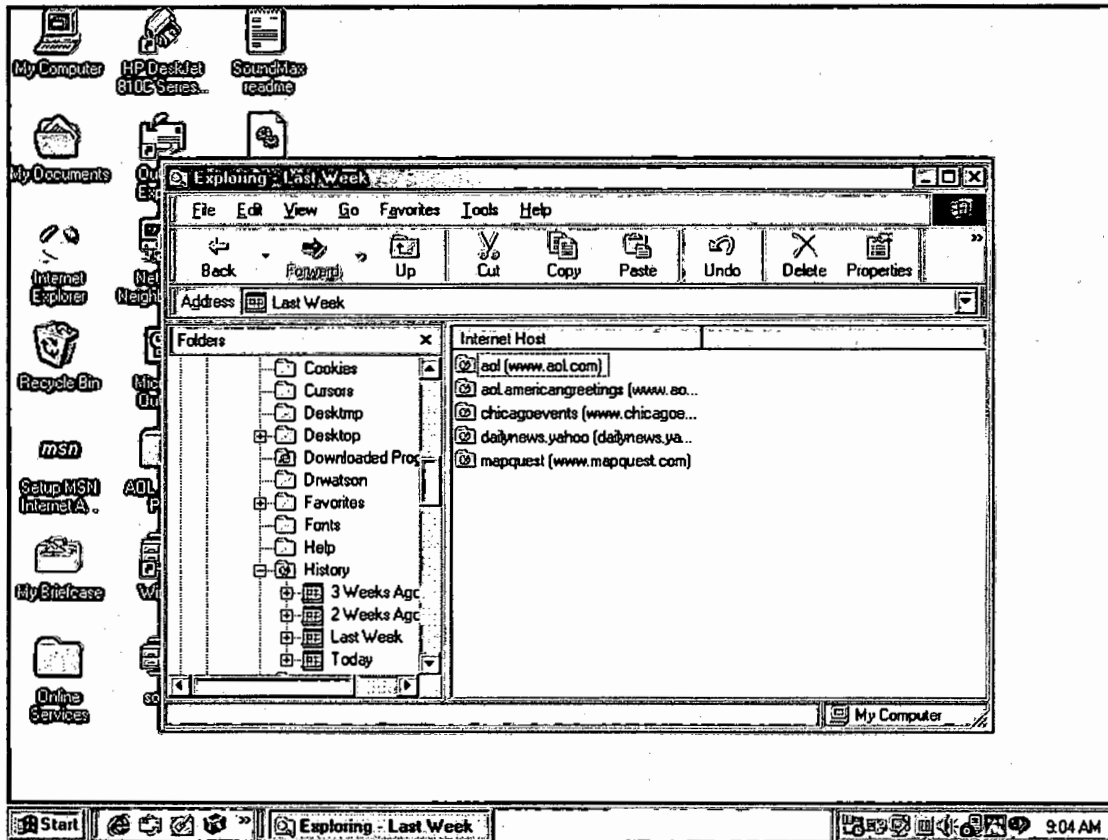
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Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Cc: Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

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Week 1 July 26, 2000

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July 30, 2000

Kathleen Leggdas
Office of Professional Fitness Review
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Dear Kathleen,

I am writing this letter to you at this time as a follow up on a conversation we had recently and by way of clarification for the Board when they meet in August. This is in regard to my request to go to California in November to be with my family for the big celebration of our mother's 80th birthday on the 17th of that month. I would like to stay through the Thanksgiving holidays, returning on Monday, November 27th. It's an expensive proposition to fly out to California, so the extra days would really make it worthwhile.

Because of the holiday and weekends involved I would only miss five (5) days of work. And because I don't have parish responsibilities on Thanksgiving Day, it would be the first time ever that I'd be able to celebrate that special family holiday with my mother and my sisters and their families there in [REDACTED]. As you know, one of my sisters out there is [REDACTED], so the significance of my being with them is all the more important to me. My brother who is the only member of my immediate family here in the Chicago area usually spends Thanksgiving with the family of his wife, my sister-in-law. Last November, as you might recall, I spent Thanksgiving dinner with Fr. Larry McBrady and his mother. I would have liked to have been in California for Mom's turkey.

Unlike other brother priests in the area living with restrictions, I am unable to see my mother on a regular basis because of geography. I am jealous of Ralph, for example, who not only sees his mother weekly, but he is able to stay overnight at her home. I last saw my mother in early March of this year; prior to that I had last seen her in February 1999.

As to the specifics of the proposed trip, here are the details:

My brother and my niece would be flying out there with me. Because of school for her, he plans to return to Chicago on Monday, November 20. This would allow him to be home with his wife and little son and his in-laws for their traditional Thanksgiving celebration.

Fr. Steve Patte had originally indicated that he would go on retreat to California and could arrange to return with me on Monday, November 27. As you know, it is less complicated and not as expensive to return on the Monday, rather than the Sunday after the Thanksgiving holiday.

But, because of the family nature of Thanksgiving, Fr. Steve Patte changed his mind. He wanted to be with his family here in Chicago on that day. That is understandable.

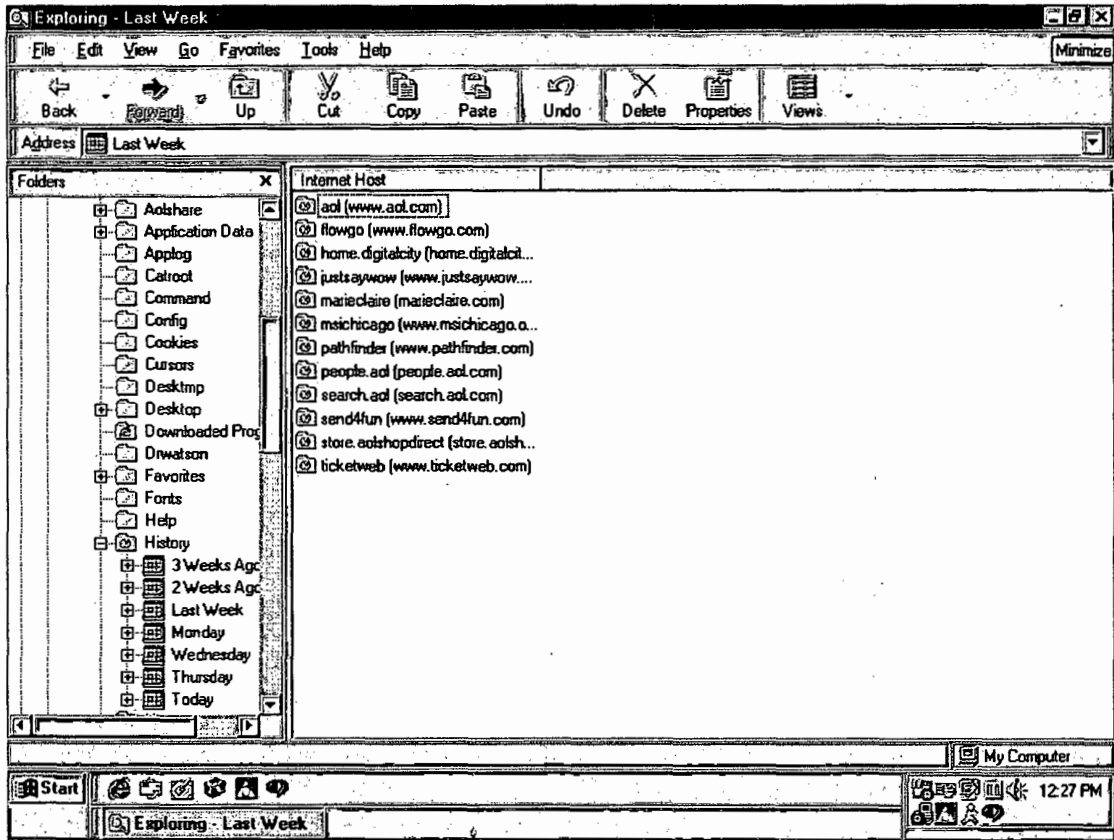
With this in mind, I contacted the Vicar for Priests, Fr. Larry McBrady, to see if we could work out an arrangement similar to the one that had worked out so successfully last March, when another priest backed out and arrangements were made to have American Airlines personnel confirm my being on the return flight and the person picking me up at O'Hare calling in to the Vicar's office to confirm my having arrived back in Chicago.

Fr. Larry McBrady indicated that he would be willing to arrange for that again.

My family support system is very important to me, as you know. Unfortunately distance and finances allow me to see them all too rarely. I hope that the Board will make it possible for me to spend Thanksgiving with my mother, sisters and their families. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Fr. Walter G. De Roeck



Week of July 31, 2000

Professional Fitness Review

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Monitor: Rev. Edmund Hiedleski

Month/Year of Report: July, 2000

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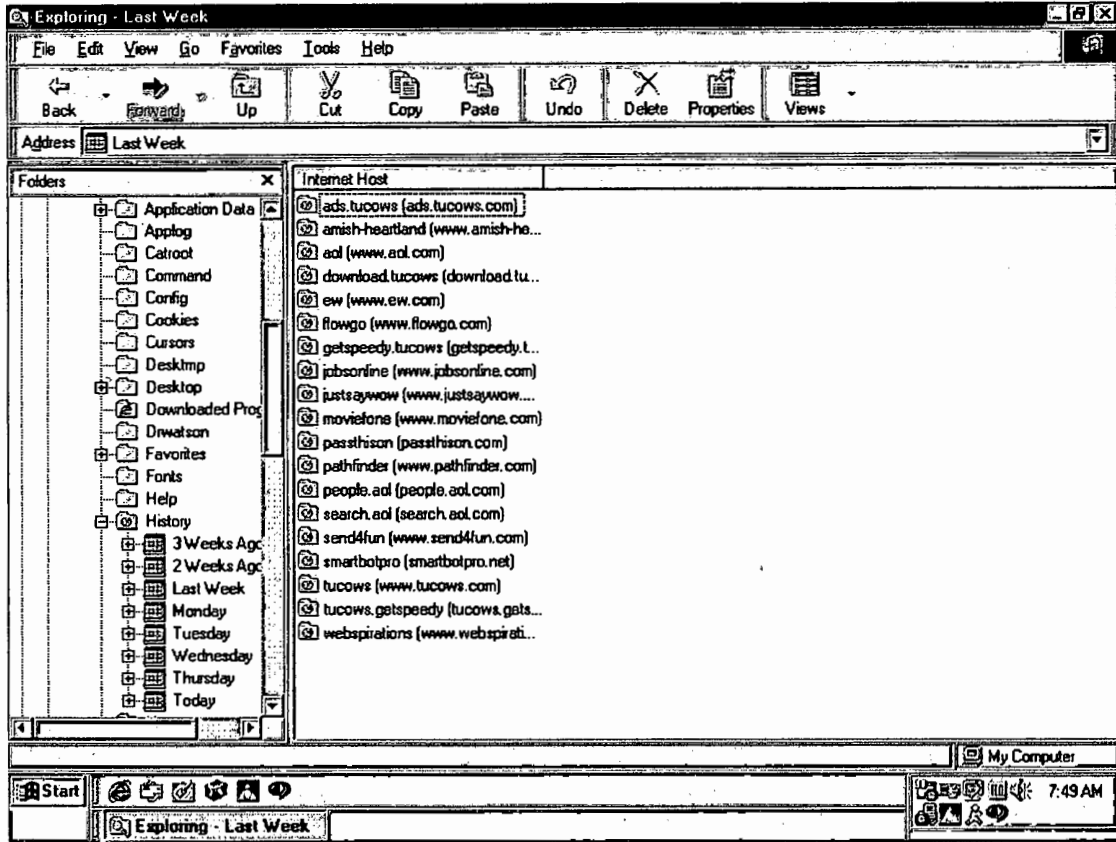
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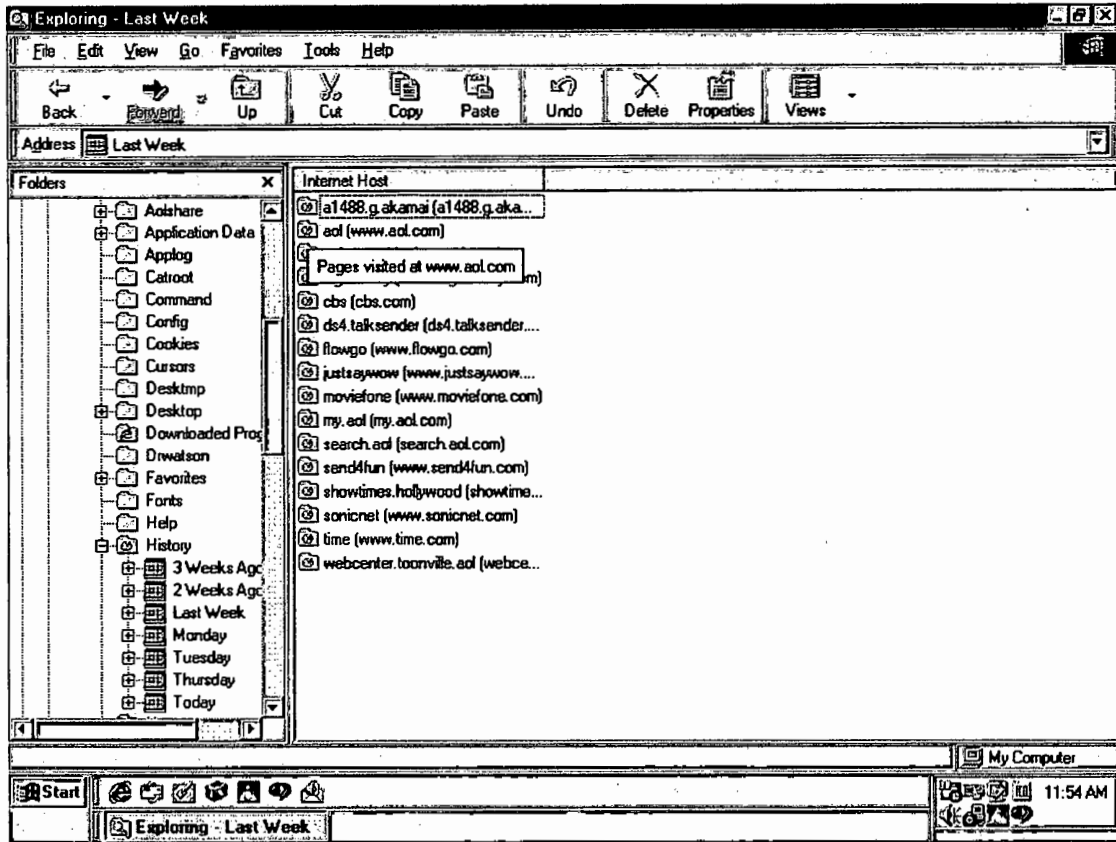
Signature of Priest: Rev. Walter D. K. Koch Date: 8-6-2000

Signature of Monitor: Rev. Edmund Siedleski Date: 8-6-2000

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Weeks of Aug 8, 2000



Week of Aug 14, 2000

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Memorandum

To: File

From: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Archbishop's Delegate
to the Professional Fitness Review Board

Re: **Review Board Meeting – Rev. Walter G. De Roeck**

Date: August 19, 2000

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5/5/2000 - FEG accepted above recommendations,
but indicated that Fr. De Roeck could stay if he
finds another responsible adult to travel with him.
FEG agrees that Fr. De Roeck should not travel alone,
but it is not the Review Board's task to find him
a traveling companion.
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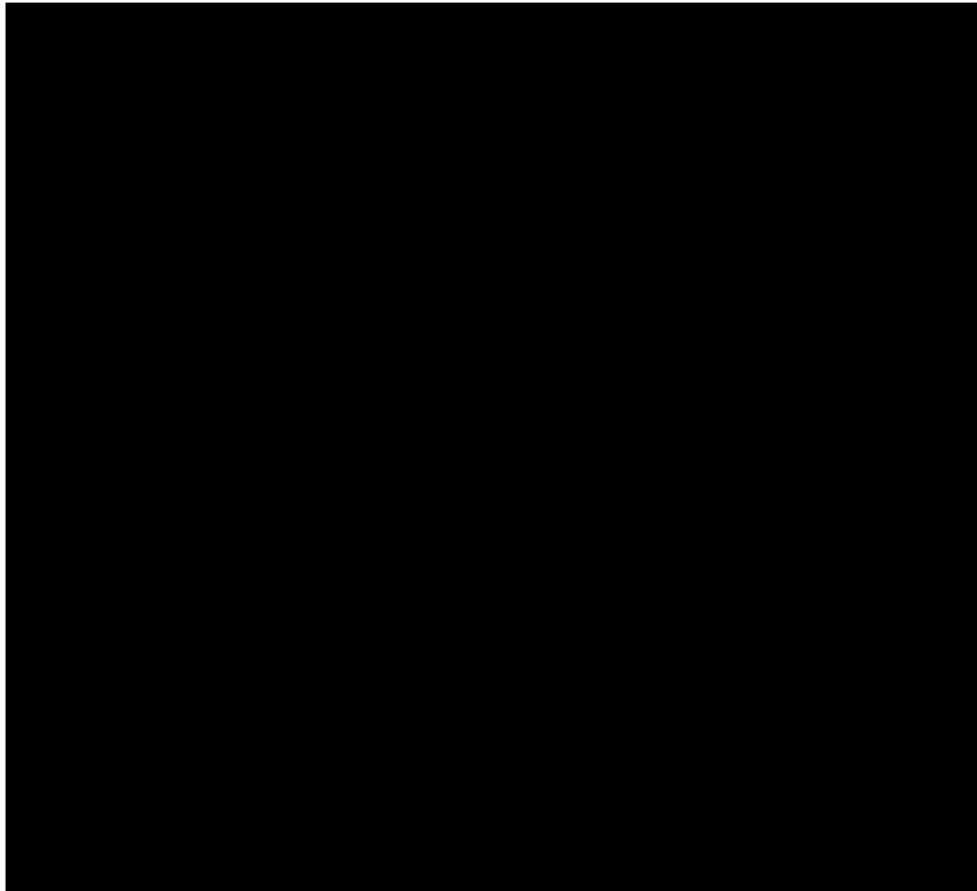
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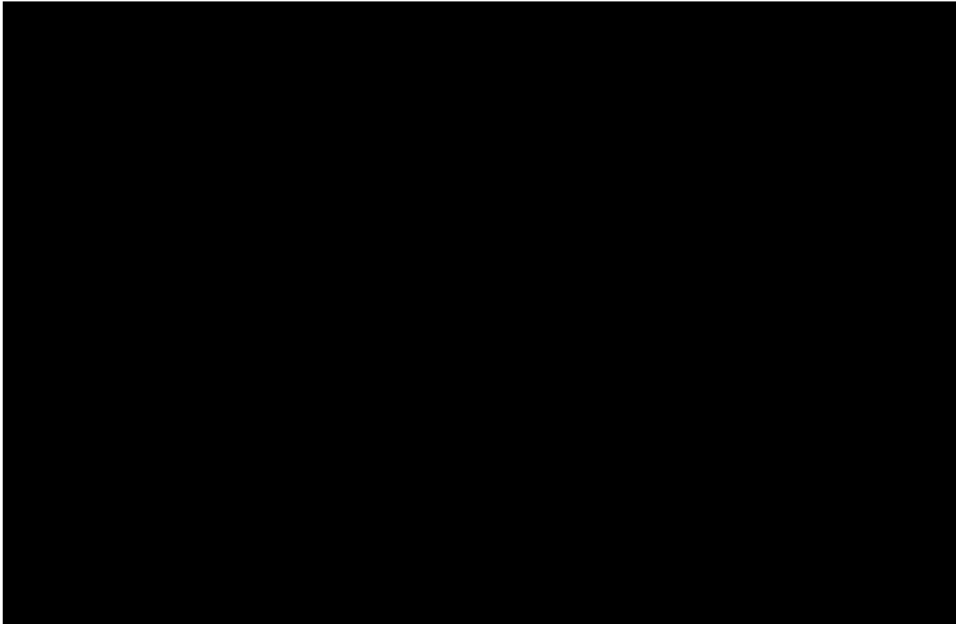
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Next regularly scheduled meeting is September 16, 2000



**Professional Fitness Review
August 19, 2000**

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes, June 17, 2000

Correction:



II. Case Reviews

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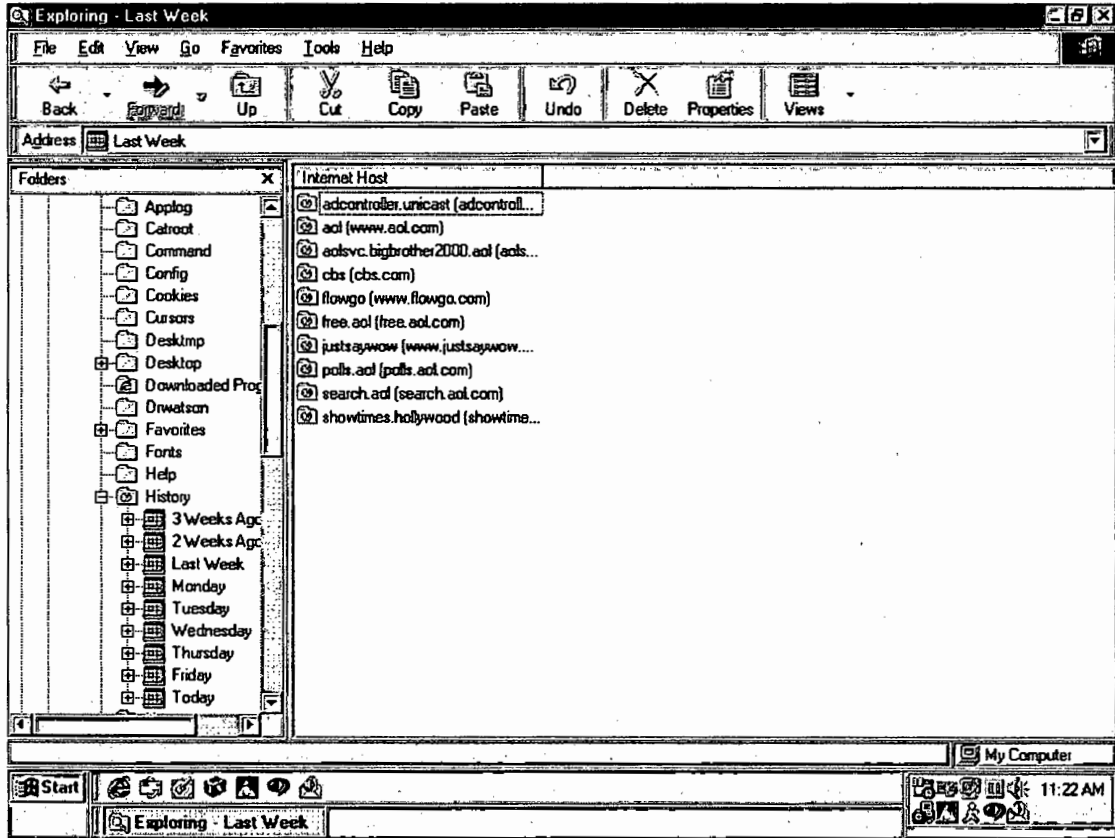
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III. Other Business





Week of Aug 21, 2000

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Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62
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Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck
Date: August 24, 2000

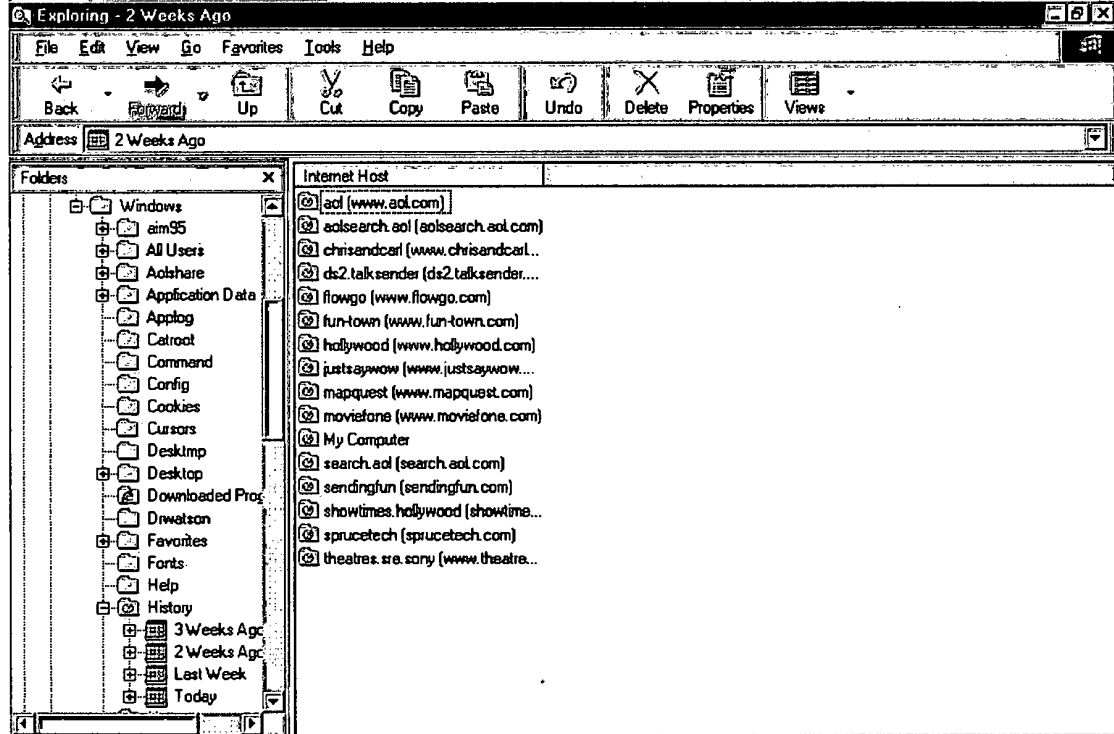
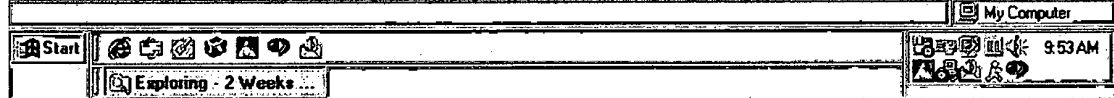
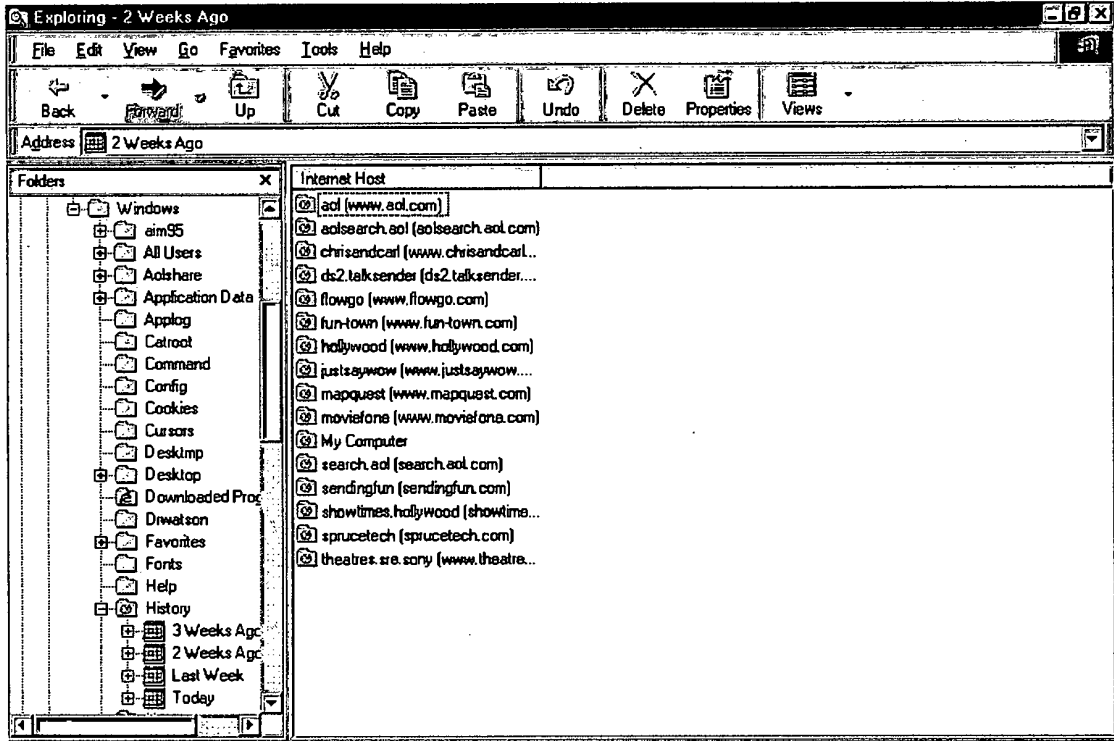
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Week of Sept 4, 2000



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Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*
Re: Rev. Walter De Roeck
Date: September 5, 2000

Present at Meeting:

Rev. Walter De Roeck
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, PFRA

Discussion focused on current protocol and fact that no changes will be made at this time. Review Board Members require further [REDACTED] information, which Father De Roeck is unable to disclose per attorney's advice.

Further discussion focused on the recent Board decision that Father De Roeck not extend his November visit to California beyond the time his brother will be there.

Rather than meet with Board members in person, he will prepare a written appeal to be presented by PFRA at the September 16, 2000 meeting.

Father De Roeck will be working 30 hours a week for the Office of Communications. Board will review in 3 months.

Cc: Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

September 6, 2000

Professional Fitness Review Board
676 North St. Claire, Suite 1910
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Membership of the Board,

In light of the concerns you expressed at your August 19th meeting about my extending my visit to my mother through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, may I share some information that addresses those concerns.

The proposed plans are similar to those of my previous trip to see mom and my sisters and their families. That was from February 28 to March 9, 2000 – a ten day stay. My visits in the past have focused on familial connection; that is every bit the case this time as well.

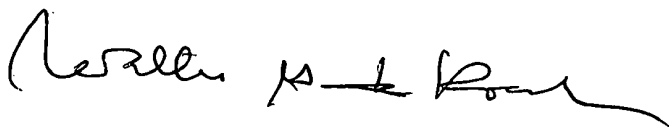
In a recent conversation with Kathleen Leggdas and Fr. Larry McBrady, the issue of appropriate monitoring came up as a key factor in your discussions. While my brother would be traveling with me, he would indeed wish to return to Chicago on Monday, November 20. He understands that he will be asked to sign the form committing to monitoring my whereabouts and activity while in California. However, I did not communicate clearly that my two sisters would also be willing to act as monitors for the days after my brother's return. Fr. Larry McBrady, who has known our family since our growing up years and has continued to stay in touch with us all, can vouch for their veracity and their taking the monitoring seriously. At the recent meeting he volunteered that he would be available to the Board to speak to that. Kathleen Leggdas asked whether I would be opposed to her speaking to my two sisters. I have no objections to that since they are aware of the situation and of the restrictions to which I am bound.

I also indicated a willingness to be monitored by [REDACTED] diocesan officials while out there. If it is deemed appropriate, I am willing to call in more frequently as well.

As indicated in my letter to Kathleen Leggdas dated July 20, 2000, the contents of which I understand she shared with you in August, family is very important to me. I also know full well that my mother's 80th is a clear reminder to me that life is short. Our time with her is brief. I don't know how many more opportunities I will have to see her and spend some quality moments with her before she is called to her eternal reward. Being so far away geographically during this past difficult year and a half has been hard on her.

I respectfully request that, in light of this additional data, you might consider reviewing my request to be with my family through the Thanksgiving days. My thanks.

Sincerely,



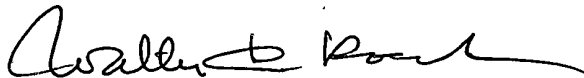
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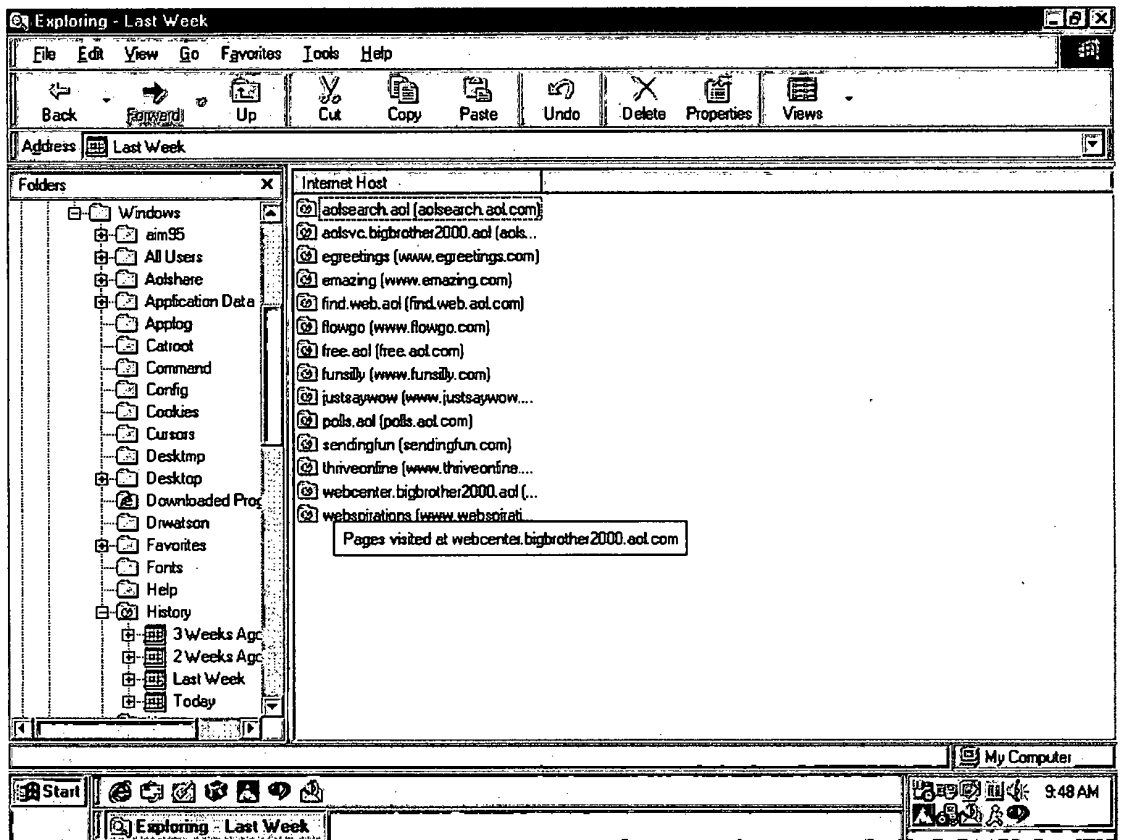
Attached please find the letter I had composed as a follow-up to our recent conversation. Granted our conversation yesterday re Cardinal's comments, I would still like the Board to have a copy of my appeal and response to their concerns, for the record.

I would also appreciate if you gave them a copy of the letter I addressed to you, the contents of which you shared with them at your August meeting.

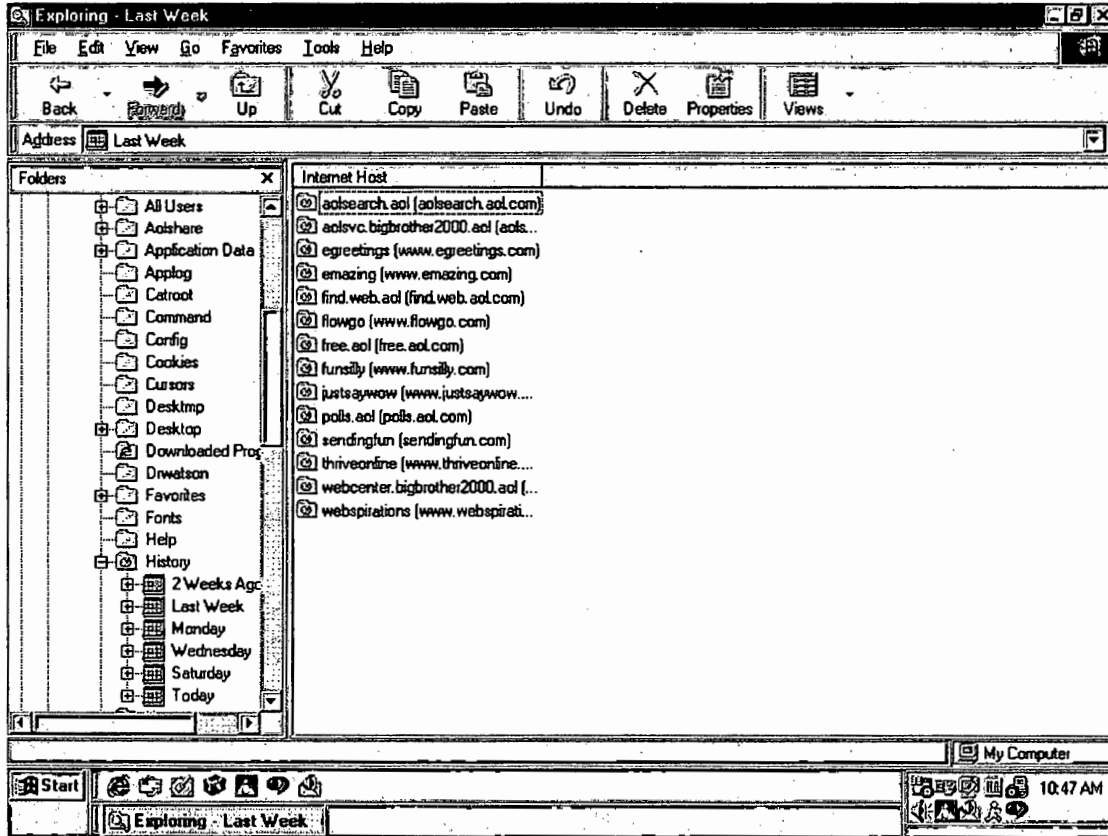
Thanks, as always, for your help and guidance.

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Walter De Roeck



Week of Sept 11, 2000



Week of Sept 18, 2000

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September 19, 2000

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board fully considered Father Walter De Roeck's appeal of their recommendation that he not return to Chicago alone from his trip to California in November of this year.

Given the fact that Father De Roeck will travel to California with his brother and that both of his sisters have agreed to serve as monitor during the extended stay, the Review Board is recommending to you that he be allowed to stay the additional days through the Thanksgiving Holiday and return to Chicago on Monday, November 27, 2000.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

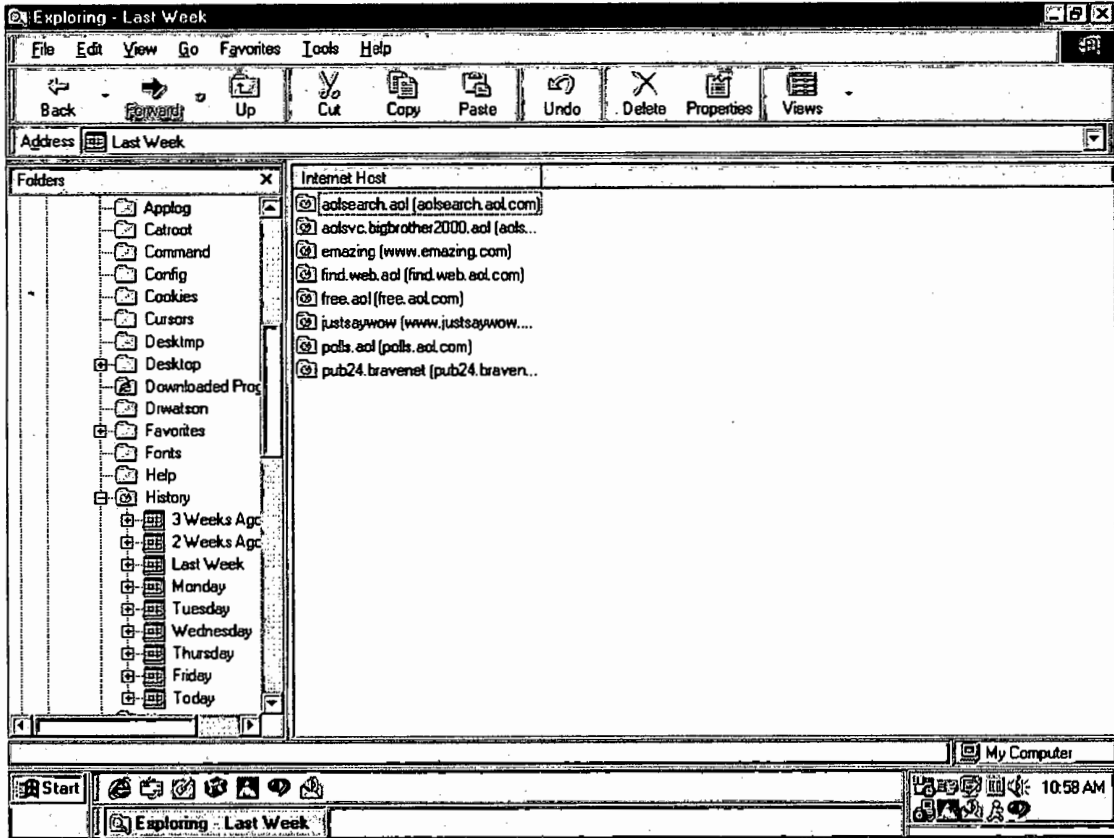
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Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/lmp

Cc: Members of the Review Board
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September 26, 2000

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father De Roeck,

I received your letter dated September 6, 2000. The Review Board is not meeting in September. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 21, 2000. This would, I suspect, be too late to wait to review your appeal. Consequently, I have not sent copies of your letters to the Board Members.

In order to save time, I called Board Members to see if I could get a quorum vote (5 of the 9 members) to approve your proposal.

Since I spoke with each of your sisters and they agreed to sign the Archdiocesan Monitor Agreement, the Review Board Members have reconsidered their recommendation to Cardinal George.

The recommendation is to extend your trip through the Thanksgiving Holiday with a return of Monday, November 27, 2000.

One of your sisters will be responsible for taking you to the airport for a non-stop flight to Chicago O'Hare. Please let me know who will be picking you up at O'Hare upon your return.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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September 26, 2000



Dear [REDACTED],

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As we discussed, I have enclosed a Travel/Vacation Agreement for you to read, sign and return to me prior to the trip. These requirements serve to protect Wally from further damaging allegations and demonstrate that the Archdiocese is practicing due diligence with regard to the priest.

If you have questions concerning the document, or questions during the travel time, please do not hesitate to call me at 312-751-5205.

Thank you again on behalf of the Archdiocese and the Review Board for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

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Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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September 27, 2000

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
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Dear Kathleen,

I am writing for the record in response to your letter of September 19, 2000 regarding the request of **Reverend Walter De Roeck** to travel to California this November.

I accept the Board's recommendation that Father De Roeck be allowed to travel with his brother to California and stay through the Thanksgiving holiday in light of the fact that both of his sisters have agreed to serve as his monitor during the extended stay and see him to the airport for his return to Chicago on Monday, November 27, 2000.

I am grateful to you and the members of the Review Board for your assistance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Cardinal George".

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

Given at the Chancery

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Reverend Lawrence P. McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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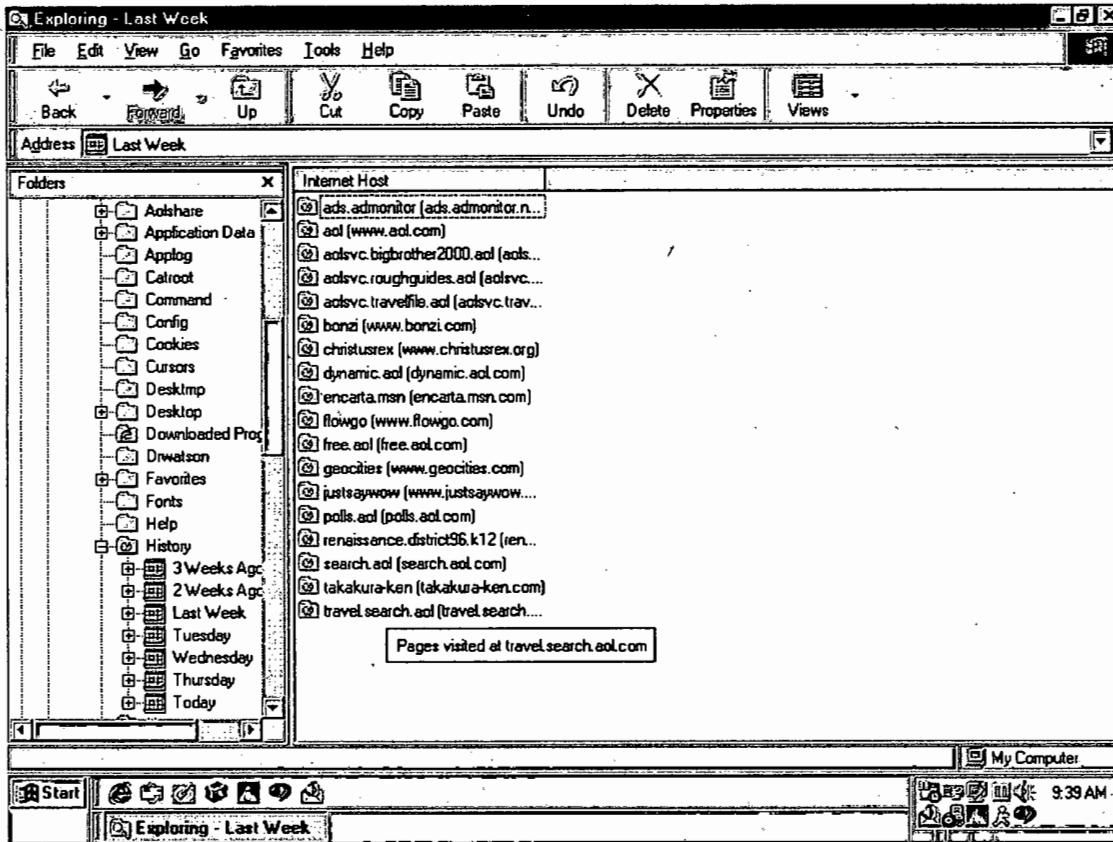


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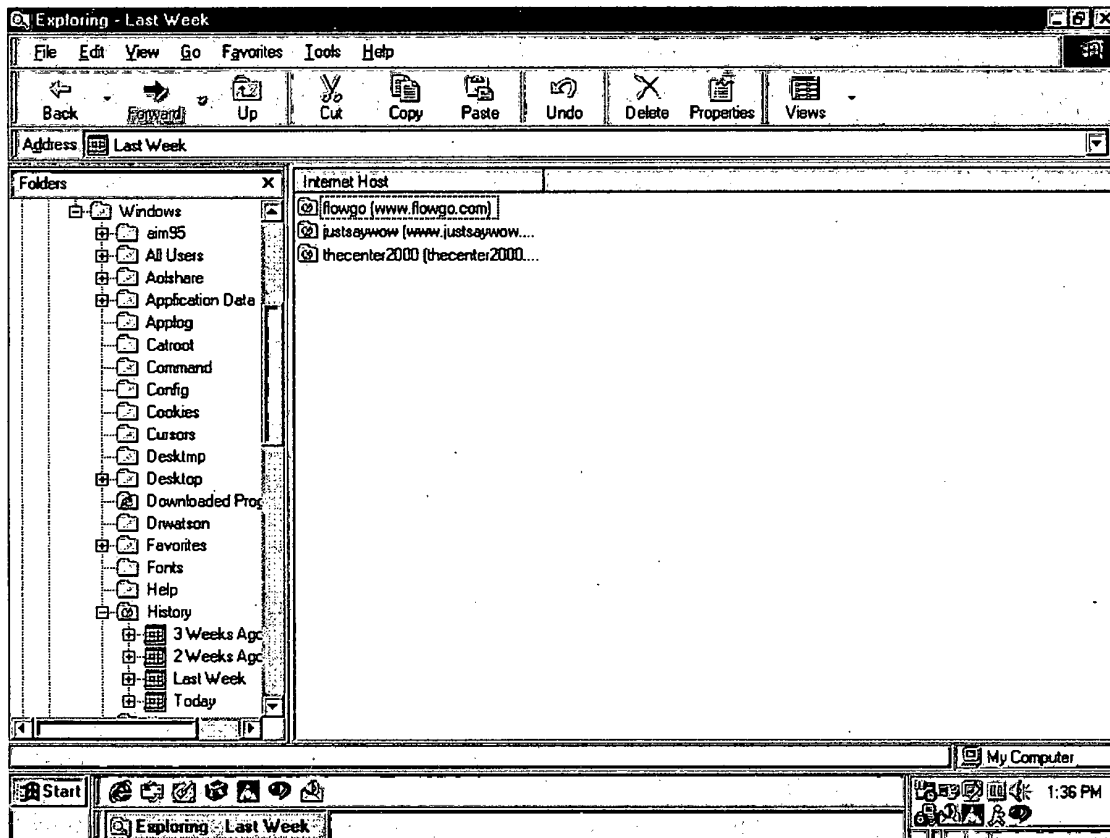
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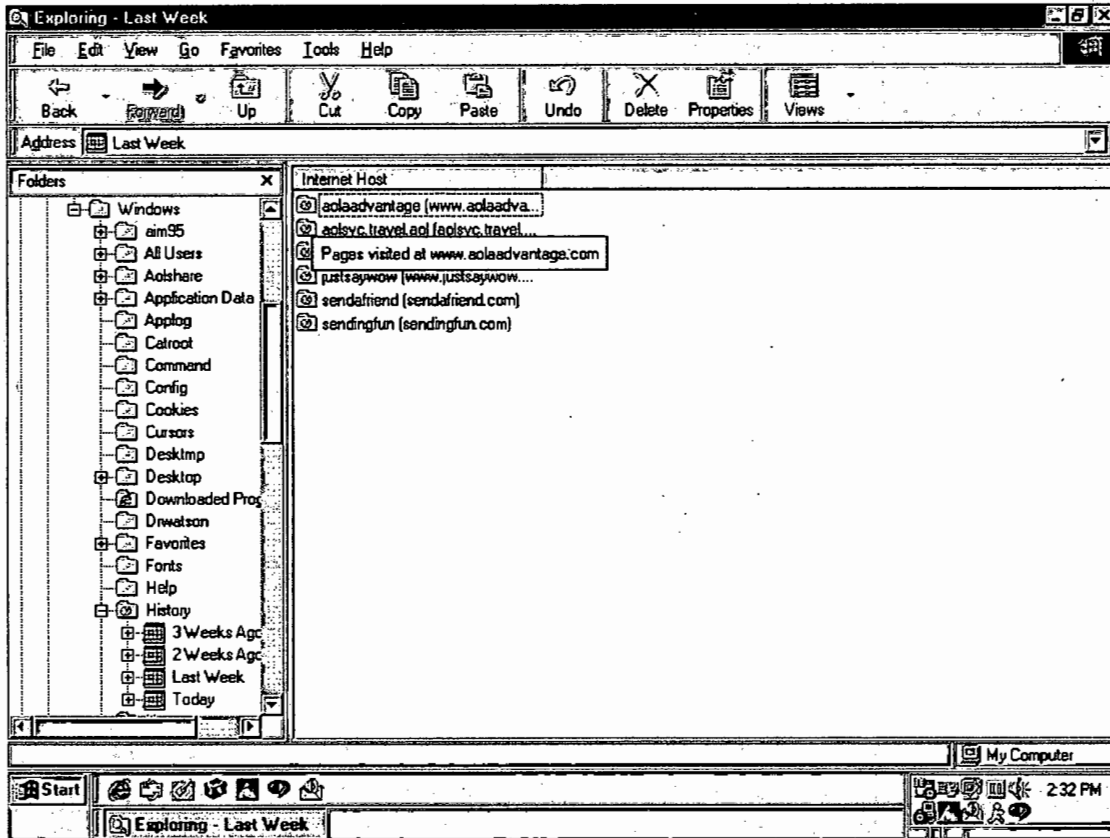
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Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-62
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*
Re: Meeting with Father De Roeck
Date: October 17, 2000

Wally and I met to review his list of maintenance and repair requests made to Father John Michet. PFRA felt list was unrealistic in light of the fact that the Review Board has just invested \$16,000 into paint and renovations. Detailed list did not allow for restoration of areas to their original state or for the fact that Retreat House Staff have other responsibilities or that some of this should be completed by the residents themselves.

It was agreed upon that the men living in Koenig Hall will be responsible for their own set of rooms – vacuuming, dusting, emptying waste baskets, etc. Housekeeping will take care of all common areas. If the kitchen is used, the person who uses it will be responsible for cleaning up and maintaining the area.

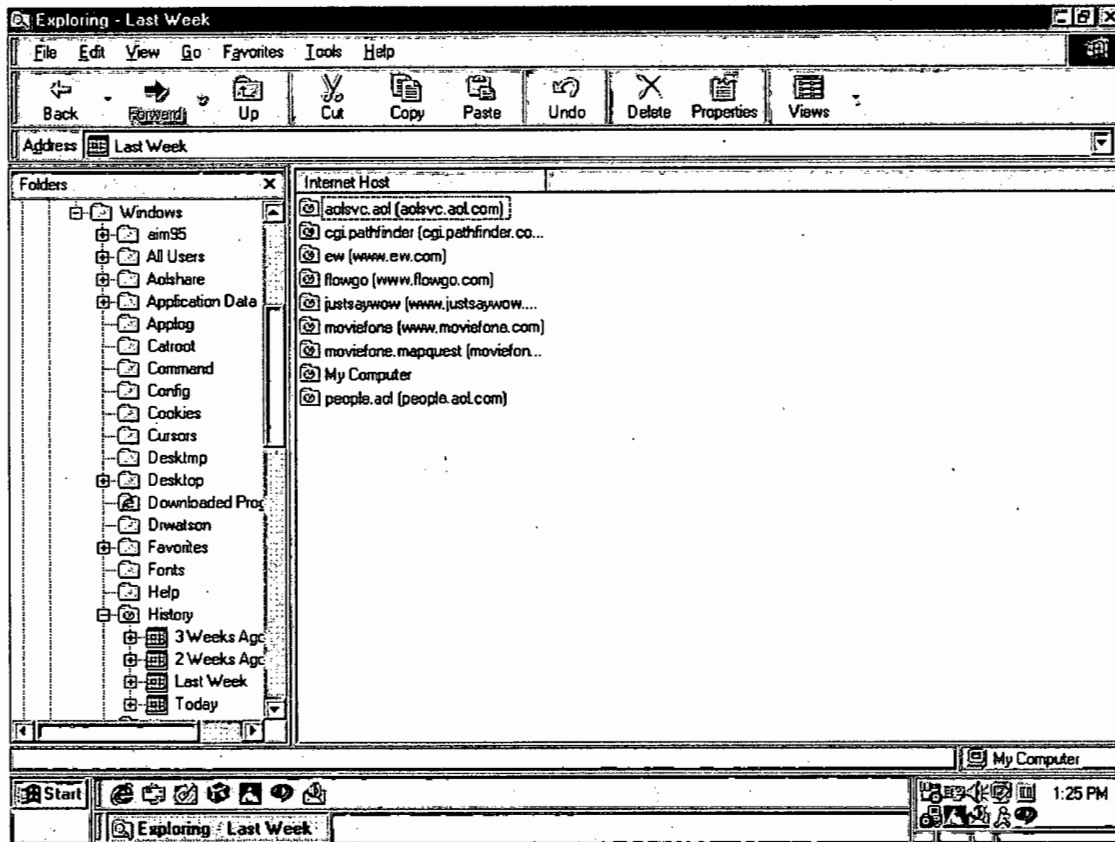
Wally agreed to clean out the linen cabinet since he is the only one currently using the supplies. He will set up and maintain a system. The other resident has his personal linens and does not use this supply.

Wally and I also talked about the fact that his requests appear to be demands and that he gives me, Kathy and Father Michet the sense that he is entitled to “better service.” I tried to clarify the fact that this is not a hotel and that the men who live in this area are ultimately responsible for the condition of the area.

I did not authorize repair of the scratches on his piano. They are minimal and would be costly to complete if a wood finisher were brought in. I did agree to talk to Father Michet about the condition of the stairwells and the sacristy.

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]

I reminded him that he is NOT to travel alone and that he IS to complete the Vacation Form provided by our office for his use. He indicated that he though he could travel to [REDACTED] without a companion. I clarified that the destination was not the issue – the protocol restricts him from traveling alone – anywhere.



Oct 22 - 28, 2000



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kathleen Leggdas

FR: Larry McBrady *LMCB*

DT: October 23, 2000

RE: Walter De Roeck

Wally came to see me this past Friday and requested permission to celebrate a private Mass with three participants at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on November 12. The purpose of this liturgy is to offer a Mass for the deceased mother of one of the participants. Wally was at [REDACTED] at the time of the death and missed both the wake and the funeral.

I feel this is a legitimate request and feel we should give our permission. What do you think?

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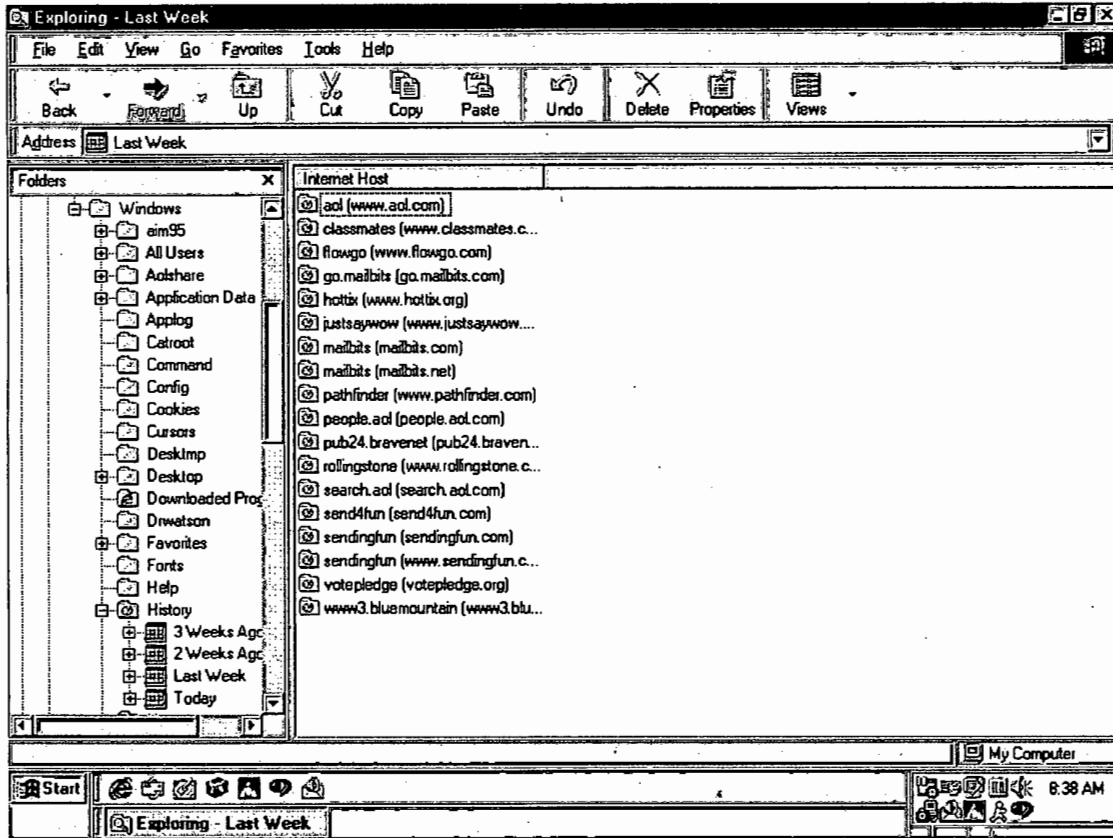
MEMORANDUM

TO: File
FROM: Larry McBrady
RE: **Walter De Roeck**
DATE: October 25, 2000

On Friday, October 20, 2000, I met with Wally at the Vicars' office. The purpose of this meeting was to give Wally an opportunity to respond to a letter dated 09/13/00 from the [REDACTED] pertaining to [REDACTED]. The responses contained in this memo refer to the material on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the September 13th letter. Wally acknowledged the accuracy of (A) and (B). He pointed out the error in (C) in that the house was not owned by the Archdiocese, but privately owned. (D) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (E) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He also acknowledged providing [REDACTED] with beer.

(G) Wally acknowledged [REDACTED] Wally denied ever touching either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
(H) Wally acknowledged that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], while at Michigan City, also accompanied Wally to [REDACTED] (I)
Wally denied ever providing marijuana but he did acknowledge smoking marijuana with the two young men. He believes [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] brought the marijuana. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (J) Wally acknowledged he may have [REDACTED] also. Again, he denied ever touching either young man. (K) He acknowledged that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] probably did see the jewelry that he wore. (L) He acknowledged that [REDACTED] (M) He also acknowledged that the young men did see him masturbate himself although he never touched them. (N) He did acknowledge [REDACTED] (O) Again, he acknowledged masturbating in their presence.



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Walter G. De Roeck

Kathleen Leggan

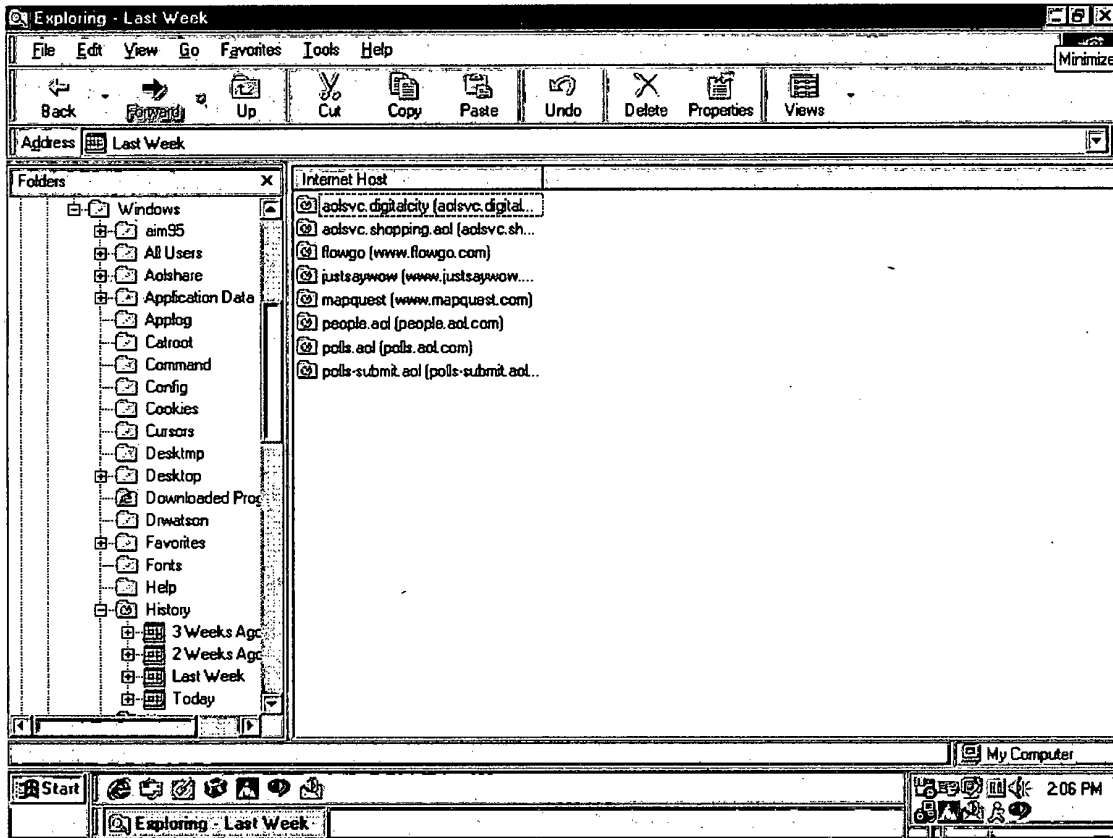
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November 9, 2000

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father De Roeck,

It has been a year since we last reviewed your Individual Specific Protocol for the Professional Fitness Review Board. Since this needs to be updated annually, I have enclosed the most recent for your signature.

One addition has been made to the standard requirements: "Submit a list of all sites visited on the Internet to the PFRA monthly." Needless to say, this is meant only for those of you who "surf the net."

Any changes made as a result of a Supplementary Review by the Board have been incorporated into your protocol. If you have any questions about content or interpretation, please call to clarify before you sign.

Return the signed Protocol to me by December 1, 2000. Retain a copy for your file.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Enclosure

Cc: Review Board Members
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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL
For
Father Walter De Roeck

The Individual Specific Protocol (ISP) reflects the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations.

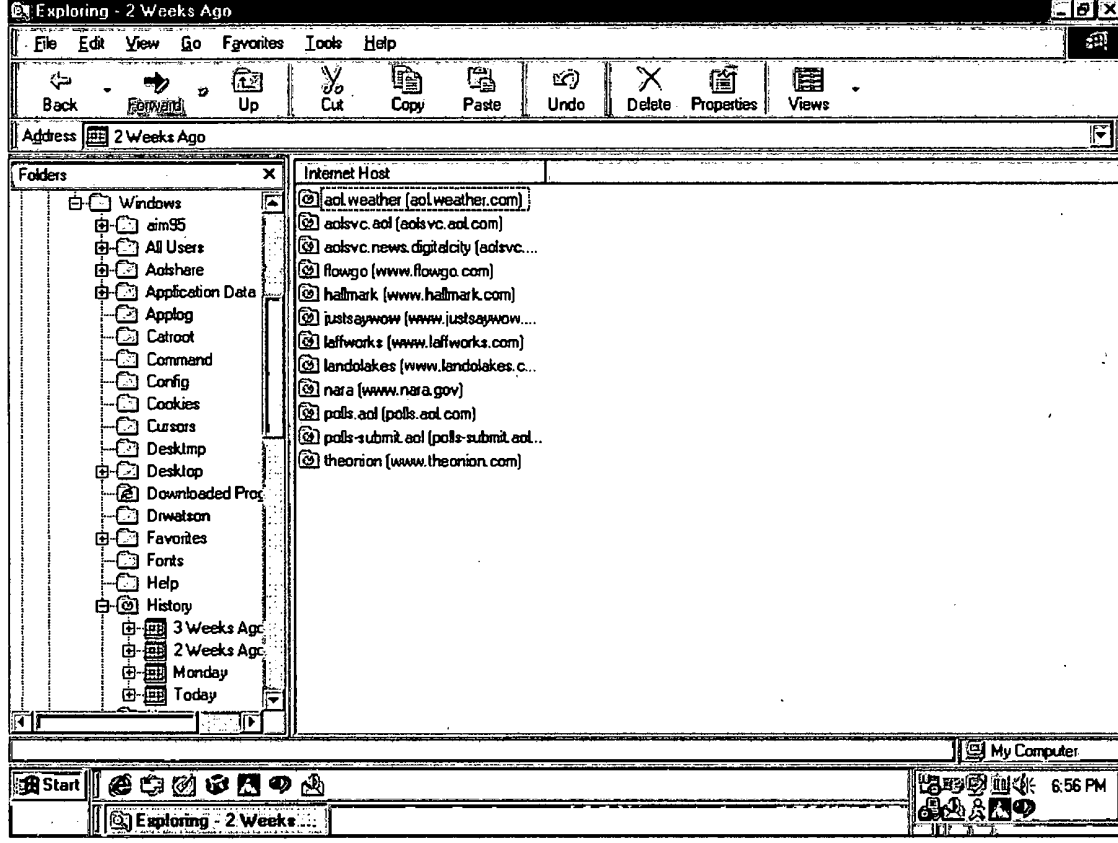
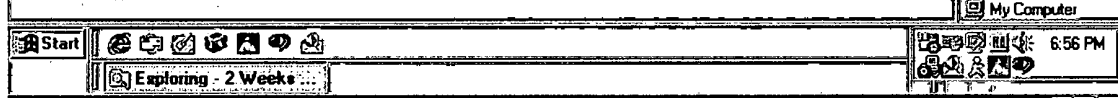
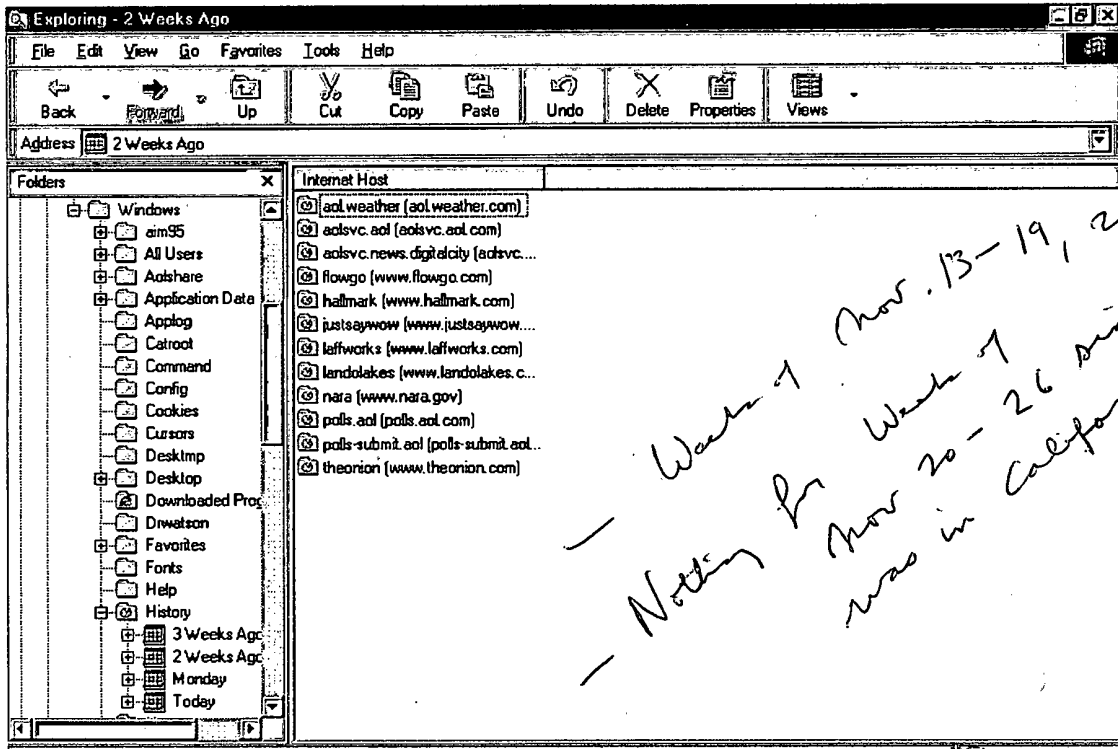
Professional Fitness Review clients will be subject to appropriate restrictions and monitoring by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator throughout the life of the individual as a priest/deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The ISP for **Fr. Walter De Roeck** includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. Prior approval required from Review Administrator (PFRA) for vacations and nights spent away from residence.
3. Call into PFRA each day.
4. Prohibited from wearing Roman collar.
5. Prior approval required from PFRA and Vicar for Priests (VP) for public celebration of Mass and other religious services: weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
6. On-site monitor to be informed of overnights away from Koenig Hall.
7. Another responsible adult known to PFRA to accompany Fr. De Roeck on all overnights.
8. Complete Client Daily Log. Receipts, ticket stubs, etc. should accompany log and be submitted monthly to PFRA.
9. [REDACTED]
10. Prohibited from use of Michigan House pending review of [REDACTED]
11. All contact with individuals from former parishes/ministerial assignments must be pre-approved by PFRA and VP Office, including participation in parish activities (weddings, social events, etc.).
12. Submit report all sites visited on the Internet to PFRA monthly.
13. This is a working document which can be changed, altered or superceded when there is an indicated need to do so.
14. In order to change this protocol, prior approval must be obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Board.
15. A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in Professional Fitness Review and Vicar for Priests Offices.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: Walter De Roeck Date: 11/12/00
Printed Name: WALTER DE ROECK
Signature of PFRA: Kathleen Legzdans Date: 11-9-00



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Signature(s):

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Kathleen Legg, PFR Administrator

Date:

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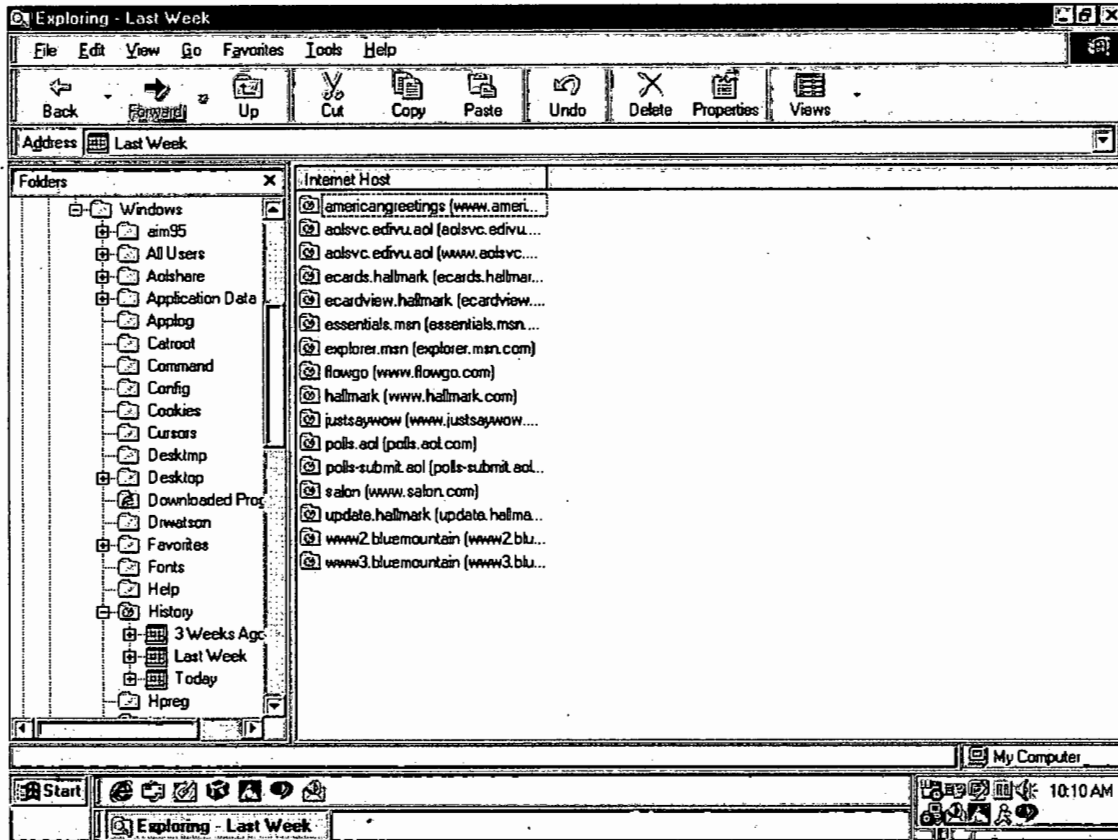
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January 29, 2001

Rev. Anthony Talarico
Koenig Hall Retreat Center
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father Talarico,

I have been informed that you are now the Administrator of the Retreat House. As you may know, both Rev. [REDACTED] and Rev. Walter De Roeck are clients of the Professional Fitness Review Board. As such, they are required to have an on-site monitor assigned.

In the past, Father Ed. Siedlecki served as that monitor. He completed the Monthly Monitor Reports on each man and submitted them to me, the Administrator.

Please review the enclosed forms at your convenience and call me at 312-751-5205 to set up a brief meeting regarding the protocol for these men as well as monitoring responsibilities of the Administrator of the Retreat House.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Enclosures

Cc: Vicar for Priests

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12 February 2001

Kathleen Leggdas
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Kathleen,

I understand that the Vicar for Priests, Fr. Larry McBrady, has spoken to you about my wish to leave the active ministry. I understand as well that both you and he support my going to [REDACTED]

With that in mind, I have made arrangements for [REDACTED] and have purchased the airfare for the trip. I have enclosed a copy of the bill for the flight for reimbursement purposes.

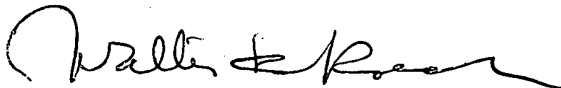
I will depart from Chicago's O'Hare Airport aboard American Airlines Flight 572 on April 22 at 9:55 AM. The non-stop flight will arrive at Baltimore/Washington International Airport at 12:46 PM. [REDACTED] is making arrangements to have a shuttle bus take me directly from the airport to [REDACTED].

The flight arrangements call for my returning aboard American Airlines on Friday, April 27 at 1:12 PM. Non-stop Flight 893 will be departing out of BWI, arriving at O'Hare at 2:20 PM. Again, [REDACTED] is arranging for a shuttle to take me directly to the airport.

Thanks for your support for this [REDACTED].

If you have any questions, let me know. God bless.

Sincerely,



Walter G. De Roeck

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-62

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

Re: **Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck**

Date: March 17, 2001

Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on March 17, 2001:

We reviewed the letter from Father De Roeck which informed us of his plans to resign from the active ministry. Although when a man leaves the priesthood he is “off our screen” there are still some legal cases pending against him. W.D. plans to attend a workshop at [REDACTED]. We spoke a bit more about the archdiocese’s relationship with W.D. and the possibility of other possible allegations. It was noted that when he leaves the priesthood W.D. is on his own (although the archdiocese gives him some sort of package), but the Church could be held liable for what happened while he was still in the ministry. This letter from W.D. was considered “F.Y.I.” and we have no problem with this trip.

Minutes of the Professional Fitness Review Board

Members present: [REDACTED]

Others present: Rev. James Kaczorowski – Vicar for Priests

Members absent: [REDACTED]

Others absent: Ms. Kathleen Leggdas and Rev. Thomas Paprocki.

1. [REDACTED] began the meeting with a prayer.

2. The minutes were reviewed

3. [REDACTED]

4. The Matter of Father Wally DeRoeck: We reviewed the letter from W.D. which informed us of his plans to resign from the active ministry. Although when a man leaves the priesthood he is “off our screen” there are still some legal cases pending against him. W.D. plans to attend a workshop at [REDACTED]. We spoke a bit more about the archdiocese’s relationship with W.D. and the possibility of other possible allegations. It was noted that when he leaves the priesthood W.D. is on his own [REDACTED], but the Church could be held liable for what happened while he was still in the ministry. This letter from W.D. was considered “F.Y.I.” and we have no problem with this trip.

5. [REDACTED]

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-- submitted by

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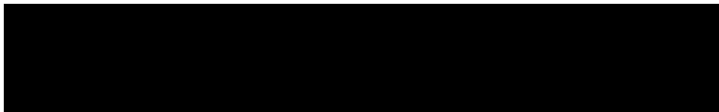
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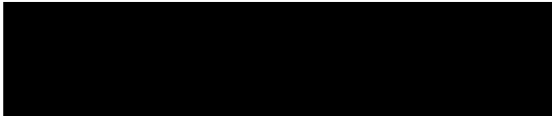
Saturday, March 17, 2001 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2001

- II. Case Reviews
 - A. 

 - B. In the matter of Rev. Walter G. De Roeck, PFR-62
 - Will resign from priesthood as soon as legal suit is settled

 - C. 

- III. Other Business

Lunch will not be served at this meeting.

Professional Fitness Review

Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name: Fr. Walter DeRoed Monitor: Rev. G. M. Tolaino
Month/Year of Report: March 2001

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If yes, describe the situation and priest's action(s):

2. Did you have access or were you informed of the priest's schedule? YES NO

If no, explain

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3. If the priest was going out of town for more than an overnight trip, pre-approved by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator, did he leave you a basic itinerary of his whereabouts during the trip and a copy of the Vacation Form?

YES

NO

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES

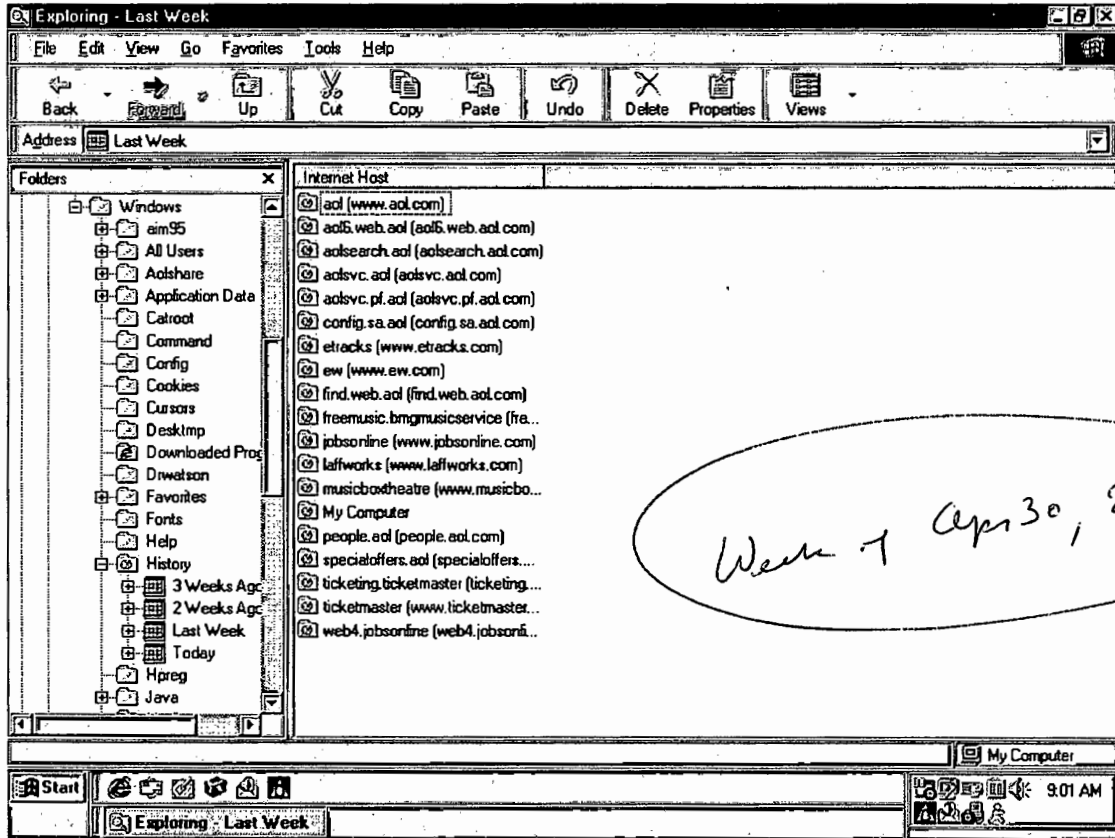
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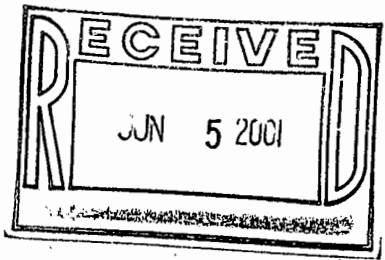
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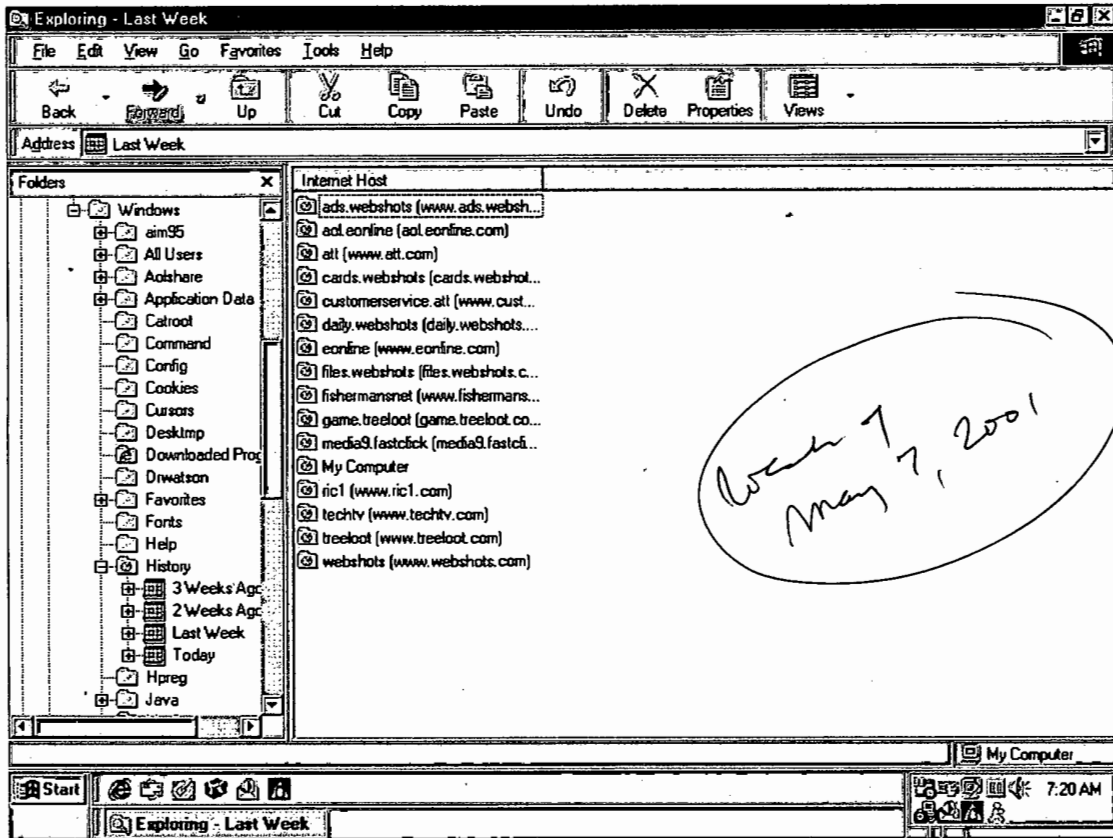
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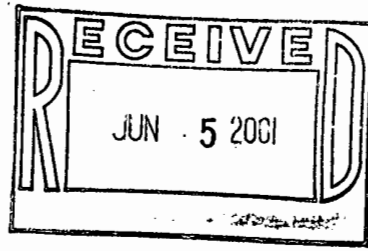
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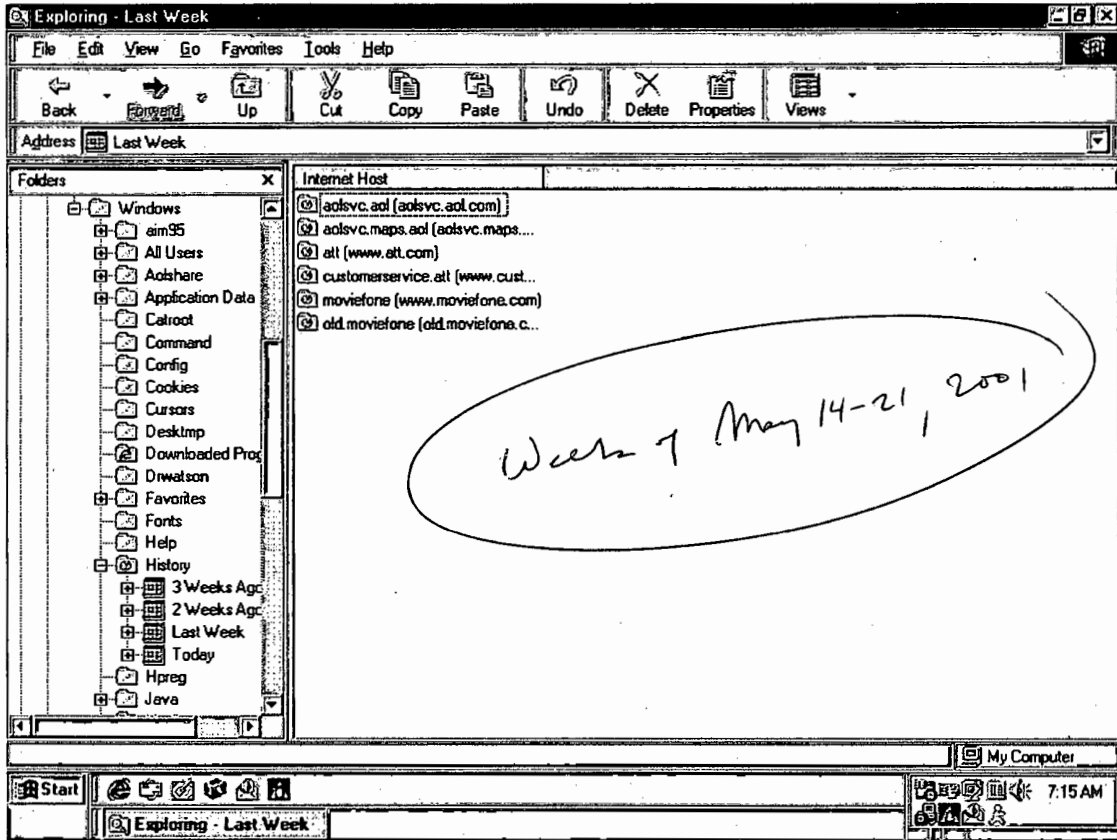
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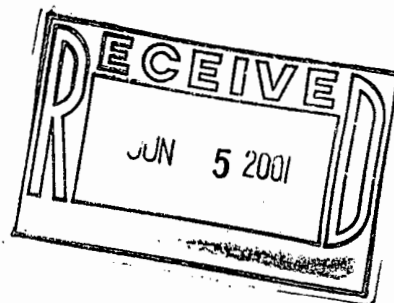


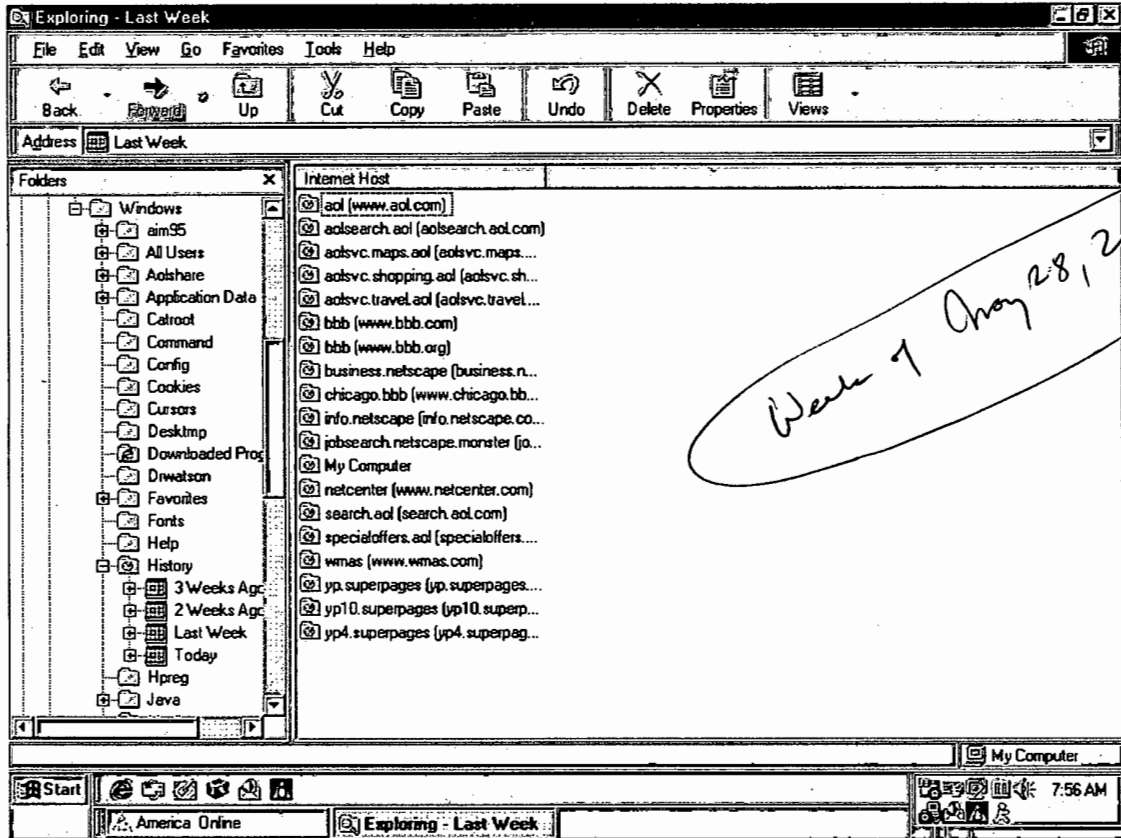
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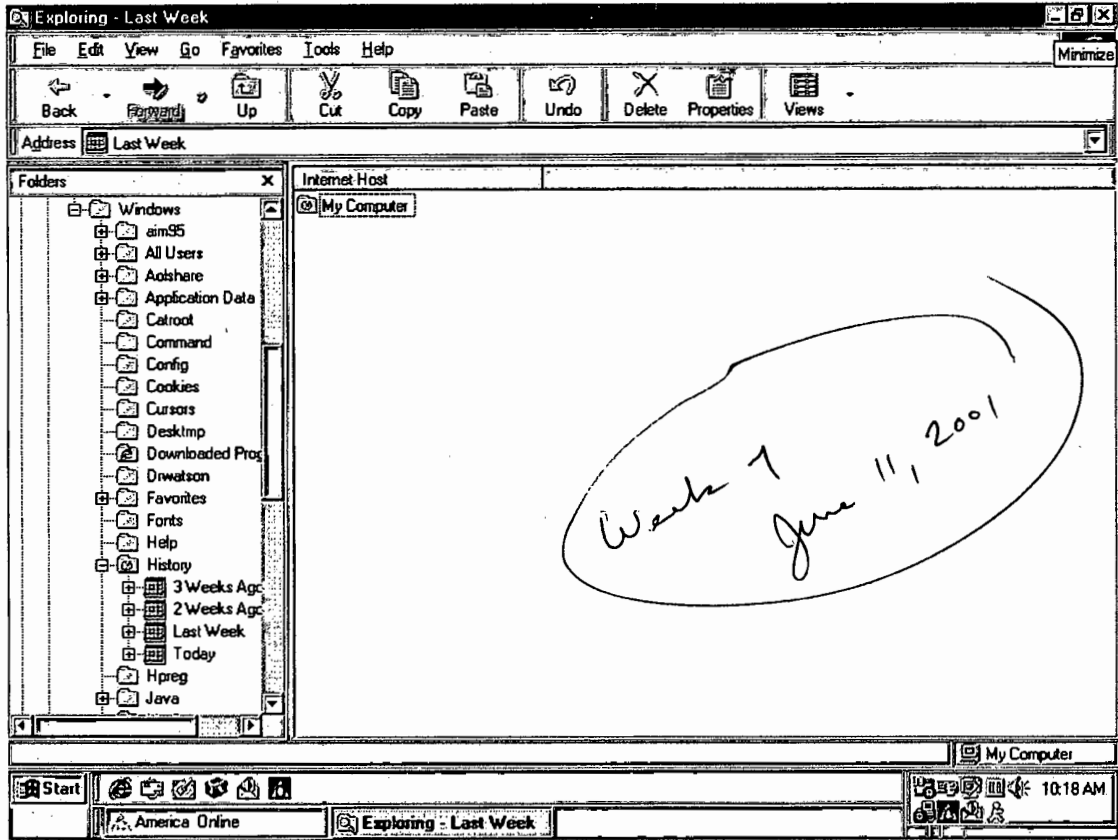
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Monthly Monitoring Report

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Client Name: REV. WALTER D. ROECK Monitor: REV. A.M. TALARICO

Month/Year of Report: APRIL 2001

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YES NO

If no, explain _____

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YES

NO

N/A

4. To your knowledge has the priest complied overall with his monitoring restrictions/expectations during the past month?

YES

NO

If no, explain: _____

Other comments: _____

Signature of Priest: Wally G. DeKorn Date: June 14, 2001

Signature of Monitor: _____ Date: _____

Professional Fitness Review

Monthly Monitoring Report

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6-18-01

Client Name: REV. WALTER DE ROECK Monitor: REV. A.M. TARALCO

Month/Year of Report: MAY 2001

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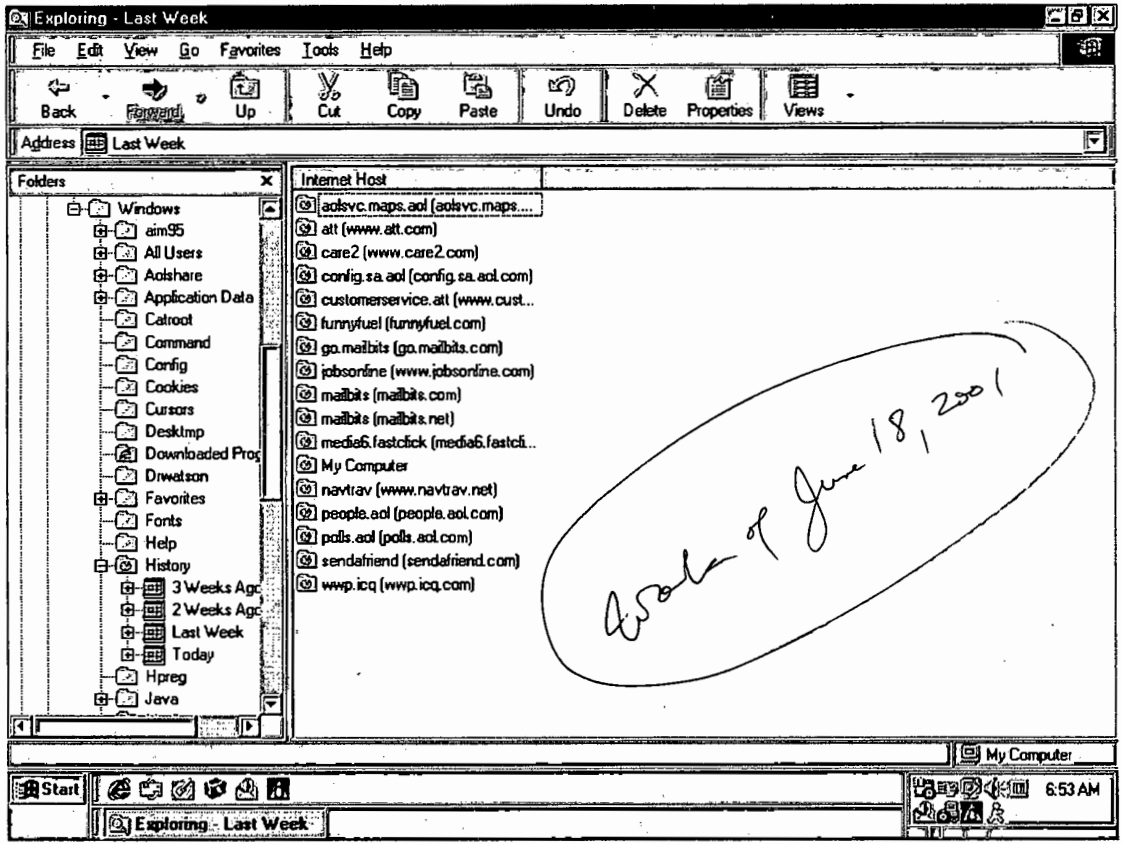
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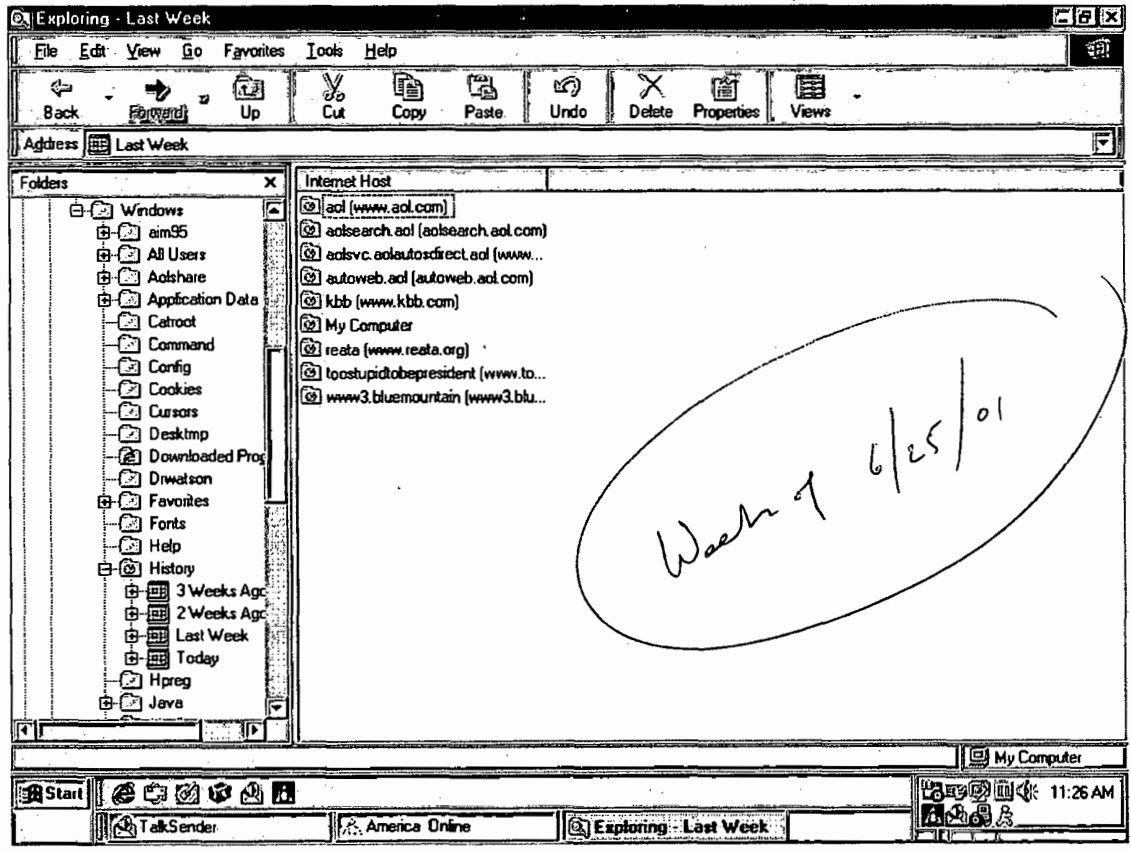
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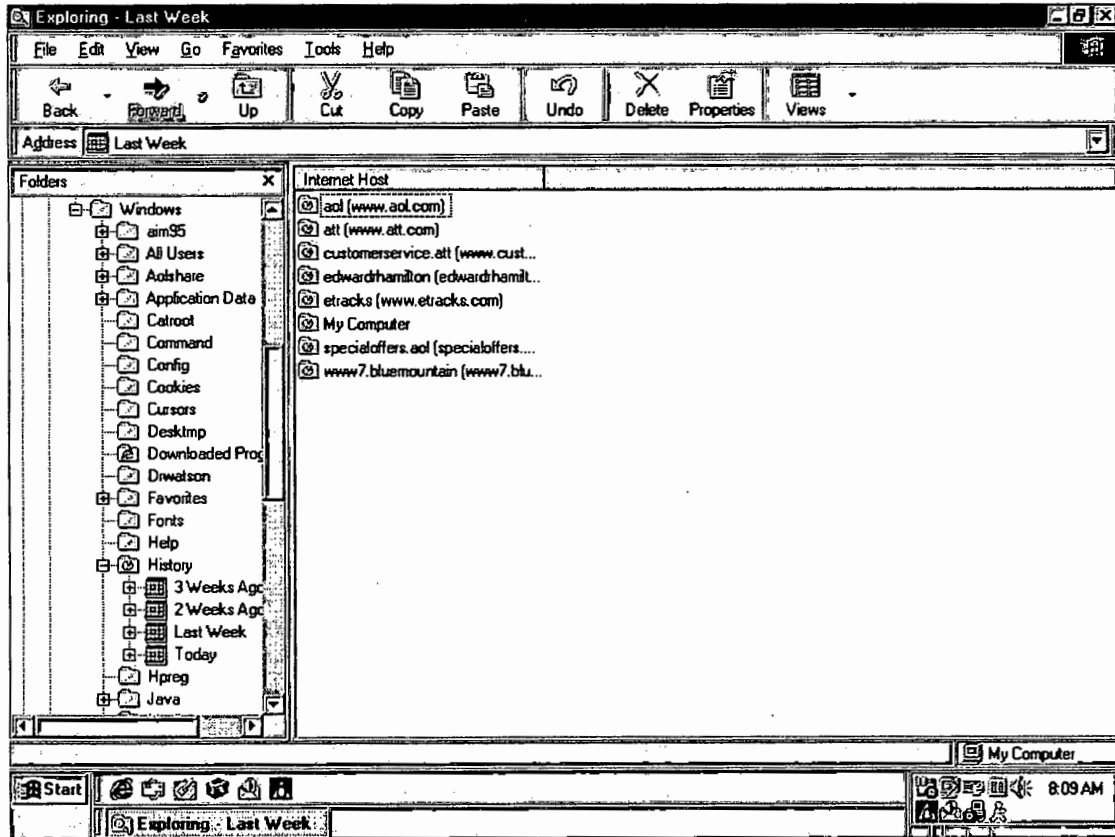
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Signature of Monitor: _____ Date: _____







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Monthly Monitoring Report

Client Name: Rev. Walter J. Porec Monitor: Rev. A.M. Talarico

Month/Year of Report: JUNE 2001

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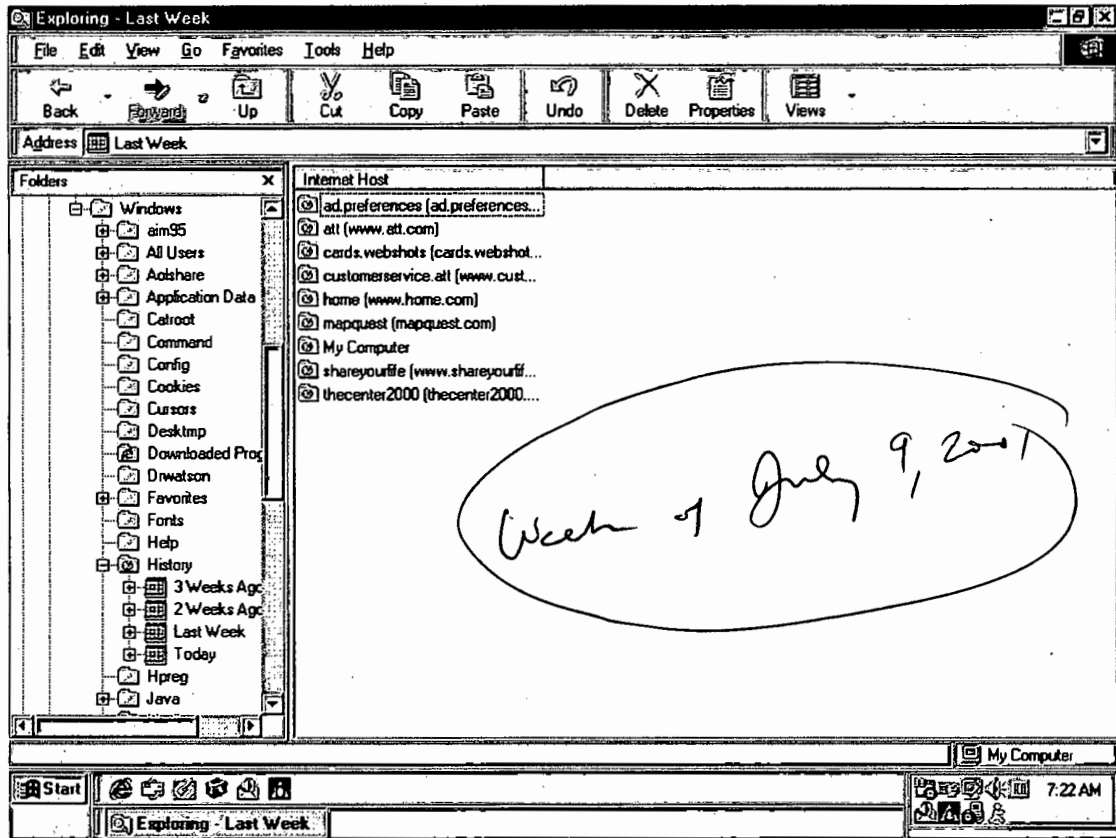
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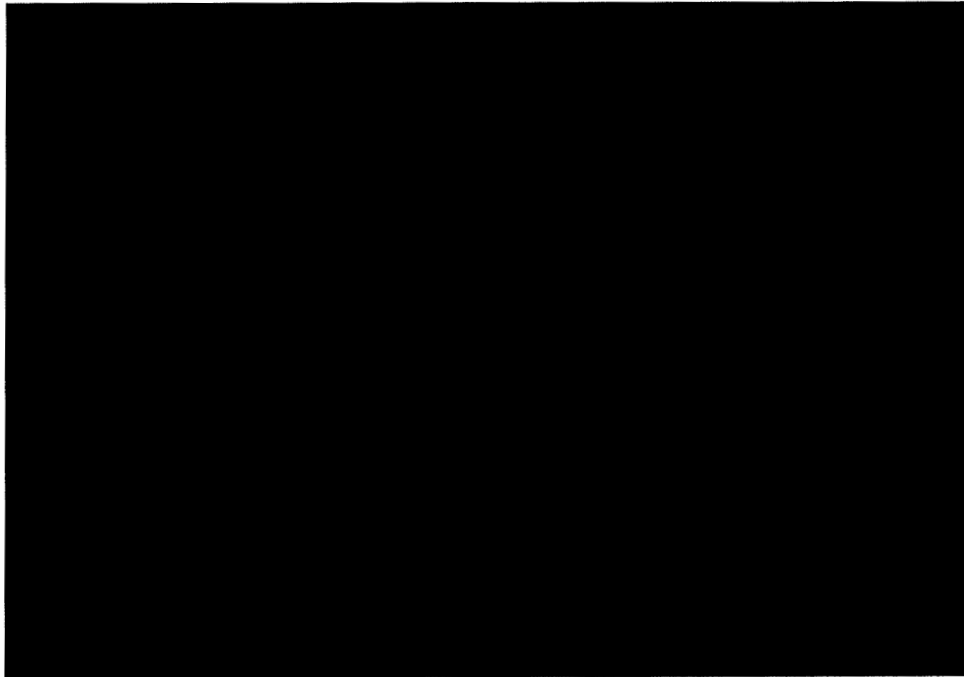
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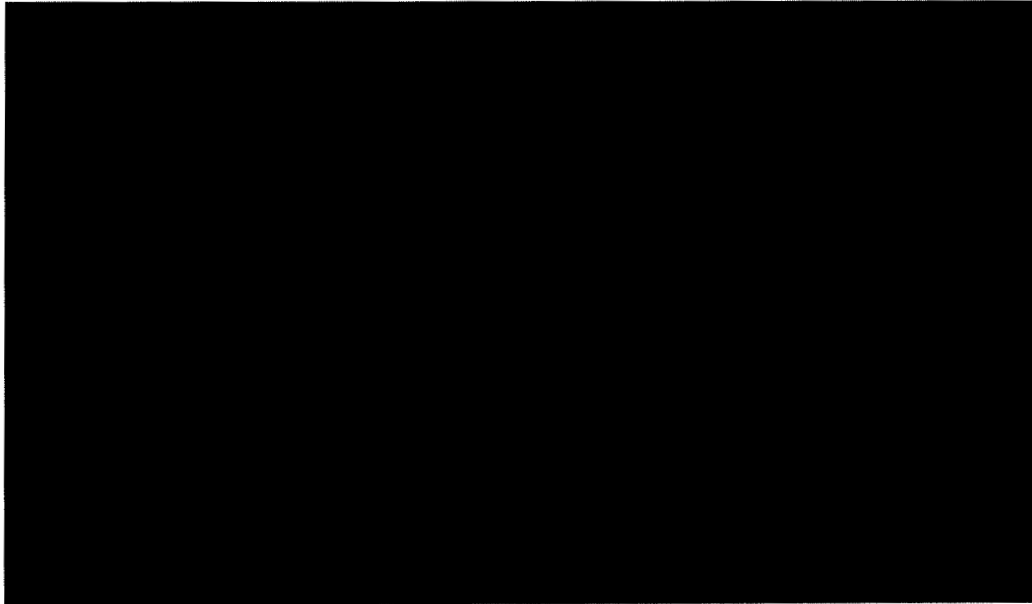
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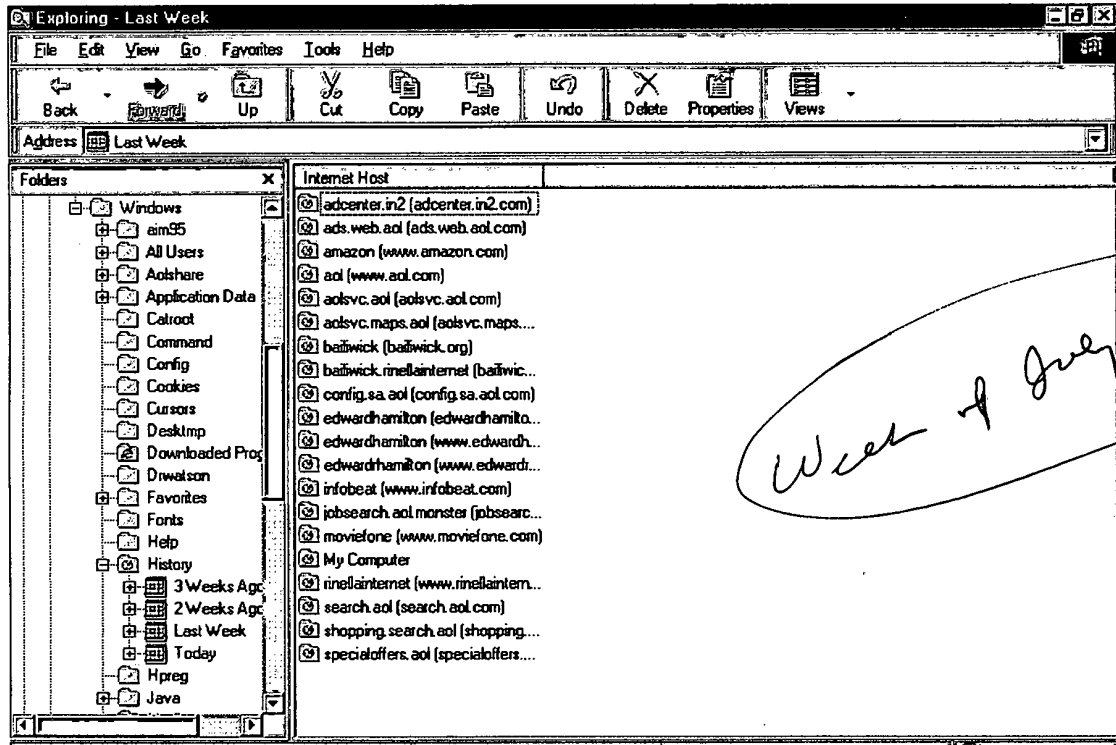
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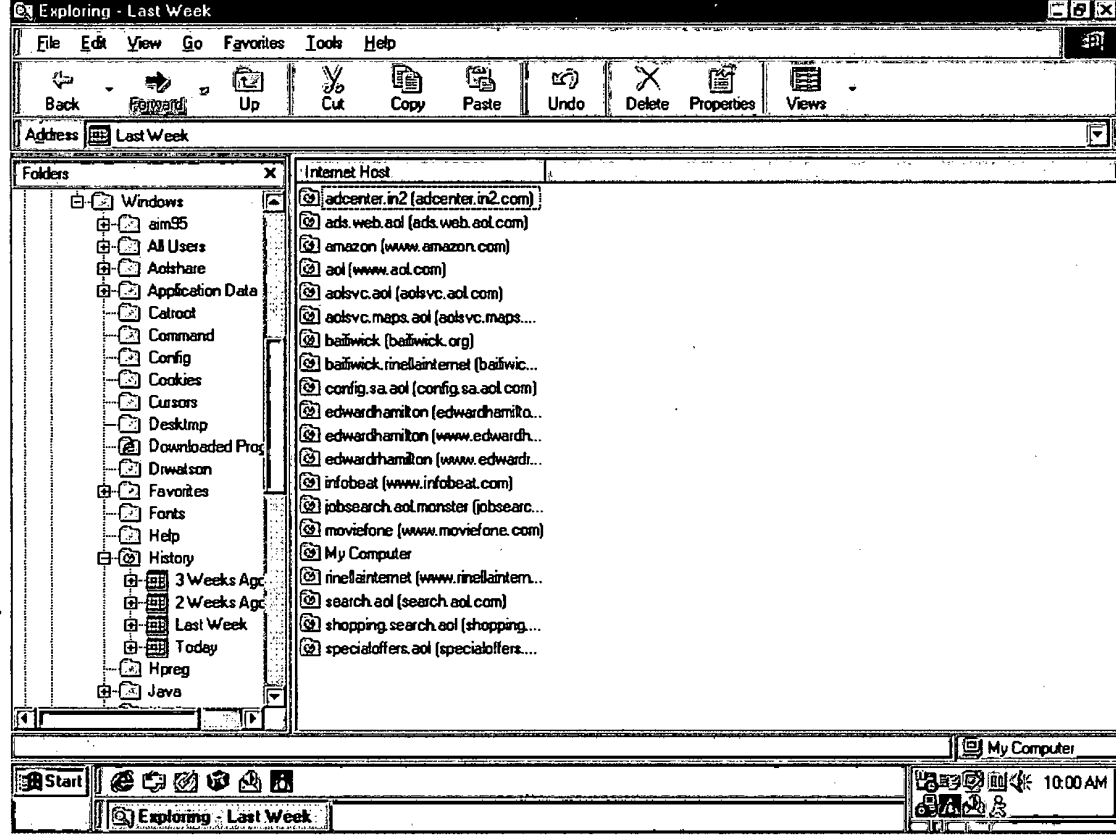
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Week of July 16, 2001



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July 16, 2001

Rev. Walter G. De Roeck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Father De Roeck,

Your check for July reflects an increase in salary based on the Salary Scale for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Professional Fitness Review salaries are calculated by using an Associate Pastor base salary and adding the years since ordination. Ten percent is deducted for expenses you incur as a PFR client. That total is then divided by 12 to produce the monthly wage figure.

If you have questions regarding the amount, please call me at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Enclosure:

Cc: Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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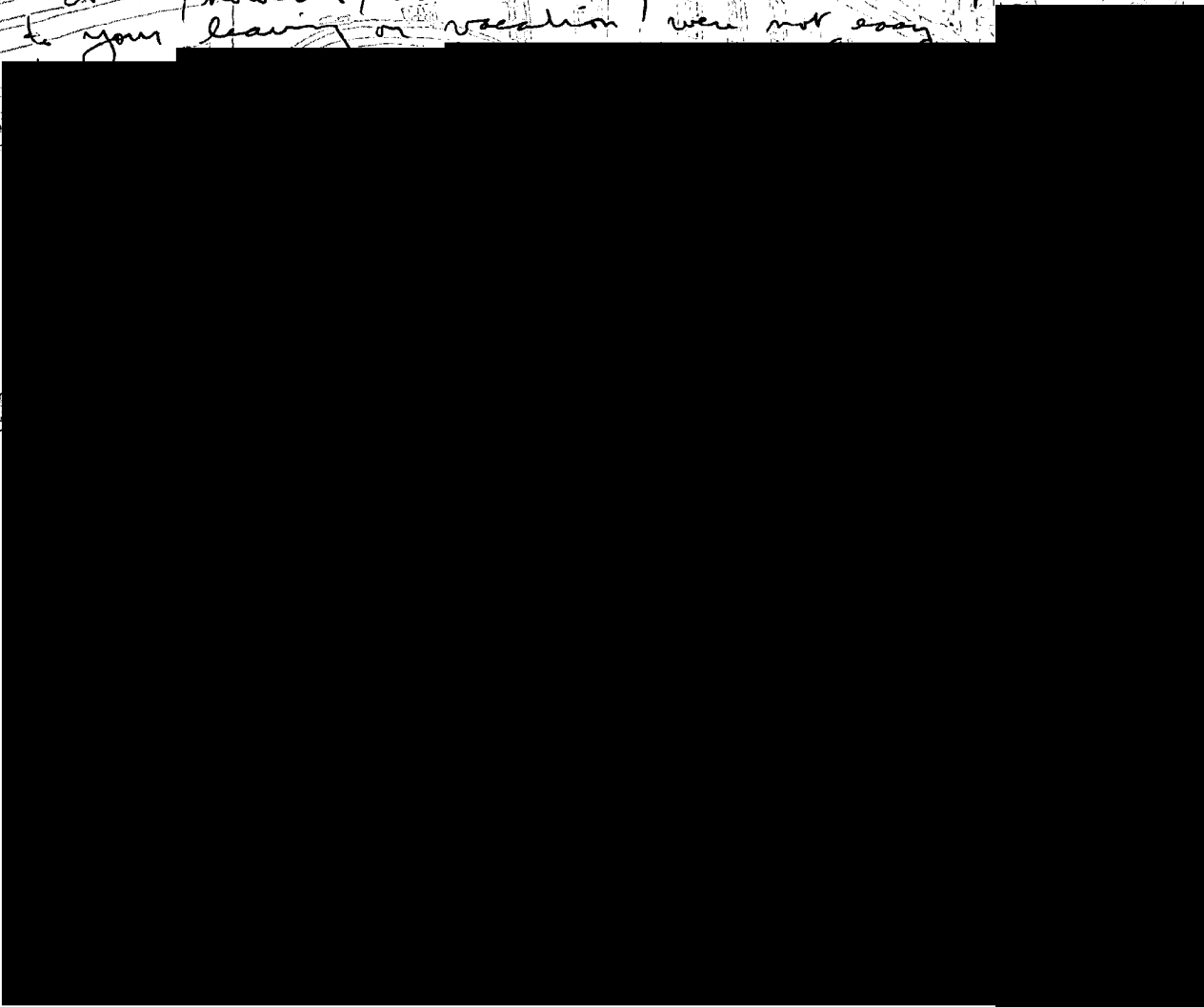
July 18, 2001

Dear Larry,

First of all, I'm sorry we were not able to connect before you left on vacation. I was playing tour guide to two people who'd been at [redacted] when I was there - one, a Jesuit from Berkeley and the other a Marxist brother who'd accompanied me to Gettysburg last year for retreat.

I want to say by way of preface (I said it to you in person, but I want to reiterate it in writing) that I will always be grateful for what you've been able to do for me under difficult circumstances and with the restraints placed upon you.

I do, however, want to say that the weeks prior to your leaving on vacation were not easy [redacted]



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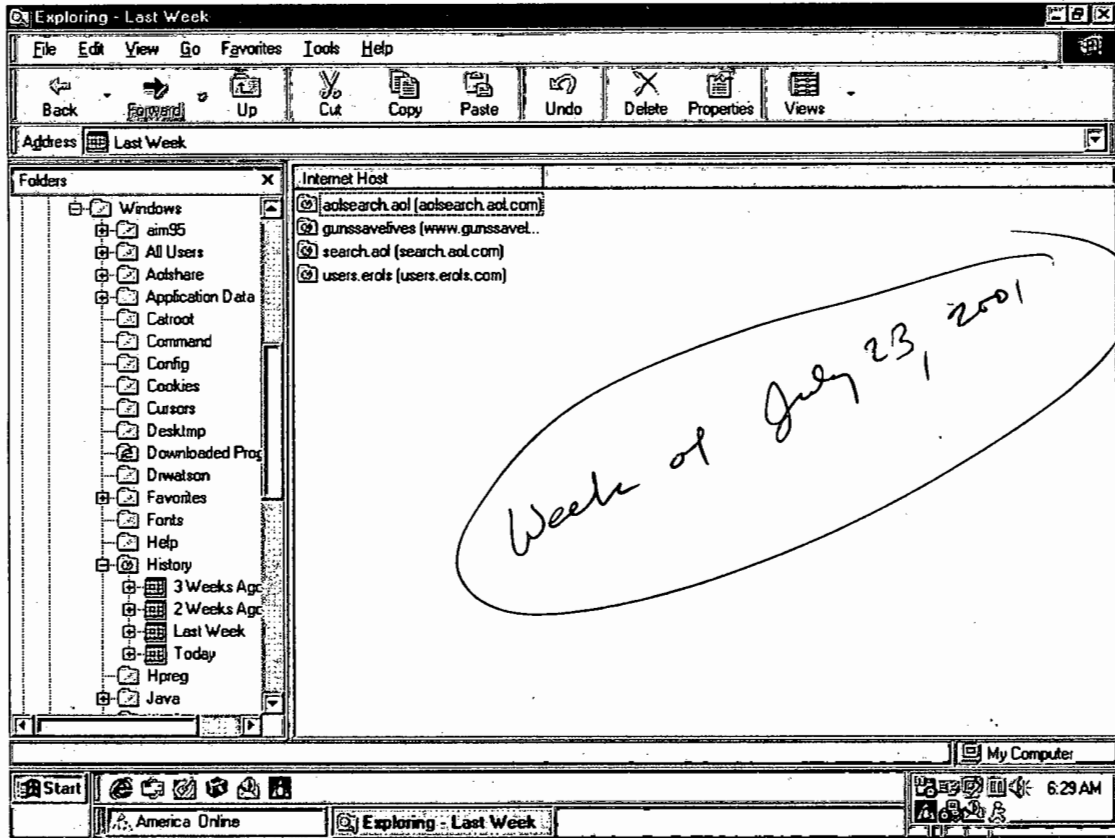
Yes, I appreciate the fact that I have a roof over my head in McKinney City. I also acknowledge the value of not having to participate in the Court settlement, but the excessive mileage (gas + wear-and-tear) on my 130,000 miles on the vehicle has taken its toll. I finally had to "put it to sleep" and purchase another car. Yet another expense that might have been delayed had I not been confined by the Board to living at Strick.

Enough already - I needed to vent and also share my feelings with you. I hope we can do so in person in the not too distant future.

My mother was grateful for your recent phone call, as was I. [REDACTED] comes to visit from July 21 - Aug 4. Perhaps the three of us can get together somewhere along the way.

Again, thank you for your efforts on my behalf. You deserve lots of God's good blessings.

Wally



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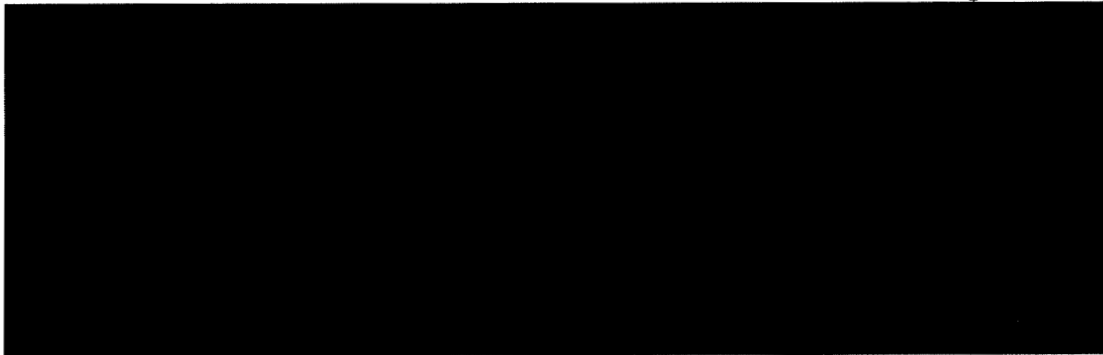
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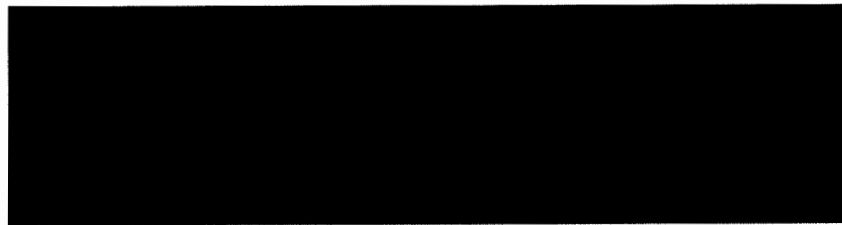


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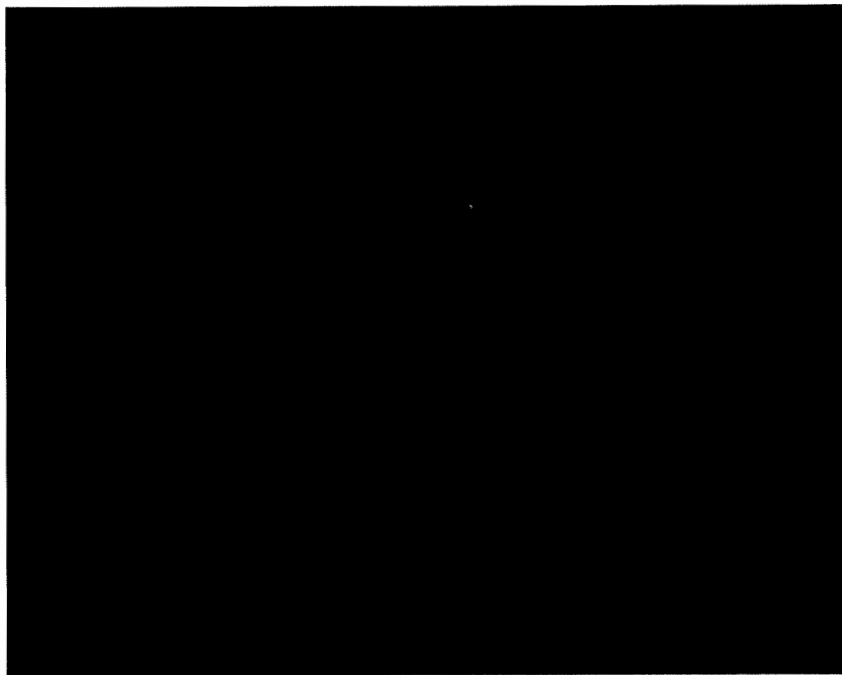
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c. Walter DeRoeck '71: Wally will definitely be leaving the priesthood. His decision is expected in early August.

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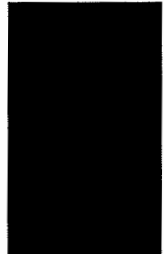
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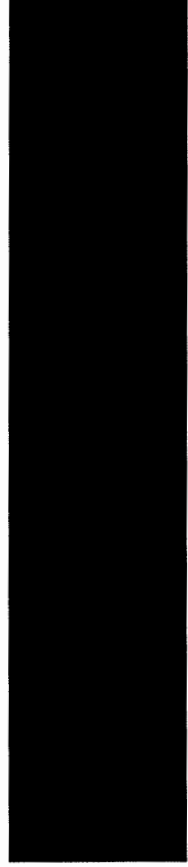
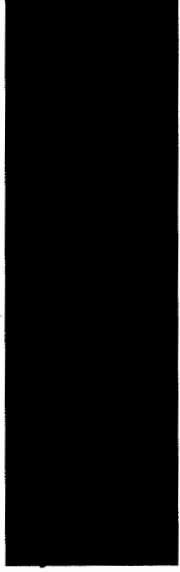
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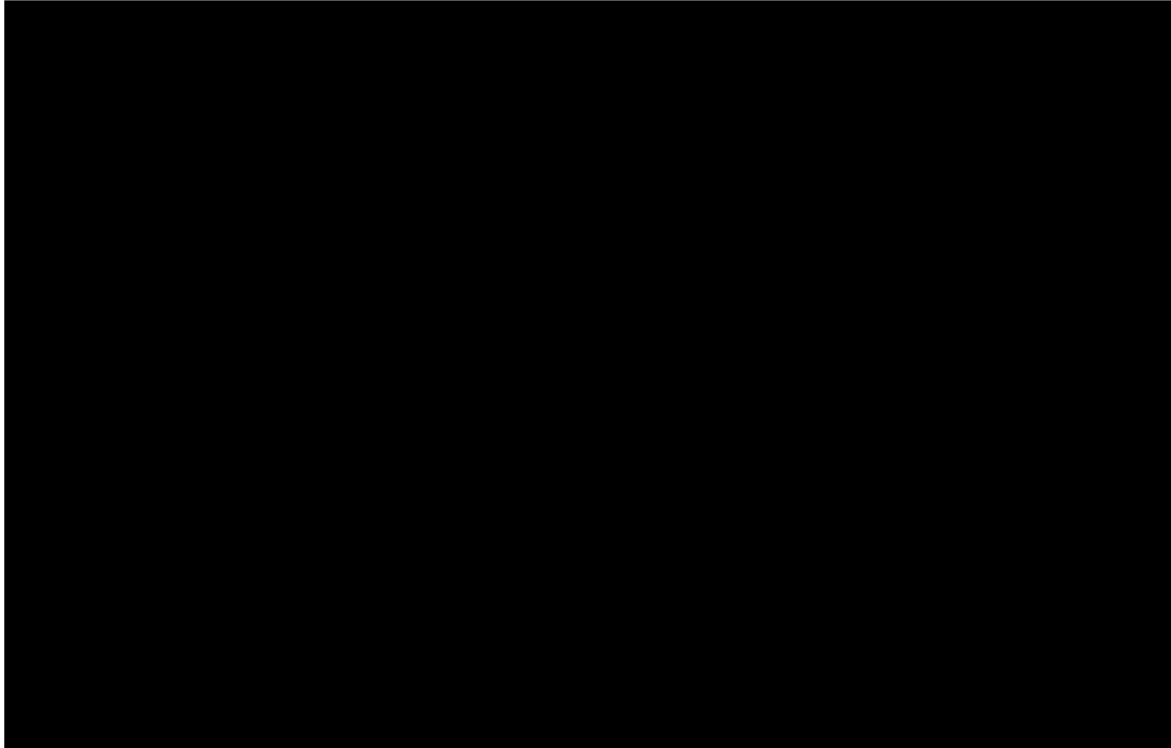
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August 19, 2001

Rev. Lawrence McBrady
Vicar for Priests Office
645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Larry,



Thanks again, Larry, for all you've put into this transition process and all the care you have shown these last couple of years. It has been difficult for you because of the levels of relationship we've had over the years. I am well aware of the stress it has brought into your life and I'm deeply sorry about that.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future .


Walter De Roeck

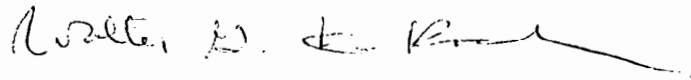
August 21, 2001

Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archdiocese of Chicago
155 East Superior
Chicago Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Having completed the laicization process as per your urgings and having written Pope John Paul II as per your request, I hereby formally express my desire to resign from active ministry as a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter G. De Roeck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Walter G. De Roeck

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-62
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator *KL*
Re: **Rev. Walter De Roeck**
Date: August 27, 2001

On August 25, 2001, Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests, notified PFRA that Cardinal George has given Rev. Walter De Roeck permission to move out of the Retreat House in Mundelein where he has resided for the past two years under monitored residential status.

Father De Roeck has resigned from the priesthood and will leave the Retreat House on Sunday, August 26, 2001. His last official call to PFR office will be August 27, 2001. Effective that day he will no longer be bound by monitoring restrictions of his Individual Specific Protocol.

Cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Patrick Lagges

FR: Rev. Lawrence P. McBrady

DT: August 27, 2001

RE: Walter De Roeck

Enclosed is Wally's letter to the Cardinal seeking permission to resign from the priesthood. The Cardinal has reviewed this letter. In accordance with our policy, I ask that you draft the appropriate letter for the Cardinal's signature.

Pat, I realize you are very busy. Since this is a sensitive issue, it would be helpful for the Cardinal to send his response as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.

Wally's new address:





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August 28, 2001

Walter De Roeck

Dear Wally:

I hope your first few days in your new home are going well and that you are able to feel a sense of peace concerning your decision. Following up on our recent conversation at Mundelein, I wish to remind you that you will be covered on our car insurance through February 28, 2002. Also, you will be covered on our health insurance through August 31, 2003. Hopefully this will relieve some financial pressure and simplify your time of transition.

You will be receiving a letter from the Cardinal shortly. This letter will be the official acceptance of your resignation from the priesthood.

Please remember that you can call me to discuss any concerns you may have relative to issues pertaining to your separation.

You are in my prayers during these days and I look forward to seeing you on September 14, if not sooner.

Fraternally,

Rev. Lawrence P. McBrady
Vicar for Priests



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alex Becker

FR: Father Larry McBrady

DT: August 28, 2001

RE: Walter De Roeck

On Monday, August 27, the Cardinal gave Wally permission to officially resign from the priesthood. He is no longer a functioning priest. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I ask that you keep a record of this and call me if you need any clarification.

Please note: Wally is not eligible to receive the gift pension when he reaches age 70.

cc: Sr. Mary Ann Zrust, SLW



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew Kaminski
FR: Father Larry McBrady
DT: August 28, 2001
RE: Walter De Roeck

On Monday, August 27, Wally was given permission by Cardinal George to officially resign from the priesthood. He is no longer a functioning priest. [REDACTED]

I ask that you keep a record of this and feel free to call me if you have any questions.

cc: Sr. Mary Ann Zrust, SLW



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MEMORANDUM

*Please place
in Wally's file
or proper place.
Clem*

TO: Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Rev. John Clemens, Priests' Placement Board ✓

FR: Rev. Larry McBrady *LMB*

DT: August 28, 2001

RE: Walter De Roeck

On Monday, August 27, the Cardinal gave Wally permission to resign from the priesthood. He is no longer an active priest. His name should be removed from the directory and all mailing lists.

If either of you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to call me.

cc: Sr. Mary Ann Zrust, SLW

*PAT LAGGES IS PREPARING THE CARDINAL'S LETTER.
YOU WILL BE COPIED ON IT.*

Excerpt: Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, 08/31/2001

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10. Walter De Roeck '71: Wally has officially left the active priesthood effective 08/27/01.

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IV Acceptance of Agenda: 6 - 0 - 0

V Business:

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.
Chicago, Illinois 60611

September 4, 2001

Walter G. DeRoeck
[REDACTED]

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear Wally:

I received your letter of August 21 in which you indicated your decision to resign from the active ministry. I appreciate the struggles that you have gone through over the past few years in coming to this decision. You have been in my prayers during this difficult time in your life. I hope that you have come to some sense of peace about the reasons why you could not minister publicly as a priest.

Although I accept your letter of resignation, I also want to express my gratitude to you for your service to the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. You brought the sacramental presence of Christ to the faithful, helping them to celebrate the mystery of God among us. For that, I am deeply grateful.

Since the only true way of leaving the ordained priesthood is through the process of laicization, I was encouraged that you have also completed the process that leads to a dispensation from the obligations of the clerical state. I hope this allows you to come to some sense of closure about your priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I also realize you may also have questions about what you may or may not do as a priest who has resigned from active ministry. For that reason, I have asked Father Pat Lagges to write to you about this matter.

Again, I am grateful for all your ministry to the Archdiocese of Chicago in the past. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

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

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Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, J.C.D., Vicar
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12 September, 2001

Walter DeRoeck
[REDACTED]

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear Wally:

Cardinal George has asked me to write to you about the practical implications of your decision to resign from the active ministry. I know from talking with you in the laicization process that this has been a difficult decision for you. I hope that this decision has brought you to a sense of peace, and that the Lord's own peace, which always goes beyond our understanding, will fill your life in the years to come.

With regard to what it means in practical terms to resign from active ministry, it means that you are no longer authorized to exercise public ministry in the name of the Church, or to present yourself as a priest or a representative of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I know that you have been very faithful to these restrictions which were placed on your ministry in the past. So in practical terms, this doesn't mean anything more than what you already agreed to. It also means that you are no longer authorized by the State of Illinois to witness marriages. However, you may still administer the sacrament of Penance to someone who is in danger of death.

Although your ministry as a priest is restricted, you can most certainly participate in the life of the Church in the same way that any baptized person can. It is probably even more important in this time that you feel a strong sense of God's presence in your life, and feel the support of God's people.

If there's any way that I can be of help to you, Wally, please feel free to call me. I will keep you informed about the progress of your laicization case in Rome and will notify you as soon as I hear anything.

Fraternally,

(Rev.) Patrick R. Lagges
Vicar for Canonical Services

November 9, 2001

Dear Larry,

Some odds and ends I hope you can clarify for me and clean up unfinished business.



Secondly, I am in possession of documents re death benefits, the first (effective October 1, 1975) said my beneficiary would receive \$2000; In July 1993 I received a letter from PRMAA indicating that that figure had risen to \$5000. Will that still be in effect when the day of my death occurs? I am trying to put much paperwork in order for my brother, so it would be helpful to know if this is part of the equation. Here's hoping it is!

BILL
ALEX



So far, the job hunt has not been very successful; I guess I did not pick the best time to exit, the economic situation being as precarious as it is. Prayer and encouraging words and leads are all welcome at this point; bills need paying and insurance needs to be procured when diocesan coverage comes to an end. Keep in touch.

Thanks for all your help thusfar.

Wally



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December 17, 2001

Walter De Roeck



Dear Wally:

Hope your employment situation has worked out. I also hope you and [REDACTED] and the family will have a good Christmas.



Hope this will be a good Christmas for you. I look forward to our next meeting [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in March.

Fraternally,



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February 4, 2002

Walter DeRoeck



Dear Walter,

This letter is to inform you that the auto insurance coverage provided for you by the archdiocese will expire as of February 28, 2002. Hopefully, this notice will provide sufficient time for you to make arrangements for other coverage.

God's blessing be with you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Zrust, SLW
Administrative Assistant

Burns, Linda

From: Clemens, John
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 11:15 AM
To: Burns, Linda
Subject: FW: Recent Laicizations

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

From: Laggés, Patrick
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2002 2:55 PM
To: Clemens, John; Goedert, Raymond; Kaczorowski, James; Lago, Jimmy; McBrady, Lawrence
Subject: Recent Laicizations

We received three decrees of laicization recently for the following priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago:

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✓Walter DeRoeck
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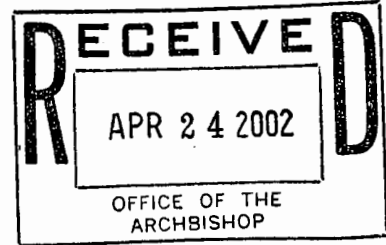
I am writing to inform you that they have accepted these decrees and the churches of baptism have been notified. Please make a note of this in your files. The original copies have been filed in the priest's personnel files on the 4th floor.

Thank you.
Rev. Patrick R. Laggés
Vicar for Canonical Services

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

April 19, 2002



Francis Cardinal George
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Chicago
155 East Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Dear Cardinal George:

Our office represents [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Illinois and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Illinois. Between 1982 and 1985, when [REDACTED] were between 14 and 17 years of age, each was sexually molested by Father Walter DeRoeck of the Catholic Diocese of Chicago. The abuse took place at various places including in the rectory of St. John Birchman's Parish in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago, in a vacation home partially owned by Father DeRoeck in Michigan City, Indiana, and on trips Father DeRoeck took with these individuals to both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would like to meet with you and your counsel personally so that they can provide you with the details of the abuse. I would suggest that our meeting take place in our offices in Chicago.

Our firm has been involved in clerical abuse cases across the country for more than 10 years. We have met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and their story of abuse is a shocking one, even in the context of other matters our firm has handled. Moreover, it is the concern of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that there may be other victims of Father DeRoeck who are in need of treatment and assistance. These gentlemen are equally concerned that Father DeRoeck may still have access to children.

[REDACTED]

Francis Cardinal George
April 19, 2002
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We hope that this matter is addressed by the Diocese with the urgency it requires. I look forward to hearing from your counsel at his or her earliest convenience. My office number is [REDACTED]. My cell phone number is [REDACTED].

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
cc: [REDACTED]

*Called 5-15-02 will confirm appt.
Called 5-22-02 left message
Called 5-28-02 Will participate in Res. Review
Called 6-14-02 Will set appt.*

MAY 16

May 14, 2002

Chancellor Jimmy Lago
Chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Chicago
155 East Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Dear Chancellor Lago:

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of April 19, 2002 directed to Cardinal George. The letter concerns our representation of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both of whom were sexually molested by Father Walter DeRoeck of the Catholic Diocese of Chicago. We have received no response to my letter of April 19, a fact which concerns us for several reasons. We will look forward to your prompt response.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

Enclosure
[REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]

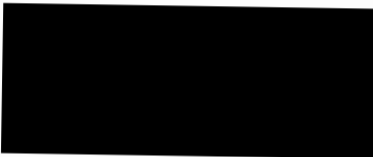
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May 22, 2002

VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL



Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] /Father Walter DeRoeck

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am acknowledging your letter of April 19, 2002 to Francis Cardinal George and your letter of May 14, 2002 to Jimmy Lago. I am passing these letters on to Ms. Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she has spoken to you about this matter. I also want to make sure that you are aware of the Archdiocese's Office of Assistance Ministry, which provides assistance at the Archdiocese's expense for people who have been injured as a result of sexual misconduct by a priest. Please feel free to contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8293), who is in charge of that office, to arrange such assistance. Your letters to Cardinal George and Jimmy Lago have been referred to me because I represent the Archdiocese in situations where someone is pursuing a claim regarding sexual misconduct with a minor by a priest. Please direct any correspondence regarding such a claim to me.

If you have any questions about any of this, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Serritella".

James A. Serritella

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cc: Kathleen Leggdas
Ralph Bonaccorsi

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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum and an attached Statement of Allegation, prepared by Ralph Bonaccorsi, of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, summarizing Victim IU's statement, given to Mr. Bonaccorsi and Mrs. Mayra Flores on August 2, 2002, formalizing Victim IU's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. According to Victim IU, the abuse occurred between 1984 and 1986 when Victim IU was 16-18 years old. The abuse consisted of mutual masturbation and oral sex accompanying drugs and alcohol and occurred more than twenty times at St. John Berchman parish and on out-of-state trips with Fr. DeRoeck.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Ralph Bonaccorsi, of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, summarizing Victim IV's statement, given to Mr. Bonaccorsi and Mrs. Mayra Flores on August 12, 2002, formalizing Victim IV's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. According to Victim IV, the abuse occurred between 1984 and 1986 when Victim IV was in high school. The abuse consisted of sexual conversations and Fr. DeRoeck having Victim IV and others shave and urinate on him (Fr. DeRoeck). These events were accompanied by drugs and alcohol and occurred more than twenty times at St. John Berchman parish and on out-of-state trips with Fr. DeRoeck.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-62

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: Rev. Walter G. DeRoek (Resigend) Response to Allegations made by 
 and 

Date: September 13, 2002

Date of Interview: September 9, 2002

Time: 1:00pm



Present at Interview (via phone)

Walter DeRoek, [WDR]



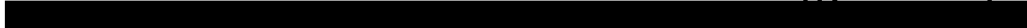
Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]




Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests [VP]

Phone Interview

VP and PFRA contacted WDR via phone at the scheduled time in order to present allegations of sexual misconduct that were made by two separate alleged victims,  and . PFRA described the responsibilities of the Office of Professional Fitness Review as well as those of PFRA to WDR.

In regards to specific allegations made by  WDR stated that  did call him "Wally." 

 WDR stated that  did use drugs and alcohol with other minors in his [WDR's] presence, however WDR denies providing the mentioned substances to the youth. As per WDR, he did not 

WDR confirmed that he brought  to  with him. 

WDR also confirmed that he went on a [REDACTED] trip with [REDACTED], but that the only members of the party were WDR, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] [an individual whom WDR identified as “one of the young men who came forward three years ago”]. [REDACTED]

PFRA asked WDR if there were drugs and alcohol used on the mentioned trip. WDR stated that he remembers “beers” but that no drugs were used.

PFRA then asked WDR specific questions regarding both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]’s allegations of sexual misconduct. WDR denied that he showed any minors his nipple and/or penis piercings or tattoos. WDR confirmed that he did go to [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] [on two separate occasions] and with [REDACTED] [on one occasion he joined [REDACTED] and WDR]. WDR does not recall if [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were minors at the time. While in [REDACTED], WDR denied [REDACTED] as alleged by [REDACTED]. WDR estimated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were invited to his [WDR’s] home in Michigan City, Indiana approximately 10-15 times. During these visits, WDR confirmed that the minors used alcohol and drugs, but that he did not supply nor use the drugs with them. WDR then stated that he might have had one beer with the minors, but “nothing heavy.”

WDR does not recall masturbating with any minors. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WDR confirmed that he did share sexual fantasies with the minors, but could not recall what specifically was shared. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PFRA asked WDR if any incidents of misconduct occurred at St. John Berchman’s. WDR recalls minors using drugs and alcohol in the rectory approximately five times, but that he did not provide nor use the drugs with them. WDR confirmed that he and [REDACTED] engaged in oral sex, but that there was no masturbation. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

WDR asked what was the purpose of the presentation of the allegations. VP explained the Review Board process to WDR. VP also informed WDR that the State’s Attorney’s office had been notified of the allegations, as is true of every allegation that is presented to the Archdiocese.

Throughout the entire interview, WDR was extremely open and candid with his responses. WDR was cooperative and straightforward when responding to the allegations and questions posed by both PFRA and VP.

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

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Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, October 5, 2002

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]

I. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2002

II. Case Reviews

First Stage Reviews

A.

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned) – PFR-62

- The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: [REDACTED] alleges supply of drugs – alcohol, masturbation, [REDACTED] mutual oral sex.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 unanimous; Review Board wants to ensure that proper authorities have been notified; Review Board strongly recommends that [REDACTED]

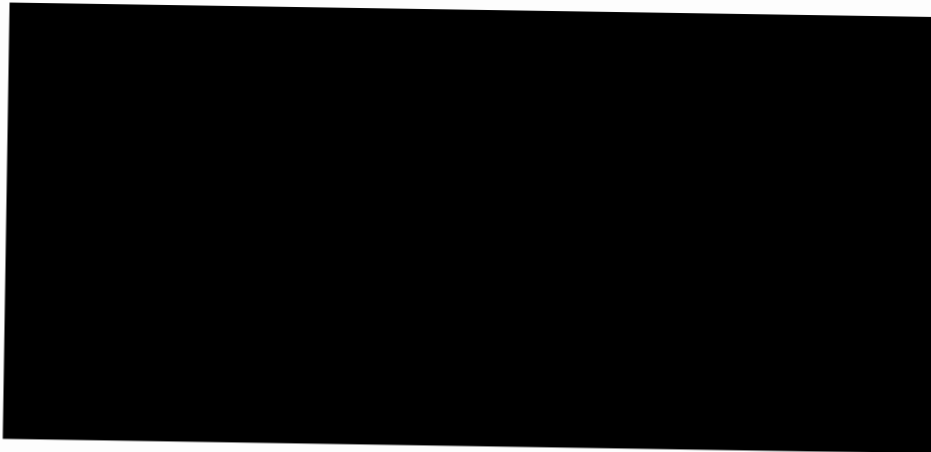
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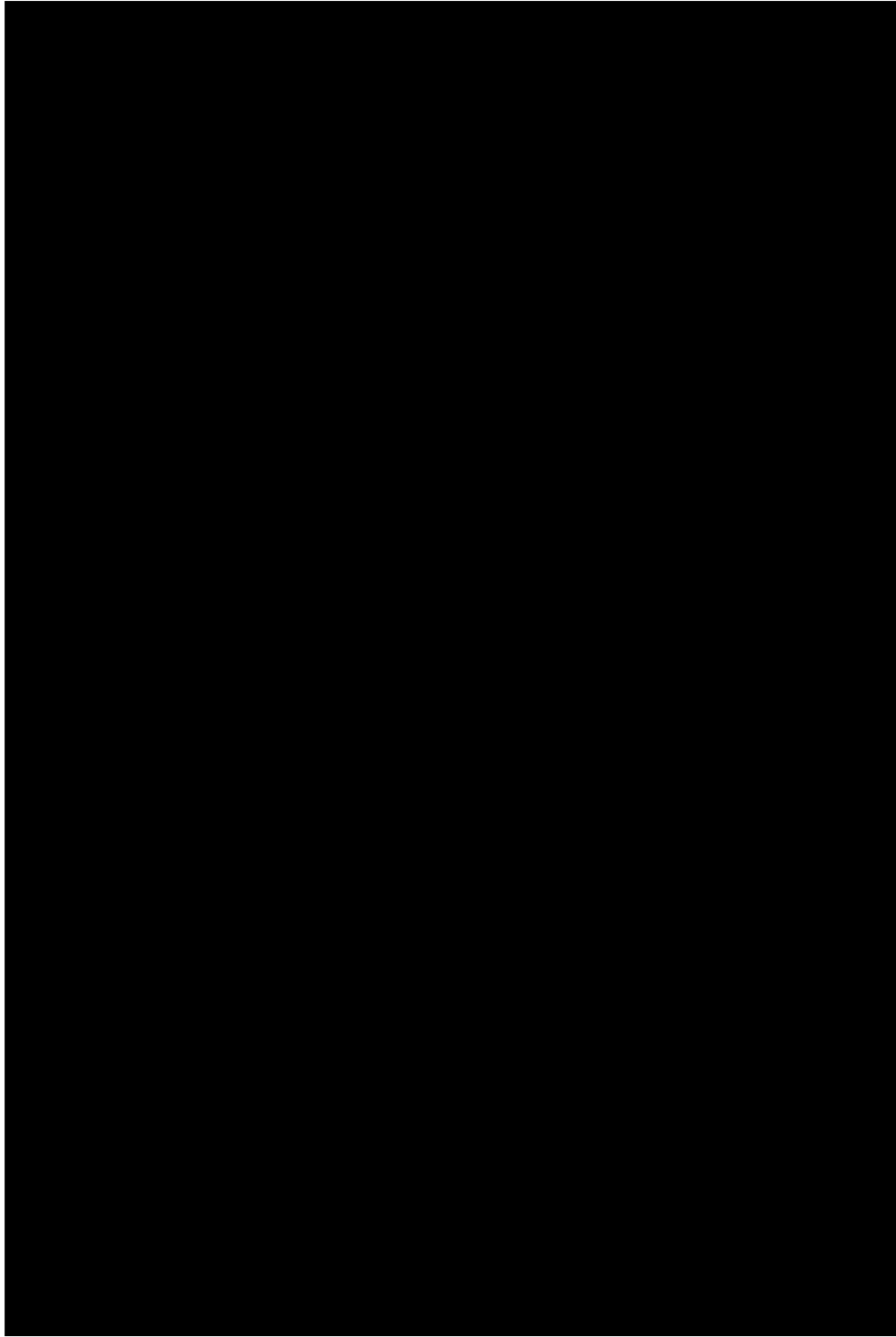
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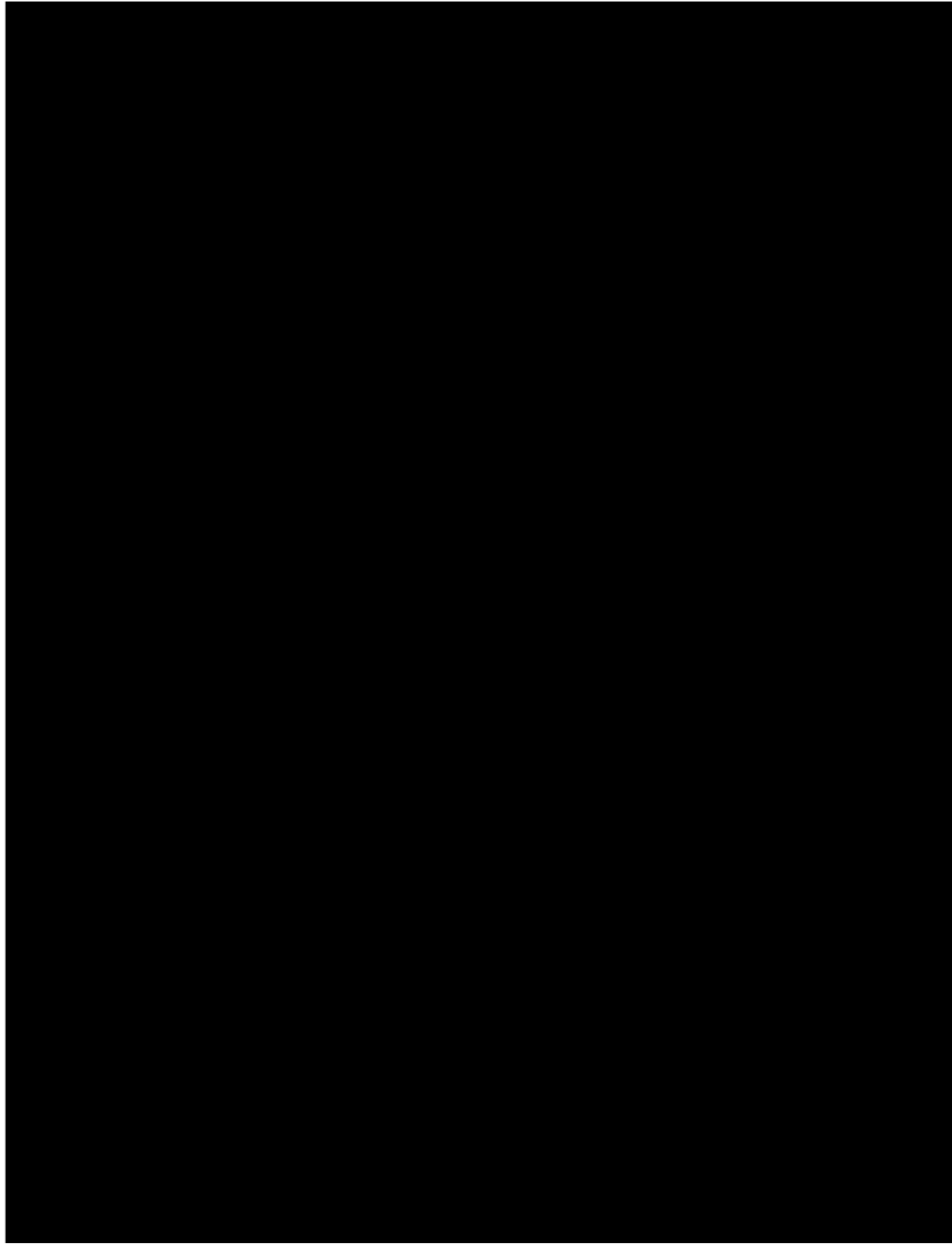


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Second Stage Reviews

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Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, October 5, 2002
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2002

II. Case Reviews
First Stage Reviews

A. [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned) – PFR-62
• Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]
D. [REDACTED]
E. [REDACTED]

Second Stage Reviews

A. [REDACTED]
B. [REDACTED]

Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Saturday, October 19, 2002

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 10-5-02 to conduct a
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) First Stage Review Second Stage Review Supplementary Review Status Report

regarding the allegation of _____
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Rev. Walter G. DeRoock (resigned)
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago

an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of _____
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)

a resigned priest or deacon of AOC
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

a deceased priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: alleges supply of drugs - alcohol,
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

masturbation, [redacted] mutual oral sex

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
 no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 unanimous; RB wants to
ensure that proper authorities have been
notified; RB strongly recommends that [redacted]
[redacted]

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(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: _____
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
 no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 unanimous; RB wants to ensure that proper authorities have been notified; RB strongly recommends that _____

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Memorandum

To: File -PFR-62

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, ^{LWP}Administrative Assistant

Re: **Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned)**

Date: October 17, 2002

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on October 5, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: [REDACTED] alleges supply of drugs – alcohol, masturbation, [REDACTED] mutual oral sex.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 unanimous; Review Board wants to ensure that proper authorities have been notified; Review Board strongly recommends that [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

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From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant ^{LWP}

Re: **Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned)**

Date: October 17, 2002

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on October 5, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 unanimous; Review Board wants to ensure that proper authorities have been notified; Review Board strongly recommends that [REDACTED].

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October 18, 2002

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on October 5, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Walter G. DeRoock (Resigned) in the allegations made by [redacted] and [redacted]. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Rev. Walter G. DeRoock engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor(s).

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board unanimously (6-0) recommends the following: to ensure that the proper authorities have been notified; [redacted]

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey

Leah McCluskey
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

- cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
- Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
- Rev. Pat Lagges, Judicial Vicar
- Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
- John O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

*I accept this finding
Friday
Oct 23, 2002*

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November 7, 2002

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of October 18, 2002, regarding the matter of **Walter DeRoeck**, who is no longer a cleric, and the allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on October 5, 2002.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor while he was a priest of the Archdiocese. Since Mr. DeRoeck is no longer a cleric and does not reside in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have no further jurisdiction over him.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William H. Roehrdt".

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services
Ms. Laura Neri, Office of Professional Fitness Review

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November 12, 2002



Dear [REDACTED],

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a First Stage Review on October 5, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, Cardinal George accepts the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor while he was a priest of the Archdiocese. Since Mr. DeRoeck is no longer a cleric and does not reside in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have no further jurisdiction over him.

If at any time you would like to submit additional information regarding this matter to this office, please contact me. Also, please know that our Assistance Ministry Office continues to be available to you. You can reach them at (312) 751-8267 or by e-mail at assistmin@archdiocese-chgo.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister

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November 12, 2002

Walter G. DeRoeck
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. DeRoeck,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a First Stage Review on October 5, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, Cardinal George accepts the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, [REDACTED], while you were a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

If at any time you would like to submit additional information regarding this matter to this office, please contact me. Also, please know Rev. Thomas Tivy continues to be available to you. You can reach him at (312) 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

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November 12, 2002




Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board conducted a First Stage Review on October 5, 2002 pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, Cardinal George accepts the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor while he was a priest of the Archdiocese. Since Mr. DeRoeck is no longer a cleric and does not reside in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have no further jurisdiction over him.

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Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

LM:lnp

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister

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November 12, 2002

Walter G. DeRoeck
[REDACTED]


Dear Mr. DeRoeck,

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In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, Cardinal George accepts the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, [REDACTED], while you were a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

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Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, December 21, 2002

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:



Members absent:



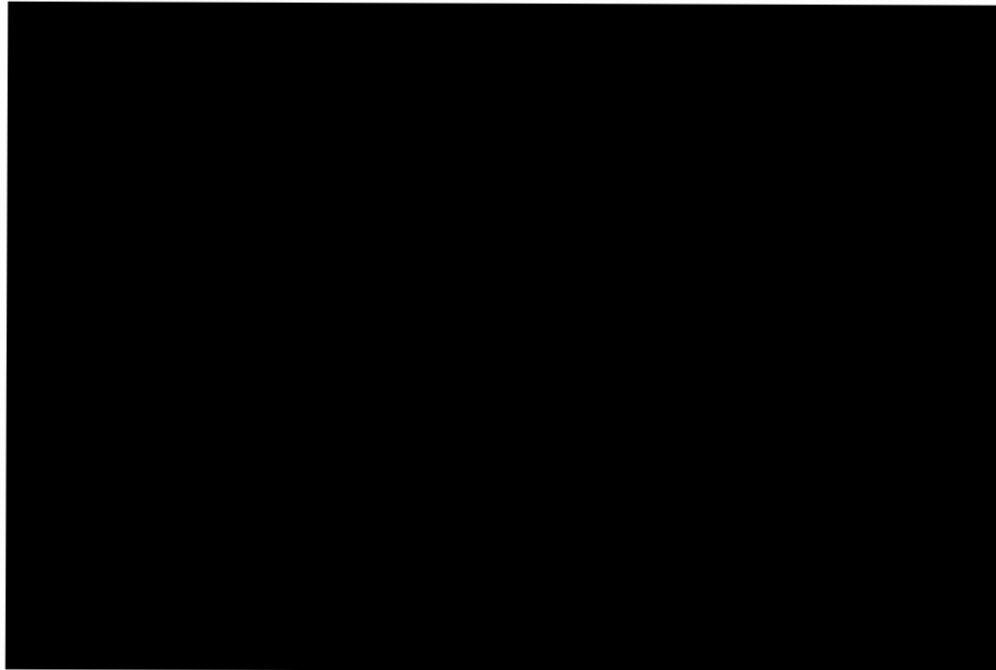
Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Michael C. Just, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2002

II. Case Reviews

A.



B.

C.



D. In the Matter of Walter G. DeRoeck [WD] (Resigned) – PFR-62

- The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: WD provided minor [REDACTED] with alcohol and drugs; WD showed minor [REDACTED] his nipple and penis piercings; WD engaged in [REDACTED] sexual conversation with minor [REDACTED].

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that [REDACTED] (Resigned) engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends in a unanimous 6-0 decision to reaffirm First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect.

- The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: WD provided minor [REDACTED] with alcohol, drugs; WD masturbated in front of minor, [REDACTED] and engaged in mutual oral sex with minor [REDACTED]. In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends in a unanimous 6-0 decision to reaffirm First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect.

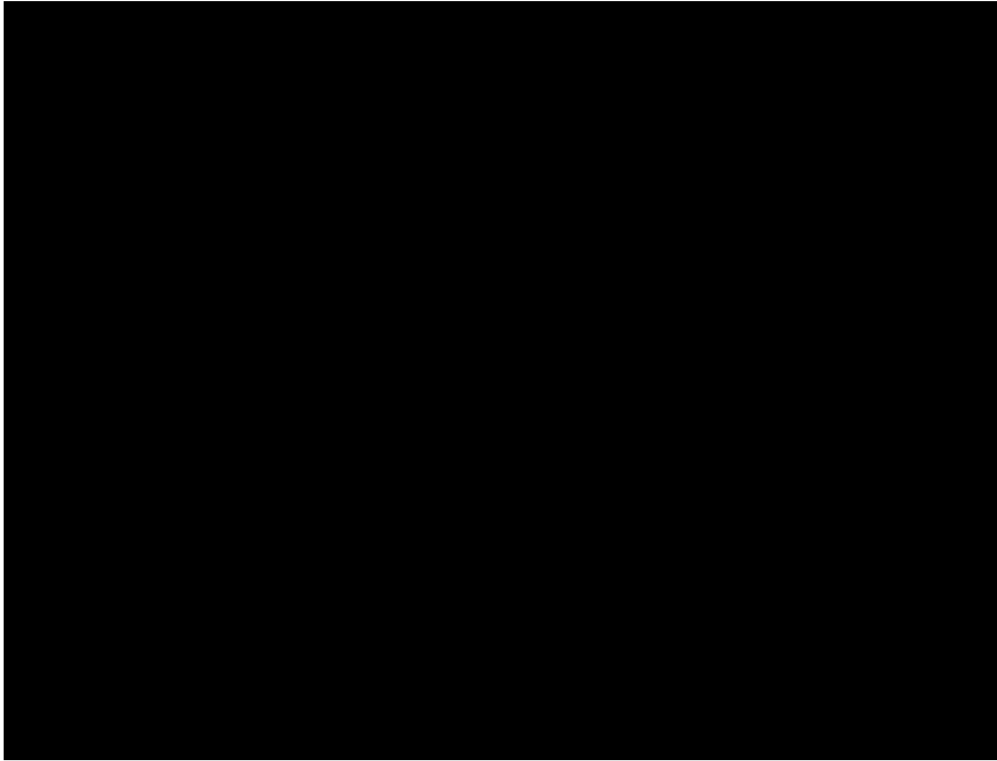
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Next scheduled meeting is January 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, December 21, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

REVISION

I. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2002

II. Case Reviews

Second Stage Reviews

A. [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned) – PFR-62

- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Saturday, January 11, 2003

PLEASE NOTE: There is a possibility of two Board Meetings in February.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-62

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned)**

Date: December 21, 2002

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on December 21, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: WD provided minor [REDACTED] with alcohol, drugs; WD masturbated in front of minor, [REDACTED] and engaged in mutual oral sex with minor [REDACTED]. In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends in a unanimous 6-0 decision to reaffirm First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect.

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 12/21/02 to conduct a
(enter date: month/day/year)
(check one:) First Stage Review Second Stage Review Supplementary Review Status Report

regarding the allegation of _____
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Walter DeRoeck
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago

an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of _____
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)

a resigned priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

a deceased priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: WD provided minor with alcohol, drugs;
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

WD masturbated in front of minor,

_____ & engaged in mutual oral sex w/ minor

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
 no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: reaffirm reasonable cause to
suspect, unanimous 6-0.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-62

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant *LNP*

Re: **Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned)**

Date: December 21, 2002

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on December 21, 2002:

The Review Board conducted a Second State Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: WD provided minor [REDACTED] with alcohol and drugs; WD showed minor [REDACTED] his nipple and penis piercings; WD engaged in [REDACTED] sexual conversation with minor [REDACTED].

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter G. DeRoeck (Resigned) engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

The Board recommends that no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends in a unanimous 6-0 decision to reaffirm First Stage Review Recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect.

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which claims as follows: WD provided minors with alcohol + drugs;
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WD showed minors his nipple + penis piercings;

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~~error~~ The Board further recommends: in a unanimous 6-0 decision
that to reaffirm reasonable cause to suspect.

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January 6, 2003

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on December 21, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Walter DeRoeck [Resigned] in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A Second Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommends that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck [Resigned] engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

In the Second Stage Review the Board reaffirms by a unanimous 6-0 vote to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation, and has recommended that Walter DeRoeck's withdrawal from ministry continue.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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January 6, 2003

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Dear Cardinal George,

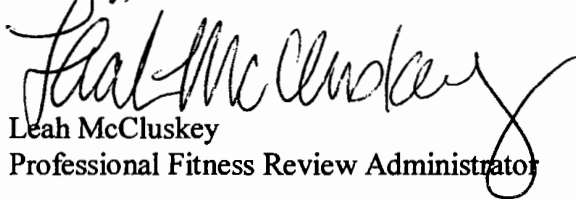
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Professional Fitness Review Administrator



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January 16, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of January 6, 2003, regarding the matter of **Walter DeRoeck**, formerly a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the allegation made by [REDACTED], following the Second Review conducted by the Review Board on December 21, 2002.

In light of the Board's consideration of the facts and circumstances, I hereby accept the unanimous decision of the Board that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Since Mr. DeRoeck has been dispensed from the obligations of the clerical state, he cannot carry out any priestly ministry.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

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

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Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
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January 16, 2003

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Office of Professional Fitness Review
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christ King".
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
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January 31, 2003



Dear [REDACTED],

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on December 21, 2002 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's unanimous 6-0 vote to uphold their First Stage Review recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Walter DeRoeck did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. Further, the Cardinal has determined that Walter DeRoeck's withdrawal from ministry continue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5206.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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January 31, 2003

Mr. Walter G. DeRoeck

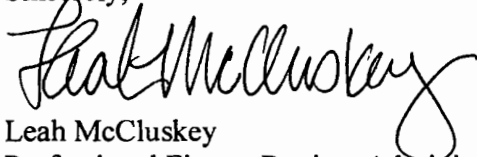

Dear Mr. DeRoeck,

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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. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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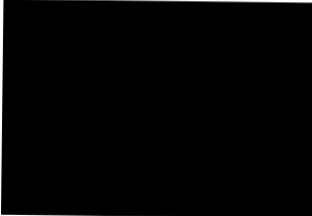
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January 31, 2003



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Sincerely,

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Mr. Walter G. DeRoeck
[REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FR: Jim Kaczorowski

DT: April 7, 2003

RE: Walter De Roeck

In a memo dated August 28, 2001 reference is made to the fact that Walter De Roeck is not eligible to receive a gift pension upon retiring at the age of 70. This fact is under review by a committee that is examining the situations of priests who have been accused.

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August 29, 2003

VIA MESSENGER



Re: [REDACTED] Walter DeRoeck

Dear [REDACTED]:

Enclosed for you and your client are two fully executed original Settlement Agreements in the above matter. Also enclosed is the settlement check for [REDACTED] made payable to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as attorneys for [REDACTED]




Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Patricia B. Carlson

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August 29, 2003

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bcc: Rev. James Kaczorowski (w/encl)
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT- CHANCERY DIVISION

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Mother Doe 100, individually and as
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on behalf of themselves and all others
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Plaintiffs,

vs.

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The Archdiocese of Chicago d/b/a The Catholic
Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole,

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through their attorneys, JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES and KERNS, PITROF, FROST & PEARLMAN, to obtain declaratory and injunctive relief against Defendant, states as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This Complaint seeks declaratory judgment and injunctive relief against the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Archdiocese of Chicago has established a policy of harboring and protecting suspected child molesting agents, thereby endangering numerous children in Illinois. The Archdiocese has information about a number of suspected child molesting agents that it has never disclosed to law enforcement or the public at large, thereby causing children such as John Doe 100 to be harmed. Further, on information and belief, the Archdiocese has a policy and

practice of document destruction. This declaratory relief and injunction action seeks to have the Archdiocese produce all documents regarding the molestation of children by its agents for court supervision, to release the names of all agents accused of molesting children to the court and to the public, and to enjoin the Archdiocese from destroying any documents regarding suspected childhood sexual abuse by its agents.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action because it seeks to redress violations of the plaintiffs' rights and to protect children in Illinois that are in imminent danger. Venue is proper because the Archdiocese resides in Cook County and the majority of the allegations herein involve occurrences in Cook County.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff John Doe 100 is a minor. Mother Doe 100 is John Doe 100's mother and legal guardian. At all times material, Plaintiff John Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois. At all times material, Mother Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois.

4. The identities of all Doe Plaintiffs are made known to Defendants through separate cover letter.

5. Plaintiff [REDACTED] is a thirty five year old Chicago resident. [REDACTED] was sexually molested as a child by [REDACTED] a religious order priest who was serving at a parish within the Archdiocese at the time of the abuse.

6. At all times material, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole (hereinafter "Archdiocese of Chicago") was and is an Illinois corporation. Defendant has approximately eight hundred fifty four Diocesan priests serving in two counties in the State of

Illinois. At all times material to the complaint, Defendant Archdiocese was conducting business in the State of Illinois.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

7. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-801, as the representatives of the class of persons who have been molested as children by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago and on behalf of those children who have not yet been abused, but who are in imminent danger of abuse because the Archdiocese has not released the names and files of agents that have been accused of molesting children or accused of inappropriate sexual behavior with children to either the public or to the court.

8. The Plaintiff class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. In its own self report, the Archdiocese asserted that there were 142 cases where they had reason to suspect that an agent had sexually molested a child. These numbers only include information that was reported to the Archdiocese. The underlying data for the results was not disclosed to the public.

9. There are questions of fact or law common to the class, which predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The common questions of law or fact include, but are not limited to: whether the Archdiocese of Chicago has failed to protect children by not releasing the names of its agents who have been accused of molesting children to the public and law enforcement and whether the Archdiocese has or is destructing documents in order to cover up or conceal crimes against children by clergy serving in and/or employed by the Archdiocese.

10. The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. The interests of the plaintiffs are the same as those of all class members because they have all been

sexually abused by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago or are in danger of being molested by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago because the Archdiocese's information is not public. All have an interest in preventing the sexual abuse of any further children by agents of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

11. A class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged in this complaint. The expense and burden of individual litigation would make it difficult or impossible for individual members of the class to redress the wrongs done to them. The cost to the court system of adjudication of such individualized litigation would be substantial. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the conduct of this action as a class action presents far fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and court system, and protects the rights of each class member. In addition, the prosecution of separate actions by the individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual class members which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the defendant.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

12. [REDACTED] (hereinafter "[REDACTED]") was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in approximately 1994.

13. At all times material, [REDACTED] was employed by the Archdiocese.

[REDACTED] was an ordained Roman Catholic Priest educated, trained and ordained by, and under the direct supervision, employ, agency and control of the Archdiocese. Among [REDACTED] duties in his employment was to provide pastoral care and counseling for

members of his denomination.

14. In approximately the winter of 2000, a nun at Holy Family Church in Chicago reported to the Archdiocese of Chicago that [REDACTED] asked a fourth-grade boy to pull down his pants in the sacristy at Holy Family.

15. The nun reported this numerous times to the Archdiocese.

16. On information and belief, on one occasion when the nun reported it to the Archdiocese, an official told her that "if the parents aren't pushing it, let it go."

17. After these reports, the nun made a final report to the Archdiocese, this one a written report of [REDACTED] behavior.

18. On information and belief, in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report [REDACTED] to law enforcement, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes [REDACTED] worked at in the past about the report, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes where [REDACTED] worked after these reports, and did not tell any other children or parents about the report.

19. On information and belief, after the nun reported the abuse to the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese transferred [REDACTED] to another parish, St. Agatha's in Chicago.

20. On information and belief, despite the report, the Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to teach at an Archdiocesan school and coach a boys basketball team.

21. In response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops passed the Dallas Charter.

22. On information and belief the Bishops passed the Dallas Charter in 2002. The Charter was only enforced, if at all, from within. There was no meaningful external non church

oversight over its enforcement.

23. Cardinal Francis George represented to the public that the Charter was a “zero tolerance” policy that committed them to removal of priests in childhood sexual abuse cases. He also represented to the public that a priest with even one act of sexual misconduct with a child should not be allowed in public ministry in order to protect children.

24. In January of 2003, the Archdiocese released a “Ten Year Report” that purported to give information about the Archdiocese’s efforts to stop childhood sexual abuse by clerics in the previous ten years.

25. On information and belief, the Ten Year Report purports to give the current status of priests that were accused of molesting a child anytime from 1993 to 2003. The report indicates that no priest accused of abuse during that time period is in any form of ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

26. The Ten Year Report also states that officials of the Archdiocese have reported all allegations, including those not deemed credible, to the appropriate public authorities.

27. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the Ten Year Report.

28. Also in response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops agreed to participate in a self report survey conducted by the John Jay College.

29. As part of the John Jay survey, each Diocese submitted the number of priests that had allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor within the particular Diocese.

30. On information and belief there was no oversight over the information that was

given to the John Jay College. It was completely up to the particular Diocese to respond honestly.

31. The John Jay College defined "allegation," as all recorded notifications of clerical sexual misconduct with minors, whether or not they resulted in any investigation or whether there was reasonable cause to suspect abuse had occurred.

32. In 2004, the Archdiocese reported that it had reason to believe that 55 priests had sexual misconduct with a minor.

33. In 2004, Cardinal George and the Archdiocese represented to the public that there were no priests that were accused of childhood sexual abuse that were in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

34. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the 2004 John Jay numbers.

35. On information and belief in August of 2005, the Archdiocese learned that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

36. On information and belief, in August of 2005, the Archdiocese did not inform the law enforcement that a nun had reported that [REDACTED] had acted in a sexually inappropriate manner with a child in 2000.

37. On information and belief, just as it did in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report or warn any of the parishioners, the public, or the parents at St. Agatha parish that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

38. On information and belief, the Archdiocese elevated [REDACTED] to a position of authority in the Archdiocese on September 1, 2005. It appointed him as Dean of a Deanery of

the Archdiocese. This is an honored, respected, and supervisory position within the Archdiocese. This meant that [REDACTED] was still at St. Agathas, but also had some supervisory authority over roughly 20 parishes in the Archdiocese.

39. The Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to remain at St. Agathas and in the position of Dean until at least January of 2006, more four months after the Archdiocese received at least its second report of sexual misconduct against a minor by [REDACTED].

40. In January of 2006, Chicago law enforcement arrested [REDACTED] and charged him with sexually molesting two boys on multiple occasions.

41. On information and belief, the nun who reported the abuse to the Archdiocese in 2000 was contacted by the Archdiocese the day before [REDACTED] was arrested. The Archdiocese indicated to the nun that it did not have the nun's letter.

42. On information and belief, the Archdiocese also stated publicly that it has no written record of the nun's reports or the actual letter.

43. On information and belief, the Archdioceses and Dioceses across the United States, including the Archdiocese of Chicago, have been instructed to destroy documentation of sexual misconduct by priests and/or to send any of this material to the Holy See in order to claim it is immune from public discovery or disclosure.

44. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has not released the names of the 55 priests that it deemed as having reason to suspect committed sexual misconduct with children.

45. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has also not released the names of any of the other clerics, like [REDACTED], who were accused of sexual misconduct and are still in parishes, but not included in the Ten Year Report or the John Jay Survey.

46. Although the Archdiocese had not released the names of offenders, some names of Archdiocesan clerics accused of sexual misconduct have been released during the course of litigation. These names were released in 2005:

- 1) Richard "Doc" Bartz
- 2) Robert Becker
- 3) R. Peter Bowman
- 4) Daniel Buck
- 5) Eugene Burns
- 6) John Callicott
- 7) William Cloutier
- 8) Robert D. Craig
- 9) John Curran
- 10) Walter DeRoeck
- 11) Jeremiah Duggan
- 12) Richard Fassbinder
- 13) Joseph Fitzharris
- 14) Robert Friese
- 15) James Hagan
- 16) Daniel Mark Holihan
- 17) Walter Huppenbauer
- 18) Thomas Job
- 19) Robert Kealy

- 20) John Keehan
- 21) Thomas Kelly
- 22) John "Jack" Keough
- 23) Joseph Kissane
- 24) Leonard Kmak
- 25) William Lupo
- 26) Norbert Maday
- 27) Robert Mayer
- 28) Vincent McCaffrey
- 29) Donald Mulsoff
- 30) Thomas O'Gorman
- 31) James Ray
- 32) John Robinson
- 33) Kenneth Ruge
- 34) Raymond Skriba
- 35) Marion Snieg
- 36) Victor Stewart
- 37) Ralph Strand
- 38) Thomas Swade
- 39) Anthony Vader

47. Names that have not previously been released but who, on information and belief, have been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor:

1) James Flosi

48. There are also a number of religious order priests who worked in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese had control and/or supervision over these clerics while they were working in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese knows about these clerics' misconduct. On information and belief, those religious order clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct are:

- 1) Robert Berlet (Christian Brothers)
- 2) Robert Brouillette (Christian Brothers)
- 3) Vincent Bryce (Dominicans)
- 4) George Dyer (Dominicans)
- 5) Terrence Fitzmaurice (Benedictines)
- 6) John Huels (Servite)
- 7) Augustine Jones (Benedictines)
- 8) Donald McGuire (Jesuits)
- 9) John Murphy (Augustinians)
- 10) Robert Murphy (Camelites)
- 11) Michael O'Connor (Augustinians)
- 12) Jean Baptiste (J.B.) Ormechea (Passionists)
- 13) Eusebio Pantoja (Claretians)
- 14) Thomas Paramo (Claretians)
- 15) Carlos Peralta (Salesians)
- 16) John Powell (Jesuits)

17) Andrew Ronan (Servites)

18) Wilton Skiffington (Jesuits)

19) Patrick Strong (Augustinians)

49. [REDACTED] sexually molested John Doe 100 at some point between approximately 2000 and 2005, when John Doe 100 was a minor child.

50. Neither John Doe 100 nor Mother Doe 100 knew that the Archdiocese had received reports about [REDACTED] sexual abuse of children.

COUNT I
(Injunction - Release of Names)

51. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count I.

52. Plaintiffs bring Count I on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

53. The practices of the Archdiocese of Chicago have endangered numerous children in the past and these practices will continue to put children at risk in the future.

54. Plaintiffs and the class have the right to not be sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

55. The Archdiocese owes a duty to warn all children and their parents that come into contact with its clerics of allegations of sexual misconduct by the clerics because these children and their parents hold clerics in an esteemed position, which gives clerics virtually unlimited access to children.

56. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics against whom the Archdiocese has deemed to have credible allegations of

sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

57. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

58. Unless injunctive relief is granted numerous children in Illinois are at risk of being sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese.

59. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Release the names of all 55 of the priests that it reported to the John Jay Survey to the court and to the public.
- b) Release the names of all other clerics, like [REDACTED], that were not included in the John Jay Survey, but against whom the Archdiocese has received allegations of sexual misconduct by the cleric with children to the court and to the public.

COUNT II
(Injunction - Documents)

60. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count II.

61. Plaintiffs bring Count II on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

62. On information and belief, the Archdiocese still has documents that are evidence of crimes committed by clerics against children.

63. The Archdiocese has a duty to the public at large and to law enforcement to not

destroy any documents that evidence a crime.

64. The Archdiocese has a duty to children that were abused by clerics to not destroy any documents relating to the sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct of any cleric at anytime in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

65. On information and belief the Archdiocese has destroyed documents and/or concealed documents and/or failed to give documents to law enforcement relating to sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct by clerics of the Archdiocese.

66. Unless injunctive relief is granted, children will be at imminent risk of being molested by clerics of the Archdiocese, law enforcement will be prevented from doing its job, and those children that have already been molested by clerics will have their rights negatively affected.

67. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to the Illinois Courts for supervision of these documents.
- b) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to law enforcement.
- c) Cease in the destruction or spoliation of any documents with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.
- d) Cease to conceal or misplace any documents with any connection to any

allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.

COUNT III
(Declaratory Judgment)

68. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count III.

69. Plaintiffs bring Count III on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

70. There is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of not releasing the names of those clerics that have been accused of molesting children.

71. There is also an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practice of not removing a cleric that is accused of molesting a child from any position where the cleric has any contact with children.

72. Finally, there is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of destroying and/or concealing documents evidencing allegations of sexual misconduct by clerics.


73. The plaintiffs and members of the plaintiff class are entitled to a declaration that the Archdiocesan practices of not releasing the names of clerics accused of sexual misconduct with minors, not removing clerics that are accused of sexual misconduct with children from positions where they have access to children, and by destroying and/or concealing documents, is

not adequate to protect children.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant the relief requested within this complaint or any other relief the Court deems just in order to protect children.

Dated: January 31, 2006

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-62

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized]

Date: November 29, 2006

PRA received a phone message on November 28, 2006 from Brigitte Broadway, caseworker with the Department and Children and Family Services [DCFS]. Ms. Broadway requested a return phone call at [312] 492-3770.

PRA attempted to reach Ms. Broadway via phone on November 28th and left her a voice mail message, asking for a return call.

PRA reached Ms. Broadway via phone today in response to her November 28th message. Ms. Broadway informed PRA that she had questions to ask about a number of DCFS investigations that involved clerics of the Archdiocese of Chicago, including the matter concerning the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

Ms. Broadway asked what Fr. DeRoeck's undergraduate degree was and if we [the Archdiocese of Chicago] "...had any other concerns." When PRA asked for clarification to Ms. Broadway's questions, she indicated that she was reading from a note left to her by her supervisor asking for the additional information. PRA informed Ms. Broadway that Fr. DeRoeck had gone to the seminary for his schooling, but would inquire if there was any additional response to what his "undergraduate degree" was. As for other concerns, PRA informed Ms. Broadway that Fr. DeRoeck had admitted to some of the allegations of sexual abuse of minors made against him. When asked, PRA confirmed the last known address for Fr. DeRoeck, which Ms. Broadway already had.

Prior to ending the phone call, Ms. Broadway provided her fax number if [312] 733-7229. Ms. Broadway mentioned to PRA that she has been instructed to have this report concluded by the first of the year.

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

From: Miriam Patrick, Sr. Cummings
To: Jeffries, Ambi
Subject: Information

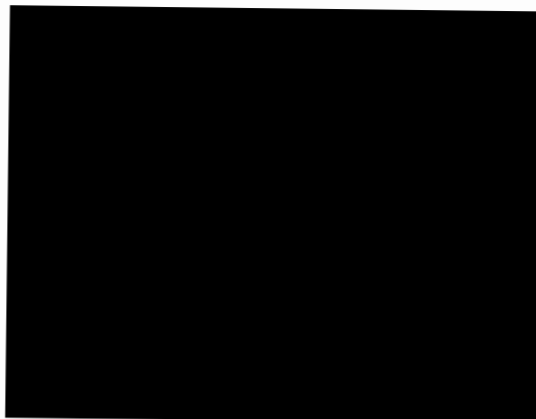
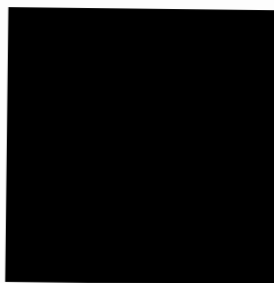
Ambi,

We have extensive files on Walter DeRoeck.

It does not seem as though we have any information on [REDACTED]

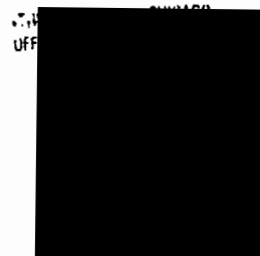
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July 16, 2007

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Archdiocese of Chicago
155 East Superior
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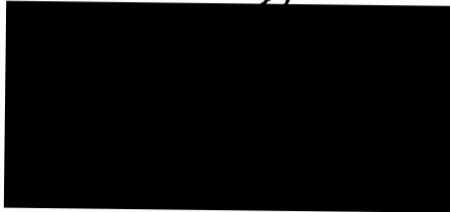
Re:  V. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
Place of Incident: Quigley North and Mary Queen of Heaven
Date of Incident: 1976


To Whom It May Concern:

We represent the above claimant in a claim against you for damages sustained as a result of your employee, Father Walter Deroche's professional negligence during the above year.

Enclosed is our Notice of Attorneys' Lien which you should mail with this letter to your insurance company for your own protection.

Very truly yours, 




Enclosure

NOTICE OF ATTORNEYS' LIEN

Archdiocese of Chicago
155 East Superior
Chicago, Illinois 60611

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that [REDACTED] has retained and employed us as his attorneys and has placed in our hands for suit or collection, a claim or cause of action against you for damages sustained in consequence of your professional negligence, during 1976, at or near Mary Queen of Heaven, Cicero, Illinois and/or Quigley North, Chicago, Illinois.

AND, he has agreed to pay us and we have agreed to accept, as our attorneys' fee for services rendered and to be rendered by us in this matter, a sum of money equal to 33 1/3 per cent of any money or other valuable thing which may be received or paid on account of said claim or cause of action in addition to reimbursement of all costs advanced.

AND YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that by means of the facts above -stated and of the statute applicable to such cases, we hereby claim a lien upon said claim or ~~cause~~ of action, and the proceeds and avails thereof, for the amount of said attorneys' fee, [REDACTED]

Mailed a copy of the foregoing notice by certified mail this day, July 16, 2007.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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

TO: Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests
Mayra Flores, Assistance Ministry
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Patricia Zacharias, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

FROM: Carolyn Perz, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth *CP*

DATE: July 26, 2007

RE: **PFR 62 DeRoeck, Rev. Walter (Laicized)** [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on July 25, 2007.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding DeRoeck, Rev. Walter (Laicized) and/or [REDACTED]

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

Thank you.

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cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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Rev. Dennis Lyle, Mundelein Seminary

cc: John O'Malley
Jim Serritella

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July 26, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE [REDACTED] & U.S. MAIL

[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED] /Rev. Walter DeRoeck

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter of July 16, 2007 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Ms. Mayra Flores (312-751-8291), Assistant Director of Victim Assistance Ministry for the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

Please direct your communications about this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



James A. Serritella

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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Mayra Flores (via facsimile)

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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace (via facsimile)
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John O'Malley (via facsimile)
Patricia B. Carlson

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR – 62
From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized]/ [REDACTED]
Date: July 27, 2007

On July 25, 2007, I attempted to reach civil attorney [REDACTED] to discuss the matter of his client [REDACTED] and his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

I left a voice mail for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] his recent letter advising the Archdiocese of Chicago of [REDACTED]'s allegation against Fr. DeRoeck. I asked [REDACTED] for a return phone call at his convenience so that I could introduce myself and provide him information on the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review. To date, I have not received a return phone call from [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] may be reached at [REDACTED]

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Kathleen Leggdas, Office of Assistance Ministry
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

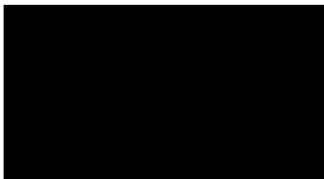
Bc John O'Malley Office of Legal Services
Jim Serritella, Attorney

From: Miriam Patrick, Sr. Cummings
To: Perz, Carolyn
Date: 7/28/2007 12:07:19 PM
Subject: DeRoeck/ [REDACTED] Allegation

We have 6 files on Walter DeRoeck with a number of allegations. We have nothing on [REDACTED]

Sister Pat

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August 2, 2007

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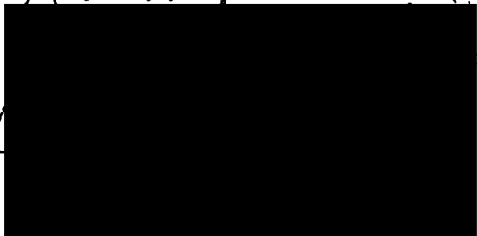
RE: [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, et al.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] in his claim against the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and WALTER DeROECK arising out of sexual childhood abuse committed by him when [REDACTED] was a minor.

Please be advised that I claim a lien for my services as attorney for the above-captioned individual, and I ask that someone contact me before August 27, 2007 to discuss a reasonable resolution to this claim.

Very truly yours,



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August 7, 2007

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Ms. Shauna Boliker
Assistant State's Attorney
State's Attorney of Cook County
2650 South California, Room 11 D 10
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE: [REDACTED]

Our File #07 SC 085
Date of Birth of Alleged Victim: Unknown
Date of Incident: 1976
Location of Incident: Mary Queen of Heaven and
Quigley North

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an Attorney's Lien from attorney [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED] claiming professional negligence of the Archdiocese in the supervision of Fr. Walter DeRoeck, an Archdiocesan priest. We understand this to arise from a claim that Fr. DeRoeck sexually abused a minor. The alleged incident took place at Mary Queen of Heaven and Quigley North in 1976. Fr. DeRoeck is resigned from ministry.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley in cursive.
John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓
Mr. James A. Serritella
Ms. Elizabeth Yore

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Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Matthew Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry

From: Ambi Jeffries, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Date: 08/23/07

Re: [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter/ 

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 08/21/07.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding DeRoeck, Rev. Walter and/or 

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

Thank you.

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August 23, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE [REDACTED] & U.S. MAIL

[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED]/Rev. Walter DeRoeck

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter of August 2, 2007 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Matthew Hunnicutt (312-751-8267), Director of Victim Assistance Ministry for the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.


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Very truly yours,

James A. Serritella
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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Matthew Hunnicutt (via facsimile)


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bcc: Reverend Edward Grace (via facsimile)
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August 29, 2007

VIA FACSIMILIE AND MAIL



Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing as a follow up to the August 23, 2007 message that I left for you regarding your client [REDACTED] and his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoek.

I would like to speak with you as soon as you are able in regards to [REDACTED]'s interest in scheduling a meeting so that he may formalize his allegation against Fr. DeRoek. Please call me at [312] 751-5205 so that we may discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services
James Serritella, civil attorney

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FAX MEMORANDUM

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: Leah McCluskey 

RE: [REDACTED]

DATE: August 29, 2007

Message: Dear [REDACTED],

The following letter is in regards to your client, [REDACTED]. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Thank you.

Leah

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Ms. Shauna Boliker
Assistant State's Attorney
State's Attorney of Cook County
2650 South California, Room 11D10
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE: [REDACTED]
Our File #07 SC 096
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of Incident: Unknown
Location of Incident: Unknown

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago has received notice from attorney [REDACTED] that he is representing [REDACTED] in a claim of sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Walter DeRoeck and the Archdiocese of Chicago. We have not been provided with any further information from [REDACTED]'s office with the details of the allegation. Fr. DeRoeck is resigned from ministry.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓
Mr. James A. Serritella
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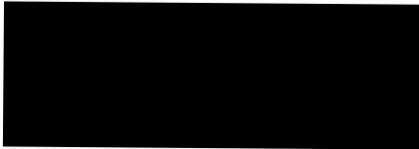
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October 31, 2007



Dear [REDACTED],

As a follow up to our phone conversation earlier today, I am sending you information on my office, the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, and a copy of archdiocesan policies, *§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

I look forward to hearing from you once you have had the opportunity to speak with your client, [REDACTED], so that we are able to schedule a time to meet and provide [REDACTED] the opportunity to formalize his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Perz, Carolyn
Date: 12/7/2007 11:15:12 AM
Subject: Request for School Information

Hello Carolyn,

If I have not done so already, could you please make a contact to Mary Queen of Heaven to request the school records for [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED]? He attended the school from [REDACTED]-8th, graduating in 1978. Could you also ask if the school still has altar boy records from that time [approximately [REDACTED] through 1978]?

Thank you.

Leah

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TO: Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry
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Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

FROM: Ambi Jeffries, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review *(AJ)*

DATE: December 10, 2007

RE: [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] / [REDACTED] [deceased]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 12/10/2007.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] and/or [REDACTED] [deceased].

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Thank you.

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*Bc: Jim Serritella, Attorney
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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR - 62

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

Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized]/Arp, John [deceased]

Date: December 10, 2007

While formalizing his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was present during incidents of abuse by the cleric.

As per [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was a classmate of his and fellow altar boy at Mary Queen of Heaven during the 1970s. During my November 8, 2007 meeting with [REDACTED], he stated that [REDACTED] participated in group masturbation and was present when Fr. DeRoeck showed them sex toys.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is deceased.

I am opening a file in this office in response to the alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Fr. DeRoeck as reported by [REDACTED].

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Perz, Carolyn
Date: 12/10/2007 11:31:55 AM
Subject: Request for Information

Hi Carolyn,

When you have a chance, could you please contact Mary Queen of Heaven and see if they have records of a student named [REDACTED] who would have been in school there in the 1970s, possibly graduating in 1978?

This is in relation to [REDACTED]'s allegation.

Thank you.

Leah

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FROM: Ambi Jeffries, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

DATE: December 10, 2007

RE: [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] / [REDACTED]

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Date: December 10, 2007

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Perz, Carolyn
Date: 12/10/2007 11:30:39 AM
Subject: Request for Information

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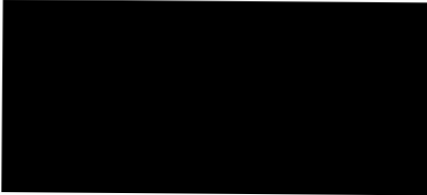
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VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL

December 10, 2007



Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on November 8, 2007. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Mr. Matt Hunnicutt and me.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through your attorney [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by December 24, 2007. Please know that you may also respond by December 24th with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by January 14, 2008. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board as soon as possible so that this matter may continue forward.

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

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

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FROM: Ambi Jeffries, Secretary, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

DATE: 12/10/2007

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* Please deliver this facsimile transmission to the person indicated below.

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Office: [REDACTED]
Fax #: [REDACTED]
From: Ambi Jeffries, Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Phone #: 312/ 751-5206 Fax #: 312/ 751- 5279

Please review the enclosed documentation regarding allegations made by [REDACTED]. Any questions can be directed to Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you

Attachment(s)

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December 12, 2007

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the school transcript you requested for [REDACTED]. Please review the enclosed records for accuracy. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office. The Archives & Records Center is dedicated to providing timely and accurate information while protecting the privacy of individuals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Manzo".

Sylvia Manzo
Records Clerk

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Remarks: There was no listing
of Altar Boys found

Thank you,
ELM

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MEMORANDUM




To: Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry
Rev. John Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Jim Serritella, Burke, Warren, MacKay, & Serritella
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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

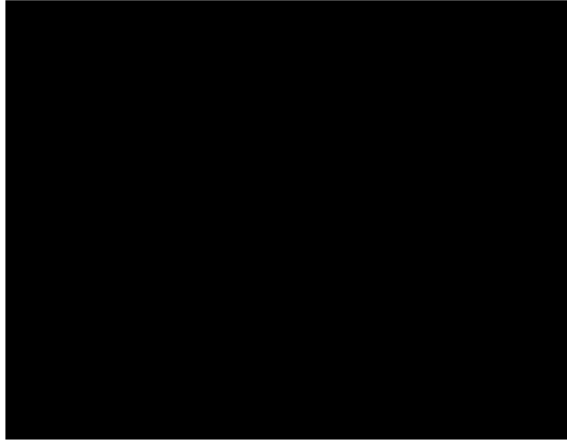
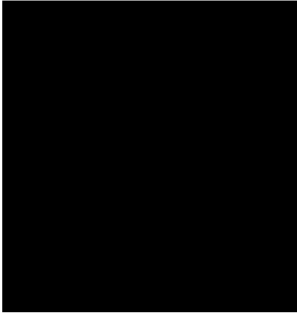
Re: [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized] 

Date: December 17, 2007

Please note that upon receiving 's school records from the Archives and Records Center, it was learned that the correct spelling of his last name is .

's last name was incorrectly spelled "" in the December 12, 2007 memorandum circulated noting the receipt of the third party allegation that the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck sexually abused .

Please make the necessary changes in your files.



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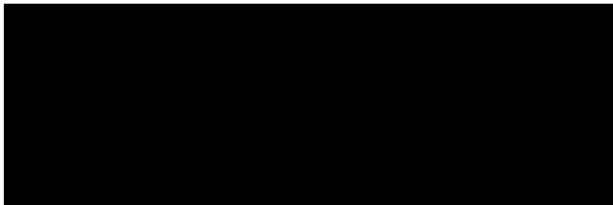
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse
Investigations and Review
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
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Re: 
Your File No. PFR-62

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Enclosed are corrections and additions to the draft report which I request be incorporated into the final report.

Very truly yours,




Enclosure

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RE: [REDACTED]

Our File #07 SC 147
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of Incident: in the 1970s
Location of Incident: Mary Queen of Heaven

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review has received an allegation from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] who was a fellow classmate and altar boy, was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. Walter DeRoeck, who was an Archdiocesan priest in the 1970s. The alleged abuse occurred at Mary Queen of Heaven parish. The accused priest is laicized.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓
Mr. James A. Serritella
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VIA FACIMILIE AND MAIL

January 2, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoock. The report is based upon your revisions that you returned to me. Thank you so much for sending me your additions and changes.

[REDACTED] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by January 16, 2008. I will return a copy of the report to you through [REDACTED] once those parties listed on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by January 16th, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, summarizing Victim IX's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey and Matt Hunnicutt, of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, on January 2, 2008, formalizing Victim IX's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. According to Victim IX, the abuse occurred between 1975 and 1977 when Victim IX was in 5th through 7th grades. The abuse consisted of sexual conversations and group masturbation among Fr. DeRoeck, Victim IX and several other boys, accompanied by drugs and alcohol and occurred numerous times at St. John Berchman parish, Quigley North High School Seminary and on out-of-state trips with Fr. DeRoeck.

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To: [REDACTED] **From:** Ajeffries, Secretary, OPCY
C/o [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED] **Date:** January 3, 2008

Phone: [REDACTED] **Pages:** 7 (including cover page)

Re: Allegations against Rev. Walter DeRoeck **CC:**

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

•Comments:

Enclosed is a copy of the [REDACTED]'s final allegation report against Rev. Walter DeRoeck. Please direct any questions to Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you

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Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE: [REDACTED]
Our File #07 SC 150
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of Incident: in the 1970s
Location of Incident: Mary Queen of Heaven

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review has received an allegation from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED], who was a fellow classmate and altar boy, was sexually abused as a minor by Fr. Walter DeRoeck, who was an Archdiocesan priest in the 1970s. The alleged abuse occurred at Mary Queen of Heaven parish. The accused priest is laicized. [REDACTED] is now deceased.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley in black ink.
John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓
Mr. James A. Serritella
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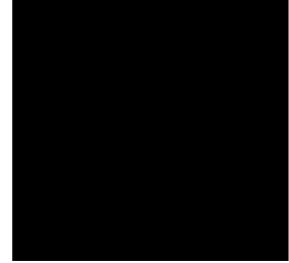
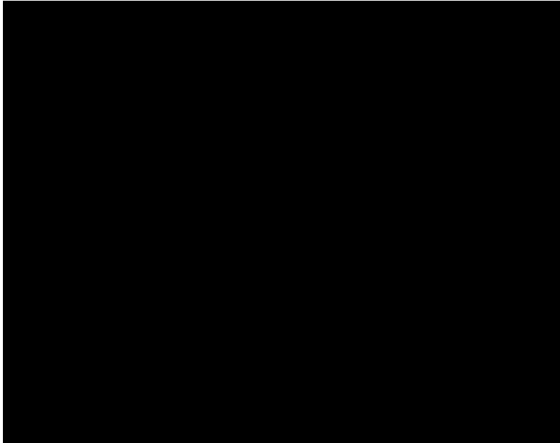
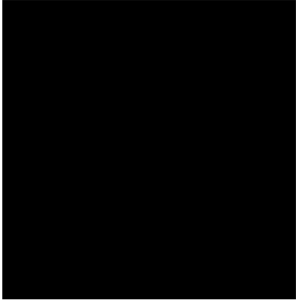
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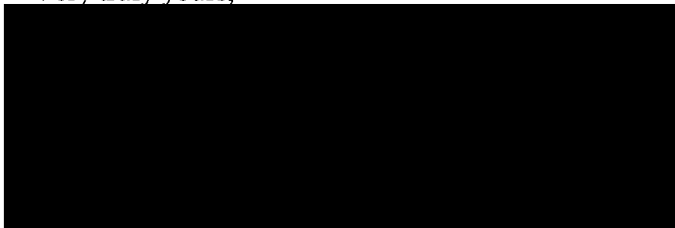
Ms. Leah McCluskey
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Re: [REDACTED] V. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
Court No.

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Enclosed is a copy of the final report which has been signed by [REDACTED].

Very truly yours,



[REDACTED]
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RE: [REDACTED]
Our File #07 SC 151
Date of Birth: Unknown
Date of Incident: in the 1970s
Location of Incident: Mary Queen of Heaven

Dear Ms. Boliker:

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If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey ✓
Mr. James A. Serritella
Ms. Dixie Peterson, DCFS Counsel
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MEMO:

To: Matt Hunnicutt
Rev. Edward Grace
Rev. Daniel Smilanic

From: Santa Garcia *SG*

Re: Signed Allegation of against Rev. Walter DeRoeck/ [REDACTED]

Date: January 17, 2008

Attached please find a copy of the signed [REDACTED] Allegation against Rev. Walter DeRoeck. Call Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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January 17, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

Enclosed is a signed copy of your Allegation against Rev. Walter De Roeck. Please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 with any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia
Secretary

Enclosures

c/c: [REDACTED], Attorney

PR-62

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Grace, Edward
Date: 1/22/2008 2:40:23 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Search Results from USSearch.com

Thank you Fr. Grace. I will wait to hear from you if you are able to reach DeRoeck or not.

Leah

>>> Edward Grace 1/22/2008 11:13 AM >>>

Leah,

Forwarded, I hope, is a search for a Walter deRoeck current address. For some reason my printer is not working, so I am forwarding this.

Ed

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January 23, 2008

Walter DeRoeck



*MOM'S ADDRESS
PLEASE USE NEW ADDRESS
CF Front cover of folder*

Dear Mr. DeRoeck,

I have recently come into possession of certain information that I would like to share with you. I would also like to give you an opportunity to respond to this information, if you so desire. In order to accomplish this I would like you to call my office to arrange a telephone conference including you, me and Ms Leah McCluskey who actually was presented with the information we wish to share with you. This preliminary call will also give me the opportunity to confirm that I have located the correct Walter DeRoeck.

I would be happy to reply to any questions you have. If I am not in my office when you call, please leave a number where you may be reached and I will be happy to return your call.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward D. Grace
Vicar for Priests

312-642-1837

CC. Ms Leah McCluskey

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Grace, Edward
Date: 1/23/2008 4:38 PM
Subject: Re: DeRoeck Letter

Hi Fr. Grace,

I just tried to open your letter and did not get anything except for symbols. When you have a chance, could you please try to send it again--or just sending it interoffice is fine.

Thanks.

Leah

>>> Edward Grace 1/23/2008 4:31 PM >>>

Leah,

Attached, I hope is the letter I am sending to Walter DeRoeck today.

Ed

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Grace, Edward
Date: 1/24/2008 8:51 AM
Subject: Re: DeRoeck 2

Fr. Grace,

Thanks--that worked.

Leah

>>> Edward Grace 1/23/2008 4:49 PM >>>
Leah,

Lets try again.

Ed

VICAR FOR PRIESTS OFFICE

MEMO

To: File
From: Ed Grace
Re: [REDACTED] Allegation
Date: Feb. 12, 2008



Leah Mccluskey read this allegation to Mr. DeRoeck over the phone on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 in my presence.

There were no comments from Mr. DeRoeck..

A written report of this will be placed in the DeRoeck file.

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February 13, 2008

Mr. Walter DeRoeck



Dear Mr. DeRoeck,

Thank you again for agreeing to speak with Rev. Edward Grace and myself yesterday.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our phone conversation that took place on February 12, 2008 concerning [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against you. Please make any changes necessary to ensure the accuracy of the report and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you feel that the report is accurate as written, please sign and date the report on the appropriate lines and return it to me in the same manner.

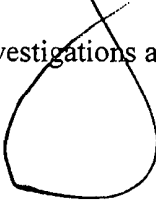
Mr. DeRoeck, I ask that you return the report to me by February 27, 2008 so that I may continue to move this matter forward. Once I have a final copy of the report as indicated by the appropriate signatures, I will return a copy to you for your records. As you can see, I have also enclosed with this letter a copy of *§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

Please know that you may contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns. Also know that your Vicar for Priests, Fr. Grace continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Saturday, February 16, 2008

AGENDA

I. **Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2008**

II. **Case Reviews**

Initial Review

A. 

B. 

C. 

D. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck (Laicized 2002) PFR-62
• Allegation made by 

E. 

F. 

Review for Cause

G. 

III. Canonical Updates

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

IV. Other Matters

- [REDACTED]

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2008

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board

Saturday, February 16, 2008 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
Patricia Zacharias, Assistant Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review



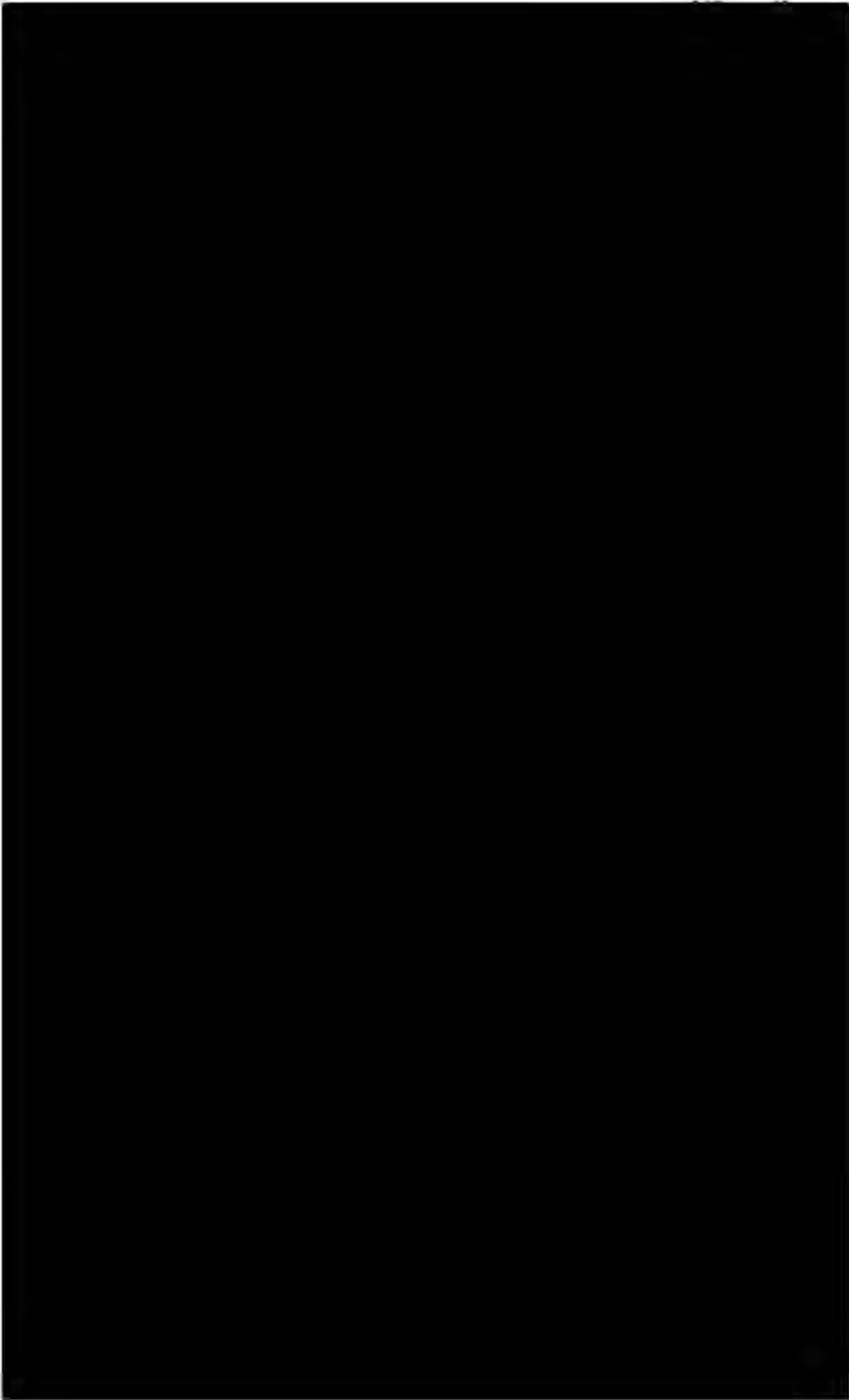
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- I. **Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2008**
 - Minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**
Initial Review

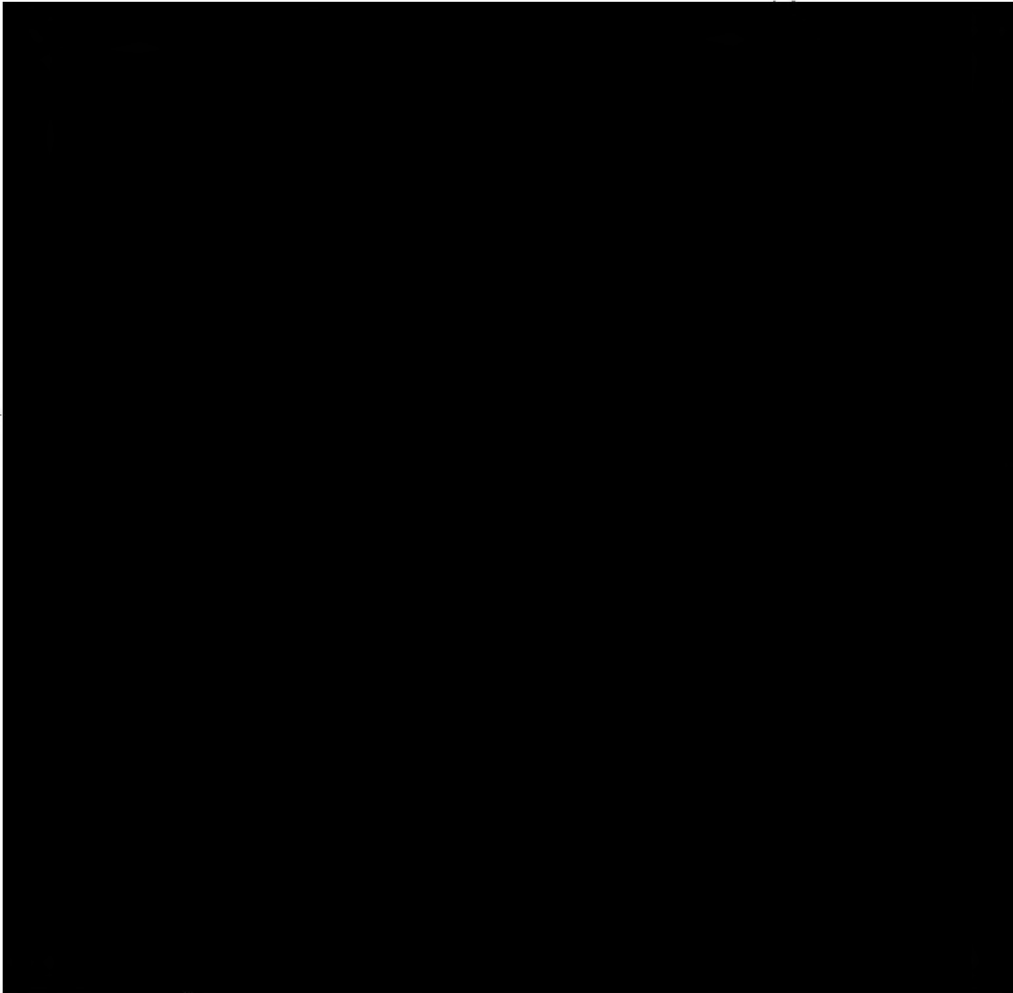
- A.

[REDACTED]

B.



C.



D. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck [Laicized 2002] – PFR - 62

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by Rev. Walter DeRoeck. A summary of the allegation is as follows: masturbation; [REDACTED] smoked marijuana; some consumption of alcohol [beer].



When asked, Ms. McCluskey stated that she had not yet reviewed Fr. DeRoeck's files [in the Chancellor and Vicar for Priests' Offices].

As the discussion continued, the clarification was provided that Fr. DeRoeck was never charged in a legal arena in regards to the allegations of the sexual abuse of minors made against him.

Fr. Smilanic verbally provided some background information on Fr. DeRoeck. [REDACTED] added that in his experience, he observed that Fr. DeRoeck always put his own needs and gratification first over others. He also stated that he observed Fr. DeRoeck to have an abusive kind of personality and that everything was about him [Fr. DeRoeck]. [REDACTED] stated that he was Fr. DeRoeck's "monitor" for a period of time. He shared one instance where Fr. DeRoeck told him something to the effect of, "I was so good to those kids [who accused him of sexual abuse]. How could they do this to me [report allegations against him]?"

As the discussion continued, [REDACTED] expressed his knowledge that while at St. John Berchman Fr. DeRoeck would have kids in his room with the door closed. [REDACTED] stated that this concern was brought to the attention of the Archdiocese of Chicago at the time. Also as the discussion of the matter continued, [REDACTED] was able to confirm that he had knowledge of Fr. DeRoeck taking kids [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

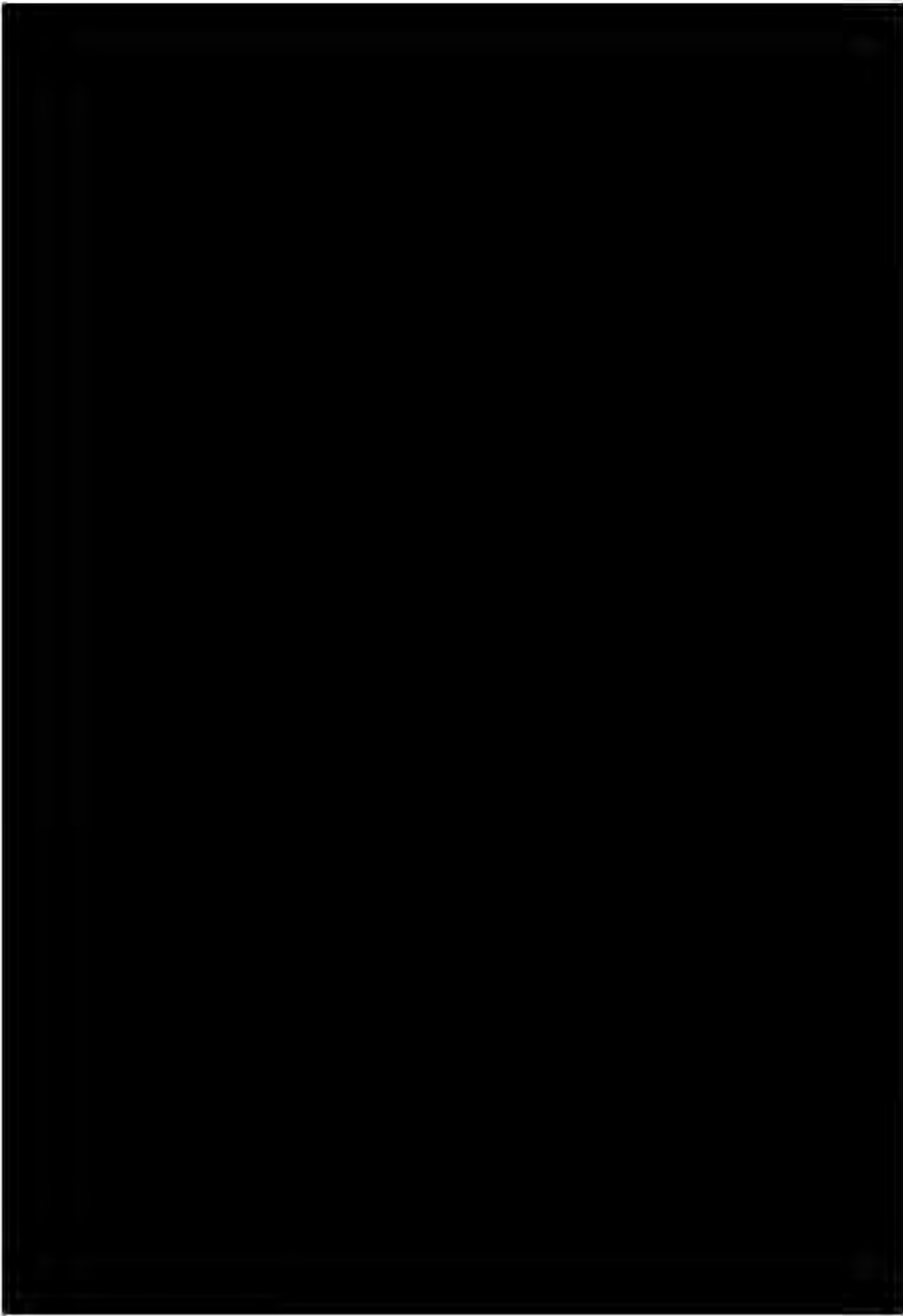
In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also advised Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

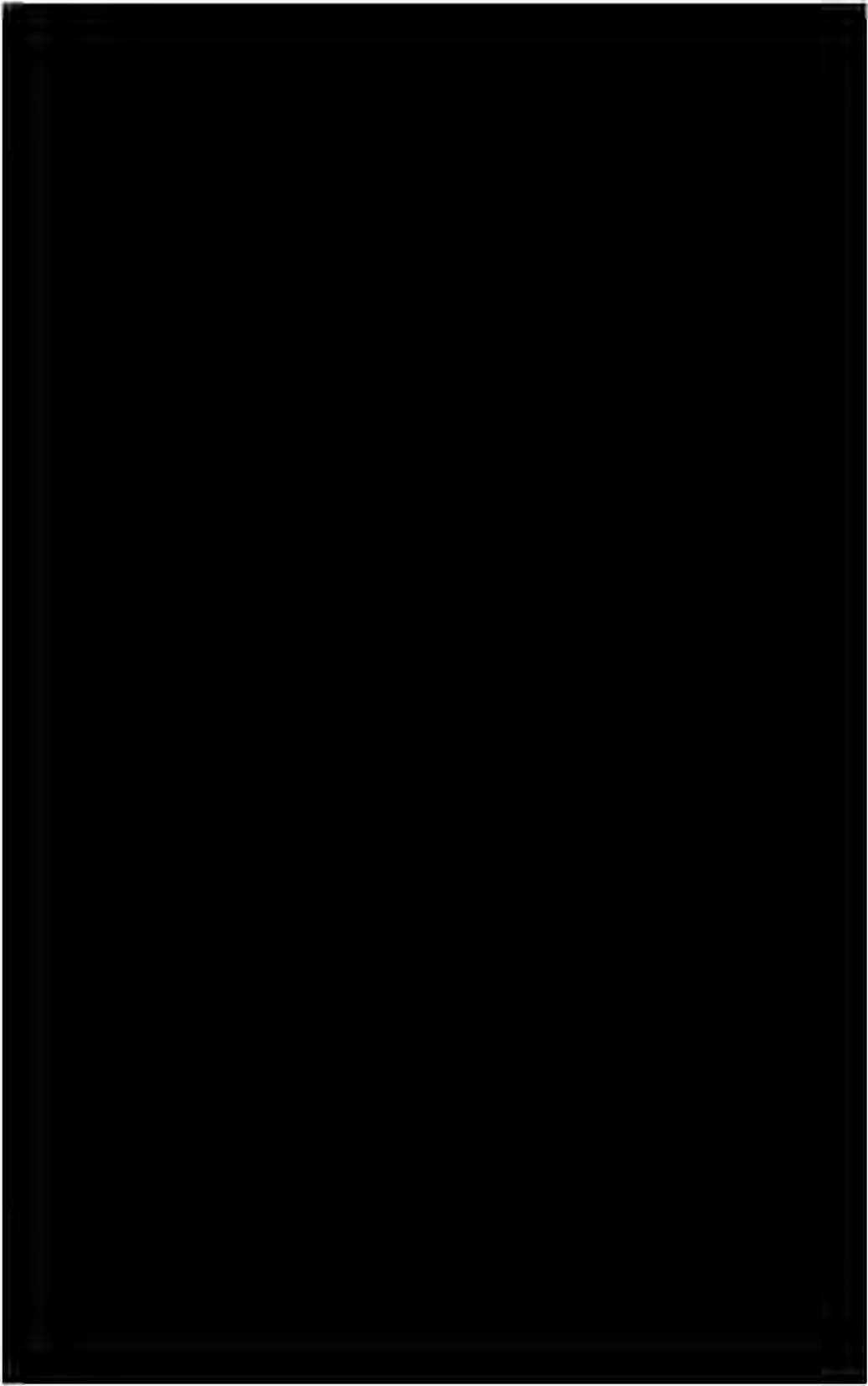
- Review Fr. DeRoeck's files in the Chancellor's and Vicar for Priests' Offices
- Attempt to speak with Rev. [REDACTED] in regards to his knowledge of Fr. DeRoeck's past behaviors with children; Fr. [REDACTED] is currently assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary

E. [REDACTED]



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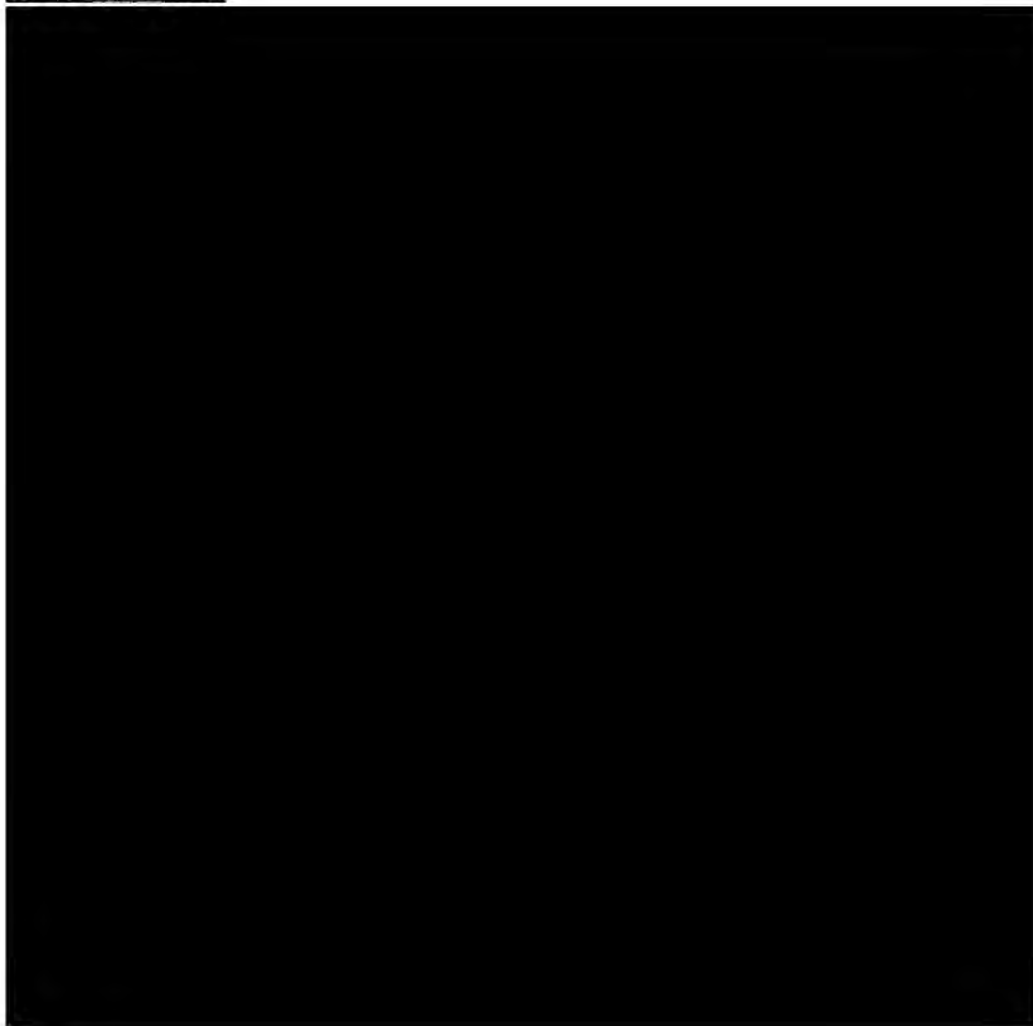


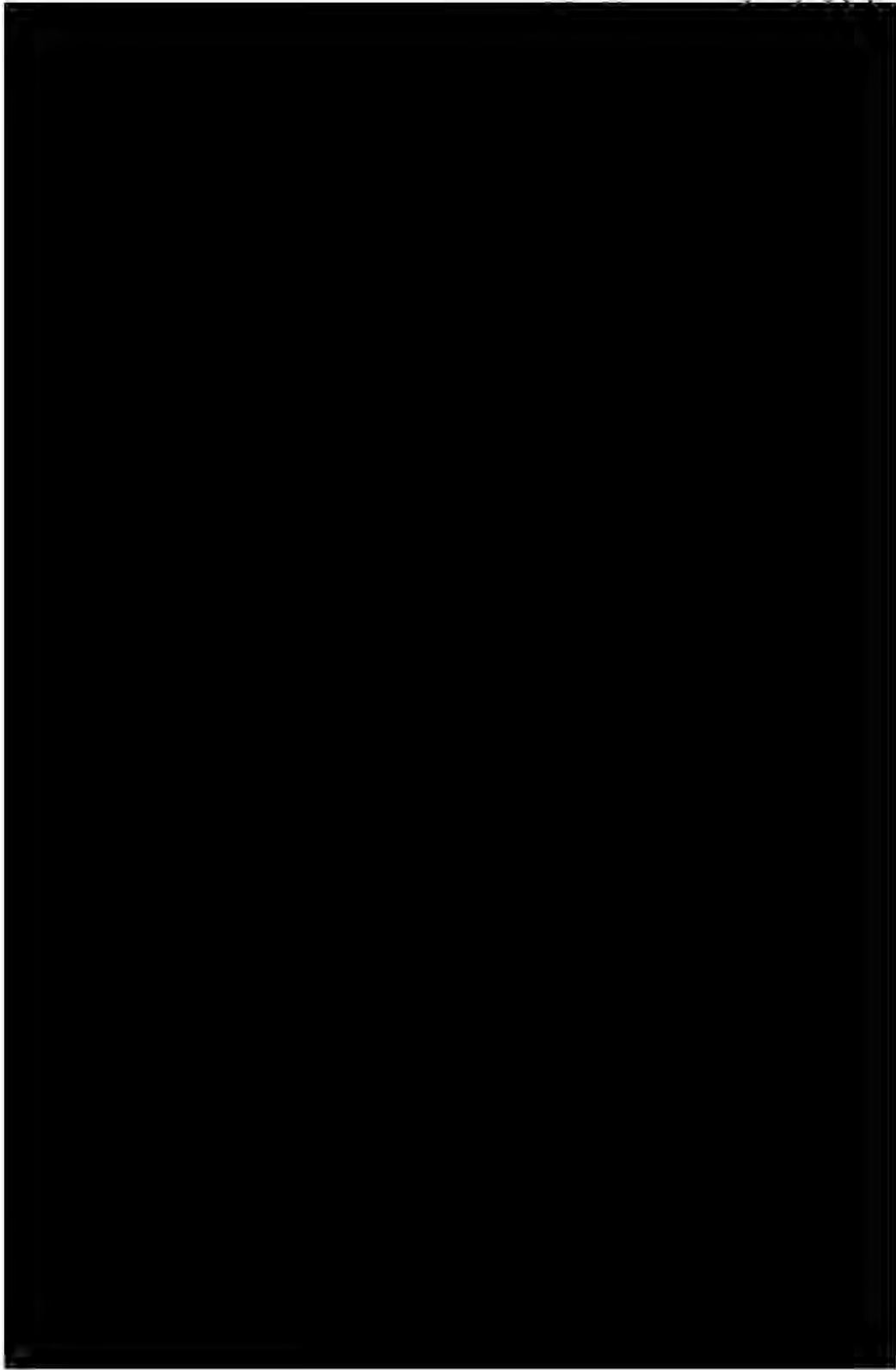




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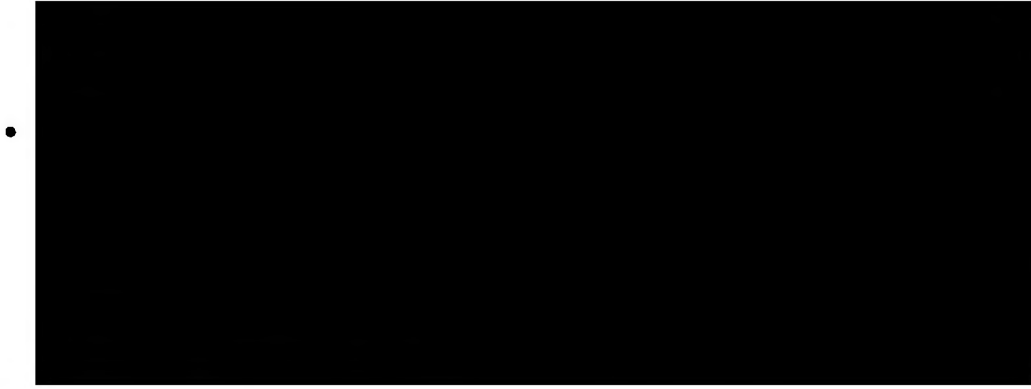


III. Canonical Updates

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

IV. Other Matters

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] and Fr. Smilanic then provided the Review Board with a verbal update of some of the changes made to the policies *§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* dated November 27, 2007
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will not be present at the scheduled March 15, 2008 Review Board meeting
- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would not be available for a Review Board meeting if it remains scheduled for April 19, 2008

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.



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Dear Leah,

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Walter DeRoock

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February 19, 2008

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on February 16, 2008 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants additional investigation. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the
decision -
Fr. Joyce
Feb 20, 2008*

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 62
From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Re: **RESPONSE TO [REDACTED]'S ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST REV. WALTER DEROECK [LAICIZED]**
Date: February 26, 2008

Date of Conference Call: February 12, 2008 Time of Conference Call: 11:00 am

Participants in Conference Call

Walter DeRoeck
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Conference Call

Please note that all additions and changes that Walter DeRoeck made to the February 13, 2008 draft report are reflected italicized and bold print.

The following was written in a note dated February 19, 2008 by Walter DeRoeck and attached to the February 13th draft report that he returned with his additions and changes:

Dear Leah,

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For legal documents is it necessary to have MR or MS or REV?

Walter DeRoeck

Rev. Edward Grace made arrangements for the February 12th Conference Call to begin at 11:00 am. Upon my arrival to the Vicar for Priests' office, Fr. Grace placed the call to **Walter** DeRoeck's cell phone. When **Walter** DeRoeck did not answer, Fr. Grace left a voice mail and asked him to call the Vicar for Priests' office when he received the message. Fr. Grace added in his message to **Walter** DeRoeck that the call had been scheduled for 11:00 am and we were calling him at approximately 11:08 am.

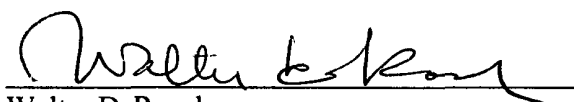
At 11:45 am, Fr. Grace and I still had not received a return phone call from **Walter** DeRoeck. Fr. Grace attempted to reach **Walter** DeRoeck on his cell phone again and was successful. **Walter mentioned that he was on another call when Fr. Grace had made his earlier attempt and did not know how to access call waiting on his cell phone.**

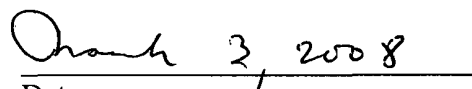
After introductions were made via phone, I asked **Walter** DeRoeck if he would like me to verbally provide him some information on the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and/or the Review Board. **Walter** DeRoeck responded that he was familiar with the Review Board and did not ask for any other information. I then informed **Walter** DeRoeck that he had the right to a copy of [REDACTED]'s allegation and that I would send him that as well as a copy of the Archdiocese of Chicago's updated policies [*§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*]. **Walter** DeRoeck expressed his understanding of what I had said, but did not specifically ask for a copy of either document. When asked, **Walter** DeRoeck agreed to have me proceed by reading [REDACTED]'s allegation.

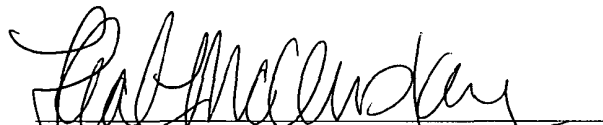
After reading the allegation in its entirety, **Walter** DeRoeck stated, "I really have no comment."

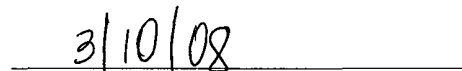
I asked **Walter** DeRoeck again if he would like a copy of [REDACTED]'s report and/or the aforementioned policies sent to him. **Walter** DeRoeck said that he did not want a copy of [REDACTED]'s report, but that he would like a copy of the policies.

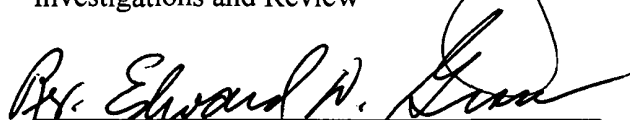
Fr. Grace and I again thanked **Walter** DeRoeck for his time. I suggested to **Walter** DeRoeck that if he had any questions or concerns to either call Fr. Grace or myself.

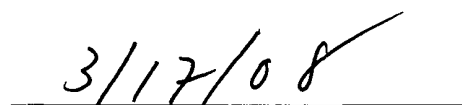

Walter DeRoeck


Date 3, 2008


Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse
Investigations and Review


Date 3/10/08


Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests


Date 3/17/08

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February 26, 2008

Walter DeRoeck
[REDACTED]

Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Enclosed you will find a final report of your response to [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against you. Thank you for reviewing the draft report and for returning it to me with your additions and changes.

In the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by March 11, 2008. I will then return a copy of the report to you once those parties indicated on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by March 11th, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

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

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey

Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

AOC 013037

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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March 6, 2008

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of February 19, 2008, regarding the matter of **Mr. Walter DeRoeck**, a former priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been laicized, and the allegation made by [REDACTED], following the Initial Review conducted by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on February 16, 2008.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination, and believe that the information suggests further investigation into whether **Walter DeRoeck** 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 **Walter DeRoeck**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

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

Rev. Richard Sauder

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Minister
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services



AOC 013038

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board that information at least seems to be true that **Walter DeRoeck** engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED], while Walter DeRoeck served as a priest of the Archdiocese and [REDACTED] was a minor at the time of the alleged incident, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717) and warrants further investigation.

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Walter DeRoeck**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

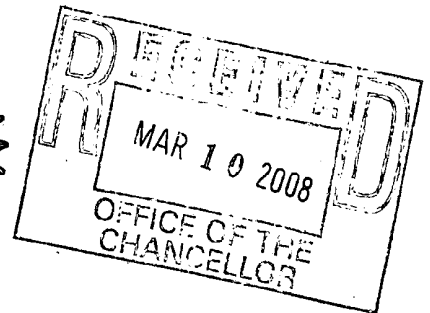
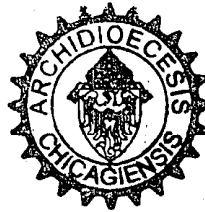
In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm Walter DeRoeck's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written and oral report to the Review Board, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense. This report is to be sent to me, along with the advice of the Review Board.

Given on March 6, 2008, at Chicago, Illinois.

Handwritten signature of Francis Cardinal George.

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



Handwritten signature of Rev. Richard Saucedo.

Ecclesiastical Notary

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March 12, 2008

Walter DeRoeck
[REDACTED]

Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on February 16, 2008 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, additional investigation is warranted. Meaning, the Board determined that based upon the information presented for their review, there is cause to continue to investigate this matter. Further, if you have any additional information at this time you wish to share and have presented to the Board, please forward it to my attention. Any additional information obtained and/or received will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter.

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, Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Leah McCluskey in cursive script.

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Bcc: John O'Malley
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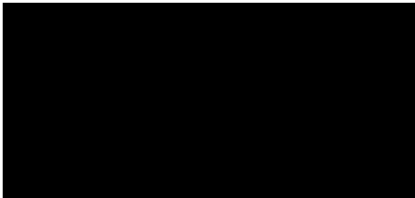
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March 12, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on February 16, 2008 and conducted an Initial Review of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, additional investigation is warranted. Meaning, the Board determined that based upon the information presented for their review, there is cause to continue to investigate this matter. Further, if you have any additional information at this time you wish to share and have presented to the Board, please forward it to my attention. Any additional information obtained and/or received will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter.

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 the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

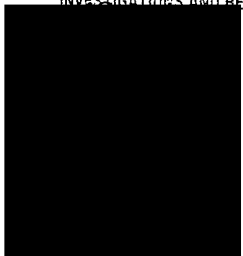
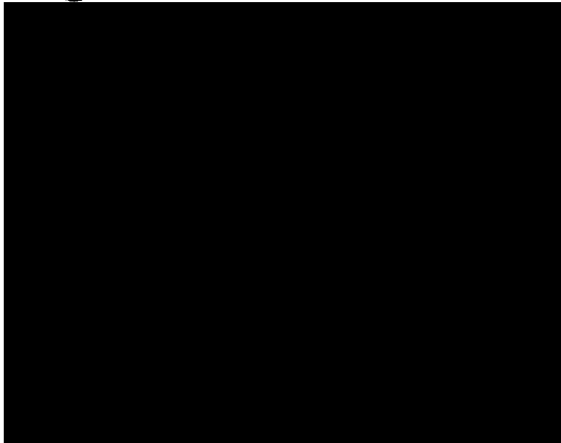
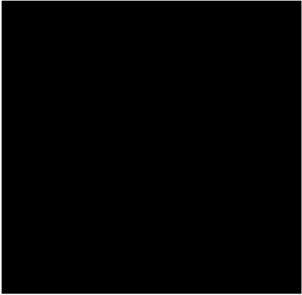
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Bcc: John O'Malley
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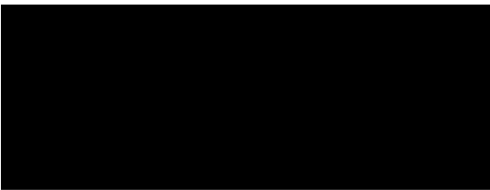
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Archdiocese of Chicago
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Re: [REDACTED] V. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
Court No.

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Thank you for your letter of March 12, 2008. I would appreciate your letting me know an estimate of the time for the additional investigation to be completed.

Very truly yours,



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MEMO:

To: ✓ Rev. Edward Grace
Rev. Daniel Smilanic

From: Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: **Signed Allegation [PFR-62] DeRoeck, Rev. Walter (Laicized)/**
[REDACTED]

Date: March 26, 2008

Attached please find a copy of the signed Allegation of DeRoeck, Rev. Walter (Laicized)/ [REDACTED] for your file. Call Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Enclosure

AOC 013043

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Molloy, Jim
Date: 3/26/2008 2:22:36 PM
Subject: Re:

Jim,

I will request a list of those assigned with DeRoeck during the time period you indicated and get that to you. As for Fr. [REDACTED], I believe the Board asked that he be talked to because he was a classmate of DeRoeck's.

Leah

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>>> Jim Molloy <[REDACTED]> 3/26/2008 12:26 PM >>>
Leah,

I have kept the DeRoeck case, PFR 62, to investigate. Could you either direct me to the right party, or could you get me a listing of all priests assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for the time frame listed in the allegation, 1975 through 1978.

I read through the entire file and could not see any reference to Father [REDACTED] contained therein. The Review Board wants him interviewed, and I will be glad to do so. However, I don't like going in blind and some background info would help me frame my interview. Do you know how/why the Review Board came up with his name, or could ask them? It would be of great value.

Thank you,
Jim

CC: Radney, Harvey

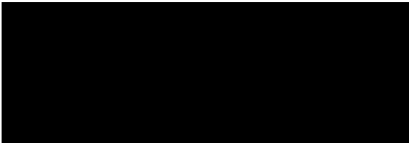
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March 27, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing in response to your March 19, 2008 letter concerning the matter of your client [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

In regards to an estimate of time frame for the "additional investigation" to be completed, please refer to **§1104.10. Review for Cause** found in the copy of **§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry** that I gave to you. As the policy states, the Review for Cause is normally no later than 60 days after the Initial Review, during which time any additional information available would be gathered.

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Bcc: John O'Malley
James Serritella

From: Julie Satzik
To: McCluskey, Leah
Date: 3/31/2008 10:44:19 AM
Subject: Re: Request for Information

Hi,

Sorry for the delay. The priests at Mary Queen of Heaven were:

1975
Francis J. Spellman
John Lauer
Donald Mulsoff

1976
Francis J. Spellman
John Lauer
Donald Mulsoff
Michael P. Jacobsen

1977-1978
Francis J. Spellman
John Lauer
Donald Mulsoff
Walter DeRoeck

Julie

Julie A. Satzik
Assistant Research Archivist
Archdiocese of Chicago's
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archives and Records Center
711 W. Monroe
Chicago IL 60661

>>> Leah McCluskey 3/26/2008 2:24 PM >>>
Hello Julie,

I hope that you had a good Easter and were able to enjoy some time off!

When you have a chance, could you please send me the list of priests assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven in Cicero from 1975 through 1978?

Thank you.

Leah

From: Edward Grace
To: Molloy, Jim
Date: 4/2/2008 1:45:58 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Request for Information

Jim Molloy,

Fr. Francis Spellman died December 7, 2000.
Fr. John Lauer died in 1981 at the age of 78.
Michael P. Jacobsen left ministry in 1993 and died shortly thereafter. If you need a more exact date of death let me know.

Ed Grace

>>> Jim Molloy <bigjimcpd@comcast.net> 4/1/2008 11:15 AM >>>
Father Grace,

Could you see if you have any information on the priests listed as having been at Mary, Queen of Heaven at the same time as Walter DeRoeck. They are Fathers Francis Spellman, John Lauer, and Michael P. Jacobsen. I looked for each of them in the directory and none were listed. Leah indicated that Donald Musdolf is dead. This is in relation to PFR 62. Thank you.

Jim Molloy

----- Forwarded Message: -----

From: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>
To: "Jim Molloy" <bigjimcpd@comcast.net>, <harvey@hillardheintze.com>
Subject: Fwd: Re: Request for Information
Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2008 15:57:12 +0000

Jim and Harvey,

I am forwarding the information that I received from Archives re: other clerics assigned with DeRoeck at Mary Queen of Heaven.

For your information, I do know that Donald Mulsoff is deceased.

Leah

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Molloy, Jim
Date: 4/4/2008 11:15:16 AM
Subject: Re: PFR 62

Jim,

Thank you for your e-mail. I would suggest typing your report with the information that you have gathered. If and when the Review Board asks to attempt to identify and speak with other priests assigned with DeRoeck at Mary Queen of Heaven, we could take that next step.

Leah

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>>> Jim Molloy <[REDACTED]> 4/3/2008 9:57 AM >>>
Leah,

I was in contact with Fr Grace and learned that all the priests who were assigned to Mary, Queen of Heaven at the time of the alleged abuse are all deceased. DeRoeck was there until 1985 and I only asked for 1975 to 1978. If you think I should go further and attempt to locate those who were assigned from 1979 to 1985, please forward the names to me and I will attempt interviews with them.

There is no one working at the rectory now who was working there at the time of the alleged abuse.

Thank you,

Jim

CC: Radney, Harvey



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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC
STRATEGIC SECURITY ADVISORS



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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

CASE # PFR-62
IN THE MATTER OF: WALTER DEROECK

Delivered on April 18, 2008 to:

MS. LEAH MCCLUSKEY, DIRECTOR
OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS & REVIEW
737 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 900
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Prepared by:



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AOC 013050



April 18, 2008

Ms. Leah R. McCluskey
Director
Office for Child Abuse Investigations & Review
Archdiocese of Chicago
737 North Michigan Avenue
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Chicago, Illinois, 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze has completed the investigative interview requested in the March 24, 2008 case referral in the matter of Walter DeRoeck. Attached you will find our investigative report which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago. With this transmittal, one (1) original hard bound copy and an electronic version are being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations & Review.

As requested, Hillard Heintze interviewed Fr. [REDACTED] in regards to his knowledge of former priest, Walter DeRoeck's past behavior with children. The case involves an allegation by [REDACTED] against former priest Walter DeRoeck. [REDACTED] alleges that DeRoeck abused him during the sixth and seventh grades (1976-1977) while [REDACTED] attended Mary Queen of Heaven School in Cicero, Illinois.

Hillard Heintze also tried to locate the other priests that were assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven from 1975 through 1978 – notably Fr. Francis Spellman, Fr. John Lauer, Michael P. Jacobsen and Donald Mulsoff – but learned that all of them have died.

It should be noted that nothing was uncovered during the course of this investigation to dispute the allegations made by [REDACTED]

Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,

Arnette Heintze



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Executive Summary



On March 24, 2008, Hillard Heintze received a request from the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for investigative assistance in the matter of Walter DeRoeck, a former priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Specifically, we were requested to conduct an interview with Rev. ██████████ in regards to his knowledge of former priest, Walter DeRoeck's past behavior with children. The case involves an allegation by ██████████ against former priest Walter DeRoeck. ██████████ alleges that DeRoeck abused him during the sixth and seventh grades while ██████████ attended Mary, Queen of Heaven School in Cicero, Illinois.

The interview of Rev. ██████████ was conducted by Hillard Heintze Investigator James J. Molloy. Fr. ██████████ was interviewed in person at the Immaculate Heart of Mary rectory located at 3834 N. Spaulding, Chicago, IL on March 31, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

Hillard Heintze also looked for information on the other priests that were assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven from 1975 through 1978, the time of the alleged abuse – notably Fr. Francis Spellman, Fr. John Lauer, Michael P. Jacobsen and Donald Mulsoff – but learned that all of them have died.

In summary it should be noted that the Hillard Heintze case review did not uncover any findings to dispute the allegations made by ██████████ as noted in Case Review and the Key Findings.



Archbishop of Chicago – Decree

On March 6, 2008, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., the Archbishop of Chicago issued the following Decree in the matter of Walter DeRoeck who was alleged to have engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED]:

- Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board, the Archbishop concluded that the “information at least seems to be true that Walter DeRoeck engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED], while Walter DeRoeck served as a priest of the Archdiocese and [REDACTED] was a minor at the time of the alleged incident.”
- The Archbishop “concluded that this constitutes information which ‘at least seems to be true’ (c.1717) and warrants further investigation.”
- The Archbishop decreed “that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to Walter DeRoeck.”
- The Archbishop directed the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review to act as the investigator in this matter; and to further enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary; and to further make a written and oral report to the Review Board no later than one hundred eighty days.

Case Referral to Hillard Heintze

On March 24, 2008, Director Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, referred the Walter DeRoeck matter to Hillard Heintze for further investigation.

Specifically, Hillard Heintze was requested to:

- Review Walter DeRoeck’s files in the Chancellor’s and Vicar for Priests’ Offices
- Attempt to speak with Rev. [REDACTED] in regards to his knowledge of former priest, Walter DeRoeck’s past behavior with children; Fr. Heneghan is currently assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary

Hillard Heintze was requested to return the investigative findings by April 18, 2008.



On March 24, 2008, Harvey Radney, Hillard Heintze Senior Vice President for Investigative Services, initiated a comprehensive case review of the DeRoeck investigative file provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

On March 24, 2008, Radney assigned Investigator James J. Molloy the responsibility of conducting the requested interview.

Details of Investigation

Case Review

From March 24, 2008 to March 30, 2008, Arnette Heintze, Harvey Radney and Investigative Associate Jim Molloy initiated a comprehensive review of the investigative case and associated files in the matter of Walter DeRoeck, which were provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

Allegations by [REDACTED] on November 8, 2007:

- DeRoeck provided [REDACTED] and his friends with [REDACTED] and had them masturbate along with DeRoeck.
- DeRoeck masturbated with [REDACTED] in front of his friends.
- DeRoeck provided marijuana and beer to [REDACTED] and his friends.
- [REDACTED]
- This occurred in DeRoeck's suite of rooms at the rectory of Mary Queen of Heaven, and DeRoeck would close the door to his rooms when [REDACTED] and his friends were in the room.
- Incidents also occurred at Quigley North High School when DeRoeck would take [REDACTED] and his friends there on overnight visits [REDACTED]

DeRoeck's Response to Allegations on February 12, 2008:

- "I really have no comment."



Interview

On March 31, 2008, Hillard Heintze Investigator Jim Molloy conducted the following interview. While the interview is summarized below, the complete memorandum of the interview is contained as an attachment to this file.

March 31, 2008 – Interview of Fr. [REDACTED]

Fr. [REDACTED] was assigned to St. John Berchman from 1985 to 1990 while DeRoeck was the pastor. In a pre-assignment interview, DeRoeck asked [REDACTED] if he had a problem with boys visiting the rectory.

Fr. [REDACTED] stated that DeRoeck would have boys visit him in his room and would close the door while they were visiting. DeRoeck would also let boys use the room when he was not present. According to [REDACTED] the boys were 14 to 18 years of age and came from either a single parent family or one where there was a dysfunctional dynamic.

[REDACTED] came to learn that DeRoeck would provide beer to these boys, but never heard anything about marijuana. DeRoeck would take boys on day trips to other locations, and he would take boys to stay overnight at Quigley North. DeRoeck would take boys on overnight stays to a cottage DeRoeck owned in Michigan City, Indiana. DeRoeck developed a close relationship with one particular boy and would have him stay overnight in DeRoeck's room at the rectory.

[REDACTED] said the staff confronted DeRoeck and reported what they thought was improper behavior to the Archdiocese.

Other Investigative Efforts

In an effort to discover any other person who might have knowledge of DeRoeck's behavior, the investigator contacted Leah McCluskey on March 26, 2008 to determine the names of other priests assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven during the time frame described by [REDACTED]. He received a reply on March 31, 2008 that listed Fathers Francis J. Spellman, John Lauer, Donald Mulsoff, and Michael P. Jacobsen as having been assigned to Mary, Queen of Heaven during the time frame in question, 1976-1980. Leah McCluskey also informed him that she knew Donald Mulsoff was deceased.



Investigator Molloy could not find any of the names listed in the Archdiocese directory, so he an sent email on April 1, 2008 to Father Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests asking him for assistance in locating any or all of the men. Investigator Molloy received a reply from Father Grace on April 2, 2008 in which it was reported that Father Spellman died in 2000; Father Lauer died in 1981; and Father Jacobsen left the ministry in 1993 and died shortly thereafter.

Investigator Molloy telephoned the rectory at Mary Queen of Heaven on April 1, 2008 and spoke to the secretary, [REDACTED]. Investigator Molloy identified himself and informed her of the reason for the call, without mentioning any names. [REDACTED] informed him that there were no persons currently employed at the rectory who had also been working there during the time frame 1976 through 1980.

Research

None conducted in this phase.

Surveillance

None conducted in this phase.

Research & Site Visits

None conducted in this phase.



Background

None conducted in this phase.

Accused

Victim

Witness

Federal Civil and Criminal Court Records

State Civil and Criminal Court Records

County Civil and Criminal Court Records

National Sex Offender Public Registry

Uniform Commercial Code

Bankruptcies, Liens and Judgments

Business Affiliations

Key Findings

In summary, there were no findings during this investigation to refute the allegations of ██████████. Classmates identified by ██████████ during the interview process remain potential corroboration for these allegations.



Attachment

Memorandum of Interview: Father [REDACTED] 03/31/08.

To: Case File PFR-62

From: Investigator James J. Molloy

Reference: Walter DeRoeck

The Archdiocesan Review Board requested that Father [REDACTED] be interviewed in regard to his knowledge of Walter DeRoeck's past behavior with children. Investigator Molloy called Father [REDACTED] at the Immaculate Heart of Mary rectory on March 27, 2008 and scheduled an interview with him on March 31, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

On March 31, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., Investigator Molloy interviewed Father [REDACTED] at the rectory located at 3834 N. Spaulding, Chicago, IL.

Father [REDACTED] stated that he had been assigned to St. John Berchman Parish from Easter Monday in 1985 until he was reassigned to St. Ita in 1990. He further stated that Walter DeRoeck was the pastor at St. John's during that assignment. He further said he had an interview with DeRoeck prior to the assignment and remembers it because during the interview he was asked by DeRoeck, "Do you mind boys in the rectory." [REDACTED] remarked that the question always struck him as being odd, until he discovered that boys were in the rectory visiting DeRoeck on a very regular basis. Father [REDACTED] said he felt DeRoeck was very secretive about what he did with the boys who visited him at the rectory. [REDACTED] stated that DeRoeck was always surrounded by boys, and that when they visited him in his room the door would be shut.

[REDACTED] further stated that DeRoeck had very little to do with the rest of the staff at St. John's, preferring to spend his time with young boys. [REDACTED] described the boys as being 14 to 18 years of age from single parent families or from families with dysfunctional fathers. [REDACTED] stated that DeRoeck often had groups of boys in his room at the same time, and that he often let boys use his room when DeRoeck was not there. [REDACTED] also said that young boys often slept in DeRoeck's bedroom, even though there were several unoccupied rooms in the rectory. [REDACTED] described the upper floor of the rectory by drawing a diagram that showed his room was across the hall and slightly behind DeRoeck's room.



Father Heneghan stated that DeRoeck owned a cottage in Michigan City, Indiana with other priests. ██████ said DeRoeck often took a boy or boys to the cottage when he traveled there. ██████ remembered one time that DeRoeck invited some staff members from St. John's to visit him at the cottage and made a statement to the effect that it felt strange to have them there as he felt it was his personal space. ██████ said this surprised many of the staff, as they all knew he often took boys to the cottage. He also said he remembered DeRoeck taking boys on day trips to various other locations.

██████ also referred to a remark that was made to him by DeRoeck's sister ██████ during one of the two visits he remembered her making to see her brother at the rectory. ██████ told ██████ that DeRoeck was mad at her for talking to ██████. Father ██████ also recalled her saying that she was upset because it seemed her brother had no time for her but had a lot of time for his boys.

██████ stated that he knew DeRoeck provided beer to some boys and said he learned about it through a conversation with a young man who had in the past hung around with DeRoeck, but stopped doing so. He once asked ██████ if he could have a beer and ██████ said no due to his being underage. The young man then said that DeRoeck would give beer to his boys. ██████ had no knowledge of any marijuana use on the part of DeRoeck.

Father ██████ said he and other staff members became extremely concerned about what was going on in the rectory and decided to bring the condition to the attention of the Archdiocese. The event(s) that led to this decision was a relationship that DeRoeck developed with a particular young man. (According to Father ██████ the young man's name was ██████ and he was from ██████ Illinois. The accuser in the case now under investigation named a friend of his, ██████, as being one of DeRoeck's boys.) The relationship started when the young man was a junior or senior at Quigley North and continued on even after the young man enrolled at Niles. The young man was always seen at the rectory and would spend the night in DeRoeck's bedroom. Heneghan remembered being asked questions about this behavior by seminarians staying at the rectory. ██████ also related that DeRoeck once took this young man to ██████



██████████ stated that he and the other staff members – ██████████
██████████ – went to see Father William Stenzel in regard to the matter. They went to him because he was an addiction counselor and they felt DeRoeck's behavior was an addiction. According to ██████████ the staff was told they should get into support groups to ensure they didn't have issues that led them to act out against DeRoeck. They were also told to contact the Vicar for Priest, Raymond Goedert.

██████████ then described the process they undertook in this regard. He also said he contacted Monsignor Velo, but was told he would need proof to support his allegations. The rest of the staff wrote letters and ██████████ took the letters to a meeting at Goedert's office involving them and DeRoeck. ██████████ said that DeRoeck denied any impropriety ever occurring. The meeting also eventually included all the other staff members. ██████████
██████████ said the decision also determined DeRoeck to have no contact with the young man.

██████████ further alleged that DeRoeck did not stay away from ██████████ and traveled to Washington D.C., ostensibly to visit family from Belgium. The trip occurred at the same time ██████████ was sent to visit Catholic University by Niles College officials. ██████████ indicated this took place in either 1989 or 1990.

Father ██████████ stated that he heard that DeRoeck would frequent "leather bars" in the Chicago area while they were assigned to St. John Berchman, but could not offer any further information.

Father ██████████ then told me the names of several men he knew who were consistent visitors to DeRoeck's room at St. John Berchman rectory and that he felt more than one of them had formally accused DeRoeck of wrongdoing. The names are: ██████████
██████████ and ██████████. ██████████ was not sure if the spelling of each name was accurate.

The interview was then concluded.

Investigator James J. Molloy

OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Saturday, April 26, 2008

AGENDA

I. **Approval of Minutes** - March 15, 2008 and April 3, 2008

II. **Case Reviews**

Initial Review

A. 

B. 

Review for Cause

C. 

D. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck (Laicized 2001) PFR-62

- Allegation made by 
- Initial Review – 2/16/2008

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F. 

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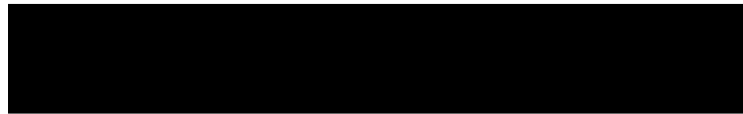
III. Request for Supplementary Review

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IV. Other Matters

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The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2008

Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board

Saturday, May 31, 2008 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:

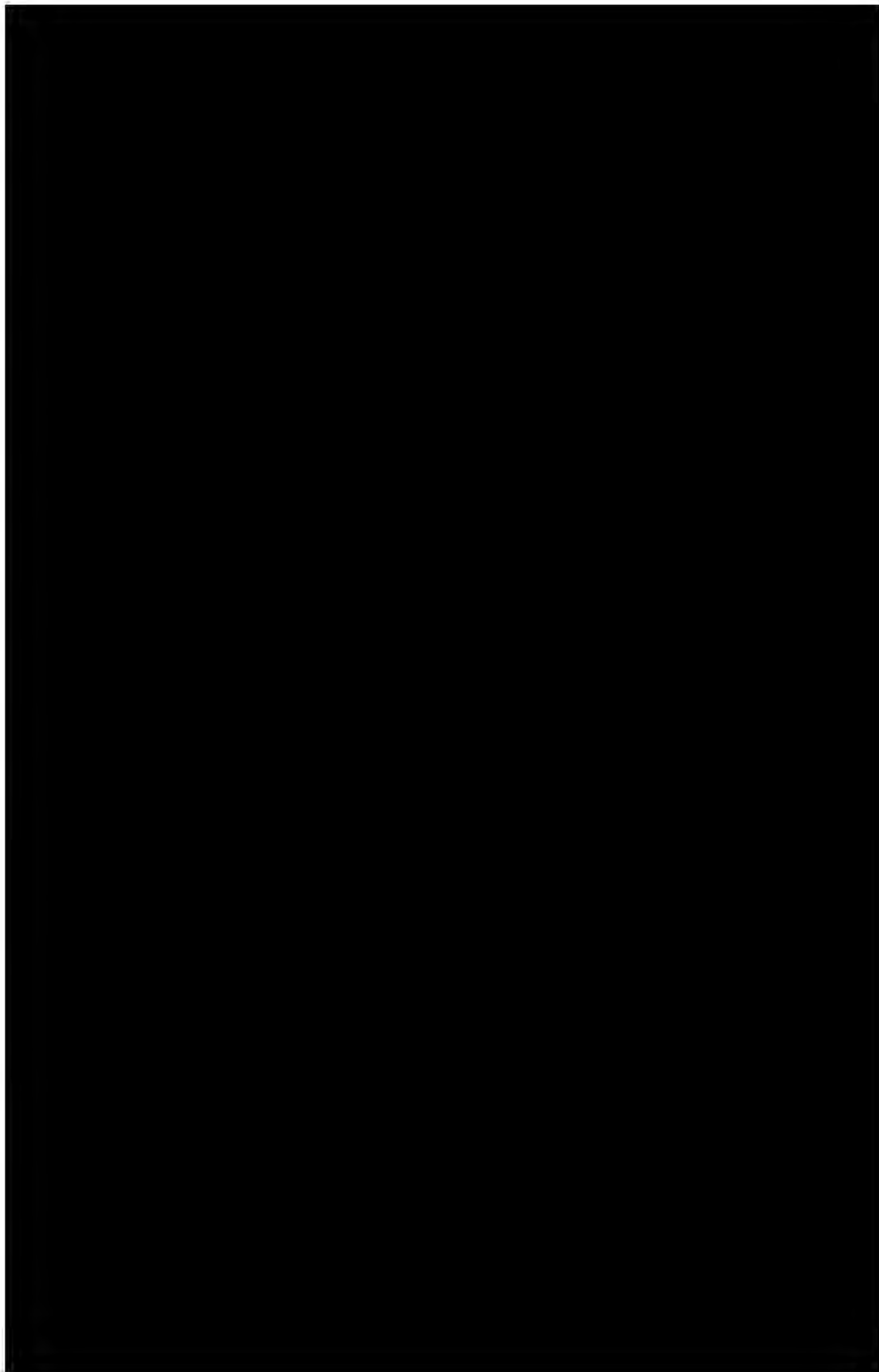
[REDACTED]

Non-members Present:

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

- The meeting began with Fr. Smilanic providing the Review Board with a verbal update of his recent trip to Rome representing the Canon Law Society; Fr. Smilanic stated that while at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [CDF], the following two main points were made:
 - The importance of the work of Review Boards
 - The importance of determinations of Review Boards, such as decisions that are made [by the Cardinal] based upon the Board's Review for Cause determinations; once a decision on a matter is made, it enables the CDF to go forward [Fr. Smilanic provided the example of current petitions for laicizations before the CDF]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



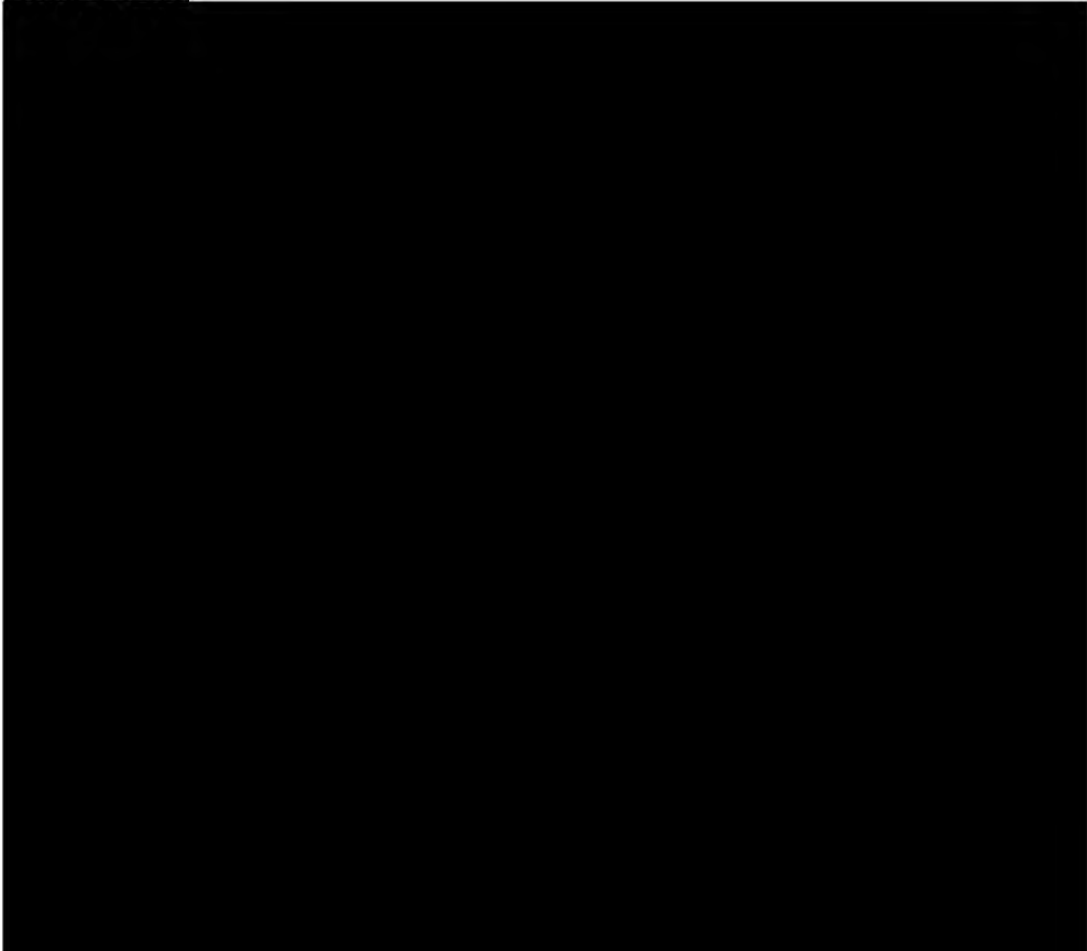
I. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2008

- Minutes approved

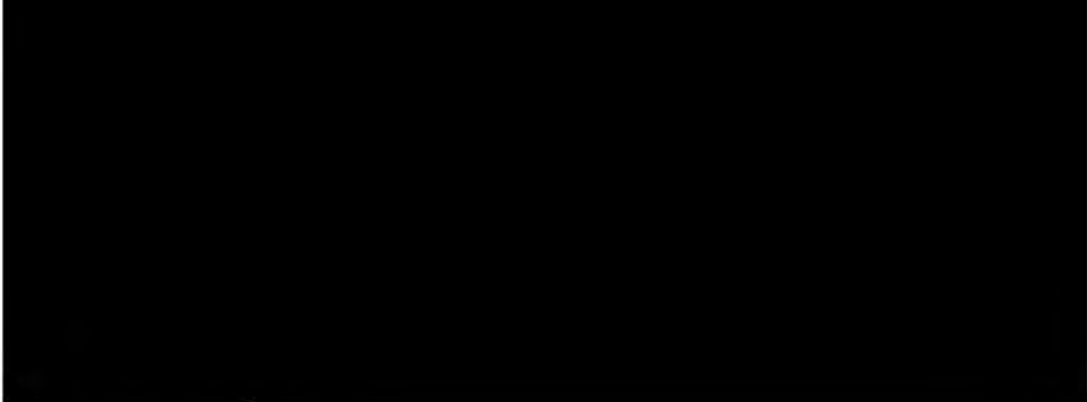
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F. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck [Laicized 2002] – PFR - 62

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. A summary of the allegation is as follows: masturbation; [REDACTED] smoked marijuana; some consumption of alcohol [beer].

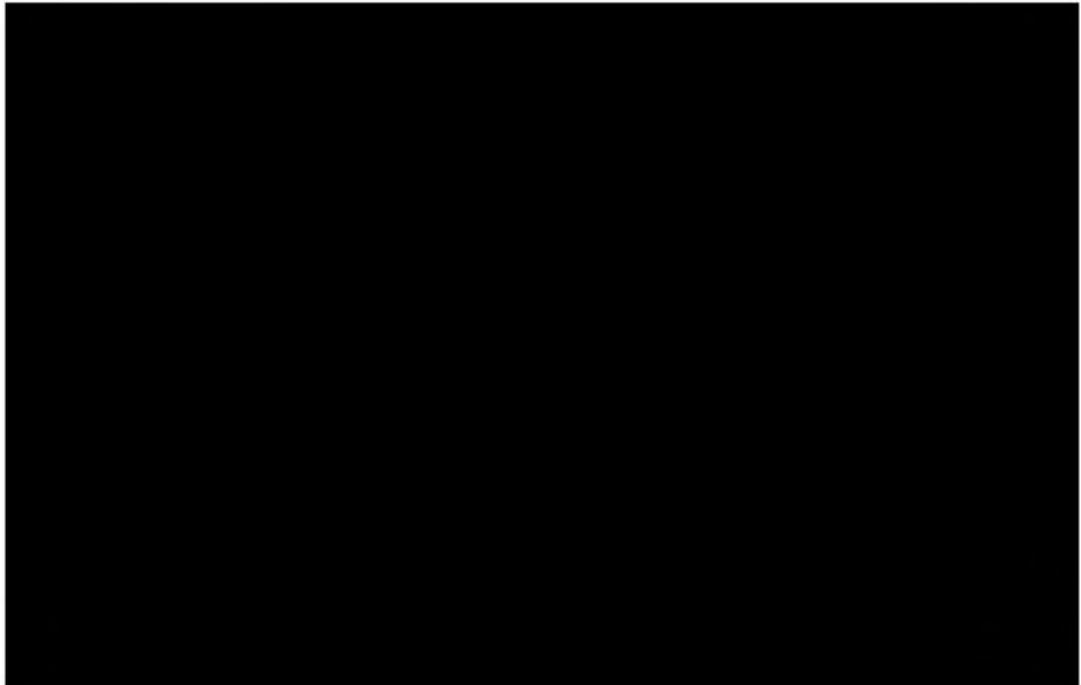
Ms. McCluskey explained the copies of the review of Mr. DeRoeck's files of which each of the Board member had received in their packets for the May 31st meeting.



Fr. Smilanic verbally informed the Board that in the past he, [Fr.] Jim Noone, [Fr.] Larry McBrady, and [Fr.] Jim Joslin owned a home in Michigan City. As per Fr. Smilanic, Fr. McBrady sold his portion of the home to Fr. DeRoeck. Fr. Smilanic said that he and the others never knew [of Fr. DeRoeck's alleged abuse of minors]. He added that Fr. DeRoeck always asked the other owners of the home when they were going to be there. Fr. Smilanic spoke of an instance when he went to the home without telling Fr. DeRoeck, and he [Fr. DeRoeck] was upset with him that he had gone there "unannounced."

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor.

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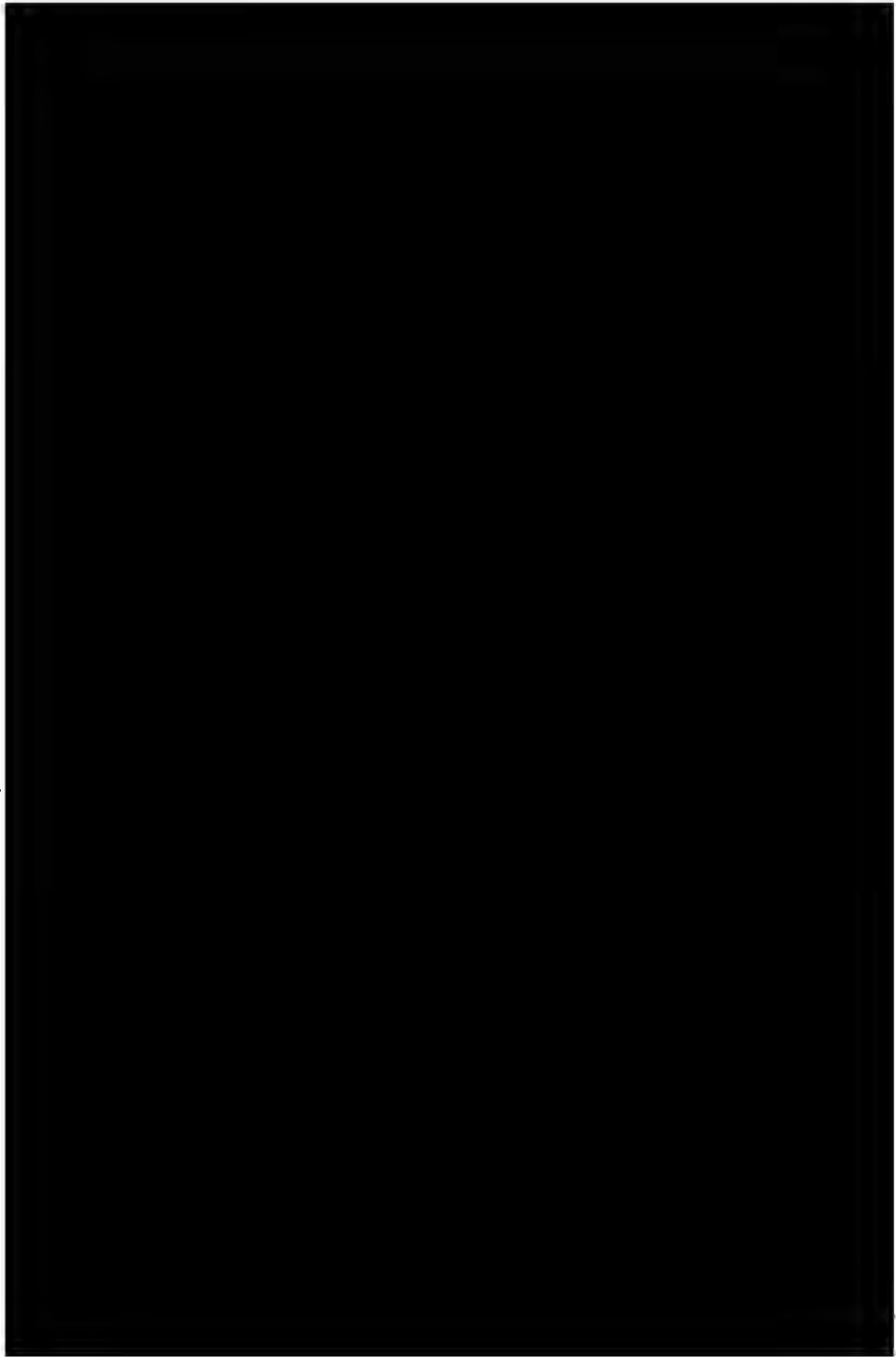
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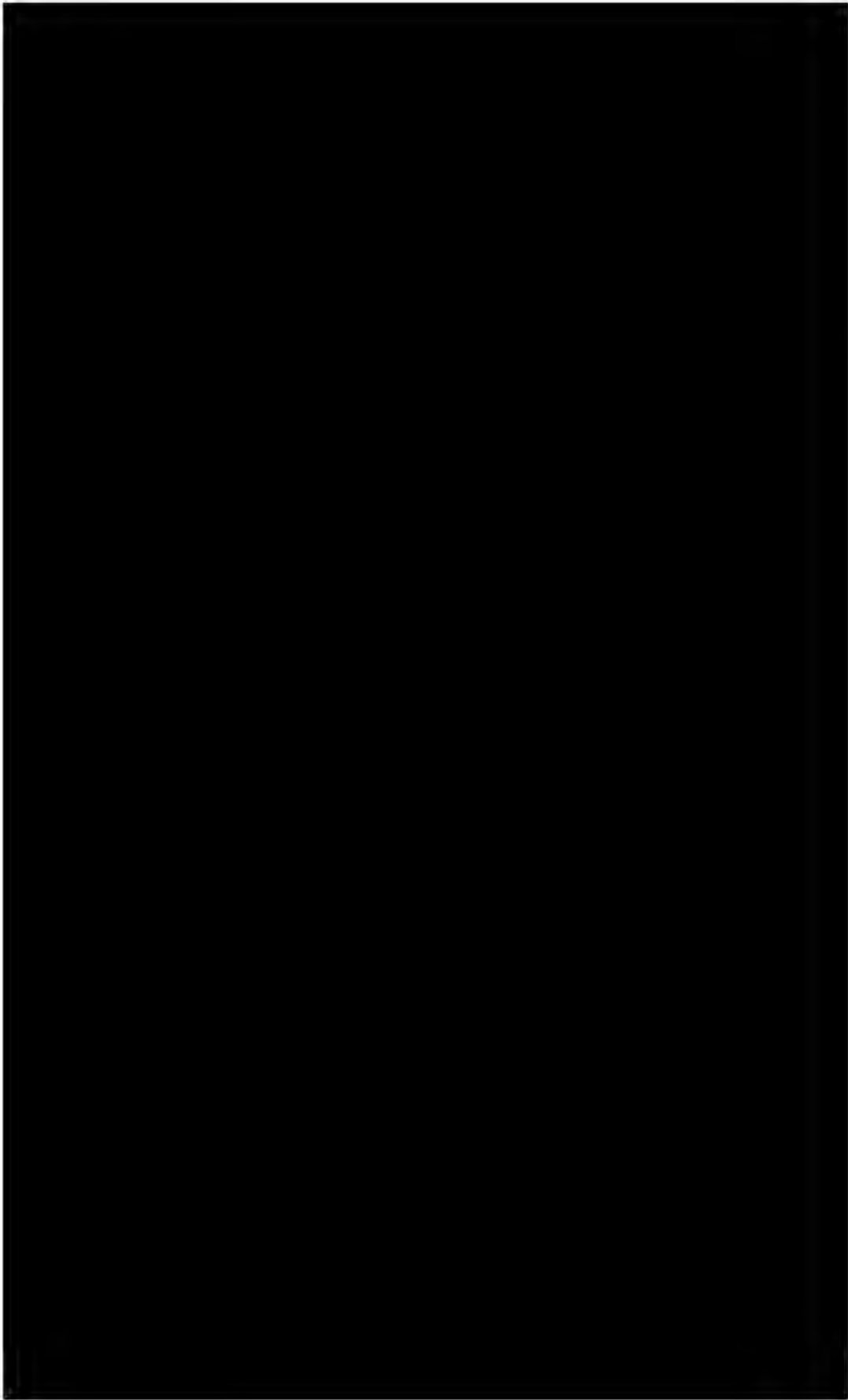
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[Redacted]

III. Other Matters

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



Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Safe Environment Office



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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on May 31, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reason to suspect that the accused has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor, or [REDACTED]

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

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

I agree with
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June 4, 2008

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Chicago, Illinois 60611

June 24, 2008

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of June 4, 2008 in response to your letter of June 3, 2008, regarding the matter of **Walter DeRoeck**, who was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago, but who was subsequently dispensed from the obligations of the clerical state, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. This matter was discussed in a Review for Cause by the independent Review Board at their meeting of May 31, 2008.

I accept the Review Board's determination that there is reason to suspect the abuse of [REDACTED] took place. However, since Walter DeRoeck has been dispensed from the obligations of the clerical state, no further canonical action can be taken against him. I ask that the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth continue to provide pastoral assistance to [REDACTED] and his family.

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 Audis
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Mr. Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Minister
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Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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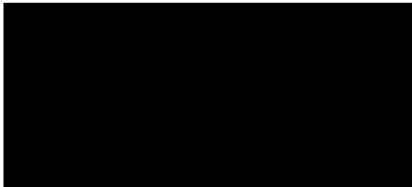
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June 26, 2008

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Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on May 31, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At a Review for Cause the Review Board determines, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

In the Review for Cause of this matter on May 31st, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that you were sexually abused by the former Fr. DeRoeck. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 867-8793. Also, please know that the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bcc: John O'Malley
James Serritella

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June 26, 2008

Walter DeRoeck



Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on May 31, 2008 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

At a Review for Cause the Review Board determines, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

In the Review for Cause of this matter on May 31st, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that you did sexually abuse [REDACTED]. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 867-8793. Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

Bcc: John O'Malley
James Serritella

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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 17, 2008

Archdiocese of Chicago
Leah McCluskey
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [REDACTED] v. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, et al.

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Please be advised that I represent [REDACTED] in his claim against the ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO and WALTER DeROECK arising out of sexual childhood abuse committed by him when [REDACTED] was a minor.

Please be advised that I claim a lien for my services as attorney for the above-captioned individual, and I ask that someone contact me before December 1, 2008 to discuss a reasonable resolution to this claim.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

AOC 013080

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Hunnicutt, Matthew
CC: Flores, Mayra; Grace, Edward; Leonatti, Janet; O'Malley, John; Serri...
Date: 11/18/2008 10:51 AM
Subject: Re-activated case
Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf

Matt,

I just received a call from [REDACTED] who has a client who is finally ready to meet with us. The AOC first received notification from [REDACTED] on 8/6/07 that his client [REDACTED] was sexually abused by the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. This matter was made inactive in May 2008 due to the fact that [REDACTED] had lost contact with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has recently contacted him again and wishes to meet with us. [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED] and as per [REDACTED] we would have to travel there to meet with him. [REDACTED] suggested a tentative date of December 15th to go to [REDACTED]. I told [REDACTED] that I would check with you--and he would check with [REDACTED] and get back to me. Could you let me know if you or Kathleen would be free on 12/15 to [hopefully] fly in and out the same day for the interview?

Also, I did tell [REDACTED] that if [REDACTED] was interested in speaking with you regarding services prior to our meeting date, to please contact you. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has been hesitant talking to anyone, including his wife--whom he still has not told of the alleged abuse.

I have copied others on this e-mail as notification that I have made this matter active in RADAR and so they could make the adjustment to their files.

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW
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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
CC: Hunnicutt, Matthew
Date: 12/5/2008 10:18 AM
Subject: December 15th
Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf

Dear [REDACTED],

I wanted to send you the information for the hotel where we have reserved a conference room [from 11am through 4pm] for us to meet with you and [REDACTED] on December 15th:



I asked the hotel that this meeting not be posted in the lobby. It is reserved under my name and/or the Archdiocese of Chicago, so if you happen to arrive before Matt and myself, please feel free to check with the front desk and go right to the conference room.

Please call with any questions.

Leah

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Santa Garcia
Date: 1/11/2009 11:41 AM
Subject: School Records Request

Hi Santa,

Could you please request the school records of [REDACTED] from Mary Queen of Heaven school? [REDACTED] attended the school from [REDACTED]-8th grade and graduated in 1982. His DOB is [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Leah

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From: Edward Grace
To: Costello, Vincent; McCluskey, Leah; Smilanic, Daniel
CC: Lago, Jimmy
Date: 1/12/2009 4:23 PM
Subject: Re: WALTER DEROECK

Thanks, Dan.

Jimmy, would you send me a copy of the decree of laicization for my file?

Thanks,

Ed

>>> Daniel Smilanic 1/12/2009 4:15 PM >>>
FYI -
His decree of laicization is in the Chancellor's file.
Fr. Smilanic

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Garcia, Santa
Date: 1/12/2009 11:37 AM
Subject: Information Request
Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf

Santa,

When you have a chance, could you please call the current pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven in Cicero and ask him who the appropriate person is to ask if there are altar boy lists/schedules from the years 1977 through 1982? And, if the lists exist, if we could have copies?

Thank you.

Leah

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Satzik, Julie
Date: 1/12/2009 11:34 AM
Subject: Information Request
Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf

Good Morning Julie--and Happy New Year,

When you have a chance, could you please send me a list of all clerics assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven from 6/10/1976 - 2/15/1985?

Thank you.

Leah

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OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

From: Julie Satzik
To: Garcia, Santa
Date: 1/14/2009 11:26 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: File request

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Julie

Julie A. Satzik
Assistant Research Archivist
Archdiocese of Chicago's
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>>> Santa Garcia 1/14/2009 11:02 AM >>>
Dear Julie,

Can you tell me the status of my request to Jac?

Thank you,

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Olympia Centre
737 N. Michigan Av., Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60611
Ph. 312. 534-5251
Fax 312. 751-8307
Email: sgarcia@archchicago.org

>>> Santa Garcia 1/13/2009 12:46 PM >>>
Dear Jac,

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review is requesting the following records that Rev. Esequiel Sanchez, Pastor - Mary, Queen of Heaven told me Archives and Records may have.

Requested record information needed is:

Alter Boy Lists
and
Alter Boy Schedules
For the years 1977 through 1982

If these lists exist may we have copies? Thank you.

Please advise,

From: Santa Garcia
To: Satzik, Julie
Date: 1/14/2009 11:30 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: File request

I spoke with Fr. Sanchez and he referred me to Archives and said his parish has **no school records** stored away and referred me to contact the AOC Archives and Records Dept.

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AOC 013088

From: Julie Satzik
To: McCluskey, Leah
Date: 1/15/2009 10:52 AM
Subject: Re: Information Request

Hi,

Sorry for the delay. The priests at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, in Cicero, were:

1976

Francis J. Spellman - *deceased*
John Lauer - *deceased*
Michael F. Jacobsen - *deceased*
Donald Mulsoff - *deceased*

1977-1980

Francis J. Spellman
John Lauer
Walter DeRoeck
Donald Mulsoff

1981

Francis J. Spellman
John Lauer
Walter DeRoeck
Robert A. Bacchi - *DOO '77; Broadview, IL*

1982-1984

Francis J. Spellman
Walter DeRoeck
Robert A. Bacchi

1985

John R. Price - *DOO '66; Chicago, IL*
Francis J. Spellman
Robert A. Bacchi

Hope this helps,

Julie

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>>> Leah McCluskey 1/12/2009 11:34 AM >>>
Good Morning Julie--and Happy New Year,

When you have a chance, could you please send me a list of all clerics assigned to Mary Queen of Heaven from 6/10/1976 - 2/15/1985?

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
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School Records Ext. 724
Sacramental Records Ext. 722
Archival Services Ext. 272
Secretary Ext. 337
Researchers Ext. 728

January 15, 2009

Protection of Children and Youth, Office for the
737 N. Michigan Ave.
Ste. 900
Chicago, IL 60611

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the school transcript you requested for [REDACTED]. Please review the enclosed records for accuracy. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office. The Archives & Records Center is dedicated to providing timely and accurate information while protecting the privacy of individuals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Manzo".

Sylvia Manzo
Records Clerk

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312-751-8307, fax

VIA FACSIMILIE AND MAIL

January 22, 2009



Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.


Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on December 15, 2008. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Mr. Matt Hunnicutt and me.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through your attorney [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by February 5, 2009. Please know that you may also respond by February 5th with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by February 19, 2009. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board so that this matter may continue forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

TRANSMISSION VERIFICATION REPORT

TIME : 01/23/2009 10:48
NAME : PROF RESPONSIBILITY
FAX : 312-7515279
TEL : 312-7515206
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FAX COVER SHEET

To: [REDACTED]
Fax #: [REDACTED]
From: Santa Garcia, Secretary
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Date: 1/23/2009

Dear [REDACTED]

Leah McCluskey asked me to fax you the attached paperwork. The original will be mailed to you today. Please call Leah at 312- 534-5205 with any questions you may have. Thank you.

8 pages including cover sheet

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Vicar for Priests



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MEMORANDUM

To: Leah McCluskey
File
From: Ed Grace
Re: Walter DeRoeck
Date: February 11, 2009

Today I went to Leah McCluskey's office for the reading of an allegation to Walter DeRoeck. The allegation, which was read to Mr. DeRoeck over the phone, had been made by [REDACTED]. When the reading of the allegation was completed, Mr. DeRoeck asked if he could speak with me privately. Ms McCluskey left her office and I continued the phone conversation with Mr. DeRoeck.

Mr. DeRoeck informed me that he wished to comment on two items contained in an allegation against him by [REDACTED]. The allegation of [REDACTED] had been read to Mr. DeRoeck February 12, 2008.

1. Concerning [REDACTED]: Mr. DeRoeck stated that the [REDACTED] family was not religious. He stated that [REDACTED] "never went to Mass before these things."
2. Concerning [REDACTED]: Mr. DeRoeck stated that this never occurred. He never [REDACTED]

I asked Mr. DeRoeck if I could share these statements with Ms. McCluskey and he replied: "certainly".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ed Grace', written in a cursive style.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry

From: Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: [PFR - 62] DEROECK, REV. WALTER (LAICIZED)/
[REDACTED]

Date: February 11, 2009

Leah McCluskey asked me to mail to you the attached Allegation [PFR - 62] DEROECK, REV. WALTER (LAICIZED)/[REDACTED] for your file.

Please call Leah at 312/ 534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Attachmet

Bcc: John O'Malley

AOC 013094

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Satzik, Julie
Date: 2/11/2009 3:09 PM
Subject: Request for Quigley Files
Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Julie,

I am hoping to obtain a copy of files for a former Quigley North student named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]'s DOB is [REDACTED] and attended Quigley from 1982 to approximately 1984.

I apologize if I am asking you for this in error and if so, could you please tell me to whom I should direct my request?

Thank you.

Leah

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February 12, 2009

Walter DeRoek



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Dear Walter,

Thank you again for agreeing to speak with Rev. Edward Grace and myself yesterday.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our phone conversation that took place on February 11, 2009 concerning [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against you. Please make any changes necessary to ensure the accuracy of the report and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you feel that the report is accurate as written, please sign and date the report on the appropriate lines and return it to me in the same manner.

Walter, I ask that you return the report to me by February 26, 2009 so that I may continue to move this matter forward. Once I have a final copy of the report as indicated by the appropriate signatures, I will return a copy to you for your records. I have also enclosed information pertaining to §1104.4.6.2 Policy of the archdiocesan policies, *§1100 Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* as well as information concerning the professional investigation firm used by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please know that you may contact me at [312] 453-5205 with any questions or concerns. Also know that Fr. Grace, Vicar for Priests, continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-1837.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

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MEMORANDUM

To: Leah McCluskey
From: Ed Grace
Re: Walter DeRoeck
Date: February 13, 2009

Leah,

Enclosed is a memo of my conversation with Walter DeRoeck after you left your office.

If I don't speak with you, have a good weekend.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed".

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February 13, 2009

Walter DeRoeck

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Please call Leah McCluskey at 312. 534-5205 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia
Secretary

Attachment

AOC 013098

Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Review Board Meeting
Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 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, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes

- December 6, 2008 - Minutes approved pending correction to page two, bullet point number three
- December 19, 2008 – Minutes approved
- January 20, 2009 – Minutes approved

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A. In the Matter of Rev. Walter G. DeRoeck (Laicized 2002) – PFR - 62

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. A summary of the allegation is as follows: incidents one and two – Fr. DeRoeck [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] put [REDACTED]'s penis in his mouth; incident three – [REDACTED]

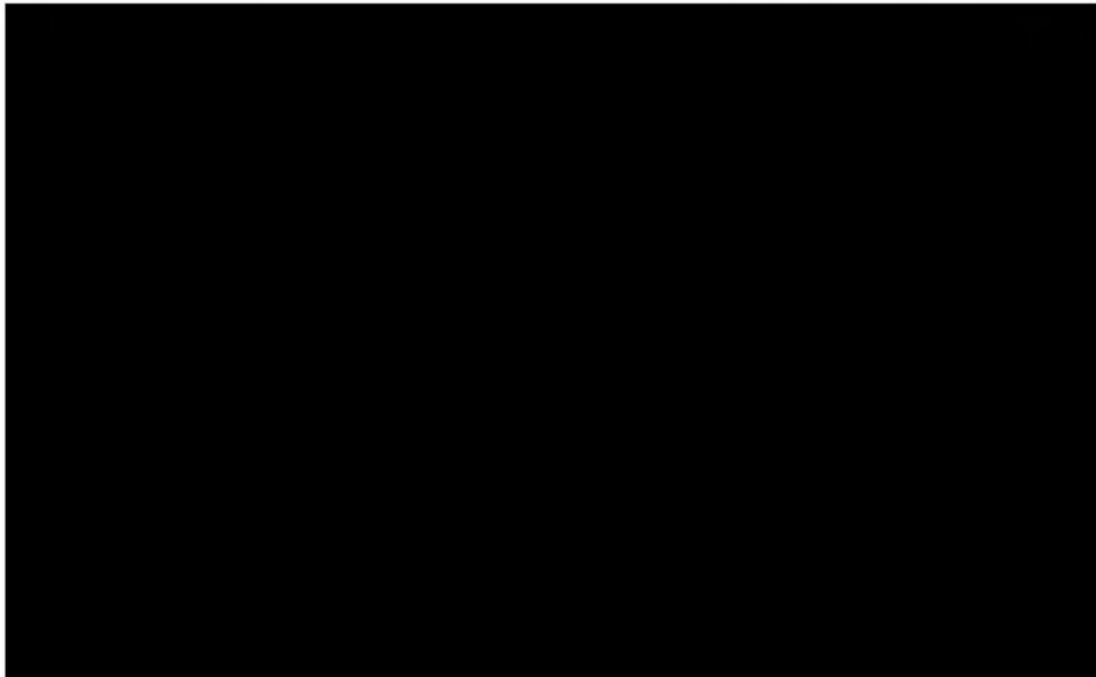
[REDACTED] Fr. DeRoeck had his hand in [REDACTED]'s rear end.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview of this matter, including that records had been received confirming that [REDACTED] was a student at Quigley during the time period he had identified.

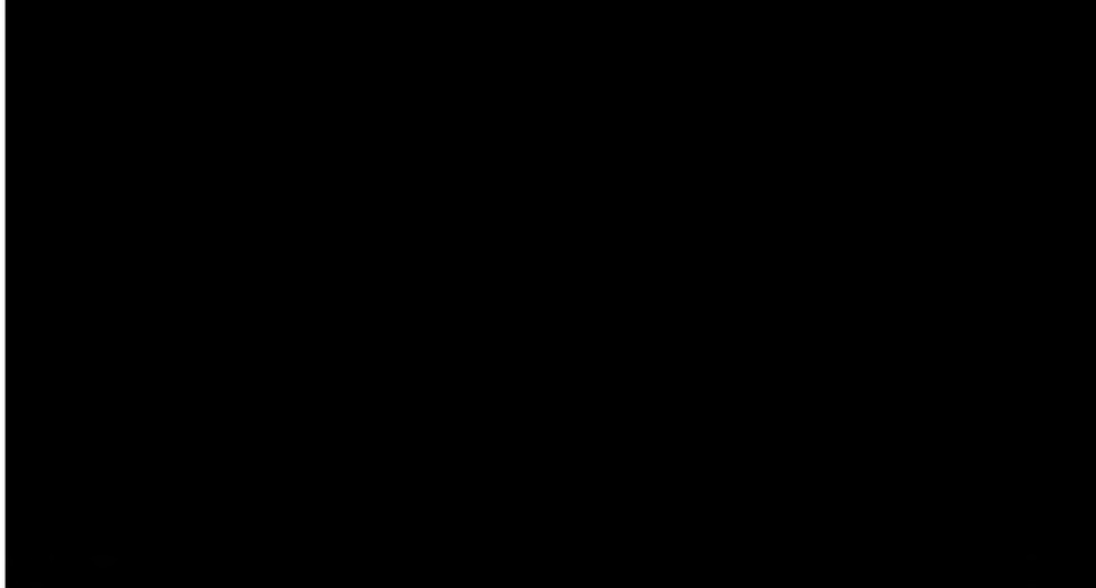
In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter does warrant additional investigation. The Board also asked Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

- Request that Hillard Heintze conduct a background check on [REDACTED]

B.



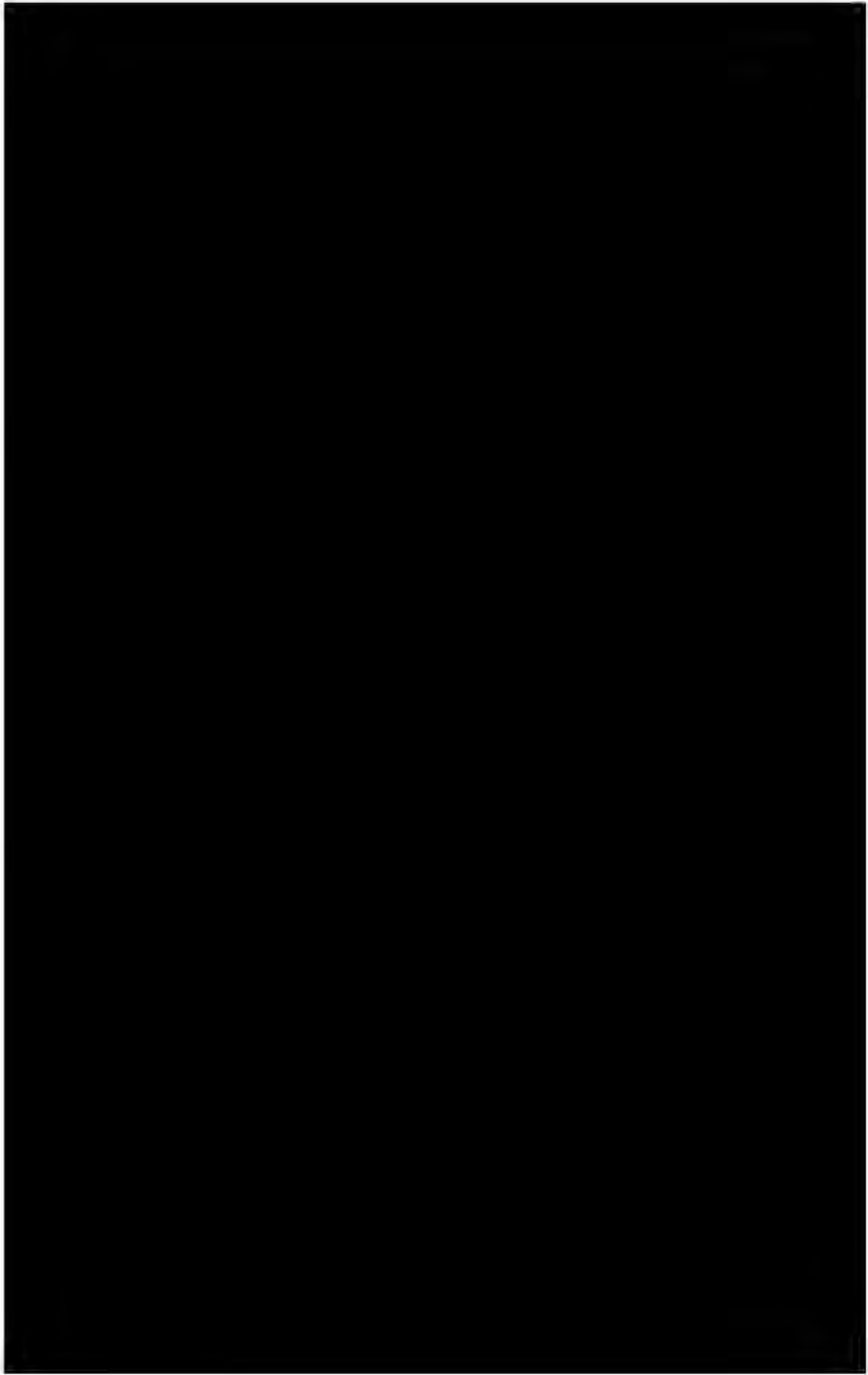
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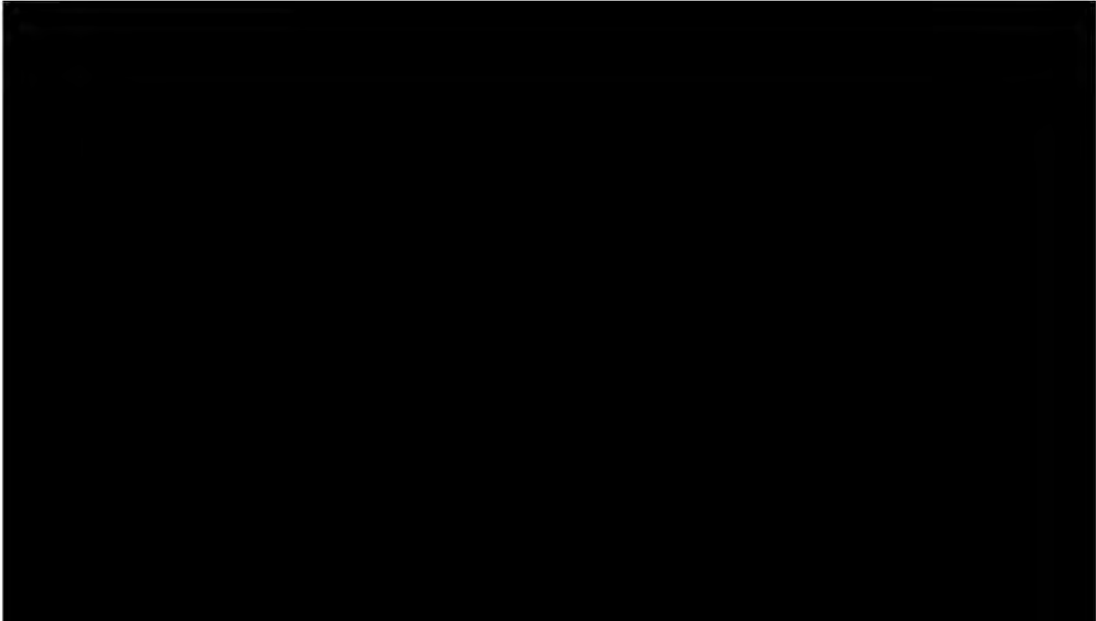
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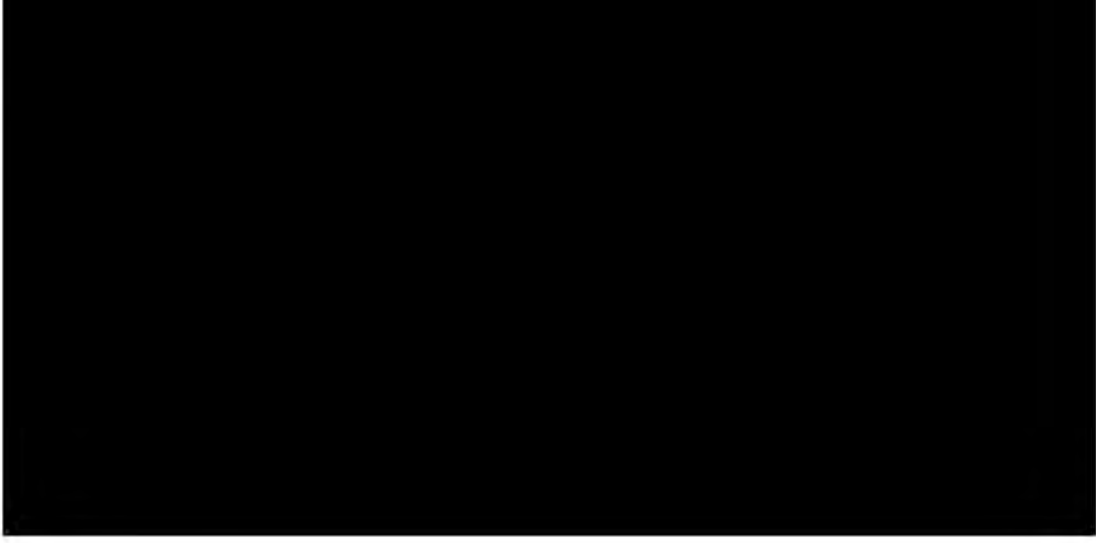
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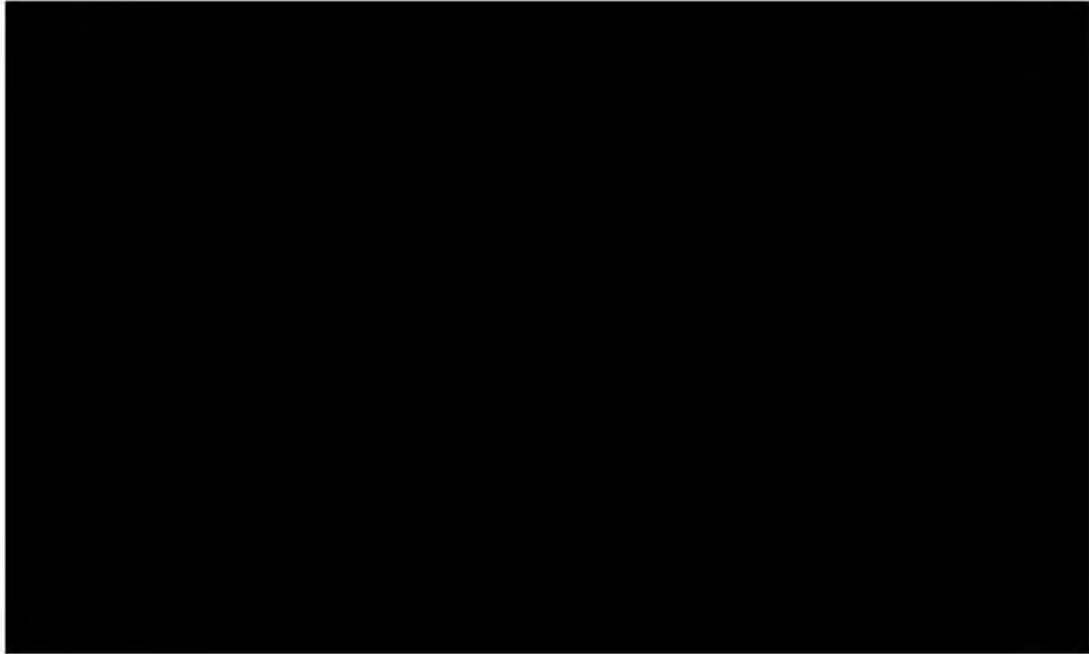


Review for Cause

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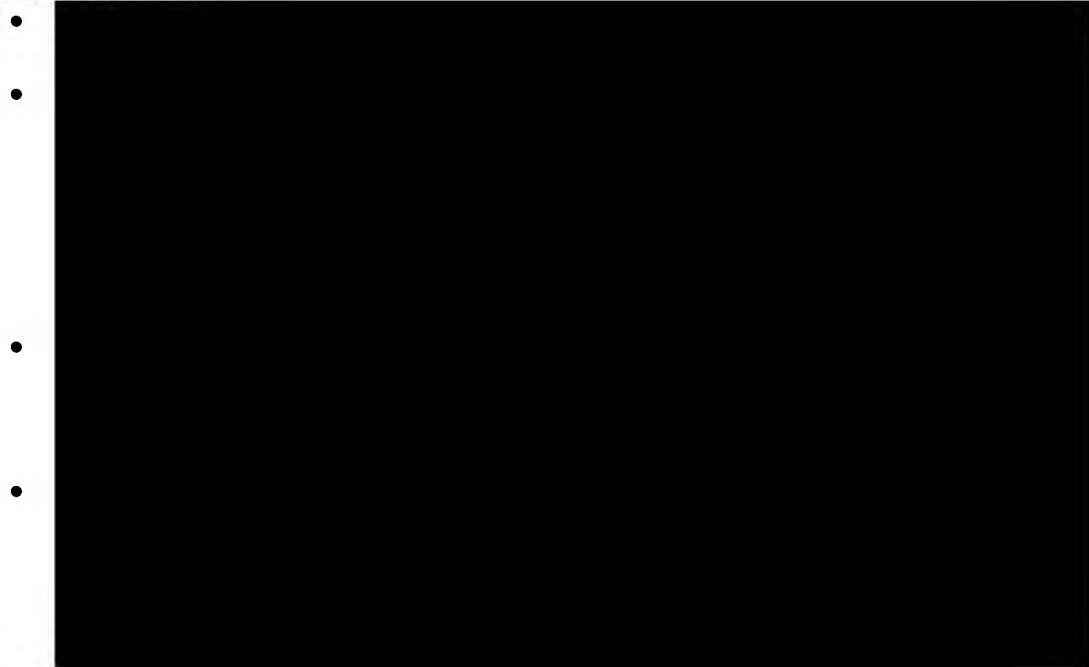


J.



III.

Other Matters



Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR- 62

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

Re: **RESPONSE OF REV. WALTER DEROECK [LAICIZED] TO THE
ALLEGATION OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR MADE BY**
[REDACTED]

Date: February 23, 2009

Date of Conference Call: February 11, 2009

Time of Conference Call: 11:30 am

Participants in Conference Call

Walter DeRoeck
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Conference Call

Please note that all corrections and additions that Walter DeRoeck made to the February 12, 2009 draft report is reflected in italicized and bold print.

Rev. Edward Grace made arrangements for he and I to call Walter DeRoeck at 11:30 am on February 11, 2009. **Walter** DeRoeck was available when Fr. Grace and I called him.

Fr. Grace and I began by thanking **Walter** DeRoeck for his time and for agreeing to allow us to call him. When asked, **Walter** DeRoeck agreed that he preferred that I address him as "Walter." I informed Walter that I had an allegation made by [REDACTED] to present to him. When asked, Walter agreed that I could send him a copy of the report of [REDACTED]'s allegation. I then asked Walter if he had any questions prior to me continuing by reading the allegation against him. Walter said that he had no questions.

I proceeded by beginning to read the report of [REDACTED]'s allegations against the former Fr. DeRoeck. Walter only stopped me at one point to respond to a part of [REDACTED]'s allegation. [REDACTED]

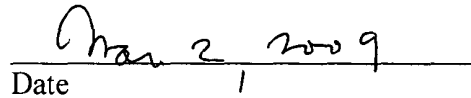
[REDACTED] When asked, Walter stated that Rev. Frank Spellman was pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven at the time. I continued by reading the remainder of the allegation in its entirety.

A few moments after the allegation had been read to him, Walter stated, "I don't really want to comment right now." Walter then said that he needed to process.

When asked, Walter stated that he would like for me to send him a draft report of our February 11th phone call for his review. Walter then asked if he could speak with Fr. Grace alone. I thanked Walter for his time and suggested that he contact Fr. Grace if he had any questions or concerns.



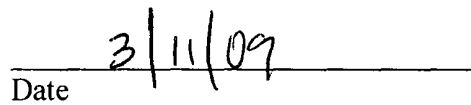
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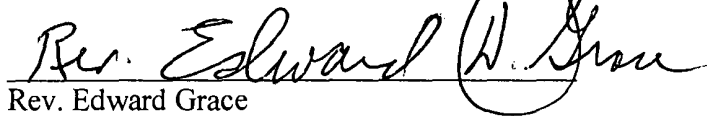
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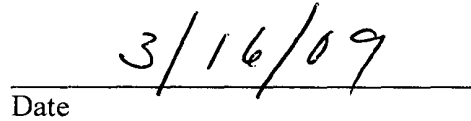
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Date



Rev. Edward Grace



Date

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February 23, 2009

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Walter DeRoeck



Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Enclosed you will find a final report of your response to [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against you. Thank you for reviewing the draft report and for returning it to me with your additions and changes.

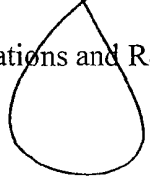
In the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by March 9, 2009. I will then return a copy of the report to you once those parties indicated on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by March 9th, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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February 23, 2009

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

Dear Cardinal George,

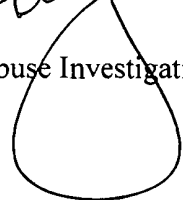
Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on February 21, 2009 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants additional investigation. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review



*I accept this
determination.
F. Ave
Feb 23, 2009*



LIMITED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SUMMARY
AS OF DATE: (FEBRUARY 25, 2009)

SUBJECT IDENTIFIERS

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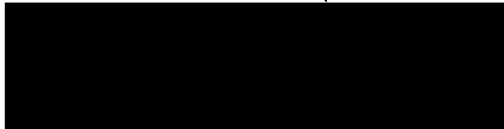
Current Address:

Date of Birth:

SSN:

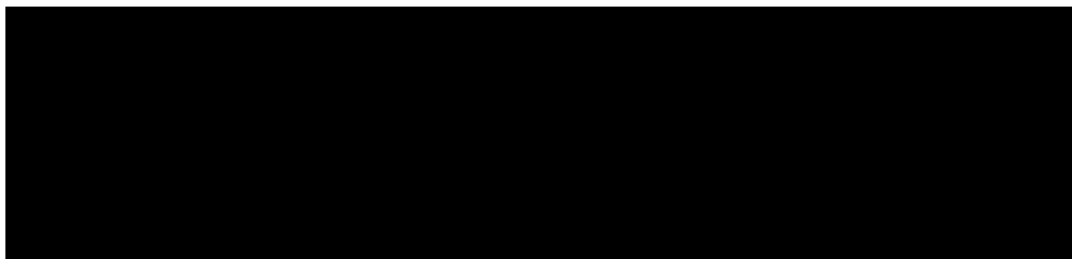


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CRIMINAL HISTORY

Investigation found no criminal records associated with



NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

A search of sex offender public registries indicates the subject is not registered as a national or state sex offender.

MISCELLANEOUS

No additional relevant information was found in association with



From: Leah McCluskey
To: Radney, Harvey
Date: 2/25/2009 8:50 AM
Subject: Background Check Request
Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hello Harvey,

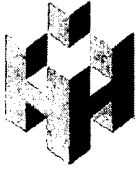
Could you please conduct a background check for me on [REDACTED]? Would it be possible to have this information by March 6, 2009?

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW
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March 2, 2009

Ms. Leah R. McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
737 North Michigan Avenue
Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze has completed the investigation requested for the February 25, 2009 case referral in the matter of [REDACTED]. Attached you will find our investigative report which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago, Professional Review Board. With this transmittal, one (1) original hardbound copy and one (1) electronic version are being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

During the course of this investigation, Hillard Heintze reviewed the documentation provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and conducted a limited background investigation of [REDACTED].

Utilizing proprietary databases, the background investigation conducted on [REDACTED] found [REDACTED]

Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,
HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Arnette F. Heintze'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Arnette F. Heintze

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Radney, Harvey
CC: [REDACTED]
Date: 3/3/2009 3:04 PM
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] Report
Attachments: Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hello Harvey,

Thank you very much for sending this version of a background check. As you can see, I copied our Review Board Chair, [REDACTED] on this e-mail so that he could read through it. [REDACTED], could you please respond with your feelings about the format of the attached report--in your opinion will this fit the needs of the Board?

Thank you both.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
Archdiocese of Chicago
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>>> "Harvey Radney" <harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com> 3/2/2009 3:00 PM >>>
Leah:

This is the condensed version format we thought might fulfill the needs of the Board. Take a look at the format and content and let me know if this meets your needs. Please feel free to offer any comments, suggestions or criticism that will make this more useful for you.

Thanks

Harvey



VIA: FASCIMILE/MAIL

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Archdiocese of Chicago
Ms. Leah McCluskey
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

RE: [REDACTED] v. DeROECK

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Attached please find the report for the above case along with [REDACTED]s changes. Please make necessary changes and send back final report.

Very truly yours,




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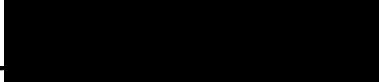

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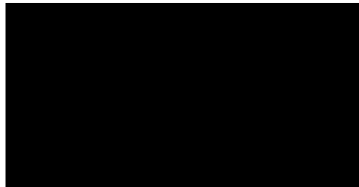
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March 6, 2009

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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on February 21, 2009 and conducted an Initial Review of your allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you may know, Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

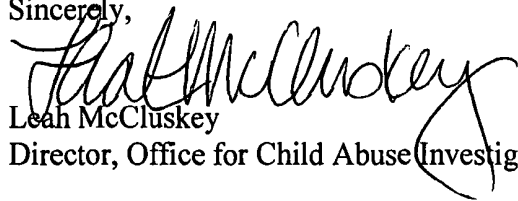
At the Initial Review, after considering all information received, the Review Board determines whether additional investigation is warranted and may recommend that interim action be taken pending the further development of the case.

Based upon the information obtained concerning your allegation against Fr. DeRoeck, the Review Board determined that additional investigation is warranted. Cardinal George has accepted this determination. Due to the fact that Mr. DeRoeck is no longer a priest, there is no interim action that the Review Board is able to recommend.

If there is anything further that you wish to share concerning your allegation, please forward it to my attention so that it may be presented to the Review Board. I would also like to remind you of your right to appear before the Board. If you wish to do so, please contact me directly so that we may schedule a date and time for you come to a future Review Board meeting.

[REDACTED] if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 534-5205 or lmcluskey@archchicago.org. Also, please know that Matt Hunnicutt and Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry continue to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-8267, mhunnicutt@archchicago.org, or mflores@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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Walter DeRoeck
[REDACTED]

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Dear Walter,

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on February 21, 2009 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual abuse against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

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If there is anything further that you wish to share concerning your allegation, please forward it to my attention so that it may be presented to the Review Board. I would also like to remind you of your right to appear before the Board. If you wish to do so, please contact me directly so that we may schedule a date and time for you come to a future Review Board meeting.

Walter, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 534-5205 or lmclluskey@archchicago.org. Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Edward Grace continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-1837 or egrace@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

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

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Bcc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services, 1

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Dear [REDACTED],

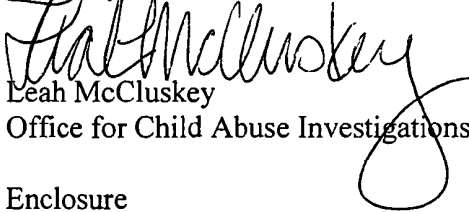
I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. Thank you so much for your corrections and additions.

[REDACTED], in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by March 25, 2009. I will return a copy of the report to you through [REDACTED] once those parties indicated on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by March 25th, I will present the enclosed document as the final report to the Review Board in order to continue to proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, summarizing Victim IW's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey and Matt Hunnicutt, of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry, on March 11, 2009, formalizing Victim IW's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Walter DeRoeck. According to Victim IW, the abuse occurred between 1983 and 1985 when Victim IW was 15-17 years old. The abuse consisted of Fr. DeRoeck performing oral sex on Victim IW and digital anal penetration of Victim IW by Fr. DeRoeck. The abuse was accompanied by alcohol and occurred three times on out-of-state trips with Fr. DeRoeck.

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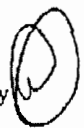
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TO: ██████████
Fax #: ██████████
FROM: Leah McCluskey 
DATE: March 11, 2009
RE: ██████████

Dear ██████████,

This is the report of ██████████'s allegation against the former Rev. Walter DeRoock—with ██████████'s changes and additions. The original document is in the mail. Please call me at 312 534-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Leah

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MEMORANDUM



To: File – PFR - 62


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

Re: DeRoeck, Rev. Walter [Laicized]/ 

Date: March 12, 2009

A copy of ’s student records from Quigley Preparatory Seminary North was requested in relation to his allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck.

Upon a review of ’s school files, it was confirmed that he was enrolled at Quigley 



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March 19, 2009

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Walter DeRoeck
[REDACTED]

Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Enclosed you will find a copy of your Response To Allegation Made By [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated February 23, 2009, with the final signatures, for your file.

Please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-534-5205 with any questions you have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia
Secretary

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM

 **FILE COPY**

To: Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Adjutant Judicial Vicar

From: Santa Garcia, Secretary *S. G.*
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: [PFR - 62] DEROECK, WALTER (LAICIZED)/
[REDACTED]

Date: March 19, 2009

Leah McCluskey asked me to mail you the attached [PFR - 62] DEROECK, WALTER (LAICIZED)/ [REDACTED] RESPONSE dated February 23, 2009 with signatures for your files.

Please call Leah at 312/ 534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Attachment

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April 3, 2009

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Walter DeRoeck
[REDACTED]

Dear Walter DeRoeck,

Enclosed find a copy of the signed Allegations of Sexual Misconduct for your file. A copy has also been sent to your attorney, [REDACTED].

Please call Leah McCluskey a call at 312-534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia, Secretary

Cc: [REDACTED], Attorney

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

From: Santa Garcia, Secretary *S.G.*
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: [PFR - 62] DEROECK, WALTER [LAICIZED]
/ [REDACTED]

Date: April 3, 2009

Enclosed please find a copy of the signed Allegation of [PFR - 62] DEROECK, WALTER [LAICIZED] / [REDACTED] for your file.

Please call Leah McCluskey at 312-534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Attachment

Bc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board Meeting
Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:



Review Board Members Not Present:



Non-members Present:

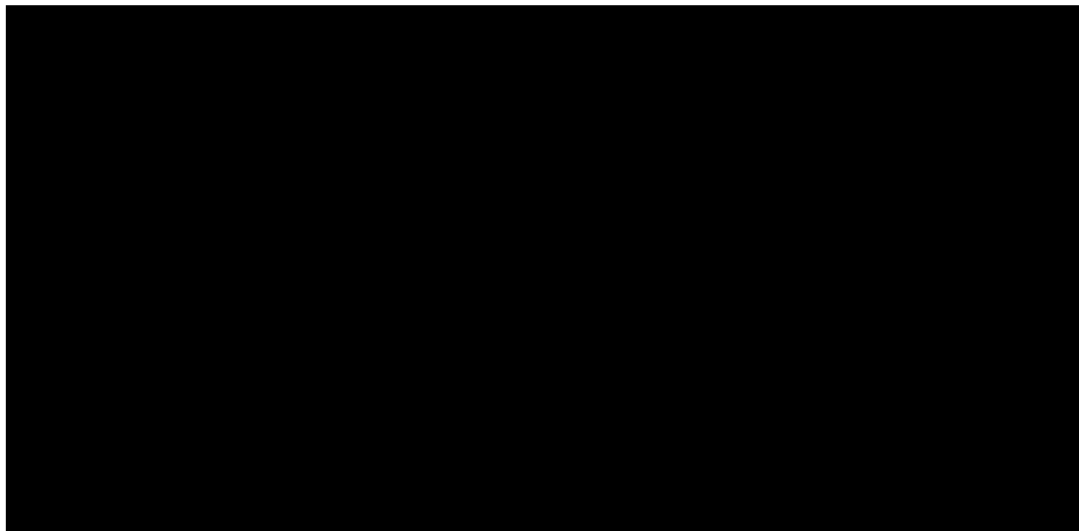
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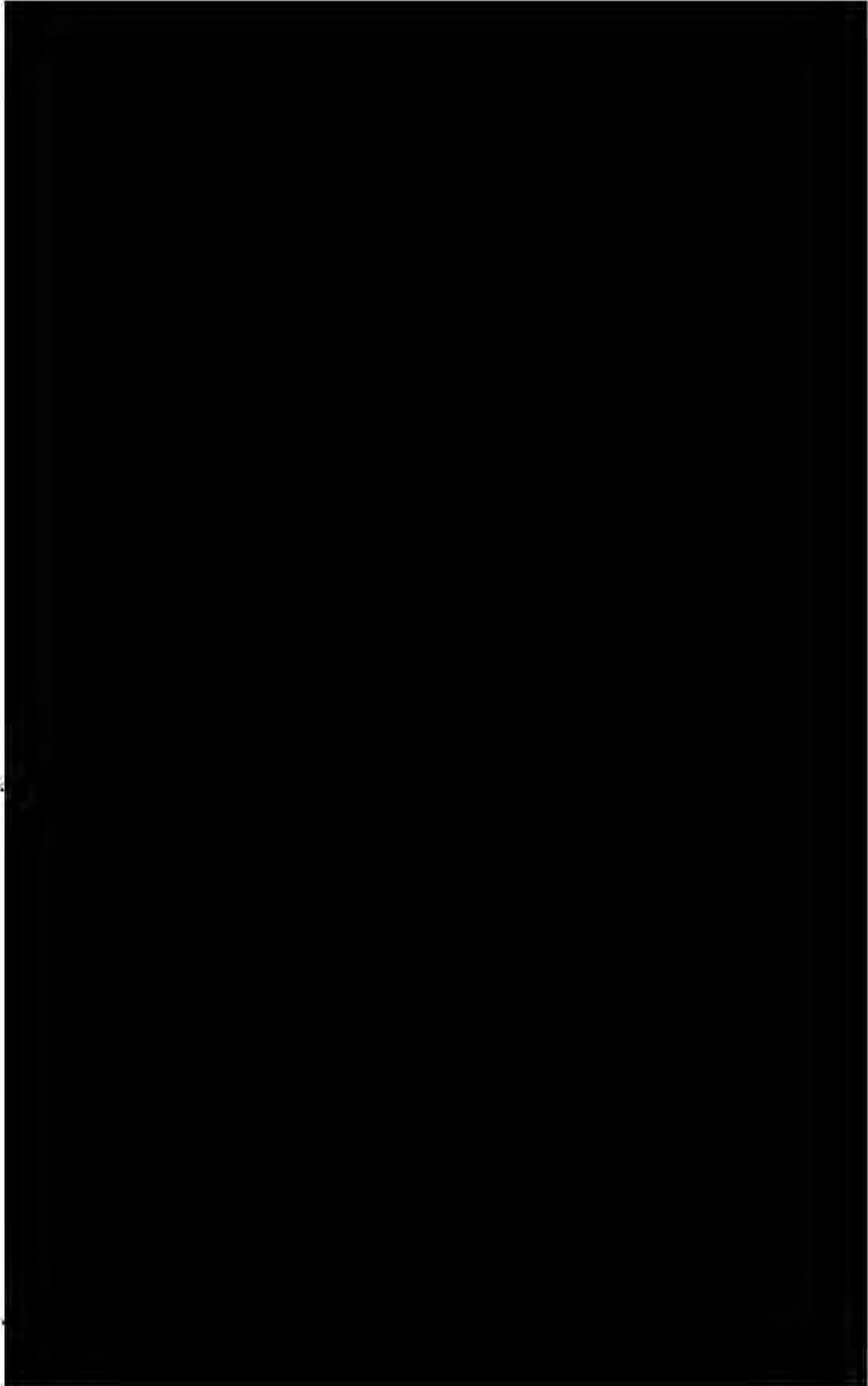
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II. Case Reviews **Initial Review**

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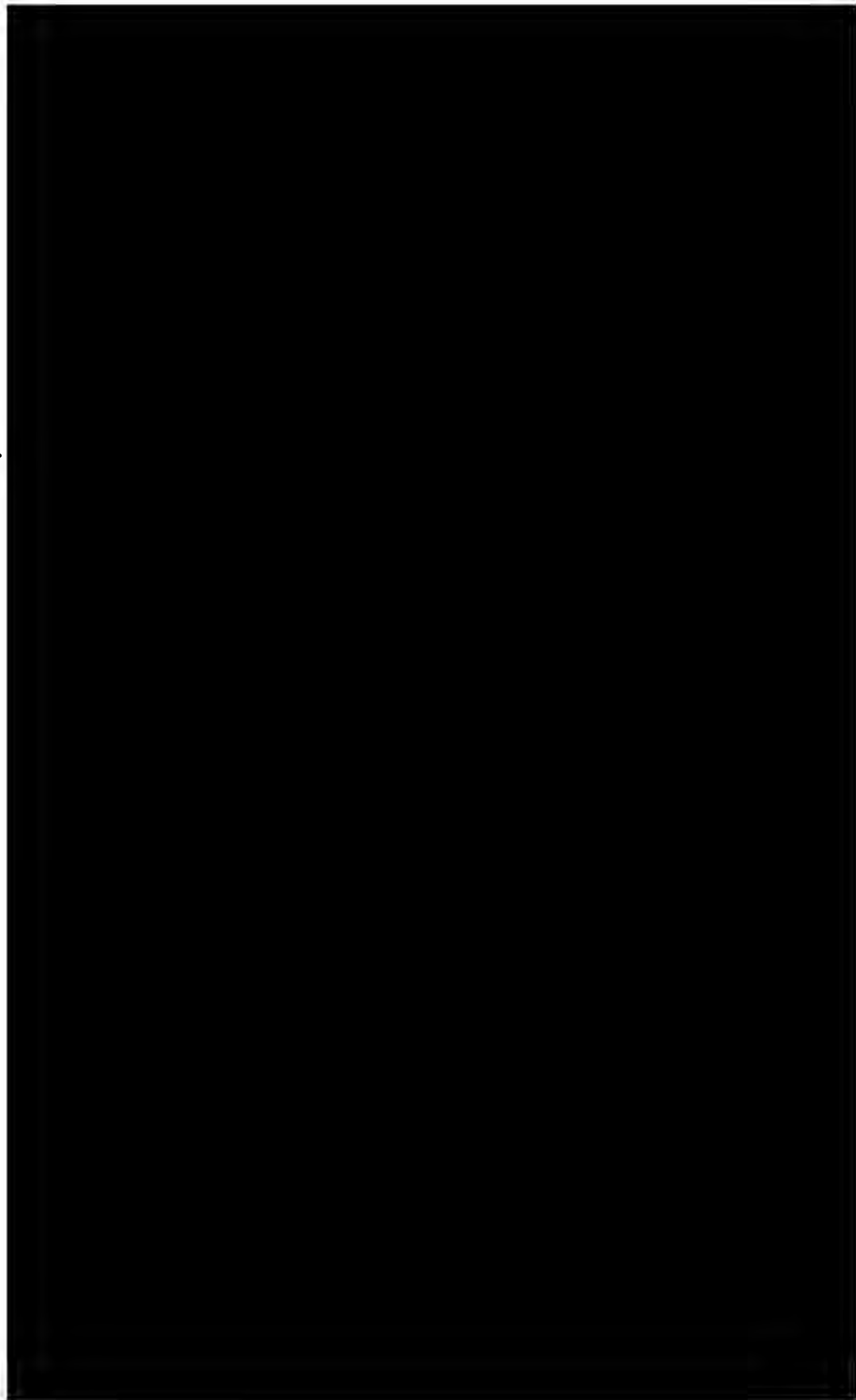


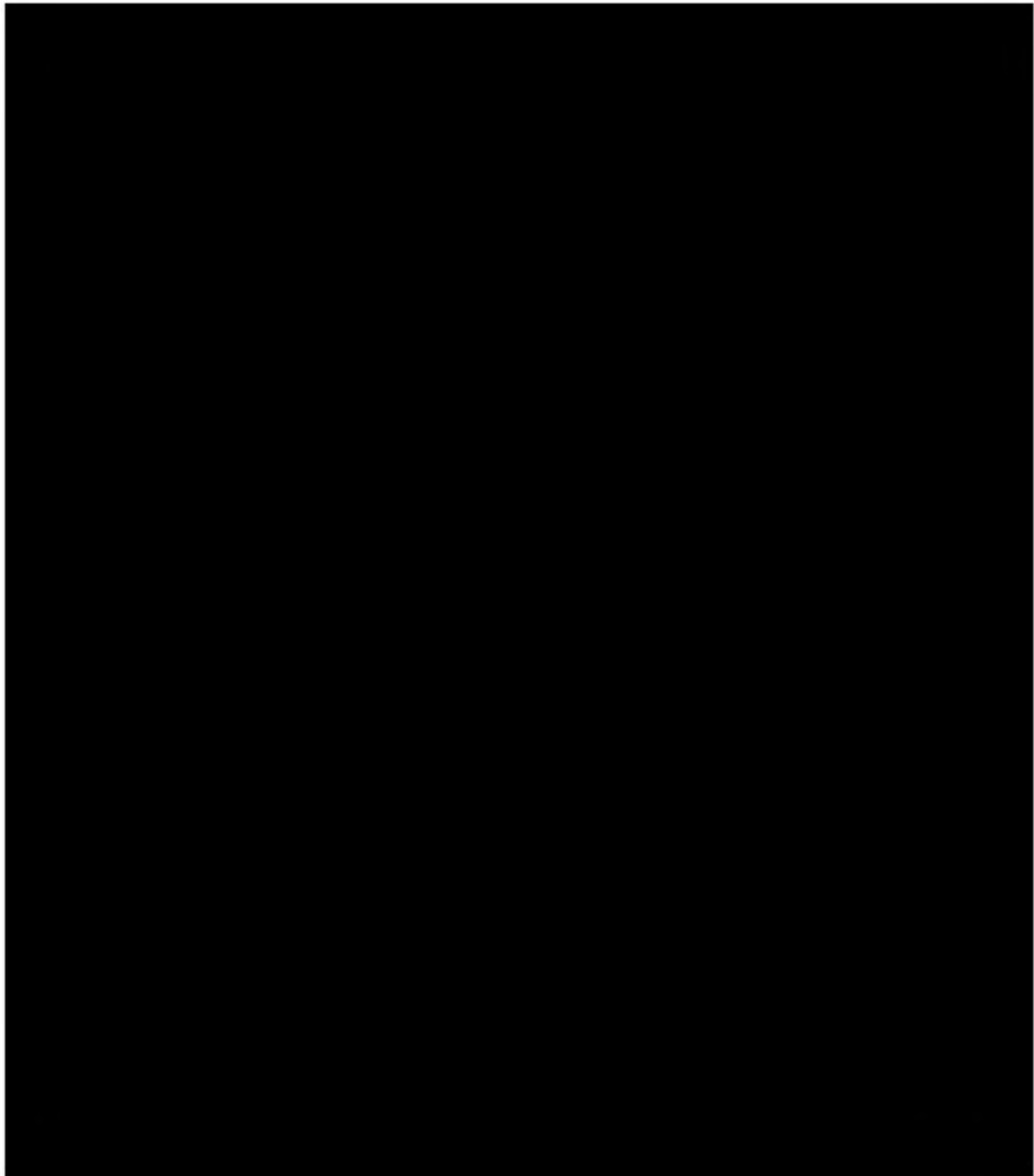


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Review for Cause

E. In the Matter of Rev. Walter DeRoeck (Laicized 2002) - PFR- 62

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck. A summary of the allegation is as follows: three main incidents: incidents one and two – Fr.

DeRoeck [REDACTED] put [REDACTED]'s penis in his mouth; incident three – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. DeRoeck had his hand in [REDACTED]'s rear end.

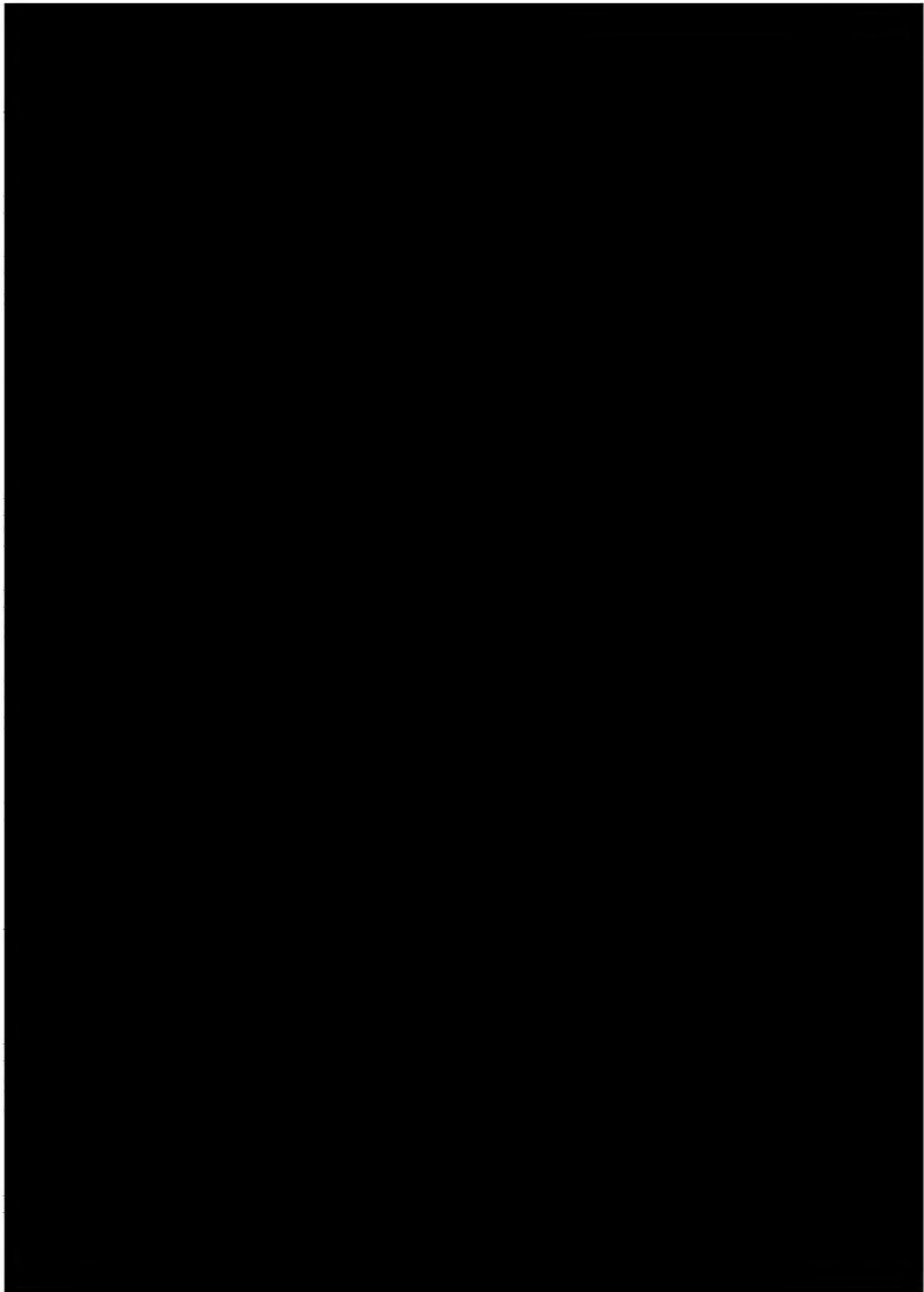
Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview of this matter.

In an 8-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that Fr. DeRoeck did sexually abuse [REDACTED]

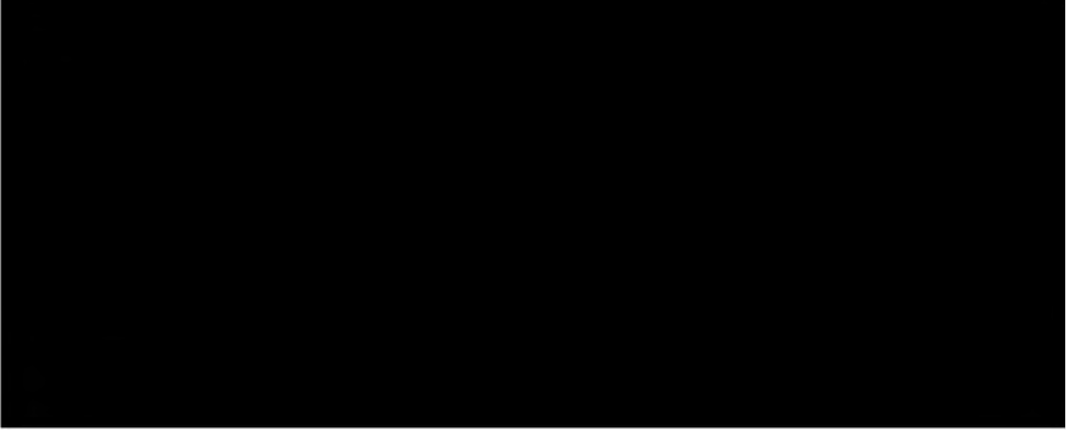
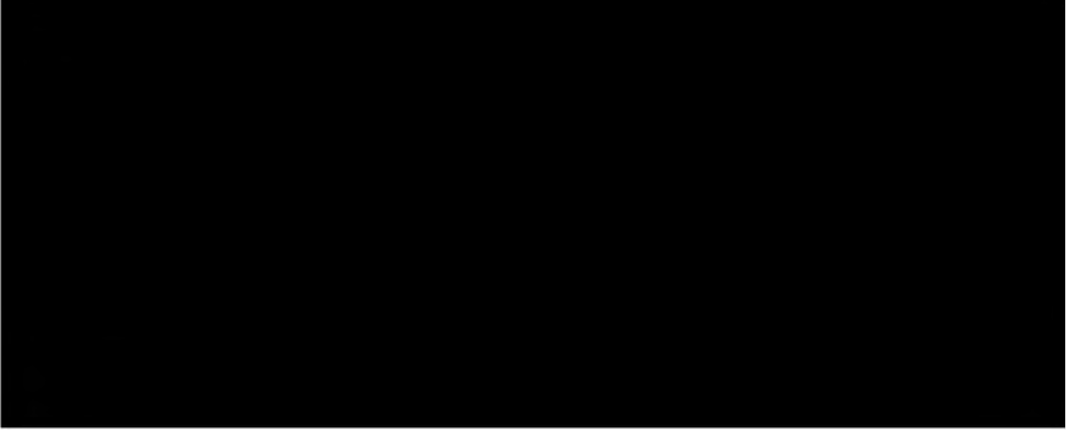
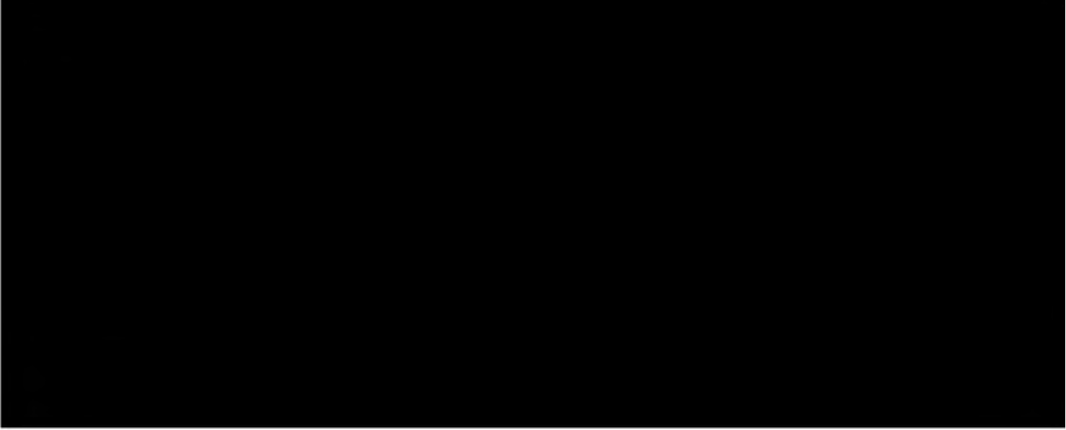
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III. Other Matters

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Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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April 20, 2009

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

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on April 18, 2009 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual abuse against the former Rev. Walter DeRoeck pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Mr. DeRoeck is a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reason to suspect that the accused did sexually abuse [REDACTED].

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the determination.
Mr. DeRoeck shall be notified.
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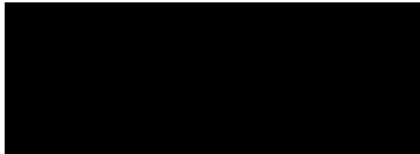
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May 6, 2009

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At the Review for Cause, after considering all information presented to it, the Review Board determines whether there is reason to suspect that the accused cleric has engaged in the sexual abuse of a minor.

Based upon the information obtained concerning your allegation against Fr. DeRoeck, the Review Board determined that there is reason to suspect that Fr. DeRoeck did sexually abuse you when you were a minor. Cardinal George has accepted this determination. Due to the fact that Mr. DeRoeck is laicized and no longer a priest, there is no further action that the Review Board is able to take.

[REDACTED], if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 534-5205 or lmcluskey@archchicago.org. Also, please know that Matt Hunnicutt and Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry continue to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-8267, mhunnicutt@archchicago.org, or mflores@archchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

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May 6, 2009

Walter DeRoek
[REDACTED]

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Dear Walter,

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on April 28, 2009 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual abuse against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

At a Review for Cause the Review Board determines, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

In the Review for Cause of this matter on April 18th, the Board determined that there is reason to suspect that you did sexually abuse [REDACTED]. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination.

Walter, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 534-5205 or lmcluskey@archchicago.org. Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Edward Grace continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-1837 or egrace@archchicago.org.

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Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

Bc : John O' Malley, Office of Legal Services

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