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## MEMORANDUM

To: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 












Re: Pryzblo, Rev. Czeslaw/Doe, John (identified as )

Date: April 2, 2006

This memorandum is in response to the attached e-mail as well as to provide a summary of information of the matter concerning Rev. Czeslaw Pryzblo and John Doe, who has since been identified at .

PRA placed a call to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline on March 24, 2006 after learning of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against Fr. Pryzblo as reported in the Chicago Sun-Times and Tribune newspapers on March 23, 2006.

PRA spoke with Ms. Janet Headen of the DCFS Hotline on March 24<sup>th</sup> and provided the information reported in the aforementioned newspapers. Ms. Headen informed PRA that she would take a report at that time and that she would forward the matter to the Du Page County Child Advocacy Center for follow-up. PRA also provided Ms. Headen with the name and contact information of Jeff Anderson, the civil attorney representing the alleged victim.

PRA informed Ms. Headen of a phone call received the same day from  of  Chicago. Mr.  contacted PRA about the aforementioned matter after reading the articles in the March 23<sup>rd</sup> newspapers. Ms. Headen was informed that Mr.  told PRA that he  at Five Holy Martyrs at the time of the alleged abuse. She was also informed that Mr.  was able to identify the "Jon Doe" in the newspaper articles as  and that he (Mr. ) was concerned about Fr. Pryzblo's behavior with young boys at Five Holy Martyrs. When asked, PRA provided Ms. Headen with Mr.  contact information at . It was agreed that PRA would contact Mr.  to inform him of the call made to the DCFS Hotline and that he should expect a phone call from a DCFS investigator.

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After ending the March 24<sup>th</sup> phone call with Ms. Headen, PRA contacted Mr. [REDACTED] and informed him of the phone call to DCFS. Mr. [REDACTED] expressed his willingness to cooperate with the DCFS investigation. He then informed PRA of his knowledge from his time at Five Holy Martyrs that Fr. Pryzblo "...took an interest in him [REDACTED] as well as [an interest in] other polish boys..."

To date, PRA has spoken with Ms. Peg Mayer, the DCFS investigator assigned to this matter. PRA has shared all of the aforementioned information with Ms. Mayer. During a phone conversation on March 31, 2006, PRA provided Ms. Mayer with the name and contact information for Sr. Judith Davies, Chancellor of the Joliet Diocese. PRA is also in the process of obtaining Fr. Pryzblo's history of assignments while serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago, so that the information may be forwarded to Ms. Mayer.

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